

Liberal-Conservative CONVENTION

Second District of King's.

A Convention of the Liberal-Conservative electors of the Second District of King's County, for the purpose of

Nominating Two Candidates to contest the district in opposition to the Government, at the next Provincial elections, will be held in the hall

At Morell, on Thursday, Feb. 6, BEGINNING AT ONE O'CLOCK.

Chairmen of the respective polling divisions will call meetings and arrange that each poll shall be represented at the Convention by ten delegates. A full attendance is requested.

A. LEWIS, Convener. Head St. Peter's Bay, Jan. 22, 1908-2i

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Oct 9, 1907.—1f

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General Statement St. Dunstan's Cathedral Building Fund, Year 1907.

Table with columns for EXPENDITURE and RECEIPTS. Includes items like Contractor, Main Altar, and Heating Apparatus.

Table with columns for STATEMENT CATHEDRAL DEBT. Includes items like Loans, 1906 and 1907.

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to these contracts, the prices and the manner of awarding them. We shall hear more of them but it may be stated, that after 1896 the Messrs. Bowman began dredging operations in a small way and after time formed a company in which James Connee, a prominent Ontario politician, was largely interested.

In 1904 Mr. Connee left provincial politics and became a member of Parliament, transferring his dredging interest to a son-in-law. One of the Bowmans was and is a member of the local legislature. Apparently the dredging can be done profitably at the present price of 9 cents. But this political group had for years a monopoly and received 20 cents per cubic yard. In 1905 tenders were called for by advertisement setting forth that only contractors having dredges on the spot in April could compete, the only dredges there being those of the above favored concern called the Great Lakes Company. This restriction had afterwards to be abandoned.

Competitive offers were received for three distinct works. There were several tenders, some for all three works, some for one or two. The Bowman concern was the lowest tender for two, and for the third was the same as one of the other offers. Instead of putting up the third work to a second competition the Department gave the Great Lakes Company the whole three contracts. It was further disclosed that while A. T. Bowman, as director and with his brother half owner of the above Great Lakes Dredging Company, was a party to their tender, he also put in every case in 1905 and 1906 another tender of his own. In one year it was lower and in the other higher than the Company tender, but it was understood that the Company would do the work if Bowman got the contract. Mr. Bowman testified that in the first year he put in a tender lower than that of his Company because he and his partners learned that another tender had gone in lower than their first one. The only reason he gave for the double tender in 1906 was that he made up his mind to tender and did so though he knew that his figures were nearly double those of his own Company.

The double tender system is not new in government contracts, many cases have been known where a high and low tender were put in by the same person under different names with the intention of throwing up the lower one if there should be no outside tender between them.

Mr. Alcorn, conservative member for Prince Edward, Ontario, has introduced a measure which embodies most of the election reform features of his party platform. The bill limits closely the legitimate expenditure of a candidate and prohibits more strictly the free transport of electors, punishing all concerned in it. It provides that where possible sheriffs shall be returning officers with the registrar for next choice, and that the deputies and other poll officers shall be resident in the parish, township or municipality where they act. Ballot boxes must be examined at the opening of the poll to prevent fraud. Heavy penalties are imposed on all who practice or knowingly permit fraud. Officers who violate the secrecy of the poll get a year in prison. Corporations are forbidden under penalty of \$5,000 to contribute to campaigns, funds, while officers, directors or shareholders concerned in the transaction are liable to a year's imprisonment and a heavy fine. Fine and imprisonment await the federal officer or government contractor who makes election contributions, and any officer or employee of the government who acts as election agent or as a canvasser is to be punished with fine or jail or both. The penalty of a bribe is imposed upon all who by public speaking or through the press or in any other way try to influence electors by promise of public expenditure or by contribution to campaign, or other equally stringent clauses making the measure a great step in advance in election reform. The government which in the speech from the throne at three successive sessions promised improved election laws, has failed again, leaving it for the opposition to act.

On January 21st Mr. A. A. McLEAN asked: 1. Has any dredging been done in Norris Harbor, Prince Edward Island, on the east side of the railway wharf, in order to utilize its new block now being built, to connect with said railway wharf? 2. Was this work included in the original plan of dredging at Norris? If not, why not? Hon. WM. PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works): All of the dredging done so far was included in the original plan. On January 29th Mr. A. A. McLEAN asked: 1. Who were the tenderers for the dwelling house for the station master at Bear River, Prince Edward Island, and what was the amount of each tender? 2. Whose tender was accepted? 3. What is the total expenditure to date? Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister): F. S. MacDonald, Norris, \$1,295; James G. McLELLAN, Summersville, 1,373; McLean Bros., North Wilshire, 1,440; F. S. MacDonald, 3,150,799. Note.—The difference between the amount expended for dwelling for station-master, and the amount of contract is for land purchased, legal expenses, advertising and miscellaneous expenses.

A. A. McLELLAN, K. C. Donald McLELLAN, McLELLAN & McKinnon, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS

Six persons were killed by a tornado, which laid waste a narrow strip of farming country near Wesson, Michigan on the last inst.

By an explosion which wrecked a mine in the lower Bow colony, nine miners met sudden death near Charleston. Fifteen others escaped with slight injuries.

Cold weather has been the order of the day all along the line since Friday last. Ottawa and Montreal have shown 22 below. Here we have had 11 below.

Hon. F. L. Hazard succeeds the late Mr. Peters as Leader of the Government and the vacancy in the Executive has been filled by the appointment thereto of Mr. James D. McLean.

A violent hurricane destroyed the schooner at Lunenburg, N. S. on the 2nd, and did great damage to the schooners in the harbor. The whole shore is strewn with wreckage.

A band of female robbers has been untraced at Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. They were well armed and usually made their attacks upon unaccompanied men and women.

James Collings and alphonse Brodeur lost their way in a snowstorm, while crossing the Penobscot river, near Old Town Maine, the other day and were drowned. They walked into the open water.

At Liverpool, N. S., on Saturday, a terrific South east gale did enormous property damage. A new uncoupled horse blow down and was reduced to kindling wood. A schooner was driven ashore, a total wreck.

On Friday last, the three masted schooner Percy O. from Portmouth to Parrsboro, N. S. was wrecked on Duck Island, and went to pieces. The crew were rescued after a hard struggle by life savers and are sheltered by the people along the coast.

After a desperate struggle of five hours, during the terrible gale, the life savers rescued the crew of the Brigantine Frederick Scheppe wrecked near Nantucket Mass on Friday. They also saved the captain's wife and baby. Intensely cold weather had frozen the water over the vessel until she was practically flat in an ice berg.

The largest herd of caribou ever seen, recently crossed the Yukon river and worked southward to avoid the intense cold. Government officials report the herd has been moving for the past three months, and state that fully one hundred thousand caribou have crossed the river and gone into the Yukon mountains.

Toronto advices of the 3rd, says—Ontario Railways are in a deplorable condition following the great storm. At every divisional point the trains are stalled, some being completely buried. The passenger besides being delayed, are suffering cold and hunger. The service will be discontinued for a week. Toronto today suffers from a milk famine.

Three great fires occurred in Chicago on Wednesday last. The building in Chicago occupied by the Fred Pease's Company and others was destroyed. Loss over a million. In San Luis, Ohio, California, an immense oil tank, struck by lightning, set fire to three others. Loss two hundred thousand dollars. In Kansas City, the Morris Company Canning Plant was partially destroyed. Loss half a million.

In a terrific gale which swept the Atlantic seaboard on Sunday morning, the steamer St. Cathery, from New York for Antwerp, was abandoned to the flames off the coast of Nova Scotia. Capt. Lewis and thirty-six of the crew were rescued after a desperate battle with the mighty waves, by the White Star liner Cymric, from Queenstown to Boston, which stood by the blazing craft for nine hours.

The snow a three hours blast on McGill Street, Montreal last Thursday, in the wholesale district, which resulted in about \$100,000 damages. The fire started in the firm of P. D. Dodds and Company, wholesale paint and oil, and spread to E. F. Walters and Co., wholesale hardware, and to the White Star Line Cymric, agency, and Hermann H. Wolf and Co.'s dry goods store were also damaged. The fireman suffered severely on account of cold weather, the thermometer registering 15 below zero.

A Winnipeg dispatch of Jan. 30th says:—The Car of Russia is plaintiff in a civil case that has been here. Stefan Proskuroff is defendant. The Car claims that Proskuroff, his one-time steward, who passed under the assumed name of Stefan Ludorkikas and was formerly treasurer for the Department of Interior in the Province of Turkestan, embezzled more than \$100,000. With him is Anna Leman, a Russian woman of high degree. Since their arrival the couple have been fitting themselves out symptomatically. The Emperor Nicholas requests that all lands, goods and chattels which these people have bought be taken away from them by a court and returned to him.

On Wednesday last about \$1200 in cash, besides cheques and papers were stolen from the safe of the New Canadian Co., New Carlisle, operator of the Atlantic, Quebec and Western Railway, at Campbellton, N. B. The office had apparently not been broken into and the safe had not been blown open. Whoever extracted the money knew the combination of the safe. The police have arrested George Ellis of Montreal, 29 years of age and unmarried. He has been working for the Company for five or six months. Ellis was the only man who knew the combination of the safe outside of the Superintendent of the Road, and there is other strong circumstantial evidence against him. The money stolen was to have been used in paying men on the construction work.

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DIED

At Church Road Lot 40, on January 29th, John McIntyre, aged 89 years. Deceased immigrated to this Province, from County Inverness, Scotland, in 1848. He leaves to mourn a widow, four sons and four daughters. May his soul rest in peace. (Boston papers please copy.)

In this city, on the 1st inst. Bridget Ranaghan, aged 80 years. May her soul rest in peace.

In this city, Sunday, Feb. 2nd, Mrs. Moses Connors, in the 70th year of her age. May her soul rest in peace.

Muscular Rheumatism. Mr. H. Wilkinson, Stratford, Ont. says:—It affords me much pleasure to say that I experienced great relief from Muscular Rheumatism by using two boxes of Milburn's Rheumatic Pills. Price a box 50c.

CARD. TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN. I will be a candidate for re-election at the forthcoming city election for the office of Water Commissioner. As it is impossible for me to make a personal canvass I take this means of soliciting your support. Thanking you for your support in the past, I remain, Yours respectfully, FRANCIS P. MCCARRON. Feb. 5, 1908.—1i

To the Electors of Ward Five. At the request of a large number of the electors of Ward Five, I have consented to offer as a candidate for the City Council at the forthcoming election, and I take this opportunity of soliciting the votes of the electors. If elected I shall to the best of my ability, endeavor to work in the interests of Ward Five and the city in general. T. WHITE. Feb. 5, 1908.—1i

CARD. TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD FIVE. At the request of a large number of the electors of Ward Five, I have consented to offer as a candidate for the City Council at the forthcoming election, and I take this opportunity of soliciting the votes of the electors. If elected I shall to the best of my ability, endeavor to work in the interests of Ward Five and the city in general. I. C. LANE. Feb. 5, 1908.—1i

CARD. TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD FOUR. At the request of a large number of the electors of Ward Four, I have consented to offer as a candidate for the City Council at the forthcoming election, and I take this opportunity of soliciting the votes of the electors. If elected I shall to the best of my ability, endeavor to work in the interests of Ward Four and the city in general. J. D. TAYLOR. Feb. 5, 1908.—1i

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To the Electors of Ward 2. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—At the request of a number of the Electors of Ward Two, I have decided to offer for re-election to the City Council Board at the forthcoming Civil Election, and take this opportunity of soliciting your support. Should you do me the honor of re-election I will continue, as in the past, work for the improvements of the city streets and public properties. I beg also to say that I am a firm believer in permanent civic improvements consistent with economy. D. J. RILEY. Feb. 5, 1908.—1i

To the Electors of Charlottetown. I have decided to nominate for Water Commissioner at the coming Civil election and respectfully solicit your votes. D. NICHOLSON. Feb. 5, 1908.—1i

CARD. TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—The Annual Report of the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply is now before you. In offering myself as a candidate for re-election as a Commissioner, I solicit again the generous and hearty support so freely given me in the past. In the eight years that I have had the honor to serve upon the board, the Charlottetown water supply has become the greatest and most important public work of the city. During that time there has been added to the plant the following: The sewerage system, two first-class concrete reservoirs, a second water supply, and second main pipe line, with a most encouraging financial yearly increase in revenue. Should you again elect me, I shall endeavor to discharge the duties of a Commissioner, as heretofore, to the best of my ability. Yours obedient servant, CHAS. MCGRIBGOR. Feb. 5, 1908.—1i

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