

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., MARCH 4, 1903.

LIBERALS CARRY FOUR MEN IN THE CITY.

McKeown at the Head of the Poll Closely Followed by Robertson, Purdy and Lantalum.

The Liberals carried the day in the city and county handsomely, and Messrs. McKeown, Robertson, Purdy and Lantalum will go to the legislature as the representatives of St. John city, and Hon. A. T. Dunn and Doctor Hurdick will again look after the interests of the county.

Party against party, said R. L. Borden, the Conservative leader, and W. H. Thorne; party against party, said Hon. A. G. Blair, too; and party against party said the voters, and the Liberal party won.

City Vote Analyzed. Hon. H. A. McKeown leads the poll in the city with 4,094 votes, which is 149 more than Mr. Robertson, the second man; 200 more than Mr. Purdy, and 214 more than Mr. Lantalum. Mr. McKeown leads the opposition's top man, Wilson, by 283; beats Shaw by 294, McInerney by 422, and Hatheway by 494. Mr. Robertson is 149 behind McKeown; leads Purdy by 141, Lantalum by 65; Wilson by 89, Shaw by 145, McInerney by 343 and Hatheway by 245.

Mr. Purdy is behind McKeown 200 votes, and Robertson 41. He leads Lantalum by 141, Wilson by 89, McInerney by 282 and Hatheway by 294. Mr. Lantalum is 214 behind McKeown, 65 behind Robertson, 14 behind Purdy. He leads Wilson by 24, Shaw by 89, McInerney by 268 and Hatheway by 280.

Mr. Wilson as the high man on the Conservative side. He is 238 behind McKeown, 89 behind Robertson, 88 behind Purdy and 24 behind Lantalum. He leads Shaw by 89, McInerney by 242 and Hatheway by 269.

Mr. Shaw is behind McKeown 224 votes, Robertson 145, Purdy 94 and Lantalum 81. He leads McInerney by 188, and Hatheway by 240.

Mr. McInerney is behind McKeown 422 votes, Robertson 343, Purdy 282, Lantalum 214, Wilson 242, Shaw 188. He leads Hatheway by 12 votes.

Mr. Hatheway is behind McKeown 494 votes, Robertson 345, Purdy 294, Lantalum 280, Wilson 236, Shaw 209, McInerney 12. He is the lowest man.

A Hard Day for the Contest.

The weather was not favorable to a big show, and ice covered streets were soon in an awful condition. But, nevertheless, there was a great deal of work done by those representing the parties at the polls, and the result was a great turnout of electors. Teams were out in force, and the scenes about the polling places were interesting. Men and teams were hurrying about, and there was a good deal of excitement. The contest was a sharp one all along the line, and it grew particularly interesting as the hour for closing of the polls arrived.

With the coming of 4 o'clock little groups gathered about the polling booths, awaiting the counting of the ballots and the totalling up of each candidate's figures. The announcement made, enthusiastic on one side or other, as may be gathered from the returns to Berryman's hall, if he is a Liberal; to the York Theatre, if Conservative.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM IN BERRYMAN'S HALL.

Crowds from the Liberal Headquarters and Hear Returns from All Points—Some Speeches.

The Liberal workers and voters, with confidence of victory and eager to have their expectations verified, gathered in Berryman's hall soon after the polls closed. The crowd was a big at first, but it swelled rapidly and the returns were in sufficiently early to indicate a government triumph in St. John.

The only thing in doubt was the election of Edward Lantalum. The Globe came out with an extra edition, announcing the return of Messrs. McKeown, Robertson and Purdy, but giving figures to



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show the defeat of Mr. Lantalum and the election of Mr. Wilson. There was a good deal of regret expressed at the hall because of this, but before long, when the returns reached the headquarters direct, it was seen the newspaper had made a mistake and the balance had swung the other way—Lantalum was elected.

Long before 7 o'clock Berryman's hall was crowded to the doors with a surging, cheering, enthusiastic throng of electors. They filled the benches, crowded the aisles and overran the platform when returns from all over the province were being received by Leo Howard, of the Western Union staff, a telegraph instrument having been placed in the building. As the news came in it was read out by John L. Carleton or A. E. MacIntyre, and the good reports that came in, one first on the heels of another, kept the crowd almost continually applauding and cheering.

Messrs. McKeown and Purdy were there in the early portion of the evening, and Mr. Lantalum came in later. Mr. Robertson was worn out with the hard work of the last three weeks and particularly of Saturday, and did not go to headquarters, but sent his congratulations to his colleagues and the party, and his thanks to the electors for their support. By 7 o'clock it was known that the province had returned the government, and candidates who were present left for home to get their delayed evening meal, announcing that they would return at 8.30 o'clock.

Mr. Lantalum Welcomed.

The returns kept steadily coming in, and the enthusiasm never lessened. About 8 o'clock there was a commotion at the door, and "Lantalum, Lantalum" was heard. The crowd parted and the popping of the new representative came to the platform, his progress being greatly impeded by the numbers eager to shake his hand and offer congratulations on his victory. Mr. Lantalum was called on for a speech, but it was decided to defer speech making for a little. A few minutes later Mr. McKeown returned, and he was given a rousing welcome. He, too, had to stand the pressure of his friends crowding around him, eager to extend congratulations, and through all this were being made announcements of fresh returns, causing more enthusiasm.

The Speech-making. E. H. McAlpine was called on for an address. He responded amid applause, "Blow ye trumpets, blow the glad and joyful sound," he said in opening. He was particularly pleased that Mr. Lantalum was elected. Mr. Lantalum had always been a bulwark of the Liberal party, and he mentioned a number of the leading merchants and manufacturers—large employers of labor, who were not only bulwarks of the Liberal party, but bulwarks of Christianity as well.

In closing, Mr. McAlpine referred to the brilliant victory won by Hon. Mr. Blair in this campaign, as the whole force of the opposition was directed to cripple his prestige and power. He would now feel and realize that his great work in building up the port of St. John was fully appreciated by the citizens. Of all the able men we had sent to Ottawa since confederation, Hon. Mr. Blair had in a short time accomplished more for our city and province than all the others combined, and the good work was only beginning. He proposed three cheers for the minister of railways, and the immense crowd shouted themselves hoarse.

Mr. Lantalum at the Wreck.

Mr. Lantalum was called upon and made a short address. He thanked the electors for their votes, and said he would represent them to the best of his ability. He

answered Mr. McInerney's joke of the hustings that he (Lantalum) was always around when there was a wreck, by saying that he was here at the wreck of the opposition.

Hon. H. A. McKeown.

There were calls for Hon. H. A. McKeown and just this time the popular young representative entered the hall. Immediately there was a lively scene. Mr. McKeown was hurried to the platform amidst the enthusiastic cheers of the great gathering.

As he mounted a table to address the throng, the cheering was renewed and it was some little time before he could make his voice heard.

Mr. McKeown spoke of the great pleasure at the result of the contest. The Liberal party had stood together and had fought a bitter fight. Every element possible had been arrayed against the government candidates. The Conservatives had brought to bear to try to draw from the Liberal party that which had been its backbone, and it was a matter of great satisfaction to those who had been placed temporarily as leaders of the party here to see how well the party had rallied and turned a deaf ear to those who sought to induce it from its proper place.

This victory, he said, would make future contests a great deal easier. If the government had lost in this light, the Conservatives would have gone into the next contest armed with a feeling of triumph. But they had been struck down today.

He was not there to rejoice over a foe that had fallen but to rejoice in the triumph of the Liberal party. It was more than a personal victory. Whatever was the advancement of this country and the country depended upon the supremacy of the Liberal party. Had they been struck down in this light it would have been heralded all over the land that in St. John, than which city none had men of greater intelligence or greater prominence, had turned its back upon the Liberal party and the Liberal policy.

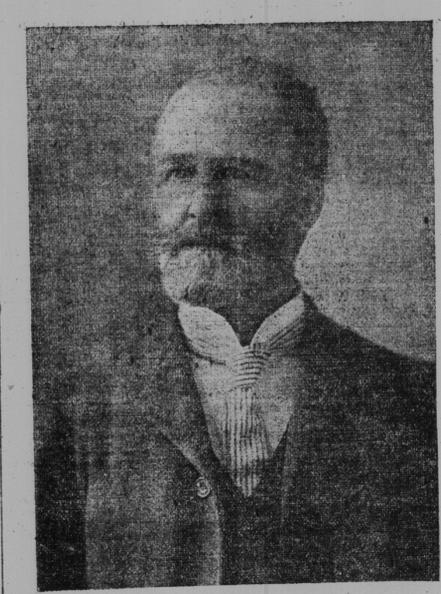
The leaders could do nothing except they were backed by the united party. As they went from ward to ward and saw an honest man at work and the numbers interested, they were encouraged to go forward and what they had been able to bring about with the party's help, would be heralded from one end of the country to the other.

He extended his congratulations on the victory. It had been a Liberal victory and it was a Liberal triumph and one which redounded to the credit of the party.

Mr. McKeown spoke of the strain of the campaign and referred to last Saturday night at York Theatre where he had stood as the representative of a great party. He

THE VOTE IN ST. JOHN CITY.

Table with columns for candidates (McKeown, Robertson, Purdy, Lantalum, Wilson, Shaw, McInerney, Hatheway) and rows for various wards (Kings, Dukes, Sydney, etc.) and a total row.



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was confident that the treatment accorded him there was resented by not only the Liberals but by all well thinking people. He did not feel that it was directed against himself personally but as the party's representative and he said fought the fight as best he could. He referred to the division in today's glorious victory and was always able to keep attacks against him. By standing shoulder to shoulder they would present the spectacle of a dominant party and encourage their representatives to go forward and manfully do the duty that lies before them.

Hon. A. T. Dunn.

Hon. A. T. Dunn was the next speaker called on, and was cheered to the echo. He said he never felt so proud as he did over this grand victory, which was not only in the city and county of St. John, but all over the province. It was a Liberal victory. It had been said by the opposition that the government would be defeated, but he was glad to say that matter stood just opposite. In the country they would present the spectacle of a dominant party and encourage their representatives to go forward and manfully do the duty that lies before them.

Hon. A. T. Dunn.

There were calls for "Carleton" and John L. Carleton was given a grand ovation as he arose. He said that if the government supporters had believed the prophecy of the workers on the opposition side, there would have been no such gathering in the Liberal headquarters tonight. It would probably have been in the York Theatre. But such was not the case, and it was a grand government victory. In this hour of triumph we could afford to be generous to the defeated. The victory was due to the labor support. He had always advocated that if the labor vote could be secured it meant victory, and if they had not the support of the laboring man the government party would not have done as well as they did. Those people who tried to read the Liberal party out must now come back for re-education. After a battle, he did not feel like making a speech. This grand victory would be heralded from one part of Canada to the other, and Hon. A. G. Blair has not lost any of his popularity by the result.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley, whose victory in Kings county had just been announced, was the next speaker and was greeted with prolonged cheering. He had been told he would be snowed under, but he was

pleased to learn tonight that such was not the case, but that it was a great victory for the government. While there was a good victory in Kings and other counties, the eyes of the electors were all turned toward St. John. Here it was a good fight and a splendid triumph. Too much could not be said of the gentleman who led the party to victory in St. John, H. A. McKeown. (Cheers) He was also proud to learn that Edward Lantalum had been returned. He congratulated all on what they had done. The opposition started with falsehoods and slander, but they took manfully to the party and gave it victory. Doctor Pugsley also referred in eloquent terms to the work of Hon. A. G. Blair for the city and province.

Other Speakers.

A. O. Skinner was called on and received with cheers. He said that he had been requested by Mr. Robertson to speak for him. He had gone home tired out, but that he would meet all his friends later and thank them personally for their support. Mr. Skinner spoke of the fight in the different wards, and of the good work done by the representatives at the polls. On behalf of Mr. Robertson he thanked all for their generous support.

James Barry, chairman of Prince ward, spoke of the good work done by the working men in Prince ward. It was a working man's victory. The laboring man is Liberal, and will be as long as he can vote. He thanked the workers in Prince ward who aided him in achieving victory.

It was growing towards 10 o'clock by this time, the government's victory was secured and the crowd began to thin out. Short addresses were made by T. Donovan, G. R. Craigie and John A. Chesley, and the gathering dispersed. It was a good termination to a well contested battle.

Wilson Led Conservative Ticket, Coming Within 24 of Lantalum—Story of the Day.

The thoughts of the audience wandered afar, and there came cries of inquiry respecting the province at large. "How's Madawaska?" piped up one of the faithful. "Gone." "How's Restigouche?" "Gone." "Kings?" "Gone." "Queens?" "Gone." "Westmorland?" "Gone." "Look here," mirthfully appealed Mr. Baxter, who had been reading the despatches, "you don't want me to keep on repeating that over and over and over again, do you?"

Their Standards Furred.

Messrs. Hatheway, Wilson, McInerney and Agar spent the greater part of the afternoon and evening on the stage, noting the returns and in deep consultation with their captains and lieutenants. Their standards were furred and leached in a remote corner, behind the scenes.

Each of the candidates made a brief speech, expressive of thankfulness to the support that had been rendered. Mr. Wilson.

The first speaker was John E. Wilson, and the hour was about 7 o'clock. The house was practically full, and from the returns it was generally thought that Mr. Wilson was practically certain of his election. He was received with cheers, and after acknowledging his indebtedness to the voters, regretted that all had not voted the straight ticket. He had been in Wellington ward all day, and the returns there showed it had not been his fault that the ticket had not run together. He had advised all electors to vote the straight ticket, and the state of the polls showed this had been fairly well observed. He had been approached and asked to sell the ticket, and was offered votes to do so, but had refused.

Mr. McInerney.

George W. McInerney was suffering from a cold, and his remarks were very brief. He felt grateful for the votes he had received. It was said by some that the laborers had not done their duty, but he could affirm they had done well considering the contest was that of capital against labor. He would offer advice to the laboring classes, which was that it behooved them to organize so that at the next election their organization would be so perfected that their vote would carry with it something of consequence.

Mr. Hatheway.

W. Frank Hatheway regretted the opposition had such scant time allowed in which to organize and was sorry the full ticket had not been carried. With his colleague, Mr. McInerney, he felt the laborers had done much in the contest, and referred to their vote as the first in the history of the province. In discussing the different returns he drew attention away from the shadows, administered balm to their wounds in the form of hopeful words in the days that are many moons distant. They bound up their hurts with the comforting reflection that they had at least handed over to the government a somewhat better vote than they had in the past.

Mr. Agar.

Miss E. Agar referred to the election as the popular verdict of the people, and thanked the electors for their support, and though the election was his first and had defeat, he would continue to take a warm interest in the party that had nominated him. He felt the opposition would receive the election in the nature of a warning, and that at the next campaign its organization and resources would be so improved that a sweeping Conservative victory would be the result. His co-candidate, Mr. Anderson, was unable to be present, owing to his presence in another end of the county.

Shortly before 8 o'clock Edward Sears entered and was called upon for a speech. He believed that, considering the resources of the government, the opposition should feel proud of the great battle it had put up against the array of advantages presented by the Tweedie party.

A Bright Spot Now and Then.

The returns received every five minutes or so would be read in deep silence; but if an opposition candidate was forging ahead, the speaker's face would be shadowed up in a dither of handicapping, the thumping of feet, the tapping of canes and broadsides of cheers. When a government speaker's remarks would be followed by a speaker's face would be shadowed up in a dither of handicapping, the thumping of feet, the tapping of canes and broadsides of cheers.

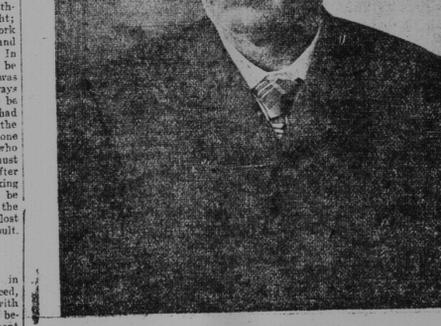
THE MORTALITY RETURNS AT THE YORK THEATRE.

Conservatives Count the Results and Talk About the Future.

The Conservative party received the list of dead and injured at York Theatre, and gloom was the main feature of the meeting. As the list of casualties lengthened, it became more and more evident that the main body had not been discovered, and the gloom became of such a thick and permeating character that a somewhat hazy atmosphere had been so difficult in getting a chunk out of it.

There was bitter pill-swallowing, and there were drawn smiles. The standard bearers and rank file, though, with a complacency born of like situations in the past, made scarce a grimace as message after message appeared, bearing intelligence of opposition minorities. They read the returns and, determinedly pushing away the shadows, administered balm to their wounds in the form of hopeful words in the days that are many moons distant. They bound up their hurts with the comforting reflection that they had at least handed over to the government a somewhat better vote than they had in the past.

EDWARD LANTALUM.



CANADIAN FARM DELEGATES MEET WITH OPPOSITION

English Ministers, Squires and Farmers Afraid of Losing Their Workmen.

ONTARIO WANTS HELP.

Premier Ross Cables That 10,000 Men Are Required—Mr. Barr's Emigration Scheme is a Great Success.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—(Special)—A special cable to the Herald says: "London reports are beginning to come in from several countries where the 20 Canadian farmer delegates have been telling about Canada."

"They report that they have been besieged with enquiries but have had to encounter strong local opposition in the numerous squares and farmers, who fear the loss, the persons of their parishioners, the others of their farm help. The farm laborer came about 12, a week boards and lodges himself and if he grows old, probably dies in the poor house. These people, who live in conditions only a shade better than serfdom, are naturally attracted by what they hear of Canada. Premier Ross, of Ontario, has cabled that 10,000 men are required in Ontario, but Britishers are naturally timid, and it would be well to forward names and addresses of those who require farm help. It would then be easy to secure all the help required. The wonderful success of Mr. Barr's scheme is due to the certainty of location and the prospect of a homogeneous settlement. There is now a continuous procession of enquirers at the emigration office."

SHIPPING MEN FORM FEDERATION.

Incorporation to Be Sought at Next Session of Parliament.

The coming session of Parliament will be asked to incorporate "The Shipping Federation of Canada," Peers Davidson, of this city, being the attorney who has the matter in hand.

The incorporators include practically all the firms, companies and individuals in the sea-going trade between Canada and foreign ports. Among them are: H. & A. Allan, Furness, Whittly & Co., Ltd.; Hamberg-American Packet Company, the Robert Reid Company, F. R. South & Co., Elder-Dempster & Co., J. G. Brock & Co., McLean, Kennedy & Co., and the Dominion Line.

Mr. Davidson, in explaining the functions of "The Shipping Federation of Canada," stated that its purpose was to take up all questions of interest to the shipping trade, such as pilotage, harbor dues, the responsibility of steamship owners as regards cargo, the lighting of the St. Lawrence, insurance, and in fact to deal with everything which probably comes within the scope of the trade.

Mr. Davidson further explained that there was nothing militant in the nature of this federation, in fact its functions would be very much like those of the Manufacturers' Association. Up to this time there has been no organization of steamship men, except that very indefinite body known as the Shipping interest, which has had no legal existence and but one officer, that being a secretary—Montreal Star.

C. P. R.'S PRESIDENT OFF TO ENGLAND.

The Trip in the Interest of Proposed Fast Line and Steamship Deal.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—(Special)—Sir Thos. Sloughness, president of the C. P. R., is preparing for a trip to England, and will leave next Sunday. The trip will be in the interest of the purchase of the Elder-Dempster fleet. While in England Sir Thomas will go fully into the possibilities of the projected Canadian fast line.

SCHOOL BOY KILLED BY TEACHER.

Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 27.—Edwin Foster, the 17-year-old schoolboy, who was shot last Friday afternoon by Reuben E. Pitts, a teacher in the academy Foster attended, died here today. It is said that several of the students attacked Prof. Pitts while he was whipping Foster and that in the scuffle that followed Foster was shot by Pitts.

Nova Scotian Slashed by Mutilous Crew.

Havana, Feb. 27.—The crew of the British brigantine "Nova Scotia" (N. S.), which has arrived from Hantsport (N. S.), at Bahia, Honda, mutilated today and attacked her captain, Cogswell, and the mate, Peter Hebbel, both Nova Scotians, and arrested the three ringleaders, named Harris Small, Canadian; John Boile, Nova Scotian, and Frank Koehlin, an Englishman.