

THE WEEKLY SUN.

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THE CAMPAIGN OPENED IN ST. JOHN.

Thursday's convention of the liberal conservative party of St. John was probably the most thoroughly representative nomination meeting ever held in the city. It was composed of some two hundred delegates equitably representing each ward and parish in proportion to the voting population. These delegates had been elected by ballot at large ward and parish meetings. There is no possible way to get a more representative convention of a party than that by which Mr. Hazen and Mr. Chesley were nominated.

Mr. Hazen, who was the choice of three-fourths of the delegates from the city and county, was fairly entitled to re-nomination. Elected by a large majority, with Mr. Skinner as his colleague in 1891, he has won an honorable position in the house of commons. He is among the best speakers in the house, and has been so fortunate as to win and maintain the respect of both parties. In the discussion of the larger issues before parliament during the past five years, Mr. Hazen has taken his share without discredit to the constituency which he represented. At the same time he has been vigilant and energetic in guarding the interests and supporting the claims of the port of St. John. It is not likely that Mr. Hazen has succeeded in pleasing everybody, but he has shown a sincere anxiety to be of service to his constituency as well as his country. We shall be much surprised if the electors do not show by their votes that they consider his efforts successful.

Mr. Chesley came into the house of commons with the third session of the late parliament. While he was new in parliamentary work, he had already seen a great deal of public service as alderman, warden, and mayor. He was particularly qualified to deal with questions affecting St. John, and it has been freely admitted by citizens of both parties that he has been a good member for the constituency. In the by-election which resulted in the return of Mr. Chesley, this journal supported another liberal conservative candidate, but as was stated at the time, this was not from any want of confidence in Mr. Chesley, either as a party man or as a possible representative. Three years service in parliament have strengthened the good opinion formed of Mr. Chesley before his election, and today he is the choice of the party, as shown by a thoroughly representative convention.

Two other names were brought before the convention. Mayor Robertson, who certainly was not a candidate for nomination, and who, if we are rightly informed, did not consent to the use of his name, received a flattering tribute in a vote which gave him the second place to Mr. Chesley. Major Armstrong had the support of a considerable delegation in the city convention, and of a still larger representation in the county convention. After the delegates had in this way expressed their personal preferences, they seem to have given practically unanimous acceptance to the decision of the majority.

As Mr. McLeod, who during the late parliament ably represented the city constituency, had announced his determination to retire from political life, his name was not presented. Mr. McLeod has represented the city of St. John both in the local and dominion parliaments. For a good many years he has been one of the leading minds in the councils of the party in this province, and in every contest he has been in the thick of the fight. Few men in public life have enjoyed more fully than he the confidence of those with whom he has been associated.

The liberal conservative party in St. John ought to win this election. It stands in this city, as elsewhere, for progressive measures and enterprising administration. It stands for the national policy and Canadian development within the empire. It is committed in the strongest way to the policy of the closer commercial and political union of the colonies and the mother country. It condemns every movement which prefers a foreign nation to the British empire. It stands up for unity and progress, leaving to others the policies which array Canada against the rest of the empire, which place province in antagonism to province, which set city against city, race against race and creed against creed. The party is not looking to Washington. It is not trying to smash confederation; it is not taking its text from the Book of Lamentations. It is moving forward on the lines established by Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Leonard Tilley and Sir Charles Tupper, and is carrying into imperial policy the same spirit that has made of the British North American provinces a united Canada. The St. John constituents are expected to keep their place in the procession

and to have their full share in the achievements of the next five years. No place in Canada is a stronger material interest in this line of development, and no where does a patriotic policy appeal more strongly to the sentiment of the people.

THE NEW MINISTRY.

On Monday of last week Sir Mackenzie Bowell retired from the premiership and Sir Charles Tupper was asked to form a government. The new ministry was sworn in yesterday. Some of our esteemed contemporaries have made merry over the delay. There may be smart men who would have formed a government in an afternoon, but possibly the country will forgive the experienced statesman who thinks that the organization of a ministry for this country is a matter of sufficient importance to be worth three or four days of thought, effort and consultation.

The Tupper ministry differs most from the Bowell ministry in the stronger and more impressive personality of its leader. Sir Charles Tupper has always been a great force in Canadian politics, and though he has reached an age when most men lose their vigor he seems to be as able to direct, as resolute to perform, and as true in his judgment as in earlier days. He has been able to gather about him the material of a strong administration, and seems to have accomplished the more difficult task of obtaining the friendly withdrawal of colleagues who, whatever their merits, are not considered the most available under existing conditions.

There is no change in the maritime province representation in the cabinet and only one change in Ontario. Mr. Tisdale, who, as was foreseen, has become a minister, takes the cabinet vacancy caused by the retirement of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, though with a different portfolio. More important are the changes in Quebec and the west. Sir Adolphe Caron and Mr. Outin retire, and in place of the former as the Quebec leader, Mr. Anglin returns. Mr. Tupper, the successful leader of the Quebec government, takes the portfolio which Sir Adolphe held, and the important department of public works passes from Mr. Outin to Mr. Desjardins. The late speaker of the senate, Dr. Ross, enters the government without office. Three of four are members of the senate, and Mr. Tupper was until yesterday a member of the local legislature. It is expected that Mr. Desjardins will now return to the house of commons, where he sat for a score of years before his appointment. Sir Adolphe Caron has had the fortune to be well abused by his opponents, but they have had a sneaking regard for him nevertheless. Sir Adolphe is as plucky a fighter as he is good humored in his treatment of his adversaries. He is an excellent speaker and his departments have been well managed. Something less than this should be said for Mr. Outin, who has not either as an administrator or as the organizer of the most important part of his province met the expectations of his friends.

Mr. Anglin has not yet had his fair chance in the federal arena. But he has a brilliant Quebec record both as a legislator and as a campaigner. He has taken the grip with some strong men in his day and has never been fairly beaten. His heroic contests with Governor Letellier and with Mr. Mercier have had the effect of inspiring his opponents with a wholesome respect. Mr. Desjardins is sure to be a good administrator and he ought to be a good organizer. Mr. Tupper has given Quebec a clean and economical administration, and his influence at Ottawa will be in the same direction.

We are sure that the Quebec ministers are honest and good men. We hope that they may prove to be an effective campaign team.

Mr. Daly, a man of good ability, has been in charge of a department requiring the very highest qualifications. His successor is believed to be a man probably better capable than he of dealing with the knotty problems that belong to the great west. For it is believed that Hugh John Macdonald has certain gifts that especially commend him for this difficult part of Canadian statesmanship.

MR. ANGLIN.

Though nearly fifteen years have passed since Hon. T. W. Anglin left this province to take up his residence in Toronto and engage in a new journalistic venture there, the news of his death will bring to scores of his friends in New Brunswick a sense of personal loss. He has been long enough removed from the political strife of this community to allow his former opponents to forget whatever bitterness may have been occasioned by past conflicts and to impress more and more strongly upon his former associates that he left here no man quite capable of filling his place in their front rank. Nearly half a century ago Mr. Anglin founded in this city a journal which was one of the powers to be reckoned with in all public movements.

During the stirring period before confederation he took a large personal share in politics and was one of the leading men in the house of assembly. The defeat of the government in the first election on the confederation issue was probably due more to him than to any other man, for he was a strong and resolute anti-confederate, and it is perhaps not too much to say that he wielded stronger personal influence and had larger following than any other opponent of union. Mr. Anglin sat in the house of commons through four parliaments, and in the third occupied the honorable position of speaker. As late as 1879 he had himself recorded in the parliamentary campaign as a conservative, and he was one in the derivative sense of the word. He was inclined to oppose new departures and ambitious public enterprises. He was an opponent of confederation, of the Canadian Pacific Railway project, of the national policy, and of the New Brunswick school law. As a journalist and politician, Mr. Anglin, a devout Roman Catholic, was regarded in this province as the champion of the rights and claims of his church. Among the citizens of his own communion, and especially among the Irish Catholics, his influence was enormous, but he did not use it in such a way as to alienate political supporters of other faiths. This is shown by his election to the house of assembly from the Protestant constituency of St. John. Mr. Anglin was an easy and fluent public speaker. He had the advantage of a wide and varied knowledge and a phenomenal memory for facts and figures and language. His style as a newspaper writer would perhaps be considered a little ponderous in these days, but readers then were willing to spend more time over a paper than they are now. Socially Mr. Anglin was a man whom every one liked. Mr. Anglin was an elderly man when he went to Toronto. He was mistaken in supposing that there was a field for a new paper there, but the proprietors of the Toronto Globe were glad to avail themselves of his services as a political writer. The Ontario government has employed him in a number of enquiries, and recently gave him a permanent office. He has filled a considerable place in the political and religious history of Toronto and will be sincerely mourned in at least two cities.

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TROUBLE WITH THE INDIANS.

Trouble Feared on the United States Side of the Line.

Ottawa, May 2.—Advices from Sitka, Alaska, via Victoria, which were received here today state that trouble is imminent between Indians and whites over the acquisition of an Indian man who brutally killed a white man while an Indian is now awaiting execution for killing a white on provocation. As a force sufficient to handle an Indian outbreak is not maintained there by the United States government, residents are apprehensive. The scene of the trouble is off the coast and several hundred miles distant from the nearest Canadian frontier. The United States government will likely send a man-of-war to Sitka.

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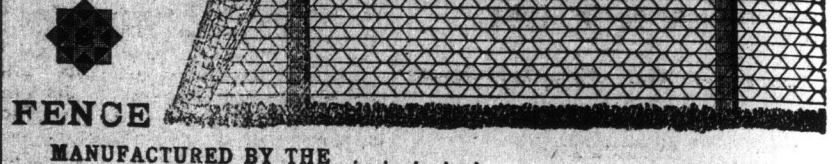
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Harry Cole, the well known commercial traveler, will shortly leave the road, as he intends entering into business with A. B. Sheraton in the management of the Queen Hotel, Halifax.

Extensive improvements will be made in the house and with Mr. Cole's popularity the Queen will no doubt continue to be the leading hotel in that city.

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