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THE ST. JOHN REPRESENTATION BILL

The bill for the changing of the constitution of the city and county of St. John which was introduced by Mr. Blair yesterday will not be satisfactory to the majority of our people.

It is necessary to know the number of electors in each district which will return two members. They are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: No. of Electors, No. of Voters. Lists districts like Old City, Country Parishes, etc.

ST. JOHN, WEST. No. of Voters: Lansdowne 970, Lore 918, Brock 918, Oxy 702, Lansdowne 720, Musquash 230.

The non resident voters 682 in number of whom vote on property in the old city, would bring up the figure of St. John centre to those of St. John east.

Such an arrangement as is here indicated would be fair to all sections of the city and county and would meet with general approval.

THE BLAIR INQUIRY. Dr. Atkinson yesterday moved a resolution for an inquiry into the conduct of Mr. Blair, the leader of the government.

Dr. Atkinson's resolution for a committee to inquire into these charges was amended, at the instance of the Solicitor General, so as to restrict the inquiry to the specific charges contained in the resolution.

Mr. Blair waived the usual two days notice in order to enable the resolution to be passed at once, but this does not prevent the fact that the inquiry is to be held and the work of the committee deferred.

The truth of the matter, that the object of the change is to place the matter in such a shape that the committee will be able to deal with it.

It would not be surprising if the committee were to find that the change is to be made and the matter being left in the hands of the committee, simply that the political ammunition might be made out of these false charges.

The government are right not to permit this, but to demand an instant examination into the matter so that the committee may report

upon the charges at the earliest possible moment. The reader who is in search of historical parallels will find a curious similarity between these false charges against Mr. Blair and those brought against Sir John A. Macdonald seven years ago.

THE MAYORALTY ELECTION.

The Mayoralty election yesterday resulted in the return of Mr. W. A. Lockhart by a majority of 404 over his opponent Mr. John Chesley.

The Sun seeks to throw contempt on Mr. Chesley's candidature this morning by stating that only one half of the qualified electors voted, a statement which is not true and which if true would be nothing to the purpose.

Mr. Lockhart's vote was undoubtedly much smaller than it would have been had he possessed an efficient organization, but this was lacking and little or no effort was made to bring voters to the polls on his behalf.

Mr. Lockhart had a majority of 380, while in the old city wards on the east side Mr. Chesley had a majority of 221.

The result therefore did not depend on the Carlton vote, as it was thought it might do, for without the Carlton vote Mr. Lockhart would still have been elected by a majority of 183.

The issue upon which the election yesterday was fought was the dock scheme which was before the council for some time past.

Mr. Lockhart was favorable to this great plan of harbor improvement and this fact was used as a canvass against him. Yesterday morning, as a final effort of the "dogger," which was probably printed at the Sun office, was distributed at all the polling places by the thousands.

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whereas if the springing charges were applied to the shingle business it would cost about \$90 a car from Spring Hill to Chandler, or nearly four times the present rate.

It may be proper to make some distinction between the coal rate and the rate on shingles, but why should the rate on shingles be so great as to virtually wipe out one industry with the other?

The lumber industry of New Brunswick is as quiet as a grave and the coal industry of Nova Scotia is as dead as a doornail.

It is a matter which demands immediate action on the part of the railway authorities, because it is one which vitally affects one of the great industries of this country.

We trust that the government will lose no time in doing justice to the interests of New Brunswick in regard to the freight rates on the Intercolonial.

NOTE AND COMMENT. A fortnight ago we warned Mr. Chesley that he was "knifed" by W. H. Thorne and his friends in order that his claim to be the candidate of the party in the Dominion election might be disposed of.

The GAZETTE yesterday again demonstrated its immense superiority to the Globe, by the manner which it handled the election returns.

Arrangements owing to the perfect progress were received in this office at 4.38 P.M. at 4.32 the paper with the full returns in it, was put to press, and at 4.40, it was being sold at Chubb's corner, at the head of King street and at the Railway station by the active boys of the GAZETTE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. Yesterday afternoon's proceedings, Fredericton, April 8. Mr. Phinney committed the bill relating to the registration and control of dental surgeons, Mr. Hibbard in the chair.

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Safety Fund Life Association, Dr. Lewis in the chair. Progress was reported, with leave to sit again.

Mr. Polier committed the bill for the further amendment of chapter 99 of the consolidated statutes of municipalities, Mr. Shaw in the chair.

Agreed to with amendments. Hon. Mr. Tweedie introduced a bill incorporating Blackville Public Hall Co.

Dr. Atkinson made a lengthy statement for which he recited all his charges in the following notice, which was seconded by Mr. Turner.

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Such book shall always be open for inspection by the proper health and police authorities, and shall be preserved for reference for at least five years.

Any registered druggist or pharmacist, who shall violate or knowingly permit the violation of the preceding section shall incur a penalty of forty dollars and costs of prosecution.

Mr. H. W. Barker, of the firm of T. R. Barker & Son, says that the bill will be very prejudicial to the interests of the wholesale drug trade of the province, as country dealers requiring pilocaine, such as those named, can easily purchase in the other provinces where no such regulation is enforced.

Mr. C. W. Parker said these proposed changes were absurd and would interfere materially with the retail trade and cause a great deal of inconvenience, as for instance, a person wanting a few cents worth of pilocaine would have to go to a physician and pay a dollar for a prescription before they could secure it.

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