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SAINT JOHN, MONDAY MORNING, JAN. 16, 1911.

MR. LANTALUM HAS COMMAND.

The choice of delegates by the Liberal primaries has evidently proved a painful surprise to many persons in that party who have hitherto been content to trust the moving of the machinery of the party to others, while they looked on and supplied the grease for the wheels. Perhaps no man in or out of the party will be more surprised at the results of Thursday night's meetings than the Minister of Public Works. To him it must be apparent that the primaries voice the discontent that has been so frequently expressed of late over the distribution of patronage. The results in many of the wards can only be interpreted as a threat to their leader that a change in this direction is not only expected, but imperatively demanded, and further, that unless there is an immediate change of front there will be trouble of a serious character.

The primaries show clearly that the patronage seekers and the spokesmen of the party are in charge and will select the candidates in the next election, both federal and provincial. It was announced some time since that the object of the early primaries was to nominate candidates for both houses, to have them in the field, even should the elections be still far distant. It will be interesting to watch the next move, and note the call of the executive of which Mr. John Keefe is the chairman. From present indications it will most likely be some time before the delegates are called together to nominate the candidates, who were to have been placed in the field early that they might get acquainted with the people and secure the confidence of the electorate.

It is quite evident that Mr. Edward Lantulum, whose claims for a senatorship were ignored in the appointment of Hon. John Costigan, and who was forced off the ticket in the last general election in order that Mr. Pender might run, is now in full possession of the nominating machinery of the Liberal party, and must be dealt with one way or another. The results of the primaries, in addition to proving the discontent of a large wing of the party over the patronage question, demonstrate that Mr. Lantulum and those he represents are now in a position to dictate terms to the Minister of Public Works, and that Mr. Pugsley must give ear. He cannot ignore the delegates, and, while he may delay their meeting for weeks or months, he must sooner or later face the gentlemen who are behind Mr. Lantulum.

Mr. Lantulum and those whom he has selected have long contended that they have not received justice from the party to which they have given such an unwavering support. The plums have fallen to others. They have become mere voting machines, hewers of wood and drawers of water for those who have grown rich by exploiting "the party."

The action at the primaries on Thursday is an indication that all this is to end now, and that the Liberal voters have drawn away from their so-called leaders and entrusted themselves to their natural leaders, whom they expect to secure for them the justice they claim has been denied in the past.

It is an interesting situation, one of the most interesting political situations that has developed in St. John in the past quarter of a century, and its solution will in all human probability wreck the Liberal party, not only in St. John but in the whole province of New Brunswick. To give Mr. Lantulum and his friends what they want will most certainly allocate a sufficient number of Liberals to render victory in this constituency impossible. To deny their demands will result in cutting down the voting strength of the party to the vanishing point. Well may the Minister of Public Works exclaim "Save me from my friends."

## AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

The Hazen Government have shown genuine patriotism in their effort to improve agricultural conditions in the province. Under the administration of Mr. Ferris the Agricultural Department of the former Government was not a going concern. It had ceased to take any interest in the well being of the farmers. Mr. Ferris, himself a farmer, should have known something of the wants of the agriculturists of New Brunswick, but if he had any such knowledge he kept it to himself. He was not able to keep the machinery running that had been started for him. "Dry rot" had entered the department with Mr. Ferris, and it stayed with him while he held the office of Commissioner for Agriculture. About the only thing that he or his officials did was to draw their salaries and this they did with unfailing regularity, including travelling expenses.

Since the advent of the Hazen Administration there has been a decided change for the better. An active and energetic propaganda in favor of fruit culture has been inaugurated. There is no doubt that New Brunswick possesses a fruit belt as valuable as that of Nova Scotia. We may not be able to grow as great a variety of fruit as is grown in Ontario, but we can produce apples that cannot be excelled in the world. This has been proved by the success of the New Brunswick exhibits in London in two successive seasons. It was demonstrated at the fruit exhibition held in this city last autumn.

Unable to deny that New Brunswick was entitled to a first place among the apple growing countries of the world the opposition organs made themselves hoarse trying to prove that the Hazen Government had done nothing for fruit culture, and that the exhibitions proved how well the old Government had done for the country. All that the old Government ever did for the orchardists

of the province was to plant a few illustration orchards, one of which no one ever discovered. Not a single apple exhibited came from one of these orchards. The fruit growers of New Brunswick received no aid or instruction from the Government of the province until the advent to power of the present provincial administration.

Had Mr. Labllois when he became Commissioner for Agriculture, many years ago, displayed the same interest in developing the orchards of the country, or in encouraging men to invest in fruit culture, instead of the few scattered orchards we now have through the province, there would be miles of fruit trees. Instead of being at the beginning of an enterprise, that will eventually bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, the farmers would now have been in the full enjoyment of this income.

But it is not alone in fruit culture that the present Government have shown their interest in agriculture. Today through the activity of the department, potatoes are selling at a higher price in Carleton county than across the line in Aroostook. This is a reversal of the order of things which prevailed some years ago. If a large section of Queens, Sunbury, and York counties can be transformed into one vast orchard, Carleton and Victoria counties can also be converted into a magnificent potato field. Aroostook county has grown rich by producing potatoes. The land of Carleton and Victoria counties is quite as well adapted to this class of agriculture as the adjoining district in Maine, and now that the Government of New Brunswick have discovered a market for the potatoes grown there, the prosperity of these two great counties is assured.

Time and again the old Government were asked to do something to assist poultry growing in New Brunswick, but they always turned a deaf ear. The announcement is now made that an official has been appointed to give instruction in this important branch of agriculture. This will be good news for every farmer's wife in the province, for poultry raising is largely conducted by the female members of the farmers' families. There is a strong local demand for poultry of every class and the quantity that may be exported is without limit, but for export we must have a better fed and a larger fowl than is offered in the local market. It is to impart instruction how to feed and how to keep poultry that they may be a source of profit to every farmer that the new official of the Agricultural Department has been appointed.

With an immigration policy that will ensure a continual flow of desirable farm help, by rendering encouragement to those who are either planting orchards, growing potatoes, raising horses, cattle, sheep or hogs, or by means of an intelligent campaign to increase the interest in poultry raising, the Government are doing their best for agriculture. The results are already apparent with prospects for the future brighter than ever before.

Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, the Surveyor General, will be one of the speakers at the Forestry Convention which will open at Quebec on Wednesday, under the auspices of the Canadian Forestry Association. The conservation of our national forest wealth, and the increase of scientific forestry methods generally are matters which have a vital bearing on Canada's future. When the relations of trees to the water supply, considered from the point of view of agriculture, of manufacturing, and of the other interests concerned, are taken account of, and in addition the value of the actual material of trees is considered, it becomes evident that the conservation of the forest wealth, which is a natural resource of such incalculable value, is one of the most important of Canada's national problems.

The enthusiasm and harmony which have been such marked features of the Liberal primaries in St. John, are evidently shared by Mr. Pugsley's supporters in the county. In response to the summons from headquarters that the Liberal electors of Musquash should assemble on Saturday and elect delegates, three stalwarts presented themselves at the meeting place. It is small wonder that they found the task beyond their powers and deferred the completion of the business until a more convenient season, if that time ever arrives. The evil days which have fallen on the Liberal party hereabouts are the natural result of dissatisfaction and disillusionment.

## Current Comment

(Sackville Post.)

The St. John Telegraph commenting on the appointment of Col. McLean as commander of the Coronation contingent, informs its readers that the gallant colonel is eminently qualified for the position because he saw service in the northwest rebellion in 1885. Col. McLean's service in the Northwest rebellion consisted of taking a trip from St. John to Sussex with the other New Brunswick boys. There they were held up by a telegram from headquarters informing them of the capture of Reil. After a few days very pleasantly spent in and around the charming village of Sussex, Col. McLean and his friends were taken back to St. John, and so came to an end the colonel's distinguished services in the Northwest rebellion of 1885.

(Edmonton Journal.)

A Toronto minister, Rev. W. A. Cameron, pastor of Bloor Street Baptist church, has refused a call to John D. Rockefeller's congregation in Cleveland at a salary of \$6,000 a year. Nor are such instances of the refusal of large material rewards on the part of clergymen so rare as some people think. The old joke about father being downstairs praying to receive guidance as to whether he should accept a call to a church with a larger salary and mother being upstairs packing the household furniture has by no means a general application.

(Montreal Gazette.)

Senator McMillen adds his voice to that of Mr. Sifton and hopes that no reciprocity treaty will be arranged between Canada and the United States. Both Mr. McMillen and Mr. Sifton are Liberals, and they seem to represent the views of quite a number of their party. It looks somewhat as if the ministerial delegates at Washington might make themselves popular with the Liberals by coming home and announcing that they had added one more to the number of their Government's diplomatic failures.

(Galt Reporter.)

The Western idea that municipalities should not only own but operate their own utilities, for the general advantage of the taxpayers interested, has taken deep root in Calgary, for the very good reason that it has put the principle of the system to a test and found it unassailable.

(Chicago Tribune.)

A newspaper and its readers form a mutualized institution; the readers give the strength to the paper, and the paper uses it for them. It cannot be strong without them; they lack certain elements of strength without it.

(Vancouver World.)

"Cheap eggs do not materialize," says a grocer's circular. Worse than that, they do not poach.

## FARMERS HAVE ANNUAL DINNER

Kings County Society Enjoy Entertainment Provided by St. John Men—Women Attend Missionary Meeting

Hampton, Kings County, Jan. 12.—The members of the Hampton and Norton Agricultural Society to the number of about two hundred, with their wives and families, sat down to a sumptuous farmers' supper at the Agricultural Hall last evening, being the third annual function of this character. After the demands of all appetites were fully satisfied, Mr. Matthews, the monologist, and G. D. Davidson, the banjoist, both from St. John, gave a literary and musical entertainment, which was heartily enjoyed by all present.

The president of the society this year is E. Allan Schofield, and the secretary-treasurer, James E. Hoyt. Last Thursday afternoon there was a large and deeply interested meeting of ladies in the parlors of the home of Mrs. W. S. Morrison, in Hampton Village, who by invitation of the officers of the Women's Missionary Society, of the Presbyterian church, were gathered to attend to business of the local society and to listen to an address on missions, by Mrs. H. B. Dickson, who has spent some years in missionary work in Assam, India. In the course of a very interesting and instructive talk, Mrs. Dickson exhibited a number of articles illustrating the habits and customs of the people. Before the address, some routine business of the society was transacted and the president, Mrs. Morrison, welcomed representatives of the Women's Missionary societies of Hampton Village, and Hampton Station Baptist, the Methodist, and Church of England, who, in response, gave particulars of their own work and progress. About five o'clock the company were invited to the library, where tea was served by a committee of Presbyterian ladies and a very enjoyable hour spent in closer social intercourse.

Yesterday afternoon in the Probate Court of Kings County, before the Hon. Judge McIntyre, acting in the absence of Judge McIntyre, the will of the late Charles Albert Holder, of Kingston, farmer, deceased, was duly proved and letters testamentary granted to Miss Ada Augusta Holder, a daughter, and S. Theodore Holder, a brother of the deceased, who were duly sworn in as executors. The estate is sworn at \$500, of which \$250 is real and \$250 personal property. G. O. Dickson City, proctor.

Hon. G. Hudson Flewelling, of Clinton, is visiting Hampton, attending at the Court House in his work of auditing the books and accounts of the secretary-treasurer of the municipality. Last Sunday the Baptist mission stations in this neighborhood were served by the Rev. C. Townsend, the travelling agent of the Baptist Home Mission Board, who also preached at the Station church in the evening. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Macdonald, of Monday afternoon when he went to Titusville, where he has been holding special services for two weeks and where he will administer the ordinance of baptism to two candidates next Sunday.

On Monday evening a social supper was given in the hall at Titusville, at which a handsome rocking chair was presented by the members of the union Sunday school to their superintendent, Mr. Roy, for his faithful and efficient services. The chair and other gifts were presented by the Rev. Mr. Townsend in an appreciative address to which Mr. Roy responded.

Mrs. William Purdy and her son, John Purdy returned home from Boston.

Last Sunday morning the service in the village Anglican church was conducted by the Rev. J. Roy Campbell, D.D., of Montreal. His entire loss of sight, went through the service, prayers, psalms, litany, gospel and epistle without a break and delivered a sermon of much practical wisdom.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stockton and their infant child, left Hampton where they have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Baird, Everett street, for their home at Edmonton, Alberta, but will stop over for a short rest at Port William, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skinner, St. John, were week end guests at the Wayside Inn.

All the departments of the consolidated school have opened last Monday after the mid-winter vacation. The full staff of teachers and a good attendance of pupils.

Mrs. Ella Pierce assistant pastor of the Malden, Mass., Baptist church, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. Henry Smith, of St. John, at the Wayside Inn.

Miss Laura Howard, who has charge of a school at Sackville, has not resumed her duties this week, but is residing at the home of her parents, at the Baptist parsonage.

George Howard, a son of Rev. Mr. Howard, has also arrived from Manitoba to visit his invalid father.

Among St. John men who have visited Hampton during the last week were R. E. Day, J. G. Walsh, D. J. O'Neill, G. W. Hatheway, A. G. Pierce, T. Denham, W. H. Banks, E. A. Hoyt, Geo. Dishart, H. C. McCluskey, F. W. Storms, B. M. Armstrong, H. L. Doane, J. A. Huntley, and J. H. Gordon, who was accompanied by Mrs. Gordon.

## SMALL-POX SITUATION IN KENT ALARMING

Disease Spreading Rapidly at St. Louis—County Council Considers Local Option Question—Fish Shipments

Richibucto, Jan. 4.—The contract for dredging Little Aldouane has been awarded to G. G. Daigle.

The smallpox situation in Kent Co., is not improving. There is no doubt but that the disease is spreading. At St. Louis seven miles from here, the conditions are growing worse every day. The Northumberland health authorities have placed an officer on the line with instructions to stop all travellers from Kent county for examination.

The Municipal Council convened Tuesday afternoon with Warden Brown presiding. The following councillors were present:—Atkinson, Daigle, F. R. Richard, Gallant, Boudage, Poirer, Carson, F. S. Richard, Ford, Murray, Brown, Clark, F. G. Richard, Sheridan, Cormier, Coates, Melanson, C. D. Cormier, Mallet, G. G. Daigle, J. Bourgeois, A. Bourgeois.

Many matters of importance were dealt with, among them a petition from the ratepayers in reference to a plebiscite being taken on local option in the parish of Richibucto, which was granted.

Hudson Stewart, who has been spending some weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blise Stewart, returned this week to his studies at Wycliffe College, Toronto.

Miss Hildred Robinson has gone to Lorneville, St. John county, to take charge of the school there.

O. K. Black, is recovering from a very severe illness.

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Miller have returned to their home in Bas River, after a short visit to Metapedia, Quebec.

Miss Annie Curwen is spending a few weeks in Newcastle.

John Fraser has been appointed census commissioner for Kent county.

Twelve carloads of fresh fish have already been shipped from Kent county this season.

Mar McDonald of Shediac was in town for a few days during the past week.

Miss Ethel Wathen of Harcourt has gone to Montreal to spend the winter at the home of her uncle.

Louis Langin came from Hastings, N. S., to his home in Rexton, to attend the funeral of his brother, William Langin.

Miss M. D. Richard of Cape Lamere has taken charge of the school at Richibucto village this term.

The rink management are arranging for a big carnival soon.

Miss Alice Babin, who has been attending the Normal school during the fall term, has taken a school near Shediac.

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