

HIGH-HANDED ACTION TAKEN BY MACHINE

Northumberland Opposition Bosses Chose Dave Schofield to Replace Parker without Calling Meeting of the Delegates.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, N. B., Feb. 13.—The troubles of the opposition party are only beginning. Shortly after the convention closed last night, Thos. Parker found out that he was disqualified from running by reason of his having a government contract for carrying mails. He pretends to keep on carrying mails rather than be a candidate and face certain defeat. Those managing the election in the name of the Liberal party after a little talk among themselves decided on another Blackville man, David Schofield, as the victim. Why they went out of their way to name a man who was not mentioned in the convention is known only to themselves. What will Vanderbeck, Morrissey and Miller whose names were up in convention say to this? The Government campaign is going with a swing. Very encouraging reports are coming in from all over the county. Comfortable committee rooms have been opened and the numbers are taking advantage of the opportunity to meet and talk over the Government's policy. Meetings are being arranged for every section of the county, and a feeling of a successful outcome pervades the atmosphere. Stewart is going to run very strong and will poll a tremendous vote. The Liberals concede they cannot beat him. What they admit of Stewart will be found true of the other three Government candidates on the 24th.

"HELLO" GIRLS HAVE DRIVE AND DANCE

Enjoyable Time Spent by Members of the N. B. Telephone Company Staff Last Evening.

With a flare of trumpets, horns, mouth-organs, and in fact, it appeared almost everything that might be used to make a noise, six large sleds laden with nearly two hundred "Hello" girls, linesmen and other members of the N. B. Telephone Company's staff, together with the wives of the married men, drew up at the premises on Chipman Hill after a most enjoyable drive as far as Brookville and back last evening. A refreshment committee composed of Miss A. Nixon, Miss M. Barnes, Miss G. Travers, Miss M. Driscoll and Mr. Marshall, having meanwhile made every preparation, all "lines" were soon "busy," and for the space of about half an hour even the sound of laughter and merriment gave place to the rattle of cups and saucers. This important item on the programme having been duly attended to a well arranged concert under the charge of A. Hopkins, Miss Vera Campbell and Miss E. Woodrow, was given which revealed a little of the talent which is to be found among the N. B. T. employees and about which "information" has previously had little to say. Those who contributed selections were Ernest Till, solos, including "We Will Never Let the Old Flag Fall" with chorus by all present. Mrs. McClure and Miss Eva Robson, both solos. A splendid reading by Miss Pearl Wayne. A duet by Miss B. Totten and Miss M. McHarg, concluding with a mandolin selection by A. Hopkins. Interspersed between these items were several waltzes, two-steps, etc., which was also continued into the "we sma' hours," the pianists being Miss Vera Campbell, Miss A. Nixon, Mr. A. Hopkins and others. Cards were handy for those not on the floor. Seldom has such an enjoyable evening been so well arranged and passed off without a hitch, each committee from the transportation, which was in charge of C. Kee, H. G. Black and L. D. Morris, those who had the musical details to look after, and the willing helpers who prepared the hall for the event having worked well, and at the conclusion the dancers, tired but happy, hoped it would not be long before a similar evening might again be arranged.

LETTER FROM REV. H. E. THOMAS

To the Editor of The Standard: Sir,—Any man who so falls in courtesy and courage that he will not reveal his identity but will make his attack in the dark, as was done by "Anti-Carvell," in his communication to your paper on Saturday last, is unworthy of being given serious consideration, and I have no thought of replying to him fully, which might easily be done. This writer, whether he be man or old woman, should know that the day has passed when a cry like his, which endeavors to predict party affiliation upon a public speaker can project

HONEST AND DISHONEST STUMPAGE COLLECTIONS

Does Mr. Robinson of Westmorland Propose to Increase the Stumpage rate to \$5.00 Per Thousand?—A Comparison that Tells Greatly Against the Ex-Premier of the Province.

Speaking at Moncton, at a meeting in his interests, Ex-Premier C. W. Robinson is reported by the Moncton Transcript as saying: "In some parts of the province on private lands the stumpage is \$5.00 per thousand feet, while on New Brunswick Crown lands the greatest levy is \$1.50 per thousand." Does Mr. Robinson intend this to mean that if his party get into power it will increase the stumpage on Crown lands to \$5.00 per thousand, or at least make a substantial increase in the present rate? If his statement doesn't mean that, what does it mean? In 1907, when Mr. Robinson led the government of the province, the total stumpage collected was \$1,800,135, on that year's cut. Last year, under the present government, (and the cut less than in 1907), there was collected for stumpage \$354,042. The present government has collected

for stumpage very nearly as much in nine years as the old government had collected on that account in the whole twenty-five years of its existence. That is because the present government has pursued honest methods. The old government, after the Northumberland Deal, twenty-seven years ago, forced upon the lumbermen of the province an arrangement under which the province lost nearly \$200,000 a year, while the lumbermen had to submit to conditions under which stumpage cost nearly as much as it does now. If the late Hon. Allan Ritchie had been permitted to tell, at the Dugal investigation, of his experience with respect to the election contributions that he and other lumbermen had to make to the old government, the public would have learned to what extent the stumpage accounts were tampered with and the money purloined during most of the time the old government was in power.

ward O'Connell on Water street, and said O'Connell had asked him for ten cents. A fine of \$20 was imposed. One drunk was fined \$8 and another was remanded. Anna Cormier, for wandering on Princess street early yesterday morning and not giving a satisfactory account of herself, was sent to the Monastery of the Good Shepherd for nine months.

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OBITUARY.
Wilmet Guilou
Fredericton, Feb. 13.—Mr. Guilou took place this afternoon of a shocking suddenness. Mr. Guilou, who was widely known in the province, particularly in St. John river. He had been residing at the City although 89 years of age. He was the best of health, except from which he had lately suffering. Last night when for the night he felt so ever, that a doctor was summoned despite medical attention condition grew steadily worse. For many years lately was connected with business on the St. John river. Lumber buyer and in other a general store. Of late he was dealer of wood at the City. He was a member of the St. John river. Mrs. C. Miller and Miss Truro survive.

Mrs. Frances W. Sussex, Feb. 13.—Mrs. White, relict of Mr. Geo. White this morning, aged 75, was carried by four children. H. George H., Mrs. J. and Mrs. Arthur Keith. She will take place on Thursday at 10 o'clock, from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. M. Rev. Mr. Sheven will officiate. Burial in the Kirkwood cemetery. Bernard Listemann, famous violinist and

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Victoria, B. C., Feb. 13.—Smith, Minister of Finance of the British Columbia government, the best known champion labor cause in Canada, died early today. While member in the House of Commons he became widely known throughout Dominion as an advocate of the coal miners of British Columbia and elsewhere an upholder of union men. Although nominally a Liberal he was independent and by vote against his own party on labor measures. He held a position in the house similar to the English Laborites at the time.

Ralph Smith was born at on-Tyne Aug. 8, 1858, the son of Margaret S. Smith educated in the schools of the city, and at an early age boy came to Canada. In 1878 he married Miss Ellen Spear, fourth daughter of Laurier Liberal Ladies' League. Mrs. Smith was present at the funeral of the late Mr. Smith in appreciation of his founder.

Mr. Smith went to Britain in 1882 and notwithstanding that he became a miner. All the while he first with the idea of taking a mining interest. In fact he had been for a time in preparation to take the rules of the mining. He decided, however, to become a miner. He first with the idea of taking a mining interest. In fact he had been for a time in preparation to take the rules of the mining. He decided, however, to become a miner. He first with the idea of taking a mining interest. In fact he had been for a time in preparation to take the rules of the mining. He decided, however, to become a miner.

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