YORK CO. LIBERALS HAVE STRONG TICKET

Messrs. Burden, Osborne, Limerick and Little the Candidates

All Sections of the Constituency Represented at the Convention Saturday in Fredericton---The Nominees Accept in Stirring Speeches---One Former Tory Stalwart Present at the Proceedings--Reports of Many Conservatives Disgusted and Quitting Their Party.

Fredericton, N. B., June 9—York county has swung into line for honest and progressive government in this province, a strong and popular ticket being nominated Saturday afternoon in the interests of the opposition. The ticket is as follows: Geo. F. Burden, ex-M. P. P., of Pokiok; W. J. Osborne, of Fredericton; Alex. Little, of Manners-Sutton; Walter Limerick, of Lower St. Marys.

No more eloquent testimony to deep feeling that prevails against the Flemming government could be obtained than the large and representative attendance, and the enthusiasm with which nominations were received. Every section of the county was represented, points as widely separated as Bloomfield Ridge, near Northumberland county line, and North Lake, on the United States border, had their quota of delegates present.

The most significant feature of the proceedings was the plain indication that in districts in which the government party has been strong in the past there is open revolt against those who have been in power for the past four years, former supporters being prominent in that movement.

The convention was held in Pitt's Building, York street, and as many of the delegates had to leave by trains departing at early hours there was no unnecessary delay. R. W. McLellan, of Fredericton, was in the chair. Ald. Edward Moore, of this city, for many years president of the York County Liberal Association, was also present. A letter from him containing his resignation from that important office was read and his resignation was accepted.

In a brief address, Ald. Moore expressed the regret he felt but pressure of business, failing health and other causes had compelled him to take the step he had. His best wishes would always be with the party, however. The chairman and N. W. Brown, of Southampton, both expressed heartiest appreciation of the services which Ald. Moore had rendered to the Liberal party in the past and regretted that he had found it necessary to resign the chairmanship.

Mr. McLellan was proposed for the vacant office, but on the suggestion of George W. Hodge, which was supported by Mr. McLellan, himself, the selection of a chairman to succeed Ald. Moore was left to a committee, which decided upon Dr. A. B. Atherton. Further progress toward organization was made by the appointment of S. B. Hatheway, of Springhill, secretary of the association.

A Strong Ticket.

The selection of a ticket by the delegates appointed by the various polling divisions of the county was accomplished in a short time. Ex-Coun. C. N. Goodspeed, of Penniac, was summoned to a meeting of the delegates and asked if he were willing that his name be placed on the ticket. On account of personal reasons he declined the nomination. The choice of the delegates was received with cheers by the convention, as it was realized that the men named were strong and that the government party would be given the fight of its life in this county.

The opposition ticket has its members well distributed throughout the constituency. W. J. Osborne is a former alderman of Fredericton, and a principal of the Fredericton Business College, and is well known as an educationist and as a business man.

Alex. Little is the owner of a prosperous woollen manufacturing business at York Mills, in the parish of Manners-Sutton. He is very well known and popular in the southern part of the county, which is entirely without representation on the government ticket.

Walter Limerick is a resident of Lower St. Marys and is a successful farmer and dairyman. He has taken a prominent part in political battles in this county for some years past.

George F. Burden, the fourth member of the ticket, is a member of the firm of Gilman & Burden, of Pokiok, lumbermen, and is well known throughout the county. He represented York in the house of assembly from 1903 to 1908.

Mr. Burden.

After the nominations the candidates delivered short addresses. Mr. Burden expressed confidence in the ability of the Liberal party in York county to put up a vigorous fight. Personally he had come to the convention prepared to decline to allow his name to go before the delegates, but on being pressed to step into the gap had changed his mind, and felt highly honored that he had been selected as one of the standard bearers of the party. One of the most encouraging signs of the times was the fact that even in York, which the Conservatives had claimed as a stronghold, former supporters of the Flemming government were renouncing their party allegiance every day, the manner in which public business had been carried on in the county during the past four years having thoroughly disgusted them.

He had been informed by F. B. Carvell that in Carleton, the government had offered to allow one opposition candidate to be returned without a contest if the opposition party would permit the other two seats in the county to be taken by the government on similar terms. It was hardly necessary to say that the offer had been promptly turned down. (Applause.)

The people had seen through Mr. Flemming's scheme with regard to the St. John Valley railway. They saw that the intention was to turn that important section of the province traversed by the line to the tender mercies of the C. P. R. (Cheers.) What was wanted was I. C. R. operation of that railway and that was provided for in the platform of Mr. Copp.

Mr. Osborne.

Mr. Osborne thanked the convention for the honor conferred upon him in selecting him to be a candidate. He had come to Fredericton fifteen years before. He had been a Liberal then and had remained a Liberal since, for Liberalism was the only politics for a young man. (Hear, hear).

He was willing to step into the breach and do his best for the party in the coming fight.

In Mr. Copp, the opposition in New Brunswick had a leader of whom it might well be proud. (Applause.) In the short time at his disposal since assuming the leadership of the party he had been successful to a wonderful degree.

The convention assembled before him he took as a fair indication that the Tory stronghold of York was to undergo an invasion that the government party would recognize.

Any pretence that the Flemming government was non-partizan in any sense of the word must be abandoned in view of the way the Tory axe had fallen upon the necks of those office holders who were of Liberal inclinations. Those Liberals who had in 1908 been so misguided as to give the Hazen-Flemming party their support would not do so on the 20th inst. (Applause).

Alexander Little.

Alex. Little, who followed, made a deep impression upon his hearers by his plain statement of the benefits which the inhabitants of rural parts of the province would secure from carrying out of the many important planks of Mr. Copp's platform. It was because he desired to aid the opposition leader in putting into effect the reforms which affected the farmer that he had accepted the nomination. His own section of the county possessed a telephone system which in matter of cost was within reach of the humblest. Mr. Copp's platform, he was pleased to note, contained a pledge for the extension of such a system all through the province.

The government talked of bringing in immigrants to take the vacant farms of the province. One native kept on the land was worth ten imported farmers. (Applause.) Cheap telephones would aid in keeping them on the land.

Mr. Little also drew attention to the manner in which the government had permitted the rights to develop the water powers of the province to pass into the possession of private owners instead of preserving them, as other provinces had done, for the people—the rightful owners. (Cheers.) Electric power would solve the problem of farm labor, if properly applied.

The party led by Mr. Copp had been called by the hired press which supported the Flemming party, "The old government," and the cry was raised that New Brunswick should not return to the old state of affairs. What was there old about what the opposition party had to offer? It was a new platform, including planks which showed that the party was abreast of the times. Liberalism always denoted advance and progress in New Brunswick as elsewhere. (Applause).

He felt that he could close his remarks with the statement that there were good prospects of a victory on the 20th, and none knew that better than did the government party. (Cheers).

Walter Limerick.

Walter Limerick, in a brief address, made some telling points against the Flemming government's policy for settlement of the vacant lands by immigration. Amid cheers, he said that if the policy pursued by the present government remained in force for any great length of time there would be no place in New Brunswick for the young man, as the corporations would own the province.

The government was doing its best to hand everything over to the C. P. R. The Central railway, Minto railway, and the St. John Valley railway. Instead of permitting the latter road to become part of the C. P. R. system, the electors should see that the policy of ownership by the people and I. C. R. operation, as outlined in the platform of Mr. Copp, should be put into effect.

As far as Mr. Flemming's settlers were concerned, said the speaker, he had had personal experience of them, having had five of them in his employ. One had left him, accompanied by $50 of his. (Laughter.) Of the others he had found the majority no good. Mr. Limerick closed his remarks with a forecast of a contest in York which would surprise the government.

A resolution, moved by J. D. Phinney, to the effect that the Flemming government, on account of the non-fulfillment of its pledges, and on account of following a partizan course, had lost any claim to the support of the independent and thoughtful electors without regard to former party affiliation, was passed unanimously.

The same was done with a resolution introduced by P. J. Hughes, heartily endorsing Mr. Copp as leader of the opposition party.

Present at the convention was ex-Warden John McKeen, of Keswick Ridge, a life-long Conservative, who has broken with the provincial government party and is supporting the opposition. His presence is an indication of the feeling on the part of a large section of the electorate which formerly supported the Flemming government.

LOCAL NEWS

At the board of health offices during the week nine deaths were recorded from the following causes: Consumption, two; senility, heart failure, myocarditis, gastro enteritis, carcinoma of stomach, tubercular meningitis, and broncho-pneumonia, one each.

At the office of Registrar J. B. Jones this week there were recorded twenty-four marriages, and twenty-eight births. Of the latter sixteen were boys.

JUNE WEDDINGS

Theall-Morrison.

A California correspondent writes:

John E. Theall, formerly of Carter's Point, and now residing at Perris, Riverside county, California, and Mrs. Jessie L. Manson, late of 175 Wentworth street, St. John (N. B.), were married at San Bernardino, California, Tuesday, May 28, at 2 p.m., by the Rev. Alvah Grant-Fessinden, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Miss Pauline W. Livingstone, sister of the bride, and Mrs. Edward F. Stamp, of Los Angelos, were the witnesses at the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Theall took the train for their home, where a bountiful supper awaited them, graced by the presence of twenty-four old time friends of the groom.

Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Lainer, of Portland, Tennessee; Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Bell, of Waco, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Morrison, formerly of Nova Scotia; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hook, Mr. and Mrs. George Chaffin, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hook, Miss Fredericks, Mr. Clarence Morrison, Mr. Charles Baillie, Mr. Samuel Erwin, Mrs. Cleo. Stamp, 1575 Vermont Ave., Los Angelos, Miss Pauline W. Livingstone, Millidge Ave., St. John (N. B.)

The house was beautifully decorated with ferns and potted plants, and cut flowers, pink roses and carnations; also many bouquets of choice roses of assorted colors.

The groom's present to the bride was a beautiful new bungalow and two large lots adjoining, all surrounded by choice shrubbery with two immense pepper trees, making shade over the entire eastern side of the pretty home.

Fulton-Belyea.

Friday, June 7.

Miss Margaret E. Belyea, daughter of Charles Belyea, was married to Judson Fulton, eldest son of John Fulton, yesterday morning at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. W. E. McIntyre, 340 Main street. The bride was prettily gowned in white and wore a white hat with blue trimmings. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton left on the steamer Champlain for New Jerusalem, where they will make their home.

Baker-Cathline.

Friday, June 7.

A very pretty wedding took place on June 4 at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. J. D. Wetmore, 139 Wright street, when James Frederick Baker, of St. John West, was married to Miss Maud Edith, daughter of the late John Cathline, of Moss Glen, Kings county. Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Baker drove to their new residence, corner of Guilford and Lancaster streets, followed by the good wishes of all their friends.

Mahoney-Breen.

Friday, June 7.

St. Isidores church, Upper Goshen, Kings county, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Monday morning, the 3rd instant, when Miss Margaret Breen, daughter of Mrs. Bridget Breen, was united in marriage to John Mahoney, nuptial mass being celebrated by Rev. Father Lochary.

The bride was becomingly gowned in white satin, with crystal and Persian trimmings. She wore a bridal veil and orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white carnations and maidenhair fern. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Jennie Breen, who wore pale blue silk with black picture hat. The groom was supported by James Mellon. After the ceremony the bridal party returned to the home of the bridge, where a wedding breakfast was served, followed by a reception. In honor of the occasion the house was handsomely decorated, flowers and potted plants being used with good effect. The wedding presents were numerous, costly and beautiful. The groom's present to the bride was a check; to the bridesmaid, a silver mesh bag, to the groomsman, a stick pin. The bride's traveling suit was a handsome tan broadcloth, with hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney will reside in Portland (Me.)

Moore-Stephens.

Friday, June 7

An interesting event took place on Saturday last at 122 Waterloo street, when Mrs. Margaret Stephens, of St. John was united in marriage to William H. Moore of Providence, R.I. The bride was gowned in blue silk with applique and crystal trimmings. The ceremony was performed, in the presence of a few relatives and friends by Rev. J. A. Robertson, a brother of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were the recipients of many very handsome and useful gifts. They will leave on Monday of next week for their home in Providence, where Mr. Moore is employed as electrical superintendent on the P. & D. division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford system.

Crousse-McIntosh.

Friday, June 7

The Presbyterian church of Glassville, N. B., was the scene of a very pretty wedding at eleven o'clock on Wednesday morning, June 5, when Maude Ann, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McIntosh, was united in marriage to Harold Payson Crousse, travelling representative of G. E. Barbour & Co., Ltd., St. John. The bride entered the church with her father, to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Deware of Waterville, and took her place under a bridal bell trimmed by friends of the bride and groom. She was beautifully gowned in white satin with over dress of spangled net with veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of bride's roses.

The bridesmaid, Miss Edna Hannington, was gowned in net over white silk, with pink trimmings and carried a bouquet of sweet peas. The groom was supported by Arthur E. McIntosh, brother of the bride. The ushers were: W. N. Robinson, manager of the Sussex Mfg. Co., Sussex, and Robert R. Ronald, of Glassville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. H. Mauuel of Florenceville.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where Mr. and Mrs. Crousse received the congratulations of their friends. About 100 guests sat down to a very dainty luncheon, after which the bride and groom left on the C. P. R. express for Halifax and other Nova Scotia points. The bride was the recipient of many costly presents: Cut glass, silver, china and coin. Noticeable among them were checks from the bride's parents and brother; also a silver tea service from the choir of the Presbyterian church of which the bride was a valued member. The groom's present to the bride was a substantial check, to the bridesmaid a pearl brooch and to the groomsman and ushers pearl scarf pins.

Among the out-of-town guests present were: Mrs. Charles Dummer, of St. John; Mrs. H. E. Harris, of Bear River, N. S.; Mr. and Mrs. Hagerman, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith and James Powers of Florenceville.

Harvey-McLaughlin.

The marriage of Edward Harvey, of Stanley, and Miss Helen McLaughlin, of Tay Settlement, took place in Fredericton on Wednesday in St. Paul's Manse. Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith performed the ceremony.

McDonald-Hallett.

There was a pretty wedding on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clowes Hallet, Douglas, when their daughter Susan Jane was united in marriage to James Edward McDonald also of Douglas. The groom was supported by Clowes Hallett, Jr., and Miss Hannah was bridesmaid. Rev. Mr. Hannah performed the ceremony.

Hurder-Purdy.

Jemseg, June 8—A very pretty wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Purdy, Upper Jemseg (N. B.), on June 6, when their twin daughter Lena, was united in marriage to William L. Hurder, of St. John (N. B.) As the bridal party entered the parlor, the wedding march was played by Miss Julia Gunter. The bride wore her traveling costume of navy blue broadcloth, with hat to match. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. G. Pincombe, in the presence of a large company of relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The happy pair were the recipients of a large number of useful presents. Immediately after the ceremony refreshments were served, and Mr. and Mrs. Hurder left on the steamer May Queen for their home in St. John, amidst the good wishes of a host of friends.

OBITUARY

Mrs. W. Hamilton.

Friday, June 7.

The death took place on Wednesday of Mrs. Wm. Hamilton, at her residence, 174 Millidge avenue. She was in the thirty-third year of her age, and is survived by her husband, an eight-months-old child, four brothers—Joseph Delong, of Amesbury (Mass.); Bradford, of Hartland, York county; John and Edward, of Hampstead, Queens county; and four sisters—Mrs. Wm. Rice, of Hampstead, Queens county; Mrs. A. McDonald, of Fredericton; Mrs. H. Tupper, of Augusta (Me.), and Mrs. S. Vanwart, of this city. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delong, and was well known and highly respected. Her many friends will hear of her death with regret.

Samuel McClelland.

Friday, June 7.

Samuel McClelland, a greatly respected citizen of the west side, passed away yesterday. He was in the 71st year of his age and up till five weeks ago was an active business man, conducting a prosperous tailoring establishment in the west side. He was a native of Ireland and came out to this country about thirty years ago. He was twice married. His first wife was Mary Conn, of County Derry, Ireland, by whom he had three children, two sons and one daughter. Mr. McClelland had nine grand-children and was also a great-grandfather. His second wife was Margaret Carr. He is survived by his wife, two sons, William, of St. John west, and Alex. H., of Boston, and one daughter, Mrs. John H. Washburn, of Oregon.

Henry A. McDonough.

The Lawrence Daily Eagle says: Henry A. McDonough, of 48 Manchester street, died at the Lawrence General Hospital Tuesday evening.

The deceased was 52 years and 10 months old. He was born in Canada but had resided here for a number of years. He leaves two sons, George E. and Chester McDonough. The funeral will be held from the late home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. J. Swaffield will conduct the services and burial will be in the Bellevue cemetery.

Mrs. Sarah Emma Turnbull.

Digby, June 8—Mrs. Sarah Emma Turnbull died at her home, Lighthouse road, at 11.55 last night, aged seventy-two years. She is survived by two sons and three daughters, Arthur, of the firm of Turnbull & Co., grocers; Ernest, Maye, Annie and Mrs. Henry Trask, Mrs. Turnbull, who was the last of the family of the late Wm. Warrington, was twice married, her first husband being John Litteney, who died in Havana, and her second, the late George Henry Turnbull Mrs. Turnbull was a member of the Digby Methodist church, and highly respected by all who knew her.

The funeral will take place Monday afternoon at 2.30, with interment in the Methodist cemetery, the services to be conducted by Rev. L. Daniel, pastor of Grace Methodist church.

ST. JOHN PRESBYTERIAL WILL MEET NEXT YEAR IN SUSSEX

Shediac, June 6—(Special)—St. John Presbyterial held its closing session this morning. After devotional exercises, a round table was led by Mrs. R. D. Ross, of St. Stephen. The treasurer reported the amount of money raised for home and foreign missions as $3,850 01. The new officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Donald Munro, Woodstock; vice-president, Mrs. McVicar, St. John; secretary, Miss Walker, Woodstock; treasurer, Mrs. G. McFarlane, Fredericton. The conference closed to meet next year at Sussex.

NORMAL SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES

Fredericton, N. B., June 7—(Special) — At the closing exercises of the Normal School this morning the programme included an address by Principal Bridges; lesson in teaching by Miss Grace Young, Miss Irene Dixon, Miss Elsie Mills, and readings by Ruth Green, George Perry, Miss Stewart and Miss Robichaud. There were also songs and choruses by the schools.

The governor-general's silver and bronze medals were presented by Doctor Carter to Misses Hattie Milner and Irene Dixon. Dr. Philip Cox presented ex-Governor Tweedie's cash prize to Misses Hilda Stewart and Mabel Wood. Doctor Carter and Doctor Cox made brief addresses and there was also an address by Chancellor Jones.

Rafting operations at the booms were resumed yesterday with about 300 men employed.

ANOTHER BAD RUNAWAY CAUSED BY AUTOMOBILE

Rev. J. B. Champion Severely Shaken Up, the Carriage Smashed and Horse Badly Cut—Reckless Driver Never Stopped.

Salisbury, N. B., June 10—Rev. J. B. Champion, pastor of the Salisbury Methodist church, had a narrow escape with his life on Sunday. He started Sunday morning to drive to Allison, one of the preaching stations on his circuit.

As the day was fine, he took two of his little daughters along with him. When near Boundary Creek he noticed in the distance an automobile rapidly approaching, and as his horse is young and not much accustomed to automobiles, Mr Champion lifted his two children out of the carriage.

As the auto drew near he found that his horse was becoming very nervous, so he held up his hand as a signal to the people in the car to hold up so that he could get his horse by. But they paid no attention whatever to his signals. They neither stopped nor slackened speed, but dashed on by.

The result was that the young horse became unmanagable. Mr. Champion saw that he could not manage the animal, although he hung on as long as he could, when finally he partly jumped and was partly thrown out of the carriage. He gave his ankle a bad wrench, received a severe bump on the head, and was bruised pretty generally, and while not severely injured he received a bad shaking up.

The horse dashed away, running over logs and stones in his mad race. The carriage was completely demolished, the harness badly broken up, and the horse was pretty badly scratched up.

The people in the auto didn't halt to see whether the man was dead or alive. Mr. Champion did not know who the occupants of the auto were, and he was too busy with his horse to see the number of the car.

The heartless conduct of this automobile party has aroused much indignation here, and there is little doubt that if their identity can be established they will be made an example of, to the limit of the law.

Only a few Sundays ago a minister in Albert county had a similar experience to that of Mr. Champion. He, too, was driving out to fulfil the duties of his sacred calling.

The Rev. Mr. Champion, although feeling pretty sore, pluckily filled his other two preaching appointments on Sunday.

The funeral took place at Five Points this afternoon of Mrs. Synton Hopper, an aged and much respected resident of Cherryvale, Albert county, who died on Saturday at the home of her son, George Hopper.

The services were conducted by Rev. F. G. Francis, pastor of the Salisbury United Baptist church. Mrs. Hopper, who was 90 years of age, is survived by five sons and five daughters, all grown up. William, James, Fred and Albert Hopper, of Moncton, are sons of deceased.

Albert Wood, of Cambridge (Mass.), arrived in Salisbury on Saturday and is the guest of his niece, Mrs. P. J. Gray, at the Depot hotel. Mr. Wood was a former resident here and is receiving a warm welcome from his old friends.

Miss Bessie Francis, daughter of Rev. F. G. Francis, of Norton, arrived home on Saturday and will take a few weeks' rest.

PRIZE WINNERS AT NORMAL SCHOOL

Fredericton, N. B., June 6—(Special.)—The public closing exercises of the Provincial Normal School will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. There will be addresses by Chancellor Jones, Dr. Cox, Principal Bridges and Dr. Carter.

The governor general's silver medal for highest professional standing in the senior class has been won by Miss Hattie Milner, of Sackville, while the bronze medal for the junior class goes to Irene Dickson, of Jubilee, Kings county. Miss Hilda Stewart, of Dalhousie, wins Governor Tweedie's prize of $30, while the second prize of $20 goes to Miss Mabel Wood, of Sunbury county.

The total attendance during the term has been 400 and 300 will take the examination for license on Tuesday next.

The Tories of Sunbury are greatly alarmed over the candidature of A. R. Miles in Sunbury, and are trying by means of threats against relatives who hold positions in the public service to induce him to withdraw from the field.

The water in the river here is now falling quite rapidly.

The Houlton baseball team arrived this morning and will play Fredericton this afternoon.

Edward James McDonald, of Douglas, and Miss Susie Jane Hallett, of the same place, were married at the home of the bride last evening.

THE UNION JACK IS THE NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA

Ottawa, June 7—There has been some controversy in the capital as to the actual flag of Canada. The matter is settled by the following despatch received from the secretary of state for the colonies, by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught:

"Sir:—

"I have the honor to transmit to Your Royal Highness a copy of a letter in regard to the flag which should be used by private persons who are British subjects. I should be glad if you would be good enough to cause the public to be informed that the Union flag is the national flag of Canada, as of all other parts of His Majesty's dominions, and may be flown on land by all British subjects and that the red ensign with the arms of the Dominion of Canada in the flag is intended to be used only by Canadian merchant vessels.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your Royal Highness' most obedient, humble servant:

L. HARCOURT."

LIBERAL CAMPAIGN GOING WITH A SWING

Sweeping Victory for Copp and Good Government is Fully Expected

Reports from All Over the Province Indicate Strong Feeling Against the Government, and Liberal Workers Are Jubilant—Freely Admitted That Opposition Candidates Will Win Handsomely in St. John City and County—How Tories Are Spending Money.

The Liberal campaign goes with a swing with only nine more working days before election and the prospects bright for a sweeping victory for the opposition. A. B. Copp, leader of the provincial opposition, will pass through St. John today en route to Andover, where he will speak tonight, and according to a telephone message last night he leaves Westmorland with victory assured for himself and the four other candidates, while the advices from the North Shore are most encouraging. The news that the Liberals of York are also in fighting trim and have kept up the record by nominating men of the highest type of citizenship to contest the constituency, will also be gladly received by all friends of clean government. The government leaders have begun to realize that there is a strong tide running against them and desperate efforts to flood the province with money are being made.

The dissatisfaction is so keenly felt and freely expressed, however, in St. John city and county, along the St. John river, in York and Carleton, in Kings, Albert and Kent, and in fact all over the province, that even the large corruption fund being contributed by both the federal and provincial government and their friends will not avail to save the Flemming administration from its just desserts.

It is known that government workers in St. John county have sent young men with large sums of money out to influence the electors by offering the young voters from $25 to $40 cash down if they vote for Baxter and Carson. Incidentally they are told to do a few hours work on the roads, and on the Black River road on Saturday a few had accepted the bribe and were making the pretence of scraping the road with some kind of a dull hoe, throwing up the sods into the ruts and making the highway worse than before.

In spite of these frantic attempts, however, to debauch the electorate, the Liberal candidates, A. F. Bentley and Amador Anderson, will have the approval of the better class of voters and their election has been assured. An aggressive campaign along legitimate lines has been mapped out in their interests with meetings this week as follows:

Tuesday evening, June 11—Little River school house, Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Dr. T. H. Lunney and the candidates.

Wednesday, June 12—Fairville Temperance hall, F. B. Carvell, M. P., the candidates and others. Chair taken at 8 o'clock, seats reserved for ladies.

Thursday, June 13—Smoker at Barker House, Ben Lomond. Candidates and workers from districts will speak. All friends invited.

Friday, June 14—Black River school house. The candidates, James Lowell, and others.

Saturday, June 15—Lorneville. The candidates, James Lowell, Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., and others.

Monday, June 17—Golden Grove hall. The candidates, James Lowell and others.

Tuesday, June 18—Milford. The candidates and others.

In the city the outlook is equally encouraging. J. W. Keirstead, at a meeting at Hampton on Saturday evening, told of meeting 300 electors in the North End in canvassing that section and of that number only three said that they were on the other side and would not support the opposition ticket. Mr. Keirstead also told a good story on one of the government candidates, who was trying to get in some strong work at the I. C. R. freight sheds. According to the story the government candidate shook hands with a veteran employe and asked for his support. "Oh, yes, Mr. Mahoney," was the reply, "I intended to vote for you anyway."

Premier Flemming himself, it is said, in conversation with a friend on the train, admitted government losses in St. John city.

The platform campaign in the city will be opened with a meeting in Temple hall, North End, Tuesday evening, when the candidates will appeal to the electors of the North End. This meeting will be followed by others in other sections of the city. One of the most encouraging signs of the revulsion of feeling against the government is the apathy on the part of the Conservative workers on the West Side, the government meeting in that hotbed of Toryism having been very much of a frost. Altogether the indications for the city joining with the rest of the province in a sweeping condemnation of the Flemming government are very strong, and the Liberal workers are in fine fettle.

The next eight days should be busy ones for all friends of Copp and good government.

GIANT STEAM SHOVEL ARRIVES FOR WORK AT COURTENAY BAY

The giant steam shovel to be used by the sub-contractors in the scooping out work on the hill at Courtenay Bay arrived from Montreal yesterday and is quite the largest piece of machinery ever seen in St. John. The shovel weighs 110 tons and was brought here on its own wheels, it being impossible to load it on a car.

G. F. Palmer, chief agent for the Norton Griffiths Company, Limited, left last evening for Montreal and before leaving remarked on the difficulty of transporting the shovel to the Courtenay Bay district before any tracks are laid. It was at first proposed to load the big machine on scows at the head of the bay but this was abandoned as impracticable and it was then necessary to repair two bridges on the Red Head road before it was considered safe to cross them with the heavy steam shovel.

This work has been going on for some time but it will be some days before the bridges are in the proper shape and the shovel will remain in the I. C. R. yard probably until after Mr. Palmer's return from Montreal.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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THE METHODIST VOTE ON CHURCH UNION

To the Editor of The Telegraph:

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me the privilege through the medium of your widely circulating journal to correct some very misleading statements concerning this vote. The majority in favor of the movement is said to be "overwhelmingly large," "an enormous one," "the Methodist church is almost a unit in favor of it," and others similarly extravagant. Now what are the facts in the case? The membership of the Methodist church numbers 340,091, of whom 285,958 did not vote at all. To these must be added 5,787 children and young persons under eighteen years of age and 7,148 who voted against the scheme, amounting in all to 298,893, thus reducing the number who voted favorably to 41,198, or to one voter in every eight and a third member of the church.

The attitude of the annual conferences of last year was equally discouraging to the unionists. The delegates, ministerial and lay, to these assemblies numbered 3,770, each having 1,885. The votes cast totalled 1,849 or 36 less than one-half of the whole membership combined, and of that number 1,579, or 306 less than one-half, voted favorably, while 270 voted against. As nearly all the ministers were present the laymen who voted must have been a mere corporal's guard for whether absent or silent their indifference to the issue was strikingly shown.

Take the vote of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island as another case in point, the membership of which numbered in ministers and laymen 214. Of the 107 laymen 63 were absent. The total number of votes cast was 123, of whom 12 voted against. How many of the remaining 91 were laymen the writer does not know, but as the ministers are understood to have been largely in favor, and as not a few of the laymen had left the conference before the vote, it is evident the lay vote must have been a very small one. Equally disappointing was the vote of the adherents. The Methodists of Canada, Newfoundland, Bermuda and the missions number about 1,500,000, from which the 340,000 members must be deducted. This would leave say 1,160,000, one-fourth of whom may be regarded as of voting age, or 387,777, but of that number only 1,200 declared in favor of the union, or one in eight.

1. These figures very clearly indicate that an overwhelming majority of the members of the Methodist church are satisfied with their name, creed and usages and desire no change.

2. That the unpolled vote which is indeed "an enormous one," goes to show the weakness and unconvincing character of the arguments advanced in favor of a movement so revolutionary in its nature and so far-reaching in its issues.

3. That this is a layman's movement is not sustained by the facts of the case as is proven by the smallness of the vote in its favor, the absence of enthusiasm in its advocacy and the general indifference manifested as to the outcome.

And yet, in the face of these facts, there are those who persist in representing the Methodist people as a unit in favor of a movement uncalled for and if adopted will be found to be unworkable.

Yours truly,

A METHODIST.

LIBERAL MEETINGS IN KINGS COUNTY

Wednesday, June 12—Campbell Settlement, F. E. Sharp.

Wednesday, June 12—Long Reach, Dr. Pearson and O. W. Wetmore.

Wednesday, June 12—Downeyville, Kars, S. H. Flewwelling and Dr. McAlister.

Thursday, June 15—Rothesay, Gondola Point Hall, Dr. Pearson and O. W. Wetmore.

Thursday, June 13—Penobsquis, S. H. Flewwelling and F. E. Sharp.

Friday, June 14—Kingston, Dr. Pearson and O. W. Wetmore.

Friday, June 14—Waterford, S. H. Flewwelling and F. E. Sharp.

Saturday, June 15—Sussex, mass meeting, Hon. Wm. Pugsley and the candidates.

Monday, June 17—Nauwigewauk, Dr. Pearson and S. H. Flewwelling.

Monday, June 17—Marrtown, O. W. Wetmore and F. E. Sharp.

Tuesday, June 18—Belleisle Station, O. W. Wetmore and Dr. McAlister.