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FIRST SOD OF VALLEY RAILWAY TURNED

RECORD CROWDS AT PRIMARIES

Government Supporters Daily Increasing In Numbers

ENTHUSIASM HIGH

Delegates Chosen by Largest Assemblage of Kind in City's History --- Many Independent Liberals Present Show which Way Tide is Moving.

That the Flemming government by virtue of its practical achievements as well as its progressive policies has gained in popularity among the electors of St. John was evidenced by the large attendance at the primaries held last evening to select delegates to the convention to nominate candidates supporting the provincial administration. In the character of the gatherings as well as of their size there was augury of victory for the government candidates in this district by greater majorities than were polled by the candidates who fought under the leadership of Mr. Hazen in 1908. It was remarked by old campaigners that they had never seen such a large attendance at primaries in St. John before, and in most of the ward gatherings there were many independent liberals present.

The ward officers and delegates selected were as follows:

Queens Ward.

Chairman—F. C. McNeil.
Sec.-Treas.—A. E. Prince.
Delegates—W. A. Campbell, C. F. Inches, F. C. McNeil, Dr. J. Manning, G. F. Polley, F. P. Raymond, G. Earle Logan, J. H. Burley, J. R. Stone, Dr. Walker, A. E. Prince, L. Starr Tait, J. W. Vanwart, Walter Vaughan, Chas. Wannamaker.
Substitutes—Leon. Keith, F. E. Williams, Dr. Quigley, H. McCale, R. S. Kloch.

Dukes Ward.

Chairman—C. M. Lingley.
Vice-Chairman—F. S. Walker.
Sec.-Treas.—J. E. Arthurs.
Delegates—W. H. Thorne, John McGee, J. G. Harrison, C. M. Lingley, Chas. Kane, R. B. Emerson, A. H. Wetmore, F. S. Walker, L. Lambert, F. L. Potts, Geo. Hay, H. Weatherhead.
Substitutes—A. F. Webb, J. S. McGivern, H. Finnigan, John Grant.

Dufferin Ward.

Chairman—David Daley.
Vice-chairman—Harry Sellen.
Secretary-treasurer—Fred McCaw.
Delegates—Geo. Maxwell, Herbert Crocket, D. D. McArthur, Geo. Elliott, Frank Shannon, Chas. E. Brown, David Daley, Harry Sellen, J. W. Speight, Fred McCaw, Wm. Crabb, Chas. E. Cowan.
Substitutes—Wm. Demmings, Jas. Wolfe, Chas. E. Barton.

Wellington Ward.

Chairman—Sam Drury.
Vice-chairman—Thos. Kickham.
Secretary-treasurer—B. L. Sheppard
Delegates—Samuel Drury, Thos. Kickham, Jas. Christie, W. A. Christie J. A. Belyea, F. S. Purdy, Sam Willis, W. C. Dunham, A. R. Campbell, S. T. Bettle, Chas. Nevins, John Nuthall, Wm. J. Brown, P. A. Smith, B. L. Sheppard.
Substitutes—Walter McLellan, W. A. Ewing, Dr. McDonald, W. J. Stackhouse, S. P. Gerow.

Prince Ward.

Chairman—B. A. Dennison.
Vice-chairman—Chris Splane.
Secretary-treasurer—Geo. A. Shaw.
Delegates—J. Splane, R. Maxwell, G A. Henderson, F. W. Noble, C. Robinson, C. Splane, R. G. Murray, B. A. Dennison, J. McFarlane, John D. Howe, John Ross, T. H. Somerville, G. A. Shaw, F. McFarlane, J. Roy Campbell, E. Watson, E. Law, Geo. Smith.
Substitutes—J. G. Lake, Jas. Sproul, E. A. Job, E. Moore, J. Steele, H. Little.

Kings Ward.

Chairman—H. C. Wetmore.
Vice-chairman—T. J. Dean.
Secretary-treasurer—Gil Robinson.

Victoria Ward.

Chairman—Wellington Green.
Vice-chairman—Alan Agar.
Secretary-treasurer—B. Fowler.

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ROCKLANDS, 8; ELKS, 7.

In the intermediate baseball league game last evening, the Rocklands defeated the Elks, by a score of 8 to 7. Cromwell and Nelson composed the battery for the winners. The game was played in a field off Wright street.

OBJECT TO MILITARISM.

Vancouver, May 22.—The British Columbia Methodist conference at Victoria last night, passed a resolution against encouragement of the spirit of militarism throughout Canada.

GLAD PACT DEFEATED IN CANADA

Newfoundland's Governor commends People on Result of Election.

No Desire Yet for Federation With This Country But the Best of Feeling Now Prevails.

Ottawa, May 22.—"The attitude of Newfoundland toward federation with Canada is that of a man doing well in a small way, who refuses the overtures of a rich neighbor because he prefers his own independence."

Such were the words today of Sir Ralph Williams, governor general of Newfoundland. Sir Ralph is here en route from Toronto where he met the Duke of Connaught on behalf of himself and the colony he represents. He will spend some time in Montreal before he returns.

"The people of Newfoundland have every respect for Canada, its wealth and its resources, but just at present they prefer to remain independent," he stated. Times are good there now; perhaps, if they do not remain so, feeling may change. However, we think we are doing pretty well."

Sir Ralph would not discuss the question of reciprocity between Newfoundland and the United States, but said personally he was glad Canada had turned it down. He will see Premier Borden and other members of the government and will be tendered a luncheon by the premier tomorrow.

ENGLISH AN EXAMPLE TO THE GERMANS

Britishers Would Not Stand For Emperor William Long.

Reichstag Hears Scorching Criticism of Imperial Monarch — Vilification and General Uproar Ensues.

Berlin, May 22.—The final session of the Reichstag today was a most stormy one. The social democratic leader, George Ledabour, in referring to the Emperor's recent threat at a banquet at Strassburg that he would incorporate Alsace-Lorraine into Prussia declared: "A people like the English would in a parallel case either have smashed the throne to fragments or have confined a monarch making such remarks in some quiet castle in the same way as had been done to the mad king of Bavaria and Ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid."

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, rose excitedly from his seat and answered, declaring that the nation which was devoted to the Emperor, would know how properly to resent such attacks.

The social democrats, Albert Suedekum and Philipp Scheidman and the conservative, George Schultz, increased the uproar by hurling charges and counter charges at each other, the socialists saying that it was a fine state of things when they instead of the Imperial Chancellor had to appear in defence of the constitution and citing the conservative attacks on the Emperor.

Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg then made another attack on the socialists.

ST. THOMAS HARBOR TO BE IMPROVED IN NEAR FUTURE

Copenhagen, May 22.—A bill for the improvement of the harbor of St. Thomas, D. W. I., which includes the deepening of the harbor, the building of wharves, ship-yards and warehouses, and the construction of docks for the largest steamers, passed both houses of the Danish parliament today.

PREMIER FLEMMING TAKES CHIEF PART IN NOTEWORTHY CEREMONY IN WOODSTOCK

Carleton County Town En Fete for the Gala Day

COMMENCEMENT OF BRIGHT ERA MARKED

Valley Railway Now Actually Under Way and Work will Continue Without Interruption---Premier Receives Costly Gift and Makes Strong, Business-Like Address to Great Crowd.

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, May 23.—Woodstock had good reason to be en fete today, the greatest in her history, when in the presence of a very large multitude, Hon. J. K. Flemming, premier of New Brunswick turned the first sod on the line of the St. John Valley Railway and thus brought into reality the project which has been the hope and prayer of the people of the River St. John from Grand Falls to its mouth—continuous railway communication along the river route.

It was a double triumph for Woodstock, first that this progressive town had been selected as the site of the first work in the line of active construction of the St. John Valley Railway, and secondly that the gentleman to whose lot it fell to perform the honored ceremonies of the day was one who had been honored by the people of the province with the highest office in their gift and who was moreover, a native of the County of Carleton, of which Woodstock is the shire town.

It was also a proud day for Premier Flemming, who officiated at the function. A day which marked the triumph of long and earnest work over at times, almost heart-breaking discouragements, and the achievement of the main ambition of his life—to place the towns along the river valley on the main line of a railway which it is believed, will be one of the most important parts of a great trunk line and will by its successful operation bring renewed optimism and a greater prosperity to all the towns in the valley section of the province.

The ceremony of turning the sod was carried out without a hitch in the presence of the greatest crowd ever gathered here, there being men present from all parts of the county.

Premier Kept Busy.

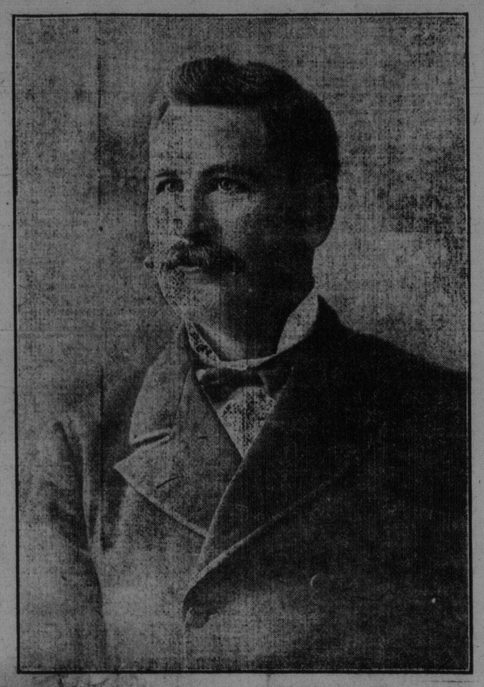
Premier Flemming arrived in town at the noon train from Sackville where he had been attending the Westmorland county convention on Tuesday night. He had had a strenuous time of it, travelling most of the night, but did not appear the least bit tired. On the contrary he was as jubilant as a boy at the great boon which was to come to his beloved county in common with the rest of the province. The Premier was met at the C. P. R. station by Donald Munro, M. P. P., and a large delegation of friends and supporters and escorted to the Victoria Hotel where he makes his headquarters when here

The ceremony of sod turning was carried out in what is known as the Bull lot at the west of the town, and directly behind the trotting park. The arrangements were in the hands of the Quebec Contracting Company, the contractors for the Woodstock-Fredericton section of the road, and they were carried out in accordance with a programme which had been prepared by a local committee consisting of Donald Munro, M. P. P., Mayor T. C. L. Ketchum and Postmaster Winslow, Sheriff Tompkins and others.

A speaker's platform had been erected at the scene of the ceremony while there were also two marquees where refreshments were served to all.

Long before the hour set for the ceremony hundreds of citizens walked or drove to the scene, and when the blare of the 67th band announced that the Premier and party were nearing the point of interest there was a great sea of faces around the platform, while every point of vantage was occupied. The ceremonies started with a procession of automobiles and carriages containing the Premier and invited guests. This procession was headed by the 67th band and followed by all of Woodstock which had not already found its way to the grounds.

T. C. L. Ketchum, mayor of Woodstock, presided, and on the improvised platform with him were Hon. J. K. Flemming, Hon. H. F. McLeod, F. A. Hibbard, chief engineer of the Quebec Contracting Company, which has the contract for the Woodstock section of the railway; J. T. Allan Dibblee, president of the Woodstock board of trade; Hazen Scott, president of the Meductic board of trade; A. Margleson, president of the Centreville board of trade. Others noticed in the great assemblage surrounding the platform were J. K. Pinder, and Dr. E. O. Morehouse, M.P.P.'s of York county; P. Glassier and G. H. Perley, M.P.P.'s of Sunbury county; H. W. Wood, M.P.P. of Queens county; Dr. C. C. James, special agricultural commissioner for the Dominion government; W. W. Hubbard, secretary of agriculture; Luther B. Smith, W. S. Tompkins, and many others.



HON. J. K. FLEMMING.
The Hero of Yesterday's Celebration at Woodstock.

After the band had played a selection, Mayor Ketchum called the large gathering to order and opened the proceedings in a few appropriate words. He said the occasion was one of action rather than speaking, but as the people of the valley had been waiting for centuries for the Valley Railway, they would not mind waiting a few minutes longer while he said what he had to say. The large number of people present bore testimony more eloquent than words of the very keen interest which was taken in the project, the first of the final steps in the accomplishment of which was about to be taken.

An Important Question.

Anyone familiar with the history of New Brunswick would realize that the Valley Railway question had been uppermost in the minds of the people for many years. Even in Woodstock where politics was taken with more than the usual amount of bitterness, all must unite in rejoicing that the project had at last been carried to a stage where its completion was assured.

A voice—"That's right Ketchum."

Above all sections of the province, the St. John river valley was the proper location for a railway. Years ago political expediency had determined the route of the I. C. R. and robbed the valley of much needed railway communication. Then when the C. P. R. was built, it was taken through such an eminently fertile section of country as McAdam Junction and again the valley lost a chance. This was the condition in the past, but the thing to be remembered now was that the St. John valley is at last to have a railway and that railway is to run from St. John to a point in the vicinity of Grand Falls and then become, he believed, an important outlet for the great volume of transcontinental traffic which will pour from the west through the port of St. John.

Woodstock was not a town of mushroom growth. In its time it had witnessed many notable occasions. It had entertained royalty, governors general and lieutenants galore, but in all its long history it had never had an occasion of such importance as the present one, nor one which would have such an important relation to the future of the town.

He was greatly pleased that it had fallen to Woodstock to be the scene of the first step in the completion of this great project and more than pleased that the man who was to perform that first ceremony was a man who had been born and bred in the county of Carleton, in close proximity to the town itself, Hon. J. K Flemming. (Loud cheers and prolonged applause.)

Deserved Full Credit.

Among all those who had interested themselves to secure the construction of the road there was none who was entitled to more credit than Mr. Flemming who had labored long and earnestly to bring about the success of the undertaking. That it had been a success was largely due to Mr. Flemming's great interest and untiring work. It was entirely fitting that Hon. Mr. Flemming should turn the first sod in the construction of the road and he hoped it would also be Mr. Flemming's good and deserved fortune to occupy the same proud position in the affairs of the country when that other great function was to be performed which would mark the completion of the road—viz driving the last spike in the completed line from St. John to Grand Falls.

The Premier was then called to the front of the platform and was again greeted with applause as F. A. Hibbard stepped forward and formally requested Premier Flemming to turn the first sod, saying:

"Having the privilege of representing the company which had undertaken the construction of that section of the St. John Valley Railway between Woodstock and Fredericton I would respectfully request you, sir to be kind enough to honor us by performing the ceremony of turning the first sod on this undertaking, which when completed will undoubtedly be of great value to this Dominion and to the Province of New Brunswick in particular, and a lasting honor to yourself, to the honorable members of your cabinet, and the party of which you are the leader. And sir, I would ask you to accept this miniature shovel as a mark of our appreciation of your kindly act."

Mr. Hibbard then, amidst great enthusiasm, presented the Premier with a handsome miniature sterling silver shovel, with ebony handle, in a handsome plush case, and bearing the following inscription:

"Presented to Hon. J. K. Flemming, premier of New Brunswick by the Quebec Contracting Co., on the occasion of the turning of the first sod of the St. John Valley Railway, Woodstock, N. B., May 22nd, 1912."

The Ceremony.

The Premier then turned the first sod while the band played and the crowd cheered loudly.

After the ceremony of the turning the sod had been completed to the evident satisfaction of the crowd, judging by the applause which greeted the Premier as he returned to the platform, Hon. J. K. Flemming addressed the gathering. He said in part:

"The great number of people I see here this afternoon tells plainly the interest taken in the construction of the Valley Railway and the satisfaction which has been felt that the project has advanced to a stage where it is possible to turn the first sod with the knowledge that the work of construction will practically commence from this moment and continue as uninterruptedly as the climatic conditions will allow until the whole line is completed and in operation from St. John to Grand Falls.

"I have looked forward through three years of effort, through many

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CARLETON HAS WINNING TEAM

MYSTERY IN MURDER CASE INCREASING

Charles Hopping Failed to Throw New Light On Crime.

Waiter Released and Other Clues Proved Equally Futile —Resemblance to Circumstances Other Murder.

Boston, Mass., May 22.—The mystery surrounding the murder of Mrs. Lillian Jewar, formerly of Montreal, who was strangled in her apartments in the south end, probably on Saturday, was still far from solution at noon today. Several clues have been run down without producing any tangible results and these included the examination of Charles W. Hopping, a waiter, and his release last night from detention.

Several of the police inspectors pointed out today that the circumstances surrounding the discovery of Mrs. Jewar's body yesterday resembled closely those attending the murder of Laura Chamberlain in a waterfront hotel last September. Both women were seen during the evening in various resorts but no clue could be discovered that would lead to the identification of their companions in the rooms where their bodies were subsequently found.

Hopping told the police last night that he called at Mrs. Jewar's apartments on Saturday night, but could not get in, so he left a note under the door. The note was found as indicated by Hopping. The two women who were examined stated that they accompanied Mrs. Jewar to one of the subway stations late Friday night and so far as known, this was the last time she was seen alive. They said that Mrs. Jewar had spent part of the evening with them in a palm garden, but that she entered the subway station alone.

Chief Inspector Dugan said this afternoon: "We have been following every known clue without any definite result. This morning we examined a Mrs. Marsh of Somerville and she tells us that the murdered woman's name is not Jewar, but something else, that she was never married and that her parents live in some place in Newfoundland. I am not at liberty to say just who Mrs. Marsh is, nor what she said the dead woman's correct name is."

The police sent for Hopping again today, but detained him only a few minutes while he answered additional questions.

U.S. WILL TRY MORAL SUASION

Augmentation of Naval Forces Near Cuba Proposed to Overcome Negro Insurgents —Trouble Growing.

Washington, May 22.—Today's advices to the state department confirm the press despatches that the negro revolutionary movement in Cuba is much more alarming and widespread than at first supposed. The negroes are well armed, are stealing horses and the ringleaders are constantly threatening foreign property.

An official estimate numbers the revolutionists at 1,500. The state department is considering sending a warship to the eastern end of Cuba in addition to the small naval force now there.

This would not necessarily indicate a purpose on the part of the United States to again intervene but it is believed would have a salutary moral effect upon the insurrectos and make them hesitate to begin reckless destruction of foreign property.

CONDUCTOR INJURED.

Fort Francis, May 22.—Jim Foley, for 11 years conductor on the Canadian Northern Railroad, and one of the best known railway men in the west, lies here at the point of death, from injuries received at Rainey River, where he slipped while attempting to board his freight train.

WILL REPORT THURSDAY.

Washington, May 22.—Senator William Smith, chairman of the Titanic disaster investigating committee announced to the senate today that the committee would file its report next Thursday when he would make a speech on the subject.

Able Candidates to Be Government Standard Bearers.

SURE OE VICTORY

Hon. J. K. Flemming, Donald Munro, F. C. Squires, Selected, will Sweep Polls in Cause of Honest Administration—Province will Not Return to Era of Suspense Accounts.

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, May 22.—A good evening's work was consummated at 11 o'clock tonight when the government convention here placed a winning ticket in the field, by nominating Hon. J. K. Flemming, Donald Munro and F. C. Squires. After four years of good government Carleton county does not wish to return to the regime of suspense accounts and overdrafts by electing representatives to assist in forming a government that would be no improvement on the wasteful administration that this present progressive and economical government led by Hon. J. K. Flemming, superseded. Judging from the enthusiasm shown at the convention this evening the opposition has but slight chances of getting within 200 votes of electing a man in this county in the coming election.

The three candidates spoke at some length and made a most telling impression on the delegates giving evidence of their ability to conduct a strenuous campaign with victory as the goal. G. E. Balmain, president of the county organization, made a splendid introductory speech. Coun. J. F. Williams moved, seconded by Coun. Melville, a vote of confidence in Premier Flemming, which was carried by a standing vote.

Appreciate Services.

M. L. Hayward, of Hartland, moved and Coun. Thompson, of Kent, seconded a resolution thanking the government for the efficient maner in which it had carried out its pledges and redeemed the province from the crisis that threatened it previous to the incoming of the present government.

The delegates gathered in different parts of the Opera House and reported a nominating committee as follows:

Woodstock town—Coun. H. E. Burt, Coun. J. R. Brown, E. R. Teed.
Aberdeen—Zemro White, John McIntosh.
Brighton—Coun. E. C. Morgan, Coun. Geo. Britton.
Kent—Coun. Norman Thompson, S W. Tompkins.
Peel—Coun. Wm. Tompkins, S. Wilbur Smith.
Richmond—Coun. W. E. Flemming, D. A. Harrington.
Simonds—Randolph Grass, Oliver N. Miller.
Wicklow—T. C. Cain, Newcomb Parker.
Wakefield—B. Fred Boyer, T. C Strong.
Woodstock.—Coun. Maxon, G. F. L Flemming.
Wilmot—Dr. Brown, W. W. Wilson

While the committee was deliberating eloquent speeches were made by Thomas Nodden of Woodstock; M. L. Hayward, of Hartland and Senator Baird of Perth.

The committee returned at 9.15 and reported the candidates as follows:

Hon. J. K. Flemming, Donald Munro, M. P. P., Fred C. Squires. Moved by A. B. Connell, seconded by Mr. Scott, that the report be accepted carried unanimously.

The third man on the ticket, Fred C. Squires, is a son of Robert Squires of Bath. Mr. Squires is 28 years of age and was born in Bath. After a preliminary education he went to the Normal School and the University graduating with honors. He was the leading athlete of the U. N. B. during his course of studies. He was principal of the Florenceville Consolidated School for two years, then leaving for Harvard law school whence he will graduate in June. Next to the premier he is the most brilliant orator in the county.

An Enviable Record.

The record of Hon. J. K. Flemming is well known. He was born within a few miles of Woodstock and his work has justified his promotion to the premiership.

Donald Munro, M.P.P., was born at Upper Woodstock. He has held many positions of trust in his native county. Four years ago he was elected to the legislature in company with Hon. J. K. Flemming and B. Frank Smith.

Premier Flemming who was received with cheers in his opening remarks, expressed his appreciation of the nomination which was the sixth time he had been so honored by his county. He also eulogized the candidates chosen as his colleagues. He expressed his sorrow that he would be unable to go to all parts of the county because of his duties as premier of the province.

The premier did not claim perfection for his government and said he

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