



The Evening Times

LAST EDITION

THE WEATHER. Forecast—Fine and cold today, Wed. milder, strong breeze or moderate gale, east to south, turning milder with snow or rain by night.

VOL. IV, NO. 127

ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1908

ONE CENT

TOWN WILL SEE GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION PARTIES IN THE ALL OVER THE PROVINCE

At the Present Time It Is Certain That There Will Be Hot Fight in Every County --- More Reports Coming in of Opposition Successes---Agreement for Pure Election in York Co. Dropped---Three Tickets and One Independent Candidate in the Field in Gloucester.

Table listing candidates for various constituencies: Gloucester, Kings, Kent, Madawaska, Northumberland, Queens, Restigouche, St. John (City), St. John (County), Westmorland, York.

Today sees the government and opposition parties in the province lined up in battle formation. At this time of writing it is impossible to tell the results of the nominations, but it is not at all likely that there will be any elections by acclamation in Madawaska county.

In Gloucester. The candidates will line up as follows: Constituency. Govt. Opposition. Albert. Osmia Dickson.

In Charlote. After the reading of the usual proclamations and the sheriff's commission, the agents of the government party at once filed their nominations and made the required deposit.

In Insubury. BURTON, Feb. 25 (Special)—Both political parties were well represented at the nomination proceedings here today.

In Queens. GAGTOWN, Feb. 25 (Special)—Hon. L. P. Harris and Isaac W. Carpenter were present in nomination here today by the government and Arthur R. Slipp and H. W. Woods by the opposition.

In Kings. HAMPTON, N. B., Feb. 25 (Special)—Sheriff F. W. Freese opened his court for the nomination of candidates at the pending elections for the electoral district of Kings, at ten o'clock this morning.

It was also decided to hold semi-annual sessions this week to be held on Sunday at the call of the executive. There was some talk of having a watchman placed at every polling booth on election day to see that the pure election pledges of both parties are faithfully carried out.

In Carleton. WOODSTOCK, N. B., Feb. 25 (Special)—Wm. A. Hayward, high sheriff, opened his court in the form at ten o'clock, and read the writ of election and took the oath which was administered by Chas. Comben, the latter was appointed clerk, and he was given the oath.

Three Tickets for Gloucester. BATHURST, N. B., Feb. 25 (Special)—Sheriff Doucet opened his court at 10 o'clock this morning.

In Westmorland. DORCHESTER, Feb. 25 (Special)—Probably the largest crowd ever seen at nomination proceedings in this county is in attendance at the nomination here today.

THE GOVERNMENT PARTY TREAT PURE ELECTION AGREEMENT AS A JOKE

Direct Indication That the Government Will Resort To Corrupt Practices in York.

Government and Opposition Representatives Were to Deposit \$500 This Morning to Bind Pure Elections---Opposition Men Put Up the Money but Government Men Quit --- Now They Are Trying to Make a Joke of the Whole Matter.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 25 (Special)—The party agreement has fallen through in York county. Both parties had agreed that each would put up \$500, and to make the compact binding, twenty names from each party, the opposition selected the government and the government the opposition.

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE. Labor Man Thinks the Government Should Take It Up.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 25 (Special)—The banking and commerce committee met again today to deal with the insurance bill. The chairman read a letter from J. H. E. O'Donoghue, parliamentary representative of the trades and labor congress, urging the committee to recommend that the government should undertake in connection with Sir Richard Cartwright's scheme, the provision of industrial insurance.

HOW THE GENTLE HEELER IS BUSY. Government Worker is Using Threats in His Canvass.

With threats of dire happenings, a government heeler, who, by the way, is an employee of one of the largest firms supporting the government, is using the bludgeon where persuasion failed to obtain names for the city candidates' nomination papers.

Mr. O'Donoghue referred to the onerous conditions imposed by those which deal with industrial insurance, and the results as shown in the case of the York Loan Society. He declared that organized working people believed that the government might well take under its care the whole subject of industrial insurance so as to provide protection for the poorer classes at a minimum of cost without giving the maximum of protection and security.

HOPEWELL CAPE, N. B., Feb. 25 (Special)—Court opened at 10 o'clock and the following nominations duly filed: Hon. C. J. Osmia and S. S. Ryan, government; W. B. Dickson and George D. Prescott, opposition.

In Madawaska. EDMUNDSTON, N. B., Feb. 25 (Special)—Thomas Clair and Levite Soucy were nominated here today to contest the provincial election as government candidates. Charles Cyr and Jesse Baker, liberals, were nominated in opposition to the first mentioned.

In Kent. REXTON, N. B., Feb. 25 (Special)—The candidates nominated this afternoon are: Government—August Legere, and W. D. Carter of Richibucto, and J. A. D. Robichaud of Coogane.

In Restigouche. DALHOUSIE, N. B., Feb. 25 (Special)—Hon. C. H. Labliss and Wm. Currie were nominated today by the government party and Messrs. Stewart and Oulligan by the opposition. There is a large attendance.

ST. MARYS BAND CONCERT. The members of the Marys Band have arranged an unusually attractive programme for their concert in St. Mary's school room on Thursday evening.

MORE OF THE POPULAR REFORMS ORIGINATED BY THE OPPOSITION PARTIAL CONCEDED BY GOVERNMENT

(Continued from Yesterday's Times). (4)—BETTER EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES; FAIRER PAY FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS.

(5)—Greater attention to and development of our educational facilities, and increased salary for school teachers, has, in and out of season, been the steady policy of the Opposition.

(6)—The act passed some years ago by the government for the reduction of school teachers' salaries was strenuously fought against by the Opposition.

(7)—The absolute control of all moneys raised by them in their own territories, such as liquor licenses; moneys from direct taxation, etc.

(8)—PROTECTION OF MUNICIPAL RIGHTS FROM CRIPPLING EXTORTIONS. (a)—The entire protection of the sacred rights of municipalities has throughout been the unwavering policy of the Opposition.

(9)—The Highway Act constitutes one of the most obnoxious forms of this piratical extortion. By this act the government requires that the people shall pay taxes for the upkeep of their roads, and yet, entirely denies them all say and control in the expenditure of this revenue.

(10)—The Highway Act, providing the sum of about \$800,000 taken by the government within the past ten years, in the above and similar entirely new forms of taxation, and in spite of the extraordinary receipts of about \$75,000,000 of the Eastern Railway Extension Claim, our provincial debt shows an increase over the same period of \$2,233,618.17.

(11)—The above facts tell their own eloquent and convincing tale of hopeless injustice and wantonly.

(12)—CHEAPER SCHOOL BOOKS. (a)—Members of the government assert and maintain that the prices of school books in New Brunswick are not unreasonable. They insist that these prices are actually lower than in other provinces, except Ontario, where, they contend that cheaper prices were secured by the purchase of the stock of a bankrupt publisher.

(13)—The leader of the Opposition and candidates supporting him assert and maintain that many of the New Brunswick school books have, since 1899, been solely controlled by a monopoly firm.

with the consent and approval of the government; and, further, that this unscrupulous monopoly has priced such books at the very excessive figure which our people have been compelled to pay. This has meant a systematic and organized extortion from our people of tens of thousands of dollars each year.

(14)—The Opposition claim that, even the present wretched system of school book supply, if handled on honest business principles, should certainly enable the selling of the books at fully 30 per cent cheaper than present prices, while, under a proper businesslike arrangement with publishers, the reduction would be almost 50 per cent.

(15)—In proof of their contention, the Opposition point to the fact that under competition the prices of Ontario readers, up to the high school grades, have been reduced from \$1.15 per set to 40 cents per set; and that the comparative prices for full sets of readers in the two provinces are: Readers. Ont. N.B. 1st Book, including primers 12c. 30c. 2nd Book 15c. 35c. 3rd Book 15c. 40c. 4th Book 15c. 50c. 5th Book (High School) . . . 90c. 90c.

The full set of Nova Scotia readers—seven different books of a much higher quality than the New Brunswick readers, sells for \$1.70.

(16)—The argument of the members of the New Brunswick government that the cheaper Ontario readers were "bankrupt stock" sold at a sacrifice, is utterly disproven by the statements of the premier of Ontario; the deputy minister of education and the Canada Publishing Company. These authorities unite in saying that the books in question are not "bankrupt stock," but, on the contrary, are now being published and supplied under a contract entered into last year, which contract was put up to public competition and the lowest tender accepted.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

MORE DREDGES. OTTAWA, Feb. 25 (Special)—The Sun was slightly in error this morning in stating that the dredge fielding would dig a channel 30 feet deep and 300 feet wide.

It is the intention to make the channel 40 feet deep and half a mile wide. If any other change is decided on before March 3rd, it will be duly announced.

PRIMER POLITICIANS. Mr. James Jones regretfully observes that Premier Robinson's announcement that primary redress would soon be made free brings him into the Sun's category of "primer politicians" and makes Mayor Sears' famous phrase stick to him like a plaster on a lame back.

VERY IMPRESSIVE. The large number of government candidates elected by acclamation today shows how great is the wave of popular enthusiasm. Mr. Peter Binks says he never saw anything like it. He says it looks like a tidal wave and fears somebody will be washed into the lee scuppers on March 3rd.

THE GLOBE IS PROUD. The front of the Globe building this morning showed the unmistakable likeness in outline of a huge countenance animated by an expansive smile. The Globe's editorial the other day had brought the dredge fielding in hot haste to St. John.

river. But the people must vote right on March 3rd. If they vote against the local government ticket, the fielding will be blown up, the other dredges headed the other way, and the streets of St. John turned into pasture for goats.

Mr. James Jones regretfully observes that Premier Robinson's announcement that primary redress would soon be made free brings him into the Sun's category of "primer politicians" and makes Mayor Sears' famous phrase stick to him like a plaster on a lame back.