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SILAS ON THE RESULT.

THE LEARNED DOCTOR'S CABINET OF THE FUTURE.

Gossip of the Campaign—Mr. McKeown and The Millmen—Tickets in Most of the Counties—Mr. Knodell's Short Flight in the Flock of Candidates.

Nominations today! Today the skirmishing lines of the government and opposition will meet on the hustings field and prepare and clear the way for the battle next week.

The fight will be more general than it promised last week. Since PROGRESS appeared, more candidates have shown their heads, and it is quite possible that today will see the opposing ranks fairly well offered in all sections of the province.

In Charlotte, opposition has come to the front, but it is late and will have no fair chance of doing very much. The government ticket is led by two very strong men, Hill and Mitchell, who have apparently sunk their differences and joined their forces. Whether opposition will make any headway against them remains to be seen. The general opinion is that it will not.

In York, too, a ticket has been placed in the field, the only feature of which is the absence of Mr. Geo. F. Gregory. A newspaperman is among the chosen and, strange to say, he represents the temperance party. Mr. Pitts is also an orangeman and the *Gleaner* is trying to put him up against Mr. Wilson. Not that the *Gleaner* is enthusiastic over the idea of electing another newspaperman, but it would like to see Mr. Wilson go down under the assault. The probability of that, however, does not seem to distress the government party in York.

In Kings county, Col. Domville changed his mind at the last moment and did not go into the local field. He was wise. Not but what he would have polled a good vote but either victory or defeat as a local candidate meant loss of prestige for him in a dominion contest. Messrs. Fowler, Kierstead and Gilchrist propose to carry the banner of the opposition so long as it will swing in the breeze.

In this city a fifth candidate in the shape of the chairman of the alms house commission, Mr. Knodell, put in an evanescent appearance last Saturday. While it is the right of every citizen to put himself in nomination if he wishes, a good many people have been puzzling their brains to find out just what induced the ex-alderman of Prince ward to push himself forward. His last appearance as an aspirant for civic votes was not encouraging, and his flight in the flock of candidates this time was truly that of a political fledgling. His card appeared in the daily press twice and Mr. Knodell once on the platform. He was there but a very few minutes attempting to explain just why he came out and why he went in—or retired. On the platform his chief difficulties appeared to be the condition of the laboring man and a lack of words.

This was one of the incidents of a big meeting in Berryman's hall. The crowd wasn't shouting as it used to, but it was attentive and very orderly.

When Mr. Carleton remarked that Alfred Augustus had neglected to explain his conduct as president of the Building society, the roof had hard work to keep down and when Mr. Blair appeared there seemed to be many good voices in the hall. The speech of the attorney general was quite happy. He was as fluent and convincing as usual, and received a splendid hearing. So did Boss Kelly, who came on with a huge stick of taft and plastered the attorney general in great shape, concluding with the hope that he would see the day when he would be in Ottawa "expostulating" with the rulers there. Mr. Kelly's idea of what a politician should do to be successful was the funniest thing of the meeting. "When you represent a ward, pull for your ward and the people will pull for you." This brought down the house.

PROGRESS understands that Mr. Hazen was not pleased at Mr. Blair's chaffing reminder that in October, 1890, he was a very warm supporter of his, notwithstanding his opposition to the "deal." The junior M. P. denies this and denies that he voted the entire Blair ticket in the York bye election that fall.

At any rate there is no doubt about Mr. Hazen's position now, any more than there is about that of Mr. McKeown. This gentleman when addressing the first opposition gathering, told them that he gave them back the trust they reposed in him three years ago, and "gentlemen," he continued, "I want you to understand that I am the same today as I was then. I want you to understand now, once and for all, that I am a grit." Perhaps it is to this statement that he owes his mission in the county.

The burden of Mr. Stockton's speeches is "vote for me and honest government." The ex-president of the building society is

SOME OF THE MEN PROMINENT IN LOCAL POLITICS.



A. A. STOCKTON.



SPEAKER WHITE.



SECRETARY MITCHELL.



SURVEYOR GENERAL TWEEDIE.



DR. ATKINSON.



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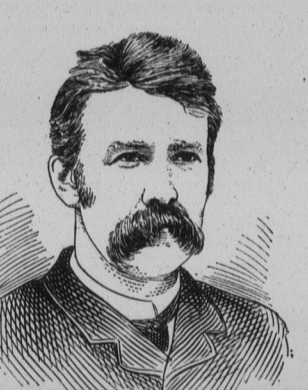
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DR. TAYLOR, EX-M. P. P.

THEY REMAIN STUDENTS.

ASPIRANTS WHO FAILED TO PASS THE LAW EXAMINATIONS.

Three Sent Back Without a Hearing and Four Plucked by the Examiners—The Way It Happened—An Ordinal that is Denounced as Severe and Unfair.

The army of law students which went gaily to Fredericton to be admitted attorneys of the supreme court had a fierce battle with the enemy in the form of the examining barristers and came out of the engagement with heavy loss. No less than fifteen started in the campaign, but only eight have survived it. Of the others, three were sent back without an examination, while the remaining four were examined and plucked.

The three not examined had failed to comply with the regulations. One of them was a St. John man whom nobody has suspected of being a law student, though he has had a close connection with the courts as a stenographer. He took with him a fine recommendation from Judge Palmer, but was unable to get a certificate of study from the barrister in whose office he was entered as a student. Another man came from Northumberland and wanted to be examined before his full term was completed, while the third, from Kings county, was shut out because it was claimed his notice of intention to apply had not been posted at Fredericton within the time required by the regulations of the barrister's society. There are people who say the real reason for his being treated so sharply was the belief that he had assisted in tending a bar during his time of study. It is no crime for a barrister or student to drink whiskey, but when it comes to selling it by the glass, it is quite another affair.

The great breeze in the whole examination has been caused by the plucking of four students, all of whom come from the offices of St. John lawyers. One was tutored by A. A. Stockton, two by C. N. Skinner, and one by G. Sidney Smith. They passed the written examinations all right and found it as easy as rolling off a log. When it came to the oral examination, they found it like a log being rolled over them.

The assertion is made that the examinations were viciously severe, and that there was a set purpose to pluck a certain proportion of the students as a warning to others not to be so fresh about trying to be lawyers. The examiners were Messrs. Weldon, Barker, Vanwart, McLeod, Geo. Allen and Gregory; but Mr. Vanwart was the lord high executioner of the party. It is said that one of Mr. Skinner's youths went into the torture chamber about 4.30 in the afternoon, and having answered all the questions put to him was about to depart in peace, when Mr. Vanwart arrived and requested him to remain for a while. He was kept until 7.30 o'clock and was put on the rack for half an hour the next morning, after which course of sprouts he was plucked.

Another of Mr. Skinner's young men probably contributed to his own downfall by his gaiety. "How would you proceed in the Parks case if you had to take it up at this stage?" was the singular question put to him by Mr. Weldon. The student had not read up the case as thoroughly as Weldon & McLean have done, so he hesitated a moment and replied, "I would try to get myself appointed receiver in place of Mr. McLean." Mr. Weldon and his associates did not think the joke was half so funny as the student thought it.

Another of the plucked ones met Mr. Vanwart on the street after his rejection. "Good evening, Mr. S—," said the barrister. The student replied in asterisks and three-em dashes.

The barristers' society had a meeting the evening after the battle and it is reported they had a hot time over the plucking business. Some of the lawyers denounced the examination as unnecessarily severe, and it was charged that the examiners had put questions that neither they nor anybody else could answer without referring to the library. One of the judges of the supreme court said there were questions which he was free to admit he could not answer. Altogether there is said to have been a discussion which was next door to a row.

It is quite needless to say that there are some mad lawyers in St. John, but the students are plucked, and that is the end of the matter for this term at least.

St. John is Sorry to Lose Him.

The removal of Mr. Geo. W. Whitney to Montreal will be regretted by many who have known him as one of St. John's good citizens for many years past. His connection with the business of Messrs. McMillan began nearly two generations ago, in 1836, and in all the years since then his face has been a familiar one to the people of this city. He has been greatly respected by all, and he carries to his new home the best wishes of everybody who knows him.

in good form; his periods are as rounded and his sentences as clear cut as usual. He is the only one of the opposition candidates whose record, aside from politics, is against him.

Mr. McKeown is looking after his pet constituents, the millmen, remembering his own orations in their behalf when they made their strike for nine hours. He did not reckon perhaps on the presence of Mr. McDade who did such effective work for the strikers at that time. Mr. McDade is a government man and has an advantage over candidate McKeown inasmuch as he not only did very effective work for the striking millmen, but refused a testimonial in the shape of a gold watch which they desired to present him. McKeown, on the contrary, when the Millmen's union wanted a constitution, amended the print-

ers union constitution to suit them, and sent in a bill of \$12 for his services!

That \$12 will probably cost him a good many votes.

If Dr. Silas Alward is to be credited he is a very well informed gentleman on the probable result of the elections. According to him the government will no longer be "in it" after next Saturday. He has it all marked out—on paper—and his calculations are interesting.

In the city of St. John he would not be surprised if either Shaw or Alward led the pole; Stockton's chances for the other end are equally good; the great trouble with Mr. Stockton, according to Dr. Alward, is the lack of "that personal magnetism so necessary in a party leader." According to his slip of paper the opposition will carry five of the six seats in

the city and county. Silas has even gone so far as to point with a pencil to the candidate who will be "out," but it might hurt his chances to print his name and PROGRESS forbears.

According to the doctor the result will turn out something like this for the opposition:

St. John	5	Sanbury	2
Kings	2	Rest.	2
Westmorland	4	Victoria	1
Queens	1	Albert	1
Restigouche	1	Northumberland	1
Charlotte	2	Carleton	2

A careful addition of the above seems to be 24, which, out of a house of 41, would appear a majority.

Having a majority, the next step of Dr. Alward was to form a government. This also has been done and the new executive will, "of course," have to include Alfred Augustus as the attorney general. Dr.

Atkinson is the next figure as provincial secretary and either Mr. Powell as solicitor general or Mr. Melanson as chief of public works. The versatile Phinney is set down as surveyor general. This completes the things worth having. At present Dr. Alward will not take office "the good of his country will be his only reward."

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