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OPPOSITION CLINCHES VICTORY WORK

Crowded Meeting at Fredericton Last Night Listen to Telling Speeches

Daniel Mullin, K. C., of St. John, a Former Strong Supporter of Government, Arraigns Administration for Its Misdeeds--Fleming Captured Crowd--Charlotte Will Send Four Hazen Men--Cheering News from Albert.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 27.—One of the finest political meetings ever held in the county of York was that of the opposition party at the Opera House this evening. In spite of the down-pour of rain and the disagreeable walking the large hall was completely filled long before the proceedings opened. More than 1,000 people were present and in the audience were many ladies. All the speakers were enthusiastically received and their remarks were listened to with the greatest interest. Not a single interruption took place and every one present seemed to be greatly impressed by it. As the different speakers ascended the government benches resounded through the vast building.

G. H. Thomas presided and seated on the platform were about seventy-five prominent citizens of the city and county. It was noticeable that among those occupying seats were several former supporters of the administration. After a few introductory remarks the chairman introduced H. O. McInerney, of St. John. Mr. McInerney spoke in excellent form. He discussed the school book question, the Central Railway and paid some attention to the members of the local administration and Dr. Pugsley.

Daniel Mullin. Daniel Mullin, K. C. followed and spoke with vigor. Mr. Mullin spoke in good form and the audience shouted for him to go on whenever he wished to stop. He severely criticized the extravagance of the government. Formerly the law administration had cost \$5,000, now the amount expended reached \$18,000. He dealt with Dr. Pugsley's charge as attorney general and his remarks in this respect afforded much amusement. Mr. McKeown also came in for much comment and Mr. Mullin, after much applause, predicted that the present attorney general would be defeated in St. John county. The highway act, the shelving of Mr. Barnes and Mr. Robertson's defeat in the election and government measures were all discussed at length. The mistake, he said, by the government in appointing Mr. Barnes and Mr. Robertson as attorney general and government measures were all discussed at length.

Mr. Fleming received a grand ovation. Mr. Fleming though suffering from a severe cold, delivered one of the best political speeches ever heard in the Opera House. His criticism of the public debt was a masterpiece, powerful and yet at the same time such as all could understand and met with thunderous applause. His handling of the Central Railway, and Dr. Pugsley's political career, was strong and most amusing. He closed with an eloquent appeal on behalf of the opposition party.

As Mr. Fleming resumed his seat the building rang with cheers. It was a great effort and the audience appreciated it. Cheers were given for the speakers and the candidates. The meeting was a grand success, everybody present taking the deepest interest in everything said.

GOVERNMENT FACES BAD DEFEAT IN CHARLOTTE

(Special to The Telegraph.) St. Stephen, N. B., Feb. 27.—Even on the islands and in the shore parishes the government favorite, Byron, will receive a larger expedition could have accomplished in months. The force has lost only two officers and a few men. Tommy Atkins is profiting by the lessons learned from the Russo-Japanese war. The British troops advanced into the enemy's country in open order with wide intervals between them. The men took the advantage of all available cover. When they came in contact with the enemy they won their ground by short rushes. This method of procedure surprised and disheartened the natives, who were accustomed for their sniping tactics to the targets made by the more compact column formation employed by previous expeditions. The British made use of mines to blow up nests of snipers who worked at night. Only three newspaper correspondents were present and the troops will be withdrawn very soon after the raiders have been given a good whipping. It will doubtless be necessary, however, to repeat this punishment occasionally in the future, for such has been the experience of the past.

KITCHENER MAKES SHORT WORK OF WARRING TRIBE

Modern Methods Used to Crush India's Border Raiders-- Loss in Men Practically Nothing--Campaign a Vindication of His Army Reform.

London, Feb. 27.—Lord Kitchener's little frontier war in the Bazar Valley against the Zakkakheis tribesmen is making rapid and successful progress. The purpose of the expedition is to punish the tribesmen for numerous raids into Indian territory and in a remarkably short campaign they have been scattered and broken, their forts have been destroyed and many of them have been killed. None of the neighboring tribes have joined the Zakkakheis, and the head men of the Zakkakheis are trying to arrange terms of peace. The government has announced that it does not intend permanently to occupy the country and the troops will be withdrawn very soon after the raiders have been given a good whipping. It will doubtless be necessary, however, to repeat this punishment occasionally in the future, for such has been the experience of the past. The expedition is thought here to reflect credit upon the re-organization of the Indian army as carried out by Lord Kitchener. General Sir James Willcox, the commander of the expedition, with 6,000 men and a few mountain guns has done more in a few days by its activity and the employment of up-to-date methods than a much

SURE OF OPPOSITION VICTORY IN CARLETON

Rousing Meeting Shows Electors of West Side Enlisted Under Good Government Banner

Candidates Add to Their Popularity--J. B. M. Baxter, in Ringing Speech, Denies Government Stories About Him, and Shows Up Financial Matters in New Light--H. A. Powell, K. C., Deals With Dr. Pugsley, and Also Clearly Upsets Attorney General's Shifting of Debt Responsibility.

Friday, February 28. With every day the opposition forces gain strength in St. John. There is the heartiest enthusiasm all along the line. It is no looser fight that the candidates and their workers and supporters are making but the battle is already won, the decision has but to be given. The heartiness with which the opposition rallied in Carleton City hall last night meant only one thing—that Messrs. Maxwell, Wilson, McInerney and Hatheway will carry that section of the city by a bigger majority than even was looked for at the outset of the campaign.

In all parts of the constituency the outlook has grown so promising that even their heretofore strongest government party will expect defeat. Carleton has not been in doubt; last night's meeting must sweep away any hopes that the government candidates might have had for a change in their favor. The hall was crowded, the electors were full of enthusiasm, the speakers were able men and in good form, the community is fixed in the resolution to have good government, all the elements for a rousing, ringing, victorious campaign meeting were there, and in not a single particular was anything wanting.

Messrs. Maxwell and Wilson and McInerney showed that they will make able legislators. They discussed the issues well and they ably showed to what our straits their opponents have been reduced. J. B. M. Baxter made a ringing speech in which some phases of government financing were cleverly exposed, while H. A. Powell was heard in a grand address. His handling of Dr. Pugsley was ably done and his shattering of the government plea that the greater part of the provincial debt was a legacy from other governments formed an interesting part of his speech.

Ald. J. B. M. Baxter occupied the chair and the speakers on the platform were Robert Maxwell, M. P., J. E. Wilson, Mr. Baxter referred to Mr. Wilson as the man they had to thank for the secret ballot. Referring to the finances, he said, "I don't care what the provincial debt is, but I want to say something about a matter that concerns the people here pretty closely. In 1892 the common council inaugurated the winter port; this was a piece of constructive ability on the part of the common council and it has resulted in advertising St. John and giving employment to many of our people."

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT? J. B. M. Baxter's Startling Revelation--Exposure of Government's Financial Imbecility--A Grant Given at the Pitiful Cost of 125 Per Cent. to the Province

How a Paltry Government Grant Towards West Side Improvements, of \$2,500 per Year for Twenty Years, or \$50,000 in All, Will Cost the Province Over \$112,000. Of This Sum, About \$62,000 Go To the Money Lender.

Although the government claimed a surplus for eight out of the twelve years from 1895 to 1906 inclusive, debentures were nevertheless, disposed of annually to provide for the \$2,500 grant in question. The following figures are interesting:

Table with columns: Year, Surplus, Shortage, Amount of Grant, Simple Interest, Interest on 40 Year Debentures. Rows for years 1895-1906.

BRITAIN TRYING TO LESSEN DRINK EVIL

New License Bill Provides for Wiping Out 30,000 Liquor Places

Compensation for Those Thrown Out of Business--Local Option to Prevail and Majority to Rule--Clubs to Be Under Official Inspection--Sunday Selling Still Retained.

London, Feb. 27.—Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith introduced the licensing bill in the house of commons today. This is the principal government measure for the present session of parliament, and owing to the vast money and labor interests involved, it is attracting great interest. The chancellor declared that in the opinion of the government all effective reform in this field must aim at the attainment of two principal points, namely, progressive reduction of the excessive facilities now allowed for the retail sale of intoxicating liquors, and the gradual complete recovery by the state, with the regard for existing interests, of its dominion over and its property in a monopoly which it had imprudently allowed to slip from its control.

As explained by the chancellor, the bill provides for the compulsory reduction within a specified period and on a uniform scale of the number of regular saloons licensed throughout the country. The number of saloons to be licensed is based mainly upon the density of the population. In cities it is proposed to allow one saloon for every 400 persons. This regulation, it is estimated, will wipe out in the neighborhood of 30,000 licenses, about one-third of the present total. The bill proposes that this reduction be effected within 20 years. The system of compulsory reduction will be applied to their licenses is to lapse after a period of 14 years from the commencement of the act, and will thus be put to the test of the market. Local option is to govern the issuance of new licenses, and a majority of the voters in the neighborhood of the proposed saloon to be taken.

200 MEN BURIED IN MEXICAN WINE HORROR

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 27.—A special to the Express from Sabana, Coahuila, Mexico, says: "At 5 o'clock this morning there was an explosion of gas in mine No. 3 of the Carbon de Sabana mines, at Rosita. There are about 200 men working in the mine, and up to 12.30 m. none have come out. It is expected that many are dead or badly burned. A special train left here with doctors."

TWO WOMEN AMONG SEVEN TERRORISTS SENTENCED TO DIE

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—A military court, sitting today in the fortress of St. Peter and Paul, under the presidency of General Mikoloff, condemned to death six of the terrorists charged with complicity in the attempt last week in this city upon the lives of Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaevitch, a second cousin to the emperor, and M. Chicholovoff, the minister of justice, and sentenced three others to fifteen years' imprisonment. Two women were also sentenced to death, one to imprisonment. The accused all refused counsel, but were represented by four civilian lawyers appointed by the court, which also delegated two military advocates for the defense. The public was excluded from the hearing.

GOVERNMENT MEETING AT SACKVILLE

Sackville, N. B., Feb. 27.—(Special)—Premier Robinson, A. B. Copp, J. T. Hawke and a government meeting here tonight.

THE MEANING OF THE LAW

Unless the election law of this province as compiled and issued to deputy returning officers is read as a whole there are liable to be mistakes as to the true meaning and intent of the provisions in regard to the secret ballot. Owing to some oversight, or it might be a design on the part of the compilers to defeat the principle of the amendment providing for a secret ballot, section 80 of the act of 1889, which states that when the voter hands his ballot to the deputy returning officer, this officer must "be satisfied that his vote is simple and deposit the same in the ballot box without reading it," is left in, although it is overridden by section 3 of the act of 1904.