

CONSERVATIVES IN FINE FEEL

The Party in St. John is Ready for the Call to Battle.

Primaries in the Wards and Parishes Last Night Well Attended and Highly Enthusiastic -- Telegram to Mr. Borden.

The Conservatives of the city and county of St. John held their primaries last night and the different wards and parishes elected their officers and delegates and substitutes to the next convention.

The North End wards, comprising Lorne, Lansdowne and Stanley met in the old Temple of Honor Hall and long before the hour of meeting the hall was crowded with enthusiastic workers.

The central wards met in the Nickel Assembly rooms and the place of meeting was the scene of enthusiasm. Shortly after the wards had selected their officers and delegates, J. B. M. Baxter, K.C., the acting president of the Conservative Association, entered the room and called the wards to order.

On motion of the Hon. Robert Maxwell the following telegram was sent to the Hon. R. L. Borden, the next Prime Minister of Canada. The motion was carried amid cheers.

St. John, N. B., 19 May, 1911. Hon. R. L. Borden, Ottawa. St. John city and county Conservatives for the election of delegates to nominating convention heartily endorse your attitude on the reciprocity question and urge you to fight this proposition to the last ditch. We believe the country is with you.

JOHN B. M. BAXTER, Chairman. The Carleton wards met in the Orange Hall, Guilford street, and owing to the interest taken in the work they did not get through until a late hour.

The Parish of Lancaster No. 1 met in the Orange Hall, Fairville, and the Parish of Simonds No. 1 met in the Nickel Assembly rooms.

The Parishes of Lancaster No. 2 and St. Martin's selected their officers and delegates early in the week. The parishes of Musquash No. 1 and 2, and Simonds 2 and 3, will select their delegates next week.

The feature of the ward meetings was the large number of young men who hitherto were indifferent as to politics, and who last night were prominent in the various wards.

One distinguishing feature of last night's meeting is that no individual or clique obtained control of the meetings. This is in direct contrast to the result of the Liberal primaries held some time ago.

The elections resulted as follows: Kings Ward. Dr. H. C. Wetmore, chairman; Ald. R. W. Wigmore, vice-chairman; B. L. DeLoach, secretary.

Delegates—Thomas Dean, Robert Moore, Roy Morrell, J. M. Powers, Gilbert Robinson, Ald. W. W. Wigmore, Dr. Fritz, Florence McCarthy, Charles Campbell, Burton L. Gerow, Beverley R. Armstrong and Dr. H. C. Wetmore. Substitutes—John London, Michael Douvan, Charles W. Nickerson and John Bradbury.

Queens Ward. L. P. D. Tilley, chairman; A. E. Prince, 1st vice-chairman; Charles A. Clarke, 2nd vice-chairman; Frank R. Fairweather, secretary.

Delegates—John H. Burley, Jr., Manning, A. A. Wilson, K. C. Charles A. Clarke, R. Bruce Scovil, Samuel D. Lewis, A. E. Prince, Murray M. Jarvis, L. P. D. Tilley, W. S. Fisher, E. S. Hennigar, Cyrus F. Inches, E. T. C. Knowles, R. D. Coles and Leon Keith.

Substitutes—J. P. Andrews, Dr. M. J. Stone, H. A. Powell, K. C. W. B. Campbell and Frank Mellday.

ATTACK ON EARL GREY IN SENATE

Governor General Sent His Deputy To Assent To Bills And This Roused The Ire Of The Senators.

Ottawa, May 19.—A sensational episode took place in the senate today. His Excellency, Earl Grey being severely criticised for his alleged slighting of parliament by sending his deputy, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, to give Royal assent to bills prior to the two months' adjournment.

Senator Power led the attack, and he was in some degree supported by Sir Mackenzie Bowell. Sir Richard Cartwright came to the defence of the Governor, extolling his service to Canada in the high position he holds.

The matter came up when the speaker announced he had received word from the Governor General's secretary that the Deputy Governor General Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, would attend at the Senate Chamber at 9 o'clock to give assent to bills passed this session. "I understand that His Excellency is not at present in the city," said Senator Power, of Halifax, "and consequently the remark I am about to make is perhaps a little out of place, but on the last occasion when bills were assented to His Excellency was in the city and instead of coming himself to assent to the bills, he deputed his deputy governor to come. Now, that is a practice which has prevailed in the past. Under former governors general, if the governor general was absent from the country, he would be absent from the country, or out in British Columbia, his deputy came, and if the governor general was in the city he came and assented to bills himself, considering that the assent to bills is on the whole the most important part that the governor general has to play in Canada. I think it is desirable, at any rate, when he is in the city that he should come here."

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THE KINGDOM GONE TO KINGDOM COME

Barkentine Owned By "Lijah Sandford Of The Holy Ghosts" Wrecked Off Coast Of West Africa.

Portland, Me., May 19.—In the eventful career of the barkentine "Kingdom," owned by the Holy Ghost and U. S. Society, of Shiloh, Me., has come to an end an interesting affair. Word was received here today that the vessel had gone ashore off Sanomar, West Africa, to the southward of Cape Verde, and not far from the British port of Bathurst, and that Capt. A. K. Perry had declared that he would make no attempt to float her.

Capt. Perry and the sixteen men in the crew are safe and many of their provisions effects were transhipped to a Portuguese schooner. It is believed that Rev. Frank W. Sandford, founder and head of the society, was not aboard the Kingdom, but on the society's other vessel, the yacht Coronet, which has recently been in the same vicinity. What has become of the 42 persons, including a number of women and children who left Maine on the Kingdom last fall is not yet explained. It is supposed, however, that they are the Coronet, or else have been landed somewhere on the West African coast to form either a temporary or a permanent colony. The Kingdom registered 491 tons net, was built at Boston in 1873 and hailed from Portland, Me. After establishing the colony of the Holy Ghost and U. S. Society at Shiloh, Maine, a number of years ago, leader Sandford purchased the Kingdom and the Coronet, and made a number of voyages, establishing branch colonies in various parts of the world, including Palestine. On his latest trip he has been heard from within six weeks as cruising in the vicinity of the Cape Verde islands. Numerous charges have been made at various times against Sandford, alleging cruelty to members of his colonies and on his visit to Maine waters last fall he kept outside the three mile limit most of the time, to avoid arrest on warrants charging him with detaining persons on his vessels.

Against their will the members of the society today said that the 450 persons in the Shiloh colony at present were in a comfortable and contented state.

BIG FRUIT CROP EXPECTED.

Beamsville, Ont., May 19.—The first authentic information gathered this year in the Niagara fruit belt shows that there will be a record breaking fruit crop. The danger of severe frost is over now, and the insect pest is the only thing the growers will have to combat.

WILLIAM THE OILER



HON. WILLIAM PUGSLEY—Just keep your eye on your Uncle Bill, he's come oiler.

KING GEORGE'S STATE BALL LAST NIGHT

Emperor William And Queen Mary, King George And German Empress Led The Royal Quadrille.

London, May 19.—The first state ball of the reign of King George, the date for which was selected in honor of the visit of the German Emperor and Empress, was held at Buckingham Palace tonight. It was an unusually brilliant function.

King George and Emperor William previously dined together at the palace with the royal family, and afterwards were joined by some thirty additional members of the royal household, who formed into a magnificent procession. The King and Emperor, Queen Mary and the German Empress, respectively in German and British uniforms, preceded the state officials attired in gorgeous robes and carrying their wands of office, through the whole length of the state apartments to the ball room, where had gathered thousands of guests, including the entire diplomatic corps.

Queen Mary and the Empress Augusta Victoria and all the ladies wore lavish displays of jewelry. Emperor William took as his partner Queen Mary, and King George the German Empress. The Duke of Connaught and Princess Victoria Louise opened the ball with the "Royal Quadrille."

The "Midnight Progression" this time from the ball room to the supper room.

DOMINION STEEL CO. WILL CONTINUE TO PAY THE USUAL DIVIDENDS

Montreal, May 19.—Cheering and prolonged applause marked an unusual demonstration at the annual meeting of the Dominion Steel Corporation at noon today, when H. Plummer, speaking of the corporation's dividends, declared that having regard to the earnings of the two companies, and the strong confidence they had in the justice of their claim for a rod bounty, the board saw no reason to discontinue the payment of dividends at present. It was several minutes before the applause and cheers had subsided.

Mr. Plummer's statement regarding dividends was "Our position in the matter of dividends is briefly this, that if we are not paying what is practically a dividend we should probably not begin its payment for six months yet, but having regard to the confidence we have that the government will recognize the justice of our claim to the rod bounty the board see no reason to discontinue at present the payment of the dividend."

When the cheering and applause had ended Mr. Plummer remarked, "that seems to be pretty well received." H. Mr. Strath asked: "I would like to know if the board has ever taken into consideration the paying of preferred stock on a quarterly basis. It might have a great effect on the stock which is steadily going into the hands of investors and it is very much against the investor to get the dividends only once in six months."

Mr. Plummer—The matter has been considered and the board is rather favorable to it, speaking generally, we have been pressed to consider and amalgamating the preferred stocks of the two companies and it seemed to us wise, if we are going to issue the preferred stock of the Dominion Steel Corporation so as to absorb the preferred stock of the two subsidiary companies, I think we can arrange before long to pay the dividends quarterly, of course, if we do it with the steel we will also have to pay it with the coal. But some of our shareholders desire one larger issue to be created 6 per cent. stock instead of 7 per cent. The whole matter is entirely in the air. But it is under consideration and will be taken up before long. The issue of 6,000 shares of stock in exchange for 20,000 shares of the Cumberland Railway and Coal Co. was authorized. The former board of directors was re-elected.

GETTING AFTER LUMBER TRUST

THE IMPERIAL PREMIERS ARE ALL IN LONDON

Laurier Arrived Last Night And Botha Today—Conference Opens Monday—Important Questions For Discussion.

Montreal, May 19.—The "Star's" London correspondent cables in part as follows: London, May 19.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is expected to arrive in London late tonight with Sir Frederick Borden and Hon. L. P. Brodeur.

Premier Botha, of South Africa arrives tomorrow. Sir Joseph Ward of New Zealand, Premier Fisher of Australia, and Premier Morris of Newfoundland are already here. The list of delegates will then be complete and the opening of the Imperial conference on Monday.

The first problem to come before the conference will be the question of reciprocal agreements. It is admitted. No press men were allowed at the 1907 conference and the result was that a more or less fanciful and embarrassing narration of incidents at the conference was continually appearing.

Several premiers, of whom, however, Sir Wilfrid is not expected to be one, desires that the press be admitted to the conference of course retaining the option of requesting their withdrawal as need arises.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's announced intention to raise the question of securing greater power of direct negotiation with foreign powers through the German and other consuls-general in Canada is expected as the result of the grave treaty complications which have arisen in connection with the reciprocal agreements.

The Unionist leaders believe that by her refusal to accept the principle of simple trade co-operation on a tariff basis, England is driving Canada into treaty and other complications which can only end in the success of President Taft's policy and the ultimate dismemberment of the Empire.

They hope that a full and frank discussion at the conference will show that the ministers of all the Dominions would be favorable to ex-Prætor's proposal at the 1907 conference for a system of joint negotiations for foreign countries in which Canada and the other dominions would greatly increase their bargaining power and as full partners in an Imperial treaty system raise their status among the nations of the world, completely safeguarding the autonomy.

Such a system of joint negotiations, however, requires the adoption of a tariff and preference by the Mother Country, following the example of Canada, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa.

ST. JOHN MEN GET BIG CAMPBELLTON CONTRACTS

J. Medley Belyea Gets \$30,000 Job On Presbyterian Church—Forest Fires Raging Near Moncton—Losses Heavy.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., May 19.—Several important contracts for buildings have been awarded in Campbellton this week. J. M. Belyea, of St. John, got the new Presbyterian church, which is to cost about \$30,000; Moody and Sons of St. John, got the new Masonic Hall at \$9,000, and Mr. Lutes of Sussex, the new school building at \$38,000. The Baptists will build their church by day's work.

The forest fires that have prevailed for some days outside of Moncton today assumed alarming proportions, and tonight the fire warden has summoned all the men that can be obtained to fight the flames. Fanned by a stiff breeze which sprang up during the day the flames spread over a large tract of woodland, including some valuable timber in the rear of Cherryfield and adjacent settlement and reached the extensive timber property used as a water shed for the city reservoir on which Drury Lockhart has a cutting privilege. If the flames are not checked the whole of this valuable property may be destroyed as tonight the wind is driving the fire with it.

Among the heaviest losses so far are John Bulmer, A. E. Killam, and Mr. Nichol.

CANADIAN BANK STATEMENT

Ottawa, May 19.—The banks' statement for April was issued today. It shows total deposits payable on demand to aggregate \$281,964,269; deposits payable after notice, \$55,822,336; deposits elsewhere than in Canada, \$69,062,268. The aggregate of call loans in Canada is \$7,832,890 and outside of Canada, \$84,525,558. Current loans in Canada total \$712,932,776 and elsewhere, \$32,783,963.

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MR. PUGSLEY CALLED DOWN TO BE DEAD; TWO KNOWN TO BE FOUR

Special to The Standard. Sydney, N. S., May 19.—Albert Harrington, chief steward of the Sydney Club, and R. Bond, night foreman at the Cape Breton Electric Company's power house, were drowned at Sydney harbor, while out sailing on Sydney harbor.

There were only the two men in the boat at the time of the accident. The bodies had not been recovered up to 8 o'clock, though there is a large party searching and grappling for the unfortunate victims.

Harrington and Bond left about one o'clock to go out for a sail in Mr. Harrington's yacht. When first seen on the harbor by a Mr. Taylor and his son, who live at Crawley's Creek, they were apparently having some trouble beating up the harbor, and the boat was seen to turn over and sink with both men and this accident, and turning to look at the two men clinging to it.

The rescuers made all haste to their assistance but while still some hundred yards away, they saw the boat sink with both men and on their arrival nothing was to be seen of the men. Taylor immediately rowed to the city with the news, when the steamer Pawnee was sent out with a party of men equipped with grappling irons and drag nets and the search is still going on.

Harrington was about 35 and married with Mrs. Harrington, who was said to have gone out of town with a friend, presumably to Glace Bay. All efforts to locate either Mrs. Harrington or Mrs. Bond failed up to midnight at night, and it is now said that instead of going out of town, the ladies went out in the boat with the two men. No person as far as can be ascertained saw the party leave the wharf and whether only the two men or the four went out, is not known.

May Be Four Victims. Sydney, May 19.—It is now feared that the drowning accident of this afternoon has claimed not only two, but four victims. After the distressing news reached Sydney of the drowning of Albert Harrington and Mr. Bond, an effort was made to communicate with Mrs. Harrington, who was said to have gone out of town with a friend, presumably to Glace Bay. All efforts to locate either Mrs. Harrington or Mrs. Bond failed up to midnight at night, and it is now said that instead of going out of town, the ladies went out in the boat with the two men. No person as far as can be ascertained saw the party leave the wharf and whether only the two men or the four went out, is not known.

There was passed to the extent of approximately \$25,500,000.

It was an amusing incident during the passage of the emergency estimates. It began with the proposal by the Minister of Public Works for the passage of 447 small items for public works throughout the country. The opposition could not see the urgency and he did the items.

Mrs. later Hon. J. P. Graham asked for the voting of \$600,000 for I. C. R. improvements at Halifax, the vote being for the entire year. R. L. Borden, who represents Halifax, agreed that the work was needed and consented to allow the vote to pass on the word of the minister that the government represented Halifax.

Forthwith up rose Mr. Pugsley and the opposition of incoherence. All his items, he said, leaving out some votes for dredging, were less than one-third of the vote for Halifax.

If the Minister of Railways had managed his estimates as did Mr. Pugsley, returned Mr. Borden, would probably meet with the same result.

TWELVE YEAR OLD CHILD IN OTTAWA SAVES BABY'S LIFE

Ottawa, May 19.—The plucky rescue by a 12 year old girl, of her baby brother, and the revelation of a dangerous fire trap in the shape of a spike fence erected near a lofty apartment house, were features of a fire on Elgin street today. The fire originated in one of the apartments occupied by A. R. Shehyn of the civil service. The fire brigade was seriously handicapped by a 30 foot fence erected by a neighbor to prevent the third windows of the place from overlooking his lawn. Removal of the fence will be ordered.

Shehyn, aged 12, dashed through the burning hall and carried the little one to safety through a cushion on which it was lying was ablaze. The girl's arms and face are burned. The fire brigade was seriously handicapped by a 30 foot fence erected by a neighbor to prevent the third windows of the place from overlooking his lawn. Removal of the fence will be ordered.

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