

# STRONG MEN CHOSEN IN NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY; PREMIER'S ABLE SPEECH

## Eathusiasm of Convention Proceedings at Chatham Yesterday Surprised Even the Most Sanguine Supporters of the Government--Falsity of Opposition Charges.

CHATHAM, N. B., Feb. 7.—Messrs. Murray, Winslow, Anderson and Miller were unanimously the choice of a large and enthusiastic convention held here today in the interests of the local government.

Premier Robinson was present and everything went with a swing since a spirit that show the government is much stronger here now than years ago, and impartial onlookers admit the government will lose all four seats.

The convention was held in Masonic Hall and was attended by electors from nearly every parish and town in the county, though only three or four days standing had been given. The meeting was opened by Robt. Murray, M. P., who stated the purpose of the meeting in a short opening speech.

As there is no government party organization in the county he suggested a nominating committee be appointed, and delegate to every 200 voters in each parish. William Kerr was chosen chairman and took his place as presiding officer amid hearty applause.

The meeting, he said, was called to select four men to represent Northumberland county for the local legislature for the next five years.

F. J. McIntyre was then appointed secretary. It was decided to have a committee of one resident from each parish to select delegates to form a nominating committee. Chatham, George Hildebrand, Newcastle, John Patten; Hardwick, Alex. G. Williston; Archibald A. Alcorn; Blackville, Archibald Alcorn; Nelson, Daniel Baldwin; Ellersfield, Howard Holmes; Ipswicheville, Wm. Maloney; Glenelg, Wm. Ullock; Ludlow, W. G. Campbell; Chatham parish, Wm. Damery; Newcastle parish, Samuel Russell. These retired and selected the following as a nominating committee:

Chatham town, George Hildebrand; Chatham parish, Wm. Kerr, Wm. Damery; Newcastle town, John Patten, R. H. Grenley; Newcastle parish, Samuel Russell, L. B. McMurdo; Hardwick, A. G. Williston; Glenelg, Wm. Ullock; A. Alcorn, James Wetmore; Ludlow, W. A. Campbell, Howard Holmes; Nelson, Daniel Baldwin; Rogersville, Wm. Maloney, John D. Buckley.

While the nominating committee was out F. E. Neale was called to the chair, and Dr. Byrne addressed the electors. He declared the opposition was untimely and it was the duty of the electors to support the government in such hands.

The opposition campaign is one of slurs, British justice makes provision for the punishment of thieves, and if the government were dishonest, as the opposition allege, they would all be in durance.

The opposition cannot even agree upon their estimates of the provincial debt, yet they claim to be expert on bookkeeping. The government must have backbone enough to go ahead and develop the country, yet the opposition condemn them for spending money and getting no equivalent in return.

The coal areas at Chatham were wholly waste and undeveloped until a company was willing to put its money into a railroad. The capital ran out and their railroads have been straggling and rust leading into the richest coal areas of the Dominion. This the opposition declares they would like to see. But the government was wiser and came to the aid of the Company and today the sounds of industry ring out in that rich territory. The coal fields of the province have cheap fuel and some day we may look for coal at \$2.50 per ton instead of \$4.

This will stimulate manufacturers when we consider that the government will get 60 cents per ton for all the millions that lie ready there to be mined.

The nominating committee then returned and reported that they had unanimously selected the following four men to represent the county:

Robert Murray, M. P.; Chatham; Wm. Anderson, Burnt Church; W. C. Winslow, Chatham; Stanley W. Miller, Newcastle. The report was received and adopted amid great cheering.

Robert Murray was in good shape and made a strong address, eliciting frequent cheers in the few minutes he was on his feet. He returned thanks for the honor the county had conferred upon him. Northumberland is one of the most important counties in the province and he appreciated the honor of being a candidate for this county. He had no doubt of the result. The papers that are arguing the government is all gone were saying the same thing five years ago, but we know the result. The government will be sustained by a large majority in the province.

He and his colleagues were out to win, and he called upon the government party to do their utmost to bring success to their banner.

William Anderson was received with applause. Mr. Anderson proposed to be a speaker, but he eloquently thanked the electors for his nomination and urged the election of the whole ticket. He would be content to uphold the government and the interests of Northumberland, and would be no tame follower of any government, but would be a true representative of the county.

W. C. Winslow made a fine impression on the audience. His speech was a brief but vigorous one. He had always taken an interest in public affairs and he was willing to do all he could to uphold the government of the local government which he declared was a good one. (Applause.) In conclusion he again thanked the electors for the nomination.

W. C. Winslow who was not present at the meeting was greeted with a great outburst of applause as he entered the hall.

In his speech Mr. Winslow said he hoped all would work harmoniously and together and if elected he would do the best he could to represent Northumberland.

The Premier was given a great reception as he rose to make a few remarks at the call of the meeting. He praised the personnel of the ticket and knew what the result would be when the last vote was counted. It would be a victory, and he looked confidently forward to it. Every county in the province is in good shape. In Charlotte we are far better off than we were five years ago. Mr. Vroom is going to support the government's four men. Mr. Wetmore who ran as an Independent in 1902 is now in full sympathy with the government. Kent is in splendid shape. Kings is absolutely sure for the government. All over the province we stand in good shape ready and united for the fight. This representative gathering the Premier declared was a good augury for the government's success in Northumberland.

The government was careful of the province's resources and makes a dollar as far as it can go but it was their policy to develop the province and the other speaker who heard the Premier's speech was in good shape. (Prolonged cheering.)

The public meeting this evening in the Masonic Hall was attended by a crowd which packed every inch of space. The Premier's speech was the highlight of the evening. He was applauded. The general opinion was that the Premier had given an able exposition of the province's finances and that in Murray, Winslow, Miller and Anderson the government has a remarkably strong and able ticket.

W. A. Campbell of Ludlow occupied the chair and called upon Premier Robinson.

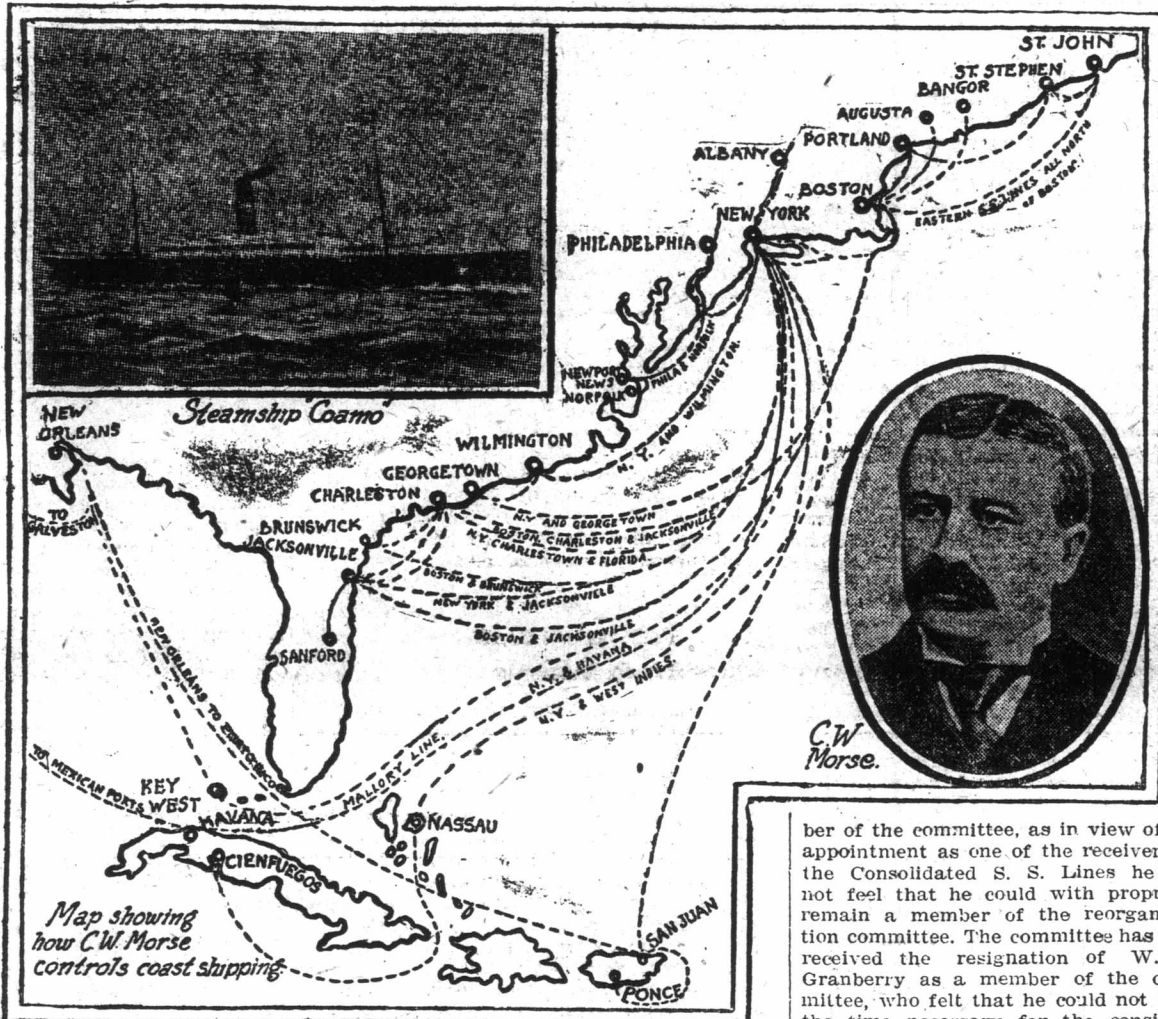
After some preliminary remarks the Premier took up Mr. Fleming's financial statement in speaking of the London loan, said he had refused to offer bonds on the open market. Another temporary loan was the proper thing under the circumstances. The Bank of Montreal took up the matter by cable with England and in one day the bank found they could get all the money they wanted at five per cent for the securities we had. If our credit was no good would the bank have been willing on one day's notice to loan us that money? The opposition claims our credit is no good. Who is right, they or the bank? In 1867 to 1883 the Conservatives used up \$1,000,000 of our resources. When Mr. Blair came into power he found the \$2,000,000 placed to our credit at Ottawa gone and there was a large bonded indebtedness against us. On the eve of their defeat that government bound the province to pay subsidies to 22 railroads. Our whole debt is now \$3,500,000. On deposit at Ottawa we have \$250,000, never called upon and having 5 per cent. This is a reserve we consider good to maintain. Sinking funds amount to \$150,000 and the Central Railway is worth \$1,000,000. The net debt of the province is therefore \$3,000,000. The debt in 1883 was \$1,100,000, so that in 25 years we have added but \$2,200,000. The government has increased the assets depleted and one or two bridges all over the province. If placed end to end, two and a half miles. The permanent bridges alone will total as much as the increase in the debt. The old government gave away valuable lands in Victoria county valued today at \$10 to \$18 per acre. The present government has given away no lands and it has today 7,000,000 acres of land worth many millions of dollars.

The territorial revenue has more than doubled under this government. "The debt of the province, \$3,000,000, or \$10 per head, is small compared with other provinces and cities. St. John's debt is \$16 per capita and they have no lands. Only one province has a smaller per capita debt than New Brunswick. The opposition tries to point to this as an overwhelming burden on our shoulders and ask you to put the affairs of administration in their incompetent hands. Setting aside \$30,000 each year as a sinking fund we will pay off the whole debt in fifty years.

The premier ridiculed Mr. Fleming's anxiety over this financial situation and declared that the province should not refuse to spend \$1,000 to show its loyalty to British connections, as it did when Prince Louis of Battenberg was here. "Mr. Fleming charges us with adding \$1,500,000 in one year to the debt of the province. I characterized that as absurd and he challenged me to debate but I have a duty to the whole province and I should consider not 2,000 or so people who would hear us in a hall in St. John but the 80,000 people in the province. I took Mr. Hazen's suggestion to lay the finances before a chartered accountant. Bill they have accepted the offer. They don't want an expert to go over them. We have nothing to conceal and I have got in communication with a Montreal firm through the Bank of Montreal and they will send a representative here to go over our accounts.

"I do not know the firm of char-

# FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN AFFAIRS OF MORSE S. S. LINES



BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 7.—Ancillary receivers for the Morse steamship lines in Massachusetts were appointed today by Judge Dodge in the United States circuit court. The appointments were made on petition of W. A. Muller, of Arlington, and the Bermuda White Coal Company of Pennsylvania, the original petitioners for a receivership.

Judge Dodge named the receivers appointed in Maine by Judge Putnam as the ancillary receivers for Massachusetts, these being Governor Wm. T. Cobb, of Rockland, H. F. Herrick of Boston, and Geo. L. Wing of Auburn, Maine, for the Consolidated S. S. Company, and Governor Cobb, Calvin Austin of Boston and A. I. Culver of New York of the Eastern and Metropolitan S. S. Companies. As a result of the appointment all the local properties of the steamship companies were turned over by United States Marshal Charles K. Darling to the ancillary receivers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—At a meeting of the bond holders' protective committee of the Consolidated S. S. Company lines today it was announced that Albert B. Boardman of the law firm of O'Brien, Boardman & Platt for himself and his firm resigned as associate counsel for the committee.

After adjournment Alvin W. Kreech, chairman of the committee, made a statement which says in part: "The committee as now constituted represents more than a majority of the outstanding bonds of the Consolidated S. S. Lines and is making a full and thorough investigation into the status of all the subsidiary companies, and expects shortly to formulate a plan for the reorganization of the company.

"The committee has received the resignation of Governor Cobb as a member of the committee, as in view of his appointment as one of the receivers of the Consolidated S. S. Lines he did not feel that he could with propriety remain a member of the reorganization committee. The committee has also received the resignation of W. H. Granberry as a member of the committee, who felt that he could not give the time necessary for the consideration of the problems before the committee. The committee has also received the resignation of Albert B. Boardman for himself and his firm, as associate counsel of the committee. After the acceptance of these resignations the committee elected to fill the vacancies created on the committee Henry J. Bracker of H. J. Bracker & Brothers, and J. H. Chesbrough, who represents large interests in the bonds of Consolidated S. S. Lines."

Mr. Morse proceeded from Queenstown to Liverpool on board the Campania. He is travelling under an assumed name, probably C. M. Moore.

# TEN MEN KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION AT PORT HOOD, C. B.

## Death Came Without Moment's Warning Shortly After Miners Had Gone to Work—No Cause of Accident Known—Mine Had Been Considered Safe

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Feb. 7.—Ten men were instantly killed by an explosion in the mine of Port Hood Coal Company at Port Hood, C. B., this morning. About half-past seven this morning, shortly after the men had gone to work an explosion occurred in a room on one of the southern levels of the mine. The news spread rapidly and much anxiety was felt throughout the town by relatives and friends of the workers in the pit. Manager McLellan organized and headed a rescue party and proceeded immediately to the scene of the disaster. It was then discovered that all the occupants of the room had been instantly killed. The position of the bodies when found indicated that the men did not receive a moment's warning. In the hands of some were pickaxes, augers and other working tools held firmly in the death grasp. Of the ten men killed, six were miners, natives of Port Hood town and neighboring districts, and four were loaders, Bulgarians, of a party of twenty-two who arrived there about two months ago.

The dead miners were all young men married, except one, and left widow and in some cases infant children. Their names are Malcolm Beaton, John T. Campbell, John Lauchie, Gilles, Duncan B. McDonald and Allan R. McDonald, all about thirty years of age. About one o'clock all the bodies had been recovered and brought to the surface. Considerable difficulty was experienced in identifying them, so charged and disfigured were they from the force of the explosion but the clothing enabled relatives to identify the bodies. They were laid out in a room in the company's office, which had been improvised into an undertaking room, and the scene was indeed pitiful. All employees of the mine stood around with voices hushed. It was the first accident at the mine attended with serious loss of life, and its awfulness made a deep impression. The mine officials did everything possible to show their sympathy and consideration for the feelings of the employees

and relatives and friends of the deceased.

Coroner John Cameron, M. D., empaneled the jury and proceeded to hold an inquest. After hearing the evidence of identification he ordered the bodies to be interred and adjourned the inquest awaiting the arrival of the deputy inspector of mines. A committee of the P. W. A. took charge of the remains after the inquest adjourned. There is considerable speculation as to cause of accident. The mine had been pronounced recently as one of the best ventilated in the province. If there was any gas present in the mine previous to the explosion it was not generally known. It is said that none could be detected immediately after, and that the mine is now completely free from gas. The inspector makes his usual rounds of the mine about two hours before the accident and pronounced all safe. When the inquest is resumed on the 12th inst. it may be that some light will be thrown on the question.

The men in charge about the pit are all experienced miners and from the manager down were always noted for their solicitude for the safety of the men. The explosion did not wreck the mine very much and apart from the loss of life would not be considered serious.

The sad event has cast a gloom over the town and the deceased miners were general favorites and men of good character. Government Mine Inspector Nicholson, with Manager John Johnson of Sydney Mines, arrived to-night and with Manager Beaton, Inverness mines, will hold an investigation of the disaster. This afternoon Manager Beaton of Inverness, Manager Johnston of Port Hood and Manager McLellan of Port Hood were all over the affected part of the mine and state no damage of consequence was done to the mine and the cause of the accident is uncertain whether gas or powder. The bodies of the miners are all ready for interment, which will take place on Sunday noon in the Roman Catholic cemetery.

# PEAKE AND THURROTT THE CHOICE AT ENTHUSIASTIC CONVENTION AT SUNBURY

## Indications Point to Liberal Majority in Mr. Hazen's Own Constituency—Some Interesting School Book Facts—Old Time Conservatives Will Support E. H. Allen.

BURTON, Feb. 8.—Considering the very stormy weather the meeting at the Burton Court House Saturday afternoon for the purpose of nominating candidates for the legislature was largely attended. Mr. Hazen, no unanimously tendered his name in the enthusiasm of those present, and everything went with a swing that shows the government is much stronger in this county than ever before.

Dr. McPeake and W. H. Thurrott were chosen as the candidates. Cecil McLean of Burton, was chosen chairman, and briefly explained the purpose of the meeting and urged the delegates to nominate the strongest men in the county and to unite and put forth their best efforts to elect the parties chosen.

Dr. Peake was nominated by Mr. Albrecht Grass, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

W. H. Thurrott was nominated by F. Smith, seconded by David Seely.

Dr. Peake was received with applause, and in a brief speech accepted the nomination as it was the wish of the convention, and would only be too happy to serve his county. He claimed not to be much of a speaker, but was pleased to have with him so energetic an assistant as Mr. Thurrott, who by exerting himself in this election as he has always done, in business would bring success to the Liberal party in Sunbury. He appreciated the honor conferred on him by the county, and would work hard to bring success to their banner.

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