

**MAJOR BEATTIE WAS EMBARRASSED
BY NORTH MIDDLESEX CONVENTION**

**Virtually Nominated for the
Dominion House.**

**Delegates Solved the Problem
by Adjourning.**

**Mr. C. C. Hodgins Consents to Run
Again for the Local House—His
Nomination Unanimous.**

A convention representative of the Conservatives of North Middlesex was held in Ailsa Craig yesterday afternoon to nominate candidates for the Ontario and Dominion Houses. Mr. C. C. Hodgins was given the nomination for the Local Legislature on the first ballot, the convention being very nearly unanimous in their choice. With regard to the candidate for the Parliament in Ottawa, there was more difficulty, and no such unanimity, and the

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Choose the strongest possible men. The candidates were put in nomination for the Ontario by Sir John A. Macdonald, John Peter Gray, John Loughnan, George A. Macdonald, James Duggan, James Doyle and Lester Stewart.

The ballot for the Ontario candidate was taken at the residence of Mr. Hodgins, and the selection was made unanimously. There was some doubt as to whether the nomination of Mr. Gray was a nomination, for it was well known that he had not relished the outcry of "No more money" which had been made on all occasions. There were, therefore, some who thought that Mr. Hodgins accepted the platform of "No more money" and not the ballot. There was much enthusiasm when he declared his intention of accepting the nomination, and he was met by their show of confidence, but said they had placed him in an awkward position, and that he would have to give up his private business affairs and had to show enough determination to do his duty to take part in public affairs, and to give personal presence in the various parts of the province.

party's disposal. He would accept the nomination in the spirit in which it was tendered, although he would not do so if he felt that the party would not work hard in the coming elections, nor if his account, but on that of the party. He said he was occupied with affairs that demanded almost all his time. Therefore he would only give a few minutes to the campaign, and he wanted his party to be satisfied with that much. "I did not think I would have taken up the candidate," concluded the speaker, "but as I have, I will stick to it up a good fight, and one without a doubt. Whether we win or lose we will have the satisfaction of knowing that we have put up a clean fight."

After the meeting, those who remained for the Dominion House: John Bennett, Major Beattie, Hume Elliott,



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