

BRUTAL MURDER NEAR HALIFAX

Thomas Donaldson Is Shot and Kill Emptied

SUSPECT ARRESTED

Man Answering to De- scription of Murderer Apprehended at Wind- sor--Clerk Wounded by Bullet will Recover.

Special to The Standard.
Halifax, May 30.—Thomas S. Donaldson, one of the best known men in Halifax, was murdered in his shop on Bedford road at 2 o'clock this afternoon and his shop emptied of its contents. The man who is believed to be the murderer was arrested in Windsor, forty miles from this city.

The murder is one of the most shocking in the annals of crime at Halifax. Donaldson keeps a roadside shop four miles out from the city. There is a back room in his shop in which is a bed. Donaldson was reclining on this bed when in the shop in front was an employe whose name is Edward Cody, when a young man came along, looked into the shop and saw that Donaldson was alone. He was wearing a dark suit and a hat. He was a man of about 30 years of age. He was a man of about 30 years of age. He was a man of about 30 years of age.

Donaldson was shot in the back of the head and the bullet entered the brain. He was shot in the back of the head and the bullet entered the brain. He was shot in the back of the head and the bullet entered the brain.

The Windsor police found the man at the hotel with the discarded clothing on the floor. He was arrested and locked up. In his pockets was \$25.00 in silver, evidently the money taken from the till. The man gave his name as Stanley and said he was from New Glasgow. This name is believed to be fictitious. The prisoner will be brought to Halifax tomorrow morning.

Cody will recover.

SESSION OF GRAND LODGE ENDS TODAY

Discussion of Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws Renders Postponement of Closing Necessary — Provincial Assessment Doubled

Fredericton, May 30.—At this afternoon's session of the Grand Orange Lodge it developed from the finance committee that the funds were not sufficient for the purposes of the Grand Lodge. It was proposed that payment of each lodge be doubled. This would give an additional \$4,000, and the money would be used for propagation purposes.

The Grand Lodge does not employ an organizer, but gives assistance to various districts. It is proposed that the Maritime Provinces—New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island—have one organizer, and in that event there will be a substantial grant given. At present most of the propagation work is being carried on in the west, where there are four grand lodges.

The report of the corresponding committee dealing with reports of grand officers was also taken up this afternoon. The report commended the Borden government for the stand it had taken on the boundary question and gave the government credit for having resisted the hierarchic influences and passing the bill without amendments. Reference was also made to the Manitoba school law by the Roblin government.

All hope of the Grand Sovereign Lodge closing tonight was abandoned when a protracted discussion arose over the amendments proposed to the constitution and by-laws. The proposal to increase the funds of the Grand Lodge by doubling the assessments on provincial lodges was adopted.

VALLEY ROAD WILL RUN TO GRAND FALLS

Premier Fleming Shows How Government Has Safe- guarded People.

Rousing Meeting at Lakeville Testifies to Esteem in Which Candidates are Held in Carleton County.

Special to The Standard.
Lakeville, May 30.—Premier Fleming, F. C. Squires and G. L. White were the speakers at a well attended and enthusiastic meeting held here last evening in the interest of the local government. Nothing daunted by the downpour of rain, many turned out to hear the premier and the other speakers and the popularity which the government ticket has earned in this county was attested by frequent and hearty applause.

Mr. Squires was the first speaker. He explained how his studies at Harvard required his attendance on the date fixed for the election, thus necessitating his resignation from the ticket. He said a warm tribute to the ability of G. L. White who was to fill his place and predicted a striking endorsement of the government's policy at the polls.

Premier Fleming in a particularly eloquent address, completely covered the political field of New Brunswick and outlined the policy of his government with reference to the various important questions now engrossing the attention of the people of the province.

Speaking of the Valley Railway, the premier emphatically stated that the line will be built from St. John to Grand Falls and pointed out that the interest of the people had been amply safeguarded, as the contract was in any way failed to fulfill their obligations, the entire equipment and work could be taken over by the government upon giving 30 days' notice.

A. F. Williams presided, and the meeting was marred by a degree of enthusiasm which attested that this county will vie with other parts of the province in the cause of good government on June 20th.

RAIN DID NOT SPOIL MEETING

Many Were Present at Gather- ing in Interests of the Local Government at Elgin Last Evening.

Special to The Standard.
Elgin, N. B., May 30.—The heavy rainfall today was not sufficient to deter a large crowd from attending the meeting here tonight in the interest of the local government candidates in Albert county. F. M. Sproule and the two candidates, W. E. Dickson and G. D. Prescott, were the speakers, and judging by the impression made, this part of the province at least, will express its preference for honest government in no uncertain way on June 20th.

Mr. Sproule stated that the government had redeemed every promise which could not but win the hearty appreciation of the electors. Reference was made to the extraordinary interview with Mr. Pugsley appearing in the recent issue of the Telegraph and Mr. Sproule showed how while the money for the construction of the Sinito Railway had been secured by the old government, it remained for the Hazen-Fleming administration to put the project into practical effect.

Mr. Dickson dealt with last year's deficit, showing the absolute necessity of the expenditures made, and that it was the improvident methods of the late government which made necessary the outlay of large sums at present. The present government did not cover up its disbursements in suspense accounts, and though ample opportunity had been afforded the opposition to examine the accounts, no word of criticism had been directed against the expenditures, nor had any been able to show that a single dollar had been dishonestly disposed of.

Mr. Prescott devoted his attention to the roads and bridges of the province, which had been vastly improved by the Hazen-Fleming government. He showed how Albert had been expected and pointed to a much larger expenditure in the public interest in that county than made by the old government.

The government will sweep Albert. To anyone who observed the temper of the meeting last evening this fact is obvious. The result of the election here is a foregone conclusion—a great victory for the ticket.

MISREPRESENTATIONS OF OPPOSITION ORGANS ARE DISPROVED BY THE FACTS

Times' Charge that Valley Railway Will Not Extend to Grand Falls Shown to be Ridiculous.

Government's Guarantee on Issue Already Made Provides for 200 Miles of Construction—Final Issue when Actual Mileage St. John to Grand Falls is Ascertained—Trust Deed Requires Road Should be Built to Terminus Where It Can Connect with G. T. P.

A statement in The Standard yesterday exposing in plain terms the untruthfulness of the Telegraph's contention that the bond issue guaranteed by the Local Government for the St. John Valley Railway would cover only 169 miles and did not, therefore, include the Grand Falls section, has brought a reply from the Times which shows conclusively that both organs of the Opposition are engaged in a deliberate campaign of deception as regards the conditions governing the construction of the road.

Under the caption "Caught in the Act" the Times says editorially:

"The Standard, in black type on its first page says:

"The bonds actually issued and sold are for \$5,000,000, or the equivalent of the subsidy of \$25,000 per mile for 200 miles of railway, not 169 miles as untruthfully stated by the Telegraph.

"The Standard, in its leading editorial says:

"All that has been done is to float the bonds necessary to proceed with the construction of the road already under contract. When the remainder of the railway has been placed under contract the bonds necessary for its construction will be floated.

"Is the Standard telling a glaring falsehood on its first page, or on its editorial page? What confidence can the people place in a paper which thus contradicts itself?

"This effort of the Tory organ to explain away the Valley Railway bond issue will but serve to deepen the suspicion in the public mind. In one sentence it says all the bonds for the whole road are issued and sold. In another it says that only part of them are issued and the rest will come later. Why should there be two bond issues?"

The Standard did not tell "a glaring falsehood" in either of the statements referred to. Both are absolutely in accordance with the facts. The Telegraph and the Times have joined in a conspiracy to misrepresent the facts and are now busily engaged in attempting to wriggle out of an untenable position.

What is their position? The Telegraph, desiring to discredit the Fleming Government and convey the impression that the Valley Railway would not be built to Grand Falls, came out with the statement that the Bank of Montreal was offering on the London market the first mortgage four per cent. debentures of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Government of New Brunswick, to the amount of \$873,285 sterling, equivalent to \$4,244,165; and then proceeded to point out that at \$25,000 a mile the amount of the guarantee, this sum of \$4,244,165, would only construct 169 miles of railway, and, assuming the distance from Rothesay to Grand Falls was 209 miles, drew the conclusion that the Fleming Government had no intention of building the railway to the latter point.

Now the facts are these, and The Standard gives them without fear of contradiction: Four per cent. first mortgage bonds, guaranteed by the Fleming Government to the value of \$5,000,000 have already been issued and sold on the London market. These bonds, at the agreed subsidy of \$25,000 a mile, it is plainly evident, will provide for 200 miles of railway. This fact effectively disposes of the Telegraph's false statement that only 169 miles have been guaranteed.

Further, the exact mileage of the road from Rothesay to Grand Falls has not as yet been definitely ascertained, and for that reason the balance of the bonds to guarantee the subsidy of \$25,000 a mile for the entire length of the railway has not yet been issued. The stock certificates already sold expressly state on their face that they are only part of the total issue.

And there is this further fact that the amount of the bonds already sold, being sufficient to guarantee a subsidy for 200 miles of railway, actually provide for the construction of the road to within a very few miles of the terminus at Grand Falls. Will the Telegraph and Times have the effrontery to come out and say that the road already guaranteed to within say 9 to 12 miles of Grand Falls will stop short in the air?

That method of railway construction was confined to the late Laurier Government which, after building the Grand Trunk Pacific through this Province, left this section of the road without through connection so that there can be no direct communication between New Brunswick and the West for another two years.

As for the foolish contention of the Times that one or other of The Standard's statements is a falsehood, the most rudimentary knowledge of the way bond issues are made to guarantee railway construction is sufficient to refute this charge. In commenting editorially on the statement of facts printed on the first page, The Standard laid stress on the point that "When the remainder of the railway has been placed under contract the bonds necessary for its construction will be floated." The trust deed between the Government and the company expressly provides for the ultimate issue of first mortgage bonds from St. John to Grand Falls and for even more than 209 miles of road if the final location makes this necessary. The Standard made no statement such as the Times alleges that the bonds sold recently in London were to be the whole of the issue.

Bonds for the round sum of \$5,000,000 have been issued and sold which carry the Government's guarantee for 200 miles of the railway. There would be no justification for the issue of the balance until the exact mileage of the whole road from St. John to Grand Falls had been accurately ascertained. What other course would the organs of Mr. Copp and Mr. Pugsley suggest?

TRY TO HOLD UP WORK ON VALLEY ROAD

Up Against It.

Special to The Standard.
Woodstock, May 30.—The government candidates and other speakers are holding rattling good meetings all over the county. Meetings will be held tonight at Lakerville, Friday at Centerville, and Saturday at Hartland. Monday evening the speakers will be at Summersfield; Tuesday at Halmesville; Wednesday at Rristol; and Thursday at Foreston. Donald

Munro, Leveret White, Frank Smith and Fred Squires will be the speakers on Friday at Windsor. M. L. Hayward will take Mr. Smith's place as a speaker, while on Saturday at East Florenceville Premier Fleming will be back and address the meeting, having as assistants Messrs. White and Smith. The lower Brighton meeting on Saturday night will be addressed by Messrs. Munro and Hayward and Dr. Rankin.

Much amusement is caused by the efforts being made by the opposition to get together a ticket to face the Premier and his colleagues in this county. After a fine tooth comb search it was thought that G. W. Upham, C. L. Smith and Andy McCall would allow their names to go before the nominating convention in Hartland tomorrow night. It is said tonight that Dr. Curtis forbids McCall entering the contest on account of sore eyes, and that Dr. Grant likewise tells Mr. Smith that a contest would be dangerous to him as he has a weak heart.

The only one left is Geo. Upham. Who the other two victims will be is not known, but it is thought that Frank R. Shaw will be one of the ticket.

A more serious state of affairs exists in the matter of the Valley Railway. It is rumored that the reason work is not proceeding more rapidly near the trotting park is that F. B. Carvell is trying to get an injunction to restrain the railway from crossing the property of Wm. Bagley, and that C. L. Smith, one of the possible opposition candidates, is threatening an injunction to stop the Quebec Contracting Company from passing through his farm. It would be suicide for the opposition ticket in this county if Carvell and Smith try to hold up the railway work in that district. Kennedy and MacDonald are making good progress with the work between Woodstock and Centreville.

GRIT BANQUET ALMOST FUNNY

PROVINCIAL CLERGYMAN PASSES AWAY

Rev. Chas. Baskett Succumbs Suddenly to Apoplexy Stroke.

Did Good Work Among Immigrants Often Crossing with Them in Steerage—Fall on Voyage Hastened End.

Montreal, May 30.—Rev. Charles R. Baskett, well known throughout Canada for his work in connection with immigration, was found dead this morning in his room at the St. Andrew's Home, where he always stayed during his visits to this city.

He preached only last Sunday in St. John's church, and though later in the week he was indisposed his condition was not considered critical.

When he did not arise as usual this morning his room was entered and he was found lying on the floor with a box of matches in his hand. He had risen to light the gas and had evidently succumbed to a stroke of apoplexy.

The deceased, who was over 60 years of age, was ordained Deacon in 1876, and shortly after came to Canada, settling at first in British Columbia, where he was one of the pioneer clergymen. He became rector of Chilliwack and Chaplain to the Bishop of New Westminster. In 1883 he returned to England, and had since occupied various positions. He made many trips to Canada with parties of settlers always travelling steerage. He arrived a short time ago on the Royal George with a party of fifteen young men. On the journey over, while preparing for service one Sunday he sustained a bad fall, and had not enjoyed good health since his arrival in the city.

KINGS COUNTY WILL GO SOLID

Record Attendance at Meeting At Hammond Vale Address- ed by Government Candidates

Hammond Vale, May 30.—A rousing meeting was held here tonight in the interests of the Fleming government when despite the heavy downpour of rain, a record crowd turned out to hear the speakers. Councillor Alexander called the meeting to order and D. A. Kelly was elected chairman.

H. V. Dickson was the first speaker after briefly referring to himself as the farmers' candidate, he pointed out the measures taken by the government to benefit agricultural conditions in the province. No former government, he said, had showed so deep an interest in the farmer nor had so earnestly bent their efforts to the advancement of the industry in New Brunswick. He urged every farmer in the county to show his appreciation of the progressive and honest policy of the Fleming government by endorsing the ticket at the polls on June 20th.

Hon. James Murray predicted a sweeping victory for the government and enumerated a few of the reforms instituted since the passing of the corrupt regime in 1908.

Geo. B. Jones was also present and expressed the opinion that the people of Kings county would be in line with the rest of the province on election day. Any person who had lived under the old and present governments could not but observe the improvement that had been effected since the defeat of the Pugsley-Robinson administration.

The meeting was marked throughout by an enthusiasm seldom seen in this race and the large attendance despite the inclemency of the weather indicated the popularity of the local government candidates in this county.

Last evening the friends of the local government gathered at Southfield when addresses were delivered by H. V. Dickson, Hon. James H. Murray and George B. Jones. The improvement in the roads and bridges of the province was noted by the speakers with satisfaction and the audience seemed to appreciate the efforts of the government in this direction, as rousing applause greeted each point it was made.

F. H. Campbell presided and the meeting was voted an unqualified success.

Jollification Last Night Was A Joke LAURIER WANDERED

Doubtful Whether His Little Lapses Were In- accuracies or Merely Wilful Perversions of Fact—Liberals May Split

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, May 31.—Conservatives here are expressing amused interest in the Liberal demonstration at Montreal. Particular attention is paid to two extraordinary misstatements of fact by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. One was his declaration that his government during its first session brought down the British preference. This is flatly untrue. The Laurier government's first session began on Aug. 19 and ended on Oct. 5, 1896, and the British preference was introduced in the session of 1897, which did not begin until March 25. The Laurier government thus had a recess of nearly six months before tackling the tariff.

More amusing was the Liberal leader's statement that President Taft in his adjunct letter "only repeated what had been said by the Canadian Bishops, and admitted that he had borrowed both the idea and the expression from the Canadian Tories."

The fact is that President Taft wrote the adjunct letter on January 10; the agreement was signed on Jan. 21; it was announced on Jan. 28. The Conservatives did not begin to develop the argument that it would impair Canadian independence until after Champ Clark's outbreak on Feb. 14.

A Healthy Echo.

Thus, according to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, President Taft "repeated" things which were not said till a month afterwards. It takes a remarkably well trained echo to repeat things before they are said. Opinion here is divided as to whether Sir Wilfrid Laurier, recognizing the hopeless plight in which the "adjunct" club finds itself over the letter, deliberately resolved to be brazen, or whether it is another instance of his inaccuracy as to facts, the peculiarity of his which is well known here. Whatever the reason, the explanation put forward by the Liberal leader is very funny.

Two other incidents are arousing comment. One was the absence of Hon. Walter Scott, premier of Saskatchewan, who is advertising on the brink of a general election. Mr. Scott, who has been an absentee premier for the last year or two, was advertised as accepting, and some reference to the impending struggle was expected. He did not, however, appear, and no explanation of his absence so far has been published.

His failure to attend is attracting some attention as an uncomfortable omen for the Liberal cabinet of Saskatchewan.

Another circumstance is the ignoring of Mr. Fielding. In addition to the several provincial leaders, Mr. Guthrie and A. K. MacLean were called upon for speeches, but the former finance minister, the negotiator of the reciprocity agreement, did not address the audience. This incident occurs simultaneously with the arrival of a rumor that the Liberals of MacDonald, Nain, have asked Mr. Fielding to be their candidate in the approaching election. The Manitoba Liberals thus are not quite in line with the eastern Liberals. The passing over of Mr. Fielding is a more significant comment upon the attitude of eastern Liberals towards reciprocity than the interesting inaccuracies of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

GENERAL BOOTH WILL BE BLIND

Veteran Head of Salvation Army Will Lose Sight as Result of Operation to Remove Cataract.

London, May 30.—That General William Booth, the head of the Salvation Army, who recently underwent an operation for the removal of a cataract from his left eye, will henceforth be totally blind, is the opinion reached by the doctors after a consultation this afternoon, an official bulletin issued by the surgeons says. "It is now evident that there is little hope of the preservation of General Booth's sight."

The veteran's disappointment is all the deeper because the doctors at first were so positive as to the success of the operation. General Booth's sight, however, are fairly well maintained and the general condition of his health is good.

He is 85 years of age.

CONSERVATIVE WINS.

Vancouver, B. C., May 30.—R. F. Green, conservative, was elected by acclamation in the Kootenay by-election today.