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NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI, N. B. WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31, 1890.

Liberal Conservative Club.

The regular annual meeting of this Club will be held on Monday evening next, January 6th, at 8 o'clock, for the election of officers and settling up the business of the past year.

A full attendance requested. DONALD MORRISON, Sec.-Treas.

1890 - 1891.

To-day closes up the history of the past year, with all its joys and sorrows its hopes and fears, its record of the world's successes and failures, its wars and rumors of wars and its tales of casualties by land and sea which have brought war and lamentation to thousands of households and now the year is drawing to a close and soon will be numbered with years past and gone, and we are all looking hopefully forward to the New Year. May it bring many blessings in its train, and in the opening at least, if not throughout, prove to all a Happy New Year.

Candidates, etc.

To the Editor of the Advocate. Sir:—In the Advocate of the 11th inst. the Editor of that paper intimated that it was the intention of the Liberal party of this county to throw of the allegiance to the Hon. P. Mitchell, whom by an overwhelming majority he had elected as the Representative of this County in '90 and it declared the future policy of the party in triumph to be to elect an Independent Liberal "would be elected by the party at the next election." In a temperate reply there I took occasion to point out to the Editor of the Advocate and to the Liberals of the County certain facts relative to the matter raised by the article in question. I further gave it as my opinion that the interests of true Liberalism would be injured by the party in this County sending to Ottawa a man of no political record, whose principal object would be to prey on the party for the time in power, selling his vote and his influence with the same facility as he would his friends. I asked in the name of it party that the Editor of the Advocate would be more explicit. That he would take into the confidence of the Firm of Independent Liberals the Liberal party of the County from whom alone the respective Independent Liberal could expect support. I expected that the Editor would have been replied to intelligently if not respectfully. But I was disappointed. The article of the 11th inst. gave way to a cry baby appeal and an attack on the Editor of the Advocate for his conduct of his paper. With the quarrel between the Editors of these papers I had nothing to do. But had I do with the question raised by the Editor of the Advocate and in my next letter I continued my strictures on the future policy of the Editor of the Advocate. It was compiled to make use of the name of one of the members of the Firm, but not in his private capacity. With that being his motive, I kept within the limits of his public capacity. It has to do with him as one of the controlling powers, in fact, in his own estimation, the controlling power of the Liberal party in this County. But even in dealing with him I kept within the region of fair, honest and open criticism, fully believing that the Editor of the Advocate would be driven into making a decent and honest reply. But I was mistaken in my estimation of the Editor. When I expected to find the lion I found but an ass in a lion's skin. When I expected decent journalism I found an indecent attack upon my personal character. One would have imagined that the past experience of the Editor of the Advocate had convinced him of the utter futility of attempting to find in the County a man with a more solid reputation than himself. Most troubling has always been his policy when defeated in argument or considered it impolitic to deal with the question at issue. But I have no present intention of entering into the scuffle with the Editor. I am dealing with him in my capacity as one of the leaders of the Liberal party and with his paper as the exponent of the views of the Party in his County. I do not care to play a "Christmas" or a crazy feeling animates him in his heart that certain himself and the community generally hold me in contempt. But I do care for the interests of the Liberal party with which I have notched and worked for years and with whose history in this County I have been identified and I further believe that there are many other Liberals in the County equally interested with me and equally indignant at the assumption of the Editor of the Advocate and his independent allies to speak and act for the whole party without consultation with the leaders thereof.

The Advocate in its last issue states "that we throw out the suggestion of a resident Independent Liberal for what it was worth." He should have gone further. I asked him to go further and tell the Electors who his Independent Liberal is, what he is worth, and let the Liberals weigh the question both of his personality and his worth in the scales of their intelligence. The Liberals of the County are men and as such deserve the treatment accorded men of intellect...

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Presentation.

On Tuesday evening of last week a large number of railway men and others met in the Liberal Conservative Club Room here for the purpose of making a presentation and presenting an address to Hon. M. Adams. The presentation consisted of a very handsome silver beaver overcoat, accompanied by an address. Mr. W. W. McLellan, trackmaster on the Northern Division took the chair, and called upon Mr. R. H. Coggon to read the address.

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