

YORK NOMINATION

Saturday's Proceedings in the Fredericton City Hall.

A Telling and Pointed Speech by Rev. Dr. McLeod the Liberal-Conservative Candidate.

Mr. Gibson Declined to be Bound by His Written Promise to Run a Pure Election—Hon. D. C. Fraser of Guysboro, Nova Scotia, Did Almost All the Talking for the Grit Nominee.

A Concise Report of Dr. McLeod's Speech at the Liberal-Conservative Rally in Fredericton Last Thursday Night.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 21.—Rev. Jos. McLeod, D. D., and Alex. Gibson, Jr., were today nominated for the seat in the federal parliament made vacant by the unseating for corrupt practices of Mr. Gibson. At the close of the nomination proceedings a meeting was held at the Opera House, addressed by the candidates and by D. C. Fraser, M. P., of Guysboro, N. S.

Mr. Gibson was the first speaker, and in an address of fifteen minutes attempted to excuse himself to the electors for having accomplished only four things during the year he had been in parliament. He voted to increase his own sessional indemnity by one half; he had a nephew appointed post office clerk; he had a relative appointed census enumerator; he had a mail contract taken away from a temperance man because he voted against Gibson, and gave that contract to a rival seller who worked for Gibson.

Dr. McLeod followed in an address of an hour and a quarter. He acknowledged the courtesy of the liberals in allowing him the privilege of occupying one half the time at a meeting they had themselves arranged. The absurdity of his being a candidate and the presumption of his asking the support of the electors at this time had been told over and over again by the liberal talkers, but it seemed that his candidature was a serious enough thing to call for the most desperate efforts on the part of his opponent that could possibly be made. He might be found on voting day that his candidature was even more serious than even they imagined. The doctor devoted some attention to the Gleaner, and said that if readers of that paper wished to get his opinion of Dr. McLeod they should read its utterances of a year ago, and even of six months ago. The speaker denied that he was saying either in the country or anywhere else that Mr. Gibson is a terrorist and a man of no ability. He had nothing to say against Mr. Gibson personally, but seeing that the candidate of the government appeals for support upon his record, he (McLeod) contended that what Mr. Gibson had done while the representative of this county was a fair subject of discussion. He would now ask Mr. Gibson or any person speaking on his behalf to state what he had done in the course made by some of Mr. Gibson's friends that he had post offices opened. He (McLeod) believed in and stood for honest administration of public affairs and in every constituency getting from the public treasury all and no more than the public services require. Mr. Gibson claims that he is not responsible for the dismissal of Egerton Everett as mail carrier and having that contract given to John McCoy, a rum seller, but the Telegraph and the Gleaner said at the time that Mr. Gibson had recommended it. Dr. McLeod enlarged upon the McCoy matter, when Mr. Gibson interrupted with "And what would you do to help it?"

Dr. McLeod—I would not select John McCoy as the one and only man in all York county outside of my family circle upon whom to bestow a favor. Mr. Gibson said nothing about the agreement entered into by himself and his party managers to conduct a clean election, and neither did the convention which nominated him make so much as a suggestion that such an undertaking had been entered into. In fact some of Mr. Gibson's speakers are telling throughout the county that no such agreement has been made, and that there will be just as much money going this election as in former contests. Will Mr. Gibson deny that he has entered into a written pledge to conduct this election upon absolutely clean lines?

Mr. Gibson—I don't say anything about clean elections.

Dr. McLeod—No, I say you're saying anything about it. I ask you here and

now, do you mean, Mr. Gibson, to run a clean election or not?

Mr. Gibson made no reply, and Dr. McLeod continuing said that now he did not wonder the men throughout the county smiled when he mentioned the agreement and said that it was not made to be kept. Even if Mr. Gibson is now silent on this subject the conservative instincts and feelings that he had Mr. Gibson's written word that in future elections in this county would be conducted without resorting to any corrupt methods. It is true that this agreement was made from Mr. Gibson when he feared that some of the corruption of his last campaign would be showed up. Mr. Thompson, Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Neill and others have signed a similar agreement.

Mr. Neill—And we intend to keep it.

Dr. McLeod—I am glad to hear Mr. Neill say so. It is the first declaration made on this subject by any supporter of the liberal candidate, and shows the conservative instincts and feelings of Mr. Neill. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Thompson do not say that they intend to keep it.

Dr. McLeod then entered into a discussion of the talk of Canada East, and he said that there was no deal made and no promises made. Dr. McLeod replied that it was just what he thought, and that therefore it made no difference to the Canada Easters or to the county in this respect who was elected. Some people, chiefly grits, were finding fault with him for contesting the election at this time. He could do nothing else and keep his word with the people, and he believed in public men keeping their pledged word. He had appealed a year ago for the voice of all who desired a clean election, and promised them that if defeated by the bribery of his opponents he would protest the return of the successful candidate and open the seat. His being before the electors at this time was only carrying out the pledge he made to the electors, and he again asked for the support of all who wished to see bribery and corruption done away with in our elections and public life.

Dr. McLeod then mentioned some canvasses that are being made against him. One speaker had read at a meeting a circular letter purporting to have been written by liquor dealers and saying that conservatives promised not to disturb them in their business, and this speaker (W. S. Thompson) made it appear that Dr. McLeod endorsed the circular. Such abominable tactics were beneath contempt. Other government canvasses are saying we will not be able to use much money this time because we are afraid of McLeod. Help us down McLeod this time and there will be lashings of money next time. Do the honest people of York county believe of such politics, or do they want clean elections? He would not say anything about prohibition; his record and his principles were well known. Mr. Fraser's attitude of the prohibition question at his meeting the other night, and said that he (McLeod) was a bigamist, and had married prohibition and the conservative party. Mr. Fraser used to be a prohibitionist, but he had now turned from prohibition before he could join the liberal party. Neither political party is a prohibition party, but good men of both parties are for the sale of liquor, and that too in the federal parliament, because the utmost provincial legislature can do, even under the decision upon the Manitoba Act, is to prohibit the sale of liquor. The prohibition he stood for was the out and out, delegating the importation, manufacture and sale of liquor, and that was the kind of prohibition he would work for if sent to parliament.

In closing, Dr. McLeod said that this was not merely a contest between the candidates. The eyes of all Canada are upon York county. A year ago York declared emphatically for purity in public life and clean lines in elections, and the honest voters did what it was said we would be unable to accomplish. Will you say by your ballots on the 28th instant that you consented to a return to the old system, when but for unblinking bribery your cause would have triumphed? Or will those who are watching us say that York had only a spasm of electioneering? He believed that the great majority of the honest electorate were with him. He would now say as he had said before, that if Gibson succeeded in getting a majority by corrupt means in parliament, and Dr. McLeod could not help a cure, it even with all his high sounding talk. He appealed for votes for Mr. Gibson because Canada is prosperous and because the liberals had ruled well during the last five years. It was true the conservative policy of protection had been retained to a certain extent, but it would gradually be swept away, and the liberals had already reduced the tariff ten per cent. Another reason why the government candidates should be sustained was because under no previous administration had the colonies been brought so near to the mother country as under the imperial policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. English Canadians ought not to be afraid of their French-Canadian brethren, since for every Frenchman there are two Englishmen.

Dr. McLeod followed Mr. Fraser, speaking about twenty minutes, and the latter closed the discussion, the meeting breaking up with singing the national anthem and three cheers for the King.

DR. McLEOD'S TELLING THURSDAY NIGHT SPEECH.

At the Liberal Conservative meeting held in the City Hall, Fredericton, on Thursday night, Dr. McLeod, the standard bearer of the party, delivered a very clever address. At the start he thanked the meeting for the honor of their greeting. He did not talk to himself, but to the things for which he stood, and for which his hearers stood and for which they would win a signal victory. (Applause.) He was a preacher and would remain one. He asked them to give him the president's privilege to say amen to the remarks of his friend Mr. Hazen, who had just taken his seat. He took it that all he was expected to do on an occasion like this was to reprove the speaker and not to say hard to do it, as some papers tried to make out he had been talking to janitors. He had been talking to them as much as he was at this meeting, which was one of which he felt proud. It was not going to be a stock in trade in this talk of snow slides. He was not going to boast. He wanted to say for the encouragement of those present that he had heard, the liberal conservatives would make the next few days interesting for the liberals. (Applause.) In his canvass he had discovered that there were not so many who were good, voted against him the last election, but were this time going to vote for him. (Applause.) He must admit that here and there he had a good meeting. He knew of none coming his way that would go from the ranks of the liberal conservatives to the liberals. (Applause.) It was said Manners Sutton was going to give a good meeting. He went there and held a good meeting. He could not find in that parish a single man who was with him last year who was not going to vote the same way this election. (Applause.) And in addition to that, he found a former Gibson man favorable to him and their names were on his nomination paper. (Applause.) In Fredericton the liberals reported that various parishes were going against him, and then they went to the parishes and told that Fredericton was against him. But the people of York county were too sensible to be stampeded. He wished to thank some of the liberal speakers for things they had said about him. He supposed they had to come here from another province to tell the people of York about the honest people of York county. He believed that he was a prohibitionist. Hon. E. P. Thompson laughed at such a thing as purity in elections. Mr. MacDonald suggested other ways of doing it. Dr. McLeod believed that purity ought to be an every day thing and he thought a man was no better at prayer meeting than at the ballot box. He might seem to be, but he was not. He wanted to know whether they were more of moral principle into our every day lives. Mr. Thompson did not refer to the fact that he signed a solemn promise that in all future elections he would abstain from the sale of liquor from illegal methods. It was suggested that Mr. Gibson, whose promise he held, and he did not sign it, he had to do so, it was strange that he never came there and believed in this agreement had been made to. Dr. McLeod spoke of the fact that in the face of this agreement many of the delegates who attended the liberal convention were not with him. The agreement was made before that convention, yet no reference was made to it. That was the party which undertook to run elections on clean lines. Mr. Gibson had not appealed to his friends in an arrangement to do so. That the people did not take much stock in the liberal promises was shown by the fact that people laughed at him when he spoke of it. They asked him if he took any stock in their promise. His reply invariably was that when men of honor made a promise they kept it. And again, his friends laughed. He was asked, do you expect them to live up to their promise? His reply was, that he could not expect the promise, but he could not expect the liberals to keep it. He believed that the promises, did they not deserve the condemnation of all right feeling men? (Applause.) His election must be won by clear work. So far as he was concerned there was no question of the country's affairs. Had the government a right to say they would not give funds for public works unless the constituency seeking the same supported them in parliament? Mr. Gibson had not done so. He had not done so in his record. He said he did his utmost for York. This meant that he had done all he could. What was his utmost? The speaker had not uttered a kind word of criticism of any other man. He said unkind things about him (McLeod) let them do so. They had the heavy end of the log. What was Mr. Gibson's record? He was in parliament one session, but he had no right to be there. (Applause.) He had admitted that, but he took the pay. He supported the government, and it was supposed he got whatever he asked from them. What did he get? The list was small, and here Dr. McLeod asked anyone present to add to the list he was about to give anything that could be thought of. He voted to increase his pay one half. That was in the interest of York Co. All of York's people must feel better for that. The census had been taken and liberals men appointed to do it. His brother-in-law, who happened to be out of a job, helped the Fredericton man in this business. That was clearly for the good of the county. A post office clerk died and the position was said to have been promised to five or six. After a lot of haggling it was stated that a clerk was not needed. Mr. Gibson's election his nephew took the job. A mail contract was taken from Mr. Everett, a trustworthy man, whom all esteemed, and it was given to John McCoy. Mr. Everett lost it because he voted for Dr. McLeod. Mr. Gibson's election was the keeper of an illicit rum shop. He was the one man of all \$400 who voted for Mr. Gibson outside of the family circle whom he selected to confer a public benefit upon. If a man belonged to Mr. Gibson's family he stood three chances out of four of getting a post-

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"You cannot do it," they said. "There is the machine element on both sides, and though the candidate himself may be against bribery, still it will be carried on, and it is almost impossible to keep the election law." Now would take a decided exception to these utterances. I believe if a party makes election purity a plank of its platform, and tries steadily to attain that end, it will ultimately succeed. The party may stay in opposition, but at the same time it is securing for the country a measure of purity in its periodical election, that party is doing the country a far greater service than the most prosperous and corrupt government. And it should maintain this as an opportunity. If the conservative party can force the government in York to run a clean election, if the conservatives can not only keep from breaking the election law, but can also prevent their opponents from doing so, then the party has the small edge of the wedge inserted. Once started the same measures can be extended and extended until the disgrace of our present system is wiped from the name of Canada. Therefore, whatever may be the result of this election, if Dr. McLeod should believe there have been improper methods used by either party, let the election be held again in the future. It is an opportunity, election devoid of fraud and law breaking is finally attained. To this end and to help Dr. McLeod in the necessary expenses of protesting, it would be a pleasure to me to suggest a fund to be started by the conservatives and liberals who seek some modification of the evils of our present system.

Yours, etc., F.

WAS BORN IN ST. JOHN.

Percy Moran Clarke died at Lynn, Mass., Dec. 10, after a short illness of consumption. Deceased was born in St. John, N. B., July 7, 1876, but removed to Lynn sixteen years ago with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clarke. After spending two years in the high school, he was forced to leave it on account of illness, and then went away doctoring for the symptoms of consumption. He returned to St. John a short time ago, feeling much better in health, and was employed in the factory of J. J. Grover's Sons. Besides a wife and a daughter, his mother and father, a brother and a sister survive him. He was a nephew of Robert Clarke of the customs, St. John.

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DIED AT MT. WHEATLEY. MOUNT WHEATLEY, N. B., Nov. 17.—The sudden death of Ephraim Carter of Mount Wheatley, N. B., aged 48 years, at half-past seven this morning, was a great shock to the parish of Westmorland. The deceased retired in usual health and awakened at half-past four a. m. with a distressing feeling over his heart and stomach, and in spite of the best medical aid and tender care, died of heart failure at half-past seven a. m. Mr. Carter was married only six weeks ago to Miss Jane Pipes, Nappan, N. S. He was a man of sterling qualities, a good citizen and foremost in all good works of the parish.

DUBOIS, Pa., Dec. 22.—Word reached here today of a terrible holocaust which occurred about three miles from Summerville, Jefferson county, yesterday morning. The home of John Ashbaugh, a settler, was destroyed by fire, and four persons were burned to death. The barns and outbuildings were also destroyed. Recovery is very doubtful, and four others are seriously burned and injured.

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office, and if he were one of the McCoy gang he stood one chance out of four. If men belonged to neither they stood no show. Three or four post offices had been established and some post masters threatened with dismissal. That was all that was in the mind of Mr. Gibson promised in the future. If he (McLeod) were elected he could surely do as well as that. Outside of Fredericton the speaker was all right, and he looked the town to do well for him. He had no office to promise, no railways to sell. He would offer the people his services. He would, if elected, be their servant. He would not own the seat and the people. (Great applause.)

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

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THE CONTEST IN YORK—A FIGHT TO THE FINISH.

ST. JOHN, Dec. 2