

THE PEOPLE OF YORK ARE WITH BORDEN.

Conservatives Are Gaining Strength Day By Day While the Friends of Mr. Gibson Are Losing Heart.

FREDERICTON, Oct. 17.—It is working as a boomerang, that seems to be the general impression on the streets of Fredericton today regarding the recent visit of Mr. Wade and his commission to New Brunswick at the present time. It would look that the commissioners-in-order to gain support for the railway owned government in their energy had overstepped the mark. Their presence in the upper river counties and Fredericton might have led some of the most ignorant to believe that they sanctioned the St. John Valley railway route. Their trip to Boiestown and Chipman have led inhabitants in those localities to believe that the road from Quebec to Moncton across the hills and woods as Mr. Gibson has described the proposed route, is just gone, but persons are beginning to compare notes and the result of the comparison is that just at this time it would have been better if Mr. Wade and his companions had stayed away. As one gentleman said today, Mr. Wade may be an acute politician, but like all keen politicians he was too strong in his expression in saying that the present visit of the commission was a fake. Mr. Wade is stated to have said "that it will be seen how much of a fake the survey is." If Mr. Wade meant by this that he agreed with Mr. Barnum that some people liked to be fooled, he may have some foundation for his remark, but the mistake in this case it would be if the fooling had begun a little too early for the show.

Gammach Murder Trial

To Come Up At This Session of the Court That Opens Today At Woodstock.

(Special to the Sun.) WOODSTOCK, N. B., Oct. 17.—The circuit court opens tomorrow. Judge Gregory arrived in town this afternoon. All the interest centres in the Gammach trial. Thomas Gammach and Walter Cammack are accused of the murder of William Doherty on July 17th last. It is claimed by the prosecution that Thomas Gammach went to the Doherty house at night, tied it front door to the veranda post, made his way into the house by means of the cellar door, went up stairs, fired at the three Doherty boys, hitting George in the chin, Charlie on the shoulder, and killing Willie. That he or his son Walter set fire to the house, which was burned with the corpse in it. The evidence appears to be strong against the prisoner, Thomas Gammach, while it is not so strong against Walter, who has been out on bail. It will be remembered that the head shot before his arrest. "He seems to have recovered from the wound, although the bullet is still in his head. The attorney general will come up tomorrow at noon to look after the crown's interest. J. Chipman Hartley has been retained to defend Walter Cammack.

LANDRY ACCEPTS.

The Unanimous Choice of the Conservatives of Gloucester County. CARAQUET, N. B., Oct. 17.—The conservative convention held here this afternoon was an immense success, all the parishes being represented. A large number of persons from Bathurst and the other parts of the county were present and great enthusiasm prevailed. N. A. Landry was unanimously chosen to carry the conservative standard. After the deliberations of the delegates were at an end Mr. Landry and the public were called in and the result was announced amid tremendous cheers. Mr. Landry accepted the nomination and thanked the convention in a stirring speech denouncing the liberal policy. T. M. Burns, M. P., was called upon and strongly defended the policy as laid down by Mr. Borden. After the convention the liberal conservative association for Gloucester was organized and Jacob White was elected president, Theophile Blanchard vice-president and Jno. J. Harrington, secretary.

EXPECTS BIG GAINS.

OTTAWA, Oct. 17.—Hon. John Haggart was in town today. He is very sanguine over the liberal conservative outlook in eastern Ontario. He says the party will certainly gain six seats in the east district, including North and South Renfrew, North and South Ontario, Glengarry, and another seat in Ottawa. The Consolidated Lake Superior Company has been awarded a second government contract for 10,000 tons of steel rails for the Intercolonial.

RUSSIAN RECEPTION FOR LOCAL CANDIDATES.

Two Splendid Meetings Held Monday Addressed by Dr. Daniel and A. A. Stockton, K. C.—Both Meetings Enthusiastic.

The conservative public meeting held Monday in the Tabernacle Hall proved a grand success. The hall was taxed to its capacity by a sympathetic audience which manifested the keenest interest throughout. The chairman of the occasion was E. N. Stockford. In a few opening remarks the chairman reminded the audience that the meeting was figuratively speaking, the first conservative gun to be fired in the present campaign in that section of the constituency. From the large number present he saw that his echo would be far-carrying and would reach the ears of dubious liberals with no uncertain sound. Dr. Daniel was then introduced as the first speaker amid loud cheers.



G. V. McINERNEY, The Man Whom the People of Kent Put Their Trust In.

Dr. Daniel first reminded his hearers that it was not many months past since he first appeared in Tabernacle Hall under circumstances similar to those of the present. He found them as he found now intelligent and inquiring electors who came to listen and to learn. The verdict which they were instrumental in passing in February last concerning the government policy was to have repetition in a few weeks. In condemning the government policy at that time they approved the policy as advocated by the Hon. Robert L. Borden and his associates. Nothing else could have been expected in a constituency like St. John so vitally affected as it was and is, by the transcontinental project of the government. The electors of the constituency conserve their own interests and safeguard their existence. Since then the government has done nothing to cause St. John electors to change their verdict (cheers), but the time elapsing between February and the present fit was within the government's power to have made changes in the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme which would have benefited the maritime provinces, but no such attempt was made. On the contrary the government made changes which were meant to benefit its partner, the Grand Trunk company, (great applause).

THE MILITIA. Before taking up the transcontinental question more in detail, Dr. Daniel dealt vigorously with the government method of managing the militia. The militia of the country, he said, was supposed to be managed in a non-partisan way. To be of effect it should be administered by a competent minister of militia, assisted by his coadjutors, has done everything in his power to make it a party machine. (Cheers) If the militia continues to be so managed the country's future will be depending upon a crippled prop. Is this one of the most important guarantees to Canada's national independence, asked Dr. Daniel, to be destroyed by the government the day of danger, they might learn this to their sorrow. (Hear, hear.)

LORD DUNDONALD. The dismissal of Lord Dundonald—(cheers)—first gave the people a clear idea of him and that their militia was being perverted to party ends. The government's action in dismissing him made the dismissal most ignominious in the eyes of the public. But in this it failed. (Applause.) Dr. Daniel dwelt on the utter shamefulness of the government's action in dismissing Lord Dundonald. He alluded to the spotless reputation of that gallant soldier, who brought succor to beleaguered Ladysmith. Lord Dundonald came to Canada fortified with a knowledge of military matters gained chiefly by experience, that made him, of all men, most qualified to place the Canadian militia on a practical footing. (Great applause.) But once the government saw that he was of an independent nature, a man who would not allow himself to be swayed as the tool of a partisan administration, it became necessary that his shoulder be effaced. (Applause.) The government was not slow in carrying out its purpose. Dundonald, who came here that the Canadian militia might benefit, was sacrificed to party considerations. (Great applause.) Dr. Daniel referred to the extreme acrimony which characterized the speeches of the ministers and their supporters against Dundonald. When speaking of the dismissed commander they seemed to be animated by a savage hatred of him, as though he had done them an injury. It was a most disgraceful attempt to blacken the character of an upright and honest man (hear, hear). Not content with injuring the man they must heap upon him abuse and insult. The commonest criminal is accorded a trial, but Lord Dundonald, whose name never knew the stigma of even accusation, was not so much as given a hearing. Subsequent events were not in the government's favor, they were all in favor of the dismissed soldier who left Canada amid the acclaim of a sympathetic and sensitive people (wild applause). Ministerial interference with the country's officials came in for another reference by Dr. Daniel. The dismissal of Captain Salmon, judge of a marine court at Montreal, because he refused to be harassed by the minister of marine, was denounced. It

was very unfortunate for Canada that such a state of affairs was allowed to exist, and the people would be given the opportunity on the third of November to show their disapproval (cheers).

It would mean government ownership of railways, which has proved so beneficial in other countries. It would mean money in the public treasury and reduced burdens of taxation. (Applause.) Of the 15,000 miles of railway in Canada at the present time 15,000 were owned by companies, who had been subsidized by the country to the extent of \$23,348,489. Mr. Blair and his associates were one on the benefits of public ownership. (Applause.) When Dr. Daniel finished speaking he was applauded enthusiastically.

A CONSERVATIVE VICTORY. He firmly believed that the conservatives would be given the reins of government, and based his conclusions on the events of the day. He ridiculed the absurdity of the liberal canvass that Dr. Stockton would not be elected because he was defeated in the last campaign. No man had won more victories and sustained less defeats than Dr. Stockton. (Wild applause.) Nov. 3rd would add one more to his list of victories (cheers). Mr. Hazen also discussed the Grand Trunk Pacific project. He showed how the scheme had little in it to safeguard the interests of the people of the maritime provinces. Of the great liability which the scheme placed upon the people of Canada—the people of St. John would have to stand for about a million of it, and reap not a cent of compensation. (Applause.) Mr. Hazen closed a long and stirring address with a call to the electors of that part of the city to stand solidly on November 3rd.

COUNCILLOR KELLY. Coun. Kelly, the blind orator of St. Martins, was present and made some witty remarks. He likened the liberal party at the present time to the Irishman who was once travelling on a train. Unable to secure a seat he approached a dandy looking fellow curled up in a seat with a strange looking dog sitting near. "Fine dog that," said the Irishman, "What breed is it?" "Oh," said the dandy looking fellow, "it's a cross between an Irishman and a skunk." "Then, begorra," said the Irishman, "he's related to both of us." "That," said Mr. Kelly, "is the condition of the liberal government. It is both for free trade and protection." The meeting held in the Temple of Honor Hall last evening in the interests of the liberal conservative party was most enthusiastic. The hall was crowded to the doors with the representative electors of that section of the city.

Winter Overcoats!

Overcoats have been selling like "hot cakes" for the past ten days at this store; many complimentary remarks have been made about their style, the quality of goods and the low price at which they are marked. A look through our stock will show you the advantage of buying here, too. SEE OUR MEN'S OVERCOATS AT \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.50, \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$15.00 Boys' Overcoats from \$3.85 to \$9.00

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It is a very strange proceeding. That is what the government had done. (Applause.) ALBERT FOR FOWLER. C. A. Peck of Albert county was called upon and stated that the election was assured. Emerson made a speech there the other night, and the audience only stayed about ten minutes. Fowler would again be the representative.

THERE ARE OTHERS.

Prominent Halifax Liberal Goes Over to the Conservative Side. HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 17.—The conservatives of Halifax held a splendid meeting tonight. A better has never been seen in this city. Its chief feature was the presence on the platform of several life-long liberals who have come over to the conservatives on the trans-continental railway question. One of these was Dr. James Gordon Bennett, who in the course of a speech, announced that he decided to vote for Borden and O'Mullin, the conservative candidates, because of a visit he had recently made to Portland and because of a study of the government's trans-continental railway scheme. He was convinced from what he had seen in Portland that Canada could expect nothing from the Grand Trunk, seeing that that company had made investments of \$26,000,000 for terminal in the Maine seaport, and that they were still securing land and terminals in Portland. Dr. Bennett said that he felt that if Canada is to spend a great many millions of dollars in building a trans-continental railway, the only way to secure its benefits for Canadian ports and the Canadian people is for the country to own the road, as Mr. Borden proposes. Dr. Bennett had written, he said, to Sir W. Laurier setting forth the reasons for leaving the liberal party and supporting the conservatives, reasons which he now made public.



R. D. WILMUT, The Conservative Candidate for Sunbury-Queens, who has the Confidence of the People.

BORDEN IN QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, Oct. 17.—At 7 o'clock this evening the members of the Junior Conservative Club and the conservatives of this city, met at the National school hall and marched in a body to the Chateau Frontenac, where they met Mr. Borden, the leader of the conservative party, and preceded by a band of music and a fire and drum band, they proceeded to Tara Hall by St. Louis and Dauterive streets, where Mr. Borden, Hon. C. Casgrain, Hon. L. P. Pelletier and Senator Landry addressed the meeting. The house was crowded and the distinguished leader of the opposition was enthusiastically welcomed. After the meeting the leader of the conservative party was escorted back to the Chateau Frontenac by way of St. John and Fabrique streets.

LOSES MAY NOT PROVE AS HEAVY AS REPORTED.

Hard Fighting For Two Days For An Important Strategic Point—Japanese Still Have the Advantage. Reports from Russian sources give a more hopeful view of the situation of Gen. Kuropatkin's army. That commander has re-occupied and holds the town of Shakhe, the possession of which for several days was first with one and then the other contending armies. Reports from the Russian left wing, for the safety of which there had been much anxiety, are no later than the night of October 13. It had been fighting for two days for possession of Tulin and Saitchouan, important strategic points, but up to the sending of the last despatch, the Japanese were still in possession of the passes. In order that this column may be able to re-occupy the main Russian army, it is necessary that Gen. Kuropatkin should hold the bridges over the Hun river and the position he now occupies on the Shakhe river. There is no indication that the Russian great battle is at hand. Estimates of the losses show a wide divergence, but are as a rule lower than those given in Sunday's despatches. Headquarters of the Russian Flank Column on the Lef, Oct. 14, by courier via Mukden, Oct. 17.—The order came to advance at midnight, but the Japanese themselves attacked at ten o'clock. They fought stubbornly, but were driven back. The Russians followed up the advantage and occupied the pass. There was still one height at the left of the pass which had not been taken and at dawn the Russians were again forced to retire, as the Japanese batteries commanded the ground the Russians had so hardily won. The next day the Russians again advanced, assaulting the main pass. During the day the fourth corps was forced to draw back, but at night re-occupied its earlier positions. During the night fighting of Thursday Sept. Colonel Pecuta was three shot and finally died fighting in the Japanese trenches. Lieut. Col. Agatoff and Staff Captain Udinsky are among the wounded. The thirty-fourth regiment suffered terribly. On the morning of Oct. 15 the Japanese advanced on Colonel Haskin who with seven companies, was holding a position on the right. The Japanese turned his flank, but a regiment was sent to his support and he turned back. Towards noon several fresh Japanese batteries appeared on the heights, firing high explosives. The Russian batteries finally got the range of the Japanese batteries and silenced them all. The Russians moved forward and at 6 o'clock in the afternoon occupied the passes as the Japanese withdrew. Then just as the task had been accomplished came the order to retire, which the column accomplished safely, but thoroughly exhausted by the long fighting.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The greatest admiration is expressed by the London newspapers for the tenacity employed by General Kuropatkin in protecting his retreat, but nowhere is any idea entertained that the Russian first decisive success on the Sakke river can change the broad character of their defeat or have any effect beyond retarding slightly the eventual Japanese advance to Mukden and probably to Harbin, since the Japanese appear to be fully prepared for a winter campaign. The question of intervention is hardly discussed at all, because it is believed that the Russian government is not in any mood to accept it.