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DISSOLUTION.

The Parliament of Canada has been dissolved and writs for a GENERAL ELECTION will be issued at once. Nomination day is appointed for

Thursday, February 20th, at 10 o'clock.

Thursday, March 1st.

For some days past the excitement of preparation could be observed and the work of the intended candidates everywhere throughout the Dominion has been pushed forward as far as possible so as to be ready when the time comes.

Throughout the Dominion the prospects of the Government party are good, and there is every probability of their return to power with even a larger majority than they have had in the recent Parliament.

But what of our own County of Northumberland. To those who keep in touch with the large majority of the free and independent electors it is evident that there has been a great change of public opinion during the past four years, and quite a number of influential men and others formerly opposed to the government have expressed their intention of working and voting for the Government candidates.

Don. Michael Adams.

They give several reasons for the faith that is in them. One is that there is every prospect of the Government being returned to power with an increased majority in the new parliament, and it is in the interest of Northumberland that it sends a supporter of the Government to represent its interests, and that a majority of the electors are fully in accord with this view and intend to vote in such a way that the mistake of four years ago will not be repeated.

To this end Mr. Adams' nomination paper is being numerously signed and there is not the least doubt of his acceptance of the nomination.

He is by far the strongest party man we have. He has no lack of ability as a legislator and his experience in the local house will be a great help to him when he becomes Northumberland's representative in the Dominion Parliament, and we feel assured that with a year or two of experience as a member of Parliament we shall have no reason to be ashamed of our representative.

A correspondent in another column, in referring to the change of opinion of many of the electors, makes the statement that Mr. Snowball will not offer, and that the only probable candidate in opposition to the Government will be Hon. Mr. Mitchell, and suggests the propriety of electing Mr. Adams by acclamation. If, as recently reported for the past few days, Mr. Snowball is in favor of supporting the Government candidate, then there does seem to be little hope for the opposition member in contesting the election, and Hon. Mr. Mitchell would do honor to himself by gracefully retiring and allowing Mr. Adams to succeed by acclamation, thus saving the turmoil and expense of an election, as well as the labor and exposure sure to be endured at this inclement season of the year. We hope this suggestion will receive due consideration at the hands of Mr. Mitchell and his many remaining friends in the County of Northumberland.

Sudden Deaths.

The sudden death of Mr. Windom, Secretary of the United States Treasury, at a New York Board of Trade and Transportation banquet on Saturday evening last has drawn out many expressions of sympathy. The dinner began at 8 o'clock and was over soon after 9 o'clock, when Secretary Windom was introduced as the first speaker. He entertained his audience of 300, including many prominent men, with an elaborate and amusing, and at the same time, a brilliant and successful, performance. The speech was broken short, and every eye was turned in the direction of the gentleman. He had collapsed in his chair and was falling to the floor. His face was ghastly, and a cry of horror arose among those about him.

There was an immediate rush toward Mr. Windom's chair, but several doctors who were guests at the dinner surrounded the prostrate man and drove the others back. They were Drs. S. A. Robinson, Durant, Whitney, Fisher and Bishop. Dr. Robinson bent down and made a careful examination, discovering that Mr. Windom's heart was still beating. By his orders the dying secretary was carried into a room adjoining the banquet hall and there placed on a table. Messengers were hastily dispatched for electric batteries, and as many as four were applied to his body, which was rapidly growing cold. It was exactly 10:15 when this occurred and for six minutes the electrical shocks were applied incessantly, but without success. At 10:11 p. m. Judge Arnoux came out of the room and announced to the diners that Secretary Windom, whom they had the pleasure of hearing only a few minutes before had breathed his last.

"He is dead" was the fearful announcement that was sent through the rapidly decked hall. The words went to the heart of every man who heard them. Could they believe them? The brilliant orator of a few minutes before, a glow with enthusiasm, predicting his future policy in Treasury, was only a mass of clay. His voice was forever silenced, and his last words were for his country. A silence fell upon the men who were only a few minutes before clamoring for news of Mr. Windom. Judge Arnoux in retiring had announced that Mr. Windom had only

fainted and it was not thought that his illness was serious as it proved to be. The Secretary had succumbed to an attack of the heart. He had been for a long time a sufferer from heart disease and last Monday was visited by a shock, which, however, passed away without causing him much inconvenience.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—The death of Secretary Windom in New York to-night gave a great shock to his official friends and associates. When the dispatch announcing the sad event was read to President Harrison he was greatly distressed. He immediately took a carriage to the house of the Postmaster-General, where a Cabinet dinner had been in progress.

Mrs. Windom and her two daughters and Mrs. Colgate, of New York, who is visiting them, were among those present. The President had a hurried conversation with Messrs. Blair and Proctor and the Postmaster-General. They then privately informed Mrs. Colgate of Mr. Windom's death, and she, without exciting suspicion, got her bearings in the room and went to her room. The President, Secretary Proctor and Postmaster-General Wainwright followed directly after.

When Mrs. Windom and daughters reached the house, Mrs. Colgate went to them to comfort them. Mrs. Windom was completely overcome and had to be assisted to her room. Her shock was terrible, as when the Secretary left Washington this morning he seemed in the best of health. The news of the death spread with wonderful rapidity, and although the hour was late quite a number of friends went to the residence of Mrs. Windom to express sympathy.

The death on Friday morning last of Mr. Charles Bradshaw, removes from British political life a man who occupied a prominent position. After several efforts to get elected to the British House of Commons he at last succeeded and a fierce struggle then took place as to his right to affirm upon taking his seat in the House of Commons instead of taking the usual oath which he objected to owing to his religious principles. A committee of the house, by one vote, denied his right to affirm and his seat was declared vacant. For several times he was sent back to his constituents and by them re-elected. The signature being desired to be represented by the man of his religious belief. But at last he was admitted to his seat and took a prominent part in many important discussions. He was born at London on the 28th September, 1835, and at London he died at 6 o'clock on Friday morning, Jan. 30th. The funeral was to take place yesterday with full funeral procession, no show of mourning, and no religious service.

Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association.

There was but a small attendance at the regular meeting on Monday evening the president, Mr. James Brown, in the chair. At the meeting held on Monday evening last, when the matter of the draw in the North West bridge was brought up. It was stated that the draw had become unsafe and would have to be thoroughly repaired or built anew and a statement was made that it was too narrow to allow any very small boats to pass through, and that it was advisable to interest the members for the County and the government in the Provincial Legislature to increase its width so that a side wheel steamer could get through. This matter was again brought up, and the government and our local members as to this matter. It was stated that it was the intention of this Association to endeavor to have a steamer to ply between Chatham and Newcastle and Redbank, and they wanted the draw widened so that a moderate sized steamer could safely pass through it. Several other matters of importance were discussed, the principal one being the formation of a company to build or purchase a steamer suitable for the river trade, and the advisability of appointing a committee to prepare a stock list and to procure information in regard to the project. Committee appointed consisted of the President, James Brown, Vice-President P. H. Henssey and Secretary-Treas. B. Farley. The meeting then adjourned until Monday week, February 16th.

Curling.

The last match in the Club Cup contest was played on Saturday evening last when skip J. R. Lawlor beat skip W. C. Anslow, and the former holds the Cup for the ensuing year. The following were the risks and scores:—

W. Rolston, H. Murray, James Stewart, G. Henderson, Joe Jardine, R. Beckwith.

J. R. Lawlor skip 15, W. C. Anslow, 10.

The first series for the Brown Cup has been played with the following result, giving the skips names only:—

J. Robinson, 18, J. Brown, 9, J. Ferguson, 20, W. C. Anslow, 4, J. R. Lawlor, 15, T. W. Crocker, 8.

The second series will be called on at once as follows:—

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NORTHUMBERLAND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from first page.)

Coun. Kerr presented petition of Mrs. Mary Dalton, widow of the late Wm. Dalton, for rebate of taxation in Newcastle, which was referred to the Petition Committee. [The rebate was subsequently granted, on committee's recommendation.]

Coun. Betts read the list of Derby parish and county officers. Passed.

A long discussion took place on a motion made by Coun. Doyle to reduce Newcastle's Alms House assessment from \$500 to \$500. He said the aid given outside of the Alms House in Newcastle was excessive, as was proved by the fact that some \$93 was spent for out-door aid in Newcastle parish, while only \$23 was spent in Chatham; and was a considerable sum for such a small parish. The motion was carried by a majority of 10 to 4.

Coun. Sullivan went into the subject quite fully, showing how he had urged the commissioners to reduce Harwick's assessment, when he was a councillor in previous years, and said that parish had been victimized to the tune of \$125 for the last three years.

Coun. Underhill thought it would be better if the Alms House books, which were before the Council every year were more thoroughly studied, so that the subject might be better understood.

The motion to reduce Newcastle's assessment to \$500 was passed.

Coun. Robinson then moved to reduce that of Derby from \$100 to \$25 which Coun. Betts said could not be a serious proposition on Coun. Robinson's part, as Derby must contribute its share to the general expenses of the institution, besides which it had one pauper there to provide for.

Coun. Jones endeavored, to show that if a parish was not assessed sufficiently to pay the expenses of its own paupers one year it would have to pay the more the next year, realising from the accounts in support and stating the different balances to the credit of each parish.

Coun. Robinson contended that as Newcastle's assessment had been reduced all the other parishes should be similarly dealt with.

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On motion of Coun. Kerr the high Sheriff was heard in reference to the County claim which was the subject of a motion passed by Council this forenoon.

The high Sheriff said the levy upon Conway was for \$65.91 and interest \$11.35 added made the whole claim \$77.46. There was a claim from him from the Municipal office for services rendered as one of the building committee of the new jail, \$150, which was the amount awarded by the committee, to whom the matter was referred, so after he had collected the Conway claim he gave the Secretary-Treasurer credit for \$100 which he had received from him as a member of the jail committee, and also for \$50, which he retained out of the Conway claim money.

He sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, balance due, \$27.46, which however, Coun. Kerr said, he believed, not accepted because, under the wording of the resolution making the jail committee award, he was not authorized to pay more than \$100 each to the members thereof. The award was not sought by him but when made, and the understanding being well known that \$300 was to be divided between Mr. Fish and himself, he felt he was entitled to it. He therefore had right to retain the \$30 as he had done out of the Conway claim and to make the settlement offered with the Secretary-Treasurer on that basis. Mr. Smith, who was present as reporter, and Coun. Jones, were members of the committee of Council who recommended the award to the jail committee and knew all about it.

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On motion, ex-councillor Smith explained that when the committee appointed for the purpose were considering what remuneration should be made to the jail construction committee, he had understood Mr. Robinson to say that as he had not done so much work as the other two members, Messrs. Shirreff and Fish, he did not think he was entitled to any pay, but would allow his share to be divided between those gentlemen. The committee had talked of an award on a basis of five per cent. on the cost of the work, but were glad to be able to reduce it under the understanding they thought they had with Coun. Robinson, which enabled them to do justice to Messrs. Shirreff and Fish, and at the same time, make the matter easier for the County.

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He never said he had done less work than Messrs. Shirreff and Fish, or that he was willing that they should receive his share of the award.

Ex-councillor Smith: Is it untrue also that since the award was made you personally offered to go to Mr. Fish's office with him and write an order upon the Secretary-Treasurer for his share of the \$100, which you have left in the Secretary-Treasurer's hands?

Coun. Jones said that Mr. Fish has been holding him so much about the matter that he did tell him one day that if he wanted it so badly he would give him \$50 to quiet him.

Coun. Jones said that he was a member of the committee and Mr. Smith has stated exactly what the understanding was so far as he could remember it. Mr. Robinson said: "I don't want the money. Give it to the men who did the work."

Coun. Tozer also stated his recollection of the matter which agreed with that stated by Messrs. Smith and Jones and the subject was dropped.

On motion of Coun. Fairley the list of parish and county officers for Ludlow was passed and Coun. Fairley and McAlister were excused from further attendance at Council.

Council adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S SITTING.

Council re-assembled on Saturday, 24th, at 10 a. m.

After reading \$1200 was ordered to be assessed on Chatham for Street and Fire purposes, and \$2300 for Police and Light.

Amount of expenses in re Scott Act, \$438.72. Passed.

Account of James T. Doak was ordered to be paid as already recommended by County Accounts committee.

Warden Flanagan was relieved from the chair which was taken by Coun. Tozer.

The Secretary-Treasurer read a resolution setting forth that the Chatham Public Library had been illegally leased and receding the order passed at the July session 1890, for a new lease. Adopted.

Coun. Flanagan moved for a committee of three to make arrangements to lease the wharf by public auction as they might see fit, explaining that it would be advantageous to divide the property into two parts so as to afford the present lessees an opportunity to secure the ground necessary for their buildings they now owned in connection with it. He said he felt the matter had not been properly dealt with last year, when he was not a member of council, and he had assisted in obtaining an injunctive order to prevent the lease being given in the manner arranged. The property was a valuable one and he feared leaving it to the committee would be a mistake.

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the out-door relief for his parish should be given in the town of Newcastle.

Alms-House Commissioner, Hennessy, of Newcastle, was on motion, given leave to address the Council. He fully explained the reason for the year's relief assessment on Newcastle and why Chatham's assessment was less, as Coun. Jones had done yesterday. He further said that two years' dog tax amounting to \$170 a year, had gone to Chatham's credit this year, while Newcastle's credit this year, he said, was only \$67 to its credit this year. If Coun. Doyle were in the position, he would, in first and how many seemingly deservingly claims for out-door relief were refused by the Newcastle commissioners. When, however, he was convinced that applicants were deserving, he gave relief and would never refuse such as long as he held the position. "He believed the ratcatchers' desire that no poor person should freeze or starve and they never would do so if he could prevent it. If the committee's need did not care for the poor it involved calls upon their good hearts and nobility, who ought not to be thus obliged to give relief for their own expense, after paying their regular Alms House assessments. Outside aid was necessary, as very little of it prevented the separation of families and saved much heavier charges which would be involved in sending them to the Alms House."

The warden explained why Chatham's assessment was so low this year, and said while he was in favor of keeping down assessments, he never complained of any approach to the Alms House of the part of the committee. The St. Vincent de Paul society had given out door relief last year to the amount of \$140 and other church organizations cared for their own poor to a large extent, still, he thought the Chatham commissioners might give more outside aid than they did.

Coun. Sullivan also favored more outside aid, being given.

The committee having reported, recommending the original assessment to stand and that the Newcastle commissioners be more careful in giving outside aid, their report was adopted.

County contingent assessment of \$4,500 was ordered together with the re-assessment of the deficiencies in the several parishes.

Coun. Flett submitted a return of Michael Hudson, comm. roads, Nelson; also, return of Wm. Fitzpatrick, overseer of roads, showing balance of \$13.13, instead of \$17.13 due him.

On motion of Coun. Flett ordered that a bye-law be ordained imposing a dog tax within the district in Nelson from Foley's cove to Sargeant's, save on farmers and householders, who shall be allowed to keep one dog each.

Coun. Kerr referring to the absence of the auditor since the vote of yesterday appointing him, said he ought to be in attendance on Council to perform his duties. He was obliging and efficient, but he did not look well to see him away since yesterday.

The Secy-Treasurer said the auditor had said to him that he supposed there would be no more accounts for him to pass.

On motion of Coun. Kerr, Wm. Lawlor was appointed to be the auditor on the board of Street and Fire commissioners. Chatham's Commrs. having requested that he be not re-appointed; Messrs. Ambrose, Hay, Jas. Gillis and David Lawson were added to the committee for Chatham and Charles Gray to the Newcastle committee.

Coun. Jones moved an amendment upon the county of \$300 for Inspector Brown's salary.

Coun. Tozer being moved to the chair—Coun. Flanagan moved the motion and said it was in the interest of his parish that he do so. Chatham's taxes were now very large and it paid nearly one-third of the whole county assessment. By leaving Mr. W. S. Brown on salary he was benefited so far as stopping the rate of liquor was concerned, while the rate which was deprived of the license fees which the traffic, if regulated by license, would pay. Under that arrangement the ratcatchers would be relieved of the contingent assessment, or a great part of it. Everybody knew that the Scott Act had failed to prevent the sale of liquor in the County.

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Yess-Jones, Betts, Swin, McDonald, El. Hayes, Underhill, Robinson, Thibodeau, Chaisson, Rph. Hayes, Platt, Kerr, Savoy, Anderson, Sullivan, Williamson, 18.

At 10:30—Wood, Doyle, Flanagan, Ulick, McNaughton—5.

Coun. Flett presented petition of Daniel Camer, for reduction of taxes. Referred to petition committee.

Adjourned for dinner.

On re-assembly, Couns. Kerr, Betts and Warden Flanagan were appointed Alms House visiting committee for the year.

On motion of Coun. Betts ordered that the boundaries of Derby for municipal election purposes be from Wilson's Point to Fitzgerald's lower line, instead of from the latter's lower line, as at present.

Coun. Kerr submitted returns M. D. Savoy, col. rats, lower dist. Chatham. Alnwick reports that there is \$211.62 due by him. Ordered that the Secy-Treas. take steps to recover same, forthwith.

On motion of Coun. Tozer, ordered that the Alms House commissioners be requested to publish as much of their report as will convey a correct idea of their method of keeping the accounts of the institution in the different parishes, as well as a general cost.

On motion of remuneration to Messrs. Shirreff and Fish, re-assessment of \$3000. Coun. Flett brought up on motion of Coun. Tozer that the sum of \$400 each be paid to them out of the contingent fund, to the credit of which Coun. Robinson had stated he had left \$100 to which he was entitled under the former resolution of Council.

Coun. Robinson said if the motion passed he would withdraw the \$100 referred to, but otherwise it was his intention to leave it to the credit of the County.

The matter was again fully discussed and the motion lost.

Ordered that David Mandegon be allowed refund of taxes petitioned for.

Ordered that a telephone be placed in the Secy-Treas. office for the accommodation of persons having business with that office and the Registry office.

Coun. Sullivan presented return of Justice Howard Allan in default list, Hardwick for 1890. That list had been in the hands of a justice in the upper end of the parish until last fall. It amounted to \$40 and since that time Justice Allan had collected \$29.39 of it—a good showing.

The High Sheriff, Coun. Doyle and Mr. Donald Morrison were appointed jury committees for the current year.

In reply to Coun. Kerr, the Secy-Treasurer said the consuls of Newcastle, Chatham and Nelson were required by law to give bonds to the amount of \$100 each. Any ratcatcher might proceed