KINGS COUNTY.

The convention assembled at Hampton yesterday, notwithstanding the non-representation of four parishes, was one of the largest and most influential yet held in Kings. It entered upon its work and carried it through in an orderly and business-like way, and with complete unanimity its members tendered the county nomination to Mr. Pugsley. That gentleman could not feel otherwise than flattered and pleased by the accord with which so large and influential a body had honored him, and he feelingly expressed his grateful pleasure thereat.

The assemblage at Hampton was not confined to the delegates who had been chosen at the several parish meetings. A large number of prominent men from various parts of the county, and from among the non-resident electors attested their interest in the occasion by being present. The great majority of these were, from the first, sympathisers with Mr. Pugsley's candidature though some had withheld their support until after the voice of the people had been expressed through the convention. The delegates and non-delegates from almost every parish in the county who were on the ground concurred in bringing the most cheering information as to Mr. Pugsley's strength in different sections, and whatever the result may be one one that attended the meeting yesterday but must be convinced that Mr. Pugsley has around him a strong body of enthusiastic men who believe that he will be triumphantly elected. It remains for them by diligent work and effort to realize their expectations.

The only canvass that has been strongly urged against Mr. Pugsley is that he is a lawyer. It would be in vain to deny it. All his brethren at the bar, and the judges of our courts we believe would join to refute the slander if anybody would venture the statement that Mr. Pugsley is not a lawyer and a good one. But by whom is this charge urged? Chiefly by a member of the legal profession who says he is not a lawyer! By one who has been a clerk of the court—a solicitor general even, and aspires to be a judge of probates it is said, but alleges he is no lawyer!

Perhaps we have too many lawyers in the assembly, and if so it may be well to weed out some of the bad ones. But the experience of our counties has not taught them to lay so much stress upon this objection to the legal profession. An able lawyer may make an excellent representative. When had Kings a better, more influential or more honored representative than the late lamented Herbert Crawford? Yet he was a lawyer. Who are the two leading spirits in the county of York and the opposite sides of the house of assembly? Two lawyers.

Mr. Pugsley's strength is in his own strength of mind, his learning, culture, address, his fine speaking powers, the measures of reform he has advocated, and the willingness he has shown to trust the people. And these are qualities of which no opposition can deprive him. These qualities have secured for him the handsome nomination which he yesterday received at the hands of the county convention, and will we doubt not gain him the votes of a host of electors of Kings.—*Telegraph* 20th.

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20th May, 1885.

News Summary.

DOMINION.

—The resolution in favor of College Federation in Ottawa submitted to the Methodists at Toronto has been postponed for a year when it is to be discussed in the general conference of Canadian Methodists.

—The work of the School for the Blind at Halifax, has been successful in the year just closed. A number of young men and women who have spent some years at the school, are now in a position and to complete with other mechanics and music teachers for a living. The graduates of the institution have succeeded well and have become profitable citizens. We believe the privileges of the school can be secured by any blind child.

—The House of Commons has rejected by large majority the Senate amendments to permit the sale of beer and light wines in counties that have adopted the Scott Act. This action of the Commons is right and in harmony with public opinion as shown by the press and resolutions of prominent religious bodies and Temperance organizations.

—The Nova Scotia Methodist Conference is in session at Lunenburg. The net increase of membership is 745 with 500 more on trial.

—While the feeling among all the denominations appears to grow in the direction of uniting religion and education, so does the feeling grow in favor of enforcing temperance by prohibitory and penal enactments.—*Globe.*

—At a Convention of representatives from the parishes of Kings County, four parishes excepted, was held at Hampton on 19th inst, and Wm. Pugsley Esq., nominated to represent the county in the House of Assembly.

—THE ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN'S GREATEST FIRE.—Eight years ago Saturday, the most disastrous fire ever known in Canada, and one of the three greatest fires on this continent, broke out in St. John and laid waste two-thirds of the city. In a few hours men saw the accumulations of years swept away. Many who had gone to their places of business in the morning happy in the thought that they had sufficient of this world's goods to make them comfortable for the remainder of their journey through life were utterly despoiled of their homes and property before nightfall. Others lost both life and property. None however, rich or poor, escaped the baneful effects of the calamity that thus suddenly fell on the city. It was general and widespread in its results, and there are many who, though eight years have passed, have not yet recovered from losses sustained that day.

Many lots still remain unbuilt upon and no doubt it will be years before all these scars disappear, but the well known enterprise of the citizens of St. John, so constantly displayed in the past are sufficient guarantee that sooner or later the city will be fully and completely restored. The magnificent public edifices already erected, as well as the numerous private residences, which in point of architectural beauty cannot be surpassed in any portion of Canada, with scores of spacious warehouses and stores, all attest to the energy of the people of this city by the sea. The ashes of their destroyed buildings were scarcely cold when building operations were commenced, and before the close of 1877, six months after the fire upwards of 1,000 buildings were finished and occupied. Since then building operations have steadily advanced. Although they have been somewhat retarded by the depressed condition of trade, the work will advance again with increased vigor when business revives. A statement of buildings erected and their cost, taken from official returns, for the past eight years is as follows:—

	Brick.	Wood.	Total.	Cost.
1877	256	1,059	1,315	$3,643,115
1878	108	431	539	1,813,679
1879	21	103	124	634,235
1880	15	46	61	115,375
1881	25	41	66	111,610
1883	22	66	88	257,511
1883	16	56	72	221,405
1884	5	58	64	135,643
Totals	469	1,850	2,329	$6,937,573

The amount of outlay this year in new buildings has been smaller than last year up to date, but it is quite safe to say that $7,000,000 have been expended in restoring the property destroyed since June 20th, 1877. During that period the loss by fire has been in the neighborhood of $70,000, the greater part of which was covered by insurance.

The assessed real estate valuation in St. John in 1877, was $10,235,300. In 1884 it was $8,519,800. The personal estate of St. John was assessed at $3,797,200 in 1877, and at $2,811,500 in 1884.—*Tel.*

—Ex-Judge Frederick W. Desbarres, died at Halifax, 16th inst., aged 86 years. He belonged to one of the most famous families of Nova Scotia.

—Nathaniel Sharp, aged 91 years, one of the survivors of the 104th Regiment that made the memorable charge on snow shoes through the wilderness from Fredericton to Quebec to participate in the war of 1812, was buried at Apohaqui, on 19th inst.

—The Salvationists under Capt. Gardner continue to hold meetings in City Hall, Carleton, every night. They have made a large number of converts, some of whom assist at the services. The army paraded some of the west side streets yesterday afternoon, several of the converts wearing the regulation Salvationists' red shirt.—*Sun.*

—HALIFAX, June 21.—General regret is expressed at the death of Wm. Hedley, manager of Dun, Wyman & Co.'s Halifax agency. He was 52 years old, a native of Amherstburg, Ontario, and had been in Halifax about twenty years.

—Sir Leonard Tilley, now in England, has undergone a severe surgical operation there with great benefit to his health.

—DEATH OF AN OLD CARLETONIAN.—Monday afternoon, Samuel Mayes, sr., of Carleton, departed this life in his 82nd year, after a somewhat long illness. Mr. Mayes was of Loyalist stock, his father being one of the New York refugees who settled in Sunbury county in the stormy days of long ago.

—FIRE AT ST. GEORGE.—On the morning of the 24th inst, about 5 o'clock fire was discovered in the shingle and box steam mill belonging to John Dewar, which in a few hours was totally destroyed with its entire contents, also about three hundred thousand cedar shingles that were piled alongside of the mill. The origin of the fire is unknown, and reported there was no insurance. Strangs to say, the mill was shut down a noon on Saturday and the fire in the furance extinguished, hence the cause of the fire seems more mysterious. Mr. Dewar is one of our most industrious business men and his loss is heavy. He has the sympathy of the general community.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

—The N. Y. *Sun's* London correspondent says: There is a growing fear in well informed circles that trouble is looming up in Afghanistan. Russia is continually picking up little occurrences here and there on the border of the disputed territory and making them matters of complaint, seemingly for no other purpose than to enlarge her grievances and keep them before the eyes of Europe. Russian officials now come forward with a strong protest against the fortifying of Herat and the massing of troops by the Ameer on the frontier of Turkestan, asserting that this display of military vigor by Afghanistan at the present moment is uncalled for and has the appearance of a direct menace toward Russia. Mild warning is also conveyed to the Ameer that he and his officers should exercise a little judgment in regard to their military manœuvres, and should not try the temper of the Russian troops in the disputed territory too severely, as did the Afghan commander at Penjdeh recently. This series of bickerings on the part of Russia, has created a feeling that she is endeavoring to obtain a plausible excuse for a quarrel with the Afghans, and very few persons in London would be surprised if Russia took advantage of the present political deadlock in England to make another move forward, at least as far as Herat. That inspired Russian organ *Le Nord* of Brussels, in an editorial, says that Russia is ready to conclude parleyings on the Russo-Afghan frontier question with the Tories on the basis agreed to by the Gladstone Cabinet and is even anxious for the Tories to act promptly in the matter, so that she can know quickly whether it is to be peace or war. The article concludes as follows:

"Russia has no fears that Lord Salisbury's anti-Russian language in parliament during the recent debates will endanger the situation, as a Russophobe on the Opposition benches in parliament is not necessarily a Russophobe when he becomes a minister."

On the other hand the St. Petersburg *Novosti* urges that the Russian Government take decisive measures to check the insolence of the Afghans, and it is believed that this utterance reflects the views of the war party in Russia.

—The Queen has offered Mr. Gladstone an earldom, in recognition of his service. Gladstone asked that he be allowed to forego the honor. The *News* rejoices at Gladstone's decision, and says that no title could add to his fame or enhance the enthused devotion of his countless admirers.

—LONDON, June 23.—Gladstone has made a promise to Lord Salisbury to give the new government as much time as possible during the remainder of the session. Correspondence between the party leaders will probably be presented to parliament to-day. It is stated that the readers have arranged to make an effort to carry the Welsh intermediate education bill, the Australian confederation bill, Irish national education bill, and the minister for Scotland bill. Lord Salisbury has declined to include the Scotch crofters bill. The seats bill will be finished to-night. Parliament will meet to-day (Wednesday), to obtain the royal assent and then adjourn for re-election. The following is the authentic list of the new cabinet:—

Prime Minister and Secretary for Foreign Affairs—Marquis of Salisbury.

First Lord of the Treasury—Sir Stafford Northcote.

Chancellor of the Exchequer—Sir Michael Hicks-Beach.

Lord High Chancellor—Sir Hardinge Giffard.

Lord President of the Council—Viscount Cranbrook.

Lord of the Privy Seal—Earl Horrowby.

Secretary of the Home Department—Sir Richard J. Ashton Cross.

Secretary for the Colonial Department—Col. Frederick Stanley.

Secretary of War—Right Hon. Wm. Henry Smith.

Secretary of State for India—Lord Randolph Churchill.

First Lord of the Admiralty—Lord George Hamilton,

President of the Local Government Board—Arthur James Balfour.

President of the Board of Trade—The Duke of Richmond and Gordon.

Vice President of the Council—Hon. Edward Stanhope.

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland—Earl Carnarvon.

Lord Chancellor of Ireland—Right Hon. Edward Gibson.

The minor offices have not yet been filled.

—If England and Russia subbmit to arbitration in the present instance, why should any civilized power go to war with another in the future? Let the precedents of peaceful settlement of disputes be multiplied, and the way will be paved for beating the swords into ploughshares and the spears into pruning-hooks.—*Springfield Union.*

UNITED STATES.

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—Dr. Northrup took occasion to say in one of his after-journey speeches recently that in his opinion the only race that has enduring life in it is the Anglo-Saxon, and that the English-speaking people are surely destiped to become the dominant people of the world. In this he agrees with Max Muller, the famous philologian, who has lately said that in two centuries the English language will be spoken by about 1,837,000,000 of the race, not more than 790,000,000 holding aloof. Harvard will then need to revise again its findings with reference to the so-called dead languages.

—Yale college has adopted the entire revised version of the Scriptures for chapel readings.

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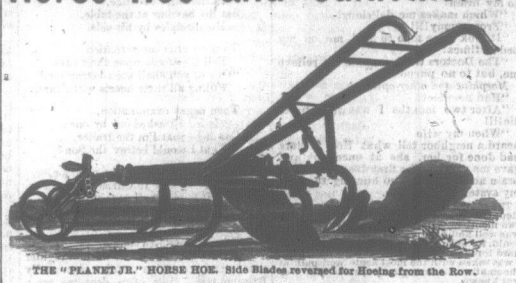

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