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## Northumberland Chooses the Four Strongest Men.

Robert Murray, M. P. P., S. W. Miller, W. C. Winslow and Wm. Anderson Unanimous Choice of Government Convention.

CHATHAM, N. B., Friday. — A convention of the friends and supporters of the government was held this afternoon in the Masonic Hall to select candidates for the coming election. Robert Murray called the meeting to order and went on to explain for what purpose the meeting was called. Wm. Kerr was elected chairman and P. J. McIntyre secretary. The chairman moved that one man be selected from each parish. The delegates were then selected and forthwith withdrew to a private room to select their candidates. The nominating committee was as follows:

Chatham—Geo. Hildebrand, S. D. Heckbert, Wm. Kerr, Wm. Danvers, Newcastle—J. J. Pullen, R. H. Grenley, Samuel Russell, L. B. McMurdo, Hardwicke—A. J. Williston, Glenelg—Wm. Ullock, Nelson—Daniel Baldwin, Blackville—Archibald Alcorn, Rogersville—Wm. Maloney, J. D. Buckley, Ludlow—W. A. Campbell, Howard Holmes.

A. Alcorn acted as chairman. While the foregoing meeting was in progress Dr. Byrne, a staunch and ardent supporter of the government was called upon to speak. He dwelt at length upon the Central Railway and said that instead of it being a useless undertaking as quoted by Mr. Hazen, the would-be premier and his colleague Mr. Flemming, it would be the means of bringing into touch some of the richest coal fields in the world and thereby enable consumers to purchase coal at a much lower rate and still have the best article. He concluded by remarking that he hoped all those present would give their best support to the candidates nominated.

The report of the meeting was then received and adopted. The candidates nominated were:—Robert Murray, Chatham; W. C. Winslow, Chatham; S. W. Miller, Newcastle; Wm. Anderson, Burnt Church. The ticket was received with much applause. The candidates were then called upon for speeches. Robert Murray thanked the audience for his nomination and spoke of the stability of the government and how he meant to work for the interests of his party. Next came Wm. Anderson who said it was not in his line to make a political speech, that he did not believe in too much talking but in working and working hard and that he for one intended to live up to his motto. He finished by offering thanks for his nomination. S. W. Miller then came forward and thanked the audience for his nomination. It was his intention to do all in his power to further the interests of the government of New Brunswick.

Mr. Winslow Heard. At this juncture W. C. Winslow who had not been able to get to the meeting earlier put in an appearance and was received with much hand clapping and calls of "Speech," "Speech," to which he responded. He said he must apologize for being late but that he had been making his will and that had detained him, but now he felt easier in his mind and was prepared for the worst. He did not wish to detain the meeting longer and would speak in the evening at the mass meeting and concluded by thanking them for his nomination.

Premier Robinson then brought the meeting to a close with a short speech. He remarked upon the good qualities of the men chosen and went on to show in what good fighting shape every county in the province is in and

that he did not feel the least bit nervous at any of the remarks that the opposition party were making. He concluded by saying that he would address the meeting in the evening along with the candidates selected. The mass meeting in the Masonic Hall tonight was one of the most enthusiastic ever held in Chatham and the speakers received a patient hearing. The large hall was crowded to the doors every available seat being occupied. Standing room was at a premium. Councillor W. A. Campbell of Boiestown was elected chairman and in a few well chosen words explained the object of the meeting. He said that the 3rd day of March was an auspicious one for on that date 25 years ago Hon. A. G. Blair had been sworn in at Fredericton, since which time that government under different premiers had remained in power. He was confident that the present government would elect thirty out of forty-six members. Let us get into line and elect four members in Northumberland.

The chairman then called in the Premier.

### PREMIER ROBINSON.

After some preliminary remarks the Premier took up Mr. Flemming's financial criticisms and in speaking of the London loan, said he had refused to offer bonds on the open market. Another temporary loan was the proper thing under the circumstances. The Bank of Montreal took up the matter by cable with England and in one day found they could get all the money they wanted at five per cent. for the securities we had. If our credit was no good would the bank have been willing on one day's notice to loan us that money? The Opposition claims our credit is no good. Who is right, they or the bank? In 1867 to 1883 the Conservatives used up \$10,000,000 of our resources. When Mr. Blair came into power he found the \$2,000,000 placed to our credit at Ottawa gone and there was a large bonded indebtedness against us. On the eve of their defeat that government bound the province to pay subsidies to 22 railways. Our whole debt is now \$5,200,000. On deposit at Ottawa we have \$525,000, never called upon and drawing 5 per cent. "This is a reserve we consider good to maintain. Sinking funds amount to \$150,000 and the Central Ry is worth over \$120,000. The net debt of the province is therefore \$3,500,000. The debt in 1883 was \$1,100,000, so that in 25 years we have added but \$2,400,000. When we came into power we found the assets depleted and one or two buildings and Suspension bridge were the only assets we could find. On the other hand we have now steel bridges all over the province reaching, if placed end to end two and a half miles. The permanent bridges alone will total as much as the debt in the debt. The old government gave away valuable lands in Victoria county valued today at \$10 to \$18 per acre. The present government has given away no lands and it has today 7,000,000 acres of land worth many millions of dollars.

The territorial revenue has more than doubled under this government. "The debt of the province, \$3,500,000, \$10 per head, is small compared with other provinces and cities. St. John's debt is \$116 per capita and they have no lands. Only one province has a smaller per capita debt than New Brunswick. The opposition tries to point to this as an overwhelming burden on our shoulders and ask you to put the affairs of administration in their incompetent hands. Setting aside \$30,000 each year as a sinking fund we will pay off the whole debt in fifty years."

The Premier ridiculed Mr. Flemming's anxiety over this financial situation and declared that the province should not refuse to spend \$1,500 to show its loyalty to British connections as it did when Prince Louis of Battenburg was here. "Mr. Flemming charges us with adding \$1,500,000 in one year to the debt of the province. I characterized that as absurd and I should consider not 2,000 or so people who would hear us in a hall in St. John but the 80,000 people in the province. I took Mr. Hazen's suggestion to lay the finances before a chartered accountant but they have not accepted the offer. They don't want an expert to go over them. We have nothing to conceal and I have got in communication with a Montreal firm through the Bank of Montreal and they will send a representative here to go over our accounts."

"I do not know the chartered accountants and they will give an independent audit." Regarding school books and their prices Mr. Robinson quoted Chief Superintendent of Education, Dr. Inch, showing that the New Brunswick readers are much more modern and

much better than those in Ontario. The present low price in Ontario is due to the fact that the readers, 1 to 4, are being sold below cost as they are out of date and go out of use very shortly. The fifth reader in Ontario costs 50 cents. The government is now working along the line of having interprovincial readers so that the lowest possible price may be obtained by all. "We have just as much interest as the opposition in having the price low."

The road law will be repealed and an act will be prepared so that statute labor will be optional and each parish may assess its own rates. "The transportation is a great problem in this province and we contend that the branch lines in this province should be taken over by the Intercolonial. We feel the time will come in the near future when this desirable result will be brought about. We claim credit for conceiving and carrying out this project."

"The government desires to stimulate immigration into those places suitable for settlement and we have purchased 50,000 acres from the N. B. Railway in order to throw them open to good settlers. Is this not a commendable policy? The bureau of colonization will aid us in bringing out only desirable citizens from the old country. The government will soon have a survey of the timber lands and we wish to apply the most modern of forestry methods to the preserving and augmenting of this great asset. In spite of the increase of salaries in all professions of life, the present government has not increased the salaries of the executive. They are, in fact, lower than in 1882."

### ROBERT MURRAY, M. P. P.

Robert Murray, M. P. P., was the next speaker. He was satisfied the government was doing the very best possible for the people. Mr. Robinson has more than answered Mr. Flemming's criticisms and the electors could judge between them and vote accordingly. The people have confidence in the government and he believed would sustain the present administration by the vote of a majority of five years ago. The county of Northumberland had been well treated by the government, which has done all it possibly could to meet the needs of this constituency in spite of the increase of salaries. The county of Northumberland had been well treated by the government, which has done all it possibly could to meet the needs of this constituency in spite of the increase of salaries. The county of Northumberland had been well treated by the government, which has done all it possibly could to meet the needs of this constituency in spite of the increase of salaries.

### WM. ANDERSON.

William Anderson, the second nominee to speak, said this was his first step in provincial politics. In going over Northumberland County there were many things to be done and he was growing up without any education. This is a matter which the government should take up, and it should be the pride of the province that not one child should grow up without the rudiments of an education. If elected he would do his best to bring about this reform.

### W. C. WINSLOW.

W. C. Winslow said he was opposed to the government in 1903, while official receiver of the Maritime Sulphite Fibre Company. Afterwards this matter was settled up, and he would continue to support the government as he did before 1903. Those who heard Mr. Flemming and then Mr. Robinson must realize there are two sides to a question. Mr. Hazen has said that he would not increase the province's debt, but he voted for a subsidy of \$15,000 per mile for a railway through the county of Sunbury. It made a difference to the opposition where the money was spent.

### S. W. MILLER.

S. W. Miller, mayor of Newcastle, said it was easy for the opposition to sit back and criticize, but they had no experience and no platform to offer the electors. The present tax for roads was nearly one-half what it was under the former road act. Yet the bridges, if not the roads, were in a shape never attempted before. Last year nothing could be done to the roads owing to the weather conditions. Mr. Miller attacked Mr. Morrison as a financier, declaring his management of Newcastle's finances was a fizzle. Mr. Morrison promoted the furniture factory and it is today a monument to him. But he thinks himself a financier. Mr. Miller was greeted with lengthy applause on resuming his seat.

### W. B. SNOWBALL.

W. B. Snowball was called to the platform and declared that Mr. Flemming's "kidding" would not go with any intelligent elector. He and Mr. Hazen are trying to deceive the people of this province by misrepresentation. If they deceive you now what will they do afterwards? he said. Mr. Snowball said the Montreal auditors were already on their way here to go into the provincial finances and the gentlemen were the most reliable that

can be obtained. Mr. Snowball scored the opposition for their false statements about purity campaigns, and cited an instance to show they did not practice what they preached. The government cannot so economize that it lets bridges and roads and railways be neglected. Three cheers were then given for the premier and candidates, and the meeting came to a close.

## UNNATURAL FATHER IS ARRESTED.

Slayer of His Own Child Found in a Lumber Camp Near Boundary.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Sunday. — Richard Grey, of Knokford, charged by his sixteen year old daughter with the crimes of incest and murder, was captured late last night by deputy sheriff Foster in a lumber camp run by Titcomb, of Houlton, near Watson Settlement on this side of the boundary line. The deputy sheriff had got a clue that his man was in the camp, arriving there late last night he secured entrance and with the aid of a lantern picked out his man from among the twenty or more who were soundly sleeping. Grey offered no resistance but begged the officer to shoot him, evidently feeling his position most keenly. On arriving here Grey was lodged in jail and at ten o'clock this morning appeared before Magistrate Dibble. The prisoner presented a very dejected appearance. As the Crown was not ready to proceed and the prisoner had no counsel, he was remanded until Thursday, 13th instant, when the preliminary examination will be begun. When asked by the officers about the child, Grey said he had left it in the woods about a quarter of a mile from the house. He admitted that he could feel the child moving on the way into the woods. Sheriff Foster left this morning to try and find the infant's body.

## GOVERNMENT TICKET A STRONG ONE.

So Says Hon. J. P. Burchill, Ex-M. P. P., of Nelson Friday Night.

"Three of them are new men, but it is a strong ticket, I believe," said Hon. J. P. Burchill, of Nelson, Friday night, when informed of the candidates chosen by the Local Government in Northumberland county, of which he was at one time a representative.

Hon. Mr. Burchill, who is an ex-Speaker of the Legislature as well, said that under the present conditions prevailing in the county, the ticket chosen for this contest was stronger than that of the previous general election.

"Of course being new men it is uncertain what the result will be, but I judge it will compare very favorably with the Opposition line-up," he remarked.

LISBON, Sunday. — With church bells tolling continually the bodies of the murdered king and crown prince in two golden chariots surrounded in black velvet and drawn by eight horses were escorted by a glittering funeral pageant today across Lisbon to the Portuguese Pantheon and laid at rest beside their ancestors. Not a single untoward incident marred the last act of the Portugal tragedy.

### ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

PORTLAND, Me., Saturday. — A sensational but unsuccessful attempt at suicide was made today in the office of District Attorney Whitehouse by Freeman McClean, famous woodsman now on trial for having smuggled \$1,000 worth of dry goods from New Brunswick to Brownville last June. McClean took strychnine, but an emetic was given and he will recover.

### CASTORIA.

The King You Have Always Bought