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KENT-NORTHUMBERLAND DISTRICT DIVISION

The twenty-fifth session of the Kent and Northumberland District Division was held in Harcourt on the afternoon of Friday, Jan. 19th. R. H. Stavert, D. W. P., in the chair.

The Credentials Committee reported the following delegates present: Caledonia Division, No. 126 Douglasstown—Harold C. Stothart, D. W. P.

Northumberland Division, No. 37, Chatham—Miss Ethel McEwen and Mr. R. Alvin Walls.

Grangeville Division, No. 440, Grangeville—Miss Margaret Boyd, Miss Gertrude Jenah and Mrs. Rupert Jones.

Harcourt Division, No. 438, Harcourt—Rev. R. H. Stavert, D. W. P., Wm. G. Cameron, Margaret Cameron, Hazen Wylie, Debbie E. Lamkey, Annie Warren, Bella Lamkey, Lloyd Wathen.

The D. W. P. then gave his report. He spoke of the progress being made in temperance work all along the line. Temperance workers have no reason to be discouraged. Within the boundary of the counties of Kent and Northumberland the work has been going forward. Since the last district meeting the local option election in the Parish of Richibucto had been carried out with a good majority in the face of a stormy opposition. A new division had been organized at Redbank, Northumberland Co. These and other signs of progress marked the work within the district.

The District Scribe's report showed the following to be the standing of the divisions reporting within the two counties at the close of the last quarter.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY DIVISIONS		
Sept. 30	Dec. 31	
Newcastle	42	43
Douglasstown	45	50
Chatham	55	54
Millerton	20	20
Redbank	13	13
Burnt Church	29	27
Total	191	207

Gain in county, 16 members.

KENT COUNTY DIVISIONS		
Sept. 30	Dec. 31	
Richibucto	74	57
Bexton	42	37
Harcourt	52	52
Grangeville	41	41
Total	209	187

Total in counties 400 394

Total loss, 6 members.

The following divisions sent in no report:

In Northumberland County—Bay View, Silver Stream and Doaktown.

In Kent County—Bass River, Coal Branch and South Branch.

The State of the Order Committee brought in the following report:

"We find an increase of 16 members in Northumberland County, and a decrease of 22 in Kent county. Total decrease in the two counties, 6 members."

"We are pleased to note that D. W. P. Rev. R. H. Stavert has recently organized a new division at Redbank, Northumberland county, and also since the last meeting of the District Division, local option has been carried out at Richibucto, Kent Co."

"We find the finances in a healthy condition."

"We regret the death of Mr. Robert Phinney, of Richibucto, who had throughout his lifetime been one of the leading temperance workers in Kent County. We feel sure that he will be much missed both in his home division and throughout the county."

Signed in L. P. V. P., R. ALVIN WALLS, MISSIE E. LAMKEY.

"MARGARET CAMERON" "HAROLD C. STOTHART." The report was received and adopted section by section and then adopted as a whole. Upon discussion of Section 4 a motion was carried to the effect that a committee be appointed to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Robert Phinney. The following were appointed: Rev. R. H. Stavert, Wm. G. Cameron, H. C. Stothart.

During the month of December Rev. R. H. Stavert had held a temperance meeting in Campbellton. The Sons of Temperance here have decided to secure a hall to carry on their meetings. It was moved and carried that the District Scribe be empowered to ask each division within the district to contribute at least \$5.00 to the Campbellton hall fund.

Rev. R. H. Stavert was elected a delegate to attend the meeting of the N. B. Temperance Federation to be held in St. John on Jan. 30th, 1912 for the purpose of discussing the prohibition law which is now being drafted for the Province of New Brunswick.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Rev. R. H. Stavert, Harcourt, D. W. P.

Harold C. Stothart, Ferry Road, D. W. A.

H. H. Stuart, Newcastle, D. R. S.

H. W. B. Smith, Grangeville, D. Treas.

Rev. F. W. M. Bacon, Richibucto, D. Chap.

H. M. Ferguson, Rexton, D. Cond.

R. A. Walls, Chatham, D. I. S.

Hazen Wylie, Harcourt, D. O. S.

Miss M. Cameron, Harcourt, D. S. Y. P. W.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting in Millerton on April 15th, if arrangements can be made to have the delegates met with teams at Derby Jct.

Meeting adjourned. In the evening a public meeting was held.

Rev. R. H. Stavert was chairman. The following programs were carried out:

Opening chorus, "The Maple Leaf Forever."

Remarks by Chairman.

Recitation, Miss Annie Warren.

Address of welcome—L. J. athen.

Chorus—"Tis Time to Swing our Axes."

Reading—Harold C. Stothart.

Duet—Odbur Spencer and Rev. R. H. Stavert.

Encore.

Recitation—Miss Margaret Poyd.

Duet—Miss D. E. Lamkie and Mrs. Leonard Ward.

Address—Rev. R. H. Stavert.

Chorus—"Shall We a License Give?"

National Anthem.

The collection taken amounted to \$1.05.

SINGLE TAX FOR PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Royal Commission Make Recommendation to Provincial Parliament

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 25.—The Royal Commission on Taxation, in reports to the provincial parliament, recommends that British Columbia adopt the single tax. The commission, which conducted a thorough investigation of taxation in the province, advocated the abolition of the poll tax, the personal property tax, and the tax on improvements. The single tax is already in use in the city of Vancouver.

NEW BRUNSWICK CROP YIELDS

Statistics of crop yields as gathered by the Provincial Department of Agriculture show large yields in all crops but buckwheat. The figures for 1911 and 1910 are as follows:—

	1911	1910	Acres	Bu.	Bu. per acre
Wheat	1911	13,226	254,771	19.2	
"	1910	13,936	265,848	19.	
Oats	1911	198,120	5,970,435	30.1	
"	1910	196,795	5,847,877	29.7	
Buckwheat	1911	55,979	1,173,147	20.9	
"	1910	55,305	1,390,717	24.6	
Potatoes	1911	47,304	3,493,212	179.5	
"	1910	47,744	6,067,276	127.	
Turnips	1911	6,473	3,326,793	613.9	
"	1910	6,310	3,160,152	500.2	

The numbers of Live Stock show decided gains since 1909, though the number of horses for 1911 is slightly less than in 1910. The figures for the three years are as follows:—

	1911	1910	1909
Horses	60,329	61,042	57,713
Cattle	227,145	215,529	199,481
Sheep	150,760	137,489	143,274
Swine	91,363	50,022	70,010

The Agricultural Societies in the Province now number an even hundred there having been an increase of 12 during 1911. In 1908 these Societies numbered only 58.

Hewson's Pure Wool Unshrinkable Underwear

TO ENQUIRE INTO DEATHS IN LUMBER CAMP

Action at Meeting of the Provincial Board of Health.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Board of Health was held in Fredericton on the 23rd. Those present were: Dr. E. O. Steeves, chairman, Moncton; Dr. E. B. Fisher, Fredericton; secretary; Dr. McManus, Bathurst; Dr. Murray, Fredericton Junction; Dr. Sprague, Woodstock; Dr. Jones, chancellor of the U. N. B., and W. W. Hubbard, secretary for agriculture.

After the appointment of standing committees and other routine business, the Board took up the matter of sudden and mysterious death in some of the Miramichi lumber camps, as reported in the press, and it was decided to ask the government to send an official to enquire into the cases and report as to the cause of death.

There was an informal discussion in regard to the condition of lumber camps generally and what steps might be taken to secure better sanitary arrangements. A committee was appointed to take this matter up.

After the meeting those present were entertained by Secretary Fisher at dinner at the Baker House, where some time was spent very pleasantly in a social way.

BABY'S HEALTH IN WINTER

During the winter months the mother finds it very difficult to keep her little ones well. Colds come on quickly and the discomfort to the baby affects the whole household. To keep baby well during the winter he should be warmly clothed, have a daily bath, lots of fresh air, and Baby's Own Tablets should be given him occasionally to keep his little bowels working regularly, as nothing will bring on colds so quickly as a clogged condition of the bowels. Baby's Own Tablets are the best medicine a mother can give her little ones. They break up colic, cure constipation and indigestion, expel worms and make baby bright and happy. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Buffalo, Ont.

VOTE BY PARTIES IN LATE DOMINION ELECTION

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—The clerk of the Crown in Chancery today issued the official resume of the late Dominion general election. The total vote was: Conservatives, 669,537; Liberals, 525,096; Labor, 1742; Socialists, 6,912; Independent, 7,187. The vote of the two chief parties by provinces was:

Ontario—Conservatives, 269,930; Liberals, 207,078

Quebec—Conservatives, 159,262; Liberals, 164,275.

Nova Scotia—Conservatives, 55,209; Liberals, 57,462.

New Brunswick—Conservative, 38,880; Liberals, 40,192.

Manitoba—Conservatives, 40,356; Liberals, 34,781.

British Columbia—Conservatives, 35,622; Liberals, 16,350.

Prince Edward Island—Conservatives, 14,638; Liberals, 13,998.

Saskatchewan—Conservatives, 34,700; Liberals, 52,924.

Alberta—Conservatives, 29,675; Liberals, 37,209.

Yukon—Conservatives, 1,285; Liberals, 829.

The above table counts the heavy vote of Alhousie Verville, Labor M. P. for Maisonneuve, Quebec to the Liberal.

SIR MAX AITKEN AT HEAD OF POWER CO.

It is stated here in Montreal that a syndicate in which Sir Max Aitken and associates are interested have prepared plans for development near Montreal of 1,000,000 electrical horsepower from power situated within twenty-five miles of the city. The Eastern Canada Power Company will apply to parliament for authorization to divert the whole course of the St. Lawrence River at Loteau and Cedar Rapids. The plans are incomplete, but are known to include the damming of the St. Lawrence above Cedar Rapids, thus cutting out Soulanges Canal, turning the flow to the southern end of Isle Perrot. An immense dam will create a reservoir of water above, but a lock and a canal of some 80 feet will prevent any interference in navigation. The cost of the dam alone will be \$25,000,000. The capitalization of the corporation papers show \$100,000,000 will be applied from the sale of the dam above Montreal.

PREMIER FLEMING IN NEWCASTLE

Outlines Policy of His Government and Answers Many Questions.—Convention for County on February 15th.

Premier Fleming and Chief Commissioner Morrissey met a large and representative gathering of their followers in Town Hall Monday afternoon. Ald. Clark in the chair, Geo. McDade, secretary.

Premier Fleming expressed desire to have local government independent of federal issues. Provincial interests should be paramount. He would accept support from all who favored progressive provincial government, asking no questions as to federal affiliations. The province was in line for great development. The St. John Valley railway and Albert County shale industry would cause expenditure of twenty five millions. New Brunswick would develop as fast as the West.

The chief commissioner, D. P. MacLachlan, M.P.P., and T. W. Flett spoke along similar lines.

W. H. Belyes, endorsed by Ald. T. W. Butler, urged a new railway from Newcastle to Tracadie. Ald. Butler spoke in glowing terms of this province's agricultural capabilities.

J. M. Falconer wanted more industries established.

T. W. Flett asked why wood for pulp mills should pay more stumpage than other lumber of same quality. The Premier said it would be rectified.

Messrs. Flett and J. W. Mersereau enquired about bridge matters.

The chief commissioner said that soundings had been taken and he would recommend to the Government a new bridge between Newcastle and Nelson, to take place of present bridge over the Southwest.

Mr. Morrissey highly complimented Premier Fleming and Hon. Mr. Hazen, and urged the early holding of a local government convention in this county to line up for emergencies.

He would put \$5000 into any local industry and \$2000 into agricultural development, if needed.

Messrs. Betts, Mersereau, Welton, O'Brien of Rogerville and Philip McIntyre were appointed committee to enquire into advisability of holding convention.

The meeting adopted their report and voted to hold a convention here on fifteenth February at three o'clock, in Town Hall.

The Premier then outlined the government policy, which favored developing of the lumber industry, building St. John valley railway, encouraging mining and other industries and demonstration orchards. The government, if any company bought land for an orchard, planted trees, etc., would take over and run said orchard free for six years and hand it back to company ready to bear fruit.

St. John, Moncton and Woodstock had taken the offer. Ald. Butler said he'd accept offer of Northumberland orchard for Newcastle.

Adjourned till evening.

THE PUBLIC MEETING

A large audience, including a fair number of ladies greeted Premier Fleming and his colleagues in the town hall Monday night.

Ald. John Clark occupied the chair and the speakers received most careful attention.

HON. J. W. MORRISSEY

Hon. Mr. Morrissey was the first speaker. He said to Premier Fleming as he took his post-

tion by his honor, ability and integrity only.

He would give an account of his stewardship. This year there was an overexpenditure, which he proposed justifying. When a petition comes in asking for repairs of bridges and roads, they want the repairs, and they have to be made by borrowing money if necessary. It was far better to overexpend forty or fifty thousand, especially when it can be repaid out of general revenue next year, rather than have public works undone. No province in Dominion was in such a disreputable state as this when the present government succeeded. Over two thousand five hundred bridges have had to be repaired. He believed in dealing fairly with every section.

The Southwold Miramichi bridge built twenty-seven years ago would cost perhaps seventy thousand to rebuild. He would not agree to rebuild in same site. When a new bridge is built it will be built at Newcastle. If this did not suit the county the Fleming government would have a new commissioner. If the government built it it would be safe forever in Northumberland.

An automobile road to Bathurst would be nice but roads were more needed in farming sections.

When the Dominion government handed over their promised good roads grant the Bathurst road could be put into shape for automobiles. Already about \$1000 had been spent on it.

He urged Northumberland to support the Fleming government. He himself was willing to again serve the county if the people wished.

Hazen was the biggest man of New Brunswick and biggest man in Canadian parliament, and he expected to see him Premier of Canada some day.

D. P. MacLACHLAN

D. P. MacLachlan, M. P. P., said that the government had lived up to all their pledges, viz., to make auditor-general independent, subject only to removal on two-thirds vote; an honest audit act; cheaper school books; honest collection of stumpage; and an advanced agricultural policy, introducing new fruit growing and poultry departments under expert direction. If a new grid mill is started it is entitled to a bonus.

HON. J. K. FLEMING

Premier Fleming was well received.

He described himself as just a workingman, a plain man of the people, brought up on a country hill side.

He was on his way home from Ottawa where he was pressing for settlement of thirty year old claims which he believed on the eve of adjustment to the great benefit of this province.

When the government had come into power four years ago the expenditure was less than a million, now nearly four hundred thousand more. More was spent for education; more for agriculture—by sixty per cent. By far the greater increase was for roads and bridges. This was necessary to keep people on the farm. Better mail facilities—more free rural mail delivery was wanted in the county. Every system of manipulation known to book keepers was used

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