

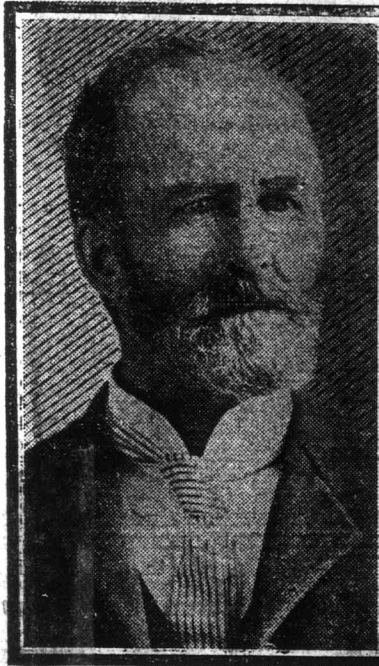
ST. JOHN HAS VOICE IN CABINET

D. J. Purdy Sworn in Wednesday.

Succeeds Hon. James Barnes as Minister Without Portfolio—His Career

On the occasion of his selection as a member of the provincial government a sketch of Mr. Purdy's life will be of interest to most people.

Daniel Jarvis Purdy was born on May 24th, 1841, and therefore now in his sixty-eighth year. His parents were Frederick J. and Ann Purdy, and the scene of his birth was at Jemseg, Queens County.



HON. D. J. PURDY.

At an early age he entered the employ of James Watson, who conducted a grocery store on Main street, where Mr. Purdy's store is now located.

In 1868, Purdy bought out Mr. Watson and has since then continued in business at the same place.

Mr. Purdy has since his start in business been interested in shipping and at present he holds controlling interest in eight schooners engaged in the coasting trade. He has also been interested in the river steamer business and is president of the Crystal Stream Steamship Co., which is building a fine new steamer for the river route.

In other lines of business Mr. Purdy has also been successful. He does an extensive business as a lime burner and is a director in the Portland Rolling Mills, the Maritime Nal Co., the Thomson Manufacturing Co., the Dominion Artillery Mines of Nova Scotia, and in coal mines in Newcastle, N. B.

Mr. Purdy's public career started when he was elected councillor of Portland, which office he held for five years before the union with St. John. He afterwards served four years as alderman-at-large for the city of St. John.

At the general elections in 1899 he was returned as member of the provincial legislature for St. John, and was re-elected in 1903.

Soon after his election he secured, in the face of the opposition of almost the entire house, the appropriation of part of the old St. John fire fund for the benefit of the sufferers in the Indian town fire.

Mr. Purdy has always been a strong advocate of temperance. In politics he has always been a consistent Liberal, and in religion he has been a prominent member of the Baptist Church.

Throughout the province few men are more widely known. Wherever he is known he is universally respected for his sterling integrity and his ability as a business man.

THE PREMIER IS CONFIDENT

The Tide Running Strongly for Govt.

Northumberland Opposition Loses Another Prominent Man

Premier Robinson, who was in the city yesterday, when questioned last evening regarding the political situation said he was confident that the provincial government would be sustained at the approaching general elections by a large majority.

"The party is everywhere united and enthusiastic, and a notable victory is expected. It sounds like blowing to say to me, and I do not wish to copy Mr. Hazen's tactics. But I think that incident in Northumberland last night of Mr. T. W. Flett, a strong opposition man, who came near being a member of the opposition ticket, speaking at a meeting in support of the government is an indication of the trend of opinion."

Speaking of the appointment of D. J. Purdy of St. John, to a position in the cabinet without portfolio, Premier Robinson said that Mr. Purdy was recognized as a successful business man whose intelligence and integrity had been the cause of his success. He was looked upon as being eminently fitted for the position to which he had been called.

BOUQUETS FOR THE MINISTER OF MARINE

Hugh A. Allan Elected President of Canadian Shipping Federation.

MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—Hugh A. Allan was elected president of the Shipping Federation of Canada at their annual meeting, which was held today in his annual report, President Allan urged that the rentals of the new sheds should be suspended until at least the contracted work was fully completed. The effort of the bill will be to prevent this being done unless a license referor has been granted, and the Minister of Public Works would be asked, either to release the license, in which case the piling of the shear boom on the Canadian side will be illegal, or he may impose such safeguards and conditions as will protect Canadian mill owners.

The reporter also inquired of the Minister of Public Works if he had any objection to stating if his visit to St. John at the present time, in any way connected with matters of public interest, to which Dr. Pugsley in view of coming here now, might discuss with the West Side harbor and improvement committee of the Commission of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, said Mr. Allan, "is being reported. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries has had in mind several improvements he has made in this department."

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COURTENAY BAY THE TERMINUS OF THE G.T.P.

Hays and Morse Discuss Matter With Minister of Public Works

Hon. Dr. Pugsley to Introduce Bill for Settlement of Disputes in International Streams—Provisions of the Proposed Act Outlined

A reporter of the Sun interviewed the Minister of Public Works last evening regarding a bill which he has introduced into parliament, entitled, "An Act relating to international streams."

Dr. Pugsley stated the object of the bill was to enable the Dominion Government to have better control over the Canadian portion of rivers forming the boundary between Canada and the United States. It provides for no shear booms or other booms to be attached to the shores or in the bed of any international stream without the same being first approved of and a license granted by the Minister of Public Works. It also provides that the Minister be authorized to grant such licenses on such terms and for such length of time as he may deem it advisable. It also provides that if any person places or maintains any "shear boom or other boom on the Canadian side of the centre of the main channel, of any such river where it joins the boundary line without such license, he would be subject to a penalty of not less than \$100 and not exceeding \$1,000 for each day that such boom is maintained.

This measure, the Minister said, would prove very beneficial to mill owners upon the St. John river and probably upon other international streams, because now it is possible for persons to erect plans and booms on the American side of the river and by means of shear booms attached to the Canadian side to divert logs flowing down into such streams on the American side as in the case at Vanburen on the St. John river, and so cause a delay in convenience and loss to mill owners lower down the river.

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New Wharf Project

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TANGIER BARS SOLDIERS OF THE BANDIT RAISULI

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SIR HARRY McLEAN.

TANGIER, Feb. 12.—Kaid Sir Harry MacLean, who has been held in bondage for seven months past by the bandit Raisuli, has been officially turned over to the British charge d'affaires here in accordance with the agreement between Raisuli and the British government, under which Raisuli is to receive \$100,000 as a ransom for himself and family. MacLean is in good health, but he seems to be weaker and older than before his capture. He says he will rejoin Sultan Abd-el-Aziz at Havat.

When Raisuli arrived outside the walls of Tangier with MacLean he sent in a demand for permission to enter the city accompanied by 500 of his soldiers. Sid Mohammed Gabbas, the Moroccan foreign minister, flatly refused to allow him to do so, and Raisuli as the result of the inducements by the British charge d'affaires, came in with MacLean and three domestics. When MacLean had been officially turned over to the British authorities, Gabbas remarked to the Sun that the importance of having these borings thoroughly made without delay could not be over-estimated. In view of the fact that the construction of the Transcontinental Railway over its various sections was now rapidly proceeding the G. T. P. was earnestly considering the matter of terminal facilities in the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Hays and Mr. Morse were most optimistic as to the vast traffic which would be brought over the Transcontinental railroad for shipment at the Atlantic ports, and they seemed to have no doubt whatever that it would not be many years before all the business over the line in the winter season would be taken care of by the ports of St. John and Halifax as well as other ports in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia whose situation would render them available for handling the traffic.

The minister also stated that in his position at the head of the department of public works, he had had occasion to study the harbor improvements which the G. T. P. are making both at Fort William, on the western shore of Lake Superior, and also on the eastern shore of Georgian Bay. They are laying out their works there upon a very broad and comprehensive scale and will expend a good many millions, thus giving the strongest possible evidence of the faith which they have in the enormous business which will be handled by their line. They are desirous that the same policy shall be pursued in the development in the Atlantic ports.

Great Traffic for St. John

The people of St. John, said Mr. Pugsley, should be with the greatest possible confidence in the future of the port.

The Canadian Pacific also had entered most energetically upon a similar policy and were also spending several millions both at Fort William and also at Victoria harbor, the latter harbor being on the eastern shore of Georgian Bay. Both the Transcontinental railroads were evidently determined to divert the trade of the Canadian west from Buffalo and other American ports

FORLORN HOPE IN RESTIGOUCHE

Stewart and Culligan Nominated

Mr. Hazen Endeavored to Explain His Opposition to International Railway

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Feb. 12.—The Conservative party in the county of Restigouche have named ex-Sheriff Jas. E. Stewart of Dalhousie and Arthur Culligan as its standard bearers at the forthcoming provincial general elections. The trick was turned at a convention in the Opera House here yesterday afternoon, called for the purpose and presided over by James Jardine of Campbellton. After the convention interesting addresses were delivered by the candidates, and J. Douglas Hazen, leader of the opposition.

In the evening a mass meeting was held in the Opera House, which was attended by an audience which filled the house. John McAllister, ex-M. P., was chairman, and on the platform with him were the two candidates, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Culligan. J. Douglas Hazen, W. Albert Mott, Mayor W. S. Montgomery of Dalhousie, and many others. Mr. McAllister introduced both candidates, who made short and suitable addresses, in the course of which they pledged themselves to guard the best interests of the county if elected.

In introducing the speaker of the evening, Mr. Hazen, Mr. McAllister stated that he had nothing against Mr. Robinson or either of the local government candidates in this county. He had no doubt that they were all good men, and he thought that they were all worthy to be elected.

Mr. Hazen on rising to speak was given a good reception. He thanked the audience for its cordial greeting and the demonstration in his honor. He felt that there was no hostility in Restigouche towards him, yet he had come here in trepidation on account of the local government organ during the afternoon in assisting Culligan. He felt that both candidates would go to Fredericton on March 3rd and uphold his hands in the course of a good government. The speaker paid a high tribute to each candidate, and then went on to tell of the great number of good candidates available for opposition tickets. "He thought the sympathy of the country was with them, which is length on the argument that the election was not being conducted on party lines. While he himself was a Conservative he had Liberals fighting with him, and instigated John Morrissey of Northumberland.

He next took up financial matters and spent half an hour or more in trying to induce the audience to believe his and Fleming's statements. He quoted extensively from the St. John Globe which he designated as the leading Liberal paper of the province. This after trying to show that the elections were not being fought on party lines at all. Dwelling at length on the railway policy of the present government, he declared that he had guaranteed the amounts that were voted for the Central Railway project. He went into the history of the Central Railway project and declared that he could not imagine a more wild cat or frenzied scheme of finance.

Referring to the International Railway he said that the assurance given by Wm. Pugsley to the house with respect to it were just as insincere as those he gave it with respect to the Central. The house was asked to vote \$2,000 a mile and that would be all. Three years ago, in spite of this assurance, the house was asked to guarantee the bonds of the road for \$5,000 a mile for the first fifty miles of the road extending from Campbellton. He declared then that the house would have to make up its mind then and there that it would be asked to guarantee the same amount for the balance of the sixty miles at the next session. He, however, was not prepared for what occurred at the last session when the house asked for \$3,000 a mile for the entire road. Mr. Pugsley assured him that if the road did not pay its indebtedness to the province the government could take it over and operate it, but he (Hazen) wanted to know what the government wanted to do with running a bankrupt railway. The speaker said that both the Central and International showed conclusively the rashness of the government in its handling of railway enterprises.

Mr. Hazen was followed by W. Albert Mott, who spoke briefly, after which cheers were given for the leader. The opposition speakers were escorted to the Opera House by the Citizens' Band.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 12.—Nova Scotia legislature will be opened tomorrow by Lieutenant Governor Fraser.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 12.—United States Senator Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana was the principal speaker tonight at the annual banquet of the Marquette Club, in celebration of the anniversary of the ninety-ninth birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

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FIVE PERSONS MET DEATH

Killed in Starch Factory Explosion.

Latest Results of Providence Accident—Fire Followed Explosion.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 12.—Five persons are believed to have been killed by the explosion of the starch factory at the starch factory of C. S. Tanner at South Water and Silver streets, late this afternoon. Three other persons were injured by flying bricks from the walls of the building and were removed to the Rhode Island Hospital. Their condition is not regarded as serious. The building was badly wrecked by the explosion and fire following the explosion completed the work of destruction.

The dead: Richard Gomes, John Daurt, Tony Mike.

All these were workmen employed in the room where the explosion occurred. Another man, A. L. G. Chase, aged 22, who was in charge of a chandlery store which occupied a corner of the building is missing and is supposed to be buried in the ruins.

Three colored men who were passing the building at the time were hit by bricks and pieces of mortar and also suffered some burns from quantities of hot starch which was sprinkled liberally about the neighborhood. These men are Samuel W. South, aged 23, Armstead Johnson, aged 38, and John Clark, aged 48. They were found lying in the street at the front of the building when the flames reached the scene. Ambulances were called and the injured men removed to the hospital.

The starch factory was an old brick structure of three stories. The lower floor was used for the manufacture of starch, while the second and third floors were used for the storage of bags of starch. The corner of Silver and South Water streets, the office of the concern is located, and adjoining that in the same building was a branch of the Providence Chandelery Company, of which Mr. Chase was manager. Immediately back of the office was the shipping room and in the rear of that was the large room occupied by the mixer and other apparatus of the plant.

The exact cause of the explosion remains to be determined. Mr. Tanner intimated tonight that it may have been due to a spark from defective electric wiring, igniting the starch mixer prematurely. In the room where the explosion occurred were the four workmen, Gomes, Daurt and two others, known only as Tony and Mike. It is supposed that they were instantly killed, and their bodies subsequently incinerated. The explosion tore away a great hole in the centre of the building and carried away the larger part of the roof. Windows in neighboring building were broken by the concussion and other damage was caused by the fall of the wall soon after the fire broke out.

The house of hose company number 23, immediately in the rear of the starch factory, only two hoemen, John Tudhity and Fred Sullivan, were in the building at the time. They were sitting in a room on the second floor and when the explosion occurred they were thrown to the floor with considerable violence. Clambering down the pole in the building they were so badly jammed by the shaking to which the building had been subjected that it took ten minutes before the door was finally forced open so that the hose wagon could be driven to the fire.

C. S. Tanner, the owner of the building, said that several other persons were in the building at the time of the explosion had narrow escapes.

The coal wharf of R. A. Smith and the factory of Aitham & Company across the street from the starch factory were badly damaged by the fall of debris. The property loss due to the explosion and fire will probably not exceed \$10,000. Late tonight the firemen and police were still engaged in a search of the ruins for bodies, although on account of the great heat of the blaze it was feared that most of the bodies had been reduced to ashes.

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LIBERAL MEETINGS IN KINGS COUNTY DURING THE FOLLOWING WEEK

SUSSEX, Feb. 12.—Meetings in the interest of the government party in Kings county will be held at the following places next week: Cornhill, Monday evening, Feb. 15, speakers the candidates; Havelock, Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, speakers the government candidates for Kings; Westmorland, Wednesday evening, Feb. 17, speakers the government candidates for Kings; Westmorland, Wednesday evening, Feb. 18, speakers the government candidates for Kings.

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