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OPPOSITION MEETING WAS SMALL, AND TROUBLED TOO.

Messrs. Hatheway, McInerney, Shaw and Wilson Are the Victims—North End Ignored, and Dr. Gilchrist Objected Very Strenuously—Liberals Didn't Take Mr. Hazen's Bait—"Agin the Government," Is the Platform.

At a surprisingly small meeting held in the York Theatre Tuesday night the local opposition nominated the victims as their candidates for the provincial assembly.

William Shaw, M. P. P., George V. McInerney, W. Frank Hatheway, John E. Wilson.

The meeting did not exhibit any of the marks of the "united front" which the opposition has asserted that they will present to the government forces when the opportunity arises.

On the contrary it was abundantly evident that disunion was rife and that some of the states of candidates which it was understood could be produced would prove satisfactory to the whole meeting.

Previous to the meeting it was freely stated that John B. M. Baxter or Alex. W. Macrae would be the fourth member of the ticket, but there was a sudden change when it was seen that the state proposed would not carry the convention as the North End men were loud in their clamoring for representation.

Dr. Gilchrist's Pleasantry. Consequently as it was seen that "Little Macrae" was not to be a candidate, Dr. Gilchrist could not be forced into the acceptance of the meeting a change was made and John E. Wilson was put up. Even then the friends of Alderman Macrae worked hard for his success and it took three ballots to decide the choice between him and Mr. Wilson, the latter carrying the vote on the last ballot by a substantial majority.

A noticeable feature of the meeting was the absence of many of the supporters of the opposition. In fact most of those who have previously been regarded as towers of strength found they had no arguments to offer. It was apparent that the meeting in some of the wards it was hard work to get five representatives upon the nominating committee.

Another person who was a member of the committee, as there were places upon it for all who would accept them, informal, and the proceedings were so delightfully informal.

Just to Jolly 'Em Along. First, the ward representatives were chosen, then as a blind to carry favor with the laboring men, the nominating committee of the Trades and Labor Council was asked to nominate a member.

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It was feared by some that it was proposed to invite the janitor of the theatre to also occupy a place in the seats of the mighty but he was not mentioned. And the result of the deliberations of such a carefully chosen committee is stated above.

Eight o'clock was the hour given for opening, but it was 8.30 before enough voters had gathered to proceed with the business.

Evidently a large representation was expected for accommodation was provided on the stage. These lights were evidently out and the claims remained as empty as the last provincial campaign were tacked on at the tail end.

AMHERST MOB PAINTS A NEGRO AND FEATHERS HIM

Clarence Jones, Who Was Morally Impossible, Seized and Decorated by Masked Men. PLANS WELL PREPARED.

Penitentiary Had Not Taught the Offender a Lesson, So Citizens Decided to Degrade Him and Drive Him Out of Town, Which Stirling Task Was Effectually Completed.

Amherst, Sept. 17.—(Special)—For the first time in the history of this town citizens have taken the law in their own hands to such an extent that a number of them seized a scoundrel, painted him artistically, covered him with feathers and taught him a lesson which he failed to learn in a prison.

The victim of the Amherst citizens' wrath is Clarence Jones, a colored man, who had been accused of persisting in an unspeakably immoral life.

Jones has an unenviable reputation and has been threatened freely on some time back, but it was not thought that he would be dealt with in such a manner as he was tonight.

A crowd of well-known citizens met and decided to teach Jones a lesson that he would not forget in a hurry.

When the time had arrived for action all the party placed masks over their faces. One carried a pot of elastic carbon paint, another the brushes, and a third a bag of feathers.

They had it so arranged that they could easily make Jones their prisoner and while this was done they dragged him away to a shady place, stripped him of his clothes, put on a heavy coat of paint and then gaily decorated him with feathers.

The victim was then requested to leave the town and was left at the scene of the "down and out" party.

Mr. Jones has served a term in Dorchester penitentiary, but it had apparently not taught him a lesson and Amherst citizens thinking him morally impossible decided to deal with him in their own fashion.

ST. JOHN ACTRESS COLLAPSES. MUTILATED BODY OF WOMAN FOUND IN MORRIS CANAL

Ethel Knight Mollison Goes to Pieces While Portraying Dumas' Doubtful Adventures.

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This afternoon he went to police headquarters and gave a description of the missing woman, but did not ask to have a general alarm sent out.

He returned home for dinner, when he was shown an evening paper containing an account of the finding of the body and on reading the description, which tallied with that of his wife, he went to Jersey City, where he at once identified the body.

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The man who tells us he loves work usually hires some other man to dig in his garden.

HIGGINS LITTLE MOVED BY STORY OF THE MURDER.

Pale Prisoner Smiled During Mr. McKeown's Detailed Recital of the Horrors of the Crime—Boys Tell of Higgins Carrying a Revolver and His Warning to Alexander—Many Talesmen Excused Because of Their Strong Bias Against the Accused—The Proceedings in Detail.

Frank Higgins smiled Tuesday when Mr. McKeown in opening for the second time described the horrors of the murder of William Doherty. Innocent or guilty the prisoner is going to take things coolly.

The trial is already well under way. The last jurymen was secured at 4.30 p. m., and before adjournment three witnesses were heard. These, with Mr. McKeown's stirring opening address, filled the first day of the trial.

The prisoners displayed little evidence of concern. He showed the prison pallor

D. Turner, Robert Reid, H. O. Tilley, John Condon, James D. Sessler, J. O'Connell, Thomas W. Wickham, J. W. Holly.

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METHODISTS REPORT CAUSE FOR DEVOUT THANKSGIVING IN CHURCH'S PROGRESS.

Rev. Dr. Carman Names Court of Appeal—Cheering Facts Presented by the Committee on the State of the Work.

Winnipeg, Sept. 18.—(Special)—At the Methodist general conference today the report of the committee on systemic beneficence was adopted with a slight amendment.

Rev. Wm. H. Langille presented the report on superannuated ministers and ministers' widows' fund. The fund, which in the maritime provinces corresponds to the superannuation fund. Changes were made in the constitution of the fund and the appointment of Rev. Edwin Evans, D. D., and Rev. S. H. Paisley, D. D., as trustees, were confirmed.

The committee on the state of the work reported cause for gratitude and devout thanksgiving in actual and relative advancement in nearly every department. Demands for men and means to meet needs arising from the influx of people to rich and inviting territories, especially from New Ontario to the Pacific coast, have been a stimulus to a larger conception of the work and a charm to the patriotic and Christian soldier. There has been a substantial increase in church membership, while the 20th century thanksgiving fund and other funds of the church show a gratifying increase.

Attention was called to the great missionary days which are open, to the work of the Lord's Day Alliance and the importance of maintaining the proper observance of the Sabbath. The hope was expressed that every member of the church would keep up with the influx of population and the importance of family religion, the report was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Carman, general superintendent, nominated 12 ministers and 12 laymen from whom the conference elected six of each to constitute a court of appeal, as follows:—

Ministers—Doctor Shaw, Doctor Ross, Doctor Williams, Doctor Huestis, Doctor Langford and Doctor Antiff. Laymen—Judge Brown, N. W. Rowell, Judge Chesley, E. J. McLaughlin, J. J. McLaren, James Mills.

Rev. Dr. Chown announced his acceptance of the office of secretary of temperance and moral reform. Three nominations were made for editor of the Wesleyan. Two ballots were taken, and on the second, Rev. Dr. Macdonald was elected by 92 votes out of 170. The clause providing for foreign mission conferences to meet on the first Wednesday, was carried. This afternoon most of the delegates attended a reception at government house.

SETTLERS POURING INTO THE NORTHWEST.

The Increase is Without Precedent, as is Shown by the Homestead Entries.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—(Special)—The way in which settlers are pouring into the Canadian Northwest is well shown in the increased number of homestead entries.

For the month of July last the entries were 2,623 or 1,702 greater than during this month last year.

For August the entries were 1,922 or 1,154 increase over August, 1901, the total increase for the two months as compared with the same time last year was 2,856. This is unprecedented in the history of the country.

OLDEST MAN IN PROVINCES DEAD.

Halifax, Sept. 17.—(Special)—Thomas Shaw died at his residence, Campbell road, this city, today, at the age of 103.

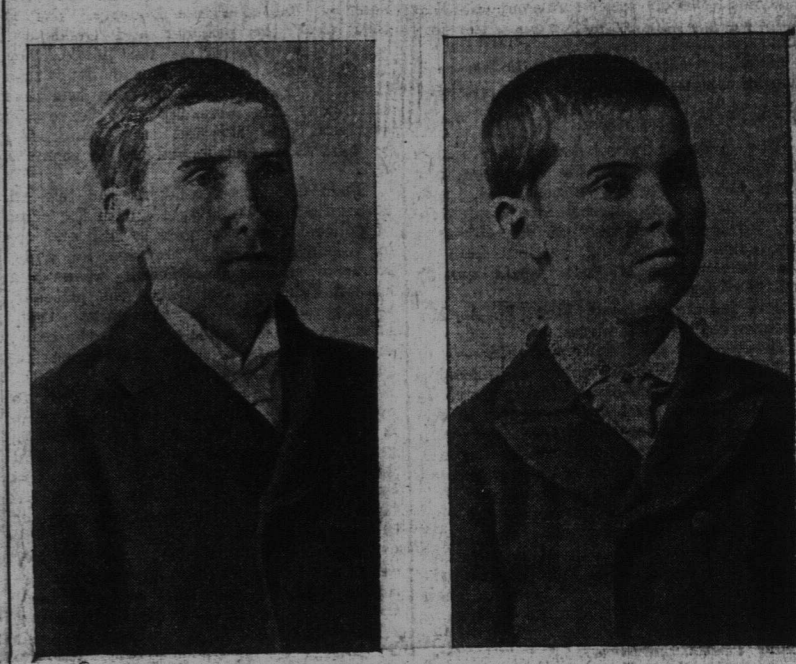
MANY STRUGGLED FOR LIFE IN SMOKE AND FIRE AT MILLTOWN.

St. Stephen, Sept. 16.—(Special)—About 5 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the basement of the Milltown cotton mill boarding house and totally destroyed the building and nearly all the contents.

The house was a three story structure and well filled with employees of the cotton mill, most of whom lost all their clothing and in many cases left the building in their night robes. Some had very narrow escapes from death.

A young man from this town named Whelock jumped from a two story window and was severely injured. It was his first night in the house and not knowing the way to the ground floor he took his chances in jumping.

Some of the female lodgers were overcome by smoke and were rescued by the firemen.



FRANK HIGGINS, THE ACCUSED. He Will Open Yesterday—He Smiled During the Murder as Described by Mr. McKeown.

which would be expected after his imprisonment, but for the rest he was unmoved save that during Mr. McKeown's speech he flushed as he watched the speaker and then smiled as if in derision.

All of the afternoon session was occupied in obtaining one juror. Twenty names were called and 19 responded, six of which Mr. Mullin counsel for defense challenged preemptory, and the crown one. The others did not consider themselves eligible to act as jurors, and were consequently rejected.

The jurors. John H. Walker, Sidney Bowden, Robert Leitchman, Richard Caples, John S. Seaton, W. H. Merritt, John A. Davidson, John Fitzgerald, John A. Pooley, Samuel C. Cole, William Kains, Edward J. Kennedy.

At seven minutes past 10 o'clock Judge Landry took his seat, Judge Forbes having a seat beside him. The roll was called and counsel for the prosecution, Hon. H. McKeown, moved that the case of the King against Frank Higgins be proceeded with and that the prisoner be brought into court.

By this time almost every available foot of standing room in the court was eagerly occupied by a throng varied in ages and appearances, who at the opening of the doors had surged in, each striving for first place at the railing.

Inside the seats for official functionaries, witnesses and jurors were filled and no one in court had any too much room.

Higgins. There was one exception, though, for over in the prisoner's dock sat Higgins—shoulders bent, his face slightly pale, his hair unbrushed and wearing the same suit and green four-in-hand necktie which he had when escorted back from Vancouver.

He entered court in the custody of Deputy Chief Jenkins and Constable Wiley, and after he calmly stepped into the dock, sat down and gazed impassively at judge and jurors, there was a rising on tip toes and straining of necks in the hedge of forms that wedged between the rail and the wall.

The Victim's Father. Directly behind the dock and sitting on a bench only a few feet in the rear was Joseph Doherty, father of the lad who was murdered.

Sitting at the end of the bench to his right was Mrs. Goodspeed, mother of Fred Goodspeed, with Mrs. Higgins, mother of the accused, sat near the side of the dock, and in clear view of her son.

"Not Guilty," He Says, Steadily. Clerk John Willet having read the indictment accusing Higgins of the murder of Doherty, the accused arose slowly, and placing both hands on the rail said in a slow, steady voice: "Not guilty."

By order of the judge 20 of the jury

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