

mier Murray on Friday afternoon. I left Guysborough on Saturday with the premier and drove to Canso, spoke there that night, and Monday morning I drove to Port Felix where I addressed a meeting that night, and on Tuesday afternoon I spoke at Charlos Cove, and Tuesday evening at Larry's River, remaining there until election evening when I drove to Guysborough. On nomination day there appeared at Guysborough a man whom I afterwards discovered to be Mr. Prieur, of Montreal, who was closeted that evening in Grant's Hotel with Messrs. Chas. E. Tanner and E. C. Grégory.

Charles E. Tanner is the leader of the Conservative party in the local legislature of Nova Scotia; he is the Conservative organizer in that province and the leader of such opposition as we have there:

On arriving at Charlos Cove I found that he had been there at the house of Charles Richard since the previous Thursday and that he was accompanied by a man whom the people in that locality called 'Twiger,' which was evidently an assumed name. I found that he had not had any meetings but had been sending for people in that vicinity and interviewing them privately during the week he had been there, and that his conduct had been exceedingly mysterious and wholly different from that of a man who was looking for votes on the ground of principle. On Tuesday afternoon I called at the house where he was but he declined to see me in response to a message I sent to his room inviting him to come to my meeting, the answer was that he was no speaker and did not take any part in meetings. The next day he appeared at Larry's River poll and had his headquarters in the house of a man named Michael Pelrine. His companion 'Twiger' appeared as the agent of Giffin under the name of 'Switzer.' Giffin, the Conservative candidate, was also in and about the house during the day, and from which drunken men emanated throughout the day. That Prieur was not engaged in discussing politics with the electors was evident, and one man, William Petipas, told me he had received money from him to vote for Giffin and that he had taken an oath to vote that way. Before leaving Port Felix on Tuesday morning I discovered that two men whose names were not known, and who I think did not belong to Nova Scotia, were there working in the interests of the Conservative party. In addition to these two men and Prieur and Switzer, the following men were in the county who did not address meetings:—John Baillie, Pictou; H. V. Jennison, New Glasgow; Mr. Simson, Halifax, who worked in Queensport district; Mr. Parsons, Halifax; Joseph A. Gillies, Sydney. Tanner spoke at only one meeting while he was there for a week, and other persons whose names I do not know.

Now, Sir, on that occasion in addition to the parties named by Mr. MacDonald the county was overrun by Conservative heelers of all sorts. We found their tracks in the snowbanks, everywhere over the county. There was another gentleman by the name of François LeMarchand who figured in that election. I am told he was one of the

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secret agents of the Conservative party. He made no speeches, took no part in public meetings, but when the elections was over he became garrulous. He visited the town of Guysborough and made certain statements to a gentleman by the name of Floyd, who has sent me an account of the statements made by Le Marchand. Mr. Floyd is a young barrister of that town, and he makes this declaration:

Dominion of Canada,
Province of Nova Scotia,
County of Guysborough.

To wit:

I, D. P. Floyd, of Guysborough, in the county of Guysborough, barrister, do solemnly declare that:

1. I board at Grant's Hotel at Guysborough, Nova Scotia.

2. Between the 24th and 31st day of April, 1904, while in the smoking room or office of said hotel at Guysborough aforesaid, a young man, who had been pointed out to me previously as François Le Marchand, entered and engaged me in conversation.

3. He represented himself as the agent for the Halifax 'Herald' and 'Mail,' and announced his intention of getting the said 'Mail' into as many homes as possible in Guysborough county. He asked me to subscribe and I, not stating to what party I belonged, refused on the ground that the editorials were of a very low order of merit and intimated that I regretted this very much. In this view he concurred.

4. Growing confidential he stated that he not only had the 'Mail' to use for election purposes, but that he had nineteen thousand dollars to spend in the county of Guysborough, or as he expressed it, 'to place' in the county before the next election, and that it must be placed to proper advantage. I then remarked 'You must have spent considerable at the recent election. In view of the fact that it did not do the work intended, it is strange that you are going to expend more.' He replied, 'The trouble was that the money did not get into the proper hands. Certain men got it and used it injudiciously. Look at the result at White Head? Had I control of the funds in other districts I could accomplish the same results.' I said, 'There must have been a great deal of money used in purchasing votes at the recent election.' 'How much do you suppose,' he asked. I replied 'about fifteen thousand.' 'More than that,' he said, 'there was twenty-seven thousand dollars spent by the Conservatives in the late election in this county. I do not know where it came from, but there was lots of the stuff. I got a bonus of \$750 from the 'Mail' for my work.' This was what he said in substance.

5. The said François Le Marchand remained about a week in Guysborough and, as I am advised and believe, got very few subscribers for the 'Herald' or 'Mail.'

6. I am advised and believe, that the said François Le Marchand spent some time in White Head working for the Conservative candidate, S. R. Giffin, prior to the recent election, and visited other districts in the county previous to said election.

7. The said François Le Marchand, at the above-mentioned interview, stated that he was