

ALLEGED PICKPOCKETS ADJUDGED NOT GUILTY.

Williams and Howard Have Left for the Home of the Free--Jury Only Out a Short Time.

(Special to the Sun.) FREDERICTON, Oct. 6.—The trial of the alleged pickpockets Williams and Howard was continued yesterday afternoon. D. R. Jack was the first witness called, and he repeated the story of the robbery as it occurred on June 24. Dr. Ami told of an unsuccessful attempt to rob him as he was entering the car. Baron de Hallowyn, who lost his pocketbook and \$50, was unable to identify any of the prisoners. Major Baxter of Portland, who claimed he lost \$30, declined to attend as witness against the accused and his statement to Mr. Jack of his loss was not accepted as evidence. The trial was continued this morning. Col. Marsh gave testimony as to the depositions taken before him as police magistrate. Jas. T. Gardiner, constable, told of the arrest of the prisoners at McAdam and of the money found on the prisoners, \$38 on Grant, \$58 on Williams and \$1 on Howard. Baron de Hallowyn was recalled and was further cross-examined by Mr. McKeown. Samuel Mersereau told of finding money scattered about near Fredericton Junction. Jeremiah Shea told of finding a pocketbook on the 24th of June. Sheriff Sterling gave evidence as to Grant's escape. This closed the case for the crown. Mr. McKeown said that the defence would call no witnesses. Mr. McKeown finished his address to the jury about 2.30, and was immediately followed by Mr. Barry, who spoke for about half an hour for the crown. Mr. Barry's address was an excellent one. He presented to the jury in a concise and at the same time logical manner the evidence presented during the trial. Judge Wilson briefly addressed the jury. The address was most impartial in every sense of the word. The jury retired about 3.15 and returned at 8.10. In answer to the question if they found the prisoners Howard and Williams guilty or not guilty, the foreman replied, "Not guilty." At the time of the return of the jury, the court room was well filled, and when the verdict was announced it did not come as a surprise. Howard and Williams naturally were the center of all eyes. Mr. Williams did not show any sign of the effect of the announcement. Howard, on the other hand, who has been wearing quite an anxious look for days past, presented a much brighter appearance when he entered the box to hear the jury's finding, and when the foreman announced "not guilty" he smiled pleasantly and had every appearance of a man from whom a burden had been lifted. Mrs. Williams meanwhile surveyed the proceedings from an ante-room, and when amidst the stillness the words sounded clear and distinctly, "not guilty," she broke down and wept. The strain had ended and relief was shown in tears. Judge Wilson immediately discharged the men. Mr. Williams immediately left to see his wife, while Mr. Howard came forward and took a seat at the table alongside of his counsel, Mr. McLeod. Williams soon followed, and the two men took chairs at the table and conversed with Mr. McKeown and Mr. McLeod. Mr. Barry asked his honor that Williams and Howard be detained as witnesses against Grant, the man who had escaped from the county jail a few days ago. Judge Wilson said that he would certainly not grant such a request. He entirely agreed with the finding of the jury and it would be the greatest injustice to his mind to keep Howard and Williams any longer here. They had been imprisoned for over three months and the jury had after a short duration decided that they were innocent of the charge made. He could not make any order granting their detention further. In conclusion, Judge Wilson said when these men, Howard and Williams, were arrested they had taken from them moneys found in their possession. He now ordered that these moneys be returned to the gentlemen. This was accordingly done and the crown paid over the money and Mr. Williams and Mr. Howard gave a receipt for the same. The money found on Williams when arrested was \$68, and on Howard \$1. The money found on Grant the court ordered to be retained. Williams and Howard did not waste any time after being released from custody today. Accompanied by Williams' wife, they immediately proceeded to the C. P. R. depot and took the 5.30 train for the west.

H. A. POWELL IS THE MAN WHO OPPOSES EMMERSON.

The Brilliant Westmorland County Lawyer the Unanimous Choice of the Party--The Nomination Made Amid Great Enthusiasm.

(Special to the Sun.) SACKVILLE, N. B., Oct. 6.—The convention for the purpose of nominating the candidate to contest Westmorland county in the interests of the liberal conservatives was held in Odd-fellows' hall this afternoon. The building was crowded to the doors and standing room at a premium. Nearly three hundred delegates were present, representing all the parishes of the county. In the absence of the president, J. L. Black, through illness, the secretary, R. W. Hewson of Moncton, called the meeting to order. Senator Wood was called to the chair. On motion of F. W. Sumner, seconded by F. B. Black, it was decided to appoint the nominating committee, composed of delegates from each parish. The following were selected: F. W. Sumner, Moncton city; Marcellin Melanson, Shediac; Patrick Lester, Dorchester; W. T. Carter, Westmorland; P. G. Mahoney, Botsford; W. F. Humphrey, Moncton parish; James Smith, Sackville; Judson E. Foster, Salisbury. Before the nominating committee retired, H. A. Powell asked leave to address the convention. He said he had been asked to be the standard bearer since 1890, and thought he had been pretty well over the course. If the committee could decide upon another man he would be well pleased and would give him his hearty support. In fact would work harder for another man than for himself. The committee retired and after an absence of five minutes returned and reported that the name of Mr. Powell was the only one submitted. On motion of F. W. Sumner, seconded by M. Melanson, the report of the committee was accepted amidst unbounded enthusiasm. Senator Wood, informally tendering the nomination to Mr. Powell, paid a high compliment to the latter's ability on the platform and in parliament. He warned the party to beware of ballot stuffing and illegal practices at the election. The machine had been pretty well exposed in Ontario, and it might be moved down here. The conservatives should watch the government very carefully. He congratulated the convention upon the excellent choice made. Mr. Powell on coming forward was received with prolonged cheers. He felt deeply the honor the convention had conferred upon him. Personally he would prefer to be excused, but felt that if ever a sacrifice was called for in the interests of the country now was the time. He had no hesitation in saying that no government had ever degraded the country as the present government had done.



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The constituency of Westmorland was large, and there was a heavy campaign ahead. He asked that the electors remember that the contest was not for him, but the country, for the police of conservatives and triumph of good principles. He did not make loud professions of purity, but he would be fought out on pure principles, and he asked the electors to realize their responsibility, to assert their manhood and the independence of the ballot box, and the priceless value of the franchise. Mr. Powell was frequently applauded and great enthusiasm was manifested. Before the convention separated a committee on resolutions reported. Resolutions were passed expressing confidence in R. L. Borden, the policy of the conservatives, the policy of extending the Intercolonial railway, protection of home industries, and preference to be given to the employment of men within the empire. Among those present at the convention were: F. W. Sumner, Wm. F. Humphrey, J. W. Y. Smith, R. W. Hewson, P. S. Archibald, E. W. Gwan, Geo. Willett, Dr. Price, Geo. L. Harcourt, F. J. Sutton, Moncton; W. A. Russell, M. Melanson, Shediac; P. G. Mahoney, Coun. Peacock, H. Zaman, Milledge Trenholm, Tuttle Allen, Wm. B. Welch, Avard Dobson, Botsford; Dr. H. Carter, A. C. Carter, W. T. Carter, Fred Deware, Westmorland; J. P. Sherry, M. G. Teed, Dr. J. F. Teed, Allan W. Chapman, T. B. Calhoun, Dorchester; Coun. Campbell, Wm. Ogden, Westmorland, Sackville. The feeling of the meeting was enthusiastic, and a vigorous campaign will be commenced immediately.

000 worse off now than before 1896. If the money which was yearly sent to the United States were expended in Canada, an enormous population could be thereby sustained. He was in favor of adequate protection, the policy of giving to Canadian labor every dollar possible, the policy of keeping money at home rather than sending it away to enrich manufacturers of the United States.

The Grand Trunk Pacific railway deal was referred to at some length, showing the hollowness of the liberal contention that it would result in carrying grain from the west to Atlantic ports of Canada.

Cole's Point wharf was discussed. Emmerson had made a disgraceful expenditure of thirty thousand dollars at that place and twenty thousand at a point opposite, for the purpose of capturing two or three votes, and the result was accommodation of a fourteen foot boat. It was very desirable that the maritime provinces should have their share of public expenditure, but he deprecated the squandering of the people's money for useless works.

He was proud of Canada, with its people diversified in race but united in heart and hand. We had to thank conservative leaders, such as Sir John Macdonald, Sir Leonard Tilley and Sir Charles Tupper, for the foresight and energy in working out the magnificent plan of confederation, binding together the provinces into a glorious whole.

He asked conservatives throughout the county to go into the fight to win. So far as he was concerned the election would be fought out on pure principles, and he asked the electors to realize their responsibility, to assert their manhood and the independence of the ballot box, and the priceless value of the franchise.

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Hon. Geo. E. Foster Accepts.

Made a Rousing Speech at the North Toronto Convention Thursday, When His Name Was the Only One Presented.



TORONTO, Oct. 6.—North Toronto conservatives in convention tonight nominated Hon. Geo. E. Foster. No other names were presented. Hon. Mr. Foster accepted the nomination and made a rousing campaign speech, dealing chiefly with corruption in political politics and the danger of the present two governments. The liberal candidate will probably be Mayor Uruhart. The liberal convention meets tomorrow night.

FOR THE WINTER CAMPAIGN.

Japs Rushing Enormous Quantities of Supplies and Ammunition to the Front.

The significance of a Mukden despatch noting an unusual activity in that place is the subject of much speculation at St. Petersburg. The theory that it indicates the purposes of Gen. Kuropatkin to evacuate the town is generally adopted, military officers there surmising that the commotion noted is in connection with a movement to check a Japanese flanking operation. In Russian official circles some credence is given to the rumor that Admiral Wiren has left Port Arthur with his ships, the confusion resulting from a severe storm on Tuesday being regarded as having made a dash possible. Time expired members of the Guards regiments in St. Petersburg and vicinity have been ordered to remain at the colors. There are indications that the Russian warships in the Baltic will soon be despatched to the far east. FIELD HEADQUARTERS OF THE SECOND JAPANESE ARMY, Oct. 5, 2 p. m., via Fusan, Oct. 6.—The Japanese are bringing up enormous quantities of supplies and ammunition for the winter campaign, using the reconstructed railway, carts and junks on the Liao and Taitse rivers. The railway traffic is uninterrupted, and additional soldiers continue to arrive. Outpost skirmishes are confined to the First and Fourth armies. The troops are standing the heavy work well.

RAIN AT SACKVILLE.

(Special to the Sun.) SACKVILLE, Oct. 6.—Rain seriously affected the success of the second day of the Sackville exhibition. The races were postponed until Saturday. The receipts of the day were \$114, a total for two days of \$248, being less than last year by \$154.

Laurier's Latest.

Making Election Promises to the Territories.

Hon. Mr. Prefontaine Unable to Straighten Out a Grit Tangle in Quebec—Making Capital Out of Tenders for Museum.

(Special to the Sun.) OTTAWA, Oct. 6.—One of the grit battle cries now is anything to catch votes. For years, the conservatives have been advocating and liberals opposing provincial autonomy for the territories, and only last year, Laurier called on his followers to vote down conservative proposals in that direction. Realizing now that the west is going solidly against him, Laurier has written to Haultain that if the liberals are sustained in the general election, his government will immediately thereafter enter into negotiations with the territorial government looking to the admission of the Northwest in the confederation as a province. J. Lorne McDougall, auditor general, has for the present withdrawn his request to the government to be superannuated. Mr. Prefontaine went up to Campbell's Bay yesterday to straighten out the grit tangle in the county of Pontiac, but it was not successful. Ever since Mr. Hodgins got the nomination last December, Dr. Gaboury of Bryson has declared the proceedings irregular. Yesterday Dr. Gaboury again contended that the convention had not been legally called and declined to be bound by it. When the ballot was taken, Hodgins secured a majority of sixteen over Gaboury. The latter declares that he will not accept the result and will be a candidate as an independent liberal. Prospects for the election of Brabazon, the conservative standard bearer, are very bright. Grits propose to make capital out of the fact of a call for tenders for Victoria Memorial Museum. Usually the plans for public buildings are shown to contractors at the department of public works. As the elections are coming on, however, the plans are now being displayed in a vacant store on O'Connor street. For years plans were promised and only now are forthcoming.

CANDIDATE CHOSEN.

(Special to the Sun.) HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 6.—John S. Wells, a prominent merchant of Whitehead, was unanimously nominated today as the liberal conservative candidate for Guysboro. Mr. Wells is a strong man. Kings and Lunenburg will nominate on Saturday, leaving Yarmouth as the only Nova Scotia constituency which has not yet placed a conservative candidate in the field. A convention will be called there in a day or two. HUNTINGTON, Que., Oct. 6.—At the liberal convention today, W. S. MacLaren was unanimously chosen liberal candidate at the coming federal election. MONTREAL, Oct. 6.—Dr. Seguin was chosen conservative candidate in Soulanges today. MONTREAL, Oct. 6.—The liberals of St. Mary's division of Montreal tonight nominated J. Camille Piche. Friends of Ald. Marchand are much dissatisfied and say the convention was packed against them. GOES WITH C. P. R. MONTREAL, Oct. 6.—S. King, master car builder of the Intercolonial, has been appointed assistant master car builder of the C. P. R.

MR. DAVID RUSSELL A ROYAL HOST

At the Big Banquet Thursday, Mr. Pugsley Said He Was Content to Remain Attorney General of N. B.

CALEDONIA SPRINGS, Ont., Oct. 6.—The banquet tendered this evening by David Russell to Hon. Wm. Pugsley, which took place at the Grand Hotel, was attended by representative men from all the provinces, those from New Brunswick predominating, and all who are familiar with the host's generous instincts can readily understand the success which attended this unique function. The special which brought the attorney general and other guests from St. John was composed of eight sleepers, and the invited Montrealers joining the party at Atlantic Junction, they all reached here at 7 o'clock. The hotel grounds were beautifully decorated and all ablaze with the light presented a magnificent appearance. The menu was the finest that money and culinary art could produce. Hon. A. G. Blair occupied the chair, and on his right was the guest of the evening. The following gentlemen also occupied seats at the table of honor: David Russell, Hon. Senator Owens, Hon. Senator A. A. Thibodeau, Mr. Justice Burbridge, Mr. Justice Ritchie, Col. Tucker, Hon. M. P. Thompson, Hon. F. J. Sweeney, Donald MacMaster, K. C., Hon. P. McLatchey, Jas. Robinson, Silas Alward, J. N. Greenhalgh, K. C., S. H. Ewing, D. McLaren and C. N. Skinner. The gathering was of a non-political nature. "His Majesty" and the "Governor General" were proposed and given royal honors, after which the chairman proposed the health of the Attorney General of New Brunswick. Hon. Mr. Pugsley on rising evoked very loud cheers. He first referred in eulogistic terms to Hon. Mr. Blair. Mr. Justice Burbridge and the other gentlemen who had done so much for New Brunswick and the dominion, and to the pleasant relations which had always existed between them. The attorney general said the applause which had greeted Mr. Blair showed him how greatly he was esteemed. He declared that the chairman of the railway commission would bear him out in saying that the attorney generalship of any of the Canadian provinces was a pleasant position to any man who loved his profession. He would therefore refer to a matter that was somewhat personal. "Some of the papers," said Mr. Pugsley, "have been good enough to say that I have aspirations in another political sphere. You will pardon me if I say I am well content to remain where I am. I will remain there as long as it is the people's will. As to the report that I have other ambitions, I beg to say, in order to set all rumors at rest, that I will remain attorney general of New Brunswick as long as the people desire my services. I am not looking for any one's old shoes, as I have a pretty good fitting pair in the office I now hold." Hon. Mr. Pugsley then told how proud he was and how proud St. John was of David Russell, who before he left his native province had given good evidences of what might be expected of him when he reached a wider sphere and found a broader field for the exercise of his splendid business talents. This Canada of ours, declared the speaker, becomes day after day more fitting for such splendid business men as Mr. Russell. It was he and such as he who disperse the clouds of ignorance and in fact deserve more credit than the capitalists themselves.

Charlotte County Liberals

Send to Montreal for a Man to Contest the Constituency.

(Special to the Sun.) ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Oct. 6.—Hon. H. R. Emmerson wasted a day in an attempt to bolster up a lost cause in Charlotte county. Never popular with the liberal leaders here, he has increased his personal unpopularity by coming into the county and forcing on the party an undesired candidate from far away Montreal. The county convention this afternoon was attended by one hundred and five delegates, and was held in the house of his friends today. James G. Stevens, Jr., was chairman and Fred B. Hill, secretary. The chairman expressed his surprise at finding himself in that position, and indeed the convention was noticeably for the absence of erstwhile party leaders.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson addressed the convention in a number of glittering generalities and as a bid for votes, the eager listeners his personal conviction that the government should acquire the Shore Line railway to connect the Intercolonial railway with the United States system, but failed to tell them that the government of which he is a member is building another road across the continent and handing it over to the promoters of the port of Portland. He assumed that any candidate chosen would be acceptable to him, but omitted to state that he had assured the leaders in attendance that the government chest would only be opened for Mr. Gillmor of Montreal. R. E. Armstrong, Geo. Byron and N. Marks Mills spoke briefly and then the delegates retired to ballot. Daniel Gillmor received a large majority, and on motion of Mr. Armstrong, the only other candidate named, the vote was made unanimous. Mr. Gillmor expressed his surprise at his nomination, a surprise which is shared very largely by liberal leaders here, who resent Mr. Emmerson's dictation, and who feel that it was not necessary for the party to import a candidate from Montreal, and one whose family has received a generous measure of consideration. He poured cold comfort on the head of Mr. Armstrong, and made an appeal for votes largely on the ground that he is the son of his father. The delegates are to be entertained at a supper in the Windsor tonight. The conservatives are pushing an convention in all parts of the county, and are everywhere assured of increased support. They have never yet had to go beyond her borders for a representative, and Mr. Emmerson is doomed to hear a dull thud from this county on the night of Nov. 3rd. The minister's palace car was a centre of attraction through the day, but only a chosen few were permitted to tread its carpeted apartments. It carried the minister away, attached to the out-going evening train on the C. P. R.

After Hon. J. R. Stratton,

Defeated Liberal Candidate in North Renfrew Taking Action--Case Promises to Be Interesting.

(Special to the Sun.) TORONTO, Oct. 6.—J. Lorne Hale, defeated liberal candidate in North Renfrew, has taken out a court action against Hon. J. R. Stratton, a member of the Ross government, and James Vance, the liberal organizer. He claims that they promised to pay the balance of his election expenses, which amounted to about \$40,000, and that he has paid another ten thousand himself of his expenses. Stratton, in an interview, says he made no promises other than that he had no doubt the party would assist with his expenses, meaning legitimate expenses. He says that he does not know what assistance he received from the party, or what the cost of the campaign was. He thinks Hale's claim of costs of campaign absurd. James Vance also denies the story, and says he never discussed financial matters with Hale. Hale had told him since the campaign that his expenses had been guaranteed, but Vance told him he knew nothing about that. "Possibly," added Vance, "in his attempt to get out of paying for his heavy bills, he is trying to shouder the responsibility upon some one else, but it is manifestly absurd he should try to put it on me."