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GREAT VICTORY FOR GOVERNMENT ASSURED

ABE CANDIDATES FOR KINGS COUNTY

Hon. J. A. Murray, G.B. Jones, H. V. Dickson The Choice RECORD ATTENDANCE

Representative Gathering of Government Supporters Endorses Programme of Administration—Farmers Particularly Enthusiastic will Have Representative on Ticket—Many Independent Liberals Present.

Special to The Standard.

Hampton, May 14.—At a large and representative gathering of supporters of the Fleming government held here today, Hon. J. A. Murray, George B. Jones and H. V. Dickson were selected as candidates in the coming elections for the provincial legislature. In spite of the heavy rain during the early morning and the fact that most of the farmers are busy at this time of the year, every part of the county was well represented, showing that the people of Kings county are well satisfied with the government, and ready to do their part to give it another lease of power.

A feature of the convention was the large number of farmers in attendance, and the enthusiasm with which they greeted the announcement that Mr. Dickson, a well-known farmer, had been placed on the ticket. Another feature worthy of note was showing the trend of popular sentiment, was the large number of independent Liberals who were in attendance.

Before the convention proceeded to nominate candidates, it was addressed by Fred M. Sproul, M.P.P., who announced that owing to increasing duties he would not accept another nomination.

Nominations were made in open meeting, four names being proposed, after which the contingents from each parish selected delegates and proceeded to vote on the nominations. After the result of the balloting was announced by the scrutineers, Coun. Smith, of Hampton, the fourth nomination moved that the nominations be made unanimous, and this was adopted.

Able Candidates.

The former standard bearers of the local government party, Mr. Murray and Mr. Jones, received the full vote of the delegates and Mr. Dickson secured 53 votes as against 47 for Coun. Smith. Mr. Dickson's popularity with the convention appeared to be due to the desire to have a practical farmer on the ticket. The new man is a successful farmer living at Jubilee in the Parish of Rothesay. He has not run for public office before, but he has always taken an active interest in public affairs. He has been one of the moving spirits in the organization of the co-operative movement among the farmers of Kings county, and is an ardent champion of every forward movement in the interest of the agricultural population. He is very popular and his strength with the farmers will prove of value to his colleagues. He has lived all his life in Rothesay parish, occupying a farm held by his family for four generations. He is a descendant of United Empire Loyalists.

After the nominations the candidates addressed the gathering. All were given a very enthusiastic reception, and their remarks about the policies and record of the local government, and their predictions of a sweeping victory for the supporters of the progressive and honest government, were frequently interrupted by outbursts of applause.

Lieut. Col. H. Montgomery Campbell was elected chairman and W. D. Turner secretary.

After opening the meeting in a brief speech, in which he said the convention was not a party one, the chairman called upon the contingents from the parishes to select their delegates and representatives were chosen as follows.

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BODY OF UNKNOWN MAN IS FOUND IN TORONTO STREET

Toronto, May 14.—The body of an unknown man, who had died of death from a deep gas in the inside of the left wrist, was found behind a large signboard at the northwest corner of Gerrard street and Caswell Ave., Riverside, about 7 o'clock this morning.

MAKERS OF SHOES ARE NUMEROUS

Official of Shoe Machinery Co. Defends Leasing System Considerable Increase in Number of Manufacturers and Credit Rating is Materially Higher, He Says.

Montreal, May 14.—At this afternoon's session of the investigation into the methods of the United Shoe Machinery Company of Canada, S. J. Knowlton, Montreal manager, gave interesting testimony on the improvement in the shoe manufacturing business since the formation of the United Shoe Machinery Company of Canada. He said that in 1900 there were some seventy-five shoe manufacturers in the Dominion with a credit rating of from \$2,075,000 to \$4,000,000 but that in 1911 there were 128 leases of his company's machines with a credit rating of from \$6,850,000 to \$10,000,000.

Under the old Goodyear Company, he declared, manufacturers had few up-to-date machines, but as soon as the United Company took over the Goodyear, the United supplied modern machinery on the same terms as United States factories.

He stated that while the shoe manufacturing industry had made small progress in Quebec city, business had practically doubled in the Maritime Provinces. Montreal and Toronto. Since May 1907 his company had fitted out 52 factories with machinery practically all of them being new firms.

He stated that there were two systems of leasing, the premium lease which did not involve the lessee, and the loan lease which did and that the latter was evidently not popular. He said that the machines out were under the loan lease.

A short session will be held tomorrow morning and the commission will then visit the various factories in the city. An adjournment will then be taken until May 22.

SURVIVORS WEALTHY. MONTREAL REFUSES A CONTRIBUTION

Montreal, May 14.—That Montreal survivors of the Titanic disaster are all wealthy people and that they do not need public assistance, was the reason given today by the board of control, who stated that Montreal would make no contribution to the Titanic relief fund.

"We have talked the matter over," a controller said, "and we have come to the conclusion that there is no need for Montreal to subscribe to the fund. Most of the needy ones whose bread winners were employed on the Titanic and who went down with the vessel, live in England. As we understand that there is a relief fund of nearly \$2,000,000 piling up over there, we shall not send them anything."

TO PURCHASE AIR FLEET FOR EMPEROR BY SUBSCRIPTION

Berlin, May 14.—The committee of the National Aviation Fund for which an appeal was published on April 21, asking private persons and municipalities to subscribe towards presenting a fleet of aeroplanes to the Emperor has received already over \$5,000,000. It is estimated that the outstanding subscriptions promised will bring the total up to \$7,500,000.

SPLINTER PIERCES A WORKMAN'S CHEST CAUSING HIS DEATH

Quebec, May 14.—While operating a mechanical saw at Laurier, County of Lotbiniere, Alexander Dufresne was struck by a splinter which nearly pierced his chest and instantly killed him.

GREAT ORATION ACCORDED PREMIER. FLEMING AT BANQUET

Unstinted and Well Merited Praise for Premier From Federal Ministers, Members of Local Government and Supporters of Party

Greatest Tribute Accorded Man in Public Life in History of the Province is Verdict of All Present --- Striking Vindication of Policy of Provincial Government---Mr. Hazen Describes What Present Administration Has Accomplished for Welfare of Country.

The greatest demonstration tendered to a public man in years, was the function in the Keith's assembly rooms last evening, when more than 300 representative men from all parts of the province gathered to pay their tributes of respect to Hon. J. C. Fleming, the leader of the best government this province has ever enjoyed, and who will soon appeal to the people for a renewal of their confidence in his administration. If the enthusiasm displayed at last evening's banquet is any indication of the trend of events, there is no doubt that he will not only receive the endorsement and support of the province, but that there will not be enough of the provincial opposition left to count noses in the House when the smoke of the battle at the polls has cleared away.

The arrangements for the banquet were well carried out and it was a most successful function every way. The rooms had been nicely decorated for the occasion, and there was no lack of refreshment. The music was well served and the addresses which followed were strong and full of confidence. This was well reflected in the very hearty applause which greeted the speakers and the reception given to Premier Fleming and others who contributed to the oratorical portion of the evening.

W. H. Thorne presided and at the guest table were seated Hon. J. K. Fleming, Hon. J. D. Hazen, Hon. G. E. Foster, Hon. G. J. Clarke, Hon. Robert Maxwell, Hon. Dr. Landry, Hon. H. P. McLeod, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, Hon. John Torrey, P. J. Rochon, Mr. P. J. E. Wilson, M.P.P., C. S. Crockett, M.P.P., Hon. J. A. Murray, A. R. Slipp, M.P.P., J. J. Drummond, Donald Munro, J. P. W. Hubbard, W. W. P. E. Island. The complete list of those present is as follows:

John Hazen, A. G. Folkins, A. D. Murray, Parker Glazier, J. Duff Mitchell, O. W. Saunders, H. Snider, Harry Smith, G. W. Parker, J. McDonald, J. W. Harriss, Donald Munro, Dr. Anglin, W. B. Dixon, Geo. O. Prescott, Ald. Crulshank, J. E. Arncliffe, A. V. Jardine, Hon. G. Murray, Dr. Bentley, F. A. Dykeman, Wm. Ryan, Dr. McLellan, J. H. Harris, W. Weston, F. R. Sumner, F. E. Williams, C. C. Richmond, S. A. Lewis, P. J. Conner, D. P. McLaughlin, Thomas Dean, C. Pickard, W. E. Temple, R. O'Leary, F. J. Revere, A. H. Wetmore, P. L. Cosman, J. H. Stewart, T. M. Burns, Hon. H. McLeod, S. B. Bustin, Miles Agar, W. T. C. Parsons, E. G. Logan, ex-Ald. Elliott, Ralph Freeze, A. McLean, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Slipp, Mr. Mosher, Mr. Harris, S. L. T. Harrison, A. Messier, M. G. Teed, W. W. Hubbard, W. Woods, J. V. Williams, I. B. Carson, Coun. Shillington, J. O'Regan, L. V. Lindsay, R. Sherwin, A. Ritchie, J. G. Drummond, A. E. McInley, J. Bruce Colwell, D. A. Stuart, Dr. Manning, Hon. D. V. Landry, J. Sherrin, F. J. Rolden, P. H. Taylor, W. A. Ewing, Mr. Barley, Hon. Geo. E. Foster, W. H. Thorne, W. S. Clawson, Wm. A. Shaw, Hon. J. Murray, Geo. B. Jones, Allan Ager, W. J. Haslet, W. McLellan, Chas. O'Hara, Jas. Harrison, S. R. Belyea, J. A. Sinclair, F. Walker, G. S. Crockett, R. W. Hewson, E. A. Riley, Robert Dyrart, D. A. Fox, Hon. J. C. Fleming, E. W. Seely, J. L. White, Geo. C. Matthews, Dr. Bradford, J. A. White, H. H. Mott, H. C. Mott, Thos. Kieckhafer, John Hughes, C. Miller, J. A. Kennedy, Coun. Wm. Goiding, J. A. Patterson, J. E. Koyes, J. F. Roach, J. E. Fenwick, H. C. Green, A. T. Prescott, R. W. Wigmore, Robt. Strain, E. Law, W. H. Brown, John E. Wilson, Col. A. J. Armstrong, H. V. McKinnon, Philip Grannan, James Morgan, Wilford Sutherland, C. M. Linglet, C. E. Inchev, W. Holder, G. Dykeman, Coun. Ryan, James Lewis, J. W. Vanwart, M. W. Doherty, M. Dean, G. W. Currie, J. E. Bryant, Harry Cochran, C. B. Lockhart, H. S. Mayes, G. H. Mayer, J. P. Mosher, H. G. Youngclaus, H. Wilson, E. Crawford, J. G. Armstrong, D. Smith, G. F. Palmer, Geo. Polly, F. A. Fairweather, Chas. Robinson, Florence McCarthy, L. B. Wilson, John Miles, P. McAuliffe, H. V. Dickson, Allan Price, Wallace Smith, J. B. Baxter, Capt. Pincault, Dr. H. C. Wetmore, John D. Campbell, J. C. Chesley, Capt. Perry, P. O. McNeill, T. Bell, James E. Cowan, J. King Kelley, W. S. Montgomery, Hon. John Morrissey, Arthur Milligan, H. A. Smith, W. H. O'Neil, J. M. Gosson, Dr. McLaren, H. Colby Smith,

J. B. Hackey, W. J. Forbes, D. King Hazen, W. C. Dunham, Hon. R. Maxwell, Hon. J. D. Hazen, W. Emmerson, F. B. Black, O. M. Melanson, W. Humphrey, T. E. Ryder, P. J. McInerney, E. P. Horn, Moulton; Henry Finnigan, J. W. V. Lawlor, J. P. Knight, J. W. Holly, E. C. Weyman, J. P. McAuley, S. McLeod, S. McKel, Dr. Dunlop, J. H. Vaughan, D. H. Pidgeon, H. C. Schofield, Dr. S. H. McDonald, W. D. Barkin, G. A. Henderson, R. G. Day, B. L. Gerow, W. E. Denning, J. W. Cameron, James Seaton, Fred Sprad, T. R. Campbell, T. M. Phillips, S. P. Gerow, H. H. Pickett, R. W. Dean, Arthur P. O'Neill, L. J. O'Neill, C. M. McDonald, Hugh Mackay, W. J. Dean, A. R. Metrose, J. C. Belyea, J. E. Stone, J. L. Murphy, Coun. G. B. Slipp, A. J. Vanwart, R. Quigley, D. McGill, L. R. D. Tilley, E. Bates, Wm. McDonald, J. Woods, Arthur Watkins, T. C. Knowles, G. M. Slocum, Allan Burley.

Mr. Thorne proposed the health of the King, which was followed by the usual manner, the playing of the National Anthem in which the company joined with great enthusiasm.

The secretary then read letters and telegrams of regret from Rt. Hon. R. B. Borden, Dr. T. J. Bourque, M.P.P., Hon. J. C. Borden, Dr. R. B. Borden, M.P.P., and Senator Daniel.

Eulogized Premier. Rt. Hon. Mr. Borden's letter contained eulogistic references to Premier Fleming and regrets that through a business engagement in Toronto he was unable to be present at the banquet. He felt sure that the endorsement to be given to Hon. Mr. Fleming would be the most sweeping which the province on his record and on the record of the government. Mr. Thorne said there could be no doubt that the endorsement of the province on that point had ever given to any public man. Mr. Thorne in closing said that great things were in store for Premier Fleming and that in time he would be called to take his place in the larger arena in Ottawa, there to make a record as distinguished as that of any of the many distinguished men who had preceded him.

Hon. Mr. Fleming, on rising, was greeted with a great ovation. He referred to the great ovation which had come from the most remote parts of the province to be present. In reference to Mr. Hazen he desired to emphasize the great loss which the provincial government had sustained in his removal from the provincial field to that of Ottawa. His government had been in power for five sessions and in that time they owed much to the energetic and honest leadership of Hon. J. D. Hazen. When the Hazen government took office they laid down certain planks, most of which had been carried out in this entirety, and on all of them something had been done. He desired to refer to a few promises which had been made in the beginning and kept.

Honest Collection. The principal plank at that time was the honest collection of the public revenues. We have proceeded from the time we came into power to the present time to get a fair collection of public revenues. In 1907 the stampage was collected on 151,000,000 feet of lumber. Last year we collected 200,000,000 feet. It was not true that 10 per cent had been increased, but the government was making an honest collection. There was no dissatisfaction over the collection for every man was getting a square deal.

Honest Expenditure. They had also promised an honest expenditure of public funds and this

ROCKETS NOT FROM TITANIC

Officers of Californian Believe Signals Observed were Not from the Distressed White Star Liner.

London, May 14.—The Titanic Board of Inquiry spent today in endeavoring to ascertain whether the steamer from which the officers of the Californian saw rockets fired on the night when the White Star liner went down was really that vessel, it will continue the investigation on the same lines tomorrow.

Three officers of the Californian, Stanley Lord, the captain, Gibson an apprentice, and Herbert Stone, the second officer, were on the bridge at the time the rockets were fired, were examined in the order named. All of them insisted that the vessel could not have been the Titanic as it was not so large, but they were unable to answer the question put to them to suggest what vessel it was as they had not heard of her since.

Capt. Lord repeated his evidence given at Washington in regard to warning the Titanic of the presence of ice and stopping his steamer on that account. He also recounted that the second officer and the apprentice both told him the next day that they had called him and informed him that a vessel was firing rockets and that he had replied when he was called. He asserted, however, that he must have been half asleep as he could not remember receiving the message.

Capt. Lord would not admit that the rockets fired were distress signals. He thought that they might have been company's signals, which he pointed out, however, that the firing of rockets of any kind at night was an indication of distress.

Upon setting up the next morning and hearing of the rockets, Captain Lord said that he had the wireless operator called and then heard that the Titanic had sunk. From the wreckage he saw afterwards his own steamer must have been 22 miles from the Titanic when she went down.

Asked by Sir Rufus Isaacs whether he felt quite comfortable in mind in reference to his action when he heard that the Titanic had sunk, witness replied that he thought they ought to have sent a signal, but that was the only thing that worried him. He was positive, however, that the vessel they saw was not the Titanic, as it was impossible to mistake a ship like her.

Captain Lord denied that he had heard the United States senator's committee that he had ordered the operator at one o'clock to call the Titanic. If the operator had been called he would have heard the Titanic messages.

In reply to Lord Mersey, witness said there was no reference in the log to "mysterious ship." Gibson, the apprentice, told of seeing the lights and rockets of a vessel, and of trying to signal her by means of Morse signals and having reported the matter to the captain.

Asked what he meant by his statement in evidence that the vessel appeared to be "very queer," witness replied that the vessel's red light seemed to be higher out of the water than when she was first seen.

Lord Mersey: "That would show that she had a list to starboard." Gibson continued that the aft lights also seemed higher but there was nothing about the vessel resembling a passenger steamer.

The new government had made the auditor general an independent official and it was now impossible for any account to be paid until it had been certified correct. Under the new system the money was not going into the Telegraph channel.

The government had also promised cheaper school books. They had secured a 40 per cent reduction on some of the books which was in effect for three years. Later they were able to get another reduction of 10 per cent, thus making a reduction of 50 per cent. The 50 per cent could not be obtained at first because a St. John firm had an agreement with the old government by which that firm got a 10 per cent rake-off on every school book sold in New Brunswick from the publishers.

Another promise was that all public works should be put up to tender and the Telegraph had said this pledge had not been kept. This was not making an honest collection as it belongs to the same political party as the Telegraph. The public works commissioner had found

SALE PLAYS HAVOC WITH SHIPPING BANDITS AND POLICE DESPERATE FIGHT

Two Men Hold Off Police and Soldiers in BARRICADE HOUSES

And Pour Steady Stream of Bullets from Windows Doing Considerable Slaughter Among Assailants --- Buildings Dynamited but Outlaws Take Refuge in Time.

Special to The Standard. Farraboro May 14.—A heavy westerly gale today caused a number of shipping disasters along the Parrishore shore, but fortunately no lives were lost. The American schooner Henry May went ashore on the Rocky Point, outside Apple River Light House and became a total wreck. The crew of four men got ashore in the schooner's boat, and the captain was taken off by the lightkeeper. The vessel was built in 1854 and was 179 tons register and hails from Portland. She was bound to a Cumberland port to load lumber.

The American tern schooner Nellie T. Sawyer, which was anchored near the lighthouse wharf in the harbor of Apple River dragged anchor near the lighthouse wharf, tearing a hole in her bottom and sunk. She will probably be floated and repaired. She is 240 tons register and was bound to Apple River to load lumber for New York.

The schooner Gypsy while sailing into Parrishore Roads with a cargo of deals was struck by a squall and capsized. The crew was taken off by the tug Chinquo, and the schooner was beached, both vessel and cargo will be saved.

The schooner Leo which was discharging deals into a steamer was obliged to cast off and was beached on the shore. The schooner Otis Miller, which was also discharging deals into a steamer in Parrishore Roads fouled the steamer's anchor and chains and had her windless broken.

bridges requiring much repair. It was not possible to call for tenders for repair work as it was not known how much the repair work would cost. All new work was however put up to tender and in all repair work the advice of competent bridge men was acted upon.

It had been said that too much money had been spent and it was quite true that the government showed a deficit last year, but every cent expended had been in the interests of the province and the account kept had been an honest one and in direct contrast to the methods employed by the former administration which hid their expenses behind suspense accounts and other devices. It had been said that the former government was not on trial and that his administration could not appeal to the people on the record of their predecessors. To this he would say God forbid. He would appeal on his own record but he did not intend that the opposition should get very far away from theirs.

No Apology Needed. He had no apology to make for the over-expenditure. The deficit was more than accounted for in the matter of ordinary bridges. Last year the government spent \$235,000 on ordinary bridges as compared with less than \$100,000 for the last year of the old government. In the last three years the government had spent \$50,000 on ordinary bridges as compared with \$250,000 in the last three years of the old government. The reason for the increased expenditure was that the old government had left the bridges in such a rotten, dilapidated condition. The money had been spent but it had been honestly spent in the interests of the people.

The government also passed legislation of benefit to the working man. They had also accorded to the reasonable request of a very strong temporary delegation asking that the license act be amended to provide that the people of each community should have the right to say whether licenses should be granted there or not. This was but the rule of the majority and he thought it perfectly fair.

Valley Railway. Turning to the Valley Railway question, Premier Fleming said the province had not got beyond the doubtful stage. Within a few weeks the actual work of construction would commence. There was no doubt that the railway would run from St. John to Grand Falls as contracts for construction and operation both provided this. There had been much trouble in the railway project. There was opposition where there should have been assistance. At the last session a bill had been introduced to confirm the contract and when this was done the members of the opposition showed their

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SUN LETTER HAS APPEARANCE OF FAKE TO CONSUL

COMMENCEMENT AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER WAS HELD YESTERDAY

Special to The Standard. Antigonish, May 14.—A large crowd attended the commencement exercises at Antigonish. The address of J. H. Dunn to the graduates was a feature of the occasion. Among the visitors were Rt. Rev. Bishop Marsh, who occupied a seat on the platform; Rev. Dr. Whalen, Father Finn, Judge Conroy, of Newfoundland; Hon. Frank Sweeney, of Moncton; Mr. Scotty, of St. John, and Mr. Dwyer, of St. Stephen.

The address of the graduates was along the lines of ethics and sociology and gave evidence of deep research. Rev. D. Gillis delivered the valedictory sermon in the cathedral, speaking of the duties of the university which he took a foremost place in the field of scientific research. The meeting of the alumni of the university will take place tomorrow morning.

Paris, May 14.—Another battle between the police and the automobile bandits who recently terrified Paris, is in progress at present St-Marrie, four miles to the east of the city. Garnier, the co-chief of Bonnot, who was killed with a companion at Choussy-le-Roi on April 18, after a desperate fight, has been surrounded with a confederate named Vallet in a building near the railroad.

He Bonnot and his confederate, Dubois, the bandit Garnier and Vallet are fighting desperately for their lives. They are keeping up a continued fusillade with rifles from the windows of the building, firing on the police and townspeople surrounding the place. A police sergeant has been wounded. Louis Lepine the prefect of police of Paris, with a large body of policemen, left headquarters hurriedly in motor cars for the scene of the fight.

When the police arrived at the villa, which was known as the Mouille Rouge, M. Guichard, the superintendent of detectives, carrying the tricolor, rushed to the scene and cried: "Open in the name of the law."

A man hidden in the garden responded with revolver fire. M. Guichard was not hit, and retreated. He mobilized the detectives police and gendarmes, who carried off the body of a companion of Bonnot from the nearby barracks joined the besieging force. The excitement was intense, and a tremendous crowd hindered the operations and had to be driven back.

Six inspectors protected by sheets of steel furnished by gendarmes cautiously approached the house. They encountered a murderous fire, but were not wounded. Three of the police officers, however, fell from the bandits' bullets, seriously wounded.

The firing finally ceased for a time, the bandits either being exhausted or saving their ammunition, while the soldiers were forced to discontinue pending the arrival of a new stock of cartridges from Fort Nogent. At 11:25 two more dynamite cartridges were exploded and a portion of one of the walls toppled over.

Nevertheless, the bandits apparently succeeded in finding shelter in what remained of the structure.

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