

LIBERAL WAVE SWEEPING FROM MILLTOWN TO MONCTON

THOUSANDS GREET THE NEW BRUNSWICK LEADER

Pugsley Given Tremendous Ovation at Oak Bay in Afternoon and Milltown in Evening
Exposes Unsavory Tory Tactics in One of the Best Speeches of His Career—Charlotte Will be Redeemed

ST. STEPHEN, Oct. 7.—Marked by excellent speeches and attended by big crowds, two great gatherings were held in this vicinity today in the interests of W. F. Todd, the Liberal candidate. The enthusiasm was greater than that ever shown before in this county, and it is in any criterion the success of Mr. Todd on Oct. 28th is assured. Over 1,000 persons attended the picnic this afternoon at Oak Bay, the crowd being present from all parts of the county. Fighting speeches were delivered by Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, and the candidate. The attention given to their remarks was surprising. The cheers on every point was made against the opposition shows that from one end of the county to the other the tide of Liberalism is rising and when election day arrives the opposition will be swept away.

The Evening Meeting
The evening's meeting was held in Eaton's Hall, Milltown, and was attended by an audience which filled the hall to overflowing, and the issues were again discussed by the same speakers and there was no less enthusiasm shown.
Mr. Pugsley in one of the best speeches of his career exposed the un-

savory tactics of his opponents and was greeted with round after round of applause in the course of his eloquent address. Mr. Todd put forward a strong and convincing argument in favor of Liberal principles and had his hearers with him from the start. Charlotte county is rallying roly to the Liberal standard. The electors have apparently concluded that as far as their representative is concerned it is time for a change.

Afternoon Session

The picnic in the afternoon was held on the property of William Berry at Oak Bay, five miles from St. Stephen, and was in every way a complete success. There were about 1,000 people present and voters from all parts of the province were represented. Farmers drove in from distant parishes and the large number of vehicles of all kinds and descriptions, including automobiles, which were scattered over the ground or ranged around the temporary platform indicated the interest which the Liberals of Charlotte were taking in the contest. It was nearly three o'clock when the Minister of Public Works, who was accompanied by Mrs. Pugsley, arrived on the grounds with Mr. Todd, the Liberal candidate.

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WITNESSES IN BAYNE CASES ARE MISSING

TRURO, N. S., Oct. 7.—The desperate efforts of the Conservatives to keep the lid on the mass of revelations which in a small degree only were brought to light in the preliminary investigation of Alonso Bayne's operations last November in Five Islands, are again shown in the Supreme Court here. During the trial the defendant, Magistrate Crowe, L. B. Carr, a most important witness, was with difficulty located and finally brought into court by constables sent especially to find him. He proved to be one of the chief men operating under Bayne. F. Lawson Jenkins of Parrsboro, another one of Bayne's pals, also refused to attend the trial. The defendant, however, was not necessarily delayed to get him, and finally closed without hearing his important evidence. There were three instances wherein the manipulations of witnesses by the defense were shown apart altogether from these sent in to see W. B. A. Ritchie and carefully examined in what they had to say before the investigation opened.

Yesterday while the grand jury was considering the six indictments submitted by the crown it was found that J. Bayne Morrison, a most material witness, had not answered his subpoena, but had sent word by another witness that he was not coming. Morrison was the chief witness in one indictment, and was to be called in the other five. In consequence of his absence it was necessary for the court to hold the grand jury until this morning to deal with the first indictment, and a warrant was issued to bring Morrison to Truro. He could not be found, and the grand jury were dismissed this afternoon without considering this indictment. This was well known to be the most important indictment of the lot.

This morning Conservatives circulated the report that Morrison had been put out of the way by Liberals, but it was confirmed this afternoon to be one of the choice tomato stories, such as appeared in the Herald. Another instance peculiar to manipulators of jurymen was brought to light by the reading of an affidavit by Crown Prosecutor Power to the effect that one jurymen, known to be a Conservative, had approached two other jurymen and solicited their opinions on how to save Bayne from conviction. This man argued that both parties were bad and Bayne was no worse than the other man. In view of this fact and the absence of Bayne, Morrison and Ralph Aston, also a material witness, the crown asked for a continuance to a later date. His honor commented very seriously on the several features which make up, and there being no civil business before the court, adjournment was made.

Bayne's sureties for appearance when next called are \$200 in himself and another in the Bayne-Morrison indictment, and \$100 personal in each of the remaining indictments. It should be stated that there is a widespread impression, in view of the clamor of the Conservative press and others, that the immediate trial of Bayne, that there was beneath their eagerness a hope that Bayne would be convicted on the charges that have been vented and his mouth closed by imprisonment for a lengthy period. This impression is borne out by the violent demand of the Herald for his oblation, and the added publication of a Montreal affair in which Bayne figured and which, published on the eve of his trial here, was a most transparent attempt to prejudice the jurymen. A subscription list, promoted by Bayne's expenses failed, and the local operators had the man upon their hands. The spectacle of their over-anxiety to get rid of him is one of the most conspicuous examples of their willingness at any time to sacrifice men who have proved in nefarious practices. The facts in connection with Mr. Bayne's little fiasco in Montreal are that the whole affair resulted from an over-worked practical joke, and had no sinister motive whatever. No one who knows the man here will charge him with a desire to make money in snide games.

EXPLOSION IN GRAIN ELEVATOR PARTY OWNED BY THE C.P.R. RESULTS IN DEATH OF THIRTEEN

Spontaneous Combustion of Dry Grain Dust Ignited by the Sun's Rays Through a Window Causes Disaster at Richford, Vermont—Twenty-one Working in Elevator When Explosion Wrecks It

RICHFORD, Vt., Oct. 7.—An explosion of dust and gases in a large grain elevator owned by the Canadian Pacific and the Boston and Maine Railroad, in this village, caused the death of at least thirteen persons late this afternoon, while it is possible that the death toll may be still further increased, when the full extent of the disaster is known.

The explosion occurred at 4:35 this afternoon, while work was going on within the elevator. It is supposed that it was due to spontaneous combustion of the dry grain dust, ignited possibly by the sun's rays through a window. With a concussion which could be heard for miles and which shook every building in the town, the roof of the great elevator was blown skyward, while flames burst from every window and door of the structure. The roof, or the greater part of it, was carried a long distance and fell in a field. Several freight cars, which were standing on the track beside the building, were thrown over and broken into a mass of wreckage and every person within a radius of twenty or a mile of the structure was knocked off his feet, and wholly or partially stunned.

Twenty-one in Building
Twenty-one men, all employees of the elevator, are known to have been in but eleven had been located as living late tonight. Of the others one body only was found. It was carried by the explosion 200 yards and was found in a field near the roof. The bodies of this man's companions are supposed to have been incinerated in the tremendous heat of the burning grain. The list of dead is as follows:
Heman Lahaue, 40 years old, married; leaves a wife.
Lucius Wright, 25 years old, married.
Robert Mandigo, 22, married.
W. C. Barney, 50 years, married, and has several children.
Ralph Haire, 29, single; Herman Niles, aged 25; Charles Narrows, 24, single; Louis Paineau, 40, married; Doma La Porte, 21, single; — Tuttle; a workman, name unknown, who is known to have been in the building and who is reported missing; Mrs. Jennifer, Mrs. Guard, aged 40.

The two women were walking on the track near the building and were stunned by the explosion. Both were living, though badly burned when they were picked up by rescuers and taken to a neighboring house, but they died within a few hours.

Freight cars on the tracks of the Canadian Pacific railroad also caught fire and seventy-five of them were burned. There was no locomotive in the yard at the time, so that with the exception of a few cars which railroad men and citizens managed to push down the tracks beyond the reach of the flames, practically every piece of rolling stock in the yard was consumed.

The wreckage blocked the railroad tracks completely, and it was necessary to send all traffic over the Canadian Pacific by the way of Sherbrooke, Que., although wrecking crews were early on the scene ready to begin work as soon as the mangled work of the blasting cars cooled sufficiently to permit

PARTY LEADERS OUTSPOKEN FOR PURE ELECTION

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 7.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has sent the following letter to Rev. Dr. Chalmers, the temperance and moral reform secretary of the Methodist Church, who wrote urging the leader to purify public life: "I have duly received your two letters. Pressure of business prevented me from immediately acknowledging them. I fully appreciate the interest you take in the welfare of the country and agree with you that the question of purity in the elections is one of paramount importance. I think that I can claim that my position has been above one of absolute hostility to any party in Canada in its pure as in any other part of the world and I am deeply anxious that everything be done to prevent any reproach being cast on it. Assuming you of my earnest sympathy with your desire for purity in public life, and once again affirming my sincere desire that the coming campaign as well as all others be conducted in the most upright and conscientious manner believe me, dear Dr. Chalmers, (Sgd.) 'SIR WILFRID LAURIER.'

R. L. Borden, leader of the Conservative party, says in his statement: "Let me say that I shall be most happy to co-operate with you and your friends in the good work which you are carrying on. If Sir Wilfrid Laurier is willing to join me in the statement such as you suggest, I am prepared to do likewise. If he is not willing I shall nevertheless continue to urge upon adherents of my party the importance of complying with the object expressed in your letter, namely, 'that the approaching elections shall be carried on without taint of bribery, corruption or surreptitious measures of any sort.'"

"Yours truly, (Sgd.) 'R. L. BORDEN.'"

The last has been heard of the Borden tangle of travelling provincial politicians. Hazen was the first to be seized with bone-ache then Mr. Roblin suddenly awoke to the fact that Ontario had no use for political descendants of Ananias, even though they happen to be premiers, and Mr. Bowser is on his way back to British Columbia where many Conservatives are wishing he had remained.

Bowser left tonight for Vancouver and Mr. Hanna is left blooming alone. The British Columbia attorney general is very confident that Ford is going to win, but how much reliance is to be placed on his prophecy may be gathered from the fact that he believes the Conservatives will gain six or seven seats in Nova Scotia. Strange to say, Bowser was not so cocksure about his own province.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 7.—In a few days the C. P. R. shops will be in full blast again. A large number of the men who went on strike two months ago will be re-employed. A number of the professional strike breakers are leaving and have already left, and incompetent workmen will, of course, not be retained.

At the offices this morning there was a large number of men applying for work but they were advised to make application at the shops, where the men are being taken on. It is confidently expected that it will not be long before most of the men will be at work again and full harmony will prevail.

SINKS OR SWIMS ON THE BRANCH LINES POLICY

Emmerson Makes Eloquent Appeal

OVER 2,000 PRESENT Declares That it is Up to Moncton to Vote for Agast I. C. R. Expansion

MONCTON, N. B., Oct. 7.—Amid scenes of great enthusiasm Hon. H. R. Emmerson tonight addressed an audience of over two thousand people which crowded the Hippodrome Theatre to its limits. For the third time today Hon. Mr. Emmerson addressed an audience, having spoken at two other political gatherings, and his speech here tonight was a splendid effort.

Other fine speeches were delivered by Mr. Ralston, Liberal candidate in Cumberland, N. S., and Jules Parry, Liberal candidate in Dorchester, Quebec, who addressed the gathering in French. The meeting was convened at forty-eight hours' notice, about 2,000 being present.

Branch Line Policy
The principal features of Hon. Mr. Emmerson's speech were his references to the branch line policy, and his cheering of the audience, he made a stirring appeal for support and his denunciation of charges recently made by Mr. Borden concerning the transaction in which the purchase of land for the G. T. P. terminal in this city was involved. It was the reference to the branch line policy which means much to Moncton which had the greatest effect on the audience tonight, and Mr. Emmerson's remarks in this respect were enthusiastically applauded.

Referring to the I. C. R. fire in February, two years ago, Mr. Emmerson said that on that occasion politics were forgotten and Liberals and Conservatives of Moncton alike stood on the common platform to fight for the best interests of the city. It was on the common platform broad and strong enough to contain all parties that he would make his appeal, and branch lines he would make one which affected every home in Moncton, and the proposition that unless the people of the community shall by votes they wanted would never be carried out.

"I want it understood," said Hon. Mr. Emmerson amid the rousing cheers of the big audience, "that these are my politics, that is my platform, and I stand or fall upon that question of expansion of the I. C. R. The question of the absorption of the branch lines, and if you do not want the idea carried out then do not vote for me. As you were united in February, 1900, on the question of maintenance of the I. C. R. shops in Moncton, so should you be united on this greater question. (Cheers). The enlargement of the I. C. R. means the development of your city. I have been proud in the past of the Liberal party, but I am prouder now of the fact that the Liberal party was big enough and broad enough to take into favorable consideration the question of such moment to the Maritime Provinces and the city of Moncton."

Accepted Conditionally
Although I stand here tonight as a candidate of the Liberal party, I accepted that nomination on condition that I could retire from the candidature if the government failed to adopt the branch lines as part of its platform.

Referring to the charge made at London, Ont., by R. L. Borden that as Minister of Railways the Hon. Mr. Emmerson had benefited from a certain land transaction, Emmerson went into this matter fully. The land is situated between the I. C. R. north and St. John lines, being triangular in shape and when Moncton was finally decided on as a terminus of the G. T. P. he instructed D. Pottinger, general manager, to ascertain the value of this land, it being desirable. The report was sent to him as Minister of Railways signed by James T. Ryan, then mayor of the city of Moncton; H. G. Marr, a prominent local merchant, and F. W. Sumner, who is opposing Emmerson in Westmorland in the Tory interest, fixing a thousand dollars per acre as a reasonable price for the land, and at this rate between eight and nine acres were purchased. Mr. Emmerson said he did not think he could enrich himself to a great extent on the thousand dollars and referred to the fact that before the public accounts committee he had made a declaration under oath that neither himself or any member of his family had in any way benefited by the transaction.

TWO NOTICES IN ROYAL GAZETTE WHICH ARE WELL WORTH READING

FREDERICTON, N. B., Oct. 7.—Mr. Brown's campaign in York continues to flourish and every day his stock is going up. At Cross Creek last night he addressed the electors of Stanley parish, notwithstanding that two miles away at Stanley Village, Crockett and McLeod were holding forth and their friends had tried to kill Brown's meeting by spreading the false report that the Stanley gathering was to be a joint one. Mr. Brown is making a great hit with the electors by his trenchant addresses, and among the people in his personal canvass he is making many enthusiastic friends.

Coun. Gordon Grant in a letter to the Herald today absolutely denies that he is or was an endorser on Brown's paper as alleged by the local Tory organ, and gives the lie direct to that paper, thus corroborating Brown's statement here Saturday night. The local organization in this city for Brown is proceeding most satisfactorily and the Liberals count confidently on giving their candidate a majority of 150 in Fredericton.

IN NORTHUMBERLAND
Further reports from Northumberland fully confirm the correctness of the Sun correspondent's interview with Hon. John P. Burchill. A prominent Conservative who was here today from that constituency declared that Loggie's election is assured, that James Robinson's friends are resorting to the treatment he received through Morrison butting in and securing the nomination, and that they will either remain away from the polls or support Loggie.

In the Royal Gazette today appear two official notices. One over the signature of the Commissioner of Public Works calls for tenders for an Albert County bridge, adding that plans and specifications may be seen at the office of W. B. Dickson, M. P. P. In the same column is another notice over the signature of Judge McLeod of the Supreme Court, declaring that on the application of W. Malcolm McKay of St. John the judge has directed that all the estate, personal and real, of W. Dickson of Hillsboro, absconding, be consigned or absent debtor, be seized and sold for the benefit of his creditors. Read together these notices are a curious commentary on the present Tory campaign for purity and honesty in public life.

The Surveyor General has postponed the inquiry into the charge against Arthur Robinson for shooting moose out of season until Wednesday, Oct. 21st, at Newcastle.

RIFLES

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