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a public meeting in his anxiety to
he opposition party in a panic.
Jones and his colleague, Mr. Mur-
are held responsible by the people
ghout the county for the administra-
of federal patronage which report
very freely, George W. Fowler is not
ed to bother very much with; but
peal members have been no more suc-
l with the administration of the
l patronage since September 21 than
were with the appointment of of-
in the local government since March

ing upon their recommendation many
e Liberal postmasters, lighthouse
re, fishery wardens, section men and
have lost their positions and their
s are just waiting for an opportunity
pay the slight attentions shown them
e local government members.
an example of their activity, a very
time after the Borden government
into power, three postoffices upon
ail route between Clifton and Long
, were abolished. These offices were
Glen, Walton's Lake and Centreton.
postoffice at Moss Glen had been there
any years and was kept by Mrs. E.
tt, a lady who was highly respected
community. As several roads from
ng villages centred within a few rods
e postoffice where there also was a
school, the people found it most in-
nient to get their mail there; so
the office was abolished there was a
indignant protest from the residents
locality.
protest, however, was unavailing
me months and nothing was done
the local election was about to be
nced. Then Messrs. Jones and Mur-
ot busy and the postoffice at Moss
was restored and Mrs. Merritt is
the post mistress. The people, how-
who were inconvenienced and whose
ts were not listened to until the
leaders wanted their votes are not
ed to listen very favorably to any
s at the present time.
office at Walton's Lake, where there
o a public school, and which con-
ces many people, still remains clos-
well as that at Centreton. There
xamples of the many acts of official
ice that have been perpetrated
ghout Kings county since the Borden
nment came into power. Provincial
nment candidates will find that the
ng to the revengeful demand of their
ers will not help them any in the
aching contest.
an example of how the federal pat-
e is being used to assist the Kings
y candidates at least, the story goes
the Parish of Hampton which credits
Jones with promising additional rail-
ecommodation between Lakeside and
igewauk with a view to convert a
Liberal votes to the support of the
. Lighthouses along the river are
planned and the promise is held out
minent Liberals here and there that
will make excellent lighthouse keep-
These promises are made, of course,
y but in some cases they have pro-
exactly the opposite effect from
ntended for the average Tory work-
es not relish the appointment of any
al in order to make him a convert.

RRISSY'S MEETINGS
FROST IN RESTIGOUCHE

John and W. T. Montgomery
il to Infuse Any Life into Their Slim
llowing.

quet River, N. B., May 30—Hon. John
issy has been in Restigouche county
Monday endeavoring to put some life
he government party. On Monday
ng in company with W. S. Montgom-
he defeated Conservative candidate of
21 last, and Arthur Culligan and
Stewart, government standard bear-
he addressed a public meeting in one
e public halls of Durham.
affair was a real frost, the audience
ting of about fifty persons, half being
. The candidates spoke briefly, only
ing to road repairs. These officials
e very busy at the roads now, but
eople cannot be fooled.
chief commissioner labored hard to
d his department against the serious
es made by the opposition during the
ession, and his abuse of Mr. LaBillois
njured an already poor cause. The
e on the North Shore, Liberals and
ervatives, have lost confidence in Mr.
issy's sincerity. He will realize it
ight of June 20.
Restigouche county, where there are
n polls, Messrs. LaBillois and McKen-
ll take a majority in ten of them, and
e parishes like Colborne, Balmoral,
gton and Dalhousie, their majorities
e very large.

LOCAL NEWS

nine deaths were reported from the
ing causes: Phthisis, five, inanition,
gitis, cerebral tumor and cerebral
rrhage, one each.
hteen births were recorded with
trar J. B. Jones during the week,
of the number twelve were girls,
e were four marriages.

e engagement is announced of Miss
aret M. Hunter and J. Roy Miller,
of this city. Miss Hunter is the
nter of J. Wesley Hunter, of Mill-
avenue. The happy event will take
on Wednesday, June 5, when the
mony will be performed by Rev. B.
Robles.

improvement on the easily soiled cre-
e boxes are those built of white enam-
wood with cretonne top covered with
. These are not expensive and come
any delicate floral patterns.

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TAFT DRAWS FIRST BLOOD AT CHICAGO

Controls National Committee

Vote on Admission of the Press Shows How the Members Stand

Contests Over Disputed Delegates Will Be Public—Over 200 in Dispute—Republican Convention Opens June 18 — Roosevelt's Manager Receives a Rebuff.

Canadian Press.

Chicago, June 6—Publicity will govern the Republican national committee in its deliberations upon the contests for seats in the national convention. This was decided without opposition at the opening session of the committee today, in accordance with the expressed wishes of President Taft and Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

The public and the newspapers will be represented by the five press associations recognized by the admission of their reporters to the floor of the National House of Representatives at Washington. Two men from each such press association will be permitted to be present during all deliberations and decisions of the committees. There will be no executive sessions.

The committee also elected Victor Rosewater, of Omaha, permanent chairman and adopted the rules of four years ago, which are to govern the hearings preliminary to the national convention which begins June 18.

Opinions differ tonight as to significance of the only vote taken during the meeting, which might be construed as a test of strength in the committee as between the Taft and Roosevelt adherents in the committee. That vote of thirty-nine to thirteen was on the question of confining the representation of the newspapers to the press associations.

Taft Wins First Blood.

The Roosevelt people contended for a complete "removal of the lid" by admitting also at least one representative "of every" newspaper having a recognition in the press galleries in congress. This was urged by Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota, as a substitute for the recommendation of Committeeman Hart, of Iowa, but it was defeated as stated above and the roll call showed the success of Mr. Hart's motion.

The only other vote of a significant character was on the proposal of Senator Borah that eight members should be sufficient to order a roll call. This was defeated and the old rule providing for twenty for this purpose was re-enacted.

The Taft adherents did not object to the widest publicity but argued that the committee did not have facilities for admitting all and urged that while no part of the committee's sessions should be practically executive, stenographic reports should be given to the press.

With two hundred and thirty-eight contests pending, it is plain that the committee will need every available hour from now until the convention meets at noon on Tuesday, June 18.

Senator Dixon, Col. Roosevelt's manager, had the proxy of T. L. Flannagan, of Nevada, but declined to use it because of his partisan interest in the committee's activity. He handed this proxy over to ex-representative Lucius T. Littauer, a Roosevelt delegate from New York, but the committee declined to admit Mr. Littauer without a direct proxy from Mr. Flannagan.

STRONG OPPOSITION TICKET ASSURED IN NORTHUMBERLAND

Enthusiastic Meeting Last Night Decides to Put Candidates in the Field at Once.

Special to The Telegraph.

Chatham, June 6—An enthusiastic meeting of electors opposed to the present provincial administration, took place here tonight and it is assured that one of the strongest tickets ever run in this county will contest this constituency in opposition to the Conservative government.

There was a large attendance and the situation in Northumberland was thoroughly discussed and the opinion was freely expressed that the time had come for the defeat of the provincial government, and it is believed that the opposition candidates will have no difficulty in sweeping the county from one end to the other.

On account of the short time before the election a committee was appointed to decide whether to call a regular convention for the nomination of candidates or whether it would be better for the committee to arrange for the nominations at once so that the candidates can start immediately on the campaign.

NO ENTHUSIASM FOR FLEMMING

Bathurst Meeting Was a Frost, Reports to the Contrary Notwithstanding

POSER FOR PREMIER

Asked About Veniot's Charges of Graft in Kent County, He Declined to Answer—Big Parade and Band That Were Announced Failed to Materialize.

Special to The Telegraph.

Bathurst, N. B., June 6—The Conservative leaders of Gloucester had heralded the coming of Premier Flemming to this town with large posters several days in advance, and an immense reception was anticipated here, the stronghold of the party.

To their great disappointment the people seemed very indifferent and only four teams could be secured to meet the premier at the railway station on the arrival of the Ocean Limited train at noon from the north.

Again a rally was sought for the evening and a great procession with a musical band had been announced, but again the premier had to be quietly escorted to the skating rink without music, without a procession, and without enthusiasm.

The meeting was far from a large one and contained as many Liberals as Conservatives. The Conservative candidates as they rose to address the meeting met with most discouraging receptions, and in fact two of them were invited by old Conservative electors to take their seats.

Hon. Mr. Flemming then spoke for less than one hour. His words were closely watched and aroused but sparse applause, all originating from the stage of the hall. He seemed to be laboring very hard in the presence of such a searching and jaded audience. He spoke in general terms of Mr. Copp's manifesto on about the same line as he did the night before in Campbellton.

When he was speaking of the honesty of his administration, a well known Conservative elector asked him what about those padded lists and forged checks mentioned by Mr. Veniot in Kent county. Mr. Flemming paused a second, took a drink of water, and proceeded with his speech without answering the question and without any reference to the matter at all.

His silence on the question is the subject of comment in town today.

He did not mention Mr. Veniot's name except to say that if the people of Bathurst wanted a pulp mill Mr. Veniot was not able to get it for them, and that he, Mr. Flemming, was the only one to give it to Bathurst, as though he would furnish the necessary capital himself. Such a statement made a very bad impression, as the electors of Gloucester are not of the kind to be purchased by such appeals.

Hon. Dr. Landry has again announced a series of meetings in Kent. He ought to know Mr. Veniot cannot follow him all the time, but again Mr. Veniot informs Dr. Landry that he will be in Buctouche and will notify him in due time.

C. M. LAWSON DECLINES PRINCIPALSHIP OF CHATHAM SCHOOLS

H. Harrison, of Bathurst School, Lands the $1,400 a Year Job.

Chatham, N. B., June 6—At a meeting of the school board this evening it was intimated that C. M. Lawson had declined to accept the principalship of the local school recently offered him. There were three other applicants for the position—J. H. Barnett, of Hartland; W. H. Morrow, principal of St. Andrews Grammar school, and H. Harrison, principal of the Bathurst school. It was decided to appoint Mr. Harrison at a salary of $1,000, exclusive of government pay.

The resignation of J. A. Starrak, manual training instructor, was also read and accepted, and it was decided to advertise for a teacher to fill his position.

The contract for remodeling and rebuilding the telephone exchange has been awarded to Walsh Bros., who will commence work tomorrow.

WIRELESS FROM NEW JERSEY STATION TO LONDON SOON

New York, June 6—Twin wireless stations to communicate direct with London, will be built along the New Jersey coast within a year, according to an announcement made today by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America. The first station, the announcement states, will be erected within nine months, near Baler (N. J.), upon a site of 550 acres purchased today.

HOW FLEMMING HAS ADDED TO PUBLIC DEBT

Liabilities Have Increased by $4,403,912 Under His Regime

Statement of Provincial Finances, Prepared by Hon. C. W. Robinson, Showing How the Present Government Has Plunged New Brunswick Into Debt in Spite of An Enormous Increase in Their Revenue.

Hon. C. W. Robinson, in a speech delivered on March 29 in the legislature, gave a careful analysis of the revenue and expenditure under the Flemming government and its predecessors, in which he showed that there had been an increase of $4,403,912 in liabilities under the Flemming government. The statement given by Hon. Mr. Robinson on that occasion is reproduced here in part:

Not only had the old government been blamed for the great increase in bonded indebtedness, but the honorable gentlemen opposite now sought to lay the blame for the over-expenditure of $56,000 against them. It would be only fair to make a statement of the debt as it stood at the present time and he would take as a guide the statement given in 1908 by the present premier (Mr. Flemming) in his budget speech, when he had placed the total liabilities of the province at $10,253,000, as follows:

Liabilities, October 31, 1908, as per auditor's report	$ 5,565,604.25
Public Works Department.	
Expenditure due Oct. 31, and paid since	49,202.22
Expenditure due Oct. 31, superintendents of roads	26,758.55
Crown Land Department.	
Expenditure due Oct. 31 and paid since	4,337.41
Receiver-General.	
Expenditure due Oct. 31, and paid since	11,830.01
Amelia Morton claim, 31st May, 1907	3,789.08
Bill of I. C. R. for nails and fastenings, supplied New Brunswick Coal & Railway	47,496.34
Contingent Liabilities.	
International Railway guaranteed bonds	400,000.00
Cold storage guaranteed b'ds.	60,000.00
Authorized By Law.	
For permanent bridges	350,000.00
For New Brunswick Coal & Railway	28,174.46
For International railway subsidy paid 1908	25,000.00
For balance International guarantee and subsidy	676,000.00
St. John Valley Railway, 207 miles	2,505,000.00
Estimated balance required to construct bridges as provided by VII. Ed. 7, Cap. 18..	500,000.00
Total	$10,253,192.32

Enormous Liabilities.

It was only right that these figures should be given to show how the province stood, and as comparison with the state of the finances of today when the total liabilities were shown as $14,657,104 as follows:

Liabilities Oct. 31, 1911, as per auditor's report	$ 6,868,101.65
Contingent Liabilities.	
International Railway guaranteed bonds	896,000.00
Cold storage	100,000.00
N. B. & Seaboard Railway	297,000.00
Town of Campbellton	100,000.00
Authorized By Law.	
International Railway. Balance of subsidy	15,000.00
St. John bridge	325,000.00
Railway, Fredericton to Minto bond guarantee	450,000.00
St. John Valley Railway, 207 miles	5,175,000.00
Southampton Railway	130,000.00
Estimated balance required to construct bridges as provided by VII. Ed. 7, Cap. 18	300,000.00
Total	$14,657,104.35
Amount in 1908, per Hon. Mr. Flemming	$10,253,192.32
Increase	$ 4,403,912.03

This showed an increase of $4,403,912 in liabilities under this government. It must be manifest that the province was going behind and the revenue was not equal to demands.

How the Tories "Economized."

He would like to submit to this house a table in convenient form showing the amount of ordinary expenditure and net debt of the province for a number of years past, illustrating how the ordinary expenditure and net debt had increased under the present government as compared with the old administration:

	Ordinary Expenditures.	Net Debt.
1897	.....	$2,488,577
1898	$ 727,049	2,621,867
1899	749,644	2,736,298
1900	794,476	2,851,086
1901	910,345	2,776,264
1902	845,637	3,076,140
1903	816,294	3,213,946
1904	885,458	3,415,634
1905	874,419	3,493,118
1906	879,065	3,310,340
1907	960,093	3,390,897
1908	1,042,196	3,999,775
1909	1,255,196	4,217,265
1910	1,317,876	4,402,547
1911	1,403,546	4,648,857

This statement of the financial question by Hon. Mr. Robinson is the most complete given during recent years, and it shows beyond dispute the manner in which the Flemming government has plunged the province recklessly into debt, and that without improving the public services.

DUCHESS' ILLNESS UPSETS TOUR PLANS

All Engagements of Vice-Regal Party to Visit the Maritime Provinces Have Been Cancelled—Her Royal Highness Making Satisfactory Progress, Say Physicians.

Canadian Press.

Montreal, June 6—The condition of the Duchess of Connaught is reported improved and it is now believed that she will be able to leave the hospital in a week's time.

The following bulletin was issued from the Royal Victoria Hospital early this evening and it was announced that no further bulletins would appear tonight unless some entirely unexpected development occurred:

"Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught passed a satisfactory day sleeping a considerable portion of the time, and complains less of pain. Her royal highness continues to make a satisfactory progress.

(Signed)
"E. S. WORTHINGTON, M. D.
"A. E. GARROW, M. D.
"W. W. CHIPMAN, M. D."

Pending the recovery of the duchess, all engagements made by the governor-general have been cancelled and the royal party will probably remain in Montreal until the end of the present month.

Not only have the Quebec engagements been cancelled, but all arrangements for the projected visit of the royal party to New Brunswick and other maritime provinces have been abandoned.

His royal highness has engaged to leave for Winnipeg on July 9 in order to open the exhibition there. It was announced today that unless some untoward change in the duchess' health intervened this plan would be followed out, and that his royal highness would make the trip to Winnipeg. It is not expected that either the duchess or Princess Patricia will be able to accompany him west.

UNITED STATES' OLDEST MISSIONARY DEAD

Boston, June 6—The death at Hanover (N. H.) yesterday of Rev. William Farnsworth, D. D., in his ninetieth year, removes from the American board its oldest missionary. Born in Green, Chenago county (N. Y.), Aug. 29, 1822, Dr. Farnsworth was graduated from Middlebury College in 1848, and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1852. He was ordained at Thetford (Vt.), in 1852, and arrived at Smyrna to begin his missionary career in Turkey in 1853. Practically all his missionary service was rendered at the station of Cesarea. He was married Oct. 21, 1852, to Miss Caroline Elizabeth Palmer, who with two daughters and one son survive him.

BILL TO LET GRAND TRUNK INTO BOSTON NOW UP TO FOSS

Boston, June 6—The bill which would allow the Southern New England (Grand Trunk) Railway to extend its lines to this city was enacted in the house of representatives today. After being enacted in the senate the bill was sent to Governor Foss. The governor has five days in which to sign or veto the bill. If at the end of that time he has taken no action it becomes a law without his signature.

HARD BLOW TO FLEMMING IN VICTORIA COUNTY

Charles Curless, Conservative Candidate at Last Election, Speaks at Opposition Rally.

St. Leonard's, N. B., June 6—A large and enthusiastic meeting was held here last night in the interest of the Liberal candidates. The meeting was addressed by the candidates, P. J. Veniot, Chas Curless, of Grand Falls, and Pius Michaud, M.P. A feature of the meeting was the speech of Mr. Curless, a former strong supporter of Hon. J. K. Flemming and a Conservative candidate in Victoria county on the last election.

St. Leonards is the home of Mr. Cyr, the present member, and if one can judge by the feeling displayed here the opposition candidates will carry the majority even in this parish. Madawaska is certain to go opposition by a large majority.

Mr. Veniot's able speech was accorded frequent applause, and at the close of the meeting the entire audience rose and gave rousing cheers for the candidates and Mr Copp.

STRONG EVIDENCE AGAINST MONTREAL WIFE MURDERER

Witness, Who Was With Woman in Street, Tells of Her Shooting—Mother of Victim Tells of Daughter's Fears.

Montreal, June 6—The case of John Cummings, on trial for the murder of his wife last November, will probably go to the jury tomorrow.

Mrs. Donald Cameron, mother-in-law of the accused; Edwin L. Packer, a young man who was walking with Mrs. Cummings when the fatal shots were fired, and Chief Carpenter, who secured a confession from the accused, were examined at length today.

The afternoon session of the court, when Mrs. Cameron took the stand, was dramatic in the extreme, and Cummings, the accused, was probably the only person in the court room who maintained absolute composure.

Even when Mrs. Cameron shook her fist at him and cried, "May God forgive you for I will not," and later told how her daughter had lived in fear of her husband and had on one occasion said to her, "Don't you leave the house, mother, for you will get killed as well as me and there will be nobody to look after the children," Cummings only smiled slightly and showed no other trace of emotion.

Mrs. Cameron testified that her daughter and her husband had lived together until she had learned that Cummings had another wife in Scotland.

The husband had left and had boarded at various places in the city. He had at times drank heavily.

Packer at the morning session told how he had heard Mrs. Cummings express fear of her husband and how he had escorted her from the factory where she worked on the night of the alleged murder. Cummings appeared and fired two shots, one entering the head and the other the back, the woman dying as a result.

The defence also entered strenuous opposition to admitting in evidence the confession secured by Chief Carpenter, declaring the prisoner had not been properly warned that he had no favor to expect or threat to fear, and that it was obtained in the presence of many persons who had no right to be present. The confession was admitted as evidence, however.

DECIDE ON CAR FERRY ACROSS THE STRAITS

Government to Act on Report of Expert—Means Purchase of N. B. & P. E. I. Road Also.

Special to The Telegraph.

Ottawa, June 6—The government has decided that the route of the car ferry to Prince Edward Island shall be from Cape Tormentine in New Brunswick, to Point Carleton on the island.

Professor Kirkpatrick, of Queens University, who investigated the problem, has reported to the minister of railways in favor of this route. Tenders will be called for the boats which are to carry the cars across the Northumberland Straits, when the designs are perfected.

The adoption of this route will require the creation of terminals with protection on both the island and the mainland, and also the purchase by the government of the New Brunswick & Prince Edward Island railway, in which Lieutenant-Governor Wood is interested and which runs from the Intercolonial to Cape Tormentine.

BIG LIBERAL RALLY IN ST. MARTINS

ROSY OUTLOOK IN KINGS COUNTY

Liberal Candidates Meeting With Enthusiastic Receptions Everywhere

BIG MEETINGS HELD

Hon. H. R. Emmerson Spoke at Butternut Ridge and Scored the Government for Giving Away the Central Road and Saddling the Debt on the People—Dr. Pugsley at Hampton Saturday Night.

Special to The Telegraph.

Sussex, June 6—The Liberal candidates, who are seeking election to the local legislature from this county have been given a very gratifying reception in the parts of the county so far visited and the indications are that the county will elect Mr. Copp's supporters.

The opposition candidates arrived here today and all feel greatly encouraged by the fine reception given them in their meetings.

Excellent meetings have taken place at Havelock, Corn Hill, Butternut Ridge, and at Head of the Millstream. The gathering at Butternut Ridge was one of the largest ever held in the county, more than 400 people being in attendance. Besides the candidates, Hon. H. R. Emmerson spoke. He dealt very effectively with the outrageous act of the provincial government in giving the Central Railway over to the C. P. R.. He pointed out that the interest on the cost of construction of the road would be forever a burden to the people of this province. He said that this road would have made an excellent feeder for the Intercolonial, having, as it does, access to the splendid coal fields of Queens county.

The gathering at Havelock was very enthusiastic and the speakers were given an excellent reception.

At Head of Millstream the meeting was a very representative one and the speakers were given an attentive hearing, and many of those present expressed the opinion that the Liberal candidates would receive a majority of the votes cast in that part of the county.

A meeting is to take place at Norton Station tonight at which the candidates and Hon. Mr. Sweeney will speak.

A grand rally is to be held at Hampton Village Saturday night when besides the candidates, Hon. William Pugsley is to address the electors.

PREMIER SCOTT NOT TO RETIRE

Leader of Saskatchewan Liberals to Head the Fight of His Party in the Coming Elections.

Regina, Sask., June 6—The following statement was given out today by Hon. A. Turgeon, attorney-general of Saskatchewan:

"The statement that Premier Scott is retiring from political life and will not enter the coming campaign in Saskatchewan is absolutely without the slightest foundation. Mr. Scott will be in Regina within a week. His health is completely restored and he will be actively at the head of the government forces whenever the election takes place."

MISSING HALIFAX MAN LIKELY A SUICIDE

Body of J. Walter Day, Who Disappeared Two Months Ago, Found in Harbor.

Halifax, June 6—(Special)—About two months ago J. Walter Day, a business man of Halifax, disappeared. For a week diligent search was made for him, without avail, and it was concluded that he had left the city, the opinion being that he was still alive. This evening a badly decomposed body was found in the harbor, off Green Bank, by two boys who were fishing. It was brought up and by papers in the clothing was found to be that of Day. The body was weighted down by a ten-pound stone tied round the shoulders.

Fatal Collision on C. R. R.

Winnipeg, June 6—At a siding on the Pacific division of the C. P. R. two fast trains collided this morning. Engineer Joliffe was killed and two brakemen and a tramp were hurt. Traffic was delayed five hours.

Great Enthusiasm Prevailed

Candidates, Dr. Pugsley and James Lowell Speak

Messrs. Bentley and Anderson Dealt With Provincial Affairs and Government's Record in Effective Manner — Former Minister of Public Works Delivered a Strong Address.

St. Martins, June 6—One of the most enthusiastic political meetings ever held in St. John county took place here tonight under Liberal auspices in the Masonic Hall. Considering the very disagreeable state of the weather, the attendance was exceptionally large and those present gave the speakers a rousing reception, and the speeches of the candidates and others were punctured with rounds of applause.

At times the cheering was so prolonged that the speakers were compelled to wait until the applause had subsided, especially was this true when Hon. Dr. Pugsley scored the local administration for its action in regard to the St. John Valley Railroad and the Central Railroad.

He condemned the government for increasing the bonded indebtedness over $1,000,000 during its term of office. His remarks were greeted with loud applause and every mark of approval.

The tone of the whole meeting clearly indicates a smashing victory for the Liberal forces in the county.

The candidates, Messrs. Bentley and Anderson, were given a rousing reception and their speeches had the true ring of victory. Their arguments in condemnation of the local administration were clearly put and the audience was thoroughly convinced that the Conservatives, who were put in power in 1908, had broken every pledge given by them to the people of the province.

The feeling in this part of the country is that Mr. Bentley has proved himself to be a worthy representative and that he has always worked for the best interests of the province and his constituents. The feeling is also very strong that in Mr. Anderson, who is a practical farmer and well versed in the affairs of the province, Mr. Bentley has a worthy colleague and this combination is sure to carry the Liberal standard to victory in the coming election.

F. M. Cochrane was chairman of the gathering, and those who spoke were the candidates, Messrs Bentley and Anderson, Hon. Dr. Pugsley, James Lowell and J. D. P. Lewin.

Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson dealt with the agricultural policy of the present government and he showed that it was utterly impracticable from the farmers' standpoint. He reviewed the pledges, which the Conservatives had made prior to their election in 1908 and showed that practically every one had been broken.

Mr. Anderson took up the provisions of the highway act and condemned the way the people's money had been squandered in the administration of funds for roads and bridges.

Mr. Anderson's telling arguments were received with much applause and all present expressed the opinion that he would be a worthy representative of the county in the local house.

A. F. Bentley was given a rousing reception when he arose to speak and in his comparison of the methods of the present government with those of the old, showed that he had a clear understanding of the affairs of the province. In a very forceful manner he showed how the tender system under the present public works department was abused.

Mr. Bentley dealt with the policy at present in force with regard to the cutting of lumber from the Crown Lands and pointed out how the revenue was increased by allowing small timber to be cut.

Dr. Pugsley.

When Hon. Dr. Pugsley was called upon he was tendered an ovation and the hall rung with applause.

Dr. Pugsley condemned the policy by which the bonded indebtedness of the province had been increased over $1,000,000. He showed that the revenue had been larger since 1908, and that there had been a wasteful expenditure of the public monies since that time.

The speaker in very forceful terms scored the government for wasting money on the Central Railway. He also showed that the affairs of the St. John Valley Railway were anything but right and that the administration had fallen down in its promises for a railroad that would be a lasting benefit to the people of the St. John Valley.

Dr. Pugsley touched on the general issues of the day and urged the voters of this constituency to get behind the Liberal candidates and elect them by an overwhelming majority.

James Lowell and J. D. P. Lewin spoke on the issues of the day and put forth many arguments in favor of a change in the local legislature. They pointed out the dangerous condition of the roads, and called on the people of the county to support the Liberal candidates, who are striving to give the province a clean government.

The people of this section are united in backing Messrs. Bentley and Anderson, and it is accepted as a foregone conclusion that the Conservative candidates have not the least chance in the county.