

EASTER ELECTIONS.

TRINITY CHURCH.

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Church Warden—T. McAvity, H. W. deForest. Delegates to Synod—A. H. Harrington, T. Melidge, Substitutes—H. A. Drury and H. C. Tiley. Vestry—J. R. Armstrong, C. M. Bostwick, A. W. Adams, G. A. Kimball, H. D. McLeod, F. W. Daniel, F. E. Sayre, A. H. Harrington, A. T. Thomas, H. C. Tiley, Jos. Finlay, H. F. Puckington.

ST. PAUL'S (VALLEY) CHURCH.

Church Warden—Hon. Justice Barker and T. Barclay Robinson. Vestrymen—C. Sydney Smith, J. T. Hart, Geo. W. Ketchum, J. Douglas Hazen, F. P. Starr, W. H. Thorne, K. C. Robertson, J. Roy Campbell, J. K. Schofield, Jas. Jack, J. M. Magee and Geo. B. Higgins. Delegates to Synod—T. E. Robinson, J. Roy Campbell.

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CHRIST'S CHURCH, NORTON.

Church Warden—Norton (Bloomfield), elected the following: Church Warden—C. E. Dixon, John Raymond. Vestrymen—W. H. Baxter, W. H. Huggard, R. H. Warfield, James Huggson, O. A. Wetmore, William Huggson, James Gilchrist, Egerton Seely, Arthur Fairweather, James Hoyt, Albert Fairweather, J. E. Fairweather. Vestry Clerk—John Raymond. Delegates to Synod—James Gilchrist, J. E. Fairweather, substitutes, W. H. Baxter, R. H. Warfield.

SUSSEX.

Trinity church elected the following: Warden—T. E. Arnold, R. W. Arnold. Vestrymen—W. W. Hubbard, E. A. Charters, R. Sherwood, H. S. Parlee, W. S. Smith, Dr. Geo. N. Pearson, Oliver Hallett, Geo. H. Wallace, Murray Huustis, E. Hallett, Frank W. Lansdowne, Albert Sears. Vestry Clerk—E. A. Charters; auditor, Frank W. Lansdowne. Delegates to Synod—E. B. Beer and W. W. Hubbard; substitutes, T. E. Arnold and R. H. Arnold.

MUSQUASH.

The annual meeting of the parishioners of the parish of Musquash was held at the parish church on Monday morning. The following persons were unanimously elected: Church Warden—Joshua Knight, G. Herbert Thomas. Vestry—Charles Spinney, Joseph Smith, James Moody, John Hannigan, L. D. Carman, Wm. Thompson, W. H. McGowan, A. T. Craft, Fred Thomson, Geo. Caffery, Jas. Corcoran, David Mawhinney. Vestry Clerk—Geo. E. Smith. Delegates to Synod—D. Mawhinney, G. F. Smith; substitutes, G. H. Thomas, J. E. W. Smith.

CHRIST CHURCH, FREDERICTON.

The congregation of Christ church, St. Ann's, held their annual meeting and elected the following officers: Harry Beckwith and C. S. Brannen, church warden; Ed. Wilkinson, C. E. A. Simonds, Arch. McDonald, W. H. Anderson, J. R. Golding, Dr. Henry, C. A. Miles, W. H. Quinn, A. D. Thomas, vestrymen; C. W. Beckwith, clerk; Miss Carman, organist; Daniel Slevin, vergor.

WOODSTOCK.

At the Easter meeting of Christ church corporation the following officers were elected: Church Warden—B. H. Smith, F. E. Bull. Vestrymen—Lee Raymond, J. T. Gordon, H. S. Wright, Wm. Dibblee, J. J. Redell, C. H. L. Perkins, C. F. Smith, A. J. Raymond, R. B. Ketchum, T. C. L. Kelchum, J. N. W. Winslow, J. T. A. Dibblee. Vestry Clerk—J. N. W. Winslow; auditor, Lee Raymond. Delegates to the Synod—Lee Ray.

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THE SPEAKER'S RULING.

As this motion has been on the table for several days I have taken occasion to look over the authorities bearing on the questions which might arise under it. It asks that a committee be appointed, who should investigate all matters relating to certain bridges, contracts, cost of labor and material, plans and specifications and changes thereof, and report the same to the house. The point is taken that the house cannot refer to committees or require them to report upon papers which have not been laid upon the table and are in possession of the house.

THE FISHERIES CASE.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson, by command of the lieutenant governor, laid on the table the report of the committee of the executive council to confer with the dominion government on the subject of "the fisheries case," and on his motion the report was read by the clerk.

THE COMMITTEE.

The committee (Hon. Messrs. Emfords, Tweedie and White) reported that they were on Oct. 27th, 1898, by order in council, authorized to confer with the dominion government and with the Hon. Sir Louis Davies, K. C. M. G., minister of marine and fisheries of Canada, in relation to fisheries and the conditions existing by reason of the decision of the privy council in what is commonly termed "the fisheries case," and to make such arrangements as might be necessary or expedient under the circumstances. The committee went to Ottawa, arriving there on the 31st of December last, and two meetings were held. The minister of marine and fisheries at the first of these stated that it had been arranged between his colleagues in the dominion government and himself that the matters should be discussed by him on behalf of the dominion government with the committee.

THE REPORT.

The report sets out in detail the propositions of the committee and the reply of Hon. Mr. Davies thereto, and concludes as follows: "The hon. minister further stated that he was about to leave with his colleagues for Washington, and he would suggest that the matter for the protection of the fisheries should remain as at the present, and the dominion government should continue in the usual way until a further conference could be had between both governments to administer the fisheries as they have in the past, receiving whatever fees may be paid and paying the necessary officers and ex-

posed, to admit the hon. member's motion, and to ask for the appointment of a committee, with power to investigate these matters. I submit there is nothing in either of these points. I say they are taken after consultation, no doubt with a gentleman of higher position even than the members of the government, simply for the purpose of delay and for the purpose of preventing inquiry, and in view of the heroic statements made by the leader of the government in his speech on the address the other day, that he was glad I was in the house, glad that the government candidates in Sunbury were defeated, in order that this matter might be discussed by us here openly, face to face. I say it comes with all grace from the members of the government to try and prevent a fair investigation of those matters. I claim that the points are not well taken, and that I have a perfect right to go on with my motion.

THE HOUSE.

Hon. Mr. White said: I desire to address the house on the point of order, but in view of the very irrelevant address made by the last speaker I hope the house will bear with me if I do not adhere closely to the proper subject under discussion. The hon. member has made some insinuations as to the motives that have moved the government in appealing to have the rules of the house observed if possible. I say "if possible," because the hon. member has given evidence of wilful and deliberate attempt to violate the rules. The hon. member is too intelligent not to know that his motion is irregular, and he knows, too, that the government have a right to avail themselves of the rule without laying themselves open to imputations of motive. Are you, Mr. Speaker, to decide what is the motive of the government? Are you to decide a question of order today one way and tomorrow another way, according as you receive the motives of the members to be? That is the absurd position the hon. member has got himself in if he attempts to justify this making of exceptions for popular effect and to throw dust in the eyes of the people. If we are to be charged with motives we would be entirely warranted in saying that the hon. member is entirely lacking in sincerity in bringing in a motion that he must have known out of order, so that he could say, "Oh, I tried to do it; I wanted to have the thing investigated but the government would not let me." Let me tell the hon. member that when he comes properly and honestly before this house asking these charges should be investigated, it is afforded ample opportunity. If the matter is to be investigated properly it must be investigated according to rule, and the first steps should be regular. The hon. member knows quite well that he can have the papers brought before the house in the regular way. He knows that until the house has consented it is impossible to appoint a committee to whom they shall be referred. The hon. member has simply brought in this motion in order that it might be