

## DR. CROCKET IS NOT CANDIDATE IN YORK COUNTY

Action in Legislature Last Winter Compels Him to Take That Course He Says

Fredericton, Sept. 20.—At a meeting of the provincial opposition committee for York county on Saturday a letter was read from Dr. W. C. Crockett, of this city, one of the representatives of York in the last legislature, in which he stated his reason for declining to attend the meeting and intimated that he would not be one of the opposition party's candidates at the approaching general election.

His letter, which has caused somewhat of a political sensation, in which he says he is out of accord with the opposition party leader and attacks the N. B. Temperance Alliance methods, and particularly the suggestion to secure "pledges" from all candidates, was in part as follows:

**Reasons For Decision.**  
"During the last session of the legislature I witnessed with the gravest concern the leaders and a large majority of the party with which I was identified in the House of Assembly tamely submitting to the attempt of a small, irresponsible and extraneous organization to register its will and decree as the will and law of the legislature, without regard to the considered judgment and conviction of the duly elected and responsible representatives of the people. This surrender and abdication under intimidation, of the rights and responsibilities of the constitutional law-making authority of the province stands at the very root of our present system of responsible government."

"It is already evident that the coming contest, as a result of these attempts to throttle the legislature, the free voice of the electorate in regard to the large matters which concern them is by no means likely to find expression—that every measure of enlightened policy must become sub-

servant to one consideration, and one alone. While other issues will be debated, one question at present in my judgment, dominates every other—the question of responsible government, whether (irrespective of party) administrations and legislatures are, by wholly unconstitutional methods to be intimidated, gagged, fettered and controlled, left of the irresponsible voice and action by a group of one idea, men led by individuals holding offices of emolument under the crown that employ them; whether self-constituted or constitutional authority shall rule, and whether questions relating to the upbuilding of our province, educational, agricultural, industrial and the inherent rights of men and women to unquestioned liberty of moral thought and conduct must depend entirely upon the despotic behests of one small cluster of the people.

**The Case of Temperance.**  
"You have doubtless observed that a demand was recently made by the knot of men I have referred to that a meeting of the legislature be forthwith summoned for the purpose of enacting legislation in accordance with their ex-cathedra pronouncement—an act of egregious stupidity from the standpoint of genuine temperance, and an exhibition of overweening presumption, beginning in aly aggression and culminating in usurpation and usurpation such as the

province has not witnessed in the long side of its political history. This has been the means of finally determining the course I have taken.

"Party politics have for me, at present, no attraction. Responsible government, life, health above every other consideration."

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## Opposition Convention

A Convention of the Supporters of the  
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IN THE COUNTY OF KINGS

Will Be Held in the Court House at Hampton  
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at 2 o'clock, p. m.

The Convention is called for the purpose of selecting candidates for the County in the Opposition interests at the approaching election.

(Signed) J. A. MURRAY,  
GEO. B. JONES,  
H. V. DICKSON.

# Opposition Convention

A Convention of the Provincial Opposition Party (male and female) will be held at

**THE SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE**  
**ST. JOHN**

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**Thursday, September 23rd**  
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In view of the announcement concerning the approaching Provincial election it is most essential that this convention should be largely attended as it will have to deal with the important questions of leadership and organization.

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