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## ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., FEBRUARY 25, 1903.

SHAW.  
WILSON.  
MCINERNEY.  
HATHWAY.

A vote for these men is a vote for better government in the province of New Brunswick.

## THINK IT OVER.

Whatever false issues may be raised, or attempts made to divert attention from the real question before them for settlement, the electors of St. John should bear one fact clearly in mind.

It is the legislature of New Brunswick that has been dissolved, and it is the government of New Brunswick that is on trial on its past record.

The people are not asked whether they want a dry dock, or whether Canada is prosperous, or whether there is likely to be another revolution in South America.

The simple question to be decided is whether the Tweedie-Pugsley government at Fredericton has been a good government, and deserves another four or five years at the head of provincial affairs.

Once more let it be stated that this is not a struggle between liberals and conservatives. Every man in the city of St. John knows that in all its history the St. John Globe has never been other than a liberal paper. Its opponents have sometimes thought that it was rather violent in its liberalism, and they certainly never went to it for either comfort or consolation. If this were a straight fight on federal lines the Globe would be on the side of the liberals, with all its strength and influence. But it opposes the Tweedie-Pugsley government as a non-liberal, opportunist combination, which seeks to ride on the patient shoulders of the liberal party into another term of office at Fredericton.

The Globe finds, on looking over the field, that "Of the total candidates nominated so far as known there appears to be on the government side thirty-six liberals and eleven conservatives; on the opposition ticket fourteen liberals and thirty conservatives." It further finds that "There are at least half a dozen candidates, taking both sides together, whose real place in dominion politics might be marked by a note of interrogation." Who can blame the Globe if under these circumstances it declines to agree with even so assertive a politician as Mr. Blair?

No matter, then, how loudly the orators and organs of the government in this constituency may declare for their own purposes that the fight is on federal lines, the people know it is not so. And this leads to another very important question. Are candidates who attempt to deceive the people with a false cry any more worthy of confidence and support than Messrs. Tweedie and Pugsley?

Would it not be better for the city and county of St. John to send to Fredericton six men who are not afraid to discuss the real issues, and who make no effort to bring in foreign issues to bolster up their case?

The Star commends these observations to the thoughtful attention of every citizen of St. John.

## THE REAL ISSUE.

The fight in this election is between men and mountebanks; between those who honestly desire for their province good government, and a coterie of time-serving opportunists to whom all that goes to the making of a statesman is as nothing beside a longer grasp of the reins of power and its emoluments.

The government of New Brunswick has fallen upon evil days. In the control of unscrupulous demagogues the people who make the party have unknowingly been drawn into conditions which few adequately appreciate. But to their credit and to the honor of the province the intelligence and independence of those people are being aroused and in numbers which will be shown on Saturday next, they are withdrawing their favor from leaders whose unworthiness they have discovered.

Now the flag of the liberal party is being waved before the eyes of these observing ones in the hope that it may blindfold them to the real issues. But the liberal flag flaps awkwardly in the hands of Hon. L. J. Tweedie, and even the accomplished Dr. Pugsley occasionally make a false movement. Mr. Lablache also confuses things by waving another flag, and the performance is not convincing.

Nobody knows better than these men that the people are tired of them. Their only hope is to hide behind bigger men and a party to which most of them have been strangers. But their own inconsistency has defeated the attempt. The people know that federal issues have nothing at all to do with this campaign.

## AS TO CANDIDATES.

The closing days of the campaign are marked by unjustifiable attacks upon Messrs. McInerney and Hathway, the labor candidates. Keen and searching criticism is expected in a political campaign, but there has been something more than that in the case of these two men. Mr. Hathway is held up to view as a "political Carey," and Mr. McInerney as a "Shylock." Unfortunately for those who make these attacks, both gentlemen are so well and favorably known in the community that such unfair attempts to lower them in

public estimation have the very opposite effect. It would be much better for the government speakers and writers to endeavor to set forth reasons why the government should be upheld rather than to make unjustifiable personal attacks upon men who after next Saturday will be the representatives of St. John in the provincial legislature.

## THE RAILWAY VOTE.

In an interview in today's Star a railway man sets forth in rather bitter terms the condition of I. C. R. employees at election times. Of course there are men in the railway employ who will vote for the government, but there are many who are opposed to it, and would like to see record their vote. It is over these the rod of intimidation is held, not only in St. John, but all along the line. It is a potent weapon, which all who know the determined nature of Mr. Blair, and his interest in this contest, are well aware he will use to the fullest extent. Nevertheless, despite the pessimistic tone of the railway man who has expressed his views to the Star, this paper does not believe the policy of coercion will have any effect.

## HERE'S ANOTHER.

Here's another nut for Mr. Blair and the Telegraph to crack. At the nomination proceedings in Albert county Mr. Osman, one of the government candidates, referred to Mr. Rommel's claim that he was a life-long liberal and said he would hold up both hands for a meeting of conservatives and liberals to select and to send to Fredericton their best men irrespective of party. He was in favor of eliminating party politics from provincial politics. Just as soon as they did this the better government they would have.

Mr. Osman is one of the candidates of the "liberal" government. He is a conservative.

The electors of St. John may expect during the next day or two that every effort will be made to arouse personal prejudice against the opposition candidates. But Messrs. Shaw, Wilson, McInerney and Hathway are well known. They are capable men and good citizens, and they are on the side of right in this contest. The interests of St. John will be perfectly safe in their hands. They have quite as much at stake as citizens of St. John as the government candidates have. And they are quite as able to discuss public questions on the floors of the house. Vote the ticket.

Premier Tweedie aided in the defeat of John Morrissey, liberal candidate in the last federal election in Northumberland county. Mr. Blair approved of the sacrifice. Does this make Mr. Blair absolute ruler of New Brunswick liberalism, with Mr. Tweedie second in command?

A Westmorland liberal writes that he regards Mr. Blair's statement, that he and Mr. Tweedie were agreed in opposing the liberal candidate in Northumberland county, as a "debasing confession." It certainly does not seem to be a confession to be proud of.

Mr. Blair is going to Moncton and Campbellton. He is sorely needed in those places as well as in St. John, York and Sunbury, but he cannot save the Tweedie-Pugsley government. He made a grievous mistake when he consented to try.

The charge made against Mr. McInerney that he has not lived long in St. John is not worthy of notice. Hon. Mr. Emmerson represented Albert county in the legislature although he did not live there at all.

If you are opposed to the government vote the whole opposition ticket. Every vote counts, and it should count in favor of better government.

Leave the personal abuse of candidates to the supporters of this great and good government. Let them have a monopoly of it.

Occasionally the opportunist has to go up against his record. Watch a few of them on the 26th.

## CONSERVATIVE VICTORY.

MONTREAL, Feb. 24.—North Grey today went over to the conservative column, Thompson (Con.) defeating Kennedy (Lib.) by a majority of 225. The election was rendered necessary by the death of Dr. Horsey. The result is being celebrated in great style tonight by friends of the successful candidate.

ST. ST. LAZARIE, Feb. 24.—Ethier (Lib.) was elected in today's election, defeating Beauchamp (Con.) by 150 majority. There is no change.

ST. JEROME, Que., Feb. 24.—The election in Terrebonne to fill the vacancy in the house of commons caused by the resignation of Hon. R. Prefontaine resulted in the return of Dr. Despardine (Lib.) by 282 majority over Masson (Con). Terrebonne is a solid liberal place.

## HE VOTED TWICE.

PEMBROKE, Ont., Feb. 24.—Judge Pembroke this afternoon sentenced Dr. J. P. Hollingsworth to six months in jail and \$600 fine for voting twice in referendum last December.

The flavor of Red Rose tea is delicious.

The steamer Petreian arrived at Halifax last evening, after a very stormy passage. The Canadian football team are among the passengers.

If it's Red Rose tea it's good tea.

## PLANS FOR NEW FERRY.

Tenders and Plans for New Boat Asked For—All Night Service.

At the meeting of the civic board of works yesterday it was decided that a new ferry should be placed in a house between No. 3 and 4 sheds for the protection of the Sand Point terminals.

The plans of the Dominion Coal Co. for improvements on Robinson wharf were approved.

Dissatisfaction was expressed regarding the method of spending money in the public works department and it was resolved that the director be asked to submit to the board the expenditures under each heading for the year as compared with the estimates for the said works.

The payment for the horses recently purchased was referred to the treasury board.

Director Cushing was instructed to sink posts at the site of the new ferry building to discover the nature of the ground.

It was ordered that in future the order of council prohibiting the purchase of anything in the way of supplies except by order in council be adhered to.

Geo. E. Holder was granted a renewal lease of the upper portion of the McLeod building for one year, he to quit on three months' notice, the city to have the right to enter to make repairs.

D. J. Seely and Son, and Patterson, Downing & Co., were granted renewal leases of buildings now held.

An application from the International S. S. Co. for payment of part of the expenses of repairing the float on their wharf was referred to a committee.

A communication from Michael Crilley, of Duke street, asking compensation for injuries received by falling on a defective sidewalk at the corner of St. Andrews and Sidney street was filed.

Plans and specifications were submitted for the new floats it is proposed to introduce in connection with the ferry service. The cost was estimated at \$500 or \$600.

Director Cushing was instructed to call for tenders for the floats, the tenders to be submitted to the board.

It was decided to recommend that David Ross be allowed \$20 for injuries received while in the employ of the city at the Marsh bridge.

The director made a report as to the asphyxiation shed and it was ordered that these men be paid.

It was decided that the S. P. C. A. be not allowed to use the place on King street east for that purpose.

The matter of the new ferry steamer was then discussed and it was resolved that tenders be invited for competitive plans and specifications for a side wheel boat.

Ald. Baxter wanted some provision for people to get across the harbor after the ferry stops, as it does between 11 and 12 o'clock at night. He suggested the use of a tug boat which should carry people at a price which would make the proposition a paying one. He moved that a committee be appointed to investigate this matter. The motion passed and the same committee will act upon it.

## TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

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## DIVORCE COURT.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 24.—The February term of the court of divorce and matrimonial cause was opened by Judge Gregory in the court chambers this forenoon.

There were two cases entered for trial upon the docket, that of Esther Ward v. Bliss Ward, and Benjamin F. McCutcheon v. Margaret Ethel McCutcheon. H. A. Powell, K. C., of Sackville, appeared for the plaintiff in the first case and the defence was unrepresented.

Alex. W. Baird of St. John appeared for the plaintiff in the second case, and A. George Blair, Jr., represented the defendant. Mr. McCutcheon is a resident of St. John, and his wife at present resides at home in Boston. Both parties to the suit are stopping at Long's hotel and were present in court this forenoon.

The case of Ward v. Ward was undefended. In the McCutcheon case an absolute divorce was asked for on the ground of adultery.

Benjamin F. McCutcheon was the first witness sworn. Examined by Mr. Blair, he said he was married to the defendant by Rev. E. K. Gibson, at Kingston, Kings Co., N. B., in March, 1887. His wife's maiden name was Margaret Ethel Blair. They lived together until 1890. There were three children born to them, two of whom are now living. His wife was a native of Quebec, and he himself always resided in New Brunswick. His wife was a native of Kingston. They lived in St. John as a married couple for twelve years before trouble commenced. After that his wife was frequently out late at nights and did not get home until very late hours.

He said he was not satisfied with her conduct and returned one night about twelve o'clock in company with another man named Donaldson, now deceased. He remained with her for a time, and managed to fall out with her, and he told him that ten men like him could not maintain her. He finally went to the North Shore to work for Harry McLean. During his absence he sent home money for the support of his wife and children. When he returned he found her in the