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GREAT MIRAMICHI FIRE!

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Miramichi Advance.

CHATHAM, N. B., OCTOBER 11, 1900.

Dominion Elections.

Parliament is dissolved and the writs issued for a general Dominion election.

Nomination is fixed for Oct. 31st and polling day will be November 7th.

So far as we can learn there does not appear to be any disposition for an election contest in Northumberland.

Mr. Robinson being generally acceptable to electors of the different political camps.

Exit, Foster!

The Conservatives of St. John have, in a party convention, been induced to nominate Hon. Geo. E. Foster for the representation of that City in the House of Commons.

Both of these gentlemen are prominent members of their party and personally unobjectionable.

They are ranked amongst the eloquent public men of the country and, so far as that qualification goes, leave nothing to be desired.

It is safe to say, however, that their nomination shows how utterly out of touch the Conservative managers in St. John are with the rank and file of the party in that constituency.

There are scores of Conservatives there, any one of whom would command a larger following than either Mr. Foster or Dr. Stockton, because both have demonstrated their incapacity as political leaders, and have lost the confidence of the party by leading it to defeat.

Dr. Stockton has never been able, notwithstanding his undeniably fair attainments along certain lines, to be a sufficient success in politics to command any influence, even when he was a supporter in the legislature of the government of the day.

He was noted chiefly for his obscurity as an impracticable political economist and reformer of the serious order, who would magnify the affairs of a school district to the magnitude of those of a sovereign state and intrude his ponderous theoretical verbosity into the discussion of the desirability of preventing deception by making it a misdemeanor to permit a hen to incubate duck eggs.

Mr. Foster, if he ever had any influence with the government of which he was a member, notoriously failed to exercise it for the benefit of his native province, or of either of those of its constituencies to which he was indebted for election.

He was also utterly useless as a minister in doing anything for Kings or York Counties by which their people might be benefited, while he ignored the many interests of St. John when he might have done during the four years he has been a Dominion Minister.

Mr. Foster and Dr. Stockton are, therefore, much in the minds of Conservatives, not by reason of anything they have done for the party, but because they have led it to defeat.

Mr. Foster also led in the mutiny against Premier Dowell in February, 1896, which disgusted every honest and many conservative in Canada, stamping him as a traitor and largely assisted in the defeat of the party a few months later.

He induced Dr. Stockton to join with him in promoting the Moncton Convention, which caused the best Conservatives of the Province to renounce their allegiance to the party so long as he was its recognized New Brunswick leader, but Dr. Stockton out of the legislature and left only "a corporal's guard" of Conservatives in it. He put up men like Fred. K. Sprout in Kings, the notorious frebrand, Hetherington, in Queens and the ignominious Gross, in Albert.

He opposed the Tweedie government candidate, with the result that the weakness of the Conservative party under his leadership was demonstrated on the eve of the pending Dominion election, by the overwhelming defeat of his candidates.

Yet with this humiliating record as a colossal political failure, his managers in St. John have imposed him as a candidate upon the party there.

The ADVANCE, more than a year since, stated that Mr. Foster would not be able to find a constituency in New Brunswick that would elect him in the Federal contest that is now pending.

He manifests his usual blundering judgment by accepting the St. John nomination the prediction is certain of fulfillment. Until the party relegates Mr. Foster to some position for which he is fitted, which must be one as remote as possible from any leadership or control in its affairs, the best and most independent New Brunswick Conservatives will stand aloof from its councils and record their votes against it. They would be willing, no doubt, to pay him ten dollars a night, as the Prohibitory Alliance did some years ago, for talking followed, of course, by going back on them when the time for election came) but they do not care to be responsible for his record as a minister, or for the odium of his association with men of the "Kickapoo" Hetherington stamp.

The party, at their late convention in St. John must have sunk pretty low when they had to import two defeated Foster candidates—Sprout of Kings and Hetherington of Queens—to make the speeches at their power-law in that city which nominated Messrs. Foster and Stockton, and it is not a matter of surprise that no prominent St. John Conservative so far forgoes himself as to take any part in the oratory of the occasion while the ballot-

ing for the candidates was in progress. It is no wonder, therefore, that we hear of so many St. John Conservatives asking to be forgiven for their participation in the selection of Messrs. Foster and Stockton as the party's candidates.

Gloucester County.

There is a good deal of dissatisfaction in Gloucester on all sides with the way in which the late member, Mr. Blanchard, has represented the county.

He is a respectable man enough, but a negative kind of person, lacking in initiative and energy. He has failed, after a long experience in both the local and Dominion legislatures, to be anything but a back-bencher, and is content to go from his county to Ottawa and back again to his county without accomplishing anything save the drawing of his travelling expenses and seasonal indemnity.

In the interests of that important county he ought to give way to a man better equipped for the discharge of the duties of a representative. A good many of the electors of the county would like to have Mr. T. M. Burns as their Ottawa representative, while others favor Mr. Turgeon. We do not know what Mr. Burns' attitude towards Mr. Foster is, but if he is not committed to that alleged leader, Gloucester could do better than to send him to Ottawa.

Political Notes.

Immediately following an article on the subject of the election, the Moncton Times of last Friday had this item:—

"The Conservatives now have candidates in the field in every constituency in New Brunswick except Kings and Sanborn and York. The Liberals have yet to nominate in the Westmorland, Gloucester and St. John City and St. John County."

The Times, before it made the following statement was not, of course, sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so it cannot be charged with perjury. It is not improbable, however, that even if the writer of the item had been sworn, he would have made the statement all the same. It may be worth while to mention that in some of the counties named as having party candidates there have been no party nominations and it may be that none will be made by either party because the sitting members are satisfactory to both parties. This seems to be the position of things in Northumberland, at least.

Mr. George M. Brown, son of the Hon. George Brown, was elected to the British House of Commons as a Liberal in Centre Eglarsh, defeating Dr. Conan Doyle, Unionist.

Mr. Geo. E. Foster is hesitating in accepting the nomination in St. John for the House of Commons. He said to a reporter, that he was much pleased at receiving the nomination and appreciated the honor. The decision of the convention had been wired to him and he had replied, asking for a few days to consider the matter.

Judge Gregory.

The many friends of George F. Gregory, Q. C., were pleased to learn that he has been appointed to the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench made by the retirement of ex-Judge Vanwart. The pleasant news was received in a telegram from Hon. A. G. Blair on Tuesday afternoon, while Mr. Gregory was conducting a case in the County Court at Fredericton.

The Ontario Court of Probation is the jurisdiction which the St. John Sun said was to be kept vacant for Hon. Mr. Emmerson in the event of his defeat in Westmorland. Mr. Foster, who inspired the Sun's statement, will it is hoped, direct it to go to Judge Mr. Emmerson.

Laying of the Corner-stone of St. John's New Presbyterian Church, Chatham.

The people of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Chatham, had good reason to congratulate themselves on the favorable auspices under which the corner-stone of their new church was laid on Friday last.

The presence of the clergy and elders composed the Maritime Synod was a noted and appropriate feature, and the fact that the day was one of the finest yet known in the whole season contributed in no small degree to promoting a large attendance and completing the favorable conditions. Besides the large assemblage of local people, there were about a hundred of the visiting delegates present, and as many as possible of the more representative persons of both were occupants of seats upon a platform which had been erected for the purpose, and on which the choir of St. John's church, led by those of St. Andrew's Presbyterian and St. Luke's Methodist churches, immediately after the laying of the stone, sang a hymn of praise to God, and a chorus of "The Lord is King" in honor of the occasion.

The opening number was the Duet, which was heartily sung to the familiar tune of "Old Hundred," and was followed by an appropriate prayer, which was offered by Rev. Dr. Henderson, B. S., Moderator of the Presbyterian of Miramichi and pastor of St. Andrew's church, Chatham.

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