

MAXWELL AND THE LIBRARY.

Opposition Candidate Replies to Accusations and Explains His Position.

There was a meeting of the electors of the north end in the Temple of Honor Hall, Main street, last evening. Ald. Robt. Maxwell the conservative candidate, L. P. D. Tilley and J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., made addresses. Ald. Maxwell spoke of his position in regard to the Free Public Library and referred to the bringing on of the election at this time. He said that in view of attacks made on him by the St. John Globe some explanation was necessary to the citizens. That newspaper treated him as though he were the sole issue of the campaign. He was free to admit that the Globe hardly seemed to appreciate him. If the case was otherwise he was confident that he would not be appreciated by his own political party.

After explaining how the contract for the mason work was sub-let to him, he contended that Mr. Myers, the contractor was solely responsible to the common council for the proper completion of the work. Ald. Maxwell further said that the Globe accused him of undertaking the work against the interests of his competitors in business and against the interests of the city. If he had never been in business, the same tender would have taken the job. In no way did the matter affect his position as an alderman. In regard to the charge that the sub-letting of the masonry work to him was against the interests of the city, he felt prepared to say that he had the utmost confidence in the mason and his colleagues. The interests of St. John were perfectly safe in their hands.

The Globe further said that as a member of the building committee he had something to do with the library construction. He desired to say the Globe's accusation was without foundation.

Ald. Maxwell spoke of why the library was not finished in April and drew attention to the fact of Mr. Myers paying the rent of the library in the Masonic building for four months.

In concluding Ald. Maxwell asked for the suffrages of his hearers and made reference to the record of the opposition in the local house. The country had the opposition to thank, he said, for the secret ballot.

L. P. D. Tilley said there are novel situations in this campaign. The Globe did not make any intimation in favor of the provincial administration, because it could not. Mr. Tilley said there was exorbitant cost of the work in connection with the consolidated statutes and referred to the small railways throughout the province. They were not paying properties, yet the local government held guaranteed bonds and eventually the pockets of New Brunswick's people would be made to suffer. Mr. Tilley

was glad to know that Ald. Maxwell had behind him the temperance vote. The government stood in with men who were not enforcing the liquor license law.

J. D. Hazen compared Mr. Skinner with Ald. Maxwell. The former was not as effective a public speaker as the latter, he said. It had been asserted that Mr. Skinner occupied a better position in the community than did Ald. Maxwell, but this he believed was without any truth. Mr. Hazen sketched developments since the Moncton convention and entered into a lengthy condemnation of the local government's policy. He accused them of extravagance and spoke of income on stumps.

The meeting closed with cheers for the candidate.

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CARMARTHEN STREET CHURCH.

At the second quarterly meeting of the Carmarthen street Methodist church held recently. The chairman reported that at a meeting of the members of the church the following were elected representatives to the quarterly board:—E. M. Robertson, Albert Homer, C. McCrystal, Joseph Johnson, C. L. Heffer, Henry Miller, and Miss Alice White.

The following were elected stewards:—A. Carliss, C. H. Hutchings, J. E. Ratchiffe, Jas. Brown, G. W. Ellison, Wm. Roberts and H. B. Cassidy.

G. W. Ellison was elected recording steward.

The other members of the board are:—Mrs. G. M. Calhoun, S. S. Supt. Mrs. Seymour, pres. of Ladies' Aid Society; and Miss Betts, pres. of W. M. S.

The financial report was an encouraging one showing an increase over the last year at the same time. The report of the Sunday school and Epworth league showed both to be prospering and doing good work. The report from the Ladies' Aid Society was a very encouraging one.

The pastor, Rev. Thomas Marshall was given a hearty and unanimous invitation to continue as pastor of the church for the conference year commencing July 1905.

MORNING NEWS IN BRIEF.

Local.

The case against John Martin, of Spruce Lake, for violation of the liquor law was to have come up in Fairville yesterday but was postponed at the request of his counsel, J. B. M. Baxter.

The loss on the Troop vinegar factory by fire Monday night has been fixed: The damage to the building, \$225; to the stock, \$258. The insurance is divided among the Anglo-American, Guardian and Ottawa companies.

In Montreal last Saturday Rev. Francis J. Singleton was ordained a priest. He is brother-in-law to Wm. Fitzgerald, formerly of this city but now of Montreal.

About 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon a Fairville fireman discovered smoke issuing from the woodshed of Perry Kelly, who occupies one of the city corporation houses at the corner of Prospect street and Green Head road. A bundle of paper was discovered blazing into a pile of wood. The blaze was soon extinguished but there is little doubt that incendiarism was attempted. There have been three or four attempts to start fires in Fairville lately but happily they have been frustrated in time.

George Rudolf, a sailor, shipped from St. John to fill a vacancy on the schooner Richard S. Leaming, was lost with all hands in the recent storm. He was formerly employed on the schooner Syranara, owned by R. C. Elkin & Co., which was lost a few months ago. Rudolf had many thrilling adventures while at sea and had been in many a shipwreck. He was thirty years old and unmarried.

Provincial.

To grapple with the growing demands of the large lumber business the hustling firm of Donald Fraser & Sons of Fredericton, have resolved to erect two more shingle mills, one to be adjacent to their present sawmill at Cabineau, and to have fourteen shingle machines; the other to be at Baker Brook, on the St. John river, and to have ten shingle machines. This will be good news for millmen especially, as it seems to be understood that the outlook for manufactured lumber in general has considerably improved of late.

Gillmor Brown, C. E., who has been on the G. T. P. survey between Woodstock and Grand Falls, will leave for New York to spend Christmas with his family.

It is said that Walter P. Fenety and Co., stationers of Fredericton will retire early in the new year.

Judge Wells, yesterday at Moncton delivered judgment in the case of the Delhi Fruit and Vegetable Company, Ltd., of Ontario, vs. J. H. Harris & Co., of Moncton. The final hearing of the case took place Nov. 21st and Judge Wells today found the plaintiffs were entitled to \$232.50 for goods bargained and sold but that the defendant sustained damages to

the amount of \$262.50, thus leaving the judgment in favor of the defendant for \$30.50. W. B. Chandler, K. C., for plaintiff, M. G. Teed, K. C., E. R. Reilly for defendant. The case will be appealed.

Edward Hale, I. C. R. machinist of Moncton, has gone home to England to look after a fortune of \$80,000 left his deceased wife by a rich uncle two months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Hale had no children and it is a question whether the husband will be able to get the fortune which was bequeathed his wife after her death.

The long expected increase for I. C. R. clerks at Moncton, arrived yesterday when the December cheques passed around, but the increases granted in most cases were so meagre as to cause great dissatisfaction and much indignation. The increase is not general by any means and the rate of increase is the smallest ever granted to I. C. R. employes. In many cases the advance was only fifty cents a month and the majority of cases did not exceed a dollar or two. A good many got \$1.25 and \$1.50 per month raise while a few got \$5 and \$10.

Lloyd Roberts, eldest son of Prof. Chas. G. D. Roberts, poet and author, has been appointed assistant editor of the Outing Magazine in succession to the late Leonidas Hubbard.

News was received at Halifax last evening that the ship Stamboul at Methel, Pensacola, passed a capsized schooner on November 16, supposed to be the Ivanhoe, Captain Hare, which sailed from Halifax forty-six days ago for Bahama Islands. She carried a crew of six and one passenger, Wm. F. Collins, of Charlottetown. It is thought all on board perished.

At an adjourned meeting of the Chatham, New Brunswick, rate-payers last night in reference to the establishment of a boot and shoe factory here the committee recommended that the town loan \$20,000 to a company with total capital of \$50,000, of which \$20,000 is to be paid up by the stockholders, and \$10,000 is to be on call.

General.

There is as yet no sign of the lifting of the fog which envelops the British Kingdom. The absence of wind throughout Great Britain is almost unprecedented and meteorologists do not expect any change in conditions for another twenty-four hours.

A courier from Alcaze, about 16 miles northeast of Tangier, states that tribesmen have surrounded Alcazar and threaten to sack the town unless the French consul and one British subject are handed over to them.

Premier Parent was in Ottawa yesterday. He says that it is his intention to ask the dominion government to take up the question of provincial subsidies at as early a date as possible.

PROVINCIAL LUMBERMEN

Are Worried By the Ambitions of the St. John Lumber Company.

A St. John lumberman, who has just returned from a trip up the St. John river, in conversation with a Times reporter today said, the St. John Lumber Company is cutting about half the ordinary cut, but the American lumbermen, those who have mills on the American side are cutting as much, if not more than last year. The lumber companies last year agreed to not pay more than \$26 a month, but now owing to the scarcity of labor, this monthly salary has been raised and lumbermen can command \$30.

Speaking further on the lumber situation the gentleman in question said:—"The St. John Lumber Co., who have erected so many piers in the St. John river at Van Buren, about which there has been a good deal of trouble are, it is said, preparing to erect several more piers in the river. The New Brunswick government has already taken some steps in regard to this matter last winter as the Ashburton treaty forbids any obstruction in the St. John river where it is the boundary line. This company have piers connected with booms all along the middle of the St. John river from Van Buren to a point almost five miles above. This is claimed to be a violation of the treaty and the announcement that the company intends putting in more piers is creating considerable interest."

"The parties forming this company are the same people, who, it is alleged, a few years ago attempted to dam the river at Winding Ledges, but their application for a charter for that purpose, not having been successful, they, it is said, have attempted to attain the same object, that is the holding of their lumber by monopolizing about one-half of the width of the river with piers and booms for a distance of five miles."

"There is said to be a movement on foot in which no less a personage than Governor Powers, of Maine, is taking a very active part, backed up by the millionaire shareholders of the St. John Lumber Co., to obtain an alteration of the Ashburton treaty, so as to allow the erection of piers in the St. John river, ostensibly for the purpose of building a bridge across the St. John river at Van Buren."

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