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PROTEST UNDER WAY.

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGATIONS.

Objections Raised by F. H. Hale to the Affidavits.—Judge's Ruling.—Examination of E. M. Boyer, Lewis Brewer, Henry B. Smith.—Adjourned to 12th inst.

The election protest is something in which every voter in the county is interested. The trial on the preliminary objections to the allegations set forth against Mr. Hale was commenced on Wednesday afternoon last in the town hall, Judge Landry presiding. Stephen B. Appleby appeared on behalf of the petitioners, E. M. Boyer, Lewis Brewer and Henry B. Smith, while L. A. Curry, Q. C., St. John, and A. B. Connell, Q. C., Woodstock, appeared for Mr. Hale. During the trial there was a good attendance in the hall, of more or less interested spectators. The objections to the petitions were based on some eight grounds, but most of them having been dealt with in the Restigouche case, the trial here was confined to points viz. that the allegations contained in the affidavits are untrue, and that the affidavits are fraudulent and are abuse of the process of the court, that the petitioner before or during said election and in connection therewith were guilty of corrupt practices, and that the petitioners were not qualified to be petitioners. Mr. Appleby put in copies of the election list on which E. M. Boyer's name appears.

Mr. Curry objected. This list was made of two distinct papers and there were no marks of indentation on one of them, although the name of Mr. Chapleau clerk of the crown in Chancery was on the other. Proof of the paper was also needed.

The Judge said he would admit the paper. E. M. Boyer then took the stand. He said: I certify that that name on the list is mine. I am a Justice of the Peace, am a judge of no other court, appointed by the governor general. I was not a revising officer, nor returning officer in connection with the election. I was not an agent for any candidate. I received no fee reward nor promise for my vote or influence at last election.

To Mr. Curry. I have known Mr. Hale for some 18 or 20 years. I think his majority was about 400. I believe in the statement I made in the allegation, then, and I believe in them now. The sheriff was returning officer, I do not think he did anything contrary to his duty.

Do you believe Fred Hale was legally elected?

I do not believe that he was.

Did you ever have any business with Mr. Hale and how were you satisfied?

I have found my business with him satisfactory.

One allegation accuses Mr. Hale of personally committing personation, do you think he did? I do not believe he did it personally but by his agents.

Did you think he was guilty of personal personation when you signed that paper?

I did not believe he did it himself. I do not think he could.

Do you think he would if he could? I do not care to express a belief as to that.

Is your belief any different now from the time you signed the petition? I do not know of any difference.

Do you believe that any agents of Mr. Hale committed personation? I do not know that I could say that his agents did. Continuing Mr. Boyer, in reply to Mr. Curry said: I put up about \$25.00 toward this petition.

Since you do not think the election should be set aside on grounds of personation, on what grounds should it be set aside? On bribing and treating. Mr. Hale did not bribe me. He never attempted to. I know of nobody he attempted to bribe personally I have heard rumours. Have heard people talk about about him using his influence in that way. I do not know of any case, only what I have heard. I have heard of his offering to pay debts, etc. I understand he did discharge debts. One case I heard of is a man named Dickenson of Lower Woodstock.

Is it a wrong to pay a man's debt? You should be very careful how you help a man at election time.

Another case I heard of was one Chase who lives up river. I heard attempts were made to induce him to go away. He was a mill owner. I was informed of this by Geo. Boyer of Hartland. A Mr. Everett was offered money to stay at home. He lives in Wakefield and is a farmer. I heard he was offered money to stay at home and keep others at home. I do not think he did stay at home. I understand Mr. Norman Win-

slow had offered people money. He did not offer me any money, but I heard he offered money to a man by the name of Roach. I looked after Dr. Colter's interest in Wellington ward. I acted on behalf of the Liberal cause.

Do you believe a pure election was run on the other side?

Mr. Appleby objected and the Judge ruled out the question.

I never knew such a corrupt election as this one.

Do you believe a majority of 400 or 500 can be obtained in Carleton County by corrupt influences?

I believe that it can.

Your own county for sale to the extent of about 500 voters?

In all counties 200 or 300 voters can be dealt with.

Continuing witness said that he had heard that Thos. Morgan and his son of Richmond had been offered money.

You have been charged with perjury yourself, haven't you?

I never heard of it, did you?

I regret to say that I have heard of it.

Will you tell me the name of your informant?

No! I am not under examination?

Dealing with the question of offices.—I heard of Mr. Hale going into a post office and making some talk. Of my personal knowledge I do not know of his doing so. This occurred up river. I do not know to whom he promised an office.

What knowledge have you of treating?

No personal knowledge.

Did you see it yourself?

No.

Mr. Hale is a temperance man?

I believe he is. I have heard there was liquor around. I heard the Conservatives had it in the club room over the Connell block. I understand that lumbermen were promised employment if they would vote for Mr. Hale. I heard there was a big fund raised for the election, but would not like to give you the name of the men whom I have heard contributed to the fund.

Albert Brewer, Upper Woodstock, was the next witness. Objection was made to his taking the oath on the ground that he was an unbeliever. He testified however that he was a member of the Church of England having been baptised in that church.

Are you still a member?

Well! I never heard of my being turned out.

When asked if he believed in a God and future punishment, witness said, "of course, I do. Isn't it written in the 20th chapter of Exodus, 'Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.'"

One of the charges in the allegations is that Mr. Hale by "duress" prevented men from voting. Witness admitted that he did not know the meaning of the word.

On Thursday morning, the case was resumed. In reply to Mr. Curry, witness said he came to act as a petitioner, because his brother was talking with him about the petition, and he said he would sign the paper. I thought it was my duty to do so and I did so voluntarily. I did not put any money into the fund. No promise was made to induce me to become a petitioner. I did not hear whether Boyer had or had not been promised the Woodstock post office.

Do you know the meaning of the charge, personation?

Yes! when a man votes on another man's name. I heard that Thos. Ivory at Upper Woodstock had been paid for his vote, by one of the Watson boys.

Can you tell me any instance of personation at that election?

There was a man brought to Upper Woodstock to swear, he was Herbert Wilson, but he was not allowed to do so. Solomon Perley would not allow him to swear. From my own knowledge I could not tell whether he swore or not.

Do you think that is personation?

I think it is a kind of personation?

Can you give me an instance of a person inducing another person to commit personation? I heard so many talked about, that I could not tell you one. I do not know of any instance where a voter was corruptly lured any money. I believe that all corrupt means to run the election, were used that could be used.

Do you know of any money given to electors? None, but the Ivory racket.

Mr. Connell—Now with regard to the charge of agreement to give office. Did you know of anything of that kind? I believe such had been done. I heard that Mr. Hale promised you a Judgeship, if you would subscribe \$2000 to the fund.

Who told you that? John S. Leighton.

No other better information?

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A SPIRITED MEETING.

THE ASSESSORS TALK TO THE TOWN COUNCIL.

And Protest Against Their Wages Being Cut.—Coun. Leighton Says People Talk Behind His Back.—Cleaning up For The Year.

All the councillors were present at the meeting of the council on Monday evening. The first question under consideration was a report of the Chief of the Fire Brigade, in which he asked for 500 feet of new hose, one flexible branch pipe, one branch pipe to be repaired. After considerable discussion, it was decided to accede to this request, the goods to be ordered at once, and paid for next August. During the discussion on this item Coun. Leighton complained that persons had charged that he was to get a commission on the price of the pipe. He denied this most emphatically. He could say what perhaps no other councillor could that he had gained no benefit whatever financially during the years he had sat at the board.

Coun. Grant—This is the first I heard that Coun. Leighton had got any commission.

Coun. Leighton—I know where it came from.

Coun. Grant—It did not come from me anyway.

Coun. Leighton—I did not say it did.

Coun. R. B. Jones, A. E. Jones, Gallagher and Churchill protested against Coun. Leighton making an assertion which reflected on the council.

Coun. Leighton proposed that the Mayor order the hose, which would relieve him from suspicion of making any commission.

The matter was, however, on vote of R. B. Jones, left in the hands of the chairman of the fire committee, Coun. Leighton.

Messrs. John McCormac and E. M. Boyer, town assessors, were present, and on motion they were heard, in protest against reducing their salaries from what they were given to understand they would get.

Mr. McCormac said:—I understand that at a recent meeting of the council the amount that the assessors were led to suppose they would receive was reduced to about one third. I do not blame the council for having the work done as cheaply as possible, if they make that a general rule, but to select one set of officials for such a policy seems to me very unfair. It is said the assessment is unsatisfactory. With all the wisdom in the council an assessment could hardly be made satisfactory to everybody. True, the assessment is very much like last year. In a little town like this, where few people come and go, how can there be very much change in one year. If we did it right last year, do you want us to do wrong in order to charge things? We did the best we could according to our judgment. It is complained that a number of dead men are on the list. When the collector can not find a man he marks him missing or dead or something like that. Do you think I would put those names on the list to mislead you? What motive would I have to do so? Our assessment covered all that you asked for and about \$500 besides. There is one thing which the public omit. We ask every year that the people shall give us a statement of their affairs. How many of the councillors have done this? They remain quiet till the thing is over and then they all find fault. If you do not think we have done our duty fill our places with others, but we trust you will pay us what you led us to believe you would pay us.

Mr. Boyer supported Mr. McCormac. In making an assessment it would be found impossible to satisfy everybody. Many complaints were received from people who had their taxes raised, never, from those who had them lowered. He had spent much time and gone to great pains with his district, and thought he was entitled to his pay. It would be difficult to find perfection in any board of assessors, and perhaps you could not find perfection in any board of councillors.

After considerable discussion by the councillors the matter was referred to a special committee to report on Monday night. The committee are Couns. R. B. Jones, Grant and Gallagher.

The understanding which the assessors referred to was that this year their services should be rewarded by the division of \$100 among them. At a recent meeting of the council \$50 was substituted for \$100.

It was decided to hold a public meeting on Monday evening next to discuss town affairs.

School Teachers.

Twenty-three teachers, applicants for advanced license, were enrolled at the Normal School at Fredericton on Monday.