

General Business

Miramichi Advance

CHATHAM, N. B., DECEMBER 27, 1900.

THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT is to open on February sixth, for the election of a speaker and the despatch of business. It is believed that the session will be a short one.

The Young Liberal Club, of Toronto, will tender a banquet to Hon. A. G. Blair on January 29, in celebration of the victory at St. John in the general elections.

British Timber Trade Failures.

Recent Timber Trade failures in England are more serious than that at first seemed to be. Following the suspension of Messrs. Pierce, Watts & Co. of Liverpool, which was of Alexander's Timber Co., limited, of Cardiff and Penarth. These represent about \$400,000 each, and we hear of still another large Liverpool concern that is in trouble. Amongst those trading on this side who are creditors of the Pierce, Watts & Co. concern are Frank Harrison & Co. about £13,000; A. F. & D. Mackay, £11,000; Price & Pearce, £8,000; W. & J. Sharples £4,000 and Thos. B. Neale & Co., £3,500 to £4,000.

In the Alexander failure the following appear amongst the creditors—R. B. Dobell, £331; A. F. & D. Mackay, £5,283; Pierce & Co., £13,059; Price & Pearce, £4,169; W. & J. Sharples, £1,683.

No particulars of the assets of Messrs. Pierce, Watts & Co. are given, but the gross liabilities of Messrs. Alexander are stated at £78,000, £43,000 of which is expected to rank for dividend in an estimated surplus of £558.

Election Protest.

In all, ten protests have been filed in this province, six against Liberals and four against Conservatives. The sum of \$105,000 was paid over to the Clerk of the Peace as security for costs and has since been deposited in the bank to his credit. The petitioner against the return of Messrs. Blair and Tucker in St. John is Dr. Alfred Augustus Stockton, defeated candidate for the county. L. E. Brewer is the petitioner against Hale in Carleton; Bedford Nason against Wilnot in Sunbury-Queens; Thomas Gilliland against Fowler in Kings and W. H. Berry against Mr. Ganong in Charlotte.

The members petitioned against have fifteen days in which to file a counter protest, but it is not yet known how many will avail themselves of this privilege.—F. Ton Herald.

Hon. Mr. Blair on Railway Extension.

At the business men's dinner to Mr. Hays, the retiring manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, Hon. A. G. Blair in responding to the toast of "The Railway Interests" said that during Mr. Hays' regime the Intercolonial Railway has been extended to Montreal and the improvement was of mutual benefit to Montreal and the east. The possibilities, may, the certainty of the future in the Canadian railway world was very great.

It seemed to be taken for granted in some quarters that the future of the Canadian Northwest was unalterably bound up in one company, but he challenged that conclusion. A dozen railways may cross Canada within the next half century,—for what has been done must assuredly be duplicated and triplicated in the not distant future. Some people thought the government should not give so much aid to railways, but not to do so would be to prevent the country from advancing. Canada was entering upon a period of growth not dreamed of in the past. Why, he asked, should the Intercolonial be forced to stop at Montreal, and not be carried to the great lakes, and even to the Pacific coast? It was our natural right to bring the produce of the west, on both sides of the line, to the seaboard. Montreal, he thought, would see, within a reasonable time, the realization of the best hopes of her business men. The government, he said, was fully alive to the importance of the transportation problem and would give it close attention at the approaching session. Mr. Blair's remarks were loudly cheered.

That "Liberal Convention."

A special Chatham dispatch to the St. John Globe characterizes the meeting called by Mr. John Morrisey, which was held in Mason's Hall here on Wednesday evening, 19th, as an enthusiastic and harmonious one. The Globe's correspondent's account of the gathering is as follows:—

The Liberal Convention was held in Mason's Hall on the 19th. A large number of representatives were present from the different parishes. Mr. John Morrisey, of Newcastle, being appointed chairman, addressed the meeting, thanking all for the handsome vote given him, attributing his defeat to divisions among Liberals and want of co-operation of the Northumberland Liberal Association, which was not organized at the time of the following convention. He felt it his duty to call the Liberals together for re-organization, so that future candidates of the party would not be handicapped as he had been. Resolutions would be offered with that end in view. He contended the county as a supporter of the Liberal administration, and while he had sustained defeat he was pleased the general result was so satisfactory.

Mr. George Watt submitted a resolution ratifying the action of the convention in nominating Mr. Morrisey as the Liberal candidate, and recommending reorganization of the Liberal Association. The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. V. S. Loggie said the Liberal party were under obligations to Mr. Morrisey by courtesy and right, and these should be immediately accorded to him. He moved, seconded by A. G. Williston, of Hardwicke, that the officers of the old association be requested to call the party together to avoid division.

Mr. Warren C. Winslow favored the principle of the motion, but as that body had failed to meet for three years, and the convention required an annual meeting, the officers, the old officers had no standing, and the terms of the resolution were at his suggestion made more definite. He moved, seconded by Mr. Morrisey, that the conditions in the county must change and attention be given to the voice of the people.

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No good purpose can be served by deception. It is well known in Northumberland that Mr. Morrisey was not the

candidate of the recognised Liberal leaders of the county in the late Dominion election. He was never a Liberal, or recognised as such. He opposed the Liberal candidate in 1896. It is true that when there was an unseemly squabble going on for the patronage amongst the several so-called Liberal clubs and associations of Chatham and Newcastle after the Liberal victory of 1896, Mr. Morrisey was understood to "stand in" with one of them in order to get placed on the I. C. R. for friends who had supported him in the election. It is well known that he was dissatisfied with his success in securing the object of his change of politics on that occasion. This was demonstrated in the letter published by the chief promoter of his recent candidacy, and which our people, who desire to see good feeling and harmony maintained, are heretofore, amongst all classes, so kindly depicted.

It is not, therefore, a matter of wonder that Wednesday evening's meeting was a failure. It failed because of the lack of material out of which to organize, and the idea of doing so was abandoned for the present, with the view of enabling Mr. Morrisey and his friends to secure the necessary strength. That strength is hoped for from a practically defunct association, against which they harbor grudges of large dimensions.

We observe that one speaker at the "convention" of Wednesday evening adversely criticised "the old association" for not meeting for three years and "soured the officers for their inactivity."

Gentlemen who were members of the "old association"—who had organized and worked it up until it easily dominated the politics of the county—were reminded that it was the "soured" and the "soured," who, by conspiring together against its rules and breaking them, gave it its death blow, so paralyzing it and the Liberals of Northumberland that they have never been able to elect a candidate since. The great secret of the failure of the whole outfit is that not a man of prominence in it recognises any party, any political principle, or any allegiance to leaders, save as a matter of convenience for the promotion of personal ends; and, as we intimated last week, those ends are leaves and fishes. They meet in these alleged conventions and set together for organizing purposes. Then, they go outside and separate into little knots, and these conspire to circumvent each other in controlling "the patronage." Every body knows all about them and their methods. They killed the "old association" ten years ago and tried to galvanize the corpse in 1896, but it could not be worked and it toppled over and has lain ever since half buried in the rank grass and weeds of neglect. To dig it up again and attempt to make it serve the purposes of the gentlemen who failed in their meeting of the 19th will only be to further invite the derision of the great body of electors of Northumberland.

Not Exactly Denied.

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 20.—The News says Sir Chas. Hibbert Tupper will lead the Conservative party in the House of Commons until a leader is permanently named.

New Bridge Work.

During this month Hon. C. H. LaBillois, Chief Commissioner of Public Works, is calling for tenders for the following bridges: Rockwell bridge, Parish of Barton, Sunbury county; Kings bridge, over Swan Creek, Parish of Barton, Sunbury county; East Bay Creek Bridge, Parish of Barton, Sunbury county; Gilchrist bridge, Parish of Northfield, Sunbury county; Stillwater bridge, over Didgegash River, Parish of Northfield, Sunbury county; Vincent bridge, Parish of Greenwich, Kings county; Damberton bridge, over Chigouash River, Parish of Damberton, Charlotte county; Parish of Eldon, Restigouche county; Copeland bridge, Parish of Addition, Restigouche county; Steel superstructure, Taylor's Mill Dam bridge, Restigouche county; Steel superstructure, Tobique Narrows bridge, Victoria county; Steel superstructure, St. Louis bridge, Parish of St. Louis, Kent county, and the Steel superstructure of Upper Cornet bridge, Sussex, Kings county.

South Africa.

General De Wet's escape from the encircling British columns describe one of the boldest incidents of the war. When Haasbroek's command joined De Wet on Dec. 12 some fifteen miles east of Orange N'Chu, General Knox was only about an hour distant and the Boer situation appeared desperate. But De Wet was equal to the occasion. Despatching Haasbroek westward to make a feint at Victoria Nek, De Wet prepared to break through the British columns at Springsnek, about four miles of broad, flat, unbroken ground. At the entrance were two fortified posts. Artillery was posted eastward watching the Boers. Suddenly a magnificent spectacle was witnessed. The whole Boer army of two thousand and five hundred men started at a gallop in open order through the Nek. President Steyn and Piet Fourie led the charge and De Wet brought up the rear. The British guns and rifles boomed and rattled incessantly. The Boers first tried the eastward road, but encountering artillery they diverged, and galloped to the front of the hill where the fire of only a single post was effective. The whole manoeuvre was a piece of magnificent daring and its success was complete in spite of the loss of a fifteen-pounder and twenty-five prisoners.

Premier Tweedie on Politics in New Brunswick.

Hon. Premier Tweedie and Hon. Wm. Pugsley were in the Capital this week on business with the authorities here in regard to the control of the fisheries. Premier Tweedie is still a young man although he has been over 27 years in parliament. He resides at Chatham, N. B., is an able lawyer and orator and in conversation with United Canada, he recalled the fact that conditions had changed very much since he entered parliament as a boy. He said: "In New Brunswick to-day there is harmony and peace among the various elements and creeds, and in my opinion, about Chatham, N. B., I do not hesitate to say, that to more than any other man, the credit for that good feeling belongs to the venerable Bishop Rogers, whom everybody respects, and who has always been absolutely fair. I am a presbyterian, but I am free to say after 27 years in parliament, and now as premier, that the Irish have no superior, in proportion to their numbers, in New Brunswick."

Then the premier was asked regarding the recent federal campaign. Will Hon. G. E. Foster get a seat in New Brunswick? Premier Tweedie replied—I do not think so. There are only four federal seats held by Conservatives and Foster could not be elected in any one of them even if the sitting members were to resign. I do not know what his plans are, but his leadership in New Brunswick has been disastrous to his party, and is no longer recognized.

What about my friend Mr. George V. McInerney, ex-M. P. for Kent? Premier Tweedie—There is an considerable sympathy for Mr. McInerney, for you know he was personally well liked, and is a bright man, but he made some mistakes in the last campaign.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie has many friends at the Capital, and is among the best known of New Brunswick's public men, so the audience was getting larger and several of the Federal Ministers who were hastening to catch the Toronto train, came to say good-bye, when Mr. Tweedie was asked: Will Professor Waldon of Albert be canonized a saint soon, do you think? Everyone roared at the mention of the posing professor's name, and Premier Tweedie joined in.

News and Notes.

Mr. C. A. Duff-Miller, Agent General of New Brunswick, proposed the toast of the "The House of Parliament" at the annual banquet of the Royal Scottish Corporation at the Holborn restaurant, London. In the course of his speech he said he was looking forward with confidence to the time when the colonies would be represented in the home parliament, which he thought would not long be. The colonies had the privilege of Empire, but they wished to bear their share of a burden which they were well able to bear. (Hear, hear, and a voice: "Aye, and ye've din it, too.") Cheers.

Surveyor General Dunn has purchased George A. Borden's famous collection of 1,600 mounted birds, for the crown land office museum at Fredericton.

C. J. Milligan has assumed the duties of business manager of the Daily Telegraph.

Mr. John Taylor, merchant of Kingston, Kent county, died Friday afternoon. Deceased had been in failing health for

several months. He was about sixty-five years of age.

H. H. Corby, M. P., who has represented West Hastings, Ont., in the House of Commons for many years, has announced his intention of resigning his seat owing to ill-health. It is understood Hon. G. E. Foster will receive the Conservative nomination in his stead.

The value of Nova Scotia lobsters this year reaches \$2,750,000. The prices have been splendid.

The Hon. Clarke Wallace has filed his defence in the slander action brought against him by Senator Fulford for having stated that the senator had paid \$50,000 for his seat in the Senate. The defence in effect is that if these words were uttered they were spoken in good faith and in reasonable belief of their truthfulness, there being a generally accepted rumor that seats had been purchased in the Senate.

Trooper Molloy who lost his eye sight in South Africa has been awarded an imperial pension of half a crown, equal to 60 cents a day. He will also receive a Canadian pension and a grant from the patriotic fund.

An exchange, in an editorial on the law against pointing firearms, even playfully, by one person at another says:—"When a man points any firearm at you, knock him down; don't stop to enquire whether it is loaded or not, knock him down. Don't be particular what you knock him down with, only so that he is thoroughly knocked down. If an officer's firearm must be held let it be on the other fellow. He won't be missed."—All of which is excellent advice.

Restigouche and Western.

Mr. Thomas Malcolm, contractor for the building of the Restigouche and Western railway, says that surveys for the whole line have been pushed forward as rapidly as possible and will be continued at the opening of spring, when the work of construction will also be resumed. Mr. Malcolm has had propositions from capitalists who propose erecting pulp mills and establishing other industries along this railway line as soon as it shall be in operation. He is very enthusiastic over the possibilities of the road, which will open up a valuable tract of country for settlement, and he says that the people scarcely realize what enormous advantage the opening of the road will be to northern New Brunswick. He expresses himself as much pleased at the attitude of the local government, and the assistance it has rendered the company.

Montreal-Victoria Ins. Co.

The granting of an order by Mr. Justice Mathew that Thos. A. Temple and Edward Leoric Temple be called through the press as absconding debtors in the latest development in the troubles of the Victoria-Montreal Fire Insurance Company, of which Thos. A. Temple & Sons were the general managers. The company commenced the business of fire insurance on May 15, 1899, and when advertising \$200,000 worth of its stock, in April last, claimed to have received in premiums \$160,000, after deducting all charges for re-insurance, rebates, etc., upon which the loss ratio had been but nominal. It issued the general public to invest in its stock, by depositing a rebate of twenty per cent, on all premiums of insurance on property placed in the company, to subscribers to the extent of five shares, and by the fact that its shareholders consisted of many of the most prominent and successful business men in the Dominion, its directors including such names as Messrs. J. R. Booth, president of the Canada Atlantic Railway; Rudolph Audette, of Messrs. Thibault Bros., and president of La Banque Nationale; the Hon. J. D. Rolland, president of the Rolland Paper Company; H. J. Beemer, and the Hon. Wm. Pugsley, D.C.L., Q. C., M. P. F. On the faith of these names and the promised advantages, many small farmers invested to the extent of \$700, making the full payment on their shares only a few weeks ago. Now the company cannot settle its liabilities, has suspended business, and its managers have fled the country. A meeting of the shareholders of the company will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5 next, and it is to be hoped that such action will be taken by the directors as will conserve the interests of the smaller shareholders.

The Davenport & Treacy Piano.

The art supplement to this week's issue of the Indicator is devoted to illustrations of the new Davenport & Treacy pianos, which comprise styles J, D, G and I. As to the artistic and beautiful standards observed in the designs of their cases, no one will question them. As to tone quality, we have no hesitancy in saying that it cannot be excelled in a high-grade, medium-priced instrument.

In their first catalogue, which reached our office a short time ago, we find the following paragraph, which is so concise and clear that we take this opportunity of reproducing it, as follows:—"In entering the field of piano manufacturing we do so under the most favorable conditions. We do not content ourselves now in the business of piano-making, as we have been constructing the most vital parts of pianos for the past thirty years. The experience we have had during that time with many of the leading manufacturers in the United States and Canada is of great importance to us now, and a great assistance to us in constructing the best piano in America, for the price we ask for it. We can assure the public that the Davenport & Treacy piano is not cheaply made, or a so-called constructed piano, but a thoroughly well constructed instrument, and we take great pleasure in recommending it to anyone wishing first-class instruments at a reasonable price."

Mr. A. Murdoch is the agent in Chatham for the Davenport & Treacy pianos. Competent judges who have tested them say that no instruments ever imported have equalled them in either quality of tone or workmanship.

Maritime Agriculturists Entertained by Hon. Sydney Fisher.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, entertained to luncheon to-day a number of maritime province representatives, who are here on their way home from the fat cattle show at Guelph. They visited the experimental farm along with the minister.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—A despatch from the colonial secretary states that the imperial

government will accept under conditions laid down any number of Canadians who offer to service in the South African Mounted Police, commanded by Col. Baden-Powell. If 1,000 Canadians can be enrolled in the force, ten commissions as captains and fifteen as lieutenants will be given to the officers of the Canadian militia to serve under Baden-Powell. The British government will furnish transportation and rations to South Africa, and the men will be remunerated at the rate of five shillings per day from the day they land at the Cape. Officers will receive the pay of their respective ranks. Canadians anxious to join the S. A. police must be single men in sound bodily health, and able to shoot and ride. The period of service is five years.

TOBACCO, Dec. 24.—The Globe's special cable says that owing to the large number of applications from Canadians wishing to join Baden-Powell's constabulary force in South Africa, the office has decided to open a recruiting station in Canada in order that applicants may not be compelled to pay their own way to England or South Africa to enlist.

Meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Miramichi met at Loggieville on Monday evening, Dec. 17th, for the induction of Rev. A. W. Lewis, B. D. Mr. Henderson, Moderator of Presbytery, presided; Mr. H. R. Read preached the induction sermon; Mr. Carr addressed the minister, and Mr. McLean the congregation. Mr. Lewis has labored in this field for the past nine months and has won the confidence and esteem of the people, and it is believed that under his ministry progress will be made in this interesting and important congregation.

Devotional Manual.

The Devotional Manual, submitted by the Assembly's committee on Aids for Social Worship, was referred for examination to a committee consisting of Messrs. McLean and Lewis with instructions to report at next meeting.

Rev. James Wheeler was appointed to supply Harcourt for four months, and Rev. W. Hamilton to continue at Tabusiat until the end of March.

Mr. Henderson, on behalf of the Presbytery's H. M. Committee, submitted reports from the Presbytery's H. M. fields for the past summer. Four catechists had been employed, and the amount required from the H. M. fund was \$195,—\$150 less than the previous year. He also reported that the committee had appointed Mr. John Grierson to labor in the lumber camps, and that Mr. Grierson had entered upon his duties.

The committee previously appointed to arrange for a presbyterial conference with S. S. and C. E. workers reported, recommending that such a conference be held in connection with the March meeting of Presbytery, and submitted a provisional program. The action of the committee was approved, the recommendation adopted, and the committee was continued with instructions to complete arrangements for the said conference.

Mr. Carr submitted a report on the Century Fund canvass, which was very cordially received. The amount of \$7,570 was now guaranteed for the Common Fund, and \$11,440 for the Debt Fund. He referred to the spiritual aspect of the movement and offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the Presbytery earnestly direct the attention of our sessions and congregations to the following recommendations of the Century Fund Committee of the General Assembly:

1. That every session seriously take into consideration the whoe question of the spiritual life of those under their care and arrange, if possible, as follows:—

(a) That the last month of the year shall be set apart as a season in which special prayer shall be made in the congregations and families of the church for the outpouring of the Spirit of God and the deepening of spiritual life throughout the Dominion.

(b) That earnest efforts be made through the pulpits of the church and other agencies on behalf of the young, with the view of leading them to accept of the service of Christ, and that in such efforts much prominence be given to the case of young men.

2. That God's great goodness to the church, and His call to a larger and more devoted service, which the Century Fund movement seeks to emphasize, have prominence given to them in the devotion of the new century, renew its allegiance to its risen Lord.

Mr. McLeod, convener of the Presbytery's Augmentation Committee, reported that the sum of \$740 was asked from this Presbytery for the Augmentation Fund. The sum above named was allocated as follows:—Newcastle, \$60; Red Bank, \$35; Black River, \$35; Campbellton, \$60; New Carlisle, \$35; Tabusiat, \$40; Dalnois, \$50; Blackville, \$25; Milerton, \$20; New Mills, \$20; St. Andrew's Chatham, \$65; St. John's, Chatham, \$35; Kingston, \$35; New Richmond, \$45; Bathurst, \$40; Loggieville, \$20; E. Cumans, \$35; Metapsia, \$10; Upper Miramichi, \$10; Harcourt, \$10.

The sum of \$375, asked for the college fund, was apportioned as follows:—Newcastle, \$27; Red Bank, \$15; Black River, \$10; Campbellton, \$27; New Carlisle, \$14; Tabusiat, \$15; Dalnois, \$22; Loggieville, \$12; Blackville, \$14; New Mills, \$27; Douglastown, \$15; Beacomie, \$10; St. Andrew's Chatham, \$25; Kingston, \$25; New Richmond, \$23; Bass River, \$20; St. John's, Chatham, \$15; Bathurst, \$16; Harcourt, \$10; Flatlands, \$10; Upper Miramichi, \$13; Milerton, \$12.

A resolution was passed, heartily endorsing the proposal to appoint Rev. A. F. Robb as an addition to our mission staff in Korea, and appealing to our congregations to increase their aid to Foreign Mission work, so that the F. M. Board may soon be in a position to make this appointment.

The next regular meeting of the Presbytery will be held in St. Andrew's Hall, Chatham, on the 1st Tuesday in March. GEORGE FISHER, Clerk.

[Several of the matters dealt with in the foregoing report were referred to in last week's ADVANCE, but we make room for as whole report as sent by Mr. Fisher, although it is a little late in reaching us.]

The Pope's Midnight Mass.

ROME, Dec. 24.—On the last night of the year the Pope will descend into the Basilica of St. Peter's and at the stroke of midnight he will begin the celebration of High Mass and the benediction of the twelve apostles to Jesus Christ. Extensive preparations have been made at the Vatican for the ceremonies, which will be very solemn and impressive, owing to the midnight hour, the presence of the Pope in the grand basilica and the cortege of church dignitaries singing the Te Deum. Naturally everything will be subordinated to the condition of the Pope's health, and much depends on how he stands the fatigue incident to the closing of the Holy Door, but he is filled with an earnest desire to celebrate Mass at the birth of the century, and his doctors believe that his wonderful will power will triumph over bodily fatigue.

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