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NOMINATION.

Four Candidates Nominated Saturday.

A Lively Public Meeting Held at the Court House.

Although Saturday was a bitter cold day and a heavy wind blowing which drifted the light snow into the roads, making them in some places almost impassable, a large number attended the nomination at the Court House.

Sheriff Reid opened his Court at 10 o'clock and before noon the nomination of Isaac W. Carpenter, of Wickham, Lauchon P. Ferris, of Cambridge, Henry W. Woods, of Petersville, and Horton B. Hetherington of Johnson were filed accompanied with the usual deposit of one hundred dollars with each candidates nomination.

As there was no other business before the court and the people had arrived, by a vote of those present, the Sheriff was asked to give permission to the candidates to address the electors.

The Court House was filled and great enthusiasm prevailed. The candidates were all well received when they took the platform to address the electors.

We give below a short report of the various speeches.

MR. FARRIS.
The Hon. L. P. Farris was the first speaker. He thanked the people for past support and asked them again for the same.

He said one reason for the dissolution of the Legislature was that at a convention of the Liberal-Conservative party in Moncton a resolution was passed drawing party lines in Provincial Politics. The Provincial Government was composed of both Liberals and Liberal-Conservatives and the government thought it was well to test the feelings of the people in regard to the drawing of party lines in Provincial politics. We felt it was not in the interest of the province to draw party lines and that there should be no change.

The Opposition candidates have charged us with misrepresenting the expenditure and over expenditure on the Armstrong Bridge in the Parish of Petersville. The people of that section complained of the bad state of the bridge and we sent engineers there who condemned the bridge. We had it rebuilt as cheaply as possible. Part of the work was done by day's work and part of it was put up at public tender. Mr. Woods' brother-in-law, Mr. Howe received the tender and did the work. One of the amounts for the repairs was put into the public accounts as the Armstrong bridge, and the other as the Merritt Bridge, but they both refer to the same bridge. The bridge was raised and a break-water built, etc.

Another charge against the administration is the price paid for permanent bridges built in the province. The government thought it wise to build permanent bridges, so issued bonds for that purpose, and a certain amount is put by each year so that when the bonds are due they will be able to meet the same and all the bridges built in the province will be permanent bridges.

The government built four bridges in the province and put them up to public tender. They were built by Upper Province contract and cost the government from 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 cents per pound.

We did not have a competent engineer and the plans and specifications had to be made outside the government offices.

The government secured the services of Mr. Wetmore who prepared the plans and specifications for the Woodstock bridges and the same parties that built the former ones received the contract. They lost four or five thousand dollars on the job.

The government decided to have the bridges built in the province and made a contract with the Record Foundry of Moncton, to do the work. The bridges are superior ones and all the bolt holes are drilled instead of punched and the bolts fitted so that they, with a little care, will stand for generations.

The Opposition charges that the Record Foundry were paid two prices for the bridges and that they returned half of the amount for an election fund.

The Record Foundry is a Joint Stock Company and has both Conservatives and Liberals holding stock in it and the books are open to all stock holders and if such were the case they would know about it.

The Agricultural Policy of the government is before the people. The government has stimulated wheat growing in the Provinces and as a result last year one thousand bushels of wheat was grown in New Brunswick. They have imported through bred stock to help the farmers. They imported the best that could be got and they were sold at public auction, and all the loss to the government was the freight and expenses of purchasing them.

The government favors the establishing of a pork packing establishment in St. John and have secured the services of a gentleman from the Upper Province to

give the people practical ideas in the raising of the right kind of pork for such factory.

The government has protected the game of this province and the government received \$6,000 last year for licenses from this source. It is also estimated that the tourists, left \$60,000 in the Province.

The public printing has received a great deal of attention from the opposition candidates. The printing account is paid from a schedule. Last year the schedule was revised and cut down which made a saving in this direction.

The opposition charge the government with paying too much for a well bored at the lunatic asylum. This was a very difficult job, as the soil was not suitable for its boring. The well has been bored to the depth of 1,000 feet. This well saves \$600 per year to the province in water tax.

It is said that we are piling up the public debt at an enormous rate. The debt has increased but the province has been subsidizing railroad, etc. The old government gives timber lands as subsidies and if we had those lands we could give subsidies in money without increasing the debt. The debt of the province is not greater than that of the city of St. John.

I am only a farmer and anything that I would do to injure them would injure myself. I am satisfied that the government is administering the affairs in a economical, fair and beneficial way to the province. I know that the government will be sustained on the 18th inst., throughout the province. I hope on the 18th that you will cast your ballots for the government candidates, Mr. Carpenter and myself.

MR. WOODS.
Mr. Woods after making some opening remarks said: Mr. Farris told you that he was a farmer and that you would be safe in his hands. Mr. Farris has placed the pauper insane expenses on you.

The excuse for bringing on an election is that the government feel that the Moncton Convention was so important that they want to test the country on that issue.

It is not the reason. They are afraid of the bridge charges on the floors of the house.

What I said, in the Parish of Johnston, about the Armstrong bridge was that the first plans the engineer made were not complete and the charge against the Merritt bridge was the same bridge. Why were they not under the same heads?

Mr. Farris says we are not drawing party lines, why then does he refer to the acts of the old Conservative government. Mr. Hazen says that the government is paying two prices for bridges.

At this stage of Mr. Woods' speech the Sheriff informed the audience that the hour had arrived for the adjournment of his Court and that they would have to appoint a Chairman.

Mr. W. H. Bulyea was chosen Chairman and Mr. Woods resumed his speech.

The government paid two prices for the Saunderson's Bridge. Where has the money gone? Into the pockets of the Record Foundry Company.

If you are willing to put the money for building bridges into the hands of one company, vote for Farris and Carpenter. The contractors, Mr. Farris says, lost four or five thousand dollars on the Woodstock bridge. They are going to be sure that the Record Foundry lose nothing on their bridge building.

If it is business for school districts to put the supplying of wood for the school up at tender, it should be business for the government to put the public works up the same way.

Mr. Farris says that the Record Foundry Company has Conservative stock holders. I would not be willing to give the public works without tenders even if they were Conservatives.

As to the bridge charges I ask you if there is a line in Mr. Emmerson's manifesto contradicting the charges.

They say the holes are drilled instead of punched and that is the reason the Nova Scotia bridges cost 3 1/2 cents and the New Brunswick bridges 6 1/2 cents. You are paying the difference between these prices too much.

Mr. P. S. Archibald states, in an open letter to the St. John Sun, that the charge against the government in regard to the two price bridges is correct, and Mr. Murphy, of Nova Scotia, says the same.

I can speak with certainty in regard to the Armstrong bridge at Petersville. A man was brought from Fredericton to oversee the work and only pets of the government were employed on the same. The did the work by days work. There was a saw mill in the vicinity but the lumber used in the bridge was manufactured by the old whip-saw method and the men were paid by the day for so doing. Mr. McKee did the blacksmith work and a man was paid to carry the iron back and forward to him. Although there was a blacksmith close by.

Why were the members of the Legislature increased from 41 to 46? I would be in favor of reduction instead of an increase in the membership.

I see by the Public Accounts that

\$1700. is paid for stationery for the members. Mr. Farris here stated that the contingent committee recommended \$10. for stationery, \$10. for telegrams, \$10. for postage, and \$10. for recess for each member, which is the amount charged for stationery and is a saving of \$500 on the amount voted by the old government.

The Highway Act, of 1896, is so complicated that no one understands it, and it is unsuitable for the province.

In the last bye-road appropriation there appears a paragraph stating that the Kelly bridge, in the Parish of Petersville, was to be replanked and the lumber bought from Geo. Kelly for the work. Why was not this work put up at public tender?

Mr. Woods asked the electors to support the bachelor ticket and on the 18th to return Mr. Hetherington and himself as the representatives for the County of Queens.

MR. CARPENTER.

Mr. Carpenter was the next speaker. He said he had been returned as a member of the Legislature, without opposition, at a bye-election two years ago, as a supporter of the late Hon. Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Carpenter here spoke in a very touching manner of the dead Statesman. Owing to the illness of Mr. Mitchell the reins of government were placed in the hands of Mr. Emmerson who also received my support.

The Opposition charges the government with extravagance in regard to the Asylum Well. The well was a saving of \$600.00 per year to the government in water tax.

He endorsed Mr. Farris' statements in regard to the County bridges.

The Highway Act was a benefit to the country. It did not suit everyone, but who ever heard of an act that did. Mr. Shaw of the Opposition favored the paying of the road tax in cash.

The Government's Agricultural Policy was a benefit to the farmers. Through their help the making of butter and cheese had been stimulated. The province did not produce enough butter and cheese a few years ago for its own use. Last year 770 tons of cheese and 50 tons of butter were produced at the factories.

The government favored the establishment of a Pork factory in St. John, which would be a great benefit to this county.

The wheat policy of the government had been a great benefit to the wheat growing section of this province.

The Stock Importation has greatly helped the farmers.

The lumber interest of our province is our greatest industry, and the government is doing everything to protect it and in a few years, if properly protected, it will be better than it is now.

The government is charged by Mr. Hazen with paying two prices for steel bridges. Dr. Stockton is over looked in this matter, and Mr. Hazen is brought out to do the work for they know that he is not a member of the House and cannot be brought to task on the floors of the Legislature.

The accounts of those bridges were before the committee last session and Dr. Stockton was a member of that committee, and the committee reported unanimously that Mr. Emmerson's accounts were correct and showed economy.

Mr. Carpenter asked the electors to support the government ticket on the 18th.

H. B. HETHERINGTON.

Mr. Hetherington, after some opening remarks said:—A Nova Scotia bridge 60 feet roadway cost \$440. A New Brunswick bridge half the length cost \$400.

The Nova Scotia accounts are itemized and the New Brunswick ones only give the lump sums. They tell us that the holes in our bridges are bored instead of punched. The Nova Scotia tenders call for the same thing.

The Agricultural Policy of the Government was a delusion. If they wanted to help the farmers, why did they not appoint a farmer—such as Mr. Farris, as head of the Agricultural Department.

If bonusing wheat mills stimulates the growth of wheat, why not bonus hayracks to stimulate the growth of timothy.

Ask a farmer if he has been benefited by the Governments Agricultural Policy, and not one will say he has.

Dr. Stockton has advocated the establishing of a Pork Packing Factory in St. John, on the floors of the House, but the government showed that they were not interested by ignoring the petition from this County Council asking for the establishing of such.

Mr. Farris made some reference to the game laws of this country, there should be some changes made in the law. The license were to high. In game sections of the U. S. there were no license charged.

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Lamb per carcass per lb.	0 5 1/2 " 0 06
Pork, fresh, per carcass	0 4 1/2 " 0 06
Veal, per lb.	0 00 " 0 00
Shoulders, smoked, per lb.	0 08 " 0 09
Hams, "	0 11 " 0 14
Apples per bbl.	1 20 " 2 50
Butter (in tubs) per lb.	0 12 " 0 15
Butter (in lumps) "	0 12 " 0 15
Butter (creamers) "	0 19 " 0 20
Butter (rolls), "	0 16 " 0 18
Fowl, per pair	0 25 " 0 25
Chickens, per pair	0 25 " 0 55
Turkey per lb.	0 10 1/2 " 0 14
Ducks, per pair	0 30 " 0 60
Geese, "	0 50 " 0 70
Eggs, per doz.	0 14 " 0 16
Cabbage per doz.	0 30 " 0 50
Mutton, per lb, carcass.	0 04 " 0 05
Potatoes per bbl.	1 00 " 1 40
Squash per bbl.	0 03 " 0 01
Radish per doz.	0 15 " 0 20
Turnips per bbl.	0 50 " 0 60
Calf skin, per lb.	0 09 " 0 10
Lamb skins, "	0 45 " 0 50
Hides, per lb.	0 7 1/2 " 0 08
Beans per bus. yellow eye.	1 40 " 1 50
Beans per bus. white.	1 05 " 1 15
Carrots per bbl.	0 75 " 0 90
Cheese per lb.	0 8 1/2 " 0 9 1/2
Maple sugar per lb.	0 07 " 0 09
Beets per bbl.	0 75 " 0 90
Tomatoes 30 lb box.	0 40 " 0 50
Celery per doz.	0 00 " 0 00
" syrup per gal.	0 80 " 1 00
Blue Berries per pail.	0 00 " 0 00
Black Duck per pair.	0 50 " 0 00
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Tallow for every ten pounds or under, one cent.	
Cheese for every ten pounds or under, one cent.	
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