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LOCAL POLITICS.

There are two vacancies in the house of assembly, one in St. John county, the other in St. John city. These were caused by the resignations of the former members, Hon. A. T. Dunn and Hon. H. A. McKeown. For the vacant county seat the government candidate is likely to be either Coun. Lee of Simonds, Lowell of Lancaster, or Mr. W. A. Quinton. It is known that Mr. F. M. Anderson has no desire to again contest the county for the opposition, but Mr. M. E. Agar, his running mate in the last election, is said to be anxious for another try. The seat for the city is sure to be eagerly sought by many in both parties. If Mr. W. H. Trueman desired the nomination it might be his for the asking, but he is probably content to stay out of active politics for a while. The name of Mr. C. N. Skinner is favorably received, and if he can be induced to run, will probably receive the nomination. The opposition has plenty of material from which to make a choice. Messrs John E. Wilson, Ald. Macrae, ex-Ald. Baxter, Wm. Shaw ex-M.P.P., and even Dr. A. A. Stockton, may be mentioned as likely men. An element of uncertainty exists as to whether Mr. George Robertson will be given the surveyor generalship. If he lands the prize, there will be two seats to strive for, and consequently a more lively interest will be taken in the outcome. Whatever may be the result when the contests are really brought on, the government is too powerful to be weakened by defeat, or materially strengthened by victory. The prospects for government success are fully as bright as they were in February of 1903, when the whole administration ticket was triumphantly returned.

Richmond Corner Severely Scorched.

The village of Richmond Corner, about half way between Woodstock and Houlton, received a severe scorching by fire in the early hours of Monday. About 1.30 a.m. fire was discovered in two barns, owned by F.W. Hall and H. Montgomery. These were practically adjoining, and the flames had gained such headway before discovery that it was impossible to extinguish the blaze. The church bell was rung and the residents of the village and surrounding farms hurried to the scene and did their best to fight the fire, but owing to the strong wind and lack of apparatus, it was almost impossible to do anything except remove to a place of safety whatever furniture and other light articles could be easily transported. Twenty four buildings were consumed as follows:—

Mansfield London, house and barn; Frank W. Hall, house and barn; unoccupied store and barn, house and barn, office, old public hall, barn, owned by Hugh Montgomery; house and barn owned by John Kerr, occupied by Chas. Fraser; two barns, house, blacksmith shop, carriage house and outbuildings owned by John Hamilton; house and barn owned and occupied by George Parks; store and barn occupied by E. J. McLellan, owned by Hugh Montgomery; house and barn occupied by Wm. Harris, Jr., owned by Samuel Eddy. There was some insurance carried, but in most cases a total loss results. Not over \$200 worth of goods and furniture was saved in the whole conflagration. Heroic efforts prevented the fire from spreading to the church, school house and other residences in the place. It is thought the fire must be of incendiary origin. Tramps have been numerous in the neighborhood. Many of the buildings will not be rebuilt. The sympathy of the public goes out to the losers. Mr. McLellan had been in business only a month, having bought the business of Clifford Campbell. John Hamilton is a heavy loser. He will probably rebuild.

Brief News Items.

Sir Henry M. Stanley, the noted African explorer, is dead.

It is officially announced that the Baltic fleet will not be sent to the far East.

Hon. Messrs. Tweedie and Pugsley were in Ottawa this week on departmental business.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is reported to be anxious to visit Canada this year.

The Methodist Conference for New Brunswick and P. E. I. will be held next month in Fredericton.

The latest news from militia headquarters is to the effect that the rural militia will go into camp at Sussex on June 28th.

George Gee Calmly Awaits His Fate.

George Gee remains, outwardly at least, indifferent to his fate. He sleeps well, has a good appetite, and says he scarcely ever thinks of the end to which he is fast approaching. The bright Woodstock correspondent of the Telegraph contributes the following interesting letter to his paper:—

"The fate of the unfortunate young man, George Gee, convicted of the murder of his cousin, Millie Gee on March 13th, still holds the interest of the public and will continue to do so until the curtain is drawn on the last act of the terrible tragedy, when he will pay the penalty due to his crime by hanging in the yard of the county jail on the morning of July 22nd.

After his sentence, he was taken to the jail, where he occupies the same cell as he did upon first entering the building. It is one of the ordinary cells, large, clean and bright, but perfectly safe to incarcerate any prisoner. In the corridor, in front of the cells, a death watch in the person of Constable Neil McKinnon, paces during the long hours from early evening until 6 o'clock in the morning, when the prisoner arises and shortly afterwards his breakfast is served.

Sheriff Hayward is very kind to the unfortunate young man, but of necessity the confinement is strict. Visitors are not allowed to see him, with the exception of his parents, relatives, the police officers and clergymen.

His parents and two cousins paid him a visit the other day and the scene at the parting with his mother was most affecting. Rev. Mr. Giberson, of the Primitive Baptist church, near the prisoner's home, also called. The reverend gentleman prayed with the prisoner, and is preparing him to meet death.

The prisoner is feeling and looking well; his bright eyes are as penetrating as ever. Contrary to general belief, the young man cannot read or write; on her last visit his mother brought him picture books such as would be given to children. To a recent visitor he said he was sorry for the crime he committed, and hoped he would be forgiven; that he held no hatred against anyone, and would be glad when the end came.

While there is a rumor that an effort will be made to have the sentence commuted to imprisonment for life on account of the youth and early surroundings of the prisoner and for the sake of his mother, no definite is known to have been done.

There is an impression that the prisoner will make a statement before the day of execution, along the line of the conversation between him and Bennie Gee in the jail the evening of the day of his sentence, which has already appeared. That the gun was obtained from Capt. W. W. Melville, of Bath, on Saturday, March 12; that at 8 o'clock that evening he called at Charlie Demerchant's, who had promised to go with him shooting deer; that leaving the Demerchant house he went to Bennie Gee's with no thought of harming Millie Gee; finding things not to his liking and remembering that Bennie Gee had separated from his wife and taken his girl from him, he would have shot Bennie Gee but for the presence of the latter's small children; that obtaining an interview with Millie Gee at the door, when she attempted to terminate the conversation by shutting the door, he fired thoughtlessly and recklessly, the bullet causing death.

While nothing definite has been given to the public by Sheriff Hayward, it is supposed that Radcliffe, the dominion hangman, will be present at the hanging on July 22.

No Time for a Change.

In the natural course of events a general election is not far in the future. The people will be called upon to choose between the progressive spirit of the present administration, and the party of hard times.

Under the present government Canada has enjoyed a period of uninterrupted progress, in marked contrast to the state of the country in the last ten years of tory rule. Large sums of money are being spent to develop the dominion and assist the farmers. New territory comprising thousands of acres of the finest wheat growing land in the world is being surveyed for settlers. Immigrants of the best class are eagerly sought and are rapidly filling up our western domain. The country is receiving honest, economical administration, and is rapidly taking rank among the nations of the earth.

This is verily not the time for a change of rulers, particularly when the record of those desiring re-instatement is so fresh in the memory of the people.

BRIGHTON LETTER.

To the Editor of Carleton Sentinel:

Please indulge me by publishing a few thoughts suggested by the Gee murder affair. While there can be no fault found in the way this case was handled and the righteousness of verdict and decision and sentence by Chief Justice Tuck, still as in all countries there is the sympathy of his class and of others holding various opinions respecting capital punishment, sufficient to cause unrest while the condemned lingers in the county jail awaiting the time of execution, July 22. We even hear it intimated that it is thought necessary to place a guard upon the jail to secure it from a mob seeking the release of the murderer. Such things create uneasiness and add to the anxiety of certain county officials. All of this and much more can be obviated by adopting a system practised in other places. Instead of making it imperative to hang the guilty executed in the county where the crime was committed, cause the execution to take place in the penitentiary, have the condemned sent there as soon as sentenced to await the expiration of the time allotted him; this would relieve all anxiety on the part of the county respecting an assault upon the jail. Save feeding the culprit and the cost of erecting a gallows, with expenses incidental—a gallows which might be rotten before again required; and not the least good effect would be to prevent a large number from gratifying one of the lowest and most degraded desires that of seeing a fellow being suddenly jerked into eternity. This system universally established for all the counties, a permanent gallows would be erected and maintained inside the penitentiary walls and a hangman duly installed for all cases, thus relieving county sheriffs from performing the delicate duty. Should the law make it incumbent upon the county in which the prisoner was tried and sentenced, to pay board, transfer of prisoner and requisite expenses, it would then cost less than the county could otherwise manage, as well as the incalculable benefit of a release from such undesirable duties and anxieties.

If such a change or plan meets with general favor, can it be accomplished without an Act of Parliament and apply it in pending case?

Yours truly,
J. C. E.

May 9th, 1904.

Miss Harmon a Winner.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, a large number were present on Tuesday evening last in St. Paul's vestry, to witness a grand old fashioned spelling bee. Prof. John Brittain had charge of the affair, and performed his duties in a satisfactory manner. About twenty contestants entered the lists. They comprised men, women and children, a number being teachers in the town schools. A long list of comparatively easy words was given, and was so effective that at intermission only seven competitors with a clean sheet remained. After a pleasing solo was rendered by Miss Helen Woolverton, and some time spent in social intercourse, the contest was resumed. The septette faced a heavy fire of orthographic projectiles, and the destruction was consequently rapid. A dozen words sufficed to end the fray. The lone survivor to go through the ordeal without a blunder proved to be Miss Myrtle Harmon. She was declared victor and awarded a handsome book amid hearty applause.

Payne Settlement.

The snow in this section has nearly all disappeared and the roads are quite dry.

Henry McQuade is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Frank Craig, Perth Centre, this week.

John Higgins, sr., who has been in poor health all winter, is somewhat better now.

Rev. Father Morin conducted a mission here the week after Easter. Alfred Watson intends moving to Grand Falls soon.

C. McQuade of Silver Lake visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. McQuade, this week.

J. Sights of Maine is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Louis McQuade, of this place.

If you wish success in life make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counsellor, caution your elder brother, and hope your guardian genius.

The Carleton Sentinel, the oldest provincial weekly, with its large circulation, is invaluable to advertisers.

JOTTINGS.

Arthur Dickinson is visiting his parents here.

Wallace McQuarrie left on Monday last Tuesday on business.

J. N. W. Winslow was in Presque Isle last Tuesday on business.

Guy Kerr left last Monday for Manchester, N. H., to visit his sister.

A. F. Fawcett returned on Wednesday from a business trip to Danforth, Me.

Tourist travel is commencing. A party of four arrived at the Carleton on Tuesday.

Miss Gussie Connell and Miss Kate Brown visited St. John and Fredericton this week.

The SENTINEL acknowledges with thanks the receipt of New York papers from E. G. Milbury.

Several second hand pianos for sale at a bargain. Call and get prices. C. R. Watson, Main Street, 4in-20.

This evening Aaron Perry, M. A., will address the Epworth League, under the auspices of the Literary Committee.

Miss Pauline Balloch is to take charge of the 3rd and 4th grades in Broadway School after the summer holidays.

In answer to a request, we may state the records of the office show that this journal has been published continuously since 1837.

Last Friday afternoon a game of ball was played between the Broadway Stars and the Orioles. The former won by a score of 15 to 1.

The golf club dues are now due and payable to the secretary, J. S. Creighton. No member in arrears is eligible to compete for any prize.

The Shediak Boot and Shoe Factory, giving employment to about 70 hands, was totally destroyed by fire on Monday. Loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$18,000.

The sacrament of confirmation will be administered to a good sized class in St. Gertrude's church on the first Sunday in July by His Lordship Bishop Casey of St. John.

H. V. Dalling, prop. of the Blue Front Jewelry Store, has improved the front of his establishment by converting the window space into a single instead of two small windows with door between.

Augustus Milmore writing home from Mexico says he had the pleasure the other day of meeting an old schoolmate, George Baker, who is now employed as brakeman on one of the Mexican trains.

Frank Smith, of the C. P. R. staff, went to enjoy the sights at the World's Fair at St. Louis, on Monday. R. B. Owens and Frank Tinker will also leave for the same destination some time this week.

The new drill shed and armory will need a caretaker. Already several applicants are after the position. Prof. R. S. Dixon of the 67th Regt. Band is meeting with considerable support from the citizens in his attempt to secure the job.

Miss Blanche K. Dibblee, assistant secretary of the Hospital, will call upon subscribers early next week. Those who are in arrears will kindly make an effort to pay their subscriptions when the collector calls, as the institution is in need of funds.

Christian Unity will be the subject of the pastor's sermon at the Second Advent church, next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Ark of Salvation will be the topic for the evening service at 7 o'clock. All invited to these services. All are welcome.

The good people of Houlton once more demonstrated their friendship for Woodstock on the occasion of the Richmond fire. The Houlton folks saw the reflection and thought Woodstock was in flames. The fire bell was sounded, the firemen assembled at their station, and word was telephoned to this town offering assistance.

"The Ottawa Citizen Company, Limited, has just completed a new six-storey fire-proof building which is one of the finest newspaper buildings in Canada. The building is very handsome and imposing, and is a credit to the Canadian Capital. The Citizen Company has also installed a new three-deck Hoe press with a capacity of 24,000 papers per hour."

An event of great importance to lovers of music will take place in the Opera House on the evening of Thursday 26th inst. Rev. C. H. Coffin and wife, assisted by outside talent, will give a grand farwell concert. A great treat is likewise in store for those who wish to hear a talented lecturer. Nathaniel McIntyre, who is known far and wide for his eloquence, will deliver an address on slavery. Popular prices will prevail. Everybody come.

ONTARIO POLITICS.

Indications point to the fact that the Ontario government is not so close to the wall as its opponents would seek to lead the public to believe. It is true that Premier Ross has only three majority in the house, but during the session just closed, the party stood firm and remained true to the leader. There is ground for thinking that all is not harmony in the opposition. Many of the conservative are not satisfied with the leadership of Mr. Whitney. An influential section wish him set aside and Mr. Hanna elevated to the leadership. Then again there are those who prefer Dr. Beattie Nesbitt of Toronto. If Premier Ross has his troubles, he is not alone in that particular. The wise ones look for a local general election this summer in that province. The liberals have been in power for thirty three years, have weathered many a gale and promise to come out on top once more, despite the desperate tactics of the enemy.

McBrine—Spruce,

A quiet but very pretty marriage was solemnized at the Rectory, Centerville, on Wednesday, May 4th, between Mr. Archibald A. McBrine, of Glassville, and Miss Elizabeth Lee Spruce of the same place. The Rector, Rev. E. W. Simonson performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. McBrine will reside in Glassville, where they are deservedly popular. Their many friends wish them a long life of success and happiness.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The death of Wm. F. McCreary, M. P. for Selkirk, Man., opens that constituency. The name of ex-Premier Greenway is mentioned in connection with the vacancy.

Hon. John Costigan is freely mentioned as likely to succeed the late Senator Dever. In that event the government nomination for Victoria—Madawaska would probably go to Mr. Thomas Lawson, a former member of the local assembly.

The Fredericton Herald is showing signs of prosperity. The owners have introduced the Monoline typesetting machine, which will be an improvement in many ways. We might incidentally mention that our contemporary is becoming more newsy and seems eagerly sought by the general run of advertisers.

The Summer Carnival.

Last year it was decided to hold a grand midsummer carnival each year. As the time is fast approaching when the event could best be put on, the executive has called for Monday evening next, at 9 o'clock, a meeting of the citizens to take whatever steps may be necessary in order to get the affair started. It would seem that about the middle of July is the most favorable date. We believe the business men of the town will support the enterprise. We have no doubt concerning the wishes of the citizens, neither do we think there could be any serious objection to a reasonable grant from the town treasury.