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## SMOKE OF THE BATTLE.

CERTAIN WHYS AND WHEREFORES OF THE HALIFAX ELECTION.

Senator Power Did Not Want to Lose Sixteen Dollars—How the Programme Was Not Carried Out in Regard to Representation by Religious Beliefs.

HALIFAX, March 22.—The provincial elections have been over for a week, but the smoke has not yet cleared away, at least in this city and county. The contest was rendered more interesting by the prohibition plebiscite, but the making of the prohibition ballot was a very secondary matter, compared to the political contest, with 99 out of 100 electors. There will be a majority of about five to one in this province for prohibition.

There are many interesting incidents in connection with this, like all other campaigns, which fail to see the light of newspaper print. One of these, which so far has not been mentioned, is the grievance against Senator Power left by members of the committees of the liberal party in Halifax. The rank and file probably have not heard of it. The Senator was the chairman of the liberal executive committee, a rather important office when it was known that his party was to have a good hard struggle to maintain control of the provincial parliament. The Dominion government met the same day the elections took place. Senator Power's party took for granted that he would remain in the city till the afternoon of election day, and thus give himself an opportunity not only to poll his own vote, but to work for success in other ways. Two days before election the committee were amazed to hear that the Senator was about to leave for Ottawa so as to be in the senate on the opening day. A little mild persuasion was unavailing, and the Senator adhered to his determination to go west without waiting for the election.

"You know," he said, "members of the Senate are paid by the day, and if a member is absent without leave he forfeits his indemnity. If I remain for the election I cannot reach the capital till the third day of parliament and shall be marked absent for two days. That would mean the loss of \$16, a very large sum."

The above is the language of the Senator, as quoted by one of his most enthusiastic committee men, and is substantially, if not verbally correct. Senator Power is one of the wealthy men of Halifax. The chances are the Senator will not again be made chairman of the liberal executive committee.

In one of the polling booths a voter came in prepared to vote on prohibition. If an elector was in favor of prohibition he marked the ballot "yes," if against "no." This voter announced to the presiding officer that he wanted to "vote for his liquor;" he was not to be gulled by those "prohibition cranks." The ballot was handed to him and he marked it "yes," as if he were answering a request to have a drink. He was considerably taken aback when it was subsequently explained that in voting "yes" he had endorsed the hated prohibition, for he thought he was voting the other way.

It is here in Halifax where the interest of the contest remains after the battle is over. The rule is that each ticket shall comprise two protestants and one catholic. Both were of that description, but when the ballots were counted it was found that three protestants were elected, and that Speaker Power and Dr. Walsh, the two catholics, were near the foot of the poll. Premier Fielding and William Roche were the liberals elected, and W. A. Black the conservative. This result is doubtless attributable to the school difficulty in this city, with which Progress readers were made acquainted some months ago. It is safe to say that the representation of Halifax will not long continue in the hands of three protestants. Already there are rumors that William Roche will resign in favor of M. J. Power. In this doing Mr. Roche would expect to strengthen himself for the federal elections, as he and Mayor Keele will likely be the liberal candidates for Ottawa. If he did so probably Mr. Power would be unopposed by the conservatives. On the other hand, W. A. Black might resign to allow Dr. Walsh to take the seat, as the conservative catholic. A possible compromise would be the resignation of Mr. Roche, for Speaker Power, and of Mr. Black, in favor of C. H. Cahon, who was defeated in Shelburne. There is some quiet talk of a "deal" of that kind, by which the government would gain their speaker and the opposition their former leader. He is a force in the house of assembly and invaluable to the opposition. There is considerable regret for personal reasons, at the defeat of Speaker Power, as he is understood to be in poor financial circumstances and solely dependent for a livelihood on his salary of \$1,000 as speaker.

Another rumored way of getting Mr. Cahon into the house is the retirement of C. E. Tanner, one of the Conservative members for Pictou. It was said that John McDougald, will not again run for

Ottawa and that Mr. Tanner aspires to the seat in the commons. If he retires from the local house now, in favor of Mr. Cahon, he would do so expecting the nomination for the federal parliament from Pictou. However it is done there is a general conservative determination that C. H. Cahon shall if possible be back in the local legislature.

What caused the dropping of the two catholic candidates is what the two political parties are trying to find out, and the opprobrium of which, each is attempting to fasten on the other. It seems that Mr. Black received the normal conservative vote. Probably had the conservatives stuck to their ticket all their three men would have been elected. On the other hand many liberals voted for Fielding and Roche, dropping Speaker Power. Nothing has ever been publicly stated about the "P. P. A.," its existence here has been kept very quiet, but a member of the society who was not ashamed of his membership, claims that there are 500 owning allegiance to the organization in Halifax, and that it was their vote which left the two catholics at the foot of the poll. Whatever the cause, the best thinking men in the community regret the circumstance, and lament the conditions which made it possible.

## PHILANTHROPY MISAPPLIED.

The Church a Benevolent Lady Built When Nobody Needed It.

HALIFAX, March 22.—Charity is one thing, and misappropriated philanthropy is another. There is much genuine charity in Halifax, more than in most cities of its size, but there is also some "misappropriated philanthropy." An instance of the unwise expenditure of a large sum of money is the building of the mission church at the corner of South Park street and Inglis street the most aristocratic section of this city except the North-West Arm. The church was opened for service on Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. A. Rogers, and Rev. Dr. Lathern, after lying idle since its completion, for a couple of years.

The real history of this enterprise like many another interesting episode, has never been given to the public. As already stated the locality where the church has been built is the residential district for much of well-to-do, and however greatly that class might benefit by a mission church and its services, they are not the kind of people to avail themselves of the privilege. But Mrs. George H. Starr, a wealthy widow and most estimable lady, and a very devoted member of the methodist church, set her heart on a mission church in the neighborhood. She determined to erect the building paying for the site and edifice out of her own pocket. While she believed it would be the centre for a useful work she intended the church also as a memorial for her late husband.

When Mrs. Starr made known her intentions to the authorities of the methodist church, they did all they possibly could to dissuade the benevolent old lady from her purpose. There were strong hints, even, that if the church were built the denomination would not take it over and manage it. The utter uselessness of such a mission church in that locality was clearly seen. Everybody in the neighborhood has strong church attachments, and there is no room for the new church even as a Sunday school. Mrs. Starr was determined, however, and she selected the site, erected the church and furnished it very comfortably.

That was her part of the work, and there, it looked, the enterprise was destined to end, for the methodist church did not at once accept the gift. For more than a year the place was entered by none save its builder and owner, and the thousands of dollars it cost lay wasted and idle. It was sad, in the face of so much poverty in this city, and of the needs of the denomination all through the province, that benevolence should have been so completely misdirected. At last the members of the Halifax conference, seeing that the money had been irrevocably spent, and that a church, standing for years unopened, was a scandal, determined to do something about it, and so, Sunday afternoon, the mission church was opened for public service. It was a make-the-best-of-a-bad-business kind of a proceeding. Mr. Lund, who is in charge of the Jost Mission to the poorest of our people on Grafton, Albanarie and Brunswick streets, has been directed to devote part of his time to the South Park and Inglis street mission, and he will do his best to attend both. It will be with him, a case of seeing "extremes meet." Services will be held on Sunday afternoons only, in the meantime.

No one thinks of impugning the motives of Mrs. Starr. She has ample means and the right to use her money as she likes, but people are not slow to talk about the great need that exists elsewhere, for philanthropy, and the methodist church was very slow indeed to accept what is a gift of very doubtful value to that body.

## Stackhouse, Not Baskin.

An unintentional injustice was done Mr. Baskin by Progress last week, in stating that he had opposed Ald. Lockhart's nomination because the latter had previously defeated him. Mr. Baskin has been friendly towards Ald. Lockhart, and it was Mr. Stackhouse who was defeated by the latter.

## PINDER AND THE PILLS.

THE MEMBER FOR YORK DOSES THE HOUSE.

How a well-known Remedy got a Splendid Advertisement—Dr. Alward and His Testimonial—The new M. P. P. agent of the Company Distributing Samples.

Never, perhaps, in the history of the House of Assembly has any medicine received so much good, free advertising as has fallen to the lot of Hawker's Remedies this season. It was all on account of a little testimonial of Dr. Silas Alward, who when asked how the medicine had affected him, did not hesitate to say just how beneficial it had been to him. Manager Russell was shrewd enough to see that the word of a man of letters, such as Dr. Alward would be of great benefit to him, and so far and wide through the country the name of Dr. Alward was hurled. Advertisement and poster, dodger and flyer proclaimed the fact that Dr. Alward had used Hawker's tonic and been helped. Thus it was, that in the heat of debate in the house, Hon. Mr. Tweedie arose and solemnly read what Dr. Alward had to say upon this subject. No argument of the honorable gentleman in answer to the opposition could have been so instantaneously effective. The laugh over the affair hardly had time to get out of the corridors—it was the joke of a day or so, when the manager of the company followed it by a visit to Fredericton. He carried a fat little valise in his hand and there was a thoughtful expression upon his countenance that meant a new advertising idea. This was revealed the next day when a north shore member called attention to the fact that packages of Hawker's Pills had been laid upon the desk of each member. He was not able to supply the name of the member who was in the employ of the company, but he directed the attention of the house to the fact. Perhaps Progress can supply him with the information. Mr. Pinder of Southampton is said to be the man.

## IS IT BUSINESS RIVALRY?

Capt. Williams Does not Like the Ways of Inspector William Waring.

Mr. William Waring is inspector of engines and boilers in the department of marine and fisheries in St. John. He is also believed to be interested in the steam tug "Waring," though on the face of the record she is owned by his son.

Last September, Capt. R. W. Williams, owner of the tug "Fred Clinch" began the construction of a new tug, which was launched a month or two ago and is known as the "Leader." This tug is designed for the same class of harbor work as the "Waring," and the two are therefore rivals. Whether Captain Williams judges rightly or wrongly, he appears to be under the impression that this fact has had a good deal to do with the delay and expense to which he has been put, by Mr. Waring in his official capacity of inspector.

In building the "Leader" the shaft of the "Clinch" was utilized, and it is claimed that Inspector Waring was well aware at the outset that this shaft was to be utilized, knowing, too, precisely its diameter. He said nothing, however, until the machinery was in and the engine and boiler ready for his inspection.

Then, according to the story of Capt. Williams, he came aboard and made his inspection. After he had examined everything he asked what the name of the tug was to be. He was told that it would be the "Leader." "I am afraid she will not be a leader," he remarked, and stated that he could allow only 83 pounds of steam, though the boiler was tested for 125 pounds. The reason for this was that the shaft, with a diameter of three and one-half inches, was three-sixteenths of an inch too small. On account of this difference he cut off 42 pounds of steam, which may be the correct quantity, but which seems to the ordinary mind like a pretty big reduction.

As this would render the "Leader" useless for the work required, Capt. Williams had no alternative but to order a new shaft and other fittings to correspond, at a cost of about \$400. When the new shaft was in place and everything ready, he wanted the inspector to go on a trial trip. This was on a Saturday, and as the harbor was a little rough, the inspector concluded to wait until Monday.

When Monday came, the tug man kept waiting for him from 7 in the morning until 2 in the afternoon. Then it was sent to shift a vessel from its moorings. While it was away the inspector arrived. He wanted to know where the "leader" was, and on being told that it had gone on a job in which there was money to be earned, he grew indignant and gave orders that the tug be "tied up" under the government penalty for infraction of such an order. This made matters worse than ever, and so Capt. Williams sought collector Ruel with the final result that the "Leader" was released and is now ready for active competition with the "Waring."

It is asserted that in addition to other evidences of Inspector Waring having an interest in the tug bearing his surname, he

personally and by messenger sought to take the captain of the "Clinch" from Capt. Williams by the offer of higher wages, and that he is looked upon in the light of a rival tug owner.

It is possible that in all the trouble and expense to which Capt. Williams has been put, Mr. Waring has done no more than his duty as inspector, but his alleged interest in opposition boat seems to have led a good many to think that he has at heart laid himself open to suspicion as to his fairness in the matter. It would seem to be in order for him to explain.

## PRACTICAL ELECTION JOKERS.

New Glasgow Had Them and Their Fun This Year.

In New Glasgow at the recent local election the grits and Tories were distinguished by red and blue ribbons respectively and this was the cause of a few practical jokes, one or two of which a correspondent sends to Progress.

About two hours before the polls closed, a respectable, well behaved dog, belonging to a worthy representative of the town, was sent home by "the boys" his tail hugging mother earth, although it was most artistically decorated with a "Psyche knot" of brilliant red ribbon, while above each paw he sported an "incroyable bow" of the same color. Judging from his sad expression, red, did not suit his complexion, and he knew it.

The next to come under my notice was a well known gentleman who drove up street, looking, as he always does, the picture of good nature. He had occasion to call in a store, on his way, so left his horse and carriage standing at the corner. While he was absent, a well known club man, with a particularly innocent expression, came out of a store near by, having in his hand some yards of red ribbon, with which he decorated the bangs of the unsuspecting quadruped. After a few moments, the owner of the horse, made his appearance, his hands in his pockets his head bowed down evidently pondering—what the next hour would bring forth. In a shorter time than it takes to write it, he was standing before the animal. Horrors! did his eyes deceive him? was this horse really his? or why this desecration, why this outrage? with one hand he ruthlessly tore the colors away, (but put them in his pocket) with the other hand he grasped the reins, jumped into the wagon, stopping only long enough to relate his troubles, in a stage whisper—to a brother politician, tore down the street, and was seen no more.

## Poor Tenant and Hard Landlord.

HALIFAX, March 22.—A pitiable case of poverty and the cruelty of a creditor was witnessed on Tuesday. A man named Thos. De Young is landlord of Wm. Smith, a laboring man, glad to work when he can get employment, for \$4 per week. He has had little to do this winter and his wife and two children are in abject want. The family of four occupied one room between them, and slept on the floor. Their rent overdue, had reached \$11.25. Charitable people gave the distressed man some assistance. De Young heard of it and concluded it was his opportunity. He issued a capias and Smith was taken to jail. The poor wife came down to see Chief of Police O'Sullivan and that kind-hearted man was so shocked by her appearance that he determined to help her. She had very little clothing and her children were scantily dressed, if the rags they wore were worthy of the name "dress." The chief and Dr. Partridge bestowed themselves on the poor woman's behalf, but took good pains to make sure what they gave would never reach the grasp of the hard creditor. In a few hours the indignation aroused was sufficient to force De Young to direct that his prisoner should be discharged. He had no option, however, for Smith would have sworn out, under the Indigent Debtor's Act. There is nothing much harder than the heart of some landlords.

## Very Valuable Signatures.

A petition from the St. John lawyers, in favor of the appointment of Hon. C. N. Skinner as judge of the supreme court has been circulated around the city this week, and has been signed by nearly all who have been asked. Two lawyers declined not from any objection to Mr. Skinner but because they never sign petitions. No lawyer wanted to make himself conspicuous by objecting to Mr. Skinner, though some may send private letters to Ottawa, explaining why their signatures were given so readily and qualifying their assent. Mr. Vanwart has also a petition signed by the Fredericton bar, so that Sir John Thompson will have a fine collection of autographs, even if that is all the value he attaches to them. One of the easiest things in the world is to get a petition signed.

## Always to the Front.

At any and all times people patronize a jewelry store, for where can they find anything in the line of a gift so readily, or that will suit them so well? Mr. Tremaine Gard's advertisement appears on the 8th page of Progress today, reminding his old customers, as well as those who are not his customers, that he is always to the front in this particular line.

## THEY ARE ALL GOOD MEN.

CANDIDATES WHO ARE LIKELY TO WIN IN ALL WARDS.

The Tax Reduction Association Makes a Good Choice of Men—Reasons Why They Ought to Be Elected—The Opposition No Yet Fully to the Front.

The Tax Reduction Association has chosen its ticket, and there is a general impression that it will go.

It cannot do anything else if the people who have been grumbling about taxes come to the front and support the men who have been nominated as against those who

ditioned on the way a small group of hustlers regarded the candidates, but with elections by the vote of all the citizens the best man is likely to be chosen, and Ald. Shaw has therefore pretty bright prospects.

The new candidate for Prince is Mr. John H. McRobbie. Prince has long needed better representation than it has got, and with the aid of the friends of reform it has a better chance of getting what it needs than it has had for years, or was likely to have under the old ward elections.

One of the very best men at the council board, Ald. McCarthy, has been chosen for Dukes. It would be a great mistake



GEORGE ROBERTSON, T. R. A. Candidate for Mayor.

will nominate themselves, on the ground that they need the offices whether the offices need them or not. There are some of the present council who have not only been in too long, but ought not to have got there in the first instance. They are pretty well known, thanks to Progress, and it certain of them are elected this time it will be because the better class of citizens are asleep or out of town.

Mr. George Robertson is the choice for mayor. Everybody knows him, and there is nothing that can be urged against him. He would probably have been elected to parliament instead of Mr. John A. Chesley, if the electors had known as much about both gentlemen before the election as they found out afterwards. He had the disadvantage, too, of being a machine candidate at a time when the conservatives in St. John were kicking against the machine. This time he is brought forward on a ticket which is trying to kill ring rule as it has existed under the system of ward elections, in which the heeled rather than the people elected the candidates.

It is believed that Mayor Peters will seek election for the fourth time. He has done nothing to antagonize the people during the past year, but there is a great and growing feeling that after a man has been mayor for three years he becomes a little monotonous. Two things in his favor are that he dresses well and has plenty of time to attend to his duties, but it may also be added that Mr. Robertson also dresses well, even though not so loudly as His Worship. So, too, Mr. Robertson has given so much time in the public interests for years past, that there is not the slightest danger of his giving the people the full benefit of his services in the future.

There have been rumors that Ald. McLaughlin will be a third candidate, but so far they are not confirmed. If he knows when he is well off, he had better keep out of the fight.

The candidates for aldermen at large are, Mr. D. J. McLaughlin and Ald. O'Brien, and so far, there is no certainty as to who will oppose them.

James Kennedy a representative merchant, is named for King's ward. It is understood that Ald. Barnes will oppose him, though the latter has for two or three years past given his friends the idea that he would rather be out of the council than in it.

An excellent choice has been made in Queen's, of Dr. J. W. Daniel, a man of clean record in and out of his profession, who will bring a store of good judgment to bear on civic matters. If he has any opposition it is not likely to count for much.

Wellington will have Ald. Shaw for a standard bearer. This is a ward where success in elections has always been con-

not to elect him, as he has not only shown himself a thorough friend of reform, but in all that he has said and done has brought sound common sense to bear. He crowds out Ald. Blizard, it is true, and it may be the latter will either run on his own account or make the cardinal mistake of running with an opposition ticket which will be largely, composed of men with whom Ald. Blizard has had no affiliations at the council board.

A good man has also been chosen for Sidney ward, in the person of Mr. G. H. Waring, who has important interests at stake in the ward and the city at large. Taking the North End as a whole, it would have been hard to select a group of candidates who were not to be preferred to most of the present incumbents. A good choice has been made, however, in every ward. Victoria will have Ald. Seaton who has been tried to the council and found worthy of trust. Duferin will have Thos. Millidge, a man of great grasp of mind and thoroughly untarnished record. Lansdowne will have Count de Bury who has always taken a deep interest in civic affairs. Lorne will have such a well known citizen as Capt. McMulkin, while Stanley, in Mr. E. C. Foster, will have a prominent manufacturer with a stake in the community and a high reputation which extends far beyond the extensive business to which he has devoted such close attention.

In the meantime, Ald. McGoldrick has had a big requisition from the electors of Stanley ward, and may be counted as certainly in the field on the opposition side. As the vote depends on the citizens at large, his chances are an unknown quantity. The times are not what they used to be in Stanley ward, and this year, at least, it will not even matter much in the general results if that ward yields more votes than it has on its list.

The reform candidates on the west side are Ald. Lockhart for Guys and Ald. Baxter for Brooks. Both have been straightforward and active in the work in the council, and they were chosen as the representative Carleton men. It is not likely Ald. Smith will run again in Guys, though it is understood there will be opposition, but he is looked upon as pretty safely booked for the council.

In addition to Ald. McGoldrick the names of the present aldermen, who are likely to run are Christie, Lon Chesley, Kelly, Law, Wilkins, Nickerson, McKelvey, Barnes, Blizard and Colwell. If Ald. McLaughlin does not run for mayor, he also may be added. There are two or three good men in the list, but, taken as a whole on a ticket, the citizen in favor of reform, is likely to consider that the reformers on it are very largely in the minority.