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## LOOKING AFTER VOTERS.

### CANDIDATES FOR THE LOCAL HOUSE BEING CHOSEN

How the Tickets may be Made in St. John—Westmorland and Carleton Opposition Alive—Government Supporters in York Choose Stand and Bearers

The bolt has fallen: the elections are to be held and a fortnight from today the people of New Brunswick will choose between the government and the opposition. Both parties think they will win and both



DR. SILAS ALWARD.

One of the City Members for St. John in the House of Assembly.

give what they consider as excellent reasons for their confidence.

In spite of the fact that the shortest possible notice was given of the elections both parties seem to be fairly well prepared.

The announcement of dissolution came Monday morning and it was a curious fact that Dr. Stockton, the leader of the opposition, chose the same day to set forth his position to the electors of the province. So no time was lost in this respect at least.

Conventions have been the order of the day. Rumors of candidates must give way now to facts and the man who hangs back must give place to the one who is willing to go to the front. The government caucus for this city and county was not held until last evening after PROGRESS was printed, but from talk on the street there was not much doubt as to who would compose the ticket.

Quite a while ago the name of Mr. George Robertson was mentioned and the friends of the government were jubilant at the idea of securing him as a candidate. They had a good many reasons for this. Mr. Robertson was at one time—and probably is yet—a staunch conservative. He was in fact a candidate for the house of commons at one time and this added to his prestige as a party man.

It is quite true that many of the very men who are seeking his services now seemed to take great pleasure in voting for Mr. John Chesley, and helped



MR. WILLIAM PUGSLEY.

Who Will be a Candidate if His King's County Friends Say So.

to elect him but time has effaced all the unpleasant memories of that episode and now Mr. Robertson has received a cordial invitation to see if he can travel the road to Fredericton. He is evidently not afraid of losing his way for he proposes to start and accept the nomination of the local government party. Mr. Robertson has only been a year out of the mayor's chair where he sat for four years. Because of that fact the party which is nominating him now for Fredericton think that he possesses great strength. His civic election record will hardly bear it out. With all the influence and assistance that the citizens could give him as the Tax Reduction Association the late T. W. Peters gave Mr. Geo. Robertson the fight of his



MR. GEO. J. CLARKE.

Editor of the St. Croix Courier and a Probable Opposition Candidate for Charlotte.

life and Queens ward decided in his favour. Then when he had been three years in office and was coming for a fourth term two other gentlemen decided to run. They were Mr. Edward Sears and Mr. Charles McLaughlin. Mr. Robertson was elected but the vote was so close that if he had only had one opponent his election would have been decidedly uncertain. These facts are not recalled to cast any reflections upon Mr. Robertson as a mayor—he made a good chief magistrate—but they serve in some respect as an indication of his strength as a candidate of the local government. He will probably be the only conservative on the ticket.

Mr. D. McLaughlin is another man who was probably chosen last night. His anxiety to run was not so great as to induce him to look after the nomination. Here is one of the cases where the honor sought the man and not the man the honor. Rumor had



MR. D. J. McLAUGHLIN.

Who Has Been Asked to Run in Support of the Government.

it that Mr. McLaughlin hesitated to accept and when PROGRESS chatted with him for a few moments this week his conversation would give one that impression. His experience in elections has not been happy. The independents persuaded him that he stood a good chance of election in the last decision contest and he came out as their candidate. The stand he took in favor of the port and against remedial legislation gave him the support of the independent bolters but they were not enough to elect him. His deposit went the same way as Mr. Pugsley's but the vote that those gentlemen got elected the liberal candidates. That is the excuse the conservatives make for their defeat. Mr. McLaughlin, however, did not seem to mind the result. He took it as a matter of course. He had made his sacrifice and perhaps as a liberal felt that he had done something for his party.

Messrs. W. C. R. Allan and H. A. McKeown are named as the other two candidates for the city. Both of them have faced the people before. Six or seven years ago Mr. Allan joined hands with



ALD. A. W. MACRAE.

Who Will Probably Be one of the St. John County Candidates.

Messrs. Trueman, Carleton and Hetherington in support of the government and all of them went down before the wave of opinion that prevailed at that time in St. John against the government. His associates have obtained their reward while he has looked after his business. Now he is asked to come again. He is a West Side man and it was doubtful at one time whether he or Alderman Israel Smith would be chosen. Mr. Allan seems to be the choice.

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## IN THE BLOOM OF YOUTH.

### VICTOR S. LIDDELL'S EARLY AND LAMENTED DEMISE.

The Deceased Young Man Was Well Known in This City and Highly Esteemed—His Death Caused Much Sorrow in Amherst—Laid at Rest in Halifax.

There was genuine sorrow expressed in this city last Monday morning when news of the death of Victor S. Liddell was



THE LATE VICTOR S. LIDDELL.

received. Mr. Liddell has made a name for himself here as one of the best hockey players that ever visited the city. Mr. Liddell was a native of Halifax, a son of the late A. M. Liddell, but for some time had resided in Amherst and occupied a position of trust in the Bank of Montreal. He was only eighteen years of age and shortly before his death had been promoted to the position of ledger keeper. On Friday Jan. 20th Mr. Liddell had been a prominent figure in a game between the Mohawks and the Amherst hockey team in this city. On Monday he was the life of a social gathering at one of Amherst's most hospitable homes, and though he was particularly bright and cheerful on Tuesday as he went about his duties in the bank, the dark angel of death was already hovering near, and had marked the young man as his own. Tuesday evening Mr. Liddell was taken violently ill, and later, appendicitis developed in so serious a form that an operation was deemed necessary, but before the physicians in attendance had completed arrangements for it, the young patient had crossed into the beyond.

During his two years stay in Amherst Mr. Liddell had won the warmest esteem of all classes of citizens for his bright manly ways, and was not less popular in the

business, than in the social world. When the sad news became known in Amherst there was deep regret, and it is a tribute to the respect in which he was held that several projected social events were postponed, among these being a dramatic performance for the Hockey team funds, which was already billed for last Monday evening.

On Saturday evening a dinner to some retiring clerks from the Bank of Nova Scotia was in progress when tidings came of Mr. Liddell's death, and effectually darkened the festivities, the usual toast list being suspended.

The remains were taken to Halifax on Monday after a service in Christ Church, the pall bearers being members of the Hockey team with Mr. Barry D. Bent in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Russel Twining, uncle of the deceased, a grief stricken mother and a young brother also accompanied the remains. Three young brothers in Scotland mourn the early death.

Among the numerous floral tributes was a magnificent wreath from St. John Hockey players.

### Hope For Cabmen's Sisters.

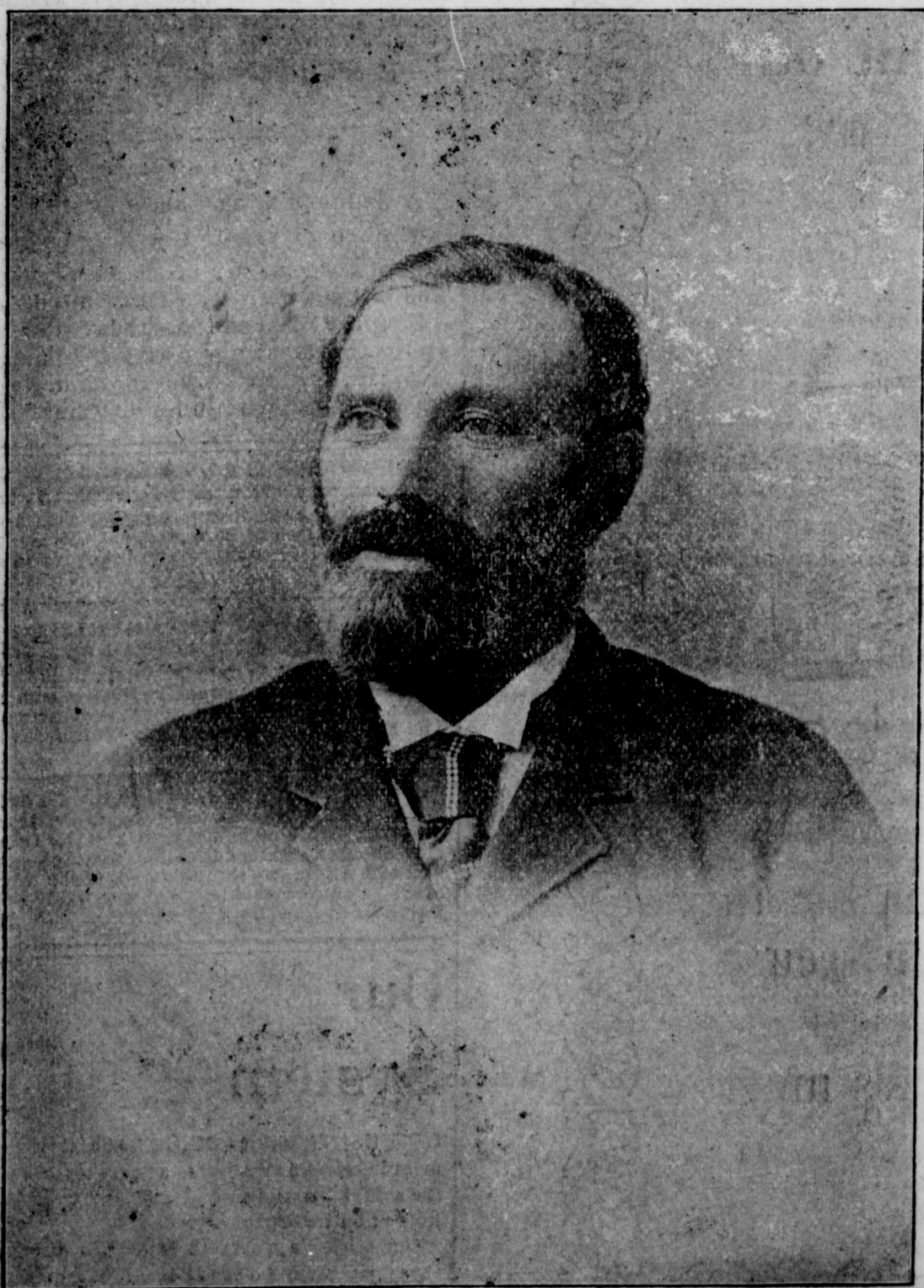
Passing through Barrington street a few days ago in company with a couple of friends, writes a Halifax correspondent, we could not understand the cause for so much glee among the cabmen waiting near the grand parade. Some of them were exclaiming "Who knows yet?" "Who knows yet!" Leaving my companions waiting for me I stepped across and inquired of one of their number, whom I knew slightly what was the cause of all their merriment? The answer was this, "Well sir, I have two sisters, and as the sister of a certain boss cabmen was well married today, we were just having a bit of a laugh as to what might be in store, in the way of a husband for the sisters of some of the cabmen you see here."

### Remembering Their Friends.

Messrs. Treadwell and Barker of the Loch Lomond road were honored by their friends driving out to see them a few nights ago. The first drive was to Mr. Treadwell's and the gentlemen who went enjoyed the splendid supper provided by Mrs. Treadwell who with her husband was toasted and praised by all. Mr. and Mrs. Barker did all they could to entertain the score of their friends who braved the cold and drove out to see them on Tuesday night. Speeches and toasts made the few hours there pass quickly and the supper provided could not be excelled.

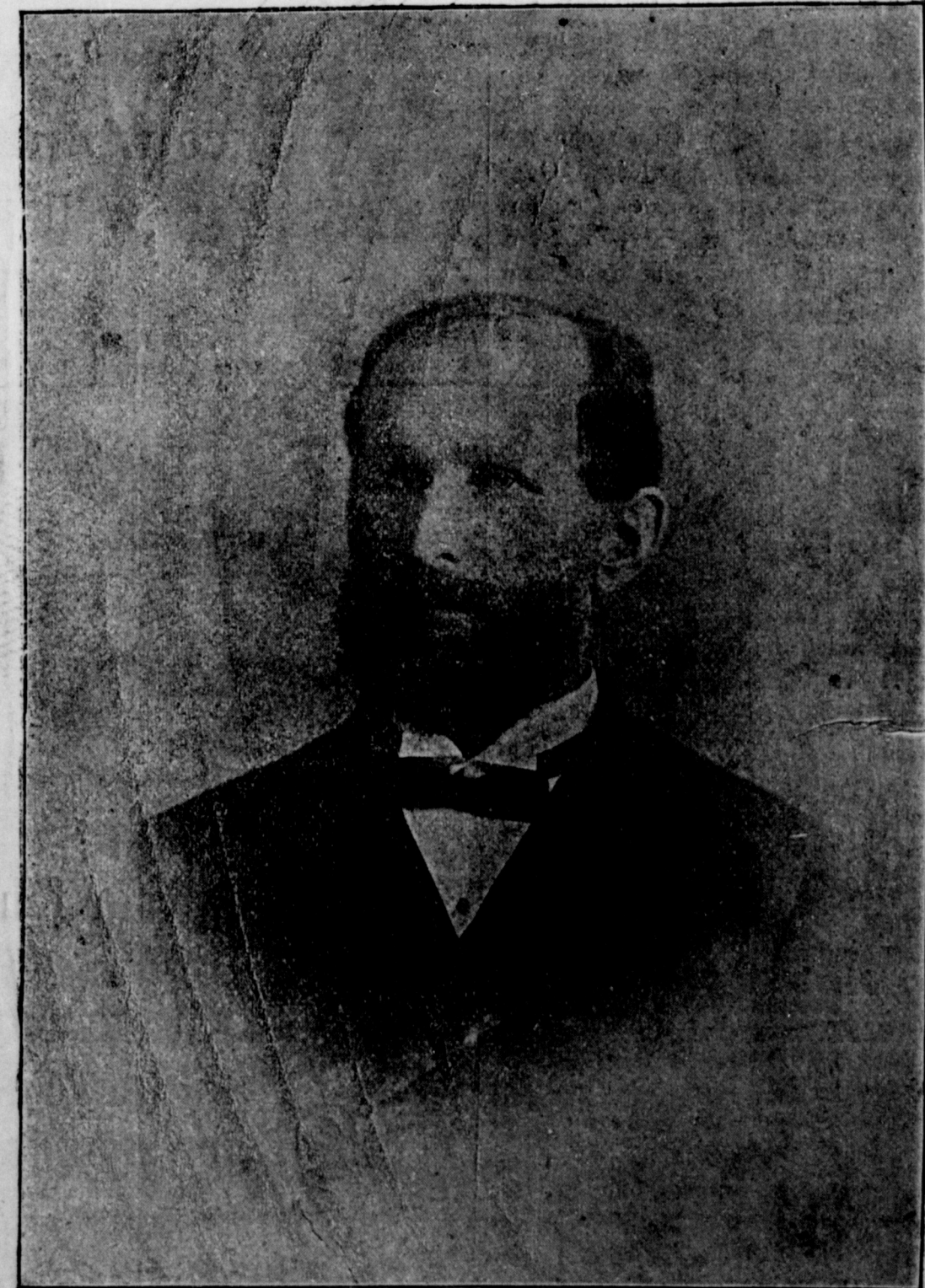
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MR. WILLIAM SHAW.

Who Is Nominated Again by the Local Opposition Party



MR. GEORGE ROBERTSON.

Ex-Mayor of the City and a Probable Candidate for the Local House.