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DR. PUGSLEY'S VICTORY.

He Won His Election in Kings County by a Rousing Majority.

The election of Hon. Wm. Pugsley in Kings county of Thursday was not unexpected. In fact when he was appointed attorney general, on the province, it was thought by his friends, as well as opponents that the election would not be opposed. Mr. Fred Sproul of Hampton had a different opinion. Mr. Sproul has for some years been somewhat identified with the conservative party and those of his friends who are supposed to know the inner workings of his mind had an idea that no matter what the decision of the conservative managers in Kings Co., was Mr. Sproul would not permit Mr. Pugsley to return to the legislature as a member of the provincial government without opposition. It seems that they were right, because when the leaders of the party had decided that it was in expedient to oppose the new Attorney General, Mr. Sproul announced that if nobody else came he would be in the field. He was as good as his word and when nomination day came around he had himself placed in nomination as the opposition candidate. It is of no use now to speculate just what the reason of this was because the fight is over and Mr. Pugsley has been elected. But those who are in a better position to know than others did not hesitate before election day came round to state that if Mr. Sproul had been retained in the office of stipendary magistrate at Hampton he would not have been an opponent of Dr. Pugsley's on Thursday.

The campaign was a brief one and somewhat merry. The principal enjoyment of it at the finish was not shared by the conservative party, because they at the eleventh hour had assumed the responsibility and burden of Mr. Sproul's candidature. That they were best as heartily does not reflect much credit to them.

Another contest is close upon the county and only two days before the election they announced through a convention at Hampton that Mr. George W. Fowler would oppose the present liberal representative, Col. Domville. Mr. Fowler is somewhat in sympathy with Mr. Sproul in one respect at least. He was, not so very long ago, a thoroughly ardent and loyal supporter of the local government.

So far as the returns were in early on Friday morning Dr. Pugsley appears to have been elected by over eight hundred majority. When the people take into consideration the fact that so short a time elapsed between his appointment as Attorney General and the election the vote polled was certainly a remarkable one.

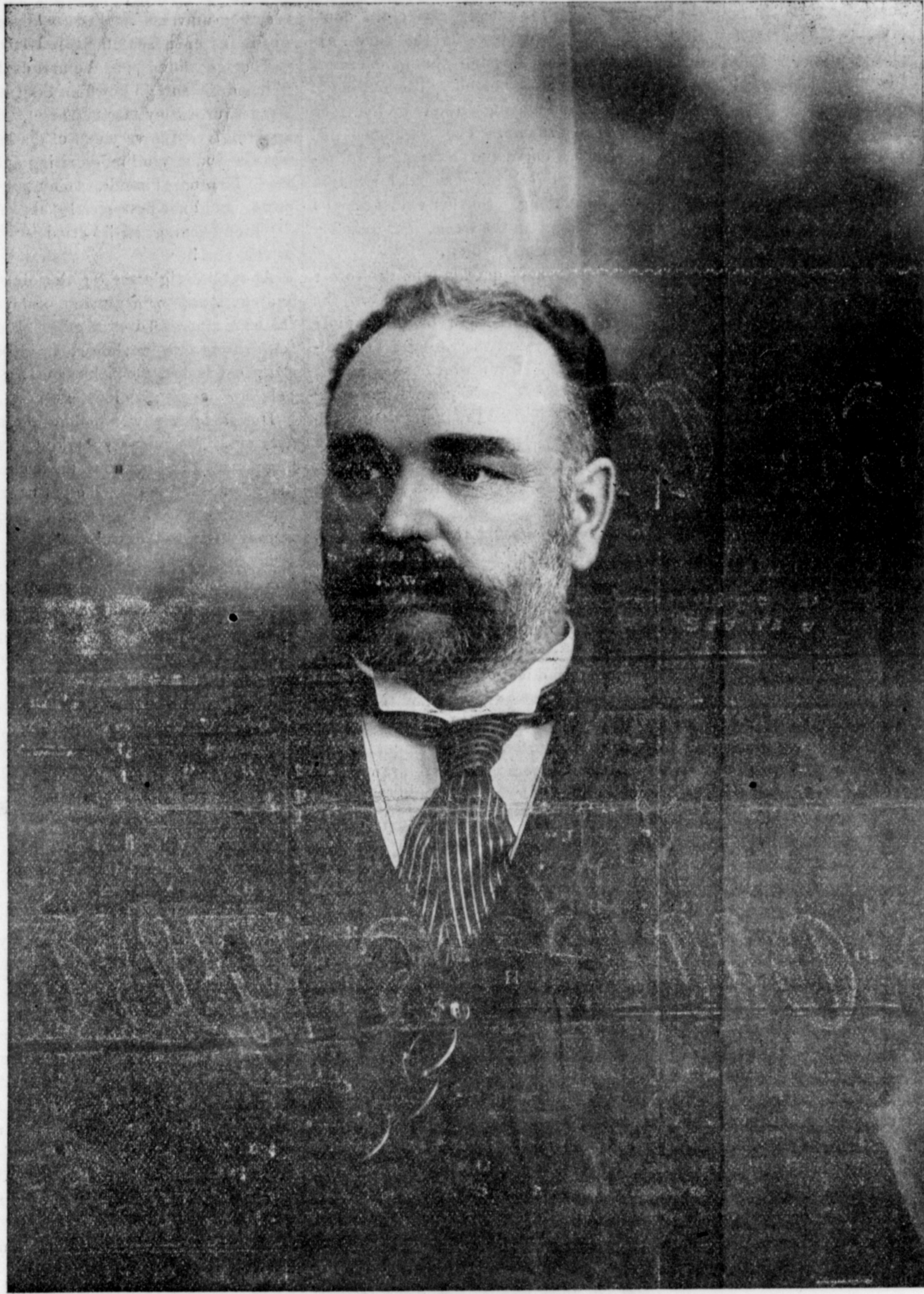
A bye-election is very different from a general one. Hundreds of the supporters, and the best supporters too, of Dr. Pugsley did not think it was necessary to go to the polls. They were right in considering that there was not much, if any, possibility of Mr. Sproul being chosen in preference to him. But they overlooked the fact that the rally call was sent out at the conservative convention on Tuesday for all of the Dominion government supporters to flock to the assistance of candidate Sproul. It is quite true that in some parishes this did not have much, if any effect, but in others it had considerable influence. Take Hampton, Greenwich, Upham and Havelock, where the organization of the Dominion party appears to be quite effective, Mr. Sproul was quite successful in getting a majority over his opponent, but in Rothesay, in that booth where the residents voted, in spite of the fact that one of the leaders at the Hampton conservative convention held the booth and acted not only as the returning officer but as the representative for the opposition candidate, only seven votes were given for Dr. Pugsley's opponent. Word had been sent out all along the line to be aware of the non-resident voters and when the nine o'clock train reached Rothesay, there were two gentlemen present who, at least, had made up their minds that the supporters of the government candidate would not do any funny business while they were around. These were no other than Mr. Sproul, himself, and Col. Markham, manager of the Sun newspaper, and a former resident well known in the county of Kings. The Colonel took charge of one poll and Mr. Sproul took

charge of the other. While, as it was said before, Mr. Hedley Dixon, returning officer of the Rothesay parish was quite an effective aid to the opposition candidate, Mr. Sproul announced when he arrived at the

polling booth, that he proposed to challenge every body whom he did not know and he had hardly made the statement before Mr. James Shaw, a brother of the opposition member for St. John, entered the booth, with an open ballot in his hands with Mr. Sproul's name on it. It was unfortunate, perhaps, that the opposition candidate did not perceive this, but at any rate, wide as his acquaintance is he did not recognize the calm and placid features of the prosperous baker of the city of St. John. So the challenge came, first on the ground that he was not Mr. James Shaw and, when his gentleman, recovering from his astonishment swore that he was Mr. James Shaw, Mr. Sproul went a little further and made him take the oath that he had not been bribed. It was a sad break on the part of the Hampton candidate and not the only one that he made during the day. Mr. Geo. P. McBay who had driven from St. John in the morning, a good many miles in a round about way to reach the polling place at Rothesay, arrived there in time to find himself face to face with the bible and the stern features of Candidate Sproul. Of course he took the oath because he was a man, but it was none the less a matter of annoyance not only to him but to his

friends as well when he was not permitted to exercise his franchise without making such an affidavit. Mr. Sproul, of course did not make many friends by this and it may be that he was quite indifferent as to whether he did or not but apart from that altogether, the result was not materially effected by the amount of rigid vigilance that he and Col. Markham exercised over the polling booths.

The day was fine and a very large crowd had assembled both from the county of Kings and the city of St. John at the pretty village of Rothesay and they enjoyed them



HON. WILLIAM PUGSLEY,
Attorney-General of the Province of New Brunswick—Elected by a Large Majority in Kings County This Week.

selves thoroughly. The beautiful music of the Harpers was always ready to enliven the proceedings and the host and hostesses of the Belle-View hotel were splendid caterers to the wants of those who felt the pangs of hunger at noon time.

WHERE POLICE ARE NEEDED.

Points of the City Where the Guardians of the Peace Are Scarce

Many applications have been made to the city fathers for the strengthening of the police force, the need of proper order in certain districts has been pointed out. It is a well known fact that the police as at present constituted, are not able to cope with the many cases which they are supposed to handle.

Whether it is a lack of numbers on the force or a lack of intelligence on the part of the policemen, PROGRESS is not prepared to say. In either case the matter is one that needs the immediate attention of the common council.

Reports from reliable sources have reached this office that the police allotted to the southern section of the city are not strong enough to meet the exigencies calling for their services at different times.

It has not been so very long since that

JOKE ON AN ALDERMAN.

He Thought of Brides and Grooms When He Saw Rice on a Train Recently.

There is a good story being told on the West Side, and the victim of the joke is Mr. J. B. M. Baxter. From the facts of the story it would appear that the West Side lawyer is violently "up against" the

The young cyclist said, "Oh no I have always thought Sydney C. B. was the Eldorado for provincialists and I expect to get rich there."

The alderman lawyer gave the youth some advice about his start in life and hoped he would be successful in all ventures. The conversation continued between the gentlemen, but at no time was the lady drawn into it, in fact she was not present to Mr. Baxter at all.

Upon the lawyer's return to this city almost the first thing he had to say to the young exodian's friends was that he thought the least he should have done through common politeness was to have introduced his bride to him when they met on the train.

A general laugh followed the lawyer's remarks when it became known that the display of rice seen in the car was merely the token of good wishes and success by the members of the club to their brother member Mr. Albert Hamm who was accepting a position in Sydney, C. B. The presence of the young lady in the question was simply a coincidence, she having been a friend of Mr. Hamm's family going home on the same train that carried Mr. Hamm to his new home in Sydney, C. B.

They Didn't Even Call.

Sir McKenzie Bowell, at one time leader of the conservative party and premier of Canada after the death of John Thompson, was in the city last week and registered at the Dufferin hotel. Ex Mayor Sears saw the distinguished gentleman's name on the hotel register, and upon enquiry had Sir McKenzie pointed out to him sitting alone in the reading room of the Dufferin. Mr. Sears, although a liberal in politics, sent his card to Sir M. Kenzie, and upon being presented extended an invitation to the ex-conservative leader to accompany him to the Union Club where the courtesies of the club were extended. There was no big demonstration made at Sir McKenzie Bowell's presence in the city, although the day following when the distinguished knight took his departure on an outgoing train, a great crowd of the faithful were present in the depot awaiting the arrival of Sir Charles Tupper who was coming on an inward bound train.

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