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THE GOVERNMENT TICKET

This old metropolitan constituency has seen many fine political conventions, but that which assembled yesterday in the county court house and selected standard bearers for the Baxter government, which is shortly to appeal to the people, was surely a record breaker, not only in numbers but in its representative character and enthusiasm. The weather man was inclined to be unfriendly, but thanks to the automobile and good roads, front as well as back, sturdy electors from all sections of the county were able to be present without inconvenience. The body of the Court house proved inadequate to accommodate the crowd, and scores had to be content with standing room in the corridor. Although the people have enjoyed a respite from the turmoil of politics for the past four years, yesterday's great gathering shows that public interest in political affairs is keener than ever before, which is surely a healthy sign.

Yesterday's convention did not find it necessary to spend several hours bickering over the status of John Barleycorn or squabbling over the choice of candidates, but got right down to business with singular unanimity. Hon. C. D. Richards, who was elected in 1925 for a constituency composed of a city and two towns, separated when in print by typhens, like a string of sausages, and James M. Scott, and Dr. H. B. Dougan, who were elected for the rural section of York, were unanimously renominated for the revamped constituency, and Dr. M. L. Jewett, a popular young physician of Millville, was chosen as the fourth man. Naturally there were several aspirants for the vacant seat, caused by the death of Gordon C. Grant, but all waived their claims in favor of Dr. Jewett, it being generally felt that the northern section of the county was fairly entitled to representation.

In the election of 1925 the combined vote of the two constituencies rolled up a majority of over three thousand for Messrs. Richards, Scott, Grant and Dougan, which is admittedly a fairly good margin. If there has been any marked revulsion of public sentiment since that time there was certainly no indication of it in the splendid convention of yesterday. Hon. Mr. Richards and his colleagues last appealed for support as opposition candidates, and pledged themselves to bring about an improvement in the conduct of provincial affairs. The will of the people placed them on the treasury benches and they have carried out their pledges to the letter, and the county has reaped the benefit of their labors, in improved roads, free school books and in many other ways. Hon. Mr. Richards was called upon to administer an important department of the government, and it is conceded even by political opponents that he has discharged his important duties faithfully and decidedly in the public interests. Deprived by death of a trusted colleague, the task of looking after the interests of the people of the rural parishes has developed largely upon Messrs Scott and Dougan. While he now makes his home in the city Mr. Scott spent the greater part of his life in the parish of Dumfries, and it is doubtful if there is another man in this constituency who has a better grasp of rural conditions. He has had a very competent colleague in Mr. Dougan, who like Mr. Scott is a son of the soil, easy of approach, and takes his duties as a representative of the people seriously.

Dr. Jewett is making his debut in political life, but his speech of acceptance at the convention called forth for him a well deserved compliment from Premier Baxter and there is no doubt that he possesses the qualities that will make him a very useful representative. The scouts who sought out Dr. Jewett and persuaded him to allow his name to go before the con-

vention certainly made a real find.

The government convention yesterday selected what looks like a team of winners. They will take the lead in the fight that is soon to come, and we believe will carry the government standard to as decisive a victory as was achieved five years ago. And further more the government so ably led by Premier Baxter will be given a mandate to carry on its good work for another five years.

H. C. RUTTER PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY

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ed to find him dead. He was lying in a comfortable position and had apparently passed away in his sleep, without a struggle. Drs. Crockett and Wainwright were soon upon the scene, in response to an urgent summons, and expressed the opinion that he had been dead at least three hours and that a heart attack was the cause.

Native of This City

The deceased was a native of Fredericton and had resided here all his life, being recognized as one of the city's land marks. He learned the trade of a harness maker when young and carried on the business up to about twenty years ago.

In 1892 he was appointed Sergeant-at-arms in the New Brunswick Legislature and held the office up to the time of his death, serving under four governments. About twelve years ago he was appointed caretaker of the Legislative Building and later took on the additional duty of crier of the Supreme Court. He was an obliging and capable official and enjoyed the esteem of all with whom his duties brought him into contact.

Long a Fireman

The deceased was for many years a member of the Fredericton fire department, serving efficiently as fireman, hose company captain, later as Chief. He retired from the latter position only a few years ago. He took a deep interest in all kinds of sport and was long a valued member of the Fredericton Curling Club.

The late Mr. Rutter was about seventy-four years of age and a widower. He is survived by one son, Thomas of Portland, Maine, and one daughter, Mrs. Frank Biggs of Arlington, Heights, Mass. The members of the family have been notified of his death and arrangements for the funeral have been delayed pending their arrival.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BY POST TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION

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reporting included the Board of Missions, the Schedule for 1930, report of the treasurer, of the Board of Education, etc.

In discussing the Sunday school by post situation in Canada and the work being carried on by the Anglican Synods, Dr. Hiltz, told of 20,000 children being included in this Dominion wide canvass for children in districts where there are no Sunday schools. The Anglican Synods have instituted a program for teaching these children by mail, somewhat in the nature of a corresponding school. Yearly more and more of these are being added to the increasing roll of such untaught children.

This year, Dr. Hiltz said, fourteen huge vans are being sent out to the western provinces, and will visit hitherto inaccessible regions for names of young girls and boys not now receiving adequate instruction in Sunday school and church work.

There are now 600 children in such circumstances in the Fredericton Diocese it is learned, and they are being put on the Sunday school by post list. The situation in the western provinces is considerably worse than in the east, the speaker said, as highways are more accessible here and autos can get to any settlements in this province.

Canon A. P. Gower Rees, was the speaker last night to a large assembly of delegates. The service was very largely attended, and the clergy were in their vestments. It is expected that the Synod will continue tonight and tomorrow morning, and that business will be completed by tomorrow at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Wheeler of Fort Fairfield, Me., are in the city today.

GOVERNMENT CONVENTION RECORD BREAKER

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our Government, to erect an electric power distribution centre in our coal fields at Minto, for the purpose of creating electrical energy to be distributed in the counties of York, Sunbury and Queens, for the benefit of both the rural and urban communities in these counties. We also take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the untiring efforts of the Honorable Mr. Richards in having this development brought about.

Candidates Chosen

After disposing of the resolutions the convention lost little time in choosing a winning ticket for the approaching election. It was decided to nominate the candidates in open convention. The name of Hon. C. D. Richards, Minister of Lands and Mines, was proposed by Ald. C. L. Dougherty; Frank Brown proposed the name of James M. Scott, of Fredericton; A. D. Holyoke proposed the name of Dr. B. H. Dougan, of Harvey, and W. B. Cronkhite proposed the name of Dr. M. L. Jewett, of Millville. Nominations were closed on motion of Frank M. Brooks, and ratified by the convention with a great display of enthusiasm.

The candidates were then introduced in turn, and thanked the convention for the honor conferred upon them, and promised if elected to do their utmost to advance the interests of the county. The speeches of all were well received, particularly that of Dr. Jewett, the new man on the ticket.

Premier Baxter

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, who was next introduced, was given a very cordial reception. He spoke for three quarters of an hour, dealing with the record of his administration and the issues of the campaign in a most forcible and convincing manner. The government on taking office, he said, had found an early treasury and a large deficit, but had been able to find additional revenue without imposing new taxes and had succeeded in placing the finance of the province on a firm basis. He emphasized the fact that the government was not a one man institution, but one in which its eight members shared responsibility. In referring to the transfer of the Valley Railway to the Federal Government, the Premier stated that he had received assistance from Premier King and Hon. C. A. Dunning, but not from the Postmaster General. The opposition charge that he had given away Grand Falls was fully dealt with and exploded by the Premier. In referring to the liquor problem he took credit on behalf of the government for having eliminated the bootlegger. He provoked great applause by remarking that some of those now actively supporting Leader Jones and his plebiscite policy, including an ex-councillor from York county, who had served jail terms for violating the Liquor Control Act. The Premier took occasion to point out that while under prohibition liquor was sold in almost every drug store, it was now sold only in stores operated by the government and in restricted hours. He declared that if a prohibitory law were enforced to the letter the revenue from the sale of liquor by vendors in this province would not exceed \$100,000, whereas it cost the province \$200,000 to maintain an efficient provincial police force.

The Premier's able speech was followed by the large audience with the closest attention and his stirring appeal for support for the candidates chosen by the convention provoked a great outburst of applause and cheers.

Hon. B. Frank Smith, M. L. A., the party organizer, paid a glowing tribute to the leadership of Premier Baxter and urged the friends of the candidates to leave no stone unturned to secure their triumphant return at the polls.

The meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the National anthem.

A full report of the speech of Hon. C. D. Richards will be found elsewhere in this issue.

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W. G. CLARK,

Mayor.

City Hall, F'ton, N. B. May 17th, 1930.

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Combined specification and form of tender can be obtained on application to the undersigned, also at the office of the District Engineer, Old P. O. Building, St. John, N. B.

Tenders must include the towing of the plant to and from the work. The dredges and other plant which are intended to be employed on this work, shall have been duly registered in Canada on or before the thirty-first day of December, 1929, or shall have been constructed and registered in Canada since the said date.

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By order,

N. DESJARDINS,

Secretary.

Department of Public Works,

Ottawa, May 5, 1930.



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Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Dredging, 'South West Miramichi River, N. B.', will be received until 12 o'clock noon (daylight saving), Wednesday, May 14, 1930.

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By order,

N. DESJARDINS,

Secretary.

Department of Public Works,

Ottawa, April 30, 1930.