

GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION WAS LARGELY ATTENDED

The reception of His Honor the Lieut. Governor at the Queen Hotel, following the opening of the House yesterday afternoon, was very largely attended. His Honor and Mrs. Wood were assisted in receiving by Mrs. H. A. Powell of St. John, Mrs. Ryan of Sackville, and Mrs. Nichol of Montreal. The visitors were announced by Mr. J. B. Dickson, private secretary to His Honor. The reception was in progress from four to six o'clock. Music was rendered by an orchestra.

At nine o'clock the state dinner began at the Queen. While it was in progress an excellent program was played by the band of the 104th Battalion, which played in the afternoon at the opening of the House. Under the leadership of Bandmaster Murray Long, the band was stationed in the lobby of the hotel. It is one of the best organizations of its kind ever heard in Fredericton.

The names of those who paid their respects to His Honor and Mrs. Wood follow:

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. F. Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thompson, the Misses Ross Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gregory, Miss Hilda Gregory, Dr. and Mrs. H. V. B. Bridges, Mrs. H. G. C. Ketchum, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. Frederic Baird, Miss Kathleen M. Taylor, Mrs. Albert Edgecombe, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Crockett, the Misses Crockett Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Lee Babbitt, Miss McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Slipp, Major and Mrs. F. A. Good, Lieut. E. J. Cronin, William A. Keenan, Mrs. A. O. I. Crookshank, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Allen, the Misses Beverley, Miss Gregory, Mrs. John A. Morrison, Mr. John A. Morrison, Mr. G. Guy Morrison, Miss Fenwick, Dr. and Mrs. VanWart, Miss Mamie Frost, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hodge, Miss Jean Lindsay Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lanford Good, Mr. and Mrs. John Webster, Miss Martha Kibburn, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Scott, Mrs. C. J. B. Simmons, Lieut. and Mrs. A. H. Tweedie, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold McMurray, Lieut. and Mrs. R. S. Machum, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Taylor, Miss Phyllis Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. C. Hawkins, Miss Hawkins, Miss Valerie Steeves, Miss Helen Burchill, Miss Doris McGrath, Miss Vera VanBuskirk, Miss Jean VanBuskirk, Mr. and Mrs. W. Henry Maxwell, Miss Gladys Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown Maxwell, Dr. and Mrs. T. Carleton Allen, Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Sadler, Miss Inez Johnston, Mrs. H. W. Gregory, Mrs. E. S. Merrithew, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Daggett, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Merrithew, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. L. Tibbitts, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Chestnut, Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Babbitt, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart L. Morrison, Miss Helen C. Morrison, Miss Lucy B. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Neill, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Neill, Mr. L. S. McLaine, Mr. W. L. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thomas, Rev. C. Flemington, Rev. J. E. Wilson, Rev. F.

L. Carney, Lieut. A. O. Crookshank, Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Edgecombe, Mr. and Mrs. R. Neil MacCunn, Mr. Charles H. Edgecombe, Miss Mary L. Gibson, Mr. John T. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Gibson, Miss Maratha O'Neill, Miss Mary O'Neill, Lieut. R. McL. Armstrong, Miss Marion L. Hawthorn, Mrs. Henry Scammell, Miss Marie Feeney, the Misses Jago, Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Newcomb, Dr. and Mrs. Carter, Mr. Weldon Carter, Mrs. W. J. Osborne, Bishop of Fredericton, Mrs. J. A. Richardson, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones, Miss Margaret Lynds, Mr. and Mrs. Allan J. Wheeler, Miss May Ryan, Mr. R. S. Barker, Mr. Wm. Cruikshank, Mrs. Wm. Cruikshank, Mrs. John Black, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Black, Mr. Byron C. Phair, Mrs. and Miss West, Lieut. Col. T. G. Loggie, Mrs. Loggie, Capt. W. H. Teed, Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Bailey, Mrs. H. B. Morris, Miss P. A. Dunphr. Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Walker, Miss Edgecombe, the Misses Sterling, Mr. A. G. Sterling, the Misses Barry, Mr. C. R. Barry, the Misses Hawthorn, Miss Iva Baxter, Miss M. I. Baxter, Mr. J. H. Williamson, Miss Nellie Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Alward, Miss Alward, Miss Kinghorn, Mr. and Mrs. C. Fred Chestnut, Miss Chestnut, Mr. O. M. Melanson, Mrs. Fred A. Johnson, Lt. Col. and Mrs. P. A. Guthrie, the Dean of Fredericton, Mrs. Scovil Neales, Major and Mrs. C. G. Pincombe, Mrs. J. H. Hawthorn, Mrs. J. D. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. John Neill, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Howie, Mrs. F. Parker, Mrs. J. R. Howie, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lemont, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wisely, Miss Dorothy Wisely, Miss Lillian Maxwell, Miss E. Maude Young, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Colter, Miss Gertrude Barker, Mr. John L. Feeney, Lieut. J. King McGrath, Mr. C. L. McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. George Eno, Mrs. Francis Fitzgerald, Mrs. William Smith, Miss Smith, Miss Katherine Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. deMille, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Steeves, Mrs. Wesley VanWart, Miss Frances VanWart, Mr. L. C. Macnutt, Miss Greta Macnutt, of Fredericton.

Those from outside places were as follows:—Col. Hugh H. McLean, St. John; Lt. Col. G. W. Fowler, Mrs. Fowler and Miss Fowler, Sussex; Lieut. J. H. Evans, Moncton; Lt. Col. A. H. H. Powell, St. John; Major and Mrs. MacKay, Sussex; Mr. J. K. Pinder, M.P.P., Temperance Vale; Mr. George P. Jones, M.P.P., Apohaqui; Mr. George A. Perley, M.P.P., Manguerville; Major and Mrs. H. A. Boggs, Sussex; Capt. and Mrs. P. M. Rising, Sussex; Miss Nellie E. Cliffe, Lower Kingsclear; Capt. and Mrs. Ralph Robertson, Sussex; Mr. and Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley, St. John; Mr. Leslie McFarlane, Nashwaaksis; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McFarlane, Nashwaaksis; Lt. Col. and Mrs. W. H. Gray, Marysville; Mr. T. J. Carter, M.P.P., Andover; Mr. C. L. White, M.P.P., Grand Falls; Mr. W. F. Humphrey, M.P.P., Moncton; Mr. P. G. Mahoney, M.P.P., Melrose; Mr. C. B. Lockhart, M.P.P., St. John; Mr. Donald Munro, M.P.P., Woodstock; Mr. H. W. Woods, M.P.P., Welsford; Miss Gilbert, Manguerville; Miss D. Gilbert, Manguerville; Lt. H. S. Laughlin, (Continued on page six)

CIVIC MATTERS DISCUSSED AT MASS MEETING

Mayor Mitchell Places an Account of His Stewardship Before the People—Strong Speeches by Bishop Richardson, Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. A. F. Newcombe and Ald. Lemont.

The mass meeting at the Opera House last evening under the auspices of the Good Government Association was well attended and proved very interesting. Dr. B. C. Foster was chairman and those on the platform included Bishop Richardson, Mayor Mitchell, Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. A. C. Fleming, Rev. H. E. Harrison, Rev. A. F. Newcomb, Rev. J. E. Wilson, Ald. Walker, Ald. Lemont, and others.

The speakers of the evening were Bishop Richardson, Rev. Dr. Smith, Mayor Mitchell, Ald. Lemont and Rev. A. F. Newcombe.

Bishop Richardson was the first speaker, and after expressing his views on the temperance question, he made a strong appeal to the people to do their duty in Monday's contest.

Rev. Dr. Smith spoke of the great advance made by the temperance reform movement, and the Dominion-wide movement for prohibition which was now being carried on. He paid a tribute to Mayor Mitchell and urged the foes of intemperance to rally to his support at the polls on Monday.

His Worship the Mayor.

Mayor Mitchell, who was next introduced, spoke as follows:

I appear before you this evening a candidate for the Mayoralty election of Monday next. I have thought it advisable to have what few remarks I make on this occasion in black and white, knowing from past experience and observation how easy it is to misconstrue statements by the rearranging of words, and by thus doing convey to the public an entirely different meaning.

I have served the city of Fredericton as a member of the City Council for a number of years, first in the capacity of alderman, and for the last two years I have been honored with the privilege of occupying the Mayor's chair, which office I have endeavored to fill to the very best of my ability, always protecting the city's interests in such a manner that I think my efforts in that respect have been appreciated by the citizens.

Having fulfilled my responsibility to the citizens in that respect, and my term of office having expired, I felt that I had completed my obligation as a citizen by giving for some years a large proportion of my time in the public interest of the city of Fredericton. This service, which has always been my best, I had rendered with interest and pleasure, thus feeling that for the present the citizens hold no further claim upon me.

Urged to Offer Again.

It was only after weeks of persuasion by the Good Government organization and very many other influential citizens, among whom were a large number of the ministers of the city, and after being presented with a largely signed requisition that I consented to consider the arguments advanced, claiming that it was my duty to again become a candidate, as I was well acquainted with conditions brought about by the present great war, which conditions place our city as part of the Empire under certain obligations. Also, the present great temperance movement is a question of such deep interest with many that a strong desire is in evidence requesting our government for a prohibitory law.

The Call of Duty.

This fact makes it very desirable that a temperance candidate should be in the field, and numerous other arguments have been advanced in order to convince me that it was my duty at this particular time in the history of our city to accept the nomination of the citizens who stand for Good Government, protection for our soldiers, and a clean city.

I have filed my nomination papers very much against the wishes of my family, but feeling that it is my duty to again take my place in the firing line, to again fight the old enemy lined up as in the past—the enemy which stands for the same selfish principles—the old enemy and the greatest enemy to efficiency and progress the world has ever known—the old enemy which stands for selfishness, for the wrecking of homes, for the destruction of your boy or girl, or your family—the old enemy which is responsible for more crime and misery than all the other evils combined in the world.

This is the opposing force which is asking for the votes and seeking the support of the electors of Fredericton.

Newspaper Criticism.

During the past two years the criticism which has appeared in the columns of one of our local papers has been of a very unfair nature. Probably the most of our citizens know that the City Council consists of an organization composed of different committees or departments, each department responsible for the work or business of the department, and the work of these departments is finally sanctioned by the full board or council. Then it becomes the duty of the Mayor to affix

his signature, which makes the business of each department final; and this makes the Council, or a majority of the Council responsible for any measure which passes the board, and in no way can the Mayor be accountable for the full responsibility.

In Saturday's issue of The Gleaner appeared the following item:

"One of the developments in connection with the election has been the holding up of the civic blue book. The civic printers have been tied up in the work of printing for want of copy to go ahead with getting the book out. Mayor Mitchell, so it was said today, was the person responsible for holding up the publication of the blue book."

A Base Falsehood.

I did not know that the publication of the civic blue book had been held up, but on enquiry at the City Treasurer's office on Monday morning I found that on account of a motion which was passed at the January meeting of the City Council ordering an amount of \$3750 to be withdrawn from one department and placed to the credit of another department as a trust fund, and no cheque being provided to carry out the order.

The Auditor and City Treasurer, after consulting the chairman of the Finance Committee, ordered the printing in connection with the Finance Department held up until the March meeting, when the matter could be arranged in such a manner that the Treasurer would not be responsible for the amount of \$3,750 which he actually did not have to deposit as a trust fund.

In no way had I been responsible for holding up the blue book, and probably the saying was never heard of outside the Gleaner office.

At the March meeting of the City Council, the City Treasurer fully explained the matter and requested the Gleaner's representative, who was present, to have the assertion corrected, pointing out to him that in no way had the Mayor been responsible for the printing of the blue book being held up. But so far I have failed to see any correction made through the columns of the Gleaner to the misleading statement.

This is only a sample of the treatment that has been handed out to me through the columns of the Gleaner during my term of office. These false insinuations have no doubt been handed out for the purpose of misleading the citizens, as well as to assist the interest and business of those forces opposing me in Fredericton.

The Police Commission.

But I must pass along and summarize or briefly review the work of the Police Commission, as this is a department often criticized during the past two years.

Before undertaking any great work it is first necessary to make preparations. For the first three months of my term of office you no doubt remember that my time was very much occupied in fighting the protest to my election, which was very vigorously supported by my opponents. This, in addition to necessary preliminary work, occupied a greater part of the year.

Extra precaution was taken by those engaged in the illegal business, and every possible difficulty was placed in the way of a proper enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act, while very many well known citizens could buy liquor from these places; and the impression began to go abroad that a sincere effort was not being made to properly enforce the law. This impression was for some time at least for a purpose emphasized by those engaged in the illegal sale of liquor. But gradually the machinery began to move and operation of the forces as applied by the commission began to work, until in the year 1915 there were informations laid for violations of the Canada Temperance Act as follows:

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| First offences | 63 |
| Second offences | 7 |
| Third offences | 3 |
| Fourth offence | 1 |
| Total | 74 |
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| Third offences | 3 |
| Fourth offence | 1 |
| Total | 73 |

In regard to informations laid, we failed in a conviction in one case only. This is an increase of 17 convictions more than was made in 1913.

There were 18 raids for intoxicating liquors made by the police and a total of 71 bbls. seized and destroyed during the past year, and \$3,750 in fines collected.

During the year 1914 twenty raids were made and a total of 850 gallons of liquor seized and destroyed, making a total of 38 raids in the two years.

These figures are taken from the official reports and show very conclusively, when compared with the two previous years that a more determined effort has been made than in the two previous years, when the fines for 1912 and 1913 amounted to \$2,750, as compared with a total in fines for 1914

Grand Concert

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OPERA HOUSE Fri., March 10

Under the Patronage of Lieut. Governor Wood.

and 1915 \$5,855, or an increase in fines of \$2,105 for the two years.

Records Incomplete.

In the years 1914 and 1915 38 raids were made and 71 bbls. and 850 gals. of liquor seized and destroyed. I have failed in being able to compare this statement with 1912 and 1913 on account of no available records of any raids or seizures of liquors during those years, possibly there were none. This shows very conclusively that I have been of great assistance as a member of the Police Commission in enforcing the Canada Temperance Act an today the machinery is in such working order that if continued the liquor business will be driven from our city to such an extent that Fredericton will be practically dry in a short time.

Other Laws Enforced.

In addition to the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act, all other laws have been rigidly enforced, and the general order in the city has been good, notwithstanding the fact that many hundreds of troops have been stationed here during the past eight months. In referring to the troops I am glad to say that we have had a splendid class of men billeted in Fredericton.

Perhaps some of the citizens have expected greater results in connection with the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act during my term of office, but, taking everything into consideration, and considering all the obstacles that have been placed in the way of enforcement, I feel that I have done my best with the forces at my disposal to improve the moral conditions of our city as well as to complete an organization of forces which, if continued, means a dry Fredericton.

Some Difficulties.

I would just like to point out a few of the difficulties in the enforcement of the Scott Act.

First of all the difficulty of obtaining a police force whose members are all in sympathy with the enforcement. It sometimes happens that while an officer, generally speaking, may be very efficient, the same officer may not be heartily in sympathy with the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act.

It also sometimes happens that a very good officer generally speaking may like and take a drink occasionally. This at once ties his hands for good service in the enforcement of the Act.

Then, again, determined attempts are made by those in the liquor business to bribe the officers who are employed to enforce the law.

The Scott Act, while it is the best liquor act we have in New Brunswick, contains many peculiar conditions—conditions which make it very difficult to successfully enforce. For instance, in order to obtain a search warrant, the person laying the information must first prove his case under oath. This makes it a difficult matter to get evidence strong enough to obtain a search warrant.

After referring to other difficulties in the way of Scott Act enforcement, His Worship continued:

I have tried to point out to you that very much has been accomplished during the past two years along the line of the enforcement of all laws, and that is why the enemy has come on with all his fury; that is why my opponents are trying to deceive the people, and by so doing capture some of the temperance vote.

Friends, be not deceived. Who are (Continued on page six)



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