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Hazen Has to Make Explanations in House

F. B. Carvell Charges That Two Conservative Fish Wardens are Poaching in Carleton Co.—Legless man Dismissed in Nova Scotia—Perjurer Was Improperly Sworn

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—In committee on the marine estimates, Nova Scotia members brought up a number of cases of dismissals of officials in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Kyte said that M. Bourque, light keeper at Bourgeois River, N. S., had been dismissed for partisanship, after an investigation where nothing was brought out against him and a second investigation where he was not told that evidence would be taken and consequently had not made an appearance.

Hon. Mr. Hazen replied that Jos. Gillies, ex-M.P., had stated that Bourque was an offensive partisan, and that Commissioner Duchemin had reported that Bourque declined to make a statement.

Mr. Kyte reaffirmed his declaration that Bourque had not been a partisan and said that Bourque was dead and that his death had been hastened by the treatment he had received.

DISMISSED LEGLESS MAN.

Mr. Sinclair of Guysboro, called the attention of Mr. Hazen to the fact that George Jelotte had not been continued as fish warden at St. Mary's River, N.S. He said that Jelotte had lost his legs some years ago, but instead of becoming a public charge, had undertaken to maintain himself. His position as fish warden gave him two hundred dollars a year and he was able to perform his duties of seeing that salmon nets were properly placed by using a power boat. The loss of his place was a serious thing for him.

Hon. Mr. Hazen said that there was no dismissal but that Jelotte had not been reappointed when his year was up. He said that when the government changed in 1896 the Liberals had dropped every fish warden in Nova Scotia and had replaced them with their supporters.

E. M. MacDonald attacked Mr. Duchemin for holding investigations improperly. He said that a man named Currie had given evidence before Mr. Duchemin and had been arrested for perjury at the instance of the man against whom he had given evidence, he set up a defence that he had not committed perjury because he had not been properly sworn on the gospels by Mr. Duchemin and called Mr. Duchemin to prove it. Mr. Duchemin testified that he had not used the Bible in administering the oath but made Currie hold up his right hand.

Mr. MacDonald said that Currie had no money and that the funds had come from Conservative quarters.

POACHERS APPOINTED WARDENS

Mr. Carvell said that in his county two fish poachers had been appointed fish wardens and that instead of protecting the fish they were poaching in season and out.

Hon. Mr. Hazen said that the allegation was a serious one which he would have investigated and if it was found that the men were taking fish out of season he would have them dismissed.

Mr. Kyte asked if Mr. Hazen believed Conservatives he had appointed to office should continue to act as active partisans.

Mr. Hazen said he did not think a government official should take an active part in partisan politics.

Several items were passed and the House adjourned.

SLEIGH DRIVE.

The young members of the Christian Endeavor of the St. Paul's Church, held an enjoyable driving party last evening. They drove around the city and suburbs for a few hours and then came back to the church where refreshments were served.

PHYTHIAN ORDER CELEBRATES THIS WEEK

Golden Jubilee of Order to be Observed at Washington—All Grand Lodges to be Represented—Celebration Will Continue From Wednesday till Saturday—Order has Interesting History

Washington, D.C., Feb. 14.—Thursday next will be the golden jubilee or fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Pythias, and lodges in every part of the United States and Canada are preparing to celebrate the event in an appropriate manner. The order was founded in this city and the greatest celebration will be held here. The exercises will begin Wednesday and continue through the remainder of the week. The grand lodges of all the states and provinces will be represented by delegates.

BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY.

The celebration will be ushered in Wednesday evening with a reception and entertainment to be given by the Pythian Sisters of the District of Columbia. Thursday afternoon the jubilee exercises will be held in the ballroom of the New Willard Hotel. Supreme Chancellor Thomas J. Carling of Macon, Ga., will preside and a number of prominent speakers will be heard. Among those present will be Abraham V. Vanderveer and Edward S. Kimball, who were the first members initiated into the order.

The celebration will be continued Thursday evening with an anniversary mass meeting. Secretary of State William J. Bryan, who is past chancellor of Lincoln Lodge of Lincoln, Neb., will deliver an address on "Fraternalism as Exemplified by the Knights of Pythias." Supreme Vice Chancellor Brigham S. Young of Ohio will speak on "Friendship," Supreme Prelate Joseph H. Spearling of Tennessee, on "Charity," and Supreme Master of Exchequer Thomas D. Meares of North Carolina, on "Benevolence."

Friday will be devoted largely to a review of the work of the several branches of the order by their officials and prominent members. Major General Arthur J. Stobart will speak for the uniform rank of the order, Union B. Hunt of Indianapolis, for the insurance department, Imperial

Prince Charles E. Rice for the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, and Mrs. Ida M. Johnson of Colorado, the supreme chief, for the Pythian Sisters.

The formal exercises of the jubilee will conclude Friday evening with a great mass meeting at the New Willard Hotel, at which Supreme Vice Chancellor Young will preside. There will be two addresses, one by Walter B. Ritchie, past supreme chancellor, on "The Lesson of Friendship," and the other by Rev. Allen A. Stockdale of Toledo, on "Pythian Power."

REMARKABLE GROWTH.

In the whole range of fraternal and beneficiary societies there is probably none that can equal the Knights of Pythias in its record of growth. Fifty years ago the order was unborn. Today it is the third largest organization of its kind in America, its membership being exceeded only by that of the Free Masons and the Odd Fellows.

It was on February 19, 1864, that Justus H. Rathbone, a New Yorker, who was employed in one of the government offices here, called together a few of his friends to discuss the formation of a fraternal society. It was just at the close of the civil war and the time was considered auspicious for forming such a society. The initial steps were taken and it was decided to call the order the Knights of Pythias.

The order prospered from the start. From its humble beginning in this city it spread to every part of the United States and Canada. The total membership now exceeds 700,000. Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois have upwards of 50,000 members each. The Pythian Sisters, the women's auxiliary to the order, is organized throughout the country. The military department boasts of 20,000 members, while the insurance department has about 75,000 members who carry an aggregate of nearly \$100,000,000 in insurance.

STRAY SHELLS FROM THE BATTLEFIELD

Just now a man has asked, "Where will the Orangemen be on the 19th?" Why, for Guthrie. And why not? He is such a good Orangeman. He solemnly, on bended knee, registered his vow that he accepted the principles of the order and would maintain them unspotted to the end. What more can any man ask. "But," said the inquirer, "he does not live up to it." What's the difference anyway, The Orange Order is only the Tory nest and held as the special bouquet of politicians who suck the honey and then throw the flower away. But this day has passed. The other day a very strong Orangeman said: "We have decided to think and vote for ourselves and something will drop the next few years which will surprise politicians." In some unaccountable way the moral question has got into the lodges. The most probable explanation is that The Gleaner has been real by some and these have been smitten with the pangs of conscience when they saw how far short they were of perfection. They smelled the bug again and heard the flapping of his wings and the Orangemen are now starting to examine other people's morals and are beginning with the politicians. It would be too

bad to have to admit that the men who have been boomed by The Gleaner were not just what The Gleaner said they were. It would shock society. Already people's faith in their infallibility is shaken. Did not one say he revolutionized the I.C.R. train system in twelve minutes? But it did not stay revolutionized. Why? A cog slipped. Ah, yes. There were other people in Canada. How uncomfortable. What a mean thing to refuse to obey orders.

Many rank Tories are wondering what "resolution" The Gleaner is trying so hard to bury alive. These Tories will be surprised to know that the other day the president of the Ministerial Association asked The Gleaner to publish the resolution, but The Gleaner would not. Why? It was a week before the Dean got to that famous meeting, when by a constitutional point he vigorously and scientifically upset the unanimous resolution. A funny man yesterday said that The Gleaner did not wish to see the association losing its moral and spiritual grip on Fredericton and out of pure compassion suppressed the vile paragraph. The Gleaner was awfully shocked when Ferguson (Continued on page five.)

TRIAL BEGINS IN DUFFUM CASE

New York Poisoning Case Attracting Much Attention

Woman Charged With Murdering Husband and Two Children—Has Made Confession

Little Valley, N.Y., Feb. 14.—A special term of the Supreme Court is to convene here Monday for the trial of Mrs. Cynthia Buffum and Ernest Frahm on charges of murder in the first degree for the poisoning of the woman's husband, Willis Buffum, by means of arsenic mixed with his food. The trial promises to attract wide attention. Much indignation has been aroused against the accused persons by the fact that the victims of the alleged poison plot included two of Mrs. Buffum's children as well as her husband. Mr. Buffum died on August 27 last. In the preceding May a four-year-old son died. Laura, a twelve-year-old daughter, died two weeks ago after a lingering illness of many months. Four other children of the Buffums were ill but recovered.

At the time of her indictment and arrest Mrs. Buffum made a confession to District Attorney George W. Cole, in which she is alleged to have admitted placing poison in the food prepared for the family. Her motive, it is alleged, was to get her husband out of the way so that she would be free to marry Ernest Frahm, a young farm hand, who was indicted jointly with her on a charge of murdering Buffum.

ROGERS DOESN'T REMEMBER

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—At the opening of the House, F. B. Carvell asked Hon. Robert Rogers regarding a statement made by Hon. H. F. McLeod, York, as quoted in The Fredericton Gleaner, that the minister of public works had promised two concrete wharves for Fredericton. He pointed out that there is a byelection pending in York county.

Hon. Mr. Rogers said his attention had just been drawn to it and he had no recollection of the promise.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier enquired if it was possible that he might have made such a promise and have no recollection of it.

"I would not say that it is not possible," said the minister.

MCLEOD'S ATTACK MADE FRIENDS FOR SCOTT

Federal Member at Marysville Last Night Made Bad Impression—Meeting Was Not Enthusiastic

Marysville, Feb. 14.—The political meeting at Hatt's Hall last night in the interest of Mr. P. A. Guthrie, the provincial government candidate, was well attended. The Gleaner tonight will likely say it was a very enthusiastic meeting with the hall crowded to the doors. True, there was a large audience present, among which were several boys and a large number of ladies. By actual count sixty taxpayers were present, some of whom will support Mr. Scott, especially after the abuse Mr. McLeod, M.P., flung at Rev. Dr. Smith and Mr. J. K. Pinder. The way the gallant representative from Ottawa jumped around and condemned everyone in sight that did not see as he saw. The more he abused people the larger the majority he made for Mr. Scott.

The meeting, which was a very cold one, not much like those held by the same men a few years ago, opened with Mr. Bradford Pond as chairman. The first speaker was His Worship Mayor Grey, who made a clean speech and left an excellent impression on all who heard him. His address was a feature of the evening and of a mild form which was quite a contrast to that of H. F. McLeod, who followed. Of course, the chairman, who is a dyed-in-the-wool Tory of the Mullin-Baird-McLeod type, made some remarks.

MOREHOUSE SHOWS UP MCLEOD-GUTHRIE RING

Dr. O. E. Morehouse, M. P. P., Takes People Into His Confidence at Burr's Corner—Guthrie Said He Would Not Take Nomination and Then Had Convention Packed for Himself—Scott Campaign Going With Swing

One of the most rousing meetings of the campaign for James M. Scott, the Independent Conservative candidate in York, was held last night at Burr's Corner. The meeting was very largely attended and the hearty reception given the speakers in Mr. Scott's interest augurs well for the success of that candidate on Thursday next. At the close of the meeting there were not enough of Guthrie's supporters around to raise a cheer for him, although such is a not unusual proceeding at an opposition meeting. A member of the Conservative Committee at Burr's Corner, also a Dominion office-holder, was called up on the telephone by Mr. H. F. McLeod last night and told to go to the meeting to see what went on. He attended but received cold comfort. It is also a significant fact that an organization meeting in Guthrie's interest last night at Mouth of Keswick was attended by just three persons.

MOREHOUSE STRIKES HARD.

The feature of the meeting at Burr's Corner was the severe arraignment of the Tory machine by Dr. O. E. Morehouse, M.P.P., Conservative representative for York. The doctor hit out from the shoulder. He took the people into his confidence, with regard to matters in this county. He, although representing the constituency, had not been consulted with regard to the recent convention, which nominated P. A. Guthrie. The latter had informed him (Morehouse) that in the event of a byelection he would not offer for nomination. Yet he was the man who was announced by The Gleaner and who was backed by McLeod. The latter had said that it was to be "Guthrie or nobody." One man alone was responsible for the present situation and that was H. F. McLeod.

"I have been driven into my present position against my will," said Dr.

Morehouse. "I am here not to wreck the Conservative party but to wreck the machine which threatens to wreck it." (Applause.)

OTHER SPEAKERS.

Alex. W. Brewer was in the chair, and the hall was crowded. The best of order prevailed and the meeting was most enthusiastic. Hon. George J. Colter, the first speaker, was given an ovation. He referred to the packed convention and the fact that H. F. McLeod had really nominated Guthrie. Mr. Colter also dealt with The Gleaner's attitude in the present byelection as far as Mr. Pinder is concerned. It had displayed the basest ingratitude. James M. Scott was a man whom all could support.

Chas. D. Richards followed. Mr. Scott was not backed by grouchers, George J. Colter and C. H. Thomas could not be classed as grouchers. Neither could ex-Warden Scott and others of his name. The attack was not upon the Flemming government, but upon the ring which tried to run the county. (Applause.) Mr. Richards drew attention to the fact that McLeod had had Mr. Pinder's loyal support until the present situation arose. The Gleaner's statements, he characterized as deliberate attempts to deceive.

Elwood Burr came to the platform in response to repeated calls. He declared strongly for Scott and gave good reasons. Liberals as well as Conservatives could support him.

AT TAYMOUTH.

There was a good meeting in Mr. Scott's interest at Taymouth also last night. Rev. J. A. King was in the chair. The speakers were J. K. Pinder, M.P.P.; H. P. Baird and Rev. J. H. Stavert. At the conclusion of the meeting several young men volunteered to work at the polls for Mr. Scott.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION REPLIES TO THE GLEANER

The Fredericton Ministerial Association has given the following letter to The Gleaner for publication in order to correct mis-statements made by The Gleaner concerning recent actions of the Association:

To the Editor of The Gleaner:

Dear Sir:—In your editorial entitled "Ministerial Association, Dr. Smith and the Temperance Party," which appeared in Wednesday's issue, there are certain statements which cannot be allowed to pass unchallenged and we, the undersigned, on behalf of the Ministerial Association, claim the right to reply.

(1) You say, "The Ministerial Association, which met on Monday last adopted the principle that the Ministerial Association has no right to endorse the candidature of an individual in this byelection."

What really took place on Monday may be better understood by the public if you will publish the following extracts from the minutes:

"Upon the reading of the minutes of the last meeting the very Rev. Dean Schofield raised a point touching the legality of the proceedings at Saturday's meeting on the ground that he had not been properly notified."

"The chairman, Rev. S. A. Baker, explained that he had tried to get the Dean twice on the phone but each time failed to get connection."

"After considerable discussion the meeting of Saturday, at which a resolution was passed endorsing the candidacy of Mr. James M. Scott was declared unconstitutional owing to the protest of Dean Schofield, who received no notification of the meeting."

"Dean Schofield asked to have recorded his protest against the endorsement of ANY candidate, by the Ministerial Association as such."

It will be seen from this that what the Dean stated in your "authorized interview," viz., "The members as individuals may endorse one of the candidates but not as an association," does not agree with the official records, which show that the Dean merely represented himself and not the association. If the endorsement of Mr. Scott was invalid it was only on a technicality and even though the business of Saturday's meeting was challenged by Dean Schofield on Monday on the ground of its being unconstitutional, the attitude of the members who voted for the resolution remains unchanged with regard to their endorsement of Mr. J. M. Scott.

The association did not "put itself on record that as an association it had no right to endorse the candidature of any individual in this byelection." As a matter of fact the association did endorse the candidature of one individual at a special meeting held on Saturday, February 7th, because in the opinion of all the members present that individual represents the temperance and moral reform elements of the electorate.

Your editorial, again quoting the words of Dean Schofield, goes on to say:

"Rev. Dr. Smith has sought to have the association condemn one of the candidates and that is where he and I differ."

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