

LIBERAL CONVENTION

A Convention of the Liberal Party in York will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, York Street, Fredericton, at 2.30 Wednesday, Nov. 20th. to nominate a Candidate for the House of Commons.

All friends of the Party in this Constituency will be cordially welcomed.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, will be present and address the Convention.

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THE LIBERAL CONVENTION

There is every indication that the Liberal convention to be held in this city next Wednesday afternoon, to nominate a candidate for the House of Commons, will be one of the most largely attended and most representative political gatherings of the kind ever seen in Fredericton.

It will be a free, open convention, no "ratification meeting," to confirm a hole and corner arrangement, as was the recent Tory gathering here, so graphically described by Com. Grosvenor.

Wednesday's meeting has important business to perform—the selection of a candidate who will redeem this constituency from Toryism, and properly represent it in Parliament, and it is understood that there are several gentlemen available.

In addition to the delegates who will be present from the city and the various parishes, The Herald has pleasure and satisfaction in being able to announce that Hon. Dr. Pugsley, the new Minister of Public Works, the esteemed leader of the Liberal party in New Brunswick, and Mr. F. B. Carvell, the popular M. P. for Carleton, will be present and address the convention.

The presence of these gentlemen will greatly enhance interest in the gathering to which everybody friendly to the federal government is cordially invited.

THE ALBERT TRAGEDY

The execution of Thos. F. Collins, the Albert county murderer, is regarded as a just punishment for the crime. There is no reasonable doubt that the man was guilty, and is satisfaction to know that before his death he gave indication that he sought forgiveness from the Creator who has promised pardon to the vilest sinner for the asking in sincerity. The commission of the crime, the various trials, the conviction and the execution have been very painful to the peace-loving, law-abiding citizens of Albert. A county that has been singularly free from crimes of a serious nature. They have satisfaction in recalling, however, that the murderer was a stranger with no association in the county. That he was an unfortunate waif, born probably in the slums of an English city, and without the moral training that lifts men's minds above sordid or criminal motives, seems to be generally accepted.

So long as capital punishment is the penalty of deliberately taking human life, it is proper that men of Collins' stamp should not escape paying the toll, but there are plenty of people who believe that executions, whether with the rope or in the electric chair, are relics of barbarism which should have no place in the state's punishment of crime.

THE COLCHESTER ELECTION

Colchester Tories must be sadly disappointed in their candidate, Mr. Stanfield, who was given the nomination chiefly because he has lots of money, but the candidate has been compelled by the declaration of the Liberal candidate, Mr. Charles Hill, for a pure election to follow in that line.

Mr. Stanfield, apart from his "barrel" is not a strong candidate. He has only a limited acquaintance in the constituency outside of Truro, while Mr. Hill is well and favorably known in every corner of it.

The campaign is assuming vigorous conditions, and will grow hotter as it proceeds to polling, November 28.

Mr. Hill has the assistance of such well known and powerful stumpers as Hon. B. F. Pearson, M. P. for Colchester, Mr. A. G. Morrison, K. C. of Halifax, both natives of the county. Mr. H. J. Logan, M. P. for Cumberland, Mr. E. M. Macdonald, M. P. for Pictou, and others well able to uphold the cause of their party in any assembly of people.

MR. ROBERTSON'S FUTURE

It is generally accepted in St. John that Mr. George Robertson, M. P. P., is to be appointed manager of the Dominion Savings Bank in that city, to succeed Mr. Howard D. McLeod, superannuated because of ill-health. The position commands a salary of \$2,200 and Mr. Robertson, who

has had a lengthy business career in St. John, of which he was mayor three years, before entering the arena of provincial politics, is well fitted to discharge the duties to which he is to be called, if rumor is correct.

Mr. McLeod, before his appointment as manager of the savings bank in 1892, was superintendent of the New Brunswick Railway. He is a native of Kings County, is 69 years of age, and received the office from his kinsman, Hon. George E. Foster, at that time finance minister.

If Mr. Robertson is appointed at an early day, as is anticipated, it will be necessary for him to resign his seat in the legislature which he has held continuously since 1899, and in the event of a by-election in Saint John city to fill the vacancy, it is said that Mr. John E. Moore, the well known and popular lumberman, may be the government candidate.

A FLOUNDERING M. P.

Mr. O. S. Crockett has got into deep water in trying to defend his negligence in not meeting the Minister of Railways while in this city, and pressing on him the improvements this city would like to see made in intercolonial terminal facilities, and it would have been much better for his case had he not taken up the editorial pen to cover his retreat.

Mr. Crockett at first complained because he had not been notified that the Minister would be in Fredericton, when it was his duty as representative to have known the exact time and to have made his arrangements accordingly.

As a matter of fact Mr. Crockett did know the Minister was here, and he arrived at the I. C. R. station just in time to see the Minister's train pull out, instead of making it his business to be on hand when the Board of Trade delegation was being heard and supplementing their observations with representations of his own, if he had any, on the matters under discussion.

Failing to make an appointment with the Minister, but reaching the station when it was too late to be heard, Mr. Crockett assumes a lordly air, declaring that he didn't have to run after the Minister, he could see him in his department or in parliament. Then why did he visit the station at all while the Minister was there, and why these columns of weak, sloppy untruthful explanations to excuse his neglect of duty.

Mr. Crockett casts reflections on the Minister and the Board of Trade representatives because he says Mr. Graham was followed into his bedroom and interviewed there, when as a matter of fact the delegation was not in the Minister's car at all, but were courteously invited into Mr. Tiffin's office, where the interview, lasting nearly three quarters of an hour, took place, and where the Minister patiently heard all the delegates had to say, while the alleged representative of this county in parliament and the Mayor of the city were conspicuous by their absence, exhibiting a total disregard for the responsibilities with which the people have entrusted them.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. George R. Caldwell of Brandon has been sworn in provincial secretary of Manitoba, in succession to Hon. Stanley McInnis, deceased, and will contest Brandon for the legislature.

Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux, Canada's commissioner to Japan to negotiate with the government of that country with respect to restricting Japanese immigration to the Dominion, has reached Tokio and presented his credentials.

The Toronto News (Independent), says: "The contest in Bellechasse 'was not between Mr. Bourassa and 'Mr. Turgeon. It was not even a 'battle between Mr. Bourassa and 'the Gouin government. Behind Mr. 'Turgeon and Mr. Gouin was 'Sir 'Wilfrid Laurier, and he is still 'vincible in Quebec. While he lives 'there will be no king but Laurier 'in the French province."

The Chatham World makes a coarse attack on the Minister of Railways because he did not promise to perform all that was asked of him by the citizens' delegation at that town. The demands included matters over which Mr. Graham has no control whatever, and while he sympathized with the delegation, he could not say that the claims would receive recognition. The World should be more courteous to a stranger, even if he is of a different party from that newspaper.

Chief Justice Tuck, whose indisposition has twice compelled his absence from the Supreme Court bench this week, has passed his seventy-sixth year, and cannot hope to much longer discharge the responsible duties of his exalted position. The chief justice could retire with his full salary as an allowance during his remaining years, yet with the energy and activity of a gentleman many years younger, he has performed his duties on the bench, and proposes to die in harness.

THE STOCK MARKET.

MONTREAL, Nov. 15.—(Special)—Declines were once more in evidence today. Selling was heavy, but buying was light, and the result was that prices had to suffer.

Dominion Steel, pfd., sold off to 26, while Common was inactive, but bonds sold down to 38. Montreal Power was one of the weakest spots, touching 80½, while Lake of the Woods Milling was off to 69; Toronto Railway, 35; Nova Scotia Steel, 52; Detroit, 52, and Common, 77.

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THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal Dismissed in Case Against Richards Co.—Civil Servants and Taxes.

Chief Justice Tuck was not in his place when the Supreme court resumed this morning, and Judge Hanington, the senior judge, acted in his place. The following common motion was made:

Warren C. Winslow vs. the William Richards company—Mr. P. J. Hughes moved to have the case entered on the special paper, and that the appeal be dismissed with costs. Ordered accordingly by the court. This case was tried before Judge Barker at St. John a short time ago, and was decided in favor of the defendant company. The plaintiff gave notice of appeal but failed to enter the case.

The cases of Sleeth and Gordon vs. the City of St. John were argued together, and judgment was reserved. Attorney General McKeown moved to set aside the judgment of Judge McLeod and for a new trial. Mr. C. N. Skinner, K. C., contra.

The case of the King vs. the city of St. John, ex parte Abbott, was next taken up. This case has to do with the assessment against the income of a Dominion government official made by the assessors of the city of St. John. Attorney General McKeown, acting for Abbott, lately obtained an order nisi from the Chief Justice, calling upon the city to show cause why the assessment should not be quashed. Mr. C. N. Skinner, K. C., argued at some length on behalf of the city, and cited the celebrated Australian case of Webb vs. Outtrim, wherein it was decided by the privy council that the salary of a civil servant was liable for assessment. He also cited the case of Ackman vs. the city of Montreal.

Attorney General McKeown argued at some length in support of the order. He took the ground that the decision given in the case of Outtrim did not apply to Canada where conditions differed from Australia. He contended that where the Federal government said that the salary of one of its officials should be a certain sum the provincial legislature had no right to step in and take away any

portion of it. In Australia when the two powers come into conflict the Federal must prevail. The court reserved judgment. Should the contention of the city be upheld by the court, all civil servants living in the province may expect an assessment on income next year.

C. P. R. CHANGES.

Mr. W. M. Kirkpatrick, the general freight agent of the Atlantic division, with offices in St. John, will have charge of the through freight at Toronto, a new office. Formerly Mr. M. H. Brown had charge of the through freight in addition to the local traffic, and he will still maintain the latter charge. Mr. M. E. Macdonnell, general freight agent of the Kootenay and Boundary districts will come to St. John, and he in turn will be succeeded by Mr. W. C. Bowles, assistant general freight agent at Winnipeg. Mr. Kirkpatrick, who goes to Toronto, is a son of the former Lieut.-Governor of Ontario.

CUSTOMS OFFICER DEAD

HALIFAX, N. S., November 15.—(Special).—James J. McDonald, the well known customs officer, who was stricken with paralysis Tuesday evening, died this afternoon. He never regained consciousness.

A JUST SENTENCE

PORT ARTHUR, Ontario, November 15.—(Special).—Joseph Rice, was found guilty yesterday of assaulting a little girl at Fort William, and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, with 40 lashes.

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