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## NEW PARTY MOVE.

Down in St. John where they mix their politics as frequently as they do their drinks, where political agitators are as thick as Bay of Fundy fog, and are as rapidly dispelled when the sunlight of truth bears in on the situation, a new political faction has arisen—a labor party which some enemies of the government are endeavoring to use to their own ends.

It is alleged on behalf of the labor unions that certain legislation promised at the last session of the legislature was dropped on by the government and failed to reach the desired issue, and so the administration must be opposed.

The Herald does not profess to know how much force there is behind the new movement, but it is pretty safe to prophesy that when the old parties line up in the general election the great bulk of the electors of St. John will be found in the regular political camps.

The labor unions have tendered a nomination to Mr. Frank Hatheway who accepts, and to Mr. Geo. V. Macinerney, ex-M. P., who is yet to be heard from, and the nominees are expected to declare themselves in opposition to the government.

One would fancy that this is not a very desirable way of starting a new party movement. If the labor party have a grievance against the government, they would better enlist public sympathy by appearing in the political field as an independent organization, with its candidates pledged to secure if possible redress through a combination of support from both old line parties. A declaration of avowed opposition to the government from the new party, gives the appearance of a desire for revenge rather than an honest effort to secure the redress of a grievance.

Mr. Hatheway is new to the political field, but is pretty well known to newspaper readers as a persistent correspondent on almost every conceivable subject. On taking up a St. John newspaper one is pretty sure to run across a letter from Mr. Hatheway, "Heavy Taxpayer," An Old Citizen, "Pro Bono Publico," or some other distinguished writer who has grievances.

Mr. Macinerney is better known than Mr. Hatheway, having been in political life for some years, either as a Liberal or a Conservative. Once, if we remember correctly, Mr. Macinerney came out as an Independent, and having belonged to everything in the shape of a party, it is only reasonable to assume that he will be delighted with a new alliance. Mr. Macinerney likes political changes.

The labor men are evidently not looking for members of their fraternity as candidates. Mr. Hatheway is a merchant who probably is not often called upon to soil his hands or harden his muscles by real manual employment, and Mr. Macinerney is a lawyer who doubtless would get a crick in his back if he attempted any serious physical exercise.

Public sympathy will go out to our distinguished friend Daniel Mullin, K. C. who was turned down by the labor convention. Mr. Mullin declares himself in the political field, and possibly expected that the labor unions would make a grand rush for him, but the unexpected has happened.

The government's friends in St. John and elsewhere will not be unduly alarmed at the new phase of political activity in a city where fads and fancies often play a part until the real business of a campaign is reached. When Mr. Blair was seeking election in St. John Mr. Harry McLellan was announced as

the organizer of a party that would sweep the minister into oblivion, but it did not materialize to any serious extent. The labor vote is undoubtedly a large one, but it will not all go against the government, even though it has such exponents as Mr. Hatheway and Mr. Macinerney. Labor in St. John has largely profited from the export business, which was given its first start when the local government secured from the legislature a substantial vote to provide for shipping facilities at that port. The new movement may cut some figure in the election, but there are those who believe that it is but a side move in the interests of the opposition, and that the inner ring of Mr. Hazen's advisers expect to absorb the alleged labor candidates when the proper time arrives.

## JUMPED FROM THE TRAIN.

Young Lady's Attempted Suicide in Nova Scotia.

Halifax, Aug. 29.—An unknown woman attempted suicide by jumping from the D. A. R. express while on the way from Yarmouth to Halifax yesterday afternoon. She was well dressed, about 25 years of age, wore dark clothes, and was of a prepossessing appearance.

She got on board at Digby, and when nearing Coldbrook asked one of the officials about what section of the country the train was in. He informed her, and a few minutes after she left her seat and, going out on the rear platform, took the fatal leap.

The train at the time was going about 35 miles an hour and went about two miles before it was pulled up. The train then backed to where the woman was seen to fall, and her body was picked up and taken on board.

She was alive, but unconscious and was badly cut about the face and head. At Kentville the services of a doctor were secured and he accompanied the unfortunate woman to Halifax.

She was conveyed to the Victoria General Public Hospital, and but slight hopes are entertained for her recovery as it is thought her skull is fractured. There were no marks on her clothes and nothing about her person by which to identify her, but it is supposed she is an American.

It is thought she crossed from St. John to Digby. In her purse was a ticket from Yarmouth to Boston, and it is said she also had a letter addressed to a party in New York, but the name could not be ascertained last night.

## RELIGIOUS MANIACS.

Alarming Condition of Donkshobours in the West.

Winnipeg, Aug. 29.—Private advices received by an official is to the effect that the Dominion government will interfere in the case of the Donkshobours, who are under the influence of a religious mania. Five thousand are effected and the mania seems to be spreading. They have discarded the use of horses, cattle and other live stock, claiming they are gods, and have turned them loose on the prairie.

They will not eat the product of any animal, and live on bread and water and vegetables. A few weeks ago they decided not to wear leather boots or woolen clothes. They are totally unprepared for a severe winter and unless the government does interfere there will be intense suffering. They have made no provision whatever for the winter.

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