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AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION  
AT MONTAGUE ON MONDAY

Joint Political Meeting for Both Cardigan and Murray Harbor Districts—Splendid Speeches by Government Supporters.

The declaration of Mr. A. C. Underwood, leader of the Opposition at the meeting, was the sensation of the joint political meeting held in Montague on Monday night, and it was from the start the statement made by the people of the place that the Opposition candidates and supporters themselves. Seldom, if ever, have there been in this Province such well conducted and orderly meetings as were held during the week in the Cardigan and Murray Harbor Districts. Kings, for the purpose of the views of the candidates who will contest these districts at the elections tomorrow. The meeting at Montague was no exception in respect to orderliness, though the hall was packed to capacity, and the people stayed in their seats for nearly four hours. The speeches were delivered by the representative speakers of both sides. The Mayor of Montague, Mr. Martin MacKinnon, capably presided, and in his introductory remarks warned the different speakers that he would keep them within the half hour allotted to them. He added that any speaker who was interrupted would be given an extension of time.

MR. BUTLER'S ADDRESS

The first speaker was Mr. Bruce Butler, Liberal candidate for the fourth district. At the outset he said he appeared before the election at this meeting as the Opposition candidate for the vacancy in the Murray Harbor district caused by the death of Hon. A. P. Prowse. He had many years of experience in that constituency in the House. The late Mr. Prowse, he said, was one of the most widely respected and capable citizens of the district, and his death was regretted generally. This was the time, he went on, that he had appeared before the electors seeking their votes. In 1919 he had run against Mr. MacGowan, and was successful in being elected. During the time that he had been representative he had done his best for the Murray Harbor district, and he thought that he would safely say, and that most people would agree with him, that he had pretty well attended to the district's interests. Naturally he had been more interested in the north end of the district than the south.

The speaker was seeking the electors' votes at this time and he had promised that he would do his best for his district. If they voted for Mr. MacLeod they voted for the Government, and he would give it sanction to act in the future as it had in the past, whether for good or bad. If he were elected himself, he said, the electors were not altogether satisfied, and the Government might be able to do better. The question was at this time as to what the Government had done. Mr. Butler said that he didn't think

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ELOQUENT LECTURE ON SCOTLAND'S BARD

Rev. W. B. Muir Gave Literary Treat in Interpretation and Analysis of Work of Robert Burns.

St. James' Hall was crowded to the doors last night on the occasion of an exceptionally able and dramatic lecture on Robert Burns by the Rev. W. Bruce Muir. The consensus of opinion was that seldom, if ever, had such a magnificent oration been heard in Charlottetown. The lecturer was thoroughly at home with his subject, knew the poetry by heart, gave glowing interpretations such as can only be given by master minds and exhibited a dramatic fervor rarely witnessed now-a-days on a lecture platform. Again and again the audience responded with outbursts of applause which reached its climax when Mr. Muir delivered, in inimitable style, "The Address to the Haggis."

On motion of Mr. W. A. Stewart, seconded by Mr. James Paton Mr. K. J. Martin, K. C., was called to the chair and briefly introduced Mr. Muir as a new comer who had already become anchored by virtue of his very able and scholarly sermons and addresses. He was sure the large audience there assembled would not be disappointed in the interpretation he would give of Robert Burns, the Scottish poet. Mr. Muir spoke as follows: "My theme tonight is 'The National Bard of Scotland.' That is a name which is inexhaustible. It is not only a very humble admirer of the bard, when I think of the fact that the greatest personages in our literature have considered it the greatest honor of their lives to be his biographers, I naturally feel a considerable amount of diffidence in approaching such a theme. If I fall to do justice to it, it is not for my lack of admiration for the man whom all genuine Scotsmen honor wherever they gather on the 25th of January every year. Let me say that among all the appreciations I have read of Burns, I do not know any more fitting prelude to an oration upon his personality than the poem of the American poet, Longfellow.

I see amid the fields of Ayr A ploughman, who, in foul and fair, Sings at his task. So clear, we know not if it is The laverock's song we hear, or his, Nor care to ask.

For him the ploughing of those fields, A more ethereal harvest yields, Than sheaves of grain; Songs flush with purple bloom the rye, The plow's call, the curlew's cry, Sing in his brain. Touched by his hand, the wayside weed Becomes a flower; the lowliest reed Beside the stream Is clothed with beauty; gorse and grass, And heather, where his footsteps pass, The brighter seem.

He sings of love, whose flame illumines The darkness of lone cottage rooms, He feels the force, The treacherous undertow and stress Of wayward passions, and no less The keen remorse, At moments, wrestling with his fate His voice is harsh, but not with hate; The brushwood, hung Above the tavern door, lets fall Its bitter leaf, its drop of gall Upon his tongue.

But still the music of his song Rises o'er all elate and strong; Its master-chorus, Are Manhood, Freedom, Brotherhood, Its discords but an interlude Between the words. And then to die so young and leave Unfinished what he might achieve! Yet better sure, Is this, than wandering up and down An old man in a country town, Infirm and poor.

For now he haunts his native land As an immortal youth; his hand Guides every plough; He sits beside each ingle-nook, His voice is in each rushing brook, Each rustling bough. His presence haunts this room to-night.

"ESSENCE OF LIBERALISM IS TO HAVE NO PRINCIPLES" DECLARES MR. BOURASSA

Former Nationalist Leader Occupies Floor For Over Two Hours. "Can Premier King Assure House That He Will Come Back?" Asks Conservative Member For Wellington South—Should Have Followed Example Of Meighen In 1921 Declares Speaker.

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Ont. Jan. 12.—Mr. Henri Bourassa, Independent Liberal for La Belle, was the first speaker of the afternoon and held the House in suspense for two hours and ten minutes. The former Nationalist leader began by paying respect to several members on both sides of the House. He then entered into a lengthy survey of British traditions and precedents and covered practically the whole British history. Mr. Bourassa applied British illustrations to our Canadian constitutional development, clearly defining Toryism and Liberalism as understood in England and as understood in Canada. He strongly condemned the imperialistic tendency of the Conservative party in this country and said "above all we should have a real Canadian policy," adding that he was not preaching independence but was favoring the development of Canada as a nation with British ideals.

The member for LaBelle declared that the Progressive movement was more serious than it was at first thought and declared that

Miss Roma Stewart Admitted To The Bar

An event unique in the Court Annals of Prince Edward Island was the admittance to the Bar of this Province yesterday of Miss Roma Stewart, who is therefore the first lady law student to sign the Roll. That alone is a unique distinction which will endure. In the ordinary course you would have been obliged to wait one year after your admission as an attorney before being qualified to practice at the Bar, but from the report of the examiners it appears that you have made such excellent marks in your examinations as to entitle you to serve the usual year as Attorney, immediate admission as a Barrister but she has at once been admitted of this Court, and I make the order accordingly in the confident

P. E. I.'s ONLY LADY BARRISTER



Miss Roma Stewart who was admitted to practice at the Bar by Supreme Court yesterday. Miss Stewart's admittance took place at the address of the Chief Justice to the Grand Jury, and being called to the bar, she was addressed by the Chief Justice as follows: "I desire on behalf of the Court to congratulate you on your admission as an attorney. 'The ancient parchment roll which you have signed contains the names of many men who during the last 100 years have gained distinction in the Courts and in gratulation to us to think that a hope that the same qualities that new avenue has been opened for have gained you such marked suc-

The Patriot Issues Its Usual Roorback

The Patriot, as usual on the eve of the election, comes out with a roorback which of course is a mare's nest. By comparing the report of the Provincial Auditor with that of the External Auditor, it professes to have discovered a discrepancy of \$63,000. Strange, is it not? that it was left to the Patriot to find out this missing link ten months after the reports were submitted to the legislature and thoroughly discussed by the Opposition and the Patriot at the time. The fact of the matter is the Opposition and the Patriot know the difference between the two reports is merely theoretical, the \$63,000 in question representing the Highway expenditure, which is treated in a separate account and included by the Provincial Auditor in the return which he makes to the External Auditor. The Patriot pretending to see something wrong in this presentation of the accounts, is merely attempting to throw dust in the eyes of the electors in view of tomorrow's polling, in the three bye-elections. No sensible elector will be hoodwinked by such age-old political malpractice.

Regular Meeting Y. M. C. A. Directors

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A. was held in the Association building last evening at 8 p. m. Mr. P. W. Turner presiding in the absence of the President J. A. Clark, and the following directors were present: Messrs J. D. Jenkins, J. A. McMillan, J. A. McNair, H. E. Laphorne, J. H. Williams, H. E. Miller, F. B. Conrad and R. A. Pendleton. In addition Rev. Dr. Ramsay and B. C. LePage were present.

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Ramsay followed by a reading and a short address. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The following reports were submitted. Physical Committee, presented by J. A. McMillan, Finance Committee, presented by P. W. Turner, Religious Committee, presented by J. D. Jenkins. The General Secretary's report was then read and on motion adopted. Mr. P. W. Turner reported that Mr. J. A. Clark would be our representative at the annual meeting of the National Council at Ottawa on Jan. 29 and 30th. Re the Territorial Officers meeting at Moncton about first ten days of February to arrange programmes for coming season the Secretary was granted authority to attend. The chairman introduced as his guest Mr. B. W. LePage who expressed his appreciation of the conduct of and his sympathy with the work.

The meeting then adjourned.

become admissible to the Bar of this and other Provinces. Your accession to the Bar is not only a novelty in this Province but there are several other Provinces in which no lady has yet appeared for admission to the Bar. I compliment you on the splendid marks that you have made as a student and the fact that you have not only been admitted as Attorney, but, on the same day, have been admitted as a Barrister of the Court as well; that being the consequence of your having made such excellent marks in your examinations. This is something that we all feel proud of, in having among our people a young lady able to take such a highly creditable position.

MR. JUSTICE ARSENAULT: "Miss Stewart, I can only add my congratulations. It is always a distinction to be a pioneer in any venture; and in the law in this Province you are certainly a pioneer—the first of your sex to explore the intricacies of the law. I hope that your career in your chosen profession will continue to be as distinguished as your studies have been. The marks that you have made are certainly remarkable. I have no recollection of any student coming up with such an excellent showing. This record promises well for your future success."

OPENING OF HILARY TERM OF THE SUPREME COURT

Miss Roma Stewart Has Unique Distinction Of Being the First Lady Barrister Admitted to the Bar of This Province.

The Hilary Term of the Supreme Court opened at eleven o'clock yesterday morning, with His Lordship Chief Justice Matheson, and Associate Judges Hazard and Arsenault on the Bench. As there were no criminal cases on the docket, the Chief Justice was presented with the customary white gloves. The following members of the Grand Jury were sworn: Chas. H. Chandler, City, (foreman); Geo. McDonald, Southport; Albert Hyde, Clyde River; John B. Roper, Sherwood; Peter J. McDonald, City; Michael McKenna, Vernon River; Rufus Hogan, City; Geo. J. McCormac, City; J. R. Paton, City; Francis Egan, Mt. Stewart. His Lordship in addressing the Grand Jury spoke as follows: "The day appointed for the execution came, the prisoner was taken to the gallows. Everything was ready except the hangman! It was reported to the Governor that there was no news to carry out the sentence of the law, and he was obliged to postpone the execution. In the meantime no other person would accept the office, and the day to which the execution had been postponed arrived, but no one was there. Again a postponement took place. The end of it was that the convicted woman was allowed to go at liberty, on her undertaking that she would appear if she were called upon. She fades out of history at this point, so I assume that she never was called upon!"

Addressing the Grand Jury, the Chief Justice said in part: "Mr. Foreman and gentlemen of the Grand Jury, you are meeting a situation here which is unprecedented, I believe, in the records of this Court, that for the third term in succession no criminal case is to be tried. This is a record unequalled, so far as I can find from examination of the records and I thought it might be of advantage to go back stated periods of fifty years to the earliest days and consider what the situation was at those particular dates. "Back to 150 years ago, when our Court had been functioning for some six years or so, I find a very peculiar condition of affairs. The Court did not meet in 1778 and we are told the reason why, by one of the early statutes of this Province:—viz that in the November previous, 1775, two provincial privates, as they called the American soldiers, had come into Charlottetown and had taken away the Acting Governor and some of the other leading officers, and had also carried away all the records of the Province; so that in the following year the Court was unable to sit. They had no Seal of the Province to attach to the proclamation, and nothing could be done. We have no record, criminal or civil, of the registers of this Court until two years afterwards."

"I have had the minutes looked up, and find here the record of the proceedings in the Court for three years from 1778. I would like to call your attention to the first criminal case recorded. The Grand Jury brought in a true bill against a woman for having stolen some cash. She was tried by the petit jury and convicted. The sentence of the Court was delivered, and that sentence is recorded here in the minutes. The Judge in sentencing her pointed out the heinousness of her crime, informed her that her life was the only satisfaction she could render for her fatal fault," and condemned her to be

"You might remember, gentlemen, that just fifty years ago, at the present term, the Grand Jury rendered a service of incalculable value to this country. They went out to the Asylum and instead of going through in a careless and formal way, they made a thorough examination and brought in a report which was so alarming that

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc.

- \*Pie Social and Dance at Webster's Corner Hall on Friday the 15th inst. Ladies with pies free. 7199-13-1-21
- \*P. E. I. Hospital Ladies Aid Meeting, Wednesday 3.30 p.m. St. Paul's Parish Hall. 7192
- \*The annual meeting of the Dunstaffnage Creamery will be held in the factory, Jan. 20th at 2 p.m. 7151-11-1-31
- \*Come everyone and enjoy a real show. Murray River Thursday, Little York Saturday, Webster's Corner Monday. 7205-13-11
- \*Come to the Temperance Hall, Kensington on Thursday the 14th, and hear Hammond J. Ince, lecture on the Great North Country. 7200-13-21
- \*Lessons in Home Nursing will be given by the Red Cross. For information apply 59 Grafton St. 7089-11-1-1mws.
- \*The Hope River Dramatic Society will present their play "Home Ties" at the Hall at Hunter River, Friday evening, January 16th. Specialties. 7197-13-1-1-31
- \*Reserve Friday the 15th of January for a social and concert at Rollo Bay Hall if night proves stormy will be held on the following Monday. By order of Committee. 7174-12-1-31

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TORONTO, Ont. Jan. 12.—Maritime moderate winds cloudy and moderately cold snowfalls. Maximum and minimum temperatures: Toronto, cloudy ..... 30-6 Montreal, cloudy ..... 28-6 Quebec, snow ..... 28-10 Ch'town, snow ..... 25-17 Halifax, cloudy ..... 34-18 St. John, snow ..... 34-20 Boston, cloudy ..... 38-30 New York, cloudy ..... 34-30 High tide this morning at 10.30 and tonight at 9.43. Sun sets this afternoon at 4.39 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.38.