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HON. MR. DAVIES ATTACKS OUR REVISING BARRISTERS.

Mr. Macdonald's Apt Interjection.

Mr. Martin's Triumphant Defence

[From Hansard.]

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—I will not go beyond my own province. For years and years the law was administered in the province of Prince Edward Island by the county court judges; yet, because they administered it fairly you dismissed them from their positions and appointed the president and secretary of Liberal Conservative associations. Men who came from the committee rooms of the Tory party sat upon the bench to determine what men should vote for them.

Mr. Sproule—I would like to ask the hon. gentleman if he is aware that nine out of every ten of the revising officers in Ontario are county court judges.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—I am not aware of it; and, as far as they are county court judges, no unfair criticism can be passed upon them. I am speaking of those I know of.

Mr. Sproule—How can the hon. gentleman say a large majority of them?

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—Because I believe the majority were so. I was not aware that the majority of the revising officers in Ontario were county court judges. I am told that in the province of Quebec it is not so. But I am speaking of the part of the Dominion I know of.

Mr. Sproule—The hon. gentleman spoke of them as a whole, and said the large majority of them.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—Well, the hon. gentleman can give his explanation so far as the Province of Ontario is concerned. I can make my statement so far as the Province of Prince Edward Island is concerned, and I know what I speak, and the same rule applies to many parts of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Powell—Will the hon. gentleman state what constituencies in Prince Edward Island his statement applies to?

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—East and West Queen's, West Prince, and King's—every one of them. There was not a county court judge in any one of these ridings in the Province of Prince Edward Island who was not dismissed, and there was not a revising officer appointed whom they did not take right out of the committee rooms—some of them the secretaries and presidents of the Tory Associations in Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Macdonald (King's, P. E. I.)—Is the hon. gentleman aware of any wrong action having been done by any of these officers?

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—I am not talking about wrong actions. Mr. Macdonald (King's, P. E. I.)—They are just as honorable as you are, sir.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—I am not talking about the class of men they appointed. I am talking about what they hoped to do—what their intentions were when they appointed them; and I say that when they gerrymandered the Island and appointed these revising officers they had only one object in view—

Mr. Macdonald (King's, P. E. I.)—To give you a good, safe, constituency, wasn't it?

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—But they did not accomplish their object, owing to the independence of the people. Mr. Martin—Will the hon. gentleman allow me to ask him a question? Will he please tell the House what president and what secretary of a Liberal Conservative Association were appointed revising officers?

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—Mr. Smallwood was the secretary of a Liberal Conservative Association for the past ten years.

Mr. Martin—Where was he revising officer?

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—Either in East Prince or West Prince—Mr. Charles R. Smallwood.

Mr. Martin—Who was the president?

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—Mr. McQuarrie and Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Martin—Neither statement is true.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—Well, there is no use of bandying a lie across the House.

Mr. Martin—Neither Mr. Stewart nor Mr. Smallwood was a secretary or president of a Liberal-Conservative Association.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—I know whereof I am talking. Mr. McQuarrie was the president of the Prince County Association, and Mr. Smallwood has been secretary for the last ten years.

Mr. Martin—So far as East Queen's, the district I represent, is concerned, the hon. gentleman is mistaken.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—I am not mistaken. I ran in West Queen's myself, and Messrs. Smallwood and Stewart were the two revising officers—one for the east and one for the west. But we need not get down to parish politics.

An hon. member—Come out of them. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—I was not in them, but I was trying to pull those out who got themselves in. I was arguing that the Government were not trying to gain any political advantage by adopting the provincial franchise.

The provinces of the Dominion are not all under the control of the Dominion Government, though no doubt, with the growing intelligence of the people, they soon will be. But at present they are not. The

great province of Quebec has been for years under Tory rule. British Columbia is under Conservative rule, and New Brunswick, I believe, has a composite government, neither Liberal nor Tory but a mixture of both, so that the Liberal party are not the ruling party in the different provinces, nor have they the control of the lists in those provinces. I say that the introduction and carriage of this Bill would involve the surrender of powers which the Government of the day now possess under the Dominion Franchise Act, with respect to the appointment of revising officers and all the other extraordinary and indefensible powers conferred upon the Government of the day. There are many good reasons for our adopting the provincial franchise. In the first place, because of its simplicity. The lists are made up by a class of officials who live in and understand the country and know the people. They are made up with little expense, and there is no danger of confusing the electors by having two different kinds of franchise. Everybody will admit that it is for the benefit of the electorate that the mode of voting and the means of ascertaining whether a man has a vote or not, should be made more simple, and if you have the one list which entitles a man to vote under the provincial franchise and under the Dominion franchise, you simplify the matter so that it comes within the knowledge of the meanest and poorest elector. He is not confused by being told: you are on the provincial franchise but not on the Dominion franchise. Again it is desirable to adopt this measure because it is a much more expensive plan. Hon. gentlemen opposite concede that. Our present law has cost this country for the imperfect revision we have had during the past few years—not a revision every year but every two or three years—over a million dollars of public money, and that does not begin to represent what the revision has cost the people. I am speaking within bounds when I say that it cost from \$200 to \$500 to the individual candidate himself for each revision besides the millions dollars spoken of as a cost to the country. The burden has become intolerable, and it was largely on that account that the Liberal party advocated the adoption of the provincial franchise. This measure should be adopted because experience, the best test in the world, has shown that the principle of adopting the provincial franchise is a good one. From 1867, when confederation was first called to existence, up to 1885, that system was in vogue and it worked without complaint. If experience has proved it a good system, if it is inexpensive, and simple and easily understood, it has three qualifications which ought to recommend it to the people. Under these circumstances I had the honour in this House, some years ago, of moving that if the provincial lists were not adopted as the basis of a Dominion franchise list, if the House was determined to retain the making up of those lists and the appointment of officers, I said that I for one was in favor of manhood suffrage as the franchise which should be adopted, and I adhere to that view now; but inasmuch as the great province of Quebec is wedded to its own system and will not accept manhood suffrage, I cast my vote in favor of the adoption of the provincial franchise. We will thus save a million dollars squandered in this attempt to build up a separate list, and will introduce a simple, plain, easily understood system, under which the electors, as a whole, can record their votes in favor of the candidates of their choice.

MR. MARTIN'S DEFENCE.

Mr. Martin—Mr. Speaker, I wish to call the attention of the House for a moment to a statement made by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries as regards Prince Edward Island. I do not suppose that the hon. gentleman (Mr. Davies) intended intentionally to misrepresent the facts in Prince Edward Island, but he evidently was so eager to make a point in favour of the Bill which he supported, that he went down to the province of Prince Edward Island for arguments and perhaps unintentionally misrepresented the facts. He told the House that the presidents and the secretaries of the Liberal-Conservative associations were pitched into the positions of revising barristers in that province, and he instanced the name of Chas. R. Smallwood. Now, would the hon. gentleman (Mr. Davies) be surprised to know that Mr. Charles R. Smallwood was not a revising barrister at all. I think the hon. gentleman, in his eagerness to make out a case, fell into a mistake, and I would advise him to be a little more careful. I have the report of the Auditor General, and I will read to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and to the House a list of the revising barristers in Prince Edward Island, and if he can reconcile that list with the names of supposed gentlemen which he led the House to believe were revising officers in that province, I shall leave it for him to do so. For King's, the name of the revising officer is John S. Macdonald. Was he either the president or the secretary of a Liberal-Conservative association in Prince Edward Island?

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—I believe he was.

Mr. Martin—I leave it to the hon. member for Kings (Mr. Macdonald) to answer that question, but my information is that he was not. In East Prince Judge Macleod is the revising officer. Was he a president or a Secretary of a Conservative association? For West Prince N. McQuarrie is the revising officer. The hon. gentleman may say something about him—I do not know, but at least in four points out of five he is wrong—

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—He was the president.

Mr. Martin—For East Queen's A. A. McLean is the revising officer. Was he either a president or a secretary? For West Queen's, W. S. Stewart, was he a president or a secretary? So there is not one case in Prince Edward Island, with the possible

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS

BEER BROS. for Dress Goods.

THE STAR CHAMBER is in session to-day.

THOSE wishing to spend a pleasant evening can do so on May 6th at Kindergarten Hall.

THE WEATHER.—Moderate winds, fair a few local showers, stationary or a little higher temperature.

POLICE COURT.—Three drunks were disposed of this forenoon. They were each fined \$2 or 10 days.

ENGINEERS.—The Charlottetown Engineers are requested to meet in the Drill Shed tonight at 8 o'clock. Recruit class at 7.30.

CANDIDATE FOR JUSTICE.—Another drunk was gathered in by the police this forenoon. He will appear before His Honor tomorrow morning.

PENNY READINGS.—The last Penny readings of the season will be given in St. Peter's Schoolroom next Monday evening. A good programme is being prepared and every effort made to secure the comfort and entertainment of the audience.

COLLEGE BOYS AND SOCIETY.—Mrs. Maurice Blake has kindly consented to act as chaperon to the young ladies who intend to take advantage of her excursion tomorrow to Souris. Quite a number, we learn, purpose availing themselves of the pleasant trip and cheap excursion. Train leaves tomorrow at 12 o'clock, local, returning after the play. Return tickets only \$1 00.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION.—Tomorrow evening a public installation of Good Templar officers and Pie Social will be held in Wright's Hall by Charlottetown Lodge, No. 68. A very pleasant evening may be spent, as an interesting programme has been prepared. Coffee will be served free; ladies with pies will be admitted free; others silver collection. If you want to pass an enjoyable time visit the Templar Lodge.

FOR ENGLAND.—The two representatives from the 4th Regiment, Prince Edward Island Artillery on the Canadian contingent which is to proceed to England in connection with the celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee have been selected. They are Corporal Harry Jenkins, No. 2 Co., Charlottetown, and Corporal Thomas J. Donahoe, No. 3 Co., Georgetown. The 82nd Battalion will be represented on the same contingent by the following: Sergt. Ambrose Rodd, No. 1 Company, Charlottetown; Corporal William Warren, No. 3 Company, Charlottetown; Corporal Bruce Hardy, No. 4 Company, York; Sergeant Seaman, No. 5 Company, Hunter River. It is expected that they will leave Charlottetown about the 1st June.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Father Burke, of Alberton, is visiting Charlottetown.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald, Hermanville, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Stephen E. Gallant, M. L. A., is in the city. He is registered at the Hotel Davies.

Mr. J. B. Coulson, who came here last week with the remains of his father, leaves tomorrow for Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. W. A. Hutchinson (nee Miss Ina Rowe), of Charlottetown, is visiting friends in the city.—Monston Times.

Mrs. L. H. Davies gave a large and very charming tea on Tuesday afternoon, for which between two and three hundred invitations were sent out.—Ottawa Free Press.

Word comes from St. Andrews, N. B., that Rev. A. W. Mahon, who has been very ill for some time past, is improving in health. This will be pleasing news for the rev. gentleman's many friends in this province.

Mrs. Helen G. Davies, of Charlottetown, and Miss Lucy Lefurgey, of Summerside, were among the graduates at the closing exercises of the Emerson School of Oratory, Boston, a few days ago. Both young ladies have THE EXAMINER'S hearty congratulations.

DIED.

At Mount Buchanan, April 28th, Flora McLeod, relict of the late Malcolm Buchanan, passed peacefully to her rest at the advanced age of 93 years.

The weary heart has ceased to beat, The aching head is laid to rest; The hands that plied with earnest zeal, Are folded on the peaceful breast; The journey's o'er, the victory's won, The spirit to its home is gone.

At Sturgeon, on the 11th March, after a severe illness, which he bore with christian patience and resignation to the Divine Will, Donald P. Macdonald, in the 47th year of his age. He was attended in the last hours of his sickness by his beloved pastor, the Rev. Father William Phelan. A very large concourse of people of all denominations followed his remains to St. Mary's Church, where a solemn Requiem Mass was sung by Rev. Father Phelan, after which all that was mortal was laid to rest in the quiet cemetery of St. Mary's. To his sorrowing widow and relatives we extend our heartfelt sympathy. May his soul rest in peace.

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