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MURRAY HARBOR SOUTH.

Enthusiastic Political Meeting Addressed by Attorney-General McKinnon, A. P. Prowse, Geo. B. Aitken, Murdoch McKinnon, M. L. A., Arthur Peters, M. L. A., A. A. McLean, Q. C., Chas. L. Sencabaugh and Alexander Martin, M. P.

Attorney-General McKinnon was the first speaker, and occupied nearly a half hour with giving his auto biography from his boyhood up to the present time. He then told how delightfully he worked in the interests of the people of Murray Harbor since he became their representative, how had got oyster beds planted in Murray River, also young salmon, how he had influenced Premier Peters, to change the claims of the Island against the Dominion Government for cash to claims for public works instead of cash. He expressed surprise that he was opposed at all in asking to approve of his appointment as Attorney-General and closing his speech with a strong plea to be returned.

Mr. A. P. Prowse followed and was received with applause. He thanked the electors for having given him such a large vote at last election, stating that although not victorious in number he was victorious in honor. Proceeding, he cited cases where Sir Charles Tupper and several other eminent men were opposed at bye-elections. It's all right to oppose such insignificant men as those, but it's not right to oppose the eminent McKinnon, (laughter.) McKinnon evaded dealing with the finances, and he may consider it a small matter. But it's a matter which concerns the people of this province greatly. He then adduced figures comparing the record of the Conservatives with that of the Liberal governments.

The Conservatives had a balance against the province Dec. 31st, 1890, of \$128,429.21, Dec. 31st, 1878, the balance against was \$51,740.87. Add \$290,000.00 taken from capital account, totals \$276,688.34 equals \$23,057.36 average deficits per year under Conservative rule from 1878 to 1890—12 years.
 Take the Liberals rule starting with 31st Dec. 1890—balance against the province, \$128,429.21, Dec. 31st, 1898 \$604,245.47. The former deducted from the latter shows the deficits of the Liberals to be \$475,816.26 in 8 years—an average deficit per year of \$59,427.00. Thus you will see that deficits of the Liberals have been much greater per year than those of the Conservatives.

Now take the interest—and this is what the Liberals cried out against when we were paying, in 1890, \$3,194.68. The Liberals stood up in the House and said the province is in a deplorable condition paying that amount of interest. But what do we find today? We find that the Liberals paid in 1898—last year—\$18,558.80! If the country was going to ruin when we were paying \$3,194.68 interest, where can it be today when we pay \$18,558.80? He then referred to Mr. McKinnon's absurd statements, when canvassing, about taking the duty off eggs, etc., also Mr. McKinnon's action on the Liquor License Act in the House last session. The Liberals, said he, have betrayed the confidence of the people and deserve to be turned out. (Applause.)

Mr. Aitken spoke next, thanking the people for having given him such a good vote last election. He was unsuccessful by one vote, a bad one, yet he was not sorry. He thought Mr. D. A. McKinnon was a good representative and did well for Murray Harbor and therefore should be returned.

Mr. M. McKinnon, M. L. A., was warmly applauded on rising to speak, and he thanked the electors for having given him such support last election, this being his first time to appear before them since his election. He said that while the one vote might have been a bad one for Mr. Aitken it was a good one for him (Mr. McK.) He then dealt in an able manner with several of the acts passed last session, the Liquor License Act, and many others. He spoke of the act respecting the registering of wills, where we have to go to extra trouble and expense. He said they are getting the salmon and oysters at a large expense to the people, yet they may not derive much benefit therefrom; for there is an act passed providing that, these may be leased for a number of years. He then spoke of the asylum matter, the Walter Lowe contract, the granting of teachers license to those who do not deserve them. This was admitted by the inspector.

He spoke of the commercial travellers tax and several other matters of importance, resuming his seat amid loud applause. His speech throughout way very pointed and interesting to listen to. He is a pleasant and fluent speaker a worthy representative, and a good debater—a little too able a debater for Mr. D. A. McKinnon, as was plainly evident.

Mr. Arthur Peters followed and was glad to have the honor of appearing before the people of Murray Harbor for the first time and glad to meet his friend Mr. M. McKinnon. He is a gentleman for whom he has much respect, and has proved himself to be a good debater in the house, said Mr. Peters. Mr. Peters made a clever speech, dealing with several matters of importance and defending the Government. Mr. Peters said revenue and expenditure could not be made to meet. Proceeding he said Premier Farquharson is not a popular man, and know one knows it better than him self, poor fellow. But, said he, give the devil his due, as the saying is, Farquharson is an economical man. He then brought forth a paper, the Provincial Auditor's, a financial statement to Sept 1898, showing that revenue had exceeded expenditure. He then asked them to return Mr. McKinnon and, said he, if the railway is not started before the general election, turn the devils out. (Applause.) He was followed in a very forcible and

able speech by Mr. A. A. McLean. Mr. Peters, said he, has committed a great wrong for him, a private member, to bring such a paper as that here without the sanction of the Lieutenant Governor, and no one knows it better than Mr. Peters himself. He has told you that revenue has exceeded expenditure: but he didn't tell you the one quarter of the teachers' salaries had to be added the next day. He spoke of the boodling at the last election, contracts given without tenders, etc.; and said he: H. C. McDonald (now Judge) boasted on the platform that he was to have a colleague who would give out a job and pay for it over his own counter. He then dealt with figures showing a discrepancy in the expenditure of money and asked where it had gone!

He also spoke of the Peters government and referred to Mr. Peters' saddling the province with an enormous debt and then going off to another province. He dealt the government some hard blows and took his seat amid cheers.
 Mr. Chas. Sencabaugh next spoke defending the government. He thought the farmers should study politics more than they do and not let the lawyers have it all their own way. He was also applauded.

Mr. Alex. Martin next spoke. He thought Mr. A. P. Prowse's autobiography might be just as interesting as the new Attorney-General's. He termed Mr. McKinnon as the great "I am." He did this, he did that, and not giving Mr. A. Peters any credit for assistance. He then laid on the table the copies of the memorials presented to the Ottawa Government and said they were not as Mr. McKinnon said, asking for public works but for cash. He spoke on several other matters of importance.

The hour being late, he would not take up any more time. He was loudly applauded on taking his seat.
 It was 12 o'clock when the meeting closed.

C. W.
 Murray Harbor, Oct 17th, 1899.
New Glasgow Notes.

The deplorable condition of New Glasgow bridge calls for the immediate action of the Government as it is altogether unsafe. 'Tis to be regretted that so necessary a repair as this has been left so long undone, notwithstanding the fact that it has been repeatedly reported. Premier Farquharson should not forget that he is the guardian of the interests of this part of the country and that we shall demand an account of his stewardship when he again comes this way. Pre-election promises have benefited one individual only in this district and that is Mr. Farquharson. The individual who snow-shoed himself into the position of serving the public tri-weekly, should endeavor since he has gone into journalistic work to forward nothing which is exaggerated to the newspapers, as he may want the assistance of the public again, and perhaps of a pedagogue to enunciate his mission.

The club organized here last winter, and which has been closed during the summer months is about to open its doors for the coming season. It is sincerely to be hoped that those who conduct the same will dispense with the childish games instituted and devote their time to something more elevating.

For the first time—on Friday last—since his appointment Judge McDonald presided over the court here. Before entering upon his duties, a number of the leading representatives of both political parties, showed their approval of his appointment and expressed their wishes for his success in a neatly worded address, after which the Judge very appropriately acknowledged a bouquet of flowers presented him by two little girls, Miss Dickieson and Miss Harris.

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Fraternally
ERNEST S. WEEKS,
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 Fredericton, Oct 16, 1899.

ST. DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE SPORTS.

The Athlete Society of St. Dunstan's College held their annual field day on Monday last. The number of entries was large and each event was well contested. Below is a list of the successful competitors:

- Putting Shot—1, F. R. Lawless, 31 ft. 10 in.; 2, G. McDonald.
- 100 yds. dash—(senior)—1, T. Trainor; 2, H. P. Coughlan; 3, G. Roy, ties. Time 11s.
- 100 yds. dash—(junior)—1, H. Loomasney; 2, J. McLean. Time 13s.
- 220 yds. dash—(senior)—1, T. Trainor; 2, R. Lawless. Time 24s.
- Running High Jump—(senior)—1, K. McPherson. R. Lawless, tie, 5 ft. 4 in.
- Running High Jump—(junior)—1, G. Bearn; 2, F. McDonald.
- Broad Jump—(senior)—1, K. McPherson, 19 ft.; 2, R. Lawless.
- Half mile Bicycle—(senior)—1, D. Ryan; 2, A. Falardean.
- Half mile Bicycle (junior)—1, G. Bearn; 2, H. McIntyre.
- High Step and Jump—1, Lawless; 2, E. Desroche, 38 ft.
- One mile Bicycle Race—1, E. Reddin; 2, D. Ryan.
- Two mile Bicycle Race—1, E. Reddin; 2, D. Ryan.
- Hurdle Race—1, K. McPherson; 2, G. McDonald.
- Quarter mile Running Race—1, T. Trainor; 2, F. McCarthy.
- Half mile Running Race—1, F. McCarthy; 2, T. Trainor.
- Handball Contest—(senior)—Won by F. Hogan and P. Lagneux.
- Handball Contest—junior. Won by J. Bearn and H. Loomasney.
- Three legged race—1, T. Hogan and Peter Caughlan.
- Shoe and stocking race—1, H. McIntyre.
- Consolation race—1, T. Tobin, 2, T. McIntyre.

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