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MARCH 13, 1891: DECLARATION DAY

The weather, which didn't seem to relish either nomination or Election Day, was, now that the contest was ended, all that could be desired for declaration day. A goodly number of interested ones came to town from other polling districts, and witnessed the formal declaration, by Sheriff VanBlarcom, of E. C. Bowers, as representative for Digby county in the commons of Canada. At 2 p.m., the count began. The court house was well filled, a sprinkling of the fair sex being observable. The official count gave the same result as published in the Courier of the 6th, with the exception of Westport, the corrected figures for that division being 97 and 41, and one other division reduced Mr. B.'s majority by one. This gave him 73 majority. After declaration Mr. Bowers was called to the platform, and briefly thanked his friends for the support given him, and congratulated them on the success of their efforts. He promised them that the interests of Digby county should ever receive his first consideration, and though at present in opposition to the government he hoped his constituency would continue true to the Liberal faith, and 5 years hence return again to parliament either himself or some better man. The assemblage was very enthusiastic and Mr. Bowers was loudly and repeatedly cheered.

Houses, stores and hotels were very happy in their dress of bunting all day, while the town was brilliantly illuminated in the evening, the torches in the street helping to animate the scene. A great many people witnessed the display, as nearly all the out-of-town visitors remained through the evening. Mr. Bowers left for his home at Westport at 9 P. M.

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