

CENTRE HURON IS BEHIND MR. PROUDFOOT LIBERALS WANT TO KNOW WHY CHARGES AGAINST MR. HANNA WERE SUPPRESSED

Greatest Demonstration Ever Held in Riding Was
Tendered Member Who Fought for Fair Play
and Demanded a Royal Commission to Probe
Facts.

OVATION FOR LEADER ROWELL WHO SCORES SIR JAMES HEAVILY

Liberals of the North Admire a Square Fighter, and
Were Disgusted With Conditions That Prevailed
at the Taylor-Scott Inquiry.

[By Our Own Man.]
London, May 30.—Centre Huron
Liberals in numbers which left no
doubt as to the interest existing
in the riding regarding the treat-
ment accorded their member, Mr.
William Proudfoot, by the premier of
Ontario, Sir James Whitney, when he
preferred certain charges against a
minister of the crown, Hon. W. J.
Hanna, turned out Friday night to as-
sist in tendering to Mr. Proudfoot a
monster demonstration at the West
street rink here. The utmost enthusi-
asm prevailed throughout, and the
speakers were frequently interrupted
by tremendous outbursts of applause.
Long before the hour set for the
meeting the crowds were pouring into
the rink, and before the arrival of the
speakers the large arena was filled to
overflowing. Six hundred or more
farmers from the surrounding districts
—many from a considerable distance—
swelled the throng. An evidence of the
interest being taken in the situation
was furnished by the large number of
ladies who were in attendance.

A Rousing Welcome.
No pains had been spared in the de-
coration of the hall. Streamers of red,
white and blue hung in festoons from
the ceiling, and on the walls were
displayed large banners in letters of
red, "Huron Liberals Welcome Their
Leader," stretched in letters two feet
high right across the arena, back of
the speakers' platform. Above the
streamer bearing the words, "Bold
Admiral a Square Fighter," "Bold
Enough to Be Honest and Honest
Enough to Be Bold," another trib-
ute paid to Mr. Proudfoot in a large
banner on the west wall.

Who Has the \$500?
"Who Has the \$500?" "Let in the
Light," and "Why Was a Royal Com-
mission Refused?" were other perti-
nent questions displayed in bold letters.
The temper of the meeting was well
expressed in a large banner which
read, "We Demand Fair Play for Our
Representative." Above the banner
a prominent feature of the decoration
was a portrait of Mr. Proudfoot, and
the station by a delegation of promi-
nent Liberals and escorted to the rink.
Splendid music was furnished by the
Thirty-third Regiment Band and
bugle band.

Given an Ovation.
The entry of Mr. Proudfoot into the
hall was the signal for a prolonged
ovation, and no less hearty was the
reception accorded Mr. N. W. Rowell,
the Liberal leader for Ontario.
When the cheering had subsided
somewhat, Mr. Thomas McMillan, who
occupied the chair, rose to deliver the
chairman's address. He warmly en-
gaged Mr. Proudfoot for the course he
had pursued, and called upon the
electors of the constituency to give
him their heartfelt backing.
"He has staked his reputation as a

man," he said, "he has staked his
political career, and I say it is the duty
of you, the electors of Centre Huron,
to show him the greatest considera-
tion, to help him and to strengthen
him by your support."
He then introduced as the first
speaker of the evening Mr. William
Proudfoot. On rising to speak, Mr.
Proudfoot was presented with a hand-
some bouquet by Miss Jean Hunter,
daughter of Dr. Hunter, Mr. Proudfoot
expressed his deepest thanks to his
constituents for this evidence of their
confidence, and he immediately applied
himself to the review of those events
which led up to the demonstration.

Stopped at Every Turn.
In the public accounts committee, he
said, the Opposition had been stopped
at every turn in prosecuting inquiries.
When important questions had been
asked concerning the payment of ar-
bitrator's fees to Mr. Thorne, the facts
were suppressed, and Sir James Whit-
ney gave the House his pledge that
if a charge were made on the floor of
the Legislature, he would grant a thor-
ough inquiry.

Mr. Proudfoot thereupon carefully
considered the whole matter, and after
consulting with the foremost legal opi-
nion in the province, he formulated the
charges against Sir James Whitney and
the Hon. Mr. Hanna.
A royal commission was refused, and
the case referred to the privileges and
elections committee, where the so-called
investigation developed into a farce.

Retired in Disgust.
After he and his counsel had re-
tired in disgust, Mr. Hanna went into
the witness box and answered questions
his counsel wanted to ask without
cross-examination, and when questions
were asked concerning matters that the
committee had previously refused Mr.
Proudfoot permission to probe the
ruling of the chair was appealed against
and Mr. Hanna allowed to proceed.
Then afterwards the committee
decided to expunge the admissions of
Mr. Hanna from the records.
In the face of this, the London Free
Press had the audacity to say that Sir
James Whitney and Hon. Mr. Hanna
when in the witness box had answered
all the questions asked, and had vin-
dicated themselves.

Mr. Proudfoot declared that the com-
mittee never intended to call him as a
witness, as they knew that the only
evidence he had, had been put into his
hands. No one supposed that he
saw Mr. Taylor give Mr. Hanna the
evidence he did not care two straws, he
said, for the resolution of the committee
the Legislature had passed on him, but
left his vindication with the people of
Centre Huron, where he had been
known all his life.
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MR. WM. PROUDFOOT,
K.C., whose course in
Whitney-Hanna investigation
was unanimously approved by
Centre Huron Liberals.



LET MR. BECK, THE FREE PRESS, MR. POCOCK, GEN. GREEN AND CATARACT LEASE CITY'S ROAD.

The proposal of the East London Progressive Association that the Lon-
don and Port Stanley Railroad should be leased to Hon. Adam Beck, the
London Free Press and Mr. Philip Pocock seems to have hit the nail squarely
on the head with a great many citizens.

These are the parties who have urged the citizens that to spend \$850,000
on the railway was but a bagatelle and that it was the best medicine that
could possibly be given the ratepayers. They were quite willing, indeed,
that the latest method of forcible feeding should be adopted and that the
poison should be forced down the throats of citizens.

THE REAL MEDICINE FIRST.
The real fact is that the cure London needs is one prescribed by sane
physicians as being composed of equal parts of good roads, storm sewers and
West London breakwater, with a diet of general improvement tonic.
The other treatment—electrification—bore the relation of trying to cure
a sore throat by cutting off one of the city's legs.

This no doubt is how the East London Progressives saw the matter. Mr.
Beck, the Free Press and Mr. Pocock said that it was the greatest thing
on earth to try the new elixir. But the Progressives are slightly suspicious of
this electric belt cure. They would prefer it should first be demonstrated by
the gentlemanly salesmen.

And why should it not be a feasible proposition for these interests to
combine and take over the road?

GENERAL GREEN WOULD HELP.
Mr. Beck is a very wealthy man. If he did not have the spare cash
General Green of the Ontario Power Company, would be glad to help him out.
General Green sells Mr. Beck the power Ontario uses and it is to his interests
to have an additional horsepower utilized for another railway.

The Free Press has the enormous resources of the Cataract Power Com-
pany at its back. The owners of the Cataract own a large portion of the
Free Press, and as they are shrewd business men they would see the ad-
vantage of investing in another proposition with the Free Press stamp of
approval upon it. There would be no trouble upon that score at all.

ANOTHER FINE OPPORTUNITY.
Mr. Pocock is also a man of many interests. He has shoe companies,
rubber companies and barrel companies. He would find it another interesting
business venture to place his money in the stock of London and Port Stanley
Railroad, which is to be made an enormous dividend-payer by means of
stringing wires over the tracks and allowing the freight business to be
handled by steam engines.

These gentlemen have told the citizens that there are enormous benefits
to be derived from electrification. It is the cure-all of London's problems.
Why should they not try a little of their own medicine first, is the propo-
sal of the men who are not so wealthy, not backed by General Green or
Cataract Power, or private fortune, not so sure that they can afford a million
dollars before the inside of the municipal household is first looked after.

MAY'S BUILDING OPERATIONS SHOW A BIG INCREASE

While That of First Five
Months Is Also in
Advance.

Building permits for the month of
May total up to \$267,140, as against
only \$18,312 for May, 1912.

The number of permits for the closing
month is 213, as against 141 for
the same month last year, in May.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.

Forecasts.

Moderate variable winds; fair and warm
today and on Sunday.

The following were the highest and
lowest temperatures during the 24 hours

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

LONDON..... 61..... 42..... Clear

Victoria..... 72..... 48..... Clear

Winnipeg..... 80..... 42..... Clear

Port Arthur..... 74..... 42..... Clear

Perry Sound..... 64..... 46..... Clear

Toronto..... 72..... 48..... Clear

Ottawa..... 68..... 54..... Cloudy

Montreal..... 72..... 54..... Cloudy

Quebec..... 66..... 48..... Cloudy

Father Point..... 59..... 42..... Cloudy

RICHTER PLAN IS BEING REVIVED FOR CITY DEBENTURES

May Be Given a Try-Out if
Monday's Bids Are Not
Satisfactory.

Permission of the Legislature
Necessary to Carry Out
the Scheme.

Civic finances are occupying the centre
of the municipal stage. The spotlight of
public attention is turned fall on the
question of debenture issues, and how the
city can most advantageously dispose of
the \$264,500 block of debentures now of-
fered for sale. Various suggestions have
been made, various plans have been out-
lined. Interest in these various from
keenest approval to strictest censure.
General conditions in the financial
world are such that money is at an ex-
ceptionally high figure. Interest rates
have been steadily increasing for years,
and London municipal bonds, that once
sold at a big premium can now be dis-
posed of at a discount only. In spite of
the general advance all over the country
and the six per cent offered on the bonds
of western cities, London debentures
stand high in the ranks of Canadian
cities. As a matter of fact, the standing
of the Forest City is practically on an
equality with Toronto, and other large
cities, far surpassing the standard of
municipalities of approximately the same
size.

High Discount.
There is considerable in that fact, but
the sales hardly equals the discount
given bond companies for the disposal of
municipal debentures. It is recognized
in municipal circles that bids for part
of all of the present \$264,500 issue will
be on basis of a comparatively high
discount. Now the city financiers are
endeavouring to figure out a plan for lim-
iting that discount to the minimum.
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SAYS ROOSEVELT WAS TEMPERATE IN HIS HABITS

Cousin Who Has Known Him
All His Life in Witness
Box.

Thinks Colonel Is the Most
Temperate Man He Ever
Saw.

[Canadian Press.]
Marquette, Mich., May 31.—W. Em-
len Roosevelt, first cousin of the
colonel, who is probably more familiar
with the life of the former president
than any other of the witnesses in the
Roosevelt-Neveit trial suit being tried
here, testified today to the abstemious-
ness of the plaintiff. Mr. Roosevelt
was preceded on the stand by Joseph
E. Bayless, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.,
who identified the alleged libelous ar-
ticle in the Iron Ore as one he had
read. This affirmation was practically
all that was required of him, as it was
introduced to show that the allegations
of drunkenness against Col. Roosevelt
had general circulation.
Emlen Roosevelt said he was 55 years
old, and said that his father and the
father of the plaintiff, who were bro-
thers, had been closely associated in
business.

The examination was very brief.
Knew Him Well.
"What has been your association with
your cousin?" asked Attorney Pound,
for the plaintiff.
"Very intimate. I have been with
him for two weeks at a time. When
we were boys, we lived near each other.
Later I was with him on hunting trips.
I was with him both times when he
was sworn in as president at Buffalo
on the death of President McKinley. I
made trips with him in the Mayflower,
the government boat placed at his
service. I have been in a position to
know every detail of his public and
private life. My observation was that
he is not a drinker."
"Has he ever been under the influ-
ence of liquor?"
"Never, so far as I observed."
"What has been his habit in refer-
ence to profanity?"
"He doesn't use it."
The witness was excused without
cross-examination.
William Loeb, jun., collector of cus-
toms of the port of New York, and
formerly private secretary for Roose-
velt, was the next witness. He testified
that the colonel "was as temperate as
any man I ever saw."

CONDUCTORS MAY STRIKE

Eastern Association Lines Have
Turned Down Demand for
Increase.

CAN. ROADS INVOLVED

According to Ald. B. W. Bennett,
who returned Thursday night from
the national convention of the Order
of Railroad Conductors, trouble is very
likely to occur on the lines of the
Eastern Railway Association early in
July.
Increases in pay have been recently
granted to the railroadmen in the
southern division, and the manage-
ment of the eastern association has
refused the demands of the men in
the eastern division for corresponding
increases. Beginning June 15 the
roadmen will ballot on the ques-
tion of what action to take. The bal-
lots will be counted in New York, July
1. There are 55 lines in the eastern
association, on which a strike would
be a very serious affair. All classes
of railroadmen will be affected.

Constable Hughes Goes to Grand Trunk

Changes in Personnel of Detective
Force Slated To Be Made
Today.

Changes in the personnel of the Grand
Trunk detective force in London are
slated to go into effect as the result of
the retirement of Chief Detective R. J.
Day, who retires after 33 years of active
service on the system. W. Teasdale, who
has been assistant chief special agent
goes to Montreal. W. Fraser succeeds
Teasdale here, while Special Agent L. T.
McKenzie goes to Toronto. McKenzie
will be succeeded at London by High
Constable J. A. Hughes, of Middlesex, it
is believed.

Speakers Secured For Canadian Club

Dr. Joshua Stanfield, of Indianapolis,
Ind., a delegate to the London Metho-
dist conference, will be the speaker
at a Canadian Club luncheon to be
given at the Tecumseh House at noon
Wednesday, June 4. His subject will
be "International Relationships."
Other speakers who have been se-
cured and who will be heard at early
dates are Hon. W. R. Hearst, minister
of lumber and mines, and Mr. Alphonse
Desjardins, general manager of the
Credit Bank, Levis, Que.

Death During May Took Many of Aged

Twenty-six Citizens Over 70 Years of
Age Were Taken.

Twenty-six Londoners over the age of
70 years died in the city during the clos-
ing month of May. There were eight
deaths from consumption, as against only
four in May, 1912. There were four deaths
from pneumonia, one from diphtheria, and
four from cancer.
Out of a total of 82 deaths, 15 were
infants.
The number of marriages for this month
was 35, and the number of births 36. The
vital statistics for the month of May,
1912, were: Births, 79; marriages, 42;
deaths, 64.

BIG MEETING OF MOTORISTS DISCUSSES SPORTS' WELFARE

Executive of Ontario Motor League Entertained to Luncheon
Today on Matters of Interest to Motordom Taken Up
—Many Here From Outside Points.

The executive of the Ontario Motor
League were tendered a luncheon at the
Tecumseh House at noon today.
The affair proved a great success, mem-
bers of the executive and about forty
members of the London and Western
Motor Club being present. The chair
was occupied by the president, Mr.
George M. Reid. Three parties motored
from Toronto to be present at
the luncheon.

The meeting was thrown open to
discussion, which was along general
lines, questions relating to the welfare
of motordom being discussed.
A Representative Gathering.
Those present from out-of-town
were Messrs. Oliver Hezlewood, of
Toronto, president of the Ontario Mo-
tor League; Dr. Doolittle, vice-presi-
dent, and W. G. Robinson, secretary.

STREET CAR TIME-TABLE FOR THE SCHOOL PICNIC

Here Is the Official Schedule Which Shows Just Where the
Pupils of Each School Will Meet Their Respective
Cars Next Thursday.

The time table for the special street car service for the school children's
picnic next Thursday has been arranged. Special cars for the respective
schools will be in waiting at the corners and hours are given below:
St. George—St. James and Richmond, 8:30 a.m.
Lorne Avenue—Dundas and English, 8:30 a.m.
Chester Avenue—William street and Hamilton road, 8:30 a.m.
Delsey Green—Adelaide and Ottawa, 8:30 a.m.
Victoria—Wharncliffe and Railway, 8:35 a.m.
Grand Avenue—Ridout and Elmdorf, 9:15 a.m.
Pottersburg—Pottersburg, 9:45 a.m.
Alexander—Dundas and Colborne, 10:00 a.m.
Victoria Street—Dundas and Rectory, 10:00 a.m.
Princess Avenue—Central and Colborne, 10:00 a.m.
Talbot Street—Central and Richmond, 10:15 a.m.
Empress Avenue—Empress and Wharncliffe, 10:15 a.m.
Simcoe Street—Horton and Richmond, 11:30 a.m.
Colborne South—Horton and Richmond, 11:30 a.m.
Quebec Street—Queen's Park, 11:30 a.m.
Wortley Road—Wortley and Briscoe street, 11:30 a.m.
King Street—York and Ridout, 11:30 a.m.
Richmond—Rectory and Hamilton road, 11:30 a.m.
Richmond Street—St. James and Richmond, 11:30 a.m.
Ealing—Egerton and Hamilton road, 11:45 a.m.

Men of the Church Helping to Build

Excavations for the new Egerton
Street Baptist Church will be com-
menced this afternoon. The men of
the congregation are turning out in
a body with teams, plows and shovels
to do the work of excavating. Supper
will be provided by the ladies of the
congregation.

JUDGE M'HUGH IS DEAD AT WINDSOR

Had Been Ill For Only a Few Days
With Stomach Trouble.

[Canadian Press.]
Windsor, Ont., May 31.—Judge M. A.
McHugh, senior judge of the County of
Essex, and one of Windsor's most highly
respected citizens, died suddenly at his
home today. He was taken ill on Friday
with an attack of stomach trouble. Pre-
vious to that he had attended to the dis-
charge of his duties.

HAD TO STAY

Ethel Barrymore Quarantined in Hos-
pital With Her Baby.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, May 31.—Mrs. Russell
Griswold Colt (Ethel Barrymore) was
unwillingly placed in quarantine today
at a private hospital, where she had
taken her baby for treatment for
diphtheria. Mrs. Colt is expected to
sailed in a few days for Europe, but
because of her detention had to post-
pone her trip.

STEAMER IS SAFE

The Gerald Turnbull Weathered Big
Atlantic Gale Without Damage.

[Canadian Press.]
Halifax, May 31.—Fears that the
steamer Gerald Turnbull, aground on
Gannet Rocks, would go to pieces in
the gale which wrecked the Norwegian
bark Frelia, were set at rest last night
when John W. Brookfield received a
telegram from Yarmouth stating that
the steamer had weathered the gale
successfully and sustained no damage.

Accept Plan For New Sunday School

The board of the Wellington Street
Methodist Church last night accepted
plans for a new Sunday school to cost
\$14,600. Mr. W. G. Murray is the
architect.

HIGHER RATE OF PAY FOR OFFICERS GOING TO CAMP

Allowance for Horses Is Sanctioned, Also for Officers Who
Use Their Own Motor Cars on
Military Duty.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, May 31.—In line with the
plans of the Minister of Militia for
improving the conditions in both the
permanent force and the militia, the
Montreal Gazette announces certain
increases in pay and allowances have
been granted.
A higher rate of pay for lieutenants
of the permanent force is provided,
while the much-needed and long-
sought-for augmentation of the allow-
ance for horses in training camps has
been allowed, the rate being in-
creased from \$1.75 to \$2.25.
In addition an allowance of \$5 and
\$8 daily for officers using their own
motor cars in military duty, with
farage allowance of \$1 per night is
granted.
The command pay of officers of
independent corps has also been im-
proved, officers commanding field
companies and officers receiving
\$100 per month as commanding field
troops of engineers \$5.

FOUR THOUSAND DELEGATES HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED

Big Presbyterian Congress Practically Opens in Toronto—
Billeting Committee Is Having Difficulty in Looking
After Crowd Which Is Pouring In.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, May 31.—Massey Hall pre-
sented a unique spectacle today as
hundreds of delegates filed in to re-
gister and arrange accommodation for
the great Presbyterian Congress,
which practically opens today.
Each incoming train today brought
its quota from east and west to help
swell the already large attendance.
Up to midnight last night delegates
came in on each night train, and until
the billeting committee at Knox
Church could make arrangements,
these men spent the night on the pews
and floors of the edifice.

STRAP STRUCK BOY ON FACE

Woodstock Principal Apolo-
gized to Lad's Father Before
Case Went to Court.

CHARGE WITHDRAWN

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, May 31.—Charged with
assault upon a 15-year-old boy named
Powell, son of Mr. R. P. Powell, of
Toronto, Principal MacNeill, of the
Woodstock College, was to have ap-
peared in police court today, but when
the case was called, Mr. J. G. Wallace,
K.C., acting for the father, informed
the court that the charge had been
withdrawn.
The trouble arose as a result of a
thrashing given young Powell, who is
a student at the college, by Principal

Rev. Dr. Glassford has been un-
dergoing in surmounting the billeting
difficulties for this multitude of visitors.
Today there were many who were not
moderation, and the committee was
valiantly striving to meet the demand.
At noon today Dr. Grant announced
that there were at least 4,000 of the
delegates on hand, and he expects that
Monday will see the full number of
4,500.

Great preparations are being made
for the two open meetings at Massey
Hall, and the committee will endeavor
to admit the public as far as possible.

MacNeill, when the youngster stayed
away from school on the night of
May 21.
Powell claims that he was strapped
on the hands by the principal until
they were so sore that he could not
hold them up any longer, and he was
then told to take off his coat and take
further punishment on his back. During
the thrashing the boy alleges he
was struck across the face, several
marks being left as a result.

MacNeill claims that it was when
Powell ducked and tried to get away
that the strap missed the intended spot
and struck the boy in the face.
Following the beating Powell was
recorded on the campus, but following
the exams he left the school for his
home.

With his father he came back yes-
terday, and information against the
principal was laid. Later in the day
MacNeill apologized and the case was
dropped.

VISITED THE DUKE.
[Canadian Press.]

London, May 31.—The Duke of Con-
naught, Governor-General of Canada, re-
ceived the new United States ambas-
sador, Walter H. Page, this afternoon.