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MR. GORDON WAS CHOSEN

East Kent Liberals Select Him as their Candidate for the Commons.

Convention at Ridgeway Yesterday—Public Meeting with Several Short Addresses.

Ridgeway, Ont., Jan. 26.—The Liberal convention was held here this afternoon to nominate a candidate for the Commons. President L. J. Reycraft called the convention to business and asked for nominations.

D. A. Gordon, of Wallaceburg, was the only nomination made. He was nominated by Daniel Cameron, of Oxford, and seconded by James Brown, of Thamesville. Mr. Gordon was called to the platform and accepted the nomination.

After the nomination proceedings a public meeting was held, with Malcolm Campbell in the chair, which was addressed by the candidate and M. K. Cowan, M. P. Mr. Gordon addressed the meeting but shortly. The meeting closed with cheers for the King, Premiers Laurier and Ross and the candidate.

LATE GEORGE ERRETT

The funeral of the late George Errett, a former resident of this city, took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his brother-in-law, Judge Bell, to Maple Leaf cemetery. The services at the house were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Battisby. The pall bearers were Hugh Malcolmson, Manson Campbell, Charles Hadley, John Walker, N. H. Stevens and George Stephens. Charles F. Errett, principal of the Manual Training School, Brantford, Philip, editor of the Brantford Expositor, and Miss Olive Errett, of Chicago, were the only children able to be present. The rest of the family are all sick in bed.

The late Mr. Errett was a former well known resident of this city. For several years, in company with Messrs. R. G. Fleming and Mr. McLeod, he conducted the Chatham Harvester Works. When this firm quit business he went west. About five years ago he suffered a paralytic stroke in Utah. Just before Christmas he suffered from a second stroke, which caused his death. Mr. Errett was of a very quiet disposition and never took any active part in public affairs.

SNOW BLOCAD ON THE RAILWAYS

Windsor, Jan. 26.—The heavy snow and the icy state of the rails on the different railways leading into Windsor have caused no end of trouble to the railway officials. The Michigan Central, C. P. R. and G. T. R. have been the worst sufferers, while the L. E. & D. R., of the Pere Marquette system, was completely blocked yesterday.

The Windsor post office is being deluged with mail from eastern points, owing to the snow blockade. Mail from London to St. Thomas, a distance of but fifteen miles, is being sent by way of Windsor, a distance of 225 miles, owing to the drifts at Glanworth, where eight L. E. & D. R. locomotives and one M. C. R. locomotive were recently stalled at one time.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—About three inches of snow has fallen here to-day and the storm is reported general throughout Ontario. The probabilities are for clearing to-night, and fair and colder to-morrow. The local street railway service is again paralyzed on several lines.

Petrolia, Ont., Jan. 26.—Another day Petrolia trains have been blocked. The M. C. R. cancelled their trains this afternoon on the Petrolia branch. Busses were engaged to drive to Wyoming for the G. T. R. business. The storm is very severe, but moderating somewhat this evening.

ASSESSMENT BILL

Toronto, Jan. 26.—Mr. Gibson, Attorney-General, as chairman, presented the new assessment draft before the special committee of the Legislature on this subject to-day, and the committee ordered it to be printed.

The new bill drops the proposed house tax and the proposed provincial board of assessment for dealing with franchise-holding companies. The business tax will be on a graduated scale. Distillers will be assessed on 125 per cent. of their property, and brewers on 100 per cent.

The bill will be introduced to the House at once. It is also announced that there will be a substantial increase in the provincial tax on railways and telephones, and telegraph companies will be harder hit. They will be taxed a percentage of their gross earnings in cities, towns and villages, and in towns will be assessed \$200 per mile for first wire and \$7.50 for each other wire.

MAJORITY WAS CUT IN TWO

Liberal Surplus Greatly Reduced in the North Oxford By-Election.

Woodstock Goes Conservative, Reversing Former Large Majority—Returns as far as Heard.

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 26.—The returns of the North Oxford election received to-night give Col. Munro, the Liberal candidate a majority of 800 with four or five places to hear from, which will increase it.

The Conservatives are far from disheartened. Indeed the first probable result of the election contest will be to make the Conservative Club in Woodstock a Conservative organization that will extend all over the riding. The present election found them without any organization in any place, and with only a week to prepare.

Under the circumstances the Conservatives did very well in this city. They secured a majority of 34, or it may be 54, for there is a dispute as to the figures for one division in Woodstock, and they polled on the average a very good vote throughout the riding. They did not do all they expected to do in Woodstock, but it must be remembered that they had to fight against a perfect Liberal organization and the influence of the Minister of Public Works. Hon. Jas. Sutherland, who has taken an active part in the campaign from the first.

It is difficult to make a comparison with former contests for the legislature for the reason that the last two were three-cornered contests, and it is impossible to make a comparison with the previous contests for the Dominion, for the reason that the constituency was not the same. Taking the last contest for the Legislature, Pattullo polled 2,254 votes, Ross (Independent Liberal) 1,150, and Munro (Conservative) 1,054. Assuming that 20 per cent. of Ross' support came from the Conservatives as an outside figure, the figures would be: Liberal, 3,179; Conservative, 1,284; giving a straight Liberal majority of 1,895. This has been practically cut in two.

The Conservatives did not expect to win the riding; the utmost they looked for was to keep the Liberal majority down to about 500.

The vote polled was unusually large considering the weather. The vote in Woodstock was probably the largest ever polled. Col. Munro polled over 300 more votes here than the late Mr. Pattullo, and Mr. Butler nearly 300 more. From ten to twenty per cent. more votes were polled in the rural constituencies than last election, showing how desperate the fight was. The Conservatives here are confident that with proper organization and sufficient time for preparation they will yet win North Oxford, and before very long. They anticipate another election within a year at the most, and in order that they may not be caught unprepared again they will probably begin by putting candidates in the field for both houses without unnecessary delay.

The result of the contest will probably be the estrangement from Hon. Jas. Sutherland of a large section of his following known as the "Sutherland Tories," who have always supported him. Everything considered, the Conservatives claim they have done well, and they feel that with proper organization they will be able to do much better.

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 26.—The vote polled in the North Oxford election to-day was large, considering the stormy weather. The result is received very quietly. The Liberals are well satisfied with their victory, and say that the figures are about what they expected. The only important change in the result is the turn over in Woodstock, which is the consolation prize of the Conservatives. It has been a friendly contest and ends without bitter feelings on either side.

	Munro.	Butler.
Woodstock City.....	459	890
Blandford.....	123	87
Blenheim.....	471	410
East Nisour.....	351	190
Kimbrough.....	108	17
East Zorra.....	356	142
West Zorra.....	420	124
	2,688	1,770

Total majority for Munro, 918.

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

Mrs. Janet Herdman, aged 34 years, died at the residence of her son on the Huron Line, Sandwich West, last night. Deceased was a Miss Miller before her marriage to James Herdman and was born in Fifehire, Scotland, where she first met Mr. Herdman. In 1832, together with James Herdman and his brother, she came to Sandwich, where after a few months she and Mr. Herdman were married. She is survived by nine children, 29 grandchildren, and 30 great-grandchildren. Her husband died 19 years ago. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at St. John's cemetery, Sandwich.

ROSS READY TO RETIRE

Significant Statement of Attorney-General Gibson in Legislature.

They May go out for a Term But it will be with Faces to the Fox.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—That the Ontario Government realizes they have about run their course is made evident by the words with which Attorney-General Gibson concluded his speech in the Legislature this afternoon. Here is what he said:

"I should be glad to be relieved of the responsibilities of office, and probably my colleagues take the same view. But I refuse to be a party to any Government being bulldozed and blackguarded out of power. We are ready to retire from power, and may go out for a term, but not under such compulsion as the Opposition seek to apply. Perhaps no minister has had such inducements to retire as I have had. I refuse to desert my leader under the present circumstances. When I go it will be with this full consent, and when it will not cause any loss to him or the Government. The Opposition policy seems to be to hound the Government out. We may be forced out, but it will be with our faces to the enemy, and not by turning tail as cowards or traitors. Possibly the Opposition will take longer than they think to do this. They may find we have reached the turning point of our unfortunate luck in the death of members, etc., and that the tide will carry us through, notwithstanding our present small majority."

In the course of his speech Mr. Gibson complained that the Opposition unfairly charged the Government with knowingly permitting the West Elgin ballots to be burned.

Mr. Whitney interrupted to say that he had never uttered a word with relation to the West Elgin enormities which he was not more and more convinced as each day passed was justified. He had never said the Government was concerned in the burning of the ballots. He had, though, accused the Government of almost everything else in connection with the matter. "I do so now," said Mr. Whitney as he sat down.

Mr. Gibson said Mr. Whitney's remarks were like saying, "I don't accuse you because I can't prove it, but you are guilty all the same." "If I am accused of everything else I might be accused of that," added the Attorney-General. "It is the same with Mr. Stratton. Nothing can be proven, but he is guilty just the same." Mr. Gibson, continuing, suggested that in a recent by-election where thirty or forty Conservative members gathered and only a few spoke, there was evidence that the silent members were a part of the machine.

Mr. St. John—"The statement is not true, and I repudiate it. Give the name."

Mr. Gibson—"I may have gone farther than the facts warrant, but I don't believe I have. I have heard that such is the fact."

Mr. J. W. St. John, who followed, made a slashing attack upon the Premier and Mr. Stratton with regard to the Game case. He severely criticised the Government for refusing to support the Opposition's efforts to find out "where the money came from" by offering a \$10,000 reward. His criticism of the Premier for avoiding the trial, despite the Chancellor's statement that he was the only man who could fill in the gap in the evidence as to how he acquired the Aylesworth letter, stung Mr. Ross into attempting a reply.

The Premier condescended to explain that he had not gone into the witness box because he had not been asked. As to how the letter came into his possession, the Premier professed blank ignorance, and declared the only way to find that out would be to trace the letter through the office in the ordinary way.

Mr. Stratton also came under the lash and attempted to explain away certain features that were pressed home by Mr. St. John. He admitted having asked the Globe reporter to forget certain things, but denied that they were connected at all with the Game scandal. He failed, however, to disprove Mr. St. John's charge that the Globe "interview" with Gamey had been altered without that gentleman's consent. In dealing with the more silent features of the case, Mr. St. John showed up the Government's course in a way that was well reflected by the gloomy attention of the Ministers and their frequent petulant interruptions.

Mr. St. John will continue to-morrow.

AMUSING PASSAGE AT ARMS.

In the debate on the address in the Legislature yesterday afternoon there was an amusing passage at arms between Attorney-General Gibson and Opposition Leader Whitney. Mr. Gibson was denying that the delay in bringing on the North Renfrew election had been due to a desire on the part of the Government to obtain a political advantage, and incidentally assured the House that it was not true that the Clerk had been instructed by the Government not to issue the writ. Mr. Whitney

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