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THE LAND, THE LAND, 'TWAS GOD WHO GAVE THE LAND

Four Thousand Bath Liberals Chant With Fervor Great Budget Campaign Song at Asquith's Meeting.

PREMIER ASQUITH WITH PERFECT COURTESY SAYS MR. BALFOUR LIED

In Overestimating the Danger From Germany—When He Knew the Actual Truth—At His Hanley Meeting.

Lloyd-George Describes Balfour's Speech as Last Effort of Desperate Man, in Descending to Discreditable Practices of American Politicians—Amusing Incident at Hammersmith When Sir William Bull Engages in Strenuous Fight With Fists With Member of Audience Who Heckled Him.

Canadian Associated Press.

Bath, Jan. 7—Sitting and standing four thousand enthusiastic Liberals waited last night till they could cheer the premier and sing the inevitable, "He's a jolly good fellow." A former Winnipegger among the stewards smiled at the display of two Stars and Stropes in the decorations of rinks. Premier Asquith began his speech at 8.05 o'clock, and finished at 8.40.

Bath Liberals claim the Anglican curates in the district are with them. Of the four curates in sight of the press table one joined in singing "The land, the land; 'twas God who gave the land." A free trad song was the next favorite, but the land song was chanted with real fervor by these descendants of Somersetshire peasantry who went to their death in the Monmouth rebellion. That song was to them the Marseilles of this revolution.

Courteous But Effective.

With perfect courtesy Hon. A. J. Balfour led his Hanley audience to believe that Premier Asquith was ignorant or untruthful in his overestimate of Britain's naval strength. With equally perfect courtesy Premier Asquith suggested to his Bath audience that Mr. Balfour knew the truth and spoke [illegible] in overestimating the danger from Germany. The old country style of making polite words carry impolite meanings was illustrated in Premier Asquith's indirect endorsation of the street talk that Josph Chamberlain is mentally a wreck, unable to write and sort his letters, and that his signature is being used to give value to letters written by another hand.

Strength Minus Charm.

Mr. Balfour may have charm plus strength; Premier Asquith has strength minus charm. His audience found charm enough in Premier Asquith's scornful denunciation of the peers as "that great reservoir which is being perpetually fed with tributaries of hereditary wisdom." Flashes like these represent Asquith at his best and greatest. There was no sign of greatness in his argument against tariff reform; Premier Asquith talked from text books and not from life when he underestimated the cost of living in England and overestimated the cost of living on the other side of the Atlantic.

Refers to Canadian Politics.

Half a dozen men in Canada, headed by Hon. Geo. E. Foster, could drive Premier Asquith from the platform in debate on the merits of protection versus free trade. An echo of our Canadian political clap-trap was in Premier Asquith's admission that the Unionists would not abolish the old age pension of five shillings a week but that their tariff reform would so decrease the purchase power of those shillings as to operate as a virtual reduction. That is pretty cheap talk for the premier of England, even if it was cheered to the echo. Premier Asquith has the lawyer's weakness for trying to give equal value to every point in his brief. But his speech in general proved his great qualities of mind, though he has less attractiveness of manner than Mr. Balfour. The country which has to choose between two such competitors for the premiership is not badly off.

Wanted to Hear Budget.

Toronto Telegram Special Cable.

Bath, Jan. 7—The strain of making his voice carry in a rink forced Premier Asquith to shorten his speech and barely mention the budget which was unfortunate as his audience wanted to hear nothing else but the budget. There was nothing revolutionary in his speech to stir the Liberals who are already stirred to the boiling point. Bath has three hundred suffragettes, but they hung back while the militant suffragettes, but they hung back while the militant suffragettes from outside took command. Premier Asquith is their pet aversion, so they rented windows in houses close to the rink but the Liberal organization was prepared for anything and a woman had no more chance of getting into Premier Asquith's meeting than into a Masonic lodge.

Own Wives Excluded.

Liberals were indignant that the suffragettes had forced them in self-defence to exclude their own wives and daughters from the pleasure of hearing Premier Asquith. Liberals outside the rink were in bad temper when two suffragettes from London began to distribute leaflets. They were mobbed and their places slapped and the police hustled them away none too kindly from worse brutality at the hands of the mob, consisting mostly of small boys with grown men standing round telling the hoodlums to man-handle the helpless women. The Bath suffragettes had arranged to follow their London sisters in distributing leaflets, but their courage failed them.

The Safe Seats.

London, Jan. 6—Premier Asquith, David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, John Burns, president of the local government board, and other members of the government occupied last night in denouncing Balfour's alarmist references to Germany and refuting his accusations of the unpreparedness of the navy. Chancellor Lloyd George in Prekham, a district in London, described Mr. Balfour's speech as the last effort of a thoroughly desperate man who saw that his cause was lost. Mr. Balfour had indulged in plucking the German eagle's tail feathers and tail-twisting had become a discreditable practice, he said, even in America. He was sorry to see the leader of a great party and a former premier reduced to the extremity of following the footsteps of the most discreditable type of politician in the United States. Such talk was dangerous to the world's peace and a disgrace to British politics.

Men Behind the Guns.

Great Britain, the chancellor went on, in her time had warred with almost every country, but never with Germany. On the contrary she had generally had Germany fight side by side with her. During the last decade Great Britain had built nearly double the number of battleships constructed by Germany, but if the ratio were inversed he would not be afraid because Great Britain had the men behind the guns.

"But," he added, "we will continue to build warships faster than Germany."

The prime minister, speaking in Bath, reiterated his statement that so far as equipment and armament were concerned the British navy was in a position of unassailable superiority, and the British shores were more

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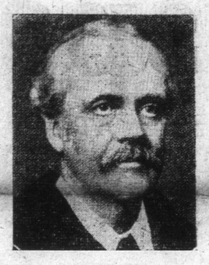
THE THREE OUTSTANDING FIGURES IN THE BUDGET BATTLE.

PREMIER ASQUITH,
Who Spoke for Only 35 Minutes at Bath Last Night.



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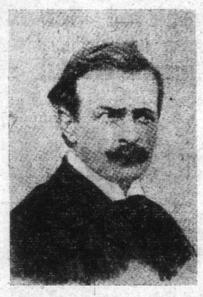

DAVID LLOYD-GEORGE.

TWELVE CITIES' POPULATIONS INCREASE SEVENTY PER CENT.

This is Record For Three Years—In Nine Years Increase Has Been 284 Per Cent.—Saskatoon Leads and Edmonton is Second in Increase Since Dominion Census—Lethbridge and Saskatoon Lead During Last Three Years.

During the last decade there has been a very rapid influx of settlers into the provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. They have distributed themselves over a vast area. Market points have in consequence sprung up with remarkable rapidity. The well-known commercial agency, Bradstreets, keeps in very close touch with every point where tradesmen are likely to apply for credit from banks, wholesalers or manufacturers. In 1900 this agency had listed only 719 points in the territory now embraced in the provinces mentioned. On January 1 of the present year this number had increased to 2,320. The number of traders and business houses listed by the same agency in the same territory was 5,389 in 1900, and on the first of January of the present year the number was 17,189, or an increase of 200 per cent. The individual trader of the present time in this new territory does more business than he did in 1900. The customs returns, for instance, show an increase in the same period of 700 per cent. The increase of trade and population in the rural districts has caused the rapid growth of cities. Twelve of those that had attained to that status have an aggregate population of 269,165 at the present time, and when the official census of the Dominion was taken in 1901 their population was 69,944. The increase in nine years is therefore 284 per cent. Since the official census of 1906 was taken the increase is 70 per cent. How remarkable has been the growth of those cities respecting which the Free Press has been able to procure information is shown in the following table:

Population of Twelve Western Canadian Cities.

	*1901	*1906	1907	1908	*1909	Inc. 9 yrs 1901-9 per cent.	Inc. 3 yrs 1906-9 per cent.
Edmonton	2,626	11,167	18,000	20,000	25,000	852	123
Calgary	4,091	11,976	20,040	25,000	29,265	614	144
Lethbridge	2,072	2,313	3,700	6,020	10,000	382	332
Medicine Hat	1,570	3,029	—	—	5,000	218	65
Fernie	1,873	3,913	4,300	4,800	5,300	183	38
Moose Jaw	1,558	6,249	7,500	10,100	12,000	670	92
Prince Albert	1,785	3,005	—	—	7,000	292	133
Saskatoon	113	3,011	—	—	12,100	2565	301
Regina	2,249	6,169	9,000	10,000	13,500	500	118
Portage la Prairie	3,901	5,196	4,600	6,269	7,000	76	37
Brandon	5,620	10,408	10,750	11,282	13,000	131	24
Winnipeg	42,340	90,153	117,729	118,252	130,000	207	44
Total 12 cities	69,944	157,696	185,328	211,523	269,165	284	70

* The population for 1901 and 1906, with the exception of Fernie, are taken from the Dominion Government census returns for those years; for 1906 the figures are estimated from data supplied by secretaries of boards of trade, municipal and police officers and bank managers.

In August, 1908, Fernie was entirely wiped out by fire, nevertheless its population has shown a remarkable increase.

TERMINAL ELEVATOR OPERATION

Grain Growers Will Ask Federal Government to Take These Over.

Winnipeg, Jan. 7—It was decided at a meeting of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association last night, held in the Grain Growers' Grain company's offices, to send a delegation to Ottawa during the last week in January to urge upon the Dominion government the necessity of taking over and operating the terminal elevators. The Alberta, Saskatchewan, Dominion Grange and Dominion Millers' associations will be invited to send along delegates on the occasion.

Representations will also be made to have the Grain act of this province amended. The Saskatchewan legislature has passed a memorial requesting the Dominion government to take over the terminal elevators and the directors of the association will ask that the Manitoba government assist them in securing this concession from the Dominion government.

FARMERS TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

President of the Provincial Association in the City To-day—Held Conference With Premier Rutherford and the Minister of Agriculture—Big Attendance Expected at Coming Convention.

James Bower, of Red Deer, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, was in city Friday in connection with the business of the farmers' convention, which is to be held in Edmonton on Wednesday and Thursday, January 19th and 20th. This morning, Mr. Bower was at the Government Buildings and met the Premier and Hon. Mr. Marshall, minister of agriculture, with whom he talked over some of the live questions with the farmers of the province at the present time.

Government Pork Packing Plant.

Speaking of the chief subjects that will come up for discussion at the provincial gathering, Mr. Bower informed the Bulletin that one of the chief matters will be the government pork packing plant.

"Upon this," said the president of the United Farmers, "the members are taking a more decided stand than ever before, and it is probable that some definite movement will be made.

Inter-provincial Trade.

"The question of inter-provincial trade with British Columbia," he continued, "and the western grain route with terminals will no doubt occupy an important place on the programme. While municipal abbatoirs, beef chilling, internal elevators, local improvements, hay inspection, the agricultural college, hail insurance, gopher and coyote extermination, co-operation in marketing, railway crossings and cattle guards on the railways will also be before the members."

It is likely that the United Farmers will also discuss the formation of a National Council, composed of the executives of the various provincial associations, and other important subjects will fully occupy all the time at the disposal of the association.

Big Attendance Expected.

"A large and representative attendance is expected," said Mr. Bower. "Our members each year are more than ever before recognizing the importance of our annual convention."

The executive of the association is as follows: President, James Bower, Red Deer; vice-president, Rice Sheppard, Strathcona; secretary-treasurer, Edward J. Fream, Innisfail; directors, G. McDonald, Olds; G. Long, Namno; T. Balaam, Vegreville; L. H. Jelliffe, Cardston; W. A. Dixon, Fishburn; A. Von Mielecki, Calgary.

BOMB INSURANCE IN CHICAGO

Lloyd's Representative Says It is Now Necessary.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Bomb insurance for Chicago, to protect it from the loss of property such as was incurred during the three years of terrorism caused by gambling factions, culminating with the series of thirty-five bombs, was recommended before the Illinois Fire Insurance commission at its session at the Lasalle Hotel. A. P. Shaw, representative of Lloyd's of London, the company that insures anything from cats to the weather, suggested the new form of protection. He said that it was a form of insurance quite necessary here now.

CUT COMPLETELY IN TWO.

Tragic Death of W. S. McRoberts at Windsor.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 6.—Wm. S. McRoberts, aged 35, was cut completely in two at the C.P.R. chutes, near the round-house here. McRoberts had quit work and was on his way to report to his mechanical foreman. The engine was backing down to the roundhouse. McRoberts was walking on the track and did not see it. He was dragged one hundred feet under the wheels. McRoberts was a carpenter employed on a bridge gang.

Vancouver Mayoralty Contest.

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 6.—Mayor Douglas and L. D. Taylor, editor of The World, were nominated today for the mayoralty contest of next Thursday. Aldermanic contests will occur in every ward.

CREAMERIES TAKE GREATER CONTROL

Hon. Duncan Marshall Returns From Co-Operative Creameries Convention at Red Deer.

Important measures affecting the co-operative creameries of the province were taken at the convention of the delegates of these creameries which was held on Wednesday at Red Deer. There were present thirty-eight delegates, representing the twenty-one co-operative creameries of the province.

Among those who were in attendance at the gathering was Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture, who returned to the city Thursday and was at his office in the government buildings this morning.

"The three most important matters discussed," he said to the Bulletin this morning, "were the more rapid paying of remittances to the patrons, the grading of milk from the different sources of supply and the assuming of larger responsibility by the creameries which have become independent."

Considerable time was taken up in the explanation of past grievances and of proposed changes. After considerable discussion the views of the delegates were condensed into a number of resolutions.

One of these was to avoid the delays of the past in the remittances to the patrons from the government. The plan to be tried during the coming year is that a cheque for 75 per cent. of the estimated value of the butter will be forwarded each local secretary upon the receipt of the butter at Calgary. This will place the money at the disposal of the districts as often as the local creamery wish. The butter will be collected and delivered at Calgary each week. This will enable the local creamery association to remit promptly at the first of each month. Some are now arranging to make a remittance every two weks.

Grading of Cream.

Another resolution adopted dealt with the principle of grading cream. It was shown by Dairy Commissioner Marker that only about 65 per cent. of the butter delivered last year classed as fancy butter and that the remaining 35 per cent. was lower grade. Still the same price was paid to all the creameries. It was also shown that 90 per cent. of some creameries graded fancy, while only ten per cent. of other creameries' output was of that grade.

In order to rectify this injustice, it was decided that all cream should be graded and each patron paid according to the grade supplied.

To Take More Responsibility.

The delegates were unanimous in the request that the Dairy Commission should continue the marketing of the butter. They were also in sympathy with a movement for each local creamery to assume more responsibility in the administration. With that end in view each locality shall employ its own butter maker and attend to all business at a local nature. But they appreciate the fact that local creameies are at a disadvantage in marketing their own product and expressed the hope that the provisional government would not withdraw its support in this respect.

ASKS $250,000 FOR PAINTING.

Supposed Leonrado Di Vinci May Start Controversy.

London, Jan. 6—Lying in the strong room of the Carlton Hotel is a picture which may supply material for a controversy similar to that aroused over the wax bust bought by Dr. Bode for the Kaiser Friedrich Museum at eBrlin. The owner of the picture is a Mrs. Dooley, of Manchester, living at the Carlton House, who claims that it was painted by Leonardo da Vinci. The subject is "St. John in the Wilderness." It is forty by twenty-nine inches in size, and represents a nude man, sitting on a rock and holding a staff.

Mrs. Dooley bought it for a few shillings at a private auction forty years ago. An expert who saw it while it was being restored declared that it was the work of Leonardo da Vinci. Mrs. Dooley kept it till 1905, when she sent it to the Christies, who catalogued it as a genuine Leonardo. They offered it at auction at a reserve price of 10,000 guineas. This price was not reached in the bidding, but Mrs. Dooley refused to take less.

LETTING THEIR LIGHT SHINE.

Regina is After More American Settlers—After Publicity Agent Also.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6—T. M. Young, Regina, is here in an effort to secure a press agent for his city at a salary of four thousand. He is trying to induce Theodore M. Knapp, formerly secretary of the Western Canadian Immigration association, to accept the place. "We are not going to hide our light under a bushel," said Mr. Young. "Thousands of Americans have already come to live with us, and we like them so much that we want more of them."

Appointed Chief Customs Appraiser.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 6.—John Head, who has had charge of the customs branch of the Dominion Express company for some time, has been appointed chief appraiser in the Winnipeg customs house, at a salary of $2,000 a year.

PROTESTANT SLATE DEFEATED

James Simpson Elected Chairman of Toronto School oBard.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 6.—It is feared that strong sectarian feeling will be aroused by the election of James Simpson as chairman of the board of education tonight. Mr. Simpson was opposed by Mr. Levee, a prominent Orangeman who last year introduced the Protestant slate, which last year and this year was a big factor in the contest, its platform being mainly refusal to allow Catholic teachers in the public schools. Mr. Levee was supported tonight by Trustees Davis, Hodgson, Agnew, Smith and Cosbory, all slate members, also by Clara Brett Martin, the woman member of the board.

For Mr. Simpson there voted Trustees Brown, Bryans, Ogden, Rawlinson, Dineen, Boland, the last two named being separate school members. The casting votes in Simpson's favor was given by Trustees Dineen, he being the largest property owner as the statute provides. Mr. Simpson is a prominent socialist. He was formerly vice-president of the Dominion Trades and Labor congress. He belongs to the Orange order.

PRINCIPAL ROBERTSON TO TRAVEL AND STUDY

Head of Macdonald College Retiring From Well Known Institution—Strained Relations With the Governing Board of McGill University—College is Now Well Established.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—The Montreal newspapers contain an announcement foreshadowing the immediate retirement of Dr. James W. Robertson from the principalship of the new Macdonald College at Ste. Anne de Bellavue. The announcement is in these terms:

"When Principal Robertson, of Macdonald college, requested leave of absence for the winter, it was remarked that it might be a first step towards a wider field of service for Canadian agriculture, and the betterment of conditions of rural life generally. Dr. Robertson now confirms that expectation by stating that he will leave in January for Switzerland, France and Denmark, to study at first hand the rural economy of those older countries where notable progress has been made through agricultural education and co-operation. Incidentally he desires to acquire an easier command of the French language, for use in the province of Quebec. It will be remembered that he was one of those pointed by the commission for the conservation of natural resources. The professor intends to devote a large part of his time and energies to his duties as a member of that commission. After visiting Europe, he will come back to Canada for a few months in summer, and after a period in Newfoundland will go on to Australia, South Africa and India.

About a year will be occupied in these travels and investigations. In the several countries, Dr. Robertson will take opportunities of giving to various bodies information on the enormously extensive and valuable resources of Canada, and also on the wonderful developments by its people. His long experience as commissioner of agriculture for the Dominion gave him an intimate and comprehensive knowledge of Canadian agriculture, such as is possessed by few other citizens, while his work at Macdonald college has brought him into close touch with what is foremost and best in education for the building up of the country in its children, its teachers, and its homes. The men and women on Canadian farms will be pleased to learn that one who is so generally recognized as one of themselves will speak for Canada, from their point of view, in the United Kingdom, and in the overseas dominions of the empire; and they will be still better pleased when, after the year of post-principal education, he settles down among them to continue his labors of love for the advancement of agriculture and education.

Strained Relations With McGill.

Though the announcement comes as a surprise to the public it is understood that at the beginning of the school year last October Prof. Robertson announced to the authorities of McGill University, with which Macdonald College is affiliated, that he intended to retire as soon as he could do so without injury to the institution which was founded upon lines laid down by him. The reasons for his action can only be surmised as yet but it is believed that there has been almost from the beginning strained relations between Prof. Robertson and the governing powers of McGill, the latter viewing with ill-concealed jealousy the pouring of millions by Sir William Macdonald, who has long been McGill's chief benefactor, into educational enterprises which they rgarded as of less importance than the classical, scientifis and medical institutions maintained by the University. Dr. Robertson maintained his position until Macdonald College was fully organized on the lines laid down by him and until its character as an agricultural and technical school was established; and now retires to carry out plans of travel and study outlined in his announcement.

Big Apartment Block for Regina.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 6.—D. J. McKay, of the McKay Construction Company in this city, representing an American syndicate, has purchased a 150 foot site fronting on Victoria Park, on which a $150,000 apartment block will be built during the coming season.

20TH CENTURY IS FOR CANADA

Sir Wilfrid's Eloquent Speech in Toronto Has Nationality As Its Keynote.

veiling his portrait by W. K. McNaught, M.P.P., a leading Conservative. Sir Wilfrid made a felicitous reply: George Irving, presided, and the guests included Sir Wm. Mulock, Justice Mabee and Senator Robert Jaffray, Hon. E. J. Davis and E. K. Lemieux, Ottawa. Two hundred covers were laid. The floral decorations were magnificent. Chairman Irving in pro-

Toronto, Jan. 7—Nationality was the inspiring note prevailing throughout the Laurier banquet at the National club tonight. It was not a political gathering but the premier received great plaudits from the asembly which included Toronto's most prominent men of both parties. A special honor was given Sir Wilfrid Laurier of unposing the toast of Sir Wilfrid Laurier said they honored him as a great Canadian, irrespective of politics. Laurier was given an ovation and cheers. The "Maple Leaf" was given after the acknowledgment of compliments.

Canadians Too Modest.

The prime minister declared he was sanguine that the twentieth century was for Canada and it would take the place largely filled by the United States in the nineteenth century. If Canadians had one fault it was that they did not sufficiently appreciate their own country. He was sorry that some Canadians shared the feelings of the older world that the Canadian winter was a drawback.

Referring to the development of the west and the land north of the Laurentians, he declared that Sir John Macdonald's policy had been justified if ever any policy was and he instanced further developments in Northern Alberta as the opening up of new agricultural kingdoms, and the discoveries at Cobalt and Porcupine Lake, as an earnest of Canada's claim to the twentieth century.

"It does not require a prophet to say that for a hundred years to come Canada will be the magnet of the civilized world," he declared.

Canadian Achievements.

Referring to Canadian achievements Laurier spoke of the great distinction in geology attained by Sir Wm. Logan and Sir Wm. Dawson; in arts by Madame Albani; in sculpture by Philip Herbert. Canadians did not know the country's richness in the literary field.

He paid a great tribute to the late B. B. Osler and Hon. Edward Blake, whose eloquence was wonderful.

Canadians, he said, should follow the example of Americans in their zeal to beautiful their cities. He referred to the fine result from the annual grant of $60,000 to Ottawa. In concluding Sir Wilfrid said that while he could not expect everyone to approve of his policy he would realize his great ambition if he enjoyed the general esteem.

"I desire no other mention than that I tried to do my best for Canada, for its prosperity and for its glory," he ended amid cheers and applause.

TO PROVE HIM A FORGER

Interesting Case in Toronto Arising Out of Will of Farmer Named Jas. Duncan.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 7.—An interesting case came up before Judge Denton this morning, when the executors of the estate of the late James Duncan, Emery township, farmer, who left $70,000, filed a claim against Dr. Duncan, a son, for $679.10, being one face value of a promissory note given the father by the son. He resists the claim, produces a receipt bearing his father's name and claims he lent his father an additional $1,000. Counsel for the executors asked for an order for the production of all documents bearing signatures so that they could be photographed and enlarged ten times for the purposes of comparison.

N. F. Denison, counsel for Dr. Duncan, vigorously resisted this, claiming that photographs had been made a science of misrepresentation. Here were brothers and sisters trying to prove, for the sake of a few hundred dollars, that the brother was a forger. The judge reserved judgment on the point as to whether he would allow the signatures to be photographed. Counsel for Dr. Duncan declared that an equal number of experts on either side could be produced to swear that signatures were false or genuine. One of the sons is W. J. Duncan, of Yorkton, Sask.

YEGGMEN RAID YPSILANTI

Michigan City Scene of Outrage—Two Men Killed by Bandits.

Ypsilanti, Mich., Jan. 7.—This city was raided by yeggmen early today. E. Miner, baggagemtn of the Michigan Central, was killed and Morgan Emmett, telegraph operator, fatally shot in a battle with bandits. Several stores were broken into. One bandit was captured. A posse is pursuing the others.

Sheriff Whitehead Safe.

Regina, Sask., January 6.—Sheriff A. B. Whitehead, of Weyburn, who was reported missing, has turned up safely from a business trip in the south country. Fears were entertained that he had got lost in last Friday's storm.