

BRIMMER HAT BLIND MAN ON PHONE EXCHANGE

Has Been Sightless 33 Years But Does His Work and Satisfies People.

MURTAIR, Okla., June 16.—Several private telephone exchanges in the eastern part of Oklahoma are operated by blind men, who perform their work as rapidly and unerringly as men with perfect vision. But McCurtain has a telephone exchange that is operated by a blind man who also attends to all the other work of the exchange.

T. M. Warrell, thirty-five years old, who has been blind since he was two years of age, is a half-owner of the McCurtain exchange and attends to all of the outside work in the exchange. He is relief and night operator of the system. He keeps his own books, using the New York point system, which he learned in the school for the blind in Little Rock, Ark., where he spent eight years of his boyhood.

In addition to keeping the lines and acting as telephone operator, Mr. Warrell installs his own telephones, strings the wires, clears trouble on the lines and instruments and does all of the work ordinarily done by linemen with perfect vision.

In operating the switchboard, Mr. Warrell can answer and complete the calls as quickly as though he could see. He clears the switchboard of trouble by first testing and locating the wires as nearly as possible. Then he follows the wires with his hand until the broken part is found and connected.

If the lines are crossed from the outside Mr. Warrell enlists the services of a small boy. True to small boy nature, there is always some youngster willing and ready to help the blind man and trace the trouble until the youngster sees where the wires are crossed. Mr. Warrell then puts on the lineman's belt and sports, climbs the pole and quickly clears the trouble.

The blind man has less complaint from the patrons of the exchange than many men who can see to operate a switchboard have. He is prompt and accurate and has a natural bent towards electricity and a love for his work, and he has never asked any favors because of his affliction.

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Workingmen! Vote For The Government Which Has Cut Your Electric Light Bills In Half

A ROUSING MEETING HELD AT SCOTLAND IN FAVOR OF CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATES

Biggest Meeting Ever Held in the Village--Messrs Brewster and Westbrook Were Both Enthusiastically Received by the People.

Mr. W. S. Brewster and Mr. J. W. Westbrook, Conservative candidates in South and North Brant respectively, held a joint meeting at Scotland last night in Fiddin Hall. The meeting was the largest and most enthusiastic ever held in the Village of Scotland. The hall was crowded. The Liberals held a meeting the night before, but the Conservative meeting was attended by twice as many people as the Liberal meeting. Many ladies were in attendance.

Mr. J. W. Westbrook was the first speaker, and made one of the best speeches that he had ever delivered. It was the universal opinion of those present that Mr. Westbrook has developed most rapidly since his election to the legislature, and he is now a finished speaker with a full grasp of the affairs of the province, and would be a credit to any riding.

Mr. W. S. Brewster delivered a powerful speech and dealt with the statements made by the Liberal speakers at their meeting the previous evening. He criticized Mr. Ham for having made the statement that the Whitney Government had increased the expenditure of the Province by \$100 million to twenty-two million dollars. Mr. Brewster showed that notwithstanding the fact that the expenditure had increased, the revenue had increased proportionately, and that during the nine

Another Overwhelming Victory Freely Forecasted On Returns From Every Part Of Province

(By Special Wire to the Courier) TORONTO, June 17.—The political campaign in Ontario is swinging into the stretch, with every promise that Sir James Whitney will again sweep the province. At Government organization headquarters there is the greatest enthusiasm. Reports of an authoritative character are coming in from every riding, and without exception they indicate that the strong administration of the people to the Whitney administration in the last nine years is fully maintained, and that the Government will be overwhelmingly returned. The Opposition's best card has proved a dismal disappointment to the party. This is admitted at Liberal headquarters here. The prediction made by prominent Liberals in outside constituencies that the province could not be won by dividing the temperance forces is being fulfilled already in the large number of constituencies where the Liberals will not have a candidate of their own. Wellington is an instance. Wellington is another. Men of strong Conservative principles are running as independent candidates, ostensibly upon the "banish the bar" policy, but are suspected by the Liberals of having personal ambitions. Their presence, however, effectually precluded the possibility of a straight party candidate to represent the Opposition in the contest.

CONFLICTING STORIES RE EMPRESS OF IRELAND WRECK TOLD TODAY

First Officer of the Storstad Gives His Version and is Closely Examined by Lord Mersey--All Details Submitted Not Quite Satisfactory to Court.

(By Special Wire to the Courier) COURT HOUSE, Quebec, June 17.—The concession by Chief Officer Tuftenes of the Collier Storstad at the Empress of Ireland wreck enquiry this morning, that according to a diagram he had prepared of the relative positions of the two vessels when they sighted one another just before the collision which sank the liner it would appear as if they should have cleared, was the breach made by Butler Aspinall, K.C., acting for the Canadian Pacific Railway, in the defence of the owners of the Storstad. The officer had contended in his testimony that the Empress was travelling ten knots an hour and the Storstad only one when they were disclosed to one another about two ship lengths or eight hundred feet away. Mr. Aspinall by the questions he immediately asked upon this matter and the carelessness of Lord Mersey to give the witness an opportunity to express his opinion, clearly showed the importance attached to this decision on the part of the witness. Mr. Aspinall followed it up by suggesting that the only way the Empress could have been struck straight into her boilers, if she was not stationary, was for her to move onto the Storstad like a crab, but the witness held to his story that the liner was crossing his bows at a good speed.

The witness came in for some heckling on why he did not call Captain Anderson sooner, Lord Mersey making the suggestive observation that in disobeying his instructions to summon the master at the appearance of fog and using his discretion, it so happened that Captain Anderson did not get on deck until all the damage was done and his immediate order when the Empress appeared, to reverse the engines, came too late. Captain Anderson was placed in the box during the morning and examined by Mr. Haight on behalf of the Storstad owners.

NELSON REPORTS Popular Infielder of Brantford Team Arrived in City Today.

Johnny Nelson last year's third baseman of the Brantford Red Sox who made a splendid record, both at bat and in the field with a rank tail end team reported to Brantford today as fit as a fiddle. He was unable to get to Toronto this afternoon to join the team, but will be in the game tomorrow behind the dyke against Peterboro.

CHANGING SHAMROCK. LONDON, June 17.—A special dispatch from Portsmouth, says the rig of the Shamrock IV. is to be altered from that of a sloop to that of a cutter. The challenger for the America's Cup is to be given a longer bow sprit, with jib and foresail. The despatch adds that the removal of the lead will reduce her waterline and affect the time allowance.

AN UNWARRANTED ATTACK ON INTEGRITY OF A YOUNG ENGLISHMAN BY THE GRITS

Brantford Soldiers Not Good Enough To Vote--Expositor Endeavors to Cover Up Unscrupulous Methods Adopted by Ham Supporters.

Trifling with the inherent right of every British subject to vote, calling honest men perjurers, the Grit machine of Brantford, backed up by its subservient organ, the Expositor, made a subtle attempt last night to cover up the dastardly effort made by said Grit machine to strike off from the voters' list practically every member of the two Brantford regiments who were eligible to be registered, and who were away at camp attending to their country's business and doing their duty as volunteer soldiers of the Empire.

The statement made in the Expositor that a double registration of voters was attempted by the Conservatives was false, as the members of both regiments know and as the facts reveal the case. Before the members of the Dufferin Rifles and Dragoons returned from camp practically all of them were appealed against by the Grit agent, Rev. C. H. Emerson.

THE FACTS OF THE CASE. The facts of the case regarding the registration of the members of the Brantford regiments are as follows: When it was found that the Dragoons and Dufferin Rifles were going into camp, without any questions being asked as to politics, the names of all members entitled to register were secured through the officers. These lists were prepared, and in order, when the regiments were in camp, that their absence could be verified, also their other qualifications. Mr. Sydney Weir was sent down. On Friday morning, no information having been received that the men would be back in time, preparations were made to register the soldiers as absentees.

WHAT LIBERALS DID. The part played by the Grit agent, Mr. Emerson, was a sorry one, however. Acting, no doubt, on instructions from Ham headquarters, he appealed the registration of the soldiers, practically all of them except a few of his own friends, before the Dragoons ever arrived back in the city.

ATTACK ON ENGLISHMAN. Not only did the Expositor go the limit in political cajolery and subterfuge in endeavoring to explain the matter away, but it made a brutal attack on a splendid type of young Englishman in the person of Mr. Sydney Weir. The organ practically accused Mr. Weir of committing perjury. Mr. Weir was sent to Niagara camp to establish the fact that certain members of the regiment were in camp and absent from the city. He went there and ascertained first-hand that they were in camp, and took an oath to that effect. The young gentleman, who bears a high character and has been a worker at the Colborne Street Church, does not propose to let the matter rest, and legal proceedings are being considered against the proprietor of the Expositor. The attack on Mr. Weir's character was most unwarranted, and reflects the length to which those backing Ham in the present contest will go to gain a point.

APPEALED THEM AGAIN. Not only that, but appeals were filed against those who had gone after they returned and registered themselves as duly entitled to vote. The entire effort of the Grit machine was directed at keeping these volunteers off the voters' list, an unscrupulous effort at its best, and one which the vigilance of the Conservative workers was able to overcome. When an appeal is entered against a man's vote, it is taken to mean that the party which makes the appeal doesn't want him to vote. The appeals made by the Grit machine were not even based on technicalities; they were made against British subjects who had every right and every qualification to cast their vote in the forthcoming election.

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