

GOVT'S POLICY SANE AND SAFE
MR. FIELDING UPHOLDS RECORDMinister of Finance and Hon. A. B. Aylesworth Main Speakers
at a Great Gathering of Electors in the
Queen City.

Toronto, Oct. 1.—Even though Toronto has not been much in the habit of electing anything but Conservative members heretofore, its citizens include many stalwart Liberals, who are determined that in the coming contest it shall not be all "Tory Toronto." There was a thrilling example of their devotion to the principles of Liberalism at the meeting in Massey Hall last night, when a huge auditorium was filled to the very doors with a cheering, enthusiastic and public-spirited audience. There were speakers in plenty, but more important, they had a story of progress to tell that appealed to the best in the hearts of everyone present. Rarely has such a meeting been seen in this city. The Minister of Finance, Hon. W. S. Fielding, was in the best of speaking form, and as he piled fact upon fact, argument upon argument, coupled with telling and convincing comparisons, the building reverberated with applause. No less hearty was the greeting to Hon. Mr. Aylesworth and the two local candidates, Messrs. T. C. Robinette, K. C., and W. H. Shaw. The meeting was indeed a splendid omen for the future of Liberalism in Toronto.

The Government's Policy.
Hon. Mr. Fielding carefully reviewed

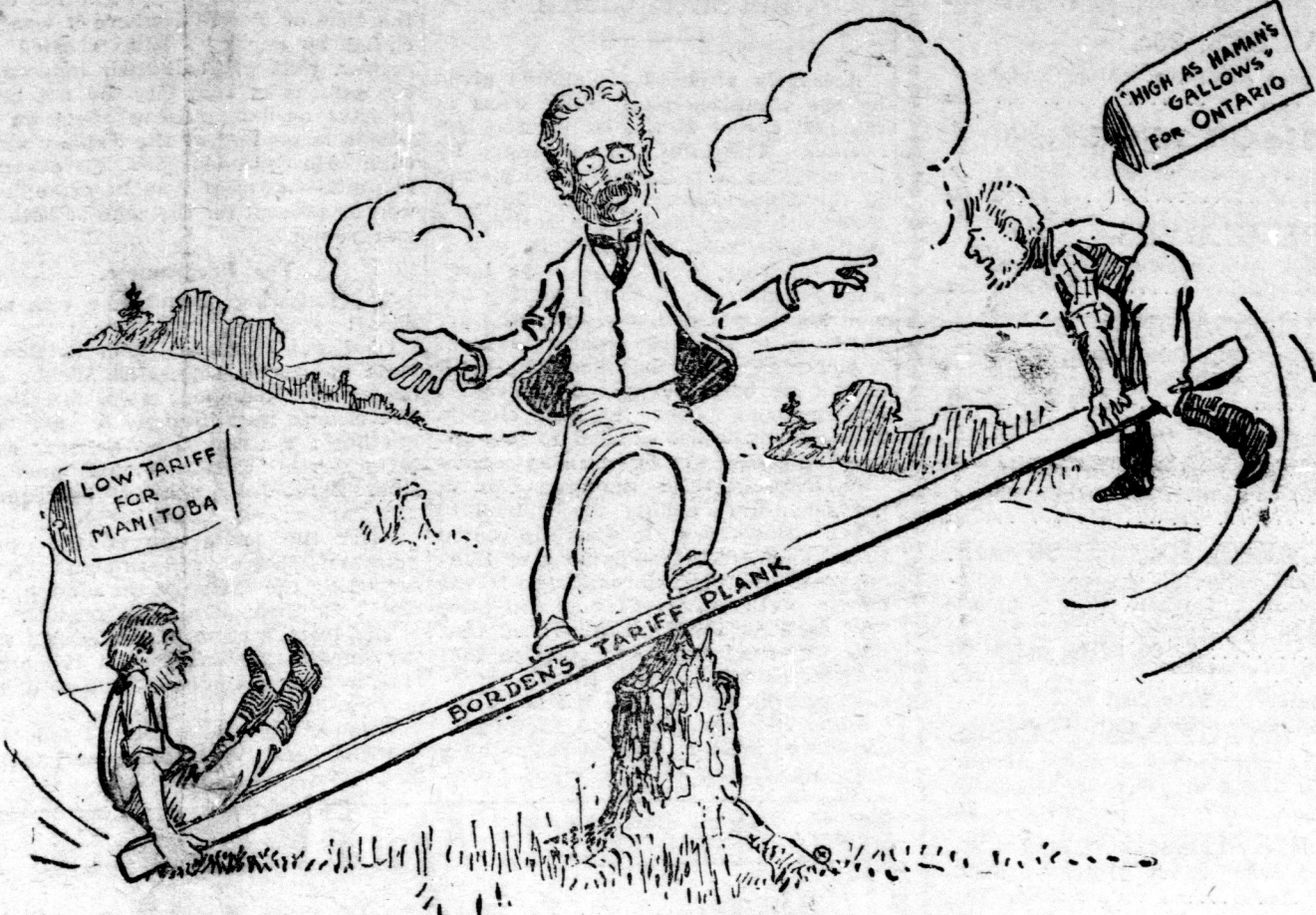
ed the most salient features of the financial policy in existence during the past twelve years. He showed how the rate of taxation had been reduced, the public debt kept lower than Conservative statesmen had been able to keep it, and surpluses had taken the place of the old-fashioned Tory deficits. Vigorous and at the same time breathing of intense patriotism, was his defense of his tariff policy. He told how the great ideal of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was to unify the different races and creeds in Canada. His own ideal he pictured as the formation of a tariff which would harmonize with the views of both the farmer and the manufacturer. Mr. Fielding drew a faithful picture of the progress of the twelve years: trade had increased; land values had gone up, and the population was greater. He also touched on the Crow's Nest Pass controversy, showing how neither Mr. Borden nor Sir Charles Tupper had raised his voice against the bargain when it came up in the House, but rather praised it. Incidentally, he said the Globe newspaper had given proof of its ability to take care of itself. Hon. Mr. Aylesworth's address consisted for a large part of a brilliant eulogy of Canada's leading Continued on Page Nine.

BIG NEW YORK
DIAMOND STEALJewels Valued at \$50,000 Have
Vanished and Employee
Is Suspected.

New York, Oct. 2.—An investigation which followed the discovery that a diamond sunburst was missing from the warehouses of Oliver M. Ferrand, a Maiden Lane diamond importer, has disclosed what may prove to be one of the biggest robberies in the diamond district. Already, it is said, jewels valued at \$50,000 are known to have disappeared, and the inventory of stock has not yet been completed. It has been disclosed also, that the robberies probably have been going on for years, and it seems possible that when the inventory has been completed the total will be far in excess of the amount now known to be involved. While the investigation has been in progress Mr. Ferrand has been endeavoring to find one of his oldest and most trusted employees, who has been away from the city for several months. This man should have returned from his vacation on Sept. 1, but he did not come, nor was any word received from him.

SECRETARY OF STATE
CANDIDATE IN RUSSELL

Russell, Ont., Oct. 1.—The Premier concluded his tour of Ontario here today, addressing a large gathering. Additional interest was added to the day's doings by the acceptance of the candidature of Russell County by Mr. Charles Murphy, the newly-appointed secretary of state. Mr. George McLaurin retiring in his favor.



THE CONS. SEE-SAW

THE GENERAL SYNOD

Convention of Anglicans at Ottawa
Will Prorogue Today.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 2.—The General Synod of the Church of England in Canada decided this morning that its business had reached such an advanced stage that it would prorogue at 5 o'clock this afternoon. A resolution from the bishops advocating a reorganization of the plan of lay workers to promote the activity of the lay workers in the church, was laid over for consideration at the synod three years hence.

CZAR IN OUR COURTS

Attempting to Secure the Extradition
of One of His Subjects.

Ottawa, Oct. 2.—The Czar of Russia will figure in a case which comes up before the supreme court at the October term, beginning Tuesday next. F. H. Chrysler, K. C., will make a motion to quash the appeal of Russia vs. Proskovnikoff, on the ground that there is no jurisdiction. The Russian was an official of the Czar's who became involved with a woman, with whom and a trunk full of securities worth millions he fled the country. He turned up in Winnipeg, where his cash ran out, and he resorted to his securities. In this way his location became known to the Russian authorities and he was arrested and held in Winnipeg for extradition. An appeal has been lodged by each side.

NOT THE RIGHT MAN

Italian Charged With Stabbing Fellow-
Countryman Is Liberated.

Lindsay, Oct. 2.—Vito Spino, an Italian, who was charged with stabbing a fellow countryman, Patzi Marcorette, at Fenelon Falls, some weeks ago, was discharged by Judge Harding today after a lengthy trial. It was proven that Spino was not the man who did the stabbing, and that the real culprit had mingled with the crowd at the time and escaped. The injured man got out of the hospital only the other day, having been in bed for several weeks.

DO NOT EXPECT A WAR

Bulgaria and Turkey Not Likely to
Clash, Say Berlin Reports.

Berlin, Oct. 2.—Telegrams received from the various capitals of Southern Europe setting forth that the Turkish army is moving toward the Bulgarian frontiers, and that the Bulgarian army is engaged in hurried efforts to secure reinforcements, are not taken seriously in Berlin. The official view is that Bulgaria is certain to give up peacefully that section of the Oriental railroad in Roumelia, which she now holds, and that she will not choose the present moment to declare her independence.

A BIG BRITISH MAIL

Staff of New York Postoffice Obligated
to Work Overtime.

New York, Oct. 2.—Working overtime, the staff of the foreign branch of the postoffice managed yesterday morning to get off the heavy British mail, which marked the first day of the reduced rate of postage. About 90,000 more letters than usual were dispatched to Europe by the America, Baltic and the Provence. Of these a large proportion had been saved up by business houses to take advantage of the two-cent rate. Postmaster Morgan said it is too soon as yet to tell what the effects of the reduced rate will be.

Ankle Hurt.

Mr. Robert Shillington, while shooting at the ranges yesterday afternoon sprained his ankle. The sprain is a severe one, and will lay him up for some time.

A BOLD HOLD-UP
BY MASKED MENDaring Robbery on the Grand
Trunk at Junction Cut.

OPERATOR FACED REVOLVERS

Men Arrested After a Hot Chase—
One of Them Claims to Be
From Chatham.

Hamilton, Oct. 1.—Threatening to shoot him if he made a move, three masked men last night held up E. A. Robinson, the G. T. R. operator at the junction cut, as he sat at his keyboard in the operating tower, and robbed him of \$20. The men then decamped, and jumping a freight train bound for London, tried to make good their escape, but they were discovered by Ovid Hird, the new Grand Trunk detective, and after an exciting chase one of them was captured, while trying to conceal himself in a mound of earth. The captive is Barnaby C. Coyle, who gave his address as Chatham, and who was in the police court yesterday, having been arrested on the Grand Trunk property, on the charge of being drunk. He was again lodged in the cells this morning on the charge of trespassing on the Grand Trunk property and was remained until efforts can be made to capture the other two men.

The robbery was one of the most daring perpetrated in these parts for some time, being committed about 7:30 p.m. Robinson was sitting at his key in the tower, which is situated just beyond the junction cut, when he heard a noise on the steps outside, and looking through the glass door he saw a masked man standing on the steps with a revolver pointed at his head.

Hands Up.

"Hands up! If you make a move you are a dead man," commanded the robber. Robinson had the good sense to keep his seat, and in another instant two other masked men bounded into the room, pointing their revolvers at Robinson.

"What do you want?" demanded the operator.

"There is no fooling about this; we want money," said one of the robbers excitedly, and with that he struck Robinson over the arm with the butt of his revolver.

The latter showed no further resistance, and one of the two stuck his hand into the operator's trousers pocket, and extracted a roll of \$20. Robinson's watch and chain were hanging to his vest, but the men made no effort to get them and quickly disappeared through the door into the darkness.

As soon as Robinson recovered from his surprise he telegraphed to the operator at the Sturt street station, informing him of the incident, and asking him to send out Detective Hird at once. He said he thought the robbers would hang about until the regular freight, which was soon due to leave for London, would pass out. The message was quickly delivered to Hird and he started for the scene on a yard engine. There was no sign of the robbers, and Hird decided to lay in wait. For several hours he kept his vigil in the damp night air, prowling about in search of the men, but without success, until finally the morning freight hove in sight from the direction of the station.

Coming to London.

Hird had no proof that the men were still in the vicinity, but he saw that his last hope was in spotting them, should they be on the freight, as it passed by. His hopes were not in vain, and as the cars flew by he saw the three men crouched in between two box cars. They were on the farther side of the train, and he was obliged to jump it to reach them. When the men saw that they were being pursued they jumped and ran in different directions. The officer searched until about 1:30, when he came across a suspicious looking tuft of earth and digging it up with his foot, he was rewarded by finding that it covered the body of a man. At first Hird thought that the man was injured, but Coyle, whom it proved to be, was far from being injured.

"Where are the other men who were mixed up in the holdup?" asked Hird.

"At the hotel down the road," replied Coyle.

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COCKBURN BENEFIT CONCERT TONIGHT

The Cockburn benefit concert will be held in the Armories this evening.

From every standpoint it promises to be a great success. The programme will be an artistic treat, one of the best ever given in the city.

The attendance will be large, in fact, it looks as if the spacious Armories will be taxed to capacity.

The programme will be augmented by several well-known artists. Mr. Coombs, of Bennett's, one of the best tenor soloists heard here in a long time, will sing two solos. Mr. Fields, of Fields and Hanson, of Bennett's, will play several old-fashioned instruments. He is an artist, and is bound to please. The London Highland Pipe Band will also be a feature. The boys will be away until 10 o'clock, but they will be back in time for the best part of the programme, and will add not a little to the evening's enjoyment. This programme will be worth while.

Mrs. Kingsmill desires to acknowledge the following donations: Major Mills \$5, Lieut.-Col. Reid \$5, Capt. Cole, Capt. Little, Capt. Bently, Capt. Kingsmill, Capt. Becher, Capt. Murphy, Capt. England, Capt. McCrimmon, Capt. Ingram, Capt. Campbell and Lieut. England, of the Seventh Regiment, \$5 each; officers' fund of Seventh Regiment, \$50; W. Trafford, \$5.

The London Electric Company have installed several electric lights free of charge for the concert.

The Armories are very beautifully decorated by A. Screaton & Co., without charge.

Every person seems to have conspired to make the benefit to the widow of Jack Cockburn a great success.

Everybody is going to the concert. It will be well worth while.

The souvenir programme, containing a full-page cut of Sergt. Cockburn, will be sold by a party of fourteen very pretty young ladies.

Everybody should have one.

LATE DRUM-MAJOR COCKBURN.
A Benefit Concert for His Widow Will
Be Held Tonight in the Armories.MAYOR AGAINST FILTRATION
SAYS PEOPLE DON'T WANT ITHis Worship Declares the Water Commissioners Will Have Some
Scheme Ready To Be Voted on in January Next—Matter
Comes Before the Commission at Next Meeting.

The water question will be brought up at the meeting of the water commission on Tuesday next.

"We will discuss the question at our next meeting," said Mayor Stevely today. "We will have some scheme ready to be voted on in January next. I do not know what one it will be."

"I will oppose the filtration scheme, as I do not think that it has any chance whatever of carrying. I am firmly convinced that the people do

not want it, so I cannot see any use of putting it to the people to be killed off, and setting the solution of the problem back still further. I would sooner submit a scheme that has a reasonable chance of success."

"At every meeting I have brought the question up, but Chairman Jones did not think it wise to start an agitation for any scheme until within a reasonable time for the vote to be taken."

London's Health Continues Very Good

London's health continues very good. At present there is very little sickness in the city and there are practically no contagious diseases.

"The city is very healthy," said Medical Health Officer Hutchinson to The Advertiser. "There are no cases of scarlet fever and no diphtheria. We have had only eleven cases of typhoid fever in two months, a most excellent

record. The general health of the city is good, too."

August and September are considered the typhoid fever months, and as a rule there is considerable number of cases in the city. London has been particularly fortunate this year, as there was a large amount of typhoid in near-by towns.

Eleven cases in two months is a very good record.

Clothesline Thieves in South London

South London residents have been greatly annoyed for several days by the depredations of a gang of clothesline thieves, who have stripped every line for several blocks.

A large quantity of laundry of all kinds is reported to be missing and the services of the police have been sought in an effort to locate some of it. It is a hard job, as one towel or blanket looks pretty much like another, especially when they are hidden away, and so far the police have not been able to make much headway. One man has been sitting up for two nights watching his clothesline.

As a lure he has had a lot of clothes hung out on the line. So far he has been unable to tempt the clothesline thieves to take it, but he promises them a warm reception if they put in an appearance.

Arm Injured.

While rolling logs at Beck's box factory this morning Mr. Robert S. Fead had his arm caught between two logs. The arm was very badly bruised, the ligaments being torn. The hand was also crushed badly. He was taken to his home and will be laid up for some weeks.