

DR. NESBITT STILL HOLDING OFFICE

Says That He Declines to Commit Lese Majeste.

DOCTOR AND PURVIS FRIENDS

Rumor Says Inspector Was Put Out of Business Because Nesbitt Nominated Him.

Toronto, Oct. 11.—The Star this evening says:

Has Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, through his Gravenhurst speech, which has aroused Premier Whitney to come to the defense of Provincial Secretary Hanna, caused the head of his friend License Inspector W. L. Purvis, to be snipped into the basket? Present indications seem to point to this being a fact, and that Mr. Purvis' resignation is but a gentle hint to the doctor of what will happen to him if he doesn't behave.

Of course it isn't certain that Mr. Purvis was told to step out. He may have resigned in accordance with Commissioner Starr's report, in which it was stated that "Mr. Purvis will resign." If this be so, it took the Inspector a long time to frame his resignation, as the commissioner's report is all but five weeks old. It is possible that Mr. Purvis intended to resign, but that he was helped to speedily act in the matter by a hint from those higher up.

Back to Paving.

When seen about the matter this morning, Mr. Purvis was seated behind a roll top desk, in the office of the Queen City Paving and Concrete Company, where he has taken up business as manager pro tem. He was a little preoccupied, owing, no doubt, to a telephone call which he had from Dr. Nesbitt, inquiring, "What have you done now?" The doctor and the ex-inspector have been friends for twelve years, and as Mr. Purvis said he is not a man to forget his friends when they get in trouble.

"How about your resignation, Mr. Purvis?" the newspaper man inquired. "Has your friend, Dr. Nesbitt, brought it about a little sanely?"

Mr. Purvis was an air of "I do not understand," and asked for further particulars.

"Well, then, did you resign voluntarily, or were you asked to hand it in?"

"I have nothing to say as to that," said Mr. Purvis. However, he added in a moment, "I never squeal, I never kick."

"Dr. Nesbitt and you are good friends, are you not?"

"The best, and we have been so for twelve years." It was here that Mr. Purvis spoke of the phone message.

"He was responsible for your appointment as inspector?"

"He was member for North Toronto at the time. I don't know whether he got the appointment for me or not. I never looked for it for five years."

Mr. Purvis then went on to say that Dr. Nesbitt is a true friend, and that he regretted his resignation.

The reporter spoke of Dr. Nesbitt's present activity which led Mr. Purvis to remark, "The doctor can't keep out of politics."

Who Will Succeed? "How about your successor?" Mr. Purvis was then asked. On this question he expressed his opinion in no mistakable manner.

"There is only one man for the job," he said, "and he is Mr. Burrows. He is entitled to it, and if he doesn't get it, were I in his position it wouldn't take me a minute to resign."

Mr. Burrows himself expects that he will get it. When seen about the matter and about Mr. Purvis' resignation, he expressed himself as such.

"I have nothing to say about Mr. Purvis' resignation," he said, "but I suppose the Government knows what it is doing. As to his successor, I have no reason to believe that I will not get it."

The name of Wm. Fitzgerald is also mentioned.

Nesbitt Silent. "Are there any further developments this morning?" asked the Star today of Dr. W. Beattie Nesbitt.

"With regard to what?" asked the doctor, an inscrutable smile illumining his inscrutable countenance, in much the same manner that putting up the shutters affects a jewelry shop.

"Well, without any desire to hurt your feelings, we would like to know whether you have put in your resignation, and as if you were unable to say about the statements emanating from the Parliament Buildings," remarked the Star.

"I have nothing to say about my resignation whatever, and as it seems in these days very difficult to say anything in connection with public

affairs without committing Lese Majeste I will refrain from any remarks on the other subject.

"For the present," said the Star. "For the present," replied the doctor.

Silence at the Building. "Has Dr. Beattie Nesbitt resigned?" Attorney-General Foy was asked this morning.

"I have nothing to say regarding Dr. Nesbitt or other Government matters, and I don't wish to be interviewed. The press has had too many interviews that have never been given."

"I have no news at all," said Premier Whitney.

"Was Mr. Purvis asked to resign as chief license inspector?"

"Commissioner Starr stated that Mr. Purvis had said he would resign, and in pursuance of that, I suppose Mr. Purvis resigned. But Mr. Hanna made a statement yesterday, I think."

Dr. John Noble was one of Premier Whitney's callers.

"I am politically dead," he remarked with a smile, and then added, "but I am a living and staunch supporter of the Conservative party."

DESIRES TO USE LIGNITE AS FUEL

Canadian Northern Tests the Methods of Preventing Scattering of Sparks.

Ottawa, Oct. 11.—One of the greatest problems which faces the board of railway commissioners from time to time is the protection of public property—especially in Western Canada—from fire caused by sparks from locomotives.

Some time ago the board issued an order forbidding the use of lignite coal by railway companies on account of its volatile character. This was particularly hard on the Canadian Northern Railway, which had been using lignite obtained from mines in close proximity to its line, but until the company, by the adoption of safety appliances on its locomotives, could guarantee that sparks would not be scattered from the smokestack to the danger of surrounding property, the order stood.

James Ogilvie, chief inspector of railway equipment for the commission, has just returned from Edmonton, where for a week he was an interested observer of experiments conducted by the Canadian Northern with lignite coal in locomotives equipped with smokestack protectors.

He will report his conclusions to the board. Mr. Ogilvie has had similar experience in British Columbia. Complaints against the Great Northern and the V. W. and Y. railways by lumber firms in the vicinity of New Westminster caused the inspector to go there to size up the situation.

ODESSA CENSOR IS A DESPOT

Newspapers Placed Under a Ridiculous Ban by the Official.

London, Oct. 11.—Mysterious always are the ways of the European press censor, and it is not surprising that the fullest scope to display his power for assuaging interference. The achievements of the censor in that direction, however, cast all previous records in the shade. He is the new "gradonaczelnik" of Odessa.

The "gradonaczelnik" is the man who runs the town.

It is quite in accordance with ideas of Russia that the first thing necessary in order to run a town properly is to muzzle the newspapers. It is the censor's duty to be placed by the police in the scenes of the happenings. In every instance the important details of the news are to be placed by the censor in his own name—a capital "N." When another censor has done this in all cases must be employed to conceal the amount from the public.

In consequence all the newspapers in Odessa have had to purchase an extra stock of the Russian equivalent of "upper cut" and "lower cut" newsprint in such paragraphs as the following:

Three individuals whose names are N. N. and N. N. were arrested on the 10th inst. walking down N street, knocking him down and robbing him of N roubles. He was conveyed to N hospital by the police in an unconscious condition, but Dr. N. told our representative last night that his patients were not of this character.

Here is another sample of the results of the censor's exercise of his authority as a suppressor of information calculated to inflame public opinion and jeopardize the stability of the Government.

"A burglar was committed last night at the residence of Mr. N. No. N street. Mr. N's private safe was broken open and jewelry and other valuables estimated to be worth N roubles were stolen. N, a criminal well known to the police, has been arrested and charged with the commission of the crime. He will be arraigned for trial at N police court some time next week."

The manager of a theatrical paper published in London has accidentally furnished a remarkable corroboration of one of the most ingenious theories of the great American master to whom all writers of detective stories owe allegiance. In his classic story of "The Poisoned Letter," Edgar Allan Poe tells of an eminent and astute politician who conceives an ingenious hiding place for a compromising letter, of which he is in possession. The writer, an exalted personage, has engaged the head of the Parisian detective service to regain the letter, and the politician hits upon the brilliant idea of hiding it in a root of a tree, and the picked thief, under the nose of the great detective that he is certain not to find it.

The manager of "Enceur," in accidental imitation of the heroes of fiction and drama, left \$15 worth of postal orders under a blanket on his desk. During the night burglars visited the place. They tried to break open the safe; they rifled the desk, and they picked up about \$5 in coins, but they failed to discover the more valuable postal notes, negotiable anywhere, that were so to speak, right under their noses all the time.

The Japanese legation has, states the Brazilian Review, sent word to the Brazilian minister of foreign affairs that there will shortly arrive in Rio de Janeiro a large liner, belonging to a Japanese shipping company, which is fitted up as a floating exhibition of Japanese products.

TERRIBLE DEATH OF LAKE FIREMEN

Scalded to Death While Helpless Beneath Tons of Coal.

Buffalo, Oct. 11.—The propeller City of Naples, of the Gilchrist fleet, came into port tonight with two of her crew dead and one of her officers badly scalded. The dead are: Louis Hornbush, 43 years old, a fireman of Milwaukee; and James Flanagan, 35 years old, a coal passer, of Buffalo.

First Engineer Louis Fittinger, of Buffalo, is badly scalded about the feet and legs.

The City of Naples was off Long Point in Lake Erie, about 2 o'clock this morning. There was a stiff gale blowing and the sea was running high. Hornbush and Flanagan were stoking and Fittinger was in charge of the engines. A five and a half-inch steam pipe between the boilers and engine burst, sending a cloud of scalding steam and water down into the boiler room.

Deprived of her power the Naples swung into the trough of the waves and began to roll heavily. The coal in the bunkers where Hornbush and Flanagan had fled to escape the blinding steam suddenly shifted, burying the men under a ton of coal. The water poured in upon them, scalding them to death.

First Engineer Fittinger, who went below to rescue his two men, stepped into a foot of boiling hot water. He managed to return to the decks unaided.

The City of Naples drifted helplessly until daylight, when she was picked up by the propeller Pendennis and towed into port.

Advertiser Correspondence

Dr. Cl. T. Campbell on the Water Question.

To the Editor of the Advertiser: In the report in the Free Press of the discussion on the waterworks problem by the St. Paul's Club last evening, there is a headline "Dr. Campbell on Filtration." As this was the first time since I left municipal service that I expressed my opinion in public on this question, it might be as well to make my position clear, especially as your own report might be misunderstood. I have never advocated any filtration scheme for London, though I have always admitted that filtration, properly conducted, would purify water. But I am in favor of spring water as long as it can be obtained.

What we need is a supply of spring water, with increased pressure, and at a cost more within our means than the half a million we are expending on the different schemes that have been proposed.

My suggestion was to take in the extra springs to Kilworth, which would increase our supply to 1,000,000 gallons a day; to put in meters, which would bring our consumption down to less than 3,000,000, and to construct a second main from the reservoir, which would not only give us a reserve of 50 gallons per capita, our present population could be served with 2,500,000 gallons per day. The experience of many municipalities shows this conclusively. This capacity, including meters, would be from \$300,000 to \$250,000.

As to the cost of meters, that ought not to be a serious question. A rental fee would not only give an ample interest on the outlay, but would pay for the meter in a few years.

I may add that this was not advanced before the meeting, as a plan incontestably superior to all others, but was simply a contribution to the discussion, to be taken for what it was worth.—I am, etc.

CL. T. CAMPBELL, London, Oct. 11.

THE ARCHDEACON OF P. E. I. Praises Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure

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We, the undersigned, have been seriously troubled with valvular heart disease; have both had fainting spells upon the slightest extra exertion. Last April, when we both were unable to do any work of moment, we began using Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure, having no faith in it, but hoping it might relieve us. After taking six bottles, we feel our general health improved, and our hearts cured. It has enabled us to carry on our work in comfort and we feel compelled to send this unsolicited testimonial, with the hope that others may be benefited as we have been.

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Col. Sam Hughes, Col. Anderson, R. O. Capt. J. E. Hutchison, Sixty-Third Regiment, and Major R. A. Holmer, D. A. G., are a committee to report on the Ross rifle.

MARGIN'S LINIMENT CURES GARNET IN COWS

A bird was seen to fall in the yard of the works department at Deal Barracks, London, recently. It was a blue rock pigeon, with an adler tightly coiled around it, and both were dead. The adler, which measured two feet six inches and one wing, and the pigeon's neck and one wing, and the pigeon's beak tightly gripped the snake's head.

Bleeding from certain ills is returning to favor.

The second-class traffic of the English railroads shows a material falling off.

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AMERICAN

A wireless telegraph service has been inaugurated between Chicago and Milwaukee.

Registration on the polling lists in New York is much smaller than usual this year, especially among Republicans.

Roofs were torn from many houses and several barns and granaries were wrecked by a severe wind storm in New Jersey.

One of the President's Adirondack guides "Mike" Cronin, has been adjudged insane, and brought to the State Hospital.

One hundred and ten persons charged with cruelty to animals were arraigned in the special sessions yesterday in New York City.

A 3-year-old boy died in New York City from the effects of nicotine poisoning, caused by eating part of a cigar which his father had left on the sidewalk.

The Pullman Company has determined not to withdraw its cars from Texas, but will fight to a finish the suit of the state of Texas to oust it from business in that state.

The brain of Daniel Lyons, a night watchman, weighed but 24 ounces, was discovered by New York physicians during an autopsy. The average weight of a man's brain is from 48 to 51 ounces.

NEWS OF STRATHROY

Strathroy, Oct. 11.—The Wearies' Club, consisting of prominent young people of the town, held their monthly hop last evening. A good number were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent up to 12 o'clock.

VESSEL PASSAGES

Detroit, Oct. 11.—Up: Hill, Hurlbut, 9:40 Thursday night; French, Street and barges, Yale, 11:40; Iroquois (steel), 12; Saxona, 12:20 Friday morning; Richardson, America, 1; George Peavey, 2; Squire, 3:15; Tampa, 4; Shevde, Susquehanna, 5; Matso and whalchack, Gladstone, Grover, 5:20; Small Wolvin, 6:40; Carter, 7; Agawa, 7:20; Zimmerman, 8; Ireland, England, 9; Harper and barge, 11; Zenith City, Maida, Helena, Soper and barge, 12:20 p.m. St. Louis, 3; Manila, 2; Big Wolvin, 2:20; Huron, 3; Superior, Hebard Steinbrenner, 4:30.

ROYALTY AT HIS BEDSIDE

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