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CONMEE AND BOWMAN VOTE

"Soo" Bill Passed with Assistance of Men Shown to be Peculiarly Interested

Some Startling Scenes in the House—Liberal Members Swallow Expressed Convictions

Toronto, April 22.—Defying decency and precedent, the supporters of the Ontario Government to-day sustained the votes of Messrs. Conmee, Bowman and Stratton on the Soo Bill. Realizing that it meant death for the Government unless they swallowed their honest convictions every Liberal member responded to the party whip, and voted as they were ordered, notwithstanding the fact that a number of them had been very free recently in expressing their disapproval of so important a bill being passed through solely by the votes of men peculiarly interested in it. It was a telling speech that Mr. Hanna delivered in support of Mr. Whitney's motion to disallow the votes when the House resumed at 11 o'clock this morning. By means of British precedents Mr. Hanna conclusively proved that none of the three members in question had the right to vote. To the Attorney-General was allotted the task of replying.

THE MORNING SITTING.
When the House met at half-past eleven Mr. Whitney withdrew his motion, allowed the second reading to be carried on the same division as recorded last night, and then raised the question of the right of Mr. Conmee and Mr. Bowman to give the votes which technically they had just cast. MR. HANNA'S ABLE ARGUMENT.

Mr. Hanna had prepared a statement of the authorities upon which the Opposition relied for the disallowance of the votes of interested members. At the outset he said Mr. Conmee was a creditor of the Soo Companies in his own right for upwards of \$3,000 for materials supplied. The reorganization committee was simply a trustee for the Government for the payment of claims to the two members of the House, as well as to others. The first precedent was in 1797, when Mr. Manning's vote, and that of others, on a motion of Pitt's was challenged. The ruling on that occasion favored Speaker Charles's ruling that the votes should be treated in separate motions. In 1844, on a vote for suspending certain penalties under the Gaming Laws, some members voted who were defendants under those laws, and who would be relieved of penalties. One said he was not going to take advantage of the remission of penalties, and the other had not been served. The motions for disallowance were withdrawn, as the members thus showed they were not benefiting.

CASE IN POINT.
The case on which Mr. Hanna relied most from its likeness to the present case, and as involving the Provincial Secretary, occurred in 1892, when Swift McNeill asked for the disallowance of the votes of Sir Louis Pelly, Mr. Burdett-Coutts and Sir John Puleston. There had been a great outcry against slave-trading in Uganda, and to put it down it was decided to build the Mombasa and Victoria Nyanza Railway, the British Parliament being asked to guarantee the bonds. The Government had previously decided to make a survey from Mombasa to the sea, sending out parties before Parliamentary authority was obtained or money voted. The East Africa Co. was asked to advance the money and furnish necessary assistance until Parliament met. To redeem that debt, a resolution was introduced, not to pay the company, but to grant not more than 20,000 pounds to defray the expense of the survey. A vote was taken in committee, and Mr. McNeill asked for the disallowance of the three votes mentioned, Pelly and Coutts being directors and Puleston a shareholder of the East Africa Co. Although they were supporters of a Government which had a majority of 98 on the main motion their votes were disallowed by a majority of six.

A CANADIAN CASE.
decided by the Divisional Court last February, was cited by Mr. Hanna. A by-law for Blind River town provided for the granting of three licenses, but last year the Commissioners only granted two. The by-law was amended subsequently cutting the number of licenses which could be granted down to two. The vote was a tie, and the reeve voted for the reduction. An action taken to quash the by-law was successful. The ground was that the reeve, as mortgagee of one of the licensed houses, was an interested party, the reduction tending to make the property more valuable. His brother held the other license, but this point was not raised. For the reeve it was argued that his security was ample, even if no license was granted to the house, and on this point Chancellor Boyd said it would be an unsafe conclusion to say that the property would not be depreciated by the granting of a third license. Mr. Hanna drew from these precedents.

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CLEVER PUPILS

They Interpret Their Honor Studies with Great Dramatic Skill—Excellent Entertainment

The closing meeting of the Collegiate Institute Literary and Musical Society was held in the Assembly Hall on Friday afternoon, with a large number of visitors present. The president, Mr. Frank White, gave a brief summary of the work of the year, and Principal Paterson performed the duties of the chair.

The first number was an interesting and instructive five-minute address by the Rev. Mr. MacGillivray, in which he pointed out the importance of having a purpose in life and being true to it. The reverend gentleman very appropriately closed his remarks by reciting Longfellow's "The Builders."

A piano solo by Mr. Watt, of 1B, received a well-merited encore, and the curtain went up for the chief feature of the program—a dramatic production of several scenes from Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar." This play has been studied by the Honor Class this year, and the interpretation by them indicated an intelligent grasp of the plot. The cast was as follows:—

Brutus—Mr. Stuart Forbes.
Cassius—Mr. Robt. Campbell.
Cicero—Mr. Allen Fritz.
Caesar—Mr. Frank White.
Lucius—Mr. Bruce McQuarrie.
Portia—Miss Anna Coutts.
Calpurnia—Miss Lapp.
Servant—Mr. Wm. Ferguson.
The parts were all well taken; Miss Coutts as Portia, Miss Lapp as Calpurnia, and Mr. Fritz as Cassius being particularly good. Mr. Robt. Campbell in the difficult role of Cassius also showed considerable ability, which some further study of the play will improve.

We wish for the members of the Honor Class, under the able tutelage of Mr. Sissons, in their coming examinations, equal success with that of yesterday.

CLOSE CALL

Three Workmen Have Narrow Escapes at Dresden Factory—Injuries Not Serious

From The Planet's Correspondent.

Dresden, April 23.—Quite a serious accident occurred Thursday at the sugar factory here as a result of which two men were badly injured.

The first cement floor, between the main building and the lime house, was being removed, and two men, besides the man doing the work, were standing in the room. Instead of falling in sections, as they thought it would, the whole floor went down at once and they were precipitated to the ground one storey below.

Mr. Stockley, one of the three, had his shoulder dislocated and his leg broken. Geo. Claus, the other injured man, had his face badly cut and his jaw injured. The third man, Mr. Daly, escaped without injury. He was so badly frightened, however, that he threw up his job on the spot.

GOOD MEETING

There was a good attendance at the regular meeting of Peninsular Lodge, No. 2, A. O. U. W., last evening, the occasion being marked by the official visit of the D. G. M., Wm. Shippey, of Highgate. Addresses were given by N. H. Stevens and Thos. Scullard. Mr. Stevens spoke on Canada, its beautiful scenery, resources, etc., and also touched on the relations of capital and labor, saying that both should go hand in hand, as one was dependent upon the other.

Mr. Scullard compared the different epochs and explained their different leading features, and concluded with a very fitting tribute to Canada, its religious, civil and social liberties. Both gentlemen were always listened to with great interest by the brethren.

The D. G. M., Bro. Shippey, then outlined the proceedings of the last Grand Lodge meeting and answered several questions put to him by different members of the order. Mr. Shippey is always welcomed at Peninsular lodge.

P. M. Kelly also spoke and was well received. Mr. Kelly occupied the M. W.'s chair for the evening. A Jordan gave some selections on a gramophone, after which refreshments were served. A game of car-pet balls was indulged in, Mr. Couzens winning out.

INITIAL BOWLING

The first game of bowls of the season was played on N. H. Stevens' lawn yesterday afternoon. The score was a trifle one-sided, as the following will show:—

John A. Walker, 1.
G. J. Pace, 2.
R. G. Fleming, 3.
Dr. J. L. Bray, skip—27.
W. H. Robinson, 4.
J. W. Humphrey, 5.
A. H. VonGuten, 6.
N. H. Stevens, skip—7.

KING EDWARD AS MEDIATOR

Report of Possible Peace Negotiations that Much Pleases the Russians

Evidence of the Sympathy With the White Against the Yellow—Japanese Warned

St. Petersburg, April 22.—The Novosti expresses delight at the report that King Edward is seeking to mediate, and finds in the fact that Japan's ally ventures to broach the subject when Russia is thirsting to avenge her defeats, conclusive evidence of the sympathy of the European powers which realize the menace of a Japanese victory. The paper regards the idea of British mediation as convincing proof of the possible necessity for an Anglo-Russian understanding, adding:—"The friendly mediation of Great Britain for an adjustment of the Russo-Japanese conflict when the proper time arrives will undoubtedly render double service to Great Britain as well as to Russia."

JAPAN WARNED.

Tokio, April 22, 6 p. m.—Two significant speeches were made to-day at the meeting of the councillors of the progressive party. Count Okuma warned the people of Japan to be prepared for intervention during the war by some European power, and also for a great increase in the national expenditure after the war. He said it would be necessary after the termination of hostilities to float a loan of at least \$250,000,000. Mutsaers Oishi, the progressive party leader, expressed the belief that Germany would take the initiative in intervention, and declared that no power would welcome Japan's preponderance in the Far East. Many of the powers, he added, were prepared to resort to all means to curb the extension of Japanese influence. M. Oishi criticized the foreign policy of Japan, saying the white book showed clearly that the great concessions offered to Russia would have been a national calamity had Russia accepted the lenient terms offered by Japan. The progressive party constitutes a third of the Diet, and its members generally oppose the Government of which Premier Katsura is the head.

BIG INCREASE

Some Interesting Comparative Figures in Customs Collections—Chatham's Record

The St. Thomas Times says: Customs collections in St. Thomas for the year amounted to \$214,017.57, an increase over the previous year of \$1,887.73. St. Catharines collected \$165,520.80, an increase of \$12,609.35. Guelph collections were \$120,276.10, increase, \$7,032.76. Chatham collections, \$134,072.66; increase, \$22,389.33. London collections, \$777,894.44, increase, \$57,919.13. Stratford collections, \$149,678.02, increase, \$17,633.62. Windsor collections, \$506,059.17, increase, \$11,850.19. Woodstock collections, \$77,556.29, increase, \$8,951.30. Peterboro collections, \$213,588.74, increase, \$66,195.25.

BALLOT SCRUTINY

Judge Bell yesterday continued the scrutiny into the ballots cast at the recent vote taken on local option at Blenheim. Many witnesses were examined and it was shown that the names of some 15 not entitled to vote were on the voters' list and that they had voted. The question is whether the judge has the power, in a scrutiny, to go into the qualifications of a voter. Judge Bell finished taking evidence and reserved his decision.

R. M. Thompson appeared for the town of Blenheim, R. L. Gosnell for the Temperance party, and M. Wilson, K. C., and J. M. Pike contra.

GOOD CONCERT

A very successful and enjoyable concert was given in the Victoria avenue Methodist church last evening. It was a patriotic concert given under the auspices of the church.

Rev. Mr. Malott gave a very interesting address on the history of the Union Jack and other flags. Besides the address a musical program was given, consisting of selections from the choir and songs by Misses Gertrude Potter and Miss Jackson, and Messrs. H. Horstead, W. Brackin, and Willie Hoig, and instrumental solos by Messrs. Dot Wilson and Mary Brackin. The accompanists were Messrs. Flossie Bogart and Lilly Walker.

NOVEL BANQUET

Delightful Function of the Park St. Reading Circle—Presentation to Mr. Sissons

The second annual banquet of the Reading Circle of Park Street Methodist Church was held last evening at the parsonage. The members of the circle and guests numbered in all over fifty and a very pleasant evening indeed, was enjoyed by all.

The program of the evening's entertainment was a unique and witty one.

The first part of the evening was taken up with a book guessing contest. Everyone present wore something to represent a book and the names of the books had to be guessed.

A drawing contest followed. This proved most interesting and amusing. Mr. Sissons won first place and was presented with a beautiful half dozen volumes of Shakespearean plays. Others who received honorable mention were Misses Irving and Samson and Messrs. Sheldrick, Shillington, Suiter and Hicks.

Light refreshments were served and a "Julius Caesar" toast list followed. "I am no orator as Brutus is." The King, "O, he sits high in all the peoples' hearts."—Toastmaster Rev. G. H. Cobbledeek.

Our Circle—"I can't as well be hanged as tell the members of it."—C. B. Sissons and Misses Mounteer, Irwin and Lafferty.

Our Guests—"They are all welcome."—Dr. A. A. Hicks.

The Ladies—"My Heart is Thirsty for that Pledge."—Mr. Fritz.

The Gentlemen—"O you Flatterers!"—Miss Aylesworth and C. Austin.

Our Host and Hostess—"I have not known when his affections swayed more than his reason." "O ye Gods, render me worthy of this noble wife."—Rev. and Mrs. Cobbledeek.

The evening's entertainment closed with God Save the King and a hearty handshake, all round on a very pleasant time, all expressing best wishes for the future of the circle and the continuation of the banquets.

HEADS FALL

West Kent License Commissioners off Several Applicants—None in the City

The License Board for West Kent met yesterday afternoon in license inspector W. A. Mills' office, Harrison Hall, with the following present:—Chairman Hugh McDonald, J. E. McDonald, Wallaceburg, and Lawrence Howard.

None of the Chatham licenses were cut off, but several outside of town came under the disapproval of the commissioners, and were put out of business. Those who suffered were Thos. Redpath, Tupperville; Wm. Rose, the Basswood, Chatham, township; and Joseph Yatt, Merlin.

J. E. Peltier's application for a license for Merlin, was rejected.

A delegation from Tupperville, composed of Rev. Mr. Armstrong, B. Holmes, D. A. Perry, Scarre Simpson, M. DeWolf, Frank Shaw and J. B. Haggard, petitioned against the Redpath hotel at Tupperville.

The following were the licenses granted:—

J. W. Miles, city; G. E. Oliver, Wallaceburg; Henry Long, Tilbury; B. Ballard, John O'Mara, Wallaceburg; Chas. W. Raymond, Mitchell's Bay; John Pleasence, city; M. Doyle, Wallaceburg, given a six months' chance; Michael O'Mara, Wallaceburg; Timothy and Joseph McQueen, city; D. M. Martin, city; John Dunlop, Idlewild; W. D. Sheldon, shop license; A. Chaff, Painscourt; Peter Toulouse, Wallaceburg; Mrs. Nancy Courtney, city; D. Gagner, Dover; Alf. Rose, Dover; T. Mailoux, Tilbury, subject to satisfactory improvements; Catherine Murphy, Wallaceburg; Chas. E. McDonald, Mitchell's Bay; Gab. McIntyre, a six months' chance; Amelia A. Bechard, city; Jack Glassford, city; D. J. McDonald, city; E. A. Robert, city shop license; John McCoo, city; Thos. Bourassa, Hogan and Hoy, city; Chas. Mount, city; Wm. Fairbanks, city; Frank Merrill, city.

The following accounts were passed:—Planet \$10.80, News \$22.30, H. D. Smith, Crown Attorney, \$25.

One of the commissioners was in favor of cancelling the license of Gab. McIntyre, of the Montreal House, stating that it was practically no use, whatever, and that he didn't think it had the most enviable reputation. "Gab," however, was given a six months' chance to see what he would do.

The chairman, Mr. McDonald, read the following official letter:—

Sir:—I am directed by the Honorable, the Provincial Secretary, to inform you that it is the desire of the department that no wholesale or retail liquor license shall be either considered or granted in any municipality in which a Local Option by-law has been adopted.

This notice is sent to you to prevent any misunderstanding as to the duty of the Board in cases indicated, and even where the validity of the by-law is contested no license must be granted, pending a decision of the courts.

E. SAUNDERS,
Chief Officer.

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