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PRAISES CITY

Chancellor Boyd Compliments Chatham on Improved Appearance—Proceedings at High Court.

In addressing the Grand Jury at the Assize Court, which is being held at the Court House this week, Chancellor Boyd paid a very high tribute to the city for the improvements which have been made during the time which has elapsed since his last visit. He referred to the vast amount of pavement which has been laid down in the city which has added much to the appearance and up-to-dateness of our streets—quite a difference from the muddy streets he had in his recollections of Chatham. He also commented on the general progress of the city, which points to a successful future for Chatham.

The Grand Jury had but one criminal case for their consideration. He spoke well for the country to see an absence of criminal cases in the courts. He then directed them as to their duties of inspecting public buildings, etc., and then dismissed them. They had not been out long before they returned with a true bill on the one case before them.

The first civil case up was that of Ullman vs. Chapleau. Ullman, a farmer living on lot 18 in the 2nd concession, Howard, complains that in the sale of a farm by John A. Robinson, barrister, of St. Thomas, the defendant, who went with him and who was a partner in the real estate agency that had the farm for sale, represented to the plaintiff that the farm contained 300 acres, whereas it really contained 248 acres; that it was a good drained farm, good rich soil, and a good stock farm. Also that the timber on the place was worth \$2,000, and that it was a very cheap farm for the price asked, \$6,500.

The farm, according to the evidence of the plaintiff and his witnesses, was a quicksand bottom, is very light sand and muck on top and is full of sloughs or bog holes, which remain filled with water, the sand being packed so tight that the water cannot get away. There are also a few high knolls of a yellow reddish sand with no strength in the soil. The defendant, on the other hand, contends that he told the truth so far as he knew about the farm and he did not misrepresent it. The words used were words of commendation and not intended to be taken as warranty.

The plaintiff's experience on the farm was that it would grow nothing and he asserts that the defendant, Chapleau, ten years ago purchased the farm for about \$2,000; that he had never made anything of it during the time he had it—seven years—and that the representations were altogether untrue and known to be untrue by the defendant. It was winter time when he looked at the place—there was snow on the ground—and he was unable to judge the farm for himself so relied on Chapleau's representations. He claims to have suffered a damage of \$4,000. Simpson Rennie, a well known

farmer, now of Toronto, who examined the farm, gave evidence for the plaintiff to the effect that the land never could have produced good crops and that it produced very poor pasture, and also that the land has quicksand bottom and is very light and therefore never could be any good for farming purposes. That the land is full of sloughs which grow up with willows and other weeds and that cattle do not thrive on the grass that is grown. Even if the land were tilled it would not be good and any way the expense would be beyond any possible value there could be in the land after it was tilled.

When the Court adjourned at half past six all of the plaintiff's witnesses were examined. This morning the Court took up the evidence of the defendant.

John A. Robinson, of St. Thomas, appears for the plaintiff, and Thos. W. Corothers and John Kains, of St. Thomas, appear for the defendant.

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TOUR ENDS IN A FIZZLE

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Turned Down Severely At Alexandria.

Crowd Did Not Number More Than 1,000, and Meeting Lasted But An Hour—A Liberal Elector Heckles the Premier With Five Disturbing Questions—Sir Wilfrid's Answers Not Satisfactory—The Questions and the Answers.

Alexandria, Oct. 25.—The greatly advertised Liberal meeting here yesterday was a complete fizzle, both in point of number and enthusiasm, and in every respect in marked contrast to the demonstration in 1900. Every voter throughout the County of Glengarry had been specially invited to attend days ago by circulars through the post, and every effort made to draw a crowd. Not more than 1,000 people, men, women and children, Liberals and Conservatives, attended, but the meeting was brought to a close in little over an hour.

A Liberal Weekless. The most important feature of the day was a series of questions put to Sir Wilfrid by W. McAlpine, a Liberal elector of the County of Prescott. They were handed to him by Mr. McAlpine, who explained that he and other Liberals required a categorical answer and that upon the explanation given by the Premier largely depended their course at this election. Sir Wilfrid, who was evidently annoyed and non-plussed, gave answers which were pronounced wholly unsatisfactory.

Question No. 1: How is it that the Auditor-General appointed by a Liberal Government was obliged as a protest against the methods and extravagance of the present Government to resign his office and has now left matters in dispute between himself and that Government to the decision of the people of Canada?

Sir Wilfrid Hedges. Sir Wilfrid Laurier answered that "Mr. McDougall had not resigned his position as auditor. He is still auditor. Some months ago Mr. McDougall asked to be superannuated. True, we had difference, but I know him to be a good officer. We refused to accept his resignation and he withdrew it. As to the amendment to the audit act, the act is also most word for word with the British audit act, and what is good enough for Great Britain is good enough for us. I am against any amendment differing from the British rule."

Question 2: Why was it that in framing your railway policy you did so behind the back of your Minister of Railways, the Hon. A. G. Blair, and refused to be guided by the views of the man whom you recognized as the chief railway expert of Canada, as evidenced by your subsequent appointment of him to the chairmanship of the Railway Commission, even after he had openly condemned your Transcontinental Railway scheme? Why has this great railway expert resigned that office worth \$10,000 a year as a further protest against your policy?

Sir Wilfrid Hedges. Sir Wilfrid answered: "I never discussed the railway scheme behind the back of Hon. Mr. Blair. We discussed it at the council meetings and he differed from us. I recognized in Mr. Blair a very able man, but because he is an able man it does not follow that he is the only able man in the world. I may surely differ from him. It is now for the people to decide who is right. I would have been a fool and indeed a knave and a recreant if I had refused to appoint him to a position for which he is eminently qualified, simply because we differed. I thought him the best man for the position."

Question No. 3: Why did your Government interfere with and try to influence Judge Salmon of the Marine Court, by asking him to withhold his decision for some time?

Sir Wilfrid Hedges. Sir Wilfrid's answer was: "I cannot answer this question. It arose only a few days ago. I understand the Minister of Marine and Fisheries did not interfere with Judge Salmon, but merely asked him to suspend his decision. I understand the Minister of Marine and Fisheries is supported by the shipping interests of Montreal."

Question No. 4: Why did the Hon. R. W. Scott, one of your colleagues, prevent Judge Britton from making his report on the irregularity that was occurring in the Yukon?

Sir Wilfrid Hedges. Sir Wilfrid answered: "Hon. R. W. Scott never prevented or tried to prevent Judge Britton making his report. That is a Tory falsehood; which Liberals like Mr. McAlpine, the questioner, should not have swallowed so readily."

Question No. 5: Why have you not referred your new railway policy to a direct vote of the electors of Canada as you did the prohibition question—that is—whether the people of Canada should build, own and operate the proposed new Transcontinental Railway—or build the most difficult parts of said railway and finance the whole of it and then make it a gift to said railway composed of strangers and foreigners?

Sir Wilfrid Hedges. At the Ottawa Convention, 1893, at which we framed our platform, I was pledged to submit the prohibition to a plebiscite; but the railway question should be dealt with as other questions are in the House of Commons, I am surprised that a gentleman styling himself a Liberal should be so easily gulled by Tory papers. We build part of the road and do not make a gift of it, but lease it at a rental of 3 per cent. for fifty years. Spoke to 3,000.

Montreal, Oct. 25.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke to 3,000 people at the Monument Nationale last night. He

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never mentioned tariff or Grand Trunk Pacific in the course of his speech.

NO WITHDRAWAL.

Hon. Mr. Blair to Stamp Against Grand Trunk Pacific.

Montreal, Oct. 25.—Hon. A. G. Blair has wired to a friend here: "Yes, I have just been told by a newspaper man that the report is current in Montreal that I have withdrawn my resignation, but the statement is untrue."

"(Signed) Andrew G. Blair."
St. John, N.B., Oct. 25.—The Telegraph will publish this morning Hon. Mr. Blair's signed denial of the rumor that he had withdrawn his resignation of the chairmanship of the Railway Commission.

Moreover, it will say that it can be positively stated that within forty-eight hours Hon. Mr. Blair will take the stump against the G.T.P. contract.

Where he is to speak first is not stated.

NARROW ESCAPE

Jas. Rhody, Sr., Wellington street, met with a bad accident this morning at the mill of John Piggott & Sons and it was a wonder that he wasn't killed. Mr. Rhody went to the mill to get a piece of oak and while waiting for it he got under the elevator and didn't notice that it was coming down. The heavy elevator descended on him and crushed him to the ground. It is marvellous that Mr. Rhody escaped instant death as there is very little space between the ground and the elevator. When taken out, however, it was found that he had escaped with only a bone in his foot being broken. He was at once removed to his home.

The Letter-Box

THE BRIBERY CHARGES.

To the Editor of The Planet: I would like to know from Mr. Stephens who was just full of metaphor when he made his speech in Pain Court that was to clear up the charges laid against him by Reeve Purser and Councillor Boyer, why my friend, George, on this occasion was just as full of vain glory and hypocrisy as he could be. When he stated to the electors of Dover that under the righteous government of upright and honest men, meaning like himself, your country has prospered. Then he went hot after the Chatham Planet as being the most contemptible sheet published in Canada. Perhaps Mr. Stephens does not like The Planet for the reason it publishes the truth. All men do not like the truth published when their own reputation is at stake. I would like to know from Mr. Stephens when at any time, The Chatham Planet told a lie. It has said nasty things about myself but they were true and it done me good. It also gave away the old fraud which defrauded one of my sons out of quite a sum of money. This was done by one of George Stephens' ardent supporters. I do not mean to say that all Mr. Stephens' supporters are like this one but I do say this gentleman knew it was a fraud and so did Mr. Stephens' organ and if it had not been for The Planet there would have been a great many more defrauded.

Now in regard to the offering to bribe Reeve Purser and Councillor Boyer for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars each. We have the statement of these men backed up by Matthew Wilson, solicitor for the Township of Dover, who states that the Reeve of Dover came to see him the next day and consulted him about this gigantic fraud that had been perpetrated against the rate payers of Dover. This does not show that it was any dodge sprung by the Reeve of Dover against my friend, George Stephens. It shows the contrary. It shows that he was an honest man that had the interests of his municipality at heart more than George Stephens' \$250. When a lawyer like Mr. Wilson takes the advice or asks the advice of two other lawyers—one a Grit and the other a Conservative—it must have been a matter of grave importance to the rate payers of Dover. I am personally aware of his abilities as a first-class lawyer both for and against me and I know

that he, as a solicitor for the township of Dover, would not, nor dare not, give his written opinion as he has for all George Stephens' belongings. If not so, now to the honest electors of West Kent, both Reformers and Conservatives. We have been all the days of our lives, trying to elect honest men in our various municipalities and I think we have all good thinking electors to back up such men and vote against the vampires that are trying to corrupt your Reeve and Councillors. Electors of Dover, I am an old man, whose life is but a meteor glare and I do not think I have an enemy in Dover. If I have he can rest assured he has no enemy in myself. I want no office; I want no notoriety; I want to see the municipality of Dover have fair play. I own some property in Dover and I have a right to appeal to the electors of that township, who well know that I am better posted than George Stephens on municipal affairs and handled it in your county affairs without fear or favor for you and if another opportunity presents itself, I will do the same again. I will say I have great respect for Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers, who have honest convictions, but a man like Mr. Stephens if the charges are true and under the circumstances there is not a shadow of doubt, then I say to the electors brand it out by showing the author of this diabolical piece of trickery that the good people of Kent do not countenance no such principals

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MR. KERR WANTS TO BET SOME MORE.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—Your report of what took place at the Bridge End meeting is not correct.

When I called Mr. Clements' bluff that he would back up by \$500, his statement that he could produce a cure for hog cholera, his answer to my statement that I would take the bet was "How are we going to prove it? Go on with your speech." I think the burden was on him to prove such an unwarrantable statement, but to convince you that I did not flunk, as you stated, I am prepared at any time within one month from to-day, to put \$500 in the hands of the Mayor of this city, against \$250 of Mr. Clements' or any of his supporters' money, that he cannot produce a cure for hog cholera to the satisfaction of any two of three graduates of the Veterinary College of Ontario, the money to be divided between the two hospitals; the veterinarians to be named by the Mayor.

Yours truly,

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Chatham, Ont., October 25, 1904.

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