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THE LABORITE CANDIDATE CAPTURES EAST HAMILTON

Mr. Allan Studholme Elected by a Majority of 839—Conservatives Blame the Ontario Government for Defeat.

Hamilton, Dec. 5.—Much to the surprise and decidedly to the chagrin of the Conservatives, the East Hamilton by-election held today to elect a successor to the late Mr. Carscallen, returned the Labor candidate, Mr. Allan Studholme, by a thumping majority. Indeed so "sore" are the Conservatives, having expected a walkover, that they are openly blaming the Whitney Government for the defeat, the defeated candidate, Mr. J. Scott, K.C., declaring publicly that the Ontario Government might have done more for the workmen, more especially in connection with the recent strike.

Since the division of the city into two constituencies in 1894, East Hamilton has elected a Liberal once, Conservative twice, and a Laborite once. Mr. J. L. Middleton was the successful Liberal, being returned in 1894; in 1898 he was defeated by Mr. Carscallen. Mr. Carscallen was again returned at

the last general election, his majority being 565. Three thousand eight hundred and forty-three votes were polled today, in comparison with 5,937 at the general election.

Mr. Studholme's election was conceded early in the evening. At the Conservative headquarters Col. J. S. Hendry, Mr. Scott and Mr. Barker addressed a meeting. Each speaker laid the cause of the defeat on the street railway strike.

Mr. Studholme had a majority in each of the four wards, comprising the constituency, the result in each being as follows:

	Scott, Studholme.
No. 1	154
No. 2	228
No. 6	421
No. 7	599
	1,042
Majority for Studholme, 839.	2,841

MURDER VERDICT FOR GILLETTE

Herkimer Jury Finds Him Guilty of Killing Grace Brown.

Herkimer, N. Y., Dec. 4.—Chester E. Gillette was found guilty of the murder of Grace Brown at 11 o'clock tonight, after the jury had been out six hours. The day's session until the judge's charge had been taken up by District Attorney Ward, who described the friendship of Gillette and Grace Brown and their companionship up to the time of the girl's death. For the first time during the trial the youthful prisoner broke down, as he was mercilessly scored by the prosecutor.

For some time he glared defiantly at the district attorney, but when the latter read abstracts from the letters sent Gillette by his sweetheart the prisoner broke into tears and at times throughout the remainder of the session sobbed convulsively. When the jury went to its room and Gillette was led back to his cell he asked the deputy, "Are the doors all locked, sheriff?" Apparently he feared violence, but there was no evidence of any intention of violence on the part of the big crowd that swarmed the courtroom. After supper the courtroom filled quickly and many remained long, hoping to witness the return of the jury.

DR. CRAPPEY EXPELLED. Buffalo, Dec. 4.—Bishop Walker, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Western New York, this morning formally deposed Rev. Algonson S. Crapsey, rector of St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, from the ministry of the Episcopal Church.

The ceremony took place in St. John's Episcopal Church of Lafayette and was witnessed by three Episcopal ministers elected by the bishop to act as official witnesses.

London's Debt Per Head Lowest of Canadian Cities

Amounts to Only \$21.49—Very Much Below Debt of Toronto and Hamilton.

Familiarity breeds contempt, says an old saw. The city one lives in, being under close observation all the time, has its weak points revealed, while the city far away looks brighter and better, because distance lends enchantment. Few people who live in London fully appreciate its advantages from moral, health and financial standpoints. A great deal of talk is heard of the city's overburdening debt, of its high tax rate, and other things. And yet the facts are that London is better off than any of its sister cities in the Dominion.

It is not generally known that London's net debt per head is the smallest of any city in Canada. And so is its net debt in relation to assessment.

The following figures are taken from "Municipal Debt Statistics, Canada," prepared and published by John MacKay & Co. bond and debentures brokers, Toronto, and they prove the truth of these assertions.

They show the financial condition of eighteen cities of the Dominion, and London leads the list, as follows:

	Net debt per head.	Net debt to assessment p.c.
London, Ont.	\$21.49	\$4.60
St. Thomas	21.61	5.76
Ottawa	30.05	5.12
Kingston	32.10	7.52
Sherbrooke	34.74	9.17
Chatham	35.77	7.90
Sydney, C. B.	36.54	9.13
Winnipeg	39.83	5.17
Toronto	41.12	6.89
St. John, N. B.	41.64	8.12
Vancouver	42.15	7.45
Hamilton	42.35	8.37
Belleville	50.02	11.97
St. Catharines	54.42	8.86
Montreal	61.50	12.79
Victoria	64.43	11.94
Quebec	64.36	33.88

Hamilton's net debt per head is double London's. Ottawa's is 50 per cent greater. Toronto's is double; Winnipeg's is nearly double, while Quebec's is nearly five times as great, and Montreal's is three times.

London is in a better financial condition than any other city in Canada.

DUCKS IN FISH NETS

Sparta, Dec. 5.—A gentleman of this village recently went out on a fishing tug at Port Stanley to witness the lifting of the nets, which were suspended in the water about 70 feet from the surface. He was surprised to see about 50 ducks fast in the nets, in addition to several tons of fish, showing to what a depth ducks dive in quest of food, as the gill nets are not wide.

RUNS AMUCK UNTIL KILLED

A Finn, Insane From Liquor, Wounds Five in Streets of Ashtabula.

Ashtabula, Ohio, Dec. 5.—John H. Kejamppa, a Finn, while crazy drunk, late last night, ran amuck, armed with a revolver, and a knife, attacking nearly everyone he met, with the result that five men were more or less seriously injured. Kejamppa was finally shot dead by a policeman after a hand to hand fight.

GREAT SHOOTING

Guns of H. M. S. Drake Make 106 Hits Out of 133 Shots.

London, Dec. 5.—The guns of the armored cruiser Drake, flagship of the second cruiser squadron of the British Atlantic fleet, commanded by Rear Admiral Prince Louis of Battenburg, have made a record of 106 hits out of 133 shots from the 9.2 inch and 6 inch guns. This was accomplished during the recent gun practice in Arad Bay with the target four miles distant. The crew of the Drake thus head the whole British fleet, both in gun layers and battle practice competitions.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED

Council to Give Sewer Bylaw Two Readings on Monday.

A special meeting of the city council has been called for Monday evening next, when the bylaw to extend the main trunk sewer will come up for a first and second reading, in order that it may be submitted to the people in January.

A special meeting of No. 1 committee to consider the telephone franchise will be held on Tuesday evening next. The board of works will meet tonight, instead of on Thursday night, as usual.

GREENHOUSE DESTROYED

Small Structure However, and the Loss Will Not Exceed \$200.

An alarm from box 516 took the firemen to the corner of Dame and Sackville streets, in the extreme south end of the city, at 1:30 this morning. It was found that a fire had started in the greenhouse of Frederick Fountain, at 949 Dame street, and that it had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the structure. The building was not a very extensive affair, and the loss will not exceed \$200.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have originated from the heating apparatus.

STORM TIES UP I. C. R.

Freight Traffic Over Eastern Division at a Standstill.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 5.—Freight traffic over the greater part of the eastern division is held up and only a few belated express trains are running as the result of the first storm of the winter on the I. C. R. from Truro to Pictou. The storm seemed to center here, and the roads on these divisions are pretty badly tied up. No freight traffic is moving at all, nor will the line for a day or two. Express trains are all far behind time and doubleheaders are being used. Snow has fallen to an average depth of nearly two feet in the storm-swept district.

COMPELLED TO REFUSE

Goldwin Smith Cannot Accept Canadian Club's Invitation to Luncheon.

In response to the invitation of the Canadian Club of London to address its members at their midday luncheon, Secretary S. F. Glass received the following reply from Dr. Goldwin Smith: "Dear Sir,—I thank your club heartily for their invitation, and sincerely wish that it were in my power to accept it, and thus once more to refresh and renovate my mind by intercourse with a society, such as I doubt not yours is, full of the ideas and animated by the aspirations of youth. But I am sorry to say that the growing infirmities of age, aggravated just now by illness, compel me to decline. Yours very truly, GOLDWIN SMITH."

LOST NEAR ANNAPOLIS.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 5.—News of the loss of the schooner Emma R. Harvey, at Granville Ferry, Annapolis Basin, near Annapolis, reached here this morning. The crew suffered severely from cold and exposure. Capt. Berry is reported dead, and a number of the crew are frostbitten. The vessel is a total wreck.

GOVT. SUBSIDY FOR COLD STORAGE

Bill to Aid Establish Plants at Various Points.

FIELDING PUTS FOSTER RIGHT

Latter Has the Working of the Intermediate Tariff Schedule Explained to His Satisfaction.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—That the Government have provided in the estimates a sufficient sum to encourage the investment before March 31, 1908, of \$1,000,000 in the establishment of cold-storage warehouses at various points throughout the Dominion was the welcome announcement made by Hon. Sydney Fisher in the House today. The success which attended the Government's efforts to secure cold-storage accommodation on railways, and on steamers carrying Canadian produce across the Atlantic, has encouraged the Government to provide another link in the chain which connects the dairy and the fishery with the British market, by the establishment of cold-storage warehouses, so that produce, fruit and fish may be cared for and kept in proper condition before commencing their long journey, which ends on the table of the British consumer. Briefly, the Government propose to grant aid to the extent of 30 per cent. of the cost of providing cold-storage warehouses in localities where the necessities of the trade warrant it, with proper safeguards against competition with existing enterprises. By spreading this aid over terms of years the operation of warehouses receiving the grant until the advantages of the institutions are demonstrated is insured. In committee on ways and means definite clauses of the tariff resolution were considered and the Minister of Finance reiterated the intention of the Government not to put the intermediate tariff into force at once, but pointed out that if arrangements were made with Austria-Hungary, France, Denmark, Sweden and Russia for the adoption of the intermediate tariff Canada might be able to regard the automatic admission of goods from some other minor countries with composure. He could not under any circumstances conceive that either party in the United States would be prepared to make such concessions as to obtain the benefit of the intermediate tariff.

The intermediate tariff. On the clause enacting the intermediate tariff a number of questions were asked by Mr. Foster as to the application and how the Government expected it to work.

Mr. Fielding, in reply, reiterated the statement in the budget speech that it is not the intention of the Government that his tariff should be applied at once to any country. It is to be the basis of any negotiations with any country with which we desire to have satisfactory trade relations, which desires to give us better terms. In reply to a question by Mr. Borden, Mr. Fielding said he had not in his mind any country to which the intermediate tariff might be extended at once without detriment to other countries getting the benefit of the favored-nation clause.

At the request of Mr. Foster, Mr. Fielding enumerated the list of countries which were able to demand the favored-nation clause, including the Argentine Republic, Austria-Hungary, Bolivia, Colombia, Korea, Denmark, France, Liberia, Madagascar, Morocco, Muscat, Persia, Salvador, Russia, Sweden, Spain, Congo, Venezuela and Japan.

Mr. Foster said it was evident the (Continued on Page Nine.)

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SNOW OR RAIN.

Toronto, Dec. 4—p.m. The eastern storm has passed away to the Atlantic; another, which will probably give rain and snow in Ontario by Thursday, is now developing in the Western States. The weather has turned milder in the southwestern Ontario, but continues cold in all other parts of the Dominion. Vancouver, 44-46; Kamloops, 35-40; Edmonton, 6 below-4 below; Calgary, 10 below-12 below; Qu'Appelle, 2-6; Winnipeg, 2-6; Port Arthur, 6-8; Toronto, 2-28; Ottawa, 6 below-4; Montreal, 6 below-4; Quebec, 2 below-6; St. John, zero-10; Halifax, 8-4.

FORECASTS. Wednesday, Dec. 5—5-8 a.m. Today—Cloudy and cold. Thursday—Easterly gales, snow; turning to rain. Detroit, Dec. 4.—Lower Michigan—Snow on Wednesday and probably on Thursday; colder on Thursday; variable winds, becoming northerly.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary 8 6 Cloudy. Winnipeg 6 2 Cloudy. Port Arthur 4 0 Cloudy. Barry Sound 0 -8 Fair. Toronto 22 22 Cloudy. Ottawa 12 4 Fair. Montreal 12 4 Fair. Quebec 8 0 Snow. Father Point 12 10 Snow.

The sign — indicates below zero.

WEATHER NOTES. An area of depression now developing over the Western States is likely to move across the great lakes. The weather is very cold and wintry throughout the Dominion, and nearly all districts are snow-covered. Storm signals are displayed on the lakes.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 23°; lowest, 4° above.

A Big Bunch of Ballots for Electors in January

Six Bylaws To Be Voted On—Mayor Judd to Run for Second Term—Mr. Screaton to Retire From the Hospital Trust.

The electors of London certainly have their work cut out for them on the 7th of January.

In addition to the ballots for mayor, aldermen, school trustees, hospital trustees and water commissioner, the voters will find themselves confronted with no less than six bylaws upon which to pass judgment.

The bylaws are:

1. The expenditure of \$575,000 by

the Niagara power commission.

2. To give the city council power to issue \$50,000 debentures for the extension of the main trunk sewers of the city, and also to reconstruct the Dundas street sewer, between Wellington and Adelaide streets.

3. To fix the assessment of the Wortman & Ward Manufacturing Company at \$25,000 for a period of ten years.

4. To fix the assessment of the London Canning and Evaporating Company at \$4,000 for a period of ten years.

5. For establishing public swimming baths in London at a capital cost of \$4,000, and yearly maintenance of \$1,200.

May Confuse Voters

Some fear is expressed that so many bylaws and so many other ballots will confuse the public and that bylaws which certainly should be carried will be defeated.

If there are no elections by acclamation, there will be at least 30 names before the electors in January, from which they will be compelled to choose a mayor, twelve aldermen, five school trustees, one hospital trustee, and one water commissioner.

Thus the average voter will require a private secretary with him when he goes to vote. And when the ballots are counted the deputies and their assistants will no doubt have a couple of hours' work ahead of them.

It looks as though but few offices will fall to candidates by acclamation next year.

Looking Ahead.

It is generally accepted that Mayor Judd will seek a second term, and that he will have opposition. There are several men who have their eyes on the chair.

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NEEDHAM WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION

London Township Reeve Out—Kimball Will Make Another Try for Office.

Mr. Hamilton Needham, reeve of London Township, has announced that he will retire from municipal life at the end of the year. Mr. Needham served as councillor before his election as reeve in January last. His friends have asked him to be a candidate for the reeve-ship in 1907, but he has positively declined.

Mr. George Kimball, an ex-councillor, who was defeated by Mr. Needham last year by 138, will have another try for the position of reeve. He will have as his opponent Mr. George E. Hudson, a member of this year's council.

Messrs. W. A. Langford and J. H. Hodgins are also members of the present council, are in the field for the first deputy reeve-ship, while Councillor Frank Glass is a candidate for second deputy reeve.

Up to the present time there are no candidates in the field for councillors, two of whom are to be elected. London Township Council includes a reeve, a first and second deputy reeve, and two councillors. Had there been 100 more names on the voters' lists, the township would under the new act, be entitled to another deputy.

The bylaw to issue debentures of \$15,000 for bridges came before the council at its last meeting. The opinion prevailed that the bylaw would not be favorably received by the electors and it was not given a reading. It was thought, also, that no difficulty would be experienced in financing the bridge matter without the issue of debentures, especially if Councillor Frank Glass' plan to have certain bridges assumed by the county is successful. The matter is to be dealt with by the county judge this month.

Independent Phone Co. Ready to Go Higher

Intend to Fight to a Finish for a Franchise in This City.

Secretary Wilson, of the Independent Long Distance Telephone Company of Ontario, today had an interview with Chairman Forristal, of No. 1 committee, relative to a competitive franchise in London.

Mr. Wilson hinted that inasmuch as the Bell people had improved their offer to the city, the independents are prepared to go one better still. He promised to place an amended offer before the committee at its next meeting.

Mr. Alex. Stuart, K. C., who is re-

presenting the independents, says that it is the intention of the company to fight to the end for a franchise in this city.

If the company secures a competitive franchise here a local company will be formed, and this concern will run the London end of the 'phone system as far as the independents are concerned.

Mayor Judd said today that there is a great deal of opposition to the city accepting any bonus from the Bell Company for an exclusive franchise. The people want cheaper 'phone rates, he said.

Aid. Forristal thinks the city should get all the money it can out of the franchise, and he says the offer of \$4,000 made by the Bell people will not meet the committee's wishes.

GREAT FLOODS IN SOUTHWEST

The Town of Clifton, Arizona, Partially Destroyed.

MANY LIVES REPORTED LOST

Globe Cut Off by Collapse of Railway Bridge, and Fuel and Food Famine May Ensnare.

Bisbee, Ariz., Dec. 5.—One of the worst floods in the history of Clifton came down the Arizona River, and Chase Creek, Monday night. The principal business section of the town was almost completely ruined. From seven to twenty persons is the report of the loss of life. Mrs. Joseph Throm, with her husband and children, was caught in a falling building and killed. The other members of the family had a narrow escape. One of the saloons which was washed away carried several men into the torrent. They are believed to have been drowned.

A woman and a child were lost in a small restaurant, which was dashed to pieces in the flood.

A number of small frame buildings, in which persons were known to be living, were also destroyed, and it is feared that a number of families perished.

The Coronado Railway from Clifton to Longfellow is destroyed. It will be several weeks before business can be resumed over the road. The financial loss cannot be estimated.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 5.—Up to a late hour last night, nothing confirmatory of the Clifton disaster had been received, except private dispatches sent from one friend to another. One of these said:

"Half of Clifton destroyed. I am O. K."

Numerous inquiries have been directed to the scene, but they have been unavailing. It is believed that a disaster has undoubtedly occurred.

Clifton is a town in Graham County, Southeastern Arizona. In 1900 the population was 564. It is located at the end of a branch of the Arizona and New Mexico Railroads, and has a telegraph and express office. It is built upon the Rio San Francisco, a branch of the Salt River.

Globe, Ariz., Dec. 5.—All railroad communication with this city is cut off for a week at least by the carrying away of the bridge over the Gila River, near San Carlos. Passengers and mail may be transferred in a few days, but it may be much longer before freight can arrive here.

The Old Dominion Company has a three weeks' supply of fuel, but other companies operating here may have to close on account of the shortage of oil. It is believed that there is enough fuel and provisions to prevent any famine.

SEND POLES TO CANADA

German Scheme to Get Rid of Troublesome Citizens.

London, Dec. 5.—The Kreuz Zeitung gives prominence to an article suggesting a novel solution of the British question in Prussia. It says Prussian political life could be considerably bettered "if we were rid of the unquiet element among the Poles. Force, of course, could not be applied and the only alternative for the Government is to encourage Polish emigration." It declares that Canada is a suitable land for the Poles, who would succeed there where other emigrants fail, being far better able to weather the Canadian climate than Southern Slavs, Italians, etc. The Kreuz Zeitung adds that Canada would eagerly accept these strong, able-bodied emigrants, and if the Prussian Government were asked to further Polish emigration to Canada it would undoubtedly reply "with the greatest of pleasure."

MR. ROSS ON THE ELECTION

Leader of Opposition Pleased at Success of Laborites in Hamilton.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Ont., Dec. 5.—Hon. George W. Ross, leader of the Liberal Opposition, and ex-premier of Ontario, when asked for his opinion on the Hamilton by-election, today said:

"I am glad to see a Labor candidate elected in Hamilton. The laboring class forms a very large percentage of our population, and it is only right that they should have representation in the House. The labor people are a very large number in Hamilton and they have elected a man who, I think, will be a very useful member as a representative of labor."

Asked about the prison labor contract and its effect as an element in the election, Mr. Ross said: "The Government, then the opposition, condemned the prison labor contract we made, but theirs is much worse. The contract was condemned very roundly by T. H. Preston and others in the House last session."

CURZON SAILS.

New York, Dec. 5.—Lord Curzon of Kedleston, former viceroy of India, who came here several weeks ago, sailed for England today on the steamer Oceanic.