

PROGRESS OF THE SCRUTINY

Into Alleged Municipal Election
Irregularities.

Initials Said to Have Been Forged—
Investigation To Be Resumed on
Wednesday.

The election inquiry was continued before Judge Elliott yesterday afternoon until 5 o'clock, by which time the witnesses summoned for the day had been disposed of. Wednesday next was fixed for the resumption of the inquiry and the hearing of further evidence from the deputy returning officers and poll clerks.

Thomas Cousins was the first witness called on resumption after luncheon, he having been deputy returning officer at the fifth subdivision of the 1st ward. Here 120 names were found on the poll book and 122 votes were counted. Witness said he did not examine the all the ballots to see if the initials were genuine. Four ballots were placed in the box in a very careless manner in sending them out. Witness did not count them, but as 225 were returned that was the number received.

Witness picked out six ballots marked for Farnell, and said they did not bear his genuine initials. Four ballots were rejected, three unmarked and one marked for two candidates. E. W. Scatcherd, who acted as deputy at No. 2, ward 2, followed Mr. Cousins. Witness opened his box and found that he had the requisite classes of ballots, but did not count them. The poll-book showed 120 votes, while 122 ballots were counted. Witness did not find any suspicious circumstances in the counting up, save that four ballots came out, one after the other, all marked for Farnell. The ballots were objected to, but witness counted them, as they were initiated properly, though he kept them separate in returning them and wrote out a statement of the circumstance. Witness examined the ballots and picked out two ballots which he said did not bear his genuine initials. The examination of Mr. Scatcherd failed to account for the seventeen ballots.

George Norton, deputy returning officer in No. 11, ward 1, next took the stand. Mr. Norton is father of Ransom Norton, who was sentenced to six months imprisonment for ballot-stuffing, while the young man was acting as poll clerk for his father. The poll-book was kept by Ransom Norton, and was found to contain the number of people who voted for mayor. Witness said no person had access to the ballot-box but himself. He opened the box on Sunday, took out some foolscap paper, and gave it to his son, who made out a tally sheet for use in counting up the vote. The box was then closed and not opened till the next morning. The ballots were in witness' custody all day, save when he left the booth for about five minutes. In counting up, a discrepancy was noticed. Witness omitted to make the customary oath after the polling. The initials on four rejected ballots were identified by the witness as his own. Two of the ballots were unmarked and two were marked twice. Witness could not account for the difference between the 218 names on the poll-book, and the 220 votes counted. Witness picked out 10 ballots whose initials he pronounced a forgery.

Robert Summers, deputy returning officer in No. 12, ward 1, swore that his poll-book was kept accurately as far as he knew. The poll-book shows 173 voters, but the ballots counted numbered 190.

During an absence of five minutes, the poll-clerk, Mr. W. H. Weston, had charge of the ballots. Mr. Summers picked out ten ballots initiated with an ordinary lead pencil, and pronounced them forgeries. He had signed his ballots with a blue lead pencil.

Wm. H. Weston, poll clerk for Mr. Summers, identified the poll-book produced. Witness did not remember Mr. Summers leaving the booth for a few minutes. Witness did not touch the majority ballot during the day. He did not notice the discrepancy between the number on poll-book and the ballots counted.

James Frezell, deputy returning officer at subdivision 1 of ward 2, opened his ballot-box on Saturday night, and counted the ballots. One package he found to be two less than the others. In another pad there was one ballot too many. The poll-book showed 129 votes, while the ballots counted numbered 131, while three more were rejected. Witness on a couple of occasions left the booth for a few minutes, leaving initiated ballots on the table.

Witness picked out five ballots whose initials he pronounced forgeries, leaving two extra ballots unaccounted for. Witness said an accidentally-torn ballot was placed in the ballot-box when sending it back. Witness could not account for the missing six ballots of the 800 supplied him.

Witness admitted that he had in the

THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Discusses the Matter of Tax
Exemptions

And Concessions to Manufacturers—
Toronto Getting Too Many Special
Acts Put Through.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Feb. 20.—Only one measure was introduced in the legislature this afternoon, that being an amendment to the drainage act, by Mr. McKee.

At Hon. Mr. Harcourt's request a special committee was appointed to consider a bill to amend the high school act so that country students may attend high schools in cities or towns separated from the counties, at a fee to be agreed upon between the trustees and the county councilors. The minister of education explained that there were a number of weak high schools which the counties could not legally help, and this would be one way of getting over the difficulty.

A bill to enable the town of Goddard to raise \$10,000 on debentures for a summer hotel, in which to accommodate tourists, was given a second reading. It was under the charge of Hon. Mr. Garrow.

Mr. Hislop's bill to amend the municipal act was also read a second time.

TAX EXEMPTION.
Of far greater importance was Mr. Hill's bill to amend the tax act. Hon. Mr. Gibson, indeed, said that it was perhaps the most important question before the house this session, as it dealt with the taxation of industries from taxation. The present law required a two-thirds vote of the qualified ratepayers to legalize any exemption, and for many years people were in favor of going back to the old system, where the municipal council could grant exemption on a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Crawford declared that the law should be amended so that it could be understood.

Mr. Pattullo held that it would never do to go back to the old law. It was asking too much of councils to subject them to the influences of a few big taxpayers, and to hear on them. He did not believe that there was any great urgency for change. He thought the manufacturers were making a mistake in trying to evade taxation. A clause ought to be able to pay their fair share, and manufacturers were better able to pay than most people.

In conclusion, Mr. Pattullo maintained that there should be a general law in connection with the taxation of manufacturers. Toronto was getting altogether too many special acts put through. One had been passed allowing it to grant certain exclusive rights to a hotel, and another was enabling it to take the big hotel in a particularly advantageous way. It was Mr. Pattullo's opinion that manufacturers would always go to the town or city that offered them the most favorable inducements. This was human nature, and no law could change it.

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WILL ADMIT WOMEN
New Departure by Woodmen of the World—
Head Camp Officers.

Woodstock, Ont., Feb. 21.—At the closing session of the Woodmen of the World convention here yesterday the following officers were elected for the coming year: Head consul commander, C. C. Hodgins; head adviser, J. H. Saunders; head secretary, Dr. C. H. Hume; head treasurer, Dr. H. E. Eaton; head clerk, Dr. C. E. Pearson; head auditor, Dr. W. E. Pearson; head watchman, J. H. Saunders; head sentry, Dr. A. D. Wiley; alternate delegates to sovereign camp, C. C. Hodgins and W. C. Fitzgerald; head managers, J. V. Hooper, T. H. Taylor and Jas. T. Bain.

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JUSTICE OF A REFERENDUM

The Prohibition Situation in
Ontario

As It Appears to "The Westminster"
—Opportunities That the Dominion
Alliance Have Not Improved.

Toronto, Feb. 21.—The Westminster for this week says: It was anticipated that the Manitoba act would be closely followed for the reason stated, and that the measure would be submitted to the electors in a referendum vote. The basis of the majority required for prohibition is different from any of the other provinces, and was not discussed previously to the premier's pronouncement. A majority of the votes on the list and percentages of the votes polled in the referendum, ranging from 5 to 75, were among the proposals most seriously discussed. The bill actually received a majority of the votes polled in the referendum, and that such majority should represent, not one-half of the electors, but only from one-third to two-fifths. At the last provincial election less than 75 per cent of the electors voted, and under similar conditions this year less than 38 per cent of the electors, voting for prohibition, if outnumbered by the majority which would put Ontario under prohibition legislation. Are such conditions unjust or unfavorable to temperance reform?

It would not be possible to conceive of conditions which would meet the views of the diverse elements and opposing interests concerned in prohibition legislation. Objection may be made to a referendum, and yet we believe the sober second thought of intelligent and unbiased men would prefer that method to the immediate enactment of a prohibitory law, without a testing of public sentiment. The date fixed for taking the vote may not be the best, but it is the only one, and October would seem to be as convenient as any other month.

A vote taken on prohibition at the general or the municipal election might be larger, but a separate and special vote would represent more truly the genuine, reliable positive convictions of the electors on the question at issue, and the man who does not care enough for prohibition to sacrifice for its own sake as much as he does for the election, is at least one who is not a prohibitionist at all, and his opinion does not count as a part of public sentiment.

In requiring that prohibition shall not be enacted until a majority of the electors are in favor, the Dominion Alliance is given that prohibition, if carried, would command public respect and secure at least fair enforcement. There has been a great deal of talk in the country against this feature of the bill, but if the men who say that such conditions are impossible are to be taken seriously, and if the members of parliament are not a prohibitionist at all, and his opinion does not count as a part of public sentiment.

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BRAIN FOOD

Is of Little Benefit Unless It Is
Digested.

Nearly everyone will admit that as a nation we eat too much meat, and too little of vegetables and the grains. For business men, office men and clerks, and in fact everyone engaged in sedentary indoor occupations, grains, milk and vegetables are much more healthful.

Only men engaged in a severe, outdoor manual labor can live on a heavy meat diet and continue in health.



As a general rule, meat once a day is sufficient for all classes of men, women and children, and grains, fruit and vegetables should constitute the bulk of food eaten.

But many of the most nutritious foods are difficult of digestion, and it is of no use to advise brain workers to eat largely of grains and vegetables where the digestion is too weak to assimilate them properly.

It is always best to get the best results from our food that some simple and harmless digestive should be taken after meals to assist the relaxed digestive organs, and several years experience have proven Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets to be a very safe, pleasant and effective digestive and remedy which may be taken daily with the best results.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets can hardly be called a patent medicine, as they do not act on the bowels, nor any particular organ, but only on the food eaten. They supply what weak stomachs lack, pepsin, diastase, and by stimulating the gastric glands increase the natural secretion of hydrochloric acid.

People who make a daily practice of taking one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after each meal are sure to have perfect digestion, which means perfect health.

There is no danger of forming an injurious habit as the tablets contain absolutely nothing but natural digestive juices, and no harmful drugs have no place in a stomach medicine, and Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are certainly the best known and most popular of all stomach remedies.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent package of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, and after week's use note the improvement in health, appetite and nervous energy.

There are two new cases of smallpox in McGillivray township, Middlesex county. It is a case of smallpox about five miles from Milverton, Ont., in Elma township. A lady from Manitoba, who is visiting friends, has been declared infected. The local board of health has quarantined the family named Holmes where she is staying.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 20.—A serious outbreak of smallpox has been located at lumber camps and Indian reserves, and on the east shore of Lake Winnipeg.

**ELEVATOR FELL
14 STORIES!**

Two Men Meet Instant Death at
Cleveland.

A Rockwood (Ont.) Woman Fatally
Hurt by a Cow—Other Casualties.

Stratford, Feb. 20.—A young girl, who gave the name of May Stanley, attempted to commit suicide in a house near the depot yesterday morning. She was found by a neighbor, and the inmates secured medical attendance saved the girl's life. She took a dose of morphine.

ELEVATOR HURT.
Petersburg, Feb. 20.—A snow plow, engine and caboose on the C. P. R. made a bad wreck five miles from here between this station and Cavanagh. Hand snow on the track caused the plow to leave the rails and turn over on one side of the track, while the engine and tender went over on their sides in the opposite ditch. The engine was badly wrecked.

Eleven men on the engine and plow were all shaken up, and several badly bruised. John Moran, the engineer, sustained severe bruises, and had the upper jaw fractured. Patrick Coakley and George Glenn, of North Toronto, were the most severely bruised among the others.

FELL FOURTEEN STORIES.
Cleveland, O., Feb. 21.—While the elevator in the new Seefeld building was descending, a projecting timber struck the bottom, knocking it out as clearly as though cut. The occupants, Harry J. Wilson and Fred Buell, structural ironworkers, were dropped fourteen stories, being instantly killed.

SUFFOCATED AND FROZEN.
Fremont, O., Feb. 21.—Middle-aged couple, of this city, were found in a horrible condition by neighbors, who broke open their house to investigate why the folk had not been seen in several days. Neighbors found that both had been overcome by escaping gas, and then badly frozen after the fires went out. Glosser's feet and hands were frozen up to the knees, and broken up so badly that they cannot be saved. Dr. Ling, who dressed the wounds, was unable to say whether Mr. Ling would recover or not.

MANGLING BY A SAW.
Dutton, Feb. 21.—A shocking and probably fatal accident took place on Wednesday at the sawmill of Lunn & Co., at Dutton, Ont. A man was killed by a board and thrown upon the large saw, which was broken up so badly that it cannot be saved. Dr. Ling, who dressed the wounds, was unable to say whether Mr. Lunn would recover or not.

ATTACKED BY A COW.
Rockwood, Ont., Feb. 20.—Mrs. James Gray, of Rockwood, was nearly killed last night while taking her cow to water the animal turned on her and trampled and hooked her, and had to be driven off with pitchforks. She is in a hopeless condition.

KILLED WIFE FOR BEING LATE.
Belleville, Pa., Feb. 21.—Because his

THE WEATHER TODAY—Fair and mild; sleet or snow at night.

Saturday Morning at 9 O'Clock We Will
Sell 32 Eiderdown Comfortables at
Bargain Prices. Come at 9.

At the above hour Saturday morning we commence our Great Clearance Sale of Eiderdown Quilts. A knowledge of what we will do at this sale, the value of the offerings at the low prices, should bring more purchasers than we have Quilts to sell. The lot comprises 32. We describe them:

12 only, size 54x66—French sateen on both sides, in beautiful floral designs, and colors of pink, blue, terra-cotta and green; neatly stitched; pure down filling; regular \$1.25 each. Sale price...\$3.25
10 only, size 54x66—English Art Silkline on both sides, in colors of blue, pink, green, terra-cotta and gold; pure down filling. Regular \$1.50 each. Sale price...\$3.75
7 only, size 60x—English Art Silkline covering on both sides, in border effects; colors of pink, blue, green, terra-cotta and gold; neatly stitched and perforated; pure down filling. Regular \$2.50 each. Sale price...\$4.75
1 only, size 54x66—Fine French Sateen Covering in blue, green and gold; four-inch fill on edges; pure down filling. Regular \$1.50 each. Sale price...\$5.75

REMEMBER THE HOUR. REMEMBER THE SALE. REMEMBER THE PRICES.

Special Notice Re Tailor-Made Garments.
We desire to particularly impress upon our trade that we are manufacturers of Ladies' High-Class Garments, that the work is done on the premises by our own skilled artists. We anticipate from the number of orders already booked, an extra heavy season's trade, and suggest that you give in your order now. We manufacture Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits, Skirts, Wrappers, and Underskirts at lowest prices consistent with high-grade work.

**Another Lot of New Spring
Dress Goods Just In.**

Already we are showing our Colored Dress Goods for spring 1902. For fineness, goodness and beauty the prices to hand are recommended. Will be pleased to show them.

In Voile Goods we show beautiful fabrics for clinging dresses for late spring and summer wear; shades of grays, green, browns, blues and roses. Per yard... 65c and 75c
Our Crepe de Chine is very handsome for costumes and clinging garments; they are creations of beauty, costing in lovely shades of blue, green, brown, rose, reds and gray. Our selling price is, per yard... \$1.00 and \$1.50
A line of Crepe de Chine, in small dotted patterns is simply exquisite. You will not find their like elsewhere. See them. Six beautiful colorings in rose, bright navy, biscuit, pearl-gray, dove-gray, and cadet. Our price is only, per yard... \$1.25
Creations of beauty in Silk Stripes V. crepe costumes. These come in dress patterns only in beautiful shades of rose, cadet, light blue, brown and gray. Per dress only... \$10.00

Clearing a Line of Prints at 8½c a Yard.

A special line of Prints, in pinks, navy, blue, black and white, were 12½c a yard; clearing at, per yard... 8½c

Pretty Scotch Zephyrs at 18c and 25c Yard.

Just received, a lot of the new Fancy Striped Zephyrs in the latest pink, linen and blue shades. Selling these pretty novelties at only 18c and 25c.

W. B. Corsets from \$1.25 to \$2.50.
Correct styles for spring now on sale.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM,
149, 151 and 153 DUNDAS STREET.

There Is Danger and Death in
Imitations and Substitutes.

YOU NEED THE GENUINE
Paine's Celery Compound
IF YOU EXPECT A CURE.

See that you make no error or false move if you are making efforts to rid yourself of disease. Attention, care and vigilance on your part are necessary to avoid the dangers of substitution and imitations.

Your case at this time demands the use of the genuine Paine's Celery Compound sold by all reputable and honest druggists.

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Kennedy's Pharmacy

LONDON.

DEAR SIR:

Would you kindly express me three bottles of Ola Cream. When in London at Xmas I got a bottle and I like it so much. It seems to be a perfect skin food, preventing all roughness and redness. I like it better than anything I have ever used.

Yours Very Truly,
MRS. J. G. LOTUS,
Berlin.

P.S.—Kindly let me know if you could make it cheaper by the dozen.

LIVED LIKE A PAUPER

With Hundreds of Dollars Salted Away in
a Savings Bank.

Detroit, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Catherine Regan, with hundreds of dollars in the banks, yet constantly haunted by the fear of poverty, died in St. Mary's Hospital, Wednesday. She constantly pleaded her destitute condition, and often was without the common necessities of life. Last November she appealed to the poor committee for aid, and received assistance to procure groceries. Since her death, a bank book of the Detroit Savings Bank, showing deposits of \$1,100, has been found, and when a trunk belonging to the dead woman is opened it is thought other bank books showing smaller amounts will be found.

Two nieces and a nephew, and numerous nephews and nieces live at Goderich, Ont., and other parts of Canada. Among them are Andrew, John, Michael and Jeremiah Forhen, and Mrs. Ellen O'Laughlin.

Don't think because you have taken many remedies in vain that your case is incurable.

You have not taken Hood's Sarsaparilla. It has cured many seemingly hopeless cases of scurvy, rheumatism, kidney complaint, dyspepsia and general debility—many cases that may have been worse than yours.

What this great medicine has done for others it can do for you.

Cook's Cotton Root Compound
Is an essentially used monthly by over 10,000 ladies. Safe, effective. Ladies ask your druggist for Cook's Cotton Root Compound. It is in general use in Canada, the West Indies and Australia as a household medicine. It is a favorite wherever used.

Don't let worms gnaw at the vitals of your children. Give them Dr. Low's Pleasant Worm Syrup and they'll soon be rid of those parasites. Price 25c.

THAT CONCESSION

Gov. Ross Says Klondike Will Benefit by the
Treadgold Arrangement.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 21.—Gov. Ross, of the Klondike, arrived here yesterday from the north by steamer Amur. In an interview concerning the Treadgold concession, about which so much excitement has been raised, Gov. Ross said:

"I have not seen the amended order of the council concerning the concessions to the Treadgold syndicate, but I did see the original order, and unless some very material alterations have been made in the document, nothing but benefit to the Klondike can result from the agreement, which has been reached between the government and the syndicate."

The great lung healer is found in that excellent medicine sold as Hickle's Anti-Consumption Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the membrane of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, pain or soreness in the chest, bronchitis, etc. It has cured many when supposed to be far advanced in consumption.

Portugal is the most illiterate country in Europe; 67 per cent of its population cannot write. In Italy the proportion of illiterates is 53 per cent, in Russia 58, in Spain 9, in Britain 2½.

LAXATIVE PILLS, regulate the bowels, cure constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness, sick headache, and all affections of the organs of digestion. V.

The champion organ blower, in point of service, has been found to be 72-year-old Joshua Savall, who, without a single absence, has pumped the organ of Plymouth Church in Brooklyn for the last 27 years.

ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE had experience can tell the torture corns cause. Pain with your boots on, pain with them off—pain night and day; but relief is sure to those who use Holloway's Corn Cure.

The C. P. R. will run special colonist excursion trains during March and April to the Northwest to afford special facilities to intending colonists to reach their destination.