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## CARRY THE POWER BYLAW—THAT IS THE DUTY WHICH RESTS WITH TORONTO NOW

### RING OF VICTORY IN WALLACE CAMPAIGN

**R. L. Borden Speaks at Woodbridge—Notable Campaign Closes To-night—The Meetings.**

WOODBRIDGE, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—R. L. Borden, with several of his lieutenants, spoke in the interest of Capt. Wallace here to-night. The hall was completely filled and the enthusiasm with which the Conservative candidate and leader of the opposition received was a happy omen for success at the polls on Monday next. Mr. Borden spoke at length on the Halifax platform, and exposed the inconsistencies and offences of the government, while Capt. Wallace renewed his declaration of independence and promised that his course in parliament, if elected, would be dictated only by a desire to serve the public, and he would feel free to oppose any policy of the Conservative party which did not meet with the approval of the people. R. O. Harvey was chairman. Capt. Tom's plea for election has a good ring and his chances look bright. W. S. McCarthy, M.P. for Calgary, was first introduced. He dealt with some of the land and timber scandals of the present administration and showed that vast areas were alienated from the crown for the benefit of Liberal lawyers and relatives of Sirton and other western statesmen. A. E. Kemp, M.P., was introduced as a man who gave Mr. Pugsley such a dressing down that he (Pugsley) sat dumb as an oyster in the house. The member for East Toronto emphasized that it would be a good thing for the government if Capt. Wallace were elected, as it would compel them to recognize the weight of public opinion and help to keep them straight. It would be a rebuke administered by honest Liberals to the system of graft that prevails in this country. Mr. Kemp, after relating circumstances relating to the calling of Mr. Pugsley's bluff, passed on to review the financial position of the government. Since there had been an increase of taxation since the administration came into office 11 years ago of \$142,000,000 over the ten last years of Conservative control. That this condition ought not to be, he was able to prove by evidence adduced, showing that by dealing thru middlemen the government has allowed thousands of dollars to be paid in bribery for the benefit of friends. Numerous such cases were cited.

**Mr. Borden's Address.**  
 The reception to Mr. Borden was cordial. He began with reference to the South African experience of Capt. Wallace, and rebuked The Globe for its reference to the lamented father of the Conservative candidate. It was not good taste, Mr. Borden said, for The Globe to cast reflections upon a man who had the courage of his convictions, and of whom the Town of Woodbridge had every reason to be proud. What could have been the reason for The Globe to bring in the name of N. Clarke Wallace in this connection in 1895 and 1898? Canada passed thru depression better than any other portion of the globe and if there should be any criticism of the share N. Clarke Wallace had in the government of the day, let it be said to his credit that under the policy of Sir John Macdonald Canada passed well thru that crisis. The greatest compliment paid to it was that the Liberals had not dared to lay unholly hands on that policy under which Canada had obtained so much of her growth. Mr. Borden said he had been up-braided by the Liberal papers because in his tour of the west he had failed to discuss the school question. He had spoken in Quebec and there used the same arguments that he used in the house, but it was not necessary to discuss the question in the west, because parliament could not undo any act passed in constituting the new provinces, but if Liberals were so anxious to re-open the question let them begin and Conservatives were prepared to discuss it with them. The opposition leader advocated the establishment of free rural mail delivery wherever population warranted it, and he believed results would justify the expenditure. The present government, he said, had wasted money enough to establish free rural mail delivery in Ontario and most of the other provinces of the Dominion.

**Public Ownership.**  
 The speaker summarized the Halifax platform, repeating its well-known arguments in favor of public ownership of telephones and telegraphs, the establishment of a civil service commission, the administration of government railways by a non-partisan body, and purity of elections. Mr. Borden also dealt with the Liberal platform of 1895, and the medium of credit due the government for the good crops of the last two years. In his opinion, as asserted, Liberals had gone the length of criticizing Sir Wilfrid for going to the colonial conference last spring without giving proper attention to the weather, as a result of which we had a very late spring and considerable damage to crops in the west. In his opinion administration and impure elections, Mr. Borden continued, the Liberals had excused themselves. The

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### Power Scheme Solely For the Municipalities Not Political Issue

Hon. J. P. Whitney, Premier of the Province of Ontario, yesterday issued the following statement concerning the government's attitude on the power scheme, as it affects Toronto, and the passage of the bylaw:

"To prevent misapprehensions and misrepresentations, I desire to say that this is not a contest or conflict between the government and the Electrical Development Company, or between the government and any person or corporation. There is no 'politics' in the situation, and politics will not be brought into it, or allowed in it, if the government can prevent it.

"Except as I shall show, the government has no interest in the result of the voting on the bylaw. In 1906, the legislature passed an act, by the provisions of which the Hydro-Electric Commission, then created, may take steps to provide electric power for such municipalities as enter into agreement to take it. I shall not go into the merits of this legislation now, except to make two points: (1) Had this course not been adopted, public opinion would have asked more advanced legislation on this question. (2) This legislation was supported heartily and actively by the entire press of Toronto, and practically of the province.

"Intricate and laborious investigations have taken place under the auspices of the Hydro-Electric Commission, and the government has done its best to fulfil the intent and instructions of the legislature. Progress was delayed from time to time by the inability of the government to induce the Electrical Development Company, which it desired to favor, as being more strictly a Canadian company, to make an offer to supply the power to be required by the municipalities, and when at last an offer was made, it was found that the offer of the Ontario Power Company was much less than that of the Electrical Development Company.

"Pursuing the course it had adopted and acted upon from the first, the government then made strenuous efforts to induce the successful company to confine its tender to the territory west of a line starting from a point near Hamilton and running northerly to Owen Sound. The government succeeded in these efforts, and the Ontario Power Company so agreed. The government then proposed to allot the territory east of this line, and, of course, including the City of Toronto, to the Electrical Development Company at the tender or price made by the Ontario Power Company, and on the same terms otherwise, but this offer was declined.

"I make no comment on the action of the company in declining the offer. I merely state the fact to show how determined we were, in the face of difficulties which cannot be set out in this statement, to get all possible opportunities and advantages for the Electrical Development Company.

"So then, the government, being, under the statute, simply the go-between or conduit pipe for the purpose of enabling the municipalities to get electric power at a cheap rate, is now in a position to bring about the desired result, and awaits the action or demand of the municipalities.

"Let it be kept in mind, then, that everything done by the government is, has been and will be subject to the action of the municipalities. If they want power at \$10.40 and \$10 per horsepower at Niagara, the government is now ready to procure it for them; if they do not want it, well and good.

"The people must not be deceived by those who, for various reasons, are trying to muddle and befog the situation in order that the real issue may be kept out of view.

"What, then, is the attitude of the government in this contest? Does it ask the ratepayers of Toronto to pass this bylaw? My answer is that it asks nothing of the kind. It stands ready to do its duty to the municipalities, under the statute, and it is for the latter to say whether the services of the government are required. If the bylaw is defeated, that will end the matter, and the result will be accepted as a decision that Toronto does not care to acquire power under the statute.

"Much has been heard about the Electrical Development Company, or the Electric Light Company, and the city coming together and making a reasonable agreement. In the event of the bylaw being carried, what is to prevent the parties coming together on the morning following the voting? And it may be asked, also, why should they not then come to an agreement?

"Passing the bylaw will not bind the city or the ratepayers in any way, shape or manner. Rejecting the bylaw will simply render it impossible for the city to get power under the statute, and will compel it to accept such terms as may be offered by the company or companies.

"Let it be understood, then, that the government is a looker-on in this matter. I hope and believe that the people of Toronto will not be led away by the array of anonymous falsehoods and discordant objections to the power scheme, and by the attacks which are being made on the government, no two of which agree.

"I pass over, for the present, the attitude of those who insist that the conduct of the government in this matter is that of footpads, and is neither British, nor honest, nor decent, and who, rejoicing in the possession of the rich vocabulary their language indicates, would drive us, if possible, into spending from ten to fifteen millions of dollars of the people's money in a way which their own language shows would be unjustifiable.

"The government is not entering, and does not propose to enter, into competition with the Electrical Development Company or the Electric Light Company. Municipalities, if they desire it, certainly have the right to buy in the open market the power they require. They have the right, also, if they choose, alone or in combination, to build such transmission lines as may be necessary to carry the power to its destination. The government is acting as the agent or trustee of the municipalities to enable them to do this, and is assisting them to the extent of what is practically a guarantee by the province for the payment of the money necessary for the enterprise.

"The government, beyond this guarantee, incurs no responsibility whatever, as the municipalities will be under contract to repay the outlay."

### BROCKTON SOLD IN SUPPORT OF

"Light Brigade" Interrupters Given Short Shift—Why By-law Should Carry.

Brockton is well-known for its noisy good-humored ward meetings, and last night's in Brockton Hall, the fourth of the electric power series, contained the ancient reputation for uproarious debate. The Light Brigade were present as at previous meetings, and endeavored to interrupt the various speakers, but every attempt caused such a riot of protest that no progress was made, and the chairman, Dr. Spence, finally announced that if any person refused to sit down when requested he would be removed by the policemen. The usual resolution was moved and carried. John Little had his motion presented and made a loud-mouthed demand for another chairman because Dr. Spence refused to put a motion without a seconder. James Pearson, the paving company barrister; ex-Ald. Stansfeld and four or five Light Brigade employees represented the allied electric interests against the citizens' demand for cheap power and light.

The opposition of the power law are becoming desperate; their main tactics now seem to be to disturb the rousing meetings that are being held all over the city in its favor and to interrupt the speakers with irrelevant questions. Mr. James Pearson, barrister, who has been talking against the bylaw at several meetings, wound up his speech by saying that The World owed his paving company for putting down a pavement. Light Brigade, who spoke on the other side, made answer, challenging Mr. Pearson to bring the bill of the three miles one, to the office this morning.

John Laxton of the Consumers' Gas Co. was at the meeting. John is quite influential above the ground. A notable feature of the meetings so far held has been the unequivocal support of the many speakers of the general principles of public ownership of the public utilities.

To-night's meeting in support of the power bylaw will be held in Broadway Hall, on the west side of Spadina-avenue, a few doors below Colborne street. Those who include, among the speakers, are Arthur Vanhook, Ald. Lyon of Guelph, chairman of the Union of Western Municipalities. Ald. Lyon has made a close study of the Niagara power question, and is known as a vigorous and aggressive advocate of the bylaw.

One reason to vote for it. Controller Ward opened last night's meeting by announcing that both sides would have a hearing, and called on Dr. Spence to take the chair. J. M. Godfrey was a great deal of confusion abroad about the power question, and he was not only a history of the whole question placed before the electors. He would vote for the bylaw because if the matter was not settled now the city would be tangled up with the big corporations for all time.

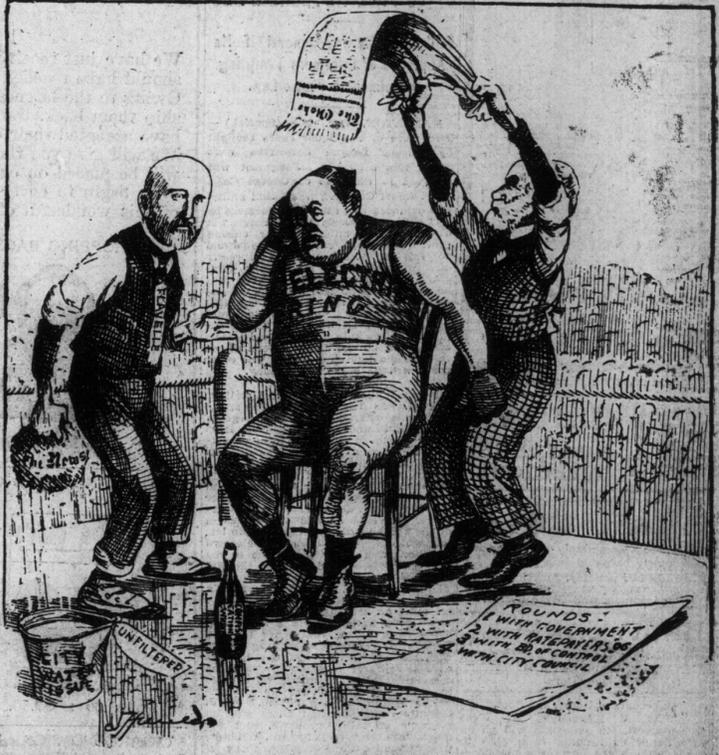
Another reason to vote for it. A small riot ensued at this point at the end of the hall, an electric light company man interrupting. One of the electors got up and said: "I won't stand for light company boosters coming down to Brockton to tell us what to do." (Cheers).

Where Opposition Arises. W. P. Maclean, M.P., said he was not going to allow the question of public ownership to be sidetracked, as Mr. Pearson would like, by an outburst of the kind which has not only for manufacturers, but would give the poor man light in his home. Who objected to this? Only the Toronto Electric Light Company, because they charged high rates, which they did not wish to reduce. The electric light company is telling the gas company shareholders to get out of the bylaw, as it would reduce the price of gas and less dividends would be paid to them. Every man who means to prevent the working man getting cheap light for his house and cheap gas for his cooking.

Another uproar followed when one Grennis asked what schedule of prices the city would give for light. James McLoughlin also interrupted, and bedlam reigned for several minutes. Dr. Beattie Nesbitt spoke of the

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### THE VERY LATEST FROM THE "RING."



BACKER FLAVELLE: Brace up, Gunner, there's only another round.

### "Doc." Cheers for Geary.

Gracefully Accepts Preference of North Toronto Conservatives and Leads Applause for Rival Candidate.

Three mayoralty candidates—Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, Ald. Geary and Miles Vokes—spoke briefly at a largely-attended "smoker" given by the North Toronto Conservative Association in Simpson Hall last evening. As a trial of strength, the meeting was decided in favor of Ald. Geary. The audience was generally on the point of leaving, and many had gone up to the hall when cheering and some uproar announced the entrance of Dr. Nesbitt. Arthur Vanhook mounted a chair and attempted to get a hearing, but was by no means successful. In the mean-

time the doctor made his way to the platform, while three cheers were called for and given very heartily for Ald. Geary. "I am glad," shouted Dr. Nesbitt, amidst the disorder, "to see so many good Tories together, and I hope that after a good and fair fight in this contest we will again meet together as fair and square men should and roll up the good old Tory majorities in every riding in this city. And I can assure you that no one will be in the fight harder and more squarely than myself." The chosen candidates of the Conservative party are always good enough for me, and it doesn't matter to me when, where or how they are chosen. And now I call for three cheers for Geary and a cheer.

### SAW MOTHER SINGE FOWL BOY SET FIRE TO BABY

Actions Imitated With Frightful Results—Applied Roll of Paper to Sister's Clothes.

OWEN SOUND, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Cathrea in Sydenham Township, near Walter's Falls, was the scene of a tragic incident, as a result of which they are now mourning the death of their youngest child, a little girl of eighteen months. Mr. and Mrs. Cathrea had killed and prepared a quantity of fowl for market that morning, and had used a paper torch to singe the birds after they had been plucked. Their only surviving child, a boy two and a half years, watched the operation.

That evening, when left alone with his sister, while Mrs. Cathrea went out to do the milking, he undertook to imitate his mother's actions of the morning. Securing a roll of paper, he lit it at the fire in the stove and applied it to the sister's clothing, which was soon in flames. On the mother's return she was horrified to find the daughter suffering from terrible burns about the body, where the clothing was thickest. The little one only lived half an hour. The boy, who was the innocent cause of the sister's death, is, of course, too young to understand the terrible nature of his action. Much sympathy is felt in the neighborhood for the bereaved parents, who are highly respected citizens of that township.

"Turned Down" Billy Gray. LONDON, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Adam McMahon was elected president of the Conservative Association to-night and J. P. Moore vice-president. "Billy" Gray was nominated for both offices, but they turned him down.

### KEITH REID'S SON WAS M'GILL STUDENT

Trotter of Canadian Trades Congress, Subject of British Press Comment.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—(C.A.P. Cable.)—The Morning Post publishes a long interview regarding Mr. Trotter, wherein the interviewer, who is anonymous, states that Trotter, an alarmist propagandist, is not calculated to restore the financial stability of Canada. Mr. Hazell, on behalf of the Central unemployed body, denies Trotter's allegations respecting the emigration agencies. Trotter's speech is attracting considerable attention. He is about to visit various industrial centres. Keith Reid committed suicide at his boarding house in a dingy street in Bloomsbury, where it is stated he was very reserved during his short stay. There is quite a mystery. He took poison early on Wednesday morning, and died in nearly 48 hours after having endured agony during many hours of consciousness. It is believed worry connected with his marine night signalling invention was the cause. He left a letter addressed to Mr. Brodick, K.C., barrister, who took an interest in him, asking him to look after his son, who, he stated, had been a student at McGill.

CAPT. COSBY'S TRIP. Capt. Norman Cosby left this week for Caracas, Venezuela, via New York, on a business trip for the purpose of looking over the ground with a view of establishing a cocoa plantation for a relative largely interested in this product. A large number of his friends gathered at the Union Depot to bid him goodbye. Capt. Cosby expects to return in about three months.

### 93 KILLED AT PALERMO LODGING HOUSE BURNED

Work of Rescuing Victims Proceeded Thru the Night and Under Great Difficulty.

PALERMO, Dec. 20.—It is known that up to the present time 93 persons met their death and no less than 100 were injured by the terrific explosion last night in the military powder magazine of Palermo. The work of rescuing the wounded was continued until daylight under conditions of the greatest difficulty. After the fire had been extinguished the troops used an electric searchlight. The lodging house for emigrants destroyed by the flames has given the largest contingent of victims. There were many heroic rescues.

### M. P. COMMITTED.

Laurence Ginnell of British Commons Sentenced to 6 Months.

DUBLIN, Dec. 20.—Laurence Ginnell, member of parliament for North Westmeath, who has been prominent in the cattle driving campaign in the west of Ireland, was sentenced to-day to six months' imprisonment for contempt of court. Mr. Ginnell committed his offence in a recent speech in which he commented upon the cattle driving trials.

### NESBITT OPENS CAMPAIGN.

The first campaign meeting of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt will be held to-night in St. George's Hall.

### DINEEN'S ARE OPEN TO-NIGHT.

The generous discount being allowed on all furs should attract very many people to Dineen's to-day and to-night, as the Christmas shoppers will be out in force and nowhere else can they get such splendid values at even far higher prices.

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