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L. and P. S. Formally Purchases Prearranged Shipment of Ties—London Swelters With Temperature at 87—Mayor Graham Declares He Will Not Run as Major Beattie's Successor—Presbyterian Assembly in Throes of Church Union Debate.

CHURCH UNION NOW IN FIRST STAGE AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Rev. W. J. Clark Declares in Its Favor, But Leave It to People.

PARTY SHOULD NOT SWAY

Strong Appeal to Commissioners to Allow Majority to Rule on Question.

[By Staff Reporter.] Woodstock, June 8.—The first stage of the discussion of the church union question was reached this morning in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, with the presentation by Rev. Dr. W. J. Clark, of Montreal, the convener of the union committee, of the views of the majority of the committee, and a reply by Rev. Dr. D. D. McLeod, of Barrie, on behalf of the minority.

Dr. Clark declared that while in his own view the time had come when a union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches should be consummated, he would not be in favor of coercing the minority if, on a vote of the people, it was found that a very considerable minority existed who were opposed to union.

Go With People.
"But," he added, "if the people belonging to this church vote overwhelmingly in favor of union, even in spite of a possible disruption, I would go on with it. Disruption is a terrible thing, but there are worse things than disruption."

Dr. Clark called attention to the fact that since last fall an organization had been formed to oppose union.

Roll of Money Is Missing From the Ruined Dwelling

Police Are on Guard in East Zorra — Tornado Scattered Furniture All Over Farm—Some Peculiar Tricks.

[Canadian Press.] Woodstock, June 8.—Hundreds of people from this city and district flocked to the scene of last night's terrible cyclone in East Zorra Township this morning, and gazed upon the chaos left by the wind and hail.

A staff of county constables was put in charge last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bartley, which was completely demolished by the tornado, and all attempts at looting were put down.

The belongings of Mr. and Mrs. Bartley are being gathered together as quickly as possible. Much of the furniture of the house, including stoves, beds, dressers, etc., was smashed to pieces by the storm and parts are to be found a quarter of a mile away. A large roll of money, which Bartley had in the house, cannot now be found, while several valuable family treasures are missing.

The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Bartley have been brought to this city, by order of coroner MacKay.

A son of the aged couple, 28 years of age, is heart-broken over the tragic occurrence. He had just ordered a supply of lumber from a firm in the city, intending to build his parents a new home this fall.

Across the road from Bartley's farm hundreds of curious paid a visit to E. Brown's house. All was confusion there. A great scuffling from the Bartley house pierced the wall of the Brown house and fell in the front parlor, cutting a hole in the wall as cleanly as if it was done by a carpenter.

In one of the bedrooms a small stick of wood, about three feet long and two inches in diameter, pierced its way through the panel of a door, showing the remarkable force with which it must have been driven.

In Woodstock many windows were broken by the hail, which was as big as a small hen's egg. Greenhouses suffered very heavily.

Forty Schooners and Twenty Lives Lost Off Eastern Coast

Storm on Saturday Night Took Heavy Toll of New Brunswick Fishermen at Remote Points.

[Canadian Press.] Quebec, June 8.—About forty fishing schooners were lost with a loss of life numbering about twenty, such is the disaster caused last Saturday night by a severe storm that swept the coast of Northern New Brunswick and Chaleur Bay.

DELAWARE CHURCH PROPERTY SALE IS CAUSE OF TROUBLE

London Conference in Warmest Debate Over Request to Annul.

TRUSTEES ARE SCORED

After Making Sale Majority Now Ask That It Be Barred.

[By Staff Reporter.] SARNIA, June 8.—The trustee board of Sharon Methodist Church, in Delaware Township, Middlesex County, has muddled up the sale of the old church property on the fourth concession, and the action has precipitated the warmest debate that has so far engaged the London conference. The tangle was straightened out when the conference rose for lunch at noon. The old church has been torn down and a new structure erected on the next concession.

The trustee board advertised and sold the old site by public auction, subject, as is constitutional, to the sanction of the conference. Today, however, a memorial was submitted to the conference on behalf of the church board, asking that the sale of the property be barred. Those who favored holding up the sale stated that there were rumors that the property had been purchased for the erection of a dance hall, and dance halls are not particularly favored in Methodist sections. The about-face attitude of the church trustees was scored by several delegates, who scented some "underhand move," as it would be impossible for a dance hall to thrive in such a neighborhood.

It was asked, "How do we know that the majority of trustees are opposed to the deal going through?" whereupon a delegate from Delaware waved aloft a paper, which he declared, was signed by eight out of the eleven trustees, asking the conference to bar the sale. Then came a storm. It was demanded if that petition was signed in regular meeting of the board of trustees. The answer was in the negative.

It is a queer thing that the members of a board of trustees will meet and agree upon a sale in regular session, and in private get their heads together, eight out of eleven, and reverse their decision," shouted a delegate. It was moved that the report be referred back to the church board to be threshed out during the next year. After much argument the question was put and lost.

When the conference rose for noon session, the delegates were debating a motion to refer back to the conference committee. There were comments being freely made in half undertones that the real trouble was that another would-be purchaser was behind it all.

His offer would be worth more in dollars and cents than the price at which the site was knocked down at auction.

All Agree to This.
Another motion affecting the same parish met with no objection. It asked sanction for the sale of the old house, which was at the new church.

The conference approved an application of Birr circuit, in the London district, for authority to sell the old parsonage, the proceeds to be applied toward the purchase of another at Ilderton.

Union Church, in the Wingham district, is to be sold, and the funds applied to building a new church.

Tithes Proposed.
The committee on systematic giving urged that the ministers endeavor to educate their congregations into the system of giving tithes of their incomes.

In addition to the eight names of those elected from the ministerial section of the conference as delegates to the general conference published this morning, Rev. E. Wilson, of Stratford, today received a sufficient vote to add him. Balloting will go on until eleven more get a sufficient number of votes to elect them.

Rev. D. E. Martin, who is transferred from Kingsville to Brantford, in the Hamilton conference, addressed the delegates, dwelling upon his regrets at leaving such inspiring and conventional associates.

IT'S SURE A HOT DAY



HUERTA DECIDES TO SUSPEND BLOCKADE

Threatened Action of Mexican Government Was Causing Considerable Anxiety.

MEDIATORS ARE WAITING

A Reply From Carranza to Last Note Sent Him Expected on Tuesday.

[Canadian Press.] Mexico City, June 8.—The Mexican Government today decided to suspend the blockade of Tampico, which has been ordered.

Some Storm Clouds.
Niagara Falls, Ont., June 8.—Storm clouds hovered over the mediation proceedings today. The Mexican delegates anxiously awaited word from the mediators as to the attitude of the American Government toward the proposed blockade of the Huerta gunboats of the port of Tampico, held by the Constitutionalists.

The American delegates were informed early today by Secretary Bryan of the attitude of the United States, and they were ready formally to present it at a conference called for 11 o'clock. As the Antilla, a Cuban ship laden with ammunition for Constitutionalists, is en route to Tampico, the test case of Huerta's right to blockade of ports held by the Constitutionalists is at hand.

A Prickly Question.
A disagreement over the right of the Government to blockade Tampico might easily lead to a disruption of the proceedings, but the mediators are hopeful that the difficulty may be overcome. The embarrassing feature to the United States lies in the fact that not having recognized the Huerta Government, it cannot concede that Huerta is entitled to engage in an act involving international law.

Along with the Antilla incident the mediation colony was intensely interested in what Gen. Carranza might say. Continued on Page Eleven.

THROUGH GATUN LOCKS GOES AN OCEAN LINER

Alliance Makes First Trip Successfully in One Hour and a Half.

[Canadian Press.] Panama, June 8.—The first passage through the Gatun locks by an ocean liner was successfully carried out today by the Panama Railroad steam ship Alliance, a vessel of 4,660 tons.

The trip was made a test of the working of the electric towing locomotives in handling a large vessel. The operation passed off without any incident, the time required being about an hour and a half each way.

IS BARELY LIVING.
"Senator Coffey is just barely living," said Dr. Tillman, just before going to press. "The terrific heat has been very hard on Senator Coffey. I cannot tell how long he will live."

SOME CONFESSIONS BY COLONEL HUGHES

Government Tried to Give Contracts to Tories, But Found Them No Good and Had to Go Back to Liberals.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, June 8.—The Minister of Militia paid a tribute to the management of the militia department during the Liberal Administration, and on Saturday was criticized from his own side. His estimates were on, "I may as well be frank," said Col. Hughes. "When we took office we proposed to change the system and arrange so that good Tories would secure contracts. But we found that this resulted in loss, in failure, and in dissatisfaction. So we had to give it up, and go back to the same old Liberal contractors."

Then G. W. Fowler got after the Minister of Militia. He had bought 100,000 acres of lands in the wilds of New Brunswick for \$2 an acre. Mr. Fowler said that the land was low, rough and unsuitable for training grounds, that it was not worth 25 cents an acre, and that the Provincial Government was delighted with the great price they were able to realize from the sale. "Fighting black flies and mosquitoes will keep the men busier than anything else in the camp."

To make a training ground would involve an expenditure of three million dollars. He said that the minister should have stuck to the Sussex camp.

Col. Hughes replied that Sussex was too small. He wanted more room in New Brunswick and in Ontario on which to train men. Therefore, he proposed to get away from Sussex and from Niagara, which was so small that he might as well attempt to train men on a square in Toronto.

BRICKLAYERS STRIKE
IS THREATENED HERE

May Go Out in Sympathy With Carpenters Is Now Rumored.

The usual daily average gain in the membership of the local union of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners was reported for Saturday. The men claim that they have no fear but that success will incline to their side of the struggle with the contractors and builders in their demand for a 40-cent minimum wage.

There is some possibility of the bricklayers going out in sympathy, but nothing definite in the matter has been decided as yet.

J. G. Hussey, president of the local Trades and Labor Council, stated yesterday that he had heard nothing of a labor parade of local unions in sympathy with the carpenters next Friday night. Members of the carpenters' local also discredited the rumor.

BOY DROWNED.
[Canadian Press.] Capetown, June 8.—Lloyd Vinton, 14 years of age, who was bathing in a pond near the Grand Trunk tracks yesterday afternoon, stepped into a hole and was drowned. The body was recovered two hours later.

IN BATHING SUITS MEN BUILD BRIDGE

Sweltering Pedestrians Watch the Coolest Job in London Today.

WATER IS FREELY USED

Temperature Yesterday Almost Reached 90 Degrees in the Shade.

The coolest job in London today was the work of six bridge builders on the Hamilton bridge over the Thames River on the Wharfedale road. The men were bathing suits and were immersed in the cooling waters of the river while they were getting up the false work which is to support the steel overhead beams.

Perspiring pedestrians walked by, mopping their brows, and eyeing with envy the six men in the river, who splashed about in high glee, as they peered up from time to time at the stream of parboiled humanity which seemed to gaze upon the river with suicidal intent.

"That's the only kind of a job to have on a hot day like this," declared Electrical Engineer E. V. Buchanan, as he watched the men for a few fleeting seconds.

Gain in Water Consumption.
The sultry weather of yesterday and today caused the water-gauge at Springbank to jump upward by leaps and bounds. The city's consumption was increased from 4,000,000 gallons to 4,500,000 and 5,000,000 gallons in 24 hours. It was the greatest increase shown this year, and indicated that water was being used freely to help the widespread discomfort from the heat.

The only relief that some people got Sunday was by sitting in their bath tubs at home, while others rigged up an improvised shower contrivance at the bathtub tap to get the running-water effect.

At Springbank it was said that there was a good supply of water on hand to Continued on Page Eleven.

ANOTHER EMPRESS VICTIM BURIED

Remains of William Hopper Interred at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The funeral of William Hopper, the young Englishman who lost his life in the Empress of Ireland disaster, was held this morning at ten o'clock from Smith, Son & Clarke's undertaking parlors to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. A. Claria, of the Southern Congregational Church.

The undertaking parlors were crowded with friends of Mr. Hopper, a sad feature being the absence of relatives, as Mr. Hopper had none on this side of the water. The floral tributes complete, covered the casket. The pallbearers were: Walter Ashenden, Peter Nye, Fred Price and Louis Nye.

MAYOR WILL NOT ENTER RACE FOR FEDERAL HOUSE

Declares He Will Make No Attempt To Succeed Major Thos. Beattie—Picks Controller Moore To Carry Tory Standard.

Mayor Graham announced today that under no circumstances would he be the Conservative candidate for member of parliament to succeed Major Thomas Beattie. He said he had so notified the leaders of the party some time ago. "There are two reasons why I will not consider the matter," said the mayor. "First, I can't afford it. Second, I wouldn't sacrifice my home and family life for all the parliaments in the world."

The mayor stated that Controller Percy Moore was the logical man for the position, and no doubt would be the nominee of the Conservatives.

Regarding the candidacy of Adam Beck in the Provincial Legislature, Mayor Graham said that the Conservatives would probably not call a convention to nominate him, as the party did not expect any opposition to Mr. Beck. It was explained that under the election act any two men could nominate a man in opposition to Mr. Beck by putting up a deposit of \$200, but the deposit would be forfeited if the candidate did not qualify. It was also claimed that Mr. Beck would have easy sailing so far as the leaders of the Conservative party were concerned in the campaign to succeed himself.

Albanian Troops Rout Insurgents

[Canadian Press.] Vienna, June 8.—Albanian Government troops today completely routed a force of 5,000 insurgents in the vicinity of Tirana to the east of Durrazo, according to a dispatch from the Albanian capital. The insurgents, after a recent victory over the government troops, had threatened to advance on the capital.

THURSDAY IS SET FOR PROROGATION

Both Houses of Parliament Tacitly Agree to Get Through — C. N. R. Likely Pass — Not Farmers' Bank Bill.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, June 8.—Prorogation on Thursday is a plan to which both Houses of Parliament have tacitly acquiesced. Only one thing could prolong the session in the face of anxiety of members to leave. That would be the determination of Liberal senators to throw out the C. N. R. bill. There is no doubt but that this was seriously considered, but in the face of warnings that such action would precipitate financial disaster, the majority in the Senate shrink from following the inclination which many of them had of voting a substantial amendment to the Canadian Northern bill. Though not finally settled, it looks now as though the bill would pass.

Bank Bill Doomed.
If reports are true the Farmers' Bank measure will not succeed. Its discussion will not occupy any considerable time. Naturalization is pretty well disposed of. These are the only measures of importance which remain to be dealt with. It is expected that with morning sittings going on in the Senate everything can be cleaned up on Wednesday, and the governor-general called in to prorogue parliament on Thursday.

Commons this morning the G. T. P. bill was given its plentiful reading. E. B. Devlin read a resolution by the Montreal Trades and Labor Council, asking that the Government appoint a royal commission to devise some way of coping with the serious situation which has arisen through lack of employment.

Premier Borden replied that the request had not yet been received by the Government and had therefore not been considered.

Still Possible.
It is stated that there is still a possibility of the redistribution bill being passed.

Mr. Fardeau, chief Liberal whip, returned to Ottawa today and negotiations for an agreement upon the terms of the bill were resumed.

STRAWBERRY CROP A RECORD BREAKER

Indications Point to Lower Prices Than for Several Years—Lots of Cakes.

Strawberry shortcake will be plentiful this year, because the dealers say strawberries are going to be plentiful. The outlook at present is for a record crop. Prices are likely to be cheaper this year than they have been for several years, according to growers on the market this morning.

Weather conditions are almost perfect for berry-growing. A good rain would make it perfect, the dealers say.

The danger of very light frosts is not yet past, despite the temperature of 87 yesterday afternoon, and 89 on Saturday. The berry season is on about the fifteenth of the month. It promises to be several days earlier this year, with a record crop for every day. So far only two boxes have been on the market. They sold for 20 cents each.

FIRM WAS "WISE" SO SHIPPED TIES HERE, SAYS SPITAL

Port Stanley Commissioner Hands Out Explanation of 45-Carload Purchase.

DID NOT KNOW OF ORDER

Supplies, Already in London, Purchased for Electrifying L. and P. S. Road.

"OFFICIAL STATEMENT"

Story Handed Out, After Star Chamber Session, Tells of Ordering of Material.

At a meeting Saturday night, from which the members of the press were excluded, the London and Port Stanley Railway Commission claimed to have let contracts to the lowest tenderers for steel and ties on the proposed electrification job on the Port Stanley road.

The forty-five carloads of ties, some of which have already arrived in the city, were accepted by the commission. William Spittal, who apparently was delegated to hand out the official statement of what the commission did, explained the mysterious presence of the ties in the city by saying, "I know nothing of these ties being ordered beforehand. The firm simply took a chance by sending them on and they evidently knew that their price was so that it would be accepted."

The business that the commission claimed to have transacted, was awarding a contract to the Algoma Steel Company for 3,000 tons of steel and giving the Manitoulin Lumber Company an order for 75,000 ties, which order includes 45 carloads already in the city.

Adam Beck presided at the meeting. Commissioners Philip Pocock, M. D. Fraser and William Spittal were present.

DUKE IS ILL.
[Canadian Press.] Berlin, June 8.—Much anxiety is felt over the condition of the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. The grand duke is suffering from pleuritis, or inflammation of the inner membranes of the veins. The grand duke is 66 years old.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL		TEMPERATURES	
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to eight o'clock last night:		Highest, 89.5; lowest, 55.	
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:		Highest, 87; lowest, 70.	

TOMORROW—FAIR AND VERY WARM. Toronto, June 8—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Moderate southwesterly winds; fair and very warm today and on Tuesday.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	50	48	Rain
Calgary	68	38	Cloudy
Winnipeg	84	54	Cloudy
Port Arthur	64	40	Cloudy
Perry Sound	74	46	Cloudy
Toronto	81	62	Clear
Ottawa	72	62	Cloudy
Montreal	76	62	Cloudy
Quebec	70	48	Cloudy
Father Point	58	42	Cloudy

Since last night a pronounced area of high pressure has come in over Eastern Canada from the north, accompanied by cool, showery weather.