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WITH MUZZLE RULE OUTRAGEOUSLY APPLIED, WHITNEY-HANNA PROBE INTO ALLEGED CORRUPT DEALING ENDS IN SENSATION

MR. PROUDFOOT AND COUNSEL LEAVE COMMITTEE IN DISGUST AFTER HANNA HAD ADMITTED TAMPERING WITH CONTRACT

Committee Apparently Fearful of Results to Reputations of Ministers, Refuses Through Chairman To Let Facts Connected With $500 Contribution By Taylor to Campaign Fund Be Given.

Chairman Ferguson, Supported by Brute Force of Legislative "Jury," Turns Crimson When Accuser and Lawyer Flay Methods and Leave the Room—Hanna Boldly Admits Changing Figures.

Withdrawing From Investigation, Member for Centre Huron Says House Will Again Hear of the Charges — Ferguson Endeavors to Prevent a Smash-Up of the Probe, But in Vain.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 30.—The persistent refusal of Chairman Ferguson to permit the examination of Mr. George A. Taylor into the circumstances surrounding the payment of the $500 to the Conservative campaign fund, precipitated a sensational scene at 11:30 today in the privileges and elections committee, hearing charges against Premier Whitney and Hon. W. J. Hanna.

Mr. Dewart, addressing the chair, said the practice of the committee was such as to prevent him doing justice to his client, and he accordingly withdrew from the case.

READY TO PROVE CHARGES.

He was quickly followed by Mr. Proudfoot, who said as the author of the charges he desired an opportunity to prove what he had alleged, and for that purpose had retained counsel.

They had got to a certain stage in the proceedings where it was necessary that the motives of Mr. Taylor in paying the $500 should be revealed.

GAG RULE STILL APPLIES.

He found, however, that they were in the same position today as they were before the public accounts committee last week, where he had attempted to inquire into certain matters, but was stubbornly and persistently refused by the committee. He charged that the chairman had deliberately stricken out important evidence, and in other ways burked the investigation.

DECLINES TO CONTINUE.

"In view of that position and what has taken place," said the member for Centre Huron, "I have advisedly instructed my counsel that I do not see that there is any course left for me but to have him decline to go further into the prosecution of the charges here.

"While I am withdrawing from this investigation here, I am not abandoning the position I have taken in the House, and I do not purpose abandoning that position now, but will again bring the matter up in the House. While the House may deal with it possibly in the same way the committee is dealing with it, I am going to give the House that opportunity."

THE CHAIRMAN BLUSHES.

With some dignity Mr. Proudfoot and Mr. Dewart quietly gathered their papers together, anxious looks darted across the table among the members of the committee. The chairman blushed scarlet.

He waited to see if Mr. Proudfoot would carry out his intentions, and as the member for Centre Huron walked out of the room, proceeded to stop him with a question, but it was no use, the die had been cast.

SCORNS SUCH "JUSTICE."

"I won't be interrogated by you at all," answered Mr. Proudfoot as he passed through the door and left the Conservative members to go on with the investigation according to their own light.

Caused a Sensation.

Immediately on opening Mr. Nesbitt sprung a sensation by making an ex-parte statement with reference to the coal tenders mentioned yesterday. It will be remembered that the committee refused to allow Mr. Dewart to examine the papers with reference to these tenders, although Mr. Hanna said to the chairman: "Let him go on." This morning Mr. Nesbitt made another "frank" statement.

Mr. Hanna Admits It.

"Yesterday the chairman ruled," began Mr. Nesbitt, "I think properly, as a matter of law, that the committee had no jurisdiction to hear anything except the two charges which are before the committee, namely: that the flat was secured openly, and that the award was secured corruptly.

"My friend, Mr. Dewart, desired to offer evidence last night. He spoke of an irregularity which occurred in connection with a tender for coal and you ruled that out."

Allowed Change in Tender.

"I may say on behalf of Mr. Hanna that it is his desire that the fullest possible investigation should be made in reference to that matter. There was a tender which Mr. Thorne spoke of which was treated irregularly."

"It was a tender of Mr. Sword, of Kingston, in 1905 for 1,500 tons of coal at Kingston, and before the tenders were considered or disposed of Mr. Sword notified Mr. Hanna that he had omitted trimming and insurance, and that it would cost him 13 cents. His tender was $4.97. Mr. Hanna, whether rightly or wrongly, allowed him to amend it to cover the two items he omitted and make it $5.10. The tender was much the lowest notwithstanding the change."

"If that was irregular I may say that it was on file at the time and has remained on the file ever since, and was open to Mr. Thorne or any other accountant that was there. It speaks for itself. The written directions of Mr. Christie, the inspector, were given, to allow the change to be made under the instructions of Mr. Hanna. Now, I desire to go into that fully with the transactions spoken of by Mr. Thorne."

Mr. Hanna—Mr. Sword is here.

Mr. Nesbitt—And whatever capital they can make about their treating tenders they are entitled to make. Now, as I say, I agree that we have no right, as a matter of law, to go into it, but do not desire on behalf of Mr. Hanna to sit frankly under an accusation that there was any irregularity, which we must admit just as we frankly admitted to the whole country with reference to the $500."

An Unusual Position.

Mr. Dewart—That is an extraordinary position for my learned friend to take. The committee refused to allow me to go into the matter and examine the documents yesterday. I don't know that my friend has been altogether so frank.

"It may be desirable that the whole question of coal tenders and underfeed stoker tenders should be examined," said the chairman.

"I know nothing about that," responded Mr. Dewart. "The point is this: Certain charges have been preferred against two ministers by a

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LOCAL THEATRE MAN MISSING; REPORTED SHORT IN ACCOUNTS

Daily Bank Deposit Not Made and Hasn't Been Seen Since.

A young man employed as secretary in a local theatre has been missing for several days, and it is alleged that his accounts are $200 short.

The young man's parents are prominent and respected, and it is said they cannot account for his absence. The matter has been put in the hands of the police, but they refuse to make any statement about the case. The young man has been employed at the theatre for some time, and was well-liked by the management and the patrons.

He was always left after the evening performance to count the cash, and in the morning took it to the bank and deposited it.

Several days ago he did not appear at his usual hour, and the manager thinking that possibly he was ill did not become alarmed until he learned later in the day that the usual deposit had not been made. He then communicated with the young man's parents and learned that he was not at home. The police were then notified, but it is said that the young man made his escape to the United States before the loss was noticed.

WILLIAM PHOENIX BADLY INJURED; TRAIN HITS RIG

East End Milkman Has Both Legs Fractured at Burwell Street Crossing.

Was in Closed Rig and Apparently Did Not Notice Approach of Freight.

Wm. E. Phoenix, a local milk dealer residing at 47 Oak street, had a miraculous escape from death at the Burwell street crossing shortly before 1 o'clock today, when his milk rig was struck by a Grand Trunk freight train. In the smash Phoenix sustained two broken legs and several deep cuts about the face and head. He was immediately taken to Victoria Hospital.

Warned by Watchman.

Phoenix was driving south on Burwell street at the time of the accident. His rig was a closed one, and when he drew near to the crossing he pulled his horse up to a walk and started to drive across the track. Thomas Shaw, of 261 Dundas street, the crossing watchman, was seated in front of his shanty at the time, and he says that he signalled to Phoenix to stop. The latter apparently did not understand the signal and Shaw yelled to him.

Couldn't Pull Up.

According to the watchman, Phoenix then attempted to pull the horse up, but the reins were loose in his hands and he could not do it quick enough. The horse became frightened at the closeness of the engine, and started forward, clearing the track just as the engine crashed into the light wagon. The train was travelling slowly at the time, and the engineer brought it to a stop about a hundred feet from the crossing. The rig was demolished and the horse had broken loose and started off down the tracks. Phoenix was dragged out from the wreckage, and Dr. J. B. Campbell was summoned by a switchman, and the ambulance was also sent for. Phoenix was bleeding badly, although conscious. A hasty examination revealed the fact that one of his legs was broken, and after he arrived at the hospital it was found that both legs had been fractured.

The horse was captured later and found uninjured.

DETECTIVES WERE FOILED

Woman Refused to Permit Them to Search House Without a Warrant.

SENT FOR THE POLICE

Two detectives employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway on Tuesday night went to the home of one of the men alleged to have been implicated in the theft of an engine from Brock Junction two weeks ago, and attempted to search the place without a warrant.

They claimed they had information to the effect that the man had returned to the city and was in hiding.

The man's wife is ill, but she refused to let the detectives search the house without a warrant, and when they insisted neighbors telephoned for the local police.

The wagon and one man was sent to the place, but in the meantime P. C. McCullough, who was patrolling a beat in that section, arrived on the scene. He warned the detectives that they had no business attempting to get into the house without a warrant, and after considerable discussion the men left.

The woman was thrown into a highly nervous condition, and it is said that she has consulted her lawyer and will institute proceedings against the detectives for attempting to force an entrance to her home.

Foreigners Barred.—Mr. George T. Hiscox, of Queen's avenue, has received a letter from a friend in California informing him that the State Legislature has just passed a law to the effect that foreigners cannot own property in the state now.

H. H. DEWART, K. C., counsel for Mr. Proudfoot, M.P.P., who left "probe" on advice of latter.

AUTO WRECKED MR. HOVEY HURT

Londoner Has Shoulder Dislocated When Machine Takes Ditch.

THREE OTHERS INJURED

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Strathroy, April 30. — E. G. Howey, of the Tecumseh garage, London, had his shoulder dislocated near here last evening, when his auto overturned in a ditch as he was coming into town. With him at the time were Homer Edwards, Neville Callendar and J. R. Hammond, all of Delaware. They were hurled out of the car, but escaped serious injury. The auto was travelling at a fair rate of speed, when it struck a rut in the road and Mr. Howey lost control of the wheel, and the car went into the ditch.

SAYS SYSTEM NEEDS REFORM

No Persecution Intended, Says Dr. Shaw Over Collegiate Charges.

HASN'T DROPPED CASE

"That was only an incident," said Trustee R. W. Shaw in regard to the decision of the board of education in passing a resolution of confidence in Principal F. W. C. McCutcheon, against whom Dr. Shaw brought charges of incompetence.

"I will be in the board of education for two years, and as I am convinced that something needs to be done, I do not mean to let up until I think justice has been done. At the same time, it must not be believed that I am endeavoring to persecute anyone. There is no personal feeling in the matter at all, and I do not consider that there should be hard feelings."

NEW BAGGAGE RULES

Forty-five Inches Is Longest Trunk That Goes Free.

[Canadian Press.]

Chicago, April 30.—Forty-five inches is the longest trunk that may be carried as free baggage on railroads in the United States after today. Also the new rules frown on the trunk with bulging side or bottom designed, so that it must stand in a certain position, so the gowns and hats inside will travel rightside up. It may be some time, however, before the "freak" trunks can be refused. Notice is required in order to reject them lawfully.

Five pounds for each inch over 45 inches is the rate of excess charge that will be levied under the new baggage rules.

LIBERALS HAVE 38 CONSERVATIVES 16

Final Standing Exdept For Two Deferred Elections In Alberta.

BOTH LIKELY LIBERALS

Generally Expected That Majority in the New House Will Be Twenty-Four.

[Canadian Press.]

Edmonton, Alta., April 30.—According to final counts in various constituencies, Liberals as a result of the Provincial elections have a majority of twenty-two members over the Conservatives in the new Legislature. The seats which are definitely given to the Liberals now number 38, while 16 have been given to Conservatives. There are two deferred elections, Athabasca and Peace River, which will probably return Liberals, increasing the Liberal majority in the new House to 24.

In Edson, Hon. C. W. Cross wins by majority of 27, final figures being: Hon. C. W. Cross 671, H. M. Verge 644.

The official count in Vermillion increases Sifton's majority by 20 votes, his final majority over the Conservative candidate being 201.

Hon. A. L. Sifton 772, J. G. Clark 571, Kirkivsky 276.

Majority of Eight.

Final figures from Medicine Hat give Hon. C. R. Mitchell eight over Mayor Spencer. There are 76 ballots tied up, which have not been counted.

Official returns from Clearwater, W. H. McKennedy, Liberal, elected by a majority of one, official count.

Joseph Clarke 24, A. Williason Taylor 39, H. McKenney 40.

This is most outlying constituency in the province, being too far northwest, it has but sparse population.

The Summary.

The following summary shows the composition of the new Legislature: Liberals, seat 38.—Acadia, J. A. McColl; Beaver River, Wilfrid Gariepy, K. C.; Bow Palley, George Lane; Cardston, Martin Woolf; Cambuse, George P. Smith; Clearwater, H. W. McKenney; Coronation, F. H. Whiteside; Cochrane, C. W. Fisher; Claresholm, William Moffatt; Didsbury, Joseph Stauffer; Edmonton, Hon. C. W. Cross; Edson, Hon. C. W. Cross; Girouard, J. Cote; Gleichen, J. P. McArthur; Hand Hills, R. R. Eaton; Leduc, S. G. Tobin; Las Ste Anne, Peter Gunn; Lacombe, W. T. Puffer; Little Bow, J. McNaughton; Medicine Hat, Hon. C. R. Mitchell; Nanton, J. C. Glendenning; Olds, Hon. D. Marshall; Pembina, G. McDonald; Ponoka, Dr. W. A. Campbell; Ribstone, J. G. Turgeon; Red Cliff, E. S. Pringle; St. Paul, P. E. Lessard; St Albert, Lucien Boudreau; Sedgewick, Hon. Charles Stewart; Stettler, R. L. Shaw; Sturgeon, Hon. J. B. Boyle; Taber, Hon. A. J. McLean; Vermillion, Hon. A. L. Sifton; Vegreville, Jos. McCallum; Victoria, Frank A. Walker; Whitford, Andrew Shandro; Wetaskiwan, C. H. Olin; Warner, F. Leffingwell.

Conservatives, 16—Alexandra, J. R. Lowery; Calgary South, Dr. T. H. Blow; Calgary Centre, T. N. Tweedie, K.C.; Calgary North, S. B. Hillocks; Edmonton, A. F. Ewing, K.C.; Edmonton South, H. H. Crawford; High River, Dr. Stanley; Innisfail, Fred Archer; Lethbridge, Dr. J. S. Stewart; MacLeod, Robert Patterson; Okotoks, George Hoadley; Pincher Creek, John Kemmis; Red Deer, Edward Michener; Rocky Mountain, R. J. Campbell; Stony Plain, Conrad Weidenhammer; Wainwright, George L. Hudson.

MAJOR CERTAIN TO BE SENATOR?

Rumor Says Mayor Graham Is Seeking Nomination in London.

It is said on good authority this afternoon that Major Beattie has been given definite promise of a senatorship and that his resignation from the House of Commons will be announced shortly.

It was also stated that Mayor Graham will be the Conservative candidate in the by-election, which will follow Major Beattie's resignation.

SETTLERS POURING IN.

[Canadian Press.]

Fort William, Ont., April 30. — In order to make room for settlers who have applied for timber lands in Thunder Bay district, the Ontario Government has authorized surveying three new townships, about 15 miles north of here, according to announcement by George Burrows, crown land agent. Five hundred and fifteen settlers located in this district during the last fiscal year.

FOUND A PEARL.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, April 30.—While Seymour Hicks, of Port Credit, was eating an oyster last night, he found a good-sized pearl. A local resident offered him $50 for the pearl, but he refused it, and today he had it valued by a Toronto expert, but no price has been given out, although it is known it is worth double the offer.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—WARMER.

Toronto, April 30—8 a.m.

East and south winds; fine today and on Thursday, with a little higher temperature.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	58	40	Cloudy
Calgary	34	24	Cloudy
Winnipeg	76	38	Cloudy
Port Arthur	52	30	Clear
Parry Sound	56	30	Clear
Toronto	59	38	Clear
Ottawa	56	32	Clear
Montreal	58	32	Clear
Quebec	54	30	Clear

Weather Notes.

Pressure is highest over the central portion of the continent, while depressions exist in Cape Breton and the Western States.

The weather is cold in the West, attended by some light snowfalls.

Elsewhere it is generally fine.

MANY STRONG ARGUMENTS AGAINST ELECTRIFICATION IN APPEAL TO SOUTH LONDONERS

Ald. B. W. Bennett Given Splendid Hearing by Progressives—Refers to Failure of Promoters to Provide Freight and Passenger Cars.

Scheme Doomed To Be Burden on City in Opinion of Practical Railroader Who Has Been on Road 19 Years.

Ald. B. W. Bennett addressed the weekly meeting of the South London Progressive Association on Tuesday evening, and gave definite reasons for his stand in regard to the electrification of the London and Port Stanley Railroad last December, and also presented a number of arguments as to why the proposal would not pay the city. The speaker did not touch upon any of the financial reasons why electrification should not be adopted, as he said the question of financing the road would be included in the reports of the experts, and that he would address the association at a later date upon that phase of the proposition. He was introduced by President Gerry, who said Mr. Bennett was held high in the estimation of citizens, and qualified to speak on railway matters.

"I am a railroadman and have been connected with the London and Port Stanley road for nineteen years," Ald. Bennett said in commencing his address, "and have taken my position because of the intimate knowledge I have of the road and its business connections. I want to say right here that I have no quarrel with the Hon. Adam Beck, Mayor Graham, or the Free Press. They have a perfect right to their opinions, the same as I have, but the criticisms I have been subjected to have been unfair, as my stand was taken regardless of politics and personal interests. The proper time for criticism will be after the reports of the experts have been received. I will deal with several sides of the question that I, as a railwayman, am conversant with.

The Situation Nineteen Years Ago.

"The equipment of the road when

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Striking Facts Against Scheme as Presented By Railroad Labor Man

Ald. Bennett.

The steam roads can designate the ports of call and could take much of the traffic from the London and Port Stanley line.

At present 100 cars have to be switched daily on the road. Three engines are required for switching and two for trains. The city would have to provide an expensive switching arrangement and more locomotives. An electric transfer track at London and St. Thomas would cost a large sum.

On picnic days fifteen coaches are required for each train. The Beck scheme provides for only a few electric coaches. Many cars would be idle on sidings for many months, if the necessary equipment to handle cars was secured.

It would cost, in Ald. Bennett's opinion, $73,650 each year for the salaries of officials for the road.

There is not enough motive power provided, none for freight traffic and not half enough for passenger.

Electrifying of the road would not injure the earning power of the Traction Company one cent. The Traction Company goes through a district not touched by the L., and P. S. R., and its depots are in the centre of St. Thomas and Port Stanley.

The city proposes to carry coal for 16 cents a ton, which would be at a great loss, according to the charges now made by the steam roads.

If you have to buy or rent rolling stock, necessary to handle freight and passengers, the sum of $700,000 would only be a commencement of the outlay.

MURDER ONLY URGES CROWN

It Is Understood He Objects to Manslaughter in Killing Near Seaforth.

GORDON'S HEALTH POOR

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Seaforth, April 30.—Crown Attorney Seager and Mr. R. S. Hays held a conference after the coroner's jury returned its verdict in the Gordon case Tuesday afternoon as to what plea was to be entered.

It is understood that Mr. Hays, who is counsel for Robert Gordon, was willing to enter a plea of manslaughter, but that Crown Attorney Seager would not agree with him. He will, it is understood, ask for a charge of murder in the first degree at the preliminary hearing.

Young Gordon has not been in the best of health during the past few days, and it is said that he raved all through the night last Friday.

Will Not Try To Bring Evans Back, Says Father-in-Law

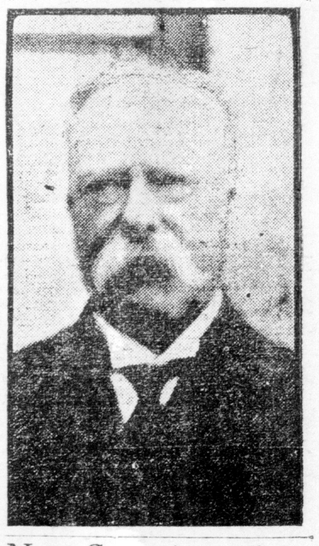
Wife of oFrmer Hotelman, Reported on Atlantic, Is Seriously Ill.

Mr. Edward Barrell, of Waterloo street, father-in-law of Mr. Fred Evans, former hotelkeeper at Pottersburg, who is said to have left for England with $2,400, part of which belonged to his wife, stated today that he would not try to have him brought back.

"He took every cent that his wife possessed," said Mr. Barrell, "and she is lying at deaths door at my home. I was certainly surprised. I did not think Fred would do anything like that."

Mr. Barrell spent some time with Magistrate Judd and Crown Attorney McKillop this morning, but it is said that he discovered that he could not have Evans brought back to this country.

MAGISTRATE FRANK Holmstead, who will preside at preliminary hearing in Seaforth killing case.



New Superintendent of Street Railway

Mr. H. H. Hummeston, a former employe of the hydro-electric commission of this city, has been appointed to the position of superintendent of the London street railway, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mr. J. A. Young.

Mr. Hummeston has had considerable experience on street railways, having been employed by the Detroit United Railway for many years.

Vital Statistics.—The vital statistics for the month of April include 72 deaths, 107 births, and 29 marriages. Out of 107 births, eight were illegitimate. In the month of April, 1912, there were 69 deaths, 94 births and 58 marriages.