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### ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS IN SESSION AT CHATHAM

Mr. John Dearness, of This City, Is Presiding—Delegates Were Given Warm Welcome by the Mayor—Splendid Reports Were Received.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Chatham, Sept. 10. — The first session of the Ontario Historical Society was held this afternoon in the public library and was attended by delegates from all over the Province.

Mr. John Dearness, of London, is the president, and was in the chair. The delegates were warmly welcomed by Mayor Dunn.

The afternoon was taken up in the consideration of reports of the president, the secretary-treasurer, Alexander Fraser, LL.D., Toronto, and council.

These showed the society in excellent standing. Reports were also received from the various local societies, given by Mrs. Secombe, of Kent; Mr. Cleary, of Essex; Mrs. Billings, of the Ottawa Women's Historical Society; Mrs. Coyne, of St. Thomas; Miss Janet Carmichael, of Niagara Falls; Miss Gilkinson, of Brantford; Miss Redmond, of Huron; Mr. Hart, of Woodstock; J. H. Smith, of Hamilton; Dr. Coyne, of Elgin; O. T. Hunter,

of Barrie; Clarence Warner, of Nanawau.

At the conclusion of the session the delegates were given an auto ride around the city. On Thursday the delegates, accompanied by the East and West Kent Teachers' Associations, will take a trip on the steamer Ossifrage to Amherstburg and Port Malden.

The report of the committee on permanent headquarters announced that splendid furnished quarters had been provided by the Ontario education department in the Normal College, St. James' Square, Toronto. The report was received with applause.

#### STRIKE IS SETTLED.

[Canadian Press.]

Genoa, Italy, Sept. 11.—The strike of Italian operators of the Marconi wireless system here, who stopped work on Monday last because they had failed to obtain from the company certain demands, was settled today, and the service was resumed.

## GOVT. WOBBLER ON BILINGUAL SCHOOL POLICY

Conservative Paper Says It Has Given in to Everything Demanded.

### MODIFIED REGULATIONS

Whitney Is Simply Dangling for Votes in All Parts of Province.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Sept. 11.—Quite unexpectedly the bilingual question has arisen again, and is receiving much publicity in spite of the Government's apparent efforts to make as little of the affair as possible. The famous regulation 17, which has aroused the wrath of the French-Canadians of Ontario, has been considerably modified. It is peculiar that the first report of an important change in the education department's regulations was wired from an outside point and not given out from the Parliament Buildings in Toronto.

#### Greatly Modified.

The new regulations, however, are in print, and the facts may be examined in detail. The significant points are, first, that while under the old regulation instruction in French must not exceed one hour a day, this rule is now relaxed by the addition of the clause "except where the time is increased upon the order of the chief inspector." Another far-reaching change is that the system of "supervising inspectors" and "inspectors" is dropped and the English inspectors are, therefore, relegated to a position of equality with the French inspectors. In the third place, by means of an open contradiction in clauses, instruction in French may be given in all the forms to pupils whose parents and guardians direct, and this instruction, to quote the new regulation, "may, notwithstanding section 3, clause 1 (which forbids instruction in French), be given in the French language."

#### Government Gave In.

The Toronto Telegram (Conservative), in its head-lines last night, says: "Ontario Government's Backdown. Regulation 17 superseded by specious order, which practically gives bilingual school, champions everything they demand."

The result of this latest "wobble," to quote a word commonly heard here today, is to emphasize more strongly than ever the Whitney Government's absolute failure to adopt any settled policy in regard to bilingual schools. It is evident to the most superficial observer that the Government has no convictions on the matter, and is simply dangling for votes in all quarters.

Just before the general election in 1911, there was a state of great confusion which is now made worse than ever. At that time three widely different statements by cabinet ministers were made as follows:

#### Sir James' Statement.

Sir James Whitney—There are no bilingual schools in this province. Hon. J. J. Foy—There cannot lawfully be any bilingual schools in the Province of Ontario, and if any are found they must cease to exist, and care should be taken to make all schools conform to the law.

Hon. Dr. Reaume—That was made on Mr. Foy's own hook, and was an expression of his personal opinion on the subject. You know, I find the biggest opposition to bilingual schools is where people have not got them, and consequently do not know much about them. However, the Government has taken a stand. Sir James Whitney's attitude is that while English should be made the language of the schools as far as practicable, and while every child should receive an English education, we are not against the French-

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#### Will Not Be Abolished.

"The Honorable Prime Minister (Sir James Whitney) said to me: 'Go and tell the electors of that district (Prescott), that the teaching of the French language will not be abolished in the Province of Ontario.'"

As late as last week Hon. I. B. Lucas revealed the Conservative's insecure position. He was quoted (supported by testimony) as saying at the Markham nomination meeting in East York, "Are we right in saying that English shall be the only language in Ontario?"

A couple of days later he denied the statement. In all the recent by-elections, however, he has kept assuring his audiences, whenever he was in a strong Orange community, that the regulations regarding bilingual schools would not be relaxed.

The general opinion in Toronto, which is always closely interested in the bilingual question is that the Whitney Government by its latest proof of shiftiness will be severely criticised by all classes of electors. What its next step will be none can say, for there is not the slightest guarantee of permanency in its bilingual policy.

## CONSERVATIVES BADLY DISRUPTED IN E. MIDDLESEX

Party Throughout the County Is Split Up Into Many and Bitter Factions.

### MAY POLL IN OCTOBER

Both Parties Are Preparing for Lively Contests in Quartette of By-Election.

East Middlesex Conservatives and the powers behind the ministerial throne at Ottawa seem to have a little different "dope" on when the by-election to fill the seat made vacant by the death of Peter Elson, M. P., will be staged. When the Conservatives gathered together in that never-to-be-forgotten convention of a week ago last Saturday, the leaders were quietly tipped off that the election would be rushed through as soon as possible. The sooner the better, for it would have found the Liberals unprepared. When the convention ended in the voting fiasco, and the adjournment had to be announced, the greatest efforts were made by the leaders to head off the proposed three weeks' amendment. A compromise on two weeks' was secured, but only after Organizer Birmingham, of the Conservative forces, had had a hurried trip to all leaders on the floor and whispered to them the necessity of an early election. Now Ottawa comes along with a semi-official notice that the election will not be staged until November.

Be that as it may, none of the candidates for nomination as Conservative standard-bearer are letting the grass grow under their feet. All are working to secure their quota of delegates for the convention on Saturday and all are working in the expectation of an early election. October has been picked by these candidates as the month that the by-election will be held, in spite of the Ottawa advice that it will be November.

As a matter of fact the election depends largely on the date fixed for the reopening of the House. Unless Parliament is called early, says the Ottawa dispatch, the elections will be held in abeyance until November. There seems to be little likelihood of an early convening of the Federal House, and as a result the elections may be in November, the local "dope" to the contrary notwithstanding.

Disruption Rampant. The longer the election is postponed the better the Conservative forces will be pleased. With the present disruption in the Conservative ranks in East Middlesex there can be little done along the line of party organization. There never was a time in the history of the Conservatives in East Middlesex that the party was broken up into so many factions, and bitter factions at that. Before the whole power of the federal machine can be lined up behind the East Middlesex Conservatives there will have to be some semblance of unity, at least, though present indications preclude much possibility of a "shoulder-to-shoulder" loyalty to any one candidate.

There are four federal by-elections now pending, and these four will likely be staged on the same day. They mean more to the Government than ordinary elections and for that reason not an effort will be spared to win them.

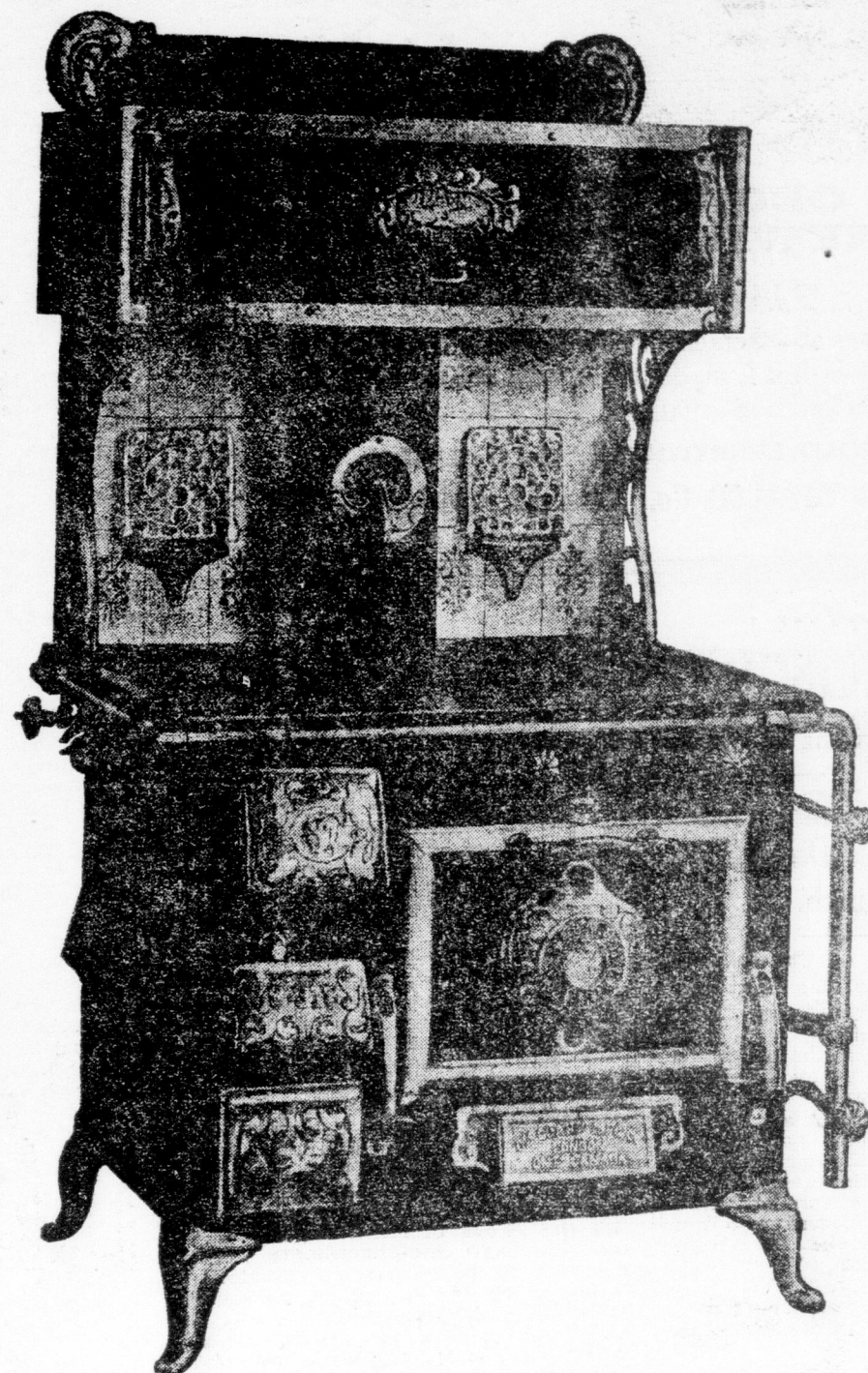
Three in Ontario. Three of the vacant federal seats are in Ontario and the fourth in Quebec. The Ontario seats were all Conservative in the last election, while the Quebec riding was Liberal. The ridings are: South Lanark, made vacant through the death of Hon. John Haggart; South Bruce, vacant through the elevation of J. J. Donnelly to the senate and East Middlesex. In Quebec, the riding was Chateauguay, formerly held by J. B. Brown, M.P., who prior to his death was the second oldest Liberal in the House. Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself being his only rival for the honor.

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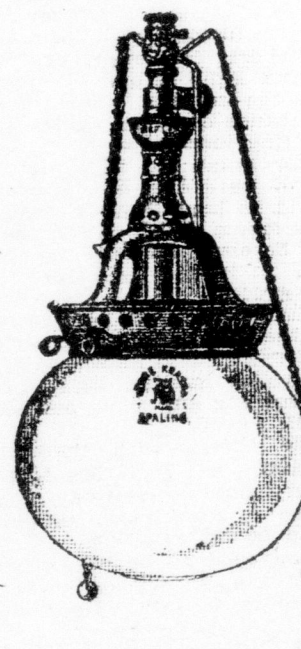
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