

Let Premier Laurier Finish His Work

LABOR CANDIDATE OFFERED \$700 TO WITHDRAW MR. J. W. McCANDLESS EXPOSES ELECTION PLOT

Was Approached by a
Stranger at His
Home.

MONEY OFFER
WAS REFUSED

Matter Reported to the Executive
Committee of Independent
Labor Party—McCandless
Issues a Signed
Statement.

An unsuccessful attempt was made not long ago to buy off the Labor candidate. A Conservative agent in the city offered Mr. McCandless \$700 if he would allow the election to go to Major Beattie by default, but the offer was refused. The man offered to increase the sum, but Mr. McCandless would have nothing to do with him. The matter was reported to the executive committee of the Labor party by the candidate.

The whole story is given to The Advertiser this afternoon over the signature of Mr. McCandless, who relates the circumstances of the case in plain language.

Here is Mr. McCandless' letter:

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Many stories have been circulated by our opponents regarding the Labor party candidate, and it is my desire to put myself right before the public. The charge was made at a public meeting recently that the Labor people invariably had their put and would sell out for little or nothing, and were generally "no good." The same statements are met with in my canvass.

Now I want to show the electors that the Labor party is not so easily bought as some people assert. Since it has been learned that I was a candidate, a man came to my house, in the afternoon, and asked to see me. I was not at home. One evening later, he came to the house between 11 and 12 o'clock and again asked to see me. I went out and talked with him. He was a stranger to me, but he said that he was a Conservative and wanted to talk election with me. He asked me if I would abandon the field, and I said that I could not. He asked me if \$500 would be any good to me and I said no. He then asked me if \$700 would be any inducement to me to withdraw. I said that it would not.

"We can easily arrange it," he said to me. "You can take this money, and go ahead with the election until nomination time, and then you could withdraw, leaving the seat to Major Beattie by acclamation. The party would be willing to put up considerable for that. If there is an election, it would cost them between \$3,000 and \$4,000, and they would have no good, as I was in the field and would run."

I told him that I would not betray my party for any money, and he said he would see me again. I told him that it would do me no good, as I was in the field and would run. Mr. Jos. Marks has also been told by certain Conservatives that there would be \$1,000 to divide if there was no contest. It was also suggested that the matter of nomination papers could be easily arranged, so that the Labor candidate could drop out after that.

I understand that if it had not been for Joseph Marks the Labor candidate could have been bought off for \$500. That is not true. Mr. Marks could not be bought, nor could the candidate. I wish to make known these facts to put ourselves right with the public. We are not for sale, nor have we been on the market. We are in this fight for the good of the working classes, and we intend to keep up the fight.

(Signed) J. W. McCandless,
London, Oct. 24.

Mr. Marks' Corroboration.

When this statement was received by The Advertiser, Mr. Joseph T. Marks was interviewed regarding it. "I heard that it was said that the Labor candidate had been bought off," said Mr. Marks. "I did not know anything about the offer made to Mr. McCandless until last week, when he brought the matter to the attention of the executive committee. Mr. McCandless was worried about the offer, and told the whole story to the executive. I did not know that he was approached, as I said before, until at time, and I do not see how I could block a game of which I had not the slightest knowledge. Mr. McCandless could not have been bought off under any circumstances. Our opponents are not on the market, and our opponents understand that now."

LONDON LIBERALS AND THE ELECTION

The local contest closes with a panicky appeal for Mr. Beattie. His organ declares that "London Conservatives must not lose the fight at the last moment." An excited warning against over-confidence is uttered and the faithful are implored to do their duty at the polls.

Evidently there is a feeling of uneasiness in the Opposition camp. The organ assures us that "in his canvass the major finds the workmen are strongly with him," but somehow it gives the impression that the major has his doubts. His denunciation of Labor candidates was not the cleverest way of drumming up the Labor vote.

We are told further that Mr. Beattie will receive the vote of many Liberals "who desire to protest against the manipulation of the affairs of the party in this city and also to enter their disavowal of the work of the leaders at Ottawa."

The same oracle goes on to say that the chief opposition to Mr. Beattie will come from a discredited wing of the Liberal party.

The attitude of the Liberals is plainly worrying Mr. Beattie and his friends—and why not? Liberals are coolly told that a vote for Beattie will be interpreted as a vote against their leaders. They have been told also in plain English that the absence of a Liberal candidate is a confession that they believe all that is said against the Government. Under these taunts, can they feel that they have no interest or concern in the local contest?

On what ground does Mr. Beattie expect Liberal support?

The campaign against the Government is the filthiest waged in Canada since Confederation. Nearly all of the transactions upon which the Opposition bases its scandal talk occurred years ago. Why were they not exploited at the last general election? Because there was a great public issue—the Transcontinental Railway project—upon which the parties were sharply divided. It filled the public mind and overshadowed other questions. Today there is no such dominating issue. The progressive programme of the Government has left the Opposition nothing real or substantial to fight over. Mr. Borden has not been able to bring forward a constructive idea, measure or policy which would appeal to a great number of people. The Opposition has simply adopted a scandal campaign because it has nothing practical to offer, and can find no fault with the principal measures of the Government, past or projected. As Sir Wilfrid Laurier put it, the enemies of the administration have gone into the gutter for their campaign material. Their language and methods and spirit are no sweeter and cleaner in London than elsewhere. There is no place where the Opposition press is more unscrupulous and insulting. The Liberals of London can show their resentment of this organized campaign of calumny and hypocrisy, and their faith in Sir Wilfrid Laurier, by voting against the candidate of the Opposition, who must accept full responsibility for his party's tactics.

Perhaps it will go against the grain of some Liberals to vote for other than a straight Liberal candidate. But it is the only way to strike a blow at the conspiracy of slander. No one need be reluctant to vote for the Labor candidate on personal grounds. He is respectable, industrious and well-informed. The Premier has said that he is not averse to seeing more Labor members in the House, and that their advice has been useful to the Government. The present administration has originated many Labor measures, and its decision to appoint a minister of Labor is an earnest that it will proceed further on the same lines. Liberalism and Labor are natural allies and Liberals, with the example of the Government before them, should not find it a great wrench to vote for a Labor candidate. If elected he would find more support and sympathy from the Liberals than from the Conservative side of the House. Perhaps nine times out of ten his independent judgment would lead him to support Government measures. A vote for McCandless is the logical course for every Liberal in the present state of affairs.

MURDERS GROOM ON BRIDAL TOUR

An Unsuccessful Suitor Shoots
Rival Dead a Few Hours
After the Wedding.

New Orleans, Oct. 23.—On her bridal trip, which had begun scarcely an hour before, and seated in a railroad coach almost between her husband and a former suitor for her hand, Mrs. Fred Van Ingen last night saw the flash of the suitor's revolver, felt the grip of the husband's hand as the bullet killed him, and then fought for her life. When the girl appeared about to become the victim of the second bullet from the revolver, her uncle, a man with grey hair, but strong and cool under the excitement, rushed up and thrust his thumb beneath the hammer of the revolver, rendering the weapon harmless.

This was the story the other passengers on the Texas and Pacific "Canal" train told when they reached this city today, but the principal actors in the tragedy, most of whom are connected with Louisiana's leading families, have so far refused to discuss the matter.

The former suitor is F. S. Beaurve, of Plaquemine, La., at which place he was taken from the train and placed under arrest last night. The murdered man was Prof. Fred Van Ingen, a prominent teacher of Alexandria, La., and a relative of former Governor Blanchard. The bride is the daughter of James M. Rhorer, one of the leading officials of Iberville parish, residing at Baton Rouge. Beaurve is 24 years old and Van Ingen was 23.

The wedding took place yesterday at Alexandria. Beaurve was in town, having arrived there, it is reported, on the same day as Miss Rhorer. When the bride couple left for New Orleans he boarded the train, and after a time sat in a seat where he was facing Mr. and Mrs. Van Ingen, with the bride between him and her husband. Other passengers said that Beaurve talked with the bride couple just before the shooting, and that his manner appeared cordial. The young woman's hands were in her husband's revolver and fired. After being disarmed Beaurve submitted to arrest.

WRITING FOR PRIZES AT THE COLLEGIATE

Seventy-two girls and 20 boys are writing today at the Collegiate Institute in the contest for the diamond ring given by ex-Ald. Thos. Gillen, and the prize offered by Mr. Frank Lawson, who is slated for the next president of the Canadian Club.

The girls are writing for the Gillen prize, and the boys for Mr. Lawson's.

The students have their choice of the following subjects:

"The Influence of Climate Upon People."
"Canada of the Twentieth Century."
"Aerial Navigation."
"The Falling Leaves."
"A Personal Experience."
"My Minister."

Mr. S. J. Radcliffe, principal of the London Normal School, will be the judge of the girls' writings, and Mr. Frank Lawson will award the boys' prize.

This is the tenth year Mr. Gillen has put up a ring for competition.

Elias Zavitz Dead.

Elias Zavitz, one of the oldest and best-known residents of Lobo, died in this city on Thursday after a long illness. Mr. Zavitz was 73 years old and was survived by one son, Chas. W. Zavitz, of lot 3, con. 9, Lobo. The funeral will be held on Sunday at Poplar Hill Cemetery.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW MOSTLY FAIR.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Oct. 24—8 a.m.

Today—Strong easterly winds; cloudy, with local rains.

Sunday—Southerly winds; warm and mostly fair, but some local showers.

TEMPERATURES.

Today. Yesterday.

Min. Max. Min. Max.

London..... 55..... 61..... 54..... 60.....

Calgary..... 40..... 54..... 34..... 48.....

Winnipeg..... 34..... 48..... 28..... 42.....

Port Arthur..... 36..... 50..... 30..... 44.....

Perry Sound..... 32..... 46..... 26..... 40.....

Toronto..... 55..... 61..... 54..... 60.....

Ottawa..... 48..... 62..... 42..... 56.....

Montreal..... 45..... 59..... 39..... 53.....

Quebec..... 40..... 54..... 34..... 48.....

Father Point..... 46..... 60..... 40..... 54.....

Dawson..... 36..... 50..... 30..... 44.....

Atlin..... 44..... 58..... 38..... 52.....

Victoria..... 42..... 56..... 36..... 50.....

Vancouver..... 42..... 56..... 36..... 50.....

Kamloops..... 38..... 52..... 32..... 46.....

Edmonton..... 38..... 52..... 32..... 46.....

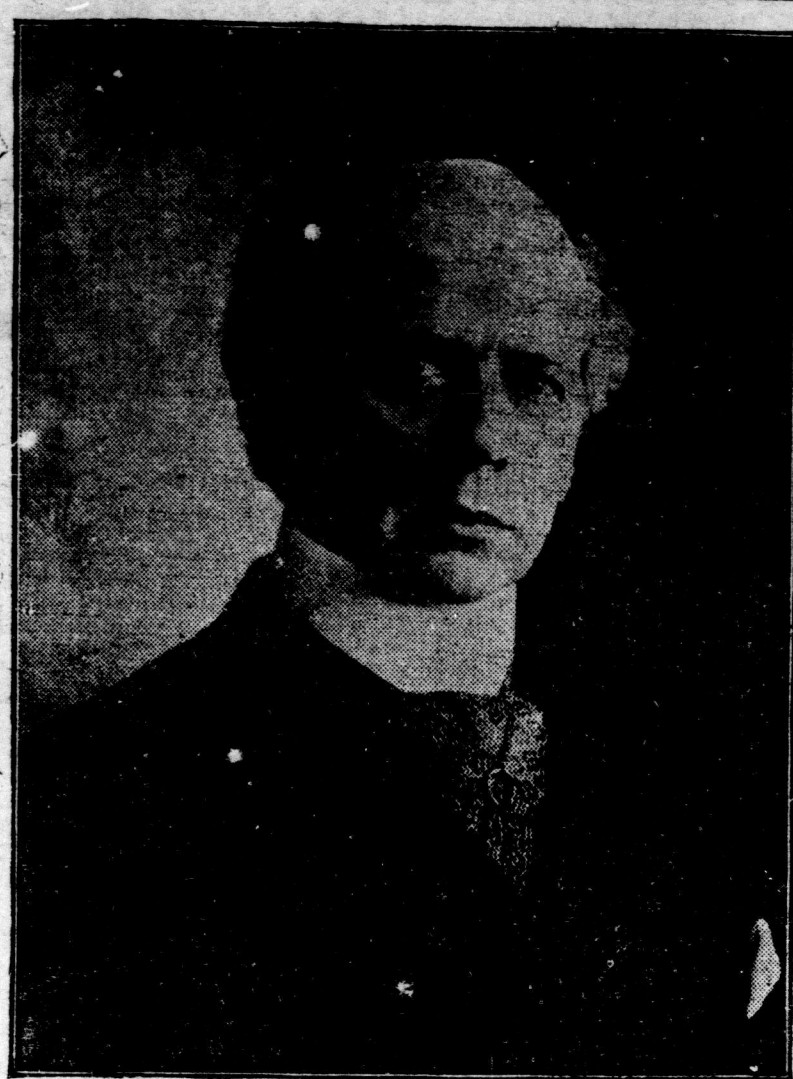
Battleford..... 36..... 50..... 30..... 44.....

Prince Albert..... 36..... 50..... 30..... 44.....

Qu'Appelle..... 36..... 50..... 30..... 44.....

St. John..... 36..... 50..... 30..... 44.....

Halifax..... 38..... 52..... 32..... 46.....



SIR WILFRID LAURIER, CANADA'S FIRST STATESMAN.

A FORECAST OF THE VOTE

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—An expert, who has secured his figures from independent Liberal and Conservative sources, gives the following forecast of Monday's polling by provinces:

	Lib.	Con.
Ontario.....	35	51
Quebec.....	54	11
Nova Scotia.....	15	3
New Brunswick.....	7	6
P. E. I.....	1	4
Manitoba.....	6	3
Saskatchewan.....	7	3
Alberta.....	5	2
British Columbia.....	4	3
Yukon.....	1	0

Government majority 49.

135..... 86

TURKEY CROP IS PLENTIFUL PRICES WILL BE LOWER

For Thanksgiving Birds Than Has Been the Case for Some
Years—14 Cents a Pound Will Be Outside
Price for Choice Birds.

"There will be plenty of Thanksgiving turkeys, and they will sell at fair prices," Manager A. E. Silverwood, of the Flavelle Company to The Advertiser today.

The quantity of turkeys that will be ready for the market by Thanksgiving will be only a small percentage of the crop that is in the country, but still there will be plenty, I think, to meet the demand. Last Thanksgiving prices started high and then declined rapidly.

"This year I think they will start lower than they did last year, but will remain steady, or have perhaps only a very slight rise. There is a good average crop of turkeys in the country, although many of them are not as far advanced at present as they sometimes are, owing to the very dry weather."

"I expect to see turkeys selling retail at from about 12 to 13 cents per pound on Thanksgiving, perhaps 14 cents for very choice birds. The prevailing prices for the farmers at country places where they are bought in large lots will be 9 cents a pound alive and 11 cents a pound dressed."

Caterer Will Sue 7th Officers For the Bill for the Quebec Trip

Officers Claim That Mr. Max Finch Did Not Keep Up to Contract.

Interesting developments are expected in connection with the refusal of the Seventh Regiment to pay in full the bill of Mr. Max Finch, caterer, for meals provided the regiment at the Quebec tercentenary.

The officers of the regiment objected to paying the entire bill on the ground that the contract in reference to the nature of the food to be provided had not been carried out.

The entire bill totalled \$1,211 50, and Mr. Finch was offered \$831 50 as a compromise.

The offer was refused, and Mr. Finch will now enter suit against the officers of the regiment at the January assizes, unless the matter is adjusted in the meantime.

A Test Case.

Mr. Finch today explained that yesterday's suit for \$97 against Capt. Gordon Ingram was in the nature of a test case, and that while the action had been no-suited, he was well satisfied with the result, for Judge Macbeth intimated that every officer in the regiment might be held liable for bills contracted by the regiment.

Accordingly one of the Seventh Regiment officers will be named as defendant in the suit, and the other officers as joint defendants.

Capt. Ingram, it is understood, was perfectly willing to pay his share of the bill, but desired that the entire matter be so adjusted that there would be no more trouble over the question of the regiment's payment.

The Bill.

The bill for the meals eaten by the men of the Seventh during the seven days they were away and on the road amounted to \$1,071 50, according to Mr. Finch's figures, and that of the officers \$240.

Mr. Percy Moore will act for the officers and Mr. M. P. McDonough for Mr. Finch.

Hurricane Destroys Nicaraguan Town

New Orleans, La., Oct. 24.—A cable to the Picaune from Bluefields, Nicaragua, under date of Oct. 21, says: A disastrous hurricane swept the coast of Nicaragua last Friday to Sunday, destroying the towns of Rio Grande and Prinzapolka, and doing considerable damage in the interior.

Only meagre advices have been brought here by schooner, but it appears that the entire coast from Pearl Cays to Cape Gracias was swept, and there was much loss of life. The fruit steamer Dictator is here safe and uninjured.

Dorchester Roorbach Dr. Routledge Denies

A Conservative Charged With Bribery in Liberal
Interests—The Man Unknown to Dr. Routledge,
Who Says His Campaign Is Absolutely
Clean.

The roorbach, so common to Conservative politics in this city, has made its appearance, and as there is no Liberal candidate in London, it is levelled at Dr. Routledge, the Liberal candidate in East Middlesex.

Yesterday a warrant was sworn out before Squire Chittick, charging that a man named William Watcher, jun., of Dorchester, had made attempts to bribe several voters in that district. High Constable Hughes was given the warrant to execute, but the man is supposed to be in Hamilton.

Affidavits have been made supporting the charge by a man named Pyatt, a cousin of Watcher's, who declares that Watcher gave him a \$5 Molsons Bank bill if he would stay away from the polls on election day. Watcher is also said to have gone to the house of a man named Johnson and told the women of the household that he was out buying votes for the Liberal candidate.

Liberals Deny It.

The Liberals declare emphatically that they have had absolutely nothing to do with Watcher, and declare that if there was any scheme to buy voters, it must have emanated from the Conservatives, as they have had nothing whatever to do with that sort of thing.

The Watchers are all Conservatives, and always have been, and have not been known to vote Liberal at any election.

Dr. Routledge was seen by The Advertiser, and he denies having had anything to do with Watcher.

"I do not know the man," he said. "I have never met him, and do not know him by sight. As for giving him money to buy voters it is absolutely false, as I have neither given him nor any other person a dollar to buy votes. My campaign, so far as I can learn, has been absolutely clean. I have Continued on Page Nine.

GEORGE BRENER ON TRIAL JUDGMENT WAS DEFERRED

Crown Places Witness in Box to Prove Charge of Housebreaking—
Prisoner Took Stand and Swore He Bought the Jewels.

George Brener, who recently pleaded not guilty to breaking into the home of Mrs. Nellie Gray, 143 Elmwood avenue, and stealing \$175 worth of jewelry and \$7 in money, today appeared before Judge Elliott in the county judges' criminal court, for trial.

Judgment was reserved until Wednesday next, his honor stating that he had hoped in the face of some of the evidence offered by the defence an alibi would be proven. The accused himself swore that he had been at home reading from 6:30 until 10 o'clock the night of the robbery, Sept. 13, but no corroborative evidence to that effect was offered.

The Evidence.

No evidence was offered by Crown Attorney McKillop that Brener had actually entered Mrs. Gray's home, but in his argument he brought out the fact that when Brener was arrested some of the stolen property had been found upon him, in addition to six house-keys of different styles and sizes. Mr. McKillop also argued that

the prisoner's past record was against him.

Mr. Marshall Graydon appeared for Brener, and argued that no evidence had been produced to show that Brener had entered Mrs. Gray's home, or that he had even knowingly received stolen property. The accused had been for the past year a steady worker and had therefore no cause for stealing.

Mrs. Gray in the Box.

Mrs. Nellie Gray was the first witness called by the crown. Witness had left home on Sunday night, Sept. 13, shortly before 7 o'clock, to go to church, and had returned soon after 9 o'clock. The house had been locked up when witness left, but upon her return she discovered that the side door was unlocked. Burned matches were found on the floor of the house, and it was discovered that the following articles and \$7 in money had been stolen:

Three gold watches, a gold bracelet, gold pencil, gold toothpick, gold chain. Continued on Page Eight.

Woodstock Man Badly Injured Struck By a Stone on the Head

Presumed That Some Boy Threw
In—Patient Is Now
Doing Well.

Patrick Maloney, of Woodstock, was found lying on Dundas street, just east of Quebec street, a few evenings ago, and when taken to Victoria Hospital it was found that he had his head cut open, presumably by a big stone.

Just how the affair occurred the police are endeavoring to ascertain.

Mr. Maloney left his home in Woodstock to go to Detroit.

In some manner he got off the train at East London and wandered up on Dundas street.

Here the police believe he got into an altercation with some boys, and after passing on it is thought the stone was thrown by one of them.

At first it was feared that Mr. Maloney had suffered concussion of the brain, but he is making a good recovery, and no serious results are anticipated.

He is very anxious to find out if he can who it was that threw the stone, and if the police can locate the boy a prosecution will likely follow.

The Rain Is Welcome at This Time

The dry spell which has continued for a considerable period was broken last evening when a fine, warm rain commenced, lasting until noon today.

It was badly needed in the country, where the fall wheat and pastures were suffering. In many places the wheat is quite burnt up, owing to the continued dry weather, but it is thought that a warm rain, such as has fallen, will bring the crop on all right. The pasture lands are scorched, and it is very hard for cattle to get any grass.

Little fall plowing has been done, as the land was too dry and hard, and the farmer has been waiting impatiently to get to work.

In the north, the rain will extinguish the forest fires, which have been raging with much force lately.

In Western Ontario, there are also some bush fires, but none are of a serious nature. The rain will easily extinguish them.

The rain was just as the farmer wants it. He would be satisfied with a couple of days more such weather.

The Advertiser Bulletins on Monday

Monday is election day, and the results of the polling in London will be gathered by The Advertiser, as usual, by special messengers, and bulletined, as soon as they come in.

A special wire will bring the results from all over the Dominion, and they will be bulletined from time to time.

An especially good service has been secured, and citizens are assured of authoritative results.

The bulletin service will be complete.