

DROUGHT RUINS PROPERTY FARMERS

A Large Section of Western Pennsylvania Suffering Acutely From Lack of Rain.

EPIDEMICS ARE GREATLY FEARED

Stock Dying and Crops Destroyed—Manufacturing Plants Shutting Down and Thousands Idle.

Pittsburg, Sept. 5.—Suffering from lack of water for domestic purposes suspension of manufacturing with attendant loss of wages, blighting or complete destruction of crops, and lack of water for live stock, such as probably has never before been experienced, is reported from every county in Western Pennsylvania, and the border counties.

There is immediate danger of loss of live stock, much of which is already being driven many miles to running streams. There are also grave fears of diseases of epidemics, through the district from stagnation of water or the lack of water with which to observe the most ordinary hygienic rules. Probably the most serious conditions prevail in Johnston and vicinity. In that city last night the municipal crematory burned to the ground because the fire department could find no water. One of their reservoirs used to supply the town and containing water, and this and the creek that supplies it is rapidly being emptied.

The health authorities are putting closer restrictions upon the use of water for household purposes. At Westmount, a Johnston suburb, the water supply is completely exhausted and people are hauling water from springs in the mountains far beyond the town. The Johnston authorities have stopped the running of the elevators using water and suspended operations in plants using water motors. They have also forbidden the starting of outdoor fires to burn rubbish, or for any other purposes.

The mines of the Berwind-White company, in Cambria County, have been suspended one by one, until between 2,000 and 3,000 miners are idle. Yesterday the company's car repair shop at Holidayburg shut down, thus throwing 150 additional men out. At Barnsboro and Rattan, wells are being sunk in the hope of relief. At Washington and Green counties, the corn crop, already blighted, is threatened with complete destruction. There has been no rain for five weeks.

In Clearfield county, no rain has fallen for four weeks, and the buckwheat crop, one of the staples of this territory, will be almost a total failure.

ROBBERS HOLD CROWD AT BAY

Burglarized Post Office at Schenacadie N. S., But Were Discovered and Driven Into House.

Halifax, N.S., Sept. 5.—A telephone message from Schenacadie at an early hour this morning stated that a robbery had taken place at the post office there and that two suspicious characters who had been seen lurking in the neighborhood were suspected.

Later a telephone message received at the police station at 6.40 this morning asked for a constable to be sent to Schenacadie as the post office had been robbed and two tramps suspected of the crime were ensconced in an empty house, which was surrounded by an excited crowd of people, who were kept at a respectable distance by the determined resistance of the two men. Another report states that the two men are armed and desperate and that police assistance will be necessary to dislodge them from their retreat.

The crowd around the empty house is reported to be growing in size, and it is feared that should the tramps fall into their hands they will be severely maltreated. County Constable Dan Macdonald left by express for Schenacadie.

KILLED HIS WIFE

Bridgewater, Mass., Sept. 5.—Geo. F. Sheldon, a well known resident of East Bridgewater, killed his wife and then committed suicide at his residence early today.



"Let Laurier finish his Work."

LAWYER FOUGHT SHY OF THE DUEL

A Challenge Which Grew Out of the Standard Oil Case Before the Courts at Present.

New York, Sept. 5.—The Times today says. The Standard Oil Company sent a sweeping broadside into the government's case yesterday in the hearing in the suit seeking to dissolve the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, under the Sherman anti-trust law, when witnesses began to talk of the character of a number of men the government had placed on the witness stand. It came out that because of this attack upon the character of one of the government's witnesses, Moritz Rosenthal, legal counsel for the Standard, had been challenged to a duel by Henry C. Wootan, one of the government's star witnesses, who testified in Washington several months ago. The duel was never fought.

In Washington, Wootan had bought the Record Oil Company, of New Orleans, and said that it had been operated as an independent to deceive the trade, also that the People's Oil Company, of which he is manager, had been bought by the Standard, and that he had been ordered to operate it ostensibly as an independent. It was just after he had given this testimony in Washington, that Mr. Rosenthal said: "When did you steal those papers from the Standard Oil Company?" Mr. Wootan sprang out of his chair; his face very red, and said: "In the south, Sir, we do not recognize the word steal."

"In the north, sir, we do not recognize the act," rejoined Mr. Rosenthal. It was then that Wootan challenged the Standard Oil lawyer to a duel but the story did not become public until yesterday, when the subject came up while C. T. Coalinge, second vice-president of the Standard Oil Company of Kentucky, was on the witness stand.

After he had told what he thought of Wootan, Mr. Rosenthal said to Frank E. Kellogg, the government's lawyer: "Every witness you put on the stand in Washington, admitted that he was a thief. One even wanted to fight a duel with me because I asked him if he had not stolen certain papers which he afterwards admitted he'd steal."

Mr. Kellogg let the matter pass without comment.

ARRESTED ON BURGLARY CHARGE

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 5.—Charles Macdonald, aged 18, son of Michael Macdonald, of Westville, N. S., and Joseph Shephard, aged 20, of Charlottetown, were arrested last night, charged with breaking into the station at Tracadie, and R. W. McEwen's store at St. Peter's. They are also charged with stealing a horse from Jas. McLaughlin, Mount Stewart. Shephard has served a term in Dorchester, and has recently been in Sydney and in Pictou, where he worked with the Hamilton biscuit factory. They will be arraigned at noon to-day before Stipendiary Magistrate Macdonald.

BUSINESS LOOKS UP.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Sept. 5.—Supt. D. D. Lewis, of the Algoma Steel Company, announced that the plant will be running in full force by October. It is understood the company has received several satisfactory orders of late. The announcement is welcomed at both Saults.

When a man is known as a "good fellow" that is often about all he is good for.

CATTLE SHIPPERS LOST \$30,000,000

Through the Embargo on Canadian Cattle in Great Britain--The Effect on Britain.

Toronto, Sept. 5.—That Canadian cattle should be as freely admitted to the markets of Great Britain as Irish cattle, is the opinion of Mr. Wm. Henderson, a prominent member of the Scottish Agricultural Commission now investigating farming conditions in Canada. Mr. Henderson says an overwhelming majority of the people of Great Britain now favor the removal of the embargo against Canadian cattle. The only opposition comes from the Irish, who wish to retain the monopoly of the markets of England and Scotland, and from a number of breeders in Great Britain, who desire protection against possible competition. It is estimated that on the two million head of cattle shipped from Canada to Great Britain since the embargo was imposed, Canadian farmers lost practically \$30,000,000.

NELSON W. BROWN WAS DISMISSED

Board of Education Found it Necessary to Appoint School Inspector With Legal Qualification.

The Provincial Government yesterday sitting as a Board of Education, removed from office Mr. Nelson W. Brown, of Southampton, who had been school inspector for York and Sunbury counties and part of Queens county, and appointed in his place Mr. D. L. Mitchell, now of this city, but whose home is in Sunbury county.

The reason for the dismissal of Mr. Brown was his failure to qualify for the position. When he was appointed about two years ago he was not qualified to be a school inspector as he had no grammar school teaching license, and his appointment caused a vigorous protest from the Chief Superintendent of Education who protested almost to the point of resigning. Finally Mr. Brown gave a written agreement to qualify within one year but this was not carried out. The present government on coming into power treated him in a charitable manner and gave an extension of six months' time for him to qualify and that period elapsed last month. Mr. Brown had failed to make any move to comply with the terms of the agreement he had made and his dismissal was a natural sequence.

Mr. D. L. Mitchell, B. A., is a native of Sunbury county, his home being at Lincoln, about 7 miles below the city. He received his preparatory education at the Collegiate School here under the direction of Geo. B. Parkin, the celebrated Imperial Federationist, and later at the University of New Brunswick, where he graduated in 1891, after a brilliant course, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. On entering the University he won the Old Boys' Prize which was given for the highest matriculant from the Collegiate School. In his sophomore year at college, Mr. Mitchell, was awarded the highest distinction of the year, viz., the Eng. h Scholarship, and in his junior year he won the Douglas gold medal, the most coveted prize given by the University. During his second year he was elected to the editorship of the University Monthly by the student body.

Shortly after graduation from the U. N. B. Mr. Mitchell was appointed to the principalship of the Chatham Grammar School which position he held for four years. He then took a

GRAFTERS FISHED BUT GOT NO BITES

The Only Result of Last Night's Seance Was That J. H. Barry Refused to be the Sacrifice.

After fishing for three or four days and not getting a bite the grafters gave up the pastime and hustled home from their headquarters—the Queen Hotel—without a candidate to go down to defeat in the forthcoming election in York County.

About eight o'clock they assembled and it was about 11 o'clock or later when they got through with their fishing, folded their tents like the oft-talked of Arabs and stole home. The assemblage was one which should have been photographed and the pictures preserved or forwarded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier as the survivors of a once strong party in this constituency.

About all the business that was done was to fix the date for the second presentation of the Bear Garden for the 19th of September, when it was figured that some of the people from the country districts might be in the city at any rate and would perhaps attend.

Mr. Whitehead was there and he presented a grand array of honoree medals for giving up the nomination. Many of the delegates felt very wrath towards Mr. Whitehead as his little game of setting the nomination just long enough to serve his personal interest was too apparent.

Mr. J. H. Barry made no official announcement but he has told most of his friends that he will not be the sacrifice and will tell the rest of them when the time gets ripe. Dr. Atherton will not be the candidate and the affair has narrowed down to Mr. Allen, Mr. Gibson, Jr., did not attend but sent word that they had had their chance at turning him down and now he would try his luck at the same game.

Hydrographer Hanson turned up for the seance and stated definitely that he would not accept the nomination. He succeeded in renting the Arctic Rink on behalf of himself and Mr. Whitehead to the party managers. Notable among the absentees were Mr. Edward Moore, the chairman of the executive, and Ald. Hooper, the secretary, who seems to have been given the "23" sign. John Palmer held down the job of chairman and Harry C. Mackay took Mr. Hooper's job over. The distinguished gathering included the following: Mr. Whitehead; The Hydrographer; J. G. McElman, who resigned a day or two ago as chairman of the county Board of Health; the Honorable Edmund Head Allen; R. W. McLellan; "Cork Screw" VanBuskirk; Hubbard Niles, who promised not to forget to vote the next time; W. H. McGinn, I. R. Golding, Patrick Farrell, Thomas, Thomas L. Morris, J. H. Barry, Major, Massie, Peter J. Hughes, Byron Brewer and a number of others.

Never before was a call sent out by the Liberal party in York county that met with such a half hearted response. This afternoon it is said that the whole thing has fallen so flat that R. W. McLellan may get the nomination.

post-graduate course at the Harvard University Graduate School, specializing in school methods and management. It is at this school where Harvard trains its school inspectors and superintendents. Upon his return to New Brunswick, he occupied the position of principal at the Queens Co. Grammar School for a period of five years. Mr. Mitchell's last position was that of principal at the Bathurst Grammar School, which he was compelled to resign last January owing to a severe attack of congestion.

Mr. Mitchell is well known throughout the province and his appointment to this Inspectorship will give his many friends much pleasure.

ONTARIO GRITS HOPELESS STRUGGLE A LOSING ONE

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT BECAME ENORMOUSLY RICH WHILE IN OFFICE, WITHOUT ANY APPARENT MEANS OF ENRICHMENT EXCEPT THE POWER PLACED IN THEIR HANDS BY VIRTUE OF THEIR POSITION.

Hon. Joseph Martin, former Liberal member of Parliament and former Liberal Premier of British Columbia, in his address at the International Free Trade Congress in London, Eng., 4th Aug., 1908.

25 YEARS RECTOR OF KINGSCLEAR

Anniversary Will Be Fittingly Observed by the Parishioners Tomorrow at Springhill.

Tomorrow there will be special services at St. Peter's Church, Springhill, it being the 25th anniversary of the induction of Rev. Canon Montgomery as rector of the parish. The musical features and the services generally will be of especial interest and will attract large congregations. During the day the parishioners will show their appreciation of



REV. CANON MONTGOMERY

the faithful and earnest work of Canon Montgomery by presenting him with a well filled purse of gold.

Canon Montgomery is the son of the late Mr. Henry Montgomery of Richmond, Carleton county, and prepared for his college course at the Collegiate School here. He graduated from U. N. B. in 1881 and was ordained deacon and priest in 1882 by the late Bishop Medley, Metropolitan of Canada. He served his deaconate at Christchurch Cathedral as assistant, and on being ordained priest was appointed curate at Hampton under the late Deacon Walker. In 1883 he became rector of Kingsclear.

The late Rev. John Black was for twenty-five or twenty-six years rector of the parish up to the time of his death in 1873 and he was succeeded by Rev. J. F. Carr for four years, Rev. Mr. Edwards for two years and Rev. Mr. Love for three years. On his removal to Ontario, Canon Montgomery became rector on the first Sunday in September 1883.

When Canon Montgomery arrived at Kingsclear he found the parish at a low ebb with the buildings in poor condition and many repairs needed. During his term of office between \$5,000 and \$6,000 has been raised and expended for improving church property, the fine new parish hall being one of the new buildings erected.

Canon Montgomery's very many friends will join with The Gleaner in congratulating him on his jubilee and hoping that he may long be spared to continue the work in which he has been so successful.

ST. JOHN RACES FAILED TO FILL

St. John, Sept. 5.—There will be no horse races at the St. John Exhibition. The classes did not fill, and the Gentlemen's Driving Club, at a meeting last night, decided to call the meeting off. The trouble seems to be the clashing of St. John and Chatham dates. All the last horses that might have entered here have gone to Chatham.

Machine Methods to be Adopted as Only Hope to Prevent Annihilation in Coming Contest.

CANDIDATES BACK OUT IN EVERY DIRECTION

Conservative Candidates Who Will Not Be Opposed—Mackenzie King in Amusing Role.

Toronto, Sept. 5.—There will be no public meetings of any consequence in Ontario until after the Toronto exhibition, which is now in progress and will continue through next week. Both the party headquarters, however, are working overtime, and the politicians are coming in from all over the province reporting conditions and arranging for meetings in the future. Hon. Sydney Fisher will open his campaign in Ontario at Milton on the 28th. Many Conservatives are of the opinion that Hon. George E. Foster may challenge him to a joint debate, but the Humane Society would certainly interfere if Mr. Fisher was foolish enough to accept.

Placating the Labor Vote. The Liberals are still hard at work trying to reduce the irritation of the Labor vote. The plan now is to urge the Labor party to nominate candidates in the city districts who will be endorsed by the Liberal conventions. This policy is being pursued in South Toronto, and will be adopted in East Hamilton. It is practically settled, moreover, that the Liberals will endorse the Labor candidate in London, unless Mr. Hyman decides to run. He will not run it is said unless he has the positive promise of a cabinet portfolio.

Scarcity of Candidates. The failure of the Grigs to nominate in so many ridings in Ontario is attributed to many causes. They are anxious to concentrate, and they are anxious to avoid any conflict with the Labor vote. But another reason is found in the statement attributed to Mr. J. M. Mowatt, of Kingston, nephew of the late Sir Oliver Mowatt, m'l prominently mentioned as the coming leader of the reorganized Liberals of Ontario. He has laid down the rule that hereafter the party patronage will not be given to the defeated candidates in the various ridings, and that no one will be nominated here after unless he can show the party he has a chance to win.

A. G. McKay Declines. Mr. A. G. McKay today positively refused to run in North Grey and that riding may now be classed as safely Conservative. Mr. Geo. D. Grant, M. P., has formally given up the contest for re-election in North Ontario. It is practically settled that Mr. Lennox, M. P., and Mr. Clark, M. P., will be returned by acclamation in South Simcoe and South Waterloo respectively. Both are Conservatives, but they had to fight for their seats in 1904.

The amusing event of the day is the announcement that Mr. MacKezlie King, deputy minister of labor, is willing to run as a Labor party candidate in East Huron.

THIEVES STOLE MAN'S WOODEN LEG

Washington, Sept. 5.—Because robbers hid his wooden leg, Oscar O'Hara, ticket agent at Colliers, W. Va., was compelled to lie on his bed and watch two masked men go through his clothes, search the house and take \$125, a watch and valuables. The men overlooked \$150 of the railroad company's money concealed in a coat. O'Hara was awakened to find the burglars in the house. His trousers and wooden leg were gone. Two men came into the room and began a search, one compelling him to keep silent at a revolver's point. The search finished, the robbers informed O'Hara he would find his wooden leg downstairs.

JORDAN'S STORY IS NOT BELIEVED

Boston, Sept. 5.—The belief expressed by the medical examiners after their autopsy on the dismembered body of Mrs. Honora Jordan yesterday, that she was struck upon the head with some blunt instrument before being cut up by her husband, Chester S. Jordan, has been apparently corroborated by the discovery in a closet of their home in Somerville of a flat-iron which was covered with blood, and to which clung a quantity of hair.