

DUNDAS LIBERALS HAD FINE MEETING.

Record Crowd and Splendid Addresses—Officers For the Year, and Committees Appointed.

W. O. Sealey, D. Reed, M. P. P., C. N. Smith, M. P. P., and Others Spoke Ably.

Dundas, April 1.—The annual meeting of the Dundas Liberal Association last evening would certainly have gladdened the heart of R. A. Thompson had he been present. It was the record. No annual meeting for very many years has equalled it in numbers, in enthusiasm and in hopefulness.

The proceedings opened with a selection by Thornton's orchestra, and were continued by the evening by solos, a quartette, bagpipe music, etc. The chairman, in opening, said the Ontario elections would soon be here, and it became a matter of up and down, and as far as Dundas was concerned, the meeting was a most encouraging beginning.

The first speaker was W. O. Sealey, who in a brief address congratulated the Liberals of Dundas on such a large, intelligent and enthusiastic meeting. It meant very much to the Liberalism of North Westworth. Prospects, already bright and hopeful, were greatly enhanced by such a meeting in the once Tory stronghold of Dundas.

ON MORAL REFORM.

SYNOD OF LONDON AND HAMILTON PASSES RESOLUTIONS.

To Take Away the Element of Gain From Liquor Traffic, Abolish the Bar and Stop Betting at Races—To Meet in Hamilton.

London, Ont., March 31.—The Synod of London and Hamilton resumed its sessions this morning, when an averture was presented by Messrs. Dayley and Curry on behalf of the members of the Sarnia Presbytery, asking that the questions put to ministers on their ordination be amended to read as follows: (1) "That the Westminster Confession of Faith as adopted by the Church in the basis of union is founded on the word of God and is in substantial agreement," and that the last part of the question pertaining to the promise when preaching to adhere thereto, be omitted.

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date in the field, expressing confidence in the Whitney administration, and congratulating it on having carried out its policy so completely. He characterized the resolution as mere buncombe. He declared that the Whitney Government had not made good in any of its important efforts. Its power scheme had become a laughing stock, even to many of its supporters. Its administration of the liquor licensing law bordered on a blundering farce. Its law reform measure, O. 9, was what? Shelved for a year, perhaps forever. Then there was the question of education, what wonderful things they were going to do along this line. But what had been done? Every move had made confusion worse confounded. What a farce to call the work of the Government creditable or sagacious.

The last speaker was C. N. Smith, M. P. P., of the Soo. Much was expected of this speaker, and his listeners were not a whit disappointed. He condemned the Whitney Government for its many sins of both omission and commission. He was particularly severe on the gerrymander that gave to Toronto, with its ten square miles of territory, eight members, doubling the number, while in the rest of Ontario, with its thousands of square miles of agricultural and mineral lands, and which had furnished the money that enabled the Government to increase the expenditure of the Province one dollar per head, during its short existence, was allowed few more. He declared the reason was that Hogtown could be counted on to send supporters of the Administration under any circumstances, while in other parts of the Province the Government must stand or fall on its merits.

The power scheme and the Adam (and Eve) horse exhibition were referred to, as was also the Ganeys game. Ganeys had offered to sell himself to the Liberals, had resold himself to the Tories, the result being that the only son, and all of the three brothers, that notorious individual, were now on the pay roll of the people of Ontario. Mr. Smith's address was a characteristic one, and was warmly applauded, and greeted with frequent applause.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served and a short time spent in social intercourse, everybody congratulating everybody on the great success of the meeting. Of course much regret was expressed at Mr. Thompson's inability to be present, but a letter from him, and Mr. Reid's assurance that he was past the danger point, gave the audience much pleasure.

The committee in charge deserve the highest praise for the very complete arrangements made, and the successful manner in which they were carried out.

declares its willingness to work with all other bodies along the following lines: (a) local veto by which a majority of the duly-qualified electors of a locality may abolish all liquor licenses in their locality; (b) abolish the bars and the treating system, thus cutting off the worst features of the traffic and prohibiting it except where the duly-qualified electors declare that they desire the traffic; (c) continue the liquor to be sold for consumption off the premises, in which case the liquor should be sold by some plan of management doing away with the trade profits, so that there would be no inducement to press the sale.

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The passengers numbered 6,201,596, an increase of 245,326 over last year. The freight carried was 8,881,241 tons, an increase of 563,272 tons. The train mileage was increased by 361,682 miles. The Canada Atlantic net revenue showed a deficiency of £60,265. The G. T. Western net revenue showed a credit balance of £15,985.

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GIRL TRAFFIC.

MANY MINORS BEING PROCURED FOR IMMORAL PURPOSES.

Evidence of Startling Character Reported as Having Been Obtained Against a Detroit Confectioner—Cheap Theatres, Are Blamed.

Detroit, April 1.—There is traffic in white slaves in Detroit. The commitment to Jackson prison, three years ago, of Harry Stansbury, alias Simpson, for trafficking in minor girls, did not end the business, as is evidenced by the fact that Edwin B. Chadman is in jail awaiting trial on a charge of criminal assault, while Patrolman Jordan, of Lieutenant Breaux's force, is investigating other cases on the testimony of girls who have appeared before Judge Kobner in the juvenile court. Jordan is reported to have evidence nearly sufficient to warrant the arrest of a local confectioner, who is charged by several girls with enticing them into his place for evil purposes.

Attorney James F. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, is interested in the matter, and says that he also has much evidence against the confectioner in question. Attorney Hill also has in the shelter home on Buxton street, girls who tell of the practices of men and boys who frequent the five-cent moving picture shows.

"The practice of putting children on any stage is a violation of the ordinance which this society has passed, and is a crime, except in cases where the Mayor gives a special permit. Mayor Thompson has promised me that he will give no more permits except where a child is traveling with a legitimate show, and the Avenue and Gayety Theatre managers have said they will not let the girls go on their amateur bills any more. This will not end the business, however, till the regular places for conducting this traffic are closed down.

"As to the man on First street, whom the truant officer is investigating, I know that where he formerly got one girl a week he is now getting one a day, and making a flourishing business of it. After the girls leave his hands they are confined in various houses, and the only way word has come to me of their situation is through a friend who has been able to get them. I have generally managed to get them out when notified of the individual cases, and though I have no specific instances to work on right now, I am sure the evil is going on. Sometimes, too, the girls are shipped out of town and gradually get lower and lower, so that we never hear of them. Often they are married, and live in a home, and their people are lax in trying to look after them, and make no efforts to find them after they disappear.

"A girl about 19 years old, whose family lives up the State street, was seen, Friday. Her people are wealthy and respectable, but she dared not go back to them because of what she told me of her downfall. I found a good home for her and her baby, in Detroit, and she has escaped what many others must have to endure for years. She first became involved with the white slave trade through acquaintance with the 5-cent theatres. When girls are finally caught by the infernal system practised in Detroit, they are held by threats of exposure to their parents, more than anything else. The shame of the thing keeps them from appealing for help from any quarter, and they are generally lost.

Try Again For Health!

The Dangerous Weakness That Follows Should Be Cured Now.

One of the oldest physicians, after closely studying spring tiredness, says it seems to seek out the same victims year after year, and if the disorder is once contracted, one is very prone to contract it again.

The symptoms are common—no appetite—turn against your food—ache in back and limbs—nervous and often melancholy—dyspeptic and languid.

"I had all the symptoms," writes Mrs. Eva E. Clarkson, well known in Chester. "I was discouraged, blue, felt too poorly to bother with medicine. But I tried again for health—I used Dr. Hamilton's Pills. The very sight of food used to turn me sick, now I eat and digest like a growing child. I used to feel bloodless and starved—now I am well nourished and gaining in flesh. My face was bagged, dull eyes, dark circles—now my animated, have pink cheeks, bright, clear eyes. A hard cough that used to rack my chest is gone. But best of all is the feeling of buoyancy and good spirits that has replaced the aching, drowsy, melancholy fits that came on, and always with splitting headaches, too. I hope my letter will induce others to use Dr. Hamilton's Pills—such a good, honest, bracing tonic should be in every home, both for children and parents alike.

TACKLED TWO BURGLARS.

Montreal Woman Made Both Drop Her Property.

Montreal, March 31.—Mrs. Rouleau, living on City Hall avenue, had an exciting experience with two burglars to-day. Mrs. Rouleau had gone out to do some shopping, and before leaving locked her door carefully. She was away about forty minutes, and when she came back she heard a noise in her bedroom at the back. Although a slim and fragile woman, she proceeded boldly to the back of the house and found two men looting her bureau. She immediately grabbed one and took her watch from him, and then grabbed the second and secured her silverware from him.

Unknown Man Killed at Berlin.

Berlin, Ont., March 31.—An unknown man was instantly killed here to-night by being run over by a Grand Trunk fast freight a hundred yards east of the depot. He was evidently trying to board the freight and in doing so slipped under the wheels, as his head was completely severed from his body. Forty-five cents was all he had on him. He is a middle-aged man, heavily built.

ONTARIO'S RIGHTS TO BE PROTECTED.

SIR WILFRID LAURIE'S ASSURANCE TO HON. MR. MACKAY.

Premier Forces His Resolution Through House—Province to Borrow Four Millions for Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway—Development of Power at Dog Lake.

Toronto, April 1.—In the Legislature yesterday afternoon a resolution brought forward by Premier Whitney was passed condemning the bill incorporating the Ontario & Michigan Power Company, introduced in the Senate, as an invasion of Provincial rights. Shortly after the conclusion of the debate the leader of the Opposition received the following telegram from Sir Wilfrid Laurier in answer to an inquiry by Mr. Mackay, who pointed out the objectionable nature of the bill: "Matter news to me, but if effect of bill is, as you state, an invasion of Provincial rights, bill will not be allowed to pass."

The leader of the Opposition had previously offered an amendment to the resolution which was voted down. In accordance with his notice of motion, Premier Whitney moved his resolution condemning the Ontario & Michigan Power Company's bill, introduced in the Senate, as an invasion of Provincial rights. Whitney said that in the position he had assumed there was no feeling against the Dominion Government or against any individual in the country. A situation more serious could not easily be imagined. "Our bills," said Mr. Whitney, "have been introduced under the same baneful influence," and he proceeded to say that if the bill were permitted to pass it would create a precedent for every business enterprise, "from a barbershop to a factory, and I declare for the general advantage of Canada."

"I don't believe that the Dominion Government will do that, but we should speak with no uncertain meaning." In conclusion the Premier said: "I have every confidence that the Dominion Government will take such steps as will render our action unnecessary, so far as results are concerned. I have particular confidence that the Minister of Railways and Canals will see to it that this attempt on the rights of the Province shall be stopped at the outset."

Hon. Mr. Harcourt stated that in voting against encroachments on Provincial rights they would be true to Liberal party traditions of thirty years. He stated that he was informed that the bill in question had been introduced into the Senate by a private member, who alone was answerable, and not the party to which he belonged. Proceeding, Mr. Harcourt said there was a great cause for alarm, because the bill was standing still, but he hoped no further attempt would be made to advance it.

Hon. A. G. MacKay thought a careful perusal of the resolution would bring out the Premier's statement that his resolution was not brought forward in a spirit of opposition to the Dominion Government. He pointed out that the bill was a private measure, and that it was not appearing in the present bill, and that any progress would be made with it. He was not sure whether points such as the bill raised did not call for a settlement of questions of jurisdiction. "So far as the responsibility of the Dominion Government is concerned, it was an international stream, and therefore the Dominion Government might claim that questions relating to it were of an international character, and assert some right to deal with them. In regard to the position of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the position was entirely different. Questions as to what enterprises were for the general advantage of Canada might perhaps be better settled by a conference between the Dominion and Provincial Governments than through the medium of the courts, which would give a strictly legal and technical interpretation of the British North America Act. The statement that the House viewed with alarm the encroachment on the rights of the Province, as set forth in the resolution, was a "distinct reflection and charge against the Dominion Government."

Premier Whitney—No. Mr. Mackay said he thought it would be better, under the circumstances, as the Federal Government were in no way responsible for the bill, if the clause he had referred to were omitted. "We on this side of the House," he said, "stand on historical ground with regard to the maintenance of Provincial rights. There must be no uncertain sound about that. It ought to be distinctly understood that we stand for the protection of the rights of the Province against encroachments which may be attempted from any quarter or party."

Mr. Mackay submitted the following amendment, seconded by Mr. Harcourt: "That this House, while not unmindful that the said bill is only a private bill, and not a public act, to which the Government of Canada is committed, deems it advisable and timely to emphatically and unanimously express its disapproval of the said bill in some of its parts, and to assert and declare the rights of this Province in the premises."

"And this House, while not claiming the right or power to deal with international matters, firmly asserts its territorial sovereignty over lands, rivers, streams, water powers, and water privileges within the confines of the Province; as also jurisdiction with reference to international rivers and water powers, and to the land thereunder lying to the thread or middle of the river."

"And this House expresses its opinion that it is the duty of this Government, on such occasions, without specific directions or instructions from this House, to use and adopt all reasonable means and measures to safeguard in any and all respects the rights of the Province of Ontario."

"And this House declares its approval of the actions of the past Governments of this Province in defending and maintaining the rights of the Province, and hereby declares its readiness and determination to support all lawful means requisite to assert, maintain and defend the legislative and territorial sovereignty of the Province against encroachment from any and every quarter."

"And this House recommends that a conference between the Government of Canada and the Governments of the several Provinces be held with a view to arriving at a reasonable solution or settlement of all matters in doubt as to the respective jurisdictions of the Government of Canada and those of the various Provinces, and that if necessary Imperial legislation be obtained to confirm said settlement."

Mr. Harcourt alluded to the conference which had been held between Sir John Thompson and Sir Oliver Mowat, when many difficulties had been adjusted and suggested that a similar conference would do much to dispose of present difficulties.

Premier Whitney said he had no objection to the suggestion, but he contended that the amendment removed the assertion of the Province's right to control water powers.

The Opposition leader called attention to a clause in his amendment which specifically dealt with that question.

"I propose to back the motion because it is plain and simple to me," said Mr. Studholme, in asserting the rights of the Third party. He understood the resolution better than he did the amendment, and therefore he also supports the former.

The amendment was lost by 59 to 19. Mr. Studholme voting with the Government.

On the motion of the Premier, the House ordered that copies of both the resolution and the amendment should be sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

After the House had been in committee on the bill of Hon. Mr. Cochrane to amend and consolidate the mines act, Mr. Gammey raised the question of having an infirming company transfer offices in Ontario. He claimed that it was absolutely necessary that every such infirming company transfer offices in the Province. If such a provision could not be placed in the bill, it might be thought it ought to be in the joint stock companies act.

Hon. Mr. MacKay suggested that some provision be placed in the mines act curtailing the capitalization of mining companies in order to stop wildcat schemes. He thought that capitalization might be increased according to the amount spent for development purposes.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane said he realized the situation regarding re-capitalization, but he admitted he could find no solution.

Mr. Hoyle stated that he was informed that the directors of the Peterson Lake Company in New York had decided to advance any more money for the development of that claim at Cobalt. He thought in such a case there should be some practical redress for Canadian investors.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane's bill was reported as was also one of Hon. Mr. Hendrie to amend the railway act.

In Committee of Supply the two items in the main estimates which had been held over, \$300,000 for mining development and \$277,850 for miscellaneous, were voted four minutes on condition that they may be discussed before being concurred in by the House.

Hon. Mr. Beck introduced a bill to provide for the development of water power at Dog Lake. It provides for the construction by the Hydro-electric Power Commission of a dam or dams in Dog Lake or in the Kaministiquia River for the purpose of storing and controlling the flow of water.

Hon. Mr. Montiel introduced amendments to the act restricting agricultural associations and the agricultural societies act. The former substitutes the Gardeners' and Florists' Association for the Toronto Agricultural Society. The latter introduces a number of agricultural societies under new names.

Hon. Mr. Matheson introduced a bill for raising money on the credit of the consolidated revenue fund of Ontario. The bill authorizes the raising of a loan of \$4,000,000, of which \$3,000,000 will be used to repay money advanced by the Government for the construction of the T. & N. O. and the balance for the completion of the railway. The bill was read a second time.

Public Phones.

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO BUY OUT BELL.

Agreement Has Been Concluded—Lines Are to be Turned Over at Calgary To-day—Price Named is \$675,000—President Sise Says the Company Would Rather Remain in Saskatchewan.

Montreal, March 31.—The important announcement was made tonight by Hon. W. H. Cushing, Minister of Public Works in Alberta, that the Alberta Government had purchased the Bell Telephone system in that Province for \$675,000.

Hon. Mr. Cushing has been here for the past two or three days in conference with the Bell Telephone officials and closed the deal to-day.

"Everything is now completed," said Mr. Cushing, smiling, "except the actual payment of the money. The Bell Telephone Company wanted \$750,000, but I believe the Province has secured a good bargain."

"I wired my Government at Edmonton to send a man to Calgary to-night to take over the system. It belongs to us from midnight April 1, and in future we will unite the Bell and Government wires into one system."

"How much Government-owned wire had you in Alberta?" Mr. Cushing was asked.

"About the same amount as the Bell owned in the Province. We began our telephone system as soon as we started our other Provincial utilities, but decided that now was the best time to buy to the Bell wires and make one good, up-to-date Government system."

Mr. Cushing expressed himself as exceedingly well pleased with the result of the bargain, and considers that Alberta secured a much better bargain than did Manitoba.

"What effect will your action have on Saskatchewan?" was the next query.

"Well, it is hard to say, but I rather think they will also buy the Bell system. They have an independent line there, with as much wire as the Bells have, and the two would be better combined."

When the story leaked out late to-night business men were loud in their praise of the good bargain made by Mr. Cushing, and think him entitled to every congratulatory note.

BOVIN WILL TESTIFY.

Boy Accused of Murder to Give Evidence in Detroit.

Detroit, March 31.—That Percy Bowen will take the stand in his own behalf before the week is out is the understanding about the court where he is being tried. It is also declared that he will acknowledge the killing, but will deny the intent, claiming that he struck the woman, but had no intention of killing her. Detectives Downey and Fox, who traced Bowen and arrested him at Woodville, Ont., were all on the stand this afternoon. Fox told of the confession made in the police station after the return here, adding nothing to the evidence that has already been introduced on this line. Attorney Keeney, for the defense, arose and declared that he would introduce evidence to show that undue influence had been used to secure the confession. There is just a possibility that one of Bowen's female companions will be connected with the crime through an effort to prove that Bowen assaulted Mrs. Welch and robbed her at the instigation of another woman.

Is the Dentist Needed?

Your tooth may ache and throb, but that's no reason for pulling it. Try this—rub Nerivine over the gums and put some batting soaked with Nerivine in the cavity and the pain goes right away. Nothing half so good for tooth-ache as Polson's Nerivine.

The first of the three new warships for Brazil, building in Britain, will be launched on the Tyne this month.

No need of days when you are not at your best. No need of headaches, dullness, irritability. A Cascaret, taken in time, avoids them.

All women need Cascarets. Simply because they don't exercise enough. They don't eat coarse food, or enough fruit and green vegetables. Those are Nature's ways for keeping the bowels active. But very few women employ them. The next best way is Cascarets.

Nearly all the minor ills of women can be avoided by Cascarets alone. There is no need to have headaches, depression, bad breath, bad complexion. The remedy is Cascarets. Not in large doses—unless you wait too long. The best way is one Cascaret at a time—just when you need it. One every day, perhaps.

It is simply a matter of keeping clean inside, as you do on the outside. You don't use soap in large quantities, and rarely. You use it frequently, regularly, just as you need it. Do the same with Cascarets. Then you are always well, always at your best. Cascarets are candy tablets. They are sold by all druggists, but never in bulk. Be sure you get the genuine, with CCC on every tablet. The price is 50c, 25c and Ten Cents per Box.

Prepare for Easter

We are well prepared to supply you with Easter Shoes; in fact, we were never so well prepared as we are at present. It makes no difference what price Shoes you want, WE HAVE THE BEST at any price from \$2.00 to \$7.50. When you take into consideration that all of our Shoes are purchased for spot cash, which enables us to buy at the very bottom price, and that we have the privilege of selecting from all Shoes made in Canada and the States, you will naturally conclude that this store should be a good store in which to buy your Shoes—and it certainly is. MEN'S WELT SHOES—While it is admitted by all that Climie keeps the FINEST and NICEST Shoes in the city, we wish it to be widely known that we keep the CHOICEST and BEST stock of both single and double Shoes at \$3, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4. Every pair has Good-year welt soles, very stylish and solid through and through. SOROSIS SHOES—We have been selling Sorosis Shoes for the past six years. Last year our Sorosis trade almost doubled any former year. We simply mention this fact to show how popular Sorosis Shoes for women have become in this city. OXFORDS AND PUMPS are going to be very fashionable this season. We are prepared for the big rush which will be on for these Shoes this month. Our advice is to buy NOW before the stocks are broken, Stocks in the hands of manufacturers are lighter than usual this season and some customers are going to be disappointed—BUY NOW. SHOE TREES AND ARCH SUPPORTS. You certainly should have one or more pairs of Shoe Trees. We have them 50 and 75c. We now have a machine for adjusting Arch supports to fit all feet. Do YOU need a pair?

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