

E. I. SIFTON TAKES THE STAND IN LONDON ELECTION CASE

Declares He Never Heard of a Conspiracy To Corrupt Electors at the By-Elections.

SAYS HE HANDLED LARGE SUMS FOR SOME ACCUSED

But Could Not Recall Where All the Money Came From—Admits Opening London West Ballot Box With Spence and Serviss—Prosecution Harks Back to Brantford Election of Twelve Years Ago.

[From Our Own Man.]
Toronto, Nov. 25.—The long-anticipated evidence of Edgar I. Sifton has at last come out, and the much-heralded bombshell was a squib. Sifton was on the stand for a couple of hours this afternoon, and gave his story with evident bias. He swore that he received \$100 from Mr. George M. Reid, and on cross-examination admitted that this money was for legitimate expenses. He swore that he had received between \$700 and \$800 from "Gorman." This was to cover all expenses, and an ordinary election costs about \$5,000, he said.
Witness was not certain that O'Gorman did not say that the money was for illegitimate purposes. He contradicted Jerry Collins flatly as to meetings regarding folding ballots, and said that he was not present. This was one of Jerry's strong points. Sifton dealt with Mr. James C. Duffield, Mr. George M. Reid and others, by which they were to take over Sifton's electric plant as a consideration for his staying away. Mr. McEvoy was acting as solicitor during this transaction, and compelled Sifton to acknowledge that this transaction was entered into months before Jerry Collins' confession, and had nothing at all to do with the election matters. Sifton also said he spent \$200 in the Beck-Rumball election, but could not tell where he got the money. He attempted to implicate O'Gorman in an attempt to get witness to commit perjury, but acknowledged that he knew nothing of a conspiracy. The story of Sifton created very little impression, as it was given in a very flippant manner.
Collins was recalled, but was dismissed in a short time. The crown will finish up tomorrow.
Jerry Collins was the first witness after the noon adjournment, and was taken in hand by Mr. J. M. McEvoy, K. C.
Q.—Is the book presented here of

McWatters Money Back If Wanted But S. A. Can Put It to Good Use

Staff Captain McGillivray Makes an Explanation About the Matter.

Staff Captain McGillivray has made the following statement re the McWatters' case:
"I regret very much the circumstances which have prevented Mrs. McWatters from coming to Canada.
"Our international immigrant office in London, Eng., had her case thoroughly investigated by a special officer, and in face of all our efforts to bring her and the family out, she pleaded ill-health and had just put her boy into a home, and other developments of a personal character stood in the way, and for the present at least we are compelled to cancel all arrangements.
"I found the daughter Martha very much broken up over the affair, and said she could not understand her mother's refusal to come out, after continual requests for help and urging Martha to try and find some way to assist her to come to Canada. I found the young girl very candid, and I know she has done her part in a noble way, and I assured her we

would explain matters through the press.
"Now we are prepared to pay any moneys given for the family if requested to do so, otherwise I would suggest it being put into a fund here in our immigration work in London for meeting expenses in assisting those who come out from time to time and have a struggle to get a start. I have been compelled to purchase some men's first week's groceries, and in case a poor boy comes to me to be replaced, I have to pay his board for a week, cases of sickness and cases where a man finds employment and needs a little money to purchase a railway ticket, and numerous are the demands upon us, and I have the utmost confidence in the sympathy of our friends, and believe they can trust us to do the very best with any funds put into our charge.
"I am leaving the city, and will carry all books with me containing information re the above case, and will adjust matters before putting the case into the hands of my successor, Adjutant Williams, who will always do his best to assist and befriended all who deserve a helping hand. Address all communications re the McWatters case to STAFF CAPT. J. M. MCGILLIVRAY, 181 Bay Street, Ottawa.

Judge MacMahon Recalls Early Days Famous Meeting in Biddulph Hall

When the Floor Fell in and the Speakers Went Through.

Mr. Justice MacMahon, now of Toronto, and who is a former Londoner, having at one time been a candidate in the Liberal interests here, is furnishing the Toronto News with some reminiscences of the early days in this district, where he was known years ago as a vigorous campaigner. Amongst other things his lordship says:

Campaigning in Middlesex.
A constituency to which, considering the near approach of election day, devoted considerable time, was North Middlesex, in the interest of James S. Smith, who had represented the riding since 1877. My efforts were confined to the townships of Biddulph and McGillivray.
In the election of 1871, Mr. Smith had a formidable opponent in Mr.

Charles Mackintosh (afterwards Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest Territories), who was then the editor and proprietor of the Strathroy Dispatch, an admirably conducted Conservative journal with a large circulation throughout the county of Middlesex. No candidates for parliamentary honors could have been better equipped than Mr. Mackintosh, as he was thoroughly conversant with the history of the political parties in Canada, a ready and forceful speaker, with an immense fund of humor, often a powerful adjunct in winning over audiences.

A Meeting in Biddulph.
At a meeting of the electors held in Biddulph on Page Two.

Burglars entered the home of Mrs. Robert Wood, of Berlin, securing \$40 in cash and a quantity of valuable jewelry.
The little son of Mr. M. T. Connolly of Logan Township, fell while playing in the schoolyard yesterday and broke his thigh.

Important Regulation Re Customs Every Importer in London Affected

Department Makes a New Order Re Allowing for Discounts on Shipments.

A dispatch from Toronto this afternoon says:
The department of customs has issued an order putting a stop to discounts for stated terms.

"In the past it has been the custom to give 2½ cents discount at ten days, but this has been discontinued, and will now be allowed only when on cash transactions without time."

Collector of Customs Elliot stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that

this would affect nearly every merchant in the city.
It is what is known as a conditional discount—that is, it is not deducted from the gross amount of the invoice.

Suppose, for instance, a man buys goods to the value of \$500, and the net bill is \$500 with, perhaps, 2½ per cent for cash, printed across the invoice. In that case the customs officers would charge duty on \$500. But in case it were a bill for \$500, and the 2½ per cent were deducted, making a total of \$487 50, the charges would only be based on that amount.
That is, in future merchants do not receive any discounts unless they either pay cash, or unless the firm they are dealing with is well known enough to trust them with the discount.

Prices of Drinks Have Again Fallen Local Hotelmen Failed To Keep Faith

Majority of Places Are Selling at the Old Prices Today.

The attempt of the local hotelmen to raise the prices of drinks throughout the city has proven somewhat of a failure, owing to the inability of the members of the association to stick together at the critical time.

Throughout yesterday afternoon nearly all goods were sold at the increased prices, but early in the evening a number of uptown bars found that they were not doing much business, and investigation revealed the fact that everyone who wanted a drink was flocking to certain hotels around the market.

The proprietors of these hotels, so the other members of the association claim, are directly responsible for the

failure of the movement, in that they, contrary to the arrangement, cut the increased prices within a few hours after they went into force.

To say that many of the hotelmen are disgusted is putting it mildly, and anyone who mentions a move for raising prices to them just now is likely to get hurt.

They declare that never again will they trust certain other hotelmen to stick together in an affair such as was planned.

"The hotelmen of this city never did stick together," said one man this morning, "and this is the last time I join any league, no matter what it may be for. There is always someone who plays the traitor, and comes out with a neat bunch of money as a result."

Two hotels did not raise their prices at all, the Richmond House and the Fraser House.

A number of the hotels are still charging the increased rates.

Niagara Power Contract Not Produced Aldermen Have Not Seen Document

London Electric Company May Install Gas Producer Plant.

The proposed Niagara power contract has not yet reached the city hall. It is still in City Solicitor Meredith's office.

"I have seen nothing of it as yet," City Clerk Baker said to The Advertiser today.

"I have not seen it, either," Acting Mayor Stevely told the reporter. "Why then, the agreement or contract has not been in the hands of the mayor and aldermen the past month or so is a mystery."

It is pretty well agreed that the document should be in the hands of the council before the final decision to submit Niagara power to a vote of the people, but thus far it has failed to materialize.

It was stated at the city hall today that the city will have competition on

its hands if it undertakes to distribute power and light over its own

territory. The assertion was made that the London Electric Company is now negotiating with a producer gas concern with a view to installing such an engine, and entering into competition with Niagara power.

It was also stated in the mayor's office that the Goldie & McCulloch Company, of Galt, which manufactures engines, etc., has installed a producer gas engine and plant.

It was rumored around the city hall today, too, that the electrical companies in places where Niagara power is to be adopted, in case the bylaws carry, are getting together for the purpose of testing the legislation which the Ontario Government passed, and which gives the municipalities the right to go into competition with the companies through the sale of Niagara power, without reference to the rights of the existing companies.

Mr. C. B. Hunt, of the London Electric Company, could not be seen in regard to this rumor.

Trial Adjourns Awaiting Witnesses

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Nov. 26.—Court did not sit until 11:20, as several witnesses wanted by the crown were not present.

"I regret to say that the train on which three or four witnesses were supposed to be has arrived, and they are not here," declared Mr. Staunton. "I would therefore ask that court adjourn until 2 o'clock."

Judge Winchester agreed to this.

The witnesses are Tom Lewis and George Kelly, London, and one or two more. These witnesses will not take much time and arguments for non-suit will be begun this afternoon, and so far the crown has made a poor case, as absolutely no evidence of conspiracy in Toronto has been offered.

The Wilcox Co. Goes Into Liquidation

The Wilcox Manufacturing Company, of Chelsea Green, manufacturers of builders' hardware, etc., went into forced liquidation yesterday afternoon.

The company organized three or four years ago with an authorized capital of \$250,000, of which amount about \$100,000 was paid up.

Mr. Arthur E. Dymont was the president, Mr. Thomas Baker, vice-president, Mr. Charles E. Santo, manager, and W. E. Wismer and Dr. A. Santo, directors.

The firm employed all the way between fifty and one hundred hands, and always paid good wages.

Business was brisk, and only a few weeks ago, the concern began the erection of an addition which would have doubled its capacity. It was said at the time that the firm had orders which would keep it busy for a year at least.

The great volume of business being transacted required the use of a large amount of capital, and when the money stringency became acute, the Wilcox people found it impossible to go ahead.

A call was sent out to the stockholders, asking them to pay up. It is said that Mr. Dymont, who resides in Barry, had subscribed for about \$37,000, and Mr. Baker, of this city, for a block of stock amounting to about \$20,000.

These gentlemen, with Mr. Wismer, for reasons which they apparently deemed sufficient, refused to pay up, and the company went into liquidation.

It is understood that liabilities are about \$50,000 in excess of the subscribed capital.

Two local banks are creditors to the extent of \$15,000 and \$10,000 respectively.

The London and Western Trusts Company will act as liquidators.

When seen by The Advertiser today, Manager Moore, of the trust company, declined to make any statement in regard to the affairs of the company.

"The books are not in a condition to allow of a statement being made for a few days," he said.

The manager added that he has a man at present going over the affairs of the company, and that a statement will likely be issued very shortly.

A meeting of the shareholders will likely be called in a few days, when the affairs of the company, and the alleged refusal of certain stock subscribers to pay up will be discussed.

Mr. Robert White, aged 90 years, a pioneer resident of Bruce Township, died on Saturday.

An Old Boys' Association was formed in Petrolia yesterday, and it is likely that a big celebration will be held next summer.

CARRIES OFF FURS OF GAY CARD PARTY

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Nov. 26.—A daring robbery occurred at 179 Carlton street last night, when Mrs. Angus was giving a euchre party. The guests were having a big time when a noise was heard upstairs. Investigation showed the bathroom door to be fast. When burst open the burglar, it was found, had jumped through the window. Furs belonging to the guests, to the value of \$400, are missing. Other garments were scattered on the lawn.

FRENCH SHIP MISSING SEVENTY-FIVE ABOARD

St. Pierre, Miquelon, Nov. 26.—Fears are entertained for the safety of a French fishing vessel Angler, which left St. Pierre two months ago for France. Aboard the vessel were 75 men bound home, and since leaving port nothing has been heard of her.

PORK IS DUE FOR ANOTHER DROP

"Canadian pork is due for another drop," said Market Clerk Maher this morning. "In Chicago live pork is selling at three and a half, while here the dressed article brings seven and a half."

There was all kinds of pork on the local market this morning, there being over a hundred dressed hogs offered for sale.

The local price is said to be much higher than the market warrants, and a sudden drop is predicted.

TO LIMIT THE PLAYERS

National League Will Endeavor to Keep Down the Salary List.

New York, Nov. 26.—One of the proposals which it is expected, will be made at the coming meeting of the National League of baseball clubs in New York, will be to limit the number of players that any one club may retain on its salary list. It is stated that George B. Dwyer, of Boston Club, will propose the adoption of a resolution forbidding the reservation of more than eighteen players and providing that not more than five new men may be added during a playing season. Dwyer declares that the salvation of the big leagues depends on the reduction of expense, and that in order to retain public interest the teams must be more evenly matched.

A FREE LANCE AFFAIR

Government Unable to Assist in Newspapermen's Tour of British Isles.

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—The promoters of the proposed Canadian newspapermen's tour of Europe during next summer, laid a lengthy statement before the Government in order to ascertain if financial assistance would be provided if the project was carried out upon dignified lines. The plea urged was that a party of Canadians could do more good for Canada by a tour of Britain than could Britishers who rushed through Canada at the Government's expense. After due consideration the department of the interior states that the Government cannot hold out any hope of assistance to the newspapermen of Canada. The proposed tour may now be arranged as a free lance affair and pleasure hunt, without any restrictions as to scope.

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

A young Englishman was arrested last night by Chief Wilson, of Strathroy on a charge of stealing a pair of shoes. He will be given a hearing in a day or so.

HOMESTEAD ENTRIES.

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—There was a net decrease in the number of homestead entries made in September, 1907, compared with September, 1906. Of 200 of a total of 611 made in September, 1907, by persons coming from the United States, there were 174 from North Dakota, 116 from Minnesota, 36 from Kansas, 33 from South Dakota, 30 each from Washington and Wyoming, 29 from Michigan and 25 from Illinois.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND MILD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Nov. 26.—8 a.m.

Today—High northwesterly winds; cold; with snow flurries.

Wednesday—Southwesterly winds; fine and milder.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary 42 26 Fair

Winnipeg 42 26 Fair

Port Arthur 42 26 Clear

Parry Sound 32 26 Snow

Toronto 32 26 Cloudy

Ottawa 26 26 Cloudy

Montreal 26 26 Cloudy

Quebec 30 30 Cloudy

Father Point 36 30 Rain

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

A snowstorm has been general in the Province of Quebec, and heavy rain in the Maritime Provinces. The weather is cold in Manitoba, but quite mild further west.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 20-40; Owen Sound, 2-4; Aylmer, 8-18; Edmonton, 22-36; Calgary, 24-40; Regina, 6-34; Prince Albert, 14-24; Winnipeg, 18-30; Port Arthur, 22-40; Parry Sound, 16-34; Toronto, 20-38; Ottawa, 20-38; Montreal, 28-30; Quebec, 30-36; St. John, 30-44; Halifax, 30-44.

GOT WHISKY FOR INDIANS FINED \$50 AND COSTS IN COURT

Police Magistrate Love Dealt Leniently With a Man Named Halenight—Interesting Features of the Case.

The first case to be tried under the act restricting the sale of intoxicating liquors to people not permitted to drink, was heard before Magistrate Love this morning and proved a most interesting one.

A few days ago while Policeman Greene was on his rounds, he noticed Frank Loman, a young man who has been placed on the "Indian list," hanging around the Grand Central.

The officer at once informed the bartender, who said that he had refused to sell Loman any liquor, knowing him to be on the prohibited list.

He had also asked Loman to leave several times, but he refused to do so. The proprietor was called, and Loman was ejected, and an information laid

against him under the terms of the act.

When he appeared this morning Magistrate Love found him guilty, and fined him \$10 and costs, and warned him that he was in future only to go into a hotel on commercial business, and that if he were found loitering or harboring in a hotel in the future, he is liable to be prosecuted.

The Act.

Caluse 7, section 125, says, "If the person having such habit by himself or by any other person, shall within twelve months after service of such notice purchase or attempt to purchase or procure liquor, or shall be found loitering or loitering in or about the barroom or other place in which liquor is dispensed, upon the premises of any person, named out

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Business Outlook Is Improving Factories Are Becoming Busier

Two Firms Report Receipt of Big Orders—Building Permits Are Numerous.

Despite some minor setbacks, business in London appears to be steadily picking up, and many manufacturers and wholesale men report orders coming in more freely.

It was stated today that the enameling department of McClarys, which had been running on half time for some time past, is now running full blast, and that the firm has at

least six months' work ahead in this department.

A large brass firm began this week the filling of one of the largest orders it has received in three years.

In many other lines of business a distinct improvement has been noted. It has been remarked, too, that the number of building permits these days is, if anything, in excess of the permits issued at the same time last year.

Relief Inspector McCallum reports very few applicants for relief, and Inspector Sanders, of the Children's Aid Society, has a similar story to tell. On the whole, the business public is satisfied with conditions.

General Manager Bennett To Leave

It was officially announced by the Bennett Theatrical Enterprises Company, Limited, of London, that Mr. C. W. Bennett, general manager of the company, who has resided here since 1904, will in the future take up his headquarters in New York City, and will leave London in two weeks.

The growth of the Bennett circuit, and the fact that New York is the dramatic and vaudeville center of America, necessitates the move.

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tend the affairs of the company in the metropolis, but the fact of his taking up his residence there will not, it is said, affect the standing of Mr. Clarke Brown, the present booking agent.

Mr. Bennett at present resides on King street, near Wellington.

Beyond his removal, there will be no changes in the local offices, and in the future, as in the past, will be the financial headquarters of the company.

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But Few Crooks in County

"The fall has evidently driven all the crooks from the county into the city," said one of the county constables this morning.

"Never has it been so quiet around the court house as it is, and has been for some time. At the present time

no complaints are being received and everything is going along as calmly as if crooks were unknown in Middlesex.

As a general rule the jail at this time of the year is filled, but there is plenty of room there now for miscreants."

CANADIANS WAR ON BRAZIL REPULSED WHEN ATTACKING TOWN

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 26.—A Brazilian Sebastião de Magalhães, who recently published in some American newspapers a proclamation inviting subscriptions to aid an expedition in overthrowing one of the states of Brazil, landed Sunday at Bahia and later embarked on a tugboat with four Canadians and four Englishmen for the town of Ilheus, a seaport about 125

miles distant from Bahia. Arriving there the little band, which was well armed, attacked the town where a detachment of police and a number of inhabitants offered resistance. One of the attacking party was killed, and another was made prisoner. The rest of the party fled after having cut the telegraph communications. The Government has issued an order for the capture of the men who escaped.

Goderich Town Stricken With Smallpox Epidemic

Goderich, Nov. 26.—Smallpox is epidemic here, and between 40 and 50 cases have been quarantined.

Schools have been closed and a general vaccination of citizens and children has been ordered.

The churches held no services yesterday on account of the outbreak. Service was held in the Roman Catholic Church, but an announcement was made that no further services would be held until the spread of the disease had been checked.

This is the story in condensed form that has created a feeling of intense anxiety here, and business has suffered in consequence. The very large number of cases, and the number of people who have been exposed to these cases has created a condition that is not at all realized. Every step that can be taken to eradicate and check the disease has been taken.

Dr. Charles A. Hodgkiss, of the provincial health department, has arrived here, and is doing all that can be done with the staff of the local doctors. Hospital accommodation is comparatively small, and most of the cases are being treated in private residences.

The cause of such a great number

of cases is due to the fact that those who contracted the disease labored under the impression that it was chickenpox and mingled with their friends without any hesitation or fear. One or two cases of a more serious character developed, the Ontario authorities were communicated with, and quarantine established. The board of education has issued an order closing all the schools, and the council has passed a bylaw that every person in town must be vaccinated within seven days.

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