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ESCAPED BALLOT SWITCHER IN PREMIER ROSS' EMPLOY

Name of Duncan Bole on Document Signed Last Month by Mr. Ross—Sent to Jamaica to be out of the Way—The Machine Traced Home to Premier.

Orono, May 22.—A startling revelation was made at a meeting held here to-night in the interests of Mr. W. H. Reid, the Conservative candidate in West Durham. Mr. C. C. Robinson, of Toronto, produced a photograph of an insurance receipt issued by the Manufacturers Life in Jamaica, dated just a month ago, signed and countersigned by Duncan Bole, the West Elgin ballot-switcher, now a fugitive from justice, and by Hon. Geo. W. Ross, the president of the company.

Mr. F. B. Lovick, ex-reeve of Clarke, took the chair, and made a few remarks, introducing the speaker.

Mr. E. H. McLean, of Newcastle, then spoke briefly on the local features of the campaign, appealing to the electors to support W. H. Reid, as a man who told the truth.

MR. ROBINSON'S BOMB.

Mr. C. C. Robinson said:—

"You all, I have no doubt, have read the celebrated confession, made in July, 1899, of Mr. Donald Macnish, the Grit ex-member, who was unseated on account of the infamous practices which prevailed during his campaign in 1898. He confessed that a large number of persons were especial-

eight electors swore to the fact that ballots had been wrongfully counted for Macnish, which were deposited for McDiarmid.

"A warrant was issued for Bole's arrest, charging him with five offences against the Criminal Code and the Election Act. He was arrested at the Sault, and from time to time remained on bail. Mr. Donohue, the Crown Attorney, insisted, contrary to the wishes of the Conservative lawyers, on conducting the prosecution, and on May 10th, wrote to the Attorney-General's office for the ballots which had been used in this polling booth. An answer was received that these documents were not under the control of the Attorney-General. This letter was on May 18th, 1899. It would be a surprise to everybody—if one could be surprised at anything—in connection with the West Elgin business—to be told that the Government Commissioner found as a fact that these ballots had been burnt in the Parliament Buildings, on April 12th or 13th, one month before the Attorney-General said they were not under the control of his department.

WHAT MR. ROSS SAID.

"The ease dragged on for weeks, and at last Duncan Bole skipped his bail and went over to the American side. Since July, 1900, his place of residence has, until very recently, been unknown. Now, at Whitby, on Nov. 14, 1899, after Bole's arrest, and escape through the negligence, or worse, of

mier and strengtheners of the 'moral foundations' of the country. And Duncan Bole, the escaped ballot switcher, the fugitive from justice of this Province.

"This, I think needs no comment from me. The fact is clear. The evidence is incontrovertible. It speaks for itself."

FRASER AHEAD

A discussion arose between a couple of the men at Gray's factory Thursday over the election and so an election was held fore and aft to see who would win. The ballot was taken as the men went out from work. It resulted in a majority of 11 for Mr. Fraser.

GOES TO ENGLAND

Col. J. B. Rankin received a telegram yesterday from Col. Peters, D. O. C., to the effect that Color Sergeant Max Fraser had been chosen from the 24th Regiment for the Coronation contingent. Mr. Fraser has been given six weeks' leave of absence from the bank with pay. He is busy getting his kit ready for the trip. Mr. Fraser is a fine specimen of young manhood, and Chatham will have a good representative in Max.

The Liberals held a meeting at the school house, 11th Con, Chatham Tn. Jones occupied the chair and made a good master of ceremonies. Good addresses were delivered by J. W. White, Dr. Fleming, N. H. Stevens and Dr. Russell. There was no opposition.

J. W. Knight has returned from Northwood. He says John Lee held a meeting there this week, but it wasn't at all an enthusiastic one.

EXPERT SAFE CRACKSMEN SECURE A BIG BOOTY

Entered the Store of James H. Bogart Shortly After Midnight—Blew Open the Safe and Secured Over \$126 in Cash—A Daring Deed.

Bogart's store on Queen St., was burglarized last evening. The safe was blown open and over \$126 abstracted therefrom. The job was neatly done and nothing about the safe was injured, except the combination. The deed was undoubtedly the work of experts.

The robbery was discovered this morning at 8:30 and the police notified. The burglars had evidently a key to the front door and left by the back. The explosion was heard about one o'clock. Both Mr. Putnam and Mr. Cuckey heard the noise of the explosion. They say it sounded like the report of a cannon firecracker.

P. C. Tom Groves inspected the safe. He said that the job as far as the drilling was concerned was done clean and nice, and wasn't bungled in the least. The combination had first been knocked off and then two holes had been drilled to the left of the combination. One hole was about a quarter of an inch in diameter and was drilled about an inch from the handle. The other hole was right in line with the first hole but was larger, being a half inch in diameter. The explosion broke the combination and the safe door was swung open.

The robbers showed a knowledge of safes and were no novices at the business.

Mr. Bogart had banked \$75 yesterday and there was about \$186 in the safe, \$50 in silver and the rest in bills.

When the baker, Mr. Moore, went to work at 1:45 a. m., he noticed the back gate open. The gate was always locked but as the store door was fastened Mr. Moore thought nothing of the gate being opened. He went to work, and the robbery was not discovered till morning.

TEACHERS IN CONVENTION

Successful Gathering of East Kent Association at Ridgetown.

Mrs. John Cooper Contributed to the Evening Concert—Delightful Program.

The teachers of East Kent are holding their annual convention in Ridgetown Thursday and Friday. There are about 70 teachers in attendance and the subjects under discussion are well dealt with and prove very interesting and beneficial.

The convention was opened with an address of welcome by the president, J. C. Black. He urged the teachers to be punctual in their attendance, as much good can be got from meetings of this kind.

A paper on promotion was then read by O. B. Edwards, principal of the Bothwell public school. Mr. Edwards dealt with his subject thoroughly and showed that he has given the subject much careful thought and preparation.

A paper on geometry for beginners was then read by J. D. Campbell. This also is well deserving of special mention. After considerable amount of routine the meeting adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session was just as successful as that of the morning. Upon opening short complimentary addresses were delivered to the teachers by county commissioners R. J. Morrison, of Raleigh, and W. C. Sifton, of Palmyra.

A carefully prepared paper on drawing was then read by Miss A. B. Stone.

"Our public school reader" was ably dealt with by J. E. Caldwell.

Dr. R. V. Bray, of this city, executive officer of the Children's Aid Society, then took the platform and addressed the teachers on the neglected children.

He dealt with the object of the Children's Aid Society and the causes for which they could take children under their care. He also explained the routine through which the case travels from the time the complaint is made until the judge gives his final decision. He then gave a number of statistics regarding the work accomplished by the Society during the last four years and pointed out that one good which has been accomplished was that where formerly they had taken children away from their parents, now they gave a warning by careful observation, thus making the children more comfortable in their own homes. He also exhibited a number of pictures of children who have been placed in good homes by the Society. He thanked the teachers of the different schools who have contributed to the Society, pointing out that as the Society receives no government grant they are entirely dependant on donations and charity.

On the whole, Dr. Bray's address, which lasted for about half an hour,

was very interesting and keenly enjoyed by the teachers, who could not but be interested in the work of the Society.

Dr. Bray was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for his excellent address.

In the evening a concert was given in the Opera House, at which a large number of teachers and the public were in attendance. Mrs. Cooper, the talented soloist of this city, was there and gave a number of excellent vocal selections. D. McGregor, baritone, of Toronto, was also present and appeared a number of times on the program. Prof. Workman presided at the piano, and besides playing the accompaniments, gave a number of instrumental solos.

MARCH-OUT

Weekly Parade of the 24th Kent Regiment Draw Many Enthusiastic Spectators.

The 24th Regiment held another march-out last evening, which was very largely attended by spectators. The ranks, however, were somewhat thin and this fact was commented upon by the Colonel after the parade. This was partly owing to the fact that a number of the members of the regiment have left the city to spend the holidays at their homes.

The members who did turn out, however, made a very good showing and received generous applause from the citizens who lined King street. While the regiment was passing the Garner House a red light was thrown upon the soldiers from the balcony, which produced a very novel effect.

Upon the return of the regiment to the drill hall the regimental orders for the week were read. There will be no drills on Monday, owing to that day being observed as a public holiday. Requests have been made to the Colonel by the members of the regiment to attend the celebration at Windsor in the uniform of the 24th Regiment. This was strictly forbidden by the Colonel. Col. Rankin also announced that the looked for uniforms for the bugle band would in all probability be here for the next march-out, when the bugle band will turnout with the regiment.

CAMPAIGN MEETING

A meeting was held last evening in the interests of the Liberal candidate, T. L. Pardo. Ald. McCoig, of this city, was the first speaker, speaking along the usual lines and was responded to by J. M. Pike for the opposition. Mr. Mulvey, of Toronto, was the next speaker for Pardo. It will be remembered that this gentleman was here in the Smith-Stephens campaign, but the constituency became too warm for him at that time and he was forced to retire from the field.

Mr. Fyran then spoke for Mr. Fraser, answering Mulvey.

A. H. White followed for Pardo and the meeting broke up with the usual cheers.

Joseph Tait, who has been spending a few days in the city, left yesterday for Windsor.

6723 INTERIM POLICY
The Manufacturers and Temperance and General LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY
HEAD OFFICE: TORONTO, CANADA
Received from Adam Rosenberg, Esq. the sum of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for the first year's premium on a Policy on the life of Harold G. Rosenberg 1861 for the amount of \$15,000.00 for which application was made the 20th April 1902.
The above named is insured according to the terms of the Policy above applied for for three months from date hereof, until receipt of notice of prior declaration by the Company, in which case the payment mentioned above will be returned.
I have carefully examined the papers mentioned applicant, and approve of the issue of the Policy on 20th April 1902.
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ly sent into the constituency by men working on behalf of the Liberal party for the express purpose of taking part in Mr. Macnish's behalf in the election, and he believed that fraudulent and corrupt means were used by some of such persons to secure his election; that some of said persons illegally and without authority acted as deputy returning officers, and in at least three cases so acted in the names of reputable local men, having under assumed names been introduced to the returning officer by local agents of Mr. Macnish. That the declared number of votes for Mr. Macnish largely exceeded the number of bona-fide votes cast for him.

WHO BOLE IS.
"Duncan Bole was one of these fraudulent deputy returning officers. He took the place of a Mr. Stafford, since dead, who had been appointed deputy in polling division No. 4, Southwold, without warrant from the returning officer. From Stafford he wrongfully got possession of the ballot box, ballot papers, etc., and, as found by the commission appointed by the Ross Government, illegally acted as deputy returning officer.

"In his polling booth, from 40 to 50 McDiarmid ballots were converted into Macnish votes by this expert, making a difference of between 80 and 100 votes at this one place, and totally changing the result of the count over to Mr. Macnish. Bole was a Government officer at Sault Ste. Marie, but while in West Elgin he registered as from Ingersoll. About

Crown officers, the Premier spoke as follows:
"I... shall devote all my energies, not simply to the development of the country, but to the moral development of the people. Righteousness exalteth a nation. Let us strengthen the moral foundations of this country, thus purifying elections where they are impure."

"You would not think that this highly moral statesman would have any connection with a man like Duncan Bole. You would deny at once the charge that during all these three years the Premier of Ontario has known—or ought to have known—where this 'fugitive from justice' as he has been described by a leading Liberal statesman, has been carrying on business.

WHAT MR. ROSS SAID.
"You would be horrified if I told you that Duncan Bole, the man who fled from charges of perjury, fraud, and other criminal offences, has acted while still a fugitive from justice, with the knowledge and consent of Hon. George W. Ross, in a position of trust in a company of which George W. Ross is president. But I tell you now that this is true. Photographs cannot lie—they differ from Grit journals in that respect. I have here a photograph of an insurance receipt, issued by the Manufacturers and Temperance and General Life Assurance Company, to Adam Rosenberg, in Jamaica. This receipt is dated April 15th, 1902, just a month ago. It is signed—by whom? By Duncan Bole. It is countersigned by Duncan Bole.

"And who do you think has also signed this interesting document?—George W. Ross, the president of the company for which Duncan Bole acts as agent; George W. Ross, the Pre-

PIONEER CALLED

Sarah Ann Colby, beloved wife of Jacob Colby, Murray street, died on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, aged 67 years and three months.

Deceased has been sick for the last four weeks with heart disease, and her death was not entirely unexpected. She has been in poor health ever since she moved to Chatham, and her death was deserved of some time ago. She recovered somewhat, but became suddenly worse four weeks ago.

Deceased is one of the pioneers of Kent, and has lived here all of her life. Her maiden name was McLaughlin, and after her marriage to Mr. Colby they settled down on the 6th concession of Harwich. A year ago Mr. Colby retired, and they moved to the city and took up their residence on Murray street. Besides a husband she leaves two children to mourn her loss. They are Mrs. Lampman, of this city and W. D. Colby on the old homestead. Three sisters and two brothers also survive her. They are Mrs. J. H. Golden, Lacota, Mich.; Mrs. J. C. Colby, city; Mrs. J. O. Leitch, of Dover, Ohio; Mrs. J. E. McGloaglin, Dresden, and W. E. McGloaglin, of Everett, Wash.

Deceased was a member of the Park St. Methodist church and all during her illness she was comforted by Christian faith and fortitude.

The funeral will take place on Sunday at two o'clock to the Maple Leaf Cemetery. Rev. Dr. Hannon will conduct the obsequies.

Ferdinand Pare, drowned in Windsor, was at one time a resident of this city. He was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. William McPaul, Taylor avenue. Mrs. McPaul and son have gone to Windsor.