

RENFREW REBUKES ATTEMPT AT DISHONORABLE POLITICS FINE VICTORY FOR GRAHAM

Decisive Win for Former Minister of Railways the Electorate's Reply to Opponents of "the Square Deal."

WINNER DESCRIBES TOM LOW, WHO RETIRED, AS HERO OF CAMPAIGN

Mayor Tells Electors That Constituency Has Declared Against Plots of Meddlers From Outside—A Stirring Celebration.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The latest returns from South Renfrew give Hon. George P. Graham a majority of 234, with two small polls to hear from. The final majority is expected to be about 280.

In a statement today, Dr. Maloney, the defeated candidate, said he did not think the "agreement" had defeated him. He attributed it to the failure of the east end of the riding to give the support he had looked for.

Renfrew, Feb. 22.—Complete returns so far show Hon. George P. Graham's majority in 42 polls is 293, with five places to hear from. From two places a drive of forty-five or fifty miles is necessary to reach a telephone. Returns from some polls may not be received until Saturday. In the five places unreported the vote in last election stood 114 for Low and 116 for Maloney.

South Renfrew's honor is saved. The electors of this riding have chosen Hon. George P. Graham, and in so doing have rebuked the North Renfrew, Brockville and Ottawa men, including members of the cabinet and of Parliament, who forced the breaking of the agreement made by the Liberals and Conservatives of the riding to return Mr. Graham unopposed if Mr. T. W. McGarry was elected to the Legislature by acclamation.

The Borden Government lost its first by-election, and Hon. Frank Cochrane will have to face his predecessor in the department of railways and canals. Hon. Dr. Reid's action in forcing this contest, from which he withdrew as soon as he had set the mischief brewing, is condemned by the judgment of results.

Mr. Graham's victory is, of course, attributable in no small measure to the honorable Conservatives of South Renfrew, who felt themselves bound by the agreement signed by the president, secretary, and many of the executive of their association, and ratified by their convention. They felt that the first duty of an honest man was to keep his word, in politics, as well as in business, and nobly they have kept it. Some did not vote at all, and some even voted for Mr. Graham.

Renfrew, Ont., Feb. 22.—Hon. Geo. P. Graham, late minister of railways in the Laurier Government, and a defeated candidate in Brockville in the last election, is now able once more to write "M. P." after his name, and Dr. M. J. Maloney, his opponent, goes down to a second defeat. All that the Conservative party can show for a solid 30 days of strenuous work is a reduced Liberal majority, estimated to be in the neighborhood of 300. Two hundred and ninety-three votes, with five polls to hear from, to be exact, is the vote, while their opponents secure the election of an ex-cabinet minister, recognized as one of the strongest men of his party, and spoken of as the logical successor at some future date of his present leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Campaign Was Warm.
One of the most fiercely fought by-elections in recent political history was consummated when the returns, incomplete on account of the stormy conditions which prevailed all through the riding, announced that Hon. Mr. Graham, who was promised an unopposed election in South Renfrew, in return for the unanimous return of T. W. McGarry to the Legislature, and then had to fight for it tooth and nail, was to obtain his seat, after all.

His supporters in Renfrew, and, in fact, all through the riding, threw up their hands when they heard the news, and in speeches and brass band serenades their joy found outward expression. That they had won a notable victory of far more than local interest, they were by no means loath to state, and they were equally ready to denounce the methods alleged to have been employed by their opponents.

The returns were, on account of the extent and widely separated nature of the constituency, necessarily very incomplete. In many cases only the majorities in the different polls could be secured, while five polling stations in outlying districts are still to be heard from.

London Liberals Wire Congratulations.
The executive of the London Club wired Hon. George P. Graham, M. P., last night, as follows: "Kindly accept hearty congratulations from London Liberal Club. Liberals are delighted, and executive of club hope you may be with us soon for a Western Ontario celebration of victory, so important to future of Liberal party and welfare of Canada."

SIR WILFRID WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD THE LIBERAL PARTY
And With Graham on Hand Lively Times Are Ahead.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will continue as the leader of the Liberal party, and Hon. Mr. Graham will fall naturally into place as one of his chief advisers.

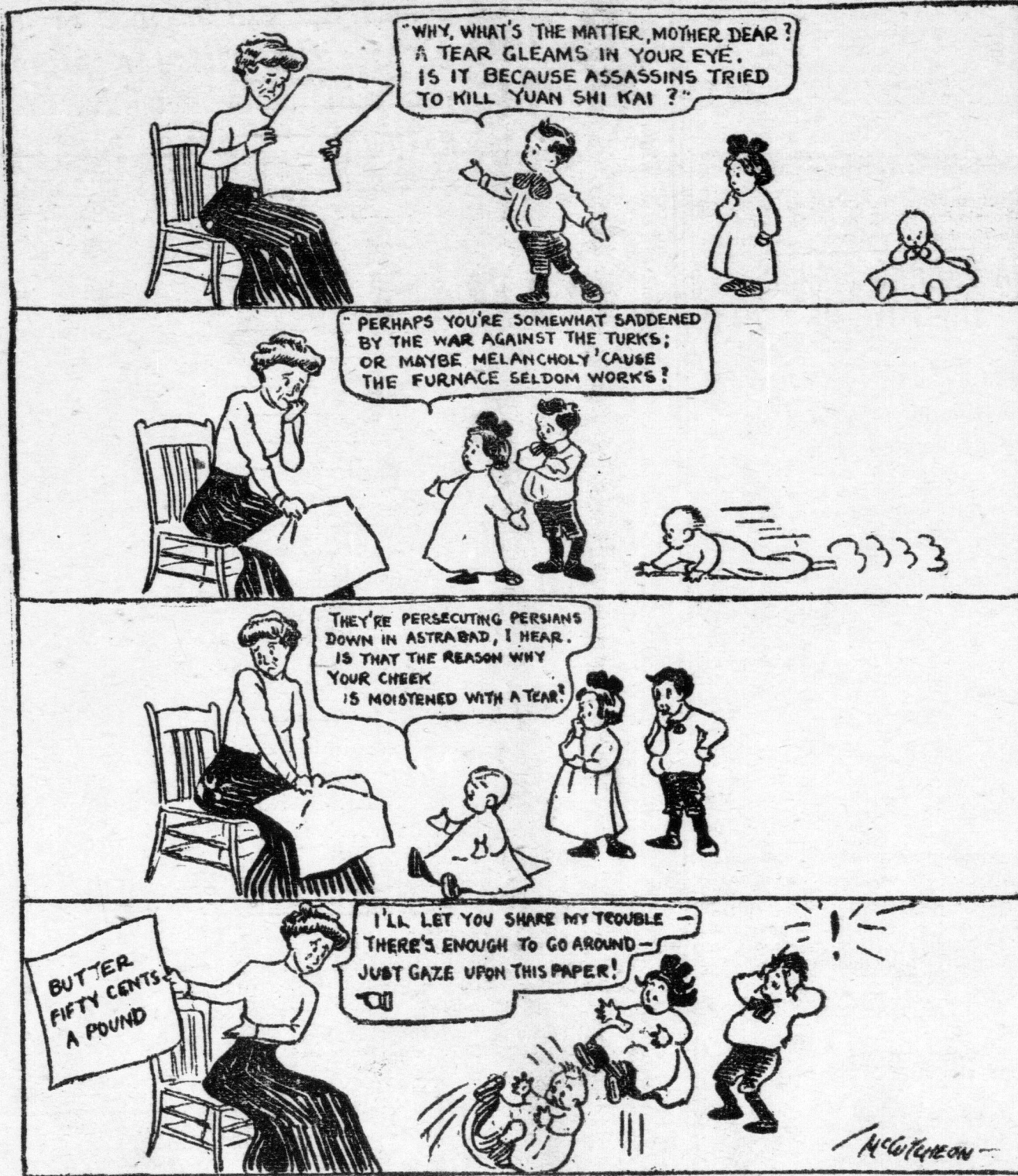
It is quite upon the cards that Sir Wilfrid will lead the Liberals through the next general election. He certainly will if the Government follows the present intention of bringing on a general election immediately after redistribution, which will mean that the people will be called upon to vote in a little more than a year.

The session will close in a lively fashion. The Liberals feel that they have made a distinct gain, and intend to emphasize the fact that they were not killed on Sept. 21. There will be a fight on every possible occasion, and Finance Minister White is likely to have a far more lively time with his budget than would have been the case had Graham been beaten.

WHY THE TEAR STOOD IN HER EYE.

By John T. McCutcheon.

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SOUTH LONDON LADY DIED VERY SUDDENLY

Mrs. Catharine McLarty Died While Preparing Breakfast in Home On Euclid Avenue.

HEART DISEASE CAUSE

Coroner Ferguson Was Notified, But Decided That an Inquest Was Unnecessary.

Death came with startling suddenness to Mrs. Catharine McLarty, in her apartments at 112 Elmwood avenue this morning, when she succumbed to an attack of heart disease while engaged in preparing her breakfast.

Coroner Dr. Ferguson was called, but decided that death was due to natural causes, and that an inquest was unnecessary.

Mrs. McLarty resided with her son, Dr. McLarty, who graduated here in 1909, and who is now taking an arts course at the Western University. She arose in her usual health, but while preparing breakfast was stricken with heart failure.

Mrs. McKenna, in whose home she lived, heard the fall, but upon reaching her found that life was extinct. Mrs. McLarty, who was the widow of the late Angus McLarty, formerly of Yarmouth, was 64 years of age.

She had been in the West with her son during the summer, but returned with the doctor last fall, when he desired to resume his studies at the Western.

The deceased is also survived by one daughter, Mrs. McLachlan, the wife of a St. Thomas druggist.

The funeral arrangements have not been made, but interment will probably be made in Yarmouth.

IRELAND'S TROUBLES.
Brantford, Feb. 23.—Harold Ireland was this morning fined \$25 by Magistrate Livingstone for the theft of pig iron, which he removed at night in a sleigh from the Buck stove works. The magistrate said he would have made the penalty more severe but for circumstances in Ireland's family.



HON. GEORGE P. GRAHAM, Ex-Minister of Railways, Who Won the South Renfrew By-Election.

LONDON MAN IN FIERCE BLIZZARD ALMOST OVERCOME IN DRIFTS

Joseph Robinson Had a Terrible Experience Near Clondeboye—Left Sleigh on Road and Reached Village With His Horses.

With His Horses.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Clondeboye, Feb. 23.—Mr. Joseph Robinson, of 44 Victor street, London, agent for the Moore Fruit Company of that city, had a terrible experience in the blizzard yesterday afternoon. He drove here when the storm was at its height, hoping to drive as far as Denfield before dark. He had only gone about a mile when his team got stalled in a snow drift, and before Mr. Robinson could get out and unhitch them a fierce gust of wind caught his covered sleigh and overturned it, with the result that he was thrown out and the harness broken.

Awkward Predicament.
After picking himself out of the drift Mr. Robinson decided that he could not possibly leave his team. He got a halter out of the sleigh, and after endless trouble succeeded in fastening horse and harness, and as much as he could, and arrived at the hotel nearly perished with the cold. Some hours afterwards when the storm had let up a little he went back with some men and brought in the sleigh. A quantity of cases of oranges and other fruits were all frozen. The sleigh itself was so badly damaged that Mr. Robinson will be unable to proceed until extensive repairs are made.

Badly Frost Bitten.
Karl O'Neill and another boy while driving home from Lucan High School were badly frost bitten. They had waited for awhile after school thinking that the storm would calm a little, but seeing that it was getting worse they decided to try and get home.

After they had gone about a mile the storm became so bad that they could not see. The horse ran into the ditch, and the cutter was overturned, throwing the occupants out. Mr. O'Neill, while holding the plunging horse, got his hand caught in the bridle and it was badly hurt. The harness and one shaft of the cutter were also broken. When the young fellows reached here they had the cutter and harness repaired, and O'Neill had his hand dressed. His chum's feet were nipped by the frost.

Mr. Walter Hodgins, who runs the stage between Lucan and Clondeboye, had also great difficulties in getting here to meet the evening train. He was not able to make his return trip to Lucan.

LONDON LIBERALS JUBILANT OVER THE SOUTH RENFREW WIN

Hon. George P. Graham Will Show House Why Borden Didn't Want Him.

Intense interest was manifested by Londoners in the by-election held on Thursday in South Renfrew, and when it was certain that Hon. Geo. P. Graham was elected, the Liberals were elated. There was some betting on the result in the city. Mr. Graham's chances being largely favored by the sporting element. The Advertiser received the bulletins by special wire last night, and Liberals were jubilant over the victory.

"It was a great victory," declared Mr. Philip Pocock, president of the Liberal Association. "Mr. Graham is a credit to any party, and his services will be most valuable in the House of Commons. He strengthened his hold on the people of Ontario by going to the electors of the riding and fighting the issue to a finish. He will be of great assistance to Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the House, and will demonstrate there why certain sections of the Conservative party were not anxious to have him back in the Commons."

"I was delighted when I heard the news," said ex-Mayor F. G. Rumball. "It was a notable victory. With the whole force of the Government behind Dr. Maloney, they could not defeat Graham. That is something to cheer for."

ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT HAS FELL FROM HORSE
The Son of Canadian Governor-General Injured While Fox-Hunting.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Feb. 23.—Prince Arthur of Connaught, son of the Duke of Connaught, governor-general of Canada, was today thrown from his horse while fox hunting at Sinnington in Yorkshire. It was first believed that he was seriously hurt, but the surgeons who were called, after a thorough examination, declared that he had no severe hurt, although he was greatly shaken.

ATTENDANT WITH MURDER MANIA POISONS BABIES IN HOSPITAL

Eight Children Meet Mysterious Deaths in Brooklyn Hospital and It Is Believed That Oxalic Acid Was Administered With Limewater and Milk.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Feb. 23.—The mystery of the deaths of eight children, the eldest ten months, and the illness of four other infants, in the Brooklyn Nursery and Infants' Hospital, since Sunday, was expected today to be solved by a chemical analysis of the contents of the stomachs of two of the dead children. An irritant poison, believed to be oxalic acid, mixed with limewater and milk, was indicated by an autopsy to be the cause of death.

Oddly enough, all of the poisoned babies were in one ward of the hospital, and there are only four children in the ward who have not shown any symptoms of poisoning. The physicians are unable to say why all the children in the hospital were not poisoned if there was a general distribution of the poisoned milk.

The detectives have questioned all the nurses closely, and also tried to ascertain if it was possible that the children might have died from some unknown contagious disease akin to meningitis. The physicians scout the idea that the children suffered from any disease of which they were not cognizant.

Coroner's Physician Wuest said that the evidence in the cases suggested the theory of deliberate poisoning, perhaps by some hospital attendant afflicted with homicidal mania.

TIE-UP OF THE RAILWAY LINES RESULTS IN A COAL FAMINE

Local Factories Are Begging for Fuel From the G. T. R.—Company Has 70,000 Tons of Soft Coal in East London.

A coal famine is a possibility for London, if the weather does not moderate within a very short time. At the present time many concerns are living from hand to mouth, so to speak, and are worrying about the future. Particularly is this the case with soft coal. The McCormick Manufacturing Company completely exhausted their supply, although they had many cars on order from the mines. Much of this has been shipped, but the stores have been completely demoralized, and it is impossible to get it into London.

"The Grand Trunk is helping us out now," said Mr. Thos. McCord, of the London Street Railway Company. "The Grand Trunk Railway Company, who have 70,000 tons stored in the east end, came to the rescue of these firms and gave them sufficient to keep them going for the time being."

Other large consumers report that they have small supplies on hand, not sufficient to last them any length of time. There are large quantities on order, but they cannot get it here. A Serious Affair.

"It will be a very serious affair if it is not got better shortly," one manufacturer explained to The Advertiser. "There is plenty of it on order, but it cannot be got here. The railway companies are endeavoring to get the stuff moved, but they are badly handicapped for engines. I know several of them have sent to the United States to secure motive power if possible, but so far have not been very successful. Unless there is a sudden break up so the companies can move large quantities of freight it looks rather bad."

"We are all right so far," said Col. Gartsch, of the McClary Manufacturing Company. "It looks pretty bad, however, unless there is a movement of coal very soon. There is little in stock anywhere, and it will be a serious matter for most of us, if we do not secure large supplies at an early date."

The same is true of hard coal men. Those who habitually carry large stocks have some on hand, but the majority have but very small supplies.

Good for a Week.
"We can stand a week of this weather," said Mr. William Heaman. "If there should be a month we will be in bad shape. We have quite a big supply on hand, but some of the smaller dealers are not in good shape, and it will be a serious matter for them."

"People do not realize how near they are to a hard coal famine," said Mr. W. H. Winnett. "I was in Buffalo, and there were many agents there begging for coal. The men were not making more than 50 per cent of their usual output, owing to the continued cold weather. We are giving them as much as we can, but the supply is not very large. The railway companies are having a great deal of difficulty in getting motive power to handle their cars."

BOARDER SAID TO HAVE MADE A SWEEP OF BOARDING HOUSE

Police Looking for George Curwood, Who Is Alleged to Have "Skipped."

Mr. Ernest Lomax, and some boarders at his home, 32 Grand avenue, are anxiously looking for another boarder, Geo. Curwood, an Englishman, who it is alleged left during the night rather mysteriously, taking with him \$100 in cash, a gold watch and chain, an overcoat, and other wearing apparel. The police have been notified, and have sent descriptions of the man all over the province. They expect to capture him shortly.

Curwood came to the city last November from Toronto, and went to board with Mr. Lomax. He appeared to be a quiet sort of chap, and stated that he had a good position downtown.

During the night he got up and went through the house, collecting everything valuable that he possibly could, and then departed. This morning he was sought, but could not be located. The theft of the valuables was discovered when a medium build, of fair complexion with a large nose, with a noticeable cut across it. He wore a navy blue suit, dark gray overcoat, and a stiff collar. He carried a suitcase and a leather grip. He came to London from Toronto.

Chief Williams has instructed the police at the border towns to be on the lookout for the man, and has also notified the Toronto department.

A BLACK EYE TO GOVERNMENT

Conservatives Are Now Agreed Opposing Graham Was Huge Blunder.

THEY BLAME DR. REID

Result of the South Renfrew Polling Has Increased Fighting Spirit of Liberals.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The Liberals at Parliament are full of fight. The election of Graham in South Renfrew was the only thing anyone in room eighty-nine would talk about, while in room sixteen the talk chiefly concerned the exceedingly disagreeable weather, from which the capital has been suffering for some days. However, there were some Conservatives who would talk about the election. They declared that a monumental blunder was made by the Government leaders in undertaking an entirely unnecessary fight where the odds against them consisted of a political agreement and a six hundred majority.

A Government Blunder.
"A nice sort of a fight to pick out for the first by-election under the new Government," declared one Conservative. "We do not blame Gerald White. After the experience his father had it was natural he should want a fight. However, his inclination should not have been allowed to run away with the judgment of the whole cabinet, and I do not see why the rank and file of the party should not have been consulted in this case. Dr. Reid was mainly responsible for this fight, and any discredit to the Conservative party resulting from it belongs primarily to him."

There is a good deal of satisfaction with Hon. George E. Foster, who laid the cards of the party on the table in a most conspicuous fashion when he declared, in a speech just before the election, that the election of Graham would be a bad black eye to the Government. It is recognized here that the statement was an indiscreet one, but the general opinion that Mr. Foster made it deliberately for the purpose of calling attention to the blunder by some members of the Government who are younger but more conspicuous than himself.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.
Liverpool, Feb. 23.—Arrived: Steamer Winnifred.
London, Feb. 23.—Arrived: Steamer Lancastrian.
Portland, Me., Feb. 23.—Arrived: Steamer Englishman.

THE WEATHER.
TOMORROW—MILDER.
Forecasts.
Toronto, Feb. 23.—8 a.m.
Today—Fair and cold.
Saturday—Higher temperatures.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
LONDON. 27. 7.5. Snow.
Victoria. 48. 34. Cloudy.
Calgary. 44. 22. Clear.
Winnipeg. 19. 10. Cloudy.
Port Arthur. 16. 4. Clear.
Perry Sound. 10. -6. Snow.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Ottawa. 18. 8. Cloudy.
Montreal. 26. 2. Clear.
Quebec. 28. 0. Cloudy.
Father Point. 28. 30. Snow.
Minus (—) means below zero.
The storm, which was centred in Quebec yesterday morning, has now reached the Straits of Belle Isle, and the weather from the Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces has cleared.
Unseasonably mild conditions still obtain in the far west.