

BIG QUESTIONS FOR ORANGEMEN

Grand Lodge at Its Meeting In London Will Discuss Some Very Important Matters.

FIGHT AGAINST TORONTO

Too Many Men From the Queen City Now Hold Offices in the Order.

Preparations for the annual convention of the Orange Grand Lodge of Western Ontario, which will be held here on March 13 and 14, are being rapidly completed. A few details have yet to be arranged, but in the main everything has been made ready.

It is expected that the sessions will develop some interesting discourses. The tenor of the discourse, the Manitoba boundaries extension, a uniform marriage law, the Nationalist movement in Quebec, and home rule for Ireland will be dealt with. Resolutions on all these subjects are being prepared.

In addition there will be the annual business of the order. During the year considerable routine work accumulated and this will have to be disposed of.

Against Toronto.

The election of officers may enliven the proceedings. Some of the district lodges, Bruce County and others, for instance, have been passing resolutions against the Toronto members of the organization, claiming that the majority of officeholders live in the Queen City, and the business is largely transacted from that quarter. Some of the others think that the Toronto brethren are inclined to pass resolutions needlessly and get them into trouble, and often ridicule. A demand will be made to have some of the offices filled by men more representative of the feeling of Western Ontario.

The Toronto lodges have been warning that something of this kind is in the wind, and will come up in large numbers to prevent any possibility of their power being lessened. The latter expect to win out in the convention.

A Public Meeting.

On Wednesday night there will be a public meeting in the Auditorium. The local committee have arranged for many prominent speakers to be on hand, and they will discuss questions of importance to the order.

Among those invited are Hon. Samuel Hughes, minister of militia; Dr. Sproule, speaker of the House of Commons; Harry Lovelock, grand master for Western Ontario; E. T. Essery, K. C., past grand master and other prominent politicians. It is certain that Col. Sam. Hughes will be present, and the others are expected.

Mr. Harry Lovelock, grand master, has been in the city for some days, making arrangements for the entertainment of the members of the order.

"We expect to have a large attendance, possibly 500 or more," he said. "Toronto will attend in a big delegation, and we expect all the Orange lodges in Western Ontario to be well represented. We have a great deal of business to be transacted, and I presume there will be discussions on the many subjects to be disposed of. I can not say exactly what will come up, but the Black Knights of Ireland will hold a session on Tuesday evening. Dr. Turner, of Orangeville, is expected to prepare the material to be presented at the meeting on Wednesday morning."

Major Graham will attend the session, and will extend the freedom of the city to the visitors.

The local committee, composed of Messrs. Geo. Loney, Jos. Murray, E. J. Luck, E. T. Essery, K. C., W. Walker, and others, are endeavoring to give the visiting brethren a royal time.

WILL HOLD A FIELD GRAIN COMPETITION

East Middlesex Agricultural Society Have Decided To Do So.

At the meeting of the East Middlesex Agricultural Society, held on Saturday afternoon, it was decided to hold a field grain competition this year. The grain decided upon was white oats. Five acres must be sown, and the prize winners must exhibit one bushel of grain and one sheaf at the Western Fair in September next. These competitions always create a deep interest and it is expected that a large number of farmers will enter.

The delegate to the Industrial Exhibition, Mr. James Wheaton, submitted his report.

Mr. William Moore, vice-president of the society, occupied the chair, and the following directors were present: Messrs. D. G. Talbot, E. Douglas, R. O. McEwen, Marshall Dickey and Secretary James Wheaton.

HOME RULE BILL ON APRIL TENTH

Premier Asquith Says It Is Most Important Measure of Session.

[Canadian Press.] London, March 11.—The home rule bill for Ireland is to be introduced into the House of Commons on April 9 or 10. Premier Asquith made this definite statement in the House of Commons this afternoon, adding that the bill is always intended and contemplated by the bill. I have always thought this bill, having regard to its magnitude and importance, should be brought in as early as it ought to be produced under conditions which will insure adequate parliamentary discussion.

SPOKE AT MILVERTON.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Milverton, March 11.—Mr. William Gibson, of the Empire Avenue Methodist Church, London, was here yesterday and gave special addresses in connection with missionary Sunday. His addresses were heard by large congregations and liberal responses were made at both services.

STEAMER FOREST CITY SOLD FOR \$33,500 TO A LONDON MAN

Mr. R. C. Eckert, Acting In Behalf of a Syndicate, Made Purchase on Saturday.

The steamer Forest City, together with the dock and fixtures at Port Stanley, was sold on Saturday afternoon by the mortgagees, by public auction to Mr. R. C. Eckert, of this city, for the sum of \$33,500. Mr. A. M. Hunt conducted the sale.

For two years the vessel has been lying between Cleveland and Port Stanley. A stock company financed the proposition, and it was thought that the Forest City was making money. The

TORONTO WANTS TO SECURE OFFICES

Will Be a Big Battle at Convention of Woodmen of the World.

LONDON NOW HAS THEM

Western Delegates Will Have to Fight to Keep the Queen City Men in Their Places.

The removal of the head offices of the Woodmen of the World from London to Toronto will be the cause of a big battle when the head camp of the organization meets in Toronto on March 20.

For some years the Toronto Woodmen have been working to get control of the order. Two years ago, when the camp in London a strong effort was made to carry the convention, but it was not a success, and the Western Ontario delegates retained control.

Word has been received, however, that at this convention every effort will be made to move the head camp to Toronto. This move will be opposed, and in consequence a big battle will result. It can scarcely be judged at this distance what the outcome will be.

The Officers.

Not much change in the personnel of the officers is anticipated. Dr. W. S. Harrison, Toronto, is head camp commander, and his election will be unopposed.

Ex-Alderman J. H. Saunders is head camp clerk, and his reappointment is conceded. Mr. Charles Jarvis, of this city, is head camp clerk, and his work for the past two years has been highly satisfactory. No candidate to oppose him has been mentioned so far.

It is expected that a large number of delegates from London will be in attendance. There are quite a number employed in the head camp here, and a big battle will be put up to keep it in London.

WRECK VICTIMS ARE BOTH DOING WELL

E. W. Pike and R. L. Stevens, Injured at Varney, Will Both Recover.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Mount Forest, March 11.—Ernest W. Pike, of London, who sustained a fractured collarbone and two broken ribs in the recent Grand Trunk wreck at Varney, is doing well, and is improving in the local hospital. Mr. Pike rests well, and the physicians hope that he will be able to be removed to his home shortly.

R. L. Stevens, the Strathroy traveler, who is suffering from internal injuries and injuries to his spine, is progressing very favorably, and the attending physicians are now satisfied that he will recover, although he will be laid up for a long time.

MARRIAGE BILL HEARING HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Will Not Be Argued Before the Supreme Court Until the May Term.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, March 11.—The Government's intention to introduce the marriage bill before the supreme court this morning, it did not get far, as the opening of the sitting, Chief Justice Sir Charles Fitzpatrick announced that the case would not be taken up until the May term. This opens May 7.

There was a small number of legal talent present. Some of the lawyers were there for business, and more to see what was going on. Among them was Mr. Lan- caster, the father of the bill.

There was just one indication given of the course the case will take, for Alvin Goddard, K. C., representing the province of Quebec, stated that he proposed to contend that the legislation was outside the jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament.

The Dominion this morning was represented by three eminent lawyers, Wallace Ross, K. C., Eugene Lafleur, K. C., and B. L. Newcombe, K. C., deputy minister of justice. They will defend the right of the Dominion Parliament to enact the legislation.

Other counsel present were: J. P. Helliwell, K. C., Quebec; and J. B. McNeill, K. C., Montreal. Quebec was represented by Alvin Goddard, K. C., and R. C. Smith, Montreal, and Auguste Lemay.

At the opening of the court, Mr. Newcombe set the ball rolling by launching an attack on the case.

The chief justice said that there was no need to go on as the court had decided not to take up the case until the May term. Before that time the counsel should prepare facts, and exchange them at least ten days before the opening of the case.

FOR CHURCH UNION.

Montreal, March 11.—The vote taken in MacVicar Memorial Presbyterian Church on church union shows 111 for and 84 against. A number voted in the negative, expressing themselves in favor of a scheme of federation. Over fifty per cent. of the members did not trouble to vote.

MINERS' FAMILIES FIGHTING FAMINE

Starvation Has Commenced In the Mold District of Wales.

SITUATION GROWS WORSE

Railroads in the East, West and North-west Have Almost Ceased Operations.

[Canadian Press.] New York, March 11.—A London cable this morning says:

The beginning of the new week sees the coal strike no nearer settlement. Optimists expect much from this week's conferences, but the overwhelming opinion is that the South Wales strike will continue another month.

The miners of Northumberland and Derbyshire are still determined to give in to nothing less than the minimum wage. Meanwhile the industrial upheaval grows from bad to worse. The leading railroads are further reducing their service this week. Trains in the districts of Northumberland and Cumberland have ceased running. Railroads in the east, west and north-west are almost stopped. Half the staff is suspended and the other half working only three days a week.

In the Mold district families are starving. Looting has begun, and the stealing of tame pigeons and raids on potato pits are common.

London storekeepers will further increase prices of bread, butter and all foodstuffs today.

A mass meeting of railwaymen arranged to take place at Trafalgar Square yesterday was prohibited by the police.

LONDON YOUTH WINS CASE AGAINST RAILWAY

Albert Crookford Awarded \$1,500 Damages for the Loss of a Foot.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, March 11.—Chief Justice Pritchard this morning handed out judgment awarding Albert Crookford, a London youth, \$1,500 damages in his action against the Grand Trunk Railway. The case was tried before a jury in London on Tuesday.

Crookford, who was employed to work the locomotives and see they were properly on the turntable at the London roundhouse, had his foot crushed while on duty on June 20 last, that it was found necessary to amputate it. He sued for damages on the ground that the turntable was defective and caused the accident.

BROKE THROUGH ICE WALKING ON RIVER

Mr. Ed. Land, of 21 Victor Street, Had a Most Unpleasant Experience.

Mr. Ed. Land, of 21 Victor street, South London, had a very unpleasant experience Sunday afternoon, while walking on the river near Woodland Cemetery, when the ice suddenly broke beneath him, precipitating him into the water.

Fortunately the ice held firm close about him, and Mr. Charles Anderson, who was in the party, was able to pull him to safety. The water is very deep at the point where the accident occurred, but Mr. Land was able to support himself on the ice until given assistance.

POLICE FOUND ROBE AFTER A LONG HUNT

Charles Meyers, Second-Hand Man, Said He Bought It for 60 Cents.

Charles Meyers, a Dundas street second-hand dealer, who was in police court a few days ago, charged with breach of the regulations in not keeping a record of his business done, found his horse had its leg broken, and the same neglect when he was before Police Magistrate Judd this morning, to explain why he had not secured possession of a buffalo robe belonging to Adolphus Fitzmaurice.

The robe was thrown over a horse and left for a time on the street a few days ago. In the meantime the horse turned out to be a very valuable one, and the covering possibly dropped to the ground. It could not be found, and the detective finally succeeded in locating it in Meyers' establishment.

He said that he had purchased the robe from a young man named Armstrong, of Queen's street, and that he had paid for it in his possession for a couple of years, Meyers claimed.

Meyers' explanation resulted in an information being sworn out charging Armstrong with the theft of the robe.

The case will be concluded on Wednesday morning.

GREAT MOSCOW FIRE

Moscow, March 9.—The Golofeysky Arcade was destroyed by fire yesterday, with a loss of \$50,000.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SNOW. Fine today, followed by strong easterly wind, with snow late tonight and on Tuesday.

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

LONDON (Sunday) . . . 25.5 11 Clear
LONDON (Monday) . . . 23 12 Clear
Victoria . . . 32 12 Clear
Calgary . . . 40 6 Clear
Winnipeg . . . 24 6 Clear
Port Arthur . . . 38 6 Clear
Perry Sound . . . 24 6 Clear
Toronto . . . 23 10 Clear
Ottawa . . . 24 9 Clear
Montreal . . . 23 8 Clear
Quebec . . . 22 8 Clear
Father Point . . . 23 10 Fair

Weather Notes.

The disturbance which was near the Middle Atlantic coast on Saturday developed into an important storm, which caused heavy snow and gales in the Maritime Provinces during Sunday.

A disturbance is now moving towards the Great Lakes from the west, while an area of high, with low temperature, is spreading quickly southward from the Western Provinces.

HAMILTON MAN WAS NAMED PUBLICITY AGENT FOR LONDON

Mr. J. Grant Henderson Appointed at a Meeting Held on Saturday Night—Was Drawing \$1,500 a Year In Hamilton, and Begins Here With \$2,500.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, March 11.—J. Grant Henderson, industrial commissioner of Hamilton since last June, placed his resignation in the hands of the board of control today to take effect immediately, and it was accepted. He has signed a contract to go to London as publicity commissioner at a salary of \$2,500 the first year, and \$3,000 the second year. He received a salary of \$1,500 here.

When asked why he was leaving, Henderson said: "For various reasons. One of them is that I shall receive an increase in salary of \$1,000. I will also be given more freedom of work in my department. There are other reasons which I do not care to discuss."

In his letter of resignation Mr. Henderson says there are no matters beyond his department, "but which can be handled by letter."

This is a barb of sarcasm for the board of control, which recently refused to let him go away after a couple of big industries, advising him to write a letter.

"I am sick and tired of hearing the board advise me to write letters instead of making personal visits," he said, "and I am just handing it back to them in a mild way."

Disappointed in Hamilton. It is a well-known fact that Mr.

Y. M. C. A. WILL SEEK TO RAISE THE SUM OF \$4,000 AT ONCE

The Money Will Be Applied to the Past Year's Obligations.

The Young Men's Christian Association will commence a financial campaign tomorrow for the sum of \$4,000, to meet the past year's financial obligations. This is made necessary owing to the fact that the association does not confine its work merely to the association building, and many activities of work are carried out which are distinctly outside the mem-

bership of the organization, and for which there is no remuneration; also on account of the small fee charged for membership.

The funds received from this source do not pay more than one-third of the running expenses. These membership fees are necessarily low in order that any self-respecting young man or boy may have the privilege which the association affords.

The campaign which the directors are setting out upon will last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, and it is hoped that the citizens of London will assist the directors in obtaining the desired amount as quickly as possible.

TYRCONNELL PASTOR FATALLY INJURED

Rev. George Elliott Hurdled From Cutter and Kicked By Horse.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Tyrconnell, March 12.—Rev. George Elliott, rector of St. Peter's Church, Tyrconnell, died at his home here yesterday, as a result of being injured in a recent accident. While making his rounds through the country during the stormy weather his cutter upset, owing to the terrible condition of the roads. Mr. Elliott was thrown out, and before he could extricate himself the horse kicked him in the stomach. Mr. Elliott never rallied from the injuries he received. The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon, and will be conducted by Bishop Williams of London.

THINKS COUNTY WOULD GIVE SITE FOR HALL

County Engineer Talbot Believes South End of Court House Square Is Available.

County Engineer Charles Talbot stated today that he believed it was possible at the present time for the City of London to secure a free site for a new city hall from the Middlesex council.

"The county council was prepared to come more than half way in the matter," Mr. Talbot explained. "Unfortunately the city did not give the county a chance to make a bargain. I am of the opinion that an arrangement can be arrived at today if the city is willing to open negotiations. The county could conveniently let the city have the south end of the square, and the city might do something to show its appreciation in return. It is altogether a misapprehension that the councillors are against doing anything for the City of London."

REAL ESTATERS ARE GREATLY DISAPPOINTED

Thought Immigration Office Was Coming to London.

Farmers and local manufacturers who were expecting that an immigration depot would be established here are greatly disappointed to learn that there is a big chance that nothing will be done.

Already the Real Estate men, who have had the project in hand, have had many letters and telephone inquiries both from manufacturers and farmers, and they are taking the matter up again with Mayor Beattie and Hon. Robert Rogers and urging upon them the necessity of doing something to relieve the scarcity of help all through this district.

The Real Estate men's original plan was to have a depot established in London at which immigrants and farmers and manufacturers could apply, with a man in charge who would know all the wants of both parties, and where to put his hand on help when it was needed, or where to send immigrants looking for places. The association will again urge that something along this line be done.

MUCH OPPOSITION TO PRINCESS AVE.

Proposal to Close the Street at Richmond St. as a City Hall Site.

POSITION OF COUNCIL.

It Would Appear That His Worship Will Not Be Able to Muster a Majority of Aldermen.

A special meeting of the city council has been called by Mayor Graham for this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock to discuss the closing of Princess avenue, between St. Peter's school and the Christian Science Church, for city hall purposes, and there promises to be rather a lively debate on the question.

His worship explains that he is calling the meeting to pass a bylaw to be submitted to the Legislature for approval.

"This site is one that is being considered," said Mayor Graham. "The Legislature is in session, and we can receive authority to close the street, so that it can be utilized later on if the council so decide. We are taking this step merely to expedite matters."

However, the result will probably be that this portion of the city will not be selected as a site. A majority of the aldermen have already gone on record as opposed to the suggestion, and will vote against it when the matter comes before the council this afternoon.

Are Against It.

Ald. Coles, chairman of the special city hall committee, is of the opinion that it is unwise to build the hall on the site selected. In addition, he declares that the committee should have been consulted before any action was taken by the mayor in this regard.

"I am opposed to the site in any event," said Ald. Coles. "I will never vote for it. I object to the park being used for such purposes. We should not interfere with the breathing spots in London. I will never consent to that site being selected. The committee have never expressed an opinion on a site, and the members should have been consulted before the meeting was called."

"I do not think much of that site," said Ald. Robinson. "It does not meet with my ideas of a proper site for the hall."

Too Far North.

"I am not favorable to it at all," said Ald. Richter. "It is too far north in the first place. I do not think it necessary to go to the Legislature to close a street. The council now have power to close it if good and sufficient reasons are advanced for the step. On principle, I am opposed to going to the Provincial House to have everything ratified to shut off any opposition. I will not be at the meeting this afternoon, but I am opposed to that site."

"I have not considered the matter," said Ald. Moore. "I have not yet made up my mind."

"The site is merely one of many to be considered," said Ald. Wright. "We intend to expedite matters, so that if it is selected, we will not be delayed by the necessity of securing legislation."

"I will not vote for that site," said Ald. Asplund. "It is not the proper one, to my mind."

"There are plenty of better sites than that," was Ald. Spittal's opinion.

"I do not think anything of that location," declared Ald. Blandford.

"It is a good site, but I have nothing to say for publication at the present time," said Ald. Murphy.

"I am not in favor of that site at all," said Ald. Johnston.

Ald. Bennett is out of the city, and could not be seen. A close friend of his stated that he was not in favor of placing the new hall in the park, or near it.

Ald. Rose could not be reached, and his opinion could not be learned.

HOUSE SURGEON ILL WITH SEPTIC POISONING

Capt. Stephens, of Victoria Hospital, in a Rather Serious Condition.

Capt. Dr. Harry J. Stephens, one of the house surgeons at Victoria Hospital, is recovering from an attack of septic poisoning, which developed in his arm as a result of a bruise inflicted with an instrument with which an operation had been performed.

The accident occurred about two weeks ago and since that time Dr. Stephens has been in a pretty serious condition. Two operations were performed upon him, and the surgeons in attendance have now succeeded in localizing the infection.

Two London physicians have been particularly fortunate in recovering from this disease within the last couple of weeks. Ex-Alderman W. J. Stevenson also suffered an attack following an operation which he performed at Victoria Hospital. In the great majority of cases septic poisoning proves fatal.

Dr. Stephens is well known as a lake captain, having been master of the Forest City, running between Port Stanley and Cleveland last season.

DIED AGED 80 YEARS

Mrs. Sarah Lemon-Robinson Passed Away in Victoria Hospital.

Mrs. Sarah Lemon-Robinson, widow of Mr. Elliot Lemon, died this morning at Victoria Hospital in the 80th year. Mrs. Lemon-Robinson formerly resided in Michigan, but a short time ago removed to London, where she had since then made her home with her only daughter, Mrs. Burgess, of 55 Stanley street, South London.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 1 o'clock from the undertaking parlors of Griffith & White, to Mount Brydges Cemetery. Rev. Richard Whiting, of First Methodist Church, will conduct the services.

NERATOFF SENTENCED.

St. Petersburg, March 9.—Dmitry Neratoff, ex-president of the Volga-Bergam Railroad, and a brother of Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Neratoff, was sentenced today to two and a half years' imprisonment on charges of irregularity in floating bonds in Paris for the construction of the railroad. Three of his associates received similar sentences.

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