

CHANGE OF VENUE IS REFUSED IN THE LONDON ELECTION CASE

Mr. Justice Britton Says the Trial Must Take Place
in Toronto, Instead of Here.

MAY HAVE TO HELP BRING DEFENSE WITNESSES

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, May 7.—The motion for a change of venue in the London election case was this morning refused by Mr. Justice Britton.
The judgment was handed out at Osgoode Hall, when the motion was argued yesterday by Mr. E. F. Johnston, K.C., counsel for the defendants, and Mr. Lynch-Staunton, of Hamilton, who will act as crown prosecutor.
In his judgment, Mr. Justice Britton stated that the danger of jurors being influenced is no greater here than in London. In regard to the question of expense, his lordship declared that if the defense cannot finance the bringing of their witnesses to Toronto, the crown will have to assist.
It is understood that the trial will not take place until the fall.
The evidence of Mr. W. T. R. Preston, who is now in the Far East, can not be obtained until next month, and as there are no high courts sitting in July and August, it will be impossible to bring the cases to trial until after the long vacation.

Settle With Men This Week Or a Strike Will Be Called

Bricklayers Out on Monday Next,
It Is Said, If Agreement
Is Not Reached.

"If something isn't done by Saturday night, there'll be a strike. I don't say that all the bricklayers will go out, but the majority of them will not be at work next Monday morning unless the bosses do better than their last offer."
This was the statement made to The Advertiser today by one of the union men. The bricklayers were for the most part idle this morning on account of the rain, and they had ample time to discuss the labor situation.
Another member of the union stated that the regular meeting of the bricklayers will be held on Wednesday night, and that it was altogether likely that an ultimatum would then be sent to the bosses to meet the terms laid down by the men or suffer a strike. He did not look for trouble in any event before Monday next.
The bosses do not appear to take this threat seriously. They allege that at the meeting held by the men the other night, a motion to accept the offer of 43 cents an hour for one year made by the bosses, was only defeated by two votes.
The bosses claim that the men are divided, and that the union is not able, because of trouble elsewhere, to call a strike here.

Union's Offer Final.
Asked what terms they would now accept, a union man told The Advertiser that the union wants 43 cents an hour for the first year, 45 cents for the second year and 47½ cents for the third year.
These terms, he claims, are final.
Another man stated that he would be willing, and he thought the entire union would only be too glad to accept 45 cents an hour for one year.
The bosses say that this wage to all men is impossible. They are paying it to good men now, but they will not pay it to poor men.
"A cent or two an hour, appears pretty small potatoes," said one of the contractors today, "but when you are hiring 15 or 20 men, it amounts to a great deal at the end of the week. I want to tell you right here that building prices are so high the people will not consent to further increases. They will stop building first. The contractors have found this out, and many of the bosses are poorer than the men, so fine they have been compelled to cut prices to secure work."

Employers Resting on Oars.
The contractors deny that they held a meeting last night. They claim they are simply resting on their oars, feeling that they have done all that could be expected of them when they offered the men the terms named above.
It was stated today that the painters have given up interest in the strike and that as they have plenty of work they are not worrying about the men who have taken their places.
Quite a large number of English painters have arrived here lately, but it is claimed they are only brushhands, and that they cannot mix a part of color.
The bosses, nevertheless, snap them up quickly, and almost every shop in town has one or more of them.

One Firm Holds Out.
As announced in yesterday's Advertiser, the plumbers' strike is practically a thing of the past.
Smith Bros. & Co. claim that they have men working and that they are attending to all jobs, and have no desire to meet the demands of the union.
Some of the plumbers alleged, however, that this firm was unable to get back the men who had gone on strike, and they had secured jobs elsewhere, and Smith Bros. & Co. sent for them.

HUSBAND SHOTS NEWLY-WED BRIDE

The Latter Found Suffering From
Bullet and Knife Wounds
and May Die.

South Franklin, Mass., May 7.—The police have been unable to locate John Danello, who is alleged to have shot his bride of a night, Frances Danello, at their newly-prepared home Sunday night. The young bride was still alive at midnight, but little hope is entertained for her recovery. The couple were married Sunday and received friends in their new home until nearly midnight, when they retired. Mr. Danello, the groom's father, who occupied a room upstairs, being the only other occupant of the house with them. Early yesterday he was aroused by hearing revolver shots downstairs, and hurrying down to the couple's room, found the young woman lying on the bed with three bullet wounds and three stab wounds in her body. The husband had disappeared. It was some time before the police were notified, and although the police were notified by the hearing of the shots, they were unable to locate him. No cause is known for the deed.

AN INSANE CARPENTER KILLS FAMILY OF SIX

San Francisco, May 7.—Walter Charles Davis, a carpenter, in a fit of insanity today shot and killed a family of six persons with whom he resided in Pierres street in this city.

LLOYD-GEORGE ON THE TARIFF; NO CHANCE FOR PREFERENCE

The President of British Board
of Trade Talks to the
Premiers.

London, May 6.—The greater part of today's sitting of the colonial conference was occupied by Lloyd-George, president of the board of trade, who stated the views of the Government on the trade issue. The Government was irrevocably allied to free trade.
It would be impossible to attempt to tax the necessities of life or livelihood, which England could not produce or which the colonies could not supply for many years to come.
Mr. Lloyd-George approved of the proposed cheaper cable communication between Canada and the motherland and the appointment of commercial attaches to the colonies to assist British trade. He disclaimed the idea that merchant ship subsidies would not benefit shipping.
Referring again to the preference Mr. Lloyd-George said it was no doubt a difficult question, but he thought that even with free trade British statesmanship would be equal to the task of working out some sort of a trade advantage for the colonies.
The speaker denied that the fiscal system was responsible for such distress as prevailed in Britain.
It is understood that there are only two questions of importance yet to be disposed of—naval defense and nationalization. It is said the conference will close Friday.
It is also understood that the resolutions on preferential treatment have been tabled, and it is doubtful whether any formal vote will be taken before the conference closes. Hon. Dr. Jameson submitted the motion in favor of the preference.



LATE DR. WATSON (IAN MACLAREN).
Famous Author and Preacher, Who Died Suddenly at Burlington, Iowa.

MINERS' STRIKE ENDS HAPPILY

Thanks to Labor Dispute Act,
Men and Owners Sign
New Wage Scale.

Fernie, B. C., May 6.—The agreement between the operators and the coal miners in this district was signed by the members of the district board of the United Mine Workers here this afternoon and peace has at last been restored. The document was drawn up by Mr. Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor, last Monday, and after many discussions was submitted to the miners by referendum on Thursday. Its acceptance by the men was secured by a large majority, and the signatures of the leaders alone were necessary to complete the negotiations.
The final meeting of the conciliation board was held. Sir Wm. Mulock presided, being supported by Messrs. Eckstein, Parker and Smith. Others present included the deputy minister of labor, Mr. Mackenzie King; Mr. L. Stockert, representing the Western Coal Operators' Association; R. M. Drimman, general superintendent of the C. N. P. Coal Company, Limited; E. H. Sherman, J. Galtin, A. McDonald (secretary), P. Patterson, J. Sullivan, and L. Graham. Mr. Stockert informed the board it would not be necessary to enter upon their labors, as a settlement had been reached. He read the statement describing the culmination of the recent negotiations, and expressed thanks to Sir Wm. Mulock for having come so far to investigate the matter. It also acknowledged the excellent work and good offices of Mr. Mackenzie King in harmonizing the outstanding difficulties.

A BRUTAL OFFICIAL.

Windsor, Ont., May 7.—News dispatches announce the death at sea of Mrs. Chalmers Prentice, wife of Dr. Prentice, formerly of Victoria avenue, this city. The body was buried at sea, despite the pleading of Miss Camille Prentice, Mrs. Prentice's daughter, who wished to take it to Chicago. The captain had consented, and the ship's surgeons were embalming the body, when Italian commissioner Campo, who was on the boat, arrogantly ordered the body buried at once, disregarding the protests of the first cabin passengers. Campo had the authority and the captain had to yield, but Campo was ostracized by the cabin passengers during the rest of the voyage.

Gamble on Life.

Santa Monica, Cal., May 7.—A stake of \$80,000 played against a fortune of nearly \$1,500,000 with a human life as its final determining factor, are features of an unusual transaction entered into yesterday between Henry C. Keating and a syndicate composed of four local men.

In about three years, he lives, Keating will fall heir to \$1,500,000 of an estate to be settled at that time, when the younger heirs will become of age. The syndicate gave Keating \$80,000 for his interest in the estate, taking the risk of losing the \$80,000 if Keating died before the estate is settled, as the other heirs then come into the whole estate of \$3,000,000.
Should Keating survive, the settlement of the estate, the syndicate will make \$1,420,000, less the interest on the \$80,000, and various legal fees.

BEAUTIFUL HOME GONE.

New Canaan, Conn., May 7.—The beautiful summer home of John Gerish, of New York, was burned today, the loss being estimated at between \$75,000 and \$100,000. Mr. Gerish and his family are in Europe. A nephew of Mr. Gerish, a nurse and a governess managed to escape from the building, but were unable to save any effects. A week ago the police were asked to investigate an attempt to set fire to the Gerish home, a suspicious bundle of oil-soaked rags being found ablaze at one end of the mansion. They found no clue.

NEW LAW MAY KILL THE MOVE TO ANNEX SECTION EAST OF CITY

Council Thought It Would Be
Easy Matter—Petition Must
Come From District Affected.

That it will not be all plain-sailing for the city in the matter of annexing the district to the east of the city known as part of the St. Lawrence ward of London Township, is quite apparent. The council some time ago asked City Solicitor Meredith for instructions as to how to proceed to effect the annexation, and Mr. Meredith's answer is as follows:
"I beg to call your attention to the change in the law which has been made respecting annexation of part of a township to a city. By the amendment made to the municipal act in the year 1906, it is now necessary that the majority of the ratepayers in the portion of the township proposed to be annexed to the city, petition the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to add such portion to the city."
"Unless the ratepayers in the portion of the township proposed to be annexed to the city will petition the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to add that portion of the township to the city it will be useless to pass a resolution declaring that it is expedient that that portion of the township shall be annexed to the city."

Thought It Was Easy.
The council was under the impression that the taking in of the district mentioned would be a comparatively easy matter.

Years ago it was only necessary for the council to pass a resolution declaring it to be expedient to annex a certain district, and if the people made no objection the district was forthwith annexed.
Things have changed since that time, however.

As Mr. Meredith points out, the people of the section must petition to be taken in, and those who know that it is a 10 to 1 shot that the people of the east end will not vote to come into the city.

Would Raise Taxes.
Of course, they have no fire protection now, and they are without police protection also. As yet they have no sewerage system, but the vast majority of them are cottagers who are paying for homes, and they do not care to come into the city and have their taxes run up probably 200 per cent.

The township councilors are also opposed to any move which will reduce their assessment and population, and it is said they are losing no opportunity to point out to the people that annexation means increased taxation.

WOULD SAVE DRUG VICTIM FROM JAIL

Long Petition Presented in Behalf
Youthful Thief.

Percy Stinson, the young man convicted recently by Magistrate Love of stealing a coat from James Sullivan, was again remanded for one week when he appeared at the police court for the second time.

Mr. E. T. Essery, who appeared for the defendant, presented a petition to the court signed by many of the leading citizens, requesting that Stinson's sentence be made as light as possible on the ground that the use of drugs had been responsible for his crime. The court, however, stated that before sentence could be passed it must be learned whether or not the prisoner had given up the use of drugs as stated by his parents.

Norman Boyle and Edward Klus fought on the street the other day. They had to pay \$2 each to Police Clerk Moule for their misconduct.

William Hunter was gathered in about 2 o'clock in the morning. Disorderly conduct was his offense. It just cost William \$1, although no one but the policeman saw him violate the law.

George Kemp appeared on two charges of theft to which he pleaded guilty, and was remanded for one week. It is alleged that Kemp stole some goods from his brother-in-law.

PERISHED IN FLAMES.
Hazelton, Pa., May 7.—A mother and her two infant children were burned to death late last night in a fire which destroyed a block of houses at Beaver Brook, a mining village near here. The dead woman was Mrs. Joseph Dittavey, the wife of a miner.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW FAIR AND COOL.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, May 7.—8 a.m. Fair. Moderate to fresh northwest, with light rain, temperatures during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 59°; lowest, 42° above.

A few local showers have occurred, chiefly in Ontario and Nova Scotia. Otherwise the weather in the Dominion has been generally fair. It remains warm in British Columbia, and more seasonable conditions are indicated for the Western Provinces.

BRITISH LORDS TALK REFORM

London, May 7.—The discussion in the House of Lords last night was devoted to Lord Newton's bill proposing the reconstitution of the House on a partly elective basis. He seeks to remove the excessive preponderance of hereditary peers by stipulating qualification through service to the state or previous election, and he provides for a certain number of elected peers and for the nomination by the crown of life peers, these not to exceed 100 in number.
The House as well as the galleries were thronged, showing the interest aroused by the Conservative proposal to anticipate a statement of the intentions of the Government. This, however, did not come to pass, the Earl of Crewe, lord president of the council, speaking on behalf of the Government, declining to have anything to do with Lord Newton's proposal. He gave no hint of the Government's plan, although his cryptic utterances on the subject conveyed the idea that the Government contemplated a somewhat drastic measure. After this announcement the debate was adjourned.

FATHER AND SON IN SAD TRAGEDY

Boy Driven From Home Takes
to Hold-Up Game and Be-
comes a Suicide.

Philadelphia, May 7.—Foiled in his attempt to hold up, with the aid of a companion, two trolley conductors in West Philadelphia today, and fearing that he had killed a policeman in the effort to escape, Harold S. Jones, aged 16 years, shot and killed himself in the street, as he was about to be captured by another policeman. His companion, G. H. Geddis, aged 18 years, was arrested at his home.

Jones belonged to a good family in the northwestern part of the city, his father being a prosperous business man. The boy had some differences with his father yesterday, and he was told to "shift" for himself. As he was leaving the house his weeping mother asked him what he was going to do, and he replied: "I don't know, and I don't care."

Jones sought out Geddis, and they were not heard of again until they turned up in West Philadelphia, and tried to hold up the two conductors, who were on their way home from their night's work. Jones drew a revolver and ordered the conductors to hold up their hands, but instead of complying they showed fight, and Jones and his companion fled. Police-men saw the occurrence and gave chase.

After running a block Jones turned back at one of the pursuing police-men. The bullet went wide of its mark, but the policeman in order to deceive the fleeing youth, dropped to the sidewalk, as if he had been shot. Jones saw him fall, and stopped. He did not approach the policeman, but backed up against the side of a house, and sent a bullet into his own heart.

INSPECTOR IS NAMED

Ex-Ald. Dreaney To Look After Street
Watering Contractors.

City Engineer Graydon has appointed Ex-Ald. Henry Dreaney to be street watering inspector of London.

Mr. Dreaney is supposed to cover the entire city and must supply his own horse and buggy. He is being paid \$2 a day.

HANGED, YET LIVES

Negro Murderer Recovers After Bein-
Pronounced Dead.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 7.—It has been learned that John Armstrong, the negro hanged at Columbus, Texas, on Friday, April 19, for wife murder, revived after being placed in the coffin. When the "corpse" was delivered to his brother at Sealy for burial it was given medical attention and it is declared that Armstrong is now living, and that friends and relatives are keeping the matter quiet, fearing the state will again step in.

The fact that he was pronounced dead at the hanging, however, renders the state powerless to again enforce the death penalty.

MODIFIED FORM OF HOME RULE IN THE IRISH COUNCIL BILL

Secretary for Ireland Birrell Introduces Measure for
an Administrative Council at Dublin.

A CROWDED HOUSE AT EPOCH-MAKING INCIDENT

London, May 7.—The Irish bill, designed to meet demands for Irish home rule, was introduced in the House of Commons today by the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr. Birrell, in the presence of an audience which crowded every corner of the chamber.
The bill provides "for the establishment of an administrative council" for Ireland, with headquarters at Dublin. The Irish secretary, and those in his confidence kept their secret well, with the result that the political curiosity was keen to learn the precise details of the scheme, which is likely to create a prolonged controversy.
Prior to the appearance of the measure it was popularly termed a "devolution bill," but its advocates refer to it as the "Irish Council Bill," owing to its creation of a council to take over a number of administrative features of Irish rule. But to Ireland and the general public the bill is "the Irish bill," with home rule presented in such new and modified form as to enlist the support of elements hitherto hostile.
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CAR WORKS ADDITION WILL MEAN OUTLAY BY COMPANY OF \$75,000

May Be Used As a Lever When
Agreement Is Made Re
Track Elevation.

It became known today that when the proposal to grant the Grand Trunk Railway Company a fixed assessment for elevating its tracks comes before the city, some stress will be laid on the fact that the company intends to largely increase its works in East London.
The addition to the shops will not be a condition of the agreement. The addition must come, anyway, but the company will be in a position to show that it is doing good for London when it asks the city for a fixed assessment.
Mayor Judd will say nothing to the press on the matter, but it is understood that he has been informed of the company's intentions, and that he is well aware of the influence such a move will have on the people when the question of an agreement is being considered by the council and later by the people.

Huge Addition.
The plans for the extension were prepared some weeks ago, and if they are followed out, they will mean the enlargement of the freight shop to almost double its present size. The shop is now 75 feet wide, and 800 feet long, giving a floor space of 60,000 square feet. The proposed addition is to be 50 feet wide, and the entire length of the shop, or 40,000 square feet, and giving a total of 100,000 square feet under cover for freight purposes alone.

The proposed addition to machine shop will be 100 feet long, and it will be on the south end of the building on Egerton street.
A list of the additional machinery required for the works has been forwarded to Montreal. It includes the very latest machines used in the manufacture of cars.
The cost of the additions and machinery will, it is said, amount to about \$75,000.

Many More Hands.
The move contemplated by the company will mean the employment, it is understood, of fully 200 more men, and consequently a tremendous boom in East London, which is now going ahead with rapid strides.

Though many people appear to believe that the company has secured all it needs from the city, and that it is not particularly about elevating its lines in London, there are others who are able to approach the officials on the subject, and who declare that the Grand Trunk is as anxious as it ever was to go ahead with the work, and that track elevation here is only a matter of a very short time—that it can be measured in months.

Mr. Fitzguth the Man.
One thing appears certain, and that is that the city will in future conduct its negotiations with Mr. Fitzguth, and not with Mr. Brownlee, who, when he assumed the position of manager of transportation in place of Mr. McGuigan, did not secure the position of fourth vice-president.

That Mr. Fitzguth is the man is quite evident from the fact that it (Continued on Page Eight.)

TOBACCO MAGNATE DEAD

Charles E. Halliwell, of American To-
bacco Company, Succumbs.

New York, May 7.—Charles E. Halliwell, vice-president of the American Tobacco Company, and one of the heaviest stockholders in the corporation, died suddenly of apoplexy in the Holland House last night.
Mr. Halliwell was stricken when at dinner with his wife of a few months, and a niece. He had been chatting pleasantly with the two women, but suddenly drew back from the table, and became unconscious. He was carried to a room where he died without recovering consciousness.
Mr. Halliwell was 50 years of age, and was reputed to be worth \$20,000,000.

RUSS RECRUITING BILL.

St. Petersburg, May 7.—The Emperor yesterday sanctioned the recruiting bill, which was recently adopted by the Lower House of Parliament.

Butte, May 7.—The North Coast Limited, the crack train on the Northern Pacific, has been held up at Welch's Spur, about 15 miles east of here, and the engineer killed. The sheriffs have been informed of the robbery, and officers are now preparing to leave for the scene. The object of the robbers, it is presumed, was to secure the contents of the through safe carrying consignments of currency from Seattle, Portland and Spokane to eastern points. The bloodhounds of the penitentiary will be wired for.

This is the fourth time the North Coast Limited, eastbound, has been held up in three years. The other three times this train was robbed near Bemount, about 50 miles west of here. This morning's hold-up is near the scene of the robbery of the Burlington Flyer two years ago in a rough, mountainous section.

POOR PEACH CROP
IN ESSEX THIS SEASON
Inspector Says Frost and San Jose Scale Will Greatly Curtail Growth.
Leamington, Ont., May 7.—San Jose Scale Inspector Johnson believes that peaches will not run half a crop in Essex County this season. The early frost last year killed lots of trees, and the scale has cost fruit growers in Essex thousands of dollars. Mr. Johnson is satisfied that the pest can be kept off by systematic treatment. He advises Essex farmers to give more attention to early fruits and vegetables, especially the latter, for which there is a big market, besides the demands for the half-dozen canneries of this county.

CAME FROM STRATFORD
Body of Electrician, Killed at Pem-
broke, Taken to Stratford.
Stratford, May 6.—The Charles D. McKay, who was killed by a live wire at Pembroke, came from this place. The body was brought here for burial.

JAIL FOR STRIKERS
G. T. Pacific Laborers Given a Month
Under the New Act.
Portage la Prairie, May 6.—Six Grand Trunk Pacific laborers, who went on strike here, have been sentenced to one month in jail under new disputes act.

FATAL WRECK ON B. AND O.
The Fireman, Baggageman and Express
Messenger Killed.
Baltimore, Md., May 7.—A dispatch from Wheeling, W. Va., says the Chicago express on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was wrecked this morning near that place. The fireman, baggageman and express messenger were killed, and three other trainmen, including the engineer, were injured. All the passengers escaped unhurt. The wreck was caused, it is said, by a defective rail.

THREE LITTLE ONES BURNED.
Sault Ste. Marie, May 6.—A special from Blind River says that three children were burned to death in a house there today while the mother was away. The oldest was 5 years; the youngest 6 months. The mother, a widow named Dominique, went to a neighbor's after building a big fire in the stove, leaving the children in the house. In a short time the place was discovered on fire by neighbors, but they were unable to rescue the little ones.