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CENSUS ORDERED FOR SUNDAY CARS

Ontario Government Decides on This Course in Case of City of London.

COUNCIL TO PASS BYLAW

Setting Aside the Sum of $900 to Pay for the Work—Matter of Date To Be Settled.

The Ontario Government will order a census to be taken to determine the population of the city of London.

This announcement was made this morning, and the Cabinet this afternoon will officially make this declaration.

Whether or not the census will be taken this year depends upon the council.

Must Pass Bylaw.

In order to do so a bylaw setting aside the sum of $900 to cover the expense must be passed by the council.

That will, of course, be one of the conditions of the census demanded by the Government.

The council must, in order to pass the bylaw, hold a special session, as the next regular meeting is practically three weeks away, and it would be too late.

Taking the Census.

Of course, if the council does not take the census this year all that will be necessary next year is to place a sufficient sum in the estimates for that purpose.

It could not be learned whether or not a special meeting of the council will be called, but it is considered likely.

Deputation in Toronto.

A deputation from the Sunday car advocates went to Toronto this morning and will meet Sir James Whitney and his Cabinet at 2:45 o'clock to discuss the question.

The Cabinet has come to a decision, however, and the above is the substance of that decision.

The Date.

It is understood that the date of taking the census will be a matter for the council to arrange, although the Government will appoint the men to be engaged in the work.

The committee who went to interview the Premier was made up of Mr. John Pringle, Mr. S. F. Lawrason, Dr. J. B. Campbell and Mr. Arthur W. White.

MORE OFFICE ROOM MUST BE OBTAINED

City Engineer Graydon Favors Using the Auditorium of City Hall for Purpose.

City Engineer Graydon is going to suggest that the auditorium of the city hall be made into offices. He points out that there is not room enough now for the accommodation of the clerks, and that with Niagara power and other matters there will be a great lack of office room.

The board of education are also hampered for space, and they are considering or will consider a proposition for more offices.

"I think the suggestion is a good one," said Mr. Graydon. "There is need now of more room, and when the power question is further advanced there will be need of more room still. The hall is of little use to the city. We derive little or no revenue from it, and we could make a great deal of money by utilizing the space for office purposes."

HER NAME WAS MAUD

Mule Kicks Old Gentleman to Death After Wife Had Deserted Him.

Pittsburg, Nov. 17.—Mrs. James Edmonds, of Washington County, is alleged to have deserted her home recently, taking with her the household effects and five head of cattle, but leaving behind an old mule. Edmonds preferred charges of desertion against his wife. Early today the mule, Edmonds' only remaining possession, kicked him, causing his death a short time later in a hospital. Her name was Maud.

LIPTON TO RACE FOR AMERICA CUP

New York, Nov. 17.—Sir Thomas Lipton will challenge for a race for the America's Cup to be sailed in 1911. Sir Thomas made this statement just before sailing for home today on the steamer Lusitania.

HIGGIN'S YACHT LOST

Millionaire's Pleasure Craft Piles Up on the Madeiras.

New York, Nov. 17.—Eugene Higgin's yacht Varuna lies today a total wreck on the northwest coast of the Island of Madeira. While the vessel is pounding in a storm on a rocky shore and is reported as likely to break up at any moment, all on board of her, with possibly one exception, have been saved.

This information was received in this city today by the board of marine underwriters in a cablegram from its agent at Funchal.

The Varuna, one of the largest of American steam yachts, although in an upright position, is full of water. With the change of the wind to the westward the yacht has practically no chance of escaping total destruction on the rocks. The Varuna was on her twenty-eighth trip across the Atlantic. At Mr. Higgins' office here it was said today that although the make-up of his yachting party was not known it was believed that he took several friends with him when the yacht sailed from Marseilles, which was her last known port of call.

Mr. Higgins is a multi-millionaire, and a member of many yacht clubs.

MADE A MONSIGNOR.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the Catholic University of America, has just received from Rome the Papal brief creating him domestic prelate of the pontifical board, with the title of monsignor.

WAS ASTOR'S YACHT LOST IN HURRICANE

Friends Fear He May Have Perished in Recent West Indian Gale.

New York, Nov. 17. — The steam yacht Nourmahal, with her owner, Col. John Jacob Astor, his son, Vincent Astor, and two friends, aboard, is still unreported today in the West Indies, where the yacht was cruising in the recent heavy storm. Interrupted cable communication is probably responsible for the absence of word of the yacht's whereabouts, though friends are apprehensive, fearing the Nourmahal may have suffered damage in the storm. The yacht left Kingston, Jamaica, on Nov. 5 for Porto Rico.

A DOMINION STATUS FOR PHYSICIANS

Tentative Agreement Reached by a Conference of Medical Men.

Montreal, Nov. 17.—An important conference was held here yesterday between representative physicians from all parts of Canada and Dr. Roddick, of Montreal, in regard to Dr. Roddick's bill for Dominion medical registration, which has not met with the approval of all the provinces, and thus has not been put into force.

As the result of the conference held today, a tentative agreement has been arrived at by which steps will be taken to have the act so amended as to be acceptable to all the provinces. It is expected that action will be taken during the present session at Ottawa, following which concurrent legislation will be adopted by all the provinces, when Dominion medical registration will be an accomplished fact.

Dr. Roddick presided at yesterday's conference, and the representatives present were: Drs. W. Shank, Wolfe Island, Ont., representing the Ontario Medical Council; S. N. Starr, Toronto; R. W. Powell, Ottawa; F. J. Tunstall, Vancouver; R. J. Blanchard, Winnipeg; Murray McLaren, St. John, N. B.; J. P. Daniels, M. P., St. John, N. B.; John Stewart, M. Campbell and T. L. Sinclair, Halifax; S. B. Jenkins, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; E. B. Lachapelle, H. S. Birkett, Montreal, and L. P. Normand, Three Rivers.

TROOPS AT CHERRY TO PREVENT CLASH

Now Believed That Not One of the Entombed Will Escape.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 17.—State troops were on the ground today, when the sun rose on Saturday's disaster, in the St. Paul coal mine, where 300 men are still entombed.

Before dawn the daily pilgrimage of women to the mine began. The faithful vigil of the women has been relaxed only a few hours each day, though little hope is entertained that a living man or boy will be found when the mine is opened.

The delay in recovering the bodies has driven scores of women almost to desperation. Hints of a possible demonstration against the state officers or mine officials reached the ears of States Attorney Eckhart yesterday and the troops were sent for. All night they did sentinel duty about the mine, and railroad cars, containing mine inspectors and nurses, and the private coach of President Earling, of the St Paul road.

Flooding Mine.

During the night tons of water were forced down in the burning mine through the hoist shaft. Fire Chief Horan, and Capt. Kenny, with engine 40 and a squad of Chicago firemen, are in charge of this work. The thoroughness of the persons directing the relief will make physical hardship and suffering improbable, if sufficient funds are received. The following cases are typical: Louis Galletto, 49, his two brothers, and his eldest son, John, 18, were among the victims. Louis Galletto leaves a widow ,who is a chronic invalid, and six dependent children, the youngest 5 years old. Joe Zeukira, 35, perished. He leaves a widow and seven children, the eldest of whom is Annie, aged 13.

$5,400 RECEIVED FROM LICENSES

City Gets Its Share—Ontario Government Has Check for $6,290 02.

License Inspector Galpin made out two nice little checks this morning, one for $6,290 02, in favor of the Provincial Treasurer, and one for $5,400 in favor of the city treasurer.

These amounts are the proportions due the city and Government from the license fees, and from fines and other charges collected by the inspector. The checks will be turned over today.

FULL CANADIAN CIRCUIT

Wm. Morris to Bring Vaudeville Turns Direct From England.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 17. — Negotiations have been carried on in the city for the last two days with the result that William Morris' high-class vaudeville will be seen in every large city in Canada. The great circuit-builder will set aside a fund of over $1,000,000 to be used in building new theatres in Canada. Mr. Morris has now two theatres in Winnipeg, one in Toronto, and will now invade the entire Dominion. This will enable many of the big English acts to sail from Liverpool direct to Montreal.

COLLISION ON C., H. AND D.

Dayton, O., Nov. 17.—A double-header freight train north bound and a passenger train south bound on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad met in a collision a few miles north of here this morning, resulting in the death of two men, a fireman and a brakeman.

JOHN MITCHELL OF PARKHILL

John Mitchell, the Liberal nominee, is a grain dealer, and a resident of Parkhill, where he has been located for fourteen years.

Prior to that time he was in Strathroy, in the grain business, and some of his relatives reside there still. He is in the prime of life, and extremely popular, not only in his own town, but throughout the riding.

Mr. Mitchell is a big man, about six feet in height, and strongly built. He is called "Big Jack" Mitchell, and that describes him, as he is big physically, and in heart and mind, and in the abundance of his good nature.

A Middlesex man, in touch with the farming community all his life, he is peculiarly adapted to know the needs of that class, and there is no doubt he will make an ideal representative for the riding.

On all sides, nothing could be learned except kind words for John Mitchell. The prospects of his election are exceedingly bright.

CITIZEN WOULD START A FUND

Case of Incapacitated Fireman Rouses People to Need of Providing for Sufferers.

COULD RAISE $10,000

If the City Would Put Up $15,000—Man Who Makes Statement Is One of Most Responsible in City.

The case of Fireman Burgess, who is practically a cripple in his home, as the result of the colds he contracted while a member of the London fire department, is interesting many citizens at present, as well as the members of the city council.

A prominent wholesale man stated to The Advertiser today that it is time the city of London made a move toward providing a fund for crippled firemen.

Will Raise $10,000.

"I am willing to do my share of it," he said. "I will wager that I can take another businessman with me, and we will raise the sum of $5,000 in an afternoon among the businessmen of London. And we can easily make up another $5,000. Then the city should add, say, $15,000, so that there would be a nucleus of $25,000."

The gentleman who made the above statement is one of the most responsible businessmen of London. He is a man with large heart, and his money frequently rolls into charitable channels. But he has steadfastly kept in the background, and does not seek notoriety. It is likely that something will be heard from him in the near future.

"I am willing to start the ball rolling with a respectable check," he told the reporter, "and I know of many other men who will contribute."

Fireman Burgess' Case.

No. 3 committee will say at its next meeting what shall be done in the case of Fireman—or, rather, ex-Fireman—Burgess.

Beyond a doubt when he went on the department he was one of the strongest and best-looking men on the brigade. He resigned to go into business, and later was taken back by the late Chief Clark—something Mr. Clark was not in the habit of doing.

Now he is unable to earn a dollar, and his wife has undertaken to provide for the home as best she can. A largely-signed petition has been presented to the city, praying that something be done for Burgess, who was a good fireman and a good citizen.

Verdict for $1,000 Damages.

In the case tried at Stratford Monday, Farrell vs. O'Donoghue, for seduction of plaintiff's daughter, no defence was offered. The plaintiff was awarded $1,000 damages. Mr. Guthrie read from the evidence of the examination for discovery in which defendant admitted illegal relations with the plaintiff.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Nov. 17—8 a.m.

Today—West to northwest gales, decreasing tonight; colder, with local snowfalls and flurries.

Thursday—Fresh or strong northwesterly winds; fair and cold.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	20	12	Cloudy
Winnipeg	14	12	Cloudy
Port Arthur	14	16	Cloudy
Toronto	38	38	Cloudy
Ottawa	36	30	Fair
Montreal	44	30	Cloudy
Quebec	32	28	Snow
Father Point	28	26	Snow

No reports from Victoria or Parry Sound this morning.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Toronto, Nov. 16—8 p.m.—A disturbance which was in the Southwest States last night has moved rapidly northward, with pronounced development, and is now centred over the lake region, accompanied by snow and sleet and heavy rains. Stormy weather is now indicated for Eastern Canada. Storm signals are displayed from the lakes to the Atlantic.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 31—58; Dawson, 8 below—2 below; Victoria, 34—40; Vancouver, 29—40; Edmonton, 4—20; Battleford, zero—10; Prince Albert, zero—18; Calgary, 6—24; Moosejaw, 4—14; Qu'Appelle, zero—14; Winnipeg, 10—24; Port Arthur, 14—26; Toronto, 29—44; Ottawa, 26—32; Montreal, 30—34; Quebec, 28—38; St. John, 36—42; Halifax, 34—48.

WEATHER NOTES.

The important disturbance which covered the Missouri Valley yesterday morning has now reached the Ottaway Valley. It has given a heavy gale in the lake region, attended by snow and rain, and now promises stormy conditions on our Atlantic coast.

In the west the weather is still cold.

Storm signals are displayed from the lakes to the Atlantic.

Washington, Nov. 17. — Forecast: Eastern States and Northern New York—Rain in southeast, rain or snow in north and west portions tonight; colder.

Thursday—Fair; colder in east portions; brisk to high west to northwest winds.

Western New York—Snow in west; rain or snow in east portion tonight; colder. Thursday—Local snows.

Lower Lakes—High west to northwest winds; snow tonight; Thursday, snow flurries, except fair on western Erie; colder tonight.

PERE MARQUETTE THROWS UP SPONGE

Railway Does Not Now Want the City of London's Line to Lake Erie.

VALUE IS DIMINISHED

Says President Cotter — Also Hints That He Will Try to Make the City Pay for New Bridges.

The Pere Marquette Railway has officially notified Mayor Stevely that all negotiations between the company and the city for the extension of the lease of the London and Port Stanley are at an end.

His worship received the communication this morning, and will present it to the board at an early date.

In the letter Mr. William Cotter, the president, makes it very plain that he holds the city liable for the bridges, and that he looks for the city to make good the cost for these improvements. The sum involved amounts to $60,000.

The Letter.

The letter of Mr. Cotter is as follows:

Detroit, Nov. 13, 1909.

His Worship Mayor Stevely, Mayor of London, Ontario:

Dear Sir,—I regret that circumstances have prevented an opportunity of meeting with you and the councillors of London in connection with the question of the London and Port Stanley lease, regarding which I wrote you some time ago.

My time has been taken up on the reorganization of the C., H. and D. Railway, and other important matters, leaving little or no chance to consider the question of this lease.

My idea is that the cost of the bridges over the Thames and Kettle Creek should be paid by the city of London, and my contention is justified by the terms of our present contract. With this question disposed of, we were, as per the advice of Mr. Pyeatt, willing to extend the lease for twenty years under terms and conditions set forth and considered in lease passed by council in 1901. As this proposition, informally discussed with you, did not appear satisfactory, I beg to suggest that the matter be dropped, as in the face of recent value the L. and P. S. R. property is very likely to be further affected before the expiration of our present lease. Yours truly,

WM. COTTER,
President and General Manager
Pere Marquette Railway.

Cooled Off.

It has been suspected for some time that the company would not press their claim. It was not accepted with enthusiasm in the city, and there developed rather a decided opposition to the extension.

Then came the sale of the Southwestern Traction Company. The fact that the new company is asking for a federal charter, which will carry with it, in all probability a Sunday car service, has led the Pere Marquette officials, if the tenor of the letter is judged aright, to come to the conclusion that the value of the L. and P. S. R. is not so great as was first anticipated by them.

Whether or not that is so will be determined in time. The company in any event consider it so.

Must Sue for It.

The only way in which the company can collect the price of the bridges is to sue. City Solicitor Meredith has repeatedly given his opinion to the effect that the city is not liable. He also recommended that any suit entered be defended. That advice will be followed by the council, and there should be a legal battle for the money involved.

The Pere Marquette has obtained the advice of Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., of Toronto, and others on the question, and it is stated that they think the city liable for the cost of the bridges

Mayor's Statement.

"The letter explains itself," said Mayor Stevely. "It can readily be seen from the letter that the company is not anxious for the extension of the lease. They would have negotiated some time ago, and were prepared to make a handsome offer, but things have changed since then, and there can be no doubt that they are not now ready to make any offer at all for the road.

"I presume they will sue for the value of the bridges. They contend that we are liable while our solicitor says we are not. So there you are."

LONG FIGHT ENDS

Factions Amongst Electrical Workers To Settle Disputes.

Toronto, Nov. 17.—The committee on laws of the American Federation of Labor, which was deputed to settle the trouble between the McMully and Reid factions, warring forces among electrical workers, presented its report to the convention at Massey Hall this morning, and it appeared that a settlement of a two-year fight is at last in view. The committee's report was read by Delegate John B. Lennox, who was greeted with applause as he rose. The committee recommended that the Denver agreement be reaffirmed. This agreement stipulated that all lawsuits tying up the funds of either organization be dropped, and that a convention be called to adjust matters in dispute.

G. C. GIBBONS, K. C. REMAINS SILENT

Will Say Nothing at This Time in Regard to Candidature for Mayoralty.

COL. LITTLE IS MENTIONED

For a Place on the Utilities Commission—Hon. Adam Beck's Name Still Put Forward for Mayor.

The success of the combined slate of the R. E. O. P. A. and the board of trade depends upon the candidate for mayor.

It has now simmered down to four names, and unless one of the quartet stands, the slate will be split up, and little good will be accomplished.

The four men whose names are mentioned are Hon. Adam Beck; Mr. Geo. C. Gibbons, K.C., Col. J. W. Little and Mr. C. R. Somerville.

The Situation.

Mr. Somerville must be eliminated, as he will spend the winter in the south for his health, and will not consider the mayoralty.

Col. Little has also signified his intention of remaining in private life, and will not run for the mayoralty, although he may be induced to run for the utilities commission.

It looks as if Hon. Adam Beck and Mr. Gibbons may be the possible candidates. Mr. Beck is out of the city, and Mr. Gibbons declared that he would not say anything whatever at the present time.

Want One of Them.

The R. E. O. P. A. will insist upon one of these men running for the mayoralty, or there will be no slate so far as they are concerned.

It is felt that with either one of these men heading the ticket there will be no difficulty in obtaining good men to run for the other offices.

The expectation is that either one or two of them will be selected and tendered the nomination.

A Strong Slate.

In that case, the acceptance will mean a strong slate, and many candidates for municipal offices.

There will be nothing done until after the meeting of tomorrow evening, when the whole question will be gone into thoroughly.

CAN'T CROSS LINES WITHOUT AN ORDER

Railway Commission Decides All Transmission Wires Are Under Its Control.

Ottawa, Nov. 17.—According to an important ruling of the railway commission this morning the principle was laid down that an electric power or transmission companies, whether Federally or Provincially incorporated, must obtain an order of the board before crossing the lines of any telephone company. The question came up on the application of the Bell Telephone Company for an order forbidding the Nipissing Power Company of Toronto from crossing with its power lines the wires of the Bell Company between Powassan and North Bay, until permission of the board had been obtained. Counsel for the power company maintained that according to the provisions of the railway act defining the powers of the board, no authority was given to make an order of the kind applied for in view of the fact that the power company was a Provincially chartered company under the sole control of the Ontario railway and municipal board, and also in view of the lack of any specific declaration in the act declaring that the crossing of telephone lines by power lines came under the jurisdiction of the board on the same basis as the crossing of railway lines by telegraph, telephone or power lines.

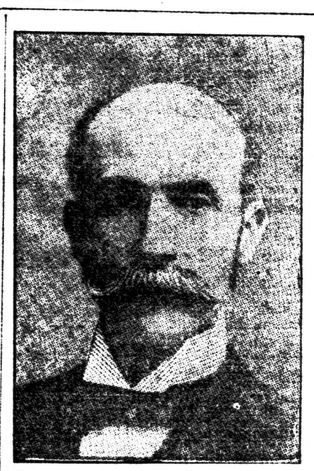
Chairman Mabee, in giving his ruling, declared that while personally he was of the opinion that the Provincial sphere of legislation should be supreme and should be left untouched by any Federal power or any Federal court of tribunal, still he held that under the act the board was compelled to apply to power lines the same principles that applied to telephone lines in the matter of the crossing of railways. The intent of the act was to protect the public, and there was liability of the same dangers in the crossing of high power lines over telephone lines as appertained to the crossing of wires over railway tracks. In the latter case the board had power to make an order applying to Provincially chartered companies where the crossing was made over a Federally chartered railway.

Similarly he held that the board had jurisdiction where the crossing was to be made over telephone lines, which were under the act within the jurisdiction of the railway board. Judge Mabee, in granting the order, intimated that there was some ground for doubt on the legal aspect of the decision, and that an appeal might be taken to the supreme court. Personally he would not be disappointed if the supreme court reserved the decision on a point of law, thus relieving the board of an immense amount of additional work involved by the precedent.

WHO CLAIMS THIS COOL FIFTY DOLLARS

Someone Owns It as a Result of Proving Who Sent In False Alarm.

It is up to somebody to claim $50 from the city for giving information which led to the appearance in the police court this morning of five north end youths, for sending in false alarms to the fire department. Chief Williams states that he does not think the policeman who was working on the case will put in any claim for the money, as he probably had information given him by outside parties, which helped him to secure the evidence. The charge was laid by Fire Chief Aitken, but it is unlikely that he will claim the fifty. In the meantime, the city fathers are awaiting a claimant for the money, which is due to somebody, according to the city bylaws.



LORD LANSDOWNE,
Leader of Opposition in House of Lords, Who Has Announced That Budget Bill Will Be Rejected.

NEW LEAGUE WILL FIGHT CARS

Meeting Was Held Last Night in Y. M. C. A. Which May Have Significance.

SESSION HELD IN CAMERA

But It Is Announced That Clean Civic Government Is To Be the Watchword of the Organization.

The organization which from henceforth will be known as "The Citizens' Municipal League," met for the third time in the Y. M. C. A. yesterday evening to complete their organization. The meetings are held in camera, and profound secrecy is maintained as to what took place at their deliberations. The platform of the league was laid down as follows, "Clean and economic civic government coupled with temperance and moral reform and Sabbath observance."

It is now practically understood that the organization is intending to run a slate in the coming municipal elections, in which the names of men who will maintain the platform of the league will appear. Mr. J. F. Maine when seen after the session, stated definitely that so far no candidates had been named. There will be another meeting in the near future, when this matter will be decided.

Against Sunday Cars.

Last night's gathering was one of organization. Mr. J. F. Maine was elected chairman, Mr. T. Bowles secretary, and Mr. Charles Talbot treasurer.

While the league is at present maintaining a profound silence on the matter of Sunday cars, it is understood that this question was one of those discussed at some length at the meeting last night, and will be one of the important factors in the choosing of the slate for city councillors.

Several committees were appointed last night, but the officers would not consent to give the newspaper representatives any information either regarding the reason for their appointment or the names of their members.

BROKE FROM OFFICER ON THE WAY TO JAIL

A Prisoner Makes Sensational Escape From a Constable at Tilbury.

Tilbury, Ont., Nov. 17.—Breaking away from a constable, with whom he was standing at the M. C. R. station waiting for the train which was to convey him to jail for a term of three months, Joseph Wilson jumped on a train moving out in the opposite direction. Passengers saw the escape and notified the conductor after the train had got under way, but the conductor decided he could do nothing because the man had paid his fare. Windsor officers were notified and met the train, but it was found Wilson had left the cars at some station east of Windsor.

C. W. BENNETT IMPROVES

Expects to Leave for Cuba Early in December.

A friend in this city today received the following letter from Mr. C. W. Bennett, the well-known theatrical man:

New York, Nov. 16.

"I am happy to announce to you after my long illness, that I am able to sit up for a little while today and dictate a few letters to a few of my friends. I must be brief as I cannot sit up long.

"The doctor tells me that I will be able to walk quite a little in a day or two, and he is trying to get me strong enough to leave for Cuba the forepart of next month, but you know I had one relapse and there is nothing sure if one is ill. With the help of the nurse and Mrs. Bennett I was able to walk about twenty feet today, but feel pretty weak."

SLAPPED P. C.'S FACE

Objected to Having Her Husband Taken to Prison.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 17. — Mrs. Albert Bean, whose husband, a letter carrier, was sentenced to three years in Kingston for stealing a letter, created a scene in court by clasping her convicted husband in her arms, crying out: "You leave him alone." When the constable attempted to take the prisoner away she slapped the officer in the face. She was finally removed, screaming hysterically.

MUSKRAT TRAPPERS FINED.

Hamilton, Nov. 17.—The fish and game inspector has started a crusade against those persons who kill muskrats out of season. At the police court this morning three men were fined $20 each on that charge.

LIBERALS NAME JOHN MITCHELL

Parkhill Merchant Selected to Contest North Middlesex.

THE CHOICE UNAMINOUS

Stirring Addresses by the Candidate, Mr. Duncan Ross, Mr. Smith and Others.

[By Our Own Man.]

Ailsa Craig, Nov. 16.—Mr. John Mitchell, grain merchant, of Parkhill, was today unanimously chosen to contest the riding of North Middlesex on behalf of the Liberal party. After considerable pressure Mr. Mitchell consented to be the candidate, and there is no doubt that he will be elected to succeed Mr. Duncan C. Ross on Dec. 6.

The convention, which was very large, considering the inclement weather, was called to order by Mr. S. Coxon, of Biddulph, president of the association. He spoke of the reasons of meeting, the resignation of Mr. Duncan C. Ross, to contest the west riding for the House of Commons. He regretted that Mr. Ross had not seen his way clear to stay with the north riding, but the best interests of the Liberal party demanded that he should leave them, and they must be content.

Election of Officers.

The first business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were named:

President—Mr. Marshall Miller, McGillivray.

First Vice-President—Mr. James Healy, Strathroy.

Second Vice-President—Mr. Angus McLeish, East Williams.

Secretary - Treasurer — Dr. John Gunn, Ailsa Craig.

Mr. Coxon, the retiring president, thanked the association for the honor done him, and referred to the fact that since he became president the riding in both elections had returned a Liberal member. He introduced the incoming president, who was greeted with cheers.

A Good Omen.

Mr. Miller was delighted to see so large a representation of delegates under such unfavorable circumstances, and declared it to be a good omen. It was necessary for Liberals to stand together at this time and elect a successor to Mr. Ross.

The Nominations.

The meeting was then thrown open for nominations. Mr. William Dawson, of Parkhill, moved that the nomination be tendered to Mr. John Mitchell, of Parkhill. Mr. Dennis Heenan, of Biddulph, seconded the motion.

The delegates would listen to no other name, and cheered for several minutes. Up to this time Mr. Mitchell had steadfastly refused to enter public life, and a conference of the leaders of the party was held.

While the delegates were waiting for a verdict a number of them sang "Who's the best man in the hall—Big Jack Mitchell."

Mr. F. G. Inwood.

Mr. F. G. Inwood, general secretary of the Reform Association of Ontario, spoke briefly. He explained the reasons for the resignation of Mr. Ross. It was only after great pressure had been brought to bear upon Mr. Ross that he consented to run in West Middlesex. Had he been left to his own inclination he certainly would not have left the north riding. It was his duty to the Liberal party that took him away.

He referred to the necessity of running a candidate for the Local House, and declared he had never worked with a more enthusiastic and unselfish executive in his life, nor had he ever witnessed such unanimity and enthusiasm for a candidate as was shown for Mr. John Mitchell.

"The party is wonderfully unanimous in his favor," said Mr. Inwood. "Such loyalty is splendid, and I do not think he can refuse the certain call of duty."

The Candidate.

Mr. John Mitchell was then introduced and was given a great reception.

"The offer of the convention is a great surprise to me," said Mr. Mitchell. "I did not expect the nomination nor did I want it. If my own personal wishes are consulted you certainly will not ask me to run. I am certain that if you display the same enthusiasm from now until the end of the campaign any man you settle on can win."

"We will have no stone unturned to elect you, laddie," shouted a big Scotchman.

"If you are so anxious and will do what you can I will consent," added Mr. Mitchell.

"Aye, we'll do that," shouted several voices, and there followed a remarkable demonstration of enthusiasm. The announcement was cheered for many minutes.

Mr. Alex. Smith.

Mr. Alex. Smith, M. P. for North Middlesex, spoke but a short time. He thanked the electors for the handsome majority given him in the last election, and hoped that he would continue to merit their unqualified support. He spoke of the fact that many important measures would come up in the House the coming session, and it would take the best thought of the Government and Opposition to work out a satisfactory solution. The Grand Trunk Pacific would certainly cause a great debate. In this matter, however, the position of the Government was unassailable. The G. T. P. was a good bargain for the Dominion. When completed the country would own 1,800 miles of the road, and in addition many million acres of country would be opened up.

"The navy question is bound to cause a great debate," said Mr. Smith. "The Opposition is apparently hopelessly divided on the matter. They

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MISSOURI BOND ISSUE.

New York, Nov. 17.—Announcement was made today that the Missouri Pacific Railway Company will offer to its shareholders a 95 and interest, 29,806,000 of first and refunding mortgage 5 per cent 50-year gold bonds, convertible into stock of the Missouri Pacific Company at par from Sept. 1, 1912 to Sept. 1, 1922.

The entire offering has been underwritten by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. The bond issue announced today is to be a part of a total issue of $175,000,000 in bonds which the stockholders are to be asked to authorize at a special meeting on Jan. 18, 1910