

SURPRISING DEVELOPMENTS IN BECK-M'EVROY ELECTION REVEALED BY THE RECOUNT

**Uninitialed Ballots in 23 Out of 53 Ballot Boxes—
Suspicion That Initialed Ballots Were Used
to Forge Initials on Irregular Ballots for
Doubtful Voters—Other Peculiarities.**

The recount of the ballots in the Beck-McEvoy election finished yesterday afternoon. Mr. McEvoy gained two votes and Mr. Beck one.

That was the least important feature of the recount, which revealed some very interesting facts.

The presence of one uninitialed ballot in 23 out of the 53 ballot boxes is a matter of serious moment.

Were Ballots in Circulation?
It strengthens the suspicion of Liberal workers that on election day there were ballots in circulation outside of the polling booths.

As it was very difficult to obtain information on this point a recount was demanded.

It was only necessary to secure one initialed ballot from the polling booth in order to forge the deputy's signature on any number of ballots to be placed in the hands of doubtful voters.

Peculiar Marks.
Another circumstance which gives color to the suspicion that this practice was resorted to is the fact that in each of the boxes where there were these uninitialed ballots, there was a whole series of peculiarly marked ballots, so marked as to create comment.

The number varied, running from 5 to 25 in each box.

The trick might be done without the deputy returning officer's knowledge. It would be natural for him not to notice that an uninitialed ballot had been exchanged for the initialed one he gave a voter.

Mr. McEvoy Speaks.
"The recount from our standpoint was a great success," said Mr. J. M. McEvoy. "We showed what we had been led to believe was the case. It demonstrated that in 23 subdivisions out of 53 there was an uninitialed ballot. Only one is necessary to do the work. When once a properly-initialed

ballot reaches the outside, the rest is comparatively easy. It can be used all day with great success. The fact that in every one of these boxes there were ballots marked in a certain peculiar way, is a circumstance that makes our suspicions appear well founded.

Ballot Not Secret.
"There was another reason I had for the recount, and that was to show that this so-called ballot was not secret. You could see across the table how a man voted. The paper was so thin that the mark could be distinguished at a considerable distance. This ballot was not a secret ballot."

More Peculiarities.
In a single subdivision there were 26 ballots from which some initials had evidently been erased and others substituted.

In division 9 of ward 3 there was one more ballot than names on the poll-book.

In division 9 of ward 2 there was one less ballot than names on the poll-book.

In division 9 of ward 1 there were 3 uninitialed ballots for Beck, the only division in the city where that occurred. In this box there were 29 ballots marked in a certain peculiar way. This is the record of the recount.

Marks on Ballots.
There was some discussion about the admission of a certain ballot. In one ballot a cross was marked after the name of Beck, while McEvoy's name was scored but. This ballot was allowed.

Another ballot marked with a cross after the name of McEvoy and with a circle after Beck's, was thrown out.

Six of the uninitialed ballots were for McEvoy.

"That was evidently part of the game," said Mr. McEvoy. "It only meant a difference of one vote, while the marked ballot outside would mean a great deal of difference."

Mr. McEvoy is expecting other developments shortly, and the course of action to be taken will be made known within a few days.

Displeased at Court Summons Chatham Woman Tries Suicide

**Takes Dose of Laudanum, But
Prompt Medical Attendance Saves.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Chatham, July 3.—Because she disliked being arraigned in police court on a charge of having stolen some clothes from a sister, Mrs. John El-

liott attempted suicide by swallowing one ounce of laudanum.

Since being served with the summons to appear in court, she was very melancholy and depressed, and declared, among other things, that she would never attend the court.

The attempt at self-destruction took place in a room in the house of Mrs. George Birkby, Taylor avenue, the would-be suicide being discovered in a comatose condition. Dr. George T. McKeough used his stomach pump to good effect.

Rival Theatres Pool Their Interests

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Hamilton, July 4.—Official announcement was made today that the Savoy and Bennett theatres had pooled their interests, arranging for an equal division of profits.

Bennett's will have the vaudeville field to itself opening Aug. 31, and the Savoy will begin playing stock a week later.

The advertiser made this announcement some days ago on the strength of information secured from the head offices here.

No Water Is Needed in Devil Strips

A petition is being circulated among bicyclists of the city asking that the city council refrain from watering the devil strip of the street car tracks on paved streets.

The cyclists point out that when the streets are watered it is impossible for them to ride, and they are continually splashed with water and mud.

"If only a strip three feet wide is given us we would be all right," said a bicyclist to The Advertiser. "When the streets are watered it is very difficult to get around, and it makes it more inconvenient for us. There are over 500 names on the petition now, and we expect to have many more when it is ready to go to the council."

Labor Men Preparing for the Fight

As announced in The Advertiser some time ago, the Labor party will name a candidate for the coming Dominion election, and are at present making arrangements for organization.

When the candidate will be named has not been discussed as yet, but a meeting will be called within a couple of weeks to settle that matter.

In the meantime the organization of the city will be carried on.

A meeting was held recently, when the matter of organization was gone over thoroughly, and the city divided into subdivisions.

The work of manning these subdivisions will occupy some time, and when

that is completed it is probable that a candidate will be selected.

"We will have a candidate," said a Labor man to The Advertiser. "Everybody in the party takes that for granted, and is busy organizing the subdivisions."

St. Thomas London Old Boys.
The London Old Boys in St. Thomas will come to the reunion in large numbers. The Railroad City will send one of the largest contingents to the celebration. The Twenty-Fifth Regiment Band will accompany the association to London. All the old boys will be in costume, and will be worth

while.

A \$50,000 APARTMENT HOUSE PLANS ARE NOW MATURING

Mr. John Hayman, the Well-Known East London Contractor, Is Behind the Proposition—Will Be Located on Queen's Avenue.

Work will in all probability be commenced in a few weeks by Mr. John Hayman, the well-known east end contractor, upon the erection of a handsome new apartment house on Queen's avenue, near Wellington street.

Negotiations, it is understood, have been completed between Mr. George T. Hiscox and Mr. Hayman for the property owned by Mr. Hiscox on Queen's avenue, and also for a lot on

Wellington street at present unoccupied.

The building will be in the shape of an "L," having fronts on both Queen's avenue and Wellington street. It will be four stories in height and fitted up in the most modern style.

London Township Man Injured Horse He Was Leading Frightened

By a Dog on Richmond Street North—James Robson Was Seriously Hurt.

While Mr. James Robson, of London Township, was leading a horse behind his buggy on Richmond street near Broughdale, a dog rushing out frightened the animal.

Mr. Robson was jerked out of the rear of the buggy onto the road.

He held onto the horse, which dragged him some distance, when he

was forced to let go, and the animal escaped.

Mr. Robson's legs were badly hurt, one knee particularly. It is thought to be broken. He was also injured about the head.

Some farmers driving along found him lying on the road, and summoned Stewart's ambulance.

He was removed to the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Taylor, South London, where Dr. James D. Wilson attended his injuries.

He will be laid up for some time. He is the brother-in-law of Assistant Ensign Kirkpatrick, of this city.

London's Water Supply Is Pure One Not a Case of Fever in City This Year

Only Three Cases Reported Last Year—Citizens Have Reason To Feel Proud.

"There is not a case of typhoid fever in the city," said Medical Health Officer Hutchinson to The Advertiser this afternoon.

"So far as I can learn there have been no cases this year. London's water is excellent, pure and healthy. In my opinion, there is no question but that the water is pure."

This is a remarkable tribute to the water supply of London.

Last year only three cases of fever were reported, and these were re-

ported during the first six months.

Nineteen hundred and eight promises to eclipse that record.

In every city each fall there are cases of typhoid fever due to carelessness of drinking water in summer resorts.

This sometimes causes epidemics, but last year was particularly free from that sort of thing so far as London was concerned.

In a city of nearly 50,000 not a case of fever is something of which the citizens ought well to be proud, and is a record any city might envy.

"There is no question of any kind of disease which might be traced to drinking water," continued Dr. Hutchinson. "The year past has been a very healthy one, on the whole, and London has been particularly favored."

Drain Case Hangs Fire Eighteen Years Judge Elliott Dismisses One Appeal

Row Over a Small Matter Developed Into a Serious Dispute.

A case that had been hanging fire for upward of eighteen years, and had cost in legal fees a large amount of money, was settled Thursday at McGillivray by Judge Edward Elliott.

The action was what was known as the Scott drain case, and involved disputes between West Nissouri Township and a number of farmers as to the legality of certain taxes imposed upon the latter for the cost of maintaining the ditch.

Recently the township engineer fixed the rate of assessment upon each of the contending farmers, and an appeal was taken against the award by William Scott, J. H. Hamilton and W. J. Hamilton, who alleged that the amount of taxation was too high.

The drain should be constructed of tile, and that it had an improper outlet.

The drain runs through approximately 12,000 acres of farm lands and empties into the Aux Sable River.

Judge Elliott decided that the plaintiffs had no grounds for complaint, and dismissed the action.

Mr. E. W. Scatterd appeared for the township and the township engineer.

Democratic Delegates in London

Martin J. Sullivan, head of the Democratic party in Boston, accompanied by twenty-eight delegates from that city, passed through the city this morning in a private car en route for Denver, where they will attend the convention to be held in Denver.

To the Advertiser Mr. Sullivan stated that Mr. Bryan was never

stronger than at the present time, and that he is going to put up the best fight yet.

Mr. Sullivan is confident of success, notwithstanding that Taft is a very strong opponent.

Accompanying the party was Mr. Alf McDonald, of the Boston Transcript.

The quick action of Drum-Major Cockburn alone prevented a serious accident when the Seventh Regiment was marching to Tecumseh Park last evening.

As the band drew near Richmond street, an Oxford car, going north, was standing on the south side of Dundas street.

The front row of the band was practically on the track when the signal was given to the motorman to take his car north.

The bandmen, of course, were intent on their music, and did not notice the car. Sgt. Cockburn saw it, however, and shouting to the men, he

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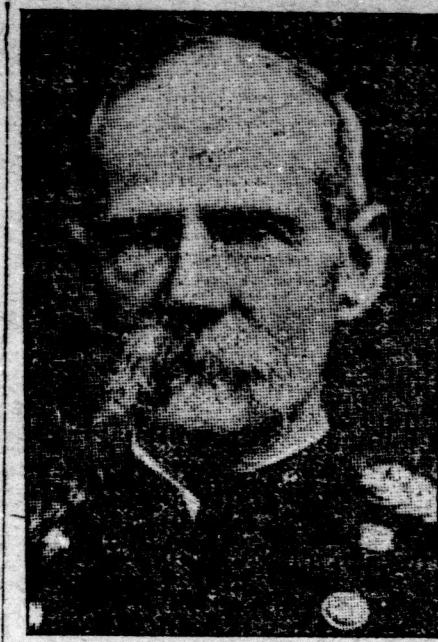
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FIELD MARSHAL LORD ROBERTS, who will be invited to visit London during the Old Boys' reunion in August. He is coming to Quebec to take part in the tercentenary celebration.

NORFOLK COUNTY BOY BITTEN BY MAD DOG

Villa Nova, July 4.—The epidemic of hydrophobia, which has been thinning the herds of cattle and droves of swine throughout Norfolk County, has taken a more serious turn.

A little son of Valdo Olmstead, owner of a dog which went mad, has been bitten, and has been hurried to the Pasteur Institute at New York. The dog is still at large and it is not known how many are infected.

GEORGE D. M'MULLEN DEAD IN TORONTO

Was a Well-Known Former Londoner—Heart Trouble Ended Life.

Mr. George Dixon McMullen, lately of London, Ont., died yesterday morning at his residence in East Toronto, of heart trouble. He was in his 48th year.

Mr. McMullen, who was a brother to Rev. William McMullen, belonged to a prominent Methodist family of London, and was well known in this part of the country, where he was connected with railway interests. He went with his wife and two children, also accompanied by his father, to live in East Toronto, about six months ago, and was connected with Construction, the trade journal issued from the Saturday Night building.

His death was due to the recurrence of a heart affection, brought on in his youth by excessive bicycle-riding.

The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his residence to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

BOYS WERE FOUND WORKING UNDER AGE

Factories Inspector Appears To Be On the Warpath These Days.

Factory Inspector Harry Clarke is keeping a close watch on boys at work in the various factories in the city.

Yesterday he made the rounds of the brickyards and having sent him through fourteen at work. He immediately ordered them home.

An appeal was made to the police magistrate to allow the boys to work, but his honor said that the word of the crown attorney was law, and there could be no objection.

In one case it is alleged that a grown-up man was dismissed, and his 10-year-old son given the job.

Prosecutions may follow.

MADE K. C.'S.

Ottawa, July 4.—Two Dawson bar-risters are made K. C.'s, C. B. Pattullo and E. C. Senkler. H. R. Archer, of Swan River, is commissioner to administer naturalization oaths.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, July 4—8 a.m.
Today—Moderate southerly winds; mostly fair and warm; a few scattered showers.

Sunday—Southwest winds; fine and very warm.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary 48 46 Fair
Winnipeg 88 60 Fair
Perry Sound 88 62 Cloudy
Toronto 88 66 Cloudy
Ottawa 70 60 Fair
Montreal 70 62 Fair
Quebec 88 66 Clear
Father Point 80 52 Clear

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperature during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.
The weather is fine throughout the Dominion, except that a few local showers are occurring in Western Ontario and Saskatchewan.

DRUNKEN COSSACKS SLAUGHTER THE CITIZENS OF TABRIZ

Rebels Surrender To the Shah's Troops and a General Massacre Begins, in Which Thousands Are Said To Have Perished.

St. Petersburg, July 3.—A massacre is on at Tabriz, Persia, and the city is being sacked by a bloodthirsty and merciless Cossack horde, according to authentic dispatches received here tonight.

Prior to the starting of the massacre 370 persons had been killed and upwards of 700 wounded in the outskirts of the city since last Sunday. The dispatch received here tonight is not timed, but indicates that the massacre started last night.

Authentic figures of the number slain in the massacre, which is thought to be still on, is not given, but a private estimate places the loss at 2,000.

Anarchy reigns in the city. There is a shortage of bread and hundreds of the rebel defenders of the city are said to be starving.

Shah Broke Truce.
A report received here this morning stated that the city had surrendered to Racheh Khan, the Shah's commander, who has been in charge of the siege of Tabriz. It indicated that the trouble was over, but later advices show that it was premature.

Tonight's dispatch says that an armistice was arranged which virtually amounted to a truce. Tabriz rebels ceased firing and permitted Racheh Khan and his force to enter within the enemy's lines.

"Get the Axe," Said Mr. Pondullo When His Friend Played Concertina

Italian Musical Comedy Which Discounts Opera of "Cavaleria Rusticana."

The Italian friends of Peter Pondullo and Joseph Marinella are exerting themselves to bring about a reconciliation between these gentlemen, who appeared in the police court yesterday morning as a result of a charge laid by Pondullo against Marinella.

It seems that on Sunday last Mr. Pondullo added to his earlier troubles a concertina. He is of a musical disposition, and plays well.

With his instrument he went down to Mr. Marinella's house to see a friend and charm him with soft Italian airs. He played along the street as he went, and when he arrived at Mr. Marinella's house continued to produce dulcet strains.

Didn't Like the Music.
Whether Mr. Marinella had not meant well he reached.

the city on the promise of the English and Russian representatives that the Shah's troops would be restrained and not permitted to engage in disorder.

Racheh Khan acceded to this demand of the English and Russian authorities, after being warned that if he violated his word there would be intervention by the powers.

White flags were run up at various points throughout the city and the Shah's troops entered. Last night a party of Cossacks became riotous in the Haban quarter, which is the hotbed of the revolutionists. A drinking bout was followed by the wrecking of a bazaar.

Cossacks Trapped.
This act was the spark that was needed to set off the explosion. In a moment a squadron of drunken horsemen were dashing through the streets followed by a mob bent on pillage.

The news spread to all quarters of the city as if by magic, the white flags were torn down and Cossacks and rebels flew at each others' throats wherever they met.

Barbicanes went up in an instant and the rebels, with a surprising show of organization, sprang to their defense. The Cossacks were caught more or less off their guard and suffered severe loss owing to being entrapped within the enemy's lines.

slept well the night before is not known, but at any rate he took a decided objection to the noise Mr. Pondullo was making and expostulated with him.

Mr. Pondullo is a believer, with Shakespeare, that the man who has no music in his soul is "fit for treason, stratagems and spoils," and he expressed sentiments of that kind to Mr. Marinella not, of course, using the exact words of the poet.

"Get the Axe."
All the while he continued to play, and when Pondullo started to "kick" him about having no music in his makeup, Mr. Marinella became so exasperated that he threatened to get the axe and forthwith chop Mr. Pondullo's head off.

Such sentiments were so shocking to Mr. Pondullo's nature that he went at once to the police station and laid an information against his friend. The men appeared yesterday, but the case was adjourned until Monday, by which time it is hoped that a settlement will be reached.

Bloody Revolt in South America

Buenos Ayres, July 3.—The latest advice received from private sources at Formosa, in the northeastern part of Argentina, says there has been sanguinary fighting in the streets of Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay, where a revolution is said to have broken out recently, and that hundreds of persons have been killed or wounded.

Edward G. O'Brien, the United States minister to Paraguay and Uruguay, and Harvey B. Owsley, jun., secretary of the legation, both are in Asuncion.

Communication by telegraph and telephone with Asuncion has been cut, and consequently there are conflicting rumors of a sensational character current here.

Warning From Factories Inspector

Inspector Harry Clarke wishes to warn factory owners and manufacturers against taking children under 14 years of age to work in the holidays.

This is contrary to the bylaw, and in his inspection the other day Mr. Clarke found several little children ten years old who were working.

The proprietors apparently were unaware that they must not hire such children, even in the holidays, and at once dismissed them when informed regarding the law.

Manufacturers who break the law are liable to a fine of \$30 for each child they employ under 14 years old.

Increase in Inland Revenue Returns

The inland revenue returns for the month of June totaled \$46,981.88, an increase over June, 1907, of \$3,923.51, or over May of this year, of \$11,454.03.

The figures for June, 1907, were \$43,058.37, and for May, 1908, \$35,527.85.

The large increase is due to the new duty on tobacco which has just gone into force, and dealers now pay 28 cents a pound for unstemmed tobacco

and 42 cents a pound for stemmed, where they formerly paid 10 cents and 15 cents. The returns for the month are as follows:

Malt, ex-warehouse	\$ 5,747.43
Spirits, ex-warehouse	4,383.15
Raw leaf	18,409.64
Cigars, manufactured	2,419.51
Cigars, ex-warehouse	9,966.40
Other revenue	55.75
Total	\$409,818

Employe Fell 15 Feet, Not Was Hurt

To fall about fifteen feet headlong into a pile of boxes and iron beams and yet escape broken bones was the experience of Fred Taylor, of 1073 Francis street, an apprentice at the Electrical Construction Company's plant on Dundas street, yesterday afternoon.

Taylor was working on a traveling

crane when in some manner he lost his balance and fell to the floor.

The force of the fall rendered him unconscious, but he was soon revived. Beyond injury to his nerves from the shock of falling, and a few cuts and bruises, Taylor escaped injury. He will be able to resume his duties it is thought, in a few days.

A Big Demand For Old Potatoes

Old potatoes were in great demand on the market this morning, and prices soared upward accordingly.

A short time ago old potatoes sold for as low as 90 cents a bag. Today the wholesale prices for them ranged from \$1.45 to \$1.50 per bag, and they

were barely procurable at that.

About six loads were offered for sale, the largest of these containing twenty bags. The load sold for \$30.