

THE PROSECUTION ENDS CASE IN LONDON ELECTION TRIAL

Milne and Contractor Corey On the Witness Stand This Morning—Cross-Examination of Collins on Monday.

[From Our Own Reporter.]
Toronto, Nov. 22.—When the London election trial opened this morning Mr. McEvoy was in charge of the defense. James Barr, of Goderich, who gave evidence yesterday as to alleged switching of ballots, was again on the stand. He said he went to North Dakota after the West Huron affair, remaining there until a short time ago.
Q.—Were you offered anything to come back? A.—Yes, my wife wrote to me that the Conservatives would give me \$500 to come to Port Huron and give my story away.
Q.—Who made the offer? A.—Phelan and George Chesley.
Q.—Conservatives? A.—Yes, sir.
Q.—Did you get the money? A.—Not a cent.
Alex. Milne was the next witness. He was a deputy in division 7, ward 2, during the by-election. Could not remember who asked him to do it.
Q.—Who had charge of the division? A.—Lewis and Sifton.
Q.—Did you see Jerry Collins during the election? A.—I think so.
Q.—What did he want you to do? A.—Something about ballots, I don't remember what.
Q.—He wanted you to do something wrong with the ballots? A.—Yes, but I did not want to do it, as it was crooked.
Milne said he did not remember what Jerry wanted him to do. It might have been to fold ballots. Whatever it was he would not agree to it.
Q.—Did Collins ask you to fold ballots? A.—I don't remember.
Q.—Yes, maybe 40.
Q.—Found out by folding 40 ballots? A.—I guess so.
Q.—You swore it was 50? A.—Well, it might be.
Mr. Staunton here read Milne's evidence as given in the police court, and endeavored to lead witness. Mr. McEvoy objected.
"This man is your witness, and you have no right to lead," declared Mr. McEvoy.
"The crown has no witnesses," answered Mr. Staunton. "We used whatever material is at hand."
"By the evidence you offer concerning a conspiracy you are certainly using all sorts of material," retorted Mr. McEvoy.
"This man's memory is bad and needs refreshing," said Judge Winchester.
Milne was not a good witness.
Q.—Did you fold ballots? A.—No. They were handed to me folded.
Q.—You swore you could see how men voted by looking into a hole of the ballot box. Is that true? A.—I guess so.
Q.—Did anyone other than Collins tell you how to fold ballots? asked Mr. McEvoy. A.—No one.
Q.—Did you fold ballots in any particular way? A.—No.
Q.—You told Collins you would not have anything to do with such a thing? A.—I did.
Q.—You folded a ballot as counsel asked you in police court? A.—Yes.
Q.—If you had folded it as counsel for prosecution suggested, you could see how a man voted? A.—Yes.
Q.—But at the time of the election you did not fold them so? A.—No.
"Did you tell anybody that you knew how people voted?" asked Judge Winchester.
A.—I may have told Sifton and Geo. Ames.
Contractor Corey.
James A. Corey, contractor, Ottawa, followed. He had contracted for canals and railroads occasionally.
In 1904 and 1905, Mr. Corey said he had a contract for a wharf at St. Joseph.
Witness was in London during the Hyman-Gray by-election.
Q.—Did you see any of the defendants there? A.—I saw Mr. Reid.
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Offer of \$30 Lamps in Mayor's Desk The Board of Trade Receives It

Local Paper Makes False Statement in Regard to the Matter.

The statement which appeared in the Free Press to the effect that a letter from the Colonial Engineering Company, of Montreal, re-establishing a producer gas plant in this city which will generate electricity for street lamps at \$30 per annum, has not been received by the city of London, is untrue. Because The Advertiser published the letter in advance of the Free Press, the latter accused this journal of being an "agent" of the gas producer people.
A letter from the company, bearing the name of the concern on the envelope is now in the mayor's desk in the offices of Meredith & Judd, barristers, Bank of Toronto Chambers.
It has been lying there for a couple of days, and should have been opened before this, and its contents made known to the special committee, which is dealing with Niagara power.
His worship is, however, in Toronto on the election trial, and the letter being addressed to the mayor and council of the city of London, it is lying in his desk, awaiting his return.
Ald. Stevely, president of the London Board of Trade, has also received a copy of the letter from the engineering company.
The Toronto Board of Control has also an offer from the Colonial Engineering Company, and is going very thoroughly into the matter, according to the reports in the Toronto papers.
It is not known whether the company will put up guarantees to do what it claims.

Grand Trunk Is Rushing Things Here 200 More Men at the Carworks

The East End Yards Are Being Greatly Improved and Business Is Booming.

The Grand Trunk officials say that they expect that the big new coal chutes which are being built just east of Adelaide street will be completed and ready for operation inside of two weeks.
Work was begun a couple of days ago on enlarging the yards east of Eglinton street, and it is stated that when completed the new yards will be the largest and best-equipped west of Toronto.
Another new coal chute is to be erected and a number of other improvements are contemplated.
The new addition to the carworks is being rushed as fast as possible and part of it will be ready for roofing next week.
Much of the new machinery is on the way now and as fast as it arrives will be placed in position.
It is stated that when the new works are running nearly two hundred additional men will be employed.

BOY IN TOILS, DEATH NEAR MOTHER

Gordon Mines, the young East Londoner who was recently arrested on a charge of housebreaking, appeared before Judge Elliott this morning, and was further remanded for one week for sentence. Mines is a handsome young fellow, and his mother at the present time is lying very ill at the Victoria Hospital.
His crime consisted of entering his aunt's house and taking a ring from one of the young men's rooms there.
His honor desires more time to investigate the young man's past record.
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Heinz People Again Look To London

Ald. Stevely, president of the London Board of Trade today received a message from the representatives of Heinz, the pickle king, that, after looking over the Canadian field pretty thoroughly, they are coming back to London to continue the negotiations in regard to the establishing of a Canadian branch here.
It is understood that a move is on foot to bring a well-known east end concern and the Heinz people together, so that the pickle manufacturers may be able to step into a factory right away and do business at once.
Mines is one of the largest and best in the world, and is seeking no bonus from the city.

MISSION WORK AMONGST JAPS

Missionaries Gave Interesting Addresses in Local Congregational Church.

Dr. C. H. Patton, of Boston, who has charge of the foreign missionary work for Canada, and Rev. Hilton Pedley, B. A., who has spent many years in missionary work in Japan, were two speakers whose remarks were listened to with a great deal of interest at a meeting held in the Southern Congregational Church last evening.
Mr. Pedley spoke most encouragingly of the work that was being done among the Japanese.
The Japs, he said, were adopting western customs, and were especially interested in the doctrines which appealed to them strongly.
Many were being baptized and many others were making a close study of the Testaments presented to them by the missionaries, and it was confidently expected that magnificent results would soon be apparent.
Dr. Patton reviewed the work that had been done by the missionaries in the past, and made a special appeal for workers among the natives of West Africa where there is a dense population, many of whom have never heard of the doctrines of Christianity.

ROMANCE HERO BACK FROM WEST

Mr. Joseph Lawrence, Jun., son of Mr. Joseph Lawrence, of 65 Ridout street, is home from the Northwest, where he was the hero of a romantic tale.
Mr. Lawrence states that practically everything has been adjusted satisfactorily between the parents, but was not prepared to talk for publication.
Mr. Lawrence says that it was a case of much about nothing. He and the lady loved one another, and that was the love never did run smooth," he quoted, with a smile.
First Church "At Home."
The members and adherents of the First Presbyterian Church are urgently invited to a social evening, at the lecture hall of the church, tonight, at 8 o'clock. It will be a congregational "at home" of an informal nature. Refreshments will be served, and a short musical programme given. The affairs of the church will be also discussed.

GAVE THIS MAN ANOTHER CHANCE

Magistrate Love Took a Lenient View of the Barrett Charges.

Henry Barrett, who was found guilty last week of stealing a watch, was allowed to go on suspended sentence by Magistrate Love on condition that he take the pledge.
"I do not believe that you are a thief," said his worship, "you have simply got into bad company and into the habit of doing nothing. If you are industrious and take care of your wife and five little children you will hear no more of the matter."
Five young men were charged with riding their bicycles on the sidewalk. All were fined one dollar. One citizen paid a dollar for driving across a bridge faster than a walk.

HE "DID" THE FARMER FARMER "DOES" HIM

A certain squire was good and mad this morning, and it all came about over the purchase of a load of hay, which he had been commissioned to buy at the commission of twenty-five cents.
The squire had been commissioned to buy a load of choice hay at the lowest possible price.
"How much for the load?" he asked one farmer.
"Seventeen dollars," was the reply.
"All right I'll take it," replied the squire.
"I'll give you \$18," remarked another buyer, whereupon the farmer sold to the highest bidder.
Inasmuch as there were no other loads on the market at the time the squire, much to his disgust, will have to wait until Monday to earn his commission.
There is another story of an incident which occurred yesterday, in which the same farmer figured.
The squire met the farmer coming in with a load of oats, and told him that he would buy at the market price, mentioning figures. The farmers said to have taken the squire at his word, and did not bother to investigate the price. After the load had been delivered he learned that the price he sold at had been considerably lower than the market price, and as a consequence he was nothing but to give the squire a little return slap today.

REPRIEVE FOR SUNFIELD

Court of Appeal Orders a Stated Case To Be Prepared at Once.

Toronto, Nov. 22.—Jake Sunfield, the Hamilton murderer, who shot Andrew Radzky, and was sentenced by Chief Justice Falconbridge to be hanged on Nov. 29, has been reprieved till Dec. 27. The court of appeal ordered this morning a stated case to be prepared and heard at once.
The afternoon tea and sale of work which was held at the residence of the president of the Local Council, Mrs. Boomer, Dundas street, was a great success, both socially and financially. The afternoon tea was given by Mrs. Boomer met with a ready sale, and throughout the afternoon the rooms were thronged by her friends, who were desirous of adding something to the funds of the council.
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INQUIRY INTO WRECK.

Toronto, Nov. 22.—Commander R. O. Spain, wreck commissioner for the Dominion Government, will open an inquiry into the wreck of the fishery protection cruiser *Stirling*. The vessel was purchased a short time ago at a cost of \$10,000, and was on her first trip, when she was wrecked and totally lost, outside of Goderich harbor, a month ago. The inquiry will be opened in the public accounts committee room here on Tuesday.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND MILD.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Nov. 22—8 a.m. Today—Moderate westerly winds and mild. Saturday—Westerly winds; fine and mild.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	24	18	Fair
Winnipeg	18	18	Fair
Port Arthur	30	28	Fair
St. Catharines	42	36	Cloudy
Toronto	44	42	Cloudy
Ottawa	44	42	Cloudy
Montreal	42	42	Rain
Quebec	42	36	Cloudy
Father Point	42	36	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather continues moderately cold in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but it is quite mild in other parts of Canada.
YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES:
London, 40-49; Victoria, 44-50; Vancouver, 47-50; Berkeley, 20-30; Montreal, 20-41; Calgary, 20-46; Prince Albert, 12-34; Regina, 8-34; Winnipeg, 28-34; Port Arthur, 22-40; Fort Snodgrass, 24-34; Toronto, 40-51; Ottawa, 28-41; Montreal, 26-42; Quebec, 24-36; St. John, 22-42; Halifax, 20-42.

ABOLISH PATRONAGE SYSTEM MR. WILLISON GIVES ADDRESS

Spoke on Interesting Subject at the Second Luncheon of the Canadian Club of London—Referred to His Local Experiences as a Reporter.

The second of the season's luncheons of the Canadian Club of London was held in the banquet hall of the Macdonald Temple last night, with a large number of club members present.
Mr. J. S. Willison, editor of the Toronto News, and well-known former London newspaperman, addressed the club on the subject of civil service reform. The address covered a period of half an hour, and was listened to with much interest.
Mr. Willison prefaced his remarks by stating that visiting London is to him like coming home, because it was here in the Advertiser he began his newspaper work many years ago.
The first task that fell to him was to report a speech by Hon. S. H. Blake in Victoria Hall, and later he was sent to report the East London court.
"I learned something there of the eccentricities of human nature and the mysteries of legal procedure, which I have not since forgotten," said Mr. Willison.
After relating some amusing experiences as a reporter here, Mr. Willison referred to the annual bowling tournament in London, which he always attended.
Proceeding to the subject of his address, Mr. Willison said that while Canada has a system of civil service examination, the test is so low that very many candidates pass, with the result that nearly all the appointments are governed by political preference.
This, he contended, is a distinct drawback to the system, and it hampers the government of the country through undermining the independence of the ministers and the members of parliament.
Canadians, he said, look down upon the political institutions and the government of the United States, forgetting the fact that the latter country is very much ahead of Canada as regards public appointments.
He said that in the United States 200,000 of the 300,000 federal offices are controlled by a civil service board. So successful has this competitive system been found, that it is being extended to the Philippines.
With the exception of such minor offices as those of rural postmasters, inferior customs positions, all appointments and promotions are made by the civil service board.
Britain, too, has done away with the patronage system, and would not return to it on any account. Gladstone once said that although he was prime minister he had no more power to make an appointment or secure a promotion than had any other influential voter in England.
If Great Britain, many of the other European countries, and to a large extent, the United States had eliminated the patronage system, would it not be a very easy thing for Canada to do so? Canadians, Mr. Willison said, have high ideals of public life and government, and it would be to the interest of the country to introduce the competitive examinations, as they have them in the countries named.
In England, the doing away of the party system of patronage had not had the effect of stifling interest in public affairs, but, on the contrary, has freed public men from the influences of the office-hunters, who, Mr. Willison declared, dominate politics in this country, while the more important matters of government are relegated to second place.
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Money Conditions Across the Line People Appear to Be Well Fixed

But the Banks and Business Houses Are Having Their Troubles.

"People here simply have no idea how tight money is on the other side," said a well-known businessman who just returned from New York. "The banks over there do not appear to have any money at all. An instance came under my notice while I was in New York that struck me rather forcibly. A large firm of contractors who had undertaken a railroad contract had to discharge 750 of their men.
It sent them their money in checks marked good by one of the largest banks in New York.
The men refused to take the checks and demanded cash.
The firm went to the bank with whom it had been doing business for years, and all the cash it could get was \$5,000. It wanted over \$50,000, and wanted it at once. The bank made a special effort and succeeded in getting \$8,000 more from one of the exporting companies. That was all the ready cash this big firm of contractors had in the banks."
Another business man told me that he had a deposit in the bank of several thousand dollars, and wanted to cash a check for \$1,000. All the cash that the bank would advance him was \$50, and made him take a check for sixty days for the balance.
The firm of John Wanamaker was depositing its money in the banks till recently, but found that when it went to get it out again to pay its employees it could not get it, so it is its own banker now, and is keeping all its money that it takes in in a safety deposit vault, where it can get at it when it requires it for its business needs.
Many other large firms have been forced to adopt similar measures. In spite of this state of things, however, business seems good, and the ordinary people seem to have plenty of money. They appear simply to have lost confidence in the banks and are taking their money out and keeping it at home.
"One woman is stated to have withdrawn \$67,000 a few weeks ago before the pinch came, and is said to be keeping it in her home. The general impression is, however, that in a few weeks more confidence will be restored, and the people will again deposit their money in the banks."

Sore Throat Depletes School Classes

Medical men report that there are an unusually large number of cases of sore throat in the city at the present time.
Many of the cases are of a particularly painful type and closely resemble an attack of diphtheria.
All classes of people seem affected by it, the old as well as the young, and in many of the rooms of the public schools there is a noticeable diminution in the attendance.
The epidemic, from all reports, seems to be increasing, and although it is not regarded as being at all serious, is very painful for several days to those affected.

CANADIANS DIE IN A BUFFALO FIRE

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 22.—One man is dead, another is dying, a third is at a hospital in a serious condition, and a score of persons had narrow and exciting escapes, as the result of a fire which broke out in Sawtell's Hotel, No. 110 Exchange street, early today. The name of the dead man is unknown to the authorities. His body is at the morgue. The seriously injured are Fred Banks, 25 years old, cook at the hotel, suffering from effects of firemen's suffocation. He cannot live. Home is in England. Emile Grattan, Italian, lately elevator boy at Broeze's House, here; home is in Ottawa, Ont.
Nearly 80 persons, sleeping in Sawtell's, McLeod's and Lawrence's hotels were rushed into the street half-dressed when the smoke and flames from the fire began to get into their rooms. Three men, one of whom was the dead man, were carried unconscious from the Sawtell Hotel by the firemen.

A RIDGETOWN EVAPORATOR BURNED

Ridgetown, Nov. 22.—Twenty thousand bushels of apples were burned in a fire which completely destroyed the evaporator of Mahler Bros., here, saved, but the loss will amount to \$6,000—partly covered by insurance.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 22.—A contract for the alterations to the Toronto postoffice has been awarded to George Henry, Russell road, for about \$20,000. The public works department has also purchased a site for a new postoffice in the town of Welland.

Plaintiff Lost Case Against G. T. R.

Judge Ermatinger has handed down a decision in the county court case of Gould vs. G. T. R., an action for wrongful dismissal from the G. T. R. shops at Stratford. The case is of much interest to London railway men.
The plaintiff claimed that he was hired by Master Mechanic Patterson, and that he was asked to take out an insurance policy in the G. T. R. Provident Association, and refusing to do so was dismissed.
The defense claimed that plaintiff signed a book agreeing to abide by the rules of the shop, and that at first he was temporarily insured.
Then it being decided to engage him permanently he was asked, as required by all employees under 40 years of age, to take out a policy which runs from \$250 to \$2,000, and the amount deducted from their wages.
Judge Ermatinger found for defendants with costs. John R. Green for plaintiff, Mr. Foster, of Toronto, for defendants. This is the third action for wrongful dismissal brought by the plaintiff within three years. He sued Mr. McCrae, of Tillsonburg, lost at trial, but won on appeal, and also the case of the M. C. G. T. and lost on trial and won on appeal.

Manager Does Not Rule the Roost Ladies May Wear Hats in Theaters

Gentlemen especially have taken kindly to the rules of the managers that ladies must remove their hats in theaters.
Practice in London.
In the Grand in London the rule has been pretty well adhered to, while in Bennett's it is absolute.
If a lady sits with her hat on in Bennett's, an usher politely hands her a card on which is printed, "Will you kindly remove your hat?"
If this has not the desired effect the usher asks the lady to remove the "sky-piece," and then if she refuses she is requested to go to the box office and get her money back.
But things in future may be altogether different.
According to the Montreal judge a lady may wear her hat in a theater, and no thanks to the manager.
If the fair sex of London should follow into the habit of wearing their hats at performances, there will likely be a great falling off in theatrical patronage.
There is nothing more provoking than to sit behind a huge artificial garden.
It is said that the city council has the power to pass a bylaw to prohibit the wearing of hats in theaters.

MONARCH BANK TO BE WOUND UP

Toronto, Nov. 21.—The Star says: The Monarch Bank of Canada is to be wound up.
This is the effect of a writ issued at Ogden Hall this morning by Hon. J. K. Kerr, D. A. Gordon and T. Marshall Ostrom against the Monarch Bank of Canada, the Toronto General Trusts Corporation and A. L. Dewar, of Vancouver, calling for an accounting of the assets of the bank and of subscriptions towards the capital stock of the venture.
The Monarch Bank was incorporated with an authorized capital of two million dollars in twenty thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, five thousand shares to be issued at twenty-five dollar premium. The original charter was not acted upon, but was renewed in 1906 with a provision limiting the time in which the capital should be subscribed. The bank was to have a quarter of a million subscribed in July last, the money to be held by the Toronto General Trusts ready to begin operations. Senator Kerr and Messrs. Gordon and Ostrom were provisional directors and J. L. Dewar, another provisional director, was to be managing director.
The quarter million was not subscribed within the time limit.
According to the terms of the charter, which fixed the limitation, the Monarch Bank has never done business, and now it will not do any. "As things are now," said one of those interested, "we are not at all displeased with the situation, inasmuch as the general financial depression might make it uphill work for us if we wanted to go on."
The bank had offices on Church street, but no banking business was ever done there.