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WINDING UP CAMPAIGN

THREE CANDIDATES FACE ELECTORS

CLOSING MEETINGS BRISK

Globe Attacks on Nesbitt Provide Ammunition—Geary Adds Cecil B. Smith and A. C. Pratt, M.L.A., to His Support—Oliver Heckled in Riverdale.

To-day sees the wind up of the bitterest municipal campaign that Toronto has ever had. The partisan rivalry, the personal rivalry between the Nesbitt and Geary factions, the lesperate campaigning of the anti-power bylaw forces, have combined in bringing into the contest sensational features which have other years never been known.

The oratorical efforts were practically concluded last night.

The feature of the several meetings held was the appearance of Cecil B. Smith on Ald. Geary's platform as a supporter of that candidate as the one best fitted, to his mind, for carrying out the power bylaw negotiations. A. C. Pratt, M.L.A. for Norfolk, was another speaker in reference to Dr. Nesbitt's vote in committee on the radial railway bill.

At both meetings, in Parkdale and North Toronto, the audiences were large and Mr. Geary's reception extremely cordial.

Dr. Nesbitt addressed three meetings one in the Labor Temple, of good size and approval, one in Dovercourt Hall, which was most enthusiastic in his favor, and one in Brockton Hall, the audience at which always provides lively reparte for the speakers. The hall was crowded with Nesbitt supporters in evident preponderance, the loud cheers for Oliver were heard at times. The doctor referred at all his meetings to "the scurrilous articles" in The Globe. Dr. Nesbitt declared that motive for The Globe's attacks on him was his own opposition to the power "ring" of which The Globe knew he was "the bitterest enemy." Yesterday morning he issued a second writ for alleged libel against that paper for further references to the Stratford incident.

In fact "the incident was a matter for much merry quip and jest at all the Nesbitt meetings and it also provided excitement at the Oliver meeting in the R. C. B. C. Hall on Broadview-avenue.

"I wish to ask the chairman a question," said D'Arcy Hindes at the Oliver meeting. "For the last two days, there have appeared in The Globe certain articles criticizing in a brutal and underhand manher.

Many interruptions and voices: "they are right, too," "that is the right way," "and I wish to ask the man who said that Beattie Nesbitt required a clergyman to give him a certificate of character."

At this point there were many interruptions and much disorder. Mr. Hinds had made his way to the platform, but Mr. Oliver, somewhat excitedly objected to his presence there, and was heard to shout during the uproar, "this gentleman should not get an answer. He has no business to come to this meeting and interrupt the proceedings. I must ask him to leave the platform." During much disorder and many gesticulations on the part of Mr. Hinds and Mr. Oliver, the former withdrew and resumed his seat in the audience. Later in the evening, shortly after Mr. Oliver had begun tspeaking, Mr. Hinds rose from his seat and repeated his question in regard to The Globe's articles, to which Mr. Oliver replied: "I know nothing whatever about what The Globe was going to publish, and if I had had my way, that article would not have been published." (Cheers.)

Mr. Hinds, "You are a gentleman, and the leading editor of The Globe is not a gentleman." (Great cheers.)

Geary in the West.

Ald. Geary's meeting at Oddfellows Hall, Northcote and Queen-streets, last night was well attended. David Spence was in the chair. On the platform were Cecil B. Smith, A. C. Pratt, M.L.A., and Dr. Noble.

Ald. Geary said that it was a preposterous inference for Dr. Nesbitt to want to class himself along with the late E. F. Clarke in regard to a men seeking the suffrages of the citizens of Toronto without having municipal experience. Nor did he think that the doctor had any right to couple his name with the name of the Hon. Adam Beck and he certainly believed that after Saturday night's occurrence the contest was between himself and Oliver.

A. C. Pratt, M.L.A., who was the chairman of the railway committee at the time when the famous York Radial Bill was introduced, said that Dr. Nesbitt had voted along with the Liberals to grant the York Radial Railway a perpetual franchise. Toronto was then near a serious crisis. (Applause.)

"A man who could do that," said the speaker, "might get the inspiration again and vote for some other perpetual Toronto franchise. (Applause.) Premier Whitney has never ordered his lieutenants how to vote on anything." He also spoke at Simpson's Hall.

Cecil B. Smith had not made up his mind to vote until recently. He now believed that Geary could be trusted to carry out the purpose of the bylaw, and he also knew that one of the other candidates could not. He did not think that water filtration was as necessary as power.

Dr. Noble thought that the wind of the balloon had been pierced on one of the church steeples. Dr. Nesbitt had done some good in North Toronto, but since he got into parliament all he had done was to take a brief from the Toronto Street Railway.

Harry Lovelock and Ed Randall also spoke.

At Simpson's Hall.

Simpson's Hall was packed to the doors for Geary and great enthusiasm prevailed. Ex-Mayor A. R. Boswell

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Consumers Pay

It must be borne in mind, notwithstanding any statements to the contrary, that, altho the credit of Toronto is being pledged to raise the money to establish the distribution system, it is not intended or expected that one cent of the taxes shall, in any year, be used for any payments on this account. The intention is that those who use the light and power shall, by the rates they pay, make provision for both interest and sinking fund.—Extract From Mayor Coatsworth's Circular.

IT WAS NOMINATION DAY ALL OVER THE PROVINCE

Interesting Contests in all Cities and Large Towns Elections by Acclamation.

Civic nominations were held thruout Ontario yesterday, with numerous candidates for municipal honors, as the following shows:

CITIES.

BRANTFORD—Mayor for city, J. W. Bowlby, S. Whitham. Water commissioners, Messrs. Walls and Whitaker re-elected by acclamation.

Brantford City municipal nominations:

For aldermen:

Ward 1—W. B. Wood, W. R. Turnbull, R. C. Robson, S. Suddaby, G. S. Wright.

Ward 2—R. Gowman, R. Hall, W. Miller, W. Pierce, J. Minshall, J. P. Pitcher, T. Wade, S. P. Pitcher.

Ward 3—S. R. Stewart, Dr. Ashton, J. Burns, J. Moffatt, W. M. Charlton, W. N. Andrews, J. Wallace, J. Inglis.

Ward 4—F. Wilson, G. H. Hartman, A. Baird, A. Ames, J. Fisher, T. Lyle, J. Blakney.

Ward 5—R. A. Rastall, R. Draper, G. W. Hall, W. H. Alford, W. Lee, L. Fisher, W. C. Cudmore.

BELLEVILLE—For mayor, Ald Marshand, ex-Ald. McFee. For aldermen, Don G. Bleecker, Thos. Mantley, George I. Thomas, Donald Paterson, W. S. Clarke, Charles Lavis, jr., C. H. Vermilyea, J. C. Morines, Peter Forin, Jas. H. Moon, Ald. Panter, Ald. Green, Thomas F. Wills, W. N. Ponton, David Carlaw, A. McGie, Ernest Thompson, T. Blackburn, W. B. Deacon, Ald. Butler, W. A. Woodley, William Garnew, P. J. Wims. For school trustees, Foster ward, W. G. Reed, R. B. Morden; Sawson ward, S. S. Moore, O. F. Dickens; Ketcheson ward, H. Walker, F. S. Deacon; Baldwin ward, Jas. Wallace (acclamation); Bleecker ward, W. S. Smith (acclamation); Coleman ward G. A. Bennett, F. M. Clarke; Murney ward, Rev. A. L. Geen, A. E. Bailey.

BERLIN—Mayor—D. J. McKay. Col. H. Martin, C. C. Halm, J. D. Eden, A. Huber, C. Kranz, W. V. Uttley, A. W. Feick, Geo. M. Debus, G. J. Breithaupt, F. W. Sheppard, J. C. Breithaupt, H. Boehmer, A. L. Breithaupt, J. W. Davey, J. S. Anthes, George Steckley.

Reeve—L. McBrine, C. C. Hahn, J. Cochrane, J. F. McKay, K. Kranz, A. B. Campbell, J. R. Eden, W. V. Uttley.

First deputy reeve—J. F. McKay, D. Gross, jr., J. A. Lang, A. W. Feick, C. C. Hahn, C. Kranz, A. B. Campbell.

Second deputy reeve—F. G. Gardiner, C. C. Hahn, E. Bricker, J. F. McKay, C. B. Dunke, A. B. Campbell.

Third deputy reeve—J. F. McKay, C. C. Hahn, F. G. Gardiner, N. Asmusen, A. B. Campbell, J. M. Schneider, C. B. Dunke, E. Bricker, D. F Gofton.

Councillors—P. Gies, F. W. Sheppard, N. Asmussen, W. R. Schacht, A. Voll, H. A. Deltrich, C. C. Hahn, J. Bernhardt, C. H. Mills, C. Kranz, D. Gross, jr., H. Martin, I. S. K. Weber, C. H. Doerr, J. A. Lang, G. H. Rieder, W. H. Gottfried, J. K. Master, H. Krug, C. B. Dunke, J. F. McKay, J. Winterhalt, M. Wildfang, R. Benges, G. W. Harrison, F. G. Gardiner, J. W. Davey, K. Harttung, P. Veldenhauser, A. B. Campbell, A. W. Frick, V. O. Phillip, C. E. Cowan, E. Boehmer, J. W. Moody, J. M. Schneider, J. S. Anthes, H. Boehmer, W. E. Cleghorn, John Hintz, J. F. Heimbecker, E. W. Clement, W. R. Witzell, A. Schwartz, C. Braun, J. A. Scellan, H. Rathman, W. A. Rolling, S. Gofton.

Light commission (two to be elected)—D. Gross, jr., Hy Schuetz, J. F. McKay, George Lippert, J. Kaufman, W. Gallagher.

Water commission (two to be elected)—H. J. Bowman, C. H. Doerr, P. S. Lautenschger, Quirmback, H. Mar-

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DRUCE TO PUSH HIS CLAIM FOR DUKEDOM

Coffin Contained Body of Aged Bearded Man---Secret Disclosed After 10 Years.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Despite the finding of the body, George H. Druce says that he is determined to continue to push his claim for the estates and title of the Portland dukedom. In an interview to-night he said: "It is foolish to deny that I am bitterly disappointed, but I have not abandoned hope. I am prepared to admit that the man known as Thomas Charles Druce was buried in Highgate Cemetery, but this does not dispose of my case. I will not admit that the body exhumed is the body of my grandfather, whom I still firmly believe is the Duke of Portland.

The body of Thomas Charles Druce, in Highgate Cemetery, was exhumed this morning, just 43 years to-day since its burial. The coffin was found to contain the remains of a human body, thus exploding the romantic tales told by Robert C. Caldwell and others, who swore during the recent hearing of the Druce perjury case that it contained a roll of lead.

The official statement given out by representatives of the home office and others who were officially present at the exhumation, not only definitely disposes of the lead myth, but seems effectively to confirm that the body buried in 1864 was actually that of T. C. Druce. The authorized statement follows:

"The coffin was opened and found to contain the body of an aged, bearded man; the plate on the coffin bore the name, Thomas Charles Druce."

The scene at Highgate Cemetery this morning when the vault was opened was remarkable. Constables seemed to spring from everywhere; every bush and every tree apparently hid an officer of the law. All the entrances to the cemetery were surrounded by the cordons of police. Only those who had passes from the home office were admitted to the grounds. George Hollamby, who claims he is the rightful heir to the Portland dukedom and to its vast estate, tried twice to get into the cemetery, but was met with a stern refusal.

The operations began at daybreak with the removal of the topmost coffins in the vault, containing the bodies of the wife and a son of T. C. Druce. It was nearly half-past eleven before the coffin, the contents of which have aroused the curiosity of the whole world, was brought up ready for opening and inspection.

The top was quickly unscrewed and the inner casing of lead cut open; there was no need for the dictum of the eminent surgeon, Augustus J. Jepper, who was appointed by the home office to carry out the exhumation, to assure all present that human remains lay in the coffin.

The Druce vault has given up its secret after ten years of legal proceedings, which have cost, all told, a considerable fortune. A large part of this money was obtained from servant girls and other women who were induced to buy shares in a company formed to prosecute the claims of Geo. Hollamby Druce against the estate of the Duke of Portland.

The charge of perjury against Herbert Druce is effectively disposed of.

Those persons who have sworn to the placing of lead in the coffin instead of a human body, have deposed to facts which now have been disproved and they probably will have to take the consequences of their acts.

So far as the general public is concerned, the entire long drawn out Druce-Duke of Portland controversy is at an end and the case of the claimant, Geo. Hollamby Druce, has fallen to the ground.

Up to Caldwell Now.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Robert C. Caldwell, whose remarkable testimony as a witness in the so-called Druce case led to the reopening of the grave of T. C. Druce 43-day, is now at the home of his daughter at New Brighton, Staten Island, under $5000 bonds to answer to a charge of perjury preferred by the British authorities in connection with the story he told in the London court.

Caldwell's story of the alleged dual personality of the Duke of Portland was the real sensation of one of the most remarkable legal cases which ever engaged the attention of the British courts. The reopening of the Druce grave was undertaken as a final effort of the government to prove their charge that Caldwell's testimony was wilful and corrupt perjury. In substance Caldwell's story, upon which the claim of the Druce heirs for the great fortune and the title of the Duke of Portland was based, was to the effect that the Duke of Portland and T. C. Druce, a London storekeeper, were one and the same.

He had known the Duke of Portland under both names, he said, and at the request of the Duke had arranged a pretended death and mock funeral of Druce so that his dual personality could be buried. He swore that a coffin buried in Highgate cemetery and which was supposed to hold the body of T. C. Durce, in reality contained only two hundred pounds of lead. It was this coffin which was exhumed to-day.

HIS ACKNOWLEDGMENTS TO THE RING.

MR. RATEPAYER: Well, they've always "soaked" me hard for light and power, but they're furnishing me with plenty of cheap fuel.

CONFESSED HE POISONED WIFE

Omer Rochette Tells Officer How He Gave Strychnine to End Her Life.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Omer Rochette, a chef of Quebec, who was arrested in Chicago Saturday, on a charge of murdering his first wife, to-night made a full confession.

The man, who was arrested with the second wife, Filon Marceau Rochette, admitted to Chief McCaskill of Montreal that he put strychnine in food that he gave his wife. Rochette and the pretty French-Canadian girl were taken back to Montreal to-night.

"I killed her because we were always fighting," Rochette said. "For 11 years we were always in a row, and I was driven half crazy by it all, then after she was dead I loved Filon and married her.

Chief McCaskill went to the cell where Rochette was locked up: "I am going to take you back to Montreal for murdering your wife," the Canadian official said; "are you ready to go or do you want to make a fight?"

"I don't see why I should be persecuted like this," complained Rochette. "I didn't kill her."

"But you did," the chief insisted. "You used enough strychnine to kill 20 persons. Your children saw you put it in the food, and you warned them not to eat any of the meat in which you put it. We have the complete evidence against you. Rochette hesitated a moment and then broke down.

"Yes, I killed her," he said. "I had to do it. We had fought so long that I just couldn't stand any more of it. But Filon Marceau didn't know anything about this. She married me secretly and we came on to Chicago, where I bought a restaurant on Wentworth-avenue. I am willing to go back without a fight and stand trial."

WILL HAVE SCRUTINEERS.

Toronto Electric Light Co. Employes to Man Polling Booths.

The city has decided not to place scrutineers in the polling booths in the interests of the power bylaw, but will depend on the police department to prevent plugging.

The Toronto Electric Light Co., however, will have scrutineers, a number of employes having received instructions. Some of them will be present, it is said, in the booths as representing the interests of the candidates for controller

A Warning

The following statement was handed out by the attorney-general's department yesterday afternoon:

"Intimations from several sources have come to the attorney-general that fears are entertained of crooked work in municipal elections in several cities and towns in the province where power bylaws will be voted upon.

"Of course in the event of anything of the kind being brought to the notice of the attorney-general, he will be prepared to take immediate action."

BOY OF 13 IS ARRESTED AS DARING HIGHWAYMAN

Ross Pettie Participated in at Least One of the Hold-Ups.

Ross Pettie, aged 13, the "baby" member of the "hold-up" aggregation which the city detectives have been gathering in during the last few days, was taken at the home of his aunt, four miles out of Dixie, Ont., by Detectives Tipton and Moffatt yesterday afternoon.

The men in custody are beginning to break down and are telling the whole story.

Pettie, whose parents live at 605 West Wellington-street, took part in the hold-up on the Glen-road bridge, when Morgan and Croker, together with another not yet arrested, held up Watson Baird, 15 years old, 8 Elm-avenue, and relieved him of 5 cents. His pockets were searched, Morgan holding a gun on him. The thieves missed $4, which he had on him. The others say that after Baird had delivered the five cents on demand young Pettie searched him, but failed to find the other money.

Pettie denies this, but admits having had a revolver, which he says he threw away. He is lodged in the shelter.

Chambers and Morgan were arraigned on four charges of robbery in the police court yesterday morning. In two of the cases Inspector Duncan states, attempted murder will be charged against Chambers.

Morgan and Reuben Croker pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and robbery with loaded revolvers of Wilson Baird, from whom they secured five cents. They were remanded for a week.

Englishman Loses.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 30.—Matty Baldwin of Charlestown won the referee's decision over Johnny Summers of England at the end of a twelve-round bout before the Winnisimmet Athletic Club, Chelsea, to-night. The fight was mostly in Baldwin's favor. Summers having the advantage in only one or two rounds.

JURY HESITATED TO RETURN VERDICT

But Finally Charge John Terrace With Deliberate Murder of William Curry.

BRAMPTON, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—A verdict of murder was returned by Coroner Heggie's jury at Elmbank Hall, this afternoon, after pressure had been brought on the coroner's jury by the crown officials. The text of the verdict was:

We find that William Curry came to his death by a gunshot wound caused by a shot from a gun fired by one John Terrace, and that the said John Terrace did directly kill and murder William Curry.

The evidence of James Curry concerning the death of his father, which charges John Terrace, for three weeks an employe on the farm near Elmbank, with the murder, was taken, as was the result of post-mortem examination, as made by Drs. Arthur Jukes Johnson, Lawson and Heggie. Crown Attorney McFadden then announced that sufficient evidence had been brought forward to send the case to the jury. He did not see any necessity to put little "Jimmy" Reid, the only other witness of the tragedy, before the jury.

A. R. Hassard, who appeared for Terrace, said that the evidence was enough to establish the cause of death, but he objected to the charge being laid against his client. In this he was upheld by several members of the jury, who, speaking from the jury bench, expressed themselves as not fully satisfied with their knowledge of the jurisdiction in the matter.

Attorney Drafted Verdict.

Crown Attorney McFadden then wrote out a verdict, which he handed to the foreman, and to which several members of the jury agreed. Others demurred and wanted the bay called. Coroner Heggie then went into the case as he thought fully, to show, according to the evidence, that there was no one else who could have fired the gun.

One juryman got up and said that he knew that Curry died from gun wounds, but the crown had not proved who pulled the trigger. Curry, jr., had sworn that he did not see Terrace cock the gun, a point which was neglected by the crown, but one asked by a juryman.

The crown attorney then said he would call the other witness. Before this was done, however, after many questions were directed at the coroner, the jury seemed satisfied to accept the advice of the crown, and the crowd of 300, which packed the hall, surged out.

A new feature of the case was brought out in the evidence of Detective Greer, who produced shot found in the sheeting of the ceiling of the dining room at the Curry house, showing that two shots had been fired. This point, it is said, Terrace had denied.

Son Tells of Shooting.

James Curry, the first witness, told the details of the shooting Christmas Day. Several times during the day he had asked Terrace to put away a hammer which he was carrying around.

"After the evening meal," he said, "I was sitting at the table reading. Terrace went over to the corner and stood for a while. Suddenly Terrace said, 'It is my turn to laugh now.' I said, 'In the name of common sense, Jack, what does this mean?' He said, 'You laughed at me at the pump. It's my turn to laugh now, put your hands behind your back. Both barrels are loaded.' I said, 'Where did you get the cartridges? Have you been searching the house?' He said, 'They were in my room.'

"Then father came out of the room. That's all I can remember now."

"Were you carrying on this conversation with Terrace with the gun pointing at you?" asked the coroner.

"Yes."

Curry continued: "My father said 'What does all this mean?' Terrace said, 'You keep back of I'll shoot you.' Then I heard a report."

At this point Mr. Hassard objected to Detective Greer prompting the witness. The coroner said that he was there to find out everything, and he did not care how he found out. Witness said he had a faint idea that the gun went off a second time. At any rate, he heard the gun drop. He sprang at Terrace, who tried to get away from him around the table. Then Terrace struck him on the left side of the head

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F. LAW AGAIN UNDER ARREST

Taken Into Custody in Court and $10,000 Additional Bail Required.

Frank Law, charged with conspiracy in connection with the promotion and sale of stock of the Highland Mary Mine, was taken into custody yesterday afternoon just after the adjournment of the investigation before Magistrate Kingsford. Detective Newton made the arrest and took his prisoner over to the jail in a street car.

Additional bail was required by W. H. Price, special crown prosecutor. This, in addition to the $10,000 cash bail already put in by Law. The figure named was $10,000.

James M. Sinclair of 187 McCaul-street, manager of the Eureka Mineral Wool and Asbestos Company, proved willing to provide this additional security. With Mrs. Law he sought out Magistrate Kingsford, but was sent to Alexander Patterson, J.P.

The bail bond was arranged by Mr. Patterson and the prisoner released from the jail about midnight.

NO WORD OF MOUNT ROYAL

C. P. R. Steamer is Now 14 Days Overdue—Anxiety Increasing.

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 30.—The C.P.R. steamer Mount Royal, with 305 passengers aboard, has not yet been reported.

The vessel on Tuesday will be fourteen days overdue. C.P.R. officials say the vessel is staunch, but slow, and profess little anxiety.

Delayed by Storms.

ST. JOHN'S, N.F., Dec. 30—The Allan Line steamer Sicilian, over due from Glasgow for Boston, arrived last night, having been delayed by stress of weather. Her officers report encounters with fierce gales.

On account of the stormy weather, it is thought probable that the steamer Anita, bound here from Norway, with three hundred reindeer for Dr. W. T. Grenfell, head of the Labrador Mission, will make a long passage. The steamer is now fourteen days out.

DIDN'T RETIRE BY REQUEST.

Ald. McGhie Says He Didn't Make Way for Nesbitt.

Ald. McGhie emphatically denies that he retired from the mayoralty contest at the request of Beattie Nesbitt, as was stated last night at Brockton Hall by J. A. Ferguson.

"It is not true in any way, shape or form," he said. "On the contrary, last summer Dr. Nesbitt pledged himself to support me."

A GOOD DEED FOR THE LAST DAY.

Perhaps during the past year you have allowed numerous opportunities to go by and have seen afterwards with regret where you might have profited. On this the last day of the old year do not miss the opportunities offered by Dineens to anyone who wants a fur garment. Dineens have reduced prices to the very lowest limit and you can profit immensely by calling to-day at Yonge and Temperance-sts., in anticipation of a Happy New Year.