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MR. S. SOMERS IS WARDEN

Popular Member from Wallaceburg Elected by a Large Majority

READY FOR BUSINESS

Mr. Shepard Somers, of Wallaceburg, one of the best respected residents in Kent, is elected Warden of the County for the year 1907.

This, in short, is a summary of the business transacted by the County Council this morning, and the result of the proceedings is generally looked upon with favor. The election was not in doubt for a minute. It was easily seen whom the Council wanted to rule over their proceedings during the next twelve months. They realized that Mr. Somers is one of the oldest members of the board, and has always proven himself a capable representative. There were other good men at the board, men who would fill the position with credit, but there were none more deserving of the honor than Mr. Somers.

There were several good men nominated, but all withdrew with the exception of Mr. Johns, who stood against Mr. Somers. Mr. Somers was not nominated at the first ballot, owing to a misunderstanding, and when all withdrew but Mr. Johns, that gentleman (Mr. Johns) very generously moved that the rules be suspended in order to let Mr. Somers be nominated. He was applauded for his action in so doing. The vote was a decisive one, 18-4, in favor of Mr. Somers. Mr. Somers himself voted for his opponent, Mr. Johns.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Kent's new County Parliament is holding forth in the city this week. All the representatives of the various municipalities arrived in town yesterday with the exception of the Reeve of Ridgeway, who through some unavoidable oversight failed to get his certificate of qualification. The first session of the Council held yesterday afternoon, commencing at 4:40. The Clerk read over the list of the newly elected Councillors, and asked if the Council deemed it necessary that a committee be appointed to look into their credentials. This was the practice followed by the previous councils, but as the new Act does not specify that the credentials shall be examined, the members deemed the proceedings unnecessary.

It was moved by Councillor McLarty, seconded by Councillor Brien, that owing to the oversight in the representative of Ridgeway not having his credentials, that the Council adjourn till Wednesday morning at ten o'clock, to select a Warden.

Councillor Rankin inquired if this motion were legal.

County Solicitor John Walker replied that under the provisions of the new Act, the motion was legal.

The motion, when put to a vote, was carried unanimously.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Before the business of electing a Warden Mr. W. C. Crawford addressed the chair. When he announced his intention to run for Warden he thought that all of the men of the Council would be new men. He, however, continued on page 4.

ROOT PROUD OF CANADA

Speaks To Ottawa Canadian Club In Notable Address

MR. CLEMENTS ON FRUIT

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—On account of the illness of Earl Grey's daughter at Government House, United States Secretary Root left Ottawa yesterday afternoon.

He was entertained at lunch by the Canadian Club, and made a notable address, which was received with enthusiasm.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier followed in a very happy speech, in which he proposed the sentiment, "God Bless the King; God Bless the President."

Mr. Root, after voicing his appreciation of the honor conferred on him by the presence at the luncheon table of the Governor-General and the Premier, said that another kindly greeting had been received since he took his seat at the table, "from a gentleman, who, for reasons which you will readily appreciate, was unable to obtain a seat in the room."

He then read the telegraphic despatch from Jamaica to Washington, expressing Governor Swettenham's thanks for the "very practical aid so kindly given by Admiral Davis."

His address was redolent of good-will to Canada, of which he was proud.

Mr. Root will be the guest of Lord Strathcona in Montreal until Thursday, when he will return to Washington.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.

Commons Bill of Fare—Strong Pleas Made for Measure of Protection for Vegetable Growers.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—In the House yesterday, upon the usual motion to go into committee of ways and means, Mr. Staples (Con., Manitoba) called attention to an order-in-council, whereby some 17 or 18 sections of swamp land in Manitoba had been leased to Senator Kirchhoff for 20 years at an annual rental of \$3, being equivalent to 3 1/2 of a cent per acre. He reviewed generally the question of the swamp lands, which had been taken by the Dominion Government, and the province had suffered injustice. Extravagant charges had been made against the province on that account. He demanded the question of offer lease be cancelled, that the Kirchhoff tract be returned to the province.

Mr. Schaffner (Con., Manitoba) objected to great tracts of land being leased to Senator Kirchhoff and other wealthy men for game preserves, instead of being thrown open for settlement.

Mr. Oliver claimed that this lease had not yet been executed. In view of the protests received, it would not be executed.

Tariff and Market Gardeners.

The House then took up the tariff, when the item of tomatoes on the agricultural schedule was reached, duty being fixed at 75c per 100 pounds. W. P. Maclean (South York) protested against the very small measure of protection thus offered to the market gardeners.

Mr. Blain (Peel) supported Mr. Maclean's contention.

Mr. Armstrong (E. Lambton) urged an increase on duty.

Mr. Clements (W. Kent) urged an increase, and Arch Campbell (Centre York) urged the Government to reconsider this item.

Mr. Fielding said he thought the tomato grower will be well content with this duty, better content than all they wanted. The rate will probably be between 25 and 30 per cent.

After some further discussion, in which M. Lancaster (Lincoln and Niagara) and E. D. Smith (Wentworth) also participated, the Government permitted this item to stand over.

Preference Works Hard.

On the item of canned pickles Mr. Robitaille (County Quebec) made a strong protective speech.

Mr. Henderson (Halton) blamed the British preference for fostering a spirit among the people in favor of imported goods.

Mr. Wright (Renfrew) protested against a high tariff on fruit.

Dr. Reid (Grenville) intimated that he was opposed to the preferential tariff and to many other parts of the tariff, but the Government, he supposed, would stick to the bill as drafted, and pay no attention to any argument.

Dr. Sproule made a strong plea for a high tariff on fruit.

Mr. Paterson pointed out that the farmers of the Northwest were not fruit growers. They were consumers of fruit, and should be considered from that point of view.

Mr. Knowles (Lib., W. Assinaboia) opposed any increase in the duty on fruit, and Mr. Lancaster insisted upon an increase. The item was allowed to stand.

Mr. Macdonnell (S. Toronto) opposed a specific duty on melons, and this item also stood over.

No Election Until 1908.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—At the Liberal caucus yesterday a significant fact was the statement by Sir Richard Cartwright that there would be no general election until the summer of 1908.

BRIDANT TELLS HIS STORY

Wife Asked For Dr. DeVoss And Pills Were Bought

THE MEDICAL TESTIMONY

Toronto, Jan. 23.—The Bridant murder case will go to the jury to-day. The cross-examination of Bridant was not concluded, as the crown prosecutor wished time to read letters, that were put in as exhibits.

Sergeant Duncan described the visit to the Bristol apartments shortly after the woman's death. Bridant, after being cautioned in his room, acted frankly, and gave information which led to the invading of the premises of "Dr. De Voss" (Mrs. Miller), and the seizure of a large quantity of pills, etc.

Pills Contained Ergot.

Drs. A. R. Pyne and Johnson testified that these pills contained iron, sulphate, licorice and something else, which they could not determine. These pills were similar to those sold in drug stores. Dr. Johnson said they were of a mixture which sometimes had been used for the purpose of abortion. In this case, Dr. Johnson, who made the post-mortem, was of the opinion that death was due to blood-poisoning.

The father of the deceased, Ernest Villard, testified that on one occasion when she visited Kingston he found a box of "Dr. De Voss" pills in her possession and threw them in the fire. Mrs. Bridant, a sister of deceased, testified that on her deathbed Agnes told her, "He forced me to take them because he didn't want any more little ones around to make his home unhappy."

Accused On Stand.

Then Mr. Neville, for the defence, called his client, the accused, Bridant stood his examination and cross-examination well. He was cool and collected all through, but evidently on the defensive, thoroughly realizing that every word he spoke would tell for or against him.

Bridant said his wife was continually complaining of her health, but objected to having a regular physician see her. She preferred "Dr. De Voss," and gave as her reason that there was a lady attendant. He went with her to see the "Dr." and Mrs. Miller, who asked Mrs. Bridant a number of questions, and finally sold her some pills, for which she paid \$5.

Witness denied emphatically knowing anything about the elm bark bark, or that his wife had gone back to Mrs. Miller for a second treatment, until the midnight before she died. Then she asked him to get her morphine to deaden her suffering. She said she had hurt herself, and directed him to a drawer in the dresser, where he found two pieces of elm bark, which she said she had used on herself, under instructions from Mrs. Miller.

Unhappy Married Life.

Witness further swore he never struck his wife. They were married on July 27, 1902. They lived together for six months after marriage, were parted for six months, were together again for 13 months, and separated for 16 months. Witness reiterated that he did not know what his wife was trying to do when she took the pills. He thought his sister-in-law was angry at him because he found fault with her actions. He blamed her for some of the trouble between his wife and himself. The sister-in-law said to him, "You should cover up what Agnes (the wife) did last summer."

Crown Attorney Corley told of the visit to Mrs. Miller's, when Bridant was arrested. They met a young woman there waiting to see Mrs. Miller. Bridant said to the young woman, "Do not take any of her medicines; she has caused my wife's death."

Mr. Neville then called Dr. Sloan, surgeon at the Central Prison, but Chief Justice Meredith refused to admit his evidence. Mr. Neville wished to prove that letters Mrs. Bridant wrote about Dr. De Voss were lies, and that any statements she made verbally might be doubted.

The cross-examination of Bridant this morning will send the case to the jury.

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ALL THE MEN WERE THERE

Champion Heavy Weight Of World Makes Bow Before Local Audience

THE CANADIAN ATHLETE

Tommy Burns, who fought a draw battle with Jack O'Brien for the heavy-weight championship of the world, was in the city last night, and appeared before a very large audience of men in the Brisco Opera House. He made a little speech and did so with a great deal of grace. In it he thanked the big audience for coming to see him, and the moving pictures of the championship fight, and also announced that if he were successful in his next contest with O'Brien, which takes place next May, he will challenge the big Jeffries. If he can coax him out of retirement, he was greeted with round after round of applause, both when he made his appearance on the stage and when he made his extraordinary announcement.

The audience was composed chiefly of men, although there were a few women present. Some of the women stayed for the finish and others left before the performance was over. Men of all classes were there—the recognized sportsmen, enthusiastic young men, old men, middle aged men, society men, loud and single men, and men whose wives no doubt pictured them keeping important business engagements up town, or studiously working over books and figures. It was a mixed audience, active of all religious denominations—men who were lukewarm and indifferent. It was rather amusing to see a few enter timidly when the lights went out and, after glancing cautiously around, seat themselves at the rear. One thing sure, everyone enjoyed the pictures and the boxing, and no one saw anything which, in the opinion of the authorities, was out of the way, or harmful to the moral standing of the community.

The evening opened with the pictures of the training quarters of the contestants, showing the men boxing and exercising with their trainers. The pictures of the fight itself were good, showing both Burns and O'Brien exactly as they appeared in the ring, and giving every movement of the two men during the fight. It was easy to follow, and it was realistic in the extreme.

During one of the intermissions, Burns and his trainer, Jimmy Burns, gave a three round boxing exhibition, which was very interesting and showed off the champion in excellent style.

Burns, whose right name is Nash Brusso, is a fine specimen of humanity, medium height, well proportioned, with muscles protruding like ball of iron. Stripped, he is perfect, and his short workout with his trainer showed that he has an eye as sharp as a needle, with all the necessary quickness of arm and foot. It is no wonder he is an idol of the ring. In his fight with O'Brien, the story of which is well known, he is shown always on the attack with the persistence of a bulldog.

Considerable applause was given throughout the evening, and the feeling of the house was clearly in favor of the Canadian champion. At the opening of the evening Burns left it with the audience to judge whether or not he should have been given the decision, and at the end of the fight the audience agreed with him. Burns' friends claim the fight for him, and as was announced last evening, he is the first man to bring the heavy-weight championship to Canada.

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