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Voted for Referendum on North Toronto Annexation

City Council Shirks Responsibility on a Division of 13 to 9, and Issue Will Be Divided on Jan. 1—Refuse to Give Hydro Commission Control of Waterworks.

Instead of passing the annexation of North Toronto, the city council yesterday threw the responsibility for deciding it upon the shoulders of the voters at the coming municipal election.

Ald. Chisholm's motion to send the matter to the polls was passed by 13 to 9. The vote was as follows:

For—Controller Ward, Ald. Chisholm, Baird, McMurrich, Dunn, Anderson, Phelan, May, Yeomans, McCarthy, McBrien, Hilton and Graham—13.

Opposed—The mayor, Controllers Church and Hocken, Ald. Maguire, Heyd, McCausland, Sweeney, Rowland and McBride—9.

The motion of Ald. May to send the proposal back to the board of control with instructions to prepare a comprehensive scheme of annexation by taking in more land, was supported by only Ald. McCarthy and Hilton.

The whole matter did not take up an hour. It was opened at 4:15 and the final vote was recorded at 5:10.

Controller Spence is down south, and Ayl. O'Neill and Weston were absent. Won't Unite Departments.

The recommendation of the board of control to put the waterworks department under the hydro-electric commission was quashed. Controller Hocken moved that the recommendation be struck out. The motion was carried by the following vote:

For—Controller Hocken, Ald. Chisholm, Maguire, McMurrich, Dunn, McCausland, Phelan, Sweeney, May, Rowland, Yeomans, McBrien, McCarthy, McBride, Hilton and Graham—16.

Opposed—The mayor, Controllers Church and Ward, Ald. Baird and Heyd—9.

Consequently, the original motion, that the board of control be directed to make such reorganization of the city engineer's department as will place the waterworks department as a separate branch of the civic service, and that they recommend to the council a competent head of such department, goes back to the board of control for further consideration.

During the discussion of the proposal to put the waterworks department under the hydro-electric commission, several aldermen attacked the hydro-electric department. They charged that it was run by officials who were above the city council. The attitude of the department was far from being one of sympathy toward the council. Because they were run by a commission and were not a city department, they ignored the men whom the people put in office to look after their rights. It was said.

Reconsidering Annexation.
There was practically no stir when the motion to amend the regulations of the council to permit of the reconsideration of the annexation of North Toronto came up. With but little discussion it was passed. It came along almost disguised behind the bald statement that it was a bill to regulate the proceedings of the council. Those who remembered said "carried," when it appeared, and it would have gone through then had not several aldermen stood up and asked what it referred to.

"I think the members should understand what it is. It is merely to fix the regulations so that North Toronto can be reconsidered," said Ald. McCausland.

Then a standing vote was taken, those in favor bobbed up and sat down and it was passed.

When Ald. McCausland's motion to annex North Toronto came up, he briefly reviewed the matter.

Should Control Situation.
After a good deal of trouble was had at last arrived at the place where the annexation of North Toronto can be reintroduced," he said, "Some may ask why I should change my opinion in the matter. I came to the conclusion that North Toronto would be annexed to this city within a few years. I decided that we should be in a position to control the situation. Also I did not think it had been threshed out thoroughly enough when it was up before.

"I think a great many people have changed their minds on the question. I have spoken to a great many who have changed their opinions and favor it now.

The press, with the exception of The Telegram, are in favor of it. When we find that all but one paper are in favor of a proposal it is a good indication that public opinion is in favor of it.

How They Voted.

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THE SPINELESS FIVE.

Controller Ward, Ald. May, Yeomans, McCarthy and McBrien.

IS GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Edward Wilkie, Whose Wife Died Following Ill-Usage, Severely Reprimanded by Justice Riddell.

"Well, your honor, I am sorry to say that it was not my fault that she died."

This statement of Edward A. Wilkie, on trial for his life, charged with the murder of his wife, Ellen Wilkie, during a drunken quarrel at their home on Aug. 14 last, on hearing the verdict of the jury deliver a verdict of "guilty of manslaughter," caused quite a sensation in the court room.

"I am sorry to hear you say so," declared Justice Riddell, who was sitting on the case. "If you have not yet come to the sense of your tremendous crime, I must consider this statement in judging what is to be your punishment. It is well for you that you did not make those remarks before the jury brought in the verdict of manslaughter."

Many diverse opinions were expressed as to what the prisoner meant by this statement. Crown Prosecutor Croswick declared that he thought Wilkie did not know what he was saying—that he meant to say that he was sorry he had caused his wife's death.

Others, and Justice Riddell among them, took up the words as they are quoted.

W. A. Henderson, acting for Wilkie, entered a plea of not guilty.

Eily Reynolds, daughter of the dead woman by a previous marriage, told the story of the quarrel. Coming home from work, and not finding her mother in the house, she went out into the lane, back of the house. She declared that Wilkie had held of his wife by the wrists, but she did not think that he was hurting her. She went back into the house, and shortly after her father and mother came in. Wilkie was cursing because he wanted to take out his bicycle and Mrs. Wilkie did not want him to. He had been drinking.

Seized Woman's Throat.
Wilkie grabbed his wife by the hands and forced her back against the wall. Then he grabbed her by the throat, and threw her on the floor, and she fainted.

Mrs. Bryant, a woman who lived upstairs, threw water over her, and revived her.

Wilkie went out and came back later. Mrs. Wilkie, with her sister and the witness, was sitting on the doorstep. He caught her by the hair and dragged her into the hall. Then he bit her in the face, causing her nose to bleed, and kicked her four times in the side.

Mrs. Bertha Crawford, sister of the dead woman, declared that the fight resulted because Wilkie's supper was not ready, and the two women were sitting talking and drinking beer.

Coroner Singer and Graham, who performed the autopsy, declared, however, that the woman could not have been drinking, as there was no sign of liquor in the stomach.

Mrs. Bryant, Frank Perrigall, Walter McManus and five police constables also gave evidence.

"This is one more of that series of dreadful afflictions that may be laid to the charge of King Alcohol," declared Justice Riddell, summing up the fact. "It is one more of those afflictions which from time to time shock our hearts and feelings. It is something which may perhaps induce some of those who indulge in moderate drinking, and who see no harm in it, to consider if they should not deny themselves, and do without liquor entirely." He spent almost an hour ex-

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M'NAUGHT, FOY CAPTURE NORTH

Secure Candidature by Acclamation—John Shaw Steps Down—Mark Irish and Tom Hook Retire.

W. K. McNaught got the nomination for seat A, North Toronto, last night by acclamation. Hon. J. J. Foy was given seat B the same way. John Shaw stepped out in the interest of the party, Mr. Foy and himself, Mark Irish and Thomas Hook retired from the seat B field, and all is now lovely in the north.

The convention of delegates held in Broadway Hall to choose candidates developed into a regular lovefest. No jarring note marred the harmony of the proceedings. All the set pieces went off as scheduled.

Mayor Geary, president of the Central Conservative Association, presided. He opened the meeting with a request for seat A nominations. Noel Marshall moved and Dr. Elias Clouse seconded, W. K. McNaught.

John Shaw moved the nominations closed. Mayor Geary said he was out of order, and asked somebody to move the suspension of the fifteen minute interval rule. Somebody did, and Mr. Shaw's motion, which was seconded by N. B. Gash, was carried. Mr. McNaught was then duly declared the candidate, loud applause following.

Mr. Shaw Steps Down.
Then Mr. Shaw moved the nomination for Mr. Foy for seat B. Mr. Gash seconded it. Two then that Mr. Shaw, late member for seat B, retired. He said: "I had made up my mind I would retire at the end of the present term. When Mr. Foy's name was mentioned as a probable possible candidate I thought it would be for the best interests of the party that he should be a candidate in North Toronto."

"We have now one cabinet minister representing North Toronto, Hon. Geo. A. Foster, and in that way we would have another, with a prospective cabinet minister in Mr. McNaught."

"A number of friends had said they would like to see old John still in the game. Well, I'm proud to think that I might be still in the game. I'm fairly strong and healthy for a man of my age, but any service I might render would not be that which Mr. Foy could render. I think I'm doing right in the interests of the party."

Clear Field for Foy.
Mark Irish was then nominated by Fred Armstrong and Thos. Gearing. Thos. Hook was nominated by J. T. Edworthy and Jos. Shone. Both nominators retired in favor of Mr. Foy. Mr. Hook retired thusly: "I'm a Tory and I know that it is up to me. I think that the party wants Mr. Foy more than I want me. I'm young yet. There's lots of time for Tom Hook. I'm not like my old uncle John. I've several years yet of active life before me." To which last remark Mr. Shaw most vigorously objected, amid much encouraging laughter from the delegates.

Mark Irish declared that for business reasons he was unable to do justice to any constituency at the present time, and therefore retired.

Hon. J. J. Foy was then proclaimed the candidate for seat B.

W. K. McNaught was given the platform. He began with a few eulogistic remarks about Mr. Foy, declaring that he had played lacrosse with him in the early days, and that he knew he was right thru. Mr. McNaught was of the opinion that he had had greatness thrust upon him. "I have never," he said, "canvassed any man for a vote in any direction."

"I have been asked to define my position on the bilingual school question," continued Mr. McNaught. "If there are any abuses in present system Sir Jaa. Whitney can be depended upon to deal with them. The Province of Ontario is a British province, and the English language should be the only language taught in our common schools, whether they be public or separate schools, because I honestly believe no one can discharge the duties pertaining to citizenship in this province unless they understand the English language."

It is Fur Time Now.
A fur neckpiece or a fur ruff is in order to-day. Something in good fur is the only sensible thing to buy and the Dineen Company is making an absolute specialty of high-class goods. Torontonians may not be aware of the fact, but in the United States there is under consideration a "Pure Fur" law. The public has been so deceived and imposed upon in the matter of imitation fur that at last it has been forced to call upon the government to come to its assistance. How much of this imitation fur has found a market in Canada, it is impossible to say. The only safeguard is for the seeker after fur goods to deal with a reputable Canadian house. All the pelts used in any garment sold by the Dineen Company, come direct from the trader, and every garment is made on the premises.

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WILL "JEFF" FALL FOR IT?



"Mutt" Rowell Puts It Up to "Jeff" Whitney.

LETTER FROM PREMIER READ BY DR. GODFREY

West York Member Scores Point at Rousing Conservative Smoker in Ward Seven.

The Conservatives of ward seven had a big smoker last night in the Masonic Hall at the Junction. Dr. Hopkins presided. There was an excellent entertainment provided, as well as several speaking. There was something out of the ordinary by reason of Dr. Godfrey referring to some unfair statements that had been made about himself.

Capt. Tom Wallace came out against the navy, against Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and declared that he was the last French-Canadian who would ever be prime minister of Canada. He also took occasion to say that Dr. Godfrey had supported him loyally in his fight as Centre York.

Dr. Hopkins was not inclined to allow Ald. Baird to be heard when he was called for; later, on the doctor asked that he be heard, and the worthy alderman took the platform. He had good words for all. The little burst of feeling that was supposed to center round the coming convention for West York thereupon subsided for the evening—the it may come up on Saturday at Weston.

W. F. Maclean, M.E., got a good hearing, and cheer. He talked about the late victory and how progressive government was to be the rule hereafter. It got the people who knew the reason why.

Dr. Godfrey's Defence.
Dr. Godfrey followed. He said he had been unfairly attacked, and he had determined to "swat" himself off the meeting to put himself right. It had been said that he was away from the house last session when bilingual schools were up. He was sick at the time, but he was against these schools out and out, and always had been. Then it had been reported that Sir James Whitney would like to see him defeated. To this statement he read the following letter:

Office of the Premier
Toronto, Nov. 11, 1911.
Dear Doctor Godfrey: I have never interfered in any way in the choice of a candidate in any constituency, and I do not propose to do so now. However, I have heard from good authority that a story has been spread in West York to the effect that I or my colleagues would be displeased if you come back to the house. This is so distinctly unfair and unjust that I think it my duty to say to you without hesitation that there is no foundation for such a story, and, moreover, that should you come back to the house you will be welcomed as heartily as any other government supporter. Further, there never has nor has been any foundation for the suggestion of anything but the most friendly feeling between yourself and me. Yours truly,
J. P. Whitney.

Other speakers were Mr. Smythe, M.P.; Mr. Neville, Controller Church, ex-Controller Foster and Ald. Baird. The meeting broke up in cheer. It was a great success.

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TAX REFORM

Editor World: After reading the declaration of Sir James Whitney about his position in regard to local option in taxation, the writer is reminded of a declaration made by Sir William R. Meredith, then leader of the Conservative party in the provincial assembly, in which he expressed another view than that held by Sir James. In reply to a letter from the writer inviting his help in the effort to pass a local option act, Sir William said: "I see no reason why any municipality in the province should not have the right to adopt the single tax on land values if it saw fit to do so." It would appear from this sane, intelligent and statesmanlike declaration of Sir W. R. Meredith, one of the best beloved leaders of the Conservative party ever had, that he could trust the people to decide a question which alone concerned them, i.e., in what manner they should impose taxes upon themselves.

Whatever may be said in criticism of the stand taken by Sir James Whitney, it must not be overlooked that in respect of other progressive laws passed by the Whitney government, the premier, being a naturally cautious man, opposed a too hasty course of action until it became clear to his mind that the public interests would be conserved thereby.

Sir James being a very busy man it is remarkable that he manages to get a pretty good grasp of matters pertaining to the government of this province. Nevertheless, just like other men, it is quite probable that Sir James has missed getting important information touching upon the wide-spread movement for juster tax laws. What appear as objections to the principle of local option or the results under local option enactment cease to be objections when the question is fully understood. To refer to it as a checker board plan where various municipalities differ in their method of imposing taxes upon themselves is no valid objection against the principle of local option. Already under our system of government every township, village, town and city make laws for themselves, and in a hundred ways differing one from the other, and it can never be otherwise.

There is no other plan under present conditions whereby the community can arrive at what is the best course to pursue in the matter of levying taxation (by actual results) than the one sought for and which Sir James is asked to make possible. Because of the progressive character generally of the Whitney government, it is only natural that the multitude of people behind the movement for local option in taxation should look for and expect the government to do something.

Tax reform is not a party question at all; it affects and interests all men irrespective of party affiliations and the cause for juster methods in our tax laws is growing to such an extent as Sir James is hardly aware of. The fact that the Liberal party for the province have included a plank in their platform favoring local option may be regarded as strong evidence of a public demand, and the electorate will hardly be satisfied with anything less.

George J. Bryan

NORTH TISDALE IN GOLD-BEARING BELT

Porcupine Camp Receives New Inspiration From Strike on Crown Chartered.

With the cutting of the vein on the Crown Chartered on Saturday last, Porcupine received a new inspiration. There are reasons for this. While the strike was of the greatest importance to the Crown Chartered Co., it was more important to the camp-in that North Tisdale has now been demonstrated to be in the great gold bearing belt.

The vigorous work now going forward in the Porcupine camp is well illustrated by the development of the Davidson property, now owned by the Crown Chartered Co. This claim was taken over less than two months ago. Since that time a shaft 100 feet deep has been sunk, and cross-cutting to the extent of 75 feet completed. Surface veins in the Davidson are among the show places of the camp. The main vein is exposed for 40 feet, in places quartz 30 feet wide can be seen and visible gold can be picked out at any point along this length.

R. B. Lamb, consulting engineer for the Crown Chartered Co., advised the purchase of the Davidson property after inspection, and that his judgment was soundly verified now that the big vein has been cut at the 100-foot level. The wall rock on the vein was broken thru late on Saturday, and specimens of highly mineralized ore taken out and brought down by Engineer Lamb to be assayed. The cross-cut is already in eight feet of ore, and if the next will is not encountered for several feet further, a huge body of payable ore is in sight.

Rival to Dome.
A party of New York, Boston, Rochester, Chicago and Toronto brokers and capitalists inspected the Crown Chartered on Saturday. They expressed surprise when inspecting the surface vein. A previous visit had been made to the golden sidewalk on the Dome, and the opinion was that the Davidson sidewalk was a close second. Superintendent Dike entertained the visitors, and among other things pointed out a spoonful of gold from the disintegrated rock taken from the vein. The process was exceedingly simple, consisting of merely separating the

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ROWELL'S RALLY.

The doors to Massey Hall will be thrown open to-night at 8:45 o'clock, to admit those anxious to hear Mr. Rowell and other speakers of the Liberal party. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King will preside. The band of the 48th Highlanders will play from 7 o'clock until speaking commences. No tickets of admission are necessary.

A DISTINGUISHED COMPANY.

Associated with Miss Ethel Barrymore, who comes to Toronto the latter part of this week, are such well-known favorites as A. E. Anson, Lumsden Hare, Annie Esmond, Ernest Stallard and W. B. Abingdon. Miss Barrymore's play, "The Witness for the Defence," scored a complete triumph in England.

INTERVENTION OF POWERS LIKELY IN CHINA

Government Unable to Collect Revenues From Single Provincial Capital—Boxer Indemnity Unpaid—Thirteen Warships Go Over to the Rebels.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 14.—(10 a.m.)—Thirteen vessels of the imperial fleet went over to the revolutionists this morning, hoisting the white flag between 9 and 10 o'clock. One of the largest cruisers steamed up the river past the settlement and dipped the white ensign in salute to the foreign warships, to which none of them responded.

PEKIN, Nov. 13.—Yuan Shi Kai, the last prop of the throne, has reached Peking at last. He came to-day accompanied by 2000 troops, and was warmly greeted by the administration. In honor of his arrival an edict was issued appointing him commander of all the troops in the vicinity of the capital. Great efforts are being made to induce him to accept the premiership, but he has given no definite answer as yet.

The opinion is held at the legations that there are serious complications in store for China, and greater suffering than she has yet endured. The prospects of foreign intervention by other powers than Russia and Japan are expected to terminate the massed movements of troops, but there will be greater death roll thru famine. The people in the central section are already supplementing their feed with the bark of trees.

Unable to Collect Revenues.
The government continues gathering Manchur recruits at Peking, but soon will be unable to meet the payments. It is not believed here that the Chinese can mobilize a large enough army about Peking to venture an attack, but the government's inability to collect revenues from a single provincial capital is almost certain sooner or later to bring about capitulation.

A report reached here to-day that 2000 imperialists at Hankow have joined the rebel ranks, and that the remaining imperial garrisons at that port have gone over to the rebels. According to a consular report the Hankow consuls, with one exception, at a meeting recently held there, agreed that it is impossible for the imperialists to capture Hanyang or Wuchang. They therefore discussed the question of asking the government to withdraw the imperial troops to the north because when the commissariat is empty they are likely to commit depredations and endanger the foreign concessions.

Certain military attaches at Peking consider that the imperial troops at Hankow will be lost to the government unless brought back immediately, but the government may prefer to leave all but the Manchus there, not undertaking the cost or the risk of transporting them back to the capital.

Intervention Probable.
The November Boxer indemnity has not been paid and the December indemnity will likewise be defaulted. Even should the government be able to recover the five provinces immediately surrounding the capital, the financial administration cannot be reorganized before defaults of other debts besides the indemnities occur, and it is feared that intervention for the collection of pledged revenues cannot be averted.

Gen. Shao Erh-Hsun, the viceroy of Manchuria, who has been elected president of the province under the declaration of autonomy, has sent a message to the government that he was unable to oppose the Mukden assembly's declarations, which are: 1. That the revenues shall be retained by the province, which will have no connection with the Peking Government, old or new; 2. that the province will assist neither the Chinese nor the Manchur soldiers; 3. that the government will afford the fullest protection to foreigners.

The rebels took over Chie Foo quietly to-day. Gen. Shung Shuosen, the commander of the Lanchow troops, has arrived at Tientsin with a bodyguard of thirty men. He is lodging in the foreign concessions.

Demands Regent's Abdication.
SHANGHAI, Nov. 13.—Wu Ting Fang, who recently received the appointment of secretary of foreign affairs, under the proposed reform administration, has telegraphed a long address to Peking urging the regent, Prince Chun, to abdicate. He pointed out that since the emperor's edict admitting responsibility for present conditions and promising reforms, there has been an atrocious massacre, and ten provinces have severed themselves from the throne without a struggle.

Wu Ting Fang adds that nothing but the adoption of a "Republican" and secure peace and stop the shedding of blood.

Rumors are current to-night that Admiral Sui's fleet at Hankow has either surrendered or been overcome by the revolutionaries.

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