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PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER

Premier Whitney Gives Expense of By-Elections
as Reason for Bringing On the Contests
Before End of the Year.

SAYS THERE ARE OTHER GOOD CAUSES

Sir James Promises to Reveal Other Substantial Arguments
Before Long—Mr. Matheson Likely to Go
to the Senate.

Toronto, Oct. 11.—The Provincial Legislature will be dissolved in the near future, and a general election will be held during the first or second week of December. This announcement was made by Sir James Whitney late yesterday afternoon. It has been expected for several days, and the reason assigned by Sir James, which will be followed by several other very important reasons, is that the expense of holding by-elections to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of the former members of the Legislature, who now are members of the Federal House, together with the vacancy caused by the Hon. Frank Cochrane's elevation to Ottawa, would amount to at least \$15,000, and this expense would have to be duplicated in less than a year if the House were not dissolved now.

The Premier's Statement.
The announcement made by the Premier follows: "We have decided to dissolve the House in the near future, and I give this notice now in order that there may be no suggestion that we desire to hurry the elections. The present Legislature has already existed longer than its predecessor, and there are now ten vacant seats. The expense of by-elections would be large—about \$15,000—and this expense would have to be duplicated in less than a year did we not dissolve now. There are several other very important reasons for our decision—reasons of vital importance to the province—and which I shall lay before the public in the course of a week or ten days, or perhaps earlier."

LIBERAL LEADER OFFERS HIS PLATFORM TO ELECTORS

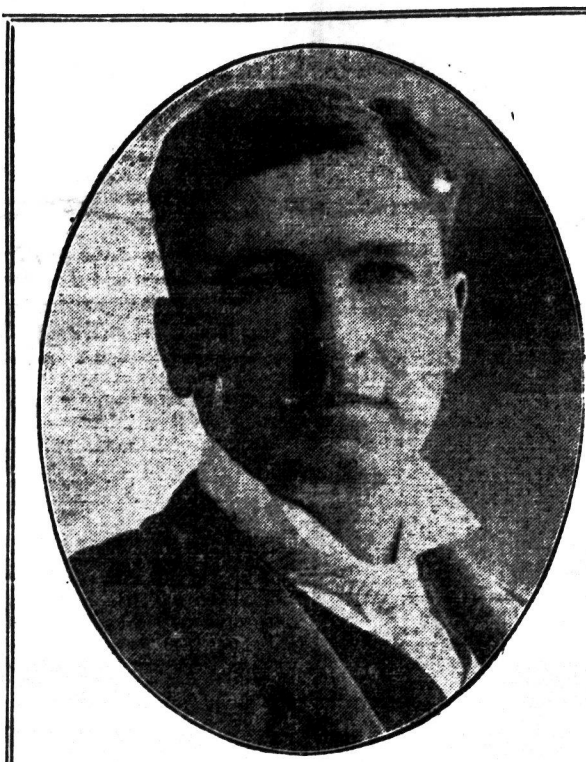
Strong Criticism of Whitney Administration—Technical Education Neglected—Flat Rate for Niagara Power
a Just Principle.

Owen Sound, Oct. 11.—Hon. A. G. Mackay, leader of the Liberal Opposition in Ontario, issued a bold statement in criticism of the Whitney Administration upon being informed that a provincial election had been announced for December. He first of all roundly condemned the Premier's action in bringing on an election during the Christmas season. "The date selected is an unseasonable one," he said, "and the action is cowardly and unreasonable," said Mr. Mackay. "With a majority at his back, his statement of two weeks ago that there were no elections but the by-elections on the horizon, while at the same time everything in the shape of printing, etc., was being rushed preparatory to an immediate general election, scarcely tallies with his once won'ted boast that he was honest enough to be bold and hold enough to be honest." Had the Legislature been allowed to run its regular course, and another session been held, the election could, with very little interference with business, have been held in early June. As it is, the fall and Christmas trade will be largely interfered with.

TO BOOM WEST LONDON REALTY BY PERMANENT PAVEMENT PLAN

Local Real Estate Man Has a Scheme to Run Asphalt Across
Bridge to Wharfedale Road, Then North to Oxford
and Then Back to Richmond Street.

A scheme which is calculated to boom the value of West London realty, now that the place is absolutely immune from the dangers of floods during spring freshets, is being talked of by several people interested in property there. It is proposed to continue the permanent pavement which is now being built down the business section to Dundas street bridge, across the river on Dundas street to the Wharfedale road, up to Wharfedale to Oxford street, and back Oxford to Richmond street. The scheme also provides for the construction of a street railway line from the terminus of the present London line to the new line that would provide a highly convenient service for West Londoners. It is realized that the construction of the pavement would entail a great expenditure, but it is also calculated conservatively that values would be enhanced at least 20 per cent. The cost would be more than sufficient to meet the cost, and would make of West London a real and prosperous part of the city, such as it has never been before, the promoters claim. The scheme would give the realty



HON. A. G. MACKAY,
Liberal Leader, and His Platform.

An efficient staff of teachers, fully qualified, in the rural schools.
An adequate system of technical education in Ontario schools. (Ontario young men pay \$1,000,000 annually to a great American correspondence school for technical education at the present time.)
An honest policy in the production of text books. (The present Government sets the type, provides illustrations and matter, and allows a Toronto departmental store to have a practical monopoly of trade.)
An increase in succession duties when levied on estates running into the millions.
The doing away with the taxation of improvements.
A progressive policy for the conservation of Ontario's natural resources.
A flat rate for all municipalities in the cost of Niagara power. (The present system discriminates against the cities and towns farthest removed from the source of power.)
A progressive policy of development for Northern Ontario.
Development of wagon roads and railroads in Northern Ontario.

CHINESE REBELS BURN TOWNS SWAMP GOVERNMENT FORCES

Well-Organized Rebellion Is Directed Against the Rule of the Manchus—Foreigners Are Not Molested By the Attacking Troops.

[Canadian Press.]
Hankow, China, Oct. 12.—The revolutionary movement is gaining momentum with every hour. Since noon yesterday it has swept the little city of Han-Yang and the native quarter of Hankow. Great numbers of Chinese are joining the movement voluntarily. The losses in the fighting thus far aggregate several hundred, but practically all the foreigners are safe. The slogan of the movement is "Down with the Manchus."
Thus far there is no sign of animosity against foreigners. A special proclamation issued by the rebel general in charge of the forces in Huh-Peh states that the penalty for any interference with foreigners will be death. The proclamation further declares: "This is the army of the people. We will overthrow the tyrant Manchu dynasty and revive the rights of the real Chinese."

TROUBLE OVER FLATS WELLS HAS BEEN SETTLED AT LAST

Ex-Ald. William Gerry Accepts \$200 for Each Well On the
Property—End of a Matter Which Has Caused
Much Discussion.

The difficulty over the purchase of the Gerry flats has been finally settled by the water commissioners paying Mr. William Gerry \$200 for each well on his property. For some time this matter has been under advisement. When an agreement could not be arrived at between Hon. Adam Beck and Mr. Gerry, arbitration proceedings were taken by the water commissioners.
These were halted after some evidence had been heard, and it was thought an arrangement could be made between those concerned.

COLUMBUS DAY IN NEW YORK

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Oct. 12.—The celebration of Columbus Day here today centred mainly in a big street parade this afternoon and a dinner tonight at the Hotel Astor, at which Mayor Gaynor and other notables will speak.

HAMPTON'S IN TROUBLE.
[Canadian Press.]
New York, Oct. 12.—A petition of

NANTEL WILL HAVE FIGHT FOR SEAT

Hon. S. N. Parent Will Contest
Quebec County With
Minister.

ROGERS PLAYING SAFE

Will Not Attempt Saskatchewan Riding—
Haltin Likely To Be Offered
W. T. White.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Oct. 12.—The Borden Government has appointed Nov. 1 as polling day for the by-elections, overlooking the fact that this day is All Saints' Day and a public holiday in the Province of Quebec. It is understood that there will be at least one contest, as it is understood that Hon. S. N. Parent will oppose the return of Hon. L. P. Nantel from Quebec County. This will mean that the election will have to be set back to Nov. 2 or 3 as voting cannot be carried on on a holiday.
It is understood that George Gordon, the Conservative member for Nipissing, will retire to make room for Hon. Frank Cochrane to come into Parliament. Hon. Robert Rogers will not run for a Saskatchewan seat, as he proposed, as there is no sure thing about his winning.
Instead, Alexander Haggart, the member-elect for Winnipeg, will retire, and allow Mr. Rogers to run for that city.
David Henderson is said to be slated for the resignation of his Halton seat in favour of Hon. W. T. White, a seat, and Dr. Daniel will retire from St. John City to give Hon. J. D. Hazen admission to Parliament.

THOUGHT CHINK WAS PEEKING

George Wong Was Hustled to
Police Station by P. C.
Noonan.

RAISED A MIGHTY ROW

Foreigner Wanted a Blanket But Later
Fell Asleep on a Plank.

For the first time in the history of the local police court a Chinaman appeared this morning to answer a charge of disorderly conduct.
It seems that while P. C. Noonan was patrolling his beat on Clarence street Wednesday evening he noticed someone lighting a match in the rear of a house, and apparently looking through one of the windows.
Investigation revealed a Chinaman, who gave his name as George Wong. He was taken to the police station and charged with disorderly conduct. When the constables went to put him in a cell the celestial objected strongly, and seemed to be frightened of the darkness.
Home Comforts.
After he had been almost forced into the officers by calling for a blanket, it was explained to him that blankets were not provided, and he immediately set up a great wail on the injustice of the police and police courts in general.
"No blankets, no sleep," he told the officers, but afterwards they discovered he had fallen asleep sitting "tailor-fashion" on the bench. This morning he explained in the police court that he had only gone in the lane to "lighten match," and denied that he was peeking in the windows. He was allowed to go.

DEATH OF W. S. HIGBY LONDON'S OLDEST CABMAN

At One Time Drove a Stage
Coach Into This City.

William G. Higby, London's oldest cabman, died in Victoria Hospital this morning after an illness of six months. The late Mr. Higby was in his 70th year, and had been a resident of London nearly all his life. He was born in Embro, Ontario, and for many years in his younger days drove one of the old stage coaches between London and Woodstock.

For the past forty years he had been in the cab business in London and kept a cab and boarding stable at 452 Ridout street. The last time he drove his cab was on June 1, the occasion of the school children's picnic. Since then he has been confined to his bed, and was lately removed to the hospital, where he died. Had he lived, the fiftieth anniversary of his wedding day would have been celebrated next month. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. W. C. Baker, wife of the market clerk. The funeral arrangements have not been completed as yet.

THE WEATHER.

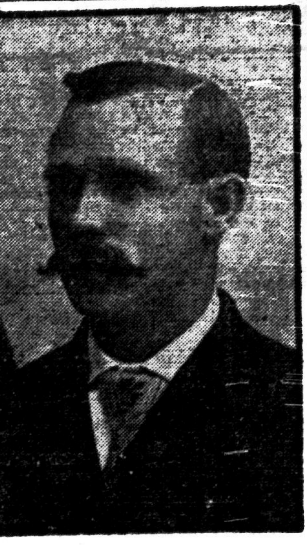
Tomorrow—Fine.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Oct. 12—8 a.m.
Moderate to fresh westerly to north-westerly winds; fine today and on Friday, with about the same temperature.

Stations.	Max.	Min.	Weather.
Victoria	58	32	Cloudy
Calgary	54	22	Clear
Winnipeg	50	20	Fair
Port Arthur	60	40	Fair
Ferry Sound	56	30	Fair
Toronto	58	32	Clear
Ottawa	56	48	Fair
Montreal	58	42	Fair
Quebec	64	42	Cloudy
Father Point	60	34	Cloudy

TWO PERISH IN WRECK.

[Canadian Press.]
Bellingham, Wash., Oct. 12.—Two men were killed and several other persons injured in a wreck on the Great Northern Railroad near here this morning, and all traffic on the line is blocked.

LONDONER FELL UNDER ENGINE BUT ESCAPED SERIOUS INJURY



MR. ROBERT HIGGINS,
London Man Who Had Narrow
Escape From Death at Sarnia.

Robert Higgins, of York
Street, Had Miraculous
Escape From Death.

ACCIDENT IN SARNIA YARDS

Mates Ran to Scene Expecting
To Find His Mangled Body.

Robert Higgins, a bridge builder in the employ of the Grand Trunk, and living on York street, west of Thames street, this city, had one of the most remarkable escapes from instant death at Sarnia Tunnel Wednesday night that has ever been recorded in railroad circles. A yard engine and five cars passed over him, and he escaped with but minor injuries. That he was not horribly mangled is the wonder of the railroad men who are acquainted with the case.

Higgins was a member of the local gang doing some work at the Sarnia Tunnel yards. He was working there Wednesday, and that evening went to the tunnel station to post some letters for the foreman.
About 8 o'clock he decided to go back to the boarding cars, near the roundhouse, and as a yard engine, with some cars, was going that way, he jumped on the board in front to take a ride.

An Awful Position.
The locomotive ran a few hundred feet and Higgins stepped off, and decided to walk, thinking the engine was going to back up.

But it started forward, and before he could escape he was knocked down between the rails.
He fell flat on his stomach, and the engine started over him. The ash box caught his coat and dragged him some distance, but luckily the coat gave way. The tender next passed over him, and then came car after car. The engineer had heard his cries for help, and stopped the engine as soon as possible.
Higgins' companions had seen the accident and rushed to his help, expecting to find him mangled beyond recognition. When the train stopped, Higgins crawled out from under the cars, and walked at once to the boarding cars. His injuries were temporarily done there, and he came to London at midnight. His face is scratched, and his left arm is badly hurt. (Continued on Page Four.)

BREAD FROM WHEAT IN THIRTY MINUTES

Standing Grain Transformed
in Short Order, Establish-
ing New Record.

[Canadian Press.]
Beloit, Kansas, Oct. 12.—What is believed to be a world's record in transforming standing grain into bread was established yesterday by W. S. Gabel, a farmer, living near here. Just thirty minutes elapsed between the time when the wheat was cut and when Mr. Gabel took the first bite of a biscuit which had been made from it. As soon as the grain was threshed it was rushed a mile and a half to a mill and made into flour, and then taken to a baker, who made the biscuit. The previous record is said to be one hour.

C. P. R. EXPRESS IN WRECK AT DRUMBO

The Early Morning Train From
London Plowed Into Ca-
boose of Freight.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Drumbo, Oct. 12.—C. P. R. Express No. 18, which leaves London at 4:40 in the morning, plowed into the van of eastbound freight No. 78, also from London, at Drumbo at 5:15 this morning, and the caboose and one freight car were smashed to pieces. The big mogul hauling the express was only slightly damaged, and was able to proceed under her own steam to Toronto, and take the train through. No. 78 had not quite cleared the switch when the express came thundering along, and before Engineer Pollis could stop the express, had plowed into the van, and, ripping through it like match-wood, came to a stand in the centre of a freight car. As quickly as possible the express was backed out, and no fire got a chance to start in the wreckage. Engineer Pollis was uninjured. No one was in the caboose of the freight at the time, as Conductor Grant, of London, was in getting orders. Fortunately, the track was not much damaged, and in a few minutes the express was able to go on her way with a number of minor damages to parts of the engine. Conductor Wood was in charge of the express.