

## TWO NATURAL GAS COMPANIES SEEKING BUSINESS IN LONDON

Chicago Capitalist Asks That His Company Be Given a Chance—Concern Controls Rich Leamington Fields—Arrangement for Distribution Made With the City Gas Co.

London will have any quantity of natural gas in the near future if all the schemes before the city council go through.

There is the request of the London and Western Counties Pipe Line Road, asking for a franchise to distribute gas, and now another request has come to the city.

Mr. C. A. Munson, of Chicago, is the head of the latter concern. His firm is in possession of the Leamington fields, and he declares that he has 20,000,000 feet of gas within ninety miles of London.

His company also have the pipe on the ground ready to lay and will begin operations at once, so that within the next six months they will have gas at the doors of London. They have also 4,000 acres of land bonded for development purposes.

This company have an arrangement, it is said, with the City Gas Company for distribution. They do not intend going into the retail business, but will wholesale their product to the City Gas Company.

He asks that the council do not grant a franchise to the London and Western Company, as he does not think they have the gas.

The eastern fields, he says, are not so productive as the Leamington fields

and it would complicate matters if another franchise for the distribution of gas were granted.

Mr. Munson suggests that the matter be laid over for a few weeks at least until he is able to appear before the council and explain his proposition.

So far as can be learned the Leamington fields were formerly held by Detroit and Leamington capitalists, who disposed of their interests to Chicago men.

Some months ago they communicated with Ald. Ferguson, chairman of the manufacturers' committee, asking for information as to the franchise, etc. It was understood at that time that the company intended asking for a franchise, but since then some other changes have taken place and arrangements have been completed whereby the City Gas Company will distribute the gas.

### Company Enthusiastic.

In the meantime the London and Western Counties Company are enthusiastic over their field.

"We have the gas all right," said Mr. F. Q. Rumball. "There is enough in the Port Dover fields to last many years, and we will bring it to London if we can get a franchise. There is no doubt that we have a sufficient quantity."

## Cigarmakers Support Labor Man Contribute to Election Expenses

A Practical Way of Assisting in the Campaign of Mr. J. W. McCandless.

The Labor party is getting its organization into good shape for the elections. Several organizers are at work.

Mr. McCandless, the candidate, is continuing his canvass, and is meeting with much encouragement. He has

practically completed the tour of the unions and has everywhere met with a most cordial reception.

The cigarmakers have pledged themselves to his support, and each member has contributed 25 cents towards the expenses of the campaign.

"We are getting our organization into shape," said Mr. Joseph T. Marks. "We were weak here at the last election, but we have learned some lessons, and have profited by them. We are canvassing every subdivision and the reports are encouraging. We hope to do well."

## A Sad Tragedy at Uxbridge, Ont. Aged Man and Grandchild Burned

Sick in Bed—Flames Reach Him Before He Could Escape.

Uxbridge, Ont., Oct. 20.—About 5:30 o'clock last night, the house of Charles Jackson, of "Jackson's Hill," about a mile and a half south of the town, was discovered to be on fire. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, who are very old, were alone except for the presence of two little

twin grand-daughters, about three and a half years old. Mrs. Jackson got the children out, but one of them went back into the house again. She again took the child out, and called to her husband, who was sick in bed, to get up, as the house was on fire. This the old gentleman did, but the fire seems to have cut off his escape, for, despite the best efforts of his wife, both he and one of the little grand-daughters perished in the flames. The house, with all the contents, was completely destroyed, only portions of the bodies having been recovered so far.

## Montreal Boy Murdered by Madman

Montreal, Oct. 19.—Harold Patterson, the 17-year-old son of Col. A. T. Patterson, with a companion, was shot at Longueuil yesterday by an unknown man, and died from his injuries at the general hospital this morning.

According to Gordon West, who was with Patterson at the time, they were walking through the brush, a mile east of Longueuil. They carried a double-barrelled shotgun and had been looking for birds. As they came to the edge of a clearing they stopped to pick burrs off their clothing. While stooping over picking the burrs off West's trousers young Patterson saw a man coming towards them with his hand on his hip. They paid no attention to him, but he kept approaching them, and when within a few yards he suddenly

pulled a revolver, and without a word fired at Patterson. The bullet entered his chest just below the shoulderblade and came out at his chest, passing clear through his body. He dropped to the ground and then the maniac opened fire on West, bringing him to the ground with a bullet through the head. The man then made off into the woods, although badly wounded. West carried Patterson across the road and notified some people living near. The boys were then brought to the hospital in this city.

The boys both stated that the man acted and looked like an insane man. There was not the slightest excuse for him to shoot, as they had not provoked him in any way. The police are hot on the trail of the man and hope to effect his capture.

## Bank Returns Point to Prosperity

Ottawa, Oct. 20.—The bank returns for September indicate that business stringency in Canada is over and that prosperity is again here. The statement shows the notes in circulation increased by almost six million dollars. There was an increase of seven and a quarter millions in demand deposits, and an increase of almost

three millions in savings deposits. Call and short loans increased by a million and a half, showing activity in stocks while current loans increased by two million dollars. During the month the banks increased their liabilities by eight and three-quarter millions, and their assets by almost nine and a half millions.

## Court Clashes With Big Feast Day

A rather interesting situation arises from the fact that the non-jury sittings of the high court for London have been set to begin on the 9th of November, which happens to be Thanksgiving Day, and the King's birthday combined.

Mr. R. K. Cowan, the clerk of the court, has written Mr. Justice McMahon regarding the matter, and expects a reply tomorrow or next day. It is almost certain that the court will be adjourned.

But one case has so far been set down for hearing at this court, although others are certain to be entered. Sovereign Bank vs. McIntyre—First set down at the assizes, is the action in question.

### MORE CHOLERA CASES.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 20.—The 24 hours ended at noon saw 45 new cholera cases brought into the municipal hospitals. There were also 21 deaths from the disease.



MR. W. S. CALVERT, Liberal Candidate in West Middlesex.

## LAND WARRANTS READY FOR S. A. VETERANS

Ottawa, Oct. 20.—The department of interior is now prepared to issue immediately warrants to over one thousand and South African volunteers who have made application for land bounty under the bounty act of last session. Applicants should immediately inform the department whether they desire the land or cash scrip. Scrip will be issued as soon as the department is advised of volunteers' choice.

## SMOKE ON LAKES HANGS LIKE A CLOUD

Party of Londoners Return From Trip to Fort William.

Mr. A. M. Hunt, John S. Moore, Alex. Gillean and T. L. Broderick, have returned from a business trip to Fort William, coming down on the Huronic yesterday. "The smoke on the upper lakes is still very bad," said Mr. Hunt to the Advertiser. "Every night we could see large bush fires raging on all the islands, particularly in the north. We had to anchor outside the Soo for many hours owing to the density of the smoke. There were sixty vessels tied up there at the one time. The smoke made travelling very inconvenient."

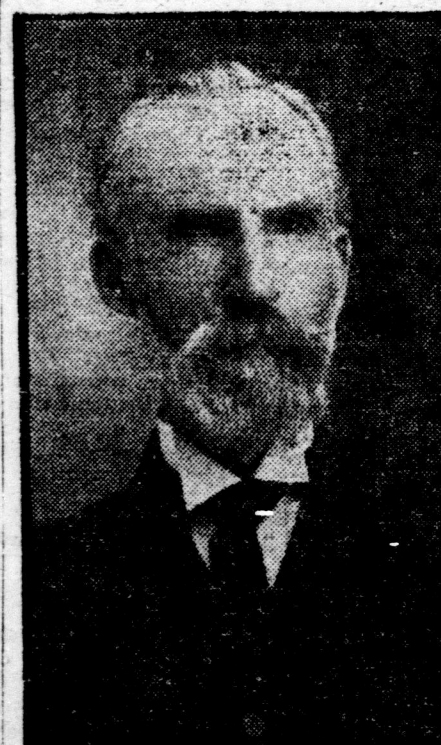
## THOUSANDS PERISHED IN AMOY TYPHOON

Amoy, Oct. 20.—The damage done in Thursday's typhoon was much greater than at first reported. In Chang Chow 3,000 houses, including the prefect's yamen, were destroyed, and 1,100 persons killed. In Lam-Cheng, fifteen miles west of Tehang-Chow, 600 houses were destroyed and 1,200 persons killed. Five years ago Lam-Cheng was flooded and 3,000 persons were drowned. Fifteen miles north of Chang-Chow three villages were entirely destroyed in Thursday's storm, 400 persons being killed.

## GALE TOSSES CABOOSE INTO A DEEP FILL

Unprecedented and Fatal Accident on the Union Pacific in Wyoming.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Oct. 20.—As the result of an unprecedented accident on the Union Pacific at Lone Tree Creek, 30 miles west of Cheyenne, last evening, six laborers are known to be dead and several others probably met death, while 25 or 30 others were injured, many seriously. A terrific gale picked up the caboose of a work train, tore it away from its coupling and carried it over the edge of a fill. It dropped 30 feet with its 40 occupants, nearly all of whom were section laborers, and the terror-stricken men were piled in helpless confusion among the wreckage when it landed. The work of rescue is still in progress, and only disconnected details have come to headquarters here. The names of none of the dead can be ascertained, and those of only three of the injured—Conductor James Lowery, Roadmaster Corlies, and Travelling Auditor Sumption—are known.



MR. M. Y. McLEAN, Liberal Candidate in South Huron.

## WHISKY DETECTIVE WAS FINED SOLD LIQUOR TO INDIANS

Rather Humorous Turn of a Liquor Case Before Squire Chittick—H. A. Judge Mulcted Cool Sum of \$150 By the Magistrate.

H. A. Judge, an English detective, employed by the Government to secure convictions against certain hotelkeepers, suspected of selling liquor to Indians, was today found guilty himself of carrying liquor upon the Oneida Indian reserve, and fined \$150.

Edward Charles, an Indian, was the complainant in the case. Mr. P. H. Bartlett prosecuting, and Mr. J. M. McEvoy acting for Judge.

The case was tried before Squires Chittick and Hodgins at the court-house today.

According to the evidence, Judge gave Charles some liquor and then had the Indian fined \$25 for carrying liquor upon the reserve.

Charles, in turn, laid a complaint that Judge had himself carried liquor upon the Indian reserve on three different occasions. The magistrates

heard the evidence in the first case, but no defense was offered in the second. The dates of the alleged offences were Aug. 14 and 21, and Sept. 10.

Judge was found guilty on two counts and fined \$50 and \$100, with the option of six months at hard labor.

Had a Great Time.

The interim session courtroom was well filled today, among the spectators being some hotelmen whom Judge had caused to be convicted of selling liquor to Indians.

Judge, it is alleged, went to Delaware, pretended to be a wealthy young Englishman, and amused himself by entertaining the Delaware hotelmen and throwing pennies in the street for the urchins to scramble for.

When he had gathered enough evidence Judge entered a charge against one of the Delaware hotelmen and the culprit was found guilty and fined.

## MAIL CLERK ON SARNIA BRANCH

The Government will put a mail clerk on No. 27 and No. 30 trains, on the Sarnia branch of the Grand Trunk, very shortly. The train No. 27 is the one leaving London at 7:40 a.m. No. 30 is the train arriving in London from Sarnia at 6:25 o'clock.

This will be of inestimable benefit to the towns between here and Sarnia, as it will give them immediate communication with the intermediate places along the line.

For many years there has been an agitation for this service, but it availed nothing. Petitions from practically every town along the branch were sent to the department, both under Conservative and Liberal rule, but no impression was made. The inconvenience of the present arrangement was pointed out. It was shown that it was impossible to get mail from Strathroy, for instance, to Kerwood, or any other intermediate village along the line, either in the morning or in the evening.

Not long ago the matter was brought to the attention of Mr. W. S. Calvert, M. P. for West Middlesex, and the condition was explained to him. He immediately took steps to have the grievance remedied, and now assurance has been received from the Postmaster-General that mail clerks will be placed on these trains as soon as the arrangements can be completed.

This information was corroborated at the London postoffice this morning, and it was stated that the clerks would be on duty very shortly.

This is but one of the many instances showing the interest Mr. Calvert takes in his constituency, and not in his own constituency alone, but in all Western Ontario.

The new regulations will be of great benefit to the towns and villages along the Sarnia branch.

## WEST MIDDLESEX FOR CALVERT NOMINATION MEETING WITH HIM

Large Crowd of Electors Attend the Nominations at Mount Brydges and Hear Strong Address by the Government Whip.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Mount Brydges, Oct. 19.—The nomination meeting here today was a distinct triumph for Mr. W. S. Calvert, the Liberal candidate for West Middlesex. The town hall was completely filled, many being unable to gain admission. The sympathies of the audience were distinctly in favor of the Government whip, who made a telling speech. He was assisted by Mr. J. C. Elliott, M. P., Mr. Robert McLachlan, the Conservative candidate, introduced himself, but made no speech. He was represented by Mr. F. G. McDiarmid, M. P. for West Elgin.

Mr. Henry Hardy, of Carleton Place, was chosen chairman and called upon Mr. J. C. Elliott for a speech. The local member for West Middlesex was in good form, and made a telling speech on the prosperity of Canada since Sir Wilfrid Laurier took charge of the Government. Since that time trade

had increased abnormally. The exports of Canadian goods were many times larger than at any time in its history. The increase of the exports of butter and bacon was largely due to the splendid advantages given by Hon. Fisher in cold storage and better facilities for transportation. The farmers had benefited greatly by this increase in trade, most of the money finding its way into their pockets. He referred to the fact that the expenditure had largely increased, but the country had grown very rapidly, necessitating a vast expenditure. With all this expenditure, Mr. Fielding was always able to show a surplus last year of \$19,000,000, while during the eighteen years of Conservative administration there was scarcely a year that there was not a deficit, while the national debt was greatly increased.

Mr. R. McLaughlin, the Conservative candidate, followed. He was glad to be the representative of the Conservatives.

## ALLEGED THAT CATTLE HAVE BEEN POISONED

Death of Several Animals at Oneida-town Under Peculiar Circumstances.

A report from Oneida-town states that a number of cattle belonging to Mr. David Williams of that place have died from parrot green poisoning, and that several others are not expected to live. Four cattle have died so far. It is alleged that the poison was mixed with salt and then given to the cattle.

## A THRILLING EXPERIENCE

Launch Party On Lake St. Clair Meet With Perilous Adventure.

Chatham, Oct. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Still, with their 4-year-old son Roscoe, whose motor boat was found beached and abandoned on the shore of a little island near Tecumseh while returning from Chatham to Detroit, have returned home safe, but after a narrowing experience. While returning the heavy smoke from the northern forest settled about them like a pall and they could not see. Then the gasoline gave out, and the craft drifted helplessly on Lake St. Clair. A high sea was running, and the craft grounded. The land was welcome but

it was found that the waves threatened to wash over the island. A passing trolley car on the mainland in the distance gave the first inkling of their position.

Mrs. Still, lashing her son to the back of her father with her wrap, then accompanied the husband on a dangerous wade towards the mainland, which they finally reached in safety.

## THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—RAIN. FORECASTS. Toronto, Oct. 20—8 a.m. Strong breezes and moderate local gales, easterly to southerly; fair and cool today; showers on Wednesday.

TEMPERATURES.

|              | Today. | Yesterday. |
|--------------|--------|------------|
|              | 8 a.m. | Min. Max.  |
| London       | 43     | 35.5 63    |
| Port Ar.     | 46     | 40 66      |
| Perry Sound  | 46     | 40 66      |
| Toronto      | 44     | 39 62      |
| Ottawa       | 38     | 42 56      |
| Quebec       | 34     | 46 52      |
| Quebec       | 34     | 44 52      |
| Father Point | 36     | 40 52      |
| Dawson       | 10     | 24         |
| Atlin        | 30     | 40         |
| Port Simpson | 32     | 40         |
| Victoria     | 42     | 50         |
| Vancouver    | 40     | 48         |
| Kamloops     | 40     | 48         |
| Battleford   | 28     | 42         |
| Qu'Appelle   | 28     | 38         |
| Winnipeg     | 28     | 48         |
| Halifax      | 46     | 62         |

WEATHER NOTES. The pressure is very high from the lakes to the Atlantic, while the disturbance which was in the Southwest States has travelled quickly northward, being centred this morning in Northern Dakota as a severe storm.

## CANDIDATES IN THE FIELD FOR THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS

Nominations Were Made Yesterday in 212 Constituencies Out of 221—Seven Elections Deferred—Contests in All But Two Ridings.

Toronto, Oct. 20.—There were few surprises in the nomination day proceedings throughout the Dominion yesterday. Only two members were returned to the Commons by acclamation—Hon. L. P. Brodeur in Rouville, Que., and Mr. F. Maclean in South York. It was anticipated that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would not be opposed in Quebec East, but a last-minute candidate appeared in the person of Dr. Fliset. The Quebec Conservatives appear to be very badly demoralized, no less than a dozen men having withdrawn their names from the party's list of candidates since last Thursday, their places being taken by stop-gap candidates. There are still three seats in Quebec—Levis, Drummond and Arthabaskville, and Maisonneuve—in which no Conservative is running.

In Ontario there was but one withdrawal, that of Mr. McMullen, who was running as an Independent Liberal in Prince Edward County. This leaves the field to Mr. Alcorn (Con.), and Dr. Currie (Lib.), and makes certain a very close contest. In this province the Liberals have left South Toronto and London to Labor candidates, and West Toronto and East Toronto to Independents. In all other constituencies the fight is a party one, with a few third party candidates running for exercise. There are no acclamations in either

the Maritime Provinces or the west, nor are there any developments that will greatly interfere with the predictions of the Liberal organizers that the Government will be sustained by an ample majority.

### Nesbitt After Slanderers.

Woodstock, Oct. 19.—This afternoon Messrs. Nesbitt, Liberal, and Quinn, Conservative, were nominated for North Oxford. Mr. Nesbitt in the course of his address denied that he had in any way had anything to do with the retirement of Mr. G. Smith, except that he declared from first to last that he would go to the convention. He said that he had had about enough of the slanders that were being round the riding, and declared his intention of making the slanderers pay for their work if he could trace it to its source.

### A Sweep in the West.

Winnipeg, Oct. 19.—There will be a contest in every seat in the west if all nominees today go to the polls. In Winnipeg and Port Arthur there are three-cornered fights, Socialists having entered the field. The party nominations otherwise were indorsed in every case. Everything here continues to indicate a sweep for the Liberals.

### All Right in New Brunswick.

St. John, N. B., Oct. 19.—Nominations passed off quietly in New Brunswick. Continued on Page Nine.

## Dr. Routledge and Mr. Peter Elson Were Nominated for East Middlesex

A Good Sized Audience Hear the Speeches by the Candidates.

Dr. Routledge, ex-M. P. P., and Mr. Peter Elson, ex-M. P., were the Liberal and Conservative candidates, respectively, at the East Middlesex nomination meeting held at Palmer Hall, Pottersburg, yesterday afternoon. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Adam Nichol, of Wilton Grove, and a good sized audience was present. Dr. Routledge spoke first. He was thankful to the people of East Middlesex for making him a candidate for the Dominion House, and felt certain

that he would be returned at the coming election.

Mr. Elson thanked his supporters for the honor conferred upon him, and began by stating that while he had served four years in the Dominion House he felt that that length of time was scarcely enough to enable a person to learn to hang his hat up correctly in the lobby.

After eulogizing the Borden Government, Mr. Elson dwelt at some length on rural mail delivery, grade crossings, annuities, tariff, indemnities and the alleged extravagance of the Laurier Government. He said that in his mind the system of rural mail delivery was a failure. (Continued on Page Ten.)

## C. P. R. Will Put Up Stiff Fight Re the Interswitching Charges

Minimum Charge for Interchange of Cars Increased By \$2.00.

The C. P. R. will make a strong fight before the Dominion railway commission to have the interswitching rates revised.

When the interswitching line was first built a scale of rates satisfactory to both companies was arranged. However, in July an appeal was made to the railway commission by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and others, for a re-adjustment of the interswitching rates throughout Canada.

This was granted, and on Sept. 1 the new schedule came into effect. Now it is claimed that the new rates discriminate against the C. P. R. and practically make the interchange of cars with the G. T. R. prohibitive. The company is far from satisfied with the new rate, and is asking that the old rate be reaffirmed.

The first agreement was 1 cent a hundred, and a minimum of \$3 a car, and a maximum of \$8 per car. The new order calls for 1 cent a hundred with a minimum of \$5 a car and a maximum charge of \$8. This will affect the C. P. R. somewhat on light cars, and there is a difference of opinion as to the amount. A Grand Trunk official pointed out that the difference would not amount to \$25 a year, while a C. P. R. official stated that it would amount to a large sum.

The counsel for the C. P. R. claim that the new order did not rescind the special order made when the line was established, and therefore the company has no right to pay the extra charges.

The first order was satisfactory to all concerned. The company ask that the first order be reaffirmed. Notice has been served on the Grand Trunk and on the railway commission also, and it is expected that the matter will be considered by the railway commission very shortly.

## Using Ross Rifle at Cove Ranges

Military men are greatly interested in the shooting contests which are being held at the Cove Rifle Ranges, and are watching keenly the scores made by the men from Wolseley Bar-

racks who are shooting with the Ross rifle. The opinion so far is unanimous that the men equipped with the new rifle are making far better scores than those shooting with the Lee-Enfield.

## Local Cases Set for the Fall Courts

Quite a number of local cases have been set down for hearing at the various fall courts.

Small vs. Dawson—An action for recovery of a gasoline engine and a well-drilling outfit. Will be heard at the high court of justice.

Mr. William Small, of Southold Township, is the plaintiff and Mr. Abraham Dawson, of this city, the defendant. E. W. Scatcherd for plaintiff; F. Moore for defendant.

### A Horse Case.

The following cases will be heard at a future sitting of the county court: Arthur G. Mahon, London, vs. Douglas W. Graham, Lobo, an action to recover damages for losses sustained by alleged misrepresentation in the sale of a horse. E. W. Scatcherd for plaintiff.

### Wants Damages.

Isaiah F. Wilson, city, vs. Canadian Express Company—Mr. Wilson seeks to recover unstated damages for injuries received on Oct. 8th of last July, when he was knocked from his wheel by an express wagon and severely injured. The accident occurred at the corner of Clarence and York streets. E. W. Scatcherd for plaintiff. R. B. Pelton, city, vs. J. E. Mowatt, to recover balance of \$150 and \$200 alleged to be due on the contract price of a house. E. W. Scatcherd for plaintiff.

### THE BOTTOM DAMAGED.

Sault Ste. Marie, Oct. 20.—After lightning about 1,000 tons of coal the steamer Osler was released from Gravel Island. Her bottom forward is badly damaged, and compartments are full of water.