

was Rev. Mr. Hoyt's  
Baptist church, and  
being he addressed the  
members along the line of  
year's work. The first  
point said, was always a  
thing out—there had been  
him, and he had been  
come with them. In a re-  
work of the past year,  
work made both finan-  
merically. The finances  
h were steadily increas-  
aim of the future. There  
been to place the work  
Numerically, the church  
also, 76 new members  
received into the mem-  
bers of the church. Mr.  
members to work to-  
to, to all work, and to  
into their work, and  
after results would fol-  
d Book" was the sub-  
vening and Mr. Hoyt  
interesting sermon from  
Jeremiah 36.  
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ang good anthems at  
and Mr. J. Reeve sang  
evening.

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## S. CLEMENTS EXPOSED PLOT

Contracts to Party Hench-  
men Given Away in Do-  
minion Parliament

Clever Work of West Kent's Member  
—Sir Wilfrid Laurier Said No Con-  
tract Had Been Let When It Was  
Settled.

Ottawa, May 10.—The free and easy  
methods of the present administration  
in handing out contracts to their polit-  
ical friends and party henchmen were  
brought to the surface by the Opposi-  
tion yesterday. For upwards of two  
hours the Government was on the rack.

Mr. Clements of Kent, on a motion  
to adjourn, brought the matter up. At  
the request of the Page Wire Fence  
Co. he took upon himself the task of  
finding out the circumstances sur-  
rounding the giving out of a contract  
for a large amount of wire fencing  
along the international boundary in  
the Northwest to Banwell & McGre-  
gor of Walkerville. It was awarded  
without public competition, and Mc-  
Gregor is a son of the late member  
for Essex and a strong Liberal.

The contract was about \$200,000.  
After a number of members had  
added their quota to the revelations,  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who had been out  
of the chamber for a few minutes, evi-  
dently at the telephone, then came in  
and said: "I am able to say definitely  
that the contract has not been given."

The House went into committee on  
autonomy bills.  
Clause 1 was passed, the text being  
as follows: The territory comprised  
within the following boundaries, that  
is to say, commencing at the intersec-  
tion of the international boundaries  
dividing Canada from the United  
States of America by the fourth meri-  
dian in the system of Dominion lands  
surveys; thence westerly along the  
said international boundary to the  
eastern boundary of the Province of  
British Columbia; thence northerly  
along the said eastern boundary of the  
Province of British Columbia to the  
northeast corner of the said Province;  
thence easterly along the parallel of  
the 60th degree of north latitude to  
the fourth meridian in the system of  
Dominion lands surveys; thence southerly  
along the said fourth meridian to the  
point of commencement, is hereby  
established as a Province of the  
Dominion of Canada, to be called and  
known as the Province of Alberta.

Clause 2 was allowed to stand for  
the time being, and will be taken in  
conjunction with clause 1.  
Clause 3, regarding the representa-  
tion in the Senate of the Provinces,  
was discussed after midnight. Sir  
Wilfrid Laurier stating it was the in-  
tention to eventually form a group of  
twenty-four Senators. The new act  
provided for four from each Province  
immediately.

The clause carried and the House  
adjourned at 12.30 a. m.

## BEADLY KANSAS TORNADO.

Wrecks a Town and Kills a Score of  
People — Residences Made  
Into Scrap Heaps.

Marquette, Kan., May 10.—Twenty-  
seven persons are known to have been  
killed and over thirty-five were in-  
jured in a tornado, the most disas-  
trous in the history of Central Kansas,  
which swept over this portion of the  
state at midnight yesterday. One large  
section of Marquette, where the prin-  
cipal loss of life occurred, was en-  
tirely wiped out.

Washington Asks a Favor.

Washington, May 10.—Secretary of  
War Taft late yesterday requested Mr.  
O'Brien, the British charge d'affaires,  
to ask the British Government that no  
immediate action be taken by the New  
Brunswick authorities looking to the  
renewal of obstruction in the St. John  
River. That such action was contem-  
plated was communicated to Secretary  
Taft yesterday by the Department of  
Justice.

Fined For Alien Labor Breach.

Ottawa, April 10.—On five charges  
of importing men from the United  
States Magistrate O'Keefe yesterday  
morning found Frank E. Breckenridge  
of the International Harvester Co.  
guilty on one charge under the Alien  
Labor Act, and fined him \$100 and \$2  
cents or one month in jail. An appeal  
will be made.

## OBITUARY

Miss Anna J. Houston, eldest  
daughter of the late Robert Hous-  
ton, of Chatham Township, passed  
peacefully away at her home in Or-  
illia, Ont., April 30, after a linger-  
ing illness.

Deceased was in the 63rd year of  
her age, and was a resident of Chatham  
Township with her parents for  
nearly 50 years. She was beloved  
and esteemed by all who knew her.  
She was of an amiable disposition,  
kind and good to all who came in  
contact with her.

Deceased leaves three brothers  
and six sisters, besides a host of  
friends to mourn her loss.

There is no greater sign of a man's  
holiness than the procuring and re-  
joicing in another's good.

## FULLEST INQUIRY INAUGURATED BY SPECIAL GOV'T COMMISSION

Publicity Sought for and Evidence Taken on Oath—  
Counsel Engaged and Charges Preferred—Warrant  
for McRae—George Tyrrell Gives Evidence

Quite a sensation was sprung at the  
investigation this morning when  
George Tyrrell, of the Park House,  
stated that he had deposited money  
with Alex. Eberts, proprietor of the  
Hotel Garner, to be paid to David  
McRae if he secured a license. Great  
interest is being taken in the en-  
quiry and the auditorium of the  
Council Chamber was crowded this  
morning. Eudo Saunders is presid-  
ing and the Crown Attorney, H. D.  
Smith, has charge of the proceedings.  
Mr. Wilson, K. C., is acting for the  
Crown as prosecutor; O. L. Lewis  
appears for those making the  
charges; Ward Stanworth for the  
License Commissioners; John A.  
Walker for Dosithee Martin, and J.  
B. O'Flynn for George Tyrrell.

The Government is being warmly  
commended on the fullness of the  
enquiry. The warrant is signed by  
the Lieutenant Governor, the Pre-  
mier and the Provincial Secretary.

The proceedings opened with the  
reading of the warrant of the Lieu-  
tenant Governor of Ontario by the  
Crown Attorney, H. D. Smith. The  
warrant detailed the powers of the  
Commissioners and the scope of the  
enquiry. It ordered an investigation  
of the rumored charges of bribery  
and also the charge that the Execu-  
tive of the Conservative party had  
interfered in the issuance of licenses.  
Ward Stanworth said that he under-  
stood that the Commission was to  
inquire into the charges against the  
License Commissioners. He asked  
that the charges against the Com-  
missioners be specific. Mr. Wilson  
left the matter with Mr. Saunders  
as to whether he should lay the  
charges or not. Mr. Lewis held that  
this was only an enquiry and charges  
should not be laid. It was the duty  
of the Commission to sift out the  
truth and report to the Government.  
Mr. Saunders ruled that the charges  
must be made. Mr. Lewis asked that  
his objection to formal charges be-  
ing ordered be noted. Mr. Saunders  
said that he couldn't adopt any other  
course than that adopted in the  
Gamey-Stratton and the University  
investigations. Mr. Wilson laid the  
following charges:

### CHARGE NO. 1.

That the conduct of the License  
Commissioners of the District of  
West Kent in the administration of  
their office has been at least im-  
proper if not also corrupt and dis-  
honest in that George Tyrrell, an ap-  
plicant for a hotel license in the  
city of Chatham, was by or with  
the knowledge and approval of the  
said Commissioners or one of them,  
directly or indirectly on or about  
the month of April, 1905, required  
to pay or to promise to pay money  
or other valuable consideration in  
order to procure such license or pro-  
mise thereof from the Commissioners.

### CHARGE NO. 2.

That the conduct of the License  
Commissioners of the District of  
West Kent in the administration of  
their office has been at least im-  
proper if not also corrupt and dis-  
honest in that the License Com-  
missioners or one of them did direct-  
ly or indirectly, in or about the  
month of April, 1905, corruptly ne-  
gotiate or agree with Ambrose H.  
Patterson and Carl Eberts, applic-  
ants respectively, for a shop license  
in the city of Chatham or one of  
them for the payment by them or  
one of them of money or other  
valuable consideration in order to  
procure such shop license or other  
valuable consideration in order to  
procure such shop license or the pro-  
mise thereof from the Commissioners.

### CHARGE NO. 3.

That the conduct of the License  
Commissioners of the District of  
West Kent in the administration of  
their office has been at least im-  
proper if not also corrupt and dis-  
honest in that the License Com-  
missioners or one of them did in-  
order to procure the appointment of  
themselves or himself to the office of  
Commissioner, bargain and agree  
with a number of body of influen-  
tial men commonly called the Execu-  
tive committee, in consideration of  
such Executive committee using its  
influence to procure their or his ap-  
pointment to such office to grant  
or withhold licenses at the dictation  
or subject to the control of such  
committee, whereby the public would  
be and is deprived of the free judg-  
ment and discretion of the Com-  
missioners in the granting and with-  
holding of licenses.

Mr. Wilson said that he didn't un-  
dertake to prove these charges, but  
after consultation with the Crown  
Attorney, he thought that there

would be evidence enough to call for  
a reply from the License Board.

Mr. Lewis fought against any limi-  
tation of the evidence as regarded  
charge No. 3. He claimed that if oth-  
er men had been asked to accept the  
position of License Commissioner in  
West Kent and had refused because  
the condition of acceptance was that  
they should accept of certain licenses.  
The Commissioner again ruled  
against Mr. Lewis.

A number of exhibits were filed.  
David McRae was called as a wit-  
ness. He was not present.

C. E. Beaton, deputy sheriff, said  
he had called at McRae's house in  
Wallaceburg and found that he was  
not at home. Nobody seemed to  
know when McRae would return  
from Detroit.

Mr. Wilson intimated that he  
would ask for a warrant for Mc-  
Rae.

George Tyrrell was called as a wit-  
ness. He was a hotelkeeper. His  
son lived with him. The license was  
in his son's name. He had applied  
for a transfer of a tavern license.  
The application was made to the  
former Board of Commissioners.  
There was a dispute between Mr.  
McQueen and Mr. Tyrrell as to the  
transfer of the license. He had lost  
his license in Detroit, that was why  
his son had applied here. He had ap-  
peared twice before the new Commis-  
sioners. He had stated his case to  
Mr. Baxter and asked for justice.  
He had met Mr. McKibbin on the  
street in Wallaceburg, and had af-  
terwards gone to Mr. Fraser's of-  
fice.

Continuing, Mr. Tyrrell said that  
between the 22nd and 29th of April  
he had deposited money and checks  
amounting to \$100 with Alex. Eberts  
at the Hotel Garner, on condition  
that David McRae should get him a  
license. He had been recommended  
to David McRae by Geo. Merritt, as  
being a great man and a party  
worker. McRae said that it was  
worth money to get his license, Mc-  
Rae had asked \$100. He put up with  
the money with Alex. Eberts at the  
Hotel Garner. Part of the \$100 was  
in cash and part checks.

On May 1st the License Commissioners  
met he drew down his money. Mr.  
Massey, the License Inspector, learned  
on the street that the money had  
been deposited and came to him and  
advised him to get his money back.  
He did so. Mr. McRae was to get  
the \$100 if Mr. Tyrrell got his license,  
if not it was to be returned.

Mr. McRae came to his hotel the  
first time he saw him. He was alone  
the three times he came. It was on  
the second visit that Mr. McRae asked  
for the money. He found out that  
McRae was a fraud, and got his  
money back. Mr. Merritt came back  
to witness and when the former  
learned that Tyrrell had paid money  
to McRae, he advised witness to get  
his money back, as he (Merritt) had  
found out that McRae was a fraud.

O. L. Lewis examined Tyrrell and  
succeeded in mixing witness up as to  
the date upon which he had drawn  
down his money, and pointed out fal-  
lacies in witness' evidence.

"Didn't you put up that money  
thinking that McRae had influence  
with the Commissioners?" queried  
Mr. O. L. Lewis.

Witness replied that he did. Mc-  
Rae promised that he was to go to  
Mr. McKibbin before witness put up  
the hundred. McRae came the night  
before the Commissioners met, and  
reported progress.

Ward Stanworth examined wit-  
ness. There was a good deal of  
legal discussion as to witness' right to  
a license. That was why he had se-  
cured the advice of Mr. Fraser at  
the suggestion of Mr. Beohard.

Mr. Saunders asked if witness  
thought he had got justice from the  
License Commissioners since his li-  
cense had already been forfeit-  
ed, he having been convicted three  
times.

Witness wasn't prepared to an-  
swer.

The adjournment for dinner was  
made at this juncture.

### THIS AFTERNOON.

Upon resuming after the noon ad-  
journment George B. Merritt, Jr.,  
was first called and sworn.  
To Mr. Wilson the witness said  
he knew McRae and Tyrrell. He  
told the latter that McRae was a  
"very decent fellow" and he thought  
he could do him a lot of good if  
he got him to help get his license.  
When witness, however, found out  
about the money deposit he told  
Tyrrell to have nothing more to do  
with it. McRae was strong with  
McKibbin. He said McKibbin would  
do anything he wanted him. Wit-  
ness found this out when he was  
talking to McRae about other mat-  
ters.

He saw McKibbin in Baxter's of-  
fice. He went in with Mr. Arnold  
asking a little favor for his father.  
It was following the Board meeting.  
The witness told him no an-  
nouncement of the proceedings would  
be made until Monday, but he learned  
from Mr. Stanworth, who was  
at the meeting, that the shop license  
had been given to Carl Eberts. Wit-

Continued on Page 4.

## C.P.R. GOT THE BEST OF IT

Agreement With Bell Telephone  
Co. Before Committee.

C. P. R. Will Open Stations to All If  
Railway Commission Decides Ex-  
cluding 'Phones From Stations Is  
Illegal—General Manager McNicoll  
and President Sise Give Their Ev-  
idence—Finances of Bell Company.

Ottawa, May 10.—D. McNicoll, se-  
cond vice-president and general man-  
ager of the Canadian Pacific Railway,  
was the first witness at the Telephone  
Committee yesterday.

Mr. William Mulock asked if Mr.  
A. B. Aylesworth, K. C., would desire  
to cross-examine the witness. Mr.  
Aylesworth said he might but he would  
like to say at the outset that any con-  
tract or exclusive agreements that  
the Bell company held with the rail-  
way companies became invalid under  
the Railway Act of 1903. Under that  
act there could be no such exclusive  
contracts. In spite of any exclusive  
contracts with the Bell company, any  
telephone company had a right to find  
its entrance into railway stations,  
subject of course to the Railway Com-  
mission.

Mr. Maclean—Did you contend that  
when the case was before the Railway  
Commission?

Aylesworth—I think so.

Mr. McNicoll was examined by Mr.  
Chrysler in regard to the agreements  
that existed between the C. P. R. and  
the Bell company. The last agree-  
ment was dated May, 1902. Mr. Mc-  
Nicoll also recited the agreements  
his company had with other telephone  
companies in British Columbia, New  
Brunswick and elsewhere.

### Exclusive Contracts.

In reply to Mr. Aylesworth, Mr.  
McNicoll said that his company had  
contracts with the Bell as far back  
as 1887. All of these contracts had  
exclusive features. The contract of  
1902 had nothing to do with the Fort  
William. The contract with the Bell  
company was a very valuable one to  
the C. P. R. He would not like to  
say in the presence of Mr. Sise what  
he thought of the agreement, but in  
his judgment he got ahead of the Bell  
people in that bargain.

Mr. Maclean took the witness in  
hand and endeavored to show that  
the C. P. R. in its contract with the Bell  
company, was discriminating against  
the public under the railway act.  
The witness replied that the railway  
act did not say that the public should  
have the right to use the telephone  
at any rate it was their desire  
to do so. The public shared with the  
railway company in its contracts with  
the Bell company.

### Profits of Bell 'Phones.

Mr. C. F. Sise, president of the Bell  
company, was examined by Mr.  
Chrysler, who ran over the Dominion  
Legislation and Provincial legislation  
which granted the charter and rights  
which the Bell company was now  
working under, and then took up the  
reports which Mr. Sise had supplied  
the committee.

Mr. Sise said that the profits varied  
from 6 per cent. to 8 per cent. Eight  
per cent. was the highest.  
Mr. Chrysler pointed out that the  
company started with a capital of  
\$500,000 and on December 31, 1904, the  
paid up stock was \$7,976,000. The  
plant and patent account in 1901 was  
\$9,273,756.

Mr. Sise said that of this amount  
\$1,928,499 represented patent fees.  
Time to time the patents expired and  
were paid off. A statement that the  
company paid \$1,288,000 which had  
been made by someone was absolutely  
incorrect. At that time the capital  
of the company was only \$1,288,000 and  
the paid up stock \$600,000, which showed  
how absurd the statement was.

Mr. Chrysler said that he had not  
made the statement.  
Mr. Sise said that the Bell company  
paid for rights from the Dominion  
Telegraph Company and the Montreal  
Telegraph Company \$180,500, and for  
the Toronto Exchange, Yorkville Ex-  
change and Western Union \$39,000.  
Cash was paid in each instance.

### POOR LUCK

With the fishing season come the  
fish stories. Some fish stories are  
told by the fishermen themselves and  
others are told by the friends of  
the fishermen. The latter kind are  
generally the ones to be depended  
upon.

One of these latter kind is told  
on Frank Sharp, the popular clerk  
at the Pere Macquette freight of-  
fice. Frank is an enthusiastic fish-  
erman and the overflow of work at  
the freight office has kept him from  
indulging in his favorite pastime.  
The other day he happened to look  
out of the office window and saw a  
couple of little boys fishing in the  
creek. He decided to go down and  
see what luck they were having.

When he got at the top of the  
bank, however, he unfortunately slipped  
and went down the hill faster  
than he had intended. He soared all  
the fish in the creek besides giving  
the boys a severe fright. When he  
finally got to his feet again he found  
his clothes torn and covered with  
mud. He had lost his desire for fish-  
ing and he has since applied himself  
strenuously to his office duties.

This is without a doubt a true  
story from the fact that Frank is  
mum about it himself.

Even luck won't push a man up  
hill very far.

Happy is the bride the sun shines  
on, but a sunburst is better.

## WORLD OF SPORT

### BASEBALL TUESDAY.

The Eastern League.  
Toronto ..... 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1-3  
Rochester ..... 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0-4  
Three-base hit—Harley. Two-base hits—  
Smith, Sacrifice hits—Magoon, White.  
Innings pitched—By Magee 3, by Falken-  
burg 3. Struck out—By Magee, Steelman;  
by Falkenburg. Pastor, Yancey, Rodfus.  
Kennedy. Steelman; by Faulkner, White.  
Rapp, Magoon, Carr, Toft. Bases on balls  
—By Magee, Pastor; by Falkenburg, Magoon;  
by Faulkner, Murray, Carr, Falken-  
burg. Stolen bases—Rapp 2, Murray, Carr  
2, Harley. Left on bases—Toronto 7, Ro-  
chester 5. Time—2:00. Attendance—1500.  
Umpire—Egan.

At Jersey City— R. H. E.  
Jersey City ..... 5 8 0 0 0 1 1 0-15 14 0  
Baltimore ..... 2 0 2 1 0 0 1 0-7 9 9  
Batteries—Frammiller, Mack and McAul-  
ey; Adkins and Mearns. Umpires, Moran  
and Hissett.  
At Providence— R. H. E.  
Providence ..... 2 0 0 0 3 0 1 0-6 11 2  
Newark ..... 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0-3 5 1  
Game forfeited to Providence, 9 to 0, in  
the sixth inning, owing to refusal of Cap-  
tain of Newark team to leave grounds  
when ordered off by umpire.  
Batteries—Poole and Thomas; Hesterfer  
and Sikes. Umpire, Conway. Attendance,  
800.

At Montreal—Buffalo-Montreal; wet  
grounds.  
National League.  
At Brooklyn— R. H. E.  
Brooklyn ..... 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 0 0  
Cincinnati ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2-6 13 3  
Batteries—McIntyre, Jones and Ritter;  
Walker, Check and Phelps. Umpire—John-  
stone. Attendance—2500.

At New York— R. H. E.  
St. Louis ..... 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 4-8 17 2  
New York ..... 1 0 0 0 2 0 3 0 1-7 15 2  
Batteries—Thelma and Grady; McGil-  
lity and Bremahan. Umpire—O'Day. At-  
tendance—4000.

### Exclusive Contracts.

At Philadelphia— R. H. E.  
Pittsburgh ..... 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 4-0 13 6  
Philadelphia ..... 4 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1-6 5 3  
Batteries—Leever, Lynch and Peltz; Sut-  
hoff and Doolin. Umpire—Klein. Attendance  
—3401.

### American League.

At Cleveland— R. H. E.  
Cleveland ..... 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0-2 6 1  
Chicago ..... 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1-3 7 1  
Batteries—Densham and Bemis; Walsh  
and McFarland. Umpires—McCarthy and  
Kelley. Attendance—1743.

At Washington— R. H. E.  
Washington ..... 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 3-7 0  
Philadelphia ..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 6 3  
Batteries—Townsend and Kittredge; Ben-  
der, Powers and Schell. Umpire—O'Leugh-  
lin. Attendance—8140.

At Boston— R. H. E.  
Boston ..... 3 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 3-4 2  
New York ..... 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0-2 4 1  
Batteries—Tannehill and Criger; Powell,  
Hogg and Klenow. Umpire—Conolly.

### HIGH COURT

The sittings of the High Court  
were concluded last evening. In the  
case of Crawford vs. Magee, which  
was the second and last case on the  
docket, the Judge held that John A.  
Magee was liable for \$399, and re-  
served judgment for the balance.

The Judge was in doubt as to whether  
John A. Magee should have re-  
ceived notice of his brother's in-  
solventcy before he purchased his  
stock.

This was a case where it was al-  
leged that Jas. H. Magee trans-  
ferred his stock to John A. Magee to  
defraud his (Jas. H.'s) creditors.

Show others that your opinion of  
them is based upon their actions  
rather than words.

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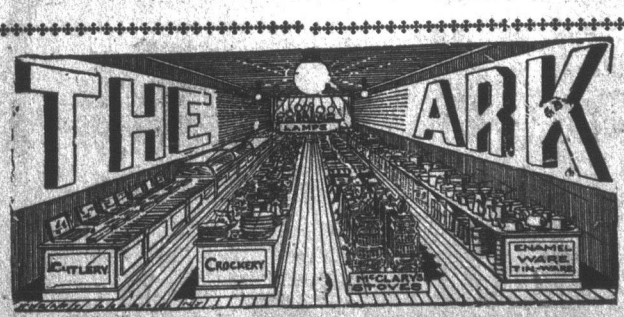
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