

THE POLITICAL HOROSCOPE

How the Parties Stand in Middlesex County.

London for Laurier—Results of Recent Conventions—Protests Disposed Of.

THREE OUT OF FOUR.

Three of the seats for Middlesex, North, South and West are held by Liberals, and there is no probability of either one of them passing into the hands of the enemy. In the West, Mr. Calvert, an ex-servant of the county, is popular with men of all stripes of politics, and in the commons he is equally popular, being chosen as assistant whip for the Ontario Liberals. He is a prosperous merchant, and with the handsome majority of 341 to rely upon the seat is regarded by both sides as safe. The Liberals, however, are not neglecting the essential to success, thorough organization.

Mr. Malcolm McEugan is the representative for South Middlesex, a safe seat with a majority of 410 at the last election. In parliament Mr. McEugan does not waste the time of the house by unnecessary speeches, and upon the committee on agriculture he has done good work.

The enthusiasm with which Mr. Valentine Katz was renominated by the Liberals of North Middlesex a few days ago, indicates his popularity. As he has been renominated, North Middlesex since the gerrymander has been a rocky road for a Liberal to travel, as it was then made "safe" for the Conservative party. He succeeded, however, in 1896 in finding the smooth road over the rocks, and is now he has not yet forgotten the easy road.

East Middlesex is popularly regarded by the Conservatives as a special preserve of their own. The growing popularity of the Liberal policy with the farming community, has, however, in this riding also materially changed the political aspect, and a determined effort will be made to secure this stronghold which since confederation has been continuously represented by a Conservative.

LONDON FOR LAURIER.

The city of London has only twice since confederation been represented by a Liberal. In 1896 it went Conservative by 41 majority, but the record of the Laurier Government has been such as to inspire confidence among the business men and artisans. Major Beattie is popular, but there are several men on the Liberal side who, if common report be true, can beat him easily, and upon nomination day the Liberals intend to pit one of these gentlemen against him. In the meantime they are organizing thoroughly, and are confident that on the evening of election day they will once more carry the broom aloft.

NOMINEES.

West Assiniboia Conservatives have renominated Mr. N. P. Davis, M.P., for the commons.

Mr. David Spence, mayor of Prince Albert, is the Conservative candidate for Saskatchewan.

Mr. J. R. Lavelle, barrister, of Smith's Falls, is the Conservative choice as a candidate for the commons in North Leeds and Grenville.

Mr. Alphonse Bernier, advocate, of Lewis, and professor of Laval University, is the Conservative candidate for the commons in Montmagny.

PROTESTS DISPOSED OF.

By arrangement between the parties the election petitions protesting Local elections in Winnipeg Center, Westbourne, Deloraine, Russell, Kildonan, Beautiful Plains, Rosenfeld and Birnie, have been withdrawn.

The petition against the return of Mr. C. A. Brower, M.P.P., in East Elgin, was dismissed at St. Thomas yesterday after a short hearing.

HON. J. I. TARTE TALKS.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Sept. 4.—The picnic held here yesterday under the auspices of the Reform Association of Sault Ste. Marie was beyond doubt the most successful affair of the kind that this famous old town has ever witnessed. Stirring addresses were delivered by Hon. Wm. Mulock, Hon. Mr. Tarte and members of the federal and local parliaments. Mr. Charles N. Smith, editor of the Sault Express, and president of the Reform Association, acted as chairman.

When the Hon. J. Israel Tarte, whom the chairman introduced as the most abused man in Canada, came to speak the vast audience rose to its feet and cheered wildly, and then Miss Laura Tatfield stepped on the platform and presented the minister with a bouquet of flowers, for which the gallant minister thanked her by kissing her on both cheeks, to the great delight of everyone. Mr. Tarte began by saying that while he had been a much abused man during his public career, he felt that he deserved a little more abuse for not having visited the "Ego" before. Without further delay, the minister started in to deliver one of his old-time blasts at his maligners. Some few months ago, when he was very sick, the Tories had wished for his death. Now they were wishing that he would resign, but he refused to resign his place in the government because they wished it. When his leader and party desired it, he would do so. The Tories had accused him of being disloyal. They had misrepresented him, but they could not accuse him of being a coward. What he had said in France he would say in Canada. He was proud of his origin, as he was also proud of being a Briton. Mr. Tarte said that he had followed Sir John Macdonald through thick and thin, but the men composing the Conservative party at the present time were not of the same stamp as those who followed the old

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chieftain. The bitterness of so many of the Conservatives to him was due to the fact that he had exposed their wickedness and had sent some of them to jail. He predicted a great victory for the Liberals in Quebec. They would carry at least 51 of the 65 seats. In closing, Mr. Tarte publicly thanked Mr. Mulock for the service he had rendered him by looking after the work in his department while he was in Paris.

THE INDEPENDENTS.

Toronto, Sept. 5.—A meeting preliminary to the convention of political independents was held in Richmond Hall last night. Mr. George Wrigley occupied the chair, and advocated the formation of a permanent independent political party. Rev. S. S. Craig urged the need of a true government founded on the Word of God, which would last for ages. He denounced the government and the premier as being controlled by the corporations. Rev. George E. Bigelow, of Chicago, spoke of the degradation and vice which existed in all the large centers of population of the United States as well as of Great Britain, and gave statistics to show that the distress was the greatest in the United States. The cure for these social troubles was, he said, first to free the land, so that everybody could have access to it. Next came the public ownership of all means of production and distribution of wealth.

Mr. C. A. Mallory, of Cobourg, representing the Patrons of Industry, and several others spoke briefly upon the business for which the convention had been called.

There were about 40 people present in the hall, and at the conclusion a collection was taken up.

From Near-By Places.

MRS. EFFIE MCKAY.

Cairo, Ont., Sept. 4.—Mrs. Effie McKay, well and favorably known in Western Ontario, departed this life after a very brief illness in Detroit, Mich., on Sept. 3. Mrs. McKay, during the past eight years, spent most of her time in the city, and while enjoying the bracing air at the Straits of Mackinac, Mich., she received a severe attack of apoplexy, from which she never recovered, at times only appearing to possess consciousness. Her sister, Mrs. Wallace, of Detroit, learning of her illness, was soon at her bedside, and after consulting her medical friends, decided to remove her to Detroit. Upon her arrival at Detroit Dr. Wm. Wilson, a nephew of the deceased, assisted by Dr. Donald, made a careful diagnosis of her case, and pronounced her state beyond medical aid. She was therefore conveyed to her sister's residence, 233 Brooklyn avenue. Her only surviving son and daughter were notified, and arrived later, but were privileged only to see the flickering light of life extinguished. On the following morning, previous to the removal of the body to the union depot, an appropriate service was held at the residence, conducted by Rev. Mr. McDowell, of the Second Avenue Presbyterian Church, and was largely attended by her numerous friends in the city.

Her remains were then taken via Bothwell to her former home at Cairo, Ont., accompanied by her son, K. G. McKay, Cairo, and two sisters, Mrs. M. Law and Mrs. K. Walker, city. On the 27th, at her former home, a large circle of friends met and followed the remains to the Presbyterian Church, where an impressive discourse was delivered by Rev. J. J. Brown, whence her remains were conveyed, followed by a large concourse of sorrowing friends, to their last resting-place in Gage's cemetery.

The late Mrs. McKay was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church of this place—indeed, was one of those who so liberally contributed of her means in the erection of a church and in the maintenance of the same. Recently she identified herself with the Second Avenue Presbyterian Church, Detroit, and continued a faithful member until her demise. She survived her husband about twelve years. She leaves one daughter, Mary, the wife of John Annett, and one son, K. G., Cairo, Ont., besides four sisters and three brothers, to mourn her departure.

APPIN.

Appin, Sept. 4.—The white horse stolen from Walter Chisholm was found by A. B. McGregor, in the possession of some gypsies near Mount Brydges. They claim they traded for the horse. As the animal was an old favorite there was great rejoicing when the news was received.

STRATHROY.

Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekison. Strathroy, Sept. 5.—Mrs. G. D. Suleman, of Chatham, spent Sunday here, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Meekison, Front street.

The following attractions have been booked for the Lyceum: "Quo Vadis," Sept. 10; "Edward D'Oyze," Sept. 17; "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Oct. 3; the Lyceum Company, Oct. 10; John Davis and wife, Oct. 31; the Lyceum Company, Nov. 2; McEwen, hypnotist, Nov. 26, 27, 28; the Imperial Frolickers, Dec. 5; "A Tale of Two Cities," Dec. 5; Harry Smart, Dec. 22 to 26; Shaw Brothers, Jan. 15; Charles M. Chase, April 3; Rowena-Benedict Company, April 6; Spooner Dramatic Company, March 11, 12.

Rev. F. J. Lynch, rector of Rosemont, conducted service in St. John's Church on Sunday evening.

Sept. 15 has been appointed as the date for the hearing of the appeals on the voters' lists of the town of Strathroy.

Messrs. A. Remley and Nelson Hardy have purchased the Strathroy pottery business from Mr. Johns.

W. B. Davis, of Columbus, O., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frank, Woodlawn.

The young people of Frank Street Epworth League purpose holding a basket trial in the basement of the church this (Wednesday) evening.

Miss Ethel Lauler, who has been visiting at her home here, returned to St. Thomas yesterday.

The Sarnia Presbytery will meet in Strathroy, Sept. 14.

The game of baseball played here on Monday afternoon between the Anchors, of London, and the Strathroy team resulted in favor of the home team. The score stood 15 to 9.

GLEN OAK.

Glen Oak, Sept. 4.—We had a very heavy rain here yesterday, which no doubt will have a good effect on the root crop.

It is said by the old settlers about here that the past month has been the hottest August they can recollect.

Having had a drive through Middlesex last week, we noticed a considerable amount of harvesting still unfinished. In Carleton Place, and especially in London township, numerous fields of oats are still in shock. As for peas and beans this seems to be their harvest time; corn cutting is just beginning. The recent hot weather is said to have injured the corn crop, also turnips and mangolds. Potatoes

are not so plentiful as last year, but the quality is good.

The sale for apples is slow so far. Fall wheat seeding is just beginning. Apparently farmers are not sowing so many acres as the price of grain keeps so low.

WILTON GROVE.

Wilton Grove, Sept. 4.—The North Westminster Presbyterian congregation convened on Friday at 3 p.m., to consider the expediency of calling a pastor. Rev. John Currie, of Belmont, interim moderator, was in the chair. Thomas Baty acting as secretary. Eight candidates were balloted for, and Rev. D. L. McCrae, M.A., Ph.D., of Collingwood, received more than twice the number of votes given the other seven. On motion the call to Rev. Dr. McCrae was made unanimous. Messrs. Walter Laidlaw and David Lawson were the scrutineers. Messrs. Adam Nichol and Thomas Baty were chosen commissioners to moderate in the call before the presbytery. Rev. John Currie will moderate the call before the Barrie Presbytery, and assign reasons for the translation of the doctor, coupled with names of Thomas Baty and Adam Nichol. William Weatherstone will represent the board of management at presbytery. Messrs. David Lawson, John Laidlaw and John N. Beattie were appointed to confer with the meeting, to be held in St. Andrew's Church at 7 p.m.

The meeting of St. Andrew's was largely attended. Elder John H. Elliott acted as secretary. Five candidates were submitted to meeting. Messrs. John Laidlaw and David Lawson were appointed scrutineers. The election resulted in favor of Dr. McCrae, who had 41 votes out of a possible 49, the vote being made unanimous. The stipend fixed was \$400, without holidays. Elder J. H. Elliott was appointed commissioner to represent the session at the meeting of presbytery. Messrs. Andrew Scott and Dugal McPherson were appointed commissioners to prosecute the call on behalf of the congregation, and Rev. John Currie was appointed commissioner to prosecute the call at Barrie Presbytery, and to assign reasons for the translation of Dr. McCrae to the London Presbytery. The call was signed readily at both parishes, as they are longing for an under-shepherd.

GLANWORTH.

Glanworth, Sept. 5.—Rev. Joseph Hagar, M.A., of Acton parish, Hamilton Conference, preached anniversary sermons at Town Line Methodist Church on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The choir of Talbotville, with Miss Hill at the organ, gave excellent music. Mr. Huntington, of Toronto, sang a solo during the evening service with fine effect. The offerings totaled \$18. The church was decorated with flowers.

Rev. Mr. Hagar gave a lecture on Monday evening, his theme being "As Bad as Whisky." The speaker, after referring to the effects of his long-continued ground 31 years ago, mentioned the different parishes he had been in during the interval, and then went on to argue that tobacco was as bad as whisky. The consensus of opinion was that the evening was instructive.

Miss Etta Sewell, of Alma College, gave a recitation that won hearty applause. The choir of First Methodist Church, St. Thomas, with Mr. H. Cumberland as organist, furnished the music. The solos by Mr. Maxwell and Mr. H. Cumberland were much appreciated. Rev. Mr. Sanderson, Talbotville, presided. The receipts of the lecture were \$20, making a grand total of \$38. Luncheon was served in the basement to the choir and speakers.

Mrs. Jeremiah Donohue on Friday dislocated her shoulder, and had her arm broken in two places. Mrs. Donohue and Misses Bella and Crista McIntyre occupied a buggy. In leading a horse with the halter-shank wound around her arm, the animal bolted, with the above result. Dr. Gustin attended the lady.

Misses Ellen L. Murdock, of Cleveland, and E. A. Murdock, of Newfield, and Alex. Murdock, of Brucefield, are spending a few days at Mr. D. McTavish's, con. 12, Yarmouth.

Miss L. M. McTavish leaves for Woodlee to spend a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. R. Roe.

KOMOKA.

Komoka, Sept. 5.—The Presbyterian Sunday school and a number of their friends picnicked at Springbank on Monday, where a very enjoyable time was spent.

Mrs. Geddes, of this place, received word of her son John's death at Vancouver, B.C. She has the sympathy of the entire community in her sad bereavement.

Mr. Archie McMurphy, of London, lately from South Africa, has been renewing acquaintances here.

Anniversary services will be conducted in the Presbyterian Church here by Rev. Thomas Wilson, London, on the 16th inst. at 3 o'clock, in the afternoon, and 7 o'clock in the evening.

Mr. James Lince spent Sunday in Komoka.

Miss Ida Rowland has returned to St. Thomas.

A QUEBEC CONTEST.

Lumbago Driven Out by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Quebec, Sept. 3.—Although Quebec is called the Gibraltar of America, and well deserves the name, it is by no means impregnable against the assaults of Kidney Disease. Fortunately the inhabitants have an ally in Dodd's Kidney Pills that succeeds in driving the enemy out every time it gains an entry.

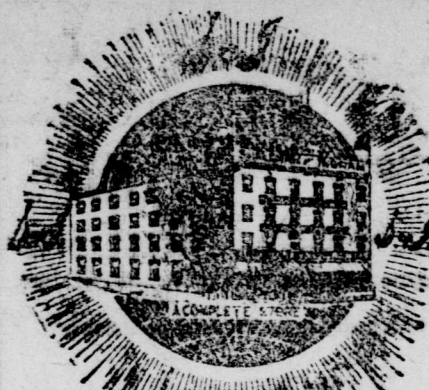
Some time ago Mr. John Ball, of No. 57 Little Champlain street, was attacked by lumbago. He suffered for two years without getting relief from any of the medicines he used. Then he tried Dodd's Kidney Pills and the first box he used helped him. He used only two boxes, and is now well and strong in every way.

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The choir of Hinton Methodist Church have handed in their resignations.

At Peckforton, Cheshire, England, is to be seen a very queer beehive. It is in the shape of a castle on an elephant's back, and is carved in stone.

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Tomorrow the Western Fair will be in full swing—as the programme states. You have invited some friends to visit you and you are going to give them as good a time as you know how. You are not as prepared as you would like to be; still you are unable to do any more. You could not hem up a few sheets nor run up a few pillow slips if you had the material on hand.

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81x90 Sheets, hemmed, good cotton, each	75c
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90x90 Sheets, hemmed or hemstitched, plain	90c
90x90 Sheets, fine hemstitched, plain, each	\$1 00
90x108 Sheets, hemstitched, linen finish, plain	\$1 50
Fine Irish Linen Sheets, hand hemstitched and drawn work heading, size 90x108, at, each	\$2 75 and \$3 50
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At a meeting of the board of the Dunwich Mutual Insurance Company on Saturday, losses to the amount of \$1,700 were adjusted, all the result of the severe storm of Aug. 20. Sixty-five applications were read by the valuers, carrying risks to the amount of \$75,000.

St. Thomas Times: Lucie Crocker, through her solicitor, John A. Robinson, has issued a writ against Walter E. Wardell and James McQueen Wardell, executors of the estate of the late Josephine Wardell, of Middlemarch, to recover \$1 month's wages as a companion to deceased.

Harry, the 18-year-old son of Mr. E. W. P. Jones, of Grand View Park, Brantford, died Monday night at St. Thomas, from the effects of hemorrhage of the bowels. The young man was spending his holidays with his aunt, Mrs. Leonard Jones, 74 Balclutha street, when taken sick.

Architects Malcolmson & Higginbottom, of Detroit, are preparing plans for a combined municipal building and fire hall for Ridgetown. It will be 43 by 80 feet in size, of pressed brick, with cut stone trimmings and tile heated by steam and lighted by electricity. It will cost \$15,000.

Charlie Briscoe, a 9-year-old Barnardo Home child, has been arrested as a horse thief. It seems that last Tuesday a horse belonging to Mr. William Miller, Lawrence, was taken from the church shed. Henry Briscoe, a liverman, of Dutton, was in Rodney on Thursday, and noticed a buggy in the hotel stable there answering the description of the stolen rig, and finding the little boy who drove the rig there, he got the little fellow to accompany him to Dutton, where he was taken in hand by the authorities.

Richard E. Fitzgerald, an employe at the old Homestead Hotel, Sandwich, who suffered from asthma, went to the window of his room Monday night to get fresh air. In some unknown way he fell to the ground, 35 feet below, and received injuries of which he died at midnight. Mr. Fitzgerald was 68 years old, and had served in both the British and United States regular

armies. He put in fifteen years in the British army, and received a medal for the Indian mutiny campaign, with a clasp for Delhi. He received an honorable discharge at Halifax.

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