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AS TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

In connection with the exploded charges against Whitney and Hanna, it was alleged and admitted that a firm which had dealings with the government had contributed $500 for party fund purposes.

It was not charged that they were threatened or had anything hinge upon such a gift, but simply that said sum was handed over to Mr. Hanna.

It is well known that such monies are contributed and always have been by men on both sides of politics.

The maintenance of party machinery both in the country at large and in each riding separately, always involves much expense and always will, especially about election time.

Take the situation locally.

It is well known that Liberal manufacturers, some of whom have received Government patronage, have been free contributors to their own side. This is not quoted in the sense of blame, but as an illustration. For instance when Hon. Mr. Paterson ran in North Grey a large local fund was contributed by his friends here and that too, on top of their help in South Brant a short time before when Mr. Paterson met with defeat at the hands of Mr. Henry.

It is somewhat of a fine point as to what should, or should not be done in this matter. That it is done by both Liberals and Conservatives it would be the part of arrant hypocrisy to deny.

In the Old Land they go at matters even more extravagantly than we do here. In fact it is not an uncommon thing there for a man to spend thousands on a campaign and the central organizations are maintained at very heavy expense. Even in the case of Labor members, the unions find that they have to afford them heavy financial backing.

There was once in the British House a gentleman named Cross of Newcastle-on-Tyne. He was a very prominent member and considered on the stump, and especially at heckling meetings as the leading speaker of the day. In fact after one campaign his speeches were put in book form and the volume to this day ranks as a political classic. His majorities were always enormous, until the election he decided to eschew any contributions, or organization, and go to the electors on his merits alone, and they were, admittedly, very great—in fact he was of cabinet timber.

The result was that he was returned by a majority of less than ten votes and the—plus contributions and organization—was accomplished by a very inferior man. Cross never tried the experiment again.

Until we reach the milennium campaign funds are sure to exist.

TWO QUERIES FOR THE LOCAL GRIT ORGAN.

The Courier tries to make a noise like a public ownership organ. Yet so far as is known, our contemporary actively or passively, supported all public service franchises in this city which are now held by private corporations, and has not long since expressed an adverse opinion to the acquisition by the city of the Brantford Street Railway, a policy which it is now urging the Expositor.

You're wrong, as usual.

1—The Courier fought for municipal ownership. of the Waterworks while the Expositor was fighting to hand over the concern to a private U. S. corporation.

2—The Courier fought for telephone competition while the Expositor at the start off wanted a continuance of the Bell monopoly, and the continuance of the antiquated service the company then gave.

3—The Courier fought for Hydro-Electric—the people's power, while the Expositor was for keeping the municipality tied up to a private monopoly.

4—The Courier did not express an adverse opinion of the acquisition of the Street Railway by the city. What it did urge was that litigation now on hand between two rival sets of bondholders had better first be out of the way.

Now then; here are a couple of queries for our cotem:

1—When, where and at what time did it ever take the initiative on behalf of the interests of the people?

2—Why is it that the organ has such a soul absorbing love for private corporations and monopolies?

Take your time, don't try and answer too soon.

EXPLODED CHARGES

The charges preferred against Sir James Whitney and Hon. Mr. Hanna by Mr. Proudfoot, M.P.P. have been thoroughly discounted, as everyone except the most blindly partizan thought they would be.

It turns out that they were based upon the venom of a dismissed civil servant, who has been attempting to blackmail Mr. Hanna for some time.

It was all very well for Proudfoot and his lawyer to put on the cheap stage effect of walking out of the enquiry room on the plea that they were not getting fair treatment, but that school boy buncombe will not deceive anyone.

The truth is that they saw the allegations could not be proved and so indulged in some theatrical clap trap in order to cover up their retreat.

CAINSVILLE NEWS

The inclemency of the weather was responsible for many absent pews last Sunday. Notwithstanding this fact, the few who did brave the elements enjoyed a good sermon, both morning and evening.

The League meeting held on Monday evening was especially interesting. Miss Ferguson led the meeting and an excellent paper on "Masterpieces of Hebrew Literature" was read by Miss Annie Hawley. Mr. Lew Smith sang a solo in his usual good style.

The members of the League decided to hold their League Annivrsary on Sunday, May 18th. An "At Home" will be given the following Monday evening. An excellent program, consisting of old-time songs and readings will be given. A dainty lunch will be served. There will be no admission fee but a silver collection at the door.

Misses Phelan, Neelands, Ferguson, Hawley, Smith, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Lew Smith were among those who enjoyed the lecture on Hamlet, delivered by Bishop Quayle, in Wellington Street Church Saturday evening.

The members of the Sabbath School met in the school room on Monday evening for election of officers. The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Mr. F. Sumler; Assistant Superintendent, Mr. W. Dougherty; Secretary, Mr. Earl Simpson; Assistant Secy., Clarence Graham; Treasurer, Mr. Hurb. Sumler; Pianist, Mrs Chas. Wilson; Assistant, Miss Marjory Davidson; Superintendent of the Home Department, Mrs. Fred Sumler; Superintendent of the Cradle Roll, Miss Annie Smith; helpers, Miss K. Pettit, Miss Edna Robinson, Miss Jessie Edmundson, Miss Lillian Daivdson, Mrs. H. Sumler, Mrs. Dougherty, Mrs. Herb. Clark.

The staff of teachers were re-elected for another term.

Rev. Mr. Sabine of Hamilton, spent the week-end at Elm Croft.

Mr. McLeod made a business trip to Woodstock on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dawdy and family of Pine Grove were guests at the home of his father last Thursday.

Mr. Earn Darby, of Welland, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs Frank Tottle over Sunday.

Mr. Tommy Basket of Echo Place, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Brewer on Sunday

Miss Grace Benedict of Brantford, visited at the home of Mr and Mrs. Harry Foulger on Sunday.

Mrs. Jerome accompanied by her daughter, Miss L Jerome, of Hamilton, spent Sunday at the home of Mr and Mrs. Dawdy.

Mr. Stanley Clark, accompanied by his friend Mr. Christie both of Victoria University, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Clark over Sunday. These young men completed their course in Forestry on Tuesday and have started out West, where remunerative positions await them. Mr. Clark going to Calgary and Mr. Christie to Vancouver. We congratulate Mr. Stanley Clark on his success, not only in getting his Exam. but in obtaining an excellent position His past record assures us that he will be one of the foremost men in his line of work.

Mrs. Benedict and her daughter, Miss Cora Ludlow, of Brantford, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dawdy on Tuesday.

Mrs. Gilbert of Goderich was the guest of Miss Libby Vanderlip one day last week.

Mrs. Dutton spent Sunday with friends at Burtch.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson and family otlAoawora md adho aoodardwo ord Fruitland, Mr Peter Mullen of Palo, Alto, San Francisco, and Mr. D. Mullen of Addison, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith over Sunday.

Miss Jessie Dick, of Niagara, visited at the home of her parents last Friday.

Miss Edith Campbell, Brantford, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs Elliott.

Miss Dorothy Myers entertained her music teacher and the members of her music class on Friday evening.

Miss Edna Smith left Tuesday morning for Athens.

It is rumored that Mr. Will Tottle has sold his farm to a man near Hatchley.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill are moving to Brantford where Mr. Hill intends keeping his fine gray team busy.

Mr. Earl Papple met with an accident last week, getting a couple of his fingers crushed in the windmill.

Mrs. Dawdy has been seriously ill for the past week, but is somewhat better at present.

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Was Sudden

Mr. James Jarvis Was Called by Death Yesterday Afternoon.

The death occurred very suddenly yesterday afternoon of James E. Jarvis, in his 58th year, at his late residence, 121 Park avenue.

The late Mr. Jarvis was working around his residence, apparently as well as usual, when he was stricken with heart failure. Complaining of a pain, he went into the house, and expired within ten minutes, before medical aid could arrive.

The deceased had been a resident of the city for the past three years, coming here from St. Catharines. For a time he resided on the River road.

Mr. Jarvis was a prominent member of St. Jude's Church, where he will be greatly missed. He was a lifelong Liberal. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and one daughter, Miss Florence. The funeral will take place on Saturday.

NOW QUOTING POETRY

Male Militants in Britain Have Reached the Last Stage.

LONDON, April 30.—The male suffragists are very angry over the fact that Franklin, one of their number, who was released Monday, has been pump-fed 114 times. They held a meeting of protest last night, and Israel Zangwill, who was the chief speaker, said:

"We have reached a stage of barbarism which I thought had long passed forever. We are living under a regime of bullies and sharps. The country is in a state of collective intoxication. It is drunk on power and wealth, and this has resulted in a revival of 'hooliganism.'"

Dr. Zangwill blamed Premier Asquith for what he called the disgraceful state of things, and declared that the situation forced him to emit some poetry, whereupon he let this couplet off:

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Proudfoot Refused to Take the Oath

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Mr. Nesbitt's Address

Mr. Nesbitt then addressed the committee on behalf of his client, having first been admonished by the chairman to be brief. He briefly reviewed the salient facts and showed how there was no evidence produced that indicated that there had been the slightest impropriety in the issuing of the fiat. He defended the acceptance of the $500 for campaign purposes by the provincial secretary. Money was needed for election purposes, everybody knew and there had not been the slightest intimation that this money had been improperly used. The dramatic retreat of yesterday was only stage play. Mr. Dewart wanted an opportunity to consult with his colleagues as to how best the play could be staged to catch the public ear in order to continue this campaign of slander. He vigorously assailed Maisonville, whom he charged with stealing a letter and trucking his information all over the country, but he could not find a market for it, till he found my friend, Proudfoot, up to that time no man in the province could be found who would lend countenance to this slimy creature, Maisonville. I ask the people of this province to view that pale faced creature who refused to take the oath this morning. I wish he had taken the oath. I would have liked him if he believed the truth of the charge made against the premier. Before the withdrawal of Mr Proudfoot and his counsel yesterday every vestige of their case had been destroyed.

Chaiman Ferguson announced that the committee would adjourn till Tuesday, May 6, at ten o'clock, when he would draw up a summary of the evidence and the committee could prepare a report for presentation to the House.

Yesterday Afternoon.

Out of the stress and turmoil of one of the most spectacular assemblies of the privileges and elections committee in the history of the province, Hon. W. J. Hanna stepped forth yesterday with his character and reputation for integrity blameless and above suspicion in the eyes of the public. In spectacular fashion the mists of questionable conduct iniquitously conceived in the mind of a personal enemy and spread about his head by certain members of the Opposition were dissipated: the charges fell flat, and the confidence of thousands of electors in the calibre of public men was vindicated.

It was without doubt the statement of the minister himself, plain matter of fact and concealing nothing, which literally knocked the last prop from beneath the Proudfoot charges. Early in the day their ultimate failure was discernible, as witness after witness filing to the box testified to intimate knowledge of the uprightness of the department administration.

"Up to this moment there has never been a suggestion, near or remote, or by anyone living or dead, of any irregularity in my department,' said the minister himself, in concluding his testimony, and the committee felt the truth. Not only so but Sir James Whitney seized the opportunity, gladly, as he said, of stating that in the eight years of association with Mr. Hanna in the cabinet his conduct and the management of business had been of a character exceptionally creditable.

Charges Traceable to Maisonville

The evidence of L. E. C. Thorne and others, and the statements of the minister, made it plain that the launching of the charges is traceable directly to the vengeful spirit of one Harry Maisonville, a former secretary of the minister of public works, who had been detected in the theft of a private letter and dismissed. Against the provincial secretary since that time he has nursed a bitter grudge and sought means of turning public disapproval upon him for that reason. It fell to the lot of the present proposer of the charges to hold out of the first encouragement.

The feature of the morning's session was the abandonment of the case by Hartley Dewart, K.C., the prosecuting counsel, and the withdrawal one by one of the opposition members of the committee in the wake of Mr Proudfoot. Although each, including the counsel, in brief valedictory style claimed that the action was not preconcerted, the stand of the committee in restricting evidence to the exact charges of wrongful issue of the fiat and the award, they declared, muzzled the enquiry and closed all avennes of approach to the heart of the matter.

A challenge of Mr Nesbitt to convert the list of insinuations into charges was disregarded and examination proceeded in their absence.

Maisonville Cherished a Grudge

In rapid straightforward manner, the minister unfolded the origin of the Proudfoot charges and showed them clearly traceable to one Harry Maisonville, ex-secretary of the minister of public works. This man had long cherished a grudge against him, as the history of events would show.

"On one Sunday night early in the spring of 1912 the telephone rang in my home, and a voice, later found out to be that of Harry Maisonville, called up and said that he had a letter and photographs of documents concerning me, and that he was going to make it impossible for me to stay in public life. Either I was to come myself or send some one to Windsor to look over the documents and see how important they were.

"I told him that he had no documents which could concern me whatever, and if he wished to publish them to go ahead.

To Give the Doube Cross.

"Later on—it was at the London assizes in the spring—he again called me on Sunday evening, at the Tecumseh House and said: "I have waited long enough and am going to publish them to-morrow. I am going to give you the double-cross. You did me on one occasion'—referring to the time when I had ill-treated him or failed to stand by him when I should have.

"I told him," said Mr. Hanna, "in language which I will not repeat here what he could do, and hung up the receiver. I told him in the identical language of Mr. McNaught, that he could publish it on every sign-post from Windsor to Montreal, but I was not going to be blackmailed by him."

"Was that the last you heard of him?" asked Mr. Nesbitt.

Will Land Behind the Bars

"No, he has gone from man to man in prominent life in the province, and he has been ordered out of their homes. I got this from the men themselves. He was told that sometime these documents would place him behind the bars. These messages from the parties have come periodically, and apparently with the desire of worrying the heart out of me. I suppose however, I have no right to complain."

Sir James Whitney, when called into the box, was asked his knowledge of the whole affair from the first. His answer was very similar to the explanation he made in the house a few days ago, and dealt with the visit of George C. Taylor to his office. "I do not know very much of this thing," he said. "It is two or three years ago, as far as I can judge that a man came into my office to see me, one whom I did not know by acquaintance."

"He introduced himself," explained Sir James, "as George C. Taylor said he had a claim which was delayed, and that Mr. Hanna was evidently determined he would not get it. He said that he did not deserve such treatment, and had given Mr. Hanna $500 for the election fund some time previous to the election of 1908.

"He became very earnest," said the premier, "and said some things that looked like intimidation. However, I told him that it was useless to attempt to intimidate me."

No Doubt of His Purpose.

"You spoke in gentle accents," suggested Mr. Nesbitt.

"Yes, in gentle accents, but there was no doubt of the impression I wished to convey," said the premier, amid the laughter of the committee.

At this point Sir James expressed one of the warmest tributes to the provincial secretary which have yet been uttered in the province.

He said that he had spoken to Mr. Hanna about the contribution, and that the latter had replied deprecatingly because he knew of the practice of the government, but there was one reason which had caused him to overlook the seriousness of it—a reason which he had not mentioned to Mr. Hanna at the time.

His Great Services.

"I felt that the great serivces of Mr. Hanna to myself, to my colleagues and the province transcended a thousand such little mistakes as these," he said.

"Did you know a fiat had been applied for" asked the counsel.

"In some indefinite way I heard that Mr. Cartwright had recommended a fiat, but I was practically unaware of what was being done," said the Premier.

Knew It Was False.

"The man who makes the charge knew it to be a falsehood and put it before the public as a falsehood. The question of the fiat never came before me. I never spoke to a human being about it, neither to Mr. Cartwright, Mr. Hanna nor anyone else."

"So you had nothing to do with it in any way?"

"Neither directly, indirectly or in any other way, if such a thing were possible," said Sir James.

The counsel then asked concerning the propriety of the award.

"I had nothing to with it—no more than Mr. Proudfoot," was the reply.

"How would you characterize it then?"

"I do not intend to repeat myself. I should not have to use invective on such people," commented Sir James.

Heard of Threats.

The premier stated that he had heard of threats of Maisonville, who had at one time stolen a letter from his minister. He thought that he was angry at Mr. Hanna because he had not attempted to save him from his theft at the time.

"Apart from the $500 contribution is there any special circumstance you have to complain of" queried Mr. Nesbitt.

"Nothing whatever, and I am glad of the opportunity to say so," replied Sir James.

"What do you say of the efficiency of his department"

"It is unexceptional. There are people who think that all are, but I will say it of this one, there are few instances where a cabinet minister has conducted his department so well, both from a standpoint of result and efficiency."

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Labor Notes

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Serene in Montreal.

MONTREAL, May 1.—The labor situation to-day is one of exceptional serenity in Montreal, not a single strike being recorded.

The Socialists will hold a big parade to-night, in which every labor union in the city will be represented. It is expected that ten thousand men will march behind a red flag to the Champ de Mars, where the crowd will be addressed from the platforms.

An attempt was made to get every member of the unions to strike for 24 hours to draw attention to the Socialist cause, but failed

Unrest in Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX, N.S., May 1.—May Day finds unrest general in labor circles throughout Nova Scotia. At New Glasgow yesterday the men of the Albion and MacGregor collieries struck for recognition of the recently-established branch of the United Mine Workers of America. They subsequently decided to return to work pending an investigation under the Industrial Disputes Act.

At Sydney yesterday the painters and decorators in the employ of Rhodes Curry Company and Chappell Bros. quit work, pending a reply to their demands for $3 and nine-hour day.

The carpenters' strike, which has been threatening for some time in Sydney, is on to-day.

Big Strike at Buffalo

BUFFALO, May 1.—Over 2,500 department store employes, involving every store of the kind in the city, went on strike this morning for increased wages and shorted hours. Employees of hardware and five and ten cent stores participated in the strike.

The demand is for a minimum wage of $8 for women clerks and $15 for men clerks, wit ha minimum for boys of $8 and for drivers and chauffeurs of $1 8per week. The employes also demand an eight hour work day, Saturday half holiday with full pay in June, July, August and September and the closing of the stores at five o'clock each evening. The present average weekly wage for girl clerks is said to be $5.00.

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Miss Margaret Hays, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Hays, of New York, who was the rescuer of the two little Titanic waifs, was married recently to Dr. Charles D. Easton, of Newport, R. I. Miss Hays was a passenger when the ill fated Titanic sank, and it was her experience to rescue the little French boys, Edmond and Michael Navratil, who were for a long time known only as "Mono" and "Lolo," and bring them to her home, where she cared for them until their mother was finally found.

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