

LEFT SICK BEDS TO VOTE FOR THE HOME RULE BILL

Touching and Dramatic Incidents Described by T. P. O'Connor, M. P.

MAJORITY REGARDED AS GREAT TRIUMPH

Women Suffrage the Next Difficult Problem for the House—Unionist Quarrel Smouldering.

[Special Cable Letter to The Advertiser by T. P. O'Connor, M. P.]

London, Jan. 18.—The third reading of the home rule bill went off more triumphantly than the most sanguine had expected. There was a normal majority in the Ministerial coalition of 106, and the largest majority anticipated was between ninety and a hundred. When the majority of 110 was read the Liberals, Laborites and Irish almost lost their heads over the overwhelming victory. Scene followed scene. Members rose to their feet, waving handkerchiefs, and the low rumble of the cheering crowd outside the House penetrated to the chamber and added effectiveness to the scene.

A Magnificent Victory. The comparison of this huge majority with the numbers in previous bills heightened the magnificence of the present victory.

The bill in 1886 was rejected by a majority of 30. The bill in 1893 was carried by only 34. The majority even on this third bill had only a 94 majority at first, and a hundred on the third reading. The rise to 110 on the third reading shows a steady advance in the popularity of the measure, and a closer tightening of the Liberal ranks in its favor.

More moving than even the public manifestations were some of the incidents behind the scenes. The Irish determined to have every member of the party in division, and exhausted every means to bring up absentees. Young Kelly, the Donegal member, was brought over from a Dublin hospital by a nurse, and leaning heavily on a stick. Mehan, Queen's County member, rose from his bed for the first time in months. John Roche, of Galway, who recently was at death's door, also attended. John Mooney, member for Newry, returned from an interrupted honeymoon.

Two Absentees. There were only two absentees, poor P. J. Power, who died last week, and Nannetti, the Dublin member. When news came that Nannetti could not attend owing to illness, three members were sent to his house to bring him down if necessary in blankets, but the poor fellow had got a slight paralytic attack, and piteously but vainly tried to speak to his colleagues, but could not be moved. Samuel Young, Belfast merchant, Protestant, and member of the Irish party, who is 91 years old, made a speech, and voted for the home rule bill.

Many Left Sick Beds.

Similar efforts were made by the Liberals, Robert Cameron, 87 years old, was brought to the House by a special motor car, and was allowed to vote without going into the lobby, not being able to walk. Many members left sick beds. Only two Liberals voted against the bill, and every absent Liberal paired. In the closing days the debate was also marked by the conspicuous triumph of the home rule speakers. Both Asquith and Redmond made the speeches of their lives, while the Unionist attack was feeble and depressed.

Resistance Hopeless.

Meantime considerable change has come over the whole Unionist attitude. Resistance to the measure as a whole is now confessed to be hopeless. Ulster threats of civil war continue to be uttered, though with palpable growing discouragement, but behind these threats emerges the evident intention to offer as a compromise to the acceptance of the home rule bill the exclusion of Ulster from its operation. It is on this narrow point that the final stages of the struggle will centre. The House of Lords fully expected to reject the bill this time, but when it is next passed by the House of Commons, it is expected the Lords will accept the bill, but will stick out for this one, excluding Ulster alone.

Mr. Asquith, who is now regarded by Irishmen as their greatest bulwark, continued on Page Nine.

"DEACON" WHITE DEAD

Was for Many Years a Close Friend of Henry Ward Beecher.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Jan. 18.—Stephen Van Cullen White, Wall street broker, familiarly known as "Deacon" White, a former friend of Henry Ward Beecher, and for many years treasurer of historic Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, died today. He was a picturesque figure on Wall street, where he was reputed to have won and lost several fortunes in attempts to "run corners" in stocks. "Deacon" White was born in Chatham County, Arizona, in 1838. A complication of maladies caused his death.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLACED ON TRIAL BY STATE REPORT

Is the Commission in Ontario Making a Failure of Niagara Power Enterprise?

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE SHOULD MAKE INQUIRY

N. Y. State Legislative Committee Make Charges That Cannot Be Ignored.

Hon. Adam Beck may need to electrify the management of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, and give his undivided attention to that duty, if the report of the joint legislative committee of the New York State Legislature has even a measure of truth in it. When Mr. Beck declared with reference to the electrification of the London and Port Stanley Railway, "My future as a public man depends on the success of this scheme," he could not have seen the clouds approaching. His future as a public man, the future of the Government of which he is a member, depend upon the truth or falsity of the report referred to.

The London Free Press editorially calls it an "infamous report." Is it "infamous," or is it substantially true? It will be the duty of the Provincial Legislature to ascertain this at its next session. It is one of the most important questions to which the energies of the Legislature can be given.

The Committee's Findings. The committee claims that it bases its conclusions upon the financial reports and figures of the Hydro-Electric Commission.

Its findings, shortly, are as follows:

1. The commission is only a middle-man, selling power.
2. It furnishes power to the municipalities below cost.
3. Applying ordinary business principles and methods of bookkeeping the Hydro Commission is losing \$200,000 a year, and to this should be added \$173,000, the expenses of the commission itself for 1912. This exceeds a thousand dollars a day, Sundays included.
4. The commission sells power to Toronto for \$15 per horsepower to cost \$10.
5. The power sold to the city of London for \$24 per horsepower costs \$43 per horsepower.
6. Outside of these losses, the net loss to Toronto down to June 30, 1912, was \$288,930.
7. The municipalities are themselves paying to themselves 50 per cent. of the amount paid for hydro.
8. The three larger cities—Toronto, Hamilton and Niagara—order the utility power this contracted for, have increased their annual expenditures for public lighting and power service more than \$225,000 a year, which amounts to municipal extravagance, the burden falling upon the taxpayer.
9. The proportions charged different municipalities for capital cost are very unjust. For instance, Toronto and Hamilton, comprising 74 per cent. of the population served, pay only 24 per cent., while fourteen small villages, representing 1 1/2 per cent. of the population served, pay nearly 50 per cent. of the capital cost. In other words, they pay times as much as Toronto and Hamilton.
10. That while the Hydro-Electric Power Commission was designed to deal with municipalities only, it appears that it has deviated from this rule and is in several instances furnishing power directly to private corporations.

Smaller Municipalities Discriminated Against.

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Serious Conclusions. These are very serious conclusions, (Continued on Page Eleven.)

DR. KYLE SIMPSON LEAVES FOR CHINA

Graduate of Western University Goes to Far East as a Missionary.

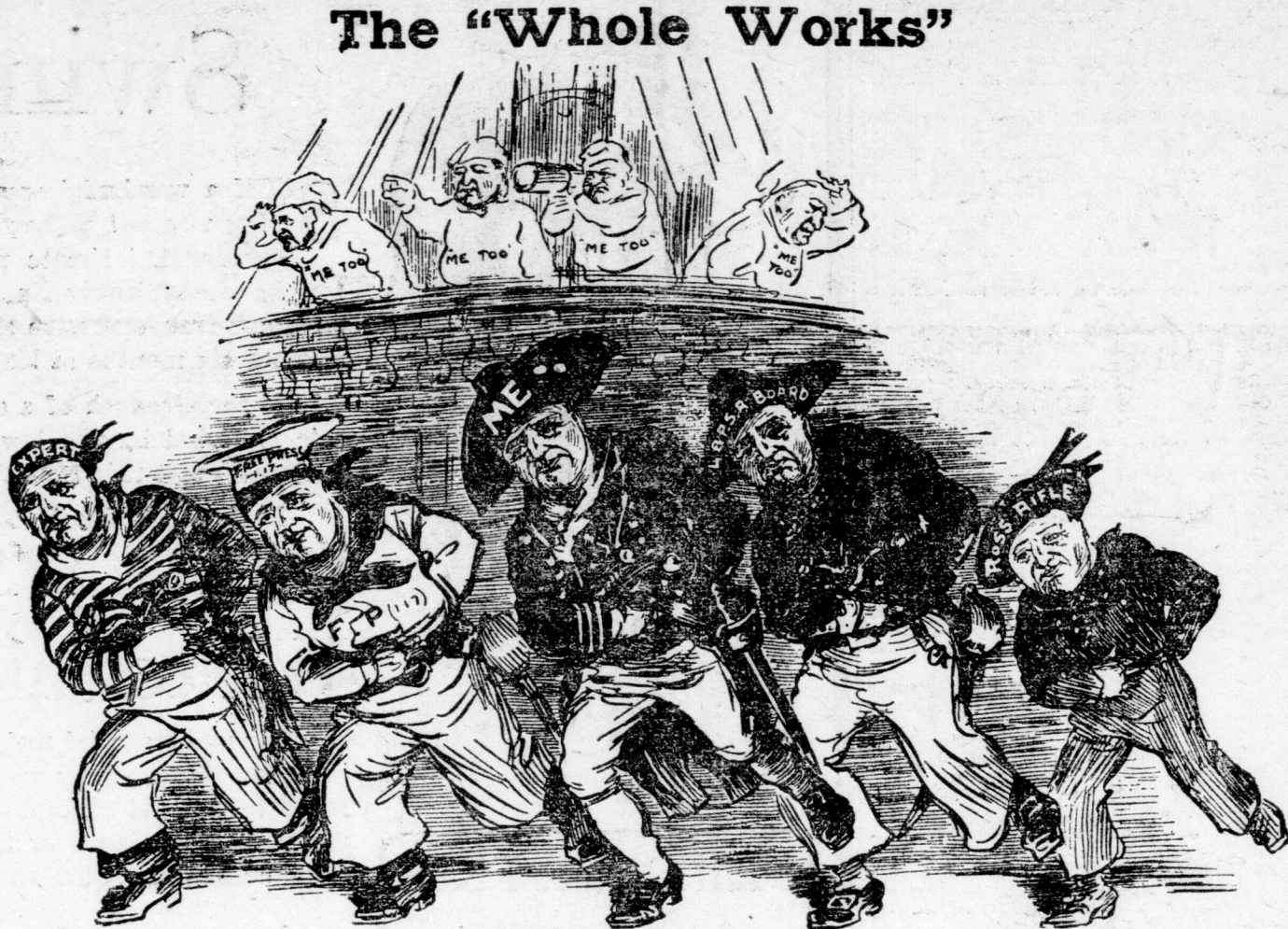
Dr. Kyle Simpson, of this city, and a graduate of the Western University, left for China today, where he goes as a medical missionary of the Methodist Church. He will be accompanied by about a dozen or more missionaries who are returning to China. The party leave Toronto today. Among the number who are returning are Mr. and Mrs. Percy Westaway from this city.

Dr. Kyle Simpson is member of No. 8 Club of Dundas Centre Sunday school, where he has been associated with the class for a number of years.

GREATEST FIREBUG WORLD HAS KNOWN

Confesses To Setting Match to Fifty Places Within Two Years.

New York, Jan. 18.—"Izzy the Painter," self-acclaimed fire bug, testified before the grand jury today, and that body presented an indictment against him of having been engaged in the business of setting fires and collecting insurance with the connivance, it was said, of public adjusters. Arrests are expected shortly. Izzy, whose last name is Stein, confessed to setting more than fifty fires within the last two years. An abstract of his confession made public by the district attorney today says: "The average amount paid to him for fire was between \$25 and \$50, and he set about one or two each week. Stein states that the public adjusters would frequently shake down the insured, taking advantage of the situation and collect anywhere from 50 to 60 per cent. of the amount the company paid. In numerous cases the good furniture and good clothing was taken out of the flat and old furniture and in three cases burned furniture and old clothes were substituted." More indictments are expected.



"Ch, I am the cook and the captain bold,
And the mate of the Nancy brig,
And the bosun tight, and the mishmish mite,
And the crew of the captain's gig."

MILDEST WINTER IN MANY YEARS

Electric Fans Buzzing in the Offices of New York City.

SKEETERS IN NEW JERSEY

Hudson River and Lakes and Rivers of Maine Are Still Without Ice.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Jan. 18.—Electric fans buzzing in offices here, mosquitoes in New Jersey, a snowless Vermont, bluebirds and robins in Virginia, apple trees budding in Maryland, outdoor baseball practice in Philadelphia, and dandelion picking in many places, are reports attesting today to the unusually mild winter in the east. Popular belief that yesterday was one of the warmest January days this city has ever experienced was borne out by the weather reports, showing that yesterday's 59 degrees is the highest the thermometer has registered for Jan. 17 since the weather bureau was established 48 years ago.

The Hudson River is being navigated at a later date than any time since 1870. It is customary to close the river for navigation on Dec. 15.

Even in Maine most of the lakes and rivers are open, but the ice companies are still hoping for two weeks of zero weather, which is required for a good ice crop.



DR. CL. T. CAMPBELL.
Postoffice Inspector Who Has Been Dismissed Without Cause.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MUCH COLDER.

Forecasts.
Toronto, Jan. 18.—8 a.m.
Today—Fresh to strong west to north winds, turning much colder, with local snowfalls and furies.
Sunday—Much colder.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
London 35.5 34 Rain
Calgary 10 -22 Cloudy
Winnipeg 10 -22 Fair
Port Arthur 36 -6 Cloudy
Parry Sound 40 28 Cloudy
Toronto 52 38 Cloudy
Ottawa 42 34 Cloudy
Montreal 44 38 Cloudy
Quebec 38 24 Cloudy
Father Point 38 24 Cloudy

Weather Notes.
Several depressions exist on the continent this morning, while pressure is nowhere high.
The weather is mild and showery from the Peninsula of Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and continues very cold in the West.

TRAIN OF CARS PASSED OVER MAN LYING ON TIES BETWEEN RAILS

Hair-Raising Experience of Mr. Richard Oke, of This City, the Well-Known Chicken Fancier, Who Was in Montreal This Week.

Mr. Richard Oke, the well-known chicken fancier of this city, is a very fortunate man, and is today congratulating himself that he is alive after one of the most terrifying experiences an individual ever suffered. To have an engine and twenty cars pass over one and escape with practically no injuries is a rare occurrence. Mr. Oke underwent this ordeal at Montreal this week.

The London man was on his way to Ottawa with a large number of prize chickens. At Montreal he was alone in charge of the car, which had to be transferred to be sent to Ottawa. It was quite dusk at the time, and he stepped off to cross to the station to find out when his car would be sent on.

LLOYD GEORGE WINS INSURANCE FIGHT

British Medical Association Decides by Big Majority To Release Members From Pledge Not To Serve Under the National Insurance Act.

[Canadian Press.] London, Jan. 18.—The members of the British Medical Association today decided by a majority of 115 against 35 votes to release the British doctors from the pledge they had given not to serve under the national insurance act, which provides a monetary allowance and medical attendance to the working classes during sickness. The opposition of the doctors to the scheme of state insurance was based on the amount to be paid them for their services to the insured persons, which they declared was too small. It is, however, suspected that politics have much to do with the doctors' resistance, especially in London. The minimum of today's meeting was composed entirely of London practitioners.

A RISE IN THE RIVER THAMES OF OVER 7 FEET IN A FEW HOURS

But a Drop of Two Inches Occurred Up Till Noon and the Worst Is Over.

The sudden rise in the River Thames has caused alarm among the residents of West London. The recent mild weather resulted in the melting of the ice and abetted by the heavy rains, has caused the river to rise to the height of seven feet and six inches above the ordinary level. Old residents state that this is the highest flood mark which the Thames has reached for many years during the month of January.

At the foot of Dundas street the water has crept up to from three to four feet of the top of the banks. The lower lawns of the London Bowling Club are flooded to a depth of nearly two feet, and the club house and the boat houses along the river's bank are surrounded with water. No serious damage has been reported as yet.

Flats Deluged. The flats between the Pipe Line road and the river are also in a deluged state, and the road itself has been flooded over, causing people who generally enter the city by the Pipe Line road to make a detour and come in by Brick street. The car line to Springbank has not been affected in any way.

The ice on the river began breaking up at 11 o'clock on Friday morning, and the main drive of ice swept down in the afternoon. With the flow of ice the river continued rising, and grave fears were expressed that the Thames' mid-winter rampage might prove to be a serious one for the city. However, by Saturday morning the main drift of the ice had been

G. T. R. IS SAID TO BE KEEN TO GET LEASE OF L. & P. S. RY.

LONDON MAN'S COUSIN IS "BUFFALO BILL"

Mr. J. Frank Cody Spent Christmas Day With His Relative.

Mr. J. Frank Cody, of this city, has returned from a month's visit to Tucson, Arizona, where he was the guest of his cousin, Col. W. F. Cody, better known as "Buffalo Bill." The Tucson Citizen contains an interesting account of the Christmas Day festivities at Tucson, where "Buffalo Bill" and a number of his friends acted as hosts to 200 children. Col. Cody acted as Santa Claus, and in the Sioux language gave an account of the Indian conception of Christmas Day. One of the features was a race for fat men, which the Citizen describes as follows: "The main event of interest was the 100 yards dash for fat men, in which the entries were J. Frank Cody, of London, Ont., and Prof. William Sweeney, for 30 years the leader of the "Buffalo Bill" Wild West Band. Cody won with an easy winner, Mr. Cody crossing the line 50 feet in the lead."

TURK ARRAIGNS GREAT POWERS

Sultan's Ambassador to Berlin Puts Little Faith in Promises.

SAYS NOT WORTH MUCH

Greece Expects to Convince Powers She Can Rule Aegean Islands Well.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Jan. 18.—The greatest reserve is maintained by the Turkish peace plenipotentiaries here in regard to the note handed to the Ottoman Government yesterday by the European ambassadors at Constantinople. All discussion of the merits of the note is avoided by them on the ground that the Porte alone has all the elements for an exhaustive judgment.

Osman Lixami Pasha, the Turkish ambassador to Germany, said, however, he could not help remarking that Europe, which four months ago had proclaimed the principle of the maintenance of the status quo existing before the war, was now making a strange course of demonstrating its neutrality by making in the note open allusions to the possible loss by Turkey of Constantinople and some of her Asiatic provinces, when it says that a resumption of the war would "bring into question the fate of the Turkish capital and perhaps an extension of hostilities to the provinces of Asiatic Turkey."

Promises of Powers. With such evidence of European sympathy, Osman Pasha added:

"Nobody could wonder the Porte too easily gave a categorical answer to the note of the powers, if only for an explanation of what the powers mean by moral support judged by the efficacy of the benevolent support actually poured out in the ambassadorial note." The same can, he said, be asked from the Turkish point of view, he asked about the powers' promise concerning the islands in the Aegean Sea. He continued: "Even admitting, for the sake of argument, that Turkey is ready to yield the islands in the Aegean Sea, how can she cede them to the powers on the simple promise of the execution of the will of Europe, namely 'to exclude all menace to the security of Turkey' in the future."

The delegates of the Balkan allies, as a whole, are relatively satisfied with the situation, but they do not believe the end of the negotiations is near, and are not likely to give a categorical answer to the note of the powers.

The Greeks hope to be able to demonstrate to the powers that Greece can cupy the islands, giving such guarantees as will secure the execution of the will of Europe, namely "to exclude all menace to the security of Turkey" in the future.

The Montenegrin Government, in a long note addressed to the powers today, relative to the delimitation of Albania, declares that the annexation of Scutari, Ipek and Jakova by Montenegro is necessary to that kingdom's security and political and economic development, and rather than renounce this logical natural aggrandizement of its territory Montenegro would prefer to disappear as a political factor in the Balkans.

MRS. GAUTHIER RECOVERING.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Wm. Gauthier, of Orient, Ont., who was murdered by her husband, and afterwards suicided, is reported today to be recovering, though the extent of the forehead is fractured. Gauthier's funeral will be held Monday at St. Pascal.

INSPECTOR CAMPBELL IS A VICTIM OF SPOILS SYSTEM

Postoffice Inspector Is Dismissed Without Cause—General Condemnation of Action.

Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, who has been inspector of postoffices for the past seven years for the London district, has been dismissed from office by Hon. Mr. Pelletier, postmaster-general. The only reason advanced for the dismissal is that it was "for the good of the service." No other explanation was given to Dr. Campbell, and he has heard nothing that would throw any light whatever on the cause.

The dismissal of Dr. Campbell was not unexpected by many. For some time it has been rumored that he would be forced out of his position.

Whole Question of Track Elevation, Etc., Will Come Up Next Week.

COMPANY ASK TO SEE THE COUNCIL

Vice-President Wainwright and Party Will Be Here on Wednesday Next.

Mayor Graham received a letter yesterday from Mr. Wainwright, vice-president of the Grand Trunk, asking him if the council would meet the Grand Trunk officials on Wednesday at noon next to discuss matters of importance.

His worship instructed City Clerk Baker to wire at once that the time would be perfectly satisfactory, and that the council would meet them.

The visit of officials to talk over important matters with the council is creating no little interest at the city hall, and guesses are rife as to the purpose of the meeting.

Several possibilities are mentioned. Mayor Graham states that he has no positive information whatever as to the reason for the visit at this time. He acknowledges that certain rumors have to come to him in a roundabout way, but he is not willing to say that these are founded on facts.

Want the L. and P. S. R.

It is rumored on the streets to-day that the officials will make an offer for the London and Port Stanley Railway. That is the primary object of their coming to London, it is said. In connection with a deal of that sort, it is claimed that the company are willing to take up at the same time the question of track elevation and a new depot for London.

The company have the details of the offer of the C. N. R. in their possession, and from reliable information it has been learned that the company are in favor of bettering this offer, both as to duration and as to the money consideration.

The G. T. R. Offer.

No information could be obtained relative to the exact terms of the G. T. R. offer. They will not disclose their hand at this time, but will present it to the members of the council in person.

Mayor Graham had little to say in connection with the matter today. He stated that the officials would be here on Wednesday, but until that time he could say nothing.

"There are many questions that may be discussed," he stated. "The lease of the London and Port Stanley road, track elevation and a new depot, their attitude in case electrification is decided upon, and others. What they intend to discuss is not known to me now."

MR. HUNT PLEASED

Believes Govt. Will Give Western Fair a Liberal Grant.

Secretary A. M. Hunt, of the Western Fair, returned last night from Ottawa, where he went with a deputation to interview Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, regarding a grant for the Western Fair. He was pleased with the results of the discussion, and hopes to receive a substantial sum. While in Ottawa, he and Trustee Gammage visited three of the public schools there.

"I was well pleased with the interview," said Mr. Hunt. "We were cordially received, and I should judge that we would obtain a liberal grant for the fair."

Mr. Gammage and myself visited three public schools. We found them good schools, although none were better than ours. In fact, we saw no building as good as the Alexandra. The classes are much smaller than ours, and they have more buildings than we have. In one of them they have an air-washing machine to purify the air, but they did not recommend it to us very highly, so I do not think we will introduce that innovation in our schools."

Stories that he was about to resign, some of them printed in the local Conservative paper, were scattered broadcast, with the desire, presumably to force Dr. Campbell's hand. However, as he had done his duty faithfully and well, he saw no reason why he should resign.

The spoils brigade decided to take action, and last evening official notification was received from Ottawa, informing Dr. Campbell that he had been removed.

The Only Reason.

"The only reason advanced is that the action taken is for the good of the service," said Dr. Campbell, in confirming the news of the affair. "It is not pleasant, but I shall have to grin and bear it."

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LONDONER'S BROTHER STRICKEN SUDDENLY

James Harkness Died in His Boarding House at Cleveland.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Alvinston, Jan. 18.—A telegram received today announces that James Harkness, son of Mrs. A. S. Harkness, of Alvinston, and a brother of Joseph Harkness, of London, died very suddenly at his boarding house in Cleveland, as he was about to be removed to a hospital for treatment. Fred and Milton Harkness, of Alvinston, are brothers, and Mrs. John Hayne, of Bridgeton, and Mrs. Robert Tait, of Detroit, sisters. Deceased formerly resided in Bridgeton, and the remains will be brought home, and the funeral held to the Bradshaw Cemetery, south of Bridgeton.