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Final Messages From the Two Leaders

"The great majority of the clergymen of Ontario are entitled to and have the confidence of the people. But a small minority among them, anxious above everything else to turn my government out of office, are not ashamed to come out openly and denounce from their pulpits, in violent and unbecoming language, all who dare to support the government, as bad citizens and bad men. In a British and a Christian country such conduct is intolerable, and I respectfully call upon all self-respecting men in their congregations to resent this conduct in a way that these men will never forget."

"Ontario is against the Bar. The people will have the opportunity of wiping it out on Monday. I believe the men of Ontario will rise above party ties and affiliations and take advantage of the opportunity. I appeal to the young men of Ontario, who have suffered from the curse of the open bar. We promise to pass legislation completely wiping out Club and Hotel Licenses; to amend the Local Option law; to make Local Option county wide; to impose further restrictions as may be necessary to limit operations of the traffic; to put into effect our tax reform proposals."

The Moral Issue Behind Sir James

It is rather late in the day to say that moral questions should be kept out of politics. It was chiefly on great moral principles that the cataclysm of 1905 depended for explosive force. There is nothing so near the nature of an earthquake in politics as a great moral question. When Vesuvius or Etna has been at rest for a century or two, it seems unfair that another eruption should come along and overwhelm the busy workers who counted on their personal influence with Providence for an established order of things. But this is the way the kosmos is constituted, and the subterranean rumble of the moral issue is once more shaking up the political world. Nothing is so uncertain as an eruption. It may blow the top off the mountain, or it may only emit a few lava streams and scorch up some of the busy workers on the hill-sides and overwhelm their habitations. We are inclined to think the present eruption is likely to be of this minor degree. The cause of all eruptions is the lack of vents for the outlet of interior forces. In politics the real force is moral force. It takes different forms and seeks various results. They are all summed up in good government. The question is whether the moral forces of the province had sufficient outlet in the measures adopted by the Whitney administration in the past nine years. We believe that in the main this has been the case. Had it been wholly so, the present situation would not have arisen. Such vents as a little attention to tax reform and women suffrage and further temperance legislation would have supplied, would have released most of the pressure that now threatens an upheaval, but there have been other vents, and quite adequate ones.

Sir James Whitney, to drop the metaphor, is the big issue in the present election. He charged the opposition leader in his recent speech with having been willing to gamble on the premier's health for political power. It has been a revelation, not altogether out of the region of the miraculous, that Sir James appeared last Tuesday and made the long, forceful and awakening speech that he did. It was hard to believe that he was three-score-and-ten. It was hard to believe that for many weeks he had been lying at death's door, exhausted with nine years' labor for the people of Ontario. Here he was once more, bluff and hearty, keen and shrewd, and smiling, sturdy as Greathart, and not a gray hair that anybody could bring down in sorrow. It was impossible not to think of Palmerston, shrewd and far-sighted at 80, and just such another in the hearts of the people as Premier Whitney, who is quite as likely to hold his place in the people's hearts till the same octogenarian limit, still active, vigorous and progressive.

Regarding Sir James as the chief asset of the Conservative party, it is apparent that the government is prepared to sustain a very considerable shake-up without experiencing vital danger. In a legislature of 110 seats, the opposition goes into the battle with 18 champions. That is 37 less than half. There has never been an election in Ontario where, among men generally capable of forming an opinion, there was more hesitation about making a forecast of the result. Should the province, for example, repeat its 96,000 majority for abolition of twelve years ago, what would be the result? Will the influence of the Dominion Alliance, and the churches, and the young temperance Conservatives, and the old Grits of 1905 returning to their party allegiance, and the discontents on tax reform and other issues, form a body of force strong enough to upset the preponderance of the Conservatives? We are inclined to think that Sir James Whitney's personal influence will be sufficient, and, indeed, ought to be sufficient, to maintain him in power. The 96,000 majority was on a plebiscite, and not a party vote. The churches are notoriously unreliable in their voting. The young temperance Conservatives are mostly too young to vote. As many Liberals will desert the anti-bar policy as Conservatives may join it. And the opposition has not given the prominence or the hearty endorsement to tax reform and such issues as might have stirred the business vote and the corporations.

Another big interest is said to be involved, and the corporations are reported to be antagonizing Sir James. Locally, we are invited to contrast Mr. Moss and Mr. Irish, and one cannot say there is anything to choose between them in this respect. Mr. Irish was a violent anti-Hydro man in critical times. No man in Ontario dare to be anti-Hydro today. Neither party can do anything but compete for public favor by supporting all the Hydro proposals, radials, generation, farm extensions, that have been outlined by the Ontario Commission. Sir James would be all the stronger in the country without the presence of his pro-corporation supporters in the legislature. Our editorial "Ave" to Mr. Rowell is being widely quoted by Liberal papers, but it must be remembered that we closed that send-off with the warning that "a great fight can be made for God and the people, but no one need ever expect to derive inspiration from the slogan: 'For God and the Corporations.'"

The two chief issues in the campaign remain, and Mr. Rowell has chosen them both—the bar and the bilingual school. On these also we believe the final decision of the people must depend on their judgment of Sir James Whitney's career. His record on the temperance question is clear. Under his administration the closing of the bars has gone on in a way that in Great Britain would be regarded as revolutionary. In nine years 1200 bars have been closed, leaving only 1600 in the province. If any statesman in England passed such legislation as would permit a quarter, not to say almost half the taverns in the country being shut up, he would be regarded as a philanthropist and a saint. The liberal standard of philanthropy and sainthood reaches higher than the will of the people, however, but we doubt whether it is to be expected that the legislative vote will in this particular outrun the municipal expression of opinion. Sir James has been notably progressive in his temperance legislation, and he has promised as clearly as he has ever promised in his career, to continue his progressive policy. We have already anticipated from him more stringent regulations regarding the liquor shops. There will certainly be no relaxation of the license measures, and it is quite possible Sir James may see his way to segregate the beer and wine licenses and reduce and confine the spirit licenses to more restricted areas. At all events, Sir James' temperance policy appeals to many earnest temperance reformers in Ontario, and apart from party exigencies it does not call for reproach.

On the bilingual question there is no doubt of the situation. The French-Canadian press openly calls upon its readers to vote for Mr.

FIGHT TO FINISH WITH TORONTO LABOR MEN

Sheet Metal Workers Who Walked Out of Royal Bank Building and A. B. Ormsby Co., Their Employers, Determined Not to Give in Till One Side is Beaten.

"We are in this fight to stay, and we will fill our shop with non-union men, and if it costs us every cent we have in our firm we are willing to spend it, because it means that if the sheet metal workers win this strike we are out of business."

This statement was made last night by Mr. Hale of the A. B. Ormsby Company, whose mechanics, numbering 123, quit work on the Royal Bank building now under course of construction, and at the Ormsby works at the corner of King and Baiter streets.

The strike is the climax to a long-drawn jurisdictional trouble that has existed between the carpenters and sheet metal workers. The carpenters claim the right to hang the lintels, doors, which are made of steel trim and finished to represent mahogany. The walk-out of the men involved one-half of the Toronto Metal Workers' Union and the step was taken after a turbulent meeting held in the Labor Temple on Thursday night.

Mr. Hale states that his firm has proven that the sheet metal men are not fitted either by training or by their tools to handle this class of work, and even the carpenters receive higher wages, the cost to the firm is less eventually, because carpenters do the work better and because by tools and training they are equipped for hanging doors.

"The work is new in Canada," declared Mr. Hale, "and I have seen this thing fought out in the States and I can show numerous letters from manufacturers through the States who will bear out the claims of the carpenters. We have no quarrel with our men. We have always encouraged the most friendly relations with them, but any layman could see for himself that this work, which has caused the present friction, is essentially connected with the craft of a carpenter and we shall either win or lose to make another door in our factory."

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Hydro at St. Catharines
ST. CATHARINES, June 26.—Hydro lights were unofficially tried on three streets of St. Catharines last night, and tomorrow night the mayor will officially turn on the current.

Cloudburst Turned Village Into Lake
CANADIAN PRESS DISPATCH.
LA CROSSE, Wis., June 26.—A cloudburst at Lanesboro, Minn., during the night made the village, which has a population of 1000 persons, a lake six feet deep. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway tracks are under three feet of water for 3000 feet, according to announcement at the division offices here. Railway service is abandoned.

Lanesboro cannot be reached by telephone, and messengers are obliged to go in boats. No reports of loss of life have thus far been reported.

LEASE OF CABLE TO GOVERNMENT
Western Union Representative Says Proposal of Dominion's Commission is Feasible One.

LONDON, Saturday, June 27.—Stanley Goddard, European representative of the Western Union Cable, told the Dominion Commission yesterday regarding the proposal to lease one of the Company's cables to the governments of British territory on both sides of the Atlantic, that his company saw no insuperable difficulty if their interests were protected. This suggestion originally came from the Dominion Commission with the idea of having one cable entirely under British influence.

PRIZE PLAY WRITTEN BY MEMBER OF COMPANY
The World has learned that the \$1000 prize for a Canadian play offered by Miss Adele Blood, who is heading a stock company in Toronto, was awarded to a member of her company. To The Sunday World, the management announced at the time the award was made last week that the winning manuscript had been submitted thru George A. Grover, an attorney; that it was by an anonymous author and was without a name. When The Sunday World requested from Mr. Grover the name of the person for whom he was acting, he gave it as H. Benjamin Osborne of Kingston, Ont. As "Hubert Osborne" this same individual is now appearing with her last season in the Savage production of "Everywoman."

In fairness to the contestants and to the public who have followed the contestants, this statement is presented.

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NO SALARIES TO TEACHERS WHO MUTNIED

Judge Declined to Grant Request on Behalf of Bilingual Instructors in Ottawa Separate Schools—Fight Centres Around Constitutionality of Famous Regulation.

OTTAWA, June 26.—The bilingual case before Justice Lennox was adjourned this afternoon until such time as the statistics and information prepared by the provincial department of education is ready. Accordingly, no definite date could be fixed for the case to be resumed and argued.

Before the adjournment, A. C. MacMaster, acting for the defence, asked that an order be made allowing the schoolboard to pay the teachers for their services up to date. Of qualified, since their permits had not been renewed. In addition, the plaintiffs claim that the other teachers in the bilingual schools are not qualified, because they have not completed with the board's tests and only English in the higher forms. Accordingly, all the teachers in the bilingual schools, it is the contention of the plaintiffs, are disqualified, except those in the first forms.

Mr. MacMaster argued that it would be a hardship to keep from these teachers their pay since the time the injunction was applied for, some three months ago. It was not the quarrel of the teachers; they were not responsible for that the board had done and should not be kept from their pay.

Mr. Tilley, acting for the plaintiffs, opposed any such order on the grounds that they had taken a more or less active part in the trouble in some instances and it would be unwise to interfere with the injunction. The judge held that he would not interfere with the injunction at this time and consequently these teachers could not be paid. He said he understood that some good friends had advanced them loans and they were in no real hardship. However, while he made no order, he pointed out that the injunction did not cover the teachers in the Irish schools, and if their money was held back they could get into a difficult position. He suggested that there should be some understanding with regard to whom it should be paid.

The remarks of the judge would indicate that the chief fight will be to prove whether the regulation complained of which requires the English language to be the language of communication in all the higher classes is constitutional or not. He said he understood that some good friends had advanced them loans and they were in no real hardship. However, while he made no order, he pointed out that the injunction did not cover the teachers in the Irish schools, and if their money was held back they could get into a difficult position. He suggested that there should be some understanding with regard to whom it should be paid.

MONTEREY ACCLAIMED CARRANZA AS VICTOR

Canadian Press Dispatch.
MONTEREY, Mex., June 26.—Gen. Carranza, constitutionalist chief, arrived here with his staff and was welcomed by Gen. Villarreal and a committee representing the city. A triumphal arch bearing the word "Welcome" was erected across the track near the railway station, and the city made a holiday of the reception. Enthusiastic cheers for Carranza continued today wherever he appeared.

HON. MR. EMMERSON IS RESTING MORE EASILY

Canadian Press Dispatch.
MONCTON, June 26.—Hon. H. R. Emmerson, whose serious illness at his home in Dorchester has been noted, had a bad turn yesterday, but tonight was reported to be brighter and resting easily. The members of the family have been summoned and all are now in Dorchester except his sister, Mrs. Atkinson, and his daughter, Mrs. Bowes, who are expected from Ottawa tomorrow.

WILL REPORT ON WRECK OF LINER

Norwegian Consul at Montreal Instructed to Inquire Into Empress-Storstad Collision.

MONTEREAL, June 26.—It is stated that an inquiry into the collision by which the Norwegian collier Storstad sank the C.P.R. liner, Empress of Ireland on May 29, will begin in Montreal tomorrow by the Norwegian Consul in this city, W. N. Johannsen, with a view to obtaining an account of the accident to be submitted to the Government of Norway. It is not proposed to place the blame but merely to get the information. Only the Storstad's crew will be witnesses.

HAMILTON FIREMAN DROPS DEAD AT FIRE

Special to The Toronto World.
HAMILTON, June 26.—Captain Robert Wilson of the Park Company was stricken with heart trouble while attending a fire at 211 Leitch street to night and succumbed before medical assistance could be secured. The officer had just taken a nozzle from the hose wagon and was handing it to one of his men when he suddenly fell to the road. First aid methods were immediately applied, but the physician on arrival declared that death had been almost instantaneous.

A FRESH POINT OF VIEW.

Yesterday a letter was published from Hon. Clifford Sifton saying that the abolition of the bar was of import serious enough to make it the single issue in this election.

Speaking at Galt last night Mr. W. F. Maclean, without taking up Mr. Sifton's view, said he would like to see the liquor question hereafter removed from the sphere of politics, and dealt with by the voters in a direct referendum, as in the practice in New Zealand. That is, when the citizens are voting once every four years on the general political issues of the country they be given a special ballot with three questions on it:

BLAMES COLLIER FOR WRECKING OF EMPRESS

C.P.R. Counsel Contends in Addressing Commission of Inquiry, That Liner's Loss Resulted From Putting of Helm Hard Aport Without Orders.

QUEBEC, June 26.—Because her wheel was first put to port and then, without the authority of the officer in charge, put hard aport when she had steered away, Butler Aspinall, K.C., in the course of his address to the Empress of Ireland Wreck Commission this afternoon, contended that the Storstad was responsible for the disaster on May 29, in which 1014 people lost their lives. Mr. Aspinall asked the commission to find that the crew of the Storstad were inaccurate when they claimed the collier did not answer her helm and reasoned that the change in the course of the vessel on the port helm took her into the side of the stationary liner at right angles and at sufficient speed to cause the wound from which the Empress capsized. If no such change had taken place, he said, the two ships would have passed safely.

Mr. Aspinall further declared that to find that the Empress starboarded her helm, as assumed by the Storstad legal battery, would be to charge perjury to Captain Kendall, who claimed no alteration took place in the heading of his ship, and that she was stopped like a log in the water, as indicated by the signals heard on the collier.

In his address, which occupied three hours, only while confining at the idea of Captain Kendall telling a deliberate lie when he only recently faced death, did Mr. Aspinall become at all dramatic. For the rest he was calmly and coolly argumentative, relieving the tedium of such an extended effort on the courtroom by touches of humorous or cutting sarcasm. The crowd broke into a laugh when he described the unanimity with which the Storstad's officers recalled that they had ascertained that the vessel's heading was not altered by the porting or the hard aporting of the helm as "a remarkable affection for the compass" under most unusual circumstances.

Culprit in Case.
The first definite suggestion of personal responsibility for the disaster during the hearing of the commission was made by Mr. Aspinall when he held that Third Officer Saxe, who had taken the collier's wheel from the helmsman and put it hard aport, was "the culprit in the case." Saxe's argument that his action did not affect the ship, he said, "was an attempt to clear himself with his Norwegian clients."

Chief Justice McLeod, who has been acting on the commission with Lord Mersey and Sir Adolphe Routhier, will leave with the Canadian and British assessors on Sunday for Montreal, and will on Monday make an examination of the damaged bow of the Storstad.

LACROSSE AT ISLAND TODAY.
The lacrosse match at Island Stadium this afternoon between Nationals and Tecumseh's ought to be the most important of the year. To date the Nationals have still to be with us. The Indians are close on their trail, and will check the flying Frenchmen in this battle. An intermediate game will be played at 1.30 between Stouffville and Robert Simpsons.