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LONDONER HERO OF ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY

Former Ledger Keeper of B. N. A. Bank Here Foils Gang of Six.

STRIKES UP REVOLVER

Daring Boldness of Manager Saves Cash of Bank in Aggasiz, B. C.

Mr. A. McCallum, formerly a ledger-keeper in the Bank of British North America in this city, was the central figure in a sensational attempted hold-up of the bank's branch at Aggasiz, B. C., Wednesday. Mr. McCallum is now manager of that branch of the bank, and while he and his clerks were preparing to close the bank for the day, six masked men, heavily armed, entered through the door, and while five of them held the clerks covered with their revolvers, the leader advanced to the manager, who was standing near the door, and requested him to turn over all the cash in sight. For answer Mr. McCallum stepped suddenly forward and struck the gun from the robber's hand, and, reaching out, slammed the heavy vault door closed, and turned the combination. The money was safe. The robbers, seeing their plan defeated, withdrew, and took to the hills, where a large posse of provincial and special police is now in pursuit. It is reported that they have been surrounded in the woods, and that their capture is imminent.

Knew Manager McCallum.

A former clerk in the Bank of British North America in British Columbia, now living in London, told The Advertiser that he was familiar with the scene of the hold-up, and was also well acquainted with the manager, Mr. A. McCallum, having worked with him for several months in the Vancouver office.

"He was the last man you would imagine to take such prompt and summary action in an emergency," he said. "He is a big, well-built Scotchman, and has been in the service of the bank in this country about fourteen years. A thoroughly efficient bank officer in every way, he was possessed of more than the average share of the deliberate Scotch temperament, and was far from being considered hasty in his decisions and actions. It must have been a sudden inspiration that spurred him to such sharp and decisive action, which resulted in the foiling of the robbers."

Aggasiz, the scene of the hold-up, was also familiar to The Advertiser's informant. It is on the main line of the C. P. R., close to the Fraser River, and about 30 or 40 miles west of Vancouver. A few miles west of it is a famous health resort known as Harrison Hot Springs, which is visited by hundreds of Vancouverites every summer.

"Have you seen the bank's branch there?" he was asked.

Funny Bank Building.

"Oh, yes, I know it. It was a funny little banking office, according to eastern notions of bank buildings—just a one-story frame building with a broad platform in front, something like a rural railroad station—at least that's the way it used to be. They may have a new building since. The town itself is very much the same as a good many other little towns in that part of the country. It is nestled down among the mountains of the coast range, and the forest encroaches on its borders on all sides. It's a pretty rough bit of country, and owing to extensive railroad building in the vicinity, a certain rough element, recruited from the ranks of the railroad laborers, is often in evidence.

Tellers All Well Armed.

"The bank always takes precautions to have their tellers well armed, against just such emergencies, and in a little town not far from Aggasiz, where I served as teller, I always worked with a loaded revolver on the desk beside me. It was one of the rules of the bank.

"The man-hunt now in progress was the scene two years ago of a chase in which two Indian murderers, wanted for the shooting of a mounted policeman, Constable Kindness, evaded capture for over three months. A repetition of the feat is considered practically impossible to white men, however, and it is likely that the robber gang will soon be rounded up."

INSTANTLY KILLED.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Nov. 27.—While working on the dredge John Kennedy today, D. K. Chisholm was struck and killed by a portion of the machinery which fell when a steel cable broke.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures in London for the 12 hours preceding 8 a.m. today: Highest, 38; lowest, 32.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours preceding 8 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 45; lowest, 38.

TOMORROW—SNOW OR RAIN.

Forecasts.

Toronto, Nov. 27—8 a.m.

Fresh easterly winds; light falls of snow or rain, chiefly tonight and on Friday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous of 8 a.m. today:

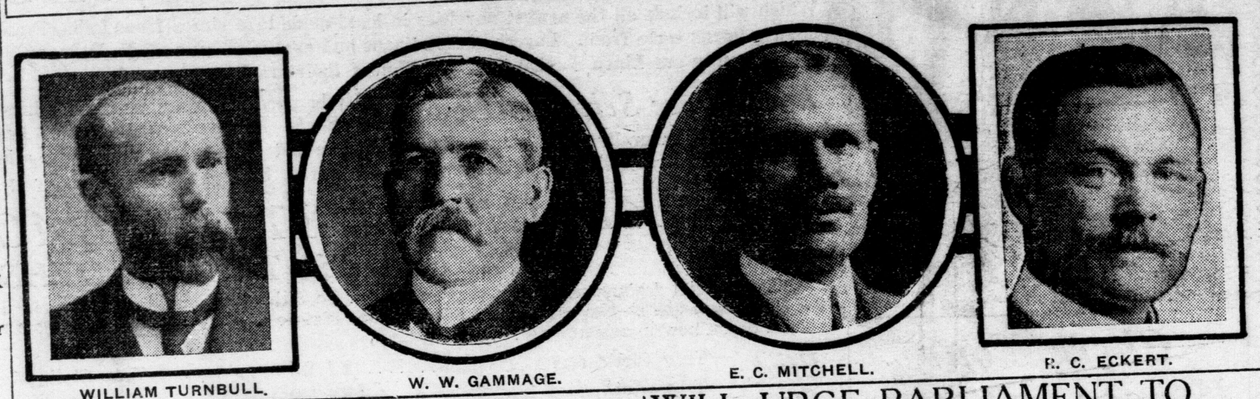
Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	52	44	Cloudy
Calgary	46	18	Cloudy
Winnipeg	36	32	Cloudy
Port Arthur	30	22	Cloudy
Parry Sound	34	20	Cloudy
Toronto	44	28	Cloudy
Ottawa	34	18	Clear
Montreal	36	18	Clear
Quebec	32	14	Clear
Father Point	28	12	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

The cold wave mentioned yesterday is now centred in the St. Lawrence Valley, attended by zero temperatures in northern localities.

In the West the weather is fair and comparatively mild.

Board of Trade Leaders Who Helped Add 200 To Membership



WILLIAM TURNBULL. W. W. GAMMAGE. E. C. MITCHELL. R. C. ECKERT.

BOARD OF TRADE CAMPAIGN ADDS OVER 200 MEMBERS

Splendid Results of Effort To Increase Membership and Campaign Is To Be Continued for Balance of This Week—Endeavor To Secure 300 Names.

Any doubts which may have been entertained regarding the interest of Londoners in London's advancement were dispelled by the splendid result of the board of trade canvass for new members yesterday.

The notable success of this campaign for new and stronger membership affords striking demonstration of the public spirit which animates the city's businessmen, and proved that the vast variety of interests and intensity of personal preoccupation in private affairs had not killed civic initiative and pride.

Pessimists Routed.

The prediction of a few pessimists that London could not combine for general business promotion or even civic affairs, as commonly do western cities, was shown in this one-day campaign to be a myth. The result proved astonishing even to the more optimistic, and pointed the way to further co-operation on even a greater scale for direct civic advancement.

At noon today over two hundred new applications for membership were in the hands of the secretary, or reported to have been received by the various captains, and the spontaneous and general responses to the board of trade's call on civic pride and loyalty has spurred the canvassers to renewed effort with the result that the campaign will be continued during this week. "Three hundred new members before our next meeting" is now the ambition of the executive and membership committee, and the enthusiasm displayed would justify the belief that this satisfactory number will be secured.

Work of the Teams.

Interest and incentive were added to the canvass by the competitive feature introduced in the appointment of captains in charge of teams and a good deal of interest was evinced last night in the numbers secured by the leading teams as well as the total result of the day's work. The following is the personnel and the numbers secured by the three leading teams: First, T. P. McCormick (captain), Wm. Turnbull, R. C. Eckert and D. H. McDermid, 30 applications; second, E. C. Mitchell (captain) and E. C. Bowker, 24 applications; third, W. W. Gammage (captain) and John Marr, 20 applications. A good showing was also made by the teams captained by T. P. Allen, Geo. Belton, E. R. Dennis, Wm. Heaman, C. W. McGuire, E. M. McLean, E. H. Nelles, T. A. McMahen, Ben Noble, H. T. Reason, Samuel Stevely, T. W. McFarland, A. E. Silverwood and W. D. I. Wright.

Board's Next Meeting.

The regular meeting of the board, scheduled for Friday, the 28th, has been postponed on account of the St. Andrew's Society banquet, to Friday, Dec. 5. At this meeting Mr. Mitchell has secured the consent of Mr. H. B. Beal, principal of the Industrial and Art School, to give a short talk on the work of the school.

CONVICTED DOCTOR DESPONDENT OVER PRISON SENTENCE

Dr. Ross Expected Lighter Sentence Than the Judge Imposed.

WOMAN AGAINST WOMAN

Happiness of Second Wife Depends on Suit for Divorce by First.

Dr. William H. Ross, sentenced on Wednesday to 22 months in Central Prison for bigamy, is despondent at the outcome of his case. While he was not greatly surprised at his conviction, he expected a much lighter sentence, and the sentence of 22 months came as a distinct shock to him.

Neither of his two wives have called to see him during the time he was confined in the county jail here awaiting sentence. His first wife, after giving her evidence at the preliminary hearng, returned to Detroit, where she now resides, and has not intimated what she would do in the event of her husband being liberated.

The case of the second wife, Miss Bernice Blackley, of Toronto, is a particularly pathetic one. She married the rising young physician, believing what he had told her, that the first wife had obtained a divorce from him.

Few Happy Weeks.

Dr. Ross, following the wedding in Toronto, brought his young bride home to the sanatorium, where he was temporarily in charge, and after a few weeks of happy wedded life, the shadow fell on the new home and the husband was placed under arrest on the charge of which he has now been convicted.

The bride returned to her home in Toronto, from whence she wrote a pathetic letter saying that she was willing to forgive everything, and asking that Dr. Ross be leniently dealt with.

But his conviction precludes the possibility of their being again united, unless the first wife sues for and obtains a divorce. Her happiness is in the hands of the woman whom Dr. Ross made his first choice. She is his wife in the eyes of the law, and as long as she lives and does not seek a divorce, the young woman can never claim the title of wife—her marriage is made null and void.

Woman Against Woman.

The situation is one filled with intense human interest. The first wife claims that her religious beliefs will never permit her to seek a divorce, while the whole happiness of the second wife depends on her taking that action. It is woman against woman, and yet neither to blame for the situation in which they are placed. What will they do?

GIVES WIFE $40 PER WEEK

Four Hundred Women Besieged Man Who Advertised For Life Partner.

ENGLISH GIRL CHOSEN

[Canadian Press.]

New York, N. Y., Nov. 27. — Ernest W. Darrow, a contracting mason, of Patchogue, L. I., celebrated this Thanksgiving Day by taking his pick of over 400 women who had offered to be his lifemate. Darrow had been advertising for a wife since last May, and the several hundred applicants not only besieged him by letter, by telegraph and by telephone, but many visited him in person.

It was learned today that Miss Julia Stagg, an English girl, who landed in Canada from England nine months ago, and went to live in Brooklyn, had won, and the couple will be married late this afternoon.

According to the terms of his advertisement, Darrow, who announced that he made $50 a week and that he had four motherless children, will turn over four-fifths of his weekly salary for the support of his wife and children and household expenses.

LAKE VICTIM WAS IDENTIFIED BY AUNT

Drowned Sailor Was a Nephew of Mrs. Catherine Holland.

[Canadian Press.]

Hamilton, Nov. 27.—Mrs. Catherine Holland, of Providence, R. I., today wired Chief Smith that she positively identified the body of the unknown sailor, brought here by John Thompson's relatives from Goderich, under the impression that it was him, as her nephew. The body was in Thompson's home, with his weeping relatives surrounding it, when Thompson, himself, walked in the house and almost scared his folks to death. Mrs. Holland says she cannot take charge of the body. In the meantime it still remains at the morgue here.

BULLETIN SERVICE

The results of the polling in East Middlesex by-election today will be bulletined from The Advertiser office as soon as the figures are received this evening. Persons desirous of obtaining results by telephone may do so by calling 3670.

WILL URGE PARLIAMENT TO REMOVE DUTIES ON WHEAT

[Canadian Press.]

Regina, Sask., Nov. 27.—The free wheat and flour resolution carried in the Saskatchewan Legislature on a straight party vote, only three Conservatives remaining in the House to take part in the division.

The resolution was to the effect that the Parliament of Canada should remove the duty at present imposed on wheat and flour in order that Canadian wheat and flour may be exported to the United States free of duty.

Milk Dealers May Be Prosecuted Soon

Hamilton Authorities Object to Having to Pay Nine Cents.

[Canadian Press.]

Hamilton, Nov. 20.—The controllers decided today that if they could get enough evidence to show there was a milk dealers' combine, a prosecution in the courts would follow.

They are going to start right in and try and collect the necessary evidence.

This is part of the fight Mayor Allan started in his boycott on the dealers when they advanced milk from 8 to 9 cents.

RY. COMMISSION IS INVESTIGATING FREIGHT SCHEDULE

Expert From Washington Compares Conditions in Western Canada and States.

DOUBLE TRACKS WANTED

Lower Rates on Manitoba Division Due to Many Improvements Made.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Nov. 27. — The forenoon sitting of the railway commission on the western freight rates case was taken up with the cross-examination of J. P. Muller, of Washington, by Mr. F. H. Chrysler, K. C., for the C. P. R.

Mr. Muller said that a comparison of earnings of the C. P. R. on the eastern half of the system with United States roads in the east does not prove solvable, as comparison of Western American roads with the western divisions of the C. P. R. The reason is that while conditions under which the railways of Canada and the United States in the west operate are very similar, in the east the conditions are very different. The Eastern American roads south of the Ohio River have a much denser traffic than has the C. P. R. in the east.

The Comparative Cost.

Mr. Muller was questioned as to the comparative cost per ton per mile of through freight and freight that is only carried a short distance. He agreed that there was a lesser cost for moving through freight because it was moved more rapidly with no stops, such as are necessary for way freight operations, and also the trains carried their complete capacity. This question seemed to be asked in order to show that since there were so many shadings in the cost of moving different kinds of freight, the cost of moving all freight on a division was not such a conclusive guide to the commission.

Manitoba Figures.

In answer to Mr. Chrysler, Mr. Muller said that the low operating cost on the Manitoba division was to a certain extent due to the double tracks, the contour of the lines, etc., which have been much improved between Port Arthur and Winnipeg.

The ratio of the revenue from freight of the entire C. P. R. system to the cost of operation as given in the exhibit was very nearly absolutely correct; the only variation would be that the division of the cost of operation for passenger traffic and that for freight must be only approximate. Then again, in arriving at the ratio of revenue to cost of operation in the western half, it becomes somewhat less nearly correct because the division of revenue and cost of operation between

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SURVEYS OF STORM SEWERS TO START ON MONDAY NEXT

Western Engineer Transferred Here to Draft Plans for Big Work.

BIG PAVING PROGRAM

Many Blocks of Asphalt and Cement To Go Down Next Year.

City Engineer W. N. Ashplant received a communication this morning from Engineer Willis Chipman, of Toronto, stating that Engineer E. S. Smyth, of Winnipeg, one of the western engineers of the Chipman firm, would be in London on Monday to begin work on the plans for the new storm sewer system. Another Chipman expert, W. A. MacGregor, who worked on the topographical map of the city, will be transferred on the 1st of January to this work. Construction on three sections will be commenced simultaneously in the spring—Carling's Creek, Egerton and South London.

Plans are also ready for large areas of sheet asphalt, brick and asphalted concrete paving, which has been left over, to be commenced as soon as the return of fine weather. Numerous complaints are raining in on the city engineer's office from many parts of the city on account of the serious condition of the roads, but, as Engineer Ashplant puts it, "They are beginning to realize that they will just have to grin and bear it for a while," until the conditions can be permanently bettered."

SWITCHMAN FINED FOR CARELESSNESS

Escaped Jail Term For Causing Wreck of Flyer.

[Canadian Press.]

Hamilton, Nov. 27.—Frank Herbert and Robert Taylor, the Grand Trunk employees held responsible for failing to close a switch near Bronte, which nearly resulted in the newspaper flyer plowing its way through the freight, were each fined $100 today. The magistrate said he was satisfied there was no criminal intent, hence the fine instead of a jail sentence.

BORDEN'S RECKLESS POLICY IN TWO SHORT YEARS ENDS PROSPERITY OF DOMINION

When Laurier Left Office Abundance Was in Evidence Everywhere—Conservative Rule Has Swiftly Brought Distress and Stringency All Over Canada.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Nov. 27.—The free food speech of Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Hamilton before the Federation of Ontario Liberal Clubs last night has made a profound impression among economic students at the capital. Again the Liberal leader is given credit for far-sighted statesmanship.

The fact is being recalled that Sir Wilfrid came to office in 1896 when Canada was in the throes of her longest and most severe period of depression. Men's pockets were empty and the country was making no progress. Almost immediately a propaganda of publicity was inaugurated which brought an army of immigrants to Canada for the development of natural resources long dormant, and a flood of capital which enabled the growing population to create an era of the greatest prosperity that Canada has ever seen.

A SWIFT CHANGE.

Sir Wilfrid left office with abundance in evidence everywhere. Within two years the abundance has disappeared and distress and stringency have succeeded it. The cost of living has been raised to a point where existence is the great problem of the individual, and saving has become an impossibility.

The Hamilton platform, which has just been enunicated, is regarded as another stroke of statesmanship. The authorities here believe that the leader who put dollars into the empty pockets of the people in the past has the ability, if afforded opportunity, to carry out a policy which will enable the people to keep a few dollars in their pockets while living in comfort.

Will Drop Navy.

It is generally agreed that during the coming session parliament will discuss the tariff and domestic economics rather than the navy.

There is growing belief that the Government will not again introduce its thirty-five million dollar naval proposals. It would not be surprising if Hon. Mr. White should change his mind and bring in a considerable revision of the tariff. In fact the tariff is now being carefully studied by the Government's expert, Mr. W. R. Breadner, whom Mr. White obtained from the Manufacturers' Association after he had served the association as tariff expert for several years.

Plan Improvements.

An effort to improve economic conditions is likely to be made by Mr. White through legislation to control the capitalization of companies so that with companies hereafter created the country will not have to pay a heavy bill of dividends on watered stock. This bill is not likely to affect the over capitalization which has been indulged in up to the present time.

The Hamilton platform has created decided concern in Government circles and before the House opens every possible preparation will be made by the Administration to meet the campaign for lower duties and reduced cost of living which Sir Wilfrid's speech foreshadows will be the Opposition line of attack this winter.

It is fully expected that there may be considerable concessions to meet the Liberal propaganda.

Five Killed in Riots at Natal

Police Had To Fire Several Volleys at Natives.

[Canadian Press.]

Durban, Natal, U. of S. A., Nov. 27.—Five East Indians were killed today in another serious affray between the strikers and the police which occurred on the Blackburn sugar estate in the Mount Edgecombe district, about 14 miles to the north of Durban. The most important sugar crushing mill in Natal is located there.

The police were obliged to fire several volleys before they succeeded in quelling the rioters.

GRAND OLD MAN OF ONTARIO BAR DIES IN TORONTO

Sir Aemilius Irving Had Been Seriously Ill for Some Weeks.

CANADA'S OLDEST MASON

Leading Liberal and Represented Hamilton in Commons for Several Years.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 27. — Sir Aemilius Irving, the grand old man of the legal profession, passed away at his residence, 19 Russell street, at 9:30 this morning at the age of nearly 91 years. He had suffered from a protracted weakness due to old age and for over a month his nourishment has been nothing but milk—sometimes one glass a day and at others four or five.

He had been ailing for some months and only his great vitality had preserved the spark of life during the last few weeks. He had been unconscious for some days. All his children were not with him when he died. They had surrounded his bedside some time before, when the end was imminent, but he had rallied.

Remarkably Strong.

Sir Aemilius' strength, mental and physical, was particularly noticeable

SIR AEMILIUS IRVING.

in his last illness. Despite the fact that he was beyond even the four score years and ten, his mind was clear until he lapsed into coma as death drew near. His physical endurance, too, was such that while his death might come at any moment, he lingered for some time.

When Sir Aemilius found himself unable to make his daily trips to Osgoode Hall, he went to a private hospital for rest and treatment, but he yearned for his own home, and ultimately breathed his last amid familiar surroundings.

Was at Osgoode Hall.

Until this summer he appeared at Osgoode Hall regularly day by day, heavily wrapped up, and often with a plaid about his shoulders, even in the warmest weather.

Sir Aemilius was born at Leamington, England, in 1823, and came to this country with his parents when eleven years old. He was educated at Upper Canada College and was in 1849 called to the bar. A Liberal in politics, he represented Hamilton in the House of Commons from 1874 to 1878, but was defeated in 1878 and 1882. A year ago last October Sir Aemilius celebrated the 68th anniversary of his membership in St. Andrew's Masonic Lodge. He was initiated on April 26, 1844. He was presented with a testimonial by the brethren in 1907. Fraternally Sir Aemilius Irving was, since the death of James Gowan, of Barrie, the "oldest Mason in Canada."

BIG VOTE IS BEING POLLED IN E. MIDDLESEX ELECTION

Good Weather and Roads, Together With Exceptional Interest Taken in Fusion-Whitney Fight, Bringing Out a Record Number of Voters.

Voting in East Middlesex today on the provincial by-election is bringing out a record number of electors, according to information from all parts of the riding. The roads are in excellent condition, weather conditions are fair, and the interest taken in the fight between the fusionist candidate, John W. Laidlaw, and the Whitney nominee, has been such that every available voter is being taken to the polls.

Early in the day the vote-getting campaign started. Buggies, autos and even wagons were drawing voters to the polls. The same auto oranization that did such good work in the election of S. F. Glass in the federal by-election was again out in full force. However, it is declared that the Conservative autos would draw many voters to the polls that would vote against the party choice.

At Conservative headquarters in London it was declared that the biggest Conservative vote in the history of the riding was being polled. The same information was handed out by the Liberal-Temperance leaders.

Those who have been in close touch with the situation declare that Reeve Laidlaw's chances of victory are exceptionally bright.