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D.R.O.'S WANT TO TURN KING'S EVIDENCE AND REVEAL MEN BEHIND CROOKED WORK RUMORS OF HEADING-OFF SCHEME GROW

Crown Attorney Curry Likely to Be Made Assistant to W. R. Riddell in Investigation.

PROHIBITION ARGUMENT TO-DAY

Rumors of efforts to tip up the investigation from influential sources, overtures of suspected persons to reveal knowledge of the corruption in return for immunity from prosecution, and preparations to commence the civic research, were the features of the election scandal yesterday. There is a well-defined impression that developments of the mean compromising character cannot be avoided. The argument in the application for a writ of prohibition, the announcement of Mr. Fleming that he did not doubt that Aid. Dunn could establish the fact that certain names had been entered on the assessment roll with the purpose of fraudulent voting, and the statement of Judge Winchester that the investigation ordered by the city could be commenced by Thursday, were the important factors of a positive character that were counted among the new features of the case.

OFFER TO TELL ALL

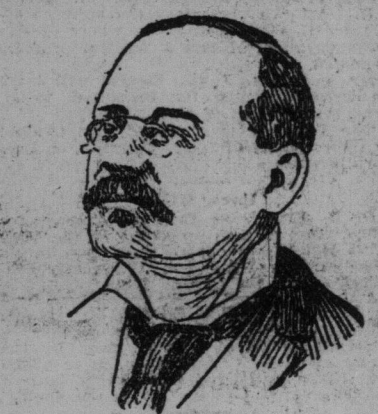
Are the authorities in possession of offers from some persons implicated in the election frauds to turn Crown's evidence? This is the really startling feature of the situation as it is presented to-day. From the mass of well-defined reports comes the story that overtures have been made of negotiations in order way to that end. The energetic prosecution of the suspected election officials and the positive assertion of Crown Attorney Curry that even a writ of prohibition will not save those against whom he now has evidence of guilt, has unquestionably frightened every man connected with the election frauds. It is not unreasonable to expect out of the large number of persons necessarily a party to the plugging and personation, that some should weaken and offer to reveal the inner secrets of the gang when confronted with certain promises of immunity from prosecution. What the gang leaders are now frantic to discover is the identity of those tools who have weakened and made overtures to the authorities.

THE PLOT TO BURKE THE INVESTIGATION.

The World is sorry that it cannot accept the Mayor's statement that no effort has been made to sidetrack the investigation into the municipal election frauds. Everything The World said yesterday is true, and much more also. Those in high places who fear exposure have been active to this end. They were active when Mr. Blake was not pressed to take the case for the city. The plot to dump the investigation is a weak one; it involves all those that The World mentioned yesterday; but it is knit together so weakly that it is bound to fall to pieces before many hours. Part of the plot is to pretend to save all but to steer the investigation so that the big fish will get out of the net and the little fish (the returning officers and personators) may eventually go to jail.

SENTENCE OF 7 YEARS IN PRISON WAS DEATH TO WHITAKER WRIGHT

Notorious Company Promoter, Denying Guilt, Expires in the Court Building.



WHITAKER WRIGHT.

London, Jan. 26.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon, Whitaker Wright was sentenced to seven years penal servitude. At 4 o'clock he lay dead on the floor of a small room in the law courts. Whether he took his own life by poison, or whether death in his natural course overtook him, will not be known until a post-mortem examination is held Wednesday; the indications, however, point to poisoning. The career of this man, who was known for three continents for his stupendous financial operations, closed in a startling tragedy. Even in his later years, when he was in poverty to enormous wealth was full of dramatic incidents, there was nothing that could compare with the manner of his death. All London to-night is thrilled with the news of it. No such human tragedy has been enacted in England in years.

Until nearly 9 o'clock to-night, the body of the man who formerly had controlled many of the world's markets, and who had been courted by royalty, remained upon the floor of the room where he fell, as a convicted felon. Wright's family had become crown property. Later the body was given over to the jurisdiction of the coroner, and was taken to Westminster mortuary, where almost all the corpses taken from the Thames are laid out. The inquest probably will be held Thursday.

TRUMPH OF PURITY.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, Jan. 27.—The Post, referring to the Whitaker Wright case, says the verdict and sentence form a triumph for financial purity. His long immunity from punishment had hampered trade in the city. The Times says the verdict was not excessive and sets a sterling light on the Attorney-General's refusal to direct the prosecution and the Solicitor-General's famous question, "Will anyone get up and say that man can be prosecuted for publishing a false balance sheet?"

PEN PICTURE OF WRIGHT.

In a report of the trial on Jan. 12, The London Daily Mail said: "But dullness and repetition notwithstanding, the trial is slowly developing into a drama of thrilling interest—a drama of four men, of four striking personalities. Witnesses followed witness with evidence already familiar and three familiar to the public; but the interest of the crowded court was riveted upon these four—the chief actors in one of the greatest financial trials of modern times. The chief actor of all, of course, is the defendant, yesterday was for him another day of silence. Hearing to Rufus Isaacs and Horace Avory as they built up the case against him. Sleep and Watchers. Possibly a comparison may be permitted whereby a physical description may bring him within the comprehension of the majority to whom he can never be more than a name. Those

BUILT IN ITS INTEGRITY. PRESENT RIFE ON THE G.T.P.

Manufacturers Who Are Really Suffering Will Be Relieved at Coming Session.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—Hon. Mr. Raymond Préfontaine, speaking at St. Censured to-night said: "I say, a minister of the Crown, that the Grand Trunk Pacific will be built in its integrity. The section of the new transcontinental railway between Winnipeg and Quebec and Moncton will be built or the manufacturers that were really suffering would be relieved at the coming session, altho he declared that there might not be time to effect a general revision.

LOST IN A BLIZZARD.

Hamilton, Jan. 26.—Lost on Hamilton Bay in a blizzard. This was the strange and thrilling experience of James B. Small, 70 Clarke-avenue. He is the boss carpenter on the Macassar, which is lying in the Smoking Room. He left early this morning to go to the boat, and took a short cut across the ice. In the blizzard he lost his way, and he was found and floundered around on the bay all night, but he was rescued by the boat. He is now in hospital, and his friends are in great anxiety for him and reported his condition as being very serious. When Mr. Small got to the beach he telephoned to the city and was brought back to his home. He is now in hospital, and his friends are in great anxiety for him and reported his condition as being very serious.

LETTER KEPT A SECRET.

Tiltington, Jan. 26.—The secretary of the Liberal Association of South Oxford was seen by The World to-day, but refused to allow a copy to be made of a letter which was written to him by a member of the association. The letter, which was written to him by a member of the association, was kept a secret. The letter was written to him by a member of the association, and was kept a secret.

CONSOLIDATED LAKE SUPERIOR.

New York, Jan. 26.—The re-organization plan of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company will probably be announced in a few days. Out of a total of \$2,500,000 have been offered to the proposition which allows a liberal increase in Conservative vote.

SOLDIER'S SAD STATE.

London, Jan. 26.—John Hornbrook, a member of Stratton's Horse, and a native of Montreal, who returned from the front in a state of mind that was almost insane, was taken to a lunatic asylum. He is now in a state of mind that is almost insane, and is being treated by a specialist.

WHITBY'S JUBILEE.

Whitby, Jan. 26.—The Jubilee of the town and the county will be celebrated on the 4th, inclusive.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

The Cat Show, St. George's Hall, all day. W. A. exhibition of paintings, all day. W. A. Reading Club, 10:30 a.m. W. A. Reading Club, 10:30 a.m. W. A. Reading Club, 10:30 a.m.

ONLY A POLITICAL GROSBEEK.



Editor Globe: Hoors! Political spring's coming—here's the first robin. Ostrichologist Ross: I fear me 'tis only a grosbeak, a bird which has never left us, even during our hardest political winters for the past thirty years.

Munro, By 900, Victor of North Oxford Large Increase in Conservative Vote

R. E. Butler Carries Woodstock By 31, and Cuts Liberal Majority in Two.

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BOTH PARTIES ARE WELL PLEASED WITH THE VOTE IN NORTH OXFORD

Result an Evidence of the Feeling in the Country, Says Mr. Whitney.

Politicians of both parties are extracting a good deal of comfort from the North Oxford returns. The Liberals are pleased that the "grand old riding," the stronghold of Ontario Liberalism, has continued in the faith by a substantial majority. They had expected no fear, altho some of them yesterday confessed to a slight feeling of anxiety, owing to the reports sent out from Woodstock that things were not as they used to be. The Conservatives, on the other hand, claim a great moral victory, admitting at the same time that they were disappointed.

GIVEN ANOTHER BISHOP.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—Word has been received here of the Pope's absolute decision to give Archbishop Brochu another suffragan bishop by the creation of a new diocese. The new bishop will be the first bishop of the new diocese.

THE IMPERIAL LIFE.

Have your savings for the past five years attained as great a value as they would have had if they had been invested in an Imperial policy? How about your savings for the next five years?

SMOKE ALIVE-BRAND'S MIXTURE—COOL.

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BUSINESS TAX WILL TAKE PLACE OF OLD INCOME TAX

Telephone and Telegraph Companies Reached by the New Assessment Act.

FEATURES OF NEW BILL.

Business tax substituted for the old income tax. It is irrevocative and in addition to the real estate assessment. The tax will be collected on an assessment based on a proportionate value of the real estate in which the business is carried on at the same rate of assessment. Distillers will pay a business tax on an assessment equal to 125 per cent. of the real estate; brewers at 100 per cent.; bankers, real estate agents, 50 per cent.; professional men, 50 per cent.; public utility companies, 25 per cent. Departmental stores and retail businesses with five branches at business assessed value, but assessed value of \$20,000 will be rated at 50 per cent. of their assessed value. Telephone and telegraph companies will pay on percentage of their gross receipts, but not being mentioned, and at rate of \$200 a mile of their wire mileage. Provision for taxation of railways using streets and roads by the municipalities concerned.

Taxation of Machinery.

Mr. Gibson thought it desirable to amplify the definition of machinery, and where there was likely to be litigation he was willing to put in additional clauses to show just what was meant. It seemed unfair to Toronto and such cities to exempt what would amount to such a large interest in their taxation, and it must be settled whether machinery for distributing electric power, light, and so forth, should be classed with ordinary machinery. Mr. Gibson suggested that for the present machinery be left undefined, with the suggestion that the committee should for the purpose of the business tax.

VERY COLD.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 26.—The disturbance mentioned last night is passing into the St. Lawrence Valley and the Maritime Provinces, accompanied by high winds and heavy snow falls. The weather is now clearing in the lake region, after a considerable snow fall; elsewhere in Canada, it has been fine, and for the most part very cold.

LOWER LAKES AND GEORGIAN BAY.

Ontario Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Northwest to westerly winds; strong during Wednesday; clearing and very cold. Lower St. Lawrence—Strong northeast to northwesterly winds, clearing towards evening or during the night, and very cold.

STAMPSHIP MOVEMENTS.

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