

# Prominent Conservatives Welcome Party Reorganization

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### BANK OFFICIALS DESPATCHED TO MEXICO

Mr. Saunders May Suffer as the Result of His Confidence in a Fellow Canadian.

MONTREAL, April 2.—(Special.)—Considerable interest is taken in the despatch of the United States Banking Company of the City of Mexico, in which the Bank of Montreal is heavily involved.

The first information in connection with the bank crash stated that the losses would amount to upwards of \$7,000,000, this being the currency, but it is now conceded that this will be reduced when the actual figures in connection with the crash are announced.

It is understood, however, that the Bank of Montreal will be interested at least to the extent of \$2,000,000, and just what assets will be set off against this claim is hard at present to arrive at.

President Ham of the United States Banking Company was a Canadian, and it is understood that he left Canada on account of financial difficulties, not altogether satisfactory.

Despatched to Mexico. Mr. Saunders who was in charge of the branch of the Bank of Montreal at the City of Mexico is a Toronto man, a brother of Mr. Dyer Saunders, the well-known Toronto cricketer.

Several prominent officials of the Bank of Montreal including Mr. Stewart have been despatched to Mexico to look into the financial catastrophe, and until they report definitely there seems to be no method of finding out just how hard the Bank of Montreal has been hit by the downfall of Mr. Ham's financial combination.

It is also rumored that Mr. Saunders is to be relieved of his position, owing to his having placed implicit confidence in a fellow Canadian.

The prime losses are understood to have occurred by investment in Mexican propositions which have been overestimated.

### LOVE PROVED STRONGER THAN FEAR OF ARREST

Man Wanted For Forgery Crossed Frontier Without Passing Immigration Officials.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 2.—(Special.)—Because his desire to hear from "a girl back home" was stronger than his fear of arrest, Edward Simon, said to be Edward Stanton, was cleverly trapped at the postoffice by government officials, and in default of \$1000 bail, is now in Ramsey County Jail awaiting deportation to Canada, where he must face a charge of forgery.

Stanton came from Toronto to Rainy River, where it is alleged he passed several worthless cheques. From there he crossed to Spooner, Minn., in a boat, and went first to Duluth, later coming here. Two weeks ago the bureau of immigration to Minneapolis was notified from Washington that Stanton was wanted for crossing the boundary line. This made him liable to arrest under immigration laws, which will be sufficient to detain him pending investigation of his identity.

At the county jail Simon denied that he was Stanton, but he admitted crossing the frontier without examination. He was quite optimistic, saying that arrival of identification from his family would clear up matters.

### COOK'S FRIENDS PUT UP A FUND TO PROVE CLAIM

NEW YORK, April 2.—(Special.)—On the authority of Capt. E. F. Osborn, one of the most active supporters of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer, it was announced to-day that about \$175,000 had been guaranteed towards a fund to help Dr. Cook prove his claim to discovery of the north pole.

A prominent western man, Capt. Osborn said, "had pledged \$100,000 of this sum, and eastern friends of the explorer the remainder. Much more would be forthcoming if needed," he declared.

Capt. Osborn explained that it was proposed to use the fund in such way as to establish the claim of Dr. Cook, which he considered would best further the establishment of his claim. The records the explorer left at Etah would be recovered and his Eskimo companions brought to this country. He expects the doctor home by the latter part of the present month.

### THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

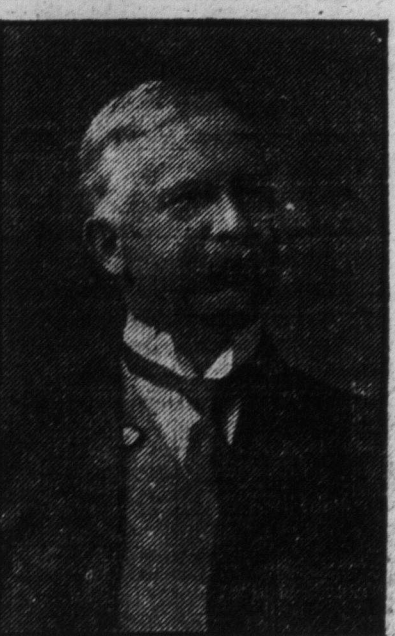
At last, what The World has been saying for years is admitted by all—the Conservative party at Ottawa is full of dissension and insubordination. But how hard it has been to get it out, and what abuse has been heaped on those whose only aim was to put the party in the way of once more governing Canada with a progressive policy and with leaders that would evoke enthusiasm and devotion!

An Ottawa despatch in our news columns is to the effect that a thoroughgoing reorganization is at hand. It is to be hoped that this is the case. Great stress is laid on the fact that Hon. George E. Foster is to retire, a broken man. But he has not been the main cause of dissension. We have got into dissensions, and we've gone astray; we must get together again and get back. Expressions of confidence in this man or that man, putting forward the claims of this man or that as leader, or deputy leaders, is not the work immediately ahead of us. First of all, let us find out who are in the party, and who are in it for no reason other than the party's welfare.

There are men who must step aside. Instead of entreaching themselves inside. There is no pressing need now for a rush convention to line everyone up on the surface. A rush convention would not be attended by Quebec; we must take a little more time to find out what the Quebec wing have in their mind. They are urgent members at Ottawa to smooth themselves out. They must not be forestalled. There is little confidence in the inside council that seem to have surrounded Mr. Borden for years—they have certainly failed, and the feeling of insubordination may really be against them. And then there is the question of platform. Platform first; men afterwards.

Said an old-time Conservative, a companion of Sir John Macdonald: "We must get back to the ways and the program of the old chief. The Conservative party has the ability to frame and work out a national policy for Canada, better than the Liberals, or any third party. We have got into dissensions, and we've gone astray; we must get together again and get back. Expressions of confidence in this man or that man, putting forward the claims of this man or that as leader, or deputy leaders, is not the work immediately ahead of us. First of all, let us find out who are in the party, and who are in it for no reason other than the party's welfare. There are men who must step aside. Instead of entreaching themselves inside. There is no pressing need now for a rush convention to line everyone up on the surface. A rush convention would not be attended by Quebec; we must take a little more time to find out what the Quebec wing have in their mind. They are urgent members at Ottawa to smooth themselves out. They must not be forestalled. There is little confidence in the inside council that seem to have surrounded Mr. Borden for years—they have certainly failed, and the feeling of insubordination may really be against them. And then there is the question of platform. Platform first; men afterwards."

## Hanna Will Wait Until He is Asked



A. E. KEMP. Mentioned as Hon. Geo. E. Foster's probable successor in the federal seat of North Toronto.

### SENSIBLE GIRL WHO WAITS FOR PROPOSAL

Provincial Secretary's Attitude With Reference to Entering Federal Ranks—Is Busy Just Now.

"I am very sorry to hear that Mr. Foster has decided to drop active work in the party at the present time, and I should be extremely sorry if that action was taken as a result of Mr. Macdonald's attack in The Globe," said Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary, speaking to The World from his home in Barrie, over long distance phone on Saturday afternoon.

Questioned regarding the rumor that he had practically been chosen by Mr. Borden to become his first lieutenant in the federal opposition, Mr. Hanna said that the suggestion was new to him. "I have not thought of entering federal politics. My permanent work at the present time is the reorganization of the Central Prison and Central Prison work."

Queried further regarding his probable course if the proposal came to him, Mr. Hanna again referred to the provincial work which he has in hand and feels obliged to see them to completion, concluding, "She is a sensible girl who waits for a proposal before refusing."

THE NEWS AT MONTREAL. MONTREAL, April 2.—Mr. Monk's friends and the Conservatives of Quebec generally feel a strong sense of justification of their course hitherto by the news received this afternoon from Ottawa, that Mr. Borden has decided to ask for a sweeping reorganization of the Conservative party. They say if the thing is done thoroughly—not formally—much good will result.

### Mr. Foster's Condition

Hon. George E. Foster's disability may be classified as nervous prostration. His physical condition is absolutely quiet and rest. Mr. Foster is troubled with pains in the back of his neck and has to lie prone to get ease. Rest and time must bring recuperation, but his condition is not without its serious aspects.

### HERBERT LENNOX HAS FAITH IN HANNA

What Member of Legislative Assembly for North York Thinks of the News From Ottawa.

T. Herb. Lennox, M.L.A., was enjoying his customary Saturday afternoon rest at home in Aurora when The Sunday World got him by long distance and apprised him of Mr. Foster's expected retirement from active politics.

"Well, I was of the opinion that he would never run again for office," said Mr. Lennox, "but I thought he would hold his seat till the next election. In case he resigns, I really couldn't say who his successor might be."

When asked if he had any idea who would be Mr. Borden's new first lieutenant, Mr. Lennox immediately referred to Provincial Secretary Hanna. "I know



T. HERBERT LENNOX, M.L.A. Who believes Hanna would be well-combined in federal ranks.

Mr. Borden was much impressed with the provincial secretary," said he, "during the pre-election trip over the Dominion. Mr. Hanna is a strong man, but there would be considerable difficulty in persuading him to leave provincial politics. Forces, however, are at work now to bring this about."

Mr. Lennox, while admitting that there was room for some changes in the opposition line-up, didn't think there was any under the present circumstances. "It's time enough to let these matters go till the Conservative convention," said he. "Anyhow, it's pretty hard for anything disastrous to happen to an opposition. If the government were divided in their opinions it might be opportune to fire off some skyrockets, but under the present circumstances, nothing hasty should be attempted."

Rushing the Season. James Murton, butcher, 229 Brock avenue, who takes great pride in keeping the grass on his lawn trim and neat, cut it for the first time this season on Friday, April 1.

### COBWEBS TO BE SWEEPED FROM THE PARTY

Chief Whip Stated to Retire—Kemp May Get the North Toronto Seat in the Commons.

OTTAWA, April 2.—(Staff Special.)—The demand for a reorganization of the Conservative party has borne swift fruit. The party will be reorganized and the cobwebs will be swept away. The trouble in the party, the conflicting elements, the insubordination against present conditions as set out in The World on Tuesday, is now admitted here by every one. Even the Liberal party press, recognizing that the best interests of the country are served by an efficient opposition, have entered into the field and told their readers that something must be done.

A Sweeping Housecleaning. It is handed out to-day that there is to be a housecleaning of the most sweeping description. What has made it a little easier is that Hon. George E. Foster, broken in health and depressed in spirits, is out of active politics. Just as soon as he is able to travel, he will go south and take a long rest. However, his fighting days are practically over. It is said that he may retain his seat in parliament until the end of the present term, but he will not again be candidate for the seat of North Toronto.

The strong barge Hanchley, loaded with coal from Oswego, is the first vessel to arrive. All the ice is not yet of the harbor. The trip of the steamer from Cap St. Vincent had to be cancelled to-day.

The W.C.T.U. is taking active steps to stop the sale of cigars to minors.

Sister Lost. Charles Saxton of Henspel, Ont., has asked the police to locate Mrs. McQuinn of this city, his sister, to tell her that her father is dead in Henspel.

Broken by Hard Work. Mr. Foster's health has been broken by hard work and the mental strain of the political situation. He has been overworked and has not had time to rest. He has been overworked and has not had time to rest. He has been overworked and has not had time to rest.

Mr. Foster has been Mr. Borden's first lieutenant and his retirement leaves that position vacant. While the permanent occupation of the seat on Mr. Borden's left hand will not be decided upon until the recess, it is announced that Mr. C. J. Doherty of Montreal will temporarily assume the duties. Mr. Doherty commands the respect of both sides of the house. He is an Irish Catholic, who has a strong influence in Quebec, his native province. He is a gentleman and a scholar and an authority on legal questions.

A Change of Whips. It is announced that there will be a change in the whips, George Taylor, the chief whip, will retire and be replaced by one of the ablest men in the party. Others may have to go. Some of them are men of distinct ability, yet a clean sweep may be made.

ONE WHOLE DAY FOR THE NEWSBOYS.

The Sunday World acknowledges with pleasure the generosity and kindly spirit which has prompted The Scherrer Lunch Company, 99 and 125 Yonge-street, to offer to contribute their entire receipts for the day, next Tuesday, to the Newsboys' Home. To turn over every dollar of the day's receipts of two branches of a live enterprise of this character is a sacrifice of such magnitude that it came as a pleasant surprise to the newsboys of Toronto.

George Wagar is the manager of the Scherrer Lunch Company, and to him and the gentlemen with whom he is associated must go much of the credit for having set an example which will unquestionably be followed by others from time to time until the conception of a Newsboys' Home becomes a magnificent reality.

Scherrer's Lunch, at 125 Yonge-street, is just next to the Arcade, and at 99 Yonge-street, next to Shear's Theatre. The receipts will be turned over as stated for the entire day, including breakfast, luncheon and dinner, and in order to make it doubly attractive, a special 35c luncheon and dinner will be included on the menu.

### RESIGNATIONS NUMEROUS AT CITY HALL

The Labeling of the Autos Was But the Last Straw in Series of Causes of Unrest.

Resignations and rumors of resignations fill the corridors of the city hall these days, and the question being commonly asked is, "Who's next?"

The episode has been really going on for years, but so quiet that the public has taken little notice. Occasionally an official more or less prominent was missed from his accustomed haunts, and it was explained that he had received a good offer to join some firm or other, or had gone into business or private professional practice. These leave-takings occurred at irregular intervals, and beyond a vague wonder that a man should give up a city hall job, the interest of the populace was but slightly stirred.

Coming Fast Now. It is different now. Resignation has succeeded resignation, reports hint of others to come. Alarms and excursions disturb the former dull routine of departmental work. Like a soft epidemic of disease, so is the virus of "get up and get out" inoculating the blood of the office-holder from the greatest to the humblest. Even the most staid occupant of office talks broadly of dreary wrongs and intimates that he may join the rolling stock.

Why all these hurrying to and fro, these mutterings of distress? The cause is easily diagnosed. Too few greenbacks in the pay envelope and the feeling that there is too much interference on the part of the city council in the cause of the present season of discontent.

It appears that the adoption of the salary schedule has produced mixed results of good and evil. It has largely done away with pull in the securing of salary increases, but, by showing in clear perspective what the city owes its employees, it has apparently disillusioned many employees. In place of a vision of splendid salary advancement, the office-holder knows that he is to receive just so much the following year and the year after that, it has set him to comparing his lot with that of others outside the service and in many cases, the result has been his departure for fresh pastures.

Why Discontented? The heads of departments, while not having their salaries so scheduled, have a feeling that the principle of methodical rise in salary is applied to them also. Their chief cause of dissatisfaction lies, however, in the curtailing of their powers. Not long ago, it was the custom to give an official nearly everything he wanted in the way of strengthening his department. Now if he wants a couple of juniors, he has to fortify his request with all the arguments he can muster and run a chance of being turned down. It has been the custom to give more probing and inquiring into the workings of the departments than there used to be, and the officials don't like it.

Why Dr. Sheard Resigned. The outstanding features of the week were the resignations of Dr. Sheard, head of the city engineer, and T. S. Scott, deputy city engineer. In the case of Dr. Sheard, it must be admitted that none of the general reasons given for his resignation apply. The salary question has never bothered him, he being a large property owner, and on the income of \$20,000 or \$30,000 a year he receives it. It is a more probing and inquiring into the workings of the departments than there used to be, and the officials don't like it.

Mr. Scott More Candid. Mr. Scott, on the other hand, is candid in discussing the causes of which his departure from Vancouver is the effect. The auto-labeling business, it seems, was but the last straw. He entered the atmosphere of the city hall about a year ago, and found it stifling. He wants to breathe the free air of independence, and is manifestly surprised at his own moderation in having submitted so long as twelve months. Red tape, delay and interference have irked him from the outset. The whole scheme of municipal government is wrong, he says.

If this sort of thing goes on, those who remain at their posts will, in time be looked upon as belonging to a noble army of martyrs, men who for the public good, are willing to make money sacrifices and stand for hours of mistaken abuse. In the meantime, however, there are plenty of would-be recruits to take the places of the departed comrades.

MONSTER STRIKE THREATS (Special Cable to Sunday World.) BERLIN, April 2.—A general lock-out, initiated by 22,000 employees of labor and involving directly and indirectly 1,600,000 workmen, appears inevitable in the German building trades. It is expected to begin April 16. The war is the culmination of a long series of disputes between organizations of employers and workmen over the questions of wages and hours. The minister of trade has been asked to intervene as mediator.