

OUTDOOR FALLS AND STRATHROY
ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR PREMIER

Essexes and Kents Give
Him a Magnificent
Reception.

MANY EXCURSIONS
CARRY THOUSANDS

While Hundreds on Platforms of
Stations Cheer Him as Train
Goes by—The Speeches.

[By Our Own Man.]

Tilbury, Sept. 21. — Remarkable as were the demonstrations in Niagara Falls and Strathroy, from the standpoint of attendance and enthusiasm, the reception tendered Sir Wilfrid Laurier today surpassed them. It may be that the best wine has been kept to the last, but the fact is indisputable that the tour of Canada's greatest premier through Ontario is indeed a triumphal one.

Such enthusiasm as was manifested here today has perhaps never been equalled in this Province. The people simply shouted themselves hoarse, as the great Canadian made his appearance, and not until his train had departed did the crowd cease cheering. Ovation Was Great One.

Visitors who had seen the Quebec demonstrations were simply amazed, and were very frank in admitting that the ovation tendered Sir Wilfrid exceeded anything in his own Province. There was greater than any yet seen.

Tilbury is indeed a strategic point. Easy access from five ridings—West Elgin, East and West Kent, and East and West Essex—was available. In addition, it was the centre of the most cosmopolitan population in Ontario in a rural constituency. The townships of Tilbury contain a large number of French-Canadians, while a large French-Canadian population is to be found in the vicinity of Puce, Windsor, Amherstburg, Belle River and other points. There is also a considerable German population in these ridings. Chatham's colored population was also represented by a very large delegation.

An Immense Gathering.
The gathering was immense from the standpoint of numbers. Excursions were run on the M. C. R. from St. Thomas, Windsor, and from Leamington, carrying approximately 2,000 people. On the C. P. R. there were also excursions, increasing the number of visitors by perhaps a thousand more.

The crowd, while not so large in point of numbers as that of Niagara Falls, was considerably larger than that of Strathroy. The town of Tilbury never had such a crowd in its history, and all classes of citizens united to make the place look its prettiest for the occasion.

A word might be said of the decorations. They were indeed the most elaborate of any town yet visited, and were distinctly a credit to the public spirit of the citizens. Much favorable comment was made on the decorations. Sir Wilfrid and his party left shortly after 7 a.m. on the M. C. R. for St. Thomas, and thence to Tilbury. All along the line of railway, at every station, no matter how small, there were many admirers, waiting, if by chance they might see him.

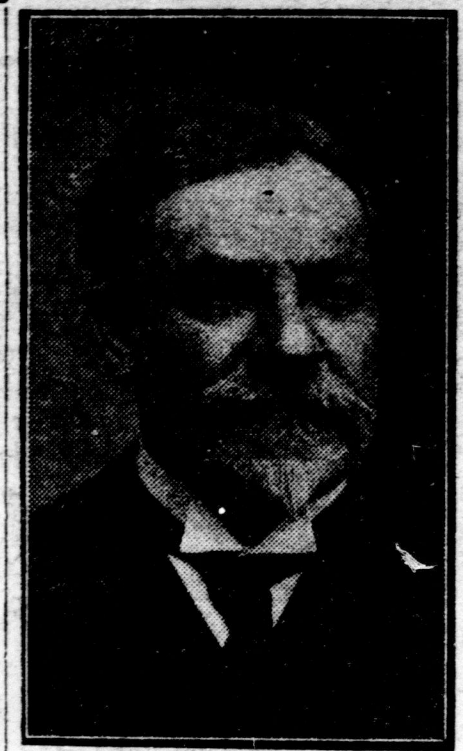
CROWDS AT STATIONS.

At Dutton and West Lorne there were good crowds, perhaps over 200 people. At Rodney there were over 500 people, and at Ridgetown and other places there were many waiting for him. He greeted them as he passed, and created great enthusiasm.

VIVE LAURIER!

On reaching Tilbury an immense throng was on hand. The preponderance in numbers was with his compatriots, the French-Canadians. Cries of "Vive Laurier!" were heard on all sides, and the cheering continued for many minutes.

An address of welcome was presented, to which Sir Wilfrid replied briefly. He also said a few words in French to his compatriots.



MAJOR THOS. BEATTIE,
Again selected as the Conservative
Standard Bearer in London.

Fire Chief Was Not Appointed
Mayor Stevely Held Up Movement

Was Ready to Rule That Matter
Would Not Be Dealt With Till
the Committee Reports.

The appointment of Assistant Chief Atkins as chief of the fire department was not railroaded through the council last night, as it was the intention to do. His friends had all their wires laid, and were going to put it through regardless of the opinions of others. Mayor Stevely got word of the proposition, and telling Ald. Stewart, the chief supporter of the move, that it would not go through, as it was illegal, a lively tilt took place between his worship and the alderman.

In order to make the appointment a two-thirds vote of the council was needed to rescind the motion, leaving the matter in the hands of No. 3 committee.

Ald. Stewart at first figured out that he had a number of supporters to assist in the scheme, but two-thirds is quite a number, and later he felt that it would not be safe to take a chance.

Ald. Beattie's position was not known, and he could not be persuaded to give his hand away.

"I did not know my position was so strong," said Mayor Stevely, in discussing the matter. "I ruled that the matter could not be dealt with by the council until a report had been made by No. 3 committee. That report was made. In addition, I looked up the by-law and find that it states that the appointment of chief shall be made by the council on recommendation of No. 3 committee. There were two reasons why the appointment could not be made. I am not particularly anxious about any particular appointee, but the appointment has to be made in regular fashion."

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MANY PREACHERS
IN BAD WRECK

Missouri Pacific Passenger and
Freight Crash Together With
Disastrous Results.

Weeping Water, Neb., Sept. 22. — In a head-on collision last night in the yards at this place, between a Missouri Pacific passenger train and a freight, 38 passengers and 3 trainmen were injured. The engineer of the passenger train rounding a hill was unable to check his train before the crash came.

Of the 49 passengers few escaped injury of some kind, but only a few were severely hurt. Many of the passengers were Methodist preachers on the way to Lincoln from the Nebraska Methodist Episcopal Conference, which concluded its work yesterday at Auburn.

DOWIE'S FATHER DEAD.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 22. — John Murray Dowie, aged 83 years, father of John Alexander Dowie, the founder of Zion City, and who was repudiated by his son, died today at the home of his son's widow, Mrs. Jane Dowie, on White Lake, Muskegon County. He went to live with Mrs. Dowie when his son denied him, and had been in declining health since.

Two Aldermen Oppose.

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The paragraphs in question allege that certain representations were made before the council of London by the chairman of the hydro-electric commission, and these acting under his authority, which induced the signing of the contract, which were untrue in substance and in fact, and were misleading, and that the resolution of the council, authorizing the signing of the contract, would not have been passed had it not been for such representations. It is stated that the members of the council were led to believe that in signing the contract they did not involve the corporation of London in greater expenditure for electric power than the sum of \$23.50 per h.p. per annum. And it is alleged that signing of the contract was a fraud on the ratepayers, in that the council, assisted by the commission, obtained the consent of the ratepayers to a by-law, but after obtaining such consent the commission refused to submit a consoling compliance therewith, and so induced the council to authorize the signing of a contract involving a different and greater liability.

A HIGH HONOR
FOR GEO. T. BELL

Made President of the General
Association of Passenger
Agents.

Toronto, Sept. 22.—George T. Bell, general passenger agent of the Grand Trunk, is the first Canadian railroad to become president of the American Association of General Passenger and Ticket Agents, which is holding its annual convention in this city. The association is 56 years old, and covers the whole of North America and Mexico. Four hundred delegates are here, a special of thirteen Pullmans coming in this morning from Chicago with the last contingent from the west. The convention was opened with an official reception by Hon. G. P. Graham, minister of railways and canals. Acting Premier Foy and Mayor Oliver. The delegates were given the freedom of the city and Province, and told they could do what they liked.

BIG PREPARATIONS AT CLINTON
FOR VISIT OF THE PREMIER

Town Being Beautifully Decorated in Honor of Sir Wilfrid's Visit
Wednesday—Many Excursions Will Be Run to Scene
and Great Gathering Is Expected.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Clinton, Sept. 22. — Elaborate preparations are being made here to welcome Sir Wilfrid Laurier tomorrow. The town is being decorated, all classes of citizens uniting to make the town look at its very best. Visitors from a considerable distance are already flocking into the city, and from present indications the largest crowd in the history of Clinton will be present to welcome Canada's greatest son.

The Hurons will be well represented. Excursions will be run from Goderich.

Kincardine and other places to Clinton, and immense throngs are expected.

Sir Wilfrid will arrive before noon and will be welcomed by the mayor and council. A drive about the town will occupy the morning, and in the afternoon the demonstration will be held.

All the prominent Liberals in this section will be present and will speak.

Hon. George P. Graham will accompany the Premier and will deliver an address.

Yard Engine Struck Grocery Wagon
Boy Driver Jumped, Saved Himself

Peculiar Accident at the Adelaide
Street Crossing of Grand
Trunk.

A somewhat serious accident occurred at Adelaide street crossing of the Grand Trunk near Horton street at 11:30 this morning, when a yard engine backed into a wagon belonging to Mr. G. B. Drake, a grocer, corner of Rectory street and the Hamilton road, smashing it to kindling and throwing the horse to the ground.

Joe Easton, the driver, was proceeding south on Adelaide street and was stopped by the shunting engine along with two other wagons which preceded him.

According to his story the brakeman motioned them to cross.

The first two wagons got over safely but when he was on the track the engine backed up, the coupling pin catching in his wheel.

The engine did not stop, but kept pushing the wagon on until it was smashed to kindling.

The boy jumped and was uninjured, but the horse was thrown and dragged several feet.

It is understood that Mr. Drake will enter an action against the Grand Trunk for damages.

draw, not making the same sort of play that he did at the Beck convention.

As regards to Major Beattie's candidature an interesting story has come to light. It is no secret that the Conservative party has been trying for some years to induce Mr. T. G. Meredith, K. C., to enter politics.

An effort was made this time also, and Mr. Meredith was approached.

In addition Mr. Borden was asked to lend a hand and promised Mr. Meredith a place in the cabinet should he himself ever be elected.

Mr. Meredith, it is known, looked the situation over, but could not see his chances of a portfolio were very bright at this juncture, and positively but firmly refused to stand.

Then Major Beattie was again allowed to lead the Conservatives.

As a matter of fact London streets make the Sahara desert look like a clover meadow in June time.

It's bad.

In the Country, Also.

"Dust in the country? Well, I should say so! I have never seen it so bad and I have been driving a stage now for—well, for longer than I care to say."

The above statement was made today by a well known stage driver, who added that the dust in many places was all of a foot deep.

In many places the stage wagon wheels have cut clean through the roadbed, and struck sand bottom, and the dust the roads will be in a deplorable condition.

The stage drivers report that the dusty condition of the roads interferes with their business in every way, and especially in reference to passenger traffic, people preferring to wait until the travelling can be done more comfortably before venturing to come to the city.

Dust in London Is Smothering
No Water to Sprinkle the Streets

People Beseeching City Engineer
to Do Something, But He
Is Powerless.

Dust, dust, dust!
The city is in the worst condition from dust that it has been for years. With the exception of a few streets down town, there is a coating of dust varying from four inches to a foot in depth.

There is absolutely no water for the streets, and this morning there were calls almost without number for City Engineer Graydon to do something to relieve the dust.

Storekeepers are most interested in the situation, as it is almost impossible for them to keep their store doors open, as their goods will be ruined.

Wellington street, Hamilton road, Rectory street, every street in the city that is not paved or macadamized is in awful condition, and causing great inconvenience.

usual fall work, especially plowing, which is greatly retarded owing to the dryness of the ground. Pasturing is also interfered with, in many localities the grass being burned brown and so covered with dust that it cannot be eaten. On the country roads the dust lies inches thick and a shower would be most welcome.

CHOLERA AT BERLIN?
Berlin, Sept. 22.—Four cholera suspects, two of them Russians recently arrived from Russia, were taken to the Virchow Hospital this afternoon.

A conference of the representatives of the departments of health of the interior, army and marine was held in Berlin today, to consider the cholera situation. Every preparation is being made to deal with the epidemic should it make its appearance here.

PROMINENT CANADIANS IN CITY
SIR WILFRID AND MR. BORDEN

Party Leaders Meet Prominent Men of London and Some of the
District—The Premier Will Spend Night in City and
Leaves for Clinton Tomorrow

London is honored today in having as its guest the Premier of the Dominion, Mr. R. L. Borden, the leader of the Opposition, Mr. Hazen, Premier of New Brunswick, Premier Roblin, of Manitoba, Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial secretary for Ontario, and other leading politicians.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived in the city last evening from Tilbury and remained with friends all day.

He took a drive about the city this morning, and also attended to much work with his private secretary.

This afternoon he met a number of leading Liberals, with whom he discussed the situation in Western Ontario.

He will spend the evening resting.

Mr. Borden Arrives.

Mr. Borden and party arrived at one o'clock from the east on the C. P. R.

He was met at the station by Hon. Adam Beck, Major Beattie, Mr. A. T. McMahon, Mr. J. C. Judd, and other leading Conservatives.

Mr. Borden is stopping at the Teumseh House while in London.

He appears to be in good health, although he is doing considerable travelling, and was warmly greeted by his admirers.

A conference was also held between Mr. Borden and his lieutenants and the political situation talked over.

The triumphal tour of Sir Wilfrid Laurier through this section of the country is proving a source of worry and the Conservative leader is anxious about the fate of the Kents, where he confidently expected to have two supporters, and where probably he will not get one.

It is likely that within a few weeks London will have another fine wholesale drygoods firm added to those already in the city.

Representatives of the firm of Gordon McKay & Co., of Toronto, one of the largest wholesale houses in the Dominion, have been in the city for several days trying to find a store or building suitable for a warehouse.

The firm of Gordon McKay & Co. are one of the oldest and best known in Canada, and their increasing trade with this portion of Ontario has caused them to consider the location of a branch in London.

Several firms on Clarence street have been approached with a view of securing their premises, and the representatives of the firm are understood, have returned to Toronto to report to the heads of the firm.

The move of the Toronto firm is viewed with considerable interest by wholesale firms in this city.

Major Beattie secured nomination
Conservative Candidate in London

Mr. William Gray is Once Again
Compelled to "Await His
Turn."

Major Beattie, M. P., was last night chosen the Conservative candidate for the House of Commons in a convention held at the Princess Rink. The candidacy was secured without a struggle, everything apparently being cut and dried before the convention was called to order.

Mr. Wm. Gray, who was expected to seek the honor, contented himself with making his customary speech regarding what he had done for the Conservative Club of London, and saying that he was only one of the boys, was a young man, and could afford to give way to Major Beattie, who "wanted the job."

In all there were twelve nominations as follows:
Messrs. Wm. Gray, E. T. Essery, K. C.; Thos. Beattie, M. P., T. G. Meredith, K. C.; John D. Wilson, M. P.; Adam McMahon, Fred. J. Durn, P. H. Bartlett, J. C. Judd, K. C.; Hon. Adam Beck and Henry Macklin.

All of the speakers urged unanimity in the selection of a candidate, and but one speaker, Mr. E. T. Essery, came out openly for Major Beattie.

Good Word for the Major.
"We have a good man in office," he said. "Are we going to swap horses in midstream?"

The Hon. Adam Beck spoke at length, and after eulogizing the Whitney Government, urged that all jealousy be dropped in the selection of a candidate for the coming election.

Mr. Beck characterized the Hon. C. S. Hymen as a man whose money was his lord, and a man who knew everything there was to know about conducting a hard political campaign.

Ex-Mayor Judd stated that if there was any jealousy among the candidates, and he was not certain that there was, it should be set aside. The speaker referred to the spoils system work he had done as "just retribution" upon those who had not done their duty towards the electors. "I never aspired to become a member of Parliament," continued the speaker, "but if I accepted the nomination tonight and was made candidate, I feel certain that I would be elected. I will do all in my power to secure the election of the fortunate candidate."

The Major Speaks.
Major Beattie severely criticised the Government's methods in Parliament, and eulogized the Conservative members of the House. The major did not mention personal differences.

Mr. P. H. Bartlett and the other speakers dwelt on the necessity of standing together in the coming election, and said that it was an unwritten law of the Conservative party that personal differences must be put aside.

Dr. John D. Wilson said that the Conservative party wanted for a candidate someone above a mere politician.

"The day of the grafter is done," said he. "Let us select a man we can follow conscientiously."

All the nominees save Major Beattie having withdrawn, the nomination was tendered him unanimously.

Hon. Mr. Fisher at Aylmer on 29th

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Aylmer, Sept. 22. — Hon. Sydney Fisher will speak here on Tuesday evening, Sept. 29. The gathering promises to be a very large one, and

many from different sections of the riding will be present.

Mr. W. W. Rutherford, the Liberal candidate, is making good progress in his canvass, and is meeting with great encouragement.

C. P. R. Special Officers Dissatisfied

The C. P. R. is having troubles of its own these days, between striking machinists and dissatisfied special officers.

According to the statement of one of the officers the C. P. R. agreed to pay the special officers \$3 per day, or night, as the case might be, for their services in guarding the strike-breakers while the latter were at work.

A few days ago the pay car came along, and the special officers were surprised to learn that they had been rated at \$2 a day instead of \$3.

One or two of the officers, it is said, were playing with the revolver.

SHOT BY PLAYMATE.

Middleport, N. Y., Sept. 22.—Roy Phillo, 18 years of age, was shot through the heart and instantly killed with a revolver in the hands of Emmett Hickey, a 12-year-old boy. The boys were playing with the revolver.