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Liberals Nominate Officers; Big Meeting at Hyman Hall

Contest for Every Office—Sympathy for Minister of Public Works, and Confidence Expressed in Him—Election Next Month.

Hyman Hall, the home of London Liberalism, was last night the scene of a largely-attended and enthusiastic meeting, when the younger element of the party in London met to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

Despite the rather unfavorable weather conditions, and the fact that there were numerous attractions to draw the young men away, the attendance was splendid, and everyone present was greatly pleased with the hearty manner in which the nomination of men to look after the interests of the club was proceeded with.

With the exception of the honorary officers, there will be contests for every position.

Mr. William Saunders was elected chairman, and he was handed the following nominations:

Honorary President—Hon. C. S. Hyman, minister of public works.

Honorary Vice-President—Ex-Mayor Fred G. Rumball.

President—Jared Vining, George S. Gibbons, Edgar Jeffery, Dr. Claude Brown, Harry Buttery.

Vice-President—William Saunders, Fred Lind, Frank Harley, Perry Bradwin, Arthur Beal.

Secretary—Treasurer—Dr. Claude Brown, Dr. George Fraser, Edgar Jeffery.

A committee of six, one from each of the old wards of the city, is to be elected.

The nominees for each ward are as follows:

Ward 1—Arthur Little, J. A. Tunc.

Ward 2—Perry Bradwin, S. A. Graves, Frank A. Jones, S. K. Stewart, Harry Mahan.

Ward 3—Charles Watson, Charles Allen, Charles O. Smith, Ald. W. J. Stevenson, Alex. Purdon, Jun., Henry Jones.

Ward 4—Dr. J. B. Campbell, Arthur Beal, Fred Lind, Thomas Lovesley, William Saunders.

Ward 5—Arthur Sippl, George Bennett, Bruce Wanless, Dr. Henry T. Reardon.

LONDON SOLDIER WAS ATTACKED

Sergeant Charges Two Hamiltonians With Striking Him and Taking Rifle.

Hamilton, Dec. 14.—The trial of the cases arising out of the recent street railway strike riots was begun at the sessions of the peace this morning. There are about 20 of these cases on the list, and it will take several days to dispose of them. John Semmes, a Greek, and J. B. Kerr, who plays the piano in Semmes's store, were the first of the prisoners to be arraigned. They were charged with assaulting Sgt. Youngman, of the London Company, of the Royal Canadian Regiment.

The sergeant was in charge of a squad of soldiers, who were ordered to clear the doorways on King street east. When they reached Semmes's store they were attacked by the two defendants, and Sergeant Youngman was struck over the arm with a heavy club. In the mixup he lost his rifle, but recovered it later. He claimed that Semmes was the man who struck him and that Kerr was the one who took his rifle. His story was corroborated by members of his squad.

The defense did not deny the assault, but called witnesses to show that the soldiers aggravated the crowd and provoked the assault. The case was not finished when the court adjourned at noon. Crown Attorney Washington is doing the prosecuting, and John G. Farmer and George S. Kerr are appearing for the prisoners. It took some time to get a jury suitable to both sides. There were about a dozen challenges and nearly twenty others were ordered to stand aside at the request of the crown.

LIVED HERE HALF A CENTURY.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Brown, relict of the late George Brown, was held this afternoon from her residence, 161 Queen's avenue, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Rev. D. S. Hamilton, pastor of the First Congregational Church, of which Mrs. Brown was one of the earliest members, conducted the services, three nephews and three grandsons of the deceased acting as pallbearers. Mrs. Brown was 69 years of age, and came to Canada from England when quite young. She had lived in London for the past 50 years, and was well known and highly respected. She is survived by three sons and three daughters—Harry J. and A. E. of this city; Fred W. of New York; Mrs. Frank Callender, of Pittsburgh; and Mrs. Henry Keene and Mrs. L. Trebilcock, of this city.

GENERAL NOGI DYING

Famous Japanese Officer Has a Fatal Fall From Horse.

Tokio, Dec. 14.—General Nogi, the Japanese commander who captured Port Arthur, was thrown from his horse today while returning home from the palace. He fell on his head, and became unconscious. He is believed to be dying.

THE TRADES DISPUTES BILL

Lords Passes the Measure and Sends It Back to the Commons.

London, Dec. 14.—The House of Lords today passed the third reading of the merchant, shipping and trades disputes bill, and sent the bill back to the House of Commons for the consideration of the Upper House amendments.

ATE A POROUS PLASTER

Prescribed for Patient Who Thought It Was To Be Taken Internally.

Irvington, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Antonio Cassimano, an Italian, is dangerously ill from eating part of a porous plaster. About a week ago Cassimano had a pain in his chest, and a physician prescribed a powder and a porous plaster. Cassimano secured the plaster, and tearing off a strip, sprinkled it with the powder, and swallowed the dose. His condition is serious.

BISPHAM'S OPERA A SUCCESS

"Vicar of Wakefield" Presented at the Prince of Wales' Theater.

London, Dec. 14.—One of the most signal successes of recent years in London was the production on Wednesday night of a new light romantic opera, "The Vicar of Wakefield," at the Prince of Wales' Theater, by David Bispham, and a strong local cast. The opera was written by Laurence Housman and Liza Lehmann, and rarely has new music been received with such unqualified enthusiasm.

It includes several songs which promise to become popular. The piece as a whole was a splendid production, brilliantly presented. Bispham received a great ovation.

MCGILL AND WALL STREET

Application for Commission to Examine Brokers Is Granted.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Judge Winchester this morning granted permission for a commission to go to New York to take the evidence of certain brokers as to the transactions of Charles McGill, former manager of the Ontario Bank, had with them. The application was granted as a third charge of theft of money had been laid against McGill.

BYRCE NON-COMMITTAL

Will Not Deny or Affirm Rumor as to Washington Ambassadorship.

London, Dec. 14.—Parliamentary circles here show much interest in the prospect of James Bryce's appointment to the ambassadorship at Washington, and some of the Irish members asked the chief secretary for Ireland if it might congratulate him. Mr. Bryce did not deny the report, but merely replied: "You must not believe everything you hear."

Should Mr. Bryce go to Washington, it is by no means certain that Winston Spencer Churchill, now under secretary for the colonies, will take his place in the cabinet, as has been suggested. Thomas Shaw, the lord advocate for Scotland, and a man of great ability, is said to be anxious to obtain the Irish chief secretaryship. The fact that filling the vacancy will involve a by-election, favors the appointment of Mr. Shaw, whose seat is safe, whereas Churchill's seat at Manchester is regarded as being far from secure.

GREAT VETERINARY SCHOOL

Packers to Finance College in Connection With University of Illinois.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The Inter-Ocean today says: The most complete veterinary college in the world will be founded here under the auspices of the University of Illinois, and financed by packing interests. Its purpose will be to provide competent inspectors for union stock yards, and other great abattoirs of this country and Europe. The packers yesterday offered President P. Edmund James of the University of Illinois \$250,000 for the first buildings of the college, a complete equipment, to be chosen by the faculty of the institution, and a 99-year lease of land, which will be of sufficient area to provide for the growth of the new school for at least 100 years.

STAND BY MENELIK

Britain, France and Italy Pledged to Maintain the Open Door.

London, Dec. 14.—Great Britain, France and Italy have signed an arrangement, with the approval of Menelik, King of Abyssinia, for the maintenance of the integrity of Abyssinia, and prescribing the common action of three powers in all future contingencies concerning that country. The object of this agreement is the maintenance of the status quo, and the principle of the open door.



THE JAPANESE GENERAL NOGI, Famous Officer Who Besieged and Captured Port Arthur from the Russians Reported To Be Dying.

LORDS AGAINST PASSIVE-RESISTERS UPHOLD LAW THAT IMPRISONED

The Famous West Riding School Case Goes Against Non-Conformists.

London, Dec. 14.—The House of Lords have reversed the decision of the appeal court in the West Riding case in regard to the payment for religious instruction, and holds that the county councils are bound to pay for the whole curriculum, religious as well as secular. The law lords thus uphold the original interpretation of the act of 1902, under which the "Passive Resisters," headed by Dr. Clifford, were fined and imprisoned.

The education act of 1902 was intended to compel local authorities to

pay for religious instruction in the voluntary schools, and led to the "Passive Resisters" movement, under which numbers of non-conformists refused to pay the rate levied to cover this expenditure. The education bill was introduced to remedy this condition. In the meantime the county council of the West Riding of Yorkshire refused to pay teachers for the time devoted by them to religious instruction. The board of education then sought the assistance of the courts, the court of appeals deciding in favor of the Yorkshire council.

If this decision has been upheld by the House of Lords, to which the case was carried, it would practically have accomplished by a legal stroke what the bill of the president of the board of education aims at, and furthermore, it might possibly have enabled a large number of "passive resisters" to bring action for false imprisonment.

\$12.85 PER HUG

That's What It Costs in Sandwich, if You Take It Without Permission.

Sandwich, Dec. 14.—It cost Henry Martin \$12.85 in the police court for hugging Miss Menin against the girl's will. The plaintiff said that when she stepped from the car she was accosted by Martin, who gave her a regular bear-hug. She remonstrated and Martin thereupon repeated the act. Martin attempted to prove he was home, feeding the baby, about the time the plaintiff was hugged, but he was not believed by the court.

AFTER THE GREAT NORTHERN

St. Paul, Dec. 13.—Attorney-General Young, of Minnesota, today made a ruling that under the state law the proposed increase of \$60,000,000 in the capital stock of the Great Northern Railway, recently announced from New York, is invalid, and that as soon as the issue is actually begun, the state will take action in the matter.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MILDER.

Comparatively mild weather has prevailed today from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, while over the Prairie Provinces it has been quite cold. Light snowfalls have occurred in Southern Saskatchewan and in Manitoba, and local showers in the lower lake region of Ontario.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 28-38; Atlin, 8-6; Port Simpson, 32-39; Victoria, 36-46; Vancouver, 34-46; Calgary, 2-6; Edmonton, 6-22; Qu'Appelle, 2-6; Winnipeg, 4-12; Prince Arthur, 8-18; Parry Sound, 18-34; Toronto, 32-42; Ottawa, 8-26; Quebec, 6-20; St. John, 10-28; Halifax, 12-30.

FORECASTS.

Friday, Dec. 14-8 a.m.

Today—Easterly winds; cloudy, with snow or sleet.

Saturday—Easterly and southerly winds, and milder.

Detroit, Dec. 13.—Lower Michigan: Friday snow and colder. Saturday—Fair, except snow flurries near the lakes; fresh north-east to north winds.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	4 p.m.	Weather.
Calgary	10	12	Clear
Winnipeg	10	10	nSnow
Port Arthur	2	2	Clear
Parry Sound	16	10	Cloudy
Toronto	8	6	Cloudy
Ottawa	22	20	Cloudy
Montreal	0	0	Cloudy
Quebec	2	2	Cloudy
Father Point	4	4	Clear

WEATHER NOTES.
The weather is decidedly cold this morning from Eastern Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and also in the Western Provinces, while in Southwestern Ontario it is comparatively mild. A snowstorm prevails in Manitoba.

RATES, CROSSINGS AND SCALPERS

Railway Matters Under Discussion in the Commons.

GOVT. BACKS LANCASTER BILL

Once Rejected by the Senate, Is Again Sent to the Upper House—Maclean on Scalping.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Railway matters occupied the attention of the House this afternoon. Mr. Lancaster's bill to restrict the speed of trains at ungarded level crossings in thickly populated portions of cities, towns and incorporated villages to ten miles an hour was advanced a couple of stages and stands for third reading. The bill was accepted by the Minister of Railways and embodied in a Government bill last session, but the Senate rejected it. Mr. Emmerson supported it as the best solution of a difficult problem, and it will be forwarded to the Upper Chamber at an early stage of the session in order that the senators may have ample time to consider its provisions. The bill to legalize "scalping" of railway tickets, introduced by Mr. W. F. Maclean, was given a second reading and referred to the committee on railways.

Mr. Aylesworth moved the first reading of the bill respecting the revised statutes, sent down from the Senate. The bill to incorporate the Masonic Protective Association of Canada was introduced.

Questions Answered

Replying to Mr. Northrup, Mr. Emmerson said that \$21,888 had been paid to the Belleville and North Hastings Railway Company as a bonus on the 5th of January, 1898, and the contract entered into with the company by the Government contained a clause for the operation of the road, but no specific clause for the return of subsidies if not operated.

Mr. Templeman stated, in reply to Mr. Lancaster, that Dr. J. W. Spencer had repeatedly been requested to furnish the manuscript of his report under the terms of the agreement with the Geological Survey, but had failed to furnish it. The international boundary line at Niagara Falls was located under the sixth article of the treaty of Ghent by commissioners who illustrated their report by maps showing the boundary line. Whether the boundary line shown by Dr. Spencer on his resignation map was that Government's final determination on the question was unknown.

The Two-Cent Rate.

Mr. W. F. Maclean moved the second reading of his bill to amend the law respecting the sale of railway passenger tickets, passed in 1886. He explained that the act he proposed to repeal was designed to prevent the sale of railway tickets by persons who are not authorized by the railway companies. In other words, it prevented "scalping." Tickets for bread, milk, and other commodities might be sold by anyone holding them, and he did not see why railway companies should be given a protection which was not extended to any other class of the community. Mr. Maclean contended that the holder of an unused railway ticket, or portion of a ticket, should be allowed to dispose of it instead of being compelled to sell it back to the company from which it had been purchased, accepting, Mr. Maclean asserted, less than it was worth, and even in that event being required to wait a considerable period before obtaining the refund. It was not, he argued, a crime in any other country than in Canada for a passenger, who, having bought a ticket for a certain point, changed his mind and only traveled a portion of the distance, to sell it to someone else, or to use it. A railway ticket should, like a bank note, be worth its face value to anyone who held it. People wanted cheap transportation, but they wanted also that when they paid to be carried a certain distance there should be no limitation as to the use of that ticket by the person purchasing it.

The Minister of Railways said the object of the bill had only been lightly touched on by the mover of the motion. The question of refund was one thing, and the question of resale was another. In the United States there was nothing similar to the Canadian return ticket. A railroad company in Canada would agree to convey a passenger over a certain route at a certain rate, the rate being graded according to the distance. The railways offered to discriminate in price if a passenger engaged to return by the same line, and the bill was intended to prevent this.

THE PHONE SITUATION

No. 1 committee of the city council meets this afternoon, and the city expects an answer from the Bell Telephone Company in regard to the demand for a reduction of rates.

District Manager Richmond stated to the Advertiser this afternoon that up to 2 o'clock he had received no word from General Manager McFarlane, of Montreal, and unless the answer comes in later he will be unable to give the city the information it is looking for today.

Mr. Richmond added that if the meeting was postponed until tonight the chances were that he would have something definite to say to the city fathers.

The company is still standing pat on its refusal to reduce the cost of residence "phones," which is now \$20 per annum.

"The rate charged in London for residence 'phones' is very low," Mr. Richmond said, "and there will be no reduction in it. We could not operate the lines at less money."

A Toronto gentleman, speaking with one of the aldermen today, stated that he pays \$30 a year for his residence "phone."

"You people in London have a very fair rate," he said.

This didn't please the London alderman, however, who replied that if there is going to be any reduction in rates it must be to the residence "phones" as well as the business "phone" subscribers.

FRANCE HALTS AT STRONG MEASURES

Law Not Yet Enforced in Regard to Catholic Clergy.

STATEMENT BY MERRY DEL VAL

Papal Secretary of State Declares That M. Clemenceau and Colleagues Were Determined on War.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The first day of the regime of the separation of church and state having passed without grave disorders public interest in the details of the continuation of the struggle already is flagging. It is now apparent that the resistance of the clergy will be purely passive and that there is no prospect of religious passions being aroused unless the churches are closed. The Government, therefore, is resting on its oars, and will continue to do so until Parliament authorizes the drastic measures which the cabinet is preparing.

In the meantime, in this city, except in the churches, where legal applications were filed, the police again took notes of infractions of the law at the morning masses.

Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, is awaiting expulsion from the episcopal mansion. The Government, however, desires to avoid even the appearance of force in the case of the aged primate, who is in bad health, and is postponing action in the hope that he will depart soon of his own volition.

The Action, a violent Socialist organ, today made an attack on the Government, and created an absurd scare by calling attention to the fact that the Catholic gymnastic societies had numbers of rifles. There is not the slightest evidence, however, that armed resistance is contemplated.

CHURCH WILL TRIUMPH.

Merry Del Val, in Statement Says That France Wanted War.

Rome, Dec. 13.—Cardinal Merry del Val said yesterday that the accord among the bishops and clergy of France in carrying out the plans of the Vatican was a guarantee of the inevitable triumph of the church. He declared that the Pope had the support of the whole Christian world.

The cardinal has authorized correspondents to make public the following statement on his behalf:

"The Pope did not send a letter of instruction to the archbishop of Paris, as has been reported, but answered several questions that had been submitted, dealing mainly with the Continued on page eight.

NEW SCHOOL ROOM, ENLARGED CHURCH

Trustees of the Askin Street Methodist Approve of the Scheme.

At a largely-attended meeting of all the organizations of Askin Street Methodist Church, held last night, it was unanimously decided to suggest to the board of trustees that a new school-room be built, and that the church be enlarged and improved to meet the growing needs of the ever-increasing, prosperous, and harmonious congregation.

The suggestion was laid before the trustees, who endorsed the suggestion and appointed a committee to draft a plan for the carrying out of the scheme, the raising of funds, etc.

This committee will report shortly, and then the taking of subscriptions to defray the cost of the work will be commenced.

The congregation is enthusiastic over the project.

WAS HE THROWN IN?

Mysterious Death by Drowning of a Lewiston Policeman.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 13.—This evening shortly before 6 o'clock, Chas. Wadsworth, of Queenston, was pulled out of the river in front of the dock at Lewiston. His rescuers saw him struggling in the water holding fast to a valise, and this was landed with him. Wadsworth was laid out on the dock, and those about believed him to be dead. They sent for Coroner Walker. Dr. Eames viewed the body about 7 o'clock, and he found even at that hour rigor mortis had not set in. This convinced him that Wadsworth was not dead when pulled out of the river, but that his life might have been saved by prompt medical attendance.

Coroner Walker laid the valise aside to drain, and while his back was turned somebody stole it.

As Wadsworth was seen about the Hotel Cornell at 5 o'clock, and his watch had stopped at 5:35 o'clock, there is a suspicion that somebody, who was trying to secure the valise, threw him into the river. Wadsworth was 66 years old, and a member of the Victoria Park police force at Queenston.