

PRITCHETT'S STATEMENTS SHATTERED
BY ORGANIZERS SMITH AND VANCE

His Story Flatly Contradicted in All Important Details.

Witnesses Say Wiley Was Sick When Collins Declares Money Paid.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Nov. 29.—When the London election trial opened this morning Mr. James Vance was recalled.

Q.—Yesterday you gave Mr. Johnston a list of elections held while you were assistant organizer? A.—Yes.

Q.—How many of these elections were protested? A.—North Waterloo, East Elgin, North Grey, North Norfolk, North Perth, Centre Bruce, Sault Ste. Marie, North Renfrew, Muskoka.

Q.—Were they voided? A.—North Perth was, and I think, North Grey. Mr. Johnston objected to this evidence.

Q.—This is not evidence in this case, as it does not implicate defendants, declared Mr. Johnston.

Q.—It is not evidence, agreed Judge Winchester.

Q.—Mr. Johnston has placed that in for some purpose, and I have a right to cross-examine on this point, answered Mr. Staunton. "He was allowed to continue his examination."

Q.—What were the three Norths? A.—North Grey, North Perth and North Norfolk.

Q.—Did you know they were all voided because of bribery and corruption? A.—I knew two were.

Q.—Did you see any of the defendants in these constituencies? A.—I did not.

Q.—How much money did you get in North Waterloo? A.—Between \$300 and \$350.

Q.—What did you get in North Perth? A.—Not a cent.

Q.—How did you spend money in North Waterloo? A.—I gave the most of it to a man named Schiele for clerical work.

Q.—You took no vouchers? A.—I did not.

Q.—Lewis came into Waterloo during registration? A.—The week before, I think.

Q.—What did you do with Farr's declaration? A.—Sent it to Alex. Smith.

Q.—What towns were you in in South Ontario? A.—Oshawa and Brockville.

Q.—What towns were you in in Brockville riding? A.—Just Brockville.

Q.—Who was in charge in South Ontario? A.—W. T. R. Preston and A. Smith.

Q.—Who was in charge of Brockville? A.—Alex. Smith and Dawson.

Mr. Staunton made a strong effort to get Vance to identify defendants in several by-elections, but every attempt failed. Vance never saw any London men in any by-election save in North Waterloo. He did not know of anything improper done by them.

Mr. Staunton at this point attempted to show Vance in a bad light. He brought out the information that Vance had been dropped by the law society because he was in debt.

Mr. Johnston to Witness.

Q.—The crown has seen fit to attack your personal character. Now, Mr. Vance, you have paid your liabilities and have been ready to pay over what remains? said Mr. Johnston. A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—You made no defense before the law society? A.—I did not appear.

Q.—Were these people, Mulloy, Wiley and others in North Waterloo at your request? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Were you aware of anything improper? A.—No.

Q.—Is there any truth in the suggestion that you were trying to keep Farr out of the way? A.—Not a word.

Q.—You made no attempt to get away? A.—I did not; I was in the city all the time.

Q.—You wanted to appear before the privileges and elections committee regarding the West Huron affair? A.—I asked Hon. Jas. Sutherland to allow me to appear before the commission, but it was refused.

Q.—In the list of protested elections furnished, Conservatives and Liberals alike were unseated? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Some were unseated, some protests were abandoned, and some were seen off? A.—That's right.

Q.—Do you know why Wiley was in North Waterloo? A.—He was not attending to election business so far as I know.

Alex. Smith's Evidence.

Alex. Smith, Toronto, was the next witness. He lived in Toronto during 1898-1899, and other years included in Pritchett's testimony. He was secretary of the Ontario Liberal Association at the time.

Q.—What were your duties? A.—To take general oversight in elections, look over lists, obtain speakers and such like.

Q.—You used to send in outsiders in constituency for corrupt practices? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you send persons into any constituency for corrupt practices? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Did you know of any switching, shipping and spoiling ballots? A.—Not a word; we spent no money for that purpose.

In March, 1899, Smith was taken ill with pneumonia, and went to British Columbia.

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American Match Factory Seeks Site
Matter Laid Before Board of Trade

Would Compete With Present Big Concern of U. S. and Canada.

At the meeting of the board of trade last night a letter was read from Secretary McElheran stating that the board of education has under consideration the question of the establishment of a technical school for the city of London, and purpose asking the board of trade to request the committee for aid in the matter. The board of trade has decided to request the committee for aid to render any assistance in its power.

The communication was filed for reference.

A Match Factory.

Messrs. Armstrong & Mauton, of Springfield, Ohio, wrote as follows: "The writer having built a modern plant of machinery for the manufacturing of all classes of matches known to the Canadian and American trade, is now seeking a location at some point in Ontario, and wishes to know of you what the prospects are for reference."

A letter was read from the Vancouver board of trade asking the co-operation of the London board to secure a system of improved press information of an inter-imperial nature, being established for Canada independent of the Associated Press matter received through the United States, which is unsatisfactory. Filed for reference.

Mr. C. A. Ross Is New Manager
Of the Dominion Bank in London

Was Appointed to Succeed Mr. M. E. Holden, Transferred to Toronto.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Nov. 29.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Dominion Bank was held at the head office this morning to further a partial reorganization of the bank's staff. The following changes have been approved:

C. A. Ross, assistant general manager at Toronto, has been made manager of the branch of the Dominion Bank at London, to succeed N. E. Holden, who has been transferred to the head office here.

J. M. Jellett, assistant general manager at Montreal, will succeed Mr. Ross here as assistant to Mr. Bogart.

W. T. Gwynn, of the inspection department of the head office here, will succeed Mr. Jellett at Montreal.

N. L. Lauchland, of the Montreal staff, has been made manager of the new branch at the corner of Bleury and St. Catharines streets, Montreal.

A new branch will be opened within a few days at Vancouver, and Mr. E. W. Hamber, of Calgary, will be given charge of it.

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Christian Workers' Anniversary.

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THE WEATHER.

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Toronto 28 26 Cloudy

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LEARNS TO PLAY
AT SEVENTY-FIVE

Remarkable Accomplishment of a London Lady.

FOUND THE TASK AN EASY ONE

Says It's All in Trying—Beautiful to Learn Something Every Day.

The feat accomplished by the aged pedestrian, Weston, who walked from Portland, Me., to Chicago, and beat his record of 40 years ago, has caused the record of 40 years ago to perk up, and think better of themselves.

Weston is 69 years of age—just one year short of the so-called allotted span of life.

So far as physical achievement is concerned, Weston has shown that the "Oster theory," as it is popularly understood, does not count for anything.

It is commonly attributed to Dr. Oster, the eminent Canadian, that he said that a man might as well be chloroformed when he was 60, as he was no good for any work or business after that.

Dr. Oster has repeatedly explained that what he really did say was that so far as initiating new ideas was concerned, a man might as well be chloroformed after he was 60 years of age.

A London Case.

In London there is a case of an aged lady, which, in its way, is quite as remarkable as that of Weston, the pedestrian, but the lady's achievement has been intellectual rather than physical.

She is the widow of a formerly well-known and much-respected Government employe of London, and has a son a prominent banker in the west. She is about 75 years of age, and is left practically alone.

Time hung heavily on her hands, and she tired of the needle and other pastimes.

Reading was practically denied her, because the small type affected her eyes, and caused her much pain.

When she was a girl things were different to what they are now, and she had not the advantage of musical cultivation.

Took Up Study of Music.

All her life she had been passionately fond of music, but she had always been too busy to take music lessons. And then, like most other people, she did not like the idea of starting in on such an accomplishment at her time of life. Musical cultivation and youth almost invariably go together.

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BANK MANAGER
MATHEWSON DEAD

Montreal, Que., Nov. 29.—F. H. Mathewson, manager of the Bank of Commerce, who was reported yesterday as dangerously ill with heart trouble as the result of a runaway accident, died at 12:10 a.m. today.

DISASTROUS FIRE
AT CODY, WYOMING

The Entire Business Section of the Town Has Been Wiped Out.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 29.—A telegram from Cody, Wyo., says that practically the entire business portion of the town was destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss is roughly estimated at \$100,000.

A KING'S COUSIN
WAS KIDNAPPED

Relative of Italy's Monarch Is Carried Off and Tortured By Bandits.

Naples, Nov. 29.—A dramatic and sensational kidnapping has occurred here the victim being Marquis Giuseppe Citi, a member of the most ancient aristocracy, and a cousin and aide of the King. The marquis was seized and carried off to a grotto, where he was tortured, and a letter to the marchioness, demanding \$500, extorted from him. He was found half frozen and badly injured, and his condition is now considered desperate. One of his assailants was disguised as a policeman.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
LAID ON TABLE

Surplus of \$2,191,182 Is Shown—Amounts Paid Subsidies and Bounties.

Ottawa, Nov. 29.—The public accounts for the fiscal period of nine months ended March 31 of the present year were laid on the table of the House by Hon. W. S. Fielding, finance minister, this afternoon. In his report, Deputy Minister T. C. Boville states that the receipts on account of consolidated fund for the period amounted to \$77,969,328, and the expenditure on the same account for the same period to \$51,542,161.

The expenditure chargeable to capital was as follows:

Railways.

Intercolonial Railway \$1,473,997

Prince Edward Island Ry. 91,210

National Transcontinental Railway 5,537,887

Cans.

Lachine 18,840

Sault Ste. Marie 35,504

Trent 153,045

Welland 480,305

Cornwall 5,218

Galops 51,522

Rapidat Plate 754

Soulanges 13,508

Total \$8,029,497

Public Works.

Government Buildings, Ottawa 431,309

Astronomical Observatory 1,755

Branch of the Royal Mint 65,149

Dominion Archives Building 38,001

Victoria Memorial Museum 44,835

Montreal Harbor 18,229

Port Arthur and Port William Harbors 215,338

Port Colborne Harbor 22,653

Quebec Harbor 144,017

Georgian Bay to Montreal waterway survey 99,508

River St. Lawrence ship channel 619,860

St. Andrew's Rapids 97,213

Total \$1,797,871

Dominion lands 526,533

Militia 975,282

Grand total \$11,329,143

Railway subsidies to the amount of \$1,324,889 30 were paid, and the sum of \$1,531,944 36 was paid on account of bounties.

Following is the summary of revenue and expenditure:

Revenue \$87,969,220

Expenditure on consolidated fund 51,542,161

Expenditure on capital account 11,329,143

Railway subsidies 1,324,889

Paid on bounties 1,531,944

Total expenditure \$85,778,138

Surplus of revenue over expenditure \$2,191,182

FREIGHT BUSINESS BOOMS

"We were never busier than at present," said Mr. Gordon, of the Grand Trunk freight office, this morning, "and the shipments both coming in and going out of London will show a big increase this year."

"Our business for the year will easily pass the million-dollar mark, but at present it is impossible to give accurate figures. All the wholesalers seem to have large numbers of orders on hand and trade is undoubtedly good."

TWO CASES OF SMALLPOX
CONTRACTED IT AT GODERICH

South London Lady and Her Daughter Suffering From the Disease—All Possible Precautions Have Been Taken To Prevent Its Spread.

There are two cases of smallpox in the hospital down the river. Both patients were taken there yesterday afternoon by Medical Health Officer Hutchinson. They are Mrs. Wood and her daughter, of 149 Tecumseh avenue, South London.

It is said that the disease was contracted in Goderich. About a week ago Mrs. Wood visited a relative in that place and while there the outbreak of smallpox occurred.

Forty Cases in Goderich.

In all there were about forty cases, and almost every family in the town was exposed to contagion.

Mrs. Wood mixed freely with different people at several social functions, but at none of the places referred to was there any trace of smallpox.

She arrived home five days ago, and immediately afterward was taken ill.

A physician was called in, but he could find no trace of any serious disease.

Wrongly Diagnosed.

It is said that it was diagnosed merely as a case of chickenpox, and no fear was felt by the family.

Later the physician learned that it was more serious than was at first thought, and the medical health officer was called in for consultation.

Then the two physicians made up their minds that the case was one of smallpox.

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All Recruits in Ontario Coming To Wolseley Barracks for Training

Important Military Announcement—Everything Found in Shipshape.

All the recruits who enlist at points in Ontario are to be sent to London for training.

This is the new order of the militia department.

General Otter was in London yesterday and today, and made a thorough inspection of Wolseley Barracks, with a view to ascertaining the accommodation for recruits here.

Everything was found to be very satisfactory, and the general complimented Col. McDougall, the commandant.

There are now 152 men here, but this number will shortly be increased to over 200.

The prospects are that London will be the most important military post it has been since the olden days, when the regulars were quartered here.

Hon. Adam Beck Stands By Peak Load Addressed Board of Trade on Power

A Well-Attended Meeting Was Held in the Rooms Last Evening.

The address of the Hon. Adam Beck before the members of the board of trade last night dealt mostly with the position in which Ontario would be placed if it was decided to adopt Niagara power. The meeting was well attended and Mr. Beck was given a most attentive hearing.

Mr. Beck outlined the position in which the province stood in regard to being entirely dependent at present upon American coal, and discussed at some length the efforts made to give Niagara power to the people and the effect it would have upon them.

Referring to local conditions, Mr. Beck said that \$235,000 would start the undertaking in this city. As the city grew, and extensions became necessary to increase the transmission of power, the cost would also have to be increased.

Referring to the statement that the whole province would have to foot the bill, and that the manufacturers in a certain part only would benefit, Mr. Beck thought that whatever the Government could do to benefit any of the people was justifiable.

Electricity will mean everything to our transportation in the future. In California power is being transmitted 400 miles, and sold to the farmers at a profitable rate, and there was no reason why Niagara power should not be distributed to everyone also.

Let Farmers Have It.

In the near future he hoped all the Continued on Page Ten.

Rumor Says Supt. Murphy to Leave Important C. P. R. Changes Mooted

Mr. Murphy Has Been a Very Popular Official in This City.

It was rumored today that Superintendent Murphy, of the C. P. R., has been transferred from London to North Bay, and will commence his duties there almost immediately.

Who his successor in London will be has not as yet been learned. Mr. Murphy is in Port Burwell today.

He has been in London for some years, and has proven himself a capable railway man, and a citizen whom his many acquaintances are sorry to hear of leaving London.

It is also rumored that Supt. Timmerman, of Montreal, will resign, and will be succeeded by Supt. Osborne, of Toronto.

The latter's position in Toronto will be taken, it is said, by Supt. Brady, of North Bay, whom Mr. Murphy will succeed.

SUING FOR BOND ON EMBEZZLER

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Nov. 29.—In the non-jury session the Crown Bank is suing the London Guarantee and Accident Company for \$15,000, of which \$5,000 is a bond on E. St. George Banwell, now doing a term in Kingston for embezzlement,