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E. I. SIFTON SURRENDERS AT TORONTO; PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY CHARGE

Makes a Statement Re London Election.

The Case to Come Up With Others on Jan. 9-Magis= trate Accepts Bail.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto. Dec. 19. - E. I. Sifton, who was wanted in connection with the alleged bribing of voters in the London election at the recent investigation held here, surrendered himself to the crown in the police court this morning. He appeared with his lawyer, J. W. G. Winnett.

"In the case against O'Gorman and others, charged with bribery in elec- Educational Society. Mr. Winnett, a lawyer, of London, called on me this morning and said that Sifton was willing to surrender," said Mr. DuVernet to the magistrate. "Yes, he is here and surrenders him-

self," said Mr. Winnett. The magistrate then dealt out the charge that was sworn out before him on Sept. 28 last, charging O'Gorman to remain in the ministry. Some time see him go. and others, including Sifton, with conspiracy, to provide money to bribe voters during the years 1904 and 1905.

T plead guilty," said Sifton. "Well, then, we will let the case go over with the others," said his wor-

most important one," said Mr. Winnett. "I handed my learned friend a statement this morning."

"I got the statement, but it has not been made under oath," declared Mr

Winnett.

have been some inducement to have places, up to their necks.

got it, but Sifton's lawyer declared formerly was a fertile plain is a vast and any amount of old clothing on it, been defeated. A number of towns, in-"The course that is being taken is

one that has not been taken before," again objected Mr. Curry.

ander oath," insisted Mr. DuVernet. been in Buffalo and New York and only

"Did anyone suggest this statement to you?" asked his worship. "No. I saw no one but my lawyer,"

replied Sifton.

"Well, I will take you own bail in \$200 to appear at the assizes on Jan. 7."

"I ask that your worship order that asked Mr. Curry. And so the magistrate ordered that Police Court Clerk will in all probability be the 23rd. Webb should not show the statement

BIG BOSTON BLAZE

Studio Building Gutted at an Estimated Architects Say There Was Plenty Loss of \$150,000.

Boston, Dec. 19 .- A fire of threatening proportions today caused heavy damage in the block bound by Tremont,

jumped across a narrow alley to the part of the Province. street. The flames did damage to both are in course of erection in the city. the Bank of Commerce in Woodstock;

The firemen had to work in a nar- Trafalgar streets. It will cost about Liberal Club and two warehouses for light snowfalls. fire escapes, and with their own bodies 200,000 feet of lumber. pants of the Studio building were Murray is the architect on this job. burned out.

MRS. SAGE LOANS

age loaned \$1,500,000 yesterday to the ing. Land Purchase Company on a piece The National Drug Company built a another story to the building.

of property on the south side of Wall large warehouse on York street, which Architects say that next year promeet just west of William street. The is a credit to the city. Manhattan real estate recently. build at an early date.

Appears in Police Court and London Pastor Is Chosen for an Important Position

Associate Secretary of Methodist Educational Society.

Educational Society of the Methodist his term expired.

held in Toronto, and attended by mem-

It was understood some time ago that

lar, as Mr. Graham has always taken period in its history. His pulpit work against the plaintiffs. a keen interest in the educational work has resulted in an addition of fully one and is very enthusiastic-the very type hundred and twenty-five to the memof man required for the place.

position.

Rev. J. W. Graham Appointed ago, when notified that he had practically been chosen for the post of associate secretary, he wrote the church authorities at Toronto, stating that while he recognized the honor conferred, he preferred to continue his pastoral work. He also said that his rela-Rev. J. W. Graham, pastor of the tions with the First Church trustee board and congregation were most cor-First Methodist Church, was yesterday dial, and he did not appreciate the appointed associate secretary of the thought of having them severed before

The First Church board not only passed a resolution, protesting against The appointment was made at a Mr. Graham's removal, but it sent a meeting of the educational committee, deputation composed of half a dozen of the leading members to urge the committee to make another choice. The bers from every province in the Do- protest, however, appears to have been

of no avail. "The loss of Mr. Graham will be bership. It is not generally known, Mr. Graham was in Toronto yester- either, that not long since he conducted home, it was impossible to ascertain scriptions to remove the entire debt of this afternoon if he will accept the over \$22,000 in the next three years." Mr. Graham is popular with both

15 MILLIONS ARE FACING FAMINE

"Yes, but the question of bail is a Ruined by Floods, Country Being Under Water.

Washington, Dec. 19 .- Official ad-"He can be sworn now," said Mr. vices received here regarding the fam- "McGinty," was arrested here this Their Policy of Municipal Phones Was ine in North Kaingsu, China, confirm morning, and is now benind the bars fendants," objected Mr. W. J. Curry, that section. The crops are reported main until court tomorrow morning.

"Well, the statement must be made above the sheet of water, and can only and would invariably ask a little help there also. A notable fact is that in prietor. inder oath," insisted Mr. DuVernet.

Sifton then went into the box and their crops, but also the reeds which the reeds which their crops, but also the reeds which the reeds w be reached by boats. The people are in on the side.

An urgent appeal is made for aid for

THE LEGISLATURE

Mr. Whitney Intimates Local House Will Meet on January 23.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 19. - Premier

M'GINTY LANDS

North Kaingsu, China - Crops Also He Falls Into the Hands of ever, are not affected, extending from the Police - A Peculiar Character.

was arrested today while trying to of instituting it is wrong. purchase some ammunition for a huge revolver which he was carrying.

McGinty tells the same old story wear: the same kind of clothes, and pulls about the same kind of a home- An Indian Picked Up on the Wabash made sleigh as he did when here several years ago. He has with him a large for a house.

to any one. Sifton was then allowed 1906 WAS A VERY BUSY YEAR FOR BUILDING TRADES HERE

Doing-New Business Houses and Residences.

Local architects report 1996 to have ern themselves accordingly.

roof of the Orpheum Theater, and to During the year there were many ad- This firm has also supervised the peg, 18 below-16; Parry Sound, zero-10; the top of the building occupied by ditions to business premises, and at construction of the Traders' Bank 6-20; Quebec, zero-8; Halifax, 16-32. Talbot & Co., clothing, Washington present several very large buildings branches in Ingersoll and Bridgeburg, buildings slightly, but the Talbot build- One of these is the new warehouse the Merchants' Bank in Ingersoll, and ing was flooded by the bursting of a for the McClary Manufacturing Com- the Bank of Commerce in London.

row alley, on ice-coated ladders, and \$55,000, and contains no less than 1,- John Fraser on King street. encased in ice. The loss is estimated Greene, Swift & Co. are also build- teets for the Methodist Church at at about \$150,000. Several artists, ing a very large factory on the corner Waterloo, the Methodist and Presbyarchitects, dentists and other occu- of Carling and Talbot streets. Mr. Wm. terian churches at Berlin, the Methodist

and paper box manufacturer, also Stratford and Woodstock. put an addition to his factory this year

nortgage on the property is at 4½ per and a wholesale grocery are seeking many local firms have outgrown their thermometer at the local observatory for ly \$7,000,000 that Mrs. Sage has loaned new premises, and will, if possible,

Smallman & Ingram are going ahead with the arrangements for a handsome new five-story red brick departmental store, which will be the equal of any store of its size in America. It is understood the tenants in the buildings affected have been notified to gov-

Bromfield, Washington and Winter been a very busy one in the building This was a great year for new and been cold. Rain has fallen in British line in London and district. It is not handsome residences in London. One Columbia; otherwise fine conditions have The fire broke out on the Eldridge & generally known, but it is a fact never- firm, McBride & Farncomb, alone drew prevailed throughout Canada. Peabody furniture store, 110 to 116 Tre- theless than London architects do the plans for beautiful homes for Messrs. mont street, the Studio building, and majority of the building supervising in M. O'Meara, Joseph Scandrett, J. M. Dawson, 10 below-2 below; Atlin, 6 belowswept up through six floors of the Western Ontario. The reputation of Hickey, C. H. Tune, John Townsend, 10; Port Simpson, 40-42; Victoria, 44-50; structure. The roof fell in and the fire London architects is very high in this C. A. Whitwam, E. J. Welch, R. Kil- Vancouver, 44 48; Calgary, 18-40; Edmon gour, and others.

pany on the corner of Adelaide and The firm also had constructed the

McBride & Farncomb were the archi- gan and Ohio: Wednesday and Thursday-Church at Markdale, and a church at Calgary .. C. A. Somerville, the chewing gum Poplar Hill, also for the armories at Winnipeg

The firm is now engaged on the al- Parry Sound ... New York, Dec. 19. - Mrs. Russell which in itself is a mammoth build- terations to the Tecumseh House. It Toronto is expected that the owners will add

ises to be a very busy one as far as now seeking sites and figures.

CANADIAN CLUB'S LUNCHEON GOSSIP ABOUT Prof. Shortt's of Kingston. To Be the Guest of Honor.

eon, to be given in the Masonic Temple banqueting room tomorrow, at which Adam Shortt, M. A., professor of eco- Council Likely To Be Someand political science in Queen's University, Kingston, will

less attract a large number of cit-less. It will take place at 12:16 sharp. SURPLUS IN SCHOOL ACCOUNT The pleasing feature of the luncheon in bringing business men and others to gether in a social way, is the prompt ness with which they are carried on. Lunch is served on the tick of the clock, and the address and all proceeding are brought to a close within an hour, making it possible for the busiest men to enjoy the events.

The Canadian Club's midday lunch-

Prof. Shortt's address will be on"The for the members of the club who can \$1,500. hearing this distinguished visitor.

MADAME GOULD WINS

Not Obliged to Pay Debts Contracted by Boni de Castellane.

Paris. Dec. 19.-Madame Gould, the former Countess Boni de Castellane, board had done in a creditable man-Mr. Graham would be the choice for severe blow to the First Church," said has been victorious in the suits brought the position, which was created to re- a trustee, when told of the educational by creditors and money lenders with lieve Rev. Dr. Potts, of some of the committee's decision. "Mr. Graham has the object of making Madame Gould labor and traveling connected with the been with us a year and a half, and jointy responsible with the count. Educational Society.

Connected with the been with us a year and a half, and jointy responsible with the count. Thirteen of the fifteen cases were dis-The selection will prove very popu- better progress than at any similar missed today by the court, with costs

THE HOLIDAY TRAVEL

Season Than a Year Ago.

It is known, however, that he desired young and old, and all will regret to Years falling on Tuesday, the holiday the revenue of the waterworks this patrons of the railways will have one year having taken a great jump upday less on the holiday rates than was wards. the case a year ago. Last Christmas and New Years fell

This season, however, the fares are good only from Monday un-

til Wednesday. The fare-and-a-third rates, how-Friday until after New Year's Day. The railways are preparing for a

heavy business. . MANITOBA GOVT. LOSES

Defeated in Municipal Elections.

fendants," objected Mr. W. J. Curry, that section. The crops are reported "and any statement made should not be accepted while they are absent."

Minning Dec. 19.—Municipal election appealing to President Rooss-with the formular to morrow morning.

McGinty will be well remembered by many here, although it is about six the foot the power of the power of the state of the power of t Winnipeg Dec. 19.—Municipal elec-"He can make a statement for himships the crops practically are a total city. He is a strange looking creature, the people taken in the spring.

The country everywhere is ships the crops practically are a total city. He is a strange looking creature, with long, curly hair, and a shaggy with long, curly hair, and a shagey with long, curly hair, and a self," declared his worship. "I can see no objection in that."

Mr. Curry then said that there might have been some inducement to have got it, but Sifton's lawyer declared formerly was a fertile plain is a vast of the signer o self." declared his worship. "I can see failure. The country everywhere is with long, curly hair, and a shaggy the predicted in the dovernment's tellake extending 20 miles at the narlake extending 20 miles at the narrowest point, and stretching for over
40 miles toward the southwest.

and any amount of old clothing on it,
been defeated. A number of towns, inlake extending 20 miles at the narlake extending 20 miles at t "Here and there," the prefect says, to live. He would tell all about how hard it was to find a vacant house, and it was to find a vacant house, quires 50 per cent majority, defeats it who was formerly a well-known hotel pro-

swore that the statement had been constitute the fuel, being destroyed by people's houses and simply demand up an active campaign against the man this year. what he wanted, until the police took Government in self-defense, but the Ald. Matthews still maintains his silent him in charge, and after serving a few Liberals took the ground that while a position in regard to the mayoralty, the stricken people, who number 15,- short terms in prison, he left town, and Government-owned telephone system no one heard of him again until he is desirable, the Government's method

BADLY BEATEN

Railroad Near Ekfrid.

St. Thomas, Dec. 19.-Isaac Montour, the statement be not made public until Whitney has intimated to his friends the statement be not made public until Whitney has intimated to his friends collie dog, which he leads about. He an Indian, was found lying alongside position of deputy minister of militia, deliberately, and was in the best of the statement be not made public until Whitney has intimated to his friends that the Contario Legislature will be Hamilton and that the Wabash Railway tracks at Ekfrid which was rendered vacant by the Hamilton and that he walked all the called to meet between Jan. 21 and 24, Hamilton, and that he walked all the yesterday afternoon, with his clothing death of Col. Pinault. Lieut.-Col. burg. He had about \$125 on his perbut the date has not been settled. It way to this city. He is still looking torn and serious wounds on his head Fiset is at present director-general of son, and drank some during the day, and body. He was taken to Glencoe, the Army Medical Service. and his ap- though he was not intoxicated. The where the doctors said the injuries pointment will be most popular Sydenham River is being dragged in were not caused by a train hitting him, throughout the militia force of Can- the vicinity of Wallaceburg. Rankin prine. but looked rather as if he had been ada. beaten and left to die. He partly regained consciousness, gave his name, and said he was from the Grand River WILL BRYCE GO reservation. His mother lives at Hag-

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW-SNOWFALLS.

Toronto, Dec. 18-8 p.m. Prairie Provinces today, while from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces it has

Minimum and maximum temperatures ton, 14-40; Qu'Appelle, 10 below-30; Winni-Foronto, 10-16; Ottawa, 4-10; Montreal,

Wednesday, Dec. 19-8 a.m. Today-Easterly to southerly winds; be

Thursday - Southeasterly winds, with Detroit, Dec. 18 .- Lower and Upper Michi-Fair; slowly rising temperature; fresh south winds.

Stations Fair Montreal LOCAL TEMPERATURES

THE CITY HALL

thing to Good This Year.

Little Excitement Over Coming Municipal Elections-A Dearth of Candidates - The Komoka Scheme.

it is understood that the board of Future of Canada's International Re- education will this year have an overlations," and a rare treat is in store draft of somewhere between \$1,000 and avail themselves of the opportunity of The Collegiate Institute account will

be responsible for the overdraft, as extensive and much needful improvements were carried out there. It was at first thought that a few dollars would cover the cost of the work, but a more careful investigation showed that a vast amount of decorating and touching up was required, and this the

It is understood that the public schools accounts will show a small surplus this year.

The City Council ome out probably \$3,000 to the good. No. 3 committee will have a small surplus; No. 2 will break about even, and No. 1 will have an overdraft of day, and as he had not yet returned a canvass, which secured sufficient sub-But against this the council will be able to place about \$6,300 which will be By reason of Christmas and New received from the water commission,

Very Quiet Now.

Things are very quiet around the the Vanzant investigation, and single place was taken by Ald. Booth.

There were no callers, and the acting mayor had a comparatively easy time of it. There is very little talk of the mu-

nicipal election

Apparently, great pressure is being brought to bear upon ex-Commissioner William Jones to run for water commissioner, but beyond this, there appears to be no unusual stir. The bylaws are not causing any par-

ticular talk.

it is taken for granted that the contest for mayor will be between the present incummayor will be between the present is bent of the chair and Ald. Greenlees.

FISET SUCCEEDS PINAULT

Minister of Militia. Ottawa, Dec. 19. - Lieut.-Col. Fiset

TO WASHINGTON?

The weather has moderated over the Again It Is Reported That the Desperate Attempts Being Made he had refused to obey the latter. He Irish Secretary Is Slated for the U. S. Post.

tled, little doubt remains that James made to avert great hardships where he had ever said that they didn't want ment. One of the Irish leaders in Par- take this action. Mament, with whom Mr. Bryce was inlin some places hotels are closing,
and at Brandon the Federal Governtimately associated while drafting the ment gave consent, to use postoffice he had smoked about the jail and new Irish bill, said tonight that the coal in the hospital to avert its clos- given tobacco to workmen. chances were a thousand to one that ing.

he would be appointed. this gentleman, "as he has been a fuel very slack everywhere. present chief secretary for Ireland has quality of coal. been devoting all his talents to finding a solution to the Irish question acceptable to both Ireland and England."

he is closing up affairs prior to the lows: Christmas recess of Parliament. the Irish secretary was to do.

REV. J. W. GRAHAM, chosen for the Position of Associate Secretary of the Methodist Educational Society of Canada.

The city council will on the whole Dr. Henry Reason Cleans Up complainant, and other witnesses, was taken, some of the statements indicat-\$55,000 on Fort William Property.

Fort William, Dec. 18.-On Oct. 5 last 36 acres of the McKellar property, situated at the rear of the public school, know where Mr. Baird stood in was sold for \$100,000. At the time this was considered to be a collossal figure. and many wondered what Dr. Henry T. Reason, of London, Ont., intended on Monday, and the single fare rates city hall just now. Mayor Judd was the announcement was made that J. J. were made to extend from Saturday absent in Toronto today, conducting Carrick, of Port Arthur, had secured possession of the valuable site, the price paid being \$155,000, over \$4,300 an acre.

TO FIGHT THE TRUST

Small Implement Men Will Ask Govt. to Break Up Combine.

Chicago, Dec. 19 .- Several farming macular talk.

ods of the alleged iron and steel combine what they are going to say."

The Komoka scheme, according to of the United States, according to the "I do not know what they will say:

ill not carry in JanA petition appealing to President Rooss- ally."

RANKIN STILL MISSING

Mysterious Disappearance of the Dover Center Man No Nearer Solution.

been found yet of William T. Rankin, friends that Rankin either met with the prisoners, and had conversations foul play or else met with some acci- with them. Popular Appointment Made for Deputy dent whereby he lost his life, as it is believed that if alive he would have communicated with his parents. Ranhas been offered and has accepted the kin had no reason for leaving home

RUSHING FUEL ON EXPRESS CARS

to Relieve the Situation in Western Cities.

London, Dec. 18. - Although it is Winnipeg, Dec. 18. - Today cars of cross-examination, that Brown and stated in the highest official circles that wood and coal are being hurried to Vanzant have been estranged for over the selection of an ambassador to several points in Manitoba on express a year, and are not now, nor have beer Washington has not yet been quite set- trains, the result of pressing appeals

Bryce will be named for the post, un- The Government-officials have urged less he positively vetoes his appoint- the railway officials of Winnipeg to

The situation in Brandon is most ser-"We would be sorry to lose him," said lous. The weather is 20 below, and the plained about discrimination on Van-

He is keeping his own counsel, and temperature this morning was 99.1, and of the governor. even Sir Edward Gray, the foreign sec- his heart action was somewhat strong- In reply to Mr. Higgins, Osborne said present accommodations, and they are the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: retary, was not aware tonight what er. Otherwise his candition in un- Brown had asked for the information,

VANZANT CHARGES OF THE VAGUEST

Inspector Approves Governorship of Toronto Jail.

DECREPIT BUILDING TO BLAME

Woman Witness for Government Gives Unprintable Evidence-Brown Admits Breaking Rules.

Toronto, Dec. 18 .- Dr. Bruce Smith, inspector of prisons, in his evidence at the Vanzant investigation this morning, stated that any man in Governor Vanzant's position would have a difficult time to keep the jail at a high standard of cleanliness and order and discipline. He asserted that the architectural defects of the building and the overcrowding of prisoners militated against cleanliness, and that the discipline would never be properly main-BIG LAND DEAL tained until the steward and engineer, now appointed by the city, were under

control of the department. The evidence of W. C. Brown, the ing that the accused may have acted indiscreetly on a certain occasion. The session opened with a discussion between the counsel, Mr. Higgins, representing Mr. Vanzant, and Mr. Baird, representing the Government.

Mr. Higgins said he would like to matter.

Mr. Baird replied that he was appointed by the Government, and had been instructed to go into all the details. He would call a large number of witnesses, some of whom might be favorable to Mr. Vanzant, and the names of these witnesses would develop as the inquiry went on.

"Then I understood," sald Mr. Higgins, "that my learned friend assumes full responsibility for these charges?" "I assume full responsibility for

everything put in," said Mr. Baird. "Then," remarked Mr. Higgins, "I think the commissioner should issue an order for particulars. These charges are of the vaguest possible character. My learned friend sees the witnesses chinery companies yesterday declared learned friend sees the witnesses their intention to fight prices and metharound him today. Surely he knows

> Mr. Higgins said that the ru's of the court were that when charges were laid. and the defendant made an affidavit denying the charges, he should be supplied with particulars. Mr. Baird rejoinded that Mr. Vanzant would have ample time to prepare any

> defense he might desire to make. Mr. Higgins should not confuse the practices of a court with that of an investigation. If this were a court he would have an opportunity to examine Mr. Vanzant beforehand. Commissioner Judd said he would not

be disposed to force the defendant to enter a defense immediately; time would be given for the preparation of the defense. If you desire an adjournment, Mr. Higgins," said Mr. Judd, "I shall see

that you are protected. But I think that we should go on with the evi-Chatham, Dec. 19 .- No trace has dence.' Mr. W. C. Brown, engineer of the the young man from Dover Center jail, was the first witness. He had who suddenly disappeared from his been engineer since November, 1890. home last week. It is feared by his Frequently he came into contact with

> The charges were based largely on "From your own knowledge you know nothing of the truth of these charges?" asked Mr. Higgins. "Oh, yes I do," said Mr. Brown. "I

> know that there was favoritism "But apart from that?" "And that there was lack of disci-

"Guards would rap on the steampipes to call the attention of female

Not on Speaking Terms. In reply to further questioning, Mr. Brown said that he knew he was subject to the same rules as a turnkey. and, consequently, under Governor Vanzant's orders, but, in spite of that. also knew that gossiping about the jail corridors was not permitted, but, despite that fact, he had gossiped with the prisoners. "If a prisoner spoke

to me I replied," said Brown. It appeared, as a result of further Mr. Brown denied emphatically that

"a blanked Dutchman" about the jail. but later on he admitted saying that the governor would have to go, as things could not continue as they had been doing. Notwithstanding the rules,

Replying to questions by Mr. Baird. Brown said that prisoners had comzant's part-that some of them were Home Ruler all his life, and as the Winnipeg is burning a most inferior taken to his office while others had to meet their friends at the bars.

W. J. Osborne said that he was a prisoner in the jail in December, 1905, Stockholm, Dec. 19. - King Oscar serving a six months' term, and work-Mr. Bryce spends much of his time continues to make steady progress to- ing with Mr. Brown. A young woman at the Irish office, where, it is stated, wards recovery. Today's bulletin fol- with whom he had been keeping company, came to see him several times. "The king passed a quiet night. His She had complained about the action

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