

B. C. PROGRESSIVE PARTY AGAINST PARTY BUDGET

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Humphrey's Announcement Brings First Split In Party Ranks.

DEBATES CONTINUE

London Member Urges Economy In Order To Balance Budget.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, May 21.—The first indication in the house of cleavage in party ranks over the budget came yesterday when L. W. Humphrey, a British Columbia Progressive, who voted for the budget of last year, declared his intention of voting for it again this year, and against the Progressive amendment.

For the most part, however, the debate followed its customary course. Progressives and Conservatives were critical of the budget and Liberals came to its support. General A. E. Ross (Conservative of Kingston) referred to it as a political centopah to the Liberalism of 1919; O. R. Gould (Progressive of Assiniboia) declared it was no use "for this government to hide behind the fetish of reciprocity and let the things which appertain today go unchallenged and unwarranted." Liberal speeches, he added, appeared to be apologies for not putting Liberal policies into practice. John Morrison of Weyburn, another Progressive, thought the life of the government would be short for failure to implement pledges. Dr. Duncan MacLaren (Conservative of St. John and Albert, New Brunswick) favored the extension in Liberal preference as limited to imports shipped direct to Canadian river and seaports, and announced his intention to support this feature of the budget proposals. But M. C. Senn (Conservative of Haldimand) thought it would bear heavily on the Canadian woolen industry. J. G. Robichaud (Liberal of Gloucester) held that the renewed offer of reciprocity had given general satisfaction.

London Member's Attitude. Mr. Senn said the increase in the British preference would bear very heavily on the woolen industry. French and British woolen manufacturers were taking orders at prices which were driving Canadian workmen out of the country. The new duty on artificial silk was penalizing our consumers for an industry which did not exist. It was penalizing also manufacturers who used artificial silk as a raw material. It would be better to encourage the artificial silk industry by bounties.

With reference to reciprocity, Mr. Senn suggested that duties on duties, as that Canadian duties should be as high as American duties.

J. F. White (Conservative, London) stressed the need to economy in order to balance the budget. He favored encouraging trade relations within the empire, but expressed the view that substantial advantages must accrue to the country. He contrasted the attitude of reciprocity with that of Hon. Charles Stewart and Hon. W. R. Metherell, who, he said, seemed to think that the stability of the current year was all that was needed.

The Ford-McCumber tariff, passed without any regard to Canadian agricultural interests, left no opening toward reciprocity. It was time for Canada to stop passing "pious wishes." If the United States were told that when her tariff was lowered, this country would open negotiations, then, apparently, there would be some hope of better trade relations.

Resents Imputation. John D. F. Drummond, Progressive, resented the imputation of a minister of the crown that his resolution on the marking of woolen goods had been inspired by protectionist motives. He said he was a protectionist and regarded that policy as economically unsound. He referred to W. D. Euler's statement that a government should not be bound by a platform as "dragging the honor of any political party in the mire."

MASTER OF BROME BOLTS ON THE BUDGET

Will Oppose Fielding Tariff Proposals and Resign Seat If Necessary.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, May 21.—Andrew McMaster (Brome) intends to deliver his speech on the budget from across the floor of the house. He returned yesterday from consulting with some of his leading supporters in the county of Brome, which he represents, and authorized this statement to be made. "There will shortly be a meeting of the Liberals of Brome to select a candidate for the provincial legislature, and at this meeting Mr. McMaster is planning to explain his action in not supporting the budget. It appears that the majority of those who elected him do not approve of his course of action. Mr. McMaster has indicated his willingness to resign his seat at the close of the present session."

EXPECT BUDGET VOTE

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, May 21.—With the entry of R. H. Arthur, a member of the prime minister in the debate tomorrow, it is expected that a vote on the budget will be taken on Wednesday. Mr. Meighen is expected to adjourn the debate tonight and to be the first speaker on Tuesday afternoon. He will probably be followed by the prime minister.

There are yet a number of speakers in all three parties who are seeking places on the lists and a late sitting tomorrow night is likely in order that the vote may be taken at a reasonable time on Wednesday evening.

Identify North Bay Bandit As Daring Toronto Gunman

Taxi Driver Declares Rogers To Be the Man Who Stole Guns and Ammunition on April 12.

Special to The Advertiser. Toronto, May 21.—Leo Rogers, desperado, who has a \$1,600 reward on his head, now sought in the man hunt by the North Bay district, is believed to be the lone gunman who staged the sensational double hold-up in Toronto at noon on April 12, and stole guns and ammunition from the Lion sporting goods store, 429 Yonge street, and S. E. Shey's, 117 York street.

He was identified by James Wood, the taxi driver who drove the bandit's car when his picture was shown to him at police headquarters. When spoken to by The Advertiser, Wood said: "That's him all right. Just imagine the company I was in and escaped without injury."

The mystery as to where Rogers secured the revolver, rifle and ammunition after he got out of North Bay court house last Thursday, and was able to put up a successful resistance resulting in the killing of Constable Lafontaine and wounding of Constable McEwen, is cleared up. The police are satisfied the guns and ammunition Rogers stole from the stores in Toronto were used in the gun battle at North Bay.

At the time of the double hold-up in Toronto, which was one of the most daring escapades, it was the belief of the police that the man who staged the job was a "dope fiend" or demented.

WINDSOR MAYOR DENIES HIS CITY HOLDS DRUNKARDS

Repudiates Criticism Made by Pastor of Church in Ottawa.

SAYS CRITIC WILD

Police Chief Joins in Testimony to Sobriety of Border Cities.

Canadian Press Despatch. Windsor, May 22.—Replying to a statement credited to Rev. Dr. Laker, of Ottawa, that Windsor is the most drunken city in Canada, Police Chief Thompson, quoted from department records yesterday, showing that intoxication convictions in 1922 were 50 per cent less than in the preceding year.

Dr. Laker is pastor of Bell Street Methodist Church in the capital city. He was addressing a temperance meeting in his church when he made the accusation which brought forth the chief's denial. Dr. Laker is quoted as saying: "With the exception of Windsor, more drunken men have been in Ottawa than in any other place in Canada."

The reverend gentleman, whoever he is, talks at random," said the chief. "That is a common failing of fanatics in any movement. Windsor has been subjected to a tirade of abuse and false accusations which is astonishing to put it mildly. I can say with perfect sincerity that I have not seen a drunken man in Windsor streets in the last two years. Dr. Laker, like many other people who attack this city, does not know what he is talking about."

MAY TRY ABBE DELORME ONCE MORE FOR MURDER

Expect Mental Status of Prisoner Will Be Decided Tomorrow.

Quebec, May 21.—Abbe Adelaire Delorme, St. Michael's Asylum inmate, expects news regarding his future status tomorrow after the meeting of the provincial cabinet, which will most likely take up the matter. Due to the importance of the case, and the far-reaching effects of any move of the authorities, it is understood that the facts will be laid before his colleagues by the premier.

Expectations are still that the charge of murder preferred against the abbe following the discovery of his half-brother Raoul's body in Montreal, will appear on the role of the criminal court when it opens for the June term on June 1st. The abbe, if such is the case, should be transferred to Montreal next week, and this move will be carried out discreetly to avoid undue publicity.

It is admitted that following the case issued by Dr. Brochu and his constant opinion as superintendent of the asylum that his patient is sane, a move has become necessary. A. Taschepeau, K.C., who has been acting for the abbe for the last six months, admitted this morning that he had reason to believe that final news regarding the date of the reopening of the famous case would be given in a few days. He added that he would defend his client before the criminal court in Montreal, and stated he was already devoting his time to the preparation of the case.

Abbe Delorme has been detained in the St. Michael's Asylum, Beaufort, for nearly a year, having been taken there last summer after being found unable to stand his trial for murder.

DESPONDENT SARNIA MAN IS VICTIM OF SUICIDE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Sarnia, May 21.—In a fit of despondency Lloyd Morrison, 29, son of Robert Morrison, a farmer residing on the 8th concession of Moore Township, took his own life late yesterday afternoon, according to word received here today. Morrison, it was stated, had been melancholy for some time and yesterday when other members of the family were downstairs he went to his bedroom on the second floor and fired a shotgun charge into his head. He lived for about four hours after.

BOARD EXPECTS EARLY ANSWER REGARDING LAND

St. George's Church Defers Action In Selling Property To the City.

\$15,000 OFFER MADE

Plan To Erect West London School At Empress Ave. and Wharncliffe Road.

In the hope that the members of St. George's Anglican Church will reach some decision regarding the sale of a portion of their property on Wharncliffe road south, the members of the grounds and building committee of the board of education postponed until tonight a special meeting scheduled for yesterday.

The committee is anxious to settle the matter of a site for the new school in London West, and for that reason wishes to receive a definite answer from the church members as soon as possible. Several other important matters were laid over, so that immediate action could be taken on the report, if by chance it is received today.

The board of education is greatly in favor of building the new school on the present site of the Empress avenue school and partly on property which now belongs to St. George's Church.

To carry out this scheme two cottages, which lie between the church and the school, would have to be purchased. The site is considered ideal for school purposes, as it is fairly central and is high and dry.

A reply is received from the church people, the board will dispose of Dr. H. T. Reason's offer of a free site at today's meeting. Dr. Reason has become rather impatient while waiting for the board to take some action.

STREET RAILWAY HEAD AGREES TO AID PAVING

Controversy of Years Comes To End At Last Night's Council Meeting.

Hope for improved street railway service was firmly established when Mayor Wenige and members of the city council by unanimous vote last night accepted the proposal from Charles Currie, president of the street railway company, to undertake all paving directed by the city upon the understanding that payment would be made in ten annual installments.

Thus terminates a controversy between the city and the company that has occupied a major portion of the civic calendar for years past. Special committee will be prepared by the city solicitor whereby the city will be safeguarded in every instance and no action will prejudice the city's interests with respect to historic document, bylaw 916, the city's original agreement with the transportation corporation.

President Currie was in attendance, and outlining his policy of co-operation encountered the hearty and perhaps unexpected support of the mayor and his supporters. The company's promise that the city will be in a fair position to receive more adequate service.

The company's promise to undertake Stanley street, Richmond street, Oxford street, and any other paving enterprises specified by the council, will not be lost by the city's action, and the company assumes all interest charges.

FINE DRUGGIST FOR SALE OF BEEF, IRON AND WINE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Woodstock, May 22.—A fine of \$300 and costs was today imposed by Magistrate Ball on J. T. Pepper, a local druggist, charged with a breach of the Ontario temperance act. The offence against Pepper was selling beef, iron and wine to Robert Doherty after having been warned not to do so. An appeal will likely be taken.

GEORGE REICRAFT, MAYOR, BLENHEIM, LIBERALS' CHOICE

R. L. Brackin Declares Doherty Removed Embargo On Patronage As Well As Cattle.

TALKS IN EAST KENT

Declares Ferguson Gave Empires of Timber Away In North-eastern Ontario In 1919.

Special to The Advertiser. Thamesville, May 22.—George F. Reicraft, mayor of Blenheim, was the unanimous choice of East Kent Liberals in convention here yesterday as their candidate in the forthcoming election. Mr. Reicraft was formerly a farmer residing in Oxford Township and well known throughout the county. Others nominated were O. K. Watson, Angus Githenders and James Serson of Ridgeway; Archibald McLaren of Oxford; and D. G. Sturges of Camden; the first four declining. Mr. Sturges allowed his name to stand, but before balloting withdrew, making the nomination unanimous.

President McLaren acted as chairman. The opera house was well filled with representatives from every part of the riding. It was an enthusiastic occasion, enhanced by the presence of R. L. Brackin, the popular member from the sister riding, West Kent, who added strength to the meeting with his pointed remarks.

The speakers all sounded an earnest appeal for the maintenance of Liberalism throughout the province. Purify By Recall. R. L. Brackin, in opening his address, expressed his pleasure in coming to the East Kent convention. He said that Liberals throughout the province were on their toes more so than in any other part of the country. He said that he was not out to fight all other parties. He discussed the cause and rise of the U. F. O. movement four years ago. It had been a mistake to believe that the fortunes had been at high tide, but at present it was breaking up. With a few exceptions the members of the government were totally in opposition to the U. F. O. movement. This organization said there should be no doctors or lawyers or professional men in parliament. But, said the speaker, no government in Ontario ever before paid so much to lawyers as this one. The U. F. O. came into power avowedly to purify the province, but out of the hole of holes of Albany came Mr. Doherty. They were to purify politics by the recall. After four years, where is there one word of purification? The U. F. O. candidates in the present member of East Kent, may have removed the embargo on cattle, but they have also removed the embargo on political parties. The U. F. O. candidates in the present member of East Kent, may have removed the embargo on cattle, but they have also removed the embargo on political parties.

There were some hints today that Lord Curzon, whose health lately has been improving, may be appointed to the post of prime minister. This, however, is pure speculation.

TWO LIBERALS INTEND TO CONTEST N. ESSEX

Dr. Lacasse Will Run As Independent, Friends Declare.

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At this point the speaker criticized the Conservative party and referred to its leader, Mr. Ferguson, as "the one who on the eve of the overthrow of the Conservatives in 1919 gave away empires of timber in the northern part of the province. Mr. Ferguson holds out different promises to different parts of the province. In Windsor district, beer and wine licenses; in other parts, dry laws."

At the conclusion of Mr. Brackin's address, a resolution by Messrs. Featherston and Watson expressing confidence in Mr. Hay and the candidate were passed amid cheers.

YOUTH IS GIVEN LIBERTY ON SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Associated Press Despatch.

St. Catharines, May 22.—Stanley Gery of Niagara Falls, one of the youths arrested at Belleville with Dr. MacMahon's car, which was stolen from his office last week, was yesterday liberated on suspended sentence by Judge Campbell. James McMullen, his associate, was remanded to jail for another week for sentence.

APPRECIATE RANEY'S WORK

Special to The Advertiser.

Galt, May 21.—The Galt district of the Methodist Church has passed a resolution expressing its faith in the value and efficiency of the Ontario temperance act, and its appreciation and indorsement of the work of Hon. W. E. Raney as attorney-general.

CLAIR'S MISSIONS BANISHED DESPAIR THROUGHOUT CHINA

Miss Lydia Sherritt Tells Missionary Societies of Work In Orient.

RECEIPTS INCREASE

Women of London Branch Stage Convention In The First Methodist Church

Showing an increase in receipts for the year of more than \$3,000, as compared with a deficit in 1922, the treasurer's report of the London branch of the Women's Missionary Society was presented at the evening session of the 29th annual convention, in First Methodist Church last night. The report was presented by Mrs. H. White of Stratford.

Not only did the general financial statement show an increase, but the report of the mission work, read by Miss C. Tillman, Walkerville, showed a revenue amounting to \$686.09 over that received by these two groups last year.

The evening session opened with devotional exercises by Rev. J. F. Reycraft and Rev. G. T. Watts, after which the report of the mission work was read.

In making her report, Mrs. C. H. Ziegler dealt mainly with figures, demonstrating the membership of the organization. Eight new auxiliaries had been formed during the year, and while there had been an increase in membership, including auxiliaries, circles and bands, of 108, the auxiliaries themselves had shown a decrease of 321 from 1922. The total membership is now 12,481. A decrease of 199 was shown in the number of Outlooks taken and only 760 annual reports were taken compared with 1,000 last year. The total number of members totaled 213. The total number of life-members at present is 1,898.

Treasurer Reports. Miss Tillman, circle and band treasurer, followed Mrs. Ziegler in reporting an increase, stated that the girls of the London branch had given their best in time, money and service for the mission cause. Her report in brief was as follows: Receipts of circles, \$11,708.77; disbursements, general fund, \$11,408.75; cost fund, \$300.00; Reserve fund, \$3,897.19; disbursements, general fund, \$3,688.87; rest fund, \$8.32.

The amounts remitted from the London district were as follows: Circles—Arva (no report); Dorchester, \$138.64; Glendale, \$15.70; Ilford, \$93; London, Askin street, \$50; London, Askin street, \$129; London, Centennial, \$236; London, Colborne, \$245.

Centres—London, Dundas, \$465; London, Empress, \$100; London, First, \$625.74; London, Hyatt, \$169; London, Memorial, \$85; London, Ridout, \$100.76; Melrose, \$60.

Bands—Baileys, \$126.78; Dorchester, \$35.54; Littlewood, \$2.05; London, Askin, \$104; London, Colborne, \$104.15; London, Dundas, \$100; London, Empress, \$129; London, First, \$35.15; London, Ridout, \$30.40; London, Wellington, \$23; Putnam, \$9.11; Salem (Derwent), \$20; The Grove, \$84.75; Chumadale, \$20.

London district led the branch in the amount remitted by the circles and was second among the bands. Windsor being first, and London second. After a solo by Mrs. Edward Wyatt, Mrs. H. White, Stratford, branch treasurer, presented her report. The branch had had such a large income, she stated, the total being over \$60,000.

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LONDON CAFE SOLD TO STRATFORD MEN

Property of Late Nicholas Hrisikos Disposed of For \$11,000.

The London Cafe, 174 Dundas street, formerly the property of the late Nicholas Hrisikos, popular London Greek, who died recently, has been sold for \$11,000 by his sister, Miss Helen Hrisikos.

The deal was closed Saturday, the purchaser being Clay Campbell, Walkerville, and Chris Campbell of Stratford, brothers.

Campbell brothers are young Greek residents. Another brother operates a billiard parlor and bowling alley in Stratford.

Since the death of the late Mr. Hrisikos, his nephews, Harry and Gus Lukos, of Windsor, have been operating the cafe for Miss Hrisikos. Campbell brothers will take possession June 1.

Find Passenger Is Not 'King Ben'

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Mrs. Douglas of Wardsville was then asked to present the report of the strangers' secretary. The report was read by Mrs. Douglas. She stated that when the idea of a department for the visiting of strangers and sick had been broached it had not met with much success. Her indifference, however, soon changed to enthusiasm, and there were now 205 strangers' secretaries in the branch. In the branches making reports some 195 calls had been made by these workers.

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Mrs. A. M. Wilson, in memory of members of the society who died during the year. A list of some 90 names was read. Rev. J. F. Reycraft then celebrated the Lord's Supper. This was followed by a reception tea at which greetings were extended to the delegates by Mrs. Reycraft, Mrs. W. G. Young and Mrs. J. McEvoy. They were responded to by Mrs. Heard and Mrs. Vance.

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