

CONSERVATIVE BRIBERS AT WORK.

Gross Corruption by the Tories Unearthed in the West Peterboro' Election Trial.

They Paid Liberals Large Sums to Try to "Down Stratton," the Liberal Candidate.

Peterboro, Sept. 27.—The untangling of a story of political duplicity was commenced to-day when Robert H. Shepherd told in the opening stage of the hearing of the petition to unseat Mr. J. R. Stratton, the successful Liberal candidate for West Peterboro at the last general election, how he had been bribed by prominent members of the local Conservative party with an offer of \$200 to play the spy and "down Stratton." A significant statement made by Mr. Shepherd was, "Well, I was not getting treated fair, and I told Mr. Stratton the whole business. I was offered a consideration and I did not get it. They did not fill their contract, and I broke loose."

Then he went on to tell how, having been a prominent Liberal worker for years, he was approached before the last election and asked to secure evidence against the Liberal candidate. He consented, and from time to time received sums of money, all of which he duly marked and docketed, and which were produced in court to-day, from the Conservatives, in return for information, admittedly false, given by him.

"I was drawn into a little game," he said in the box to-day. "And I entered it with them."

Shepherd sent duplicate copies of his reports as a Liberal canvasser to the Opposition party. These reports were correct, but accompanying them were statements as to money he had corruptly received from the Liberals. On oath to-day he stated that these money were paid out of his own pocket, simply for the purpose of deceiving his employers, who were acting in the interests of the Conservative candidate, Mr. J. H. Burnham.

LARGE NUMBER OF CHARGES.

The petition of Mr. Burnham contains 200 charges of corrupt practices, and there is a cross-petition of considerably over a hundred more. Some 350 witnesses have been subpoenaed, and it is anticipated that the proceedings will last at least a week. The judges heard the case as Justice MacMahon and Magee. For the petitioners is Mr. E. A. DuVernet, K. C., with whom Mr. J. Edmund Jones and Mr. W. H. Moore are associated, while Mr. Stratton is represented by Mr. G. H. Watson, K. C., and Mr. R. H. Hall.

The trial was commenced immediately on their Lordships' arrival from Toronto, and all day long the court room was crowded. The first witness called was Joseph Picard, one of the Liberal workers in the election, who described the method under which the canvass was carried out. Practically it appeared he had made himself responsible for the canvass of one of the Peterboro sub-divisions, and had emphatically denied all knowledge of the adoption of improper methods.

A LOAN OF SEVEN DOLLARS.

Then James P. Bryson, who acted as secretary to ward one, was called, and closely questioned as to a payment of \$7 made by him to a worker named Frank Pope. Pope had been engaged to make up the voters' list and do other necessary work. One day, October 17th, last year, being hard up, he obtained a loan of \$7 from Bryson, which was repaid on October 22nd out of \$9 due to him for his labors. Bryson produced the cheque and also a bank book showing how the money had been repaid into the bank. Bryson also explained that Shepherd had been similarly engaged, and had received from time to time sums in payment for looking after the voters' list and addressing envelopes, and added that another man, John Grimstone, had been similarly remunerated. Absolutely nothing of a corrupt nature was revealed in his examination.

SHEPHERD'S INTERESTING STORY.

Then Robert H. Shepherd, who described himself as a mechanic, took the stand. He explained that up to the last election he had always been a supporter of Mr. Stratton. Before the election he was approached by R. M. Waddell, J. G. M. Wilson and James Kendry, ex-M. P., and asked to get information which would "upset Stratton." He attended the Liberal organization meeting, and was made joint chairman with John Grimstone of one of the sub-divisions of ward one. In his evidence he admitted that on September 21st he had received \$7 from Bryson, on September 25th \$8, on October 14th \$2 and on October 17th \$8, but this was for work done on the lists and for addressing envelopes at the rate of 25c an hour.

A LETTER OF THE WITNESS.

Mr. DuVernet put in evidence the following letter signed by the witness: "21st Oct., 1908: Dear Waddell, — Kindly receive two \$5 bills, equal to \$10, former given to me by W. S. Davidson for spending money. Yours truly, Robert H. Shepherd."

Shepherd explained that the money had come out of his own pocket. Mr. Davidson, one of Stratton's leading supporters, had never given him a cent, but, having been engaged as a detective, he wanted to lead his employers to believe he was acting in good faith.

"I was drawn into a little game," he said, "so I entered the game with them."

Justice MacMahon—You were not going one better, were you?

Witness—I haven't come out one better yet.

Mr. DuVernet—You sacrificed \$10 for the good of the Liberal cause?

"I did."

Just for the purpose of deceiving Mr. Waddell?

"Yes."

Were you getting money from both parties?

"I was getting money from the Conservatives."

And sending them false statements?

"Yes."

In answer to further questions the witness said that he gave Waddell correct duplicates of his canvassing reports, but deceived him in the letters, stating that payments had been made to him for corrupt purposes.

"Jaffray wants cash" was one of the entries appearing with many similar ones in the canvassing report, and Shepherd explained that many of the

men he called on wanted a consideration for their votes, but he never paid nor knew of any money being paid.

MONEY CIRCULATING.

In a letter bearing no date he wrote to Mr. Waddell: "Money is getting circulated pretty freely now. I expect something more during next week. Keep the ball rolling, as I am making myself as good a fellow as it is wise to do. I am sending you \$14 I got this week. Try and see us quickly as possible. Destroy after perusal."

Mr. DuVernet—Is that true?

"No, sir, that was where I was deceiving Mr. Waddell again."

"And were you doing all this great work for the Liberal party without consulting anybody?"

"I didn't consult anyone, only Mr. Bryson."

At the election Shepherd acted as deputy returning officer at one of the polling stations. Prior to that, on October 16, he wrote to Mr. Waddell: "I am sending a list of names of persons who should be watched very closely, and included a list of Americans, Italians, Germans, Swiss and Chinese, 'who will not vote unless they get the cash.'"

The letter proceeded: "I was approached as to a good man to buy votes. I offered myself, if they could get a man to take my place as returning officer for division 4 A."

Mr. DuVernet—Was that part of the contract?

Witness—That's part of the game.

"Playing it by yourself?"

"Having a good time all by myself."

Then the witness went on to tell how from time to time he received money—\$10 and \$15 at a time—about \$55 in all from Waddell, Wilson and Gardner, all Conservative workers, and that money he subsequently handed over to Mr. Stratton after the election, making an affidavit as to the whole business and repeating that the money he handed over to the Conservatives came from his own pocket. In the election, however, he voted for Burnham, as he had agreed to do.

TO MR. WATSON.

Then Mr. G. H. Watson, K. C., took up the cross-examination.

"I understand," he asked, "that you were employed by certain members of the Conservative party to play a double game?"

Witness—Yes, sir.

"You were employed for the purpose of deception?"

"Well, I think as far as I can make things out, I was brought in to make a stool pigeon."

Witness employed you to go into the Liberal committee room under false pretences?

"I treated it that way."

"And apparently you turned double on them?"

"Well, I was not getting treated fair, and I told Mr. Stratton the whole business. I was offered a consideration, and I did not get it. They did not fill their contract, and I broke loose."

"Who offered you the consideration?"

"Well, it was between the parties mentioned."

"Did you have an interview with Mr. Burnham?"

"I met him on the street."

"Did he know you were in his employ or that of a supporter of his?"

"I presume he knew something about it."

"Was there any question as to the character of your employment?"

"They knew I was in the Liberal committee room."

Witness also said that one day when he met Mr. Burnham the Conservative candidate told him to go ahead with the good work. After Oct. 19 the source of funds ran dry, and Waddell avoided him.

"He fought shy of me," said the witness, "I guess he had no more."

When the protest came after the election he thought Mr. Stratton was not being treated fairly, and therefore went to him with the story. While the campaign was on he reported to the Conservatives that a number of employees of the Canadian General Electric Company were visiting the Liberal committee room, and immediately the stream commenced to fall off.

The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow morning, and to-night Mr. Burnham's counsel are conferring as to the evidence to be called.

BALLOON RACE POSTPONED.

New York, Sept. 27.—The dirigible balloon race from New York to Albany, for the New York World's prize in connection with the Hudson-Fulton celebration, was definitely postponed until tomorrow owing to the unfavorable weather.

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"Fruit-a-tives" is the Best Kidney Medicine in the World.

If people only realized the danger of Weak Kidneys, and the value of "Fruit-a-tives," there would be practically no Kidney Disease in Canada.

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TIMES PATTERNS.

No. 8558.—This pretty little model has a smart style and is one of the best designs for a tub frock shown this season. The pleated front is in one piece from neck to hem, the full straight skirt being attached to the body portion at the sides and across the back, under a belt of insertion, which also outlines the V-shaped neck.

The dress is of white pique and may be worn over a guimpe, or be made with a high-necked lining, just as preferred. The mode is appropriate for linen, gingham, lawn, challis and mohair. For a child of 7 years 3½ yards of 36-inch materials will be required. Sizes 5, 7, 9 years.

A pattern of this illustration will be mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cents in stamps or silver.

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It will take several days before you can get pattern.

BARTON BARS.

Opening of the Local Option Campaign in Township.

The temperance forces in Barton township are organizing preparatory to entering upon a campaign to introduce local option into the township.

The closeness of the contest in the last fight encourages them to think that they will win this time. They fear that if the hotel located near the city were brought by annexation within the city limits there would be no chance of ever closing them up, hence the anxiety to succeed this time. However, the hotel men are quite alive to the importance of the fight before them, and they will put forth every effort in their power to keep their places of business open. They depend, as before, upon Crown Point helping them out. It is hinted that politics is getting mixed up in the struggle and that a large section of the Tory party will be found on the hotel men's side.

Sunday evening Rev. F. W. K. Harris, B. A., the young pastor of Chalmers' Presbyterian Church, on Mount Hamilton, fired what might be called the first gun in the campaign, and his sermon was a red-hot one. He said Hamilton and Barton were organizing in favor of license reduction and local option, and during the next three months all kinds of slanders would be circulated. The temperance people would be called cranks. He was a crank, a temperance crank. He made things go round. People told us that the wave of temperance that was sweeping over the United States was the temporary work of fanatics. But he declared that that wave that was wiping out the hell holes and wet places in the States was no such thing. He referred to the meeting of the Women's Congress in Toronto recently, a band of women who were organized against the liquor traffic, white slavery, the cigarette habit, gambling, etc., and declared that the States and Provinces were awake to these evils. Horne racing that had been called the sport of kings was now in the hands of the gamblers and bookmakers. This was being driven out of the States and Toronto. Montreal and Hamilton were the tracks these men had come to now for their sport. He spoke of impure literature and post cards that were not allowed to enter Canada, and again declared that the "cranks" were organized throughout the world to fight these evils and that they would win. He spent some time in showing the progress that had been made in the European countries in the cause of temperance, and closed by asking those present to put forth every effort to carry local option in Barton.

Mr. George Taylor, member for Leeds in the Canadian House of Commons, is now out of danger. The operation, which was performed in London, England, by the eminent surgeon, Dr. Mayo Robson, was very successful. He will remain in London for some time.

NOT SUCCESS ON PLATFORM.

Dr. Cook Began His Lecture Tour at Brooklyn.

Some of the Pictures Were Taken Eight Years Ago

And a Brooklyn Paper Gave the Snap Away.

New York, Sept. 27.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook fired the opening gun of his talking tour with a carefully prepared lecture, which he had intended to read as written at Carnegie Hall to-night, but owing to some charges made against him this evening before the lecture began in an editorial of a newspaper published near the old home of the Bushwick explorer, the doctor at times digressed from his written remarks to explain about the dates upon which some of his photographs, many of which were thrown on a screen in the darkened hall, were taken.

ANOTHER MAN'S PHOTOGRAPHS.

The Brooklyn paper made no bones about saying in its edition that many of the photographs now being used to illustrate Dr. Cook's trip to the Pole were taken by a young Brooklyn man named Herbert Berri, and by "his tutor and friend, L. C. Stone," while Stone and Berri were aboard the Peary relief ship Erik, in 1901, or eight years ago. The Brooklyn paper speaking of one of the published pictures in particular, recently used as an illustration to accompany Dr. Cook's story of his trip to the Pole, says that it now owns "the original film, which is precisely the same in every particular in shape and size and down even to the shadows."

Dr. Cook was asked about these charges just before he started for Carnegie Hall from the Waldorf to deliver his first lecture to-night.

The doctor admitted that a number of pictures being used to illustrate his story at the present time were taken eight years ago, and not during his recent trip that has just brought him fame.

Dr. Cook further than admitting that the pictures in question were not taken by him on his recent expedition, had no formal statement to make in reply to the editorial. He insisted, however, that all published pictures taken by him in the circum-Pole Sea were his own work.

The explorer said he did not care even to hear the editorial read to him. As the discussion went on, however, the gist of the editorial was read. "It was well understood," he began, "between the Herald and me that some photographs I gave them to use with my story of the Pole dash were taken by Mr. Bradley and some by myself on this expedition, and that some were taken on a former expedition."

"You mean eight years ago?" Dr. Cook was asked.

"Yes," he replied. "It's true Mr. Berri was on the trip in 1901. We all took pictures, and I have not any doubt that Mr. Berri took pictures of objects that show films quite like mine. But all the pictures now being used in my illustrations were taken by me."

"It was distinctly understood," the explorer continued, in answer to further questioning, "that some of the pictures were old ones. I did not try to pass off my old pictures as new ones. I have many new pictures taken on my last trip, but they have not developed the films yet."

The doctor here said that one reason he had fallen back on old pictures to illustrate his recent Pole trip was that some of his old stock pictures better illustrated certain points of his narrative now being published.

In view of the fact that pictures now being used to accompany his narrative are not illustrations of a certain point of the text, but merely pictorial adornments of the story, and further, that the story now being published tells of progress over a route never before taken, the doctor's explanation was not altogether satisfactory to his audience. He insisted that so far as he was concerned, however, he had made no attempt to fool the public into believing that his old exposures had anything to do with his recent trip.

Notwithstanding Dr. Cook's prowess as a Pole discoverer, he will never win great fame for his platform delivery, owing to an unfortunate habit he has of slurring his words together, and a nervous habit of punctuating his phrases with a dry cough. Very little new matter regarding his famous trip was brought out by the doctor at his lecture, as it was mostly an elaboration of his first published despatches.

ANGLO-SAXON WEST.

Bulk of Homesteads Go to English-Speaking People.

Ottawa, Sept. 27.—The annual report of the Department of the Interior issued to-day, gives some striking figures indicative of the rapid development of western Canada. The number of homestead entries made during the year was 39,081, involving 6,252,960 acres, as compared with 30,424 entries and 4,567,840 acres in the previous fiscal year. This is the largest total in the history of the department except in 1906, when the number of entries was 41,869.

Of the entries last year 10,289 were made by Canadians, 10,522 by Americans, 5,649 by English, 3,342 by Austro-Hungarians, 1,310 by Scotch, and the balance by all nationalities. Included in the list are four Doukhobors, six Chinese, four Japanese, four Persians and two Hindus.

Of the entries by Canadians 6,038 were from Ontario, 790 from Quebec and 396 from the Maritime Provinces. Returned Canadians from the United States numbered 693. The total homestead entries represented 93,582 souls.

The sales of lands by the railway companies and by the Hudson Bay Company were much smaller than the average, being only 109,373 acres for \$1,211,885, as against 4,220,011 acres for \$14,651,757 in 1903, the banner year of sale by the railways, but while the average price received was only \$3.40 per acre in that year, it was \$11.08 last year. During the year 7,412,870 acres of land were subdivided into sections, a somewhat larger amount than in the preceding year.

BOY HAS LOCKJAW.

A Case at London, Ont., Following Vaccination.

London, Ont., Sept. 27.—Arnold Court, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. Court, London South, is in Victoria Hospital to-night suffering from lockjaw, following vaccination. Two weeks ago the lad was sent home by the principal of the school to be vaccinated, and the operation was performed by Dr. Ferguson. His arm has been bad since, but to-day he was unable to walk, and Dr. John D. Wilson diagnosed the case as lockjaw. Dr. Ferguson says he does not think the trouble was from the vaccine, but the boy probably brought on the disease by scratching the wound.

WANTS AGREEMENT.

Italy is Anxious For a Trade Treaty With Canada.

Rome, Sept. 27.—In view of the treaty between France and Canada, the question has been raised here as to whether it would not be expedient to arrange a similar treaty between Italy and Canada, with a view to preventing Italian products, particularly silks, from being placed in a position of inferiority to French products of a like nature. The Italian Government having always favored the conclusion of such a treaty, negotiations to that end will very shortly be opened, and strong hopes are entertained that an agreement can be reached with the Dominion. The arrangement is desired, not only by the Government, but also by the Italian producers. A steamship line between Italy and Canada is also to be established.

C. W. BENNETT ILL.

London, Ont., Sept. 27.—C. W. Bennett, recently general manager of the Bennett theatrical enterprise, is so ill with typhoid fever that his recovery is very doubtful. He was intending to leave for a family reunion to be held at Lansing, Iowa, when he was taken ill.

TWELVE PERISHED.

Baltimore, Sept. 27.—Six survivors out of a crew of eighteen are aboard the winter quarter lightship, the remaining twelve men having perished, according to a report made by Capt. Delano, of the steamer Porto Rico, which arrived here to-day from New York.

LOCAL OPTION.

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DIED OF LOCKJAW.

St. Catharines, Ont., Sept. 27.—Mrs. Arthur Lloyd, a widow whose husband was a hardware merchant, died early to-day of lockjaw, the result of a fall. Mrs. Lloyd sustained some days ago. A Buffalo specialist was brought here in an attempt to save her life, but he failed.

Rev. J. A. Ford, M. A., has been called to the pastorate of Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, Belleville, and accepted the call.

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"After a thoroughly fair test, I can say I am delighted with it. I have the best reason for this conclusion, because, while everything else I tried—salves, embrocations, washes, soaps, and doctors' preparations—failed absolutely to relieve my pain and rid me of my trouble, three boxes of Zam-Buk have worked a complete cure.

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