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PROSECUTION HARKS BACK TO BROCKVILLE ELECTION

Puts Organizer Taylor On Stand, But Court Rules It Is Not Evidence—Witness Fails To Recognize Defendants.

[From Our Own Man.]
Toronto, Nov. 25.—The London election trial reopened this morning. Mr. George Taylor, M. P. of Gananogue, the Conservative whip, being the first witness. He said that he was at Brockville during the White-Comstock election.
Q.—Did you see any of the defendants there? A.—No, sir. I knew Mr. Reid, but did not see him there.
Mr. Taylor said he took no part in the election, further than to speak at public meetings.
Mr. Johnston objected to the testimony of the witness as it had no bearing on the case at all.
Judge Winchester ruled that it was not evidence.
"Did you know of any bribery?" Mr. Johnston continued, but his lordship insisted on Taylor stepping down.
Jerry Collins was then called, but Mr. Johnston asked that he be called in an hour or so, as he had not read Collins' testimony, as it reached his hands only this morning.
Brock Cowan, Brockville, followed. He was a deputy in the White-Comstock election. After receiving his appointment, he met a stranger in the St. Lawrence Hall Hotel. Both went upstairs to a bedroom. He could not recall who it was. The stranger asked him to switch ballots, and instructed him. On election day Cowan switched six ballots, which he received from the stranger. He destroyed the good ballots. Cowan was promised \$5 for each ballot switched, and got

them from another stranger in the hotel.
Q.—Did O'Gorman give you money? A.—No.
Q.—Did you see Pritchett in Brockville? A.—I can't recognize him.
Cowan said he had no recollection of Pritchett whatever.
"You could not recognize Pritchett in the police court?" asked Mr. Johnston. A.—I could not.
James Robertson, Brockville, said he was a deputy in the White-Comstock election. He was instructed in ballot-switching by a stranger. He could not recognize Pritchett as the man. Robertson refused to follow instructions. Witness met Vance, but could recognize none of the defendants.
Q.—Vance was organizer, was he not? A.—Yes.
Q.—You don't know any of the defendants? A.—None but Mr. Reid.
Q.—He was not there? A.—No, sir. C. Clyman, Brockville, was another deputy. He was approached by a stranger during the week before the election, who was anxious to instruct him in the art of switching ballots. He did not use them. Nor did he report the matter, as it was not his business. He could not recognize Pritchett.
Q.—Do you recognize any of the defendants as having been there? A.—Not one.
Q.—You know Mr. Reid? A.—Yes. He is in Brockville often, but never during elections.
Pritchett stood up, but witness said Continued on Page Eight.

Lady Found Burglar in Her House Threw Burning Lamp on the Floor

An Exciting Experience of Mrs. Beresford, of 782 Hill St., East London.

London burglars are growing impudent. Saturday evening Mrs. Mary J. Beresford, of 782 Hill street, went to the grocery store for a moment or two, and left the house unguarded.
When she came back she found a burglar coolly searching among her silverware, with the aid of a lamp she had left lighted on the kitchen table.

Threw Lamp on Floor.
The lady and her little daughter, who accompanied her, did not know whether to scream or to go out and procure assistance.

The lady finally decided to enter the house and frighten the man away.
When the burglar saw her coming he turned, half expectant, and then the lighted lamp with great force up on the floor.

Mrs. Beresford was forced to stop long enough to put out the flames before she could go for assistance, and by that time the burglar was out in the yard sorting out some of Mrs.

Beresford's boarders' choice clothes. Mr. Charles Tuttle was then notified and gave the daring thief a warm argument in the way of a pursuit.
The sneak, however, was there with the "sprint," and the way he covered ground would have made Bobby Kerr, of Hamilton, or Longboat, the redskin, turn green with envy.

A Little Humor.
The humorous part of the whole performance was that the thief, while he secured a few odd undergarments, left behind him a valuable bicycle, which is being held by the police, and may prove a means of identification to the runaway.

At all events the wheel can be sold and Mrs. Beresford reimbursed for the loss she sustained by the oil and the underwear.

Epidemic of Thieving.
There seems to have been a regular epidemic of attempted theft last night in the south and east ends of the city, and the police are doubling their vigilance in these districts.

The police are at a loss to explain the sudden epidemic of theft which has struck the city, and are deterred by that time the burglar was out in the yard sorting out some of Mrs.

London Assured of Another Industry

Mr. J. Lewis Thomas returned from England yesterday morning, and it is understood that his report to the gentlemen who are interested in forming a company to develop certain fields near Dorchester has been most satisfactory. Mr. Thomas submitted

his samples of clay to several of the largest English manufacturers of sanitary tiling, and it is stated that the experiments proved most successful. It is likely that a meeting of those interested will be held in a few days to form the company.

Christmas Turkey for the Masses

Everybody who cares to can enjoy turkey for Christmas dinner. In the first place the farmers do not want to feed anything this winter that will eat feed; and in the second place, there is a surplus of the big fowl in the country. As a consequence turkeys are much lower now than they were last year at this time. Saturday market was flooded with turkeys of all kinds and sizes, and the farmers were very anxious to dispose of them. Of course, they may become a trifle scarcer along about the holiday time, but this is doubtful.

Last year there were many people who could not afford this luscious dish, but this time it will be different. Saturday the price of a fine turkey

was from 12 to 13 cents a pound. Last year at this time they were selling at an advance of two cents a pound over that price, which is about the same as beef.

Everything in the poultry line is cheaper this year, but eggs continue brisk at good prices.
The continued fine weather has much to do with the surplus of turkeys, for as long as the weather is good the farmers will not bother to pull roots, but will continue to bring in their produce.
The poorer classes are not bothering much as to the reason. The result is what they are looking at, and they are thankful that prices are down.

GEN. COLVILLE KILLED IN ACCIDENT

London, Nov. 25.—General Sir Henry Edward Colville came to his death yesterday as the result of an automobile accident. The general last evening was riding a motor cycle down a country lane in Surrey. Upon turning a sharp corner he collided violently with an automobile driven by a friend and a battlefield comrade, General Sir Henry Seymour Rawlinson. General Colville was thrown to the ground, striking his head, and died from his injuries during the night.
General Colville was born in 1852. He is one of the generals who were

recalled from South Africa during the Boer war, owing to the disasters sustained by the troops of his command.

DROWNED IN CREEK.
Buffalo, Nov. 25.—While driving from Lakeview to Angola, where they both lived, John Mulhern and Gus Bogown last night drove into a little stream known as Delaware Creek and were drowned. Their bodies were discovered by neighbors today.

The approaches to the bridge are hidden by trees and hedges.

D. J. O'DONOGHUE TO ACT FOR TELEGRAPHERS

D. J. O'Donoghue, Toronto, has been appointed by the Grand Trunk telegraphers as their representative on the conciliation board appointed to inquire into the dispute with the G. T. R. company. It is very likely that Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., will represent the company, and Professor Short will be chairman.

GOMPERS RE-ELECTED

Once More Made the Head of American Federation of Labor.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 24.—The American Federation of Labor endorsing every act of its president, Samuel Gompers, and rebuking those who have sought to malign him, yesterday unanimously re-elected Mr. Gompers to office for another term. Mr. Gompers, when he came forth to deliver his speech of acceptance, was given an ovation. Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, the Socialist leader who has at many previous conventions opposed Gompers, helped to make President Gompers' reelection unanimous.

A WAIF ASTRAY

Small Boy Leaves Foster-Home to Come to the City.

A small boy jumped on a farmer's wagon at Bryanston this morning, and drove into London on a load of hay. He told the farmer he was running away, and the latter thought it well to hand him over to Market Clerk Maker. The latter reported the case to Inspector Sanders, of the Children's Aid Society, but the inspector could not recognize the lad. It appears the boy is in a foster home with a Mr. Wright, at Bryanston, but he is not a Children's Aid Society ward. Mr. Sanders is now looking after him. He is about 14 years of age.

WAR ON SLOT MACHINES

Revenue Department Seizing Scores in All Parts of the Country.

Montreal, Nov. 25.—The provincial authorities have inaugurated a determined crusade with the object in view of putting the slot machines out of business. Revenue department officers are now making a tour of all the towns where such machines are in use, and are seizing scores of them. The machines are to be found in saloons and tobacco shops. The city of Montreal is included in the war, but there are not so many in use here, as the city authorities not long ago did away with such machines wherever they were to be found.

STEPPED BEFORE TRAIN

Two Sisters Instantly Killed by a New York Central Passenger.

Syracuse, Nov. 25.—Ella and Jennie, aged 12 and 9 years respectively, daughters of Vernon Williams, of Blackman Corners, were killed by a New York Central passenger train near Greenway today. The girls were on their way to school. The crossing gate was down for a freight train and the girls went under the bars and were struck by a passenger train on another track. The older girl was killed instantly, and the younger lived but a few minutes.

KAISER IMPROVING

After Leaving Highcliffe Will Visit His New Castle at Corfu.

London, Nov. 25.—Emperor William continues to improve in health, and enjoys his daily walks and drives about the neighborhood of Highcliffe. He has decided to prolong his stay for a week or two beyond the fortnight originally contemplated, and is planning short sea cruises in addition to motor drives. The Emperor yesterday attended the village church, joining heartily in the singing of the hymns.
A dispatch from Athens states that the Emperor is expected to visit Corfu in February to inspect the Castle Achilleion which he recently acquired.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Nov. 25—8 a.m.

Today—Moderate winds; fair and a little milder.

Tuesday—Fair.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary. 26. 24. Clear

Winnipeg. 20. 18. Clear

Perry Sound. 20. 18. Fair

Toronto. 32. 30. Cloudy

Ottawa. 30. 30. Cloudy

Montreal. 30. 30. Cloudy

Quebec. 30. 30. Snow

Father Point. 22. 18. Cloudy

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The depression which was centered in Alabama on Saturday has moved to the middle Atlantic coast, and easterly gales extend as far east as Halifax. The weather is moderately cold in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and also in Quebec, where light snow is falling.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, Saturday, 23-39; Sunday, 23-35; Dawson, 14 below-zero; Atlin, 15-16; Vancouver, 56-61; Kamloops, 28-42; Edmonton, 35-49; Calgary, 46-44; Prince Albert, 22-32; Regina, 14-38; Winnipeg, 22-40; Port Arthur, 36-42; Parry Sound, 20-40; Toronto, 24-36; Ottawa, 24-36; Mon-

THIRTEEN PERISH IN FLAMES AWFUL BLACK HAND REVENGE

A Crowded Tenement on New York East Side Put To Torch.

New York, Nov. 25.—Thirteen persons lost their lives and several others were injured early today in a tenement house fire at One Hundred and Ninth street and Second avenue. All the dead were Italians. Several of the thirteen were children. The bodies were found huddled together in rooms on the top floor of the four-story building, where the terror-stricken people had been driven by the flames, which rushed up from the lower floors. They had been caught and swept down to death before they succeeded in reaching windows which led to the fire escapes and safety. Some had been enveloped in the flames and burned alive. Others, overcome by smoke, were spared the agonies of death in the flames.

That the fatal fire was the work of incendiaries, who sought revenge, is the opinion of the police and firemen, who made the super-hasty examination. Three weeks ago three Italians were caught in the act of attempting to rob Continued on Page Eight.

Londoners Leaving for Costa Rica Terry King Secures Railway Men

From the Grand Trunk To Work in Central America.

When Mr. Terry King, who is now connected with Mr. Wm. Mullins in the management of a railway in Costa Rica, was here a week or so ago he made arrangements to take away a large number of local railway men to work on the Costa Rica Railway.

Amongst those who will go are Messrs. Marshall, Jones, Ball, Wm. Templeton, Black, Priestley, Huston, Crounce.

Big Ben in City Hall Again Speaks Old Bell Was Rung at Noon Hour

It Has Been Silent Since the Wreck of Reid's Crystal Hall.

The old bell in the city hall was rung at noon today for the first time since the week following the wreck of Reid's Crystal Hall.
City Engineer Graydon finally consented to allow Big Ben to have a say once again in the city's life, and his dulcet tones rang over the city like the Angelus at noon.
But the bell was not rung in the ordinary way.
Instead it was merely tolled after the manner of the fire alarms, which does not cause any shaking of the building.

In a few weeks, the bell will have its say in the good old-fashioned way, and Mr. Cooper will have position from another quarter of the city hall. Work on the Smallman & Ingram building, next door north, is proceeding rapidly, and when once the south wall, against the hall is completed, there will be no danger of Big Ben shaking himself out of the garret and into the cellar of Smallman's new store.

Architect Murray reports that rapid progress is being made in the Smallman building, and that by the first of May the firm will be able to use the Richmond street section, which will be a big addition to Richmond street.

New Liquor Prices Now in Vogue London Men Almost Stampeded

Increases Killed the Bottled Whisky Trade—The New List.

Despite the fact that announcement has been made from time to time that the local hotelmen were about to increase the prices of wet goods, there was consternation on the faces of those who visited the bars of London this morning when they were confronted by the new list of prices, and were told that henceforth "this goes."

In nearly all cases, the men refused to pay 15 cents for bottled whiskies, and took the draught goods instead.

For these they paid only 10 cents. The following are the new prices:
All case goods, whiskies, gins, brandies, etc., 15 cents per glass; two for 25 cents.
Draught whisky, 10 cents straight.
Domestic ales, porters, lagers, per pint, 15 cents; 2 for 25c. Quarts, 25 cents straight.
All imported Ales, stout, lagers, pints 25 cents. Quarts, 50 cents.
Bottled liquors—Quarts, \$1 25, \$1 50 and \$2.
Draught ales, beers, etc., 5 cents straight, under 10-ounce glass.
Draught ales, porters, lagers—Quarts 15 cents.
All mixed drinks, 15 cents and upwards.
All liqueurs, 15 cents; two for 25 cents.
Port and Sherry, 10 cents straight.

Asks That Remains Be Buried Here

A cablegram was received this morning from Mrs. Firth, wife of the late Thomas Firth, who died in Victoria Hospital on Friday last from pneumonia.

Mrs. Firth is at present in Bradford, Eng., and wishes that the remains of her husband be interred in this city. Mr. Robert Robertson, of Altona, a lifelong friend of the late Mr. Firth, is taking charge of the remains.

Mr. Robertson has only been in Canada about ten days and ran across his chum by mere chance.

He was then very ill, and Mr. Robertson urged him to come to the hospital.

Mr. Robertson stated to The Advertiser this morning that Mr. Firth had served with distinction in the South African war, and had received two medals for bravery. He was one of the best rifle shots in the Yorkshire Light Infantry, and had won many prizes. Mrs. Firth had intended joining her husband shortly.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the undertaking parlors of D. A. Stewart in Woodland Cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. Canon Dann.

SUBWAY COLLISION

Motorman Killed in a Rear-end Crash at New York.

New York, Nov. 25.—A rear-end collision of two subway trains in the Bronx today caused the death of Joseph Meyer, a motorman, and is believed to have injured a number of passengers. The collision took place at One Hundred and Seventy-sixth and Boston road, where the tracks are run overhead instead of underground. One car was left hanging over the edge of the track.

The head train was stalled near the One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street station and the train behind ran into it, the forward car of the rear train mauling the rear car of the forward train. The motorman was crushed to death.

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Addresses and greetings from prominent speakers marked today's proceedings of the international convention of the Young Men's Christian Association. A devotional service opened the day's session at the Continental Hall of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and besides the routine business on hand, the programme included an address on "The Association and the Workingman," by Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus, and greetings by Christian Philides, secretary of the world's committee, Geneva, Switzerland; J. H. Butterill, general secretary London, England, and Dr. Kumetaro, Sasso, Japan.

Mayor Away.

Mayor Judd being still in Toronto on the election case, Ald. Stevenson was acting mayor today. The alderman filled the position in a dignified manner, but had very little business to attend to.

London Man Has Another \$10,000 For the Tuberculosis Hospital

Dr. Niven Makes an Important Announcement—Committee After Another Site.

Dr. Niven, chairman of the local board of health, and a gentleman who has all along taken a deep interest in the scheme to establish a tuberculosis hospital for London and the county of Middlesex, made the important announcement to The Advertiser today that there is a certain gentleman in London who is willing to contribute a cash sum of \$10,000 to the proposed tuberculosis hospital fund, providing the city and county come to terms on the James A. Blair offer.

It is understood that the gentleman who is referred to is a well-known retired wholesale drygoods man, who has plenty of money, and who on other occasions has made grants to the city and county. He has made grants to Victoria Hospital in the past.

Dr. Niven also stated to The Ad-

vertiser that there is a chance that the tuberculosis hospital will not be built on the site on the Sarnia road, which had been practically agreed upon by the committee.

The doctor today looked over a fine farm of 75 acres in London Township which can be purchased for the sum of \$5,000.

The owner of the farm on the Sarnia road wants \$5,000 for 25 acres. Of course, there are some fine buildings on the latter farm, but these would be of no use for hospital purposes, and moreover, the farm is a long way from the city, whereas the 75-acre farm, at the same price, is quite close to London.

The fear was again expressed at the city hall today that through petty quibbling at its last meeting, the council may lose the offer of \$20,000 made by Mr. Blair for a tuberculosis hospital.

Mr. Blair, it is said, was somewhat angered to think that the aldermen should not act unanimously on the matter, when they have all to gain and nothing to lose.

\$20,000 a Year for C. J. Fitzgerald London Man's Services in Demand

Was at One Time an Operator in the Local G. N. W. Offices.

A telegram received from New York today announced the fact that Mr. C. J. Fitzgerald, son-in-law of Mr. Philip Cook, of Colborne street, and son of Dr. G. J. Fitzgerald, V.S. of this city, has taken the management of another large concern in New York, and has thereby increased his salary by \$10,000 a year.

Mr. Fitzgerald was for many years a starter on all the big American trucks, but four years ago, he retired from the track to accept a position as

president and general manager of the Brighton Beach Racing Association.

His salary was \$10,000 per annum, and he signed for a ten-year contract.

Now, with the consent of the racing association, he has accepted another position along the same line, and he draws another \$10,000 a year, so that his annual income is \$20,000.

Mr. Fitzgerald was at one time an operator for Manager Furness in the local office of the G. N. W. He is now a member of the Cook-Fitzgerald Shoe Company, of London.

He had contemplated spending the winter in London, but the duties of his new office now necessitate his remaining in New York. His family is in the city at present.

Crown Attorney Took Pamphlets Sensation in Local Printing Office

He Refuses To Allow Document Bearing Name of H. B. Ashplant to Be Circulated.

There was a sensation in a local printing office this morning when Crown Attorney J. B. McKillop, accompanied by a bailiff, appeared there and took possession of several hundred pamphlets, which had been printed at the instance, it is alleged, of Mr. Henry B. Ashplant, the well-known Socialist leader of this city.

The pamphlet makes an acrimonious attack on the bankers of Canada, and on one bank in particular, which is very prominent in London.

It is alleged that several hundred

of the pamphlets were printed last week and sent to Toronto.

There the head office immediately took up the matter, with the result that Crown Attorney McKillop was communicated with by Crown Attorney Corey, of Toronto.

It appears also that the Canadian postal authorities took up the matter, and that they also communicated with Mr. McKillop.

The Crown attorney, after going in to the matter, at once determined to stop the circulation of the pamphlets, and the swoop was at once made on the printing office referred to.

Coupled with the name of the prominent bank referred to above, is that of Finance Minister Fielding, who is made a party to the sweeping and general charges named.

NEW MOGULS FOR THE GRAND TRUNK

The Grand Trunk officials deny the statement that four new engines have been received. They say that the new engines which were contracted for are still in the shops, and that the first consignment of six will likely be sent to London early next week. The new engines will be of what is known as the consolidated or "600" class of mogul, one of the most powerful types of engine yet invented. They will be capable of hauling from 35 to 45 loaded cars at a speed of 30 miles an hour, and are said to be most economical in the consumption of coal. The engines as soon as they arrive will be placed in commission, running from London to York.

At present the roundhouse staff are unusually busy repairing engines from all over the division, and not infrequently as many as 30 engines are overhauled in 24 hours.

Superintendent Nixon, of the G. T. R., stated to The Advertiser this morning that the proposed new regulations, which will likely be recommended by the railway commission, regarding the running of light engines, will not affect the Grand Trunk in any way. All light engines leaving any station must be accompanied by a conductor, who, in case any stop is made, makes provision for warning any other trains that may be coming or following his engine. The new rule will state that light engines must stop for specific orders at stations, as regular trains do.

TRAVELERS ASK PROTECTION IN LOCAL OPTION TOWNS

Ask the Ontario Government To Compel Accommodation in Such Places.

The executive of the Travelers' Club and the Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association held a largely attended meeting Saturday night, at which an important resolution affecting the accommodation of travelers in local option places, was passed.

In brief, the resolution call upon the Ontario Government to amend the liquor license act, so that in case of a municipality adopting local option, it will be compelled to provide suitable accommodation for travelers, who are willing to pay for such accommodation, but who now find it very difficult to secure proper places to stay over night, or even proper meals, in many local option towns and villages.

The travelers also ask that the Government pass a law placing lodging and eating houses in local option and other towns under special license, which will require the securing of a health certificate as to sanitation, etc.

Not Fighting Local Option.

The travelers who spoke on the subject were careful to explain that they

do not wish to be placed in the light of men who are fighting local option. On the contrary, they pointed out that there are many temperance men amongst the travelers. All the association desires is that the accommodation for the traveling public in places where hotels have been wiped out shall be improved, as in some towns and villages, it is now very poor.

Amongst those who were at the meeting Saturday night were Messrs. C. W. McGuire, president of the Travelers' Club; Chas. W. Nichols, president of the Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association; Alf Robinson, H. E. Buttrey, S. F. Glass, John T. Green, Alf Gunther, Frank Lawson, Donald Ferguson, Wesley Smithson, Lyall Johnston, R. E. Davis, P. M. Millman, Fred J. Lind, J. J. Harries, J. S. Townsend, A. H. Moran, John M. Ferguson and others.

The Grievances.

Mr. Buttrey, in speaking of the objection (Continued on Page Two.)

its jail are as fat, sleek and plump as porters. Cost, seven cents per day. Jailer, McKechnie, is the provider.

Mosa, Middlesex County, mourns "Archie Ban" Munroe, aged 80, who had only been out of his place in Burns Church three Sundays in 50 years.