

HOME RULERS TAKE DERRY WITH A MAJORITY OF 57

Ulster Unionists Defeated in By-Election After Hot Campaign—Great Demonstration Follows Victory, and Police Have Trouble With Rival Crowds.

[Canadian Press.]

Londonderry, Ireland, Jan. 31.—The Irish home rule party won a notable victory over the Unionists in the election of a member of parliament for the city of Londonderry, Ulster, yesterday.

The poll, which was a very close one, resulted as follows: David C. Hogg, Nationalist, 2,699. Col. H. A. Pakenham, Unionist, 2,642. Majority, 57.

The seat had been held since 1900 by the Marquis of Hamilton, who was recently elevated to the House of Lords on the death of his father, the Duke of Abercorn. The victory of the home rulers gives them a majority of members of parliament from the province of Ulster in the House of Commons.

A CLOSE FIGHT.

Extraordinary efforts were made by both parties to bring every elector to the polls, and as a result of their exertions, out of a total electorate of 5,462 voters, 5,341 cast their ballots. Many of the sick and infirm inhabitants were taken to the polling booths in ambulances.

Much fear had been expressed that the election would give rise to serious disturbances owing to the feverish excitement prevailing in parts of Ulster at the present moment on the home rule question. A large force of the Royal Irish Constabulary had been drafted into the city, but their services were not often called into requisition.

BOTH PROTESTANTS.

The election on this occasion was made more interesting by the fact that both the Unionist and home rule candidates were Protestants. The Protestant and Catholic inhabitants of Londonderry are almost equally divided, and by putting forward Mr. Hogg as a candidate it was foreseen that he would carry some of the Protestant home rulers with him who otherwise would have abstained from voting, owing to religious differences.

The majorities in Londonderry elections have always been very small, ranging between 26 in 1885 and 105 in December, 1911.

RIVAL CROWDS CLASH.

The rival crowds of home rulers and Unionists came into contact at one point of the city. There was much stonethrowing, and the police were obliged to charge and disperse the people with their clubs.

WILD DEMONSTRATIONS.

The announcement of the result of the polling was followed by extraordinary scenes. The pent-up excitement of the populace was vented in wild demonstrations. A deafening roar of shrieks, cheers, and hisses broke loose, and this was accompanied by the firing of revolvers in the air, while green and red handkerchiefs and Union Jacks fluttered over the heads of the surging crowds.

The Nationalists sang "A Nation Once Again," to which the Unionists responded with "Rule, Britannia!" and "God Save the King."

Mounted and foot police had to clear the way and form an escort round Mr. Hogg and Col. Pakenham, while they were on their way to their hotels.

The Derry by-election was particularly interesting, as being the first fought in Ulster since the introduction of the home rule bill. Derry City has always been very evenly divided between Nationalists and Unionists. In 1886 the late Mr. Justin McCarthy contested it as a Nationalist and was beaten by two votes. His committee, however, were convinced that he should have won by three votes, and on a scrutiny he was declared elected by exactly that majority. Contests since then have resulted as follows:

Victor.	Majority.
1892.....Unionist.....	26
1895.....Nationalist.....	39
1899 (By).....Nationalist.....	49
1903.....Unionist.....	67
1910 (Jan.).....Unionist.....	57
1910 (Dec.).....Unionist.....	105

There was no contest at the general election of 1906. The unusually large majority in December, 1910, was accounted for by the personal popularity of the Marquis of Hamilton.

WHITNEY HIGH-HANDED SAYS CONS. MEMBER

Henderson, of Halton, Declares No One's Rights Are Safe at Toronto and That Whitney Government Has Some Weak Men.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—A hot attack on Sir James Whitney by David Henderson, Conservative member for Halton, was the feature of today's sitting of the Commons banking and commerce committee, which was considering the Canada Permanent Mortgage Company bill. Mr. Henderson asked if consent of a company was essential before it could be acquired by another. The Finance Minister said that under the companies act a certain percentage of shareholders must acquiesce before a company could be acquired by another.

"At Toronto," said Mr. Henderson, "they don't do things in the fine copper-plate way you do here. They follow the high-handed method of Sir James Whitney and do business in such a loose way that no one's rights are safe."

In answer to the question, "Do they appropriate?" from Mr. Boyce, the member for Halton exclaimed: "They rob you. It is no use for an individual to fight against the Government authorities."

"Make violation of the act a jail offence," he remarked later. "There are some weak men in the Government at Toronto."

COUNCIL HAS NOT THE POWER TO AMEND THE AUTO LAW

Provision Re Passing of Street Cars Comes Under Government Enactment.

Several of the automobile owners who have appeared in police court of late have evidently misunderstood the regulations upon which the prosecution has been based.

DR. ANDERSON ESTATE WILL HAND \$5,000 TO HOSPITAL

Victoria Comes In For a Nice Legacy by Will of Old-Time Physician.

Mayor Graham today had a conference with Mr. R. A. Bayly, solicitor for the estate of the late Dr. Anderson, relative to the transfer to the city of a legacy of \$5,000 for Victoria Hospital.

FIRM SIGNED PETITION NAME WAS OMITTED

McMillan-Calder Want More Information on Railway Scheme.

The name of the firm of McMillan-Calder, on Richmond street, was inadvertently omitted from the printed list of names signed to the petition presented to the London and Port Stanley board. The name of the firm was affixed to the petition regularly, but in some manner was omitted when the list was published. The McMillan-Calder Co., in common with 65 other large business houses, wish to have further information before the electrification scheme is submitted to the people.

based its cases. Many of the owners think that the order, stating that autos must not pass a standing car originated with the city council, but this is not the case, as the motor vehicle act passed by the Ontario Legislature contains this clause. The London and Western Motor Club, at its annual meeting, decided to ask the council to amend this legislation, and in the meantime the estate is being wound up. Mr. Bayly notified his worship that he was prepared to make the transfer, and Mayor Graham arranged for it today.

The money will be handed over to the hospital trust, and that body will decide what disposition will be made of it.

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VERY COLD AT WINNIPEG

Thermometer Drops Twenty-One Degrees in Sixteen Hours.

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Purchase Carling Block and Widen Street Is Scheme For London's New Postoffice

Representatives of Government in City Urged to Adopt Scheme of Beautification of Principal Thoroughfare, Moving Building Line Back—Plan Likely To Be Adopted.

Representatives of the Dominion Government have been in London recently in connection with the sale of the Carling block as a site for the new postoffice to be erected here. They have secured prices and estimates upon the value of the property, and have gone into the matter with a number of prominent citizens as to the best course to be adopted. It is said that sentiment is strongly in favor of the Carling property and that there is every possibility of its purchase.

Frontage of Two Hundred Feet.

The block on Richmond street, between Carling street and Queen's avenue, has a frontage of practically two hundred feet.

The building would include the present Carling or Addison block, now occupied by stores and offices, and it is said to be the plan of the Government to carry into effect a scheme of beautification that will greatly enhance the appearance of London's business district.

Widen Richmond Street.

The plan suggested to representatives

of the Government by some of London's leading citizens provides for a new building throughout, and for the extension of the quarters of the service over the whole frontage, with a depth of 141 feet in the new section, and a depth of 129 feet in the old part. It has been advised that the proper plan to pursue would be to move the building line back from the street a distance of from 25 to 40 feet, widening the street, and providing a building that would enrich the city from an architectural standpoint, and take an advanced step in bringing about an improvement in the appearance of the business district.

Would Beautify City.

The idea is that a large space should be left in front of the postoffice to be beautified by tasteful landscape gardening, with walks and stairways arranged in such a manner as to form the most imposing public building in London, or at least on a par with the city hall to be built on the Federal Square. A building set off with massive columns, and with a pleasing approach, and with ample space in front, would do a great deal towards changing the aspect of the central part of the city.

Building on the present site and the adjoining property would have the advantage of bringing about a change in the location of many offices and stores. There are half a dozen stores in the Carling block and many offices upstairs. The result would be to give impetus to the erection of new office buildings, and the general improvement to the whole city would be incalculable.

Present Quarters Cramped.

At the present time the employees of the postoffice are cramped to such an extent that it is difficult for them to transact the customary business. When any special rush is on, confusion and delay can scarcely be avoided. This is applicable to all departments of the office.

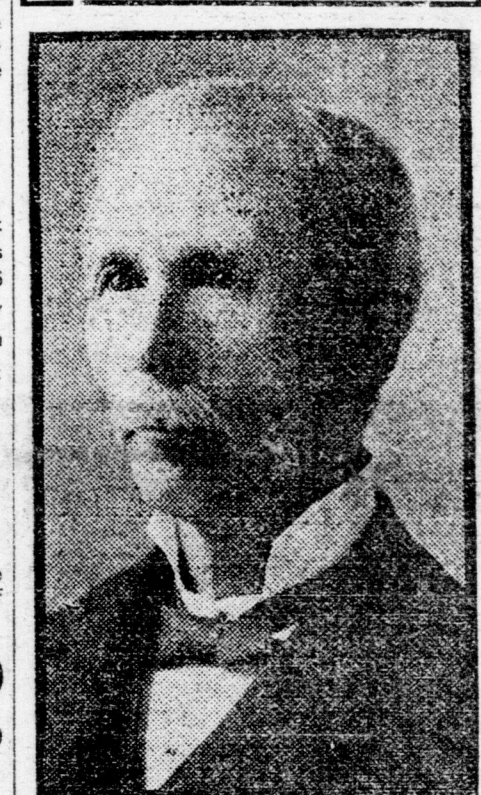
Businessmen have viewed with much favor the proposal to purchase the Carling block, and to go in for a scheme of beautification. The block would give land enough for all offices and afford space for driveways at the rear.

It is said that arrangements are nearing completion for the purchase of the property.

Improve Nearby Buildings.

In connection with the scheme it is said that other institutions in the immediate neighborhood would agree to undertake considerable improvement to their buildings.

A Dentist For Forty Years



LATE DR. L. McDONALD, He Had Practiced in This City Since His Graduation.

PRACTICED IN CITY OVER 40 YEARS

Dr. Lauchlin McDonald Died Last Night After a Ten Days' Illness.

A WELL-KNOWN SCOT

Was a Lover of Clean Sport and a Member of Several Societies—Funeral on Saturday.

Dr. Lauchlin McDonald, a well-known dentist in this city for over 40 years, died at his home, 200 Central avenue, on Thursday evening, following a ten days' illness.

Dr. McDonald, who was in his 73rd year, was born in Port Burwell, and spent his early youth in that village. After receiving his public school education there he attended college in Toronto, and received his degree of D. L. S. After graduating he immediately started to practice in London, and successfully continued until a few days ago.

The doctor will be long remembered as an ardent lover of athletics. He favored all kinds of clean, manly sports, but curling and golf were his favorites, and he was an adept at both of them. Dr. McDonald was one of the outstanding characters at any bonspiel or tankard contest held by the Thistle Club.

A Well-Known Scot.

He was a member of three fraternal societies—the Scottish Clans, St. Andrew's, and the Royal Arcanum. He was an adherent of the First Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Miss Maud. The funeral will be held from his late residence on Saturday afternoon, and interment will take place in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Rev. R. Whiting, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will officiate at the services. The funeral is to be private.

COST OF DYING MAY INCREASE AS RESULT OF CASKET MERGER

Seven Companies Get Together and Amalgamate With Capital of \$1,500,000—The Globe Casket Co. of London Included in the Deal.

Though the Globe Casket Company of this city still refuses to make any statement in regard to the matter, Toronto business circles have announced that the merger of the Globe Casket Company with the other six casket manufacturers in the city is a fact. The primary object of the amalgamation is to cut down expenses, but, on the other hand, "the cost of dying" will likely be run up through a jump in the prices of caskets.

The casket manufacturers have completed the merger of all their interests into one huge concern, which will have a capitalization of about \$1,500,000. The negotiations among the various units have been directed chiefly by A. J. H. Eckhardt, of the National Casket Company, Toronto. The concerns entering the merger are as follows: National Casket Company, Toronto; Globe Casket Company, London; Semmens and Ebel, Hamilton; Christie Bros., Amherst, N. S.; Girard & Co., Three Rivers, Que.; Elliott & Son, Prescott.

Winnipeg Casket Company, Winnipeg. With the exception of the Winnipeg Company all details associated with the amalgamation have been completed. The manager of the Winnipeg concern, however, will be in the city this week, when it is expected, any outstanding details in connection with his company will be completed. The organization meeting of the new merger will be held some day next week, when the general manager and other officers will be appointed.

The head office will be located in Toronto, and the merger will operate under a Canadian charter, the official notice of which will shortly appear in the Canada Gazette.

For four years efforts have been made to get the casket manufacturers together, but with the exception of this final effort, all previous attempts failed. Within the past year all the manufacturers were asked to submit an option for the sale of their property to an amalgamated company. In time all these were secured, and during the past week were all taken up. The individual owners or companies were given the privilege of selling out entirely or accepting preference or common stock in the new concern. With one or two exceptions, it is understood, all the original owners have taken out stock, and those who have not done so will retire from the business. At all the above places factories are in operation, and these will, of course, be continued, though under different management—that is, all the concerns will be under one management from the head office, Toronto, though there will be local managers also.

The object of the merger, it is stated, is not necessarily to increase the price of caskets and other funeral paraphernalia, but to cut down overhead charges and eliminate needless competition. It is not expected that for the present, at least, the number of travellers will be reduced, though in time this may be done, it remains to be seen, however, whether or not the new merger will increase the cost of interment.

A Cold Weather Record

According to Chief Williams Feb. 1, 1882, was the coldest day in this section of Canada for many years. The chief has a distinct remembrance of that day, as the famous Biddulph murder second trial was being held here. The thermometer dropped to 29 degrees below zero. During the night the wind shifted to the west, and the firemen had a terrible experience fighting both the flames and the cold.

BOX FACTORY MAY GO TO EAST LONDON

Hon. Adam Beck Is Said To Be Negotiating For a Site.

It has been stated on good authority that Hon. Adam Beck is negotiating for land in the east End for an industrial site, and if a suitable piece of property can be secured will move his box factory away from Albert street and place it in East London. Railway advantages are being sought after by the firm, and it is for this reason that the Beck company desire to locate elsewhere. It is not known whether a site has been purchased or not, although several are reported to have been considered. The Glass property on Hilda street in Port Huron is one of the sites which has been considered with the story.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—DECIDEDLY COLD. Toronto, Jan. 31—8 a.m. Today—Strong winds and snow, shifting to northwesterly; turning decidedly colder, with local snowfalls. Saturday—Decidedly cold. Temperatures.

	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON.....	43	39	Rain
Victoria.....	44	38	Clear
Calgary.....	25	2	Rain
Winnipeg.....	10	-24	Clear
Port Arthur.....	22	6	Snow
Perry Sound.....	36	22	Cloudy
Toronto.....	45	38	Rain
Ottawa.....	30	26	Fair
Montreal.....	32	32	Cloudy
Quebec.....	24	22	Cloudy
Father Point.....	24	18	Snow

Minus (—) means below zero.

PEOPLE ESCAPED FROM FIRE OVER ROOFS OF SHEDS

A \$400 Blaze in a House on Ridout Street Proved Highly Sensational.

MAN ILL IN BED DELUGED WITH WATER

One Woman Taken to Safety by Means of a Ladder of the Fire Department.

A fire which, had it not been noticed in time, and the fire department called, would have done much more damage to property, and perhaps claimed a human life, broke out in a three-story double house at 443 Ridout street about 10:30 this morning.

The place is rented by Mr. H. L. Smith, and sub-let to a number of roomers, and at the time of the fire a large number of people were in the building. One of the roomers, Mrs. Webster, was washing in a room on the second floor, and the fire started in the next room. It was not noticed until it had gained considerable headway. The fire department was summoned, but by the time that the fire arrived the contents of the room were totally destroyed, and the fire was rapidly attacking the stairway to the third floor.

People Escape From Fire.

A number of the roomers on the third floor, including Mr. and Mrs. F. Pudney, Mr. McNicol and two children, had noticed the fire, but they were unable to leave the house by means of the stairway, and led by Mr. Pudney, they made their escape by means of a ladder at the rear of the premises. On the ground floor immediately below the room in which the fire originated a Mr. Fry was confined to his bed with illness, and the water poured upon him until he was removed by the firemen.

Mrs. Smith, the mother of the tenant, was in a room on the second floor, but her escape was also cut off. She closed the door to keep out the smoke, and when the firemen arrived she was taken down by means of a ladder.

The furnishings of a number of the rooms on all three floors were damaged by fire and water to the amount of \$400. Inquiry at the house this afternoon showed that none of those rescued were in any danger from shock, with the exception of Mrs. Webster, for whom a doctor was called.

BLIZZARD IN MINNESOTA.

Duluth, Jan. 31.—A blizzard, general over the Iron Ranges and Northwestern Wisconsin and Duluth, started last night, and continued today with unabated force. The temperature was close to zero, and a 35-mile north wind was accompanied by fine, hard snow. Indications are that the storm will grow in intensity.

THE FIRE RECORD.

The fire department had fourteen runs during the month of January. Of these twelve were for fire, one was for a gas explosion, and another was a false alarm. Twelve of the alarms were by telephone and the others were by box. The loss in all cases was small.

GREATEST SYSTEM OF RADIALS ON CONTINENT PLANNED BY THE C.N.R.

Toronto Telegram States That Operations Are Under Way, and That Members of Parliament Are Investing in Real Estate.

CHAIN OF TROLLEY LINES FROM TORONTO TO LONDON AND SARNIA

Huge Terminals at North Toronto Indicate the Advance of Plans to Link Different Cities in Western Ontario.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Jan. 31.—The Evening Telegram prints tonight a story that the Mackenzie-Mann interests have plans practically completed for the erection of huge radial terminals at North Toronto, at which point the city will be entered by the various roads controlled by the "Electric Trust." The larger scheme of the corporation will embody the linking up of the Toronto and York radials, the Whitby-Oshawa line, the Hamilton-London line, and the present Metropolitan Electric. It is said to be the biggest radial railway proposition on the continent.

A prominent financier, discussing the scheme said:

"When one realizes how profitable the Galt-Berlin electric line is, the possibilities of this big scheme are seen to be stupendous."

Some of the Lines.

It is interesting to note that the Mackenzie-Mann interests already own or control the Toronto Street Railway, the Toronto and York Radial Railway, which operates the Metropolitan Line from North Toronto to Newmarket; Mimico to Port Credit line; Kingston Road to Highland Creek; lines to Lambton and Weston; the Toronto and Eastern Railway; the Toronto Electric Light Company; the Electrical Development Company; the Stratford Street Railway, and the charters for the projected radial lines in Western Ontario from Brantford through to London and Sarnia.

Plan Steam Line Also.

The above dispatch evidently refers exclusively to the electrical plans of the Mackenzie-Mann forces, as an announcement has been definitely made of the company's steam road plans. In fact, representatives of Mackenzie and Mann have stated to Londoners that London would be given direct connection to the west over their steam lines. A traveller would be able to board a train at London and ride to the coast, and freight would have the same direct route.

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[Special to The Advertiser.]

Crediton, Jan. 31.—A sensational pistol duel, with professional safecrackers, occurred here shortly after three o'clock this morning, when a gang of three cracksmen tried to rob the local postoffice. The burglars all escaped after a brisk exchange of shots and were forced to leave \$250 in the till.

About three o'clock Manager William Paget, of the local Bank of Commerce, who rooms in the same block in which the postoffice is situated, was awakened by an explosion. On looking out of his window he saw the three men through the window of the postoffice below. Mr. Paget rushed back, and securing his revolver, opened fire from his bedroom window. One of the robbers returned his fire, while the two men got more nitro-glycerin ready and in a few minutes there was another explosion.

Went for Help.

Mr. Paget heard firing for a few minutes, while he rushed back to arouse Mr. Saxon, who also had rooms in the building. Mr. Saxon also had a revolver, and hurried back to Mr. Paget's room. They were just in time.

SPLENDED NEW ORGAN FOR METHODIST CHURCH

Members of First Congregation Will Raise Sum From \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Plans are under way for the installation in the First Methodist Church of one of the finest church organs in America. The members of the congregation are being appealed to to aid in the work, as it is proposed to expend between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The organ was taken up last year, but nothing was done. It is proposed, however, to go ahead with it vigorously this year, and work will start as soon as possible. It was stated by The Advertiser today that when the improvements are made, only one church in America, Buffalo, will have as fine an organ as the First Church.

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