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GREAT DESTRUCTION BY YESTERDAY'S ELECTRIC STORM

Many Barns Burned Throughout the County and Valuable Stock Killed in the Fields - Rain Brought Welcome Relief to the Drought.

Yesterday's electric storm was the severest of the season, and one of the most destructive of recent years.

In the city the rain fell in torrents for nearly an hour, and afforded a welcome relief to the drought, which was affecting vegetable growth in the gardens.

The barn belonging to Mr. Walter Meyers, about half a mile south of Ross' Corners, in Thurlow township, was struck about 1.30 o'clock and was soon in flames.

The barn belonging to Mr. John Latone of the Fifth of Thurlow lost a cow by lightning. Mr. Randall Smith, near Shannonville, suffered the loss of four pigs from the same cause.

The barn belonging to William Preston, near Wellman's Corners, also fell a victim to fire following the lightning stroke. The barn had lately been remodelled and was in good condition.

A barn on the farm of Lorne Sharpe in the first concession of Rowdon was struck and set on fire. After a strong battle on the part of willing neighbors the flames were extinguished.

A number of cattle were also killed on the farm of Mr. Richard Downey, in the tenth con. of Huntington.

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The health of the bride and groom was toasted and the toast honored after which Mr. and Mrs. Hallman, left on the west-bound flyer on their honeymoon. They will reside in Toronto.

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Tabernacle Church Scene of Hallman-Hampton Nuptials This Morning.

The Tabernacle Methodist church was this morning at eleven o'clock the scene of one of the prettiest June weddings.

Mr. Newton Bird, had a valuable cow killed on his farm near Oak Hill Lake. He had paid \$75 for the animal only a few days before.

Another cow was killed on the farm of Robert Smith in the sixth concession of Sidney.

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WORK ON THE SEWERS

Italians Started Today - Cave-in on Lower Front Street.

A large gang of Italian workmen was set to work this morning on the excavations for the Front Street sewer extension between the Hastings House and Mill Street. The main body is working just above the upper bridge.

The cause, it is believed, was that someone drove too close to the edge and loosened the earth.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING

An important meeting of the Executive Committee of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance was held in the Alliance offices, on Friday afternoon and evening, June 5th. The President, Rev. Canon Greene, presided.

There was a large attendance of members including a number from different parts of the Province.

Reports were received from the various Alliance Committees showing the status of the different departmental activities.

The main interest in the meeting naturally centered in the report of the Political Action Committee. The report recommended the adoption of the following Manifesto which was as follows:-

MANIFESTO. To the electors of the Province of Ontario:- The Executive Committee of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance desires at this critical juncture to place before you frankly and fairly, the present position of the temperance question in relation to the approaching general election.

The principle of prohibition as a remedy for the evils of the liquor traffic has three times been affirmed by large majorities in this Province. Municipal prohibition has served a very distinct and useful place in the evolution of the reform, so that sixty-three per cent of the municipalities are now under local prohibition. One hundred and thirteen other municipalities, most of them incorporated cities, towns and villages, have given majorities in favor of prohibition, but have failed to register the necessary sixty per cent vote.

The steady, educational work of churches, the discussion and presentation of facts in connection with Local Option campaigns, and the awakening of the industrial, commercial and scientific world to the economic waste and physical destructiveness of the liquor traffic and the drink habit, have created a body of public sentiment which calls for a distinct advance in the matter of legislation.

The unanimous vote of many large non-partisan conventions and church courts, have called upon the Legislature to lessen these cruel evils by at least wiping out of the bar-room, the drinking club, and the whole treating system.

In accordance with this sound and patriotic policy we urge upon the friends of our cause the duty of doing their utmost to secure the nomination and election of men who will fairly represent the people upon this supreme issue.

We urge all right thinking citizens to put their temperance principles before any mere party preferences in the approaching contest and vote for only candidates who can be relied upon to support the most advanced temperance measure brought before the Legislature.

If as we believe, this question is the most important before the electors of the Province, a question that has long pressed for solution, if it is true that wise and enlightened leaders in all departments of commercial, industrial, and national life are becoming increasingly anxious to destroy the great destroyer, we feel justified in asking all who love their country and care for the highest interest of their fellow men to rise, if necessary, above party preference and affiliations, and insist that their representatives shall be untrammelled in their relation to this issue.

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JOHN A. HOLGATE IS LIBERAL STANDARD-BEARER FOR THE PROVINCIAL CONSTITUENCY OF EAST HASTINGS

Rousing Convention at Roslin Yesterday Afternoon-Eleven Names Proposed-Election of Officers.

By the unanimous vote of the Convention of the Liberals of the Provincial riding of East Hastings held at Roslin on Wednesday, June 10th, Mr. John A. Holgate, of Foxboro, was chosen to be standard bearer in behalf of the Rowell policy. The Liberal nominee is prominent in temperance circles. He is president of the Foxboro cheese factory, superintendent of the Sunday school, proprietor of the evaporator at Foxboro and produce merchant.

Mr. Dan Poucher, president, occupied the chair at the meeting at Roslin. The following names were proposed for Liberal candidates: John A. Holgate, Foxboro; Dr. J. Albert Faulkner, Foxboro; Nathaniel Vermilyea, Thurlow; Peter McLaren, Tyendinaga; Bernard Collins, Tweed; James Clark, Hungerford; Dan Poucher, Latta; Geo. Denyes, Thurlow.

P. E. LIBERALS NOMINATE

Mr. Nelson Parliament Chosen by Enthusiastic Convention on Saturday.

Pleton, June 6-At a meeting of Liberals of the county of Prince Edward in convention today, Mr. Nelson Parliament, farmer, of the town ship of Ameliasburg was unanimously chosen to contest the riding at the coming Provincial election. The town hall was packed to its capacity with Liberals from all parts of the riding, and from twenty names placed in nomination one may judge the enthusiasm. All made brief speeches and resigned, excepting three, and after the ballot was taken Mr. Parliament was the unanimous choice.

Mr. W. J. Gerow, president of the county Association occupied the chair, and called upon Dr. J. M. Platt to address the gathering. Other speakers were Dr. Morley Currie, ex-M.P.; W. V. Pettit, ex-M.P.; Mr. James Purtillo and Rev. A. K. Scott, Baptist minister. The meeting broke up with cheers for Rowell, Laurier and the candidate.

BOY DROWNED AT TWEED

The first drowning of the season in this district took place on Tuesday, June 9th. The victim was Basil Frost, ten year old son of Mrs. Ollie Frost of Actinolite, who was bathing in the river at that place. The body was recovered shortly afterwards.

FINAL CHANCES AT QUINTE CONFERENCE

Napanee, June 9 - The Bay of Quinte Conference closed its first session this afternoon. While the Stationing Committee was struggling with the final draft, Rev. James A. McMullen and Rev. Dr. Hazlewood, Field Secretary of Temperance and Moral Reform, gave splendid addresses in the Conference church. Earlier in the afternoon Rev. Dr. Chown spoke on Church union. He declared that there was nothing to be gained by delay. The negotiations for union should be consummated or abandoned, and his hearers approved.

The Stationing Committee's list of changes was as follows: Belleville District - Sidney Lucius B. Sharpe; Bayville, F. G. Joblin; Caniffon, M. E. Wilson, M.A.; Shawanville, James G. Roberson, Napanee District - Napanee, Grace C. E. Craig, B.D.; Adolphustown, Anthony Hill; Pictou District - Ameliasburg, A. H. Hoare, B.A.; Brighton District - Hillton, W. J. H. Smyth; Cobourg District - Welcome, Rufus Garratt; Grafton - W. B. Frederick; Whitby District - Brooklin, H. W. Foley, B.A.; B. D. Greenback, E. W. Rowland; Georgow, W. H. B. Baker; Caniffon District - Caniffon, J. E. Chapman; B. A. Lindsay; District - Lethal, H. B. Neal; Minton, D. McB. Stinson; Peterboro District - Peterboro, Charlotte Street, J. E. Wilson, B.A.; Peterboro, Marie Street, Leonard Phelps; Pontypool, H. A. Frost, B.A. Madoc District - Flinton, Walter Merrick.

TREVENTON-CORDON-At Belleville on June 10th, 1914, by Rev. E. C. Harris, Charles Burton Travers, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Travers, and Missie May Cordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cordon, both of this city.

COUNTY COURT

Although the regular county court sittings do not begin until today, His Honor Judge Deroche heard two cases yesterday by special arrangement.

In the case of Sheffield against Sheffield, the action was dismissed. S. Masson, K. J. B. W. A. B. C. for plaintiff; E. J. B. W. A. B. C. for defendant.

In the case of Simpson vs. Sager et al. the plaintiff bought certain lands in Trenton on Dec. 1st after he got his deed discovered that the bona fide parcel of land was not in deed. He brought action to compel conveyance to him of balance of land and in the meantime one defendant had conveyed land to the other defendant. His Honor gave judgment upholding plaintiff's contention, ordering that he get the lands sued for and setting aside the deed from one defendant to the other.

The police investigated a complaint as to a cross dog on Queen Street but took no action as the animal's future existence.

Mr. Rowell's Address to Ontario Electors

(Special to The Ontario) TORONTO, June 9. - Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C., leader of the Liberal party in the Province of Ontario, has issued a manifesto to the electors, presenting his platform in the coming elections.

After declaring that the present contest is premature and unnecessary, Mr. Rowell says that the measure referred to by the Premier in his manifesto are not the controversial issues in the present contest. Workmen's compensation, the good roads policy, and the Hydro radial policy, are all Liberal proposals, says the manifesto and the only question regarding them is whether they shall be administered by their initiators or by a Government which has resisted them inch by inch.

With regard to the development of New Ontario the manifesto says: "We propose to enter upon this policy of development and settlement as a business and patriotic enterprise, put the department of colonization under a Minister who will devote the necessary time and ability to this great task, and if the creation of a new department should prove necessary we will not hesitate to create it."

"We disapprove of and protest against the alienation by the present Government of 3,000,000 acres of our most land by way of land grants to railways, and we propose to put a stop to this policy."

"We protest against the financial waste of the present Government, of which Government House serves but as an illustration, while the Government last year cut down the grants to our rural public schools twenty-eight per cent."

The Department of Agriculture comes in for criticism and concerning it the Liberal leader says: "We promise, if returned to power, to put at the head of the Department the best man to be found in the Province of Ontario, whether elected or not."

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At this general election of not. Mr. Rowell then deals with industrial conditions and concludes: "We have presented to the Legislature and the people during the past three sessions, important and far-reaching proposals, indicating the first steps to be taken along the line of progress. I shall not take space even to enumerate them all here. They deal with the settlement of New Ontario and the improvement of New educational and agricultural conditions; reform in land taxation; a department of labor; enlarging the opportunities of women to help us solve our problems, social legislation to improve the conditions of the workers; stopping the alienation of the public domain, and the extravagance and waste and expenditure of public money, and the curtailment of the liquor traffic."

With regard to the last named, the Liberal leader says the party's policy would result in the following: "Hotel liquor licenses. Every one wiped out. This means that liquor cannot be sold anywhere on the premises."

"Club liquor licenses. Every one wiped out."

"Treating system. Abolished. "Shops would be further restricted and could be wiped out by local option on a majority vote."

"In nine-tenths of the municipalities, therefore, our policy means the complete abolition of the retail sale of liquor."

"I believe the conscience of Ontario is against the open bar," says Mr. Rowell in conclusion. "To that conscience I appeal with confidence. Every vote cast in this election is a vote for or against the bar. Which will you be. We are fighting your fight. We ask every man and every woman to do their utmost from now until June 23; and if you do the open bar in Ontario will be forever wiped out."