

## Mr. McBride Called Upon to Form a Ministry.

### PROBABLE MAKE-UP OF CABINET

#### The Question of Party Lines Still Undecided—Another Election Likely To Be Held.

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essential that the grade of fruit should be put up on all closed packages, and it was equally essential that the packers should have the onus of grading the fruit. It would not be sufficient to have the Government inspector open 10 per cent. of the packages, as had been proposed, because obviously all he could know anything about would be those he had opened, and he would be marking the others without knowing. If buyers should take to demanding the Government inspector's mark as a guarantee of quality, all packages would have to be examined, and this would require an army of inspectors. Five thousand barrels of apples go through Montreal for export in less than three months of the fall, and to have all these examined and graded by Government inspectors, would be a physical impossibility. The minister added that packers could easily live up to the act by honest and careful packing, and although invidious suggestions were made, there had been no general demand for amendments to the present law.

The bills were declared lost on division.

On the clause regarding the commission of the bill for the appointment of a railway commission, it was stated that the number of commissioners will be three.

The clause providing that they should be subject to dismissal by an address of the Senate and House of Commons, was amended so as to make them dismissible by the Governor-General in council for cause.

Mr. Ingram asked what class of men should be appointed. Mr. Blair replied that one would be a lawyer, some railway experience, and another a man of some experience in the actual operation of railways, "if you can get him." He went on to explain that it might be difficult to find such a man at the salary offered, and in any case this phase of the matter had not been exhaustively considered by the Government.

The real test, Mr. Blair said, was the term of office must reside at or near Ottawa. The board will meet ordinarily in the city, but may meet elsewhere when such a man is rendered it convenient. The requirement that the ministers' approval must be secured to meet outside of Ottawa, was amended so as to leave the commissioners practically free to use their own discretion. Eighteen clauses were got through during the evening.

Mr. R. L. Borden gave notice that when next the House is going into supply he will offer a motion in favor of further protection for the iron and steel industries.

The House adjourned at 11 p.m.

### A VERY PROSPEROUS YEAR

#### Encouraging Reports of Askin Street Methodist Church Work.

The Askin Street Methodist Church is closing one of the most prosperous years in its history. The congregation is large and steadily increasing, and interest and enthusiasm are felt in every department of the work.

The annual report presented at the last official meeting of the year was very flattering. Though about 50 have removed, the year closes with a net increase of 60 in membership. The finances are in excellent condition. The contributions to the church funds show a marked increase and a large surplus remains in the hands of the stewards.

The reports of the various organizations, the Sabbath school and League in particular—show numerical, financial and spiritual growth. The latter has taken the advanced step of inaugurating an institutional department.

The work of the pastor, Rev. W. G. Howson, is greatly appreciated by the church, and at the recent meeting the members of the church presented him with a most cordial invitation to remain next year.

### MR. WOOLLATT WARMS UP

#### Tells Mr. Graydon How Much He Has to Do With L. E. and D. R. R.

City Engineer Graydon has a letter from Mr. Woollatt, the superintendent of the L. E. and D. R. R., a reply to the one sent Mr. Woollatt a few days ago, complaining of the alleged inadequate service on the line between London and Port Stanley. Mr. Woollatt politely tells Mr. Graydon that the service last summer was anything but unsatisfactory, the summer residents and the excursionists having assured him that there was no cause for complaint.

Mr. Graydon has forwarded the letter to the Port Stanley directors. He says he simply has the statements of citizens that the service was poor, and it is not up to them to come forward and back up what they told him.

### NEW JUSTICE APPOINTED.

Mr. Matthew Flaherty, of Thornedale, has recently received the appointment of justice of the peace. He tried his first case a few days ago. Mr. Flaherty's appointment met with general favor. His experience in matters pertaining to the administration of justice has not been limited.



### THE SITUATION.

As Anticipated and as It Is.

## THE G. T. PACIFIC FOR MONCTON

### The Amended Clause Provides for That Extension.

#### TO SPEND \$3,000,000 IN 2 YEARS

#### Company Also Offers Clause Binding Them to Having Road Operating in Seven Years.

#### [Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., June 2.—The Grand Trunk Pacific bill was again the storm center in the railway committee of the House of Commons today. The amended clause defining the route was presented, providing for the extension of the road to Moncton, N. B. The company also offered a clause binding them to spend three million dollars in two years, and to have the road in operation in seven years. This was very satisfactory to the committee. Mr. Wade, M. P., moved an amendment, calling upon the company to begin work simultaneously on all sections, east of Winnipeg. Mr. Casgrain, M. P., doubted the good faith of the Grand Trunk in offering to build to Quebec. He said it was the intention to divert the traffic to Portland, when it reached North Bay. Mr. Heyd, Brantford, favored letting the Grand Trunk build where it pleased at its own expense. Why make it build several hundred miles further than was necessary? In trying to make it a patriotic railway he could not make it a commercial one. Mr. Logan, of Hants, N. B., said they must have a national railway up on Canadian territory, using Canadian ports. It was the only way to build up the sentiment of Canadian nationality.

The committee, after further discussion, adjourned until tomorrow.

### BOTH THE SCOTS LOSE

#### Nissouri Farmer and His Wife Have Troubles in Court.

#### Former Fined \$60 and Costs; Latter Fails to Prove Her Charge.

Harvey Scott, of Nissouri, has been having a generous share of trouble lately. His share in a neighboring row cost him \$60 and costs. In the first place, he allowed his cattle to stray on Farmer Higgins' property, and when the latter's wife remonstrated with him he used abusive language, as was proved when the case was heard by Squires McGuffin and Flaherty. He was found guilty and fined \$20 and costs on this charge. Mrs. Higgins, in giving her evidence, stated that she narrowly escaped being gored to death by Scott's bull, which had strayed near her front door. She says Scott made no attempt to help her from her predicament.

Two other charges were preferred against him. On one of them he was assessed another \$20 and costs. A revolver fell from his pocket at the time he was in all this trouble, and this indiscretion took a third \$20 from his pocket.

Scott feels that he has been grievously wronged, and has two appeals, against the two last impositions, have been filed, to be heard at the next general sessions of the peace.

Yet another charge arose from this neighboring mixup. Mrs. Scott charging Mrs. Higgins with abusive language. The magistrates decided in favor of the latter, and Mrs. Scott had to pay the costs.

### STILL UNDECIDED.

A meeting was held last night at Christ Church to discuss the matter of choosing a successor to the late Rev. J. H. Moorhouse. No decision was reached, however, the matter being deferred to a future meeting.

## SYNOD MEETS HERE

### Prominent Anglicans Will Attend Conference in This City in June.

The Synod of the Diocese of Huron will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, June 16. Services will be held at the cathedral in the morning, the sermon to be preached by Rev. David Williams, Stratford. The business meeting will commence in the afternoon at Cronyn Hall, and in the evening a conference on missions will be held at which papers and addresses will be given by Rev. J. C. Farthing, of Woodstock; Mr. Charles Jenkins, of Petrolia; Dr. Thomas J. Jays, missionary to Africa, and Rev. J. R. S. Boyd, missionary to China.

Notices of motion have been given of several proposed amendments to the canon. The bishop has an amendment providing that the appointment of clergymen to parishes receiving aid from the mission fund shall be vested absolutely in the bishop without conference, and that such appointment shall be only for three years. Certain other amendments are also proposed.

## "CAP" SULLIVAN GIVES EVIDENCE

### His Solicitor Produces Bank Books and Checks—Additional Witnesses Summoned.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Ont., June 2.—Capt. John Sullivan was present at the meeting of the public accounts committee this morning, but was not called upon to give evidence until a few minutes before adjournment. His examination will be continued tomorrow. His solicitor, Mr. J. M. McEvey, produced his bank books and checks. He identified a check of Sept. 6, 1902, as having been drawn and indorsed by him, payable to self, and then given to Theodore Taylor, clerk in the woods and forests branch of the crown lands department. Taylor was Sullivan's partner in the timber deal, having put up part of the purchase and expense moneys and was entitled to half the profits. Taylor had received \$4,012 in all, Sullivan had received the same; \$500 had gone in discounting the note for \$4,500 and the balance had gone in expenses.

E. R. Wood, manager, Central Canada Loan and Savings Company, and P. McDermott, South River, gave minor evidence. Many additional witnesses have been summoned.

### WEATHER BULLETIN

Tuesday, June 2. Sun rises, 4:38 a.m. Moon rises, 12:15 p.m. Sun sets, 7:52 p.m. Moon sets, 12:33 a.m. Tomorrow: Fair and Warm.

The weather continues fine throughout the Dominion, with a tendency towards higher temperatures. There are indications that the rain which for some days has been falling to the west and south of the great lakes will now extend into the Territories.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Port Simpson, 26-54; Victoria, 44-60; Calgary, 46-74; Qu'Appelle, 44-74; Winnipeg, 46-72; Port Arthur, 42-74; Parry Sound, 44-78; Toronto, 43-68; Ottawa, 42-78; Montreal, 46-74; Quebec, 40-70; Halifax, 36-68.

### FORECASTS.

Moderate easterly winds; fine and moderately warm today and Wednesday.

Temperatures.

Stations. S. a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary, 46, 40, Clear. Winnipeg, 46, 42, Clear. Parry Sound, 44, 46, Fair. Toronto, 43, 52, Clear. Ottawa, 42, 52, Fair. Montreal, 46, 54, Clear. Quebec, 40, 40, Clear. Father Point, 48, 54, Cloudy.

### WEATHER NOTES.

The weather is fine and moderately warm throughout the Dominion. The cyclone area which came days past has been situated to the southwest of the great lakes, accompanied by heavy rains, is now dispersing, and it is probable that the high area over Canada will continue to dominate the weather for at least some days.

Local temperatures: Monday—Highest, 74°; lowest, 44.5°.

## BIG FAILURE OF A TORONTO BANK

### Ames & Co., Bankers and Brokers, Suspend.

#### LIABILITIES IN THE MILLIONS

#### Rumors as to the Instability of the Firm Have Been Current for Several Weeks.

#### [Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, June 2.—A. E. Ames & Co., the largest private banking and stock brokerage firm in the city, suspended payment this morning, the intimation being conveyed in a notice posted on the doors of the offices at 20 King street east. Rumors as to the firm's shakiness have been current for over a month, but it was thought they were unfounded. No statement of liabilities has been made, but they will run into the millions.

They are generally credited with large holdings of Dominion Steel common, purchased over 70, now selling at 15, and of Sloss Sheffield and other industrial stocks purchased on their advice by clients who have not been able to carry them. Members of the firm were A. E. Ames, H. R. Tudhope, E. D. Fraser and A. E. Wallace. The latter, it is reported, may have withdrawn from the firm recently. Ames was president of the board of trade last year, is son in law of George A. Cox, and is now in consultation with B. E. Walker, general manager. The Metropolitan Bank was recently promoted by Mr. Ames' firm. His precarious position has been rumored for some time and these rumors have led to the withdrawal of large deposits from the firm. Twin City which is said to be a new selling agent of Ames' clients. It is impossible to estimate the amounts involved, but reports say Tudhope has lost \$15,000, Wallace \$300,000 and Ames over a million.

### LUCKY LONDONERS.

The failure of Ames & Co. the Toronto brokers, was the chief topic of discussion in local financial circles today. Bankers talked about it, and not a few of those who dabble in stocks had much to say about it. It was looked upon as one of the worst blows financial Toronto has received in many years.

Londoners were very lucky in connection with the affair. It is not believed that any resident of the city will lose extensively by the assignment of the firm. None of the local loan companies will be affected in the slightest, it is said, while the banks, or some of them, may be indirectly concerned.

A number of residents of the city were holders of stocks with Ames & Co. until a week or ten days ago, a well-known citizen said today, but they had disposed of their holdings in the quotations. The value of the stock held by the Londoners may have been \$50,000, and they were spread over a large number who could stand the loss even if they had held on. Fortunately they got out of the business in time, and the amount held at the present time would be trifling.

### LEWIS-FORDHAM.

An interesting event took place Monday afternoon at the manse of Chalmers Church, 362 Horton street, when Miss Mary Fordham became the bride of Mr. Charles Lewis. The bride was gowned in a beautiful navy blue gown trimmed with white applique. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Walter Moffat in the presence of a few friends.

### THE KOMOKA ACCIDENT.

There is no trace at Komoka today of the accident which happened there yesterday morning. The auxiliary has succeeded in getting the siding cleared of the wreckage and the engines have been brought to the city. Engineer Coote, who was injured by jumping, is still at the city hospital. He is doing nicely, although he suffered considerable pain during the night.

## A GEORGIA TOWN STRUCK BY DEVASTATING CYCLONE

### It Is Reported That Over One Hundred Inhabitants of Gainesville Met Death in Terrific Tornado.

#### SOME TWO HUNDRED BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED

#### And Many People Buried in the Ruins—The Fatalities Were Principally in the Factories Which Were Crowded With Operatives When Demolished by the Wind.

Atlanta, Ga., June 1.—Shortly after the noon hour today this city was struck by a terrific tornado, killing probably 100 persons, unroofing the City Hotel and other large buildings and destroying the Gainesville cotton mills. The death list will not be known until the debris is cleared away. The greatest loss of life is reported in the destruction of the cotton mills, where about 80 are believed to be killed and a score injured. Eighteen persons were killed in the city between the center of the town and the railroad station, where four large stores were blown down. The storm had driven many persons into these stores for refuge.

There were 500 persons at work in the cotton mills when the cyclone struck. It was a three-story building. The first story was left standing, but badly wrecked. The second and third floors were completely demolished, and the employees were caught under the wreckage and mangled.

It is estimated that there are at least 75 bodies under the wreckage of the third floor, and it is not known how many persons on the second floor of the building were killed.

The roof of the electric car barn was lifted and the building badly damaged. The railroad depot suffered also. The Southern depot was blown down. The Gainesville iron works were demolished, and several people perished in the wreck. The Gainesville cotton oil mills were blown down. The old Piedmont Hotel, now used as a school and apartment house, was razed, and half a dozen or more people were killed in it. The Richmond Hotel was wrecked and several perished along with it.

One hundred and twenty-five cottages, a schoolhouse, and a church were blown down. The negro section of the town. Five brick stores on the main street were swept away. In all two hundred buildings were demolished.

The cyclone went from Gainesville to New Holland, and it is believed many people were killed there. Neither the Arlington nor Berea college was in the track of the tornado, and they are, therefore, safe with their occupants.

Later—As near as can be calculated the results are 35 men, 1 woman, and children dead, and perhaps 40 more fatally injured, with a property loss of something like \$500,000. The death list is yet imperfect, not all the bodies having been recovered and identified. Many of them were mangled beyond recognition. The storm appeared suddenly a little before 1 o'clock, and within two minutes it had killed nearly 100 persons, torn two stories from the five-floor brick factory of the Gainesville cotton mill, demolished almost two hundred cottages, razed two brick stores to the ground and blown down innumerable outbuildings. By what resembles a miracle, the tornado's fury was confined to the outskirts of the city, the main business and residence portion not being touched. Torrents of rain accompanied the wind, but within five minutes after its first onslaught the sun was shining upon the scene of fearful desolation.

The list of the dead is confined mainly to operatives at the Gainesville cotton mills and the Pacolet cotton mills, and two-thirds of them were women and children.

The tornado did its appalling work in such an incredibly short time that it is difficult to obtain a coherent description of its character. It appears to have swept down from the south, striking the city at a great angle, with a roar like the report of artillery. After lifting two stories from this structure it swept on to the northward, leaving a great trail of destruction along Summit street, which is inhabited almost wholly by negroes. Nearly 100 cottages of colored people on this street were leveled to the ground, but by fortunate circumstance the tenants were mostly absent, having left the city in the morning to take part in a picnic.

### DEAD NUMBER TWO HUNDRED.

Atlanta, Ga., June 1. Gov. Terrill tonight issued a proclamation saying about 200 were dead at Gainesville, and 1,000 in need of aid. He calls on Georgians to send relief.

### HAYS AND PREMIER ROSS

#### Provincial Aid to Grand Trunk Pacific Was Discussed.

Toronto, June 2.—Premier Ross was interviewed yesterday by Senator Cox and Mr. Charles M. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific. At its conclusion Mr. Hays was asked if he would make a statement.

"I don't think I can say anything today," he replied.

Senator Cox was also unwilling to make any statement, and so was Premier Ross.

During this interview Mr. Leighton McCarthy, M. P., who has charge of the Grand Trunk Pacific bill at Ottawa, was also in the building, and had a talk with Mr. Bowman.

The visit of these men, coupled with the recent reports from Ottawa and Montreal, lead to the conclusion that

### AGED CARADOC FARMER

#### HAD AMASSED A FORTUNE

#### John McNeil Accumulated Nearly \$40,000—The Estate Divided Among Nephews.

Letters of administration have been granted in the case of the estate of the late John McNeil, of Caradoc. Somewhat interesting information came out in connection with the proceedings. Mr. McNeil left an estate valued at about \$40,000, although it was known that he was comfortably endowed with the world's goods, it was not supposed that he had amassed such a fortune. Mr. McNeil left no will and his estate will be divided between several neph-

ews residing near Strathroy and in Caradoc.

Of the estate left, \$21,000 was deposited in various banks, and there was land valued at about \$8,000. This, with other holdings, was the accumulation of a lifetime and shows with what success a hundred acres can be worked.

The remainder of the estate consisted of bills and coin to the value of \$6,936, which was found in Mr. McNeil's home shortly after his death. He lived alone and the eighth acre of the estate consisted of an old log cabin, the surroundings of which had more indications of poverty than of wealth. He always gave out the impression that he was not worth any amount of money. He was about 75 years of age, and had hewn his farm from the forest. The discovery of the money in the but caused considerable excitement in the neighborhood.