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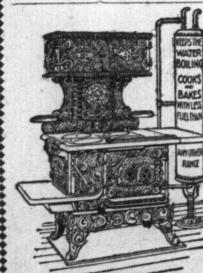
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NEW ELECTION IN NORTH PERTH

Seat in the Legislature Vacated by Agreement-Abrupt Ending of Trial.

The Cross Petition Dropped-No Doubt of Mr. Monteith's Regaining the Seat.

Stratford, October, 28 .- There will a new election for the local legislature in the riding of North Perth, the seat having been vacated by the Conservative member elect, Mr. John C. Monteith, an agreement being reached by which the election of May 29 was declared no election. This arrangement was made as a result of a conference between the counsel for the wo parties held immediately after the election trial opened this afternoon. The agreement was an amicable one between the parties, being regarded as the best means of ending a situation that would have entailed a great deal of expense and considerable illfeeling throughout the riding.

As it is now, the issue will be a straight party fight at a bye-election, measuring of the respective strengths of the parties at the ballot box. And in such a battle the Conservatives have little reason to fear the result, for Mr. Monteith, who will undoubtedly again be the party's candidate, has lost none of his old friends since the last election, and has every reason to anticipate being returned once more at the head of the

OPENING OF THE COURT. Court opened shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon. The trial judges were Justices Maclennan and Moss. As in the South Oxford case, Mr S. H. Blake, K. C., and Mr. Edmund Bris- Captain F. D. Laurie outlined the terests of the Conservatives, being assisted by Mr. E. Sydney Smith, K. C., of this city. Mr. J. P. Mabee, K. C., of this city, was counsel for the and was assisted by petitioners, Messrs. G. G. McPherson, K. C., and R. T. Harding, also of Stratford.

The petitioners presented a list conteith, none however being personal In addition, they objected to a total of 108 persons who had voted at the election, holding that they were not eligible voters.

Mr. Monteith's majority of two being so small the Conservatives presented a crosss-petition against Mr. John Brown, the defeated candidate, so as to disqualify him, if possible, from taking the seat without another election in case Mr. Monteith's election was voided. In this cross-petiion, a total of 58 charges of corrupt practice were preferred against Mr. Brown. The Conservatives also objected to 41 persons who had voted. THE CONFERENCE AND ITS RE-SULTS.

When the court opened, the counsel asked for leave to withdraw for the purpose of conferring on the question of coming to some agreement. This was granted, and after being out for about three-quarters of an hour, they returned and the information became public that the two parties had agreed to summarily end the trial by allowing the seat to become vacant, thus rendering a new election necessary. When this decision was ommunicated to the judges, they ruled that they would be unable to order the election voided or to declare it no election, without formal evidence having been taken in the

HOW THE VOTE WAS TIED. A formal scrutiny then took place in regard to a tendered ballot marked for Mr. Brown, but which was not counted by the deputy-returning officer, and as a corrollary an un-

witting case of personation. circumstances were these:—James Fraser, a blacksmith, living in the township of North Easthope, voted in Stratford at polling sub-division No. Avon Ward. Another man named James Fraser, a baker, living in Avon ward, also went to vote at the same place and was refused a ballot at first, ultimately putting in a ten-dered ballot, marked for Brown, which was not counted.

Evidence was put in by the Liberals hat this ballot was good and should have been counted. This evidence was accepted, and the judges ordered it to be counted, which, after deducting the personated ballots, wiped out Monteith's majority and made the result a tie, rendering it no elec-

THE EVIDENCE TAKEN. Mr .R. R. Lang, city clerk, produced the assessment roll, showing that there were two James Frasers on the roll for No. 2, Avon.

Mr. James Fraser, the North Easthope man, swore that he voted in that township at municipal elections, but had for thirty years voted at Avon, No. 2, at other elections. He did so at the last election. He was not sworn nor his vote objected to. Then the Stratford James Fraser told how he had tried to vote at No. 2, Avon, had been informed that Jas. Fraser had already voted and had ultimately put in a tendered ballot. The Deputy returning officer, G. G. Ewart, corroborated the last witness, and said he had not counted his boy-

was the only tendered ballot in his Mr. Mabee produced the ballot. It

was marked for Mr. Brown. THE CONSERVATIVES' POSITION Mr. Blake made no cross-examinito of these witnesses. He explained to the judges that both sides had thought it very expensive to proceed in the matter, as there were a great many manhood suffrage votes to be challenged, which would mean running up a big bill of costs. He did not, therefore propose to give any evidence; the result of that already taken would be that it would be declared vacant. He asked, however, for an opportunity of presenting a statement from Mr. Monteith, as to the conduct of the election for the Conservatives.

Mr . Monteith told the court that he was not aware of any corrupt or improper practice on his side during the election. He had endeavored himself to make the election as clean as possuble, and had impressed all his followers to do likewise. Mr. Brown gave similar evidence in

regard to the Liberal campaign, as far as his knowledge went. THEIR LORDSHIPS' JUDGMENT

Justice Maclennan stated that as had been shown that both candidates had received the same number of votes, the result was that there was no election. The election was therefore voided. He added that there was no reason to believe that corrupt practices had prevailed to Counsel stated that each party

had agreed to pay their own costs. Court then aros

PRAISE 17

Members of the Football Club Will Co-operate in Young Men's Association.

At a special meeting of the execu ive committee of the Chatham Footattendance of the members present, tol, of Toronto, looked after the in- aims of the Ministerial Association of the city in instigating the project of declined to say how much, or at what defendant claimed that he stood in Chatham. He heartily complimented the pastors upon the broad-mindedness and liberality with which they had laid down the rules for the containing 53 charges against Mr. Mon- duct of the institution. Mr. Laurie added that he would like to see the young men "get together" and do all in their power to support and encourage the work inaugurated by the pas-

After a very enthusiastic discussion, in which all the members took part, the following resolution was unanimously carried:-

Moved by C. B. Sissons, seconded by P. B. Fetterlev:-"That this meeting desires to express its hearty sympathy and ac cord with the movement to establish the Chatham Young Men's Associa-tion and that this Football Club wil do everything in its power to advance he interests of this splendid enterrise and that we further suggest mass meeting of the members of the various athletic clubs with a view to

HOG CHOLERA

ation and endorsement."

videncing their appreciation, co-oper-

Kent County is under quarantine as far as the shipping of live hogs is The cholera has been concerned. spreading of late and has gained normous proportions until now it has gained a foothold throughout the County and the authorities have thought fit to quarantine the County for six months to come. In the meantime efforts will be made to stamp out the plague. The dealers are now dealing in dressed hogs and the disease can be told in the dressed meat

BOLD BANK ROBBERY

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 28. - The boldest bank robbery of recent years in Iowa occurred at Prairie City early to-day. The robbers dynamited the safe of the Iowa State Bank, and stole an amount approximating \$4,000. They exchanged a fusilade of shots with local officers and escaped. Night Watchman Erskine discovered four men approaching the bank at one o'clock. One of the men cornered him, and kept him covered with a rifle for three hours, while another broke open the bank door and worked on the safe. The other two men patrolled the street, and by a system of signals were able to hold at bay several citizens who were attracted to the scene. Five dynamite charges were discharged by the man in the bank before he succeeded in getting to the cash box. The sum stolen was mostly in silver. At 4 o'clock the robbers left the bank and disappeared, after having fired several shots to terrify those who had seen them Watchman Erskine opened fire on them, and narrowly escaped death from a return bullet. A general alarm was given, and a posse quickly formed, and is now on the trail. Blood hounds are being used.

The schooner Kolfage arrived today from Johnson's Harbor with a load of lumber for the Blonde Co. The schooner experienced heavy weather coming down Lake Huron. The schooner reached within 20 miles of Sarnia and then had to put

Flint and Pere Marquette Acquires an Interest in the Canadian Road.

Will be Extended to Buffalo-Details of the Arrangements Published.

Detroit, Oct. 28 .- The Journal today says:-For months past it has been understood that the Pere Marquette Railway was negotiating for a traffic arrangement with the Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry. for its purchase, the plan being, in either case, to extend the line from St. Thomas to Buffalo, and to take the traffic which the Pere Marquette now gives the Wabash and Michigan Central at Detroit over its own tracks to Niagara River. This morning F. H Watker, one of the owners of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry., informed the Journal that the Pere Marquette had acquired part of the stock of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway, and that surveys are now being made for the extension from St. Thomas to Buffalo.

F. H. Walker declined to discuss the details of the purchase at present. In the course of a few days, he said, he would be in a position to give out more information in regard to the matter. President Heald, of the Pere Marquette, said to-day that he did not know of the purchase of the Lake Erie road, and did not believe that it had been made.

Another despatch from Detroit says:-The Lake Erie and Detroit River Railroad will at once be lengthened 120 miles to reach Buffalo from the present terminus, St. Thomas. Work will be pushed under co-operation between the engineers of the Lake Erie and the Pere Marquette, large interest. F. H. Walker, president of the road, said to-day that the

valuable property, and its joint own-ership by the Pere Marquette means much to the nailroad interests of Michigan. It was begun some years ago by the late Hiram Walker, who was interested in oil and lands in the neighborhood of Leamington. Little by little, it was extended, until it reached St. Thomas, on the main line, with a car ferry to Cleveland and a branch line from Sarnia to Blenheim, on the Lake Erie shore. The main line is now 128 miles; St. Thomas to London, 15 miles; Sarnia to Blenheim, 67 miles; also car ferries from Port Stanley to Cleveland, and from Rond

Eau to Conneaut. For years past the Walker road has slowly been approaching Buffalo. The Pere Marquette interests will now push the road as fast as possible. It will first be necessary to secure right of way from St. Thomas, east, which has not yet been done, but there will be no special trouble involved because that part of the country welcomes the road.

F. H. Walker is president; E. C. Walker, vice-president; J. H. Walker, tressurer; W. Woollatt, general manager; Ed. Badford, secretary; T. Marshall, general freight and passenger

agent.

The new road will give the Pere Marquette a long-looked-for opportunity to handle direct eastern freight. At present cars are turned over to the Wabash or Michigan Cen-

Mr.. Walker says engineers are now making surveys for the line, east of St. Thiomiais.

The importance of the road to Michigan cannot be lightly dismiss-The Pere Marquette will thus, in the course of a year or two, have direct connection with eastern roads.

W. H. Humphrey, of Dawn Mills, was in the city yesterday and qur-chased a portable engine, from Park

FROM KLONDYKE

Kinney McLeod, of Wallaceburg, who went to the Klondyke gold fields some time ago, has returned. Mr. McLeod went to the Cape Nome fields, where he has considerable mining stock. He has been gone five years and went to the gold fields by the Edmonton route. The cold up there,

Mr. McLeod says, is intense.
It took Mr. McLeod a much shorter time to come home than to go. He was just 17 days on the way home, including spending three days in Van-couver. While in Chatham he stopped with W. R. Peck at the Rankin House.

IS CONCLUDED

Cases Were Rapid y Disposed of-Jury Have Dis agreement.

Grand Jury Makes its Present ment-Some Very Satisfactory Statements.

The fall sittings of the High Court closed to-day. Crown Attorney H. D. Smith conducted the Crown case in the absence of the Crown prosecutor, L. F. Heyd, who was engaged at the

Brantford assizes. Mrs. Harris was awarded \$200 wages and \$50 for costs in the suit of Harris vs. Humphrey. This was an action for \$500 wages. The plaintiff is a young married woman living in Orford. The defendant is a farmer. The plaintiff was brought which latter road has obtained enough to the defendant's place when nine stock in the Lake Erie to have a years old and an orphan. She remained with Humphrey over twelve plan was to extend the road to Buf- years. No definite arrangements falo, and that stock had passed, but were made as regards wages. The for \$500 as wages. W. F. A. Campfor plaintiff, L. J. Reycraft

Larabee the jury disagreed. The prisoner was allowed out on bail, himself in \$1,000 and his two brothers in \$500 each, to appear at the next Court of Competent Jurisdiction. The jury on the first bailot stood seven for conviction and five for acquittal. On the last ballot the jury stood ten for acquital and two for conviction. O. L. Lew's appeared for the defendant and Grown Attornev Smith prosecuted.

The Grand Jury brought in no bill in the case of King vs. James Haskill seduction.

The case of King ys., Win. Coyle, as laid over till next sittings The Grand Jury made the following cresentment

The Grand Jury inspected the jail and found it in a sanitary condition and in every respect satisfactory, so far as they were able to judge. They were especially pleased to find only three prisoners confined in jail, and all for petty offenres, and none of them female. The Grand Jury also visited the Husoe of Refuge and found there thirty-six inmates, all of whom in our opinion, properly cared for. We found that the condition of the institution was in every way satisfactory, the grounds being well kept, the building and furnishings all appearing to be very clean and neat.

None of the inmates made any complaint, on the other hand all spoken to expressed themselves as being well pleased with their treatment. We are pleased to report that the management of the institution is in

our opinion, all that can be desired, and that it is to some considerable extent self-supporting.
(Sgd.) JOHN GORDON, foreman

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