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North Renfrew Election Cost \$40,000... Liberal Candidate Hale Swears He Paid \$10,000... Stratton and Vance Promised \$30,000

On Oath Captain J. Lorne Hale, in a Law Suit Over a Livery Bill at Pembroke Tuesday, Discloses Secrets Relating to His Candidacy Against Ned Dunlop, and Implicating Liberal Organization in Toronto and the Provincial Secretary.



CAPT. J. LORNE HALE, Pembroke.

ROSS GOVERNMENT WAS TO PAY "SHOT" THRU THE HONORABLE JAMES STRATTON

Livery Bill of \$1032, Incurred by Agents of Vance and the Ontario Government and Hale Looks to Stratton to Settle It, Claiming He Has Witness to Undertaking Made Between Him and the Provincial Minister.

Pembroke, Oct. 6.—(Special.)—North Renfrew is again the storm centre of a live political disturbance. By the sworn statement of Capt. J. Lorne Hale, the defeated Liberal candidate in the recent provincial by-election, a flash-light has been thrown on the expenditure at that election and on the tactics adopted by the government machine. Mr. Hale makes a plain unvarnished statement, in which he blames the Liberal organization for contracting a large debt which they promised to pay, but which promise they have not kept.

Mr. Hale claims that as an inducement to have him become a candidate the Hon. James Stratton and James Vance, the Liberal organizer, gave him a definite promise that the Liberal organization would bear all but his personal expenses. Mr. Hale says he has paid his share, amounting to over \$10,000, but that the Liberal organization has not, and, as a result, there is about \$3000 unpaid election debts. Mr. Hale states that the election expenses, so far as the Liberals are concerned, amounted to about \$40,000.

The disclosures were made last Tuesday, when Mr. Hale was examined for discovery by G. Delahaye, Pembroke, in an action taken by Ringrose Bros., liverymen, against Mr. Hale for an account of \$1032. Mr. Hale's own livery hire amounting to no inconsiderable sum, was paid by him, and this Mr. Ringrose admits, but when Mr. Ringrose sent in his second bill of \$1032 for livery hire, Mr. Hale denied any responsibility and told him that the bill would have to be sent to the Liberal organization at Toronto.

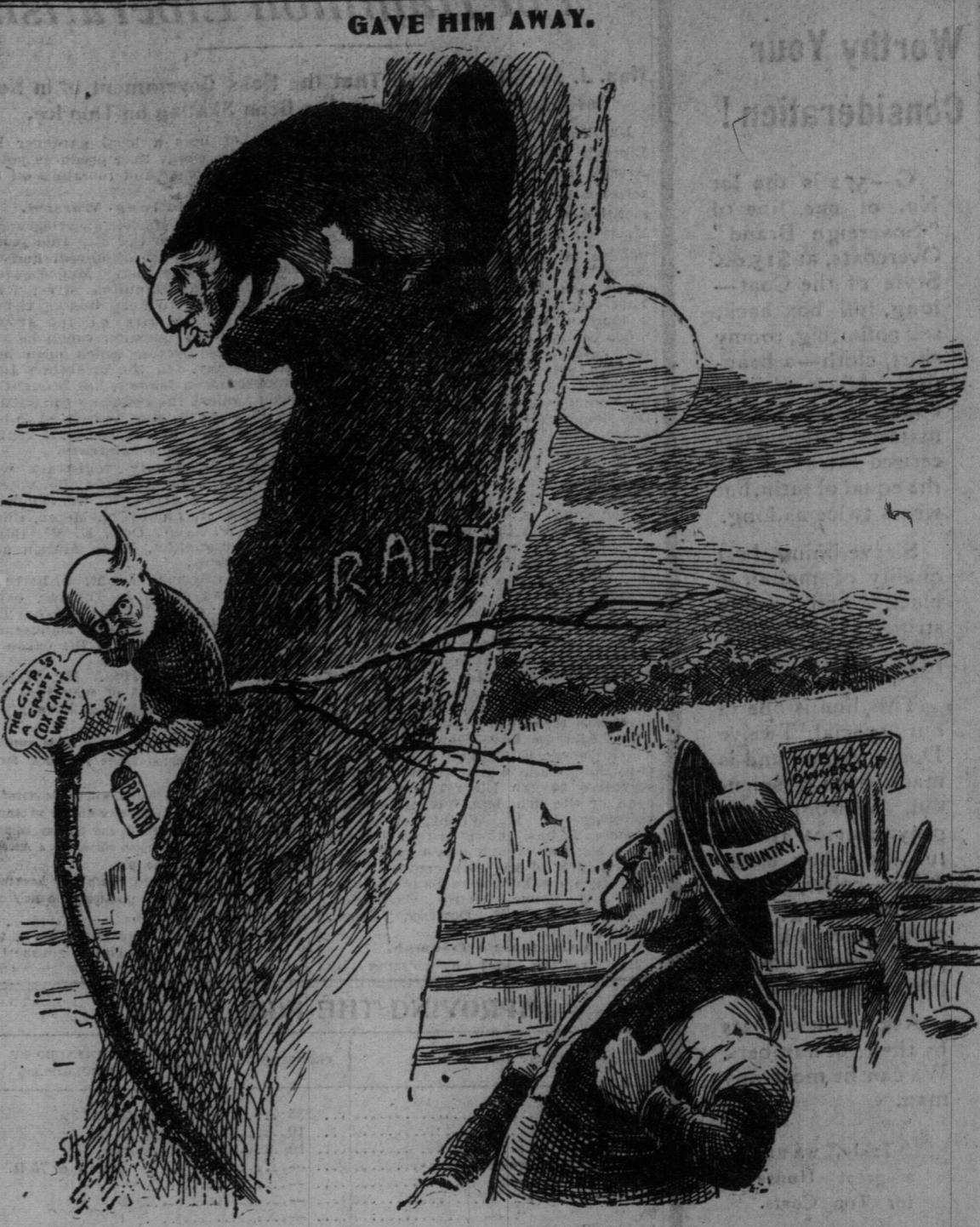
Spent \$10,000 Himself. In answer to the question, how much his personal expenses were, Mr. Hale, in his examination, said \$10,000. Outside of this, he said, all expenses were to be paid by the Ontario government. "Whom do you mean by the Ontario government?" was asked. "Hon. James Stratton," was the answer. "Did he say that these other expenses would be paid by them?" "Yes, he did." "Then you claim that this bill is none of your incurring at all?" "I do," was the answer.

To your correspondent today, Mr. Hale said: "Mr. Stratton may deny what I said in my examination, but another party was with me when the bargain was made, and I can produce him to prove what I have said. Thank God; I'm glad it's all over! I don't want any more of it." Depends on Stratton. "If there was the slightest moral claim on me to pay the bill I would do so," he said, "but in the face of the promise I received from Hon. Mr. Stratton I consider I have nothing to do with the matter. The bill was not incurred by either myself or any of the gentlemen belonging to the local organization, but by the agents of Mr. Vance and the Ontario government from Toronto. I do not intend to pay it, and I consider it rather an injustice to me that this bill was not paid long ago by the men who are responsible for it. It has given people a wrong impression about me, and I was bound to answer certain questions to set myself right. That is not the only bill left unpaid by the Toronto people, there being some \$8000 altogether, of which I had nothing to do with. Every bill of expense that I received has been paid and amounted altogether to some \$10,000, and I think in all fairness to me that these debts which the Toronto men incurred should have been paid immediately.

Healers From Toronto. "Any number of healers were brought here from Toronto and elsewhere. If they had been left out I would have had a better show. At the time of the election there were numbers of Toronto workers here and the demands made upon me were heavy, but I met them at the time and everything done by our local organizations, and all debts incurred in my behalf were paid promptly, and I think it gross unfairness to me that these other bills were not paid at once and saved this suit, which is none of mine, but which should rightly be brought against Hon. James Stratton and Mr. James Vance."

Not a Surprise. The disclosures have not come as an entire surprise, as when the arrangement was made regarding the dropping of the protest against Mr. Dunlop, the Conservative member, it was hinted that if the case was proceeded with Mr. Hale would make statements of a damaging nature. It is not likely the case will go further. The main reason for taking the action was to get the evidence under oath. At any rate it is claimed that the collection of the amount cannot be enforced by law.

A SERIOUS CHARGE. The North Renfrew election has had a strange sequel. A livery-keeper sued Mr. J. L. Hale, the Liberal candidate for \$1032. Mr. Hale paid what he considered his personal livery bill and told the creditor to look to the Liberal organization at Toronto for the rest. On Tuesday he was examined for discovery in the suit, and testified that he expected the balance of the bill to be paid by the Ontario government. It is stated also that the election cost the Liberals \$40,000. If this is correct we are face to face with a question far more important than the lavish expenditures made by the candidates out of their private purses. We have first the fact that the enormous expenditure, like the cruise of the Minnie M., was for the purpose of saving a government at the point of death. But "where did the money come from?" Who was interested to the extent of some \$30,000 in the winning of the North Renfrew election and the maintenance of the Ross government in power? The statement is denied by Mr. Stratton, the minister directly implicated, and The World publishes this denial and all the other information available. The facts must be brought out, and the money traced to its source, and if it turns out to be \$40,000 or anything like that sum was spent, the people will not be content with a scapegoat, but will fix responsibility on those by whom and for whom the corruption was practised.



EVERYBODY MAKES DENIAL STATEMENT MADE ON OATH

Mr. Stratton Declares He Did Not Promise Lorne Hale Money and Had No Conversation With Vance Regarding Cost of Election—Mr. Vance Can't Understand Hale.

The statement on oath in Pembroke of Lorne Hale, Liberal candidate in North Renfrew, at the by-election in December, 1903, that his election expenses were \$40,000, that he paid \$10,000, and that Hon. Mr. Stratton and James Vance promised to pay the other \$30,000, caused a sensation in Toronto yesterday. The statement was first printed in The News, in a despatch from Pembroke. Later in the day it was verified in its essential features as correct that the riding was debauched by the Liberal machine, no one who knew the situation doubted. To have the oath of Lorne Hale and the Liberal organization in Toronto was responsible makes the matter concrete. The persons named by Mr. Hale denied the recollections.

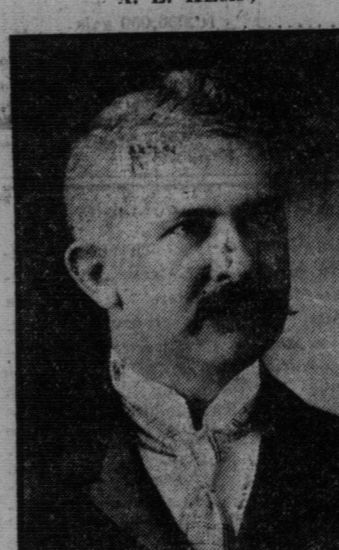
Mr. Stratton Denied. Upon being interviewed by a representative of The World, the Hon. Mr. Stratton gave out the following statement: I gave no moneys to Mr. Hale in connection with his election, nor to anyone for him, nor did I make any promise to him, other than that I had no doubt that should he accept the nomination, the party would assist him with his expenses, meaning, of course, his legitimate expenses. He was speaking of the cost of an election. I do not know what assistance, if any, he received from the party, nor do I know what the cost of his campaign was. I had no conversation with Mr. Vance regarding any expenses in connection with the campaign, nor had Mr. Hale any conversation with me in the presence of Mr. Vance. The cost of the election as given by Mr. Hale, if the statement as reported is correct, would appear on the face of it to be most absurd. I addressed four meetings in North Renfrew at the request of the committee and do not know anything about the costs or conduct of the campaign.

Mr. Vance Denies It. James Vance, Liberal organizer, was seen by The World with reference to Mr. Hale's statement. He said: All I've got to say is this: Of course I can only speak for myself, but I never discussed with Mr. Hale what his election expenses would be, or who should pay them. I never discussed the matter with him in any shape or form, and do not know anybody who did. I never promised him anything, either directly or indirectly, with regard to his election, and I cannot understand why Mr. Hale should make such a statement.

Ever Hale Denied. The World wired Lorne Hale, Pembroke, yesterday afternoon as follows: "The News prints a story that you, on oath, to-day declared your election expenses were \$40,000, that you paid \$10,000, and that Stratton and Vance promised to pay \$30,000. Is it correct?" "The Toronto World," "To this telegram J. Lorne Hale replied thus: "Pembroke, Oct. 6. "The story as reported is absolutely false." "Lorne Hale." "But he is Denied." This statement of Mr. Hale can hardly be reconciled with the facts in the case, but the World, in the interest of fairness to all parties, gives it for what it is worth.

KEMP FOR EAST TORONTO.

He Has No Intention of Running in Any Other Constituency.



A. E. KEMP.

It has been hinted from time to time that A. E. Kemp would be the Conservative candidate in North Toronto.

For this rumor there appears to have been no foundation whatever. Long ago Mr. Kemp gave positive assurances to his friends in the constituency which he has represented since 1900 that if he ran again it would be for East Toronto. Mr. Kemp never had nor has he now the slightest intention of being a candidate in any other constituency. His whole interests are in East Toronto, and on that riding he will go before the Conservative convention as a matter of course. Mr. Kemp has withdrawn his name from the race.

Young Women's Christian Guild. The regular meeting of the Y.W.C.G. of the Durham County Liberals was held last night, Mrs. Bertha Lyman, president. There was a full attendance. The reports of the general executive and the treasurer, and from other departments of the work were satisfactory. A very successful season's work is anticipated. Tonight the physical culture rally will be held, to which all young women are invited.

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Smoke Alive Bolard's Toronto Beauty cigar, 10c smoke for 5c, 125 Yonge St. Commercial Travellers. There will be a meeting in the rooms, 25 King Street West, at 7 p.m. Saturday, for the purpose of arranging for the annual entertainment. A large attendance is anticipated. David Hocking, F.C.A. Chartered Accountant, 2 Wellington St. E. Toronto. Office Furniture, the right sort but least to pay for. "Ask Adams," City Hall Square. Broderick's Business Suits, \$22.50 to 112 King Street West. Office Furniture? "Ask Adams" and get it right. Broderick's Business Suits, \$22.50 to 112 King Street West. BIRTHS. BAILLIE. At 147 Grosvenor road, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, the wife of F. W. Baillie of a daughter.

FOSTER THE CHOICE IN NORTH WELL PLEASED AND CONFIDENT

Nomination Was Unanimous—Candidate Makes a Characteristic Address of Acceptance.

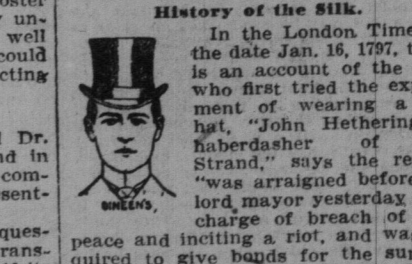
"We are going to start the fight right now," said Dr. Beattie Nesbitt as chairman of the North Toronto Conservative nominating convention last night in presenting Hon. George E. Foster to the delegates as their candidate.

St. Paul's Hall was comfortably filled. John A. Paterson, K.C., waded in a night 190 early for the Liberal convention, and finding himself not among the old familiar faces, sat himself out into the cool shades of Yorkville again.

Seven Nominations. There were nominated after an unanimous decision to accept the choice of the convention: Controller John Shaw, William Laidlav, K.C., R. Ross, William Laidlav, K.C., Dr. R. J. Wilson, Hon. O. A. Howland, C.B., and J. J. Foy, M.L.A.

A Good Combination. C. C. Robinson had nominated Dr. Nesbitt and J. J. Foy, K.C., and Hon. George Foster they had the combination of fighter and critic represented by those gentlemen.

Controlled Shaw said the great question before the country was the trans-continental railway. He doubted if its construction was not premature at present. But if it was carried out under the principle of public ownership, a principle gaining ground, not only in Canada, but everywhere, through the civilized world, no able exponent of the principle could be found than Mr. Foster.



George E. Foster.

Conservative Candidate in North Toronto. St. Petersburg, Oct. 6.—Reports received at the ministry of the interior indicate that the Jewish revolutionary bands are displaying renewed activity in the dissemination of pamphlets, urging their co-religionists not to rely on the promises of the government and asserting that the remedy is a revolution. Within the past fortnight many of these pamphlets have been seized at Odessa, Kishinev, Saratov, Gorny, Odesa, and Vilna, and arrests have been made in each of these places. The pamphlets circulated at Odessa urged making an anti-war demonstration on the occasion of the emperor's recent visit to that city, but, according to the reports received, no disturbance occurred.

Sentenced to Seven Years. London, Oct. 6.—Robert Powell was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary at the assize court here today. Powell, who is a widower and a laborer, was found guilty of having criminally assaulted his 14-year-old step-daughter. The jury strongly recommended mercy.