

MR. PROUDFOOT IS READY TO FULLY PROVE CHARGES IF GIVEN A FAIR CHANCE

Member for Centre Huron Says He Will Bring the Matter Up in the House and Have Everything Investigated.

REFUSED RIGHT TO MAKE STATEMENT WHEN STRAIGHT PARTY VOTE TAKEN

Committee Adjourns Until Next Tuesday, When a Report Will Be Presented to the House—Lively Wrangle With Chairman Ferguson.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, May 1.—At the opening of the sitting today, Mr. David Fasken, K. C., was called by Mr. Nesbitt. He explained that he was solicitor for the firm of Stauntons, Limited. At the time Mr. Thorne was acting as arbitrator in the dispute of Taylor, Scott & Co., he had called upon him to secure his advice as to the best method of arriving at the conclusion in regard to several items in the claim.

He wanted to ascertain what would be the proper measure of damages as well as to having his award substantiated in both law and fact.

From the information placed before him by Mr. Thorne, it appeared that he had gone to a great deal of trouble, and seemed anxious to satisfy both parties to the arbitration.

Mr. Proudfoot Objects.
Immediately afterwards another dramatic incident developed when Mr. Proudfoot was called. On the chairman tendering him the Testament to be sworn, the member from Centre Huron objected, saying that he did not propose to give evidence, but desired to make a statement.

The Chairman—"The committee has asked you to come here as a witness."
Mr. Proudfoot—"I want to make a statement."

Chairman—"You have been summoned here to give facts which will be a help to the committee in reaching a proper conclusion of the charges you made on the floor of the House. I need not tell you that the committee have charge of the conduct of the proceedings and have been proceeding regularly. For that reason, I summoned you here and expect you to give us the benefit of your evidence."

"I want to make a brief statement, I don't want to make an address."
Chairman—"I expect you to pay proper respect to the chair and observe the ruling that I will have to make."

Mr. Ferguson then tendered Mr. Proudfoot the Testament and asked him to accept the oath, reminding him of the responsibility he was taking, and assumed that he would stand by the consequences.

Wanted No Lecture.
Mr. Proudfoot—"I want to lecture from you, Mr. Chairman, as to my responsibility and what responsibility I am taking."
Chairman—"I do not propose giving you a lecture."

Mr. Proudfoot—"That is what you are trying to do."
Chairman—"I simply ask—Do you propose to disobey the summons of this committee and refuse to appear here and give evidence before them? Then that is a matter for the committee to consider and decide what further steps they will take under the ordinary procedure of the House to force you to give evidence. If you won't be sworn, there is no object in your making a statement. If you refuse to take the position of other witnesses, I cannot allow you to make a statement."

Mr. Proudfoot—"I want to give you my reasons now."

In the midst of the wrangle, Mr. Proudfoot deliberately proceeded to read from a prepared manuscript. He was interrupted with cries of "Order." Mr. Elliott, assistant counsel for the defence, shouted to the stenographer: "Don't take that down."

The chairman was in a quandary.
"I appeal to you," he began, when his voice could be heard above the hub-bub, "I appeal to you as a member of this House, and as a gentleman, to conduct yourself in a gentlemanly manner."

Sir James Whitney—"Don't appeal to him."
Mr. Proudfoot, continuing—"I want to make this statement."

The Chairman—"Do you refuse to take the oath?"
Mr. Proudfoot—"I am not going to answer any questions."
Would Take No Statement.
Mr. McGarry then summoned the "blocking brigade" and forced a motion on the committee that no statement whatever from Mr. Proudfoot be received.

Meanwhile the Liberal members, who withdrew yesterday, had returned to the committee in order that an orderly report might properly be prepared. A division was taken in which the McGarry motion was carried, and Mr. Proudfoot withdrew with the remark, "I will treat this committee in the way we have been treated heretofore."

floor of the House, which are before you, I asked for an investigation before a royal commission. The House declined my request, but sent same to this committee, accompanied by the statement of the Prime Minister that a full investigation would be granted. I retained counsel and went to a great deal of trouble and inconvenience to properly present my case.

"All productions required were not forthcoming on the day promised, and I was very much hampered. Notwithstanding this, I went on after many objections, which I believe were utterly untenable. Evidence was put in which, I believe, fully established certain of the most important facts I set out to prove.

Evidence Refused.
"Finally we reached the point where evidence of an important and vital nature was tendered and refused. I was to go on and prove to the hilt the balance of my allegations, but owing to the course taken I found it impossible to do so. After I withdrew evidence, Continued on Page Four.

MAISONVILLE HAD NOTHING AT ALL TO DO WITH IT

Mr. Proudfoot Denies That Hanna's Secretary Gave Him Any Information.

Scores Unjustifiable Conduct of Committee in Obstructing the Proceedings.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, May 1.—Mr. Proudfoot was not present at the committee on privileges and elections during Mr. Nesbitt's address, but when his attention was drawn to the statement made by Mr. Nesbitt that Mr. Maisonville was his informant and the real author of the charges, and that no one else in the province except the suspicious mind of Mr. Proudfoot would take up, he said: "I do not know Mr. Maisonville, except to have met on a few occasions when he was secretary for Dr. Reaume. I have never had any communication with him, direct or indirect, and I do not believe any of my colleagues have had any communication with him in connection with the charges brought before the House. I have no knowledge that there are any facts within his knowledge upon which he could give evidence to the committee relative to the issue."

Basis of Charges.
"My charges are based in part on a statement in writing, made shortly after the conclusion of the arbitration when the matters were all fresh in his mind, by Mr. Thorne. Mr. Hanna's confidential accountant, adviser and sworn before the committee to be true, but which I was not permitted to put on the records of the committee, by reason of the entirely unjustifiable action of the committee, by ruling out of the chairman."

"The fact that this statement in writing was contained in a communication from Mr. Thorne to Mr. Maisonville has no bearing whatever upon the truth or falsity of the charges, which rest not upon any testimony of Maisonville could give, but upon the statements of Mr. Thorne, upon whose word, without any evidence, \$21,000 of the money of the province has been paid out, and upon the public documents and records, and the statements of other witnesses having no relation whatever to Mr. Maisonville."

Unjustifiable Conduct.
"This very palpable attempt to divert attention from the unprecedented, unjustifiable refusal of the committee to permit my counsel to put in evidence to prove my case is on a par with these obstructive proceedings of the majority of the committee itself."

"It is a poor case, indeed, that requires not only such extraordinary tactics in the committee, but the use of vitriolic language and personal abuse by a counsel whose supposed standing at the bar should put him above the necessity of using such tactics for the defence of any client. He appears to have realized the desperate straits in which he found himself on Tuesday night at the conclusion of Mr. Thorne's evidence."

Aged Lady Refused Anaesthetic for Serious Operation

Mrs. G. A. McLelland, a resident of Warwick Township, was brought to Victoria Hospital Wednesday afternoon suffering from a growth in her head. When she arrived it was decided that she must undergo an operation for the removal, and although she is in her 86th year, she consented to the operation, but refused to take an anaesthetic.

The operation was successful, and Mrs. McLelland is doing as well as could be expected today.

Following is a text of Mr. Proudfoot's statement:
"Yesterday I withdrew from this committee, accompanying such withdrawal with a statement that the matters in question were first brought up on the floor of the House. No belief was afforded. I again went before said committee, which again refused to permit evidence I desired being put in. "Afterwards I made the charges on the

SHARP REBUKES FOR ONT. GOVT. BY CON. PAPERS

The People's Faith in Whitney Shaken by Partisanship, Says One.

Premier Risking His Reputation and Should Welcome Independent Investigation.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, May 1.—The Ottawa Citizen (Conservative), in a leader today, comments strongly on the partisan character of the Proudfoot investigation. It says in part:

"Ontario, and especially Ontario Conservatives, cannot understand why Sir James Whitney refused to have an independent and impartial hearing of the Proudfoot case. He must have known that no verdict of such a committee as was appointed would have received any credence from the public. It is almost inconceivable to the average man that a partisan committee would convict its own leaders of corrupt practice, whatever the evidence adduced. On the votes taken, there was a straight party line up, everything else being set aside."

Faith Shaken.
"In spite of the confidence of the people of Ontario in the rugged honesty of Sir James Whitney, there is reason to believe that this so-called investigation can hardly do other than shake their faith. Sir James surely has nothing to fear from the full blaze of publicity, but it is difficult to make people believe that a partisan committee can hardly do other than shake their faith. Sir James surely has nothing to fear from the full blaze of publicity, but it is difficult to make people believe that a partisan committee can hardly do other than shake their faith. Sir James surely has nothing to fear from the full blaze of publicity, but it is difficult to make people believe that a partisan committee can hardly do other than shake their faith."

A SORRY BUNGLER.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, April 30.—The Toronto Telegram (Con.) says: Ontario thinks well enough of Hon. W. J. Hanna to believe that Mr. Hanna was badly served by the continuous objections of Hon. Wallace Nesbitt and by the unfair tactics of the privileges and elections committee.

The bungle has been done now, and cannot be undone. The Rowell Opposition has been given a reasonable excuse for posing before the province as the victim of injustice. Hon. W. J. Hanna could afford to give every attitude to his detractors, and still abide the consequences of full and hostile inquiry into his every action. The Proudfoot charges called for an inquiry that would have given the Whitney Government full and complete vindication. The opportunity to secure such a vindication was frittered away in the senseless multiplication of legal quibbles, and in rulings that were worthy of the blockers' brigade in the worst days of Laurierism at Ottawa.

ITS WORST ASPECT.
[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, May 1.—Commenting on yesterday's developments before the Ontario Legislature the Gazette (Conservative) this morning says:

"It is not to be presumed that Mr. Hanna would accept a bribe of \$200 to put the way of settlement of a dispute as to what the Province's obligations were in connection with a matter of service and contract. If he took the \$500 as a campaign contribution he did what many others in like position have done, though few have had such reason to regret their action."

The course of his political opponents on the committee has been calculated to give his action its worst aspect and to fasten that aspect on the public mind. No statement of the majority of the majority of the committee, however judicial, will check the use made of what has transpired. The knowledge that this was likely to be the case behind the minority's action.

Beck Organ Says Vote Will Be Delayed Until He Returns

But Municipal Circles Say It Will Go On Whether He Is Here or Not.

The Toronto Telegram of Wednesday evening prints what purports to be a dispatch from London saying that owing to the illness of Hon. Adam Beck the vote on electrification in this city would be delayed until after Mr. Beck had taken a trip abroad.

Reports of Mr. Beck's illness are said to be much exaggerated. He has been at work for two days, and he has not yet stated that he will leave the city.

At any rate, it is stated in municipal circles that the vote on electrification would proceed as soon as possible, no matter whether Mr. Beck stayed in London or not.

ONE HUNDRED BARS CLOSE.
[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, May 1.—With the hour of midnight, almost 100 bars in Ontario passed into oblivion. The death sentence was pronounced on the first Monday in January last, when the people voted to apply the axe.

THE WEATHER.
TOMORROW—WARMER.
Forecasts.
Today—Moderate to fresh southwest to south winds; fine and warm.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours ending today.
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
London. 56. 40. Clear.
Victoria. 56. 40. Clear.
Calgary. 56. 40. Clear.
Port Arthur. 56. 40. Clear.
Perry Sound. 56. 40. Clear.
Toronto. 56. 40. Clear.
Ottawa. 56. 40. Clear.
Quebec. 56. 40. Clear.
Montreal. 56. 40. Clear.
Father Point. 56. 40. Clear.

KING TOPSY-TURVY RULES CITY TODAY



London Is Experiencing Busiest Moving Day in Many Years—Many Are the Trials and Tribulations of Citizens Transferring Household Goods.

Famed for moving vans and parades, May Day has rolled around again. This is the day when father lays the carpet upside-down and mother has nervous prostration because the bureau drawers fall out on the hand-box containing her best bonnet; the kitchen stove-lids get mixed up with the lingerie in the wardrobe and the special table-cover in the linen-press that is used only when the minister eats a chicken dinner at the family grill. Little Willie's knickerbockers are lost in transit and sister's curling-tongs and powder puffs get stored away with the potato-masher and the combination can-opener, cork-screw, and bicycle wrench. Everybody afternoons, the baby grand, the parrot, takes a peek at the family cat, in utter amazement, goes away and never comes back.

REPORT WILL TELL COST TO RUN LINE ON TURBINE POWER

Mr. Warfield Says Document Will Be In Council's Hands for Meeting on May 19.

Other Experts May Have Findings Prepared at an Earlier Date, It Is Said.

A. N. Warfield, one of the experts asked to report on electrification, stated today that his report will not be completed, as he had hoped, for presentation to the council at the next meeting on Monday night. The chief delays had been caused by the difficulty of obtaining the necessary data out to what railway companies the various sidings along the Port Stanley Railroad belong.

Mr. Warfield stated that he was unwilling to submit a report which was not complete in every detail.

The Cost of Power.
His report will include the cost of operating the road with power from the hydro-electric commission at rates now available to the city of London; the cost of operating the road by hydro power at what hydro power ought to steam generate, at the lowest cost of electric power produced by a waterfall; the cost of operating the road by power produced by a steam-turbine plant; and the cost of operating a steam locomotive road, in connection with these four comparative reports, actual tenders for construction and equipment in each case will be submitted with Mr. Warfield's report.

He stated that his report would be ready for the next council meeting, May 19, or possibly a few days earlier if the council wished to consider it at a special meeting.

Not Before May 19.
Mayor Graham stated, however, that the report would not be considered at a special meeting, and will not come up therefore before the regular meeting on May 19. He expressed the opinion that the Eastman report on electrification, and the Marshall report on steam traction, would be ready as soon as the Warfield report, probably sooner.

Eastern Trainmen Refused Increase

[Canadian Press.]
New York, May 1.—The conference committee of managers of eastern railroads declined today to grant the requests made by their conductors and trainmen for higher wages. The committee report sent to the Order of Railway Conductors, and Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, saying that the present rates of wages are liberal and in many cases excessive, and that the request of an increase is declined "in the interests of owners of railroad securities, in the interests of all railroad employees, and in the interests of the public as a whole."

NO NEW PATIENTS LIKELY FOR DOCTOR FRIEDMAN

Consensus of Opinion Amongst Physicians Is That Treatment Has Not Benefited and That Heartrending Scenes That Marked Visit Should Be Avoided.

It is understood that when Dr. Friedman returns to London, as has been announced by Hon. Adam Beck, physicians who have patients suffering from tuberculosis will make no attempt to have the German physician administer his treatment to them.

The scenes of the scientist's last visit are still fresh in the memories of the doctors and citizens. Scores of patients sought admission, and only a few were successful in securing it. That there has been no benefit from the treatment so far has been the consensus of opinion amongst physicians.

False Hopes.
"There should be no possibility of such false hopes being raised again," said one physician to The Advertiser.

"We do not say anything against Dr. Friedman, but we do not like the method pursued. There should be some means of preventing the hopes of so many from being raised, only to be dashed again. There have been several deaths in the city from tuberculosis, and I know that in two cases the patients were greatly depressed because they were unable to secure the treatment."

Dr. Ross, of the Alexandra Sanatorium, was asked if there would be a clinic held by Dr. Friedman on his return to London.

"I do not know," replied Dr. Ross.

"He would do what he liked, anyway." So far as can be ascertained there will not be another clinic, and Dr. Friedman will merely examine the patients he treated before.

Friedman at Montreal.
Montreal, May 1.—Dr. Friedman, discoverer of the alleged cure for tuberculosis, arrived in the city this morning from New York for the purpose of retracting the patients he vaccinated upon the occasion of his first visit to Montreal. The announcement in the morning paper of the intention of the German physician to return here today caused hundreds of tuberculosis patients to surround the King Edward Institute, where a clinic will be held this afternoon. Dr. Friedman, however, will not vaccinate any new patients, and will content himself with giving a second injection to those he treated before.

Little Interest Shown.
Owing to the strong stand that many Montreal physicians have taken against the doctor since the announcement was made that his "cure" was to be commercialized, and the fact that none of the patients previously inoculated have shown any sign of improvement, the visit caused little of the interest amongst medical men that the first clinic did. It was stated by doctors this morning that not only has the alleged cure failed to help patients, but has apparently retarded the progress that was being made in two cases.

Dr. Friedman was the guest of Dr. Harding, who is connected with the King Edward Consumption Hospital. He will likely visit Ottawa tomorrow, and after that go to Toronto and London.

TRAIN CRASH NEAR COVE

Stalled Freight Run Into From Behind By Another Freight.

CABOOSE BADLY SMASHED

Considerable damage was done to the rear end of a Grand Trunk freight train Wednesday afternoon about 6 o'clock, when an eastbound freight ran into another that was stalled near the Cove bridge.

The stalled train had just arrived at the bridge, and was waiting for orders to proceed when the other freight came along, travelling at a good speed on account of the grade at that point. As soon as the engineer saw the train ahead of him he applied the emergency brakes, but before he could bring his machine to a stop it crashed into the caboose, smashing it badly. The front part of the engine was also damaged, and had to be taken to the roundhouse for repairs.

Traffic was not delayed for long, the engine on the first train coupling to the engine of the last train and taking them to their destination.

GOVERNMENT'S ACTION IS DOOM OF THE SUFFRAGETTES

The London Press Believes That Raid by Scotland Yard Men Will Break-Up the Militants' Organization.

[Canadian Press.]
London, May 1.—The determined stand which the Government appears to have taken against suffragette militancy, beginning with its raid yesterday upon the headquarters of the Women's Social and Political Union, and the arrest of six leaders, is commended by some of the London press.

The Standard calls it "the doom of the militants," and believes that although the movement may cause some small annoyance even after the loss of the leaders, the rank and file can do nothing effective. It continues: "An attempt will probably be made to re-establish the Women's Social and Political Union elsewhere, probably under another name. If so, the police must make another raid and continue the process until the whole fabric of militancy is shattered."

"To keep the militants on the run is the surest way to extinguish their activity. The vitality of militancy, which has ceased to have any real connection with the vote, and has lost the sympathy of the great mass of suffragists, cannot survive the destruction of its organization."

The Daily Mail also declares editorially that the authorities are taking the right course. "If they try a hunger strike," says the Mail, "in the event of a new raid, they will be crushed."

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WILLIAM PHOENIX, East End milkman, who was badly injured Wednesday when a freight train hit his rig.



Food For Thousands Locked in the Ice



YOUNG LORD & RHADAMAS
This photograph shows how the winter held the port in Lake Superior until a few days ago. All these vessels, laden with hundreds of thousands of bushels of wheat for Duluth and northwest elevators, were held up for a week by the ice at Whitefish Bay, unable to get through the Canal and proceed southward en route for Buffalo, where grain is reshipped by rail to New York.