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## ROSS ELECTED MAJORITY 145

### West Middlesex Sends Son to take Father's Place in the Ont- ario Legislature.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—(Special).—The political pot is boiling over, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier looked unconcerned over the Fowler incident of yesterday, the most disgraceful occurrence in the Canadian parliament in its history.

What Mr. Fowler said was this: "If he were attacked as to his private life and he held this term to include his land transaction in the northwest, as brought out in the insurance investigation, he would retaliate against ministers."

Here are his words: "We will give you the true inside of the Hyman story, too," and later on: "If matters in connection with my private business are to be discussed in this house, I shall take an opportunity to discuss the private character of members of this administration and members on the government side, and when I speak of the indisposition of an hon. member, which keeps him out of this house, what it was and how it was brought about, I shall discuss the characters of hon. members opposite, whether they be ministers or private members, and their connection with women, wine and girls."

And further on: "If you are going to begin that kind of thing I do not propose to be singled out for some kind of attack. There are gentlemen opposite living in very little dignified houses. I have taken a little trouble and pains to gather together in my private respect to some of them; and if I am attacked I do not propose to allow any such attack to be made by the member for Yale and Cariboo (Ross) to pass without retaliation. Let them attack me as quickly as they like. I am prepared to defend myself, and I am prepared along with that defence to carry the war into the enemy's camp and give them, not one Roland, but twenty Rolands for their one Oliver."

And yet a wind up: "If I am attacked I shall defend myself, and not only defend myself but lead an attack."

### NOT A SURPRISE

"There is nothing surprising about the result," said Premier Wilfrid Laurier, "and I am glad to see that there were only two years to serve, and the government having to go to a majority did not seem any more."

### MINING MEN PROTESTING AGAINST PROPOSED BILL

#### Suggest as Final Alternative the Appointment of Royal Commission.

The meaning of the Ottawa Journal of to-night and the Montreal Star of to-night point out that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier is open to attack, and that the true story of his absence is known to Mr. Fowler, and that it is because of something disgraceful in his private life; next, that other ministers and others on the government side are in the same boat, but that—and this is the remarkable and most unusual parliamentary situation—that Mr. Fowler will only disclose these things if he is attacked. He coolly tells or rather in great heat tells the house he knows them, but that the truth will only come out if he is further attacked.

Now this is the thing that creates the situation, and which must compel Sir Wilfrid Laurier to bring the matter up again in the house, and force him to insist on Mr. Fowler making good his charges. Mr. Fowler does not, and this is the still more serious side of the situation, the public will believe more than ever that a practice has long been not forgotten in parliament of saving off members who were without being faced by the rules of parliament and the demands of public opinion to disclose what they know.

The best informed say that Sir Wilfrid will challenge Mr. Fowler, will make good his charges. Far be it from Sir Wilfrid to do this, still more serious side of the situation, the public will believe more than ever that a practice has long been not forgotten in parliament of saving off members who were without being faced by the rules of parliament and the demands of public opinion to disclose what they know.

### FAMILY FROZEN TO DEATH.

#### Woman and Three Children in House and Man on Prairie.

Estevan, Sask., Feb. 20.—(Special).—A man named David Trapper has arrived here with news that a farmer named Radcliffe, his wife and three children were frozen to death.

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### Press Comments

Montreal, Feb. 20.—(Special).—The Star to-night has the following leader: "WILFRID LAURIER AND THE FOWLER CASE."

Following closely upon Mr. Carvell's bullying threat of exposure the Conservative member for New Brunswick, has made a speech in the house of commons, which cannot be ignored by the country.

Mr. Fowler's connection with some western land transactions is pretty well known to those who have not forgotten the evidence given before the insurance commission. Mr. Fowler seemed to be the active partner in

# The Toronto World

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## GENERAL FUND FOR PENSIONS

### Interesting Discussion in Parlia- ment as to the Practicability of Caring for the Deserv- ing Aged.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—(Special).—Mr. Pringle (Cornwall and Stormont) today spoke to his resolution declaring "that, in the opinion of this house, the subject of improving the condition of the aged, deserving poor and of providing for those of them who are helpless and infirm, is worthy of and should receive the early and careful attention of the government and parliament."

Pension schemes were by no means novel in Great Britain and the colonies, he said. Mr. Chamberlain was heartily in favor of the old-age pension. Various royal commissions had examined the subject; one was presided over by the present King. The houses of commons had adopted the principle.

That this resolution was popular among the people of Canada was evident, Mr. Pringle submitted, from the various resolutions passed by labor organizations throughout the country. The soldiers of labor deserve a pension, no less than the soldiers of war. The old-age pension had been successfully applied in New Zealand, Australia, Germany, Denmark and other countries. A resolution in favor of the principle was unanimously adopted last year by the parliament of Newfoundland.

The average wage for an artisan in Canada was \$29 a year. How could a man rear a large family and accumulate a fortune on that income?

Surrounded by Difficulties.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, sympathized with the purpose of the resolution, but the problem was surrounded by many practical difficulties. Would it not be better for the government to pension those who contributed to a pension fund, even though the government should furnish the greater portion of the annuity to be paid? He suggested that the subject stand over until it could be discussed throughout the country.

W. F. Maclean (South York) said that the sooner the government took up the subject of state insurance and annuities for the aged the better. This should be undertaken as a business proposition, asking the contributions from the beneficiaries of the fund.

Sudden Respect for Rights.

Mr. Pringle stated that Mr. Pringle's scheme would run up against the B. N. A. Act. Charity was a provincial matter. Could this parliament deal with it?

Mr. Verville (Labor, Montreal) favored the resolution. Having investigated the matter, he announced that a working man, with a wife and family of three, could not live properly for less than \$40 a year. An average of 300 days out of the year, he must earn at least \$180 a year.

Mr. Bourassa did not think it would be a similar measure at the present time. He believed that parliament had entire authority to pass such a law. He thought that more people driven to them by want than by any misadventure. The great difficulty was not to discriminate, but to get all the success anticipated, while the results of the United States army pension policy were rather startling. It would be well for parliament to have full knowledge upon the subject.

Mr. Pringle, in view of the premier's statement, withdrew the resolution. He argued against any scheme of contribution from the beneficiaries of old age pensions.

Suits Against I. C. R.

Armed forces were intended to follow Mr. Pringle's resolution with a motion to require the use of both languages on stamps, coins and the like, but an unexpected motion by Mr. Lawrence (Liberal, Nova Scotia), furnished food for talk, nearly all of it from government supporters, until the house adjourned at 6 o'clock.

The minister of railways was not present, but for over an hour the discussion went on. Messrs. Lawrence, Macdonald (Nova Scotia) and Carvell (New Brunswick) contended that persons injured in person or property by the I. C. R. had virtually no redress, being obliged to employ attorneys and begin proceedings in Ottawa, often one thousand miles distant.



## JEROME SPRINGS SURPRISE MENTIONS A DIVORCE CASE

### Wants to Know if Mrs. Thaw Was Not a Co-Respondent— Payments of Stanford White Enquired Into, But the Witness Doesn't Remember.

New York, Feb. 20.—In continuing to-day his cross-examination of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, at the trial of her husband, District Attorney Jerome White deposited the sum of \$1800 with a New York trust company, with instructions that it be paid to the Nesbits at the rate of \$25 a week. Mrs. Thaw frankly admitted receiving a number of cheques from the trust company, but she would not admit that there was a provision that she should receive the money only when out of employment. The prosecutor spent nearly the entire afternoon trying to make Mrs. Thaw admit that this was true and in as many ways as she could answer, "Don't remember."

Mrs. Thaw's inability to remember a number of other things about which Mr. Jerome questioned her was far the most material element in the cross-examination. The district attorney delved into the witness' past life with a familiarity as to details and general knowledge that at times seemed to amaze all who heard it—not excepting the defendant's counsel. In answer to Mr. Jerome's questioning as to her husband's feelings in any way whatsoever.

Mr. Jerome questioned her as to what disposition she made of the letters written to her by Stanford White. Some she said had been destroyed, and some she gave to her husband. In the midst of the district attorney's examination with regard to the letters, she was asked to spare Mrs. Thaw's feelings in any way whatsoever.

He interrogated her most pointedly as to her male acquaintances and whispered to those nearest him: "Stanford White stole them."

Attorney O'Reilly therefore said aloud: "Stanford White got them."

"If counsel desires to testify we will be very glad to have him do so," Mr. Jerome remarked, sarcastically.

In the afternoon Mrs. Thaw identified pictures as having been taken at the 22nd-street studio when she was there with White all day being photographed.

"These are fair types of all the pictures taken that day—none were suggestive of any more impropriety than these?" he asked.

"There were some taken in very low neck."

Her Belief in Women.

Mr. Jerome then began a long enquiry into White's provisions for payment to her of \$25 a week. Incidentally he asked:

"Did you believe Stanford White when he told you all women were bad?"

### TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Feb. 20.  
License enquiry, Temple Building, 10, Ontario Avenue, Bond-street Church, Ontario Railway Board, City Hall, 11, Clydesdale Association, King Edward, 11.  
Lecture service, St. James' Cathedral, 140, Queen-st. East, by Major Archibald, 8.  
Luncheon Show, new market, 2-8, Huron Ave. North, 4.  
Engineers' Club, R. J. Clarke on "American Hydro Power Development," 8.  
Induction, St. Enoch's Presbyterian Church, 8.  
C.M.A. banquet, McConkey's, 8.  
First Ward Liberals, Digman's Hall, 8.  
Rev. Canon McNab lectures in St. Luke's school room, suit, St. Paul in Rome—Ancient and Modern Italy, 7.  
Jones & Moore Electric Co. Limited, 263 West Adelaide Street, manufacture electric motors and dynamo and install all kinds of electric apparatus.

### BIRTHS.

HOOPER—On Feb. 15, 1907, at 40 Berryman-street, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hooper, a daughter.

THOMAS—On the 19th inst., at 83 Carlton-street, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Thomas, a daughter.

### DEATHS.

MORRIS—Entered into rest, at 471 Jarvis-street, on Wednesday afternoon, 20th February, Elizabeth Cochran, second daughter of the late Lieutenant-Governor Morris, of pneumonia.

Funeral private.

QUINN—At her late residence, 23 Herrick-street, Mary Quinn, on Feb. 20th, 1907.

Funeral from above address on Friday, Feb. 22nd, 1907, at 8.45 a.m., to St. Michael's Church, then to St. Michael's Cemetery.

URQUHART—At New Liskeard, on Monday, Feb. 18, 1907, Lena Beeson, beloved wife of W. J. Urquhart.

Funeral from residence of Mrs. Cunningham, 518 Long-street, on Thursday, Feb. 21st, 1907, at 2 o'clock, commencing at 2.30. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

WATSON—At Montreal, on Tuesday, 19th February, 1907, Thomas Watson.

Funeral from the residence of his late daughter, 1289 Queen West, on Friday, Feb. 22nd, at 9 a.m., to St. Michael's Cemetery.

### PROVINCIAL RIGHTS

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Seen in reference to the bill by Hon. J. S. Hendrie in the Ontario Legislature in regard to the control of companies chartered in the Dominion government to keep within its constitutional limitations as it is for the provincial governments to do so.

Provinces should not incorporate companies intending to carry on a business beyond the limits of the province and the Dominion should not incorporate companies whose business will be purely provincial.

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## "POWER" \$500 FOR KINDWORDS

### Why Andrew Martin Parted With His Cash and What a Trio Did to Earn the Money.

That Thomas Jones, contractor, of Manning-avenue, and F. P. Brazill, got \$500 from Andrew Martin, former proprietor of the Parkdale Hotel, to use, as he believed, in influencing the license commissioners to get him the hotel transferred back, was admitted yesterday. Some weeks ago Martin entered suit for a recovery of the \$500. At that time Both Jones and Brazill emphatically stated that they knew nothing whatever of the \$500, and said they would sue Martin for libel.

To Commissioners' Story, Andrew Martin yesterday told his story. He had been proprietor of the Parkdale Hotel for 10 years.

In the last five years Wm. A. Ball had been his manager at \$30 a week, and in active charge of the hotel. During the last year Martin had made \$15,000 profit, and had a surplus of \$10,000 for many years. Witnesses decided to retire, and offered the hotel to Ball for \$25,000. His own brother had offered him \$33,000. The board cut his price down to \$18,000, demanding \$11,000 to be spent in repairs.

Finally he was allowed \$20,000. Ball was to pay \$12,000 in cash and \$17,000 in a mortgage. The money was to come from Reibman's in the Dominion Dominion Brewery. Ultimately he took \$20,000 in cash.

Mr. Starr: "Had you any talk with Jones and Brazill? Who are they?"

"Jones is a brick contractor and Brazill is an agent for \$5000. I told them of the trouble I was in. They thought they could fix things. Jones said he had been a partner with License Inspector Purvis."

Save Them \$500.

A sum of money was mentioned, and Martin gave them \$500 down and a promise of \$1500 when the "influence" succeeded.

"Did you learn where the money was to go?"

"To the commissioners."

"He didn't know an 'awful lot' about Jones and Brazill, and he didn't question them."

### RANCHERS' LOSSES NORMAL.

#### Reports of Winter's Devastations Are Now Denied.

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—Martin Woolf, one of the best known ranchers of Gardston, Alberta, was in the city today on the way to Ottawa, where he is to interview several of the ministers in reference to matters which concern ranchers and others in Southern Alberta.

Speaking of the condition of the ranchers in his district, Mr. Woolf stated that the losses of the ranchers had not been in the least degree above the normal.

The average loss thru the district would not reach five per cent, a loss which the ranchers in Southern Alberta figures on in each year.

### FOR THE RAILWAY.

The site on the corner of Front and York-streets that was purchased for a hotel, may be taken over by one of the railroads for offices for themselves and some of their allied interests. This is the latest news in real estate circles.

### COLDER.

Metropolitan Office, Toronto, Feb. 20.—(8 p.m.)—A disturbance has developed today over Michigan and Southern Ontario and is likely to move quickly eastward in reference to matters which concern ranchers and others in Southern Alberta.

### LOWER ST. LAWRENCE AND GULL—HIGH NORTHEAST AND NORTHERLY WINDS, WITH SNOW.

Northerly—Easterly gales with snow on rain; Friday, westerly winds and colder; Lake Superior—Northerly winds; low with low temperature Thursday and Friday; Manitowish and Saskatchewan—Fair and decidedly cold.

Cherubs—Moderately cold and light snowfalls.

### THE BAROMETER.

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| 8 p.m.  | 30.25      | 4 N.W. |
| 10 a.m. | 30.25      | 4 N.W. |
| 1 p.m.  | 30.25      | 4 N.W. |
| 4 p.m.  | 30.25      | 4 N.W. |
| 7 p.m.  | 30.25      | 4 N.W. |

### Crown Hotel, 75 Bay Street, computation tickets twenty-one for \$5.00

### STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

| Feb. 20             | At           | From       |
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| Hellgate            | New York     | Copenhagen |
| Wildebeest          | New York     | Bremen     |
| Norddeutscher Lloyd | New York     | Bremer     |
| Preatorian          | Hull         | Liverpool  |
| Deutscher Lloyd     | Hull         | Liverpool  |
| Metropoli           | Philadelphia | Liverpool  |
| Peruvia             | Plymouth     | New York   |

Edwards, Morgan & Co., chartered accountants, 26 Wellington-st. East, will move Feb. 15 to 15-20 King-st.