

SIR WILFRID'S WORK FOR FARMER AGRICULTURE MINISTER'S STORY

Hon. Sydney Fisher Addresses East Elgin Electors.

FIGHTING SPEECH BY CANDIDATE

How the Liberal Government Has Extended the Market for Canada's Farm Produce.

(By Our Own Man.) Aylmer, Sept. 29.—Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, was the principal speaker at a fine rally held here this evening in the interests of Mr. W. W. Rutherford, the Liberal candidate for the riding. The town hall was filled to capacity, and splendid speeches were delivered by Mr. Fisher and the candidate. The former made a telling speech on the issues of the day. He traced the record of the Laurier administration from 1896 onward, showing the wise administration of the affairs of state, dealing particularly with matters pertaining to agriculture, such as the removal of the quarantine, the cold storage plants, the inspection of packing and canning houses, and many other measures in the interests of the farmer. The unrivaled prosperity which Canada had enjoyed of late was due to Liberal policies.

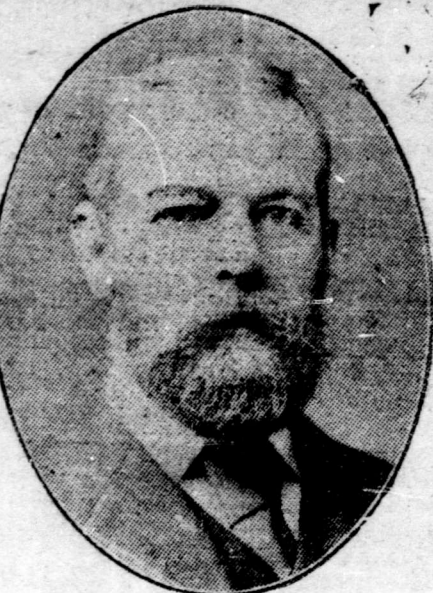
Mr. W. W. Rutherford delivered a strong address, in which he dealt with the scandal cry of the Opposition, pointing out that such cries had no place save in the imagination of such men as Foster and Fowler. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. E. Stevens, of Aylmer. On the platform with him were Messrs. J. C. Danice, ex-M. P. P., Mapleton; Fred Sutherland, St. Thomas; Dr. Lumley, St. Thomas; Dr. Sinclair, Aylmer, ex-Mayor Caron and others.

An Issueless Campaign. In opening the meeting, Mr. Stevens congratulated the electors on the good attendance. He was sure that the speech of Hon. Sydney Fisher would be thoroughly enjoyed by all. In dealing with the campaign, he showed it to be unique, in that there was no great issue before the people of Canada. There was the record of the Laurier Government, but no great principle was before the people to divide them into classes. It was true that the Conservatives cried, "Scandal," but that was not an issue. It was nothing more nor less than a cry to keep the minds of the electors from discussing the great record of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues.

Jealous Conservatives. "The prosperous conditions have made the Conservatives angry," said Mr. Stevens. "They do not like it, and they shout 'Scandal' in order to draw our minds from the great record of the Government. The Conservative press is making faces and can scarcely contain itself. Mr. Foster had the temerity to call Sir Wilfrid a burglar the other evening at Tillsonburg. Isn't it a sight for gods and men to hear George E. Foster talk of scandal, that merely illustrates to what straits the Opposition is put to find an issue for the campaign. When one turns from the speeches and utterances of the Opposition speakers and presses to the high and lofty sentiments of the Premier, it is to find a dark stable in a garden of roses."

The Candidate. Mr. W. W. Rutherford, the Liberal candidate, was given a great ovation on rising. He congratulated the electors on turning out in such numbers to hear one of the leading members of the Cabinet of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Against him the Conservative party dare not utter one accusation or insinuation. He administered his department with distinction and honor.

"Unfortunately I was not present in this hall last week when Mr. Bowser of British Columbia was discussing the campaign," continued Mr. Rutherford. "This young gentleman, as I read in one of the Conservative papers, came here with a message from the far west to the people of the east. I must confess that I read his speech through, and through to find that great message. I also must confess that I have not yet found it. All he had to say of the issues was about the Oriental immigration question. The rest was nothing but scandal, of a piece with the campaign speeches of George E. Foster and other leaders. He, too, had the same stock in trade. I turned from him to Mr. Foster, and I heard nothing better from this self-imposed critic of the Government. I find that Mr. Foster, a political exile from his own province of Nova Scotia, had the presumption to call Sir Wilfrid Laurier the first Continued on Page Two.



HON. SYDNEY FISHER, Dominion Minister of Agriculture.

MR. WALLACE LAUT HAS BEEN PROMOTED

Is Now City Editor of the Syracuse Post-Standard, an Influential New York Journal.

Mr. Wallace Laut, formerly a member of The Advertiser's editorial staff, and who for some time has been associated city editor of the Syracuse Post-Standard, has just been promoted to the responsible position of city editor of that journal.

Mr. Laut's many friends in this city will be pleased to hear of his rapid rise. He is a young man with a future, and undoubtedly will continue his progress up the newspaper ladder.

In London he made a name for himself, and held many positions of responsibility, all of which he filled with exceptional ability. He wields a facile pen, and is a daring, honest, original journalist. The news of his promotion gives the greatest satisfaction to his many admirers in this city.

TWEEDMOUTH RESIGNS

Reconstruction of the British Cabinet Expected.

London, Sept. 29.—Lord Tweedmouth, lord president of the council, has resigned. A partial reconstruction of the Cabinet is expected to follow.

HAS STRIKE COLLAPSED?

Reported the C. P. R. Machinists Have Abandoned the Fight.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 30.—Indications are that the Canadian Pacific Railway mechanics' strike has collapsed. Bell Hardy, who has been conducting the strike from Montreal, arrived on Tuesday to confer with Vice-President Whyte, and if possible to arrange for the men to be taken back to work. It is also reported that a message was received from the International Labor Federation at Washington, advising the men to confer with the company immediately, with a view to going back.

MRS. BEN NOBLE THROWN FROM CAR

Fearing That She is Suffering From an Injury to the Spine.

Mrs. Ben Noble, of 437 Maitland street, is at present in a very serious condition at her home, and it is feared that she is suffering from an injury to her spine. About two weeks ago Mrs. Noble was thrown from a street car at the corner of Maitland and Dundas street by the car starting before she had got off. Mrs. Noble was taken to her home, and was found to be very severely shaken up. Since that time she has grown worse, and for several days no one but her physician has been allowed to see her.

Dr. Belton is attending her.

A VERY PRETTY LOVE STORY AND A RUNAWAY MATCH

Coombs and Stone, at Bennett's This Week, Are to Retire From the Stage in Montreal, Having Effected a Reconciliation With the Wealthy Father of the Young Man.

A runaway match, a jump on the stage, after a row with an irate parent, and final reconciliation after three years' separation—such is the history of Frank Coombs, who appears at Bennett's this week with Muriel Stone his wife.

After wandering in the deserts of parental displeasure, the young couple are now about to quit the stage, and at Montreal next week will say goodbye to the footlights.

The story is a very pretty one. Three years ago, Mr. Coombs was a clerk in his father's bank in a California town. One night a light opera came to his city, and he was one of those who saw the production.

In the cast, in a minor role, was Miss Muriel Stone, a well-bred little lady, who was rapidly making her way in the world of the stage.

He was pained by his father from one city to another, until the old gentleman finally learned that the son was married. Then he turned the boy out of the bank, and left him to his own resources.

Young Coombs was equal to the occasion. He possessed a magnificent tenor voice, finely cultivated, and he determined to make his living by it.

All this week the box office at Bennett's has been deluged with programs for Frank Coombs, all from a California town. At last Frank agreed to give out the story, and he told Manager Driscoll that he intended to pull up stakes and would quit the stage forever. He would retire this week but for the fact that he is under contract with Bennett's and cannot get out of the Montreal engagement. The old gentleman has seen that the young man has the proper stuff in him, and that instead of going to the bad, he is getting on in the world. Consequently Mr. Coombs is going back to California to resume his position in the bank, and his wife will take her place in society. The couple have a splendid act at the vaudeville theatre this week, an act of refinement and art.

Germans Know Little of Canada Surtax Is Advertising This Country

People of the Fatherland Hear Scarcely Anything of the Dominion.

[By a Former Student of Jena.] The number of Canadian students in attendance at German universities is still very small. It is difficult to arrive at exact figures, because in the university books the fatherland of Canadians is almost always written down as "England" or "America," usually the latter. The number is at present probably about fifty.

SEPTEMBER A BAD MONTH NUMBER OF DEATHS INCREASED As Compared With the Same Month of Last Year—Two Die From Tuberculosis—Marriages Show a Falling Off

—The Stork Was Busy.

The local vital statistics show that compared with September of last year this month has not been a very healthy one. The number of deaths recorded amount to 57, as compared with 41 last year.

Colored Man Said His Age Was 118 Death of Aged Alexander Mann

That the Old Gentleman Was a Little Mixed Re the Matter.

The death took place in the Aged People's Home last night of Alexander Mann, an aged colored man, who gave his age as 118 years. Mr. Mann was evidently mistaken as to his exact age, although he was no doubt very old.

Hear of a Wreck by Wireless

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 30.—Wireless messages from the Steamer Humboldt, which went ashore at Marcell Point, Pender Island, soon after entering active pass on the way from Seattle, striking heavily on her bow and wakening her passengers, who rushed on deck, say that in answer to wireless distress signals sent broadcast soon after the wreck occurred, the

MOIR CASE COMES UP.

It was rumored today that the case of Pte. William Moir, charged with murder, was not to be tried at the assizes next week owing to lack of funds for carrying on the defence.

Hundred Million Dollar Budget For Hundred Million Dollar Land

Mr. Fielding Shows That Increased Expenditure Was Justified. Windsor, Ont., Sept. 29.—"We have a hundred-million-dollar budget, but we have given you a hundred-million-dollar country to represent it." This sentence from the speech of Hon. W. S. Fielding at a great Liberal meeting here tonight seemed to clinch his argument justifying the increased expenditure of Canada, which has been so generally criticised by the Conservatives. The sentiment of the Minister of Finance was appreciated by 2,500 people who heard it, and it was the cause of an ovation rarely equalled in this city. Though it was after 10 o'clock when Mr. Fielding rose to

BESSEMER HAD ROUGH TIME BAD STORM ON LAKE ERIE

Storm Raged on the Trip From Conneaut to Port Stanley—A Water Spout Was Seen Five Miles Away—Sailors Admit It Was a Very Rough Passage.

The Pere Marquette Coal Company's steamer Bessemer had a bad time crossing the lake from Conneaut yesterday. She left that place for Port Stanley at 6 o'clock in the morning, and did not make the Canadian side until seven hours later, being two or three hours overdue.

Test Case Re Selling of Ice Cream Police Waylay the Purchasers

And They Are Hauled Into Court as Witnesses—Magistrate Decision.

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MANY BIG CASES FOR ASSIZE COURT

Much Litigation in Connection With the Late Crystal Hall.

SUITS AGAINST THE RAILWAYS

Grand Trunk and the London Street Have Several Actions Entered Against Them.

The docket for the assizes next week is nearly full. It will be closed tomorrow. It now includes thirteen jury cases and six which will be tried without a jury.

It is an interesting coincidence that the Grand Trunk Railway and the London street railway are each defendants in three jury cases.

Four of them are the sequels of accidents in which the plaintiffs were injured. The other two are the results of fatalities.

Against Street Railway. Damages to the extent of \$5,000 are claimed from the street railway by Mrs. Elizabeth Russell, who fell from a car at the corner of Horton and Wellington streets in May. She says she was getting off the car "in the usual way and under the supervision of the conductor," when it started suddenly.

Another \$5,000 is claimed from the street railway by James and Martha Noble, the grandfather and mother respectively of the late James Noble, who, it is claimed, died as the result of the collision of two cars near the corner of Richmond and Albert streets in August.

Crystal Hall Cases. Nos. 8 and 9 on the docket are the two Crystal Hall cases. John Clugston claims \$10,000 damages for his 14-year-old son James, as given in yesterday's paper.

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The Crown's Position. Crown Attorney McKillop related these statements and Mr. Meredith called Mr. Mandas into the box. He said that he had been selling ice cream for three years, as he believed, in accordance with the provisions which his license allowed. He also sold tea and coffee and light lunches. In the winter time not much business was done in ice cream and he depended upon the sale of lunches and candy.

On the Sunday in question he had not known it. Witness admitted that he had taken ice cream away from the store in bulk.

To Mr. McKillop witness said there might have been more and he would not know it. Witness admitted that a great many persons came into the store on Sunday and got ice cream in dishes and had nothing to eat in the shape of a lunch with it.

Difference of Opinion. Mr. Meredith still contended that there was no case, but Crown Attorney McKillop claimed that the ruling of Mr. Justice Clute did not in any way cover such a case as this, where ice cream had been sold in a large quantity and taken away from the store. This had nothing whatever to do with the lunch or with the lunch business.

Magistrate Love held with his view, stating that Mr. Mandas had apparently exceeded his rights as a restaurant keeper, and was, by selling goods to be taken home, to be classed as a merchant.

A grocer might just as well be allowed to sell his goods on Sunday if people could sell ice cream in this way.

Magistrate Love said he would take a week to consider the case.

The court was well filled by a number of confectioners and others interested, and they listened with the closest attention to the details. The decision is awaited with no little interest, as it will establish the fact whether or not ice cream is to be sold in the city on Sunday.