

SIR WILFRID'S WORK FOR FARMER
AGRICULTURE MINISTER'S STORYHon. Sydney Fisher Ad-
dresses East Elgin
Electors.FIGHTING SPEECH
BY CANDIDATEHow 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 coal storage plants, the inspection of packing and canning houses, and many other measures in the interests of the farmer. The unrivalled 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 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. E. Stevens, of Aylmer. On the platform with him were Messrs. J. C. Dance, 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 electorate 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 press to the high and lofty sentiments of the Premier, it is like going from a dark stable into a garden of roses."

The Candidate. Mr. W. W. Rutherford, the Liberal candidate, was given a great ovation on rising. He congratulated the electors of British Columbia by discussing the campaign. "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 the other Conservative leaders. He, too, had the same stock in trade. I turned from him to Mr. Foster, and I heard nothing better from the Oriental immigration question. 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

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HON. SYDNEY FISHER,
Dominion Minister of Agriculture.MR. WALLACE LAUT
HAS BEEN PROMOTEDIs 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 associate 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, 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 CARFeared 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.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—STORMY.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Sept. 30—8 a.m.

Today—Gales, southern, shifting to westerly and northwesterly; rain this evening and tonight.

Thursday—Strong winds and gales, northwesterly; clearing and cold.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

London..... 52..... 42..... Fair

Calgary..... 30..... 30..... Fair

Winnipeg..... 30..... 30..... Fair

Port Arthur..... 30..... 30..... Fair

Perry Sound..... 44..... 42..... Cloudy

Toronto..... 50..... 42..... Cloudy

Ottawa..... 40..... 36..... Fair

Montreal..... 48..... 40..... Fair

Quebec..... 24..... 38..... Cloudy

Father Point..... 48..... 40..... Clear

In the west the weather is cold. Storm signals are displayed on the lakes.

A VERY PRETTY LOVE STORY
AND A RUNAWAY MATCHCoombs 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.

Love at First Sight.

Mr. Coombs became infatuated with her, sought an introduction and met her. It was a case of love at first sight on both sides. They corresponded when the company left the city, and finally resolved to marry. But Mr. Coombs's father had "the dough," and had other aims for his boy. He didn't like the stage, and he said so. In vain the young man pleaded to be allowed to wed the woman of his choice, but the father was obdurate. Then the son took the bit in his teeth and going to Denver he married the girl.

Germans Know Little of Canada
Surtax Is Advertising This CountryPeople 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.

The visiting Canadian is at first possessed by a peculiar feeling of loneliness. If he is in a small university town, with a population less or more than that of London, he will probably find, as the writer did, that he is the only Canadian there. And soon he will be brought face to face with the ignorance of continental people in regard to Canadian affairs. This ignorance, as has been hinted, extends to the officials who have charge of the registration of students.

Don't Know Canada.

"Ah, you have written that you come from Canada," remarked the university bandle of Jena to the writer. "But you must inscribe your vaterland."

No amount of expostulation could affect the stolid and ancient German. If you say that you are a British subject he will write England after your name. If you remind him that the Dominion of Canada is situated in America, the word "Amerika" will be duly registered. The writer was fortunate enough to compromise on the following.

SEPTEMBER A BAD MONTH
NUMBER OF DEATHS INCREASEDAs 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.

The mortality is pronounced among the old and young. Over one-third of the deaths were of infants, 20 children succumbing to cholera infantum and other ailments peculiar to the young.

There were 17 deaths of persons over 70 years of age. Six of these were four score and ten or over. One man who died is said to have been 118 years of age, but that is not thought possible.

The Causes.

Cancer was particularly prominent couples took the great chance.

Colored Man Said His Age Was 118
Death of Aged Alexander MannThat 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 passage 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.

"There is no truth in the rumor," said Mr. Edmund Meredith, when asked about it. "The case will go on."

Contributions to the fund, which was opened at Mills' book store, have not been as numerous as desired. The amount collected up to date is \$58.

Hundred Million Dollar Budget
For Hundred Million Dollar LandMr. Fielding Shows That In-
creased 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 the 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

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BESSEMER HAD ROUGH TIME
BAD STORM ON LAKE ERIEStorm 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.

When she was out from Conneaut a couple of hours a terrible storm came up. Snow and sleet fell, and the wind raged furiously. A London businessman who was on the boat says he never saw a ship roll as did the big freighter, which is one of the finest on the lakes.

She was loaded with cars of coal—a whole railroad—and seven or eight men were kept busy keeping the cars from breaking loose and going into the lake.

A Waterspout.

Suddenly a black cloud lowered from the sky. Then there appeared several funnels, connecting with the lake about five miles distant.

"It's a waterspout," said one of the sailors as he rolled against the side of the cabin. "See, they suck up the water that way."

To the Londoner it appeared as though the cloud had settled on the bosom of the lake, and the spouts appeared to be columns of water. These have been known to sink ships, and the crew admitted yesterday that they had had as rough a passage as they had ever experienced on Lake Erie.

Test Case Re Selling of Ice Cream

Police Waylay the Purchasers
And They Are Hauled Into Court
as Witnesses—Magistrate
Decision.

A most interesting test case in regard to the selling of ice cream on Sunday occupied two hours of Magistrate Love's time at the police court this morning, and after hearing the evidence, he decided to consider the matter for a week, and give his decision then.

The Case. Peter Mandas, proprietor of the Olympia candy kitchen, at 186 Dundas street, appeared on a charge of breaking the bylaw in respect to the selling of ice cream on Sunday.

P. C. Ernest Taylor, the first witness called, testified that on Sunday, Sept. 13, he was near the restaurant, when he saw a man come out with a parcel under his arm.

He went up to him and ascertained that his name was George Synod, and opening the parcel found it contained a quart of ice cream done up in a wooden pail. He took Synod back into the store, and was told that the ice cream had been sold to him by a waiter named Keras.

Was Not a Spy.

Cross-questioned by Messrs. E. Meredith and R. K. Cowan, who appeared for the defence, witness said he had not been placed there to spy upon the premises.

George Synod was called, and said that he had gone into the store on Sunday and bought the ice cream, and was taking it home when he was accosted by the officer. He had not been acting as a spy at all.

P. C. McNulty corroborated the evidence of P. C. Taylor.

Looking for Evidence.

Harry Bechler, a young man living at 278 Dundas street, said he had gone into the store somewhere about 1 o'clock and bought a pint of ice cream.

When coming out he was met by the police, who took his name. The ice cream he had bought was not intended as a dessert for any meal as far as he knew, as he had taken it home and divided it among his sisters and brothers.

The Defence.

Mr. Meredith, for the defence, contended that there was no case made out, as the crown had no authority at all by the attorney-general to prosecute in

MANY BIG CASES
FOR ASSIZE
COURTMuch Litigation in Con-
nection With the Late
Crystal Hall.SUITS AGAINST
THE RAILWAYSGrand 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.

It will be noticed that in four of the six non-jury cases the plaintiffs are banking concerns.

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.

Mrs. Lillian M. Smith asks for \$15,000 for the death of her husband, Clarence, who was working next door when the crash came, and received injuries from which he died.

Roulston vs. Scatcherd—An action to determine the ownership of certain agricultural property seized by the sheriff. Dora Roulston and Alexander Hossack are the plaintiffs, Annie and Edwin Scatcherd, the defendants. Stuart & Sandford for the former; J. M. McElroy for the latter.

To Recover Moneys.

Garvey vs. Shaw—John Garvey, wholesale grocer, is suing John and Mary Shaw for the sum of \$57.19, claimed to be due on goods sold to defendants, who are retail grocers. Plaintiff claims that Mr. Shaw signed notes to cover the amount, and that his wife guaranteed his indebtedness. The interesting point in the case is that Mrs. Shaw denies she signed the guarantee. She claims that "under duress and threats and by force, the plaintiff by his agent, procured her to sign the same partially, and upon her refusing to complete the said signature, the said agent, without her authority, wrote the residue of her name."

She was confined to her room at the time, she claims, by ill-health. Graydon & Graydon for plaintiffs; Gibbons & Harper for defendant.

Against G. T. R.

Hagerman vs. G. T. R.—William A. Hagerman, a lumberman, claims \$3,000 damages for severe injuries to his leg received at the Adelaide street crossing last December. He was struck by an engine while driving across the line. He claims that the view was obstructed so that he could not see the engine approaching from the west, and that he was ordered to cross by the watchman.

Meredith, Fisher and McDonald for plaintiff; W. H. Biggar, K. C., for the defendants.

Fewings vs. G. T. R.—Miss Edith Fewings was struck by an engine at the Richmond street crossing last March and claims to have sustained permanent injuries in the chest. She was walking northward and alleges that the south gates were open; or, if they were closed, there was no arm extending over the east sidewalk to prevent her walking onto the tracks. Damages to the extent of \$10,000 are claimed.

C. F. Maxwell, of St. Thomas, for plaintiff; W. H. Biggar for the defendants.

Non-Jury.

The Bank of Toronto sues C. H. Armitage for \$500, the value of a note alleged to have been made by him in favor of the Miller Advertising Agency, and discounted by the latter.

The Merchants' Bank claims \$5,900, alleged to be due by the Empire Securities Company.

The Union Bank wants \$926 58.

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