

LIBERALS ENTER PROTESTS AGAINST TWO CONSERVATIVES EAST AND NORTH MIDDLESEX

Counter-Petition Is Filed Against George W. Neely, Who Seeks to Oust Sutherland, and in the North Riding Effort Will Be Made to Open Up Seat.

LIBERALS BELIEVE THAT CORRUPTION WAS RESORTED TO BY OPPONENTS

No Particulars Are Given in Petition Against Robert Sutherland—Specific Instances Will Be Demanded by the Defence at Once.

The Liberals of East Middlesex have filed a counter-petition against Mr. George W. Neely, on whose behalf the election of Mr. Robert Sutherland, member for East Middlesex, was protested on Tuesday.

Mr. J. M. McEvoy, on behalf of Mr. Sutherland, has had the matter in hand for some time. Rumors that the Conservatives intended protesting were prevalent, and Mr. McEvoy was prepared for the announcement.

Usual charges will be made against agents for the, defeated member—bribery and corruption, and offering jobs to electors to have them vote for Mr. Neely. Mr. Sutherland has gathered a large amount of evidence bearing on the case, and it is expected that Mr. Neely will find some interesting things when the counter-petition is prepared and presented.

The protest entered by Mr. Edmund Meredith, K. C., against the return of Mr. Sutherland, contains no particulars whatever. It is a very lengthy document, and follows the act closely. It is a blanket protest, every conceivable charge of bribery and corruption being made against the Liberal candidate.

No Particulars.
"The petition is a blanket petition—nothing more nor less," said Mr. J. M. McEvoy. "There are no particulars given whatever. The whole thing is a blanket protest."

A FEE OF \$1 WILL BE CHARGED FOR TRYING ENTRANCE EXAM.

Fees for All Exams. Have Been Raised By Department of Education.

Pupils who try the high school entrance examinations this year will be compelled to pay a fee of \$1 for the privilege.

According to information received at the city hall, this is the first time such a fee has been charged. A circular received by Inspector Edwards today from the department of education at Toronto, contains this information, and he will furnish it to the various schools, public and separate throughout the city.

PLANS HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR THE WEST LONDON BRIDGE

Span Will Be 270 Feet in Length With No Piers in Centre.

City Engineer Wright has prepared his plans for the West London bridge, and they will be submitted to the board of works tonight. The span will be 270 feet in length, with no piers in the centre of the bridge.

A FLAT RENTAL OF \$20,000 YEAR TO BE PAID FOR L. AND S. P. RY.

This Is Said To Be the Limit Coal Company Will Go.

The members of the London and Port Stanley Board are reticent regarding the conference Wednesday afternoon, relative to leasing the road to the Lake Erie Coal Company for a term of 25 years, provided the company electrify the line.

It was admitted today that the offer made was not final. The figures as to the cost of electrifying the road will not be changed unless the board insist on double-tracking, something not yet provided for. There will be an increase of the rental, possibly, but \$20,000 will be the limit the Lake Erie Company will give as an annual rental.

This will take the form of a stated sum annually. At the present time, the city receives \$10,000, and a percentage of the earnings of the line over \$80,000 a year. This has been increasing yearly, and now amounts to about \$7,000. The company have no desire to continue this system of percentages, but want the stated sum, anywhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000, to be paid each year, regardless of the earning powers of the line.

Of course, the figures for electrify-

is practically the elections corruption act applied to the circumstances in East Middlesex. We will immediately demand particulars, and I think we can prove to the satisfaction of everybody that the election was conducted along proper lines. We enter to complete denial to the charges and ask for the particulars of alleged corruption.

The petitioners, Messrs. Barter and Glass, of London Township, and Geo. W. Chittick, of Dorchester, will be asked to give details. It will be some days before these are furnished.

Protest in the North.
A protest will also be entered by the Liberals against the return of Dr. Duncan MacArthur, member for North Middlesex.

This step has been under contemplation for some time, evidence of gross irregularities on the part of election workers, having been brought to the attention of the Liberal workers.

The necessary papers have been prepared by Mr. John M. McEvoy, acting on behalf of the interested parties, and the writ will be filed some time today with the clerk of the court. The statutory charges will be made in the writ. Bribery, treating, promises of positions, hiring rigs to carry the voters, and other breaches of the election act, will be contained in the writ, and the seat will be claimed for Mr. John Grieve, of Parkhill, the Liberal candidate.

As a matter of fact the fees for every examination have been raised. The matriculation charge is now fixed at \$5, and it was formerly \$5; the faculty of education \$8, formerly \$5; Part 1, Faculty of Education \$5, was \$3; Part 2, Faculty of Education \$5, was \$3; Normal School entrance, \$5, the same as before; honor matriculation examinations and entrance fee for scholarships \$10, formerly \$5. The senior entrance examination fees will be \$5. This applies only to continuation schools, which are established in rural municipalities only.

"I have no explanation to offer for the increase in the fees," said Inspector Edwards. "It may be the high cost of living, and the increase of school expenses."

The river. The approaches will be over openings on either side to admit of water passing through in case of an ice jam in the centre of the river. The centre span or main portion of the bridge can be constructed for less than \$20,000," said City Engineer Wright. "I have not gone closely enough into the figures of the cost of the abutments and approaches to find out what they will cost. In addition there is the matter of the bridge, which will cost \$20,000, but I would not say definitely until I have further investigated."

JUMPED THE TRACK

Passengers Injured by Accident to a Train at St. Constant, Que.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Jan. 25.—A cat on a mixed freight and passenger train on the Naperville Junction line, operated by the Delaware and Hudson Railway, jumped the track at St. Constant, near here this morning, and eight or nine passengers were injured. It is not thought that any of them have received mortal hurts.

Most of the passengers were hit by flying glass, and were severely cut about the head.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MILDER.

Forecasts.

Toronto, Jan. 25—8 a.m.

Today—Fair and cold.

Friday—Stationary or a little higher temperature, with light local snow.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 3 o'clock this morning:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

LONDON 22.5 7 Clear

Calgary 28 18 Clear

Winnipeg 4 8 Cloudy

Port Arthur 4 18 Clear

Quebec 22 4 Fair

Ottawa 8 14 Clear

Montreal 4 14 Clear

Thunder Bay 4 14 Clear

Minus (—) means below zero.

The weather is very cold from Manitoba to our Atlantic coast.

It is moderately cold in Saskatchewan and mild in Alberta and British Columbia.

THE DEAR OLD FARM AND THE JOLLY CITY LIFE.

By John T. McCutcheon.

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WHAT THE FARMER SAYS: WHAT THE CITY MAN SAYS:

"Staid in bed till nearly 5 this morning because we don't have to get up so early in the winter time."

"Great guns! are all the windows open? It's as cold as Greenland in this flat. The man that called this a steam-heated flat was a poor describer."

"Scraped the frost off the window so I could get a squint at the weather. Looked purty winterish."

"Well, I hate to get up, but I suppose I must. Not an ounce of steam in the place. And just listen to the crunch of those wheels out there. I'll bet it's a hundred below zero."

"Boots froze stiff. Guess I forgot to grease 'em last night. They slipped on about as easy as a section of stovepipe."

"Cook is sore. Says she isn't used to living in an ice house. I never saw such haughtiness."

"Woodpile covered with snow so I had difficulty getting kitchen fire started. Finally got enough hot water to thaw out pump."

"Have a horrible cold. That's the trouble with these steam-heated flats. About the time you get acclimated the furnace goes on a strike."

"Carried in some fodder for the stock. Latch on barn door so dad gasted cold it pulled the skin off my nigh hand. Curried horses, etc."

"And you are left with your tubes filled with bronchitis microbes and your heart filled with homicidal tendencies. Natural gas low. No hot breakfast."

"Then had nothing to do but wait for daylight and breakfast. Had hot fried mush, hot ham, some good coffee, and a couple dozen buckwheat cakes. Seemed to agree with me."

"Trolley broke and had to stroll downtown. Got to office late and was called down. Many are called down, but few deserve it."

"Shucked corn all morning. In afternoon repaired rail fence on east eighty till dark. Then took some nourishment in the shape of boiled ham and cabbage."

"Sat around awhile. Hated to tackle the cold sheets, but finally it got so late that I had to turn in, though I could not get to sleep till after 10."

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FIGHTING ALL OVER IRELAND MAY FOLLOW BEAST SPEECH

The Moderate Unionists Fear Result of Churchill's Speech On Home Rule and He Is Urged to Cancel Engagement—Unionists Prepare to Hold Building.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Jan. 25.—The determination of Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, not to change his decision to hold the meeting in favor of home rule, at which he and John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, are to speak at Belfast on Feb. 8, has caused the deepest apprehension among moderate Unionists regarding the consequences of the Ulster men's decision to prevent it at all costs.

The English Unionist press is urging Mr. Churchill to cancel his visit, pointing out that a fight between the two parties on the day of the demonstration in Belfast will not put an end to the trouble.

Fighting May Last.
Fears are expressed in some quarters that hostilities will be carried on for weeks and perhaps months, not only in Belfast, but throughout Ulster.

The prospects of a fight are prompting as well as of the Unionist cause to visit Belfast, and should riots occur there the police will be utterly inadequate to cope with them. Even the troops who have been ordered to the city will find it difficult to restore order.

The meeting was originally arranged by the Master of Elibank, Alexander W. C. O. Murray, Liberal member of

Parliament for Midlothian, Scotland, and parliamentary secretary to the treasury. With him alone will rest any change of the programme. He justifies the calling of the meeting in Belfast on the ground that Winston Spencer Churchill intends to outline the home rule proposals for Ireland, which the Government intends to introduce into Parliament. Ireland, he considers, is the proper place for that to be done. It is just possible that the home rule meeting may eventually be held in Queen's Hall, which is situated in the Nationalist district of Belfast. Even then, however, the Unionists may invade that quarter in order to endeavor to prevent the demonstration.

Told To Stay Away.
Belfast, Jan. 25.—The Unionists who are opposing so strongly Winston Churchill's appearance at Belfast on Feb. 8 on behalf of home rule, have found a staunch ally in the Belfast Harbor Board, which has practically notified the first loss of status by that in its opinion he had better keep away from the capital of Ulster.

Mr. Churchill announced to the commissioners of Belfast harbor yesterday that he desired to visit the harbor and docks on Feb. 8, the day after the proposed home rule meeting.

At a special meeting held by the harbor board today, the commissioners drew up a reply to the effect that Feb. 8 (Continued on Page Nine)

THE IRISHMEN OF WINNIPEG ENTERING THE ULSTER FIGHT

[Canadian Press.]
Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 25.—Local Irishmen are going to take a part in the struggle that is now going on in Ireland over the announcement that Winston Churchill would speak in favor of home rule in Ulster. The Protestant Association is holding a meeting in the Scott

Memorial Hall on Friday night, when the situation will be discussed. Resolutions bearing on the subject have been prepared and will be passed at the meeting. They are in favor of a strike by the people of Ulster. The association has raised \$5,000 to fight against home rule in Ulster. The Protestant Association is holding a meeting in the Scott

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BIG SALVAGE SALE AT PERRIN FIRE

500,000 Pounds of Flour Changed Hands—Sampling Was Popular.

Nearly 500,000 pounds of flour were disposed of this morning in the salvage sale conducted by Mr. J. W. Jones, at the factory of the D. S. Perrin Company. The lot was made up of about 50,000 bags, and was purchased in comparatively small quantities by farmers and citizens. The prices ranged from about 95 cents to \$1.25 a bag, according to the condition of the stuff. Some was excellent, while other bags were water-soaked or scorched in the fire.

The sale was postponed until tomorrow after several hours' work. Great quantities of biscuits and candies remain to be disposed of.

If all those who sampled the stuff this morning purchase tomorrow, there will be a great rush when the auctioneer commences work. Dozens of men and women rambled through the building and ate cookies and candies of all sorts till they exhausted their capacity.

Suddenly the ice cutters were aroused by a loud splash and a child's scream, and were horrified to see the child teetering on an ice cake floating rapidly down the river towards the Enfield Falls, 1,500 feet away. An attempt to rescue the

child by means of a long rope failed. Several of the men ran along the banks of the river, and one of them, throwing off his heavy boots, sprang after her. The cold water forced him to abandon the attempt, however, and in a few minutes the child was close to the falls, which roared and surged as the water struck the rocks thirty feet below.

Aeroplane to Rescue.
The attention of the panic-stricken men was distracted from the child in her perilous position by a whirling above them, as Charles S. Jenkins, a shoe repainer and amateur aviator, swept down from the Suffolk hills to the west and over the river. By gestures the ice cutters attracted his attention to the child, who seemed to them to be at the very brink of the falls. The child's attention had also been attracted to the aeroplane, which was swooping down on her, and kneeling on the ice raft she waved her hands and screamed to the aviator, as the machine passed over the cakes of ice the child made a leap and a wild clutch, grasping a cross support far below the engines, and was lifted to his seat by Jenkins.

Just as the child leaped, the ice reached the brink of the falls and fell to the surging water below, making its victim. The machine was brought to earth on the shore of the river and the little girl taken to her home.

BUILDING PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR A BIG YEAR IN LONDON

A Few of the Big Contracts Which Are Already in Sight.

The prospects for building in the city are excellent this year, and contractors are already preparing for a big season's work.

A number of large jobs are in contemplation, some, in fact, are in process of construction, with the result that brickmasons and carpenters and allied trades should have a prosperous year.

Among the contracts that will be commenced this year are: The city hall, probably \$175,000; D. S. Perrin & Co., \$125,000; Masonic Temple, \$45,000; Mar's store, \$20,000; T. F. King'smill's store, \$22,000; Sir George Gibbons' building, \$25,000; Tasted Corn Flakes, addition to plant, \$25,000; Darch & Sons, addition, \$17,000; George White & Sons' new building, \$10,000; Greene-Swift, addition, \$15,000, and the West London bridge, \$250,000.

This is a total of over \$600,000, and all of them will be undertaken this year.

Other manufacturing plants, such as the Thomson Knitting Company, and McCarty's, are considering building. As a result it looks as if the contractors will do well this year.

Limited. A number of those interested in stamps have shown a keen interest in them.

MEMORIAL TO BUNYAN.
London, Jan. 25.—A memorial window for John Bunyan was unveiled in Westminster Abbey this afternoon, 224 years after his death. The window illustrates scenes from his most noted work, "The Pilgrim's Progress." A dedication ceremony was attended by a large gathering of public men and many dignitaries of both the church and the state.

MORE ROOM FOR WEST LONDONERS

Progressives Would Have Limits Extended a Half Mile All Round.

Mr. E. Pudney Says That Children Are Being Educated by City Free of Charge.

The West London Progressive Society met in Collier's Hall, London West, Wednesday evening, and discussed several questions relating to civic matters. Some discussion was indulged in as to whether the West London bridge would be built this year or not, but, although some remarks were made about the slowness with which the city council was dealing with the matter, it was the general opinion that the bridge would soon be

built. Mr. Alex. Murdoch was appointed a representative of the West Londoners to attend the meetings of the manufacturers' committee of the city council, and the city engineers, to London.

The West End progressives are out after the industries, and like their brethren in the East End, they will do all in their power to induce manufacturing firms to locate in London.

To Enlarge the City.
Mr. Ed. Pudney suggested that a petition be sent to the city council to ask them to enlarge the city limits a half mile all around. The people living just inside the limits, explained Mr. Pudney, are sending their children to the city schools, and it is costing them as much as the city children have to pay.

The proposal was the topic of some little discussion, and the matter will be further thrashed out at a later meeting.

It was decided to hold the meetings of the association every Wednesday evening, and the next gathering of the members will take place a week from next Wednesday.

President Nichols occupied the chair, and made a brief address on the aims and objects of the association. It is the intention of the association to have an outside speaker at each of their meetings, and addresses on civic questions will be made.

FEW VACANT HOUSES IN LONDON AT PRESENT

Real Estate Agents Report a Good Demand From People From Outside Places.

Real estate men state that the number of empty houses in the city is steadily decreasing. They report a steady demand from outside for houses. A great many people from the surrounding towns and villages are apparently removing to the city.

Local firms are bringing in a great deal of additional help. It is stated from present indications there is going to be a tremendous demand for carpenters, bricklayers, laborers of all kinds and mechanics, this season. Contractors are already making arrangements to secure all the help they can get for work on rebuilding the stores and other places burned. There is a general complaint regarding the scarcity of good men, and all those available are able to get lots of work at good wages.

WELSH BY-ELECTION RETURNS A LIBERAL

Llewellyn Williams Defeats Candidates of the Unionists and Independent Labor Parties.

London, Jan. 24.—The Carmarthen Boroughs by-election, caused by the appointment of Mr. W. Llewellyn Williams as recorder of Swansea, resulted as follows: W. Llewellyn Williams, Liberal, 2,316; H. C. Bond, Unionist, 1,555; F. G. Vivian, Independent Labor, 149.

Mr. Williams was returned unopposed at the general election.

South London Liberals will meet tomorrow night for one of the regular whist and euchre contests. A fine prize has been donated, and a large attendance is anticipated.