

West Middlesex Election Set For February 20th

February 13 Nomination Day—
Whitney Questioned as to
Redistribution.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Jan. 31.—In the Legislature yesterday the Speaker read a return showing the riding of West Middlesex to be vacant.

"When will the writ issue?" asked Mr. Graham.

"Forthwith," answered the Attorney-General.

"What does forthwith mean?" pursued the leader of the Opposition.

"This afternoon," said the Premier.

Later, at a meeting of the cabinet, Wednesday, Feb. 13, was set as nomination day, and Wednesday, Feb. 20, for the polling. The registrar will act as returning officer.

Hoyle After Information.
Mr. Hoyle (North Ontario) moved for an order of the House for a return giving the following information regarding the Toronto Electric Light Company, Limited: 1. Date of incorporation. 2. Applicants for incorporation. 3. Objects of the company. 4. Names of the provisional directors. 5. Amount of capital. 6. Increases of capital stock. 7. Names of the directors and shareholders of the company, according to the last return to the Government.

Mr. Hoyle said that the application of the Toronto Electric Light Company to increase its capital stock by \$1,000,000 opened up a question which affected not only the city of Toronto, but the whole Province. The application should not be granted without full consideration. In view of the growing tendency towards public ownership on both sides of the House, and also in view of the power legislation of the Government, it was questionable whether the increase should be granted at all. This company, which started with \$200,000 capital, had by five or six applications had it increased to \$300,000. The stock was now quoted at 161, which, if the capital were increased, would represent a total capital of \$440,000. Mr. Hoyle contended that the Government should not further increase the price which the municipality would have to pay for stock and plant in case of expropriation or purchase. The information asked for, said Mr. Hoyle, would be of great value to the special committee which would have in hand the Government's companies act. Mr. Hoyle thought that while the act provided against "melon-cutting," a couple of clauses would have to be added to safeguard the rights of municipalities where public utilities were taken over.

The order was passed.

Veterans' Land Grants.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane, replying to Mr. Preston (Brant), said it was not the intention of the Government to permit persons who had already located lands under the veterans' land grant act to surrender the same for the cash equivalent of \$50, offered to those who have not yet located.

Replying to the same member's question as to whether there would be any redistribution measure this session, the Premier said the Government had not yet considered the question.

Mr. Smellie will on Friday next introduce a bill to amend the registry act.

Ten House adjourned at 4 o'clock.

**FRENCH CABINET MINISTERS CLASH
OVER CHURCH COMPROMISE OFFER**

Clemenceau Insists It Is Unacceptable, Briand Is For Conciliation.

Paris, Jan. 31.—The existence of the cabinet is believed to be in danger as a result of the clash in the Chamber of Deputies last night between Premier Clemenceau and Education Minister Briand, resulting from a radical divergence of views regarding the modus vivendi proposition of the French bishops.

M. Briand regards the proposition as being unacceptable in its present form, but believes that the war with the church has gone far enough, and that the door of conciliation should not be closed.

Clemenceau flatly rejects even the discussion of the bishops' proposition, and favors the immediate issuance of a circular to the prefects, notifying them that the conditions which the parish priests are authorized to propose, are unacceptable. He will brook no opposition, and at today's cabinet meeting apparently carried his point. M. Briand and Finance Minister Cailaux being authorized to determine to whom the gifts and legacies in possession of the churches shall ultimately go, in default of the formation of cultural associations.

NOT GUILTY

Pittsburg, Jan. 31.—The jury in the case of Lieut. Ralph W. Drury and Pte. John Dowd, U. S. A., charged with the murder of Wm. H. Crowley, a boy who was shot while trying to escape from soldiers after he and other boys had been surprised in a prank on Government property, today returned a verdict of not guilty. Dowd fired the shot that killed Crowley on the order of Drury.

EDWARD FOR PARIS

His Majesty's Visit May Lead to a
Military Convention.

London, Jan. 31.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra are to spend a week in Paris before the opening of Parliament. Their majesties start Feb. 2, returning probably Feb. 9. The trip is described officially as purely personal, and private. It is, however, recalled that the previous visits of King Edward to Paris have been followed by the strengthening of the Anglo-French understanding, and the general impression is that the present visit will assist in the extension of the understanding, which some officials believe will ultimately result in an Anglo-French military convention.

NEAR \$6,000,000 MARK

Clearing House Returns for January
Reach a Big Total.

The London clearing house returns continue to show a very substantial increase over the figures for 1906. During the week ended today the clearings totaled \$990,050, as against \$872,943 for the corresponding week a year ago, showing an advance of \$117,107.

For the month of January, the returns of the clearing house amounted to \$5,772,893, a weekly average of \$1,443,225. January was one of the largest, if not the largest month in the history of the clearing house.

NEW MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION NAMED FOR MIDDLE DIVISION

Mr. David Crombie, of Chatham,
Succeeds Mr. S. Ennes—Is an
Old G. T. R. Employee.

Mr. W. G. Brownlee, superintendent of the middle division of the Grand Trunk, was in the city for a short time this morning, and he announced the appointment of Mr. David Crombie, of Chatham, as master of transportation here, to succeed Mr. S. Ennes, who has been transferred to Ottawa to take the position of assistant superintendent of the line formerly known as the Canada Atlantic, and which was acquired by the Grand Trunk some time ago.

Mr. Crombie's duties will extend over the entire middle division. The new master of transportation was for a number of years an operator in the Grand Trunk offices here, but left the employ of the company a considerable period since. He was at one time superintendent of car service on the Pere Marquette, both at Saginaw and Detroit, but quit railroading three years ago to engage in business for himself in Chatham.

Mr. Crombie is a brother of Mr. James Crombie, chief dispatcher on the Grand Trunk here, and is said to be a very capable railway man. He will commence his duties in a few days.

FELL 30 FEET TO RIVER

Accident to a Bridge Foreman at Cove
Was Severely Cut.

A foreman named Price was thrown from the Cove bridge to the river, a distance of 30 feet, yesterday afternoon, sustaining severe cuts on the head, neck and hands. The accident was caused by some of the workmen misunderstanding orders about the removal of some wedges from under the rails. Price was struck by a piece of timber, landed on the ice below, but fortunately was not seriously injured.

MACLEAN AFTER THE PULLMAN CO.

Says They Refuse Canadian Currency and Will Not Put
Up Unsold Uppers.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Jan. 31.—At the railway committee today W. F. Maclean's bill to amend the railway act, so as to bring sleeping car companies and telegraph companies under the jurisdiction of the railway act, was under consideration. The bill also provides that the tolls of any standard passenger tariff shall not exceed two cents per mile, and also there should be a free interchange of business with telephone companies, by striking out the word "long distance."

Mr. Maclean wanted to know what lawyers represented the railways. He also wanted to know if the lawyers registered with the clerk of private bills.

Mr. C. Casgrain said that he was present with Mr. McIntosh for the Pullman Car Company. He also represented the Bell Telephone Company.

With Mr. Lafleur and Mr. Geoffroy, Mr. P. H. Chrysler said that he represented the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific Railway.

One of the arguments which Mr. Maclean advanced against the Pullman Company was that it was a foreign organization, and he said they refused the national currency of Canada for a berth. They also put their worst cars in Canada and refused to put up the upper berth when not sold.

It was decided to dispose of the Pullman car question and Mr. Casgrain was heard. He said that it would annoy passengers to interfere with the upper berths after the lower ones had been occupied. He wanted smaller committees, before which evidence would be taken to refute the statements made by Mr. Maclean. No reason, he said, was given to show that these companies should be placed under railway jurisdiction.

MINERS' AGENT ELECTED.

London, Jan. 31.—By the greatly reduced majority of 729, W. F. Harvey, the Liberal Labor candidate, who is an agent of the Derbyshire Miners' Union, was elected yesterday to represent the North-East Derbyshire in the House of Commons. The vacancy was caused by the death of Thomas D. Bolton, Liberal, whose majority at the election of 1906, was 1,769. It was a straight Conservative-Liberal fight.

FALSE ALARM FIEND AGAIN

Rings in a Third Call Within
a Month, Giving Brigade
Dangerous Run.

The individual who for some time past has been amusing himself by sending in false alarms was loose again last night, and at 10 o'clock pulled the box at the corner of William and Hill streets. The apparatus from the central and East London stations responded to the call, only to find the box open and no person in sight.

This is the third time within a month that the same thing has occurred, and the result is the insertion of an advertisement in the papers offering a reward of \$50 to the person who will furnish information that will lead to the conviction of the alleged joker. The last person convicted of the offense of sending in false alarms was sent to the penitentiary for two years, and it is pretty safe to say that no leniency will be shown the party who is giving the firemen so many runs for nothing should he fall into the hands of the law.

In answering the call last night, four pieces of apparatus and the chief's buggy had to cross the Grand Trunk tracks, which only increases the danger, which under ordinary circumstances is great enough, to the department.

During the month of January the firemen responded to 21 alarms, 14 of which were for fires, 2 for chimney blazes, and 5 false alarms. Only 3 of the alarms for fires were from boxes, 15 coming by telephone, and 3 being verbal calls. The most serious blaze was at Treblecock's Hall, South London, where damage to the extent of nearly \$5,000 was done.

In January, 1906, there were only 8 alarms, while in February there were 7.

MUNICIPAL FIGURES—No. 21



TAX COLLECTOR HAYES.

TITANIC DEFALCATION

McGee's Stealing Said to Approach
Quarter Million Dollars.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 31.—Further investigations into the affairs of W. J. McGee, the defaulting treasurer of the People's Mutual Building Society, reveals the most astounding state of affairs, and it is now estimated that the man's stealings will reach a total of a quarter of a million dollars, a small part of which comes out of the society. The failure of Colin Campbell, the socialist, is due to McGee's work, and many other similar cases are reported where McGee succeeded in getting many thousands from individuals. A movement is on foot to get the Attorney-General's department to take the matter up.

HYMEN WAS BUSY

Marked Increase in Marriages This
Month Over January, 1906.

During January this year 89 births, 49 marriages and 63 deaths were registered with City Clerk Baker.

In January, 1906, there were 80 births, 28 marriages and 57 deaths, showing an increase for the past month of 9 births, 21 marriages and 6 deaths.

The month did not prove to be very severe on the aged, only nine deaths being recorded of persons over 80 years old. Consumption caused four deaths and pneumonia a like number. Not one death from cancer was reported.

MR. MCGUIGAN HERE

Manager of Grand Trunk in the City for
a Short Time This Afternoon.

Manager McGuigan and Superintendent Brownlee, of the Grand Trunk, were in the city for a short time this afternoon en route from Sarnia Tunnel to the east.

While here they had a short talk with City Engineer Graydon, but none of the members of the railway committee of the city council were on hand. It is quite possible that Mr. McGuigan will be here again in the near future, when a date for the reopening of negotiations to elevate the company's tracks through the city will be fixed.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MILDER; SNOW.

Toronto, Jan. 30-8 p.m.—The weather is fine throughout the Dominion, except in British Columbia, where it is raining. The temperatures are quite so low tonight in the Western Provinces, but from Ontario eastward there has been little change.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 36 below—26 below; Virdia, 36-4; Vancouver, 32-37; Calgary, 25 below-14 below; Edmonton, 30 below-12 below; Winnipeg, 32 below-2 below; Parry Sound, 4 below-8; Toronto, 6-15; Ottawa, zero-6; Montreal, 2-8; Quebec, 4 below-6; St. John, 10-18; Halifax, 4-25.

FORECASTS.

Thursday, Jan. 31-8 a.m.

Today—Easterly winds, with rising temperature.

Friday—Light snowfalls and milder.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary -12 -18 Fair

Winnipeg -26 -28 Cloudy

Port Arthur 0 -8 Cloudy

Parry Sound 4 -12 Cloudy

Toronto 22 8 Cloudy

Ottawa -10 -14 Cloudy

Montreal -4 6 Fair

Quebec -14 -14 Fair

Father Point -12 -12 Clear

The sign—indicates below zero. The above readings of the thermometer are taken between the hours of 8 p.m. yesterday and 8 a.m. today, "minimum" being the lowest recorded during that time.

WEATHER NOTES.

There are now indications of more moderate temperature in the Western Provinces. The weather is very cold this morning from Eastern Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, 14° below zero being reported from Ottawa and Quebec, and 6° below at Montreal.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 21°; lowest, 6° above.

TORONTO 'PHONE GIRLS WALK OUT; NO INSTRUMENTS WORKING IN CITY

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Jan. 31.—A strike of telephone operators was suddenly precipitated today at noon, when the company asked the girls to sign an agreement accepting new terms, or hand in their resignation. At once 250 girls walked out, leaving only one operator in the room. While this dramatic action was in progress, Manager Dunston was discussing the situation with Deputy Minister of Labor McKenzie King and John Armstrong, secretary of the provincial labor bureau.

The strike was called for Friday morning, but this action on the part of the management precipitated a crisis. There is at present not a 'phone in the city working.

SLICK SWINDLER IF THIS BE TRUE

The Hamilton Police Arrest Man
Charged With Gigantic Get-
Rich-Quick Fake.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 31.—If all that the police say about John A. R. B. MacIntosh is true, the young man has been working a get-rich-quick scheme on a gigantic scale for some time, and has bamboozled a number of people in Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

MacIntosh was arrested last night and appeared before the police magistrate this morning on a charge of obtaining \$1,600 by false pretenses from Robert Mulligan. Crown Attorney Washington was not ready to go on with the case this morning and the prisoner was released on other charges will be preferred in the meantime.

MacIntosh is said to have represented to his clients that he had offices in the four cities above mentioned. He usually goes to each city to invest in stocks, getting them to invest in the amount of the investments later on. The stocks that he claimed to be selling were of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railways. He never delivered any stock, merely giving his clients a receipt for their money. When the clients became anxious about their investments he would write them that from some other city, telling them that their investment had netted them enormous profits, and asking whether they wished a check or wanted to reinvest their money. Before they got time to reply to the query they would receive a telegram informing them that the money had been reinvested, the opportunity for making money being so good that he had decided not to take the chance of waiting for an answer.

How far-reaching the young man's operations were is not yet known, but the police claim that he worked his game successfully in at least four Canadian cities and that there will be startling developments before the case is disposed of.

TOO MUCH GLASS

Independent Manufacturers Curtail
Output to Keep Up Prices.

Pittsburg, Jan. 31.—The National Brokerage Company, representing all the independent window glass manufacturers of the country, has unanimously agreed to curtail production. Many employees who expected steady work until late in June, will be laid off for several months between early next month and the two months following, and will not again return to work until September.

It is asserted that the market is overstocked and that some curtailment is necessary if present selling prices are to be maintained.

INTEREST IN TOURNAMENT

Big Attendance at the Liberal Club
Last Night—The Whist Contest.

Teams representing the old sixth ward (South London) met at Hyman Hall last night and played a game in the Liberal Club whist tournament. The interest which the tournament is arousing was shown by the large attendance. Although the scores made last night were not very high, the play was close. No. 1 team having a lead of only 62 points. The highest individual score was 166, made by W. G. Craig.

The scores:

TEAM NUMBER ONE.			
McCormick	136	106	142
Clark	136	96	158
Durham	130	98	228
West	63	124	167
Craig	120	166	286
Totals	545	566	1111

TEAM NUMBER TWO.

Milson	106	144	250
Treblecock	126	98	224
Anderson	89	144	234
Stikins	63	102	165
Nettleship	85	101	186
Totals	469	589	1059

Teams representing old No. 1 ward will meet tonight.

There was a record number of participants in the progressive whist match, 32 tables being necessary to accommodate the players. The prizes were donated by the London Crochery Company and the Pardon & Gillespie Hardware Company. First prize went to Mr. D. W. Palmer with a score of plus 26, while the second went to Mr. W. P. Pace, with a score of plus 28.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Jan. 30. Reported at. From.

Teutonic.....New York.....Liverpool

Nesker.....New York.....Bremen

St. Jovite.....Quebec.....New York

Kron Prinz Wil-
helm.....Bremen.....New York

Canopic.....Naples.....Boston

Koenigs Luise.....New York.....Naples

A FINE TRIBUTE TO SENATOR ROSS

Banquetted by Liberal Leaders
at the Capital.

MAKES PLEA FOR PATRIOTISM

In a Powerful Oration Shows Great
Things Liberal Ascendancy Has
Done for the Dominion.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—The return of Hon. Geo. W. Ross to the larger field of the federal arena after an absence of 25 years was marked tonight in a manner commensurate with his national reputation as a statesman, orator and administrator. One hundred of the leading Liberal members of the Senate and Commons, representing all the provinces of the Dominion, tendered him a banquet in the Senate restaurant and expressed in an enthusiastic manner their deep appreciation of his long and fruitful services in the cause of the Liberal party, for the upbuilding of his native province and of the country as a whole.

It was a unique and splendid occasion to Mr. Ross' broad and sturdy Canadianism, as exemplified in over 30 years of public life, and an auspicious welcome to his new sphere of political achievement. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was unfortunately unable to be present in consequence of a slight cold, but several of his colleagues, Hon. Messrs. Scott, Fielding, Paterson, Brodeur, Lemieux, Aylesworth and Oliver, attended, and spoke in reply to the toast to "Our Dominion." Hon. Mr. Scott declared that few men in Canadian history could boast of a more useful or valuable public career than could Mr. Ross, who had continuously represented one constituency for the record period of 35 years. Hon. Mr. Fielding eloquently paid tribute to Mr. Ross' services to the party and the state. Hon. Mr. Lemieux and Hon. Mr. Brodeur declared that Quebec had always recognized in Mr. Ross a party leader who maintained the highest ideals of Liberalism. Hon. Messrs. Paterson, Aylesworth and Oliver spoke in similar terms of the new senator.

An Enthusiastic Reception.

Hon. Mr. Ross was given a most enthusiastic reception when he rose to reply to the toast in his honor, the members and senators rising and cheering again and again. The high expectations of a speech full of inspiring and optimistic Canadianism, rich in historical reference and poetic quotation, apt in diction and thought, illuminated by dryly humorous touches, and marked by the spirit of sturdy national optimism and self-reliance characteristic of all Mr. Ross' speeches, were amply borne out by his half-hour address. After feelingly expressing his deep appreciation of the honor done him by such a gathering, he noted that it was now 24 years since he had left the Commons to enter the Provincial Legislature. He modestly referred to his long connection with the Ontario Government, and predicted that the Liberal party in that Province would soon after a brief period of comparative quiescence, follow the example of six of the other provinces of the Dominion and again resume the reins of power.

What appealed to him as among the best striking features, looking back 24 years to the time of his service in the Commons, were the ascendancy of the Liberal party and the success of the confederation compact. The ascendancy of Liberalism was a good thing for the country, as it had been for every country. True, the party had slipped its cable in Ontario, but under its new leader the party would reunite and soon drive the enemy to confusion.

Speaking of the success of confederation, Mr. Ross reminded his auditors that it was now 24 years since he had left the Commons to enter the Provincial Legislature. He modestly referred to his long connection with the Ontario Government, and predicted that the Liberal party in that Province would soon after a brief period of comparative quiescence, follow the example of six of the other provinces of the Dominion and again resume the reins of power.

SIR JOHN SEED DEAD

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 31.—Sir John Seed, ex-premier and colonial secretary of New South Wales, is dead. He was born in England in 1852, and was a director of many Australian public companies and institutions.

EVANGELIST HAD THIRTEEN WIVES; NEW BRIDE AT EVERY REVIVAL

Rev. Mr. Holden Says That his
Prayer Against Sin Was
Unavailing.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—A dispatch from Toledo, Ohio, says: Charged with bigamy and credited with having thirteen wives, Rev. Albert Holden, reported to have two sons also under indictment for bigamy, pleaded guilty yesterday and was sentenced to serve six years in the penitentiary.

Holden says he married "every time the spirit moved him." His courtship always took place during one of his revivals, and his victims were always one of those whom he had taken into the church.

Just before sentence was passed, Holden said to the judge that he had been a victim of brute force, and blamed his many marriages on his affliction. He said he had struggled against the sin of bigamy, but that all his prayers had availed him nothing.

GAS EXPLOSIONS WRECK BIG HOTEL

A Buffalo Hostelry Destroyed
and Several Firemen Were
Seriously Injured.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Two simultaneous explosions of gas followed closely by a third this morning, practically gutted the hotel of William F. White at Niagara and Ferry streets.

Seven men, including three firemen and a patrolman were more or less injured, none seriously. Financial loss \$20,000; insured.