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Listowel Worked Up Over Series of Suspicious Fires—Huron Synod Opens This Morning—Votes For Women Will Be Fought Out In Diocesan Meeting—London Liberals Will Enter Candidate For Provincial Election—Early Registration Is Light.

LIBERALS WILL FIGHT ELECTION IN LONDON CITY

At an Enthusiastic Convention
They Decide to Place Can-
didate in the Field.

DR. STEVENSON IS NAMED

May Be Choice of Special Com-
mittee Appointed to
Select Nominee.

STIRRING SPEECHES MADE

Enthusiasm of Rally Arouses
Delegates to Determination to
Get Out and Fight.

There will be a fight in London for the provincial elections on June 29. Amid the greatest enthusiasm, this was decided at the open convention of Liberals held in Hyman Hall Monday night. It was a remarkable gathering. In attendance, in enthusiasm and in a determination to fight, despite any odds, the convention eclipsed anything held in this city for years. It banished the last hopes of the Whitney followers that there would be no fight in London. It put new blood into the Liberal party in London, and when it broke up, amid cheers, it sent every man of the hundreds present out with the determination to make the fight of his life in support of Rowell and his temperance platform—"abolish the bar."

Dr. Stevenson Is Favored.

No candidate was selected. Instead, a committee of 32 was selected to consider names and present a report at an adjourned meeting to be held Friday night. The one name brought before the convention, that of Dr. W. J. Stevenson, was received with the greatest enthusiasm. The doctor was tendered a wonderful ovation, but despite the desire of a large section of the crowd, he declined to accept them, asking that the committee make its choice first.

While he would not commit himself to his candidacy, amid cheers, he declared that he would not allow the election to go by default. This intelligence was received with deafening applause and cries from the crowd to "Give it a chance."

No Dissension There.

In contrast to the Conservative convention of Friday night, when the party was split by internal strife, last night's meeting was marked by the greatest unanimity of feeling, temperance men and Liberals were one in determination to fight.

Chairman Philip Pocock, of the Liberal Association, presided. "The prospects are encouraging," said Mr. Pocock, in opening the meeting. "I feel assured that Mr. Rowell will have a good following after June 29."

Dr. C. T. Campbell was then called on for the first address.

Liberalism Is Not Dead.

"It is after several years' abstinence from political warfare that I again appear here," said the doctor, "and I wonder if I would feel at home. As I look out over this audience I miss a great many faces that I used to see in years gone by—the old Liberal workers like Coffey, Jones (Continued on Page Fourteen)

MRS. ROWELL DID NOT MAKE THE STATEMENTS

Declaration, Credited to Her by
Mistake, Was Made by
Another.

Although The Advertiser was given the information in good faith by a member of the Askin Street Methodist Church congregation, the statements credited to Mrs. Newton Rowell, wife of the Liberal leader, were not made by her, nor was she in the city on Sunday.

At one of the classes Sunday, the statement was made by one of those present that if the Rowell policy were defeated at the next election there would never be another opportunity to accept the policy from a political party. Several other members of the class concurred in this view.

In some manner The Advertiser's informant got the impression that Mrs. Rowell was present, and that she had expressed herself as stated.

MAY BE LIBERAL CANDIDATE



DR. W. J. STEVENSON, who may be named as the Liberal nominee to contest London in the provincial elections.

MAYOR OF LISTOWEL DOUBTFUL ABOUT INCENDIARISM IN TOWN

Chiefs of Police and Fire Department Are, However, Sus-
picious—Comment Made on Fact That Nearly All
Heavy Losers Are Liberals.

[By Staff Reporter.]

Listowel, June 16.—The frequency with which fires have broken out in Listowel since the beginning of the year, and the mystery surrounding most of them, is beginning to affect the nerves of the businessmen of the town. Since the first of January no fewer than six buildings have been destroyed, and in only two cases was the cause explainable logically.

One peculiar feature of these fires is that they all have occurred in the early hours of the morning, when the buildings destroyed were not occupied. In the latest case, that of the McDonald Building, in which McDonald's feed store, A. C. Chapman's barber shop, Dave Wilkes' bowling alley and a dance hall were wiped out, the flames were noticed first early on Sunday morning, several hours after the premises had been locked up, and so far the cause of the conflagration remains a mystery.

To such an extent has public feeling been aroused that Mayor Clinie has called a special meeting of the council for tonight to consider holding an in-

vestigation, and it is possible that a provincial detective may be called in.

Rogers Refused Help.

"We did ask for a detective to be sent to investigate, after we had had several fires last month," said Mayor Clinie to The Advertiser, "but Mr. Rogers, of the provincial police department, refused to send a man. He gave no reason, simply would not grant our request."

"Personally," continued the mayor, "I do not think there is much to investigate. While it is true that we have had more fires since the beginning of the year than in any similar period previously, and while most of them were to some extent mysterious, we have not been definitely suspicious of incendiarism."

One Suspect.

He admitted that some suspicion had attached to a local man, who was in the habit of sleeping out in barns and other buildings around the place occasionally and whom he, the mayor, had sent to jail for 30 days as a vagrant.

Asked if this man had been questioned, Mr. Clinie said that he had not, although (Continued on Page Eleven.)

C. N. R. BOND ISSUE MAY SELL CHEAPLY

Government Worried in Case
More Aid Is Asked Next Ses-
sion, on Account of
Poor Price.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, June 16.—The printing presses are busy grinding out Canadian Northern bonds to the par value of \$45,000,000. Sir William MacKenzie is preparing to take them to market, and the Government is growing anxious about the price they will bring.

Finance Minister White has been selling Canadian Government bonds in London in such quantities recently that the value of Dominion securities has dropped. The last twenty-five millions had to be sold at 98. The Government fears that the forty-five million Canadian Northern issue will have to be disposed of at such a low figure that enough cash will not be sustained to enable the road to be completed. If this is so, the Canadian Northern will have to come back to Parliament next year for more assistance. The Government does not want to see MacKenzie & Mann back again for more until after the next general election.

Many After Prize.

There is a good deal of competition among the trust companies of Canada to obtain the trusteeship of the hundred-million stock of the Canadian Northern, which was provided for by the contract the Government put through Parliament last session.

It is believed that the National Trust Company, of which Hon. W. T. White was formerly manager, and of which Z. A. Lash is the president, will get the plum. It will mean about fifty thousand dollars for the company which lands the prize.

CHARGING PREMIER OF NEW BRUNSWICK WITH BIG GRAFTING

Inquiry Into Dugal Charges
Against Hon. J. K. Flemming
and an Ex-Minister Opens
Today.

[Canadian Press.]

St. John, N. B., June 16.—The inquiry into the charges of alleged graft against the Hon. J. K. Flemming, premier, and the Hon. H. F. MacLeod, former provincial secretary, preferred by L. A. Dugal, Liberal M. P. for Madawaska, was opened here at ten o'clock this morning by Provincial Supreme Court Justice H. A. McKeown, chairman; Former Justice W. W. Wells, of Ottawa, and W. S. Fisher, a prominent businessman of St. John, royal commissioners appointed by the lieutenant-governor of the province.

Briefly the charges are: That Premier Flemming unlawfully extorted about \$100,000 from the holders of timber lands in the province—the money is alleged to have been secured through the agency of William H. Berry, chief lum-

ber. (Continued on Page Eleven.)

CODERRE IS OFF TO HELP IN MANITOBA

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, June 16.—Hon. L. P. Coderre has gone west to attend a French-Canadian congress in Prince Albert. It is understood that he will take a hand in the Manitoba campaign before returning. Alberta Seveigny, M. P., accompanied the minister.

EVERY PRECAUTION TO GUARD ROYALTY FROM MILITANTS

Many Hundreds of Police and
Detectives at Ascot Race
Meeting.

WHOLE DRIVE IS LINED

Special Efforts Made to Guard
Track From Repetition of
Last Year's Trouble.

[Canadian Press.]

London, June 16.—Never before have such precautions been taken to guard members of the royal family from the attentions of the militant suffragettes, as were taken today at the Ascot racecourse. The opening of the leading society race meeting found upwards of 1,000 men of the metropolitan police and hundreds of detectives from Scotland Yard assembled on the historic course, as reinforcements for the regular Berkshire County police force, which had been mobilized in full strength to prevent any attempt by the suffragettes to interfere with King George and Queen Mary.

The six-mile route from Windsor Castle to the course, over which the King and Queen and their guests were to drive in the state procession, was lined practically all the way by policemen.

Militants Determined.

The militants, in spite of the Queen's threat that she would cancel the rest of the season's social engagements if she should be again annoyed, showed themselves more determined than ever to obtain publicity for their cause by attacking the King.

In consequence of this resolute attitude of the women, the arrangements for guarding the entrance to the royal inclosure on the racecourse were on this occasion made more stringent than even and every person before being able to secure a ticket had to be vouched for by some responsible official.

Guarding Track.

The track also was closely guarded to prevent a recurrence of last year's sensational incident, when August Belmont's Tracery was interfered with and thrown by a mad woman, while he was leading for the race for the Ascot gold cup on the third day of the meeting. Triple rails have been erected along the track, and for several days past throughout the day and night men of volunteer civil control, patrolled the course, while alarm guns have been placed in position at night around the stands and the lawns.

To Protect Churches.

London, June 16.—As a means of circumventing the militant suffragettes' "arson squads," the county authorities throughout England have started the organization of volunteer civil control, which their first duty will be the protecting of churches. The volunteers are to be sworn in as special constables, and will be armed and accompanied by dogs.

REGISTRATION IS LIGHT ONE SO FAR

Only Few Names Added to List
in Big Down-Town
Districts.

REGISTRARS ARE PEEVISH

Under New Regulations They
Have No Lunch Hours, But
Must Stay on the Job.

Registration of manhood suffrage voters in the various divisions of the city was decidedly slow today. Up to two o'clock this afternoon the only five men had registered in No. 1 division, which is the largest in the city, embracing as it does all the territory north of Dundas street and west of Wellington street and including the whole of West London.

In No. 1, another large division, which takes in the district west of Wellington street to the river south of Dundas street, not a single name was added to the voting list up to the same hour and in other divisions a similar state of affairs was reported.

"In any case," said one of the registrars, "the largest registration is always at night and it is especially heavy on the last night. It seems to be a characteristic of would-be voters to leave registration to the last minute."

The registrars have a grievance. On previous occasions in the past the registration booths have been opened from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., but this time they are open continuously from 9

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CARPENTER SUCCEUMBS

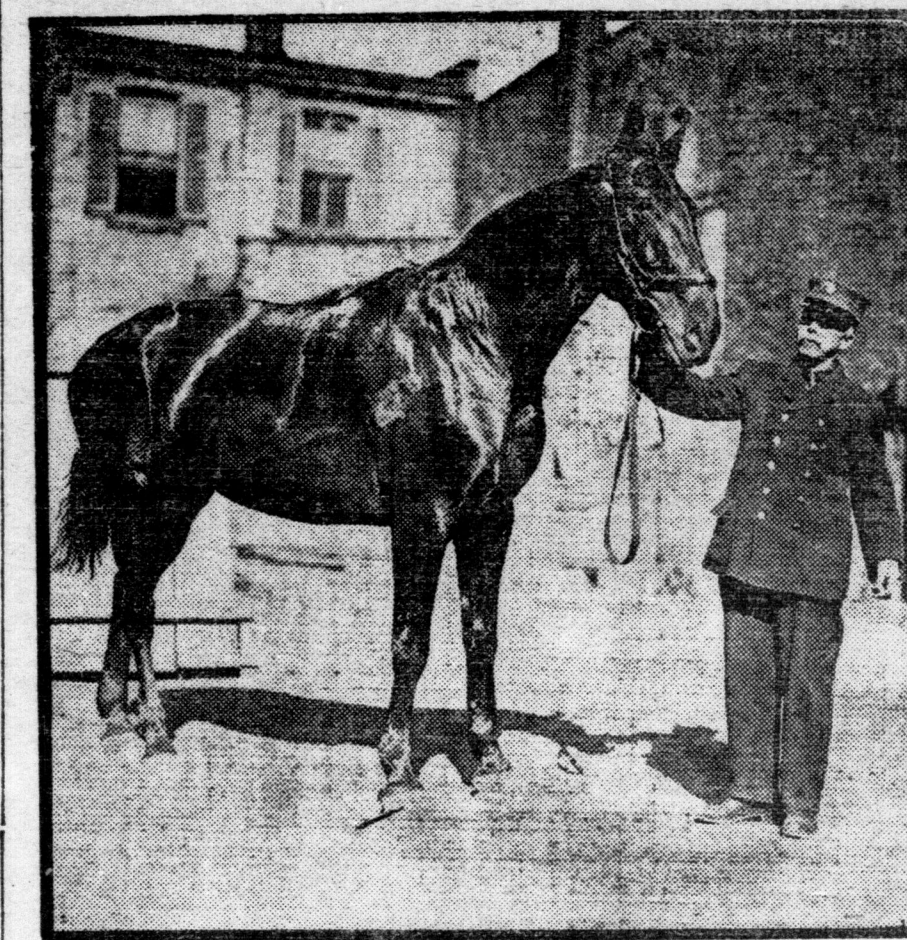
TO FALL OFF SCAFFOLD

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ingersoll, June 16.—John Jenkins, the carpenter who fell from a scaffold yesterday, succumbed to his injuries today. From the first his condition was regarded as precarious, but it was difficult to determine the full extent of his injuries. The deceased had resided in Ingersoll for a long period. He leaves two sons and two daughters.

LORD MERSEY'S SPEED AT DISASTER INQUIRY LEAVES THE LAWYERS BREATHLESS

TWO FIRE VETERANS



"Doc," seventeen years in the service of the London fire department, and Lieutenant "Geordie" Gray, who for 35 years has answered the call of the fire bell.

Firemen Will Miss Old Friends When Horses Are Gone

Motor Apparatus Will Deprive Fire Fighters of
Their Equine Comrades at the Stations and the
Men Do Not Want Them To Go.

Fire Chief John Aitken says London's fire apparatus should be "motorized." Cities everywhere are accepting this solution to the fire-fighting problem. That is looking at it from an economic and time-saving standpoint.

There is another side to the coin that counts for something. In fact, it counts for a great deal among the fire-fighters. It is this: If the swift, motor-driven trucks come into their own, the horse must go. That is where the opposition comes in. There is the "rub." To the average person a horse is a horse. To London fire-fighters, the animals at the stations throughout the city are more. They are friends.

Seventeen Years of Service.

There is old "Doc," for instance. Big, mare, black, sleek-looking in spite of his years. He came to the department seventeen years ago. He was five years old then.

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HURON SYNOD IS LIKELY TO PASS VOTES FOR WOMEN

Advocates of Equal Suffrage
Confident of Victory for
Fair Sex.

WANT VOTE IN VESTRIES

Opposition of Last Year Said
To Be Weaker—Fight
Comes on Tomorrow.

Last year's fight in the diocesan synod of Huron for the extension of the vestry franchise to women will be repeated at the session of the synod now in progress. According to those conversant with the program of work that will come before the delegates, it is said that it will be tomorrow afternoon at the earliest before the question can be voted on.

Those who are in favor of the "votes for women" are confident of victory. They claim to have the requisite two-thirds majority of both lay and clerical delegates, and while they are expecting opposition they are expressing the greatest confidence in the outcome.

The debate on the question attracted widespread attention last year, especially the latter. It was a very interesting general debate, by "M. J. McKeown," of this city, who criticized the present dress in no uncertain manner.

THREE WOMEN IN AUTO RUN DOWN OFFICER M'GUIRE

Put on Power and Speed Away
While Officer Lies
Prostrated.

NUMBER LOST IN CONFUSION

Accident Happens Near En-
trance to Victoria Park at
Supper Time.

Three women in an auto speeding through Victoria Park at the supper hour last night knocked down Adam McGuire, the aged officer of the Humane Society, and without waiting to see if he was hurt, turned on their power and disappeared before the number of their car could be secured.

The accident happened near the entrance to the park, as Mr. McGuire was on his way home. Without an opportunity to get out of the way the car struck him and shunted him off to one side, bruising his knee and completely dazing him for a few minutes. A man on a bicycle who was following the auto went to Mr. McGuire's assistance, helping him to his feet and rendering first aid.

Mr. McGuire was hardly able to get down to work this morning, feeling very sick, sore and lame as the result of last night's accident. All efforts to find out who the three women were who struck Mr. McGuire and sped away while he lay prostrate on the ground have been in vain.

Would Act as Steno-
grapher Rather Than
Hear of Adjournment.

SUMMARIES OF CASES HEARD

Captain Kendall, Limp-
ing Badly, Will Not
Accept Seat.

COUNSEL ARRAY

Information Contained
in Statements Same as
Already Known.

[Canadian Press.]

Quebec, June 16.—With a speed that frequently found the lawyers almost breathless, Lord Mersey, the eminent British admiralty authority, opened up the proceedings in connection with the inquiry by a Dominion Government commission into the sinking of the Empress of Ireland off Cock's Point near Father Point in the River St. Lawrence. In the courtroom here this morning, His Lordship, with a sprightliness that his seventy-five years would argue him incapable of, walked briskly to his seat on the bench and began at once tapping his pen impatiently for the clerk of the court to call the court to order.

Probably as a consequence of the rapidity with which Lord Mersey took the early stages of the proceedings, the lawyers in the case seemed to be at a standstill. At all events everybody appeared to be suffering from extreme nervousness which grew into confusion when his lordship began to discover that little things like the selection of a commissioner to swear the clerk of the court, a Bible upon which the swearing could be done, and various necessary statements were not quickly forthcoming. Various hints were thrown out that an adjournment would enable everything to be straightened out, but Lord Mersey would not hear of it. "I don't like adjournments," he exclaimed and on one occasion offered to write out a statement himself because a stenographer could not be found.

Progress Made

As it was, when everybody settled down and a little smile of approval began to play on his lordship's face, the proceedings bowed along at a rate that permitted the case to be straightened out, the opening and explanatory statement of the representative of the Dominion Government, summaries of the cases of the C.P.R. and the Stordard, the coiler which rammed the Empress, and a part of the testimony of Captain Kendall of the lost ship.

Captain Kendall, though still limping badly and requiring the assistance of a stick, looked to be practically recovered from his experiences, and when offered a seat preferred to stand and face the court.

Commission and Council.

The Empress of Ireland inquiry got under way at ten o'clock this morning, with the little criminal room of the courthouse crowded with the members of the Dominion commission and assessors conducting it, and lawyers representing the various parties involved in the proceedings. The personnel of the commission follows:

Lord Mersey, of the British House of Peers, and Sir Adolph Routhier, Quebec, and Hon. Ezekiel McLeod, St. John, Canadian admiralty judges. The nautical assessors are Capt. Demers, (Continued on Page Three.)

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES			
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 'eight o'clock last night: Highest, 72; lowest, 52.			
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 58; lowest, 42.			
TOMORROW—FINE.			
Toronto June 16—9 a.m. Forecasts.			
Today—Northwest winds; fine and cool. Wednesday—light winds; fine.			
Temperatures.			
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:			
Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	76	50	Cloudy
Calgary	82	50	Cloudy
Winnipeg	78	52	Cloudy
Port Arthur	76	49	Clear
Fort Sn. J.	72	48	Cloudy
Port Arthur	72	48	Clear
Toronto	72	48	Cloudy
Ottawa	66	48	Cloudy
Montreal	60	46	Cloudy
Quebec	60	46	Cloudy
Father Point	52	44	Cloudy

The high pressure is now centred in Wisconsin, and the Atlantic low area is centred in Maine.

The weather has become quite warm again in the Western Provinces, but continues cool in Ontario and Quebec.

Showers have been almost general in Quebec, and have occurred locally in Ontario and the Western Provinces.