

MR. WHITNEY'S GERRYMANDER.

How the Redistribution Bill Will Hike the Grits.

Results Shown in Two of the Counties.

There Will be a Lively Argument in the House.

Toronto, March 25.—The more Liberal members of the Legislature look into the redistribution proposals of Mr. Whitney the more it becomes apparent that the measure as it now stands is by no means as fair as the remarks of the Premier would have led the Province to believe. Statistics are daily being collected, and by the time the bill comes before the House the Opposition should be enabled to enliven considerably a session which has so far been exceptionally devoid of much spirited argument. Aside from the scheme of giving Toronto a doubled representation, the division of Middlesex and Huron will provide the great bone of contention. "The gratification of political greed" is the way Mr. Duncan Ross (West Middlesex) styles the methods adopted in his county. While the old ridings in Middlesex presented very little difference in the total population of each, the new ridings are out of all proportion, and the census returns unmistakably show the hand of the party manipulator. Besides this, Mr. Ross has been actually thrown out of the riding he now represents. Mr. Thomas Turnbull, who was nominated by the Liberals in the North, now finds himself living in West Middlesex. Such a scheme is practically a duplicate of that adopted in Huron, where two Liberal candidates are placed in the one riding. East Hastings, West Northumberland and East York are other ridings which have been patched up to the benefit of the Whitney followers.

Some Political Greed.

"The result attained in Middlesex is clearly for the gratification of political greed," said Mr. Duncan Ross (West Middlesex) yesterday. "It arises from political cowardice, because it was pretty certain that had the ridings remained as they were Mr. Thomas Turnbull would have defeated Mr. Hodgins, the present member in the North. If the vote went the same as it did in 1905 Mr. Hodgins is now assured of a majority of over three hundred."

Mr. Ross showed by the census returns what the carving process has accomplished. According to the municipal statistics of 1906, West Middlesex had a population of 147,555, and North Middlesex a population of 142,222. This difference was 5,333. Under the new arrangement the West riding will have a population of 133,104, and the North 159,003, a difference of 2,709; so that under the redistribution the disparity between the two ridings is increased by over 2,200. Practically the same conclusion may be arrived at by the census of 1901. West Middlesex then had a population of 18,980, and the North the population now is 16,280, and the North then had a population of 16,419, while now it is 18,219. Prior to the redistribution the disparity in the two ridings was 1,961, and now it is 1,939. According to the census of 1901, East Middlesex had a population of 23,558, which is far larger than either of the other two ridings.

Out of Their Ridings.

It may also be mentioned that two Liberal candidates have been thrown out of their ridings by the manipulation of the Whitney Government. Mr. Ross, who lives in Strathroy, represents the West riding at present, but now he is living in the North riding. Mr. Turnbull, who was nominated for the North, lives in Lobo township, which has been placed in the West.

There is a big Conservative majority in North Hastings; at least, Mr. Pearce obtained a plurality of 1,531 here last election. It was safe to say a township from that riding and send it to another, and the township of Huntington has been selected, which gave Mr. Pearce 162 majority over Mr. Cornell (Liberal). This township is added to East Hastings. Major Rathbun (Independent) now represents East Hastings, but in the Dominion contest in 1904 East Hastings gave a Liberal majority of 57, so that the Conservative chances with the votes of Huntington added appear quite as Premier Whitney and his colleagues would desire.

Not a great deal of difference has been made in Brant county by the transfer of Burford township from the South riding to the North. Burford township gave a majority of five for Mr. T. H. Preston (Liberal) in 1905. The Conservative majority in North Brant at last election was 65.

More Manipulation.

The same plan as was adopted in Hastings has been worked in West Peterboro' and West Northumberland. Monaghan township has been taken from West Peterboro' and added to West Northumberland. In the former riding Mr. Bradburn (Conservative) had a majority at last election of 1,174, and Monaghan township with its ninety Conservative majority makes little difference to him. At last election Mr. Clarke (Liberal) had a majority of 279 in West Northumberland, and now Monaghan township with its Conservative majority has been tacked onto him. According to Mr. Clarke there is no need to worry over the consequences, however.

The Conservative riding of East Peterboro' has been deprived of the votes in Lakelife village, which gave a Conservative majority of 62. Lakelife has been added to East Peterboro', where there was a Liberal majority of over 100 last election. Harder for Mr. Curry. With the vote of 1905 as the basis, the chances of Mr. J. W. Curry, K. C., as the Liberal candidate in East York have been militated against. For instance, North Toronto has been shifted from West to East York, and North Toronto gave 105 Conservative majority in 1905. Mr. McCowan (Conservative) was elected by a majority of 429 in East York last election. With a Conservative majority of over 400, it is not thought in Government circles that West York is endangered. Stouffville has been added to North York, and since this town has polled a Conservative majority it is

thought to better the chances of Mr. T. H. Lennox in the North.

Fixing Up Brockville.

Though Mr. A. E. Donovan has been loudly heralded as "the man who redeemed Brockville," there appears to have been an effort to make his seat safe in the future. There has been added to the former riding Kitley, which gave a Conservative majority of 141 in 1905, and South Elmsley, which also gave a Conservative majority of fifteen and there has been taken from the riding Front of Yonge and Ecott, which went Liberal by 89. These changes alone make a Conservative gain of 245 votes. In view of Mr. Whitney's recently expressed opinion of Brockville, little else was expected. In the recent by-election Mr. Donovan's official majority was 325.

The Figures in Huron.

So sweeping have been the changes in Huron that the entire story of redistribution can hardly be told by figures. The entire county has been shaken up, and all existing organizations shattered. To West Huron have been added the following municipalities with their 1905 majorities: Howick, Conservative, 173; Morris, Liberal, 6; Turnberry, Conservative, 34; Wrocteter, Liberal, 22. These four alone show a Conservative majority of 179. On the other hand, the west riding loses as follows: Colborne, Liberal, 54; Goderich, Conservative, 20; Clinton, Liberal, 35. This makes a Liberal majority of 89 taken from the west riding, so that all in all, with the figures of 1905, West Huron has a safe Conservative majority. Though the west appears strongly Conservative, the east is more strongly Liberal, or, in other words, a hive. Besides the municipalities taken away, which were Conservative, there are added: Tuckersmith, Liberal, 210; Colborne, Liberal, 54; Goderich, Conservative, 20; Seaforth, Liberal, 14; and Clinton, Liberal, 35. The figures of last election give a Liberal seat in East Huron by over 600 majority.

Huron County Cut Up.

Clinton, March 25.—To look at the map of Huron County it is difficult to explain why Goderich Township should be in South Huron and Tuckersmith in Centre, in view of what Mr. Whitney says: "That the divisions are not being made for party purposes." The fact that the one gives a large Conservative majority and the other an equally large Liberal vote no doubt accounts for the division as it has been made. By all means let the divisions be fair. It is ridiculous to say that Goderich Township should be in the Centre riding and Goderich Township in the south. It looks as though it would be a toss-up to say whether Clinton and Seaforth should be in the Centre or South, or whether Brunsels should be in the Centre or North. The party division seems to meet with great favor.

Party Advantage the Motive.

Goderich, March 25.—The advice received through the press this morning of the proposed gerrymander of the three ridings of Huron County by the Whitney Government have aroused an indignation among the Liberals of this district. The rounding up of the Liberal divisions into one riding, to be known as Centre Huron, has also caused not a little dissatisfaction to some of the local Conservatives, who for the past few months have been earnestly marshalling their party workers. So far as Centre Huron presents itself to the Liberals in this riding a complication arises, in that two Liberal candidates have already been nominated for the same riding.

It is felt by the Liberals that Mr. Eiler has dictated this gerrymander to save himself by confining his territory to a strip running from Goderich to the southern part of the county, about 35 miles in length, and only ten or twelve miles in width. As to the proposed constituency of North Huron, amazing lines have been drawn to have the long-established Conservative strongholds massed together. Great dissatisfaction has been expressed that Mr. Whitney should submit to such an unjust influence, which has undoubtedly been brought to bear, in carving the county into such absurdly proportioned sub-divisions merely to accomplish a party advantage.

STABBED WITH A TIEPIN.

Peterboro Forger Attempts to Commit Suicide.

Peterboro, March 25.—An attempt at suicide with a tiepin was the sensational ending of the Police Court sitting this morning. Geo. Shepherd, who was found guilty last week of committing several forgeries, received a sentence of two years in Kingston Penitentiary. "One came to his eyes as he sat down in the prisoners' dock, and he immediately drew out a stout tiepin from his scarf and stuck himself several times in the breast. Newspapersmen sitting near overpowered the man, but not before blood was drawn."

Potato Growing Without Soil.

A somewhat novel method of growing young potatoes during the autumn and winter months has been lately discovered. It has been found, says a writer in the "One and All Gardener," that two-year-old tubers, if taken in the early autumn and placed in a dark, dry place, will speedily commence to bud off little potatoes. These may be allowed to increase in size until they are about as big as a large walnut, when they may be gathered for the table. It is essential that the place in which the tubers are grown should be perfectly dark, otherwise they will expend their energies in a vain endeavor to produce roots and leaves, and no small potatoes will result.

PLAIN TALK FROM THE DOCTOR.

A prominent physician, famous for his success in the treatment of kidney and bladder troubles, states that the following prescription is due a great deal of his success: One ounce fluid extract dandelion; One ounce compound salutarin; Four ounces compound sarsaparilla. Mix and take a teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime, drinking plenty of water. This mixture will, he says, positively cure any diseases arising from weak, clogged or inactive kidneys, and will assist these organs to cleanse the blood of the poisonous waste matter and acids, which if allowed to remain, cause lumbago, lame back, rheumatism and sciatica, and at the same time will restore the kidneys to healthy normal action. The ingredients, which are purely vegetable and entirely harmless, can be procured from any good druggist, and mixed at home at very little cost. This advice will undoubtedly be much appreciated by many readers.

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Fun for Times Readers

Brutal. "Hiram, you seem to be getting fleshier. How much do you weigh?" "One hundred and sixty-eight, Lucinda. I weighed 166 yesterday." "Do you think you have gained two pounds in one day?" "I know I have, dear. I have eaten two slices of that angel cake of yours."



Good Reason. Johnny—Whacker cryin' for? Jimmy—Ya-a-a-a! I dreamed I found fifty cents and I woke up afore I could spend it.

Stung. The leap year girl has just proposed. "But I don't earn enough to support a wife," protested the cautious young man. "Oh, that's all right," assured the maid, eagerly. "We can live on bread and cheese and kisses."

Pointed Reminder. Man with the Bungalow Brow—The idea of women meddling with politics! What do they know about it? Do you suppose they have the slightest conception of what you mean, for instance, when you talk about the "big stick?"

Furnishing an Example. The burglar had found a fresh beefsteak in the pantry. Sprinkling it with arsenic, he took it out and dropped it over the back yard fence, for there was a dog in the next yard that threatened to alarm the neighborhood.

Didn't Count. "Did you promise to obey when you were married?" "Yes, but I had my fingers crossed."

Most Important. Giles—Which do you consider the most important of your senses? Smiles—The sense of touch. Giles—How do you figure that out? Smiles—But for it there are times when I wouldn't be able to raise the price of a meal.

HAS NO LICENSE TO STAB. Comment Made in the Trial of Emilio Cannone at Toronto.

Toronto, March 26.—"There is only one law in Canada. The Italian has no more license to go about stabbing people than you or I have," was Crown Attorney Drayton's reply in the Sessions yesterday to Mr. J. W. Curry's plea that his client, Emilio Cannone, a young Italian, charged with stabbing his parents, was a child of a warm blooded race.

Magnets to Lift Glass. It has been proposed to use electro-magnets for lifting and handling large pieces of glass, states the Engineer. This is accomplished by placing a piece of sheet iron under the glass and applying one or more electro-magnets on the upper surface of the glass. The electro-magnets attract the sheet iron, and thereby hold the glass suspended while moving.

And He Flew. Woodie Hault—For the tenth time I've asked you to give me a chance to make my appearance before the foot-lights. Manager—Take my advice and disappear before my foot lights.

Heart Failure. "Yes, I have great faith in the conscience—fund," confided the Through street lady. "Now, I returned a quarter I had taken out of John's pocket five years ago, and he dropped me a ten-dollar note as a reward for my honesty. Do you think your husband would drop anything if you should return him a quarter under the same circumstances?"

One on the Goose. The hen was crossing the turnpike. "Why does the hen cross the road?" bawled the smart goose. "Because I have a nest at the bottom of you well," retorted the hen.

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FOUND HARTWICK INSANE. James Hartwick to be Sent to Hamilton Asylum.

London, Ont., March 26.—James Hartwick, of Cobble Hill, the decrepit and demented slayer of his wife, yesterday at the Assizes was adjudged insane. He will be committed to the asylum for the criminally insane at Hamilton.

Liquefied Helium. Professor Kammerlin Onnes, teacher of physics in the University of Leyden, has just made an important scientific discovery. Helium is the last of the gaseous bodies to withstand all attempt to condense it, and recently Professor Onnes succeeded in liquefying it.

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A BIG THEFT.

EMPLOYERS OF DOUGLAS B. FINDLAY CAUSE HIS ARREST.

Claim That He is Short About \$42,000.—Handled Branch Bank Business for Messrs. McDonald & Mabee, Live Stock Exporters.

Toronto, March 26.—At Athlone, a little place in Simcoe County, about a mile and a half west of Tottenham, Douglas B. Findlay, aged twenty, was yesterday arrested for the alleged theft of what will in all amount to about \$42,000 from the firm of McDonald & Mabee, wholesale cattle dealers, 653 Wellington street west. Findlay was the bookkeeper for the firm for over two years. About six weeks ago the firm became suspicious that something was wrong in consequence of the condition of the firm's bank account at the Eather street branch of the Dominion Bank. An accountant was put upon the books and it was then discovered that there was a serious shortage, which grew and grew as the investigation proceeded. The account apparently had been ingeniously balanced, large amounts being entered which the firm believe they are not owed.

Findlay is a young fellow of ability, as is shown by his rise at such an early age to a position of such responsibility as he held with McDonald & Mabee. His Toronto address is at 128 William street, but he came to the city from Tottenham, where he has relatives. The firm do a large wholesale cattle business in the city, and handle hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, much of which passed in cash through Findlay's hands.

Recently it was noticed by the heads of the firm that the young fellow had launched out into extravagance which his income would not bear. He bought flowers, it is said, at fifteen dollars a dozen and dressed like a Beau Brummel. He wore diamond rings worth hundreds of dollars. When Mr. D. McDonald saw a large diamond ring on his finger at the office, and asked him how he could afford such luxuries, Findlay told him that he was engaged to a millionaire's daughter and his father-in-law was backing him.

As he was seen about with a young lady and was thought to be engaged to her, the explanation of where he got his money was considered good. He gave the young lady he was supposed to be engaged to the most costly gifts, including valuable diamond rings worth hundreds, and his bill for flowers at one well known firm is about \$300.

Findlay left the city about six weeks ago and it is believed went to Texas, taking with him the bond for \$10,000 under which he was bound by the London Guarantee Company, but he returned to Toronto, and was discovered next at the Rossin House manufacturing plant at the name of J. Van Norman, and posing as a diamond merchant from Australia. A few days ago he left the city for Tottenham, where his uncle, Mr. Millard Hamilton, is a councillor in the town. Information was given for his arrest on Tuesday and the warrant was issued yesterday morning.

Inspector D. Duncan immediately telephoned the chief constable of Tottenham and followed it up with a telegram. It was ascertained there that he had gone to Athlone, and he was followed and arrested there by County Constable J. T. Atkins. When he was arrested he was wearing a \$350 watch and several diamond rings.

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