

OUR NAVY FOR PROTECTION NOT FOR AGGRANDISEMENT SAYS PREMIER AT TORONTO

Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Opening New Ontario Liberal Club Says Nucleus of Navy Is Necessary for Protection of Commerce and Coasts—Announces Great Works for Country.

"I have done the best I could to promote peace and harmony in this country. I have told the people of the Province of Quebec, 'You must put upon the altar of our country whatever prejudices and preferences you may have; I have told the people of Ontario and of all the other provinces, 'You, too, must lay on the altar of our country whatever prejudices and preferences you may have.' That, I think, is the secret of whatever success I may have had during the last thirteen years."

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 6.—The Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada, was the guest of honor at a banquet last night, which marked the official opening of the Ontario Club, Toronto's new Liberal headquarters. The accommodations of the club proved much too small for those who wished to be present to hear the leader of the Government, but the gathering was most representative, and included many prominent citizens. Mr. M. J. Soney, president of the club, was chairman. With him at the head table were Hon. Charles Murphy, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Senator Kerr, Senator Jaffray, Senator Cox, ex-Mayor Oliver and Mr. P. C. Larkin. The health of the guest was proposed by Mr. J. A. Macdonald, and, besides that of the King, was the only toast honored. Sir Wilfrid was given an extremely hearty reception, all present rising and cheerily lustily when he rose to speak. His speech was not a long one, and contained no important announcement of Government policy. It was, however, an eloquent statement of the Government's record and position in regard to various public matters, but more particularly in regard to the question of naval defence and transportation problems. He devoted his short address to Canada's naval policy almost wholly. In

dealing with the question he began by pointing out that many nations of the old world had gone war mad.

Canada's Record. Canada had made, he added, such enormous strides in material wealth that no nation could show such a record as that of the Dominion during the past few years. He proceeded to show that Canada willingly and loyally bowed to the suzerainty of the British sovereign, but that suzerainty was only so far as the parliament and people of Canada conceded. This unexampled and splendid position of being a nation and yet being under the British crown, has founded new problems and calls for new duties. The new problem is that of defence. The parliament of Canada had declared unanimously that the time had come when Canada should bear a share of the burden of defence of the empire.

Protection of Coasts. There were the questions of security of commerce, the protection of our own coasts, and the warranty which our actions would give of trying to secure the peace of the world, because all nations knew that we do not desire any aggrandisement and did not seek any other than the defence of our own interests. This is what we meant when we unanimously resolved on forming the nucleus of a Canadian navy.

He declared that all the talk about Germany's alleged desire for aggrandisement at the expense of Great Britain was without any real foundation in fact, and that even if it were, Britain was so powerful on sea and land that it would be madness to land.

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CARPENTER SUES FOR DAMAGES

Claims He Was Injured While in Employ of Martyn & Company.

A CANNING CO. ACTION
Frank Harding Has Case Entered Against a Local Concern Arising Out of a Stock Deal.

Two more cases have been entered for hearing at the winter assizes. They are that of Ethelbert Tugwell, a carpenter and joiner, against L. H. Martyn & Co., contractors, which appears on the jury list.

The plaintiff, while in the employ of the defendants, was ordered to operate a planer on the left hand was injured, it is claimed, through the machine being insufficiently protected against accident.

The plaintiff is suing for \$3,000 damages.

Mr. J. F. Faulds for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons, for the defendant.

Against Canning Company. In the non-jury list the case of Frank Harding, a commercial traveller, against the London Canning and Exporting Company, Limited, is entered.

The plaintiff at the request of the defendants became liable for a guarantee of \$5,000 for the company to the Sovereign Bank.

The plaintiff paid \$5,244.79, and received in return a share of stock in the defendants' company, valued at \$2,500. He claims \$2,764.90, and interest from July 31, 1908.

Messrs. McKillop & Murphy for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Ivey & Dringolds for the defendant.

CHARGE IS LAID AGAINST HOTELMAN
Alleged That Charles James Sold Liquor on Election Day.

An information was laid against Charles James, proprietor of the Hotel Windsor, King street, yesterday by License Inspector Galpin.

It is alleged that Mr. James broke the license bylaws on election day by selling during prohibited hours. This is the second charge of this nature that has been laid against him.

"The case will probably come up on Friday."

DIED AT 105

Henry Sutton, Probably the Oldest Man in Ontario.
St. Thomas, Jan. 6.—Henry Sutton, the oldest man in Elgin County, and probably in Western Ontario, is dead at the residence of ex-Warden Tolmie, near Rodney. The deceased was born in England in 1805, and was in his 105th year. He came to Canada with his parents when a child, and had a distinct recollection of the war of 1812. He was in the full enjoyment of all his faculties, and in excellent health until a few days ago.

BEACHVILLE ACCIDENT ENDS WITH DEATH

Ernest Zullert, One of Those Struck by Plow, Dies of Injuries.

Woodstock, Jan. 6.—Ernest Zullert, who was struck by a sawplow at the Beachville level crossing on Tuesday night, died at the Woodstock General Hospital early this morning.

Mary Zullert is still unconscious, but will likely recover.

PETITIONS FOR TEACHERS
ARE BEING CIRCULATED

Praying That They Be Not Dismissed by the Board of Education.

Petitions for the restoration of certain kindergarten teachers to their former positions are being circulated throughout the city.

One is being signed on behalf of Miss M. Maguire, directress of the Sincere street kindergarten, who will be compelled to step aside on the double session arrangement, and Miss Campbell, of Talbot street, who will also retire in July next.

Both petitions are assuming great proportions. On each there are a very great number of prominent citizens' names. It is expected that they will be presented to the board of education at its inaugural meeting tonight.

BLACK HAND MURDER

Chicago Man Who Wouldn't Give Up \$5,000 Shot to Death.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Failing to comply with a demand for \$5,000 contained in letters signed "The Black Hand," which he received through the mail some time ago, B. Sine, 60 years old, an Italian merchant, was shot and instantly killed by three men this morning while he lay asleep in the rear of his store. The assassins escaped before the police arrived, and no arrests have been made.

FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE

Housekeeper to Wealthy New Yorker Gets Legacy of \$158,200.

New York, Jan. 6.—Ida Beach Stuart of Mineola, L. I., who was housekeeper for the late Stephen Mott Wright, received a legacy of \$158,200 as a reward of her many years of faithful service, when the executors of his will completed their work.

Mr. Wright, who was an aged bachelor, left an estate valued at \$283,850. The housekeeper is preferred to his relatives in the bequests, three of his cousins receiving \$50,000 each.

University Slide.

A splendid toboggan slide is being built by the students of the Western University, and will shortly be completed. The toboggan will have a slope of 80 feet, and in addition a big platform from which the tobogganers can start. The whole structure will be well lighted, and will in every way surpass the toboggans that have been made by the students of other years.

TROUBLE OVER CHAIRMANSIPS MANY WANT COUNCIL PLUMS

A Disposition to Keep Ald. Eckert Out of the Leadership of No. 2 Committee Is Looming Up—Striking Committee Held a Meeting Last Night.

The striking committee of the new council, composed of Ald. Eckert, Ald. Tancock, Ald. Richter and Ald. Ashplant, met last evening to consider the drafting of the committees for the coming year.

No conclusions were arrived at so far as can be learned, and another meeting will be called to complete the work.

According to rumors the task is not going to be so easy as was first anticipated. Some of the members of the civic municipal slate, it is alleged, consider that they should have all the plums, and some are making claims on them.

Ald. Richter Popular. There is no opposition whatever to Ald. Richter taking the finance committee. All the aldermen consider him peculiarly fitted for that place, and he will be unanimously chosen.

The difficulty lies in the chairmanships of the other committees. There is a disposition among a few aldermen to shelve Ald. Eckert, it is said. They do not consider the fact that he headed the poll of any particular value, and they are in favor of placing him on No. 1 committee.

However, there is a strong body of opinion in favor of Ald. Eckert as chairman of the board of works, and there is no doubt that that opinion will prevail.

Many Want This Plum. Ald. Tancock and Ald. Tancock are both ambitious for No. 2 committee. They consider themselves qualified for that work, and no doubt will make a bid for the positions.

As for No. 3 committee, Ald. Fitzgerald is anxious to be chairman of that body. He has had some experience there, and he considers himself capable of handling the business. Some favor Ald. Tancock for the place, however.

Consequently, there is no unanimity of opinion on the chairmanships. So far, Mayor Beattie has not made his desires known in the matter, and when he does they will likely be given consideration.

A Forecast. In spite of the rumors afloat, the committees will likely range up as follows:

No. 1—Ald. Richter (chairman), Ald. Underwood, Ald. Stevenson, Ald. Rose, No. 2—Ald. Eckert (chairman), Ald. Saunders, Ald. Ashplant, Ald. Pascoe, No. 3—Ald. Fitzgerald (chairman), Ald. Tancock, Ald. Morgan, Ald. Jeffries.

City Council Can Cut Off Licenses But Secretary of the Temperance League Says He Knows of No Such Move.

MR. GALPIN AGAINST IT

Says the Hotels Are Well Conducted, and London Could Not Afford To Reduce Its Accommodation For Travelling Public.

The question of license reduction in the city is causing much comment, and it is freely asserted that a reduction bylaw will be introduced by the present council. Such a bylaw must be passed three months before May 1, in order to give the hotel keepers proper notice of the intention of the council.

In such a case, the council would have to act with dispatch, but it would be quite within their power to do this. And if they did so, they would not be selling under any false pretence, as is claimed, as they were elected on a platform of "temperance and moral reform."

The Two Stories. Some gentlemen in close touch with the powers that be, are authority for the statement that a reduction bylaw will be introduced, if not now at least in time to be voted on in January next.

The hotel people claim, however, that the council will not make any such move, as a large number of them are pledged to leave the matter stand as it is.

Nothing official has been done by the London Temperance League towards asking for a reduction. Secretary McDermid stated that nothing had been done by the league as yet, nor does he know of any move to cut off licenses.

Mr. Galpin Against It. Inspector Galpin, when interviewed, came out strongly against a license reduction, and declared there were not enough hotels at the present time to handle the trade.

"I would not favor any license reduction," he stated, "London has not too many hotels as it is to handle the business that is here. If any licenses are to be cut off it would be only fair to cut them all off, and as conditions are now, there is no need for this."

MINISTER JOHN BURNS IN A SMART MIX-UP

Labor Leader Attacked by Unknown Man While Leaving a Political Meeting.

London, Jan. 6.—John Burns, president of the local government board and labor leader in the House of Commons, had a smart mixup with an unidentified man as he was leaving a political meeting last night.

The minister was about to enter his motor car when the other sprang upon him from behind, and threw him to the ground. There was a lively struggle and an exchange of blows, until the police pulled the assailant away. In the excitement the offender escaped.

CANADIAN CLUB LUNCHEON

Rev. Patterson Smythe, of Montreal, Will Be the Speaker.

The Canadian Club luncheon will be held on Friday noon at the Tecumseh House grill.

The speaker of the occasion will be Rev. Patterson Smythe, of Montreal, the celebrated Irish orator. A great deal of interest is being taken in this lecture, and it is expected that a large crowd will attend. His topic will be "Social Service."

VICTIMS OF GAS.

Boston, Jan. 6.—The fumes of coal gas escaping from a small stove in a sleeping room of a Roxbury boarding house, occupied by three men, caused the death of Daniel O'Connor, aged 60. The others, Patrick Rafferty and Martin Gately, are not expected to recover.

LUCAN MAN KILLED IN WINNIPEG HALL

Fell Down Aperture for Sliding Pole as He Was Looking at a Picture.

SKULL WAS FRACTURED

Only a Moment Previously He Had Remarkably That Pole Opening Was Smaller Than in Detroit.

A telegram from Winnipeg to The Advertiser announces that Frank Dorsey, formerly of Lucan, was killed there yesterday.

Inquiry at Lucan shows that a family of Dorseys lived some time ago on the Roman line in Biddulph Township, about two miles south of Lucan.

The family, as far as can be learned, scattered widely, some going to the Canadian west and some to the United States.

It is stated that one John Dorsey is engaged in the coal business in Detroit, and another of the boys was formerly employed in the Michigan Stove Works in Detroit.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 6.—Timothy Dorsey, harvest excursionist from Lucan, Ont., while visiting Paddy Bennett at a local fire hall yesterday afternoon, stepped backward through the slide pole aperture and turning in mid-air struck his head upon the pavement below and was instantly killed, his skull having been fractured by contact with the floor.

Dorsey, in company with John O'Meara, relative had just come in from Somerset, where he had been employed on John Banford's threshing outfit during the fall and also on the Government telephone exchange.

Bennett conducted them upstairs to his room and was showing them a picture over the pole aperture when, however, Dorsey stepped into it backwards, making a wild clutch at the wall as he fell.

Bennett attempted to grasp him, but falling with all weight of his 150 pounds on the hard floor. Just previous to looking at the pictures, Dorsey had been commenting upon the aperture, and stated that they were much smaller than those in Detroit.

John O'Meara, a cousin, and he were going out to Prince Albert to lumber some Friday. He was unmarried, and had two sisters in Lucan, Mrs. James McGee and Mrs. John McLaughlin.

DRUGGISTS FOUND GUILTY SENTENCE WAS SUSPENDED

Judge Macbeth Today Gave a Decision in Opium Selling Case.

Judge Macbeth handed down his decision this morning in the case of the local druggists, charged with selling opium when it was not for medicinal purposes.

Some time ago, P. C. Charles Jackson, an officer in plain clothes, succeeded in purchasing a quantity of the drug from a clerk in the employ of the firm, and an information was at once sworn out. Some time ago the case was heard before Judge Macbeth.

In giving judgment this morning, his honor said, that he found that the defendant had been sold by a clerk in the employ of the druggists, and not for medicinal purposes. He found that the proprietors of the store were not liable for the act of their clerk in selling, unless they showed that the actual sale was made with their express knowledge, and this was not shown in the present case. He found further, however, that opium was unlawfully kept for sale, and convicted both the proprietors on that head. After being warned of the seriousness of the offence, both were allowed to go on suspended sentence.

BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL ORGANIZE TONIGHT

Mr. W. W. Gammage Will Be Chairman—A Fight for the Committees.

The organization of the board of education will take place this evening at 8 o'clock on Friday evening. It has not been quite so easy to arrange the committees. There has been quite a little difficulty experienced so far.

There will be no opposition to Dr. A. J. Wyckoff as chairman of No. 2 committee. The personnel of his committee is a different question. It was suggested that it be composed of Dr. Wyckoff, Dr. Teasdale, Dr. Balfour, J. M. Gunn and J. I. A. Hunt.

This was not considered satisfactory in some quarters, but in others it is thought to be quite the thing.

This would leave Mr. G. N. Weekes, W. P. Strong, C. M. R. Graham and Dr. Mugar for No. 1 committee. It is possible that Mr. Strong may be chairman, although Mr. Weekes' name is very prominently mentioned in connection with this.

LINER ASHORE. Havre, Jan. 6.—The Hamburg-American line freighter Fuerst Bismarck went ashore during the fog near Octeville, a mile southwest of Cherbourg today. The weather continues thick.

MET AT TUNNEL. Pittsburgh, Jan. 5.—L. N. Barrio, baggage-master, was instantly killed, and four other trainmen seriously injured, today, when a Wheeling and Pittsburgh passenger train on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and a freight collided at the mouth of a tunnel at West Alexander, Pa., near this city.

Both trains were running slowly, and for this reason alone the casualty list was small.

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THE WEATHER TOMORROW—DECIDEDLY COLD. FORECASTS. Toronto, Jan. 6.—S. M. Weather. Stations. S. M. Weather. Victoria 2 Fair. Calgary 2 Fair. Winnipeg 2 Cloudy. Montreal 2 Cloudy. Toronto 2 Cloudy. Ottawa 2 Cloudy. Quebec 2 Cloudy. Father Point 2 Cloudy. Minus (—) means below zero.

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COMMUNITY SHALL HAVE RIGHT TO TAX THE VALUES IT CREATES

The British Premier at Brighton Declares If the Lords Continue to Speak Liberal Orators May Cease Their Efforts—Campaign Notes.

London, Jan. 5.—There were 4,000 meetings last night, the majority being held by Unionists. Seven cabinet ministers, including the Premier, the Chancellor, and several members of the front Opposition bench, besides Mr. Balfour and twenty-three peers, were among the orators.

PEERS HELP LIBERALS. Never since the days of Simon de Montfort, said Mr. Asquith at Brighton, had so many peers addressed the people. He was not complaining. If they continued to speak with the same volume, the Liberals might hold their tongues. New duties were not levied on property as such, but on the values created by the community, which had hitherto escaped. He asked again if the state was not entitled, indeed, was not bound, to demand toll from the man who, for his own purposes, kept in an undeveloped state land which probably the community needed, and upon which the community could thrive. That was the budget. It was true these proposals included the valuation of land. That was where the shoe pinched. They would find if they had a sound, equitable valuation that there are other problems which would be much easier of solution than they were now. He ridiculed the statement that confidence was shaken and business on the verge of ruin. Public applications for new capital ventures in 1909 had been any year except 1908.

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THREE DEATHS FOLLOW A B. C. FRACAS

A Race Battle Between Miners at Phoenix Results in Several Fatalities.

Grand Forks, B. C., Jan. 6.—Reports have reached here of a fatal New Year's Eve fracas at Phoenix.

At least sixty men were on each side in the fight which took place near one of the hotels, and was the Welsh and English against the Italians.

Three men are reported dead and fifteen are in the hospital as a result of the affair.

The row began in a small way, but some bad blood had been existing for some time between the miners of different nationalities, causing a general battle.

WORTLEY ROAD SCHOOL OPEN FOR SCHOLARS

Is a Splendid Structure Now and Is Practically Fireproof.

The Wortley road school is opened. This building has been reconstructed, and along modern lines, and four or five rooms added to it.

"It is a fine school," said Inspector Edwards today, "and is practically fireproof, and is one of the very best schools we have. It will be sufficient to take care of the children of the neighborhood for some years to come."

The board of education will consider the formal opening of this school tonight.

FIVE MORE VICTORIES FOR LOCAL OPTIONISTS

Totals Today Show That It Carried in Seventy-Six Places.

Five more municipalities were added yesterday to the list of victories for the local optionists, viz.: Dunfermlie, South, and one reported as having voted the correct figures.

The two remaining repeal contests not previously reported showed the bylaw sustained. The totals to date thus stand as follows:

Carried 76
Lost through three-fifths clause 56
Repels 18
Bylaws sustained on repeat vote 11
Places yet to hear from 11

The figures in the contests reported yesterday to the Alliance office are as follows:

Won. For Against. Dunfermlie South 193 195
Luther West 193 195
Nepean 370 370
Oxford 487 247
Renfrew 370 232

Lost Through Three-Fifths Clause. Marlboro 198 144
Nichol 217 175
Sombra 487 412

Majority Against Bylaw. For Against. Draper 67 83
Repels. For Against. Bruce 692 232
Innisfil 692 232

ELECTRIC ENGINEERS HOLD A MEETING

Important Matters Were Discussed at a Session Last Night.

A meeting of the sub-committee of the engineers of the hydro-electric commission was held in the city last evening to consider the first draft of the report on commercial lighting to be submitted to a general meeting to be held shortly.

A great deal of detail work was done. Among the engineers present were Messrs. E. Richards, P. B. Yates, J. B. Archibald and E. I. Sifton.

LEOPOLD'S CHILDREN

A Bill Before the Belgian Parliament to Have Them Legitimized.

Brussels, Jan. 8.—A bill was introduced in Parliament today to legitimize the children of the late King Leopold and Queen Elizabeth. The jurists consulted unite in the opinion that it would be impossible to raise a dynastic issue against the family of King Albert and Queen Elizabeth on the ground that the marriage was not sanctioned by Leopold or Parliament.