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BERTHIAUME, DANSEREAU AND COTE TO CONFER WITH PREMIER LAURIER

Ex-Proprietor of La Presse Gone to New York to Meet His Former Editor on His Arrival From France.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—In the Blair-Russell plot the scene has shifted for a time to Ottawa. Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived home yesterday, and soon got down to business. Advices from the capital state that Thomas Cote, late editor in chief of La Presse, had a long interview with him this morning. It is presumed that the subject of that interview was The La Presse matter, which has been very near and dear to Mr. Cote for many weeks. The result is not revealed.

Hon. T. Berthiaume, ex-proprietor of La Presse, left to-night for New York to meet C. A. Dansereau, who is expected to arrive to-morrow from France. It is understood that both will then go straight to Ottawa. It is taken for granted that Mr. Cote's visit to the premier at Ottawa is to arrange for a meeting jointly of Messrs. Berthiaume, Dansereau and Cote with Sir Wilfrid.

"IT WILL NOT DOWN."

Montreal, Que., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Under the heading "It will not down" The Herald says:

It is curious, to say the least, that interest continues so keen in respect of what has now come to be known as the "Conspiracy." If Mr. Blair and Mr. Russell would only tell their story right out it would be possible, no doubt, to recognize what in the various transactions that go on is of public interest, but until one or the other has spoken there is nothing to be done but to treat all new phases of the incident as alike interesting.

The affairs of La Presse and The Star might well, in some circumstances, be held to interest only those who direct them; but that view cannot well be insisted upon after all that has happened. There was something far more exciting than the ordinary getting out of a newspaper in the proceedings attributed to Mr. Cote, who, as editor in charge, is alleged to have prevented the new proprietors of La Presse from controlling its editorial policy. There is something more than ordinarily interesting in the conflict of statements emanating from La Presse, one from Mr. Berthiaume that he was strengthening the paper's financial position and rewarding faithful employes, the other from Mr. Russell that Mr. Godin hereafter is to be given the chance Mr. Berthiaume had before.

It is highly interesting to learn from The Toronto Globe the very amounts for which notes were given, and it would be much more interesting, if, besides the names of Mr. Graham and Mr. Russell, which are freely mentioned, mention could be made of the names of certain others, said sub rosa to be high in the world of railway finance, who are alleged by The Globe to have signed another note for $150,000.

To-day the news comes that Mr. Graham has bonded The Star property for half a million, the Royal Trust Company being custodian of the property for present or possible bondholders. This might well be a simple private business transaction and would doubtless be so considered were it not for the conceded activity of Mr. Graham in all the other business and if Mr. Graham had not been with Mr. Russell also privy to all that went on when the country was being warned to look out for "bombshells," and when Sir Wilfrid Laurier openly and another minister privately were challenging the holders of the bombs to do their—"Well, to do their worst."

Hon. Mr. Tarte finds it sufficient to regard the whole affair as a business deal which is over and done with, but while it is enough for Mr. Tarte to advertise a rival paper as now dominated by those who treated the French-Canadians so lovingly in 1900 the courtesy of others cannot be expected to rest there. The more the details accumulate, the more care is taken to maintain rigid silence about persons and motives, the more is the curiosity of the plain people whetted.

As to political interest it is now largely confined to the Conservatives, who are taking thought about their party leadership. Liberals can afford to smile at the ridiculous futility of the plans made by the St. James-street junta to take Ottawa as the Japs took Keekwan fort, but for our Conservative friends both the futility and the ridiculous have their significance as factors in the situation. In this season of great joy they are thoroly welcome.

THRU THE GAZETTE

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The Gazette has taken up the cause of Mr. Russell and Mr. Graham. It professes to see nothing to condemn in the purchase of La Presse by Mr. Graham and Mr. Russell. Evidently Mr. Graham is making his first answer thru the columns of a friendly newspaper. And just as he makes answer so does the reply come back from the Liberal papers. Below is quoted an article from The Gazette and the reply in to-day's Le Canada. This latter paper now promises an investigation.

What of It?

Editorial Montreal Gazette, Dec. 21.—If, as some not evidently wise supporters of the Laurier administration assert, Mr. Blair did have an understanding with Mr. David Russell or others in regard to his resignation, and what he was to do thereafter; and if Mr. Russell or others bought newspapers intending to use them to the disadvantage of the government—what of it? Where was the irregularity? Where the wrong? Where even was the novelty? Wherein did Mr. Blair's conduct differ from that of other public men who have been in the public eye? What was the difference between the position of Mr. Blair, for instance, and that of Mr. Warburton, of Prince Edward Island, who, in pursuance of an understanding with Sir Wilfrid Laurier's political managers resigned his seat on the judicial bench to enter the contest and take part in the successful effort to defeat the Conservative party? What was the difference between the position of Mr. Blair and that of Mr. Choquette, of Quebec, who also, in pursuance of an understanding with Sir Wilfrid Laurier's political managers, literally abandoned his seat on the Superior Court bench in the middle of a term (to the cost and inconvenience of litigants), in order that he should take over the management of the Liberal party campaign in the district of Quebec and secure the defeat of the Conservatives? If Mr. Blair had been moved by the considerations alleged by his political enemies, how was he wrong, when Mr. War-

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COMMERCIAL INTERESTS A CHECK ON POLITICAL FLOPS OF PRESSE

Financial Considerations Held Back Hostilities Against Government After Certain Point Was Reached.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Witness of this evening says:

A gentleman who has taken some interest in the Russell-Blair scheme to stampede public opinion on the eve of the general election drew attention today to one thing of which little notice has been taken. The letter of Mr. David Russell to Mr. Dansereau, he pointed out, stated that within the following thirty days Mr. Dansereau was free to speak on three questions, and it closed by saying that in case of his death before Nov. 3. Mr. Berthiaume could use the powers given to Mr. Dansereau on these questions. The ink was hardly dry on that document when it was announced that Mr. Dansereau was leaving for Europe, and in fact The "Presse" announced within a few days of the signing of the document that Mr. Dansereau was leaving for Europe on a certain date. He did leave a few days after the date mentioned.

Some articles more accentuated than before in their hostility to the Laurier government were presented to The "Presse" on the day of Mr. Dansereau's departure, but when Mr. Berthiaume intervened to prevent their publication, Mr. Dansereau having gone away, he was informed that it was only in case of Mr. Dansereau's death that he could intervene. The anonymous writers who sent their manuscript in English to The "Presse" had, however, to contend with Thomas Cote, who threatened to raise a howl if these articles were published, and the investors who feared for the circulation of the paper if there was a big exposure at the very time when the passions of the people were in ebullition just before election day decided that prudence was the best policy.

Commercial and Political.

The purchasers of The "Presse" knew besides that if they went beyond a certain point in their open hostilities toward the government the Liberal party in Montreal was ready at five or six hours notice to launch out a paper to replace The "Presse." The schemers were thus held in check by commercial interests. Two influences were at work, the commercial and the political, and the political object, the prime object for which The "Presse" was bought, was neutralized just in so far as commercial considerations held sway. The political interest not getting its full satisfaction out of the deal another means was adopted. A representative of The Star got an interview with Mr. Dansereau on the Monday preceding the election, the very day that Mr. Dansereau left for New York to take steamer for Europe, in which Mr. Dansereau was represented as the bosom friend of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the great political organizer of the Liberal party. The first statement that he was the bosom friend of the prime minister is open to question, and the second, as to his being the organizer of the Liberal party, is absolutely false.

The Star Interview.

The interview is worth reproducing: Mr. Arthur Dansereau, editor of The "Presse" and Sir Wilfrid Laurier's right hand man and confidential organizer, has never been absent on election day in twenty-seven years. Up to Monday Mr. Dansereau declared his belief that the Liberal party would be sustained by a small majority. He has left for Europe sailing from New York to-day on "La Savoie." Before saying good-bye to his friends Mr. Dansereau said: "It will be a good thing for Sir Wilfrid Laurier personally if the party is defeated. Sir Wilfrid's health is anything but the best, and his doctor and family will be immensely relieved if he can escape the worries of office for a couple of years.

"Besides," said Mr. Dansereau, "a great many prominent Liberals believe that a term in opposition will do the party good, as it will enable it to get rid of the men who are dragging the party down to its certain destruction." Mr. Dansereau evidently had in his mind Sifton and Fielding, Mulock and Fisher. His sudden departure is taken by his friends as a sure sign that he had abandoned all hope. Mr. Dansereau and Sir Wilfrid Laurier collaborated the Grand Trunk Pacific bill in parliament.

Held Back.

This interview, altho obtained before Mr. Dansereau's departure on Monday, was only published on Wednesday evening, the day before the election, when it could not be contradicted or explained away.

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DEATHS.

MORRISSEY—On Dec. 21st, 1904, Isabella A., eldest and beloved daughter of Peter and Jane Morrissey.
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Leonard Wallace's condition has slightly improved, and his chances of recovery have increased.

RUSSIANS MAKING EVIDENCE IN DOGGER BANK EPISODE

Make Bribed Trawler Boatswain Drunk and Get a Strange Story From Him.

London, Dec. 22.—The publication in St. Petersburg of the statement that the Hull fishermen have voluntarily deposed that foreign torpedo boats were among the trawlers off Dogger Bank when the latter were fired on by ships of the Russian second Pacific squadron probably is a repetition of similar statements recently emanating from Hull and appearing in London papers. These are circumstantial, and it would certainly appear to be true that some men of the Gamecock fleet have made statements before the Russian consul.

The name of only one of these has been revealed. He is the boatswain of trawler Ava, and he said to-day that he was induced to make the statement while intoxicated. He admits that he received money, but now says the statement he made is untrue. All published reports from Hull say positively that these statements were secured by two agents of the Russian government; but the Russian embassy in London to-night repeated its general denial of Dec. 21 regarding the subject.

It was pointed out, however, that altho Russia had offered a reward for information the Russian government was not responsible for the course taken by any person desiring to secure the reward. The sensational press of England directly charges the Russian government with using underhand means, by bribery and intoxicants, to secure false statements from men of the Gamecock fishing fleet. The Russian consul at Hull to-night said the boatswain of the Ava swore before the commissioner on oaths that he saw Japanese torpedo boats with the trawlers. The consul says he knows other trawlers who are ready to make similar statements, but that they are afraid of the consequences.

Altogether an air of mystery surrounds them there, but no credence in responsible quarters is given to the allegations that unfair methods have been used by Russia.

One explanation emanating from Paris is that two reporters of The Petit Parisien recently visited Hull to interview men of the Gamecock fleet, and secure independent information concerning the Dogger Bank affair, and that they are the ones who figured in the incident.

NO VERDICT YET.

New York, N.Y., Dec. 22.—After the announcement was made at 11 o'clock that the Nan Patterson jury would be locked up for the night, Judge Davis said he would allow the jury another half hour to arrive at a decision if possible.

The delay in reaching a verdict greatly unnerved Nan Patterson, who waited with her father in the "pen." She was said to be on the verge of collapse at 11 o'clock.

At 11.30 no verdict had been reached, and the jury was finally locked up. Court will reconvene at 10 o'clock a.m.

TO DISPERSE FOG.

London, Dec. 22.—At Birmingham, Sir Oliver Lodge is making experiments with a model electrical apparatus for the dispersal of fog, which, altho successful, is regarded as being too expensive for application on a large scale.

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$10,000 as a Xmas Gift.
Montreal, Dec. 22.—The president of the Montreal General Hospital, James Crathern, announced to-day the receipt of a cheque for $10,000 from Mr and Mrs. Robert Reford as a Christmas present.

Cigars for Christmas.
Go direct to A. Clubb & Son's only store, 49 West King-street, "just east of Bay-street," for your Christmas cigars. They import every cigar direct from Havana, Cuba, and offer fine goods at very low prices. They also have some dainty packages, ten cigars in a box. Just the thing for a small gift.

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Give Him a Cane.
East & Company (300 Yonge) have just received a repeat order consignment of gentlemen's canes, partridge wood, and handsome gold and silver mountings, 75c to $5.00. Special values at $1.50 to $2.00.

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THE "CAP.": He don't know me when the Old Man's lookin'.
"I don't know 'Cap.' Sullivan."—Mr. Ross at Napanee.

BENT ON SMASHING OLD CABINET NOT ON THE MAKING OF NEW ONE

Leader Whitney Has Given No Promise of Portfolio—Policy of Conservative Party is That of 1902, Which Popular Majority Sustained.

Napanee, Dec. 22.—(Staff Special.)—J. P. Whitney, K.C., opened the provincial campaign by an address to the electors of Lennox in the Grand Opera House here to-night. A torchlight procession preceded the leader of the opposition to the hall, and a band played at intervals during the evening. The hall was well filled. There were many ladies present. Such mottoes as: "Seal with seven seals the ballot boxes," hung on the walls, and flags, palms and flowers gave color to the platform. Mr. Whitney is suffering from hoarseness, and his voice was very husky, but he spoke for over an hour and his voice grew clearer as he proceeded.

Allan Oliver, president of the Liberal-Conservative Association, presided, and said that as there were speakers from Belleville on the east to Sarnia on the west he would not weary the assembly with a speech.

T. G. Carscallen, Conservative nominee, who was received with loud cheers, briefly defined his policy, and said that as there would be other meetings during the campaign he would lay more fully his policy before them at some future time. He was with the farmer. He does not believe in bonuses. He believes in taxing the railways just as ordinary farm lands are taxed. All men and corporations should be taxed alike. He favored a certain percentage of the taxes going to the municipalities, and not all to the government, which is the policy of Mr. Ross.

W. J. Hanna, M.L.A., West Lambton, followed, and said that the old war horse is about to be embalmed, and no one would take a greater interest in it than T. G. Carscallen. Preacher Brown, in his shirt sleeves at Toronto, had said that a new houseboat was to be launched. It had been launched in Loughboro Lake and had been fished out by E. Guss Porter. On this platform on Tuesday, Hon. G. W. Ross pleaded guilty to the Liberal party doing wrong, and said: "We have sinned and are sorry." Had he added and "We are sorry we were found out" he would have stated his position fairly.

Speaking of the simile which Premier Ross applied to Dr. Carman, head of the Methodist Church, he made another simile. If, said the speaker, Dr. Carman hired corrupt men and sent them as missionaries into his church, if Dr. Carman was elected superintendent of the Methodist Church, even tho he did not know it was by corrupt methods, then as soon as he found it out he would resign the position, or if he did not the people of the Methodist Church would not tolerate him in his position.

Mr. Hanna reviewed much of the corruption that has characterized the Liberal party in Ontario and spoke at considerable length on the Gamey charges, four facts in which led him to believe in the truth of them. In the first place there was a general election on May 29, in which the government had a majority of one. Mr. Gamey was elected as a Conservative with a majority of 340. On Aug. 2 "Cap" Sullivan meets Gamey and threatens to put him to great expense by a protest if he does not give support to the government.

On Aug. 12 Mr. Grant, a Toronto lawyer, is introduced to Gamey by Frank Sullivan. The proposition is that Gamey wants to talk business. They go to the Walker House, and on the fourth flat meet "Cap" Sullivan. On Sept. 9 Gamey is taken to Stratton's office. Stratton sees Aylesworth and arranges that a letter be signed by Gamey. Gamey says: "No, there is $4000 or $5000 coming." Aylesworth gives up the affair and Gamey takes the letter. On Sept. 11 that letter is in the possession of the premier, locked up in his desk, for Gamey had then received the cash. That to him was an answer to the question: "Where did the money come from?" Mr. Hanna's speech

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WHITNEY AT NAPANEE.

By the virtue of the position he holds he is charged with the political cleansing of the Province of Ontario at the request, and with the help, of people who do not all think politically with him.

The policy of the Conservative party to-day is the policy of 1902 (which so commended itself that a majority of 7000 electors wanted it put in force), together with a few changes necessitated by the advancement of the country.

He was not surprised to learn from the speech of the premier that Mr. Ross claimed that he wished to rule by the will of the people, for heretofore Mr. Ross had never ruled by the will of the people.

The record of the Conservative party in the past on election law and punishment was proof of its sincerity.

Replying to the eight questions, he favored all except the reduction of indemnity to members of the legislature, which would tend to limit the scope for securing candidates.

The Globe was trying to create a false scare. Mr. Gamey had never been thought of as minister of mines. He had never had a follower who gave him less trouble than Mr. Gamey. At present the object is to smash the present cabinet, not to make a new one.

While not believing that Ontario is ready for prohibition, if the people declared for it, and if by raising his little finger liquor would be abolished from the province, it would be done.

RUSS BATTLESHIP DISABLED ACCORDING TO JAP ADMIRAL

The Sevastopol is Listing 10 Degrees, With Her Bow Slightly Sunk.

Tokio, Dec. 22.—Admiral Togo reports: "After personal observations outside Port Arthur I find that the Sevastopol, which was attacked by our torpedo flotilla, is now anchored in the shallows about 400 yards from the shore of Chengtao Mountain. The Russians are engaged in pumping, but the Sevastopol is listing at least 10 degrees with her bow slightly sunk. There can be no hope of restoring the vessel to fighting trim, considering the present condition of Port Arthur, and I judge that she has been completely disabled. I also observed that the enemy's destroyer, which was torpedoed by us has been destroyed."

RUSSIAN ADVANTAGE.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—General Kuropatkin has telegraphed to the general staff that he has received a report from Chinese sources to the effect that the Russians have recaptured 203-Metre Hill at Port Arthur with the guns mounted by the Japanese. Kuropatkin's despatche, which is dated Dec. 21, also reports further reconnaissances of both the Russians and Japanese, but says they were not productive of important results.

JAP PROGRESS.

Tokio, Dec. 22.—A despatch received by telegraph to-day from the Japanese army before Port Arthur says:

"The right column of the army at 5 o'clock this morning, taking advantage of the enemy's excitement, drove the enemy off an eminence north of Housanyentao on Pigeon Bay, and occupied the position, and at 7 o'clock dislodged the enemy from a height on the peninsula west of Housanyentao, which we occupied, capturing one small gun. After the Japanese occupation of the positions the enemy made a counter attack, but was immediately repulsed. At present our occupation of the position is practically secure."

ESCAPE IN SNOW STORM.

London, Dec. 23.—The Daily Telegraph's Chefoo correspondent reports that eight torpedo destroyers have escaped from Port Arthur, where for the last twenty-four hours he says a severe snowstorm has been raging.

JAPS LOST 20,000.

Mukden, Dec. 22.—The Japanese are reported to be suffering severely from cold and sickness in the vicinity of Pelasandzia and Shilkihe, where it is said they lost 20,000 men in a single week.

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DIED AGED 104.

Grand Valley, Dec. 22.—John Small died here to-day, aged 104. He was born in Antrim, Ireland, Aug. 7, in 1800. He came to the Township of Erin 64 years ago. He was the oldest Conservative who voted in the recent elections.

Resolution 1905—Smoke Blue Union Label Cigars.

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Sarmatian	Boston	Glasgow
Pomeranian (21)	Glasgow	New York
Oceanic	Liverpool	New York
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MARRIAGES.

McKENZIE—HILL—On Wednesday, Dec. 21, at All Saints' Church, York Mills, Eva May, youngest daughter of the late Silas Hill of East York, to John McKenzie, youngest son of the late Mr. McKenzie of Willowdale.

DEATHS.

ARMSTRONG—At his residence, 45½ Elm-street, Toronto, Wednesday, Dec. 21st, Thomas Johnson Armstrong, beloved husband of Ida Armstrong, in his 40th year.
Funeral from above address Saturday, 24th, at 2.30, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

CLINKEMBROOMER—At her late residence, 98 Fern-avenue, Elizabeth Clinkembroomer, wife of W. H. Clinkembroomer, passed away Dec. 22, 1904, in her 73rd year in the arms of Jesus.
Rest, sweet rest. A loving mother and a faithful wife. Funeral notice later.

CURTIS—In Mona, on Monday, Dec. 19th, 1904, Arthur E. Curtis, brother of Chas. Curtis, Fairbank, aged 23 years 8 months.

O'HARA—At the residence, 207 McCaul-street, on the 22nd of December, Ellen, beloved wife of Joseph O'Hara, commercial traveller.
Funeral Saturday, Dec. 24, 1904, at 9.45 a.m., to St. Paul's Church, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

A MORAL SEARCHLIGHT ON CIVIC CANDIDATES

Movement to Improve Tone of Council Widens Out and All Candidates Will Be Interviewed.

The movement began by the Methodist committee on temperance and moral reform to the end of involving the field of municipal politics has broadened. It is no longer to be termed a merely denominational effort, and yesterday's developments made it clear that the most representative and, consequently, the most powerful attempt yet made in Toronto to introduce purity and temperance as a vital issue in civic elections is to be looked for. The meeting held in the board room of the Wesley Building drew together a gathering that could not be construed as other than a satisfactory one to the convenor, Dr. Chown. It was a gathering that gave abundant evidence that active interest in the coming municipal contests is not confined to one body. The absolute harmony and the absence of any tinge of disagreement, showed one mind and a general purpose. It was a business-like assembly, moreover, it being clearly realized that the movement for moral reform had entered upon a fresh career, and that there was no time to lose.

Representative Attendance.

Rev. J. F. German was chairman of the meeting, which was attended by John N. Lake, Rev. W. H. Hincks, Rev. Jas. B. Kennedy, Rev. J. C. Speer, A. R. Williamson, Rev. William McKinley, G. Tower Fergusson, Rev. J. A. Turnbull, Dr. J. H. Reeks, Rev. John Neil, John A. Charlton, Rev. C. O. Johnston, Rev. L. W. Hill, Rev. Father Minehan, Gideon Grant, Dr. Chown, A. M. Featherston, Mrs. H. Gray, Mrs. Jas. Burns, Mrs. S. Vance, Mrs. E. J. Woodley, Mrs. J. H. McFall, Mrs. Jas. Hales, Mrs. L. Lythe, C. G. Scott, William Hamilton, Dr. A. D. Watson, W. C. Senior, Rev. George T. Webb, Rev. Dr. Sowerby, Chas. A. Schutt, P. A. Morrison, Rev. S. S. Bates, Rev. C. W. King, Rev. C. L. Ingles, Canon Welch, Walter Russell, Rev. A. B. Winchester, Mrs. Dr. Bascom, Mrs. E. A. Stevens, Mrs. F. Ward, and Mrs. Somerville.

A New Platform.

A new platform in entirety had to be constructed, and what had already been built up by the original committee had necessarily to be thrown aside. During the two hours the session lasted much was done. Four resolutions were passed therein summing up the united views of those present, and giving a clear-cut idea of the front to be shown in the fight. So smoothly did the wheels revolve that the meeting became actively executive and appointed committees. One, of ten members, will select the candidate for the mayoralty and the aspirants for the board of control, whom, they find most in accord with their views. Committees of four, members each were named for each of the six wards to apply a like test to the aldermanic field.

Resolutions Passed.

Just what that test is to be is shown in four resolutions passed.

1. That we, citizens of Toronto here assembled, resolve to form ourselves into an association for the promotion of moral reform in our city. (Moved by Rev. J. A. Turnbull, and Dr. A. D. Watson).

2. That while unalterably opposed to the issuance of liquor licenses, in the opinion of this meeting the city council should be requested to pass a bylaw reducing the number of tavern licenses by at least 25 in Toronto for the coming license year. (Moved by Dr. S. D. Chown, and Gideon Grant).

3. That we use our best endeavor to secure the nomination and election to the positions of mayor, controllers and aldermen, of only men who will pledge themselves and who can be relied upon to bring about this reform. (Moved by William Hamilton and A. M. Featherston).

4. That a committee composed of two clergymen and two laymen be by this meeting appointed for each ward to obtain all information regarding the character of the candidates nominated for mayor, controllers and aldermen, and report at a subsequent meeting as to their position on the license question. (Moved by C. G. Scott and Rev. George T. Webb).

Committees Appointed.

It was decided to hold another meeting on Tuesday afternoon next in the Wesley Building, when the reports will be handed in.

The personnel of the committees is as follows:

Mayor and board of control—Canon Welch, Rev. L. W. Hill, Rev. Father Hand, Rev. Dr. Sowerby, Rev. A. B. Winchester, Gideon Grant, John N. Lake, A. M. Featherston, and J. A. Austin.

Aldermen—First Ward—Rev. William Frizzell, Rev. Isaac Couch, E. V. Westop, Alex. Elliott; Second Ward—Rev. C. W. King, Rev. A. B. Chambers, Dr. J. H. Reeks, J. A. McIlwain. Third Ward—Rev. John Neil, Rev. T. B. Hyde, John N. Lake, W. C. Senior. Fourth Ward—Rev. W. H. Hincks, Rev. J. A. Turnbull, A. M. Featherston, Henry Bryans. Fifth Ward—Rev. S. S. Bates, Rev. Father Minehan, F. Hopkins, A. R. Williamson. Sixth Ward—Rev. Charles L. Ingles, Rev. A. L. Geggie, G. F. Marter and Hugh MacMath.

W.C.T.U. Out for Votes.

The meeting developed a good deal of quiet enthusiasm, the statement made that the W.C.T.U., which had a number of representatives present, was already working to bring out the women's vote in the fourth ward, amounting to 1100, eliciting applause.

Secretary A. D. Watson stated last night that he had already received communications from a number of candidates who declare that they are willing to pledge themselves to the reduction of the number of licenses.

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MILDER.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Milder, with occasional light sleet or rain. Saturday, becoming much colder, with northerly winds.