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Whitney Government Gets Scoring at Mount Brydges

Liberal Candidate and Hon. A. G. McKay Criticise Its Actions at Nomination Gathering.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Mount Brydges, Feb. 13.—Duncan C. Ross, barrister, and George A. Stewart, miller, both of the town of Strathroy, were today formally nominated by the Liberals and Conservatives, respectively, as their candidates for the West Middlesex provincial election, which takes place on Wednesday next. The nominations were held here before the returning officer, Mr. Stephen Blackburn, of Glencoe, and in the presence of a large gathering of the electors, nearly every part of the riding being well represented. The nominations were opened at 12:30, and they were declared closed one hour later. Mr. Ross was the first to be named, the nomination of Mr. Stewart following soon afterward. In order to prevent any loss of time, an arrangement was entered into by which the speech-making commenced as soon as the candidates were placed in the field. Half an hour each was allowed Mr. Stewart and Mr. Ross, while 45 minutes each were given Mr. J. P. Downey, of Glueph, Conservative M. P. for South Wellington, and Hon. A. G. McKay, Liberal member of the Legislature for North Grey, who spoke in the order named. Mr. Downey also being allowed fifteen minutes in which to reply to Mr. McKay.

An Enthusiastic Meeting

The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic yet witnessed at a West Middlesex nomination. The friends of Mr. Ross were out in force, and when the name of the Liberal candidate was submitted, it was the signal for an ovation. The son of one of Canada's most distinguished statesmen was also given a very cordial reception when he rose to address the electors. His address was of a very vigorous character. Mr. Ross severely scored the Whitney Government for its sudden switch on the legislation affecting the rural schools, which he characterized as a sort of deathbed repentance. He said the first law was tyrannical in the extreme, a coercive measure, and that to save itself the Government had withdrawn it, and announced a new bill, providing for more liberal aid to the schools. The speech showed that Mr. Ross possessed a keen grasp of provincial affairs.

The Nominations

When the nominations were opened, Mr. Samuel McCracken, a foremost resident of Carleton Place, submitted the name of Mr. Duncan C. Ross. The nomination was received with enthusiasm. Mr. McCracken was followed by Mr. Richard Dunlop, of Metcalfe, who nominated Mr. Stewart. Mr. Joseph Howlett, of Delaware Township, demanded a poll on behalf of the Liberal candidate, Mr. T. F. Hawken, of Metcalfe, performing a similar duty for Mr. Stewart. There were no further nominations. Mr. Stewart was the first to speak. He commenced by dealing with the school question, mentioning the improvements made in the rural school system, and the changes which the Conservative Government proposes to make. The abolition of the model schools and the establishing of normal schools he dwelt upon as being a great stride in advance of the old system, as it would greatly elevate the standard of the teachers throughout the Province, and would prevent the profession from being used as a stepping-stone by those who wished to enter other walks of life. It would also do away with the inexperienced teachers, many of whom are teaching on permits at the present time, and have not undergone any proper training to fit them to be entrusted with the education of the children of the Province. The proposed increasing of the Government grant to the rural schools was declared by Mr. Stewart to be another good step, which would enable the schools to support properly good and competent teachers, and in

DR. LAURIER TO RUN

Choice of Liberal Party for the Vacant L'Assomption Seat.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—Dr. R. C. Laurier, a Montreal practitioner and a distant relative of the Prime Minister, was chosen today by the Liberal convention to contest the L'Assomption seat, made vacant by the death of Mr. Charlemagne Laurier, who was Sir Wilfrid's half-brother.

GOVT. CLERK SUICIDES

Found by One of His Daughters Hanging in Woodshed.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 13.—Napoleon Gravel, a clerk in the census department, committed suicide at his home this afternoon. One of his daughters discovered him suspended from a beam in the woodshed by a chain and a skate-strap. Gravel, who was 65 years of age, leaves a widow and twelve children.

THE THAW TRIAL

Juror Again Called Away by Wife's Illness and Court Adjourns.

New York, Feb. 14.—Scarcely had the Thaw trial opened this morning, when Juror Bolton was called to his home, where his wife lies critically ill of pneumonia. Court was recessed until this afternoon.

After the recess was ordered today Mrs. Harry Thaw, who was expected to take the stand late in the afternoon, visited her husband in the Tombs.

Thaw received many valentines today some of them decided works of art. Mrs. Bolton, who had been unconscious all the forenoon, died just as her husband reached her bedside. It was rumored in the court room that when the court reconvened at 2 p.m. today, adjournment would be taken until Monday or Tuesday.

THE THREE-FIFTHS CLAUSE

Hon. Mr. Graham Will Introduce Bill to Have It Repealed.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—Hon. George P. Graham will introduce a bill in the Legislature to repeal the three-fifths majority provision in local option elections.

ALDERMEN WILL NOT SAY NAY, NAY

Decline to Deny Outright That They Voted for the Trip—Lighting Subways.

The story, as published in last night's Advertiser, that the members of the railway committee voted at their last meeting to take a trip to Chicago at the expense of the Grand Trunk, for the purpose of seeing the improvements made by the G. T. R. in that city, is not denied outright by the aldermen. On the contrary, some of them admit that such a vote was taken, but some of them say it was merely for a joke on Ald. Cooper. They declare that they had no intention of going to the Windy City—at least, not at this time.

From present indication there is reason to believe that Mr. Joshua Garratt's uncompromising attitude of last year toward the negotiations with the company will be continued this year. At the meeting of No. 3 committee last night Mr. Garratt most emphatically stated that he wants nothing to do with any deputations at the expense of the Grand Trunk.

"I could have come home at the expense of that company if I had cared," he said, "but I preferred to pay my own way."

It was rumored today that Ald. Booth, chairman of the railway committee, had had a talk with Superintendent Brownlee this morning, re the negotiations, but Ald. Booth could not be located by The Advertiser, so that the report could not be corroborated.

City Engineer Graydon and Superintendent Brownlee are writing letters at each other re the lighting of the Wharfcliffe and Wortley road subways.

The company has put in a small cluster of lights at the Wharfcliffe, but the wires have not as yet been connected.

Mr. Graydon asked the Grand Trunk to connect the lights at once, and also to increase the lights to 96-candle power, instead of 36 as at present.

Mr. Brownlee, in reply to Mr. Graydon, stated that he has ascertained that there are many lanes in the city which are not lighted at all, and yet the city makes no complaint, nor does it make any attempt to light such thoroughfares; also that the subway at Thames street is not lighted, and that the passageway under the King street bridge is dark.

All these things considered, Mr. Brownlee deems it rather strange that the city should be so anxious for so much extra light at the expense of the Grand Trunk Railway at the Wharfcliffe and Wortley road subways.

Mr. Brownlee says, however, that he does not think the city should ask for anything more than 36-candle power in the subways.

City Engineer Graydon then wrote Mr. Brownlee a letter much after the manner of the epistles Mr. Graydon was wont in bygone years to address to the street railwaymen. He told Mr. Brownlee that there is so much light around King street bridge top and bottom, at nights that a blind man could see if he kept his wits about him; also that if the people of London had in 1854, when the line was built, known as much as they do today, the Grand Trunk would now be lighting the Thames street subway at its own expense.

And thus the matter now rests.

PARISH CHURCH BURNED

St. Hyacinthe, Que., Feb. 14.—A disastrous fire occurred this morning about 2 o'clock in the village of St. Anne, Richelieu County, the beautiful parish church being burned to the ground. Loss about \$75,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

MAN AND WOMAN FROZEN TO DEATH

Dead Bodies of a Brother and Sister Found in Home Near Port Hope.

Port Hope, Feb. 14.—Kate and James McMullen, brother and sister, each about 60 years of age, were found on Tuesday night frozen to death in their house, situated a mile southeast of Garden Hill station. No smoke having been seen for some days, neighbors went to investigate. The woman was found dead in a bed on the floor beside the kitchen stove. The man, fully dressed, was also found lying dead on the kitchen floor. A cat, also dead, lay in the woman's bed. A living dog was also in the room. Shavings were in the kitchen stove. There was no fuel in the house. Cattle and horses in a half-starved condition were found in the stable. Dr. McKinnlay, coroner, was summoned from Port Hope. There will be no inquest.

BURGLARS AT DRESDEN

Enter Dresden Postoffice and Take Cash, Stamps and Letters.

Dresden, Feb. 14.—About 4 o'clock this morning Dresden postoffice was broken into, the safe blown open and all the money, stamps and registered letters taken. The parties entered by a side window. Two revolver reports were heard. There is no clue as yet.

BIRRELL'S SPEECH STIRS THEM UP

Conservative Organ Says It Means Complete Surrender to the Irish Party.

London, Feb. 14.—The first business day of the present session of parliament has given evidence of important legislative matters in hand, and promise of vigorous political fighting. Augustine Birrell's maiden speech as Chief Secretary for Ireland, highly pleased the Nationalists, and supplies the text for strong attacks by opposition newspapers this morning. Mr. Birrell has frankly avowed himself a home ruler, and confessed that the Government's decision that they had no intention of going to the Windy City—at least, not at this time.

The Daily Telegraph in an editorial article this morning says that truth like murder will out, and Mr. Birrell, with childlike simplicity, has disclosed the real Irish policy of the Government. His magic wand has awakened home rule from its slumber, the surrender is complete, and Mr. Redmond has a role for nothing more.

In the lobby of the House last night Mr. Birrell's speech was the subject of much gossip, and there was curiosity as to what attitude Lord Rosebery and other prominent anti-home rule Liberals would take on it.

Another matter of importance is the statement made by Herbert H. Asquith, chancellor of the exchequer, concerning old age pensions. This is regarded as meaning that the Government intend to propose some practical scheme, and that Mr. Asquith meditates "ear-marking" a portion of the expected large surplus in the next budget as a nucleus for a pension fund.

EDNA MAY TO WED

After Giving the Matter Many Months' Consideration.

London, Feb. 13.—Edna May announced today that she is engaged to marry Oscar Lewisohn, "after giving the matter many months' consideration."

The date of the wedding depends upon her theatrical work, but it will take place this year. She will not live in New York. She loves London too much to definitely settle anywhere else.

NEW SOLICITOR-GENERAL

Mr. Jacques Bureau Appointed to Succeed Hon. Mr. Lemieux.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Mr. Jacques Bureau, M. P., Three Rivers, was sworn in as solicitor-general by Lord Grey at Government House at noon today. Mr. Bureau was accompanied by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The position of solicitor-general has been vacant since Hon. Mr. Lemieux was promoted from that office to be postmaster-general.

THE GRAND PRIX

Paris, Feb. 14.—The Grand Prix automobile race for 1907 will be run in July over a triangular course in Normandy.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Feb. 13. Reported at. From. Germania.....New York.....Naples Teutonic.....Quebec.....New York Numbidian.....Boston.....Boston Iberian.....Liverpool.....Boston Minnehaha.....London.....New York

THE G. T. P. TENDERS.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Time for receiving tenders for constructing five sections of the Transcontinental Railway was up today. There were eighteen tenders received. It is said that the G. T. P. have tenders in for all five.

LIE IS GIVEN TO THIS STORY

Grand Trunk's London Sidings Are Not Filled With Empty Freight Cars.

A dispatch to The Advertiser from Toronto states that a report was current there that the Grand Trunk has over a thousand empty freight cars standing on the sidings in this city, and that these could be used to relieve the car shortage being experienced in many places.

Mr. U. F. Gillen, the assistant superintendent of the middle division, was asked concerning the matter, and he said there was not the slightest truth in the story. "There are no empty cars at service on our sidings," he said. "We have use for every car that we can lay our hands on. Of course, there are a number of cars here awaiting repairs at the shops, but they cannot go out until they are overhauled."

All repairing of freight and passenger cars for the middle, northern and southern divisions of the Grand Trunk is done at the London shops, under the direction of Master Car Builder Treleven. That official was also called by The Advertiser, and he said the report showed 200 freight cars in the shops and shops yards for repairs. This is about the number usually on hand. Cars are repaired as soon after they are received as possible, and are not allowed to remain at the shops after being finished. Not more than 200 cars on hand was fit to be sent out in its present condition.

MUST IMPROVE ITS CARS

Railway Board Hands Out Decision in Hamilton Street Car Case.

Hamilton, Feb. 14.—The judgment of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board in the Hamilton street railway case was received at the city hall this morning, and was anything but satisfactory to the city officials. The board has ordered the company to improve its cars within a period of three months and to make some improvements to its tracks within six months. The aldermen were hoping that the company would be ordered to practically renew its whole system and to considerably improve its service, which has been anything but satisfactory.

WRECK BLOCKED TRAFFIC

Accident on C. P. R. Near Galt Caused by a Broken Rail.

The C. P. R. express, due here from the east at 11:35 a.m., was nearly five hours late yesterday. The cause of the delay was an accident to a freight train near Galt. The freight was proceeding at a fair rate of speed, when it is supposed an axle broke, derailing three cars, two of which were thrown lengthwise across the track and badly damaged. Traffic was at a standstill until late in the afternoon.

The delay inconvenienced the passengers, but the company did the best that was possible under the circumstances.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW FAIR AND COLD.

Toronto, Feb. 13-8 p.m. A disturbance, central tonight to the north of Lake Huron, is causing high winds in the lake region. Light snow has fallen in the western valley near Lake Superior. Elsewhere in the Dominion the weather has been fine. It continues quite mild in Alberta, but the temperature has fallen in Manitoba.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Atlin, 26-32; Victoria, 34-48; Vancouver, 31-45; Kamloops, 24-35; Calgary, 22-46; Edmonton, 26-41; Qu'Appelle, 22-28; Winnipeg, 24-35; Port Arthur, 24-35; Pelly, 24-35; 6 below-34; Toronto, 10-38; Montreal, 6 below-16; Quebec, 14 below-6; St. John, 6 below-14; Halifax, 2 below-14.

FORECASTS.

Thursday, Feb. 14-8 a.m. Today—High westerly and northwesterly winds; becoming colder; snow flurries. Friday—Fair and cold.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Weather.
Winnipeg	6	-2	2	Clear
Port Arthur	2	-4	4	Clear
Pelly Sound	24	24	24	Snow
Toronto	36	34	34	Cloudy
Ottawa	20	6	20	Cloudy
Montreal	26	16	26	Cloudy
Quebec	16	6	16	Cloudy
Father Point	12	6	12	Snow

The sign—indicates below zero. The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance is now centered in the Ottawa valley. The weather is a little colder again in Manitoba, but continues mild in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Light snow is falling in parts of Ontario and Quebec.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 41°; lowest, 10° above zero.

Detroit, Feb. 13.—Lower Michigan: Thursday—Fair and colder; snow flurries all day. Friday—Fair; brisk northwest wind.

FIRE DESTROYS RIDGETOWN BLOCK; \$40,000 BLAZE EARLY TODAY

Ridgetown, Ont., Feb. 14.—A \$40,000 blaze here early this morning wiped out the entire Queen's Hotel block. At times other buildings were in imminent danger, and only through the efforts of firemen and citizens were they saved. Relief was obtained from Blenheim at about 9 o'clock and at 10 o'clock the fire was practically under control.

Mr. J. Sheldon, the owner, says his loss will be fully \$20,000, with an insurance of \$12,000. Mr. Dauphin, confectioner, loss over \$4,000, partly covered by insurance. McMaster's hardware store, loss over \$13,000, insurance \$7,600. Mr. Dodman's barber shop adjoining the Queen's Hotel, was gutted; loss unknown.

COMPEL COMPANY TO ERECT LINE?

Question Raised by Citizen Who Wants House Lighted by Electricity.

Can the London Electric Company be compelled to supply electricity for lighting to a citizen in any part of the city, even though the company is compelled to erect poles and wires for a considerable distance to accommodate one house?

This is a question which is likely to be asked in the council shortly. The matter has been brought up by reason of a complaint lodged with the city by Mr. Woods, a traveler, of 401 Grey street.

Some time ago Mr. Woods asked the London Electric Company to light his house.

The company investigated the application, and it is said told Mr. Woods that if he was willing to pay the sum of \$43 for poles and wires, the company would supply the light to him.

No one else in the neighborhood uses electricity for lighting, and the company would be compelled to put up poles and wires for a block or two to supply Mr. Woods.

The latter refused to pay the \$43, and he sought advice at the city hall, inasmuch as the company has a franchise from the city, though not an exclusive one, and also has a large contract to light the city streets, at a cost of about \$30,000 per year.

In a letter to the city, Mr. C. B. Hunt still adheres to the company's position, that in order to get the light Mr. Woods will have to pay the \$43, but Mr. Hunt says that if any more subscribers could be secured on this line, Mr. Woods would benefit, as a rebate on the cost of construction would be made.

And if five people would take the lighting there would be no cost to Mr. Woods or anyone else for the poles and wires.

Mr. Woods thinks it is the duty of the company to supply the citizens with light no matter where the houses may be located. And this view is also held at the city hall.

150 IN WHIST MATCHES

Large Number Compete for Prizes at Liberal Club.

There was another very large crowd last night at the weekly whist tournament at the Liberal Club, more than 150 taking part in the games. In the progressive match, Mr. R. H. Graham won first prize, donated by Mr. Thos. Rowe. There was a tie for second place between Mr. F. Piny and Mr. Gordon Murray, and Mr. Piny won the place in the draw. The prize, a fountain pen, was donated by Mr. John Mills.

There was an unusually large number in the Compass game, many of the city's experts taking part. The prizes went to Mr. Magee and Mr. E. Rider, with a score of plus 13. The prizes were given by Ald. Stevely, Messrs. Parkes and Stinson were second with a score of plus 9.

HOCKEN GETS A SCARE

Toronto Controller Sees Ontario in Grip of Great Power Merger.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—Controller Hocken drew the attention of the board of control today to the fact of the big \$25,000,000 electrical merger just completed at Hamilton.

"It's simply the beginning," he predicted. "Next will come a merger of the big companies in Toronto, and that will mean a \$40,000,000 or \$50,000,000 concern. Then the two mergers will be again merged into one, until we have an \$100,000,000 merger in Ontario. I am afraid that the people of Ontario will wake up to find themselves in the grip of a slavery from which there will be little help of emancipation."

"A sort of Standard Oil Company," ventured the mayor.

"Yes, stronger than the Provincial Government," said the controller. "I am convinced that we should immediately communicate with the other municipalities and get them to join with us in asking the Government to prevent this thing taking place."

The controllers agreed, and Controller Hubbard, who is a member of the executive of the union of Canadian municipalities, will at once write its secretary to call an emergency meeting.

EVANGELIST POISONED

Kansas City, Feb. 14.—Bradford Hibbard Cox, a Sunday school worker and evangelist, who is well known in Boston and other cities, died yesterday from ptomaine poisoning after eating oysters. His wife also is ill. He refused medical attendance on the grounds of belief.

DID THE CAPTAIN PLAY THE CRAVEN

Said to Have Been First to Leave Sinking Larchmont.

NEARLY TWO HUNDRED DEAD

Now Known That Many Perished Between Decks When the Steamer Foundered.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 14.—A new element was injected into the horror attending the loss of the steamer Larchmont in Block Island Sound on Monday night, through a collision with the coal-laden schooner Harry Knowlton, when Capt. McVey, of the steamer, early today admitted that his lifeboat was "one of the first, if not the first, to leave the sinking ship." This statement was made in reply to charges by Fred Hierssell, an 18-year-old lad, of Brooklyn, one of the survivors.

Hierssell alleged that the passengers were left to shift for themselves, that the ship's crew regarded the boats, without attempting to provide for the passengers, and that Capt. McVey was the first to desert the ship. The statement of young Hierssell created a sensation in view of the fact that ten of the nineteen survivors were employees on the ship, or in other words, while approximately 20 per cent of the vessel's crew were saved, only 8 per cent of the passengers survived.

The Captain Explains.

Capt. McVey explained that, while his boat may have been the first in the water, it was because he had a good crew, and despite the fact that he was among the first off the deck, he remained by his ship until she went down. He said that he had made no move to get into the boat until he had given orders to his men to lower all the boats and clear away the rafts. While his boat was in the water it was fastened to the ship by a rope in the running gear that had become caught, and this was cut by Boatswain Andrew Tolson, who saw that with the ship settling rapidly the boat and its occupants would be caught in the whirlpool, and sucked beneath the surface. The captain's boat was on the windward side, and he said he called to the passengers to jump into his boat, which would hold about 22 persons in all, but the electric lights had been extinguished in the collision, and in the darkness and confusion no one heeded his summons. Everybody was on the leeward side of the ship, and he ordered his men to row around there, he said, but the gale balked this plan, and as the boat was driven away from the steamer his men had to give up their task and crouch down in the bottom of the boat to escape the piercing wind.

Nearly 200 Dead.

At 8 o'clock this morning the number of known lost in the frightful calamity stood at 128. At least 157 persons were known to be on the steamer, and there is every indication that the number was nearer 200. Seventy-one bodies had been recovered up to 8 o'clock, and these lie in the morgue here awaiting identification. The stream of anxious relatives and friends that passed through the chamber of death to seek some missing dear one did not cease until after midnight this morning. The work of identification proceeded more rapidly than when the corpses lay in their caskets of ice on Block Island, from which place they were brought yesterday afternoon by the steamer Kentucky, and when the doors of the morgue closed the list of identified dead numbered 38. A number of persons were early on hand to file once more through the lines of the dead, and every train brought more persons on the mournful quest.

Block Island today was given a chance to rise from the high tension of the tragedy of the past two days.

Life guards patrolled the coast as usual, but the sea cast up no more of its dead.

For the first time in 48 hours they obtained some physical relief, and rest. The weather had moderated rapidly, and this morning was calm, clear and mild.

Passing ships may pick up bodies, and at other shore points along the sound a few corpses may be cast up, but the life-savers here do not anticipate that the list of recognized bodies will be much lengthened until the hull of the Larchmont is blown up, for it is known that many passengers and some of the crew perished below decks.

WHITNEY GOVT. UNFAIR TO ALGOMA; DELEGATION DEMANDS SQUARE DEAL

Big Deputation Asks That New Ontario Receive Better Treatment.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—A deputation representing the Union of Algoma Municipalities, nearly two hundred strong, which arrived in the city by special train early this morning, marched in a body to the parliament buildings, where at 11:45 they were received by Premier Whitney and colleagues. They desired to protest against the treatment

which that part of Ontario is receiving from the Government, and the views of the delegation were voiced by Dr. John H. Gimby, mayor of Sault Ste. Marie, and Mr. J. H. McNally and Mr. John A. Montague, of Sault Ste. Marie.

What the Algoma people object to is that large sums of money should be taken out of the district without fair returns being made by the Government. They also desire that the land be opened and a satisfactory settlement policy inaugurated. They also ask that Sault Ste. Marie be united by a twelve-foot macadam road with the whole eighteen miles. They promised consideration.