

ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

Meeting of Conservatives to Prepare for the Fight.

Mr. Whitely Made a Good Speech and the Meeting was Harmonious—The Leader and His Lieutenants Will Toss the Province in June—Chairman of the Privy Council—Messrs. Maclean and Casey's Bills Again Before the Special Committee—General Notes from the Capital.

Ottawa, May 12.—(Special).—An important conference of Ontario Conservatives in the Dominion House was held to-day with leading members of the Conservative Opposition in the Local Legislature, the object being to advise the best means for organizing the province for carrying the local elections.

Mr. J. P. Whitney and several of his lieutenants were present. Mr. Whitney made a capital speech and got an enthusiastic reception. He fully outlined the position of the Conservatives in Ontario and spoke hopefully of the outlook. The others who spoke were Sir Charles Tupper, Messrs. Foster, Haggart, Dr. Willoughby, Dr. Kierulff, Messrs. J. W. St. John, Col. Matheson and Mr. S. Barker of Hamilton.

The following were appointed chairmen of districts: Hon. Peter White, Major McLennan, Messrs. Taylor, Smythe, Corby, Col. Matheson, Dr. Willoughby, S. Hughes, E. F. Clarke, H. D. Macpherson, W. H. Bennett, S. Barker, W. McCleary, Mr. Henry, Dr. Sproule, Messrs. Carling, Hurst, Ingram, Sharpe, Kleopfer and Beatty.

It was decided that Mr. Whitney, accompanied by his lieutenants, should make a tour of the province in June.

Sir Charles Tupper gave a large dinner party to-night in honor of the visitors.

A deputation of liquor men, consisting of Messrs. Harry Maclean, Hamilton, president; James Haveron, Toronto, secretary; E. Dickie, secretary of the Ontario Liquor Holders' Protective Association; J. G. Gibson, secretary of the Brewers' Association; T. Crooks, Hamilton; F. Collins, Dundas; John Coffey, Barrie, and E. Sullivan, Toronto, arrived here to-day, and will interview the Government to-morrow on the subject of the prohibition of liquor.

The Premier has decided that no one is to be allowed to vote but the property holders. The question of compensation to the property holders for the taxes they ought to be entitled to decide the result. The question of compensation to the property holders for the taxes they ought to be entitled to decide the result.

J. M. Macoun of the Geological Survey left to-day for Behring Sea to make further investigations into seal life in the Pribyloff Islands this year. He goes to San Francisco where he will embark on a vessel sailing direct to the Pribyloff Islands.

Prof. Thompson, agent of the British Government, has already started for the same place via Yokohama. He will first visit the Russian seal islands, and later in the season will visit Mr. Macoun on the Pribyloff Islands. The United States Government has again appointed Dr. Jordan, Dr. Stejneger and Mr. Lane, their commissioners of last year, to carry on investigations this year similar to those of Mr. Macoun and Prof. Thompson.

The British Columbia members are pushing for further restrictions on Chinese immigration. Rev. Mr. Macdonell, M. P., has written to friends in Vancouver that so far as himself and other representatives of the British Columbia Commons are concerned, they have no information to the effect that Sir Richard Cartwright has shelved the Oriental Immigration question, but that the Government, owing to the tariff bill, the Government's job, and the probable short session, will not be able to make any legislation this session. The Government will be urged, however, to grapple with the question next session.

The special committee appointed to take evidence on Messrs. Maclean's and Casey's bills, respecting the safety of railway employees and passengers, met again this morning. Mr. J. B. Morford, superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and also representing the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Company, presented a written statement in which he reviewed the features of the bill clause by clause. He favored the side as well as the end and sound on all but cases, those of the Michigan Central being already so equipped. He did not approve of the bill as it stood for the ends of the cars. It would be dangerous to brakenmen running along the tops of cars.

The Minister of Public Works has decided to at once proceed with the construction of a new bridge over the Western River. To-day the department is writing to different firms regarding the supply of terra cotta, the best of proof material manufactured, and also regarding iron joints to hold up this material. The work will take considerable time. Day labor will be employed altogether. As regards the completion of the building, it is not yet reached as to just what plan will be adopted, and whether a new story should be added.

Dr. McLachlan, Dominion Veterinarian, has condemned a number of animals, which arrived at Montreal from the West, designed for shipment abroad. They were found to be suffering from lung fever.

At the meeting of the Private Bills Committee this morning the bill relating to the Canadian Power Company was considered. The members took up the construction of works in Queen Victoria Park, and the time of completion of the works. The bill was reported, after important amendments had been made. The amendments were on behalf of the Ontario Government, opposed the cutting of a canal through the park.

A bill to confer on the Commissioner of Patents certain powers for the relief of the Montreal Marine Company of Canada was also reported.

A bill of considerable importance was that of the Confidential Herd and Light Company. The promoters are William M. Donli, Robert D. McGibbon, William Hansen and Ed. Hansen of Montreal and Francis J. Sturges of Pittsburgh, and the capitalization is to be \$1,000,000, with head office in Montreal. The bill was very carefully gone into and reported.

There is a good deal of anxiety among some of the older military men as to the effect of the recent regulation declaring invalid certificates obtained from military boards and schedules of instructions previous to December, 1883. It is understood these certificates are still good in the case of officers serving in their present rank, but they are no longer considered a qualification for the purpose of promotion. The regulation is that in December, 1883, Canada and military schedules of instructions were cancelled. Since that time, these have been taken place in draft and action, so that the

AN ANECDOTE FOR ASTHMA. Mr. Albert Reid, Angus, Ont., was for over two years a sufferer from asthma. A half bottle of Yellow Oil cured him completely, and although some time ago, he has never troubled with the same complaint since.

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Science in the old methods is no longer accepted as proof of present qualification.

Professor Saunders, director of experimental farms, addressed the Committee on Agriculture to-day. He gave figures of results obtained by experiments with the different kinds of cereals, thus proving to the farmers the most profitable species of oats, barley and wheat to sow. He illustrated the importance of a careful selection of the best seeds by the statement that one pound weight per bushel gained on the best seed grain, as ascertained by repeated experiments. The director furnished also illustrations of the success of the best seed grain, as ascertained by repeated experiments. The director furnished also illustrations of the success of the best seed grain, as ascertained by repeated experiments.

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BLAMES MR. THOMPSON

Mr. Blair on Dismissals From the Welland Canal.

The Unique Way in Which Men Were Left in Doubt All Winter, Not Knowing Whether They Would Be Allowed to Continue Their Duties in the Spring.

Davis Replies to the Western Farmer and Shows That Agricultural Implements Be Placed on the Free List—Other "Farmers" Would Not Rock Him Up—Yesterday in the Commons.

Ottawa, May 12.—(Special).—In the House this afternoon Mr. Blair informed Sir C. H. Tupper that James McLean, a foreman on the I. C. R., had been dismissed on the personal assurances of Mr. McLennan, M. P., that McLean had been guilty of offensive and pertious conduct.

Mr. McLennan asked if a certain man employed as lockmaster and bridge tender on the Welland Canal had been dismissed.

Mr. Blair: None of the persons named in the question were dismissed from the employ of the canal at the close of navigation, in the fall of last year, the employees were notified that their services were not further required, but that they were given the option of being informed before the opening of navigation this spring if they were to be taken on again.

Very few of the persons employed on the canal have been regarded in the department as permanent employees. It may be true that on one or more of the canals a practice had grown up of buying and selling the places of lockmaster and bridge tenders, and that persons having bought these places from those who had influence with the late Government, or who were members of Parliament, might have come to consider that they had thereby acquired a permanent title to employment.

Mr. Blair: The purchase price passed into the Dominion treasury, such a transaction could not be regarded as a permanent title to employment. Before selecting the staff for the current year, I gave explicit instructions to the superintendent of the canal, Mr. Thompson, as I did the other superintendents, that he was to take up the list of the employees of last year, and give to persons on that list the preference who had given satisfaction in the past, and who had not made themselves obnoxious by active participation in the last general elections.

Mr. Thompson was further informed by that I would not set about putting off of good men who had not interfered in politics, simply to make room for those who had been followed and that the men taken on the canal for the current year were chosen in strict conformity with such instructions. Neither do I see that the number of changes the employees, as enumerated in the question just asked, are considerable, in view of the fact that the canal has 170 persons employed on this canal, there appear to be only 45 persons whose services were discontinued.

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