

School Teacher Grant Says He Never Aided Pritchett

Nor Does He Know Aught of Election Misdemeanors—Ardy Discharged as Prisoner and Used as Witness—Did O'Meara Bluff Crown After All?

The examination of Birtle D. Grant, a young school teacher of Goderich, to the end of securing evidence corroborative of a portion of the testimony of J. T. Pritchett, instructor in the gentle art of switching ballots, failed to yield the positive results which the crown sought at the continuation of the London inquiry yesterday. Pritchett, in his sensational story, referred to a school teacher as having delivered into his hand a number of deputy-returning officers to receive a course of "training" at the time of an election some years ago in West Huron.

On the information supplied by Pritchett, Grant appeared as a witness yesterday, and he subjected to a searching examination, he denied everything beginning to end having had any association whatever with the wizard of West Elgin. He did not refuse having been in West Huron at the time of the election, and having rendered party service, and it was also elicited that he was in London for three weeks prior to the by-election, doing clerical work. He also admitted an acquaintance with O'Meara, Reid and Lewis, extending back a number of years, but gave comprehensive disclaimers of any knowledge whatever of wrongdoing in election work.

George Ardy was discharged from custody, and then went into the witness box. He had little to tell.

Serviss, one of the accused, was not present at adjournment, and a warrant for his arrest was ordered.

Did O'Meara Bluff?
Before the proceedings opened, Mr. DuVernet made an announcement, intended to convey the meaning that, in the arrest of Accountant John O'Meara, the crown had not, so to speak, got the wrong pig by the ear. Said Mr. DuVernet:

"The London police claim that he is the right man, and that there is no question about it. They say that he never even protested that he was the wrong man, and they are highly incensed at the change that they made. I am sure that they are positive that he is the right man."

Magistrate Denison gave the opinion that, in this case, O'Meara had committed deliberate perjury. Mr. DuVernet agreed, and pointed out that O'Meara had sworn that he was in London ten years ago, had later made remarks, from which the inference was to be drawn that he was there seven years ago. The crown, he said, should be followed up, and Mr. DuVernet intimated that it would be.

Mr. Henry of Brantford, a candidate in the election in which O'Meara operated, visited London yesterday to see if he could identify the one who had been arrested, but could not locate him.

Alex Thompson, the inebriate of Monday, had undergone chastening influences, and was able to give evidence. He was paid for his vote, but by whom the deal was engineered he did not know.

Found Money in His Pocket.
The experiences of Andrew Robson were suggestive of the choicest feats of Kellar or Hermann. Robson testified that he found money in his coat pocket, it having been placed there by someone while witness was wearing that article of apparel. The amount was about \$5. Robson was coy in giving enlightenment as to the disposition made of the money, but, under persuasion by the court, owned that he had bought votes. He was also extremely reticent as to who had been beneficiaries, till the magistrate asked him that it was "dead sure" he had to answer. He then said he had paid money "directly" to men named McFarland and Ackerman, and that he had to a man named Williams. It transpired that this trio had been likewise bonused in the Beck election, and that Robson had also paid out cash allurement to one Genis. He had offered \$15 to him, as Genis claimed the Conservatives had bid as high as \$10.

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"And you are that man?"
"I am not."

"Will you swear that?"
"I will."

"Why, you said if they did not leave you alone you would swear, too. Did you not make that statement?"
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"No, I did not."

"Did you not leave town for two or three days after this matter came out?"
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The witness explained that he is in temporary charge of a school at Clou-

ton, where an hotel is kept by Tom Lewis' brother. He denied having ever met Tom Lewis or McEvoy there.

Somebody's Mistaken.
On Grant's again denying he had taken any deputies in to see Pritchett, Mr. DuVernet replied:

"Now, Mr. Grant, I want to tell you that I am going to put gentlemen in the box who will swear, but you spoke to them about acting as deputies and took them in to see Pritchett. I want to give you a chance to deny it."

"It is not."

Grant owned that he was acquainted with the men, Farr and Horton, who were with Mr. DuVernet, but denied having discussed election matters with either.

"Did you not take Horton to Pritchett and tell him to 'put Farr on'?"
"I did not," replied Grant, who was allowed to leave the box, the court adjourning for noon.

On the examination of Grant being resumed in the afternoon, it was elicited that he had stopped at the same hotel in London as did Mulvey and Wilkie, who admitted having once walked down the street, having disclaimed, however, having talked about election funds, and denied having introduced one Cummings to the train.

Grant did not refute the suggestion that he had taken a part in the West Huron election, but declared that this election was the only one in bygone years in which he had no interested himself.

The witness admitted having been in London at the time of the by-election. He applied to Mr. Reid for a job early in May. He "thought he was in London for three weeks prior to the by-election, doing clerical work."

Mr. DuVernet asked him if he had any idea of what the latter was doing. His mind was likewise a blank as to the operations of Lewis. All that Grant recalled was that he had been working for him for three weeks.

The witness was asked about the private room where the envelope transactions took place, and he pleaded ignorance of its location. Collins he did not know.

He was asked: "Did you see Mr. Corry come in and put down the money?"
"I did not," replied Grant to the judicial query.

"You didn't know that a dollar was being spent?" suggested Mr. DuVernet.

"I know nothing about it," said the witness, who had heard no discussion as to campaign subscriptions.

Mr. DuVernet again asked witness if he knew nothing about the spoils of the election in the Clay-Holmes ward. He said he had nothing to do with the introducing of deputies to Pritchett.

Grant declared he would swear positively that he had no meetings with O'Meara, Lewis or Pritchett during that election. His acquaintance with either O'Meara, Lewis or Reid did not extend back beyond eight years.

Ardy Discharged.
George Ardy, one of the envelope dispensers, whose name has been made familiar by the enquiry, was here discharged at the instance of the crown, and was placed in the box as a witness. Mr. Ardy explained that he was chairman of sub-division 82, in the Beck election, and that he had been paid money "directly" to men named McFarland and Ackerman, and that he had to a man named Williams. It transpired that this trio had been likewise bonused in the Beck election, and that Robson had also paid out cash allurement to one Genis. He had offered \$15 to him, as Genis claimed the Conservatives had bid as high as \$10.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Workers Deplore Banishment of Bible From the Class Room.
Kingston, Oct. 23.—(Special.)—The 41st annual provincial convention of the Ontario Sunday School Association opened in Sydenham-street Methodist Church this afternoon with a good attendance.

The president, Rev. William Frizell, Ph.D., of Toronto, presided. In his address he referred to the training of the young and urged his hearers to realize the importance of their work. The speaker said that a great many teachers became discouraged in their work, but he urged them to look after their heads and to conceive of their present labor in the light of an eternal reward.

The Sunday school teachers' vision received a stirring treatment from Rev. W. C. Merritt of Tacoma, Wash., the international field worker. He emphasized the great need of seeing the true possibilities of the Christian life in its application to every day life, and especially the Sabbath school.

Mr. Merritt deplored the custom of banishing the Bible from the Sabbath school, and substituting a lesson leaf. At the close of Mr. Merritt's address the afternoon session was brought to an end. The convention will continue Wednesday and Thursday.

At the evening session, T. F. Harriwell, Kingston, gave the address of welcome and President Frizell responded.

The address of the evening was given by Mrs. Mary Ryrie, international field worker, Peoria, Ill., on the subject, "The Child We Teach."

Following Mrs. Ryrie came Rev. A. F. Schuchman, secretary of the international lesson committee, New York. He asked that a definite system be used in the teaching of the Bible, the story of Christ's life might be made more attractive to the child and easier of understanding if it were carefully divided and explained. Mr. Schuchman denounced the custom of American clergymen attending clubs, while they excused themselves from extra church labors.

SOUL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Is Found in the Sunday School, Says Rev. Geo. Jackson.

A rally of Methodist Sunday School class leaders of Toronto was held in the Carlton-street Methodist Church last evening for the purpose of getting enlightenment and interchanging views on teaching the Scripture to children.

Rev. George Jackson, B. A., gave an address on the future class meeting in Canadian Methodism. The opening exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. R. Rankine, assisted by T. J. Blackwell, president of the Methodist Class Leaders' Association. Justice Maclearen presided.

Mr. Jackson took the ground that the Sunday school class meetings were the soul and heart of the Christian church, and that the meetings should be made more bright and interesting, and of the conversational type. A large number of suggestions were made, and the discourse by asking frequent questions, to which Mr. Jackson responded readily.

CABINET DISPLEASES POPE.
Affairs of France Cause More Pain Than Physical Suffering.

Rome, Oct. 23.—The composition of the Clemenceau cabinet in France has produced a most unfortunate impression at the Vatican.

The Pope is reported as saying that the affairs of France cause him greater pain than any physical suffering.

WATCH THE NANCY HELEN.
Cobalt, Oct. 23.—(Special.)—The Nancy-Helen Cobalt Silver Mining Co. is the latest Cobalt exploitation. This company has holdings in the Town of Cobalt adjoining the Buffalo, acquired from the railway. The Black Brothers, Sydney, B. J. Smyth, M.L.A., were the promoters and largely responsible for the excellent work done.

They have some good veins, have sunk a shaft 60 feet, and have a couple of carloads of rich ore ready to ship. The capitalization is \$500,000, and the shares have a par value of \$1.

There is only a limited amount of stock being put on the market, and it has been largely taken up locally.

TO EDIT CANADIAN MAGAZINE.
The editorial chair of The Canadian Magazine, to be vacated about the end of the year by John A. Cooper, will be taken, it is stated, by Newton McTavish, at present Montreal representative of The Toronto Globe.

Mr. McTavish is a young man, but is highly regarded, both as a newspaper man and as a writer along more literary lines.

UNDERWRITERS MEET.
The regularly quarterly meeting of the Canadian board of fire underwriters was held yesterday.

It was stated that routine matters had been discussed and that there was no foundation for the stories of internal dissensions, which have been reported.

POLICE EXONERATED.
Coroner Crawford last night held an inquest on the man who died in the cell at No. 1 police station last Friday night.

The man was registered at John James, who his name was Edward Wylie. The jury's verdict was death from pneumonia, combined with chronic alcoholism. The police officials were exonerated from all blame.

DID NOT HEED WARNINGS RAN IN FRONT OF ENGINE

Evidence at Coroner's Inquest Exonerates Railway Employees in Crossing Fatality.

"That Martha Gregory died from injuries received by being struck by engine No. 38 on the Canadian Pacific Railway."

"We further find that no blame can be attached to the railway employees or to the gatekeeper for the accident which resulted in her death."

"We strongly recommend that better protection be provided at this very dangerous level crossing at Brock-avenue."

The above verdict was rendered by Coroner Powell's jury in No. 6 police station last night.

The first witness was Richard Garbutt of 74 Brock-avenue, who was on the crossing at the time of the accident and saw the woman walking across the tracks as the train approached.

He said she started running and he thought she had got safely across until the train was stopped. Then he saw her lying by the side of the road and ran to her and sent a boy for a policeman.

Charles Hill, who has charge of the gates at this crossing at night, said he lowered the gates for an outgoing train and was about to raise them after the train had passed, when he noticed another train approaching from the west and warned the woman, who was near him, not to try to cross in front of it.

Dr. John Hunter and Dr. Chas. P. Lusk testified, the latter having conducted the postmortem. The woman had died from shock, resulting from the injuries, which consisted of a broken hip and several fractured ribs.

Alfred E. Stewart, engineer, stated that he gave the proper signals when approaching the crossing, and also an engine signal as there was an engine on the crossing.

He did not see the woman until the train was stopped, and the engine length from the crossing, and then only by happening to glance thru the outer side of his cab. He saw that she was near the track and running and that she would be struck if he did not stop and he pulled the whistle wide open and applied the brakes, which were slightly on at the time. He stopped his train in its own length, and leaving his engine, went back to where the woman lay.

James Bertram, his fireman, corroborated these statements. He had been ringing the bell continuously from the time the train passed the Dundas-street bridge.

PRESBYTERIAN IMMIGRANTS
To Receive the Attention of the Established Church.

Rev. W. S. Crockett, representing the colonial committee of the established church of Scotland, is in the city, and will make a three months' trip thru Canada from coast to coast.

The primary object of Mr. Crockett's visit to this country is to study at close range the conditions prevailing, more especially in the newer provinces with respect to the church relations of the Scottish people, and to make arrangements—if deemed advisable—for the sending out of ten missionaries or pastors to minister to the spiritual wants of the Presbyterian immigrants. He is said to have added views regarding the duties of the established church in the matter, and to favor the granting of an appropriation of 25¢ a year (per man) from the colonial committee.

Mr. Crockett was in conversation with members of the Presbyterian Church yesterday, and will go west. During his stay in the city Mr. Crockett will lecture on "The Scot."

JAMES ST. EXTENSION.
Will Be Finally Dealt With by Court of Revision To-Day.

The proposal to extend James-street, thru to Richmond-street, which has already received the endorsement of the board of works, but which has been taken before the court of revision, will be dealt with this morning.

It was to have been taken up yesterday afternoon, and representatives of the R. Simpson Co., Whitley, Royce & Co., and others interested in the extension, were present, but on account of objections taken by Mr. Defoe, of the court, who was not present in all the details of the proposition, an adjournment was made until this morning.

LET TARIFF REST.
If Britain Changes Her Mind, Her Wishes Will Be Met.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)
London, Oct. 23.—A Sydney, N.S.W., despatch says Mr. Reid's election manifesto asks the electors to allow the present protective tariff to rest.

If the people of Britain changed their minds their wishes would be met by an equitable agreement as to preferential trade. Mr. Reid adds that he supports the unconditional preference offered by Australia, but it should not be a sham.

Admits Killing Actress.
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 23.—Edward E. Nichols, a theatrical man, who was taken into custody by the police during the investigation into the death of Mrs. Margaret Leslie, the actress, who was found dead in her room at the Palace Hotel, to-day confessed to the murder of Mrs. Leslie and to the stealing of diamonds valued at \$1500 from her.

Wealthy Man Suicides.
New York, Oct. 23.—Jacob Leviberg, 59 years of age, a wealthy cigar manufacturer, committed suicide to-day by shooting himself. His health is thought to have been the cause.

REPEAL OF SALARY GRAB

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parliament expressly to protect the farmers and to limit the tolls of the railways and other corporations. Previous to this I had done what I could in this direction, with little encouragement from either side of the house, but when the Conservatives went out of power in 1896, I naturally looked to him for support.

What support did he give me? What support did he give to the reforms, by advocating which he was elected?"

Among these so-called independent members was John Tolmie, the present Liberal candidate, whom you elected as a Patron to represent you in the commons.

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Mr. Maclearen then read from the votes and proceedings of the house. When the house divided on the question of putting express companies under the jurisdiction of the railway commission, Mr. Tolmie voted nay. On the same day, when the house divided on the two-cent fare bill, Mr. Tolmie went out of the house and refused to vote. He also shirked a vote on the measure, since made law, compelling the railroads to give access to independent telephone companies to their railway stations.

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ANNA HELD REALLY ROBBED

Satchel Containing Entire Fortune of Actress Taken From State-Room on Train.

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 23.—The police are working diligently to discover the whereabouts of \$150,000 worth of jewels, which Anna Held, the actress, reported were stolen from her on a Pennsylvania train while coming into Cleveland early Monday morning.

The gems were stolen from Miss Held's state-room while she and her husband, Florence Zelgfeld, jr., were temporarily absent from it. The jewels were in a small hand satchel, which also contained over \$6000 in money and papers, bank books, etc., which Miss Held said she valued at \$100,000.

When the case was first reported to the local police they were incredulous, but Chief Kohner says he is now convinced that the robbery was committed.

Miss Held says she believes she was followed by the two men from Baltimore to this city. The actress appears grief-stricken over her loss, and says the satchel contained her entire fortune.

The more valuable pieces stolen consist of a string of 63 pearls, valued at \$35,000; a 15-inch corsage piece of diamonds and emeralds, valued at \$25,000; a string of 15 pearls, valued at \$25,000; a ring collar with brooches of diamonds, and eight strings of pearls valued at \$25,000; a diamond brooch, worth \$6000, and some 30 other articles, consisting of rings, chains of diamonds, necklaces, etc., valued at \$500 to \$5000.

TORONTO PRESS CLUB.
E. S. Willard and the Ladies as Guests of the Evening.

E. S. Willard was the guest of the Toronto Press Club at the St. Charles yesterday evening. Supper was served at 8:15 and Mr. Willard afterwards entertained the club with some amusing reminiscences. Quite a number of ladies were present. This is the first occasion on which the club has made any concession to women's rights, and the innovation was well received. Besides Mr. Willard there were several other speakers, including the editor of "Canada."

President Middleton spoke sympathetically of the critical illness of Oliver M. Ross, treasurer of the club for two years past, and secretary of the Bruce Old Boys' Association. Mr.