

GRADUATE OF GUELPH COLLEGE CHOSEN PREMIER OF MANITOBA

John Bracken, 39 Years Old, Proves Unanimous Choice of United Farmer Members-Elect of Legislature, Succeeding Hon. T. C. Norris.

WINNIPEG, July 21.—John Bracken, aged 39, a native of Ontario, graduate of the Guelph Agricultural College, and for some years principal of the Manitoba Agricultural College, is to be the next premier of Manitoba. Mr. Bracken was the unanimous choice of the United Farmers' members-elect of the Legislature, succeeding Hon. T. C. Norris as prime minister.

Announcement of Mr. Bracken's selection and acceptance was made at six o'clock tonight by C. Barclay, member-elect for Stirlingfield, who was chairman of the conference. With the completion of the election count for Winnipeg city and announcement of the return of four labor candidates, two Liberals, two Conservatives, one Progressive and one Independent, the standing of the parties in the Legislature is shown to be as follows:

United Farmers	24
Progressives	1
Independents	8
Liberals	7
Conservatives	6
Labor	3
Deferred	3
Total	55

Farmer Gain Big.
In the last house at dissolution there were 13 Independent Farmers, 21 Liberals, 7 Conservatives, 19 Labor and 4 Independents.

All of the organized parties lost to the farmers, for whom it was their first provincial campaign. In the support of R. W. Craig, the Winnipeg Progressive, and conceding them two of the deferred elections, the farmers will have 27 seats or an actual majority, but there is a very general opinion that independent support will be forthcoming in sufficient measure to relieve the situation of any embarrassment to the government, which is to come into being.

ADVANCE WHEAT BILL.

REGINA, July 21.—Consideration of the speech from the throne and introduction of the bill to confer special powers on the Canadian wheat board came today in the special session of the Saskatchewan Legislature. The first reading of the wheat board bill was voted by the house. On Monday, Premier Dunning, who has charge of it, will explain the principle of the proposed statute and the house will likely go into committee on it by Tuesday. It is generally understood that the bill will provide for the financial guarantee of the province to back the wheat marketing scheme and will give wide powers to the board. It will give the board the prerogative to determine when and to what extent compulsory measures shall be adopted. The sale of wheat to the proposed board will not be made obligatory in the bill. Members who have studied the scheme claim that they do not see why the project should cause any financial risk to the province. George W. Robertson, independent member for Wynyard, who has been an advocate of a wheat board for many years, stated he did not believe it would be necessary to draw on the credit of the province at all in carrying out the scheme. It is not likely that there will be any heavy opposition to any portion of the bill, but there will be considerable debate in committee and perhaps a certain amount of discussion.

BOARD APPOINTS ENGLISH TEACHER AT WOODSTOCK

Secure Services of Miss J. Bull of Weston at Salary of \$2,400.

Special to London Advertiser.
WOODSTOCK, July 21.—The Woodstock Board of Education has appointed Miss J. Bull, M.A. of Weston, Ontario, head of the department of English at a salary of \$2,400. Miss Bull was formerly head of the department of English at the Port Arthur Collegiate.

She succeeds Miss Clifford, who has accepted a position on the staff of the Ontario Normal School. W. J. Salter, principal of the collegiate, will receive a minimum salary of \$3,300 commencing September 1.

The board of education has decided to increase the fee payable for non-resident pupils in the high school to \$3 a month, commencing in September.

WITHDRAWS CHARGES AGAINST LORD FORBES

LONDON, July 21.—Ronald McNeil, the Unionist member of parliament, in a statement in the House of Commons today, unreservedly withdrew his allegations against Lord Forbes, which he had made in the course of the debate on the bestowal of honors, when he charged the firm of Ralston, Williamson & Company, of which Lord Forbes is the head, of doing business in South America "with laxity in relation to trading with the enemy."

Mr. McNeil expressed regret for his allegations involving Lord Forbes, but said he had nothing to withdraw with regard to Lord Warrington in connection with whom he had made certain other allegations.

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THRESHING UNDER WAY IN PORT LAMBTON DISTRICT

Wheat Yield Proves Heavy, While
Barley and Oats Promise
Abundant Crops.

Special to London Advertiser.
PORT LAMBTON, July 21.—The sound of threshing is again heard in our midst. The majority of the farmers around here are adopting the western method of harvesting their grain by threshing from the field.

A number of the farmers have already threshed their wheat and report a first class crop and an average yield of about thirty-five bushels to the acre.

Barley in this section this year is much heavier than last year. Oats are predicted as being an average crop.

It will be late in the fall before the threshing is all done, as there is a scarcity of threshing outfits in this vicinity.

FAIL TO REPORT LOSS ON DEBTS

Manager of Montreal Branch
of Merchants' Bank Admits Neglect.

States Partial September Return Showed Apparent Loss of \$2,045,376.

MONTREAL, July 21.—That the semi-annual reports on bad and doubtful debts which managers were authorized to send into the head office were never completed by the Montreal branch, was evidence given by William Finucan, manager of the branch, here today in the course of the trial of D. C. Macarow, former general manager of the Merchants' Bank, who is accused of having been guilty of false and deceptive statements in the October, 1921, return of the bank to the government.

Mr. Finucan, examined by Charles Wilson, K.C., for the prosecution, said that his office had been too busy to get the work done, and that he considered he had more important work to do. He had not spoken to Mr. Macarow of the matter, not considering that he should do so unless specifically asked.

Between April and October there had accumulated over \$1,000,000 worth of bad and doubtful debts in his branch, due to revaluation of securities. He had spoken of them only in a general way to Mr. Macarow, and did not think that he had mentioned the amount. The September return, never completed, showed an apparent loss of \$2,045,376.96.

Adjourned Until Tuesday.
The case which was heard only during the morning in the court of special sessions was adjourned until Tuesday next.

During the examination this morning Finucan said he did not remember any particular conversation with Macarow.

"Did you or did you not speak to Mr. Macarow about that million or over?" "I do not think I ever mentioned any amount to Mr. Macarow." "Why didn't you?" "Well, because he didn't ask me."

"And you did not think it proper to tell him if you were not asked?" "I did not see what good it would do."

"When was the September report ready to be sent to the credit department of the head office?" "The latter part of November."

Report Not Completed.
"When was it ready?" "It was never completed."

"Why was it never ready?" "In the first place it took a very considerable time to prepare this statement. It went on so long, and the necessity for it was not apparent in the head office valuation appropriations, so we did not consider it necessary to send it in."

"Who were we?" "Myself."

"Did you tell that to Mr. Macarow, that you did not consider it proper to send it in?" "No."

"Did you communicate with the accused that the return was not ready?" "I have no recollection of doing so."

"I presume you were a faithful servant?" "I hope so."

Mr. Loucks asked witness for that statement, but the latter said it was not ready.

"What were the reasons?" "That we had not time to finish it. We were short in staff at times."

"Could you not get employees from the outside?" "We might have."

"Oh, yes, there were lots. You might have, but did not take the trouble. Why not?" "I did not think it necessary."

Macarow Never Asked.
"Were you never asked by Mr. Macarow why your branch did not report to the credit department?" "I have no recollection of being asked by Mr. Macarow anything about this report."

"You don't deny it?" "I have no recollection. I think I would remember it."

Mr. Wilson: "I see every page is dated Sept. 30, 1921. Can you state when they were prepared?" Witness: "As of that date."

Now, what does the report disclose? Did you tabulate or summarize it?" "The summarization is there."

Mr. Wilson read: "Past due—\$1,050,143.42."

Witness: "That was the amount of paper in past due bills."

Mr. Wilson continued reading: "Current—\$4,539,282.98; Good—\$3,583,049.51."

"Apparent loss, \$2,045,376.96; is that correct?" "You have read the correct figures as they are shown."

"Emanating from you?" "Emanating from me."

"So, in the Montreal branch on Sept. 30, there was an apparent loss of \$2,045,376.96?" "Yes."

"And this is the return that was not ready, even when it was delivered to Edwards, Morgan & Co?" "It was never completed."

"Is it complete now?" "No, I would not say it was."

"Will it ever be completed?" "No."

"Never?" "It is not needed now."

APPEAL AGAINST TAX ON THEATRE

Citizens Protest Assessment of \$357,000 On Loew's Playhouse.

Court of Revision Considers 51 Complaints From Ward 2.

Appearing against the assessment of \$357,000 on Loew's Theatre, G. Brown and George H. Belton appeared before the court of revision in session at the city hall, Friday night, and asserted that the theatre was "being nearly assessed out of business."

Mr. Brown pointed out that the assessment on the building has been boosted to \$248,000, despite the fact that a prominent local contractor has placed its valuation at a much lower figure. He quoted the assessment on Loew's Theatres in Windsor and Hamilton as much more favorable than in London.

"It is just about driving us out of business," stated Mr. Brown, in claiming that the theatre employs from 121 to 123 people, and spends \$104,000 per annum in wages and supplies. Property on Queen's avenue fronted by the theatre is assessed for \$16,500, while the Dundas street entrance has been valued at \$21,000 by the city.

"That was a store there at one time and was assessed at \$36,000," said Martin O'Sullivan, acting on behalf of the assessment department. "There is a store above the entrance from which you are obtaining a rental."

Reserves Decision.
The court decided to investigate the merits of the appeal and reserve decision. A similar appeal from the Allen Theatre was scheduled for hearing, but did not come up owing to the fact that the appellants did not appear at the meeting.

Robert Annett, appealing against increased assessment on his property in London West, declared that he would give the land to the city were it not for the fact that there is a house on it. His assessment of \$950 was reduced \$200.

Declaring that he is assessed for a parcel of land on Huron street, which is a swamp, S. Burt appealed for a reduction in its valuation. "It is assessed at \$500 and I could not get five dollars for it," protested Mr. Burt. His assessment was reduced to the 1921 figure.

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The appeal was dismissed. "I do not understand so many owners," commented the court chairman, "it looks as if they were entered this way for a purpose."

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"The total assessment is \$59,000," said Mr. Webster, "and the original investment was \$55,992. In 1920 the assessment was \$35,000, and this year it is \$45,000 on the buildings." The appeal was laid over.

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Horse Plunges Into Cistern After Mate.

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CLANDEBOYE, July 21.—A peculiar accident happened on the farm of Gilbert Carter, near the village recently. The gate in the fence that guards a large cistern in a field was opened in some unknown manner, and one of the work-horses fell into the water.

Its collar-mate, seeing its struggle, seems to have deliberately plunged into the cistern on top of it, and Mr. Carter and his son had difficulty in keeping the two from drowning until enough men could be obtained to rescue the beasts.

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