

WILKINSON FOR THIS OFFICIAL

Woodstock Man Completely Exonerated By Principal in Oppositions 'Duped' Immigrant Yarn Englishman Replies to Charges Levelled at W. L. Carr — Declares He Was Honorably Treated

The Woodstock Sentinel on Friday last published the statement that an immigrant named Booth who had gone to Carleton County to look for land visited the provincial immigration official for the county. This official "was ready" to issue his services, and at once told the immigrant that he knew just the place that would suit him. As the result of his advice Booth bought from a "tory heeler" for \$400 a lot of about 100 acres with a shack not fit to live in. The farm was said to be so rocky that McAdam Junction was a prairie compared with it. Finally it was settled that the immigrant found himself taken in and that his wife and children going up were stopped and provided for by kind friends at Millville.

The publication of this statement has brought the following contradiction from the men said to have been "duped":

The letter is written to Mr. Carr from whom the farm was purchased. Woodstock, N. B., April 23. W. L. Carr, Esq.

Dear Sir: The article which appeared in the Carleton Sentinel yesterday's date, headed "Wall Street Outraged," is so far from the truth that it demands an explanation from us, and we desire to make the following contradictory and explanation:— On arrival at St. John, and consulting with Mr. Wilnot, superintendent of immigration for New Brunswick, explaining to him that we wanted to locate on a farm where a small amount of money would be necessary at first, he spoke to us of the Blue Bell tract, and some farms in York county, listed by you. Mr. Wilnot gave us a letter to Mr. Harrison asking him to direct us to the Blue Bell, or to Mr. Carr's farms. We were shown several farms, examined them thoroughly, the conditions of the buildings, the nature of the soil, the accessibility by railway and highway, and without any undue influence, we decided to locate there, and returned to Woodstock where the trade was completed, the down payment made entirely satisfactory, giving us 100 acres of land, with the improvements and an option on 200 acres more adjoining, with the right to use one of those lots and cut grass on the same. We feel that we know good producing land from poor, and are satisfied that we could work the farm with good results. Had it not been for "certain influence" we would not have been settled on the farm with an addition built to the house. However, adverse reports discouraged us as to the location, and in going back to you, you promptly agreed to release us from the trade. We have asked you to leave the matter open for us for a few days, and in the meantime are looking over farms in York county to better ourselves if we can. It will be fair to Mr. Harrison and to you to know that we have not yet found a place equal to the one we had in some respects, with this farm. If it were not so distant from the school for our children, we would not hesitate further, but go on with the improvements, and have no fear but that with ordinary thrift we would develop these farms in a creditable way. This statement is made honestly and cheerfully, fully exonerating you and Mr. Harrison from any wrong or any motives, such as has been suggested by the article in the "Carleton Sentinel." We fear that our names have been unwarrantably used for the purpose of assisting in a political attack upon you and Mr. Harrison, and regret that we should be made a medium for this kind of thing. We wish to say that we are perfectly satisfied with the way you have treated us since we informed you the place was not suitable for us, and that you have acted quite honorably and honestly towards us.

Yours truly, (Sgd.) RICHARD BOOTH, (Sgd.) ARTHUR H. BOOTH.

MONTREAL ELECTRIC COMPANY CUTS RATES

Montreal, April 24.—The Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company on Saturday announced a reduction in electric light rates, which will appear a large saving to Montreal consumers. The residential rate for five year contracts is cut from ten cents a kilowatt hour to eight cents, and the commercial rate from ten cents to nine cents. The latter rate applies only to stores which only use the light for a few hours daily, and to office buildings, larger users paying on special rates. The company announces that the reduction is made according to its general policy of making cuts when the conditions of its business warrant and not in fear of the hope of averting competition.

QUET ST. GEORGE'S DAY SPENT IN HALIFAX

Halifax, April 24.—St. George's Day passed off quietly in Halifax and throughout the province, there being no special celebration. It is customary for St. George's Society to honor the day with a banquet, but this year the banquet will not be held until Tuesday evening. The banquet will be held in the Queen hotel and Englishmen from all parts of the province will be present.

MAN ATTEND OBSEQUIES OF ROBT. M. DOWN

Late C. P. R. Conductor Interred At Fredericton With Impressive Services—Masonic Order In Charge. Fredericton, April 24.—The funeral of the late Robert M. Down, C. P. R. conductor, who dropped dead at Presque Isle, Maine, took place today, under the auspices of the Masonic order. The remains were brought from St. Stephen by special train being accompanied by relatives and members of the Masonic order as well as representatives of the Knights of Pythias and various organizations of railroad men. The train connected with another from Woodstock, Presque Isle, and other points on the northern division at McAdam and another from St. John at Fredericton Junction, the consolidated train arriving here at 2 p. m., in charge of Conductor J. C. Johnston and Engineer Robert Campbell, of St. John. There were about 250 people on the train arriving here, about 150 being railway men.

The funeral took place from the C. P. R. station and hundreds of local people turned out to pay their last respects to the late popular C. P. R. conductor who formerly resided here and used to run on the Gibson branch. The pallbearers, selected from Hiram Lodge No. 6, in this city which was in charge of the funeral, were: Chas. McGibbon, Fred B. Edgecombe, Geo. H. Turton, D. E. Crowe, Aid. ois. Walker and A. S. McFarlane.

The Fredericton brass band led the procession with Chopin's funeral march and Mr. George Y. Dibble, director of ceremonies of Hiram Lodge, marshalled the procession.

The order of the funeral procession was as follows:— Fredericton Brass Band, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, Brotherhood of Conductors, Sussex Lodge F. & A. M., St. Stephen, Hiram Lodge F. & A. M., Fredericton. The hearse with body and beautiful floral tributes.

Funeral services at the grave were conducted by Rev. A. A. Ridout and Rev. Dr. Kierstead, after which the impressive funeral ceremony of the Masonic order was conducted. Past Master H. V. B. Bridges, of Hiram Lodge, reading the prayers.

The funeral party had an early tea at the hotel and the special train provided by the C. P. R. left here at six p. m.

DEMAND IMPROVEMENT IN RAILWAY SERVICE

Berwick, April 24.—The second public meeting called by the Berwick board of trade in the agitation for sufficient railway service between Berwick and Halifax, was held Saturday afternoon. The president, E. C. Parker, was in the chair. Delegations of representatives from the committee along the line of the D. A. R. from Middleton to Colebrook were present. The committee appointed at the previous meeting to confer with the Government and with Mr. Giffkins presented their report. Major Jones, of Middleton, was the first speaker. He was followed by Councillors Charlton and Goucher, Middleton; Howard Bligh, Woodville; A. L. Davidson, Middleton; Councillors Woodbury and Lamont, Kings county; Warden A. E. MacMahon, J. Howe Cox, Cambridge; F. E. Harris, Aylesford; Drs. Sponagle and Reid, Middleton; T. H. Morse, Dr. McNally, A. S. Fisher, Berwick, all of whom spoke to the effect that sufficient railway service was the people's right and would be demanded as such.

The committee on agitation was appointed and another committee was nominated to circulate petitions to the Government asking that no bonds should be guaranteed without provision being made for a permanent improvement in train service of the D. A. R.

THREE LOSE LIVES IN HOTEL FIRE

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 24.—Three persons lost their lives and half a dozen others are believed to have perished in the steamship seizure effected in Mobile.

FIRST SEIZURE EFFECTED IN MOBILE

Injunction Issued At Mobile Restraining Movement Of Elder Dempster Steamer's Cargo. Mobile, Ala., April 24.—The first seizure of cotton shipped under bills of lading issued by Knight, Yancey and Company were made at Mobile today, when Deputy United States Marshal White issued an injunction on Captain Arthur Parker, of the British steamer Meltonian, restraining the movement of 4,200 bales of cotton, loaded in the steamship, and consigned to Havre, France. The injunction was issued by the United States District court for the southern district of Alabama on Saturday night on the application of Attorney J. C. Rich, acting for Clarence E. Frost and W. S. Lovell, receivers for the bankrupt cotton company, Latham and Company of Havre, and the Elder-Dempster S. S. Company, owners of the steamer Meltonian, are made until further orders by the court are made in the premises. There are 2,200 bales of cotton on the wharf where the Meltonian is berthed, waiting to be loaded on the steamer, but no attachment has been issued against this cotton as far as known.

Paris, April 25.—The general elections to the new chamber of deputies on Sunday brought out three thousand candidates for five hundred and seventy-seven seats. Despatches from the country indicate that the balloting passed off quietly except for a few rows notably in the St. Etienne region where the labor situation is troubled. Available returns at an early hour this morning indicate that the Catholic agitation has had little effect on the Republican bloc, as the combination of parties of the left, now in control, is called. Their members will be returned with only slight losses. Figures available at two o'clock this morning gave the bloc 75 members returned. Conservatives, 34, and Socialists, 25.

Second ballots will be necessary for 84 of the seats from which returns have thus far been received. Among the prominent members re-elected are: Premier Briand, Secretary of Labor Viviani, Minister of Finance Cochet, Joseph Caillaux, former minister of finance; Camille Pelletan, ex-minister of marine; Maurice Barres, a member of the French academy; Lucien Millevoe, Admiral Benaim, M. Denys Cochin, the well known Conservative at whose house Cardinal Richard secured his shelter when expelled from his palace, and Paul Deschanel, the famous orator.

The chief troubles of the day were reported from the towns of Chambon and Erville. At Chambon, a mob wrecked and fired the city hall, where the voting is recorded and beat the general assembly to pieces.

There was a dramatic scene at Erville, where a man was shot dead by the mayor who was presiding over the ballot in the afternoon.

The reasons for the shooting it was stated afterwards, were not connected with the election.

President Fallieres recorded his vote in the city hall of the eighth ward.

OSCAR HARDWICK DIES AT ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

Sudden Death Of Well Known Citizen Comes As a Shock To Nova Scotia Community. Annapolis, N. S., April 24.—The citizens of this town were shocked when it became known last night that Oscar Hardwick had passed away about 9 o'clock.

The deceased who was about 60 years of age, had only been sick a few days, and his condition was not considered serious. Mr. Hardwick was a man of stirring integrity, and his death is a decided loss to the town. He is survived by a wife, formerly Miss Goodrich, of Newfoundland, and by several young children.

CARTWRIGHT TO FAREWELL

Ottawa, April 24.—The banquet which the members of the Senate will tender to Sir Richard Cartwright on Tuesday next, is in the nature of a farewell. Sir Richard is at present leader of the Government in the Upper House, but his physical condition is such that he cannot longer undertake the duties of that office.

Hon. Sydney Fisher will succeed him, the opportunity of a vacancy having occurred through the death recently of Senator Baker.

BOSTON ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY IN PARADE

Boston, Mass., April 24.—Sons of St. George, 1,500 strong, with members of the British naval and military veterans' Association, and veterans of campaigns in India, Egypt, and the Transvaal, observed St. George's Day today by a parade in the Back Bay district, and in attending services at Trinity church. It is customary for the organization to observe the day on the Sunday falling nearest the patron saint's anniversary. Rev. Alexander Mann preached to the vast throng of members of the order, the dominant note of the address being universal peace.

VICTOR FOR FRENCH ELECTIONS

Agitation Meets With Little Success In French Elections—3,000 Candidates On 519 Seats. Paris, April 25.—The general elections to the new chamber of deputies on Sunday brought out three thousand candidates for five hundred and seventy-seven seats. Despatches from the country indicate that the balloting passed off quietly except for a few rows notably in the St. Etienne region where the labor situation is troubled. Available returns at an early hour this morning indicate that the Catholic agitation has had little effect on the Republican bloc, as the combination of parties of the left, now in control, is called. Their members will be returned with only slight losses. Figures available at two o'clock this morning gave the bloc 75 members returned. Conservatives, 34, and Socialists, 25.

PREMIER BRIAND SECURES RE-ELECTION

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Information from Wisconsin and Michigan indicates that the fruit crop will not be much more than one-half the usual size at a number of points.

J. S. LARKE PASSES AWAY

Ottawa, April 24.—The department of trade and commerce received today a cablegram from Sydney, Australia, conveying information of the death of J. S. Larke, Canadian trade commissioner there. Mr. Larke was appointed to that position by Sir Mackenzie Bowell in 1894 and was the first Canadian trade commissioner. Previously he was editor of the Ottawa Vindicator and had considerable reputation as a public speaker. Two years ago he made a tour of Canada addressing the boards of trade. He was seventy years of age and a widower. He was a native of England, but came to Canada when a lad.

JAMES SMITH DEAD AT WATSON SETTLEMENT

Special To The Standard. Woodstock, N. B., April 23.—James Smith of Watson Settlement, died last night at the residence of his son, Thomas, aged 97 years. Three sons and two daughters survive, Thomas of Watson Settlement, Hugh in Houlton, and James in Mountain, Mrs. Michael McDراث of Lindsay and Miss Elizabeth at home. The funeral will be held tomorrow with interment in the Catholic cemetery, Woodstock.

F. A. HEINZE TO STAND TRIAL

New York, April 24.—After a long series of demurrers, re-indictments and other legal red tape, F. Augustus Heinze will be placed on trial tomorrow before Judge Martin and a jury in the criminal branch of the United States Circuit Court. He is charged as was Chas. W. Morse, with violations of the National Banking Laws, specifically with over-certification of the checks of Otto Heinze & Company and misappropriation of the funds of the Mercantile Bank, of which he was the former head.

Counsel for Morse in the fight for a new trial, made capital of this fact that the jury was guarded by special agents from Washington. To avoid criticism, this procedure, it is understood, will not be followed in the Heinze case.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY FOR ONTARIO TOWN

Special To The Standard. Owen Sound, Ont., April 23.—Andrew Carnegie has offered Owen Sound a library of \$25,000 for a free library. Several years ago Mr. Carnegie offered the town \$17,500 for the purpose, but Owen Sound planned for something more elaborate than this and the amount has now been increased. A by-law sanctioning the proposal will be submitted to the rate-payers at an early date.

MIDDLE WEST IN GRIP OF FIERCE STORM

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CHANGE IN WEATHER MAY MITIGATE LOSSES

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REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION ON TRADE RELATIONS SAYS DOMINION IGNORES WEST INDIES.

Montreal, April 24.—The report of the Royal Commission on trade relations between Canada and the West Indies has been received here. The report contains the following reference to Canadian business methods: "To Canadian business men it should be said that it is impossible to ignore the almost universal opinion throughout the West Indies that Canadian business methods are unprogressive and unenterprising. The conditions are easily understood. "Canada has been growing rapidly. She has been developing her own markets and developing her internal resources to be able properly to organize for foreign trade. She has been in immediate competition with a most enterprising neighbor, whose commercial organization is, by comparison, complete and long established. The contrast has inevitably been to her disadvantage. But the time has come when she can no longer neglect many things which have heretofore been unattended. Neither favoring tariffs nor improved steamship service will fling trade into her lap without effort on her part. Her trade must be solicited, nursed, carefully tended and zealously guarded. Then she will find a large and profitable market open to her in the West Indies, but the market is not to be given for the asking. It has to be won and held. So far, let it be said frankly the common West Indian opinion is that Canadian merchants have shown almost contemptuous indifference to their opportunities."

WELL KNOWN YORK COUNTY MAN PASSES AWAY—CASE AGAINST CONSTABLE AGAIN ON—WOODSTOCK HAPPENINGS

Woodstock, April 24.—The death occurred yesterday at his home in Green Hill, York county, of Luke Lawson, aged 55 years. The deceased had been under treatment at the hospital here, but a week ago was removed to his home. He was a native of Lake George, York County, and was twice married. His first wife was Miss Alice McCormack of Prince William, who bore him two children, Miss Nellie, of Fredericton, and Erwin, and home. His second wife was Miss Hattie Cheney, of Lindsay, this county, the mother of four boys and one girl, Thomas, William, Sterling, Guy and Miss Pearl Lawson at home. The widow, one brother and four sisters survive—Fred Lawson, of Hilly Brook; Mrs. Alex. McLean, of Grafton; Mrs. Lewis Lester, of Fredericton; Mrs. Chas. Fimamore, of this town and Mrs. Carrie Lawson, of Woodstock.

SHIP'S FITTINGS GO TO BRING SHIP TO PORT

New Bedford Mass., April 24.—To the combustible quality of the fittings of the Portuguese packet steamer Pescador, 115 immigrants who took passage on the steamer from the Cape Verde Islands, owe their safe arrival here today. For the past three days, since the bunker coal supply gave out, the Pescador's engines have been fed on wooden partitions portions of the immigrants' bunks, much of the below-decks fittings and parts of the lower deck structure. This fuel kept the engines running until an anchorage beside Hen and last night. When a pilot was picked up there this morning, it was necessary again to resort to the immigrants' bunks for fuel. Had the immigrants to pass another night at sea, it is probable that few would have the usual sleeping quarters.

REGARD CANADA AS UNPROGRESSIVE

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MYSTERY IN DEATH OF THIS YOUNG WOMAN

Body Of Miss Estelle Reid Found On Beach Near Naples—Letters From Canada Found On Person. Naples, April 24.—The finding of the body of a beautiful young woman on the beach near here has given rise to the suspicion of murder. Apparently the woman died about three days ago. The body was scantily clothed and this has led the authorities to believe that probably she was the victim of crime. The body was identified by the proprietor of the Hotel Castello as that of Miss Estelle Reid, supposed to have been an American, who was a guest at the hotel. She was fair and tall, with gray eyes and quite prominent nose, and wore eye-glasses. The supposition that she came from the United States was strengthened today when the police found letters addressed to her from New York and St. Louis as well as from Canada. Several of these were apparently love letters. For the last few months, Miss Reid had spent her time variously at Lindau, Germany, Turin, Milan, Pisa and Sienna. She proceeded from the latter place to Naples and went to the Hotel Castello on April 3. She is described as having been eccentric, sometimes spending days in contemplating the view from the terrace. She devoted a portion of the time to painting. It is thought that she was not possessed of any great amount of money.

OUT AFTER TEMPERANCE REFORM IN TORONTO

Citizens Would Have All Saloons Close At 9 p. m. Week Days, And 5 p. m. Sundays—Meeting Held. Toronto, Ont., 23.—To close all hotels and liquor shops in the city at 9 o'clock in the evening and 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon is the aim of the executive of the city branch of the Citizens' League. A meeting was held today and a general programme to figure in the next municipal election was talked of.

ABSOLVES ROOSEVELT OF ANTI-METHODIST STORY

Rome, April 24.—Following the emphatic denial of ex-President Roosevelt in Paris, the Rev. Walter Lowrie, formerly of Newport and now rector of the American church in Rome, issued a statement today with reference to the dispatch printed in the United States that Mr. Roosevelt was overheard to tell him that when he returned to America, he would do his utmost to have the Methodists driven from Rome.

In his statement, Mr. Lowrie says: "The report that the ex-president spoke to me of his purpose to drive out the Methodists from Rome, characterizing them as a disgrace to our religion, is absolutely without foundation. I desire to say that Mr. Roosevelt said nothing to me with reference to Methodism in Italy. It is not necessary to make this declaration for Mr. Roosevelt's sake as nobody would believe he made such a preposterous statement. I say this for my own sake, because I would not have it supposed that I could listen without protest to such an expression, as was falsely attributed to Mr. Roosevelt. My relations with the Methodist mission in Italy have always been friendly and I esteem its work here as most useful."

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