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Liberal Leader Opens His Campaign States Stand on Power Question

He Wants All Power Producing Methods Investigated by Public.

Toronto, Nov. 1.—Addressing last night the annual meeting of the North Toronto Reform Association, the Hon. A. G. MacKay, speaking on the power question, advocated that the Government should take the initiative for the building of transmission lines in places where lines did not already exist. Mr. MacKay also urged that there are districts outside the electrical zone where the Government ought to investigate methods of power supply other than electricity, which would be cheaper than steam, and particularly the producer gas system, which had been successfully installed by a number of manufacturers.

Mr. MacKay, who was received with cheers, in the opening part of his address urged on Liberals throughout the Province the importance of getting their candidates into the field, whether for the Local or the Dominion House, as quickly as possible. Something had been said, he remarked, with regard to the desirability of a general convention, but if they would only be careful in the carrying out of the primaries, the selecting of delegates, to attend conventions, and the

selection of candidates by the conventions, in that manner they would be able to get a consensus of Liberal opinion throughout the whole Province.

Liberal Conventions.

What he would have was that the Liberal conventions of the Province should be formative bodies, taking a share in the duty and responsibility in the forming of the Liberal platform. The party was a democratic one, and he wanted every Liberal in the Province to understand that in the manner he had suggested they could each take a fair share in the work to be done. Policies were not of a mushroom growth, and in their consideration they had to have regard not only for the politics of yesterday, but those of today and tomorrow.

The Conservative Policy.

Proceeding to deal with legislation instituted by the Government in regard to teachers' salaries, Mr. MacKay said that it was supposed to have been brought in with the object of producing permanency, but it had been found impracticable, and at the end of one year the whole thing had become hopelessly mixed up. They had also an excellent example of how the administration had departed from the principles of responsible government. There was no reason why the University of Toronto should be treated differently from other institutions.

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Commission Must Be Appointed If Niagara Power Is Adopted Here

Some Points Which Will Develop if the Scheme Goes Through.

The question of Niagara power is a live one at present, and now that it is probable that the electors will have to vote on the question at the coming municipal elections, the greatest amount of information must of necessity be given on the subject.

If the bylaw to lay aside \$255,000 for the building and equipment of a distributing and lighting plant for the city will then become a business concern in that regard, and a commission somewhat after the manner of the water commission will have to be appointed or elected to look after this department.

Staff Will Be Necessary.

Additional clerks would be appointed and a staff of capable electricians would be chosen to look after the lights. Then there would be men needed to tend the lights and look

after their maintenance. The undertaking is an ambitious one, and it must be considered on all sides.

Obtain Customers.

When the power is laid at the city gates, customers must be obtained. They will of necessity be the manufacturers, who use power. If the city contracts for 5,000-horsepower, it must sell its share, although Mr. Beck says that the city would not be liable for that quantity. It would only have to pay for what it used.

The city could not sell to the London Electric Company or to the street railway or the Southwestern Traction Company. The commission would make a bargain directly with these companies but the profits would go to the city.

Guaranteed Contracts.

Then the city would be guaranteed the municipal as well as the Government lighting, such as for the asylum etc. The asylum would be given to the city to light, and the Government would pay the cost. Then there would be

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A Big Job for Mr. W. E. Costello

Word was received here this morning that Mr. W. E. Costello, formerly assistant superintendent of the Grand Trunk at London, had been appointed superintendent of the southern division of the Central Vermont Rail-

way with headquarters at New London, Conn. Mr. Costello was one of the most popular railroad men ever in this city, and since leaving here in 1903 has risen rapidly.

SLAGHT ONCE MORE IN THE TOILS

Detective Nickle arrested Jefferson Slaughter again this morning. Slaughter has been quite prominent in the police court lately and on Wednesday last was acquitted before Judge Elliott on a charge of stealing an overcoat from Wesley Harrison. Slaughter was acquitted because one witness swore that the coat he was seen wearing had a cloth collar, while another said it was velvet. This coat has been missing ever since, but this morning Detective Nickle located it, and at once arrested Slaughter. This is the second time Slaughter has been arrested for stealing the same coat. On the first occasion he pleaded not guilty and asked to be tried by a judge. This morning to the surprise of everybody he pleaded guilty and elected trial before Magistrate Love. The case was adjourned for a week.

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Several first-time drunks were allowed to go.

In the juvenile court three boys charged with breaking into the office of Orchard's coal and wood yard were found guilty and remanded to jail for a week, pending their disposal.

A NEWLY MARRIED MAN SUICIDES

Brigden, Nov. 2.—A sad case of suicide occurred here last evening, when Elsie Bechtel, 19 years of age, a son of Mr. Jesse Bechtel, of this place, took his life by shooting himself through the heart with a shotgun. The rash act is supposed to be the outcome of some trouble the young man

had during the day with relatives regarding his marriage to a young lady of about his own age a few days ago. Deceased had been a resident of this place since childhood, and the sad circumstances connected with the matter is deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and relatives.

The City and the Western University

The Western University question will not come up before the electors next January, but in all probability the London act will be amended along the lines suggested by Ald. Stevenson last night.

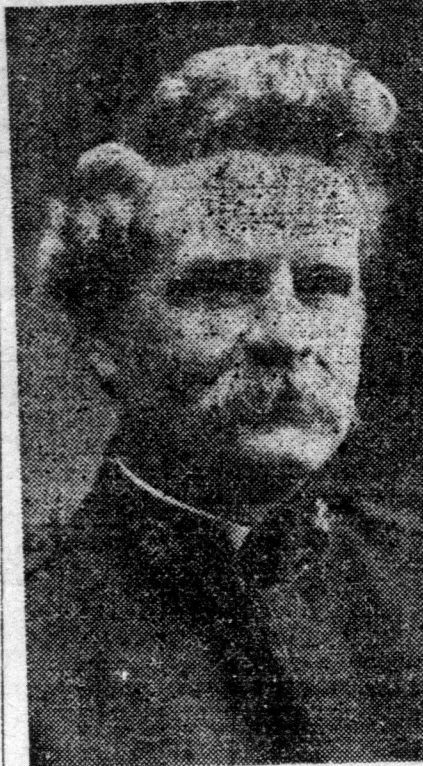
In this case the city will be represented on the board of the senate, and will direct or assist in directing the expenditure of money in the university. The act will also be amended, giving the city power to support the institution.

The opinion seems to be universal that it would be little short of a calamity were the Western University to go by the board. It has had a somewhat stormy passage so far, and it is thought that if it could but get past this period and placed upon a

sound, or a reasonably sound, basis its future would be assured. It is also pointed out with considerable force that London is destined to play a big part in educational matters in the future. Its location is ideal, and its influence would be immense.

The argument advanced in favor of the university is that the medical school began with very little chance of success in the minds of most people, and today it is a recognized force in the city. Its location is ideal, and its influence would be immense.

The cost of educating a boy or girl in the University of Toronto or any of the large cities is beyond the reach of all but the comparatively wealthy. The small university is the poor man's friend, and it does the best work.



STAFF CAPTAIN MCGILLIVRAY, of London, who has been appointed to position with the Immigration Department at Ottawa.

LLOYD GEORGE MOVES TO HEAD OF STRIKE

London, Nov. 2.—The prospects that the president of the board of trade, Mr. Lloyd George, may be able to avert a general railroad strike by arranging a compromise were brighter today. A full meeting of the executive committee of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants was held this morning, and it was decided to postpone all action on yesterday's resolution in favor of a strike until after the conference, which is to take place with Mr. Lloyd George, Nov. 6, to which he has invited the society to send representatives. Richard Bell, M. P., general secretary of the society and leader of the strike movement, will probably head the delegation.

ENGINE AND CARS WRECKED ON BRIDGE

Eastman, Que., Nov. 1.—The engine and eight cars on a freight train left the rails on the bridge near this place this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Engineer Draper and Fireman McKenney are missing and C. Sturgeon, one of the brakemen, was seriously injured. No cause is as yet assigned for the accident.

The bridge is not badly damaged and it is expected that a few hours will suffice for repairs, with but little interruption of traffic. Later it was learned that the engine crew were killed.

MRS. PERKINS' CLAIM

Asks \$10,000 Each From Several Newspapers and So Does MacDonald.

Toronto, Nov. 1.—Forty-two statements of claims in connection with the writ issued on May 23 last by Mattie Perkins, of Cayuga, her brother Ralph Curry, and P. A. MacDonald, of Canfield, against Toronto, Hamilton and Western Ontario newspapers, claiming libel in the published reports on her recent trial for the murder of her husband, Henry Perkins, were yesterday filed at Osgoode Hall, by Johnston, MacKay, Dodds & Grant, solicitors for the plaintiffs.

Mrs. Perkins has suits against 14 papers, F. A. MacDonald against 14, and Ralph Curry 9.

The paragraphs referred to by Mrs. Perkins alleged the purchase of poison by Mrs. Perkins in St. Thomas, Windsor and Detroit, and also intimated that the death of Mrs. Perkins' father-in-law had occurred under circumstances similar to those of the death of her husband.

Mrs. Perkins claims \$10,000 damages and her costs in this action from each of the papers.

BIG BUFFALO BLAZE

Headquarters of Police Destroyed and Eight Firemen Hurt.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 1.—Police headquarters, at the corner of Franklin street, the Terrace and West Seneca street, burned this afternoon. Police records, the rogues' gallery, and many important documents, including the original copy of Leon Czolgosz's confession of the assassination of President McKinley, were destroyed. The fire was of incendiary origin. Two companies of firemen were caught in the collapse of the roof and cupola and eight men were seriously injured. None will die. The injured men are Capt. Michael Haggarty and Firemen Chas. Basil, George J. Schuenblein, John C. Malloy, Frank Maloney, Chas. Fries, Dennis Ryan and A. Witte.

MISSIONARIES STONED

Two American Ladies Attacked by an Anti-Foreign Mob.

Hong Kong, Nov. 2.—The Scandinavian mission in the district of Nam-hoi has been attacked by the anti-foreign element of the population. The missionaries, Misses Wendell and Erickson, were stoned by the Chinese, who alleged that native women were forced to become Christians, and were kept for immoral purposes. The missionaries at Nam-hoi succeeded in restoring order.

500 CHICAGO HOTEL GUESTS ROUTED OUT BY BAD BLAZE

Chicago, Nov. 2.—More than 500 guests of the Plaza Hotel, North avenue and Clark street, fled from their rooms early today, when fire broke out in the basement of the hostelry. The building was quickly filled with smoke, and many of the guests had difficulty in reaching the street. The guests, most of them thinly clad, sought refuge in stores nearby. Some of them had been slightly affected by the smoke. About 40 women, becoming exhausted, were carried down ladders and fire escapes by firemen.

Arthur Hart, the night clerk, and two bellboys, who nearly lost their lives in warning the guests of their danger, assisted many in reaching the street.

When the firemen reached the building the fire escapes were crowded with frightened men and women. Some of them jumped from the second-floor landings without waiting to be taken down. Several were severely bruised.

The fire was soon extinguished, with small property loss.

Struck Woman Because She Jilted Him

The corner of Bathurst street and Richmond street is becoming a regular hot-bed for disturbances between men and women.

The night before last there was a very serious disturbance at that corner, in which some big bully of a man and a young girl figured as combatants. Needless to say, the man won out best, and left his former companion lying on the sidewalk covered with blood and bruises.

Although it was found impossible to get the names of the parties interested, it has been learned that the young man committed the assault because he had been jilted.

It is said that he is a hanger-on around the local poolrooms, and that he is thoroughly no good. However, un-

less some complaint is entered by the girl the police can do nothing.

Coward Ran Away.

After knocking his fair adversary down, the cowardly man ran away, and has not been seen in that vicinity since.

Some young men came along a moment later, and the girl was taken to her home in a hack.

Two weeks ago at the same corner a man and a woman became mixed in a row, with the result that another fellow essayed to give both of the other two a beating.

A liverman rushed out from a nearby stable about the time when things were warmest, and the parties separated, but not before some blood had been spilled.

The Pitiab Case of a Local Patient

The pressing need of a hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis was again demonstrated yesterday. Some time ago a young man named Mitchell was admitted to the hospital suffering from tuberculosis.

Yesterday he felt better and went out for a stroll, according to the story told by a doctor interested in the case.

When Mitchell returned he was denied admission to the hospital and having no other place to go he began to search for shelter.

Dr. James D. Wilson, who had treated the boy gave him an order for admission, and therein lies a clash between the physician and the trust.

Chairman Scretion, of the hospital trust, questions the doctor's authority in the matter, and wants to know who is in power in reference to such matters.

In the meantime the Victoria Hospital authorities are betwixt and between. The man has no place to go if turned out, and it is a danger to the other patients to allow him to remain in the institution.

It is said that young Mitchell spent yesterday in a Richmond street barber shop.

PEPPERED DOORS WITH ROCKS MUST EXPLAIN TO MAGISTRATE

Seven young men living in West London have been rounded up by the police and will appear before Magistrate Love on Monday morning to answer charges of being disorderly. For a long time residents of the west end have been annoyed at nights by the depredations of a gang, but recently their conduct has exceeded all reasonable limits. Last week the gang took it into their heads to amuse themselves by throwing heavy stones at people's front doors, and it is stated

that several doors which had been recently painted are practically ruined. Another form of amusement was to get good-sized sticks and throw them against the side of a frame house. The noise startled the inmates considerably and in one house where a sick person was living he was rendered extremely nervous for several days afterwards. It is understood that the magistrate intends to make an example of those found guilty and will fine them heavily.

THE INLAND REVENUE FOR OCTOBER

Owing to the fact that the end of the month is as follows:

Spirits, ex-warehouse . . . \$ 6,970 86
Malt 7,937 77
Raw leaf, ex-warehouse . . . 6,077 76
Cigars, ex-factory 12,231 87
Cigars, ex-warehouse 5,617 65
Methylated spirits 7,735 00

Total \$38,913 26
Last year's returns amounted to \$40,255 88.

The Street Railway Will Pay the Bill

There is not liable to be any suit over the payment of the money due the city from the London Street Railway in connection with the repairing of Beaufield avenue. No. 2 committee last night declared that if the

money was not paid in a short time the company would be sued.

"We never intended to do anything else but pay the money," said Manager King this morning. "We have been checking up the figures and the amount will be paid in due course."

The sum involved is \$582.

FOUND POISON SIGNS

Report at Inquest on Carleton County Woman's Death.

Ottawa, Nov. 1.—The inquiry into the death of Mrs. Burns, of Osgoode, was resumed at that place today. Dr. Baptie, who is the presiding coroner, read two letters to the jury from Mr. W. H. Ellis, analyst of the School of Practical Science, Toronto. In the first one, dated October 25th, Mr. Ellis stated that he found evidence of the presence of strychnine in the stomach of the deceased. The second letter, of October 30th, confirmed the finding of strychnine as mentioned in the first one. Mr. Ellis is to make a thorough and final analysis, and will report later.

Neither of the letters stated how much poison was found, and the evidence which was afterwards given did not appear to prove that the poison was given the deceased by the accused.

The case was again adjourned.

\$12,000,000 FOR GLADYS.

New York, Nov. 2.—By affixing his signature to a brief document yesterday afternoon, Justice McCall, of the supreme court, placed Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, youngest daughter of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, whose marriage to Count Szechenyi is to take place next month, in possession of a sum approximating \$12,000,000. Miss Vanderbilt attained the age of 21 on August 21 last and her mother's guardianship over her and her trust estate ceased.

London People in a Divorce Suit Create Sensation in District Court

The Wife Sees Her Rival in the Room and Promptly Faints.

The Detroit Free Press today contains the following concerning divorce proceedings in which a former London couple are figuring as the principals:

With a convulsive gasp and shriek of "There she is! That's the woman!" Mrs. Annie Trebilcock, plain, wildly waved her arms and fainted, in Judge Mandell's court yesterday afternoon, when Miss Cora Burr, a music teacher, stepped from an anteroom to testify about her relations with the defendant, Elias D. Trebilcock, jeweler, at 224 Woodward avenue.

It was a tense, dramatic scene, coming after hours of embittered testimony in which Trebilcock and his wife vied with each other for the blackest kind of character

paint. All through the morning session tales of discord, trouble and things worse, fairly were hissed out by the witnesses. Before the case was taken up again yesterday afternoon the attorneys met for a conference. It availed nothing and the trial went on.

Just before 3 o'clock, Trebilcock finished his story. He had denied all intimacy with Miss Burr, claiming just an acquaintance.

For more than an hour the music teacher had been pacing an anteroom waiting to be summoned.

"Kindly call Miss Burr," said one of the lawyers to a court attaché.

Plaintiff Shrieks.

Modestly dressed in black, the woman entered. All eyes turned her way for a few seconds. Then came a combined groan and shriek from Mrs. Trebilcock.

"Oh-h-h!" she cried. "There she is! That's her! That's the woman! That's the woman!"

Miss Burr then seated herself in the witness chair while attorneys and the committee last night will cost \$235,000.

Will Vote on \$850,000 Debentures At the Next Municipal Election

Big Proposition for the Electors of London to Deal With.

The ratepayers of the city will have a large amount of debentures to vote on at the coming municipal elections next January.

If all the bylaws spoken of go through the total will reach the sum of \$850,000—rather a tidy sum to issue when debentures can scarcely be sold at any price.

It is hardly probable that all of them will go to the citizens.

The Komoka scheme was the first to be launched. The extension of the system calls for debentures amounting to \$292,500. There is also provision for a dam and reservoir for a high pressure scheme that will cost \$182,000. It is not expected, it is now said, that both bylaws will be submitted, and in all probability only the first will go to the people.

Waterworks.

The next will be the Niagara power distribution plant. This as shown by

New Fire Halls.

Then there is the bylaw setting aside \$19,000 for the building of two new fire halls for the city, one in the east and the other in the north end. Both are needed. To offset this, however, is the fact that the East End hall can be sold at from \$8,000 to \$10,000, leaving only \$9,000 for the new work.

Tuberculosis Hospital.

If Hon. Adam Beck's contention is acted upon there must be a bylaw submitted for the tubercular hospital. The special committee has the assurance from Hon. W. J. Hanna that special legislation will cover the ground thoroughly, but Hon. Mr. Beck claims that it should go to the people. This will be an additional sum not reckoned in the above total.

Western University.

The Western University matter will hardly come before the electors this January, as some little time will elapse before a number of the details of the question are arranged.

In any event there will be a nice tidy sum to be voted on in January next.

Want the Expenditures Curtailed Real Estate Men Say "Retrench"

Object to Spending Any Large Sum of Money on Water- works Just Now.

The Real Estate Owners' Association last night passed the following resolution unanimously:

"Resolved: That whereas at various times and places during the current year leading Canadian bank magnates have cautioned the general public to have a care in their financial undertakings, particularly administrators of municipal affairs:

"That there was evidence of a lean period for money approaching where-in higher rates of interest would attain. These warnings are now being realized, as witness the slump in municipal securities in such an extent that many cities are unable to float their debentures only at a heavy loss.

"That this association believes that the best interests of this city will be served if the electors shall select what might be properly termed a retrenchment governing body for the incoming council, school board, hospital trust, and water commission for the year 1908. Particularly should this policy be applied to the water board by the people again refusing to sanction the Komoka scheme, when it has been so clearly shown by eminent engineers that for a few years at least under a limited term plan there is an ample supply at Springfield, and that a goodly number of meters can be purchased from the surplus revenue, and thus evade the borrowing of a single dollar by debenture."

Winnipeg's Experience.

The move of Mayor Ashdown, of Winnipeg, who has recommended to his council that many proposed municipal undertakings be left over until such time as securities can be sold to cover the present indebtedness of the city, was favorably commented upon, and it was the opinion of several members that London officials might follow the same policy with profit, especially the water commissioners, who are asking for an enormous sum, which, in the opinion of the real estate men, is not needed at all.

A Row Over the Selling of Houses

A strong kick on "gambling in the city hall" has been entered by an irate citizen, so it is said, and Ald. Beattie and the other members of No. 1 committee are in for their troubles. Yesterday afternoon, at the committee meeting, the tenders for several houses that were purchased with the land for the isolation hospital, were opened.

In two instances the tenders were the same. Both tenders in each case were accompanied by checks or the money, and so far each man's claim is as good as the other.

The committee decided that no favoritism should be shown, and a penny was slipped in both cases by a person not on the committee to decide who should get the property.

This was decided to be the most equitable way of dealing with the matter.

But ex-Ald. Winnett is not satisfied. It is said, he tendered for one of the houses and he lost it on the flip of the coin. Now he is "sore." He points to the fact, it is alleged, that he is an ex-resident of the city, and on this account his tender should have first claim. So he appealed to Mayor Judd, and laid the matter before him.

"That is no way to settle municipal business," declared his worship. "The committee should have voted on it."

It was pointed out that the committee claimed that point and when the winnow was decided the committee unanimously voted to give the property to the winner.

Well, the matter will have to be voted on in the council, said Mayor Judd. It is thought that he will attempt to overrule the recommendation of the committee at the council meeting, although he would not admit it.

Children in Shelter Were Remembered

The Children's Aid Society desires to express its gratitude to the donors of a number of very generous Thanksgiving gifts sent to the Shelter Home on the Wharfedale road.

As a result the children at the Shelter have enjoyed an abundance of good things during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Grade V, Chesley Avenue School, sent in vegetables and fruit and 57c; Wortley Road Kindergarten, vegetables, apples, fruit and cake; St. James' Church, London South, three boxes cakes; a Thanksgiving bag for each of the inmates from Willie Lobbs, and vegetables, fruit and all kinds of

goodies and provisions from the Epworth League of the Dundas Center Methodist Church.

At present there are 21 children in the Shelter, and donations of winter supplies will be thankfully received.

SUDDEN DEATH AT WINNIPEG

Brandon, Man., Nov. 1.—Murdoch McLennan, a guest at the Windsor, died suddenly today while eating his dinner. He was seized with a fit of coughing and expired in a few moments. Deceased was about 40 years of age, and came from Wingham, Ont. An inquest will likely be held.