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VIGOROUS DENUNCIATION OF THREE-FIFTHS CLAUSE

Rev. Ben Spence Tells Annual Convention of Ontario Alliance That It Blocks Temperance Legislation—No Improvement in Enforcing of Liquor License Law

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Feb. 25.—Five hundred delegates representing almost all parts of Ontario, gathered in Massey Hall this morning at the annual convention of the Ontario Alliance. Rev. Canon Green presided, and seated on the platform were Bishop Carman, Jos. Gibson, a past president, and Rev. R. J. Patterson, of Armagh, Ireland, the founder of the "catch my pal" society.

The most important business was the presentation, by Rev. Ben Spence, of the executive committee's report revealing the work of the past year throughout the various provinces in the Dominion. Cheers greeted the announcement that the postmaster-general had decided not to allow liquor to be carried in the parcel post. The speaker ridiculed the "personal Liberty League," which was fighting local option with its highly-paid staff, as the old liquor party in a very thin disguise.

Denounce Three-Fifths.

The now famous three-fifths clause in

the Ontario license act came in for vigorous denunciation as a "grossly unjust progress-hindering clause, the stronghold of the liquor party in this province." He cited figures from local option contests to show that for seven times that it was of any benefit to the cause, in 255 times it had blocked temperance legislation. Hon. W. J. Hanna had been quoted as saying that as soon as it could be shown that the three-fifths clause was not necessary to secure permanency to local option, it would be removed from the statute books. The Government were in honor bound to repeal this law at once in view of the facts laid bare.

"The enforcement of the liquor license law in Ontario showed no improvement," said the speaker. "We have tabulated the returns from 95 districts and found six very good license inspectors, 22 colorless, 28 bad and thirteen very bad."

"The dining cars on the railways were

Western Ontario's Municipalities To Be Well Represented

Many Signifying Their Intention of Sending Delegates to Big Radial Field Day Here.

Industrial Commissioner Gordon Philip, who is making the arrangements for Western Ontario's radial field day to be held in London on March 5, has received many replies from municipalities which have been invited to send representatives, and everything points to a very large and enthusiastic attendance. In his mail this morning Commissioner Philip received a dozen or so acceptances, coupled with expressions of sympathy in the project, and a desire to see it pushed ahead as rapidly as possible. Sarnia will send Mayor J. B. Dagan and Councillor J. Ross Geddes; Markham, A. F. Wilson; Guelph, J. W. Lyon; Downie Township, Reeve George Castner and Councillor John McKay; North Oxford, Reeve Leslie and Councillor Richard Elliott; Bidolph, Reeve Reycraft; Bosanquet Township, Reeve McIntyre; Delaware, Reeve Duncan Gordon and Councillor Alton Ryckman; Elgin County Board of Trade and Publicity Association, D. H. Price; Springfield Board of Trade, President M. Mac Black and D. Ostrosky; and Arkona, D. J. Dickinson, C. J. Ready and J. L. Fuller.

The Masonic Hall has been engaged for the function. On arrival the delegates will be welcomed by the mayor, controllers and aldermen, and will then be shown the waterworks, the hydro department, under the chaperonage of Chairman Philip Pocock and General Manager H. J. Gault. At six o'clock a dinner will be served in the banquet hall of the Masonic Building, and later Hon. Adam Beck and other well known men will address the delegates with reference to the radial railways project.

Anglican Church Cannot Nominate

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Feb. 25.—In refusing to lead a movement started by a Methodist committee on good citizenship, Bishop Farrington, head of the Church of England, in this diocese, says that the Anglican church could not officially or through her representatives, take any part in nominating particular candidates for any civic office.

The bishop, however, promises that the church will do all it can to arouse members to conscientiously use their citizenship so as to establish a good administration in the city hall at the civic elections in April.

CITY DADDIES ALSO HAVE TO "PAY UP"

In some quarters it has been questioned whether or not Mayor C. M. R. Graham and Controllers J. P. Moore, W. G. Coles, Hubert Ashplant and G. E. Rose would be liable for income tax on the salaries they receive from the municipal corporation. At the assessment department today, The Advertiser was told that all persons, including even senators and members of Parliament, are supposed to pay the tax on their complete income from the public. The mayor and controllers make affidavit in the usual way as to their total sources of income and the amounts obtained.

Mammoth New Press For The Advertiser To Meet Enormous Business Growth

Remarkable Success of the Morning Edition Calls For Enlarged Equipment, Which Will Be of the Most Modern Type.

The remarkable success of The Morning Advertiser within the first two months of publication has led the directors to decide upon the installation of a mammoth Hoe quadruple press, a contract for the purchase of which was signed yesterday.

The installation of the new press means that The Advertiser will make a radical change in style, appearing as soon as the new press has been installed as an eight-column paper. The Advertiser will be the first morning paper in Ontario west of Ottawa to take this advanced step. In so doing it is following the advice of specialists in newspaper production in the largest centers. Within the last few months no less than five of New York's great newspapers have installed eight-column presses and the change has been adopted with striking results by most of the advanced newspapers of the United States. Several Toronto papers are about to decide upon eight-column pages. The Advertiser has for years been in the vanguard of newspapers with modern equipment. It was one of the first papers in Canada to install linotype machines. Its aim is to be always in the front-rank.

EIGHT-COLUMN PAGE.
The eight-column press involves the addition of one column to each page of the paper, the style at present being seven columns. Greater space for news will be afforded and the display of advertisements will be enhanced. The effect on the appearance of the paper will be invaluable, and The Advertiser has no doubt that the change will be appreciated by its tens of thousands of readers.

Although The Advertiser is well-equipped with press facilities for a city of the size of London, the recent inauguration of a morning edition in addition to the noon and evening editions has made it imperative that the press facilities be more than doubled, and at once. The present presses have a capacity of 12,000 papers an hour. The new press of The Advertiser will have a capacity

of 60,000 circulation with a speed of 25,000 papers an hour.

FAITH IN WESTERN ONTARIO.
The agent for R. Hoe & Co., the largest makers of newspaper presses in the world, was in conference with the directors and management on several occasions recently, and the problem of enormous future growth was faced and met at large expense. The simple reason is that The Advertiser has faith in London and in Western Ontario and believes that no newspaper field in Ontario equals that in which it is located. That the people of London and Western Ontario are loyal to a clean, sane and progressive home newspaper, providing a world service equal to that secured by any metropolitan newspaper and covering its city and district thoroughly, has been demonstrated by the thousands of new subscriptions that have been received. Many old friends at a distance who could not secure The Evening Advertiser on the day of publication are coming back gladly to the morning edition, and every day new territory is opened that yields rich results.

TWO PRESSES IN ONE.
The installation of the eight-column press with a range of pages extending to 32 pages, will be made as soon as the New York branch of the Hoe Company can deliver the great machine. The announcement is made as a recognition of the increased business with which this newspaper has been favored, and as an evidence of the improvement that may be expected. For along every line the facilities of The Advertiser will be enlarged to meet the demands of a larger paper. The press will be the largest in Western Ontario, being practically two presses, either of which can be run separately, but both of which will be required to turn out the three editions. The growth of The Advertiser is a good index of the growth of London and Western Ontario. Abounding faith in the district has built this newspaper into one of the largest in Canada, and there are abundant prospects of even greater strides in the future.

Sir Geo. Still Critical; Sir Jas. Must Retire

Toronto, Feb. 25.—Sir George Ross is still in a very critical condition, and is causing his friends great anxiety. There is no sign of improvement today.

Sir James Whitney is now fully recovered, and is expected to leave the hospital in a few days. He has been notified by his physicians, however, that he must not contemplate returning to public life.

Wearing Dead Birds Endangers Integrity of the Psychic Aura



[Special Correspondence of The Advertiser.]
London, Feb. 25.—The psychic aura, or soul halo, as it is called, has certain reactions upon the inner soul, and hence when exposed to the degenerative influences of dead birds, the psychic aura is endangered. The psychic aura is a delicate and sensitive medium, and the wearing of dead birds' feathers is a dangerous practice. Such is the scientific discovery announced by the Countess of Warwick. The psychic aura, or soul halo, as it is called, has certain reactions upon the inner soul, and hence when exposed to the degenerative influences of dead birds, the psychic aura is endangered. The psychic aura is a delicate and sensitive medium, and the wearing of dead birds' feathers is a dangerous practice. Such is the scientific discovery announced by the Countess of Warwick.

BELFAST PASTOR MARRIES FORMER PARISHIONERS HERE

Irish Sweethearts Brought Together in London By Force of Circumstances—Joined in Bonds of Matrimony by Their Own Minister.

When Rev. William Thompson, a young Presbyterian minister of Hunter, South Dakota, left home last week to meet his sweetheart from Ireland, from whom he had parted three years ago in Belfast, he intended to meet her in Montreal. Moreover, he did not know that their former pastor, Rev. John Pollock, of St. Enoch's Church, Belfast, was in Canada, much less that they would meet in London, and that Rev. Mr. Pollock would be the officiating clergyman at the wedding.

Unavoidable and unexpected delay detained Rev. Mr. Thompson in this city, and he wired to his fiancée, Miss Jeanie Pollock, to come on to London to be married here. Sunday night while about to take tea at the home of a member of St. Andrew's Church, he heard that Rev. John Pollock was to preach that evening in St. Andrew's Church. It was news, and he was eager to hear his old pastor preach, he hurried to church without waiting for supper.

Miss Pollock arrived in London last night, and was pleasantly surprised when her fiancée informed her that they were to be married by the pastor of their old home church, which they had attended together in Ireland.

The wedding was celebrated this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the residence of Rev. W. J. Knox, M. A., 237 Hyman street. Rev. Mr. Thompson was pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Canada for one year before receiving the call to Hunter, South Dakota. The fact that Rev. Mr. Pollock has the same surname as Miss Pollock interested Rev. Mr. Thompson. Sunday evening in inquiring where the minister who was to preach in St. Andrew's came from, and all three were delightedly surprised at meeting here, and on such a happy occasion.

TORCH CAUSES \$8,000 BLAZE AT DOMINION METER WORKS

Ignites Gas After Melting Solder Off Meter—Building Guttled by Flames, and Many Meters Damaged—Firemen Work in 6 Degrees Below Weather.

Thawing out a gas meter with a gasoline torch was responsible for a fire that completely gutted the plant of the Dominion Meter Works, Garfield avenue and Wortley road, this morning and caused damages, estimated by Manager J. S. Moore, at between \$8,000 and \$10,000. The loss is covered by insurance.

The torch melted the solder off the meter allowing the gas to escape and ignite from the flame. In a second a blazing tongue of fire, six feet long, was eating its way into the wooden joists and rafters.

Employee Burned.
R. Court, an employee of the Meter Works, who was the first to discover the flames, had his hands and forehead burned in an attempt to turn off the stop cock at the side of the meter.

The presence of the gas made it a hard fight for the firemen who labored in a six degrees below zero temperature to check the ravages of the flames. There were no outside cut offs for the gas main, the only one being located immediately

beside the meter and in the very heart of the flames.

Brown Out Blaze.
Deputy Fire Chief Charles Scott, who was in charge of the firemen, directed two streams on the blazing tongue of gas and after a stubborn fight succeeded in drowning it sufficiently to allow the shut off to be turned off with a monkey wrench.

It was 8:20 when the alarm was first turned in and it was two hours later that the apparatus was able to leave the building.

Hard to Estimate Loss.

After the fire had been extinguished Manager Moore declared to The Advertiser that it would be impossible to estimate the exact loss until a thorough inspection of the building's contents had been made. A large number of partially completed meters are suspected of having been badly damaged and until these are examined the total loss will remain unknown.

"The loss will be at least \$8,000," declared Mr. Moore, "and may possibly run up as high as \$10,000."

J. FROST PUT DEGREE TEAM THROUGH THE THIRD DEGREE

Train Two Hours Late and Station Closed—Party of London Oddfellows Stalled on Platform While Thermometer Flirted With Zero.

With the thermometer bobbing round the 16th notch below nothing, 25 members and friends of Harmony Encampment, No. 3, I. O. O. F., degree team, and a party of Londoners who had been dancing at Komoka, had a cold reception accorded them in the wee small hours of this morning as they waited at Komoka station for the early C. P. R. express.

Out in the Cold.
The team visited Mount Brydges en-campment last night, and all went as the proverbial marriage bells all the return trip was started. Arrangements had been made to stop the early C. P. R. train at Komoka, so off the team went to the latter station. Once there the joy of the evening's entertainment began to dawn that there were warmer

The station was locked and the train was late. To be exact, it was two hours late. The team did not realize this when it first arrived. As the minutes passed and the cold intensified, the fact began to dawn that there were warmer places than the platform of the C. P. R.'s Komoka station. The waiting-room door was tried. It was locked. Likewise the windows. They were locked. Finally, driven desperate by the cold, the door of the baggage-room was forced and an entry effected to the waiting room. The team had begun to produce a set of ear muffs, however.

Ear Muffs Helped.
Among the party, which numbered 24, was John M. Parsons, who has been an overcoat in ten years. His friends persisted that he called for one last night, but this he denied. He managed to produce a set of ear muffs, however.

QUEBEC'S WINTER THE COLDEST EVER KNOWN

On Jan. 13 It Touched 27 Below at Montreal—Coldest of Century.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Feb. 25.—With the approach of milder weather, the Province of Quebec nears the end of the coldest winter ever recorded. Statistics compiled by meteorological experts show the following weather balance sheet since January 1:

Days always below zero, 10; days partly below zero, 26; days always above zero, 20; days when it thawed, 6. The present spell followed a colder period, which, however, was of shorter duration. The coldest day of the century was recorded on January 13, when the thermometer touched 27 below zero in Montreal, and lower points in the rest of the province.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 12 hours preceding 8 a.m. today: High: 16 above; Low: 13 below. The official temperatures for today: Highest, 6 above; Lowest, 6 below.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.
Toronto, Feb. 25.—8 a.m.

FORECASTS.
Moderate to fresh southwest and south winds, fair, with rising temperature. Thursday—Fair and comparatively mild.

TEMPERATURES.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Station	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	50	26	Clear
Calgary	40	16	Cloudy
Winnipeg	22	12	Clear
Port Arthur	22	12	Cloudy
Perry Sound	14	6	Cloudy
Toronto	16	6	Clear
Ottawa	4	10	Cloudy
Montreal	2	4	Cloudy
Quebec	6	12	Cloudy
Father Point	4	10	Cloudy
Minus (—) minus below zero.			

Weather Notes.
The weather is fine and cold from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and is comparatively mild in the West. The outlook is still favorable for milder conditions generally.

LIVE ISSUES FOR CONVENTION OF BOARDS OF TRADE

Ontario Association Gathered in Annual Convention at Queen City.

CONSERVE WATERPOWERS

Resolution Made Favoring a Government Labor Bureau and Extension of Hydro.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Feb. 25.—A scheme to conserve the waterpowers of the province for hydro-electric development and extension was presented by F. F. Black, of Sudbury, at the conference of Associated Ontario Boards of Trade here this morning. He suggested that the hydro commission proceed with the development of power in New Ontario, and that the Federal and Provincial Governments adopt this policy at an early date. He wants the commission to have power to make contracts with mining and manufacturing firms in the great nickel, silver and pulp districts, where immense waterpowers are going to waste that could be utilized in those industries.

Reforest Waste Land.
A resolution from the Belleville board to reforest waste lands was approved. F. E. O'Flynn advised that the matter be pressed on the local member in every constituency.

No action was taken on a resolution presented in favor of consular government of cities. A report will be presented at the next meeting. Five boards, Port William, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Steelton and North Bay, united in a resolution favoring governmental assistance in mining and treating iron ore with a view to keeping this trade in the Dominion.

The resolution was adopted. **Government Labor Bureau.** W. P. Gundy, of Toronto, introduced a resolution favoring a Government labor bureau as it exists in Great Britain, New Zealand and Australia. E. C. Kingsmill, of Hileybury, said there was plenty of work in the north this winter. Government control of the exportation of fish was favored by Belleville. The convention also favored Government grants to good roads rather than to railways. A resolution favoring the extension of the

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MADE BIG BLUFF AT HAVING MONEY TO SECURE BRIDE

Flashed a \$2,000 Check With Nary a Cent To Back It Up.

FATHER WAS SUSPICIOUS

Romance of a Couple at Montreal That Came to an Abrupt Conclusion.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Feb. 25.—A romance that came to an abrupt conclusion when the lady concerned learned the character of her suitor, arises in connection with the arrest of Abraham Crownstein in Ottawa yesterday. Crownstein is charged with having raised a check from \$20 to \$2,000, and was remanded for a week when he comes up for trial.

The check was almost the means of securing for him a very pretty and well-situated bride in the person of Miss Jessie Jaslow, aged twenty, stepdaughter of A. Rootenberg, a well known storekeeper at 30 St. Urban street, says the Daily Mail.

Crownstein was introduced to Mr. Rootenberg as "Mr. Nelson" by a man said to be living on Papineau avenue. "This man intimated that his friend would be a good son-in-law, as he was a very wealthy man from Saskatchewan, in which province he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Crownstein finally stepped forward and asked for an introduction to Rootenberg's stepdaughter. The desired introduction was finally obtained. Informing the lady that he was a guest at the Windsor Hotel, and a half-fellow-well-met with all the big businessmen of the city, "Mr. Nelson" departed for Ottawa. This was Tuesday morning, and he telegraphed Montreal that night to tell his prospective bride that he would be in the city the next night. On that very day, however, the cautionary words of the sum of eight cents from the friend upon whose recommendation he was introduced to Miss Jaslow; moreover, the sum has not yet been paid back.

Suspicion Aroused.

True to his word he was on deck at night, but as "lovers ever run before the clock," he was an hour early. He repeated the assertion that he was staying at the Windsor Hotel, and gave Miss Jaslow a check upon the Montreal City and District Savings Bank for the sum of \$1,000, asking her to meet him before he returned to Ottawa next day. At this juncture Mr. Rootenberg became suspicious and telephoned the Windsor, asking for Mr. Nelson.

"Nobody here by that name, sir," was the reply, and "Nelson stock" fell several points in the market.

Miss Jaslow sent the check he had given her to the bank, asking that it be investigated. It was found that Nelson had no account there.

PARCEL POST TOO HEAVY FOR ONE LONE MAIL CART

The quantity of mail matter via parcel post that arrived in London on one train this morning was sufficient to cause one of the mail wagons to break down.

With the wagon loaded to capacity all went well until the street railway tracks were reached at Queen's avenue and Richmond street, here an axle broke and dumped the load on to the street. Three cars were held up for a few minutes while the driver gathered up the scattered bags of mail.

ORDERLIES MURDERED.

Neisse, Germany, Feb. 25.—The decorated bodies of two orderlies of the infantry brigade here, were found today on the railroad tracks. The soldiers had died after assaulting the general, who had reprimanded them for rising late.

BECKER UNLIKELY TO FACE A JURY A SECOND TIME

Generally Believed That He Will Go Free and Seek Reinstatement.

MR. WHITMAN IS SILENT

Second Trial Might Mean That State Witnesses May Face a Murder Charge.

New York, Feb. 25.—Charles Becker, former police lieutenant convicted of instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, who has just been granted a new trial, was visited in the death-house at Sing Sing Prison today by his attorney, Joseph A. Shay. Tomorrow, the attorney told Becker, he expects to serve the remittitur of the court of appeals on the prison warden. Becker will then leave the death-house, where he has been confined since the fall of 1912, and be returned to a cell in the Tombs prison here, until the final disposition of his case.

The four gunmen convicted of the actual killing of Rosenthal will be executed next month, unless the governor grants an executive clemency. The opinion was expressed by the attorneys and friends of Becker that he would never be tried again as the instigator of the murder of Rosenthal, and there was also much talk that Becker, if he eventually goes free, will seek reinstatement on the police force.

Whitman Silent.
District Attorney Charles S. Whitman, who will determine whether Becker shall be tried again, has thus far refused to say what further action he will take in the case. It is known, however, that Mr. Whitman believes that a second trial would be futile in the face of the court's appeal's decision. That decision in effect stamps "Sam" Schoppa, one of the principal witnesses for the state, as an accomplice in the murder plot which "Jack" Rose, "Bridgie" Weber and "Harry" Vallon confessed, implicating Becker. The decision, it is pointed out, also leaves the district attorney in an embarrassing position with reference to Rose, Weber and Vallon, who might be certain circumstances of a new trial, be held and tried for the murder of Rosenthal.

Becker's stay of sixteen months in the death-house has resulted in his improvement in health and his makeup is that of an athlete in training. Also he has read a great deal—the Bible, Shakespeare and many works of literature.

BRITAIN IS TAKING NO CHANCE WITH GEN. VILLA

Will Not Send Consul Into Mexico Until a Safe Conduct Is Received.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Feb. 25.—The British Government, it was announced today, is still awaiting an answer from the State Department at Washington to its request to the United States Government to secure a safe conduct from General Villa to enable Consul Perceval, of Galveston, to participate in the investigation into the death of William S. Benton at Juarez.

Francis Dyke Acland, parliamentary under secretary for foreign affairs, stated today in the House of Commons that the foreign office was not prepared to order Consul Perceval to leave El Paso for the "generous districts of Mexico" until it had received some assurance that he would be safe in doing so.