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A VERY QUIET ELECTION VOTES POLLED BELOW AVERAGE

Conservatives and Labor Men Working the Subdivisions—Former Have the Largest Number of Rigs—Labor Organization Defective.

"Absolutely the quietest election in the history of London," was the remark heard everywhere on the streets today. London, the center of some of the most strenuous political contests ever waged in Canada during the past half century, was as quiet today as on an ordinary business day. No excitement prevailed anywhere, and there was no noise.

London, for once, refused to get excited over politics. It is infinitely more interested in the Wall street slump or the coal question.

A Small Vote.

The vote will be a small one. Almost every polling booth reported the polling as very light. In one division where there are 150 votes on the list, only ten votes had been registered at 3:30 a.m. At noon there was a more decided movement towards the booths.

The Labor Party.

The labor men were voting better than was anticipated, although the vote will fall considerably short of the average.

The Conservative party has a good organization, and it worked and manned the polls completely. The Labor party organization was not thorough. Some of the polling booths have not even scrutineers, and there was not the proper watch kept on the voters.

There were plenty of rigs on both sides, though the Beattie rigs were in the majority.

Will Bulletin Returns.

The Advertiser will bulletin the returns as they come in, as this paper has done in all elections. The bulletin will be full and complete. Watch the Advertiser bulletins.

Both organizations are confident of winning. At one o'clock, in sub-division 8 of ward 3, only 50 votes out of 153 had been polled. In another sub-division only 27 out of nearly 100 votes had been polled.

The indications at one o'clock were Continued on Page Eight.

Slaght Acquitted on Charge of Theft

After hearing the evidence in the case against Jefferson Slaght, charged with stealing an overcoat and a pair of shoes, Judge Elliott, in the county judge's criminal court this morning, rendered an acquittal.

Slaght was arrested on the 18th of October, and was committed for trial several days later by Magistrate Love. The evidence offered was almost purely circumstantial.

Robert Mickleborough, the complainant, testified that he had left his overcoat hanging in a Maple street livery stable on the day of the theft, and that when he returned it was gone, along with a pair of shoes. He described the coat as being a black silk-faced one with a common cloth collar. In its place he had found a coat which resembled one he had seen the prisoner wearing the same day.

Thomas Orum, a fellow-liverman, had seen a coat similar to the one produced in court hanging on the hook in place of Mickleborough's coat.

The two most important witnesses were Detective Egleton and a liverman named Wilson. Egleton had

seen the prisoner wearing a silk-faced coat at five o'clock on the day of the theft. He could not swear as to what kind of a collar it had on.

Wilson met Slaght earlier the same afternoon, and the prisoner wore a silk-faced overcoat with a velvet collar.

No Conviction.

"I would like to know where you expect to secure a conviction on the evidence offered," remarked his honor when he had heard all the evidence.

Mr. McKillop replied that the fact that Slaght had been seen around the stable the same day, and that he had come out with a different coat than he came in with should be sufficient to secure a conviction. A search had been made for the stolen coat, but it was not located.

Slaght was then discharged with a warning that the road of crime was a poor one to travel on, and that while he had not been found guilty beyond a doubt the circumstances in connection with the whole case had been rather suspicious.

BIG OFFER TO ONTARIO GOVERNMENT

Toronto, Oct. 28.—The Provincial Government has received an offer of \$1,000,000 for one million acres of land in the great clay belt of New Ontario but has refused to consider the proposition. The offer was made appar-

ently in the belief that the Government was anxious to sell large blocks of land in that part of the Province. A Mr. Pritchard, of Winnipeg, laid it before the Premier on behalf of a syndicate of Canadian and British capitalists.

A New Athlete for Irish-Canadians

Toronto, Oct. 29.—The Irish-Canadian team will receive another strong addition to its team this fall, a man who will be an important addition to the Canadian Olympic team. Tom Flanagan today received a letter from M. J. Creed, of Elton, in Limerick County, a schoolboy comrade of his, in which he says that he has determined to come to Canada to live. He wrote to John Flanagan and Jim Mitchell, the New York weight men, and they recommended him to come to Toronto. So he wrote Mr. Flanagan and

started. He is now en route, and is expected here in time to make his appearance at the Garrison games, on Nov. 9.

Creed is a little fellow. He is 5 feet 5 inches tall, and, though only 20 years of age, has already won over 700 prizes. His specialty is jumping, but he is a good hurdler and fair sprinter. Creed broad jumps 23 feet 1 inch, high jumps 6 feet 2 inches, and holds the world's hop, step and jump record of 48 feet 4 inches. He is one of the best hurdlers in Ireland.

School Board and the Coal Vouchers Latter Are Still Very Much Missing

A Bunch of Resolutions Were Passed, But the Documents Wanted Not Produced.

The coal question was the subject discussed by No. 2 committee of the board of education yesterday afternoon, and later a meeting of the board was held to discuss the finding of that committee.

As anticipated in The Advertiser, nothing very startling was done. The board gave Mr. Buchanan a clean bill in regard to the whole matter.

It developed, during the afternoon, however, that there were no vouchers for the soft coal produced. Mr. Buchanan admitted that practically all the soft coal was delivered in car lots, and was not weighed on the city scales as was the contract clearly called for.

Here They Are.

The permission to do this was given by Dr. Teasdale, chairman of No. 2 committee, and Chairman Fitzgerald of the board of education, and by Trustees McCormick, all of whom were consulted by Mr. Buchanan before the coal was delivered.

No vouchers were produced before the board. There was absolutely no check on the transaction, and not one janitor, not one principal or anybody else could be found who could disprove the rumors going about the city by stating that he knew the coal had been delivered because the loads had been weighed or checked.

Mr. Buchanan said the coal had been

delivered. His word could not be disputed, nor was it. But there was no person on behalf of the board prepared to lend his assurance that the coal had been delivered in accordance with the contract.

Personal Remarks.

There were a number of rather personal remarks made, but no serious clashes. Trustee MacRobert was in an indignant mood and declared that a story that a London school trustee had received coal from the contractor had gone all over Western Ontario, and he was being made fun of everywhere. He declared it was a serious matter. He paid a few compliments to The Advertiser, and declared that this paper had lied about him for three months past, and that he intended to have the "lies" concerning the coal question settled.

Trustee Strong's Position.

Trustee Strong held his ground throughout the discussion, and effectively answered the arguments of the Conservative members of the board. They charged him with being the cause of the whole unpleasantness, and he replied with the unanswerable argument that if the board had insisted on having the coal delivered according to the contract by being weighed on the city scales, and the vouchers produced, it would have effectively answered all insinuations about crookedness, and would have refuted the insinuations regarding the members of the board getting coal.

As far as the present condition of affairs was concerned, the board could not give an effective answer to any of

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ALFONSO'S TRAIN JUMPS RAILS

The Royal Spanish Party in Peril En Route to England.

Cherbourg, France, Oct. 29.—The King and Queen of Spain had another close escape. They entered Paris at midnight bound for this place, where they are to board the British battleship Renown, which is to carry them to England.

The journey from Paris was made in safety, until just as the train was entering Cherbourg, when it ran off the rails. The royal party escaped injury.

WOODSTOCK SUES OXFORD COUNTY

The City Council Claims There Is Four Thousand Dollars Coming to It.

Woodstock, Oct. 29.—The city council last night decided to put in a claim for over \$4,000, with interest for over six years, against the County of Oxford. The city separated from the county six years ago for all county purposes. It is claimed that at that time the county had a surplus of over \$5,000 though it was represented to the city council that there was a deficit. It is for a just proportion of this amount based on the equalized assessment for the year in which the council is putting in a claim.

The inaugural meeting of the Woodstock Canadian Club will be held this evening. J. S. Willison, of the Toronto News, is to be the speaker.

LONDONERS PASS THE P. & S. EXAMS.

Results of the Primary, Intermediate and Final Tests at Toronto.

Toronto, Oct. 28.—Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons today announced the following results of examinations:

Primary—H. H. Black, London; E. A. Howard, Hagersville.

Intermediate—Annie Backus, Aylmer; M. G. Graham, Walkerton; J. A. Howard, Hagersville; J. D. McDonald, Thamesville.

Final—Annie Backus, Aylmer; E. A. Howard, Hagersville; L. F. Holmes, London; J. McDonald, Thamesville; W. R. Ochs, Hespeler; R. H. Ruby, St. Marys; G. F. Stewart, Essex.

ASK INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED COAL COMBINE

Toronto, Oct. 28.—Toronto is acting vigorously in regard to the alleged coal combine. Today the council decided to ask both the Dominion and Provincial Governments to investigate.

PELEE POSTOFFICE PREY TO FLAMES

Windsor, Oct. 29.—News from Kingsville, Pelee Island, this morning says the postoffice there has been completely destroyed by fire. The mail matter, money and stamps in the office at the time was not very great.

HARDEN ACQUITTED

Berlin Editor Wins Libel Case Taken by Count Molke.

Berlin, Oct. 29.—Maximilian Harden, editor of Die Zeitung, who has been on trial here for the defamation case brought against him by Count Molke, was acquitted in court today.

THE WEATHER

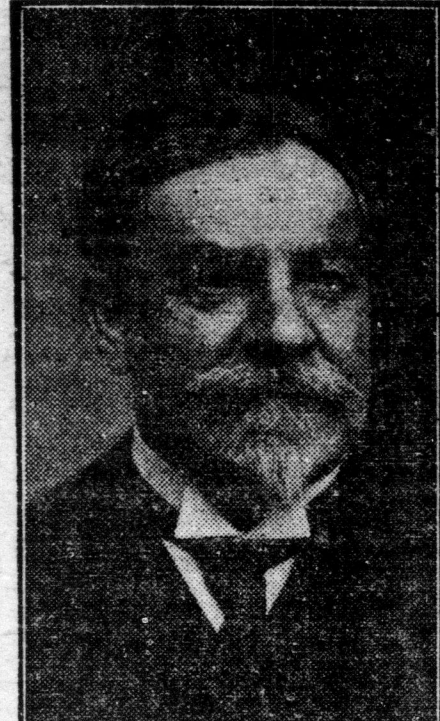
TOMORROW—CLOUDY and COLD.

FORECASTS.

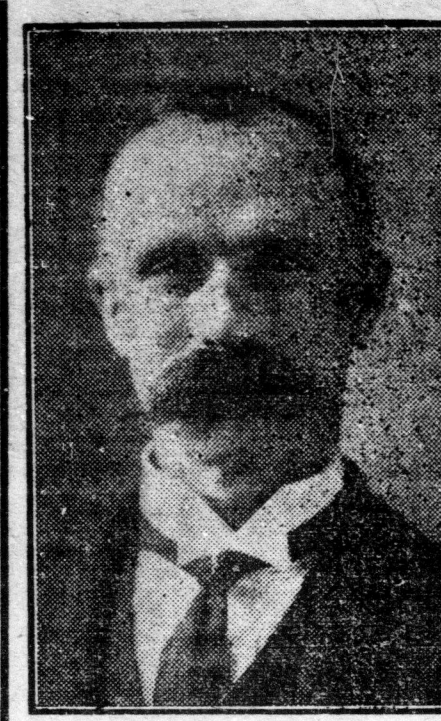
Today—Strong northerly winds; fair and cool.

Wednesday—Easterly winds; cloudy and cold.

The By-Election Race



MAJOR BEATTIE,
The Conservative Candidate.



MR. JOHN D. JACOBS,
The Labor Party Candidate.

Southwold Girl Brought to City Inspector Sanders Acted Quickly

The Peculiar Case of a Wayward Child Brought to Light by a Letter.

Inspector Sanders, of the Children's Aid Society, has returned from his trip to Southwold yesterday, and he has brought back with him a slip of a girl who looks to weigh only about 50 pounds, and to be of 14 or 15 years of age.

Mr. Sanders made the trip in response to a letter which was received by and published in The Advertiser yesterday in reference to a young girl who was alleged to be living with an Indian named Joe Dextoxter near Southwold.

Mr. Sanders was accompanied by an Indian Constable, and the pair had to drive twelve miles from Tempo to reach the Indian's hut, which is located near the townline road.

Upon arriving at the place it was found that three or four Indians were in the hut which is not much bigger than an ordinary room. Dextoxter did not relish losing the little girl, but made little remonstrance beyond favoring the visitors with deep scowls.

Girl Indifferent.

The little girl, strangely enough, appeared indifferent as to what became of her, and expressed the wish to stay where she was, as she said

her mother, with whom she had lived in Port Burwell, is bad.

"My mother is not good," said she, "and I have just as much right to be bad as she has."

The girl claimed to be 21 years of age. She said her father was dead and that her mother was living with another man. Some time ago she went to St. Thomas, where the Indian met her two weeks ago, and hired her to keep house for him at a salary of two dollars a week. He had not paid her any wages, but when she was leaving he handed her twenty-five cents.

"Well, I will take you to Port Burwell," said the Inspector.

"I don't want to go there," she replied. "I would rather go to London or some other place."

She did not know that Mr. Sanders had come from London.

Brought to London.

The girl gave the name of Viola Betterly. She is at present in the Children's Shelter in this city, and will remain there until such time as her future can be determined.

The question is rather a deep one. If, as she says, she is 21, the Children's Aid Society or no other society has any authority over her.

Mr. Sanders today said that the people of Southwold and vicinity were very much worked up over the fact that the girl was living with the Indian.

The Indian is known to have been arrested several times on a charge of drunkenness, but so far as can be learned no more serious charge has ever been proven against him.

Dr. McWilliams Is the Vice-President

Dr. J. McWilliams, who was announced in a recent issue of The Advertiser, has been invited to participate in a series of peat tests at Norfolk, Va., is at present at Norfolk, and has been elected vice-president of the newly-formed American Peat Association.

Dr. Joseph H. Pratt, state geologist, of North Carolina, was elected to the presidency.

Yesterday Dr. McWilliams read a paper on "Commercial Drying of Peat," which was much appreciated, according to a dispatch from Norfolk, which

also goes on to say that a Canadian gas-producing engine will be operated today for the edification of the Canadian visitors.

On Saturday, Dr. McWilliams will accompany a delegation to the Dismal Swamp, where an interesting experiment will be made. The American peat experts believe that the swamp can be drained, and that the peat of the swamp can be utilized for fuel.

It is believed that if the tests prove successful the swamp will be ultimately drained and the products used commercially.

KILLED IN THE YARDS

Tragic Death of Young Ottawa Man at Englehart.

Englehart, Ont., Oct. 28.—J. Kearns, aged about 30, formerly of Ottawa, was instantly killed in the station yards here tonight by being struck by a train. The body now lies in the freight shed. It is likely an inquest will be ordered, but as there is no coroner here, one will have to be brought from New Liskeard. The deceased was employed as a teamster for William Daily, Canadian Construction Company, and was well known at both Ottawa and Depot Harbor, where he also formerly lived.

SIX MONTHS FOR GILLETTE

Big Life Insurance Magnate Sentenced for Perjury.

New York, Oct. 28.—A sentence of six months' imprisonment in the penitentiary was today imposed by Justice Dowling upon Dr. Walter R. Gillette, former vice-president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, who was convicted of perjury. Dr. Gillette first denied and then admitted to a grand jury that he had deposited \$50,000 in a bank to be used in influencing legislation affecting insurance companies.

A physician testified today that Dr. Gillette was suffering with heart trouble and that imprisonment might result in his death.

SENTENCED TO DIE

St. Petersburg, Oct. 29.—Mile. Ragoznikova, who yesterday shot and killed Gen. Maximoffsky, director of the department of prisons of the ministry of the interior, was taken to the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul today, tried by court martial and sentenced to be hanged.

UP GOES MILK.

Quebec, Oct. 29.—At a meeting of local milkmen it was decided, owing to the considerable increase in the price of fodder, to increase the price of milk from November next to 10 cents per quart.

Reduction Will Not Affect London So Says a Local Pork Packer

In Speaking of the Cut in Prices Made by the Chicago Packers.

"The reduction in the prices of meat made by the western packers will in no way affect local conditions," said Mr. Rehnitz, of the Canadian Packing Company to The Advertiser this morning.

"Conditions here at present are such that there will be no change in prices. There are plenty of animals in this part of the country, and we are obtaining as many as we need. For some time we have been killing on an average of 2,000 hogs a week. Lately the

lard trade has been very active, and we have been shipping regularly over 15,000 pounds a week.

"The meat trade is good, particularly at home, where we have a large and growing market. I venture to say that in a very few years we will practically cease shipping meat to England and the European markets."

"This condition of things will be due to the demand at home, where we have been finding a ready sale for our products at good prices. The American packers are not sending nearly so much goods across the water as they did either. They seem to be developing the market in the Canadian west for all there is in it, and have practically control of it at present. There are three very large packing houses in Winnipeg at present. Our trade is growing so rapidly that before very long it is likely we will have to add to our present premises. Our staff now numbers nearly ninety, and we are very busy."

The Messengers Are Still on the Job

The messenger boys are still on the hustle. They continue to carry messages as usual with no thought of strike agitating their bosoms. They delivered their ultimatum some days ago, but there has not yet come that raise in salary in which they stood in such dire need. Both the managers of the telegraph companies have listened to their complaints and have gone their way, declaring that they

could not give the raise asked for. "Gee, I guess we don't get no raise," said one of them this morning. "Kids is too plentiful. The other day when they heard we was going to strike, there was six kids for me. Me for the job. No strike for me."

"Best lot of boys I ever had," said Manager Dan Bowen, of the C. P. R. "They are all right. I have not heard anything about a strike."

Elderly Lady Found Dead in Chair

Mrs. Mary Wilson Elliott, relict of the late Gideon Elliott, was found dead in her home at 732 Princess avenue this morning.

Mrs. Elliott lived alone, and had been in somewhat delicate health ever since a paralytic stroke which she received a few years ago. Yesterday afternoon her daughter called to see her, and when she left Mrs. Elliott was in her usual health.

This morning, however, the neighbors noticed that she was not around, and upon investigation, discovered her sitting in her armchair quite dead.

A physician was called and found that during the night Mrs. Elliott had sustained another paralytic stroke, which caused her death.

Mrs. Elliott was a native of Scotland, and 69 years of age. For many years she had resided here, and was widely known and esteemed.

She is survived by two sons, Gideon, of Byron avenue, and George W., of New York.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

London Nurse for Hamilton Hospital

[Special to The Advertiser.] Hamilton, Oct. 29.—A head nurse, for the Hamilton Asylum for the Insane is wanted, and while the applicants have been many for the position, Dr. English, the medical superintendent, is said to be anxious to have a London nurse appointed to the position, and is

said to have written, or had communicated with the London hospitals, in order to secure a head nurse. No one has been selected so far as can be learned, but it is stated here on good authority that the appointment of a London nurse to the position will be announced in a few days.

Did Sullivan Sell Liquor to Indian

Timothy Sullivan was considerably in the limelight at the police court yesterday and was very drunk. As he has been up many times before, Magistrate Love fined him \$10. Sullivan was unable to produce the coin, and was given to understand that 21 days was the alternative. He took the days.

Another Charge.

There was another charge against him, and one which if proven may result in Sullivan's visit in jail being lengthened for some time. An Indian named Wesley Elm laid an information against Sullivan, charging him with selling Elm liquor.

The case was adjourned for a week to give the authorities time to look into it.

Paid for Fun.

Kost Papis paid \$2 and \$4 costs for the fun he had in punching the jaw of Louis Diamond. Mr. Diamond's mouth was considerably cut, and the magistrate gave Mr. Papis a long lecture on the evils of letting one's temper get away.

The case of Lucy Berry, charged with being a vagrant, was dismissed, as Lucy has since been married.

Tied Cow on Street.

George Everett tied a cow to a post out in East London and left her standing there for some time. A policeman came along, and obtained the name of the owner of the cow, and Mr. Everett paid \$1 for breaking the bylaw.

John E. Hopper allowed one of his horses to wander at large, and paid \$7 for so doing.

Eight first-time drunks were allowed to go.

Cost of Distributing Plant, \$117,000 Annual Charges to City \$18,000

The Niagara Power Figures Have Been Given Out by the Commissioner.

The cost of a distributing plant in London to distribute Niagara power will cost \$117,337, according to the figures prepared by the hydro-electric commission, and given to the special committee of the city council appointed to deal with that matter.

The amount to be distributed must not exceed 5,000 horsepower. If meters are installed the cost will be over \$5,000 in addition to the amount named.

Annual Charge.

The annual charge will be \$18,000, making the cost \$33.60 per horsepower per annum for distribution. The price

the commission agreed to supply the power at the distributing station ranged from \$18 to \$23.50 per horsepower per annum. According to these figures Niagara power delivered at the door of the manufacturer will cost from \$21.50 to \$27.10. There has been no definite statement from the commission as to whether the lower or higher price will prevail. But it is practically an assured fact, it is said, that the price will be \$25 a horsepower delivered to the manufacturer.

These figures make no allowance whatever for any profit the city may desire to make out of the sale of Niagara power. They are merely the figures of absolute cost.

People Must Vote.

This question will have to be submitted to the ratepayers either at the coming municipal elections or later. It

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