

PREMIER'S SEPTEMBER TOUR  
FOR RURAL DISTRICTS ONLY

Sir Wilfrid Will Not Visit the Cities, But It Is Expected That He Will Address an Audience at Strathroy—Open Air Meetings the Rule.

Toronto, Aug. 15.—In the itinerary arranged for Sir Wilfrid Laurier for Ontario during September, Toronto is not included, neither is Hamilton, London, nor any of the other cities.

"We could pack Massey Hall or a ten-acre field by bringing Sir Wilfrid to Toronto," stated F. G. Inwood, the Liberal general secretary. "But what's the use?"

## For Rural Districts.

The tour will be for the rural districts solely. Such is the idea at present, and there is not much hope that it will be changed. It will start in the southern peninsula, probably at Niagara Falls, and continue westward and then north. There is a probability that Sir Wilfrid will not touch any points east of Toronto.

On the tour the Premier will be accompanied by Hon. George Graham, minister of railways and canals. No other minister will accompany him, but the members and candidates in the various ridings in which he will appear will speak.

## Open Air Meetings.

It is the intention to hold all open air meetings and in the afternoon. This will give the farmers a better chance to attend, and as halls could not be secured sufficient to hold the members who will turn out to honor and hear the eloquent French-Canadian, the open air idea was decided upon.

As yet the route of the tour has not been decided upon.

"We are at work upon the itinerary," said Mr. Inwood, "but until we decide upon what places Sir Wilfrid will speak at, it is better to mention no names."

It is almost certain, however, that Niagara Falls, Strathroy, and North Bay will be among the lucky places.

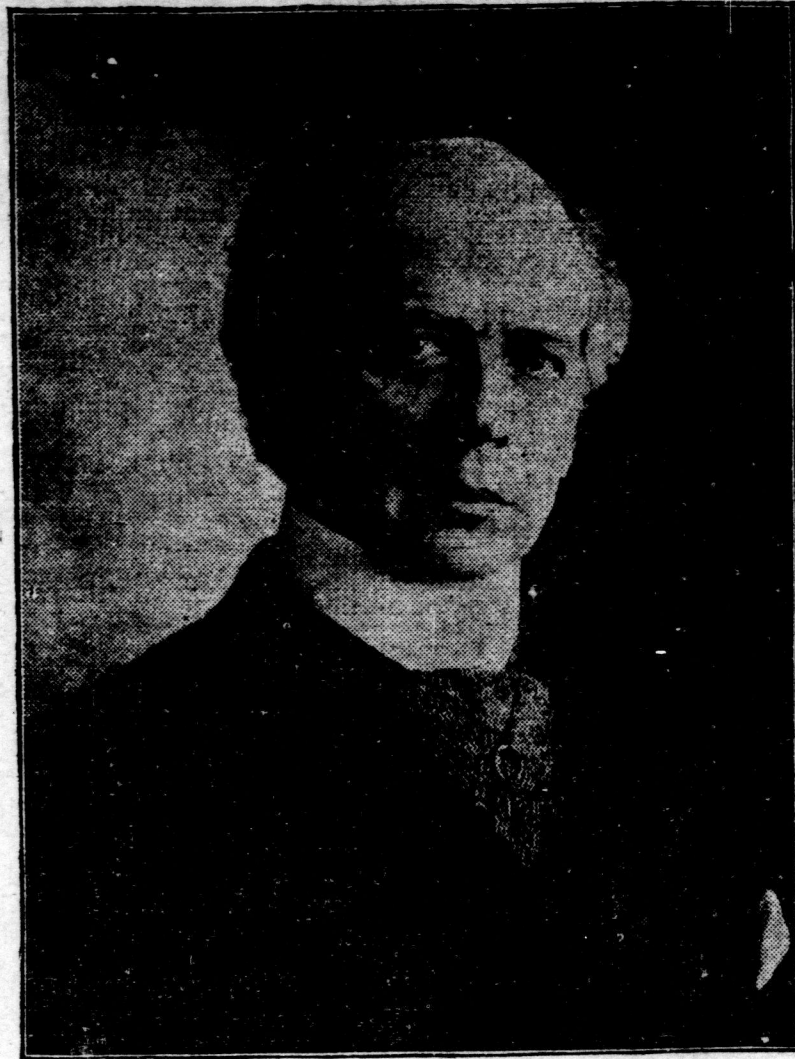
"That the visit of the Premier will rouse the utmost enthusiasm is a certainty. All he has to do is to appear in Ontario, and immense turnouts are assured. However, this is not to be a spectacular, but a tour meant to produce results."

## His Former Tour Recalled.

It is two years ago since Sir Wilfrid appeared in this city, and the magnificent welcome extended to him at Massey Hall will be easily recalled. Burdened as he is by a thousand duties, he has very little time to go a-visiting but on the eve of a general election a tour of Ontario was deemed a necessity. The Liberal Parliamentary Committee suggested the idea and the Ontario Reform Committee are carrying out the details.

The tour will last about three weeks, after which, it is said, Sir Wilfrid will travel west across the continent. A few meetings in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia will follow, and the campaign before the general elections will be closed by a series of demonstrations in Quebec.

Sir Wilfrid, though far from being a young man, is in splendid health, and is well able to stand such a tour. Some time during the month of September, also, another tour will be made of Ontario. This time all the cities and Conservative strongholds will be visited. The speakers will be the eloquent members of the Federal Cabinet, and they will do their utmost, without the presence of their leader, to stir up enthusiasm in the breast of every citizen who looks forward to another term of good government.



SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

Beginning about the middle of September, the Premier will make a tour of Ontario, lasting several weeks, and visiting the rural districts only.

NIGHT OF RIOT AND SLAUGHTER  
AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Mob of Citizens, Foiled in Attempt to Lynch Negro, Put Colors District to the Torch and Hang Innocent Man—Troops In Control After Desperate Fighting.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 15.—Two white men were killed, an unknown negro was lynched, more than half a hundred persons were injured, and two score of houses, mostly occupied by negroes, were burned last night as the result of an attempt by a mob to lynch a negro, who had assaulted a white woman. After a night of riot, arson and slaughter, the state troops, called out by the governor, succeeded early today in restoring a semblance of order and stopping the fire. One thousand militiamen, including three companies from this city, and companies from Bloomington, Decatur, Peoria, Pekin and Pontiac, are patrolling the streets, and it is believed that the further disorder will be prevented.

**Negro Assaulted Woman.**

The rioting was precipitated by an assault committed early yesterday morning by a negro upon Mrs. Mabel Hallam, wife of a street railway conductor. While the woman slept alone in her home on a populous residential street, awaiting the return of her husband, the man broke into the house, dragged her into the rear yard and assaulted her. Before noon, George Richardson, a young negro, was arrested by the sheriff's force charged with the rioting.

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## THE PREMIER OF SASKATCHEWAN

Hon. Walter Scott is an old Middlesex boy. He is the son of George Scott and Isabella Telfer, of London Township. He was educated in the public schools of the county.

He learned printing and went west in the eighties.

He went into the newspaper business in Regina, and established the Leader in that city, which he managed for some years.

He is also president of the company owning the Moosejaw Times.

In 1899 he was elected president of the Western Canada Press Association.

In 1900 he was elected member in the Dominion House for the constituency of West Assiniboia. He was returned again in 1904.

When the Province of Saskatchewan was formed he was chosen to lead the Liberal party in that province.

Lieutenant-Governor Forget called upon him to form a cabinet, and in December, 1905, the first election was held.

His ministry was sustained by a good majority.

The election of yesterday shows a continuation of the confidence of the people of Saskatchewan in his Government.

Hon. Mr. Scott was married in 1890 to Miss Jessie Florence Read, of Regina.

## Grand Trunk Will Pass Dividends

Montreal, Aug. 15.—Cable advices which, with the small balance from December, makes 187,200 pounds, which will admit of no dividends out of the profits except those on the four per cent guaranteed stock, which will take 185,000 pounds. Last year dividends of 5 per cent on the first and second, and of 3 per cent on the third preferred stock were declared.

## No Cattle Stealing in Middlesex

Although the records could not be obtained on short notice, it can be stated that the number of cases that have been heard in the county courts this year have so far exceeded those of last year by over a hundred.

It reflects greatly to the credit of the county authorities that no cases of cattle stealing have been reported in the past three years. Cases of that nature have always been given the severe treatment they deserved, and in consequence cattle thieves give Middlesex County a wide berth.

In Kent, however, the farmers are up in arms over what they claim to have reason to believe may prove another cattle-stealing epidemic.

**A Woodstock Story.**

A Woodstock exchange says: The word is going round for Kent cattlemen to watch their herds very carefully for awhile, in view of the fact that an epidemic of cattle stealing similar to that which took place a few years ago is likely to recur.

It will be remembered that in the previous instance a man named Miller was sent down for a long term in connection with the thefts. It was believed at the time, however, that Miller was a member of an organized gang; though he would divulge nothing as to his accomplices, if he had any. The operations of the gang a few years ago took place largely in East Kent, and it is thought in some quarters that they have resumed their old practices in Middlesex, which is quite near to their previous stamping ground.

## CHURCHILL TO WED

Engagement to Daughter of Late Sir Henry Hozier Announced.

London, Aug. 15.—It is announced that Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, will marry Clementine, daughter of the late Sir Henry Montague Hozier, who for 32 years was secretary of Lloyd's.

## DEADLY SARDINES

Five Persons at Guelph Dead from Potomarine Poisoning.

Guelph, Aug. 14.—Through eating sardines from a tin last night, five people in the home of Robert Brandon, on Victoria street, to the south of the city, were so seriously poisoned that when a doctor arrived in answer to a midnight summons they were in such a condition that their recovery was doubted.

The five people who were thus afflicted with potomarine poison were Mrs. Brandon and her two children, Mrs. Donald, a visitor from Toronto, and her child. Others in the house had taken fish, but from another tin, and they were not affected.

It was not until a couple of hours after the fish had been eaten that the effects were felt, and then all were in such miserable condition that it was with difficulty that they were able to summon help and get a physician. For some hours all were in danger of their lives, but were finally brought round, and today, although very ill, they are practically out of danger.

NO APPOINTMENT  
ON MONDAY NIGHT

City Treasurership Will Not Be Set for Some Time.

The matter of appointing a successor to the late City Treasurer Pope will not be discussed at the meeting of the council on Monday evening.

The bylaw will not be ready, and as a result the question will be deferred.

The aldermen are reticent as to their intentions on the matter, and it is not known who will get the position.

The names of Ald. Greenleaf and Assistant Treasurer Bell are mentioned most prominently for the place.

There is a disposition among the city hall officials to declare that in all probability a third man who has not yet been mentioned for the position will come along and obtain it.

BIG INCREASE IN  
CRIME IN LONDON

Police Court Figures Show London Is Getting Worse.

It may be unjust to state that London is growing weaker, but not wiser, but the fact remains that over 400 more cases have been tried this year up to date than were tried last year in the same period in the police court. The cases include juvenile misdemeanors.

Clark Moule has recently opened another police court record book.

The old one was completely filled, and contained in round numbers six thousand names.

## NEW G. T. P. OFFICIALS.

Montreal, Aug. 15.—A circular has been issued by the Grand Trunk Pacific, announcing that Mr. W. E. Davis will be passenger traffic manager for the G. T. P., Mr. G. T. Bell will be general passenger agent, and Mr. J. G. These are dual positions with those now held by these same gentlemen in the G. T. R.

## FRANCE MAY PROTEST.

Montreal, Aug. 15.—Representations from their way to the French Government to the French embassy at Washington and the state department at Washington, setting forth the indignities to which a citizen of France, Pierre Ychaurragu, of name, was submitted by the United States immigration authorities in this city. Ychaurragu is a traveller for a French Cognac House, and has been visiting Canada for years, returning via New York. Owing to the strictness of the United States laws he was advised to arrange with the authorities before proceeding, as the result of which he was compelled to go through all the formalities of being herded up with a lot of immigrants, and put through all the tests and examinations, despite the fact that he was merely passing through the country.

## THE WEATHER.

## TOMORROW—MOSTLY FAIR.

## FORECASTS.

Toronto, Aug. 15—8 a.m. Today—Fine and slightly cooler. Sunday—Moderate to fresh easterly winds; a few showers in the western portion, but mostly fair.

## TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	44	40	Fair
Winnipeg	54	50	Clear
Port Arthur	52	44	Clear
Toronto	68	60	Clear
Ottawa	68	56	Fair
Montreal	64	60	Clear
Quebec	58	58	Fair
Father Point	50	44	Cloudy

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

## Local Temperatures.

The highest and lowest readings at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 84.5°; lowest, 74.5°.

**WEATHER NOTES.**

Showers have occurred again from the Ottawa Valley to the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere the weather has been fine, and in the Western Provinces warmer.

SASKATCHEWAN IS FOR SCOTT  
GIVES HIM FINE MAJORITY

When Returns Are All in It Is Expected the Liberals Will Have Twenty-five Seats With a Majority of at Least Ten Seats.

Regina, Aug. 14.—So far as can be gathered at present Premier Scott's return to power, with a splendid majority behind him in the Legislature, is assured. When the returns are finally in it is anticipated that the Liberals will be found to have won at least 25 seats, leaving 15 for their opponents.

The endorsement of Premier Scott's policy by giving him a majority of ten in the Legislature is regarded as a sweeping victory. Liberals throughout Saskatchewan are delighted with the result of the election, coming, as it does, after a campaign in which the Premier's opponents used every means to discredit the policy which he has been responsible for.

## Scott Was Liked.

Premier Scott, in granting to the

province a measure of redistribution which was in every way eminently fair, has undoubtedly gained the approbation, not only of his Liberal supporters, but of many who have been numbered among his opponents.

His fearless appeal to the country has been justified, and the opinion of the people exemplified at the polls in a striking manner.

He has himself been returned as member for Swift Current by a majority which can only be gratifying to the Liberal leader.

Polling commenced at 9 o'clock, and in the cities the vote was heavy during the first hour. Both parties were thoroughly organized, and the most strenuous efforts were made to insure that the poll should be as complete

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Jury Exonerates the Train Crew  
But Blames Overcrowding of Cars

Finding in the Inquest Into the Death of Wm. Mullen of Dorchester.

"That the said William Mullen came to his death at Victoria Hospital, city of London, on the evening of the 6th inst., from injuries received by falling off the steps of a car on the Pere Marquette Railway just south of the Port Stanley bridge.

"From the evidence submitted we cannot lay any blame on any of the railway officials in charge of the train. We, therefore, feel that the attention of the Dominion railway commission should be urgent-ly called to the violation of the laws of the land by railroad companies in allowing passenger trains to be overloaded much beyond their capacity.

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Mr. Bennett stated that he had no written instructions in reference to handling crowds, but that he had verbal instructions to keep people off the steps and platforms, and make them sit down inside.

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"We feel that more stringent measures should be adopted and put in force, so as to improve the safeguarding of human life."

Such was the verdict rendered last night by the jury in the inquest into the death of William Mullen, of Dorchester, who was killed on the 6th day of August by a Pere Marquette train. The inquest began Thursday night, but was not completed until last night.

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AMERICAN AUTOISTS ARRESTED  
AN ACCIDENT AT LEAMINGTON

Horse Became Frightened and Running Away Threw the Driver Out—Two People Knocked Down by Animal—Chief of Police Wired London to Detain the Party.

## A party of American autoists had

rather a sensational experience here last night.

There were twenty-five persons from Vincennes, Ind., in the party, with five autos. Yesterday afternoon they came through Leamington.

While going through the town a farmer's horse became frightened and ran away. It ran into two people on the side of the road, and then into a building, throwing the farmer out.

All three, it is said, were painfully injured, although not seriously.

## Farmer Injured.

The party continued on its way with the exception of Mr. C. W. Burhaus, also of Vincennes, Ind. He picked the farmer up and drove him to a physician.

Burhaus was arrested on a charge of speeding, but the injured man declared that it was not Burhaus' auto that caused the damage and he was allowed to go.

In the meantime, the Leamington chief of police obtained the names and the numbers of the autos and wired to Chief Williams to arrest them here.

## Placed Under Arrest.

Detectives Nickle and Egerton went to the Tecumseh House last evening and arrested Mr. S. August Pillemer

and Mr. W. H. Glover, of Vincennes, charged with furious driving, and they were bailed and this morning left for Leamington where an attempt will be made to clear up the difficulty.

Mr. R. K. Cowan, accompanied them and will look into the legal aspects of the case for the Americans.

The visitors claim that they took all precautions to prevent an accident, and that when the horse became frightened they did not think so serious consequences would result or they would have returned.

The rest of the party left for the east this morning. They are touring Canada and will go to New York.

## Not Badly Injured.

A dispatch from Leamington to The Advertiser states that so far as can be learned, there was only one man injured—the farmer who was driving the rig.

He was thrown out on the road, and it was thought he was killed.

However, he recovered, and aside from being badly bruised it is thought that his injuries are not serious.

It was also learned that the two people who were supposed to have been knocked down by the horse escaped and were not hurt.

POWER LINE AND THE FARMERS;  
HOW IT WILL AFFECT THEM

Correspondent Argues That There Will Be a Danger to Life and Property From the Unprotected Wires and Towers.

## To the Editor of The Advertiser.

Mr. P. W. Sothmann, chief engineer of the hydro-electric commission, has been interviewed by the Toronto Daily Star on the subject of lightning, and how he proposes to avoid interruptions upon the Government electrical transmission line.

Mr. Sothmann's explanation is so brilliant that it is worthy of reproduction; his language as given in The Star, July 14, 1908, in quotation marks was as follows:

"The greatest enemy transmission lines have is lightning. We are like doctors fighting against the disease

all the time, and devising a cure. I think that you will find that when the Government line is built there will be practically no trouble from our very lively enemy.

"In the first place, a good doctor makes a careful diagnosis, and that is what we have been engaged upon during this last 14 months. In locating our line we have gone very carefully into the question of the liability of certain areas to thunderstorms. In order to steer as much as possible clear of them, we have got reports from over 2,000 farmers on the sub-

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Rube Fax Has Played Last Role  
Curtain Rung Down on Great Career

"Posty" of "Bonnie Briar Bush" Follows Stoddart and Ian MacLaren.

A dispatch from New York announces the death in that city of Mr. Reuben Fax, the well-known Canadian actor.

Mr. Fax had been ill for some months with internal trouble. Some months ago he was operated on, and for a time was benefited. However, the

disease again seized him, and he passed away this week.

He was one of the best-known character actors on the American stage. While his work never reached the point of genius, nevertheless, he was a capable actor of character roles, and made a distinct success. This is particularly true of the role of Posty in "The Bonnie Briar Bush." This part he created for the late J. H. Stoddart, and in it his greatest success was found.

After the death of Stoddart, Fax (Continued on Page Nine.)

## Woman Breaks the Climbing Record

Lima, Peru, Aug. 15.—Miss Annie S. Peck, of Providence, R. I., the mountain climber, signalled at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon her arrival at an altitude of 25,000 feet on Mountain Huascarán, the summit of which is covered with perpetual snow. She is accompanied by two trained Alpine climbers.

Mountain Huascarán is believed to be the highest peak in the western hemisphere. By reaching an altitude of 25,000 feet, Miss Peck has ascended higher than any man or woman in the world. The previous record was held by W. W. Graham, who reached a height of 23,800 feet in the Himalayas.

## An Ultimatum to C. P. R. Strikers

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Aug. 15.—An order has been issued by the C. P. R. stating that all men who went out on strike must apply for their positions before Tuesday at noon, and that their service with the company will start from that date

regardless of the time they have served with the company. Seniority will be the order of position for promotion according to application. This will sadly effect some of the men who have served for years with the company and will spoil their chances of any pensions.

## Youth With a Pistol at the Lakeside

A young man with a revolver had a gay time in Port Stanley the other evening.

He was camping with a party of young chaps, and it is said, looked upon the wine until it took unto itself all the hues of the rainbow.

Then he pulled a revolver, and started a wild west parade that would have made Alkali Ike, the Cactus Gulch Rascal, look like a Sunday school boy with curls.

He went to the tent, yelling like a hand-painted Indian, and scared the boys into seven different kinds of fits. The youngsters left him in possession of the tent. He amused himself with his pistol for a time, but soon became calm, and went to slumber.

Several of the lads returned to the city the next day.

There will be no trouble, it is said, over the occurrence.

## Insane Patients in the County Jail

The county jail authorities are highly indignant because insane people are brought to the jail and sometimes allowed to remain there for several weeks before being removed.

The latest cause for complaint is in the case of John Finnegan, aged 57, who has been sent to the London Asylum on numerous occasions, partially recovered, and is then again arrested and sent to the jail while the red tape is unwound to get him back to the asylum.

Finnegan is a particularly noisy prisoner, and his constant blasphem-

ous talk is exceedingly annoying to the other prisoners, who are unable to sleep at night. He has been in the county jail for three weeks now, and there is no telling how much longer he will be left there.

## MR. M. H. FOLGER DEAD.

Kingston, Aug. 15.—Mr. M. H. Folger, the well-known steamboat manager, died this morning, aged 67. He was United States vice-consul for 30 years. His son, B. W. Folger, is manager of the Niagara Navigation Company, Toronto.