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OFFER REGARDING COSTS DECLINED BY PETITIONER

Secretary of Reform Association Tells Secrets of the Organization for A. G. Mackay.

Owen Sound, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The North Grey election trial resumed today before Chief Justice Moss and Mr. Justice Street. After a lengthy argument by George H. Watson, K.C., that the election had been voided by the elevation of Hon. A. G. Mackay, K.C., to the executive council, and that there was no objection to the proceeding, it was intimated broadly that if the question of costs was the only thing that prompted the petitioner to proceed, that little matter might be amicably arranged.

George M. Boyd, ex-M.L.A., said: "No, go on with the trial."

The wonderful scope of C. M. Bowman's generosity was indicated by the admission of George A. Ferguson, that that well-known legislator and contractor had contributed to the North Grey election fund.

The trial resumes at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Began at 3 o'Clock.

The trial began this afternoon at 3 o'clock. It was not dennitely known in Owen Sound whether the trial would actually proceed, but despite the uncertainty the court-room was crowded, and witnesses who had been served were on the scene in numbers. On this occasion the absence of A. B. Aylesworth was noted, his place as leading counsel being filled by George H. Watson, K.C. Mr. McEvoy, the assistant legal luminary for the respondent, was absent thru missing his train, and his place was filled by W. H. Wright. Hon. A. G. Mackay, K.C., occupied a seat between his solicitors. George M. Boyd, ex-M.L.A., was present also and was represented by George T. Blackstock, K. C., Lieut.-Col. N. F. Paterson, K.C., and W. H. Price. The chief justice nodded that they were prepared to proceed. Mr. Watson enlightened the court by stating that since the adjournment the respondent, Hon. A. G. Mackay, K.C., had been appointed to the executive council. By virtue of the act, the seat had become vacant and the election void, and Mr. Mackay, for this reason, could not sit or vote in the legislature. That being so, Mr. Watson submitted that there was no occasion to seek the invalidation of an election when it was already invalid in effect by the appointment to an office of emolument. The position that the court should take was that the object having been attained there was not further reason for proceedings. He understood that Mr. Justice Teetzel, in the North York case, declined to proceed, as the seat was already vacant and because there could be no good object gained in proceeding further. The section of the act was discretionary and not mandatory or peremptory. He invoked the decision of the court, that it would be a loss of time and useless expense to proceed.

To Prevent a Stay.

Mr. Paterson replied that section 45 was inserted in the act with the very object of preventing attempts to stop election trials by resignations or acceptance of office. There was also the question of costs that would be involved, and they desired to satisfy the court as to the genuineness of charges on this account. They were prepared to go on and show that the most flagrant corrupt practices existed.

Mr. Watson arose and said: "If the question of costs is the only matter at issue, I would be glad to confer with my learned friend."

Mr. Paterson seemed to hesitate. Speaking slowly, he said that he must admit that the seat was as vacant as it could be. They were not influenced alone by mercenary considerations, however, and believed that there were charges that should be laid bare and persons reported for them by the court.

Mr. Boyd, who had shown some warmth at this stage of the proceedings, spoke something in Mr. Paterson's ear. The latter turning to the judges said: "No, my lords, my client prefers to go on."

The judges decided that the case should proceed, holding that they should be entitled to stop the proceedings if they deemed it advisable at any time. Mr. Watson asked for an adjournment until Tuesday morning, but as evidence regarding organization was to be taken up the judges decided to go on.

As to Organization.

George A. Ferguson, secretary of the Reform Association, admitted that he had been asked by Mr. Mackay to take charge of the committee rooms, and did so about three weeks before the election. Generally speaking, he was to look after the organization in town. Besides himself were employed Samuel Pearce and Duncan Marshall, then of Thornbury. There were three rooms divided by partitions. Ben Kay, the caretaker, who was hired by John Lindsay, was also there. Wesley Brandon was not employed there, but Frederick McKinney did some work on the lists. He paid McKinney about $7 for his work, and did not know of anyone else paying him. He understood that $7 was a balance, and Duncan Marshall might have paid him other accounts. He knew Jas. A. Frost, who was a worker, and reported to the

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WRONG DOING IN ELECTION? COUNTY JUDGE TO INQUIRE

Pro Annexationists in East Toronto Allege Serious Irregularities on Part of Town Officials.

Serious charges, ostensibly against the town officials of East Toronto, and indirectly aimed at the council, as an aftermath of the recent vote on the question of annexation to the city, were preferred last night at the regular meeting of the town council, and will be investigated by the county judge. A petition asking for an investigation was presented, which, while it did not deal with specific cases, was sufficiently outspoken as to warrant earnest attention. In effect, it is charged that in order to defeat a probable vote in favor of annexation, the voters' lists were interfered with while the vote was being taken; ballots accepted from persons not on the lists, and the property qualification altered and a typewritten amendment to the oath inserted, by which men were debarred from voting on property held in their wives' names. In the past, it had been customary to allow such a vote. W. H. Grant, the town solicitor, admits having made the change, but says it was done only after his having secured the opinions of two judges and City Solicitor Caswell on the point. Mayor Walters and members of the council deny any attempt at sharp practice and court a full inquiry. The presentation of the petition caused somewhat of a sensation, altho there have been rumors afloat for several days that the annexationists were contemplating some such action. When council met last night Wallace Maclean handed the petition to Town Clerk Clay, who read, as follows:

To the mayor and members of the council of the corporation of the Town of East Toronto:

The undersigned have had placed before them evidence which discloses grave irregularities in the conduct of the vote on the annexation bylaw taken Oct. 26 last. These irregularities may be classed under three heads:

Alleged Irregularities.

1. THE ADDING OF NAMES TO THE VOTERS' LISTS AFTER THE LISTS HAD BEEN PLACED IN THE HANDS OF THE SEVERAL DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS AND DURING THE HOURS WHEN THE POLL WAS IN PROGRESS.

2. ALLOWING CERTAIN PERSONS TO VOTE WHOSE NAMES WERE NOT ON THE CERTIFIED LIST FURNISHED BY THE TOWN CLERK TO THE DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS.

3. THE DISFRANCHISEMENT OF SEVERAL RATEPAYERS WHO WERE LEGALLY ENTITLED TO VOTE AS FREEHOLDERS BY REASON OF THEIR BEING SUBJECTED TO AN ILLEGAL OATH WHEN DEMANDING THEIR BALLOTS.

Ready to Prove.

The undersigned are prepared to substantiate the above charges by proving specific instances under each head. They have further been legally advised that the irregularities are absolutely without justification. Tampering with the voters' lists while the vote is in progress and the acceptance of ballots from individuals whose names are not on the lists are so manifestly opposed to the letter and spirit of the law that they think it unnecessary to produce authorities to convince your honorable body of the illegality of these acts.

The undersigned are also legally advised that the oath to which freeholders were subjected when demanding their right to vote was contrary to the provisions of the Municipal Act, and therefore illegal. The undersigned have evidence to prove that, except for these irregularities the vote would have shown a majority for, instead of against, the annexation bylaw.

Request for Judicial Inquiry.

Your petitioners wish to impress upon your honorable body the gravity of the irregularities charged. Honesty in the administration of the public business is the keystone of good government. The right of the majority to decide on matters of public policy is as sacred as the enjoyment of property or the liberty of the individual. Your petitioners are fully convinced that the will of the people has been defeated by reason of the irregularities complained of in the taking of the vote in question, and they pray that your honorable body will pass a resolution in accordance with section 324 of the consolidated municipal act, requesting the judge of the county court to investigate the charges made in connection with the aforesaid vote.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc. (Signed) David Martin, R. H. McClure, J. W. McCulloch, L. A. De Laplante, A. Hutton, James McCrow, Wallace Maclean, Wilson Fenton, A. H. Moore, Thomas F. McCabe, Fred. Murch, C. H. Britton, W. Morley, Jas. R. Moffatt, Robert Brown, Fred. Mothersill, W. Linton, Alex. McLeod, William J. Gardiner, F. G. Howells, B. K. Brown.

Councillors Call It Libel.

After the reading of the petition, Mayor Walters called for an expression of opinion.

"It is a libel against the council," declared Councillor Richardson. Speaking for himself, he would make no apology for the course he had pursued. He asked that the petitioners make a specific charge.

Councillor White declared that personally he would take no notice of the petition. It was libelous and unworthy of official attention.

Mr. Nimmo, for the annexationists, charged that grave misdemeanors had been committed. It was a matter of regret that they were compelled to make the charges, but on behalf of the citizens he would demand an investigation.

Wallace Maclean said that in answer to Councillor Richardson he could bring a number of specific charges and would do so. In answer to the statement of the councillor that the matter should first be referred to a committee of the council, he declared that the finding of such committee would not be final, and nothing but a reference to the county judge would satisfy the petitioners. Duly qualified voters had been refused the right to record their votes. "Who are to be held responsible?" he asked. "If given an opportunity, we will prove every statement." If council

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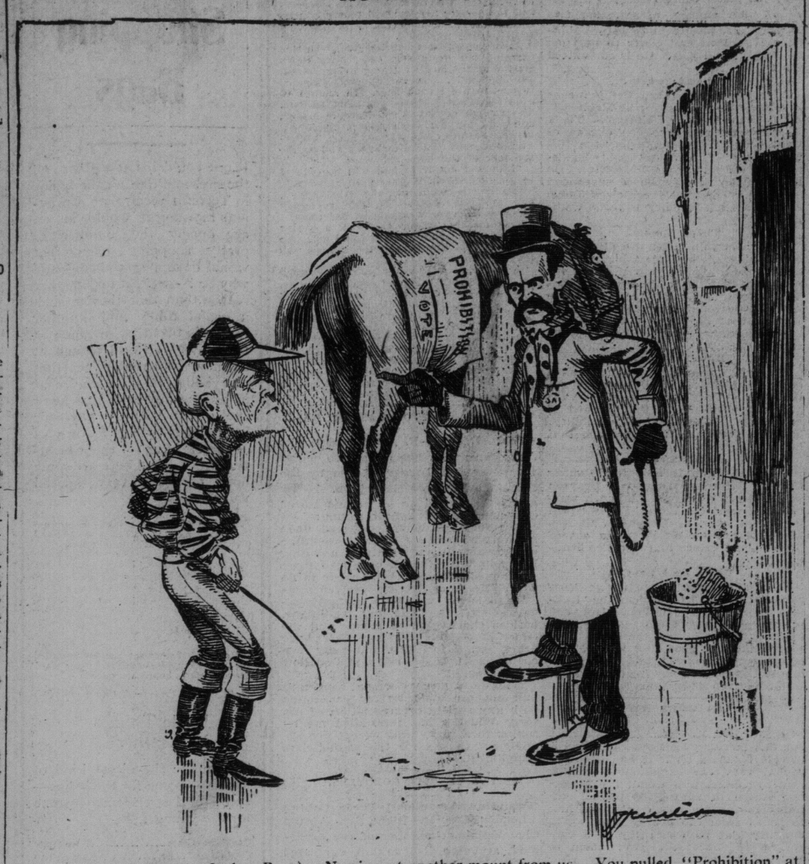

TRAINER SPENCE (to Jockey Ross): No sir, not another mount from us. You pulled "Prohibition" at the Convention meet when he was a sure thing—and you've t'run us down for years.

MOTORMAN EXONERATED BY JURY COMPANY CULPABLY NEGLIGENT

Coroner's Jury Return Verdict in Queen St. Crossing Fatality After 3 Hours, Consideration

The jury enquiring into the Thanksgiving Day fatality found, after considering the evidence for three hours last evening, that there was nothing to show that Motorman Armstrong did not do his duty, that no blame could attach to the Grand Trunk Railway Co., but that the Toronto Railway Co. had been culpably negligent, both by its failure to provide efficient brakes and by its poor system of inspecting cars.

Coroner Cotton addressed the jury at 8 o'clock, going over portions of the testimony on which jurymen asked for information. He commented adversely on the evidence of the car inspector, who swore positively that the wrecked car was in good condition, altho he had no reason to notice it more than any of the other cars in the barn. The coroner submitted the following questions, which were answered by the verdict, altho not specifically:

Crucial Questions.

1—Did the motorman, Willis Armstrong, show negligence in the handling of car No. 642, on the evening of Nov. 17. If so, in what respect?

2—Did the Toronto Railway Co. show culpable negligence (or any of its employes) either as to equipment or repair of car No. 642? If so, in what respect?

3—Did the Grand Trunk Railway Co. show culpable negligence? If so, in what respect?

The jury went out at 8.20 p.m. and discussed the matter with much earnestness until 11.30 p.m. The full text of their verdict was as follows:

The Verdict.

"We find that deceased, W. J. McKay, met with his death on the evening of Nov. 17, 1904, as the result of a collision between street railway car No. 642 and a freight train on the G. T. Railway at Queen-street east crossing.

"We find no evidence to prove that Motorman Armstrong was guilty of any negligence in his duty.

"We further find that in view of the greater danger on the King-street route the Toronto Street Railway Co. are culpably negligent in not equipping this car No. 642 and other cars on this route with the most effective brake to meet any emergency that may arise, and that the system of inspection provided is very inefficient.

"We further find that the Grand Trunk Railway used every reasonable precaution to prevent the accident.

"We further recommend that some more effective method of preventing accidents at this and other level crossings be provided either with a spring switch placed against the cars or that the Scotch blocks be removed at least 50 feet away from the gates."

A Hall a Necessity.

During the inquest, seven sessions were held, mostly at Dingman's Hall. Thirty-four witnesses were examined, and the coroner's transcript of the evidence covered 58 pages. The enquiry was much hampeded by difficulty in obtaining a suitable hall in which to hold the sessions and the jurymen were emphatic in their condemnation of the civic authorities for failure to allow the use of the city hall. The following resolution was passed:

"We wish to place on record our earnest protest against the lack of accommodation for holding coroners' inquests, and think the City of Toronto has surely grown large enough to put the necessary machinery in motion to provide a proper place for the holding of inquests."

CAUSE OF IT LOST HIS JOB.

Reason Why Cars Stopped as Officially Explained.

Patience is a virtue that 'twere well the citizens of Toronto should cultivate without delay. It looks as if the Toronto Railway have jumped right in to give a foretaste of what's to come and a reminder of what happened last winter. It didn't snow so very much yesterday. Mother Earth was as flimsily clad in her fleecy mantle as a burlesque queen on the stage. But the cars stopped, stopped in bunches, and at various times and for varying periods. In the morning, during the afternoon, and late on in the night, it was all the same.

The company had an excuse, a new one, and according to the explanation vouchsafed the annoyance has been avenged. The man responsible for it has lost his job. His name is not given, but he is not one of those to whom the reporters fly for information in an emergency. It was one of the workmen.

"The trouble was at the power house, where a temporary engine in use while one of the main engines was being repaired, broke down," so the explanation runs. "Thru the carelessness of an employe, the engine was not properly oiled up and this caused the trouble. The employe was discharged."

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East York Farmers' Institute.

A meeting of East York Farmers' Institute will be held at Agincourt today at 2 p.m. Subject: "Breeding Shorthorns," introduced by John Gardhouse, Highfield. The ladies will meet at Mrs. John Elliott's and decide relative to Canadian correspondence course.

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CAMERA CLUB HONORS.

R. D. Stovel Gets Gold Medal in Exhibition Competition.

In the competition of the Toronto Camera Club exhibition, which opened last night in Forum Building, the president's (Mr. Hodgins) gold medal was awarded to R. D. Stoval; the club silver medal went to Alexander Buntin, and the bronze medal to Arthur H. C. Freemantle. There are about 125 pictures in the exhibition, few of them betraying conventional treatment or remaining in the ruts of photography. It will remain open to the public, free, for the balance of the week, from 2 till 6 and 7 till 10 daily.

In the Federation of American Photographic Societies' first salon pictures by Past President Hodgins and James H. Ames were admitted. These were selected from nearly 10,000 pictures sent from all over America and Europe, the committee of 20 judges being composed of men of such artistic eminence as John Lafarge and Kenyon Cox. As Toronto sent only 50 pictures, the average of the club is very high.

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When P. C. Wicklem (36) was arresting Tom Milligan, a drunk, last night, W. J. Reynolds, 159 Sumach-street, interfered, and obstructed the policeman. Reynolds was locked up on the charge of interfering with the police.

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UNREST AMONG STUDENTS.

Varsity Undergraduates Looking for a Moses to Do Things.

There is unrest among the students of Toronto University. They are looking for a Moses. They believe things are not what they should be, and with the ardor of youth, they feel impelled to make things right.

So far the unrest has shown itself in corridor conversations and occasional bits of news and comment in Varsity. But the turmoil is in the student mind, and it is liable to break out in a rash any day. Yesterday there was talk among the leaders of the boys of forming a committee to draw up a memorial for the edification of the senate.

The complaint made is rather abstract. It is charged that there are factions among the professors, that partiality is shown certain students to the disadvantage of others, that some Victoria College men in certain branches of study have "no show," that honors in times past have gone to those to whom honors were not due, and, in short, to use a student's phrase, "things are rotten."

"I would not be surprised," said a fourth-year man to The World yesterday, "to see the strike of 1895 duplicated soon." So there you are for the present.

NO IMMEDIATE STRIKE.

Telegraphers in Winnipeg Stand for Peace for a Time.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern Railway telegraph operators held a long conference to-day, and, after considerable discussion, resolved that there should be no immediate strike.

At the civic elections, which will be held to-morrow, in addition to the election of aldermen, a vote will be taken on the matter of public ownership of the gas franchise.

George Johnstone, a teamster, dropped dead on the street to-day.

The closing week of the lake navigation resulted in a record shipment of wheat.

J. P. Morgan, thru a confidential agent, is said to be investing heavily in Canadian Northern Railway stock.

As a retaliatory measure to the Conservative protests, the Liberals will also protest three of the Conservative seats in Manitoba.

Was An Ottawa Man.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Word has been received of the murder in New York of Thomas E. Buchanan of Ottawa. He left Ottawa some time ago, and was a bar tender in a saloon in Gotham. Toughs started a row in the bar, in which Buchanan was killed. There is no clue to the murderer. The body will be brought to Ottawa to-morrow for interment.

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Woman's Art Association Exhibition, Confederation Life Building.
Junior Auxiliary, St. James' Cathedral, Bazaar, 3 to 6.30.
Zenana Mission, annual meeting, Y. M. C. A., 3.30.
Hamilton Old Boys, Webb's 7.15.
University College dinner, McConkey's, 7.30.
Separate School Board, 8 o'clock.
Methodist Temperance Conference, Queen-street Church, 8 o'clock.
Astronomical Society, Canadian Institute, 8 o'clock.
Political Science Club, Prof. Robertson on "Dairying in Canada," Chemical Laboratory, 8 o'clock.
Army and Navy Veterans, Occident Hall, 8 o'clock.
Chamberlain Chapter, D. O. E., Confederation Life Building, 8 o'clock.
Caledonian Society at home, St. George's Hall, 8 o'clock.
Northwest Ratepayers' Association, Dunlop's Conservatories, 8 o'clock.
Fyfe Missionary Society, annual meeting, Castle Memorial Hall, 8 o'clock.
McPherson Mayoralty meeting, Euclid-avenue Hall, 8 o'clock.
Huron-street School, closing, Trinity Methodist Church, 8 o'clock.
Victoria College, oration contest, 8 o'clock.
Theatres—See Public Amusements.

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BLAIR SCOUTS SCANDAL CONTRACTS BY TENDERS

NOW SHELLING PORT ARTHUR JAPS SET ARSENAL ON FIRE

Russian Fleet Completely Disabled and No Further Need of Bombarding It.

Tokio, Dec. 12.—(4 p.m.)—The commander of the Japanese naval land battery, reporting to-day, says:

"Four Russian battleships, two cruisers, one gunboat and one torpedo store ship lying in Port Arthur harbor, are completely disabled. There is no further necessity for bombarding the Russian naval force.

"Are now engaged shelling the Town of Port Arthur, which is being heavily damaged."

ARSENAL ON FIRE.

London, Dec. 12.—A despatch to the Japanese legation from Tokio to-day says the bombardment of Port Arthur Sunday considerably damaged the wireless telegraph station at the foot of Golden Hill and set fire to the arsenal.

WHY PUBLIC OWNERSHIP IS NEEDED

Controller Spence Addresses Labor Meeting in Zion Church.

Winter weather blighted several meetings last night and the mass meeting in Zion Church lecture hall was no exception. John Tweed and ex-Ald. Moses delivered quick-fire addresses, having another meeting to attend. Controller Spence intimated that live political issues were alone worthy of consideration. The city for the citizens was the first of these issues. Manufacturers, commercialists, trades unions, street railway companies, telephone companies, all these interests thought they should run the city, but no section should have precedence over the whole.

Public ownership of public service utilities was the next issue. The fear of corrupt influences was urged as an objection. If the city owned its street railway, said Mr. Spence, it might cost more, but that would only be due to extravagance and not corruption. They might employ more men and pay higher wages and cut down fares, but that would be at the expense of the big profits now rolled up for capitalists. Municipal politics would also be purified by public ownership, as there would be no corporation agents seeking to corrupt officials.

The enforcement of contract obligations was the last issue Mr. Spence had time for. He would hold every company that agreed to do anything strictly to the bargain. Their failure in this respect was an argument for public ownership.

W. A. Douglas presented a single tax conundrum, and Poet Sabine wished to know why he should be compelled to live in sheds and hovels when other gentlemen had better quarters.

Chairman Ward regretted that city contracts were open to United Staters, and Mr. Spence explained that wide open competition was the only means to prevent local combinations from holding up the city. After a collection had been made to music supplied by Miss Alexander on the piano, John Reeks spoke on labor problems, the governing classes and the working masses, the necessity of trades unions, and the moulders' 9 hours day dispute with the Canada Foundry.

SPECIAL G.T.R. MEETING.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 12.—A special meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway is to be held on the twenty-first for the purpose of sanctioning and confirming the resolutions passed at the directors' meeting agreeing to guarantee the principal and interest of an issue not exceeding $7,500,000 for 50 years of 4 per cent. gold bonds proposed to be created by the Grand Trunk Pacific as a first charge upon the Lake Superior branch.

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MARRIAGES.

DUER—BLACKSTOCK-DOWNEY — On Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the English Cathedral, Rangoon, Burma, by the Rt. Rev. John Strachan, D.D., Bishop of Rangoon, Major Charles S. Duer, I.M.S., to Caroline Blackstock-Downey, daughter of Rev. W. S. Blackstock, D.D., of Toronto.

DEATHS.

BRETZ—At 787 Gerrard-street East, on Monday, Dec. 12, Marjorie Josephine, infant daughter of Frank H. and Lillie M. Bretz.

DEVLIN—At Unionville, Dec. 10th, 1904, at her late residence, Mary Ann, widow of the late Hugh Devlin, in her 79th year.

Funeral on Tuesday at 1 o'clock, to Hagerman Cemetery.

GLOCKLING—On Monday, December 12th, Elizabeth, relict of the late Peter Glockling, aged 73 years.

Funeral from the residence of her son-in-law, Wm. L. Youn, 18 Sully-crescent, on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

London, Eng., papers please copy.

LAUGHLIN—On Monday, Dec. 12th, at the residence of his mother, 94 Bond-street, Samuel H. Laughlin.

Funeral service at 94 Bond-street Tuesday evening, 13th inst., at 7.30. Funeral Wednesday, Dec. 14th, at 8 a.m., to Union Station.

Interment in Brockville.

PRESTON—At the Western Hospital, on Monday, Dec. 12th, 1904, Robert Oscar Preston, in his 74th year.

Funeral private, from Craig's Undertakers, Parkdale, Tuesday, at 2 p.m.

WRIGHT—At his residence, 403 Yonge-street, Toronto, on Saturday, Dec. 10, 1904, John Wright, aged 69 years.

Funeral from above address Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., to the Necropolis.

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REPLY TO RECENT CHARGES OF IRREGULAR PRACTICES

Montreal Star Says That if Government Doesn't Investigate, Leader of Conservatives Should.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Hon. A. G. Blair, who is en route for the Lower Provinces, was seen this evening with regard to further statements made in the Ottawa weekly called Events. He said this was the first he had seen or heard of the article, and he could say generally that no contract had ever been given by his department except upon tender, that he had never known of any such dealings as Mr. Russell was accused of; he knew Mr. Russell well and had always found him an entirely honorable man. Certainly no contract in his department had ever been influenced by any such considerations or by any recommendation on the part of Mr. Russell.

Why Not Name Him.

When shown a statement that Mr. Russell had gone to a certain merchant and offered him departmental orders on condition of subscribing for so much stock, and that having failed with him he had succeeded with his manager, Mr. Blair said, "Why does he not give the name? If I had the name of the person I would go to him and get his statement, but as it is I can only say that I have absolutely no knowledge further than that no transaction of my department was influenced thereby."

When asked if it was true that an imprtant deputation of members had waited on him and made representations as to what was going on, and insisted that he should cut the connection, he said he never had such a deputation come to him, nor had any such representations been made to him, except that Mr. Pope had made certain statements on the floor of the house which he had immediately and distinctly denied.

Necessary to Investigate.

With regard to the above interview, The Witness says:

"We have it from Mr. Blair himself, however, that these charges are not true so far as he is concerned, or any charges which imply that anything improper was done in his department thru any machinations of Mr. Russell. No contract, he says, was given out without a proper tender. But it is plain that if Mr. Russell does not hurry with his libel actions it will be necessary for the government to investigate the whole matter. In any case, it will be necessary for parliament to take cognizance of the charges so far as they concern departments of the government and cabinet ministers."

Time for an Inquiry.

The Star rises to say: "So long as the charges and insinuations were made solely by the irresponsible newspapers, depending on sensation at any cost for their very existence, there was little to do but lough (as The Witness does) at the fairy tales told about the bribing of ministers of the crown and less important Liberal candidates to desert their party prior to the late elections, looking to the overthrow of the government. But when papers like The Toronto Globe join in the charge, there is no alternative left to the government but to order an investigation; and if the government-elect does not make such an enquiry it would appear to be the duty of the opposition to demand one, and a thoro one. If Mr. Borden is sincere, and those who know him well believe he is sincere, when he says he knows nothing of these alleged improprieties which the Liberal papers are laying at the door of the Conservative party, an avowed lover of fair fighting, as Mr. Borden is, cannot, if he has the opportunity, hesitate to ask the government for an enquiry."

Devolves on His Successor.

If he is not in the house, the same duty will devolve upon his successor. If any such bribing or attempts at bribing were resorte dto, it is due the country to reveal the names of the bribers. And if it can be established that it was done by the Conservatives or anybody on their behalf, the guilty ones, the inciters as well as the actors, must suffer the odium attaching to such practices, which, were they committed by Liberals under revedsed circumstances, would deserve and receive the condemnation of all fair-minded Conservatives."

FAIR AND COLD.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 12.—(8 p.m.)—Light snowfalls have occurred today in Western Ontario, whilst elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair. Temperatures continue low from Manitoba to the Maritime Provinces and are unseasonably high in the Territories.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44—48; Kamloops, 32—36; Calgary, 28—32; Winnipeg, 24 below—2 below; Port Arthur, zero—6; Parry Sound, 2—14; Toronto, 12—18; Ottawa, zero—8; St. John, 2—16; Yarmouth, 14—24.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong northerly and northwesterly winds; fair and decidedly cold.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Strong northerly winds; cold, with light local snowfalls.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—High easterly to northerly winds; cold, with light snowfalls.

Maritime—High east to north and northwest winds; cold, with snow.

Superior—Fair and decidedly cold.

Manitoba—Fair, more moderate temperature and light local snowfalls.

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