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## PREMIER ROSS NON-COMMITTAL

Regarding N. Renfrew Election Muddle—Will he Take Advantage of It?

Mr. Mahaffy's Maiden Speech Shows Him an Able Debater Interim Supply Voted.

Toronto, Jan. 28.—The North Renfrew election muddle was again the theme of a spirited debate in the Legislature this afternoon. Upon being pressed by Mr. Whitney to state the Government's intended method of procedure in view of the alleged irregularity in issuing the writ, Premier Ross, although on the whole non-committal, hinted that the Government might take advantage of the situation.

### INTERIM SUPPLY.

A message was received from the Lieut.-Governor, and read, recommending the passage of interim supply.

The House then went into supply—W. C. Caldwell, of North Lanark, in the chair. The Premier announced that he would ask for supplies to the amount of \$570,000 to carry on public business until March 1st.

Mr. Whitney thought the amount of small moment, especially when the Government organ had announced that the need of money was one of the reasons for an early session. The fact that it was now two weeks since the Legislature met disproved the argument entirely.

The vote was then formally passed.

### NORTH RENFREW.

Mr. Whitney enquired if Mr. Cameron, in his speech of the previous day, had formally raised the point that the amendment of Mr. Roy was out of order because the whole course of the election in North Renfrew was, as he claimed, illegal.

Mr. Cameron, replying, said he had not done so, but had made a simple statement of facts. Mr. Whitney—"I understand you to argue that the amendment was out of order, but, of course, accept your explanation. This point raised by the member of West Huron is, however, a serious matter, and I desire to know the Government's view regarding it. It is not fair to allow Mr. Dunlop to sit in this House, possibly liable to a penalty of \$2,000 a day, without the Government stating that there is anything in Mr. Cameron's contention, or whether they regard it as a mere blank cartridge."

Mr. Ross—"It is certainly not a blank cartridge. Mr. Cameron has made an important contribution to the debate, and argued it out logically. What action the Government will take will not be made known until a later day. If Mr. Cameron has finished his argument we have not yet considered the matter, which is very important. The motion may be in order, but the right of a gentleman to sit in this House is quite a different thing."

Mr. Whitney—"Well, I will leave it in that way. The Government is not prepared to state what action it will take."

Mr. Ross—"Not to-day."

Mr. Whitney—"And it is left to this late date for a member of the House to inform the Government as to its legal position?"

Mr. Ross—"Not at all. While we had doubts about the matter, this argument was presented for the first time. There may be arguments from the other side which will upset it."

Mr. Whitney—"You persist in misunderstanding me. The Government, not Mr. Cameron, has charge of such matters, and apparently have only now become seized of the fact that there is doubt of the legality of their course. If any such question arose before it should have been attended to by the Attorney-General without the necessity of a private member informing him of the matter."

### DEBATE RESUMED.

Mr. Cameron then resumed the debate, following up his argument regarding North Renfrew. The statutes, he said, gave the right to issue a writ before calling the Legislature, and the Opposition was blaming the Government because such action had not been taken. If the statute gave such power, why had not the Opposition given the necessary notice? Had they done so the difficulty he had outlined would then have been discovered. Why, then, had the Opposition taken the course they did, which the government was not responsible? He assumed that a leading lawyer and old parliamentarian like Mr. Roy would have been too good a constitutional lawyer to have put the House into so awkward a position. It was the Opposition which should have considered the question, and they had created the difficulty, as the Speaker was compelled to act upon the notice they handed in. Desperate cheers. Mr. Cameron declared that, so far as the Liberals were concerned, there was a purer election than that of 1902, and he emphatically protested against the statements spread broadcast by the Conservatives that the Liberals had obtained a majority by wholesale corruption.

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## PAID TRIBUTE TO MR. WILSON

Director G. A. Depew's Warm Words of Eulogy on the Work of Maple City Musician.

Big Robin Hood Rehearsal—Mr. Pease's Magnificent Work—Lord Aylmer Will Attend the Production.

"Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. I may say I never heard that beautiful chorus sung more smoothly."

Thus spoke Musical Director G. Arthur Depew, organist and choir-master of the Barold Jarvis choir in Detroit, an old Maple City boy, by-the-way,—at the conclusion of the big Robin Hood rehearsal last evening, when the concluding number, "St. Swithen's Chimes," with solo by Miss Ruby Gordon (Allan-a-Dale), had just been completed. And Mr. Depew added some other complimentary comments.

"Although circumstances, over which the management of your production had no control, compelled my taking hold of the formal direction of the orchestra and opera at this date," said Mr. Depew, speaking at the close of the recital, "I would like to pay public tribute to the magnificent work that has been accomplished by Mr. Wilson in directing and training the preparation for this, the king of all comic operas. My friend, Mr. Slade, told me he was a marvel, but even then I was scarcely prepared for the results I witnessed in the rehearsal to-night. Mr. Wilson has proved himself a veritable genius as a director and I can say truthfully I never faced an amateur chorus possessing such an accurate and perfect conception of their work."

"So far as Robin Hood is concerned, I want to say, with pleasure, after talking the matter over with the management, that there will be no descent to unseemly and unpleasant methods in any particular. We have the best comic opera written, one of the best amateur companies it was ever my pleasure to be associated with, and I trust all our efforts will be devoted whole-heartedly and straight-forwardly to producing the best results ever achieved in Chatham. I expect, with the exception of Sundays, to practically retake-up my residence in the old town from now until the production, while Miss Grey, Mr. Pease and Mr. Slade will be down three nights next week and all of the last week for rehearsal."

"Regarding the orchestra, which I shall direct myself, I only want to say that it is without question the best, individually and collectively, that ever went out of Detroit for an opera engagement. Between the acts of the opera we hope to give two orchestral selections of concert character which I believe will prove a treat to the people of Chatham."

Last evening, for the first time, the full cast was present and the whole opera—music and libretto—was gone through in its entirety. The feature of the rehearsal was the appearance of Marshall Pease, Detroit's celebrated tenor, who sings the title role of the opera. Mr. Pease has a marvellous voice, of exceptional sweetness and power, and was never heard to better advantage. In his duet work with both Miss Grey and Miss Gordon his pure tenor was revealed in by the fortunate chorus, but the feature of the evening—in fact of the entire opera—is the magnificent quartette, Miss Grey, soprano; Miss Gordon, contralto; Marshall Pease, tenor, and Samuel I. Slade, basso. The chorus broke into rounds of applause, demanding encore after encore, until Director Depew had to finally stay the applause with his baton. The male quartette, Marshall Pease, R. Will Angus, J. Will Wilson and Sam. I. Slade, was also one of the treats of the opera rehearsal. Mr. Depew is holding principals' rehearsals to-night, owing to the presentation of Henry VIII, but a special rehearsal is called for Saturday evening, when Mr. Depew will take the chorus over the work and a full rehearsal of the entire opera with all the principals will take place on Monday evening, and daily thereafter till the presentation.

Lieut.-Colonel J. B. Rankin and Major G. P. Schofield were present at last evening's rehearsal. At the close Col. Rankin addressed the company, saying that he had personally interviewed the Earl of Dundonald and Lord Aylmer in Ottawa. The latter had definitely announced his intention to be present, while all that the G. O. C. could do at the present time was to tender his assurance that he would be present if at all possible.

### SPECIAL REHEARSAL

Musical Director G. Arthur Depew has asked for a special chorus rehearsal of Robin Hood to-morrow evening at eight o'clock. All the members who can possibly make it convenient to be present are asked to attend this special rehearsal as Mr. Depew wishes to talk to them upon some matters of special interest.

## RECORDS AT POLICE COURT

Annual Report of Chief of Police Holmes Gives Interesting Figures.

Religion and Nationality of the Various Offenders—Influence of Education on Crime.

Chief Holmes presented his annual report at the meeting of the Police Commissioners yesterday, and in it there are some interesting details. In the matter of religions, the majority of offenders claimed to be methodists. This is perhaps to be explained in part by the fact that nearly all the colored people belong to the Methodist church. The following are the figures: Methodists 88, Roman Catholics, 68, English church 38, Baptists 38, Presbyterians 19, Salvationists 3, Lutherans 2, Saints 1, Jews 1, no religion, 1. It is easy to be seen that the atheists are poorly represented among the offenders. Probably when a man is caught he thinks he ought to have some religion because it isn't surely only the churchmen who go wrong. In nationalities the Scotch have only one representative. Somebody has said that the Scotch are just as bad as other people, but they are a little cleverer in escaping punishment. However this may be, they always appear least in the criminal records. The figures are as follows:

Canadians, 221,  
English, 12,  
Americans 13,  
Irish 3,  
Russian, 1,  
Scotland, 1,  
Sweden, 2,  
Australia, 1.

The occupations of those who appeared in the police court were varied. Laborers were in the big majority. They had 103 representatives. The men with no occupation came next. There were 46 of them. Then came the farmers to the number of 13. Some fourteen or fifteen other occupations had one or two representatives. Higher education evidently conduces to a reduction in crime. Of the 254 who appeared at the police court eight had superior education, 224 elementary education, and 23 none at all.

Dezela holds the record for arrests. He had 45. Dart comes next with 34. P. C. Groves had 27 and James Dodson 19.

The amount collected in the police court from fines and fees was \$549.36. The value of the goods found by the police was \$335.70. Eighty-five were found open during the year. Eighty tramps found lodging at the police station during the year, as against 71 in 1902, 96 in 1901, 120 in 1900, and 201 in 1899.

There were 19 less drunks last year, than the year before, so that drunkenness is apparently in the decline.

There were in all 254 cases in the police court. Of this number 171 were convicted.

Fifty-one cases were tried under the by-law, and 55 were tried under the statute.

Fifty-eight of those tried in the police court were under the age of 21.

### LEAP TO DEATH

Newark, N. J., Jan. 28.—Pursued by determined women whom he had offended deeply not only by following them several blocks in the street, but by actually forcing his way into the home of one of them despite their protests, Charles Scudder, a fine looking, well dressed man, about 19 years old, leaped from a third-story piazza, fracturing his skull. He was taken to St. Barnabas' hospital in an unconscious condition, and the doctors say he will now recover.

Scudder followed Mrs. Gustay Lichtenstein and her friend, Mrs. Gordon, who had been shopping, to the former's home and forced his way into the house. The woman screamed and Scudder took fright and dashed upstairs. This emboldened the women who pursued him, finally cornering him on a piazza overlooking the back yard. The man plunged over the railing and was found by a police officer unconscious on the ground. It was learned Scudder is an unmarried man, and is believed to have been intoxicated or temporarily insane.

### THE STAR CONDEMNED

St. Thomas, Ont., Jan. 28. — The trial of Capt. John C. Tabb, who was charged with illegally fishing in Canadian waters on Oct. 31, last, and whose fishing tug Star, was seized by Capt. Dunn, of the revenue cutter Petrel, was concluded before Judge Erumanger. The defense admitted that the boat was found several miles north of the international boundary line, but pleaded that the boat had lifted the nets in United States waters, and then proceeded across the boundary line in search of some nets which had been drifted across.

The court entered a judgement for condemnation.



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