



Liberal Convention
A convention of the Liberals of the Provincial Riding of WEST HASTINGS
will be held in the Rooms of the Hastings Liberal Club (over Sinclair's Store), Belleville, Thursday, June 18th, 1914, at 2 p.m.

Abolish the Bar!
Citizen's Temperance Mass Meeting
Thursday Evening, June 18th
Come and hear stirring addresses on this great question now before the people of Ontario.

Meeting at Gilbert's School House
Friday Evening, June 19th
A meeting in the interests of the Temperance Candidate for West Hastings will be held at Gilbert's School House Friday evening, June 19th.

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A bargain at \$2600 on Dunbar Street, eight room brick house with veranda, modern conveniences, electric light and gas, large lot 60x100, with barn. Land suitable for gardening. Seven minutes' walk from Front Street. Apply to Whelan and Yeomans, 29 Bridge St.

WEST HUNTINGDON
West Huntingdon—Miss Estella Kilpatrick of Crookston is visiting her cousin Miss Helen Haggerty.
Miss Eliza Wallace spent Monday with Miss Ella Wright.
Mrs. Henry Warren has returned to her home at Toronto after visiting friends here.

BLOOMFIELD
Bloomfield, June 15—Mrs. R. Dewar and son Jack of Deseronto spent Sunday at Mrs. R. Loofborough's.
Mr. Howard Bowman has gone to Peterborough to see the Pimble band.

CROOKSTON
Crookston, June 16—Strawberry picking is the order of the day in our neighborhood.
A number from here took in the social at Beulah. All report a very good time.

MELROSE
Melrose—Rev. Mr. John, pastor of the Methodist church has been removed to Bayville.
His departure from our midst. His cheerful, genial Christian manner, his promptness in every church duty, has won the love and respect of all with whom he came in contact, and we join in wishing him success and prosperity in his new home.

SIDNEY CROSSING
Sidney Crossing, June 13—The circuit tea held at Aikens' church for the Sidney circuit last night was well attended and a most enjoyable evening spent by all.
A splendid program was given by a number of talented—The Sidney Harmony Club, Mrs. Cook, soloist, Miss Alice Bell and Edna Roblin, elocutionists, also Miss Dolly Moon and Mr. Frank Spafford in a couple of duets. During the evening Mr. Frank Knight read an appropriate address and Mr. F. A. Spafford presented Mr. Chas. Massey of Wallbridge with a beautiful gold watch on behalf of the Sidney quarterly board of which he has been the recording steward for a number of years.

CARRYING PLACE
Carrying Place, Mr. and Mrs. D. Rowe and family spent Sunday with Mr. Russell.
Miss C. Adams spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. Rathbun's.
Mr. George Taylor spent Saturday in Wellington.

WALLBRIDGE
Wallbridge—The summer meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. E. E. Lane, June 10.
The subject of the evening was "Stepping Stones to Health," which we could all profit by. Miss Agnes Young of Toronto gave a most helpful hints on the care of House Plants. There were 50 ladies present. After the addresses a saucy lunch of ice cream and cake was served.

THOMASBURG
Thomasburg, June 15—The crops are looking fine in this locality. The rain which was so needed showered down Sunday last amid thunder and lightning, which did a great deal of damage. Nothing was damaged in this locality.

A. O. U. W.
OLD TIME
Basket Picnic
at the Scuttle Hole Near Latta July 1st, 1914
Games for Boys and Girls, Men and Women.
Everybody Invited. No Charge.

MOIRA
Moira, June 15—Rain is badly needed in this locality at present.
Mr. W. Hudson of Belleville and Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh of Madoc were guests of Mrs. M. J. Morton on Thursday last.

FOXBORO
Foxboro, June 15—Mr. and Mrs. Watt were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Gay at Madoc Junction on Sunday.
Miss Ora Shaw and her lady friend of Niagara are spending their vacation at the former's home.

MADOC JUNC.
Madoc Junction—Master Jack Sells of Trenton is spending his uncle Mr. Frank Sells.
Mrs. Smith of Madoc spent Sunday with friends here.

ENTHUSIASTIC RALLY FOR MR. SINCLAIR
Mr. Sinclair held a most enthusiastic meeting in Canterbury Hall, Trenton at which there was a large attendance.
The ladies were very much in evidence, emphasizing the fact that in this campaign it is a question that appeals to them, and has a close relation to the home.

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VERSIONS DISAGREE
Storstad Changed Course in Fog Says Captain Kendall.
COLLIER'S MATE SAYS NOT

White Master of Empress Declares That He Could Not Have Drifted Into Way of Storstad, Latter Ship's First Mate Says Coast Steamer Kept on Course—Court is International.

QUBEC, June 17.—Evidence amplifying the known contentions in regard to the cause of the disaster to the Empress of Ireland at Father Point in the St. Lawrence, on May 28, was brought out at yesterday's opening session of the investigating Dominion commission, of which Lord Mersey is chairman.

Se far the main arguments of Captain Kendall of the Empress that he was stationary when rammed by the collier Storstad and of the owners of the collier that the Empress placed herself in front of their vessel, which indisputably had the right of way, were only emphasized. Captain Kendall was on the stand for several hours, and gave a straightforward account of the events of the terrible morning along the lines of his testimony at the Edinburgh inquest.

Questioned by Lord Mersey as to why he stopped his ship when he had turned his green light to that of the Storstad in conformity with navigation rules, he claimed he took the step as a safeguarding measure against the fog. He could not be got by the lawyer for the Storstad, C. S. Haight of New York, to admit that his boat could have drifted in front of the Storstad unless the collier had changed her course after the fog was cleared from the fog.

That the collier had not changed her course after first sighting the Empress, though the witnesses had been made to port her helm after she had slowed down and that the Empress was crossing her bows, was the principal point arising out of the testimony of Alfred Tutuene, the first officer of the Storstad, who was examined during the afternoon. This witness also repeated the story that Empress sailors refused to go back in boats to carry on rescue work after once reaching the Storstad. Mr. Haight supplemented the evidence of Tutuene at the request of Lord Mersey by giving his explanation of the disaster a belief that the big liner thought she could cross the bow of the slow-going collier, that her helm was ordered ported by one officer and starboarded by another, a suggestion of confusion of orders that Captain Kendall indignantly repudiated.

New chapters illustrating the horror of the disaster were added by Captain Kendall in his testimony, the most startling being his description of how a sheet of flame burst from the Empress after she was rammed, the prow of the collier evidently penetrating clear through to her boilers. The first authentic account was also given of a distressing scene enacted when Captain Kendall, on the verge of a collapse, met Captain Andersen of the collier when the former reached the Storstad. Apparently, until Captain Kendall was taken away insensible, he vehemently argued that the collier had rammed him at full speed, while Captain Andersen contended that the liner was at fault.

No agreement could be secured from the testimony of the two witnesses heard yesterday as to the whistles blown by the vessels, though Lord Mersey discovered when examining the Storstad's first officer that he had blown a signal indicating that the collier was stopped and had immediately afterwards given an order to go slow ahead.

That though he knew a collision to be inevitable when the Storstad came in them in the fog, it was not till after it had occurred that the order to close the watertight bulkheads was given, by which three compartments had been exposed to the sea.
The speed which Lord Mersey directed the morning proceedings was continued during the afternoon, the lordship summarizing a number of examination that seemed to be superfluous.
The enquiry is remarkable for the fact that probably for the first time a British judge is chairman of a Canadian commission, an Butler Aspinall, Esq., an English lawyer, is leading one section of the interests involved, while an American lawyer, Mr. Haight, is conducting the case for other parties affected.

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