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THE DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER GOT POLLING SUB-DIVISION NO. 7. MACNISH SIGNED REQUEST.

MACNISH'S NEPHEW INTRODUCED THE STRANGER, EDWARD D. CRODEN, TO SHERIFF BROWN.

WHO MADE THE APPOINTMENT.

Then Read the Statutory Declaration of the MacDiarmid Secretary as to What Croden Did.

There were a series of circumstances along one line in connection with the West Elgin election trial which, though omitted owing to the confessions of Mr. Donald Macnish, Ontario people ought to read carefully and ponder over in the face of the attempt of certain Liberal organs to whitewash some of those connected with this case. The circumstances surrounding the taking of the oath at polling sub-division No. 7, St. Thomas, on Jan. 12 last, are remarkable, to put it mildly. Mr. Macnish, in his examination for discovery by Mr. Crothers before Examiner Hughes at St. Thomas on the 8th inst., admitted the genuineness of the signature to the following request to the sheriff, and it might be remarked that The World is in possession of a photographic copy of the document:

Dear Sir,—  
I hereby appoint the bearer as deputy returning officer for polling sub-division No. 7, in the city of St. Thomas, and oblige.  
Yours sincerely,  
Sheriff Brown, R.O., W. Elgin.

A fact worthy of note is that the special address to the sheriff is in Macnish's own handwriting. Mr. Macnish practically admitted this in an undertaking at the trial. And Mr. Macnish admitted that the oath as will be seen in another column—that on the day following the election the reverend of the township (Southwold) told him that at Middlemarch, in the division adjoining the one in which Macnish was elected, an unknown stranger had acted as deputy returning officer, and that he made no enquiry about it, either from the sheriff or anyone else.

Now, take the evidence of Sheriff Brown to the appointment of the deputy returning officer at polling sub-division No. 7, St. Thomas, in his examination for discovery, said Edward D. Croden, who acted as deputy returning officer at polling sub-division No. 7, St. Thomas, had been brought to him by Donald Macnish's nephew, Donald Macnish, who was accompanied by Mr. Crothers as to how he knew this man was to be the deputy returning officer. He said that he was told by the sheriff that "I took it for granted that he was the man chosen for the place."

Q: Did you ask Croden for whom he worked?  
A: Yes.  
Q: And a man in whom the public has confidence?  
A: Yes.  
Q: And you appointed this man Croden, being as far as you know a stranger?  
A: Yes.

Well, the order of Mr. Macnish, backed by the authority of the sheriff, and the fact that Croden was appointed as deputy returning officer, being as far as you know a stranger, is a very remarkable thing.

Now, read how Croden conducted matters at polling sub-division No. 7. This is an official document, which would have had to be filed in court had the trial gone on. The declaration reads:

To Wit: I, John Lang, of the city of St. Thomas, in the Province of Ontario, do solemnly declare that I acted as agent and scrutineer for Friday, 4th June, 1899, at the election of the division No. 7, St. Thomas, at the Provincial election, held in West Elgin, Jan. 12, 1899.

The Deputy Returning Officer who acted at said polling place was a stranger.

I, the said Deputy Returning Officer placed himself in a position that in putting the ballots into the box he held them between his fingers and the light. He caused the ballot to be folded across the names of the candidates and allowed them to be folded only once. He entered the list in the box in our presence with a chisel or piece of iron so that it would fit them in this way. With these arrangements he could tell without any difficulty how each ballot was marked. I protested against his doing so, and a number of voters also raised objections, but the only result was to have a bill tacked up to the window which did not prevent his still distinguishing what was written on the ballots. He said Deputy Returning Officer had with him a list of names of voters written on one newspaper, which he referred to and made marks on after voters voted the ballots. The said Deputy Returning Officer refused and neglected to swear a number of men whom I myself saw and requested him to swear. Michael Heenan was one of these. He refused to swear him, he said, because he gave no reason for wanting him sworn.

After the time came to count the ballots, the Deputy Returning Officer, after first pretending to count the number, then he turned the face of the table, showing a few towards each of Macnish's scrutineers one of whom was a stranger, a man in a dark and my co-agent, but having back the main bulk to himself. He allowed these men to sort and manipulate what they got as they chose, while he stood up and sorted the main bulk, so that nobody but himself could see the face of the ballots. He placed his back to the table and purposely kept the scrutineers and himself in a position that I could not by any possibility see their faces. He set the table in a position that he faced down. He gathered up the bunches from the others and proceeded to count the two plus face of the ballots, but should see the face of the ballots, but he would not show them. I did not see more than half a dozen all told. He put the ballots away without either counting or in any way fastening the tickets or envelopes, during all this kind of work I objected and protested

## "HUG THE MACHINE FOR ME," HE WIRED

W. T. R. Preston's Telegram to Donald Macnish After the West Elgin Ballots Had Been Counted.

More Details of the Charges Against the Liberals in the Petitioner's Bill of Particulars—What Macnish Said on Oath.

The bustling lawyers of St. Thomas, Messrs. Crothers & Price, made a record when they worked up the case for the Conservatives against Donald Macnish in the West Elgin case. It is doubtful if plaintiffs ever went into court with a case as "strong" as the case against the Liberals in that constituency. The more the facts and allegations and admissions of Mr. Macnish are examined the more flagrant seems to be the bribery, the corruption and all round debauchery indulged in by West Elgin in January last in the attempt to stiff the public will and help to bolster up the already tottering Hardy Government. The World unearthed a startling fact yesterday. Preston was right in the fight from start to finish and, according to the sworn evidence of Donald Macnish, the respondent, Preston wired Macnish on the night of the election, after the result of the fraudulent voting was announced: "Hug the machine for me." This telegram alone is enough to damn all concerned in the eyes of people who expected an honest vote of the electors. What do the people of Ontario think of this?

There are plenty of interesting "particulars" connected with the West Elgin election case—the full trial of which was buried on Monday by the signed admission of the Liberal respondent, Mr. Donald Macnish—yet to come. On the 8th instant the respondent, Mr. Macnish was examined by Mr. Crothers for discovery on behalf of the petitioner, Mr. Nunn. On that occasion Mr. Macnish, in the box, swore that he was a good fence. In his examination he said: "I spoke to Mr. Smith, the organizer of the Liberal party, and Mr. Preston, a former organizer. I do not know what Preston was doing here. He was here a week or more. Personal conversation with him, and I do not know what he was doing here. Personally I know nothing of his movements. I know he was assisting Mr. Macnish. I know he was speaking. Mr. Smith was the provincial organizer, and he was here looking after the election."

Mr. Macnish further swore: "I was introduced to Captain Sullivan during the campaign. I do not know what he was doing here, where he was from or where he was intended to go. I think he made his headquarters at the Duke House. I stay there when I am at that end of the city. I had no conversation with him, and I do not know what he was doing here. I did not see him at the nomination at Dutton."

Declared before me at the city of St. Thomas this 28th day of January, A.D. 1899.  
(Signed) S. Price, Notary Public.

Chamberlain and Hicks-Beach Heard a Deputation of Influential People Yesterday

FROM THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH CO.

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## HIS DEFI.



ARTHUR STUBBS: Oh, you can't bluff me, Uncle Sammy, big as you are. If your friend wants satisfaction let him come over and try on the gloves with me.

## TWELVE LIVES WERE LOST.

Steamer Margaret Olwill Goes to the Bottom of Lake Erie in the Storm.

SEAMAN COYLE ONLY MAN SAVED

Captain Brown, Wife and Son, and Miss Baldwin, a Passenger, Among the Victims.

Chicago, June 29.—The steamer Margaret Olwill, owned by L. P. Smith of Cleveland, went down in the storm of Toronto, Lake Erie, last night. Twelve people were lost, including Capt. John Brown, his wife and son, and Miss Baldwin, a passenger.

It is said that the inaugural ceremony on Saturday in connection with the formal opening of the new Victoria bridge will be marked by the conferring of the honor of knighthood on Mr. C. M. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk.

What Premier Greenway Says.

Mr. Greenway arrived from the east this morning. Upon the success of his mission he would not say more than that he hoped the province would receive \$200,000 from the school lands fund this year.

For the Holiday.

Think of Hats and Dineen's.

ARMED OYSTER HAS THE FAVOR.

COCK'S TURKISH BATHS—204 KING W.

## MR. SIFTON'S REPLY

TO SIR G. H. TUPPER

The Minister of the Interior Declares His Innocence of Charges Made.

SIR WILFRID BACKS HIM UP

Mr. Clarke Wallace Pointed Out the Shallowness of the Defence Put Up.

A ROAST BY HON. GEORGE E. FOSTER

The House Had Another Late Sitting and the End of the Discussion Is Not Yet.

Ottawa, June 30.—(Special).—The debate on the resolution of Sir Wilfrid Laurier impeaching the Government on the misadministration of Mr. Sifton in the Yukon has been more protracted than was anticipated, and at 2 a.m. it is still progressing with but a slight chance of a division being reached before daylight. The debate has been marked by good speeches from Messrs. Wallace and Foster, both of whom were accused by their condemnation of the Government rather than the defence of the Government by Mr. Sifton, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Louis Davies and Mr. Patterson. About the only point made in the four speeches being the promise by Mr. Sifton, endorsed by the Premier, that if the final report received from Mr. Ogilvie was not satisfactory a further investigation would be had. This soundly, but does not mean anything, because the final report is pretty sure to be satisfactory to the Government.

## MR. SIFTON'S REPLY

The Minister of the Interior Challenges Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper to Debates.

Ottawa, June 29.—(Special).—After a few unimportant questions had been answered in the House this afternoon, Hon. Mr. Sifton rose to reply to Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper's attack on him and his administration of the Yukon. He concluded in Sir Hibbert's resolution, Mr. Sifton was received with applause by his friends, and was repeatedly cheered during the two hours and a half he occupied in speaking. He was warmly cheered for all the length of his speech, and in the long resolution he had introduced, Sir Hibbert had made every charge referred to in Sir Charles's resolution against him (Sifton) or any official in the Yukon. He challenged in Sir Hibbert's resolution, Mr. Sifton was received with applause by his friends, and was repeatedly cheered during the two hours and a half he occupied in speaking. He was warmly cheered for all the length of his speech, and in the long resolution he had introduced, Sir Hibbert had made every charge referred to in Sir Charles's resolution against him (Sifton) or any official in the Yukon. He challenged in Sir Hibbert's resolution, Mr. Sifton was received with applause by his friends, and was repeatedly cheered during the two hours and a half he occupied in speaking. He was warmly cheered for all the length of his speech, and in the long resolution he had introduced, Sir Hibbert had made every charge referred to in Sir Charles's resolution against him (Sifton) or any official in the Yukon.

## GREENWAY IS IN WINNIPEG

The Premier Has Hopes of Receiving That \$300,000 From the School Funds.

His Body Was Found in the Assiniboine River and the Affair is a Mystery.

What Premier Greenway Says.

Did Alex. Taylor Kill Himself?

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Light to moderate winds; sea and moderately warm.

Manitoba—Generally fair and warm; thunderstorms.

Steamship Movements.

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