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A NEW ERA IN POLITICS

Premier Who Considers His Statements Binding.

Hon. Mr. Whitney's Reply to the Temperance Deputations—They Ask for Abolition of the Bars and Treating System—Premier Says He is Responsive, and Wishes to Get at Core of Public Mind.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—The deputations from the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance and the Royal Templars of Temperance, consisting of the executive officers and other prominent members of those bodies, to the number of upwards of a hundred, waited on the Premier at 12.30 yesterday in Parliament Buildings. The Premier was accompanied by Hon. J. J. Foy, Hon. A. J. McArthur, Hon. Nelson Montford, and Hon. J. S. Hendrie. Mr. G. F. Martineau introduced the deputations.

Among those who spoke were P. E. Spence, Rev. Dr. Carman, J. A. Austin and Rev. William Fitzell. The deputations asked for a measure abolishing the bars, the treating system, drinking in clubs and imposing upon the liquor traffic such restrictions as will curtail existing evils.

The Premier's Reply.
The Premier, who was received with hearty applause, after expressing pleasure at meeting the deputations, said: "The seriousness of the matter which you have come here to discuss, together with the position or situation which in my opinion the members of this Government are as trustees for the people of everything which makes for the benefit of the people, renders the occasion one of more serious satisfaction to myself and my colleagues. As some of you have indicated, we have occupied our present position for but a short time, and each one of you understands fully that, up to the present moment, we have been unable to give our thought to any question of policy which will be carried out on any subject. We have been unable to devote more than an hour a day at far to the work of our different departments, and we have not yet got down to serious thought on any question. We believe, however, our first duty is to the people whose servants we are. Our first duty being that, in our opinion, we consider that every other consideration should give place to opportunities such as these when those who represent a section of a certain body or group within the population of the Province, desire to lay before us what the opinions are which they represent.

In a Receptive Mood.
I am therefore glad to stand before this Government today with reference to the objects of this deputations in a receptive mood. (Applause.) We believe it to be our duty on all occasions to endeavor to get at the core of the public mind, at the feelings of the people of this Province, and when we have heard opinions on this and other questions of varying opinions—although there can be no varying opinions as to the desirability of measures being adopted, which, as far as possible, minimize the evils of the drink traffic; that is my opinion—(applause)—we can act. As far as my opinions are concerned, they have been known for years, and sometimes I have been credited for them, and often discredited for the manner in which I have expressed them, but they have never changed and never will. I stand alone, assured that as long as I do that which I believe to be my duty, credit will be given sooner or later. (Applause.) That being so, we will receive the expression of opinion of different bodies on different questions, and consider it our bounden duty to keep the matters before us, and give them our earnest consideration. That is a term I would not have mentioned had it not been mentioned before in regard to this as well as other matters.

Truly a New Era.
You will easily understand that it will be impossible to do much at the coming session with regard to any important subject, but we will not only be ready to receive, but we will be anxious to receive from yourself, or those you represent, at any time in the future suggestions with regard to the question you have presented here.

I wish to be understood as being thoroughly in earnest on that point. I may say that, as far as we have been able to touch upon it, or give it consideration, we have done so in the best manner to carry out, for the moment at any rate, the provisions of the existing law. I do not profess to have any more public virtue than my neighbors or political opponents, but I do say this, that the statements—not pledges or promises, for I was never called upon to make any—I am proud to be able to stand before you and say that the statements made by me are, I consider, as binding as pledges—which I reiterate here to-day will be made good, and the law as it is at present will be carried out properly, and as it was intended to be carried out. If we fail in that, we will receive that condemnation which we deserve to receive. As time goes on we shall be able to give this and other matters our careful thought, which, with suggestions from all sources which seem to be good, we will be glad to embody in any amendments we consider desirable.

Anxious for Suggestions.
Mr. Whitney concluded by reiterating his assurance that the Government was anxious to receive suggestions as to the desires of the people and to endeavor to include such amendments to the laws as would result to the benefit of the Province. All the members of the Government, he thought, knew that the verdict of the people which gave them power was no ordinary triumph, and the effort of the present Government of Ontario would by their acts continue to show that fact.

A brief address by Mr. Martineau thanked

Mr. Whitney and his colleagues for receiving the deputations closed the proceedings.

Horses Burned to Death.
Whitby, Feb. 25.—In which nine horses lost their lives, occurred on Thursday night in Sam Berger's stable. Mr. Berger is a stock dealer, and while some of the horses were rescued from the burning building, nine perished in the smoke. They were valued at \$60 to \$200 each.

LEACH PROVIDED PLAN.

Arranged Manitoba to Suit Liberal Party and Gain "Victory" in Dominion Elections.

Winnipeg, Feb. 25.—R. E. A. Leach, Liberal organizer for Manitoba, for whose arrest a warrant was recently sworn out in connection with the manipulation of voters' lists previous to the late Dominion election, appeared as a witness yesterday morning in the case against Deputy Returning Officer McKelvey of Macdonald, charged with unlawfully erasing voters' names from the lists. Leach gave evidence under special privilege of the court, and his evidence practically proved the whole Conservative allegations regarding malfeasance at the elections.

How It Was Done.
Witness was his boss, the whole of the secret of the court, and from his admissions it is possible to summarize the scheme employed as follows: Leach, Liberal organizer, notified all returning officers that their lists, as received from the King's printer at Ottawa, must be revised, and that they must bring them to him for that purpose, which was done. These lists were then checked by the clerk in the Winnipeg office of the Liberal campaigner throughout the Province. These and various lists rearranged voters' lists on a basis suitable to the party; that is to say, that Conservative voters generally were, wherever colorable excuse could be found, changed from the Conservative list to the Liberal list, and in some instances names were dropped altogether.

After the returning officers' lists had been arranged to comply with these orders by crossing out names here and there, or by adding others, they were returned to the responsible officers, who thereupon certified to them as correct and they were sent out in polling boxes to deputies.

Got to Winnipeg Polls.
On election Liberal voters were well posted as to where they had to vote, and there were few complaints, but Conservative voters were not so well posted, working on official lists and consequently many Conservatives presented themselves at wrong polls, and a large proportion of these failed to put in a vote. Leach's plan was to get the names of the voters who had voted at the wrong polls, and to get them to vote at the right polls. The result is not yet known.

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NOW TO VLADIVOSTOCK

Japs Send Twenty Torpedo Boats and a Warship.

Fateful News Broken to St. Petersburg by Gen. Kuropatkin—Great Activity is Apparent in Anticipation of an Attack on Northern Russian Forts—Japanese Closing in on Russian East Flank—A Battery Battle.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—Gen. Kuropatkin, in a despatch dated Feb. 23, sends a report that 20 Japanese torpedo boats and a large warship are on their way to Vladivostock. Activity Evident.
Shanghai, Manchuria, Feb. 24.—(Via Mukden, Feb. 25.)—Reports of activity at Vladivostock in anticipation of an attack on that place by the Japanese are confirmed, but the town continues to be accounted quiet, in which the civil and military elements participate. The channels of Bzke are in their normal state, notwithstanding the fact that stringent patrol by the Japanese of the strait between Island Sakhalin and the coast of Japan has completely interrupted the movements of shipping. Supplies at Vladivostock, it is reported, are plentiful, though prices are high.

The naval attaches of foreign Governments are leaving Vladivostock by request of the Russian authorities. The number of refugees at Mukden has been greatly reduced because of the transfer of them to Government reservations of Manchuria. The considerable number remaining at Mukden, however, are in receipt of adequate care, this being rendered possible by the free import for the use of grain. It is reported here that the Japanese are closing in on the Russian east flank. As a result of this movement, it is possible that there will be either a general engagement or at least a counter movement by the Russians along some part of the line, especially as is thought, the Japanese have returned to their original tactics of making flanking movements from the mountains. The early advent of spring now makes possible operations in and from the mountainous districts.

For the past three weeks the Russians have suffered no material disturbance, with the exception of comparatively unimportant damage to the railroad to a bridge near Kanchia Pass, as the result of Japanese raids, aided, it is alleged, by Chinese bandits.

DESPERATE BATTLE.

Japs Force Russians to Abandon Their Base.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—A despatch from Sachien, dated Feb. 24, says: "The Japanese, in superior numbers, forced the Russians to abandon their base at Sachien. The battle has been most desperate on both sides. The result is not yet known."

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MURDER OF MOTHER

Felix Doyle, Near Burford, Arrested on Awful Charge.

Weak and Morbid-Minded Nature of the Crime Thrown Strong Suspicion on Man. With Tendency to Frenzy Fits—Told Two Stories of Mother's Death, Which, It is Said, He Feels Keenly.

Brantford, Feb. 25.—County Constable Montgomery left Brantford Thursday night with a warrant for the arrest of Felix Doyle for the murder of his mother. Coroner Johnson opened an inquest at Burford yesterday, but adjourned the enquiry until Monday night. There is no doubt that the aged woman was cruelly done to death with an axe. While there is an utter absence of motive known, yet Doyle is said to be of that state of simple mindedness which renders such a crime on his part more than probable. He has lived all his life on the farm, is of weak intellect, and is subject to fits, a sort of frenzied outbreak resulting from overindulgence in morbid moping and imaginings. Felix Doyle is about 40 years of age. The murdered woman, who was twice married, was 80. They have lived for years in a small one-story frame house.

Doyle's Story.
Doyle claims that he was awakened early Thursday morning by what he thought were noises caused by disturbances among his horses. "After lighting the lamp," he says, "I noticed the door leading out to the woodshed open, as well as the woodshed door leading into the yard. Lying on her back in the woodshed, with her head slightly turned to the left, I saw her lying in a pool of blood, with two heavy wounds on the back of her head. She was not dead, but she did not know me. She was unconscious. I quickly picked her up and carried her into her bedroom, placing her on the bed."

"I tried to do the best I could myself. I thought perhaps she had just fallen, making perhaps a bad fall, and that she would likely be all right in a few minutes. I washed her head, which was bleeding terribly, but she got no better. About 8 o'clock I went over to Mr. Elvidge's house to get help, but could awaken no one, and when I returned she was dead."

Elvidge knew nothing of the occurrence until nearly 9 o'clock. Murdered in Bedroom?
In the woodshed, a saw used by the woman was found with blood upon it. There were a few splatters of blood elsewhere. Between the shed and the bedroom there is no trail of blood, but the bedding is saturated and blood is scattered over the room. The axe is covered with blood.

Thirty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Doyle kept a hotel here. After separating from her second husband, Monahan, she again assumed the name of Doyle. Doyle, according to neighbors, has given two versions of the affair. Felix seems to genuinely feel his mother's death.

KING AGAINST CABINET.

London Daily Chronicle Discovers an Important Incident.

London, Feb. 25.—The Daily Chronicle's Dublin correspondent learns on high authority that the MacDonnell-Wyndham correspondence included a letter from King Edward, which was omitted in the reading of the letters in Parliament Wednesday night, and says: "The King is greatly interested in MacDonnell's Irish work, which he wishes to be not interrupted, and for that reason counseled MacDonnell's non-acceptance of the post of Governor of Bombay. According to The United Irishman newspaper, the King has set his heart upon an Anglo-American alliance, and for that reason is anxious to conciliate Ireland; therefore, he supports MacDonnell and the Earl of Dudley against the Cabinet."

Detective Heenan, of the M. O. R., visited Tilbury this week, and effected a settlement for some of the damage done at Ridgeway by that crowd of Tilbury hockey enthusiasts, when Manager Hutton passed the hat and collected 16 quarters from as many individuals.—Tilbury Times.

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