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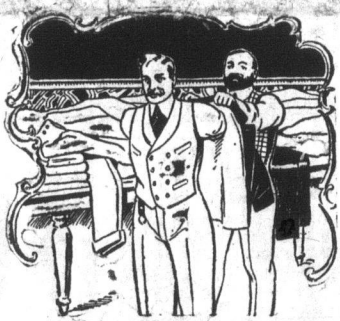
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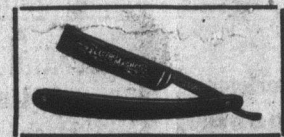
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THE MUSKOKA ELECTION

More Evidence Submitted to Court at Bracebridge.

The Trial Still Goes On—More Light Thrown Upon Election Methods in the North—Mr. Mahaffy Denies That He Knows Coats Until Months After the Election—Many Charges Already Dismissed As Unsupported.

Bracebridge, Sept. 8.—Yesterday's session of the court under Messrs. Justice Falconbridge and Mr. Justice Macdonald, trying the protest against the election of A. A. Mahaffy, M.P.P. for Muskoka, resulted in numerous charges being made, but proven to be without effect. In No. 33 W. R. Lowry was charged with hiring rigs to convey voters to the polls. Mr. Dods testified that Lowry had promised to make him game warden if he voted for Mahaffy. This charge naturally overlapped charge No. 46, in which one Coats is said to have promised to have a road grant made if Dods voted right, and might even get Dods the position of spending the money. Dods said he did not speak to Mahaffy about the grant.

Charge 38 was then proceeded with. William Dods, a resident near Bala, knew J. O. Coats, a jeweller, who visits the lumber camps. He had been at his house at various times during the past five years, and hired a rig from him. On the day previous to the election Coats gave him \$4. It was paid to take three men from Brandy Creek to Gravenhurst in the morning of the election. These men were Nipper Hill, William Grey and E. House. Mr. Dods son drove to Brandy Creek on the morning of the election, but when he got there the three men had gone earlier in the morning, and his son did not take them. It was worth from \$4 to \$5 to carry men over that rough road to Gravenhurst. Coats had on previous occasions paid for his rig in advance. Coats did not canvas his vote, and as for the pay of the rig he left that to Coats' own generosity. He was under a commitment to him for past favors, and would willingly have let him have the rig.

Coats Was No Agent. His Lordship in summing up said that he was not clear as to the payment of the \$4. He drew evidence that Coats was spending this money with the view of having voters taken to the polls. That was strengthened by his promise to have the road grant made if he voted for Mahaffy. Coats was elected. Mr. Coats was authorized to act as agent in polling booth by Mahaffy. Mahaffy left Leavitt to organize and he heard Coats was there. Here Mr. Blackstock interposed and pointed out to His Lordship that Mr. Mahaffy had stated in his examination that he knew nothing about Coats being in the riding till a few months after the election. Mr. Mahaffy was then called and stated that he had never seen or heard of Coats until after the election. He knew that Mr. Boyer, who was a young man under salary, was doing committee work for about 10 days before the election. Leavitt was general organizer of Medora and Wood.

Would Not Call Coats. Justice Falconbridge suggested that Coats, who was present, be put in the witness box, but Mr. Johnston did not choose to accept the suggestion.

His Lordship remarked that while a corrupt act had been done he could not help but dismiss the contention in regard to agency.

Justice Street said that the court disagreed as to the payment of the \$4. There was nothing to show that the three men who were conveyed in the rig were voters and were going to vote.

The Martineau charge, No. 84, was made by W. J. Martineau of Lake of Bays, who swore that Mr. Coats of the lumber company offered him \$5 if he would vote for Mahaffy. This charge was similar to charge No. 85, in which Martineau swore that Hicks, a bush foreman, had approached him in a similar way.

The question of agency, after being deferred, was thrown out.

Charge No. 30. Theo. Gudmanson, an Icelandic, who had been looking after voters for Mahaffy among friends of his own nationality in Cardwell Township, accepted \$5 from Edward Little, M.P.P., which charge, No. 30, said, was improper. Gudmanson said that Mahaffy had not offered him anything. He had worked for Mahaffy one day fixing a fence, since the election. He never worked for him before. He was going to Cardwell, and drove out with Mr. Coats, whom he was introduced by Mr. Mahaffy. He canvassed there, but did not spend any money among the Icelanders. Mr. Little paid the expenses when he was with him. Mr. Little found the work difficult, not knowing the language of the people. He had no expenses, no board bills, and no rig to hire. When Mr. Coats left Gudmanson at the Monteth House, Roseau, he gave him \$5 to pay his traveling expenses. He did not spend the \$5 for that purpose. He put the money in his pocket, and walked to the house of the people he knew. He was a strong Conservative.

Charge Dismissed. His Lordship, in dismissing this

charge, said that Mr. Little paid the \$5 for a bona fide purpose, and the fact that Gudmanson walked and did not use the money for that purpose did not make the act corrupt.

Then followed nine charges but nothing was made of them. William J. Hamilton, a lifelong Reformer, was brought to show that Newton Langford had received \$12 on a store account on condition that Hamilton did not vote.

The old man denied being credited anything on account. No one spoke to him about going away. He had to go. He was foreman of the Niagara Falls Hunting Club, and got work to take timber to the woods and build dog houses.

This charge was dismissed, as also were four others, in which there was not a tittle of evidence. E. B. Ryckman, barrister of Toronto, secretary of the Liberal-Conservative Association, produced books and vouchers, showing that \$1,250 was paid in the bye-election in organization, and that \$304.55 was paid to the organizer, Leavitt, and \$143.15 to Mr. Wright. This charge also failed.

Counsel on both sides agree that the case will end to-day.

AMMUNITION NOT DEFECTIVE.

Militia Department Does Not Consider There is Ground for Complaint.

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—(Globe Special.)—With respect to the alleged complaints from D. R. A. competitors that the ammunition was defective, the Militia Department does not consider there is any ground for complaint on that score. Owing to the demand for increased velocity the charge in the cartridge has been strengthened. This results in some cases in an escape of smoke from the shell of the cartridge after the bullet has been fired. The remedy for this is to use a stronger primer, or to reinforce the cap and shell at the base of the cartridge. Before anything is done, however, the advice of the Imperial authorities will be sought. They had a somewhat similar experience when their rifle cartridges, but the difficulty was overcome and no trouble is now experienced.

VICE-REAR TOUR.

Lord and Lady Minto Presented With Addresses at Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 8.—Their Excellencies, the Governor-General and Lady Minto, were presented with addresses yesterday by the City Councils of Vancouver and New Westminster, after which a reception was held. The party left last evening for the east, and will arrive at Edmonton on Saturday, and Saskatoon will be reached Sept. 22. Lady Minto and her daughter will camp at the Qu'Appelle lakes, and rejoin Lord Minto at Regina.

Articulation With Cleft Palate. Toronto, Sept. 8.—The Canadian Dental Association held two interesting sessions yesterday. In the morning a treatise on the preliminary education of the dentist by M. C. Gordon of Paris, France, was given. A discussion which was generally participated in followed. The afternoon session was opened with a paper by Dr. Ottolengui of New York, on artificial appliances for cleft palate. C. J. Church, specialist in speech defects, read a paper on cleft of the palate and the possibility of articulation of speech. He held that the widely accepted theory that distinct articulation of speech in the case of a cleft palate is impossible was incorrect. A varied discussion followed and the session was concluded with the passing of a hearty vote of thanks to Drs. Ottolengui and Angie and Mr. Church. The convention concludes to-day.

Stock Breeders and Fruit Growers. Toronto, Sept. 8.—Yesterday was Stock Breeders and Fruit Growers Day at the Canadian National Exhibition, and they were there in great numbers. At the directors' luncheon Hon. John Diefenbaker pointed out the strong necessity for a pavilion for judging live stock in such fashion as to permit large crowds to get the benefit. In the course of his speech, Prof. Curley of the Colorado Agricultural College said this was the best exhibition on the continent. The live stock exhibit both in numbers and quality surpassed that of last year, but the fruit was not equal to that mark on this occasion.

Railway Commission. Ottawa, Sept. 8.—The following appointments have been made to the staff of the Railway Commission: Mayor E. C. Leavitt, Longueville, to be inspector of accidents; J. H. Tossier, Drummondville, to be assistant engineer; Frank C. Magee of Ottawa and C. E. McManus, Montreal, to be clerks; David Langellier, St. Hyacinthe, to be messenger. The Railway Commission is expected to return to Ottawa about the 21st inst.

Three Marines Killed. Portsmouth, Eng., Sept. 8.—While the British gunboat Comet (tender to the gunnery ship Excellent), was engaged in firing practice off Spithead yesterday, the breech lock of one of her guns was blown out, killing three seamen, and injuring three others.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc

OPERATE 'PHONE LINES

Municipal Association Will So Petition Government.

The New Scheme For Municipal Fire Insurance Endorsed By The Association—Exhaustive Report of the Committee on Resolutions—Working of the New Assessment Act—Toronto Meeting Place—Officers Elected.

Toronto, Sept. 8.—The Ontario Municipal Association concluded its annual meeting at the City Hall yesterday morning, after deciding that in future the annual meeting be held permanently at Toronto. The officers were elected as follows: President, Mayor W. A. Bays, Barrie; Vice-Presidents, W. A. Groer, Owen Sound; Controller, W. P. Hubbard, Toronto; Mayor W. W. Chown, Belleville; Secretary, S. H. Kent, Hamilton; Executive, Mayors of Toronto, Ottawa, Guelph, London, Brantford, Kingston and Brockville, F. Mackelcan, K. C. Hamilton, D. M. McIntyre, Kingston, R. P. Slater, Niagara Falls; W. C. Mickel, Belleville.

Municipal Insurance Approved. The special committee appointed to consider the municipal insurance scheme propounded by Mayor Ellis of Ottawa, reported that this committee recommended the approval of a scheme to organize a Dominion Municipal Insurance Corporation, such corporation as nearly as may be to be incorporated and conducted in the same way as a joint stock insurance company, with the municipalities which become members as stockholders; as is deemed advisable to forward this recommendation to Union of Canadian Municipalities in order that the corporation may become a Canadian one from the beginning, the committee does not deem it necessary to consider at this time the details of the scheme and recommends that the principle be endorsed and commended to the favorable consideration of the Union of Canadian Municipalities for the purpose of elaborating the details and placing the scheme in workable form.

Mayor Ellis of Ottawa, explained that his immediate object was to get information. He thought that could be done between the Union of Canadian Municipalities, since they had more funds. What was required was expert information, and it should be obtained systematically. Mayor Ellis of Toronto, heartily endorsed the principle of municipal insurance. He said he had obtained figures showing that one insurance companies went to pay expenses and profits. The report was adopted.

Committee on Resolutions. The Committee on Resolutions reported recommending that in cities and towns fire insurance companies be required to file annually, on the first day of June, with the Clerk of the municipality, a sworn statement showing their gross receipts and losses in such municipality for the preceding year, to enable the municipality to determine whether the rates are equitable or otherwise; that the Councils of municipalities be given power to regulate the salaries of Police Magistrates, unless the body that appointed the Magistrate pays the salary; that in towns and cities Council may add two ratepayers to the Board of Police Commissioners as at present constituted; that municipal Councils be given power to construct underground conduits and to erect poles and compel all electrical companies to use such conduits or poles and pay a reasonable rental therefor; that all expenses of registrations and elections for the Ontario Legislature be borne by the Province and that this association present a petition to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in accordance therewith; that the Legislative assembly approve the appointment of an advisory committee of municipal officials to confer with the Municipal Committee of the Legislature in cases where there is a consideration of the municipal act in 1907. That the Mayors of Ottawa, Windsor, Toronto, St. Thomas and Aylmer be appointed to examine into the question of the municipal debentures and that they report at the next annual meeting. That power be given to municipalities to buy or appropriate on equitable terms any existing gas lighting and water plant. The report was adopted.

Government Trunk Telephone Lines. Controller Hubbard moved that the Dominion Government be petitioned to take over and operate the trunk telephone lines. He pointed out that the lines being in private hands was the principal drawback to the establishment of municipal telephone systems in town and cities. The proposal was received with general approval and passed.

Working of New Assessment Act. Yesterday afternoon was devoted to a discussion of the working of the new assessment act, which comes into force on January 1st. It was introduced by a very able paper by Assessment Commissioner F. R. Hutcheon, Hamilton, explanatory of the working of the new measure. He drew special attention to the points of difference between the new act and the old, and the paper, which the association decided to have printed, will prove valuable to those engaged in the work of assessment in the various municipalities throughout the Province.

Assistant Assessment Commissioner

Forman of Toronto, read a short paper on the business tax and new income assessment.

Borden Coming. Montreal, Sept. 8.—R. L. Borden, leader of the Ottawa Opposition, is expected here about the 10th or 11th, and will be in Toronto about the 12th. He intends to hold a series of meetings in Ontario at as early a date as possible.

KUROKI HITS RUSSIANS

Great Battle Is Now Going on Before Mukden.

Kuropatkin at Tieling on His March to Harbin—Has the Bulk of His Troops 30 Miles North of Mukden—Rear Guard Is Enabling Retreat—Russians Lost 21,300 in the Liaoyang-Firing at Port Arthur.

Paris, Sept. 8.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Echo de Paris says: "A great battle is going on before Mukden. The First and Seventh Corps are engaged against Gen. Kuropatkin. They compose Kuropatkin's rear guard. Gen. Kuropatkin with the bulk of the troops is moving towards Tieling, which is 30 miles north of Mukden. He is on his way to Harbin as fast as he can go."

Tieling is a narrow defile, and is a likely place for Kuropatkin to make a stand if he cares to risk another fight with the Japs.

His Next Stand. Shanghai, Sept. 8.—Chinese reports are to the effect that thousands of Chinese are being forced to construct earthworks at Tieling, where Gen. Kuropatkin will make his next stand.

Kuropatkin at Mukden. St. Petersburg, Sept. 8.—By Associated Press received here yesterday there was no news from the Far East, either from Russian or Japanese sources. For the world-watchers of the great tragedy the curtain has been dropped, and all is conjecture. Not even an expression of opinion comes from Japanese sources, but from St. Petersburg it is indicated that the authorities are confident the critical stage of the Russian retreat is past and that Kuropatkin is no longer in danger of losing any part of his forces to the pursuing Japanese. The Russian commander has arrived at Mukden and it is given out in St. Petersburg that the bulk of his army is now near there, while a despatch from Mukden to the Associated Press, dated yesterday, says that the main Russian army is pushing forward and evacuating that place. It is indicated that the Japanese are still harassing the Russian rear. Further than this nothing is known.

St. Petersburg Silent.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 8.—The general staff is not displaying great anxiety over the alarmist reports that Gen. Kuropatkin is in serious danger of being cut off, but if they had any information from the front Wednesday they have not revealed it, and they also decline to say even if they know whether Kuropatkin purposes taking his army north of Mukden.

Where Will He Stop.

London, Sept. 8.—The trend of the view of the morning newspapers on the war in the Far East is that Gen. Kuropatkin's army at Mukden does not solve the problem of his retreat. "Where will Kuropatkin stop?" is what is asked. The Daily Telegraph holds that the latest developments are merely the prelude to "the colossal conflict looming in the future."

Firing at Port Arthur.

Che Foo, Sept. 8.—Firing was heard here indistinctly last evening. A steamship which passed Port Arthur Tuesday night reports that she heard no firing from the Russian stronghold. A Japanese torpedo boat recently fired on Tiger's Tail Fort. She was found by searchlight and



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repulsed by Russian batteries. She appeared to be somewhat damaged.

Russians Lost 21,300.

New York, Sept. 8.—A special from St. Petersburg says: Russian losses on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 and 2 are estimated at 21,300. Kuropatkin's scouts are twelve miles east of Mukden, and Kuropatkin will have to fight another battle after passing through Mukden. Rear guards are fighting continuously.

Man in Well Killed.

Woodstock, Sept. 8.—While working at the bottom of a thirty-foot well north of Woodstock late yesterday afternoon, John McGachon, a well-digger, was buried alive by the sides of the well caving in. Rescue parties were at work last night endeavoring to remove the earth. Nothing is heard from the bottom of the well and it is presumed that he is dead. McGachon was a middle-aged man, living near Strathallan. He leaves a family of grown up children.

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