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ONTARIO ELECTIONS

Legislature Dissolved and Contest Takes Place January 25.

OLD FACES DISAPPEARING FROM POLITICAL ARENA.

Former New Brunswicker Among the Number.

Toronto Globe.—The Ontario legislative assembly is dissolved. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor Tuesday assented to dissolution and signed the necessary papers. The elections for the new House will take place on Wednesday, January 25th, and the nominations one week earlier, January 18th.

Owing to legislation at the last session, writs for bye elections were to issue within three months from the date at which any seat was vacated for any cause.

North Perth was vacated on September 6th, and the time for the issue of the writ expired on December 6th, although the notice to the clerk of the legislative assembly was not received until September 15th. On the vacation of a seat the statute provides that the writs should, after the specified limitation, issue forthwith. There was some difference of opinion as to whether the writ should issue within three months from the date at which the seat was actually vacated, or from the time at which the clerk received notice of the judgment of the trial judges. The government, not anxious to use the extreme limit of time on account of this doubt, has dissolved the assembly. It is understood the writs will be dated December 29th.

The campaign will open next week, when it is the intention of the Premier to commence a tour, during which he will address public meetings in a number of the constituencies.

The last general election for the province was held on May 29, 1902, and the first session of the tenth parliament of Ontario opened on March 10 of the following year. The session continued until March 31, when adjournment was made until April 21 to allow of the investigation into the charges made by Mr. Ganey against Hon. Mr. Stratton. On the last mentioned date the session resumed, concluding on June 27.

Last year the session started on January 14, and prorogation took place on April 26. Under the British North America act the legislature must assemble within one year of the date of the previous prorogation, but there is no fixed day within the period named for such an event. Therefore, the next legislative session will be within the meaning of the act if it is commenced before April 26 next.

Only one other provincial parliament dissolved before running its natural course; that was the one which commenced its first session on January 23, 1884, and dissolved on March, 1886.

OLD FACES THAT ARE DISAPPEARING.

Whatever the voice of the people may do to change the composition of the new legislature, already sufficient withdrawals are announced on the Liberal side greatly alter its appearance. There will be many new faces in the front row, and in the debates of the future there will be missed some old strong, familiar voices, and there will be supplied new speakers, some of whom have already distinguished themselves, and others whose reputation has yet to be made. After a legislature has been running for a couple of years the various members seem to slip into the niche for which their ability and their environment intend them, and a new House requires one or two sessions to adjust the relative positions of its new men. One man may be strong in making a set speech in the House, another in clearing the air in a heated, vexed discussion and another in fighting for fair play and justice in a committee. By the large gaps already made in the House there will be plenty of work for likely young men entering public life for the first time.

The two vacancies in the cabinet, by reason of the retirement of Hon. E. J. Davis and Hon. J. R. Stratton, remove men who have performed long and valuable service in the House. Mr. Stratton was first elected in 1886, and has been the representative for West Peterborough ever since. He early showed a clear grasp of public affairs, with which as a newspaper editor he had been

for years familiar, and before long he was made Chairman of the committee of the whole House. His careful preparation of all his speeches soon made him a debating force, and as a quiet and effective worker in the ranks of the party he soon came to the front. When Mr. Ross became Premier in 1899, Mr. Stratton became provincial secretary, and in that position he performed zealous and faithful work as an administrator, particularly in the care of the unfortunate occupants of the provincial institutions.

A LONG PUBLIC CAREER.

Mr. Davis entered the House at a bye-election two years later than Mr. Stratton and sat for North York during the sixteen years of his membership. He had served a long apprenticeship in the Municipal and County Councils, and when he entered the House he took an active part in its debates almost from the first. His high-keyed voice, when at the tension of his more important speeches, was a fitting medium for the effective material he prepared, and his efforts in behalf of the government were always effective both in the House and on the stump. Mr. Davis' reputation for probity and impartiality won him the esteem and thanks of both sides in the Public Accounts Committee, of which he was Chairman for several years. From August, 1896, to November, 1904, he was a member of the government, where his honesty of purpose and faithful work enabled him to leave his administrative duties with an untarnished record.

NEW ONTARIO CHAMPION.

An original volcanic eloquence of his own was the distinguishing characteristic of James Connec, who leaves the constituency at Port Arthur to enter the Dominion House as member for Thunder Bay. His was one of the most interesting figures in the Assembly. Though born in Grey County in 1868, he developed a sidelight of his nature by heroic service in General Custer's cavalry in the American civil war. There are other stories told which illustrate his personal courage, a trait not without value in many years of contact with rough woodsmen and navvies whom he has employed in his work as a contractor. There is, the other side of Mr. Connec, however, that of the shrewd business man, with a native acumen which has brought prosperity through many successful ventures. He is quick to comprehend the weakness of an opponent's argument, and in repartee he is often effective. Indeed, with his original eloquence and excellent understanding of public questions, he was of great value to the House. He will be especially remembered as the champion of Northern Ontario, in which sphere he was described by Premier Ross as an advocate of embarrassing persistence. Mr. Connec will have the comfort of seeing Northern Ontario an entirely different and more advanced country than when he entered the House in 1885, and in his new place at Ottawa he will still have room to advocate its development.

Mr. John R. Barber, whose membership for Halton covered six years was a type of the independent business man who could think for himself. Seldom speaking in the House, he spent his efforts in the committees, particularly that on private bills, where there is always work for the conscientious man. There his views were always heard with respect and confidence by his colleagues, and his judgment relied upon as specially sound.

Mr. Samuel Russell, for the past six years member for East Hastings, was a devoted representative of his constituency, and a man who honestly desired to legislate for the betterment of the people. He was especially interested in educational affairs, being a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, and in moral reforms, being an elder in the Presbyterian church. Mr. Russell was a careful student of economics, and often gave the House the benefit of his years of study.

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MORMON CHIEF.

Defended Polygamy Before Senate Committee at Washington.

PECULIAR PRACTICES OF THE SALT LAKE COLONY.

Laid Bare by Confessions of Some of the Principals.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Three witnesses were heard today in the case of Senator Reed Smoot before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, the committee resuming its investigation after a long recess. The first witness was the Rev. J. M. Buckley, editor of The Christian Advocate, of New York, who told of a Mormon meeting he attended in Salt Lake, Utah, last summer. He said President Joseph Smith in an address defended the Mormon marriage, and declared that polygamy was not adultery, but was a system of marriage. President Smith was quoted by the witness as saying that it meant eternal damnation to abandon a multiplicity of wives.

Dr. Buckley said he had made inquiries concerning Senator Smoot, and that he had found no one who said one word against him. Everywhere, the witness said, Senator Smoot was given an excellent character.

George Reynolds, a Mormon, living in Salt Lake, testified that he is the first Assistant Superintendent of the Mormon Church Sunday school and secretary of the Missionary Committee of the Apostles and formerly clerk or recorder of the endowment house.

In answer to questions by Senator Overman, Mr. Reynolds said marriages were performed with dead persons in the endowment house. Mr. Taylor then asked if divorces were granted in the endowment house.

"The Church grants divorces to those who have been married for time and eternity, but does not divorce legal marriages until the courts have acted," said Mr. Reynolds. "Plural marriages are not recognized by courts, and therefore the Church does not consult the court in granting divorces in cases of such marriages."

Senator Foraker asked if such divorces are granted for dead persons.

"In a few instances only I should say," said the witness.

Mr. Reynolds testified that he has twenty-six children. He gave the names of the seven Presidents of the seventy of which he is the fourth in rank. Three of the seven were polygamists. He (Reynolds) had two wives now.

Mr. Reynolds said he understood that the manifesto of 1890 permitted him to live with his plural wives without violating the law, but that no further wives could be contracted.

Mr. Reynolds said the only plural marriage he had heard of since the manifesto was that of his daughter, which took place in Mexico.

Mr. Reynolds said that he was one of the advisers who aided in perfecting the Woodruff manifesto, which was first submitted in President Woodruff's handwriting. "I believe the manifesto is said to have been inspired," asked Chairman Burrows. "It was a revelation from the Almighty."

"And you changed it?" "Not the meaning."

"You just changed the phraseology?" "Yes sir."

"Then as I understand it," said Senator Burrows, "when this revelation came from the Almighty the grammar was bad and you corrected it?"

The witness said the phraseology had not been inspired; but was President Woodruff's own. This testimony kept the committee room in an uproar.

John Henry Hamlin, of Salt Lake City, the brother of Lillian Hamlin, who the protestants have tried to show was married to Apostle Abram Cannon on the high seas in 1896, said it was the family conviction that his sister was married to Mr. Cannon in the summer of 1896 and that the ceremony was performed by President Smith on the Pacific coast. He had not heard from her for four or five years, and did not know where she was now. She had one child, he said, a daughter, who goes by the name of Martha Cannon.

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SOLID FOR SWEENEY.

All Classes of People Signing Solicitor General's Nomination Papers.

Moncton Transcript.—The official nomination paper of Hon. Frank J. Sweeney, solicitor general, as candidate for the provincial vacancy in Westmorland County, is being signed.

Here in Moncton city the popularity of the appointment is shown by the general character of the official nominators. Business men of all classes and creeds expressed their gratification at the nomination and readily signed the paper.

Prominent Orangemen, steadfast Protestants, sturdy Acadians, and Irish Catholic electors, all signed readily, and by their signatures showed that not only the solid Liberal party, but a great many independent electors testify their approval of Hon. Frank Sweeney's appointment and nomination.

It is within the function of any qualified person to contest a constituency, but there should be no mistake about it that the Liberal party is prepared to bring into the field precisely the same organization, the same support, the same enthusiasm, and the same determination to win which marked the candidature of Hon. H. R. Emmerson in the federal election just closed.

The Liberals naturally would prefer no contest; but they are not afraid of one. They are not prepared to make any concessions nor any deals to prevent a contest. The candidature of Hon. Frank Sweeney in this county will stand upon its merits. He is a most reputable candidate, a young man of ability; one of the most popular of Catholics among Protestants, and respected by his own co-religionists irrespective of political bias, he is a sturdy supporter of the Liberal party, of Laurier as premier, of the Hon. H. R. Emmerson as minister of railways, and of the Hon. C. W. Robinson and Mr. A. B. Copp in all their contests before he became a member of the county ticket. He became solicitor general with the warmest support of his three colleagues and because of his past fidelity to Liberalism, his ability, and his representative character, he will receive the united, enthusiastic and unanimous support of the independent and Liberal vote in this constituency.

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FOUND CRACKS IN THE MOON.

Prof. Pickering Discusses the Discovery at the Lick Observatory.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 13.—The discovery by Assistant Astronomer D. Perrine, of the Lick Observatory, California, of a crack or rill which extends for a distance of 100 miles on the face of the moon, is being discussed by the valley of the Alps for a distance of 100 miles is, according to Assistant Professor W. H. Pickering, Harvard's well-known authority on the moon, "old news." Prof. Pickering says he observed the crack as early as 1902, and that he has discovered fully a thousand more of varying length.

"The cracks are caused by a contraction of the crust of the moon," said Prof. Pickering this afternoon. "They are found almost everywhere, except in very high latitudes near the poles. The one mentioned as just having been discovered in the Alp district is comparatively small, and for that reason more or less difficult to find."

"It has no peculiar significance, however, and I only failed to mention it in my reports long ago because I had already observed so many others of greater length and size."

The rill observed by Mr. Perrine is in the nature of a crack in the moon's crust, or of a dry river bed, only a few hundred feet in width, extending through the centre of the valley. It can be seen only under good atmospheric conditions and when the sun is shining upon it at the proper angle.

BOSTON ELECTS A CONVICT.

J. M. Curley Runs from His Cell Successful Campaign for Alderman.

Boston, Dec. 13.—The Democrats carried Boston by 20,000 in the off-year municipal election today, electing twelve of the thirteen aldermen and a large majority of the Common Council and School Committee. No mayor was to be chosen this year.

The most sensational feature of the election is the triumphant re-election to the board of aldermen of James M. Curley of the Seventeenth Ward. Curley at present occupies a cell in the county jail, to which he was sentenced for two months for conspiracy against the United States. A year ago, while his case was in the Appellate Court, he was re-elected, and now, after the brand of the convict has been placed upon him, he is again stamped with popular approval. His vote is the second highest on the list. Curley has carried on his campaign from his cell.

The offense which he committed was falsely impersonating a constituent in a civil service examination. The adjoining cell is occupied by another Seventeenth Ward politician, also named Curley, but not a relative, who was concerned in the same conspiracy. This other Curley, Thomas F., is a member of the Legislature, and was handsomely re-elected on the same day that Roosevelt won his victory over Parker.

Elections were held today in nineteen other Massachusetts cities, the majority of them voting for Democrats.

There were surprises in Newburyport and Woburn, where the vote changed from no-license to license. The bitterest fight was in Cambridge, where the Democratic ticket was defeated by the non-partisan card'rate. Official charges of bribery brought by the Democrats before the City Council for investigation were a feature of the campaign.

MINNEAPOLIS FIRE.

One Raging There This Morning--Had Done \$3,000,000 Damage.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 14.—Fire broke out shortly before midnight in the wholesale house of O. H. Peck & Co., furnishe, and is spreading rapidly.

Relief from St. Paul has been asked by the local fire chief.

Loss is feared will be very heavy. There is a strong wind blowing from the north, carrying the flames toward the business retail district.

It is roughly estimated that \$3,000,000 worth of property has already been destroyed. The wholesale furniture supply house of Bontell Bros., the largest in the city, and O. H. Peck, photographic supplies, have been destroyed and three other buildings are burning.

Across the street from Bontell Bros.' store is the Powers mercantile store, the largest department store of the city, which has been damaged to some extent by fire, but mostly by water. The portion of the city in which the fire is now burning is very closely built.