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THE BRITISH ELECTIONS.

Birmingham is for Chamberlain at any rate, the apostle of fiscal reform having carried the seven seats in that city Wednesday for the unionists by large majorities, his own being 5,000.

This, however, will not have much effect on the general result for the country is evidently very strongly with the Liberals, who continue their victorious march in almost every part of the kingdom.

Several Canadians have already been elected to the new parliament including Hon. Edward Blake and Charles Devlin in Ireland by acclamation. Sir Gilbert Parker, Mr. Greenwood, Dr. Dawson in Edinburgh, Mr. C. D. Rose and others.

Sir Gilbert Parker again led the Unionist cause to success in the Gravesend campaign on the lines of advanced tariff reform. He had a three-cornered fight, with the result thus:—Parker, 3,102; Geary (Lib.), 1,413; MacPherson (Labor), 873. At the last election on a straight party fight Parker's majority was 738.

Mr. Hamar Greenwood joins the ranks of Canadians in the Imperial Parliament, heading the poll as Liberal candidate in York city, which has a population of one hundred thousand. He has been campaigning in the riding for about two years, and is reported to have had over a thousand canvassers on his behalf in the last few days. York city has two members. At the last election two Unionists were unopposed. The result this time is: Greenwood (Lib.), 6,413; Faber (Con.), 6,103; Butcher (Con.), 6,094; Stuart (Lib.), 4,573.

THE KIRK CELEBRATION.

The Presbyterians of this city are quite naturally proud of what they have accomplished in completely wiping out the debt on their church property, and last night's celebration of the event was very creditable to all concerned.

The new church, projected in 1881 and occupied in 1886, cost, with its furnishings, over \$30,000, and not one cent is owing on it.

The total amount raised by the congregation during the past twenty years, for all church purposes, reaches the large sum of \$103,000, or an average of over \$5,000 a year evidence that the people of St. Paul's have not only the ability, but the spirit to give liberally of their means for religious purposes.

The congregation is out of debt, but it has another financial problem to face. A new manse is very much needed, as was well pointed out by Mrs. Howie, and has been referred to in these columns, and no doubt the people of St. Paul's will set themselves to work as resolutely in this task and master it, as they did in their church debt redemption.

The city council in urging the government to provide facilities for the passage of the proposed street railway over the Fredericton highway bridge, is acting in the interest of the public, and it is hoped that the Premier and his colleagues will see their way clear to grant the request made. The council's action in taking steps to induce the establishment of new industries in Fredericton is also to the credit of that body.

The Municipal council wasted a great deal of time in heckling over the modest contingencies' accounts of Recorder Colter. The services for which the charges were made are necessary, and the Recorder has no right to pay the money out of his own pocket.

The D. A. R. train which left Halifax Wednesday afternoon, struck George Eastman near Richmond station, about two miles from the city, and threw him some distance from the track. When picked up one of his arms was badly smashed and he had a compound fracture of the skull. He lived only a few minutes. The young man was walking along the siding and seeing a shunter coming towards him, became bewildered and stepped into the main line in front of the express.

Gordon McKeown, clerk in the I. C. R. advertising department, Moncton, died Wednesday evening from acute peritonitis, resulting from a severe cold. He was 20 years of age and a son of Albert McKeown of the I. C. R. shops.

YORK MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Dispute Over Contingencies of Recorder's Office—Mr. Colter Gave Explanations—Parish Assessments.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The council met at three o'clock with Warden Timmins in the chair and all the members present.

Coun. Grosvenor from the public accounts committee reported that there had been some dispute over Recorder Colter's bill, the amount of which had been deducted from the receipts of the record office and it was directed to refer it to the council. On motion of Coun. Cropley it was decided to hear an explanation from Mr. Colter.

Coun. Grosvenor by request read a list of the accounts submitted by the Recorder. The total payments amounted to \$182.

Recorder Colter in addressing the council said he did not admit that the council had any right to demand an explanation from him in regard to the accounts he had submitted. At the same time he appreciated the honor done him and out of courtesy he would explain. It must be borne in mind that he was not appointed by the county council and was not paid by them. Under the law he was permitted to retain from the receipts the sum of \$2,000 as salary, and hand the remainder over to the county treasurer. He was compelled to make a return to the government and hand a duplicate to the secretary treasurer. In former times it was customary to hand over the surplus receipts to the county treasurer who would pay back the amount expended on contingencies. This had been done until last year, when the council, without consulting him (Colter) had thrown out the account and refused to pay it. He had been advised to sue the council for the amount, but had decided not to do it. Instead he had made up his mind in future to pay for the contingencies of the office and deduct the amount from the surplus fees. It was the duty of the council to provide books for the office and also pay for contingencies, scrubbing, etc. If he paid it out of his own pocket he would not have his salary of \$2,000, less \$624 paid his deputy at the end of the year.

The recorder then explained the accounts one by one, and claimed that they were reasonable in every case. He added that he did not propose to pay for contingencies out of his salary. It was small enough anyway, and had he known as much in 1902 as he knew today, he would not have accepted the appointment. Had the council not refused to pay his bill last year there would be no trouble over the question. He assumed when the council did not pay the bill that they intended him to pay it.

In answer to Coun. Reynolds, Mr. Colter explained that the sum of \$4 per month was paid the court house caretaker for attending to the furnace. He would rather pay the money over to the council and have them pay the caretaker.

Coun. Grosvenor said that \$43 was paid the caretaker in 1904, which was not \$4 per month. There did not seem to be any fixed price for anything in the accounts.

In reply to Coun. Brooks Mr. Colter said that the office was not heated during the summer months, but it had to be cleaned and swept. No man would engage to do the work in winter time alone for \$3 per month. It was Herbert McManiman who did the work.

Coun. Murray said that he had authorized an increase from \$3 to \$4 per month for Mr. Phillips, he having refused to accept the lower figure.

In reply to Coun. McFarlane the recorder said that the law required him to make affidavit as to the total receipts of his office during the year. He was not required to make any detailed statement, but the provincial secretary could order his books examined at any time. The surplus from the York office was the largest, except one shown by any county in the province.

Coun. Grosvenor condemned the action of Recorder Colter in taking the surplus fees of his office to pay accounts. It looked to him to be a rather queer proceeding anyway. As for the caretaker it seemed rather strange that he should draw pay from two sources for doing his work. If the bill was paid prior to 1904 without a murmur, he could not see why the council of that year had refused to pay it.

Secretary Treasurer Bliss, being asked for his opinion said whatever bills the recorder contracted in connection with his office should be paid by the council. If the council refused to pay them then the recorder could collect by law. He had no right to pay the accounts out of the fees of his office.

Coun. Goodspeed thought that the recorder had usurped the duties of the building committee.

Coun. Robison thought that the whole trouble seemed to be over the janitor. He should be employed to join after the whole building and paid sufficient salary, so that there would be no chance to get in a bill for extras.

On motion of Coun. Morgan the council separated to allow the accounts committee to meet and finish their work.

PARISH OFFICERS.

Upon the council reassembling the list of parish officers for the Parish of Stanley was approved on motion of Coun. Douglas.

On motion of Coun. Pond the list of Parish officers for St. Mary's was confirmed.

On motion of Coun. Brower the list of parish officers for Douglas was confirmed.

On motion of Coun. Morgan the list of parish officers for New Maryland was approved.

The list of parish officers for Dum-

fries was approved on motion of Coun. Simmons.

On motion of Coun. McKeen the list of parish officers for Bright was approved.

Coun. Fox moved that the councilors from the parishes of Kingsclear, Douglas and Bright be appointed a committee to prepare a bye-law to prohibit the running at large of cattle on Sugar Island and report at the July session.

On motion of Coun. Moffatt the list of parish officers for McAdam was approved.

The warden extended an invitation to the councilors and county officers to attend a supper at the Lorne hotel Thursday evening at nine o'clock.

The following parish assessments were ordered:

PRINCE WILLIAM

Support of poor.....\$150 00
Parish Clerk.....2 00
Room for election.....3 00
Assessment collectors 5 per cent.

CANTERBURY.

Support of Poor.....\$300 00
Parish Indebtedness.....100 00
Parish Clerk.....9 00
District Clerks.....9 00
Fees for revaluation.....165 00
Assessors and collectors 5 per cent.

McADAM.

Support of Poor.....\$100 00
Parish Indebtedness.....10 p.c.
Room for election.....5 00
Parish Clerk.....4 00
Assessors and collectors 5 per cent.

NEW MARYLAND.

Support of Poor.....\$60 00
Parish Clerk.....\$4 00
Assessors for revaluation.....36 00
Assessors 3 per cent.
Collectors 5 per cent.

QUEENSBURY.

Support of poor.....\$225 00
Parish indebtedness.....50 00
Parish Clerk.....5 00
District Clerks.....3 00
Assessors and collectors 5 per cent.

DUMFRIES.

Support of poor.....\$50 00
Parish Clerk.....2 00
Assessors 5 per cent.
Collectors 5 per cent.

BRIGHT.

Support of Poor.....\$400 00
Parish Indebtedness.....100 00
Parish Clerk.....4 00
District Clerks \$2 each.....4 00
Assessors 3 per cent. for assessing and 6 per cent for road tax, and collectors 5 per cent.

ST. MARYS.

Support of poor.....\$600 00
Support of patients in Asylum.....65 00
Parish Indebtedness.....200 00
Parish Clerk.....4 00
Assessors same as last year. Collectors 5 per cent.

NORTH LAKE.

Support of poor.....\$150 00
Parish Indebtedness.....20 00
Parish Clerk.....\$5 00
Room for Election.....4 00
Assessors and collectors 5 per cent.
On motion of Coun. Scott the council adjourned.

THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 17.—The transportation commission, which has been at work for the past two or three years, has presented a very elaborate and important report to Hon. Charles Hyman, minister of public works.

The commissioners make several recommendations. They recommend that the Intercolonial Railway be extended to Depot Harbor, by obtaining running privileges over the Grand Trunk or otherwise. This would aid in building up the ports of St. John and Halifax.

The report also recommends that Halifax, St. John, Port William, Port Arthur, Depot Harbor, Midland, Port Colbourne, Kingston, Montreal, Quebec, Sydney, Vancouver, Victoria, the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific on the Pacific and the terminus of the Canadian Northern on the Pacific be made national ports. The commissioners ask that legislation be secured to make these ports free national ports. There should be no charges except dry dock or elevator charges. Any property now owned by cities, towns, or provinces to enable this to be done, should be secured by the government.

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They point to the increased elevator along the line of railway and also to the increased accommodation for storage at Port William. At Port William there is capacity for 18,000,000 bushels and the interior 28,000,000, making in all accommodation for 46,000,000 bushels. They suggest that the warehouse commissioners should have the power to compel the railways to appoint agents at certain small stations where there are none for two or three months in the year, to receive the grain at the farmer's elevators.

Dealing with the shipments of grain from Port Arthur, they review the point that New Harbour ships grain to Buffalo.

In 1887 is cost 18 cents a bushel from Duluth to Buffalo, and in 1904 it was reduced to 7 cents. The commission recommends that Port Arthur, Port William and Mission Harbor be all dealt with as one harbor, and that the government reserve a narrow strip along the Kamistiquia River, looking to the future, when greater accommodation would be required. For room for the turning at the mouth of the Mission River at least 8,000 feet should be obtained. An ice-breaker to lengthen navigation is also recommended.

The government should secure control of all railways on the docks. The government should also have elevator accommodation for ten million bushels of grain at Depot Harbor and Midland if the railway companies do not do so. It is suggested that the government should own the elevators and charge the railway for their use.

A gentleman, rushing into a railway station, asked the porter if he could catch the 10.30 train to London. The porter replied: "That depends on how fast you can run, sir. It's been gone three minutes."

A bright little girl of three years asked at the breakfast table for a biscuit, and, not being waited on, as promptly as she desired, said in an aggrieved tone: "Please give me a biscuit. I'm waiting as fast as I can."

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