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DISSOLUTION PROBABLE.

Winnipeg Hears That Ottawa Deallock May Result in Immediate General Election.

WINNIPEG, May 16.—(Special)—Despatches from Ottawa indicate the possibility of an immediate dissolution of parliament, as the result of the present deadlock between the parties in parliament.

If there should be an election there would probably be a surprise to the Manitoba government to learn that the Dominion government under the law as it exists, would have the right to make the electoral lists in the city of Winnipeg and the city of Brandon.

OTTAWA HEARS THINGS.

OTTAWA, May 16.—(Special)—It is useless to deny that dissolution is in the air.

It is all the talk wherever politicians gather, and those who pretend to be on the inside of things would not be surprised if next week sees the end of the present parliament.

Neither the government nor opposition is disposed to yield on the disputed elections bill, and the present block, if continued next week, can end in only one way—the dissolution of parliament, and a general election within the next few weeks.

It is said that the government is already getting in touch with its friends throughout the country, and that the Tories are likely to get an unpleasant surprise before many days pass.

MISCOUCHE TRAGEDY.

Stella Macdonald Tells the Story of the Murder--Prisoner and She Were Engaged

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., May 16.—(Special)—Stella Macdonald, the young girl who was the only witness of the shooting of Joseph D. McMillan by Alonzo Doherty, was on the stand all day at the preliminary enquiry into the Miscouche murder case now being conducted before Stipendiary Wright at Summerside.

She told her story in a straightforward manner, and stood the strain of her long examination well, although still in a nervous, excitable state.

She stated that she and Doherty were virtually engaged, although no formal engagement had been announced. He often called at her home, and would act as her escort, frequently accompanying her to and from church, but not entering the church as he was not a Roman Catholic.

On May 1st a misunderstanding arose between them, and she went off to church, leaving him alone in the house. She did not ask him to accompany her, nor did he offer to go.

Since then he has not called, nor did he speak to her, although they passed each other on the street.

She did not see him again to speak to, until the night of the tragedy, when he met McMillan and her returning from Summerside.

On that afternoon she had asked McMillan to accompany her and her sister to Summerside. Doherty did not know their plans nor did they speak about him.

After the deed was committed she started to go, but he called her back to assist him in carrying the body across the railroad track into the woods beyond. She declined to do so. He said she dared not run away lest he might kill her also.

McMillan and she were neighbors, attended the same church, and were on very friendly terms. He used to accompany her some times from church, but on no other occasion.

After the shooting Doherty said he would kill himself, but she told him that one tragedy was enough.

When Doherty fired she was so close to McMillan that the powder and smoke filled her eyes.

HE DIED TWICE.

Peculiar Conditions Attending the Demise of an Unknown Frenchman.

MONTREAL, May 16.—(Special)—To die twice in five hours, was the fate of an unknown Frenchman. He was found in the canal unconscious, drowned, and taken to the hospital dead.

There the doctors tried artificial respiration and brought him back to life.

He seemed to be all right and able to talk, but would not give his name. This morning he died the second time, this time for good.

G I P WIRES

Reach 200 Miles West of Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, May 16.—(Special)—The Grand Trunk Pacific telegraph wires are now in operation to Touchwood, 200 miles west of this city, and are being extended at the rate of five miles per day.

A CLERGYMAN'S DEATH.

Rev. Robert Wasson, Here Last Summer, Passed Away at New York

Word has been received from New York of the sudden death at that place of Rev. Robert Wasson, at the age of 73. The news came by wire to Mr. R. B. Wallace. Mr. Wasson, with his wife and daughter, spent two weeks in this city last year, the guest of his niece, Mrs. R. B. Wallace, and while here preached in the Methodist church on Sunday evening. He graduated from Mount Allison in the fifties, after which he filled pastorates in Woodstock, N. B., and in various parts of Nova Scotia. For the past twenty-five years he has been in the United States, and last year he completed fifty years of active service in the ministry.

The deceased leaves a widow, for-

merly Miss Joanna Gardiner, of Yarmouth, one son, G. Fred, of Goldfield, Nevada, and three daughters, Mrs. Fletcher Stark, Mrs. Treadwell Carpenter, and Grace C., unmarried, all living in New York.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Sad Fate of a Six Year Old Cumberland Child.

PARRSBORO, N. S., May 16.—Andrey, the six-year-old daughter of Clarence McAleese of Greenhill, about two miles from here, was so badly burned yesterday afternoon by her dress catching fire from a burning bush pile, that she lived only a few hours.

She and her sister accompanied their father while he lighted several piles of brush, and he left them playing around them and went to do another part of the field. The little girl went too close to the flames and her clothing caught fire. The father was too far away to hear the children's screams, but their mother heard them from the house. By the time she arrived the child's clothing was all burned off and she was so badly injured that the doctors could do little. She was a bright little girl and much sympathy is expressed for the grief-stricken parents.

THE STEAMER ELAINE.

Dr. L. A. Curry, K. C., manager of the Hampstead Steamship company, is in the city today, and this afternoon is conferring with the council of the Board of Trade with reference to giving the city a daily steamship service. It is understood that his company are quite willing to withdraw the steamer Elaine from the St. John—Gagetown route, and have her run between this city and St. John on alternate days with the Victoria. Dr. Curry had been interviewing a number of business men today in regard to the proposal, and finds the sentiment very strong in favor of a daily service. He will likely submit the matter to the directors of his company upon his return to St. John.

MR. URBAIN JOHNSON HONORED.

Veteran Ex-M. P. P. for Kent Presented With Purse and Flattering Address.

Mr. Urbain Johnson, ex-M. P. P. for Kent, who is one of the oldest parliamentarians in New Brunswick, was honored by the members of the House of Assembly last evening in a most fitting manner. Just before adjournment he was escorted to the bar of the House by Messrs. Rolston and Smith, M. P. P.'s, and Speaker Morris on behalf of the members presented him with a purse containing \$150 and the following very appropriate address:

To Urbain Johnson, Esq., M. P. P., Late Lieutenant Colonel of His Majesty's Militia of the county of Kent in the Province of New Brunswick.

The members of the Legislature in session assembled desire to extend to you most cordial greetings on the occasion of your first visit to the Legislative Hall of the province since

en an active and intelligent interest and that, always ready for the call to arms, you have served many years in the active militia of the country, occupying at different times, and by progressive steps upwards the honorable positions of captain, major and lieutenant colonel. We are pleased to note that the years in their swift flight have left with you but little evidence of their passage and that as far as appearances go your physical and mental powers remain unimpaired. We feel that the great number of those with whom you have been associated in public and private life who have preceded you to that home from which no traveller ever returns, the longing for the touch of vanished hands and for the sound of voices which are still must form a strong and ever strengthening influence by means of which the regret which must necessarily attend the approach of the time when earthly ties are severed is lessened from year to year in your experience. Notwithstanding this, however, we express the hope that you may be spared in health and strength for many years to come, that in your loved Acadian home as a worthy representative of a strong race which, in its union with the other races in this country, is contributing so largely to the glory and development of our much loved Canada, you may live amidst peace and plenty and the sustained and soothing of an unflinching trust you may approach the end which inevitably comes to each and all of us like one that wars the dravay of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams.

Fredericton, May 15th, 1908.

MR. JOHNSON'S REPLY.

Mr. Johnson, who appeared to be deeply touched by the manifestation of good will towards him, made a brief address in reply, which received hearty applause. He mentioned the fact that thirty-nine years had elapsed since he first came to the House, and there had certainly been a great many changes in that time. Old friends had disappeared and new ones had taken their places and there had been substantial growth and development. He had always been treated with the greatest courtesy by the members of both sides of the House, and his service to the French Acadian cause had been several times publicly recognized by his compatriots. He remarked that the province had had four premiers within fourteen months and like the men who had four wives, the last two were the best of all. In conclusion Mr. Johnson thanked the members for their kind and good wishes. His remarks were followed by three hearty cheers and a tiger.

Mr. Johnson, who has been spending several days in the city left by last evening's train for his home in St. Louis, Kent County.

WILL REMOVE PADLOCK.

Ontario Liberal Leader Stands in with the Temperance People.

Local option in Ontario under Premier Whitney's legislation is only possible when three fifths of the voters of any municipality vote to prohibit the liquor traffic and Hon. A. G. McKay, the Liberal leader in bidding for the temperance vote in the present provincial elections promises to repeal that provision of the law and to give the majority to rule.

While Mr. McKay was addressing a meeting at Lindsay in support of the candidature of Mr. Stewart the following occurred:

A clergyman arose in the audience with a question: "I am surprised," said the minister, "that there has hardly been a sentence with reference to a timely question, that of temperance. If we return the Liberals to power—and we hope to do so (cheers)—are we to have British fair play? "Majority rule of course," said Mr. Stewart.

However, the clergyman was determined to proceed. "Are we to have a padlock placed on our mouths, as Premier Whitney has done with this three-fifths clause? There are hundreds of people here who would like to hear a pronouncement on that," said Mr. McKay again came forward and said: "The Liberal position is absolutely clear with regard to that and there need be no misunderstanding whatever. We stated our position three sessions ago, two sessions ago and last session. We believe in trusting the majority of the people and not the three-fifths of the people or any other fraction." (Cheers.)

"Will you repeat it?" came another voice. "If we are elected we will repeal it and put it to a majority vote," answered the leader amid more applause. The man who is willing to take advantage doesn't need it.

FIRE INSURANCE RATES

Mr. Clinch Reports a Multiplicity of Ramshackle Buildings.

Mr. Peter Clinch, secretary of the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters making good progress with the work of re-rating the city and expects to finish in two or three days. He will recommend substantial reductions on many houses in the residential districts, and will abolish the extra rate of fifteen cents per hundred on the business section of the city some time ago. He is not sure that his recommendations will be acted upon by the board of underwriters, but thinks it would have a very healthy influence if the city would undertake to enlarge the water main on Carleton street.

In speaking of his work here to a Herald representative, Mr. Clinch expressed surprise at the great number of old ramshackle sheds to be found in the rear of the brick buildings on Queen and King streets. It seemed

OFFICIALS MUST PAY.

It is reported that officials of the government who have for some time been enjoying the advantages of the telephone at the expense of the province must in future pay the bill themselves. Orders have been given so it is understood, to have the telephones removed from the homes of officials. Several government employees, apart from the deputy heads of departments, are included in the list.

It is to him that every fine brick building set for mercantile purposes had from few an old shanty or two. He noticed that many of these old shacks have gained roofs and he regarded them as a positive menace to the community. In case of a large conflagration on a block, these old wooden buildings would be certain to catch fire, and would undoubtedly cause serious loss. He thought the matter was one that the city council should give its attention to without delay.