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THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

W. IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor. DURHAM, SEPT. 17, 1908.

THE LAURIER PLATFORM

Mr. Wilfrid Laurier is going to the country on "an issue that will appeal to the judgment, the imagination, the public spirit of the people", says the leading Liberal daily editorially. Laurier cites as that issue the need of a road for another transcontinental way to facilitate the transportation of the products of the west to the eastern seaboard. All he asks to complete the new Grand Trunk Pacific is another term in parliament. In the way the money has been expended on that same project in the past we are inclined to his belief. It is one more term for Sir Wilfrid Laurier to complete the G. T. P. deplete the treasury and ruin the financial condition of the country. Choosing this one issue, above all others, we think it possibly the next best to the Quebec Bridge project as a means of making the fact that it is only left for the Government to stand on is responsible for its selection. Just where the promotion of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and subsequent financing by Mr. Laurier and his colleagues is going to give a strong card in the matter of winning the votes of the electors of the Grand Trunk Pacific is somewhat doubtful of comprehension and a view of the situation may or may not create a warm feeling for the present administration in the hearts of the men who mark the ballots.

When the Canadian Government undertook the construction of the transcontinental, it was agreed that a building of the eastern section from Moncton to Winnipeg should be done by the Government, while the road from Winnipeg to the Pacific coast was to be built by the company, the government guaranteeing bonds covering seventy-five per cent. of the cost of construction of the two western divisions, known as the Prairie and Mountain sections. The bonds are to remain with the Government, and were to be released from time to time as the company gave proof of money spent in the actual work of construction.

In October, 1905, the company made a first claim against the government for money expended, and presented a statement claiming that

\$226,285.75 had been paid on construction work. Mr. Shannon the accountant reported to his Deputy-Minister, that the claim included \$162,000 which did not seem to have been expended in bona fide construction of the railway. For \$56,000 of this, no vouchers whatever were produced, showing who got the money or for what service, and for the other \$106,000 the details were not such as to allow him (the Deputy-Minister) to accept. He declined to pass the items and reported the fact to Mr. Schreiber, Government Engineer of the Western section, who in turn said he had consulted the Minister of Justice, and they had decided that the expenses were a proper charge. The whole amount was then certified and the bill came before Mr. Courtney, Deputy-Minister of Finance at that time, who was more particular and made some investigation on his own account. As a result of the investigation, an amended bill minus the mysterious \$56,000 was presented, but repeating the claim for the other \$106,000, which Mr. Shannon had not accepted. Mr. Shannon refused to certify even the amended bill, but took a copy of it, which is at present available. Eventually this \$106,000 was also withdrawn by the Company but it is suggestive that Mr. Courtney soon ceased to be Deputy-Minister and Mr. Shannon was immediately transferred to Moncton.

With Courtney and Shannon out of the road, a strange happening took place. The General auditor of the Grand Trunk Pacific wrote to the Deputy-Minister of Railways asking the Department to "kindly return statements of expenditure" and also "the certificates." The auditor was asking for the whole record so that no evidence of the claim would remain in the public offices. The Railway Department asked the Finance Department to comply with this astonishing request, and only four days after the Railway official wrote for the papers he acknowledged the receipt of the documents.

From this it is clear that the total amount originally claimed by the Grand Trunk Pacific was expended, even though the company had invested it in a manner that would not stand itemizing, and though a vigilant and independent officer held up these items against the opinion of his superiors. Though Mr. Shannon made a copy of some of the charges he rejected, he did not have a copy of the \$56,000 claim, which was not presented a second time, and concerning which the company had refused information and supplied no vouchers. The character of the statement the company ventured to make at a second time, and to give in some detail may be judged from the following:

- Expenses of officials to the Pacific Coast, \$3,000.
Regular salary of Rev. W. E. S. Roe, per month, \$125.
William Wainright, advertising, no details, four items of \$325 to \$375.
C. M. Hay's trip to England, \$1,132.
London office salaries, \$4,565, \$760 and \$890.
London office directors' fees, \$4,867.
Ottawa Free Press, printing, \$1260.
Under legal expenses there are three payments of \$1,000 each and one of \$500 to Sir Adolphe Caron, with no statement as to the final destination or purpose of these payments.
A young Ottawa lawyer, H. P. McGivern, figures as having received in many payments \$6421.
The Ottawa farm of Chrysler and Bethune is down for \$5,591.
Among the items rejected was one of \$46,520, said to have been paid to F. W. Morse and Peter Larsen for terminal lands, or in other words, for a town site useful for speculative purposes.
Naturally Mr. Shannon did not think that these were moneys expended in actual work of railway construction.

And this is just one sample of the manipulations that have taken place during the construction of the transcontinental. Throughout the whole deal the bill has been a heavy one until, at the present time, the cost to the country of this single line of railway has nearly reached \$150,000,000, with many more millions to be expended upon it before it reaches the Pacific coast. From the original estimate of thirteen million dollars, the cost of construction has exceeded to date ten times the estimate, and still Sir Wilfrid Laurier has the nerve to appeal to the people of Canada for another term as Premier on the strength of the brilliant calculative power of himself and his administration. While we need another transcontinental railway, and need it badly too, we can't see where any great credit is due the present Government in allowing the finances of the country to be distributed promiscuously among a few favored ones without even a scratch of a pen or an itemized account to show the people what they are paying taxes for. Sir Wilfrid's own statement, "the Government is responsible for everything that takes place in any department" should be called home to the author at the present time. A Responsible Government is what we pride ourselves on having, and the utter failure of the present adminis-

tration to carefully and economically handle the funds entrusted to their care by the people of Canada should be responsible for their defeat. The people have the power in their own hands. Will they use it aright at the next election?

Notice of Court of Revision.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a Court will be held pursuant to the Ontario Voters' List Act by his Honor Judge Widdfield, the Judge of the County-Court of the County of Grey, at the Town Hall, in the Town of Durham, on the 29th day of September, 1908, at 9.30 a.m., to hear and determine complaints of errors and omissions in the Voters' List of the Municipality of the Town of Durham, for 1908. Dated the 15th day of September, 1908. Wm. B. VOLLET, Clerk.

CROP COMPETITION PRIZE WINNERS.

The following are the South Grey prize winners in the Field Crop Competition:—

Table with 3 columns: COMPETITOR, ADDRESS, SCORE. Lists winners like D. Edge, J. & J. Hunter, Geo. Binnie, Colin Blyth, W. G. Firth.

Hampden.

Mr. Thomas Ryan has been confined to his bed for a length of time with an attack of inflammatory rheumatism. Tom thinks he should have some well earned holidays, so he might just as well have them now while the threshing is going on.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Weber, of Aytton, spent the Sunday pleasantly at Mr. Charlie Birr's.

Mr. Alf. Weidmeyer is a busy man his week cementing his stables under the newly erected barn.

Mr. George Waltzer, who left this burg three months ago for Bracebridge, Muskoka, returned on Saturday evening back to his old job at Wettlaufer's mill.

The Yandt Bros. are making a clear sweep in threshing on the 16th con. They were out near Varney the past week but returned on Saturday evening.

Mr. Albert Mearns took in the Toronto Exhibition last week. Albert says the show was fine and lots to see.

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FALL FAIRS.

- Arthur—Sept. 23, 24.
Blyth—Sept. 29, 30.
Clarksburg—Sept. 29, 30.
Chatsworth—Sept. 17, 18.
Chesley—Sept. 22, 23.
Durdalk—Oct. 8, 9.
Durham—Sept. 22, 23.
Drayton—Oct. 6, 7.
Fergus—Sept. 29, 30.
Fordwich—Oct. 3.
Faversham—Oct. 6, 7.
Grand Valley—Oct. 13, 14.
Hanover—Sept. 29, 30.
Holstein—Sept. 29.
Kincardine—Sept. 16, 17.
Listowel—Sept. 16, 17.
London (Western Fair)—Sept. 11-19.
Meaford—Sept. 24, 25.
Mildmay—Sept. 28, 29.
Maxville—Sept. 14, 15.
Neustadt—Sept. 22, 23.
Owen Sound—Sept. 18, 17.
Paisley—Sept. 29, 30.
Priceville—Oct. 1, 2.
Palmerston—Sept. 24, 25.
Rocklynn—Oct. 8, 9.
Tara—Oct. 1, 2.
Toronto (National)—Aug. 29, Sept. 14.
Teeswater—Oct. 6, 7.
Tiverton—Oct. 6.

BORN.

- WHITTAKER—In Durham, on Sunday, Sept. 13th, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Whittaker, a son.
WATSON—In Priceville, on Sunday, Sept. 13th, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. George Watson, a daughter.
MATHESON—In Priceville, on Friday, Sept. 4th, 1908, to Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Matheson, a son.
CAPPER—At 215 East Ninth St., Mason City, Iowa, on Wednesday, Sept. 9th, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Capper, a son.
LENAHAN—In Durham, on Friday, Sept. 4th, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lenahan, a son.
SIBBALD—In Barrie, on Sept. 7th, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. John Sibbald, a daughter.
DIED.
HENRY—In Egremont, on Saturday, Sept. 12, 1908, Robert Henry, aged 79 years, 10 moe.

NEWS AROUND TOWN.

Buy your tickets in time for the concert. On sale at MacFarlane's Drug Store.

South Grey Agricultural Exhibition Sept. 22nd and 23rd. See advertisement in another column for particulars and programme.

"Salada" Tea remains in favor year after year with enormously increasing sales, simply because it is always true to its high standard of quality.

Speeding in the ring will be one of the great attractions at the South Grey Agricultural Society's Fair. Two large purses for competition. Good horses are assured. Come and see the sport.

One of the best Comedians ever heard in Durham secured for the concert on Wednesday evening, Sept. 23.

The harvest home in the Methodist church on Monday evening was well attended. After the serving of an excellent supper in the basement of the church, a program was rendered in the auditorium, consisting of orchestra selections and speeches by Dr. Jamieson, M.P.P., who was chairman of the meeting, H. H. Miller, M.P., R. J. Ball, Conservative candidate for the Dominion House, and the pastors of the different churches. In their addresses, both Mr. Ball and Mr. Miller kept away from their present hobby, politics, and beyond a friendly dig at each other occasionally, did not touch on the questions of the day. The evening was very pleasantly spent, and all enjoyed themselves.

Don't fail to hear the two wonderful boy Sopranos, Nelson Adair and Thos. Selby, at the concert, Town Hall, Wednesday, Sept. 22nd.

Make your arrangements for the grand Concert and Entertainment in the Town Hall second night of the Fair, Wednesday, the 23rd of Sept. The artists include the celebrated Hewer combination from London. Seats on sale now at MacFarlane's Drug Store.

Mr. Chas. Lutz has severed his connection with the Cement Company here as machinist, and left Monday morning for Mason City, Iowa, where he has secured a similar position with the Western States Portland Cement Company.

The management of the South Grey Agricultural Society are arranging for a first class football match, to commence at 1 o'clock, on the second day of the show.

We congratulate Mr. Wm. Connor and Miss Kate Hintz, who, on Wednesday evening last decided that singleness was no blessing, and were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage here. The young couple have taken up their residence in town, and we wish them every happiness in their new life.

Traffic over the new bridge was opened on Tuesday, and the work of filling in the retaining walls is being rushed through with all haste. The bridge was inspected and passed by the county engineer on Friday last, and it is the intention of the council to have the greater part of the work completed by Fair Day. No sidewalks will be put in this fall in order to give the fall a chance to settle, and beyond the construction of a temporary walk for pedestrians, and affixing the railing, the work is practically completed.

The English Language.

We'll begin with a box and the plural is boxes, But the plural of ox should be oxen not oxes. Then one fowl is a goose, but two are called geese, Yet the plural of mice should never be mices, You will find a lone mouse or a whole nest of mice, But the plural of house is houses, not hies. If the plural of man is always called men, Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pan? The cow in the plural may be cows or kine, But a bow, if repeated is never called bine. And the plural of vow is vows, never vine. If I speak of a foot and you show me your feet, And I give you a boot would a pair be called beet? If one is a tooth and the whole set are teeth, Why shouldn't the plural of both be called both? If the singular of this and the plural is these, Should the plural of kiss be ever called keeses? Then one would be that and three would be those, Yet the plural of hat would never be hose. And the plural of cat is cats, and not cose. We speak of a brother and also of brethren, But though we say mother we never say methren, Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him, his and him, But imagine the feminine, she, shis and shim, So the English I think you will all agree, Is the queerest language you ever did see. —Fuel.

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