

CONTEST NARROWS DOWN TO ELLIOTT AND NICKLE

Independent And Labor Candidates Decide Not to Enter—The Official Nominations Take Place Thursday At Noon in the Ontario Hall.

The nominations for the provincial by-election will take place in Ontario hall from 12 to 2 p.m. Thursday. Early Wednesday afternoon no arrangements had been completed as to speeches. Mr. Nickle was confined to his residence on Wednesday, ill of a cold, and this may defer consideration of plans for the opening addresses of the campaign which is to be a short and sharp one.

MURDER TRIAL TO BE IN KINGSTON IF ALL PARTIES ARE AGREED

This Was the Decision of Justice Riddell in Connection With the Application to Change the Venue of the Upton-Bryant Trial From Napanee.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—If all parties are agreed the venue of the trial of F. Wood Upton, Sherwood Upton and Fred Bryant, charged with the murder of Constable Beard at Napanee, will be changed from Napanee to Kingston, but no postponement will be granted. This was announced by Justice Riddell at Osgoode Hall today, after listening to the argument of A. B. Cunningham, K.C., for the accused, who contended that it would be impossible to obtain a fair trial for the accused in view of the publication of an alleged confession by the Upton Brothers, wherein it was stated that Bryant had done the shooting.

OTTAWA GETTING BUSY TO STOP DRUG TRAFFIC

Greater Activity at the Pacific Ports Is Very Much Required.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—An extensive clean-up of "dope" operators on the Pacific coast, the port of entry for the whole traffic in Canada, is being agitated there and taken up here by the different Government departments interested. The Customs Department is being asked to equip preventive officers with fast motor boats, it being found that agents of dope operators returning by coastal steamers are met in the Pacific waters by confederates with fast boats, the packages being thrown overboard to them. The co-operation of the air service, which already has been utilized to follow steamers coming into port, is also sought, while the Health Department and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are engaged in the same work. The traffic is difficult to run down, because unlike the whiskey bootlegger, the dope seller can carry a whole supply in his vest pocket.

An opinion expressed by a high authority here is that whatever legislation against narcotics is enacted will be difficult to enforce until an agreement is reached with producing countries to manufacture only the normal requirements of the world for strictly medicinal purposes, avoiding any surplus.

Senator Arthur Boyer died suddenly at Montreal on Tuesday.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.



My wife always loses her glasses and then makes me find them.—A. M.

What does your wife do?

GIRL STENOGRAPHER AND EMPLOYER KILLED

Wife, Sixteen Years Her Husband's Junior, Charged With Shooting.

Philadelphia, Jan. 25.—On a crumpled page in the diary of Oscar Rosier, advertising man whose widow is held for a coroner's inquest on a charge of having slain Rosier and his stenographer on Saturday in his private office, were several lines addressed "To Jerry from O. R." The lines were:

"The kiss complete. The union of souls. Heart to heart, hand in hand. What does language matter. A sympathetic silence."

"Jerry" according to police who examined Rosier's effects including the diary, was the nickname for Miss Mildred Geraldine Reckitt, Rosier's stenographer. The diary was the same in which Rosier, a few minutes before he died, signed a will disinheriting his wife, Mrs. Catherine Rosier, and her infant of a few months and left all his property to his three year old son by a former marriage and to Rosier's brother, Arthur. Attorneys for Mrs. Rosier said they would contest the filing of the will for probate.

Mrs. Rosier concealed herself in her husband's office last Saturday afternoon and watched him come in with his stenographer. She is then alleged to have gone to a pawnshop, bought a revolver, returned to the office and shot them both. She is sixteen years her husband's junior and his second wife.

\$100,000 Offered For Effective Cancer Cure

Montreal, Jan. 25.—An offer of \$100,000 "to the graduate or student of any recognized university who within five years after date is the first to discover a medicinal treatment for the effective cure of cancer" was made by Lord Atholstan, proprietor of the Montreal Star.

The decision is to be made by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, London, England.

Meharg to Serve Life Sentence.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 25.—Wilfrid Meharg, sentenced on Dec. 23rd to life imprisonment for the murder of Dr. E. J. Whitworth, Binbrook, was sentenced to be hanged on Jan. 18th but clemency was exercised. George Horning, sentenced to seven years on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the robbery of the late Dr. Whitworth, was also taken to the penitentiary.

BLOOD STAINS ON AUTO BEING INVESTIGATED

The Delorme Inquest at Montreal Adjourned—Statement of Coroner.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—In dismissing the jury which had heard the evidence in the case of Raoul Delorme, the wealthy student, who was murdered a few weeks ago and in adjourning the case sine die to allow the police longer time to investigate, Coroner McMahon spoke as follows:

"We have searched the home of Father Delorme, the boy's half-brother, and not a trace of blood was found. The stains on the automobile cushion from Father Delorme's car may be human blood, but the medical analysis is not yet completed. Neighbors of Father Delorme heard the engine of his car running. We are led to the belief that the machine entered or left the garage, but that is not positive. If we really find fresh blood in the car we will have strong circumstantial evidence. I think we should return some time, as soon as any evidence we may gather is received. In conclusion, I might ask that citizens cease writing anonymous letters to the authorities, charging the arrest of this or that person mentioned in the case."

One of the interesting pieces of evidence that was given by Detective LaJole. He had been describing articles he found in his investigations. The dead youth's cap and the box taken from Father Delorme's auto which held his revolver. He then continued:

"I further produce a small quilt which was wrapped around the head of the victim. On the corner of the quilt was a feather. Feathers which I believe were similar to those we found in Father Delorme's car. The quilt was wrapped around the victim's head, immediately beneath the young man's overcoat which had been drawn up and over a portion of his head and fastened with pins. The feathers found in the car are being compared to that which we found."

GIVEN ONLY THEIR SHARE

Ontario Education Department Issues Statement on Separate Schools.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—The Ontario department of education yesterday afternoon issued a statement with reference to recent complaints as to apparent inequalities of grants between certain public schools and rural separate schools in the same localities. It is pointed out that this is due to the working of the school law and not to any departure in policy. The present government has not modified the arrangements under which separate schools are established and supported.

It is declared that the separate schools did not receive a dollar more than they were entitled to under the act and the regulations which have been in force since 1914.

The statement is in the following terms:

- 1. The regulations for apportioning the legislative grants to the rural public and separate schools are similar in every respect, the following basis being used:
2. The annual salaries paid to the teachers.
3. The grade of the certificate held and the length of the teacher's teaching experience.
4. The equipment and accommodation of the school.
5. A graded "fixed grant" where the section assessment is less than \$50,000.

No Modifications.

"There has been no recent change in the law or regulation affecting grants to separate schools. The present government has not modified in the slightest degree the arrangements under which separate schools are established and supported. Complaint has recently been made of the apparent inequality of grants between certain rural public schools and rural separate schools in the same locality. This is due to the working of the school law and not to any departure in policy. In order to understand the situation it is necessary to understand the school law."

"By the act of 1863 the Separate schools have a right to their share of all grants voted by the Legislature in support of elementary schools. The division between the two sets of schools to be made on the basis of average attendance of pupils. This is the practice as laid down in the act and followed in regard to all the educational votes of the legislature in support of elementary education. The original provision is in the Separate Schools Act of 1863 and the methods to be followed are outlined in the Department of Education Act of 1914."

The division of grants is carried out under these legal provisions and, therefore, out of each vote so much is set aside for public schools and so much for separate schools."

"The policy of the department as outlined in the regulations is to pay the grants to rural schools on certain basis, namely: On the salaries paid to teachers, on the accommodations equipment and on certificates. The same regulations are applied to Public schools as to Separate schools. In 1921 the grants apportioned under the regulations to the rural public schools not only wholly exhausted the share of the total legislative vote allotted to these schools on average attendance but so greatly exceeded the amount that in order to pay in full the grants it was necessary to obtain by treasury board order the sum of \$55,000 to supplement the legislative vote. This additional sum had also to be distributed between the public and separate schools on the basis set forth above."

Distributed Pro Rata.

"The apportionment made in accordance with the regulations to the separate schools did not absorb the whole of their share of the legislative vote and a surplus was accordingly distributed amongst them pro rata. If, therefore, any public school secured less than the neighboring separate school and providing both schools belong to the same group of section assessments and they employ the same number of teachers the difference would be due to either or both of the following causes:

- (1) That the public school did not pay as high salaries, nor were their teachers as highly qualified as those of the separate school.
(2) That the grants apportioned under the regulation absorbed the whole of public school share of the vote and no surplus remained for pro rata distribution while the separate school (as in 1921) had a sufficient balance on hand to permit of this being done.

LORD LEE CHAMPION OF NEW DIPLOMACY

He Deprecates the Desire of Poincare to Return to Old Methods.

New York, Jan. 25.—Lord Lee, of Fareham, First Lord of the Admiralty of the British Empire, and one of Britain's delegates to the armament conference, deprecated Premier Poincare's published desire to "return to the old diplomacy, in his address as guest of honor at a dinner of the United States at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. Of the armament conference he declared that if it should fail "it would spell the bankruptcy of statesmanship, and the triumph of everything for which the revolutionaries are watching and working."

In this new diplomacy that has governed the Washington conference, he said, "is the very antithesis, if I may say so, of the proposal that is now being made, that we should give up diplomacy by conference and go back to the old system of settling our affairs through diplomats and through the medium of notes and representations. To my mind, if you have got to do business with people it is best to get them to sit down at the same table with you face to face and make them stand up and say what it is they want. And that's the reason the conference at Washington is a success, at any rate between the English-speaking peoples."

The revolutionaries of the world, he said, would hail with glee the downfall of the armament conference. Lord Lee dwelt particularly on the success of the negotiations of the English-speaking peoples under the "new diplomacy."

He praised Secretary Hughes for his work as conference chairman, characterizing him as fair, patient, wise, resolute and vigilant."

Lord Lee was the only speaker, as former Attorney-General George W. Wickersham, who was also on the programme was taken with a slight illness and had to retire to his home. John W. Davis, former ambassador at the Court of St. James, and president of the English-Speaking Union presided.

THE GIBBARD GARAGE DESTROYED BY FIRE

The Autos Were Taken Out by Employees—The Garage Was Insured.

(From Our Own Correspondent) Napanee, Jan. 24.—About ten o'clock Tuesday morning, the fire brigade was called out to extinguish a fire in the Gibbard Furniture Co.'s garage on Dundas street. Owing to the prompt action of the employees the three cars stored in the garage were safely removed but the building was a total loss.

The fire originated from a heated stovepipe. The building was insured. Johnstone Hannah, Camden, was elected warden of Lennox and Adlington.

Harry McNeill left Monday for Cobourg where he has accepted a position with the Canadian National Railway.

Mrs. A. F. Holmes, who has been so ill in Toronto, is expected home this week. On Sunday morning fire destroyed the home of Alfred Davis, Roblin's Hill. The contents were also destroyed with the exception of a small trunk. Mr. and Mrs. John S. Galbraith, Vernon, B.C., who have been visiting relatives in Napanee and vicinity for the past three months left for their home in the west on Tuesday afternoon.

F. S. Boyes and J. E. Robinson left on Tuesday morning to spend ten days with J. R. Darce at his camp in Denbigh. Miss Blanche Hawley had the misfortune to fall from the skating rink one evening last week and fracture her arm.

Heads Stansstead Wesleyan College. Sherbrooke, Que., Jan. 25.—Rev. T. Anson Halpenny, has accepted the post of principal of the Stansstead Wesleyan College, successor to Dr. Trueman, who resigned owing to ill-health. Rev. Halpenny, is at present travelling secretary of the Ontario Sunday School Association. He will not assume his new duties until the end of the present school year.

12-Mill School Tax. Ottawa, Jan. 25.—Advice that the separate school tax rate for the year would be 12 mills, the same as last year, was received by City Clerk Lett from R. C. Desormeaux, secretary-treasurer of the separate school board.

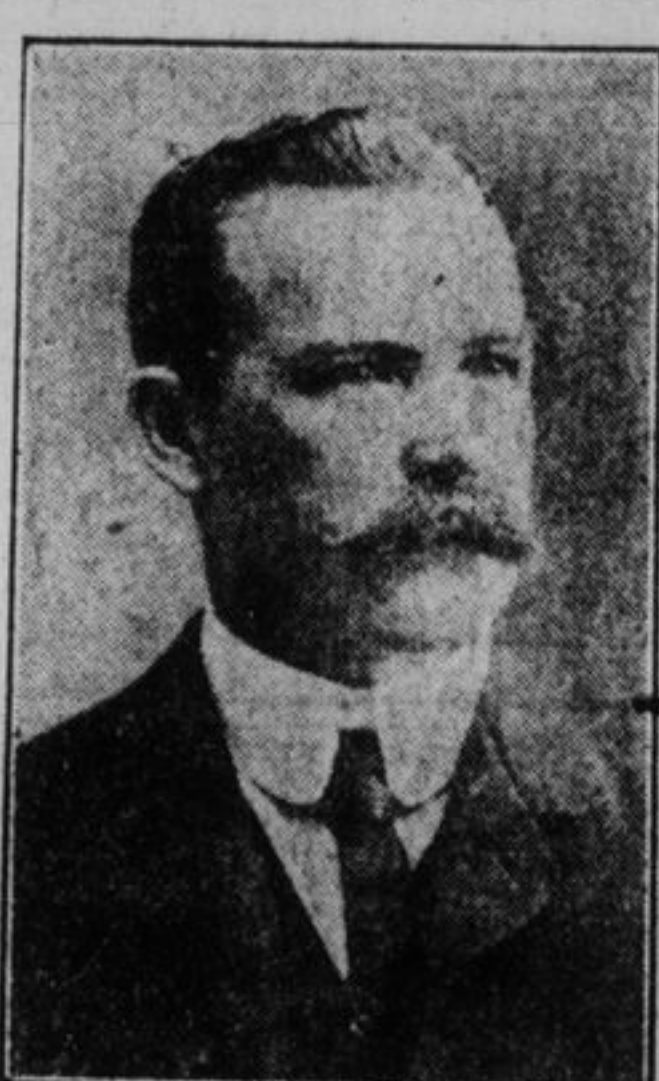
Premier Poincare is willing to meet the Allies in a pre-Genoa conference.

R. F. ELLIOTT NOMINATED AS LIBERAL CANDIDATE

He Was Unanimous Choice And Has Jumped Into the Fight to Defeat W. F. Nickle—Liberal Candidate Has Served Citizens Well.

Robert F. Elliott was nominated Liberal candidate for the Ontario legislature at a large and enthusiastic meeting of Liberal men and women in the G.W.V.A. rooms on Tuesday evening. He was the unanimous choice of the meeting and when he was brought to the hall and announced his acceptance of the nomination there were prolonged cheers.

It was a joint meeting of the Liberal Association and of the Young Liberals and ladies and it was presided over by Dr. C. C. Nash and J. S. McDonnell, the two presidents. Some splendid addresses were given, including those of the mover and seconder of the nomination, B. N. Steacy and Dr. D. A. Volume. Mr. Elliott, Rev. J. D. Boyd, John M. Campbell, Michael Sullivan and Mrs. Arthur Ellis.



ROBERT F. ELLIOTT

After the addresses, the work of organization was started, and the nomination paper was signed by over one hundred of those present.

Splendidly Qualified. B. N. Steacy, first vice-president, in moving the nomination pointed out Mr. Elliott's splendid record of public service in the interests of Kingston. For twenty-one years he had taken a prominent part in public life, while he was for forty years an active worker in the Liberal party. He served the city as alderman twenty years, a mayor, and on the public utilities commission, of which he was chairman for two years. He was faithful throughout to the highest sense of duty and his record was one of which his party and the citizens of Kingston have reason to be proud.

Dr. Volume, vice-president of the Young Liberals Club, in seconding the nomination said: "If any man deserves recognition by reason of his talents and his long record of splendid service that man is R. F. Elliott and he is one who invites the fullest confidence of all classes of citizens. The present government is going out of power as it has lost ground. It represents but one-third of the electorate and has not a majority in the legislature. There must be a change and it will be one of the old parties. The Liberals should endeavor to be in a position to assume power. The record of the Ontario Conservative party and of its leader, Hon. G. H. Ferguson prevents it coming back into power for many years, for while in office millions of dollars were lost to the people of this province and the resources of the province squandered among its friends. The people of this city will surely not elect a supporter of that party at this time because of his infamous conduct disclosed." (Applause.)

"We Are in It Again." J. M. Campbell was greeted with prolonged applause when he rose to speak. "We are in it again," said he, "and this time we are going to win. We are starting on a better basis than we did in the dominion election. For one thing, we have more friends in the city than we had in the last election. Mr. Elliott is no quitter, and our opponents cannot say that about their candidate, Mr. Nickle. Mr. Elliott will always be found behind Liberal principles, not kicking over the traces, but there all the time."

"The people are not going to elect any man to follow the Conservative leader, who is not a man that any party should be proud of as there are many things coming to light that are not at all creditable to him, and I don't know how any man can stand behind him."

Mr. Campbell told of the great Liberal victory in the last dominion election when the party swept the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific. We must all get behind Mr. Elliott now and elect him," he said. (Applause.)

Chairman Nash announced that the ladies organization also endorsed Mr. Elliott's nomination and this brought applause.

Mr. Elliott's Address. In rising to accept, Mr. Elliott said: "At this moment I want to thank you for nominating me as your candidate in the by-election. I assume that you have selected one having a fighting chance of election. I accept the nomination so enthusiastically tendered to me this evening. When the dominion election protest is over, you will have Mr. Campbell to represent you at Ottawa and it would be the proper thing to have a representative at Toronto in the interest of this good old city. There should be co-operation in all matters affecting Kingston. There are hundreds of citizens who would have voted for Mr. Campbell had they known that the Liberal party was going to sweep the country as it did, and they are all with us now. (Applause.) They are going to put party aside for the interest of Kingston. We get this from the Conservatives themselves when they broust: Sir Henry Drayton here and the city was to get harbor improvements and elevators that never came. The people know that on Dec. 6th last they made a mistake in not electing Mr. Campbell by a big majority."

"It has been said that we have no leader in Ontario, but we are going to have a leader that the people will have cause to be proud of, and not one at whom the people point the finger of scorn. It is a grave thing for any man to stand upon a platform in the city of Kingston and say he supports a man who gave away millions of dollars belonging to the people of this province as brought to light by the courts. Hon. G. H. Ferguson's reputation while minister of crown lands has been laid bare by the investigation conducted for the purpose of recovering money represented by the squandered resources of the province."

"I started serving the city of Kingston before some of the ladies here were born. I did the best I could and to the best of my ability, I occupied all the offices in the gift of the city, as alderman, mayor and on the public utilities commission. I will do everything in my power to get elected, and I hope you have selected the candidate who will help you to win, and I believe that we will win." (Applause.)

Nickle's Instability. Mr. Sullivan gave an eloquent address that was full of humor. His references to the instability of W. F. Nickle, who first resigned from the provincial legislature and then from the dominion parliament, produced great amusement. "He boasted of his independence, and I will call him a self-made man, and he is going to remain a self-made man. Self-interest was always the determining factor. Mr. Nickle's object in entering this by-election is to oust Mr. Ferguson. He tried to oust Sir Robert Borden at Ottawa, and failing, he resigned. If he fails to oust Mr. Ferguson he will resign again, and after resigning the third time he will be square. (Laughter.) Having learned his political principles at the knees of Sir John A. Macdonald he could not follow his Ottawa leader around the crooked corners, and he will not be able to follow his Ontario leader, Mr. Ferguson, around the stumps of North Ontario. (Laughter.) Mr. Nickle has been called the size of a nickel, and I ask you, have you ever seen anything come from him? (Cries of 'No!') He is all the time for himself while in public life. Mr. Elliott is recognized as one of the biggest men in his profession in Ontario, and he has risen through different organizations to the highest places with honor to himself. I leave the citizens to judge if they have not made money out of Mr. Elliott's services." (Applause.)