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## CONSERVATIVES LEAVE PARTY TO SUPPORT W. F. NICKLE

### The President of Conservative Women Tenders Resignation

#### Mrs. Gertrude G. McKay Says She Is for the O.T.A. and Says She Intends to Lend Her Assistance to Elect Hon. W. F. Nickle.

There is a very serious split in the ranks of the Conservative party in Kingston since Hon. W. F. Nickle, K.C., announced that he was offering himself as a candidate in support of the Ontario Temperance Act. Old time Conservatives refuse to take any part in an election against Mr. Nickle, and announce themselves as Mr. Nickle's supporters. The following letter is from Mrs. Gertrude G. McKay, president of the Kingston Women's Liberal-Conservative Association, resigning that post, and announcing that she is going to assist in the election of Mr. Nickle:

Miss Mabel Hewitt,  
Secretary Kingston Women's Liberal-Conservative Association, Kingston, Ont.  
Dear Miss Hewitt:  
As the policy of the Ferguson Government regarding the sale of liquor does not meet with my approval and will, I am convinced, be to the disadvantage of the people of this province, I cannot support the nominee of the convention. Will you be good enough to consider this as my resignation. My intention is to lend what assistance I may be able to give to Mr. Nickle.  
Yours sincerely,  
—GERTRUDE G. MCKAY,  
President Kingston Women's Liberal-Conservative Association.

### "Ontario Is Sound at Heart and I Have Faith in the Judgment of the People," Says Nickle

Asked for a further statement, regarding his candidature, Mr. Nickle said:  
"As I have previously stated, in my judgment the great issue which transcends all others is whether or not the so-called control policy of the government is better or worse for the people of the province of Ontario. As a protest, I resigned as attorney-general when the government reached a conclusion that the abandonment of the O.T.A. would be one of the planks of its political platform at this election. I have been bombarded with requests to be a candidate in this riding or in that. After careful consideration I determined that the issue merited full discussion in Kingston, which has been loyal to me for almost a quarter of a century. Moved by that conviction, I have entered the campaign in opposition to a Ferguson candidate and an independent control candidate.  
"The welfare of the people demands that everything else be submerged except consideration for what is in the best interest of the people of the province. I have faith that if our people will but think they will not depart from ways in which they have found social progress, domestic contentment and economic advancement. All admit that Ontario has enjoyed these benefits, and I cannot bring myself to believe that the people will forsake that which they should value highly merely to gratify the avarice of those who would profit by the appetite of the relatively few. Old Aesop was wise when, in his fable of the dog crossing the stream, who dropped the bone to grasp at the shadow in the water, he warned us not to give up the real for the imaginary. Ontario is sound at heart and I have faith in the judgment of the people. It is theirs to decide."

### Miners Vote To Reject Terms

London, Nov. 18.—A. J. Cook, miners' secretary, announced today that the vote of the men was against the acceptance of the Government's strike settlement proposals by a large majority. All the large districts were against acceptance by considerable margins, he said, except in Yorkshire, where there was a very small majority in favor of acceptance. Members of the miners executive, meeting this afternoon to consider the situation, were gloomy and perplexed. The delegate conference, which last week recommended that the miners accept the terms, will meet tomorrow in an endeavor to solve the difficulty.

### Canadian Ministers Will Sail for Home on Dec. 1

Paris, Nov. 18.—Canadian ministers attending the Imperial Conference in London have definitely made arrangements to sail for home on December 1st. Premier Mackenzie King will arrive in Paris on Nov. 27th and will sail for Canada from Cherbourg on the S.S. Majestic. He will be accompanied by Hon. Ernest Lapointe and possibly also by Hon. Vincent Massey.

### NICKLE'S DECISION GLADLY RECEIVED

Brantford, Nov. 18.—Local Liberals rejoiced exceedingly when they learned that Hon. W. F. Nickle, Attorney-General in the Ferguson Cabinet, has decided to run in Kingston. Prohibition circles, in addition, are much heartened, holding that Mr. Nickle's knowledge of his department, and his subsequent action, show that the O.T.A. is enforceable when enforcement has the backing of the Government.

### Strengthens Temperance Cause

London, Ont., Nov. 18.—Prominent London prohibitionists expressed keen appreciation of the fact that Hon. W. F. Nickle, K.C., has decided to stand on a prohibition platform in Kingston.

### Welcomed by Prohibitionists

Hamilton, Nov. 18.—Announcement by Hon. W. F. Nickle that he will be a candidate in Kingston, standing for the retention and the enforcement of the O. T. A., came as a strong encouragement to those persons here whose views on the O. T. A. are similar to Mr. Nickle's.

### Influence for Dry Conservatives

Niagara Falls, Nov. 18.—Mr. Nickle's announcement that he will run as an anti-Ferguson candidate will do much to confirm dry Conservatives in their support of W. F. Dixon, Liberal-Prohibition candidate, in the belief expressed here to-day by officials of the Prohibition Union.

### Luxurious Air Liner

London, Nov. 18.—The Dominion Premier yesterday viewed Great Britain's new seven-hundred-foot luxurious air liner, providing for a hundred passengers. It has two decks, elevator, dining-room, kitchen and shower baths.

### Sir George E. Foster to Speak Here On Behalf of the Hon. W. F. Nickle

Sir George E. Foster, one of Canada's most prominent Conservative statesmen, is to take the platform in Kingston in behalf of the candidature of the Hon. W. F. Nickle, K.C. He will speak with Mr. Nickle at a big rally to be held in the city memorial hall on Friday evening of next week. Sir George has for years been a great temperance advocate and is one of the strongest supporters of the O. T. A.  
Mr. Nickle is to speak at the nomination meeting here on Saturday afternoon it is announced. Owing to the fact that he has to "organize" a campaign organization, he will have to confine himself almost entirely to his own riding and will not be able to take the platform in other places as he would very much like to do. Mr. Nickle is running as an independent in support of the O. T. A., and has no political party back of him, but a flocking to his standard is already noticeable. His old friends are going to stick with him in the great fight now on.

### Conference To Close Tuesday

London, Nov. 18.—The Imperial Conference plans to formally close next Tuesday. Between now and then there will be hurried days of plenary meetings and a final revision of committee reports, the chief of which will be that of the premiers' committee on inter-empire relations. The report does not presume to draw up a new form of constitution for the Empire but discusses various questions submitted to the committee and gives the committee's opinion thereon. One of the most important of these deals with the definition of the British Empire and the status of the Dominions.

### Causes No Anxiety

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### Testifies on Sick Bed Against Mrs. Frances Hall

Somerville, N. J., Nov. 18.—Brought from a Jersey City hospital in an ambulance, Mrs. Jane Gibson lay on the court room cot to-day, and while a nurse kept watch over her heart beats, testified that four years ago she saw Mrs. Frances Hall and her two brothers, Henry and Willie Stevens at the scene of the murder of Rev. Edward W. Hall and his choir singer, Mrs. James Mills.

### Violates the Pact

Buffalo, N.Y., Nov. 18.—The Great Lakes Harbors Association of Canada and the United States agrees that the Chicago diversion violates the pact with Canada.

### Widow of the Late T. H. Thompson, ex-M.P., for East Hastings, died on Wednesday at Madec, aged sixty-five years.

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### Mr. Nickle's Entry Into the Fight Spells Defeat for Official Toryism

Toronto, Nov. 17.—The Star news columns has the following:  
"Though anticipated with anxiety for some days, definite announcement of the entry of Mr. Nickle into the field as dry candidate in Kingston, was a distinct shock to official Toryism here.  
"It is reported to-day that the party steam roller is already in operation and that one of the two Fergusonites now in the field will be eliminated by to-morrow evening. The victim, it is predicted, will be Mayor Aggrove who has so far remained in the field against the official candidate Alderman T. A. Kidd.  
"Plans are under way to concentrate upon Kingston with all the visible and invisible forces at the command of the Tory machine. The attack on Mr. Nickle elsewhere will be bitter. So far the tide has been kept on as a matter of policy; enthusiastic wets who have wanted to

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### The Attorney-General



HON. W. H. PRICE Who spoke at Sunbury Wednesday evening on behalf of Mr. Anthony Rankin.

### SNOW IN SASKATCHEWAN.

Farmers May Not Be Able to Finish Threshing.

Regina, Nov. 18.—Snow has fallen all over the province, and in areas where threshing has not been completed the stocks are covered with snow, according to telegraphic reports received by the statistics branch, Department of Agriculture. Threshing has been halted in all parts of the province, and whether or not it will be resumed this fall depends upon the weather. With cold weather and a minimum of precipitation some farmers hope to be able to finish. The amount remaining, taking the province as a whole is not great, possibly not more than five per cent. of all grains, and less than five per cent. of the wheat crop.

### A VANCOUVER WOMAN SHOT HUSBAND DEAD

Man Was Packing Up Preparatory to Leaving Her—Policeman Present.

Victoria, B.C., Nov. 18.—Mrs. Margaret McRae, of this city, shot and instantly killed her husband, H. F. McRae, while he knelt to pack a suitcase preparatory to leaving his home here yesterday morning, in the presence of Constable James Strong, who had been sent by Chief of Police John Fry to see that no trouble arose between the man and his wife, between whom a separation has been recently drawn up. The couple had lived together for 23 years.

### Abolish Submarines and Chemicals in Warfare

London, Nov. 18.—Universal abolition of chemicals and submarines as weapons of war was advocated in the House of Lords by Lord Oxford, who as H. H. Asquith was Premier during the early years of the war.

### To Celebrate Victory

Toronto, Nov. 18.—Ontario members of the federal cabinet, Ontario Liberal candidates in the last federal elections, and federal party workers will attend a banquet here on November 22nd to celebrate the Liberal victory in the elections on September 14th last.

### Queen Leaves for Spain

London, Nov. 18.—Queen Victoria of Spain, who has been in London visiting her mother, Princess Beatrice of Battenberg, left for Madrid this morning.

### Releases Picture Slides

Toronto, Nov. 18.—Provincial Treasurer Monteith has issued instructions releasing the picture slides seized at Kempenville and permitting their showing.

### Assembly Meets January 11

Quebec, Nov. 18.—It was officially announced this morning that the Quebec Legislature will be convened on January 11th.

### Sir Robert Borden is retiring as president of the Canadian Red Cross Society and Lady Willingdon is happy to accept that office.

### Cacao beans, from which chocolate is made, were used as currency by the early people of Central America.

### ATTORNEY-GENERAL W. H. PRICE GIVES ADDRESS AT SUNBURY

#### He Defends Government Control of the Sale of Liquor and Criticizes the O.T.A.—Anthony M. Rankin and Dr. A. E. Ross, M.P., Also Address the Audience.

Hon. W. H. Price, attorney-general in the Ferguson Administration spoke in behalf of Anthony Rankin, Conservative candidate for the riding of Frontenac-Lennox, in the township hall, Sunbury, Wednesday evening. On account of many farmers being very busy at home, the gathering was not as large as was expected. During the course of his address, which lasted over an hour, the Attorney-General did his best to convince his hearers that the Ontario Temperance Act had been a failure and should be replaced by a sane temperance legislation known as Government Control. Mr. Price told of the bootlegger and how the act had to be enforced with spotters at a great cost to the province.

He also dealt at considerable length with the financial situation in the province. He stated that when the Ferguson Government was elected over three years ago, it was found that the Drury Administration had allowed the province to go into debt to the extent of about fifteen million dollars yearly, and his chief thought as provincial treasurer was to have a balanced budget and he was pleased to say that this had been done without adding further taxation. He stated that as a result of this good financing, the Ferguson Government was now in a position to lower the price of motor licenses, income taxes, and amusement tax when the price of admission was under twenty-five cents.

### A Faithful Servant

Mr. Price in opening his address took occasion to state that Anthony Rankin had been a faithful servant and his advice had been valued by the heads of the various departments. He stated that his first duty after being appointed provincial treasurer was to get at the reasons for the deficit and to find some way of getting more money into the treasury, without adding taxation. Col. Price said there was a deficit of twenty-five million for the four years of the former administration. The first year under Tory rule seven million of the deficit was covered, and last year the budget was nearly balanced. One of the things which the government intended to do was to pay off the debt of Ontario by yearly instalments. Mr. Price said that he had been suggested that the motor license, income and amusement tax reductions were a sort of bribe but he said that it was good business, just as the Robb budget was. The interest on farm loans had been reduced to 5-1-2 per cent. and the

### Hold Balance of Power

Mr. Price, when speaking of the abuses of the act, stated that the Government had control over only one-sixth of the liquor consumed and the bootleggers held the balance of power.

### Tragedy Occurred at Glenora—Stepped on Accelerator and Auto Went Down Hill and Over the Ferry.

Mr. Henry MacRow, aged sixty-seven of Jackson Mills, met death at Glenora about two o'clock Wednesday afternoon. When driving a Ford truck down a hill to the Glenora ferry, he stepped on the accelerator instead of the foot brake, and the truck dashed down the slope and over the ferry scow into the bay. His body was recovered.

### Mr. MacRow was coming from near Picton with a load of apples and it was necessary to cross the ferry on his way home. His son and Mr. A. McAllister, Concession street, were in another loaded truck following him, but they did not see the accident.

### The truck turned over when it dashed into the water and Mr. MacRow was unable to save himself. It was fully ten minutes before it was possible to get his body from the water, according to witnesses. Fred Fournie, a fisherman who saw the accident, climbed onto the upturned car and breaking a hole through the bottom of the cab was able to get out the body of the man. Life was extinct when the body was taken from the water. Dr. C. A. Whiteman, coroner of Picton, was called and he pronounced death accidental and an inquest unnecessary. The body was taken to undertaking parlors in Picton.

### His Wife Learns News

The sad news was not immediately sent to Mrs. MacRow and it was the unpleasant duty of a Whig reporter to break the news. When in telephone communication with Mrs. MacRow after the report of the acci-

dent had come to the Whig office, the reporter was told that Mr. MacRow was expected back home at any time. Later Mrs. McAllister telephoned The Whig for Mr. MacRow to ask if there was any truth in the report which Mrs. MacRow had told her. The facts of the accident were then given to her.

### A Machine Agent

The deceased was known throughout the country since all his life, having been born and lived on the old homestead near Cataract. He was engaged for years in general machinery business, renting out threshing machines, stone crushing machinery, and steam engines. Surviving are his widow, formerly Emma Day, one son Wilbert, three brothers, David of Glenora, George of New York, and James of Cataract; and one sister in Alberta. The late Mr. MacRow was a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows. The funeral is to be held from his late home to Cataract cemetery Saturday afternoon. The service will be conducted by Rev. Canon Smith of Christ Church, Cataract.

### Cost of Enforcing O. T. A.

According to Mr. Price, in 1916 it had cost the province \$60,000 to enforce the laws and it had never been over \$100,000 even during the war year. The cost of the enforcement had increased until at the present time it was up to \$350,000 not including the O. T. A. The O. T. A. cost the first year \$189,000 to administer and it had increased from year to year until the last twelve months it had reached a total of \$402,000.

### How can you enforce an act when the people won't give the necessary information?" asked Mr. Price, who declared that public opinion had reached a point where it did not think that it was a crime to have a bottle of liquor. The speaker said that you must have moral support behind any act which was to be enforced and he did not think it was behind the O.T.A.

Mr. Price stated that he would leave it to his audience to decide whether respect for law and order had gone down recently. He also asked the question why it was that one law should cost more to enforce than all the others. He said he did not think any law should have to be enforced by use of spotters. Although the Government had a very large force of men, it was found in all parts of the province that the people who should help and assist in the enforcement of the act would not assist the officers in the performance of their duties.

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