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OPPOSITION SCORES DRURY'S VOTE PLAN

Threats to Talk Redistribution Bill
To Death in House Rather Than
Allow It to Become Law. Charge
Premier With Insincerity.

Toronto April 18.—One week ago there was no announcement or expectation of a redistribution bill in the legislature.

It had not been forecasted in the speech from the throne. The premier had consistently declined to make a statement, until such time as he should speak on the budget. The budget debate was prolonged. When Mr. Drury finally spoke, his long-awaited pronouncement was merely to the effect that he believed it was time the principle of the single transferable vote should be applied to the province.

Pressed for a more definite statement, he declined to go further at the moment, but next day, on Thursday of last week, following a meeting of the cabinet council, Mr. Drury gave a statement to the press, announcing that he had decided to introduce three bills, one providing for federal redistribution, a second for a transferable vote system, and the third providing for an experiment with proportional representation, in some place to be selected by the special committee which the house should name to deal with redistribution. The bills got first reading on Friday. The committee personnel, 11 government, five Conservative, five Liberal and one Independent, was nominated at the same time.

Doubts Success of Bill
Quite likely there will be no redistribution at all. Hon. Peter Smith, speaking in Perth described the redistribution bill as in embryo. As a matter of fact, they are in embryo with the Conservative opposition sitting

Plan to Improve Stock in Country

The first meeting of the directors of the Haldimand County Livestock Improvement Association was held on Wednesday, April 4.

The following officers were elected: vice president, Fred Lishman, Cayuga; secretary-treasurer, C. Frey, Cayuga; directors — Walpole, Ray Parkinson, Mr. Mitchell; South Cayuga, North Cayuga, F. S. Kent; Sherbrooke, Romain Chalmers, Ira Minor; Oneida, D. Z. Gibson, Hugh Anderson; Dunn, Malchus Hoover, George Eaton; Seneca, Walter Woylie, Harry Moulton, W. A. Houser, Arthur Moyler; Rainham, Wilfred Dasher, Stephen Culver.

It is the aim of the association to conduct a campaign for the improvement of the livestock throughout the county. Preparatory and leading up to the work of this new organization, a census of the bulls throughout the county was compiled by the assessors this spring, which will be invaluable aid in the coming campaign.

charging the premier with insincerity. Major Alex. Lewis followed, exposing some of the shortcomings of "P. R." (Proportional Representation). Mr. Carr (Con. S. E. Toronto) began to speak at 12:30 midnight, Monday, and continued until after 4 o'clock Tuesday morning. He would have continued indefinitely in that manner of blocking the bill, had not the premier at last agreed to adjourn the debate in view of the impossibility of making progress. Lt.-Col. W. H. Price (Parksdale) took up the task Tuesday afternoon, and the Conservatives have a long list of speakers in readiness. If they exhaust them all, they can move an amendment and start all over. But the chances are that the premier will give in, for all other business is at a standstill except the sessions of committees, and there is a shortage of time already to finish the work before the announced date of dissolution on May 4, preliminary to elections on June 25.

Not Appreciated
W. H. Casselman, U. F. O. member for Dundas, who last week moved the want-of-confidence motion on the budget, was on Friday given a hint in the party caucus that his room was more desired than his company, and on the same afternoon he announced his intention of crossing the floor. Mr. Speaker has found him a seat next the Independents, on the Conservative right flank. Mr. Casselman on Tuesday afternoon pressed the premier for a statement as to promised legislation exempting rural Ontario from the provisions of the Adolescent Act, and was told that Hon. Dr. Grant will fulfil his promise. An Order-in-Council had already gone through, it developed, cancelling the proposed 18-year attendance provision.

Reputation Significant
Occupying a prominent position in his party, and in a position to know more than most members of it about Premier Drury's movements and motives, Andrew Hicks' repudiation of Mr. Drury as leader comes as striking indication of the distance which former Conservatives in the agrarian group have for the prime minister's panthering to the Liberal party. Incidentally the South Huron member is a strong U. F. O. man, rather of the J. J. Morrison school; has been active in the commercial aspects of the movement, and proposes to continue his connection with it. It is the prospect of selling out to the Liberals that caused him to take the drastic and obviously distasteful step of publicly denouncing his leader.

Mr. Hicks used decisive language in what was evidently a carefully prepared statement, and one for which he has since declared he has apologized. (Continued on Page 3)

The Latest Local News

Mrs. Allen Lishman, of Hagersville, who is recovering from a recent illness, is expected to be home by Friday last.

Miss Alberta Davidson has returned to Toronto to resume her studies. Blake Parks, of Petrolia, visited at the American House with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melles Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Leatham and their little son, Jim, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Snider.

Don't fail to see the play "Safety First" presented by All Saints' choir of Hagersville under the auspices of St. Paul's church, Jarvis, in the Music Hall on Tuesday evening, April 24. You'll want to hear how Jack and Jerry swam ashore and were saved.

Misses Helen and Marian Fess spent the week end in Dunnville.

Mrs. R. McCarter attended a meeting of directors of the Women's Institute at Hagersville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Schuyler and Mr. and Mrs. R. McCarter attended the funeral of Mrs. Schuyler in Watford.

Mrs. Downing, of Tyrrel, visited at R. McCarter's Tuesday.

Be sure and secure your tickets early for the play, "Safety First" to be given Tuesday evening, April 24. You'll enjoy seeing Mary Ann singing with Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Walter Bates is visiting in Hamilton.

A dance will be held in Nichol's Hall, Port Dover, Tuesday, April 24, also in the Opera House, Caledonia, Wednesday, April 25. The Ben Hoke orchestra will furnish music. Admission — Gentlemen, \$1.10, Ladies, 55 cents; War tax included.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Evans of Guelph were visitors at D. C. Allen's on Saturday last.

William Williamson and family entertained more than a hundred of their friends in the Music Hall to cards and dancing last Tuesday evening. Prize winners at cards were Mrs. A. Owen, Mrs. Parkinson, and Gordon Miller.

An enjoyable evening was spent in the Music Hall last Thursday evening when a large crowd gathered to see the play, "Diamonds and Hearts" which was presented by the young people of the Methodist church under the auspices of the Epworth League. The proceeds amounted to \$90.

Did you ever see McNutt? You'll laugh again and again if you see him in "Safety First." We'll need your help in finding him Tuesday evening, April 24, in the Music Hall.

Miss Ellen Lewis attended a reception given by her sister, Mrs. F. D. Aiken, in Simcoe Tuesday.

Ven. Archbishop Irving, Arthur F. Hodgson and C. E. Bourne are attending the session of the Anglican Synod at Hamilton.

Mrs. Alfred Jonson and Mr. C. S. McCarter spent Tuesday in Simcoe.

Wilfred Willis has obtained a position in Hamilton.

Mrs. James Johnson spent Tuesday in Simcoe.

Mrs. Ivan Smith, who has been ill, is improving.

WANTED — Clerk in the Drug Store — Afternoons only for three weeks or longer.

W. M. S. ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the W. M. S. of the Methodist church was held Tuesday when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. William Homing; first vice president, Mrs. George Irwin; second vice president, Mrs. William McMurry; treasurer, Mrs. E. T. Carter; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Frel Newman; recording secretary, Mrs. A. A. Blight; Christian steward secretary, Miss S. Hind; strangers secretary, Mrs. Alfred Owen. The meeting was held at the home of the Misses Ivy.

SANDUSK

The monthly meeting of the Sandusky Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. R. Pond on April 3.

The meeting was opened by singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," followed by The Lord's Prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A letter was read from F. T. Richardson, regarding the sale of Gladiali bulbs.

The May meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Peacock on the evening of May 8 when, the husbands of the members will be invited and a report of the convention held in Toronto will be read.

Mrs. R. W. Farrington is spending this week in Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pond and daughter, Doris, Ardson, Hartley, spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peacock.

Mrs. James Awde and daughter visited Mrs. John Deal Sunday.

Mrs. Lindsay returned to her home in Selkirk Sunday after spending about two weeks with her daughters, Mrs. Bert Jonson and Mrs. J. W. Westbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peacock and children visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Forrest at Belleville Sunday.

Mrs. Albert Dougherty is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. W. Steck, of Springvale.

Has Progressive Insanity.

LONDON, April 18. — The trial of Crown Prince Frederick of Germany is suffering from a progressive form of insanity, according to a Wieringen despatch, which quotes as authority two noted alienists of Berlin. "The prince has turned to religion for comfort in his solitude," adds the despatch. "His exhausted servants are forced to listen for hours to revival services conducted by him on a wheezy organ, and he is subject to alternate fits of sanity and taciturnity."

May Shed Blood of Another.

MOSCOW, April 18. — The trial of Archbishop Tikhon, former head of the All-Russian Church, on charges similar to those on which Archbishop Zepiak, Monsignor Butchkevitch and other Catholic prelates were recently convicted, has been definitely fixed to begin on April 23. Commissar of Justice Kuraki has informed the Associated Press.

WARNING

All parties owning chickens in the Corporation are earnestly requested to keep same confined from and after this date. The gardening season is now on and it is necessary that this be observed in order to save neighboring quarrels.

G. L. MILLER, Reeve

Many Mentioned As Candidates

The suddenness with which Premier Drury announced that a general election would be held late in June seems to have come so much like a bolt from the blue that political parties, so far as Haldimand county is concerned have not yet recovered from the shock.

None of the leaders seem to know just what will be done, not even when conventions will be held. If they have any plans they are keeping them secret for the present, perhaps following the lead set by the premier — to make the announcement so abruptly as to cause a sensation.

Although some have not been fixed, there is much talk about who the candidates will be and whether the Liberals will put a man in the field or link up with the U. F. O. There are those in the county who will back either plan but there are many Liberals who are not too well pleased with the record of the Drury government and are strongly opposed to any suggestion that the two parties unite and their opposition is so strong that it will be difficult to persuade them to support even a Drury-led Liberal party.

The fate of Warren Stringer, of Canboro township, the present member from Haldimand, who sits on the U. F. O. side of the house. He may not be nominated and there are those in this party who say that if he does seek it he will not be honored again. "He has been weighed and found wanting," is the way they feel about it. Even the man who nominated him for the election which he won has publicly expressed himself as having a lack of appreciation for the way the member for Haldimand applied himself in the conduct of the business of the province.

Various men are mentioned as likely to oppose him if he seeks the House, of Moulton township, who is also mentioned as a Liberal candidate, William G. Clark, reeve of Waspele township, J. W. Richardson, of Caledonia, J. F. Martingale, reeve of

Jenida, and several others.

A half dozen candidates are mentioned for Conservative honors, but no person seems willing to guess on whom the mantle will fall. Dr. William Jacques, of Jarvis, the last Haldimand member of the provincial house, and P. R. Lator, of Dunnville, a former member of the Dominion house are both mentioned and it is said that either of them can have the nomination if he will accept it but at the same time there seems to be little expectation in the Conservative ranks that either of them will agree to contest the riding. Others mentioned are Dr. R. N. Berry, of Caledonia, Wylie Hudsperth of Caledonia, J. N. Allan, of Dunnville and Walter Robb, B. A., LL. D., of Dunnville.

Besides William Houser, R. S. Coulter, of Cayuga, and Martin Kohler are mentioned among the possible standard bearers for the Liberals. The discussion regarding what the Liberals will do does not center around who will be the candidate but rather whether or not they will cast their lot with the U. F. O. and decline to bring out a candidate.

Nothing definite is expected to be known before May. Conventions will perhaps be held early in the next month and in the meantime the party leaders will be lining up their forces for what promises to be one of the hardest fought campaigns in the history of the county. Political organizations on all sides are admittedly shattered and an election late in June instead of in October, as was expected, has not tended to help matters. Work that the parties expected to have until fall to do must now be done with a rush that the required speed is liable to cause confusion, as has already been demonstrated.

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