

## THE REV. W. H. M'LEOD IS HONORABLY VINDICATED

### NO COMMISSION ON HIGH COST OF LIVING---LAURIER ADDRESSES TORONTO STUDENTS

#### PLAINTIFF IN SLANDER CASE GETS \$10,000 DAMAGES

Verdict Was a Popular One — Court Room Crowded by Curious Ones Up to the Finish of Case—Assizes Over

Ten thousand dollars damages is the verdict the jury brought in for Rev. McLeod against the defendant McFarlane last evening. The jury was out over two hours. This closed the slander case which has occupied public attention for days. The verdict was a popular one.

The session in the court house yesterday morning was somewhat sensational, as might be expected with the alleged victim of slander and his wife both on the witness stand.

The proceedings were opened by the prosecution with the rebuttal of a number of points advanced for the defence—the following witnesses being called to the stand for the second time: N. J. McLeod, H. M. Doggett, and Robert M. McIntosh.

Interest was aroused to a high pitch when it was heard that Mrs. W. H. McLeod, the plaintiff's wife, would next be examined.

She said she was here against the advice of her doctors. She was aware of what was known as the Robinson incident and she and her husband had taken the matter up and it had been fully cleared up. She had noticed no ill feeling or coldness on the part of the Robinsons since and the families had been in almost constant communication.

Mr. L. W. Patmore raised an objection to some of this evidence, but the court sustained A. M. Manson's argument that in a slander action the limits of rebuttal are extended almost to cross-examination.

Mrs. McLeod gave a very different version of the Elkins incident, at which she swears she was present. The girl, she said, put her head in the door and she called her in and Mr. McLeod, who was on a ladder, called "Yes, come in and have a look round." Witness asked about little Sydney and remarked what a chubby little fellow he was—it must run in the family.

Apologies of this she thought Alice must be quite a weight. She then left the girl with McLeod in the room while she went to Frizzell's and on her return in a couple of minutes met the girl just outside. The statement imputed to McFarlane that there was disagreement in their home she characterized as a direct lie. "Mr. McLeod and I think more of each other today than ever we did." She thought the Woodstock affair had been finally disposed of as regards McFarlane when it was discussed with the Swindells at her house.

She had first learned of the Robinson incident from Mr. Swindell and took the matter up at the time and there proved to be nothing to it.

Cross-examined she had absolutely no doubt about the El-

kins incident. "If I had not been in the store myself I might have had some doubts."

Rev. W. H. McLeod next took the stand in his own defence. He frankly admitted his frequent visits to the Robinson home. There were many reasons why he should do so. Mrs. Robinson was one of the best workers in the church and took an active interest in his brotherhood work. She often had his children at her house and gave them candy and during his wife's illness had taken meals down to him. He did on one occasion tell her he had dreamed of a picnic at Shawatians, and she was there, but certainly said nothing personal. As stated before he had called for the bookcase for the brotherhood early one morning, but absolutely nothing of an unusual nature had taken place.

Mrs. Robinson one one occasion asked him if he meant anything by his friendly manner to her and he had said: "You foolish woman, you are making something out of nothing. The less said about it the better." He hoped he did not have the bad look complained of, but if he had it was his misfortune.

He absolutely denied the Elkins' girl incident as related by the plaintiff's previous career and referred at last to the cause of leaving Woodstock.

In answer to A. M. Manson's objection the court allowed the question on the ground that unless the Woodstock matter was cleared up the jury would feel suspicious about the case.

In reply to the insinuating questions of counsel for the defence Mr. McLeod refused to be tied down to "yes" and "no" answers, and broke into an eloquent recital of the happenings on his leaving Woodstock. Mr. Patmore tried to interfere but the Judge said: "This man is entitled for his reputation and is entitled to defend it."

There was quite a sensation in court. The witness exclaimed: "I will accept no ruling. I have defended my character up to the present and will continue to do so. Come on, Sir (to counsel). I admit that I may have been indiscreet but you may look through all your dictionaries and I challenge you to find an immoral tinge attached to the word indiscretion. The rumors in Ontario were started by a church official whose accounts were not as they should have been and whom I compelled to deposit his funds in the bank."

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#### SIR WILFRID LAURIER ADDRESSES STUDENTS

Grand Old Chief Recommends the Study of Languages

(Special to The Daily News) Toronto, Dec. 17.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier addressed the students of McMaster University here today. In his address he recommended strongly the study of languages, even the dead ones, and referred to the benefit he himself had derived from the study of the noble Latin tongue. Referring to the modern languages, he said that all should know English, French and German. The English language he declared to be the commercial language of the world. It is the language of nature and lends itself to business purposes in that it is more concise and direct than any other language.

#### No Booze by Parcel Post

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Hon. L. P. Pelletier announced in an interview that the postoffice department had decided not to allow the transmission of intoxicating liquors by parcel post. Mr. Pelletier added that the department's decision had not been influenced by the Dominion Alliance or any other organization which, directly or indirectly, might be considered as a political or quasi political organization. The question had been decided on its merits and to further the good administration of the postal service.

#### Ross' Land Scheme

In speaking of the settlement of the land in a recent speech Hon. R. W. Ross said: "In spite of a good deal of political misrepresentation the government with which I am connected has honestly endeavored to get the settler on the land." He stated that 160 acres are given free to every settler reserving only lands carrying over 8000 feet of timber per acre on the coast and over 5000 feet inland.

The Loyal Order of Moose will give a grand Smoker in the K. of P. Hall, on Thursday, the 18th inst., at 8 o'clock for members and their friends. A good programme is being arranged and refreshments will be served. Members will attend for business at 7.30. 296

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#### JOSEPHINE DEFFRY STOCK COMPANY AT WESTHOLME

Played "The Spendthrift" on Opening Night—Good Play Well Performed

"The Spendthrift" at the Westholme Theatre last night was pronounced a great success. The chief characters of the drama were an ambitious husband and a spendthrift wife. The husband has made a big success of his business, accumulating a fortune of \$25,000 a year. All this he had placed at the disposal of his wife, and even deprived himself of many necessities in order that his wife might have full fling. This goes on well for a time but soon the fortune begins to dwindle. Economy is insisted on and the wife does so in little things only to be more extravagant in big things. The man goes into bankruptcy. A large sum of money is wanted for immediate use. The spendthrift turns up and says she has the money from a rich aunt who before was known to be antagonistic to her. A little later the aunt turns up to declare that she never gave the money. The spendthrift is made to confess a man Tharn gave her the money. This aroused grave suspicions which led to a quarrel and a separation. They part and are lost to each other for two years, during which time the man is constantly seeking his wife, and at last he finds her in a New York garret where she had supported herself by honest work. A final reconciliation took place and with the assistance of the rich aunt perfect happiness was again restored.

#### NO INVESTIGATION HIGH COST LIVING

Intimated Dominion Government Will Not Appoint Commission

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The Evening Journal here says that it may be assumed from remarks emanating from ministerial sources that the government does not intend to appoint a special commission to enquire into the high cost of living.

#### Patrosky Wins

Butte, Dec. 17.—Sailor Patrosky was awarded decision over Leo Benz at the end of the twelfth round. The fight was Patrosky's all the way through.

#### NOTICE

Commencing Monday, December 15, the retail price of NEW WELLINGTON Coal will be \$10 per ton delivered to all parts of the city, west of Hay Creek. We are assured of a full supply of NEW WELLINGTON LUMP COAL, the best on the coast, and will fill all orders promptly. Rogers & Black, Phone 116 dec 22

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Load factor	Total charge	per h.p. year
	Total charge	per k.w. hour
(1) When the maximum demand for the month is 500 horse power or less.		
40 per cent.....	\$45.19.....	1.96 cts.
50 per cent.....	\$43.05.....	1.87 cts.
(2) When the maximum demand for the month exceeds 500 horse power and is less than 1,000 horse power.		
40 per cent.....	\$33.69.....	1.46 cts.
50 per cent.....	31.55.....	1.37 cts.
(3) When the maximum demand for the month exceeds 1,000 horse power and is less than 1,500 horse power.		
40 per cent.....	\$30.24.....	1.31 cts.
50 per cent.....	28.11.....	1.22 cts.
(4) When the maximum demand for the month exceeds 1,500 horse power and is less than 2,000 horse power.		
40 per cent.....	\$26.79.....	1.16 cts.
50 per cent.....	24.66.....	1.07 cts.
(5) When the maximum demand for the month exceeds 2,000 horse power and is less than 2,500 horse power.		
40 per cent.....	\$25.64.....	1.15 cts.
50 per cent.....	23.51.....	1.02 cts.
(6) When the maximum demand for the month exceeds 2,500 horse power.		
40 per cent.....	\$22.19.....	0.96 cts.
50 per cent.....	20.06.....	0.87 cts.

NOTE  
1 cent per kilowatt hour is equal to \$23.00 per horse power year (Hydro-Electric Commission of the Province of Ontario 1909 Report, page 127).

#### NO PROGRESS BEING MADE IN HOME RULE SETTLEMENT

Sir Edward Grey Says it is Not the Fault of the Liberal Party if Result is Not Peace

(Special to The Daily News) London, Dec. 17.—Sir Edward Grey in addressing his constituents at Northumberland last night made a significant reference to the Home Rule settlement. He acknowledged that no progress was being made in that direction, but threw the onus thereof on the actions of the opposition. The government had opened the door of conciliation but the opposition, instead of entering that door and discussing terms, persisted in staying outside and shouting things in through the window. It will be no fault of the Liberals if a peaceful settlement is not reached.

#### BUSINESS MEN AND WORKERS ATTEND PATTULLO MEETING

Big Representative Meeting of Supporters to Organize Campaign for Coming Election

There were half a dozen or more public attractions last evening, but they did not prevent some eighty citizens representing business and working interests of the city turning out to the organization meeting for the campaign of Mayor Pattullo. It was a good meeting with enthusiasm and the right spirit. The chairman was A. H. Allison, and the secretary M. McLeod.

The meeting was in the store adjoining Ormes drug store on Second Avenue. This will be retained as a committee room. T. D. Pattullo in his address to the gathering spoke on some of the salient features of the year's work. The year had been a strenuous one, but he believed the administration to have been a good and popular one. An attempt is being made to obscure the work the council has done.

In 1910 the city council made arrangements for a million dollars of credit. Since then \$290,000 has been raised for new work. Of that sum \$150,000 has been raised by this year's council as against \$140,000 by the councils of the two previous years. Before more money can be raised it is necessary to finance the million dollars raised by the three year promissory notes. He spoke of the reorganization of the city hall. If the council had done nothing else this alone should demand approval and support. Last year monies were all in one account, this year they have been put into 25 or 30 accounts. It is no longer possible to use the monies of one department for another.

Irrespective of personal feelings he had tried to give good and adequate service in the interests of the public generally, and he had been supported by a conscientious council. The two power propositions which will be put up to the electors represent the true principles of the referendum. The propositions will be put up with detailed reports to the electors so that they can judge it on a dollar and cents basis.

In conclusion Mayor Pattullo said he had given all his time to the city work this year and he was willing to devote his whole time to it again next year. Ald. Naden paid a tribute to the mayor. He said he had yet to find anybody in civic office who had gone at his work with such sincerity and ability. He has not complained of headaches on the job. He had run the city without party politics, and it would be a calamity if he did not go back.

Mayor Pattullo here announced that Ald. Naden would again be a candidate and spoke of the good work done by him and Ald. McGaffery and other members of the council.

Ald. McGaffery believed it a bad policy to change the mayor every year. When you get a good one keep him. Chairman Allison spoke on the same idea.

W. P. Lynch made a brief speech in his characteristic and effective style. He spoke of the million dollars worth of notes due in 1915. We have got to have men with brains and hustle who can arrange to meet the notes. You cannot expect it of a man who does not know within \$30,000 of what is in the city treasury, or of a man who would submit a fool proposition for sewer plans to cost three and a half million dollars. If you put in a man who cannot arrange to pay those notes it will be many a day before you get any more money. Pattullo is the only man I can see for the position.

H. F. McRae said continuous suggestion in a newspaper would wear a hole in the public opinion. That is what we are up against. A lot of sympathy had been won for the opposition because of the nasty insinuations. If the opposition would come out with a charge it would give us a chance to fight back. But they dare not. They have nothing but nasty venom. Mayor Pattullo's administration had been free of party feeling. That had probably disappointed some people, but that was why the speaker was going to support him.

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