

## TO PURCHASE

### Catarqui Bridge and Erect Span in Centre.

### BY-LAW FOR \$30,000

### TO GO TO THE PEOPLE ON MARCH 30TH.

### The City Council Will Meet This Evening on Finance Committee's Report—Best Solution of Difficulty.

A special meeting of the city council will be held this evening, to consider a report of the finance committee recommending that a by-law be submitted to the ratepayers on March 30th for the raising by debentures of \$30,000 for the purchase of Catarqui bridge and the placing of an eighty-foot span with a swing in the centre. Members of the exploration syndicate were here yesterday and had a couple of conferences with the committee, urging it to proceed at once with the construction of the span as called for in the agreement recently passed by the city council, but yet unexecuted, as the city is unable to expend money on the bridge until the expenditure is sanctioned by the ratepayers. The syndicate wishes to begin shipping as soon after navigation opens as possible, and every week counts now.

After full consideration, the committee decided that the proper course to pursue was to purchase the bridge for \$14,500. The city owns \$20,000 of the stock, which all told amounts to \$49,000. Deducing this \$20,000, the balance can be bought for fifty cents on the dollar. It will cost about \$18,000 to erect the span, with a pile foundation. Towards this, the exploration syndicate will pay \$4,000, and hence \$30,000 will cover the purchase of the bridge and the work to be done.

The council will adopt the committee's recommendation this evening, and three weeks hence, the ratepayers will vote on the by-law. A majority vote will carry it, for it is not a bonus, but a matter of purchase and improvement in the interests of the city. An eighty-foot span is placed in the bridge in the centre of the channel, there is a chance of large steamers coming here to winter. At present, big vessels cannot get through the bridge to the lower harbor, although many a time, large companies have sought dockage here for their boats.

### Suing for Damages.

Spokane, Wash., March 9.—Fifty-four thousand dollars' damages is asked by Mrs. Milla Elmslie in an action filed in the Spokane county superior court on behalf of herself and eight minor children against "Jimmy" Durkin, a saloonkeeper, and the B. Schade Brewing company, both of Spokane, who, it is alleged, are responsible for the death of her husband. The complainant declares the defendants sold and supplied intoxicating liquors to William Elmslie "with the knowledge it was to be drunk under circumstances sufficient to lead them to believe such beer and whiskey would result in intoxication." Elmslie, a workman, fell from the third story of a local beef packing plant under construction on November 4th, 1910, and sustained a broken back and other injuries, which result in his death soon afterward.

### To Create Fifty Towns.

Winnipeg, March 9.—The Canadian Pacific railway will open fifty towns this year on branch lines completed last fall. Last year forty were placed on the map and nearly all of them are developing into centres of commercial activity. Many of the new towns are in Southern Saskatchewan and Southern Alberta, a few miles north of the boundary line. American settlers have largely developed these sections of Western Canada in the past, and it is said that feeders will be run from the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie line to half a dozen American points to carry out the company's plan for commercial expansion.

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### DAILY MEMORANDUM.

City Council, 8 p.m.  
Board of Education, 8 p.m.  
Yesta Victoria, Grand Opera House, 8.15 p.m.  
Fire and light committee, 1 p.m. Friday.  
Organ recital, St. Andrew's Street Methodist Church, 8 p.m.  
Limestone Lodge No. 51, A.O.U.W., meets Thursday evening, 8 o'clock.

## GIRLS ADOPT MORMONISM.

### Average of 3,500 Leave Yearly for Utah.

Liverpool, March 9.—Great satisfaction is felt here at the reply made in the house of commons by Winston Churchill concerning the inducing of young girls to emigrate to Utah for the purpose of becoming Mormons. The anti-Mormon movement here is very strong and trouble is feared unless the church propaganda is suppressed. One man, who was arraigned in court for smashing windows in the Mormon headquarters, pleaded he had a divine mission. It is believed that his mind is unbalanced by the anti-Mormon agitation.

Rev. D. H. C. Bartlett has furnished Mr. Churchill with some striking statistics as to the work that has been accomplished by the Mormon missionaries. He says that an average of 3,500 girls, most of whom are English and Swedish, leave Liverpool annually for Utah. The inference from his assertions is that Mormonism is spreading with astonishing rapidity from the headquarters in Liverpool.

## JOE MARTIN, M.P., ON SITUATION

### Believes King Will Refuse to Create Peers.

London, Eng., March 9.—"I think there is going to be much trouble about the parliament bill," was the emphatic prediction by Joseph Martin, M.P. He continued: "It seems clear from the utterances of Mr. Balfour and other leaders of the conservative party that the lords will not pass the bill. That means that Mr. Asquith will have to advise the creation of peers. He is most reluctant to take that course, and I believe if he does the king will refuse to grant the request. That will mean another election."

"The real trouble," added the militant radical from Canada, "is that the government are not in earnest. The aristocracy has a great pull with them."

## SAVED CHILDREN FROM FIRE.

### London Mother Was Just in Time—House Gutted.

London, Ont., March 9.—Two children, aged respectively three years and six months, were saved by their mother from fire which broke out in their home yesterday. The mother went to a neighbor's and the little boy got playing with matches and started a fire in the bed-room. She returned in time to pull the children out through a window. The house was badly gutted.

## DESIGNS ON MEXICO

### UNCLE SAM MAY SEEK TO PARTITION IT.

This is the Talk in Political Circles—Great Interest is Being Taken in the Army Movements.

London, March 9.—The mobilization of the United States troops on the borders of Mexico is the talk of all political circles and in view of the reported death of President Diaz, it is taken for granted here that Uncle Sam has designs on partitioning Mexico. Enquiries at the foreign office, to-day, elicited the information that the British government knew no reason for interfering. It is pointed out that Diaz is, or was, eighty years old, that he was a veritable dictator and admitted that nobody could assume his place, least of all Revolutionist Madero, who has been fighting for power for years. A cablegram, dated yesterday, was received this morning denying the report of Diaz's death but summoning all Mexicans abroad to return to the defence of the country. In view of the extensive British and Canadian interests in Mexico great interest is being taken in the movements of the United States army on the border.

A very pronounced feeling, here, this afternoon, is that the United States have largely developed these sections of Western Canada in the past, and it is said that feeders will be run from the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie line to half a dozen American points to carry out the company's plan for commercial expansion.

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## FOR MASSES

### This is Why Liberal Government Approves

### RECIPROCITY TERMS

### HON. MR. BORDEN BROUGHT IN AN AMENDMENT.

### He Wanted United States to Wear Out Some Shoe Leather—The Government Defeated the Amendment by a Majority of Forty-one.

Special to the Whig.

Ottawa, March 9.—Before the House of Commons went into committee of supply, to-day, on ways and means, the leader of the opposition, Mr. Borden, moved a motion to the effect that it not be unwise for parliament to continue to debate and pass the reciprocity agreement, in view of the fact that congress had failed to pass a similar measure at Washington.

He thought that if such was the case surely the liberal party must be asleep and he would have to term its leader Sir Wilfrid Laurier, a "Sir Wilfrid Sir Yan Winkle," for he continued, we are living in the age of 1911 not away back in the days of 1875.

Was it not reasonable that if this measure would entirely change our trade arrangements with the United States would it not be equally reasonable that changes would likewise follow in connection with our arrangements with the favored nation countries.

He would ask the prime minister where he found a mandate for such a drastic remodelling of our tariff. The premier had admitted that the question had not been discussed before the people since 1891, and that the standing offer of reciprocity on our statute books up to 1897, had been taken off, and that nothing along this line should be entered into until a royal commission had been appointed and made a thorough investigation.

Therefore, Mr. Borden declared would it be wise and dignified for this parliament to put another standing offer on the statute books without submitting it to the people? The time has come when we, as Canadians, should stop wearing out shoe leather, but on the other hand let the United States wear out some of theirs.

Hon. Mr. Fielding could not see that a motion such as presented by Mr. Borden should call for a general discussion. "I am satisfied that this question has caused a great deal of misunderstanding on both sides, but as the days go by and the people become acquainted with the proposition they are better satisfied that it is the correct and wise policy for this government to pursue. The Hon. gentlemen opposite know that the country is against them in their efforts to block this agreement and in this way they are endeavoring to dodge a vote every way they can. But, Mr. Fielding declared, it is our intention to make them record their votes."

There is no question which side of this matter the liberal government will follow, because it always adopts the side which favors the masses. He believed it was not the wish of the people to abandon and throw overboard this reciprocity agreement. The president of the United States has lived up to his part and it would certainly be a breach of faith and would mean dishonor to this government, if they did not live up to it also. If the United States senate did not pass it, it was not because they declined to do so, but it was because it did not reach a vote. The reason for this was that it was frustrated by filibustering on the part of some of the senators who will never return to Washington again.

No sooner did President Taft know this than he immediately called an extra session especially for the purpose of passing the measure. The suggestion that this parliament should throw overboard this agreement, was a downright shame and a reflection on the good name of this house.

Mr. Foster repeated the fact that in view of the statement, just made, by the finance minister, it was quite evident that once parliament was elected the people could ask for nothing, not even a mandate. The government was not afraid of the people. "If they are we are not" declared the member from Toronto. "Every man on this side is ready to record his vote against it, but I would ask if the government is ready for the people's vote?"

Mr. Northrup, of Hastings followed and strongly supported Mr. Borden.

Hugh Guthrie, of Wellington declared that the United States would finally pass this measure and why not this parliament. He could see no good reasons to postpone it, but every reason to go ahead with the discussion and enact the agreement.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said it was childish to think that this parliament was out of order if it passed the agreement, while Washington did not. The same had happened many times and it was only reasonable that it should happen again.

The debate went on and on a vote the amendment was defeated by 41 majority.

Rev. Charles F. Aked, the noted English preacher, has resigned the pastorate of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, New York. Mr. Rockefeller's church, and will accept the call to the First Congregational church of San Francisco.

Horace Pratt, Ottawa, has been made registrar of the surrogate court.

## WOMAN FRAUD CONVICTED.

### Spiritualist Faker Assessed in \$17,500 Damages.

London, March 9.—Mrs. Elizabeth Horne, the well-known spiritualist, and preacher of the ancient theory that the earth is flat, was assessed \$17,500 damages in the king's bench division of the high court of justice for fraudulent representations regarding alleged concessions in Madagascar.

According to the allegations, Mrs. Horne's victims were many. She collected in the neighborhood of \$150,000 on the pretense that she had a concession in Madagascar that would yield gold and diamonds to the value of \$50,000,000.

The prosecutor in the present case is the owner of a livery stable in a suburban town. He was so impressed with the stories told by the defendant that he regarded her as the "unconquered queen of Madagascar." It is expected that other suits will be presented.

Mrs. Horne is about sixty-four years of age, and the daughter of the late Dr. Cowie, bishop of Auckland, N.Z. Her operations attracted attention four years ago, when steps were taken to organize the "Secret Syndicate," which was to develop her properties. At the time some enquiries were made, but the authorities were not able to establish that fraud had been committed.



LORD KITCHENER.

To command the fifty thousand troops at the coronation.

## AT "THE BLOSSOMS"

### A GOLDEN WEDDING THAT COST MONEY.

### Most Expensive Celebration on Record Was Held at Pasadena, Cal., on Tuesday.

Pasadena, Cal., March 9.—What is said to be the most elaborate golden wedding anniversary ever celebrated by private parties, anywhere in the world took place, Thursday, with Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Busch as the central figures.

The most beautiful and costly of the presents was the diadem presented to Mrs. Busch by her husband. It is a crown of gold, studded with diamonds and pearls, and valued at \$200,000. It was made in Frankfurt, Germany. At the wedding feast, to-night, at the Busch mansion, Mrs. Busch was crowned and given a seat beside her husband on the miniature throne.

The presents received by the couple are valued at half a million dollars. The children presented the parents with a dozen gold-plated dinner plates made of solid gold and valued at \$25,000. A solid gold flower basket, valued at \$15,000, was received from the grandchildren. President Taft and Theodore Roosevelt sent presents, and there was a gold loving cup from Emperor William.

The wedding feast took place at night at "The Blossoms," the Busch winter home. The floral decorations are valued at \$50,000.

## Suit Over Mining Deal.

Ottawa, March 9.—A writ has been issued in the high court by Hugh Wylie, of Montreal, against the Masada Silver Mines, Limited, Ottawa, for the sum of \$7,471, and interest all on eight promissory notes. Five of the notes are for \$1,000, one for \$1,500, and the last for \$250. These, with the interest of six per cent. per annum is the amount claimed by Mr. Wylie against the defendants.

## Jennings Over the Knife.

Monroe, La., March 9.—A specialist yesterday, performed an operation on Manager Hugh Jennings, of the Detroit American Baseball Club, to remove a foreign growth in his ear.

The growth affected Jennings' throat, according to a diagnosis of the specialist. His voice had been growing huskier and threatened to prevent his characteristic coaching.

## Disastrous Wind Storm.

Eganville, Ind., March 9.—Houses and barns were unroofed and many cattle killed by a wind storm which struck Southern Indiana, Southern Illinois and Northern Kentucky, causing \$100,000 damages. It is reported that a church at Spottsville, Ky., was demolished. No lives so far as known were lost.

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## LOCAL OPTION

### The Act is Likely to Be Amended.

### BONA FIDE RESIDENTS

### WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO CAST VOTES.

### This is New Legislation Likely to Be Brought Down in the Ontario Legislature at an Early Date.

Toronto, March 9.—An important change in the local option law, which will considerably alter the situation in some municipalities, will be introduced in the legislature during the present session. The change will practically limit to bona fide residents of a municipality those entitled to vote upon a local option by-law.

Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary, in replying to W. Proudfoot during the discussion over the three-fifths clause, stated that the government would introduce legislation that would put an end to the complaints made by both temperance and liquor people in connection with local option contests under the present law.

The amendment will prevent property-owners from voting unless they are residents of the municipality interested.

"The man who lives fifty miles away from the place can have no real interest in a local option contest," explained Hon. Mr. Hanna.

## THE CHILD'S ACT.

### Baby Badly Burned Saving the Doll's "Life."

Trenton, N.J., March 9.—Florence Wagner, seventeen months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wagner, was frightfully burned while attempting to save her doll from fire. She is in a critical condition in St. Francis' hospital. The child placed the celluloid doll on a stove. The toy was soon in flames, and she tried to rescue it. Her own clothing became ignited.

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## PITH OF THE NEWS.

### The Very Latest Collected From All Over the World.

Harvey Mcbougall, thirty-five, was killed and a number of passengers injured in the wreck at Derby Junction, N.B.

At a meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association executive it was decided that the Canadian Bisley team should sail on June 23rd.

Jules Lavergne, Sault Ste. Marie, was stabbed by Italians and is dying in a lumber camp. The police are after the assailants.

Chief of Police Randall, Guelph, celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of his service with the city. The chief was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1851.

Messrs. Gorman and Harris were both present at the liberal caucus on Thursday morning when reciprocity and other matters were discussed freely.

Armed police and residents are on a hunt for a young negro who brutally attacked Mrs. Ann Davidson, aged seventy-five, and cut her throat, leaving her dying in her home at St. John.

Rev. Mr. McQueen, Lingwick, Que., is charged with contumacious bearing towards the Quebec presbytery, disrespect and disobedience to its instructions and orders.

Renfrew will be a heavy loser at hockey again this season. Six thousand dollars will not cover the loss. Ottawa will clear that amount, Canadians made \$1,000, Wanderers \$3,000 and Quebec about \$500.

Hon. Clifford Sifton will be the principal speaker at a great mass meeting which will be held at the Windsor Hall, Montreal, on the evening of March 20th, to protest against the Laurier government's reciprocity proposals.

Thirty hotel men from various provincial points waited on Provincial Secretary Hanna and had a conference for two and a half hours regarding the proposed tax on bar receipts. Hanna listened attentively but promised nothing.

Heroic life savers of Norfolk, Va., have effected the rescue of twenty-three members of the crew of the Manchuria, who were, Wednesday night, in danger of being swept overboard by heavy seas. It was a terrific storm and one of the most brilliant efforts on the coast theretofore.

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