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# PREMIER BORDEN AGAIN FACES SERIOUS DANGER

## Hon. W. B. Nantel May Resign From Cabinet

## BECAUSE OF REFUSAL

### OF HIS COLLEAGUES TO INCLUDE SEPARATE SCHOOLS

**In the Manitoba Boundary Extension Bill—Sir Wilfrid Laurier Will See That Ontario Gets Fair Play.**

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—That W. B. Nantel, minister of inland revenue, is on the point of resigning because of the refusal of his colleagues to include Separate schools in the Manitoba boundary extension bill is the rumor in the corridors. It is certain, however, that no action along that line has yet been taken by the minister, and the idea was scouted by one of the nationalists in closest touch with him. Monk and Pelletier, it is said, will stick whatever happens.

It is pretty certain that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will move the six-months' hoist, not because of the lack of educational provision, but on the allegation that Manitoba is securing financial terms not on an equality with the other provinces.

It is stated by one of the national

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ists that if the rights to schools are not asserted ten, or perhaps fifteen, of the French conservative members will vote against the government, and with the opposition, even allowing for that eventuality, which by no means is certain, Borden's majority is quite ample to carry him through over any combination of liberals and nationalists.

It was 3.30 Tuesday afternoon when Hon. R. L. Borden arose to move the house into committee to consider the resolution upon which the bill for the extension of Manitoba boundaries is to be based.

Mr. Borden read a letter which he had addressed to Premier Roblin, stating that in the extension of the Manitoba boundaries the principle of equality with Alberta and Saskatchewan in respect to subsidy would be followed.

In application, this principle resulted in Manitoba receiving in the year beginning July 1st last the following amounts: Allowance for government and local purposes, $190,000; subsidy based on population, $364,491; indemnity for want of public lands, $100,000; interest at five per cent. on capital in lieu of debt, $178,947; a total of $833,438. Next year Manitoba would receive $1,349,345.

The prime minister next read a statement showing approximately what arrearages will be paid to the province under the bill. The total estimated is $2,178,648.

The principal items were: Allowances in lieu of debt, $381,584, arrearages for four years $810,648, in lieu of swamp lands, $562,500.

Explaining these figures Mr. Borden said Manitoba had taken the ground that the arrearages should date back to the creation of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The government, however, while not agreeing to this, had dated back the subsidy to July 1st, 1908, the date when the house adopted the resolution for the extension to the boundaries.

The prime minister beyond reading the statistics summarized above, made no observations on the principle of the resolutions. His remarks covered only twenty minutes.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, alluding to the past negotiations, said the difficulty which had been encountered had reference not only to financial terms, but to the actual boundaries. In that connection the claims of Ontario and Manitoba conflicted. The present scheme was indefinite.

"The boundaries proposed in these resolutions," interrupted Mr. Borden, "are the same as those in the resolution of 1908, except that they are more clearly defined."

Sir Wilfrid replied that evidently the matter was still indefinite, as Sir James Whitney had stated that Ontario expected a port on Hudson Bay.

Then Sir Willrid came to his real objection. He contended that there is no justification for granting Manitoba the arrearages as proposed in the prime minister's statement.

The whole situation furnishes an interesting sidelight on the game of

**WHAT ONTARIO GETS.**

Instead of a port on Hudson's Bay within the boundaries of the province, Ontario gets:

A five-mile wide strip from the proposed boundary to the Nelson River.

A frontage of ten miles along the east bank of the river for terminals, docks and elevators.

A two-hundred-foot right of way to the Hudson Bay Railway to connect with Fort Churchill.

Exemption from taxes on land in Manitoba.

politics as played. Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not insist upon his proposal when he found it did not satisfy the province, and sought to have them settle the matter for themselves. Premier Roblin made an election cry out of the allegation that the liberal government gave Ontario too much. Premier Whitney complained that Ontario got too little. Now the Ontario premier is pressing for nothing, and Mr. Roblin will gladly take from Mr. Borden what he refused with much show of indignation from Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The bill was given its first reading.

### ALLEGED ILL-TREATMENT.

**China Plans Expulsion of Netherlands Minister.**

Nanking, China, Feb. 28.—The republican cabinet is engaged in considering the immediate cancellation of Chinese treaty relations with Holland and handing the Netherlands minister his passports because of the alleged ill-treatment of Chinese residents by the Dutch authorities in Java.

It is stated that three Chinese have been killed and hundreds of others arrested and imprisoned in that place because they celebrated the abdication of the Chinese throne.

The members of the republican cabinet are most indignant. They assert that the Chinese in Java are treated "like wild beasts."

### MONTCALM BREAKING ICE

**In Attempt to Open Channel to Montreal.**

Quebec, Feb. 28.—The government icebreaker Montcalm, after its successful trip to Seven Islands, is now engaged in bucking up against the ice bridge above Quebec. The boat has made daily trips to the solid formation up the river, and it has already cut away quite a block of the ice. The Montcalm will continue its operations, and it will, no doubt, keep opening up the channel between Quebec and Montreal.

# DID ROOSEVELT PROMISE TO AID TAFT?

## Said to Have Declared He Would Not Oppose President Taft's Renomination.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Washington Evening Star displays prominently on its first page a box containing the following statement:

"From sources entirely independent of the White House it is ascertained that the confidence entertained by the administration and others, that Col. Roosevelt would not be a candidate against Taft was based on definite and repeated statements by Col. Roosevelt, made within a year, that he would not be a candiate in 1912, and did not intend to oppose President Taft for renomination."

### BODY OF DUKE OF FIFE

**Deposited in the Royal Vaults at Windsor.**

London, Eng., Feb. 28.—With a funeral service of the simplest kind, the body of the late Duke of Fife was deposited in the royal vaults at Windsor, this morning. King George and most of the members of the royal family were present. Later the body will be removed for final burial in the family vault in Scotland.

**He Saved Many Lives.**

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 28.—A small, red-haired, freckled-faced boy, whose last name is unknown, but whose first name is "Bob," saved train No. 17 on the Burlington from being wrecked near Wheeling, Mo. The boy discovered a broken rail and then waited an hour in the bitter cold to flag the first train which came along. When one of the women passengers tried to kiss him he took to his heels. Passengers took up a collection to be sent to the boy when his identity is established.


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**DAILY MEMORANDA.**

Band at the Palace Rink to-night.

Skating, Stadium, Thursday night.

Court Earl Roberts euchre party, corner Montreal and Princess Streets, Feb. 28th.

### FARMERS' BANK COMMISSION.

**Government Importuned to Carry Out Its Promises.**

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—A return was brought down to the House of Commons in regard to the Farmers' Bank from which it appears that the pressure upon the government for the appointment of the commission of investigation was most insistent right from the day on which the present government took office. Depositors and shareholders of the bank at Pontypool and Belleville had the hardihood to remind the premier that during the last election campaign speeches were made by Hon. R. L. Borden, Hon. G. E. Foster, Hon. T. W. Crothers and Hon. Sam Hughes, and by Messrs. Armstrong, Blain, Beattie,

SIR WILLIAM MEREDITH.
The chief justice who will conduct the Farmers' Bank investigation.

Boyce, Donnelly, Henderson, Edwards, Porter, Northrup, Sharpe, Thornton and Taylor, in which speeches promises were made that justice would be done to the depositors "in the event of the conservative party being elected;" and "whereas literature was circulated during the election on behalf of the conservative party to this effect; and, whereas the conservative party were returned to power by the public in the belief that they would carry out their promises, and as yet nothing has been done by the conservative party; therefore, we request the government to carry out the policy upon which they were returned to power."

These petitions had the effect desired, because the commission to Sir William Meredith to enquire into the circumstances surrounding the affairs of the Farmers' Bank was soon thereafter issued.

But the issue will not end there. It is the intention of certain Quebec members to ask for a similar investigation into the failure of other banks such as La Banque de St. Hyacinthe, La Banque de St. Jean, La Banque du Peuple, and possibly such concerns as the Provident Trust company.

### PITH OF THE NEWS.

**The Very Latest Culled From All Over the World.**

Major Vawdrey, of the British Army Service Corps, is to serve two years with the Canadian force.

Dr. Daniel, ex-M.P., former member for St. John county, will go to the senate in place of Senator Wood.

Senator Josiah Wood, resigned from the senate, will, in a couple of days, become governor of New Brunswick.

Cochrane, Alta., fifteen miles west of Calgary, is the scene of a big gold rush at the head water of Ghost Creek.

F. W. Heubach has arranged for Tuxedo Park, Winnipeg, to be taken over by the Southern Winnipeg company, of London, Eng., with a capital of £300,000.

While working at the pipe mills, Guelph, John Bolen, colored, met with a serious accident, a red hot pipe penetrating his thigh and going completely through the flesh.

The vote upon the question of church union by the congregation of the Haynes Avenue Presbyterian church, St. Catharines, Ont., shows that eighty per cent. favor the union.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Patricia and others from Government House, will visit Toronto the week prior to the races in May, and will stay there for a week.

W. R. Smythe, M.P. for East Algoma, was operated on in St. Luke's hospital, Ottawa, for hernia in a bad form. A. C. Boyce, M.P. for West Algoma, is still in the same institution.

### QUEBEC WANTS STILL MORE.

**Premier Thinks Province is Entitled to Sundry Islands.**

Quebec, Feb. 28.—Sir Lomer Gouin appears much pleased with the resolutions providing for the extension of the Quebec boundary and giving Ungava to this province.

He points out, however, that there is no mention of the numerous islands along the shore line, and thinks these should belong to Quebec. Two years ago the province asked for all the islands in Hudson Bay lying to the east of the continuation of the boundary line between Ontario and Quebec.

**McMaster for Hamilton.**

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 28.—Hamilton will make a strong effort to secure McMaster University.

It is understood that the McMaster people wish to leave Toronto because their university is now such a small part of Toronto University that it is almost lost sight of, and Queen's in Kingston is pointed to as a university that amounts to something in a smaller place.


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### CALL ON ROMAN CATHOLICS

**To Demand School Rights for Manitoba's Minority.**

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Le Temps, of Ottawa, La Presse, of Montreal, Le Soleil, of Quebec, and other French-Canadian papers are editorially very much wrought up about the fact that the school question is ignored in the boundaries' settlement bill, and are out, to-day, with warm editorials, calling on the French-Canadian and Roman Catholic members of parliament to see to it that the rights of the minority in Manitoba be preserved in the new districts to be annexed.

# WANT TO KILL

## The Queen's University Bill Before Commons.

## W. F. NICKLE ARGUES

### THAT PRIVY COUNCIL DECISION FAVORED THE BILL.

**Mr. Bickerdike, of Montreal, Held That the Bill Infringed Upon the Jurisdiction of the Province of Ontario.**

Special to the Whig.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The bill introduced by W. F. Nickle, Kingston, to make Queens University an undenominational and "distinctively Christian institution" was opposed in committee of the whole in the commons last evening by Mr. Bickerdike, St. Lawrence, Montreal; Mr. Wilson, Laval, and others. Mr. Bickerdike argued that parliament could not pass such legislation without infringing upon the jurisdiction of the province of Ontario. He proposed that the committee rise and report progress, and thus kill the bill.

Mr. Nickle pointed to a decision of the privy council that legislation affecting an institution in which people of two provinces were interested, must emanate from the federal parliament. He showed that that body had already legislated with respect to Queen's university. The hour for private bills expired with Mr Macdonald, Pictou, speaking, and the bill still before the committee.

**Wants Protection.**

Cape Town, South Africa, Feb. 28.—The government commission of trades and industries has submitted its report, in which it recommends adequate, but not prohibitive, protection for agriculture and industries. An increase in various customs duties is proposed.

# THE GRAND TRUNK TO PAY ONE-HALF

## Ontario Road Will Get $300,000 a Year From Grand Trunk For Running Rights.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Thirty-three million five hundred thousand dollars paid to the T. & N. O. railway by the G. T. R. for running rights over the Ontario division of the railway is the recent contract executed by Mr. Englehart, and is what the G. T. R. is to pay on the basis of 4½ per cent. of the cost of construction of the T. & N. O. main line, and will begin at the rate of $300,000 per year. This is to be made in monthly payments, and the G. T. R. is to help out from time to time on what further sums are to be expended by the company for betterments.

The G. T. R. has no running rights on any of the branches of the Ontario government railway. This payment of $300,000 means that the G.T.R. pays half the interest charges on the cost of construction of the provincial railway. For the use of the T. & N. O. terminals at North Bay and Cochrane additional payments have to be made.

The lease is for ten years, and in that time the Grand Trunk will have paid the province $30,000,000, but it is expected by the time the lease is up the 4½ per cent. rate will bring the cost up to about $33,500,000.

# THE BLOWING UP OF QUEBEC BRIDGE

## Theory Now That the Disaster Was Also Caused by Dynamiting Crew

New York, Feb. 28.—A special from Montreal to the Sun: Detectives are working on the theory that the Quebec bridge, which fell into the St. Lawrence river late in the afternoon of August 29th, 1907, killing seventy-four men, and doing millions of dollars damage, was wrecked by agents of the Bridgemen's union operating under the direction of the McNamaras. For weeks enquiries have been in progress in Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa, Detective Burns himself has visited Canada several times.

A special to the World says:—There were persons at the time in Quebec who believed in the possibility of the wreck having been caused by man. About August 1st there was a strike of bridge workers. Work was practically at a standstill, and there was considerable ugliness.


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# KINGSTON TO SECURE CHATS FALLS POWER

## Announcement Made by Hon. Adam Beck.

## A STRONG STATEMENT

### AGAINST USURPTION OF THE PEOPLE'S HERITAGE.

**Commission to Secure 120,000 Horse-power at Ottawa River—Notice Has Been Served Upon the Owners.**

Toronto, Feb. 28.—With the view of equalizing the power development in the eastern and western sections of the province the Hydro-Electric Power commission have served notice under the public works act to expropriate the power site at Chats' Falls, on the Ottawa river. The estimated power development at this point is about 120,000 horsepower, about the same amount which the commission will receive at Niagara Falls. By this means an ample supply of cheap power will be secured for the entire

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eastern section of the province, including Ottawa, Smith's Falls, Prescott, Brockville and Kingston.

Hon. Adam Beck last night explained that the situation with regard to this water power was somewhat complicated. The original lease from the province to Hon. William Harty was made June 13th, 1883, and contemplated the development of power to operate mills to be erected on islands in the river. On July 20th, 1902, Mr. Harty sold one-third interest to D. O'Connor for $167, and on the same date another third to C. P. Brophy for a similar amount. Subsequently, on April 22nd, 1910, Brophy transferred his one-third to Mr. Harty for the nominal consideration of one dollar. On Oct. 2nd, 1911, D. O'Connor secured a grant from the dominion government of the "Government slide reserve" for $1,471. Mr. Brophy was superintendent of waterways on the Ottawa river for the dominion government and made a valuation of the slides, which he stated were "no longer required for public purposes."

On Friday last an order-in-council was passed by the Ontario government authorizing the expropriation, and on Monday a plan of notice was filed in the registry office for Carleton county.

**Preserve People's Heritage.**

In this connection Mr. Beck made the following statement: "The commission realizes that it has still some difficulties to overcome. One of the principal ones it has had to encounter is the exploitation of the property of the people of this province, and whatever the constitutional rights of the province may be found to be, the

**POWER FOR KINGSTON.**

Hon. Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Commission, made the announcement in Toronto on Tuesday that Kingston will receive cheap power from the Chats Falls, as a result of its expropriation by the commission. Two months ago the commission's intention was to get power for Kingston from the Trent, but evidently this latter project has been held up owing to the difficulties that have arisen over expropriating the Seymour Company's business and rights. It does not look as if Kingston would secure any Hydro Commission power before next fall at the very earliest.

commission intends that the people of Ontario shall know to what extent the heritage of the people has been granted or appropriated.

"It must for once and all be understood that the resources of this province, and of every legitimate agency which the government finds at its disposal, will be used to preserve or regain that heritage, and that in doing so we are not prepared to compensate anyone for gains made which were known to be unlawful or immoral, so that the powers of eminent domain existing in the crown as representing this province will be exercised upon such basis as to render nugatory any attempts at political brigandage or the baser methods of those who seek to prey upon a political party for the advantage of themselves or of a corporation, no matter how gigantic, which they represent."

The situation, so far as the city of Ottawa is concerned, has been one of some anxiety. Recently an application was made to the minister of public works, Hon. F. D. Monk, to invalidate the grant of October last to O'Connor. This, however, has been hanging fire, with the result that the Hydro-Electric Commission decided upon summary action.

Hon. Mr. Beck made it clear that this step on the part of the Hydro-Electric Commission was in harmony with the power policy of the government to serve all sections of the province alike. Some criticism had been made over a seeming delay in extending the work of the commission into the eastern part of the province, but it was pointed out that no lasting good would be served by developing small powers only, which would not satisfy even a local interest. The east now rivalled Niagara. The commission is looking ahead for the demand for twenty-five years.

Discussing the outlook for the year, Mr. Beck intimated that the $2,000,000 included in the supplementary estimates would be sufficient for the requirements of the commission until the next session of the legislature. Work would be undertaken in all directions.

**Will Fight Expropriation.**

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Neither D. O'Connor, Jr., its part purchaser, nor George P. Brophy, superintendent of the Ottawa river works, who was instrumental in its transfer, had anything to say this morning as to their intentions in regard to the expropriation proceedings commenced by the Hydro-Electric commission for Chats Falls timber slide water power. "I have nothing to do with it at all," said Mr. Brophy. Mr. O'Connor also declined to make statement but it is understood the expropriation proceedings will be vigorously fought.

### BUNGLING BY WHITNEY

**Has Lost Province of Ontario a Great Heritage.**

Special to the Whig.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—There is general dissatisfaction in Ontario over the settlement of the boundary question, it being the opinion that Sir James Whitney has bungled and lost a great heritage by noticeding part of the Rainy River district to Manitoba and getting a Hudson's Bay port outright, instead of merely the running rights.

The Hamilton Times says: "Ontario's claims are ignored, Mr. Borden being a consenting party to ignoring them. He either is selling out to placate Premier Roblin or feeling it was quite safe to treat Ontario's blustering premier with contempt."

**Canadian Choir Praised.**

New York, Feb. 28.—"They sang like one perfect quartette," is part of the criticism of the New York Herald, this morning, regarding the Mendelssohn Choir, of Toronto. All the papers agree in praising the Canadian choir as the greatest choral organization ever heard in New York. They sing here again to-night, then go on to Boston, which is even more critical in music matters than Gotham.

**Brandt Out on Bail.**

New York, Feb. 28.—His bail being at last satisfactorily arranged, Folke Brandt, the Swedish valet, whose new trial for burglarizing at the home of his millionaire employer, promises to reveal startling things, was released, to-day, from the tombs and was made quite a popular hero by a crowd which followed him and his lawyer.

# ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND MORE MINERS ON STRIKE

## The Negotiations For a Satisfactory Settlement Are Still Proceeding.

London, Eng., Feb. 28.—In a statement issued this afternoon, the officials of the miners' federation say that negotiations looking to settlement are proceeding through the medium of the government. There is no indication as to whether they are satisfactory to the union officials. In the meantime the strike is spreading. A hundred thousand more miners went out to-day.

**Scene of a Gold Rush.**

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 28.—Ungava, the wild territory just annexed to Quebec province, is the scene of the latest gold rush. Charters have been granted to two companies under Ontario laws and large expeditions are preparing. One party is contemplating leaving by balloon in the spring. Only one steamer per year goes up to this gold country.

**Eaton Strike in Montreal.**

Montreal, Feb. 28.—The entire staff of the T. Eaton company garment workers at the factory, here, have gone out on strike in sympathy with their fellows in the Toronto factories.


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**WEATHER PROBABILITIES.**

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**DIED.**

PELOW—At Gananoque, Ont., Feb. 23rd, 1912, Mary Featherstone, beloved wife of Henry F. Pelow, Sr., aged 68 years.

BAKER—At Wolfe Island, Ont., Feb. 27th, 1912, Mrs. Louisa U. Baker, aged 65 years.

Funeral from her late residence at 9 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 29th, to the Roman Catholic Church, Wolfe Island, where a solemn requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

STROUD—At Guelph, Feb. 27th, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Lieut. Wm. Alan Stroud, in his 62nd year.

Funeral will take place from the residence of his son, Aid. W. Alan Stroud, 91 Rideau Street, to St. George's Cathedral, on Thursday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully requested to attend.


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**A MAN IS SOBER**

**If he Can Say the Words "British Constitution."**

London, Eng., Feb. 28.—A new test for drunkenness has been adopted by the British police magistrate. If a suspect can say "British constitution" without stumbling, he is discharged. The first prisoner to be tried at the London sessions this morning, got three months. The best he could do was "Bish cush."

There are indications that a strike of the 180,000 miners in the United States anthracite regions will be declared to enforce the demands of the men.