

ATTACK BY EX-PREMIER HALTS THE SUPPLY VOTE

Sir Henry Drayton "Set Back" By Finance Minister Fielding When He Charged the Government With "Boasting Economy"—No Closure.

Ottawa, March 28.—There was more cross-fire in the Commons yesterday afternoon than during all the two weeks of the debate on the address. The government moved the House into supply on the estimates, the civil government lists being under survey. For three hours there was haggling over the few salary items in the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment. The Opposition speakers alluded to alleged promises of individual Liberals about a bonus to soldiers.

Hold Up Railway Estimates.

Hop. W. C. Kennedy, Minister of Railways, was not so fortunate. The opposition members would not vote anything until they heard the government's railway policy. Mr. Kennedy said he was unable to make his railway statement until he had all the facts. He was anxious, he said, to make it at the earliest possible moment.

Ex-Premier Meighen went so far as to express doubt if the government had a railway policy.

The Opposition was in a fighting mood. No item, no matter how small, if it provide an argument, was overlooked.

The Progressives did not take much part, except to express surprise at some salary increases when everything else was "coming down." These increases, the ministers explained, were made by the Civil Service Commission, and from the government benches the opinion was expressed that some reforms were needed in the working of the Civil Service Act.

NICKLE SCORES DRURY'S AIDES

Neglect to Take Consistent Attitude on Bills a Pitiabie Spectacle.

Toronto, March 28.—A needed lesson in parliamentary practice and governmental responsibility was read to the Drury government yesterday, with Hon. G. H. Ferguson, W. F. Nickle, K.C., and Wellington Hay as teachers. It was the first time the Kingston member has extended himself since he entered the House, and the manner in which he raked the attorney-general and the government craft fore and aft, was an eye-opener to the back-benchers. The romp was started by a bill which probably had few friends in the House to begin with, a proposal that police commissioners be elected annually. T. Tooms, Labor member for Peterborough, standing as sponsor for the measure.

As a starter, Mr. Ferguson asked Mr. Raney for his view of the bill, and the attorney-general, after explaining its effect, gave it as his personal opinion, that the law should not be changed. A discussion ensued, and then the Conservative leader rose to express his surprise that the attorney-general was not able to give the House any intimation of the government's attitude towards the bill. Mr. Raney retorted that the government had considered the bill, and that the members of the government could hardly be expected to read every one of the hundred or more bills brought before the House.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.



Whenever I start to argue with my husband he starts the Victrola.—J. C. What Does Your Husband Do?

committee without acceptance of the principle, and it was the latter suggestion that brought Mr. Nickle to his feet. He declared himself squarely against the principle that the government was not bound to take any position regarding private members' bills. The government and its law officers should come to the House prepared to give the private members full information as to the object and tendency of the bill, and should go further and say whether or not they approve of the principle.

A Pitiabie Exhibition.

"It is another exhibition of the same irresponsibility that we saw in the House this afternoon," he said. "Can there have been in this House a more pitiabie exhibition than this exhibition of the government in relation to the legislation regarding free text books? The minister of education got up and almost threatened to cut away the school grants if they made text books free. Then the leader of the government rose and, with mushy sentimentalism, tried to destroy the bill, while a moment or so the minister of labor fought as vigorously in support of the legislation as the leader of the government did against it, and a minute later the minister of mines was denouncing the minister of education. That is not government, that is irresponsible leadership!"

"What are we here for?" asked a U.F.O. member, and Mr. Nickle turned upon him promptly. The members of the house were not bound to take dictation from the government, but the government which was merely the executive of the House, should give the House the benefit of its opinion on all legislation, and the members could then vote as they saw fit.

Wellington Hay supported Mr. Nickle. He did not know whether the old system was a better one than the one followed now, but he did realize the necessity for speeding up the business of the House and some intelligent direction from the government upon the bills would be a great advantage.

May Make Balfour Earl; The Lords Need Him

London, March 28.—According to the Evening News, Sir Arthur Balfour is to be created an earl. Newspapers say Sir Arthur finds life in the House of Commons very dull without any official duties to perform, and remarks that he would be a godsend to the house of peers where his ability as a dialectician would be invaluable.

TEN MILLION DEATHS FROM TYPHUS FEVER

In Russia in the Past Two Years—Other Diseases Spreading.

London, March 28.—To "rescue the world from famine and pestilence" should be the slogan of the Genoa conference, in the opinion of Prof. Panwitz Hohenlychen, honorary secretary-general of the International Tuberculosis Society, who has just returned from Moscow.

"If all the nations of the world do not immediately take united action, tuberculosis and other epidemic diseases will soon spread to the camps of those who to-day feel themselves secure," said Prof. Hohenlychen.

"The Russian medical force is doing wonders, but is handicapped by lack of food and proper housing, as well as lack of money."

INSANE WOMAN PERCHED IN TREE 18 HOURS

Washington, March 28.—After remaining perched in the top of a sixty foot tree for more than eighteen hours, Mrs. Anna Lym-borsk, inmate of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, was finally taken down by guards yesterday.

No Total Prohibition, Says Premier King

Ottawa, March 28.—Premier King told the Dominion Alliance delegation today that there was no possibility of the government introducing a measure of total prohibition into parliament this session.

BEATY IS PLEASED WITH LOWER RATES

On the Canadian Railways—Reports C.P.R. Financial Situation Good.

Montreal, March 28.—Satisfaction at the decrease in passenger and freight rates on the dominion railroads is expressed by President E. W. Beatty in his review of the year's operations of the Canadian Pacific Railway, being sent out to the shareholders in the company's annual report to-day. The President announced his satisfaction with the financial situation of the company.

MUST CEASE THEORIZING AND WORK, SAYS LENINE

Else Russian Communists Cannot Hold Their Own With Capitalists.

Moscow, March 28.—Discounting reports of his illness, Premier Lenine appeared yesterday before a secret meeting of the All-Russian communist congress, and appealed to the members to cease dreaming and theorizing and go to work.

Edmonton Store Assigns.

Calgary, Alta., March 28.—Sheldons, Limited, of Edmonton, a departmental store with a turnover of more than half a million dollars, has assigned for the benefit of its creditors.

THE CURLING RINK BURNED

The Harty Arena Saved Only By the Northeast Wind.

The Kingston curling rink was totally destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. A telephone call was received at the fire station at 2:38 a.m., and when the motor truck reached the spot the south end containing the rooms of the curlers was all in flames. In fifteen minutes more the whole roof of the building was ablaze, and the dry lumber composing the structure made a veritable bonfire. The sky was lighted up for a great distance, and it was as bright as day for many blocks in all directions. Hundreds of people were soon on the spot to watch the firemen at their work, for when it was seen that the fire was in the direction of Queen's University buildings, it was impossible to ascertain what one of the beautiful structures might be involved. This drew many people out of their beds, as well as aldermen and members of the fire and night committee of the city council.

Wind Saved Harty Arena.

The Jock Harty Arena was only saved by the wind from the north east, which blew the flames away from it. This arena was but four feet from the burning curling rink walls and part of the scaffolding still standing caught fire in several places. The firemen worked heroically, and with the arrival of the steamer within fifteen minutes after the hose was laid, a sufficient pressure was obtained to do effective work. The first line from the motor truck was from Division street inside the rink from the west end. The whole south end was on fire. This hose was carried in and kept there throughout the fire under Captain Cockade, and until it was under control. The second hose from the old Arts building was carried to the south west corner, the third was laid by No. 1 fire station from the hydrant near the medical building to the gymnasium and the rink. The fourth from Arch and Deacon streets to a position near the arena, between it and the burning rink. Only the prompt work of the firemen, with the aid of the wind, saved the big Harty arena, and it was not damaged. The gymnasium was injured, some windows broken and damage being done from water. The Carruthers building was on fire several times, but the students and other saved the situation with pails of water.

Under Control.

It was three o'clock before the

BUILDING UP WEST END OF THE CITY AT THE EXPENSE OF THE EASTERN SIDE

Ald. Cohen Wants the City Council to Give Attention to "The Gateway of the City"—Rev. John D. Boyd Asks Trunk Sewer.

Just before the city council adjourned Monday night, Ald. Cohen arose on a question of privilege. He referred to a discussion which occurred at the last council meeting, which concerned himself. This discussion had been reported in the Whig as it occurred and in a peculiar way, but there were many people who perhaps did not quite understand the circumstances under which the discussion took place and took too literal a meaning out of it. Some thought he had actually "stolen" two city streets by laying a railway spur across them. He thought that Ald. Angrove and Graham should make a retraction of their remarks. Ald. Angrove secured quite a laugh at the speaker's expense, and the remarks of Ald. Graham were also taken seriously by some people.

For Benefit of All.

As to the crossing of two streets by his little railway, he feared that if the present policy of the council was continued, the rails would be all rusted before the city would ever require the streets. He had expended a large sum of money in the east section of the city, and contemplated building a factory out on Montreal street. All this was for the benefit of the city at large, as well as himself, and he considered that the council would only be following up and doing its share in the expansion of that part of the city by undertaking public works, such as sewer buildings, which was very essential out there.

Need of Trunk Sewer.

A request made of the council by Rev. J. D. Boyd, who addressed that body earlier in the evening had a bearing upon what Ald. Cohen has been trying to urge upon the mayor and aldermen. Mr. Boyd asked that the Board of Works take into consideration a drainage system for the region around Concession, Division and Montreal streets. If property is to be worth anything out there, a trunk sewer must be built. Some of his houses are suffering from want of proper drainage as the sewerage system in that locality is very inadequate. Mr. Boyd asked the Board of Works to take up this matter. He had a petition signed. If it was impossible to undertake the work now, he asked that if there was still unemployment next winter the sewer be constructed then. The property that would benefit is well able to pay the cost of the sewer. Mr. Boyd also remarked that the western section of the city is being built up at the expense of the eastern section of Kingston, and he considered this unwise.

POOL ROOM CLOSING HOUR EXTENDED TILL 11.30 P.M.

The City Council Decides to Give Additional Half Hour—Vote Was 12 to 6 Despite the Protest of the Police Commissioners.

The city council Monday night voted in favor of extending the hours of operation of pool and billiard rooms from 11 to 11.30 p.m. After hearing objections from the police commissioners and the Kingston Ministerial Association, the council by a vote of 12 to 6 decided in favor of the half-hour increase, which was recommended by the city property committee. Aids. Angrove and Laturney moved for the adoption of the recommendation.

Ald. Chown opened the discussion by asking if the council intended to walk over the heads of the police commission, which had in a resolution placed itself on record as being opposed to an increase in the hours of operation of pool and billiard resorts, as it was their conviction and that of the chief of police that if these places are kept open any later than at present it would prejudicially affect the peace and order of the city, unduly add to the responsibilities of the police department and postpone indefinitely a contemplated reduction in the force. Ald. Chown was of opinion that the pool rooms were in apparently flourishing condition or they would reduce the tables in their possession. The police had to supervise these places. According to the chief of police he will be unable to reduce the number on the force if the pool hours are increased. He thought it the duty of the council to co-operate with the chief and not increase the hours.

Entitled to Relief.

Ald. Angrove, chairman of city property, said the pool room proprietors had come to his committee and asked for some relief—either a reduced tax or longer hours. Last year the finance committee had refused to cut the tax, so his committee thought it would be only fair to increase the hours. Ald. Angrove said it would take \$50 games of pool to pay the license fee for a table for one year. He did not want to make things harder for the police any more than Ald. Graham. The Y.M.C.A. allowed pool playing, and the boys leave after ten o'clock and go to the other pool rooms down town. The Y.M.C.A. created a graduating class for the pool rooms. Ald. Angrove said he did not like the impatience that the people who patronized the pool rooms were such a terrible lot, and that the police have a difficult time clearing the streets after the pool rooms close. He would withdraw the property committee's recommendation if the finance committee would consider the question of reducing the pool table fees.

Not So Hard Hit.

Ald. Nash drew attention to the fact that the members of the police commission were very sympathetic that it was better for the city not to prolong the pool hours. The police who have been there understand the conditions best. The fact that boys under eighteen are not allowed to frequent pool rooms is something to consider. The police say it takes half an hour after closing until the streets are cleared. More work will be created for the police if the streets cannot be cleared until midnight or later. Ald. Nash stated that a citizen who knew told him that in one good day a pool room would take in enough money to pay the tax for the year. All business men have had losses in these times, and he claimed that the pool room proprietors had

URGENT CALL FOR SHOES IS MADE

Shoes for the shoeless! Shoes for school children so they can attend school! During the winter the Rotary Club did a splendid service in providing shoes and rubber for hundreds of children but now the funds are low. Another last call is being made and this time it comes through the schools. The management committee of the Board heard the report of the inspector. He asked for money to provide pupils with shoes so that during the dismal, wet and disagreeable thirty days to come they could go to school. The money was readily authorized. Then one member said there might be hundreds of pairs of partially used shoes for boys and girls in the city homes and these might be made available. It was then and there agreed

Shoes for the shoeless!

that the inspector of the public schools and the principal of the Collegiate Institute should make the appeal to the pupils and say that all footwear brought to the schools up to Friday afternoon would be gathered up on Friday and made available for those distributing articles. Shoes that need re-soles, or shoes needing other small repairs will be very acceptable—and if there be stockings or clothing they will also be carefully handled. Bundle up the donations in good strong paper and the boys and girls will carry them to the schools where they will be received and the donors thanked. If there are people who would care to contribute money for this laudable work it can be sent to the Whig office and will be passed on. This is a last call, likely, for this season. A hearty response is earnestly besought.

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