

THE ONTARIO HOUSE BUSY

Discussing Many Different Subjects on the Estimates.

THE LIBERAL LEADER

Objects to the Deluge of Government Legislation So Late in Session.

Toronto, March 27.—The legislature spent yesterday afternoon in discussing many different subjects on estimates. A. Belanger (Liberal, Russell), speaking on English-French training schools for teachers of French schools, thought that students should be kept in their home school sections for fifth form work if it was available, instead of being sent far away from home to the model schools where their board was paid. Fifth form work in the local schools, he said, should be encouraged. The prime minister, who is also minister of education, stated that the percentage of qualified teachers in French-English schools was increasing gradually, but greater progress was desired.

Hon. F. C. Biggs asked if the government had anything in mind about the construction of a large office building. The premier said there was nothing immediate decided upon, but that it was in the minds of the government to erect a large building on a Queen's Park site. It had been figured, he said, that the amount now paid in rents would pay the interest on the cost of such a building. Mr. Biggs said that plans for such a structure on a unit plan were already in the department.

A new item of \$100,000 appeared in the estimates for a boys' home at Bowmanville. It was explained by Hon. Lincoln Goldie, provincial secretary, that J. H. Durie, of Bowmanville, had presented \$10,000 for the purchase of a farm for boys. The government supplemented this and 308 acres had been bought for the home. Work would be started in a day or two. Already one private family had agreed to erect a church, and it was expected that several societies would erect cottages. Later a girls' farm would also be established. The government will not control the farm directly. A board of management will be appointed upon which the government will have a representative. The home is to be modelled on the Shawbridge School in Quebec.

Engineering Estimates. Hon. F. C. Biggs pointed out that in public works engineering estimates there was no reduction made although the minister had stated some time ago that he would save \$100,000 in reducing the highway engineering staff. The premier, replying, said that the engineering staff cost was cut in half, and more would be saved in the department by the elimination of 75 motor cars used by various officials.

Mr. Biggs did not think that the deputy minister of highways, S. L. Squire, should be a member of the executive of the Canadian Good Roads Association as well as deputy. The premier could see no reason why he shouldn't be an officer in the association. Mr. Biggs complained about the increase in grant to the Canadian Association, claiming they had so much money that last year they voted their officers a bonus. He also claimed that Mr. Squire accepted his bonus at the time he was deputy minister of roads for Ontario. The premier said he would make inquiries.

Dr. Box's Discovery. On health estimates, Hon. Dr. Forbes Godfrey said that Dr. Box's discovery was being made known to dentists, and that it would work for the benefit of the people. Hon. Mr. Biggs spoke in commendation of the medical inspection in rural schools, claiming that it would do much to improve the general health of the province.

Hon. James Lyons, minister of lands and forests, announced that the department was considering opening up two reforestation stations in Northern Ontario, one to be in Muskoka.

Before the house adjourned several government bills were introduced. One is a new bill, to be known as the Ontario Hotels Act, which defines what an hotel is, as distinct from a boarding house. It will also classify hotels, but leaves most of the features to regulation rather than legislation. An addition is made by a new bill to the Workmen's Compensation Act, whereby the board may assist in getting injured workmen back to work and take the cost out of the general fund. Hon. Charles McCrea introduced a bill to elevate the status of the commissioner who settles mining disputes to that of a judge. The bill will establish a mining court, and the federal government is being asked to clothe the new official with the proper power. Mr. Sinclair, Liberal leader, pro-

tested at the deluge of government legislation so late in the season. The premier explained that it had become a habit of people to wait until the legislature opened before they made requests for amendments to law. There would be two more important measures to come down, he said, and he hoped to have them in this week.

A bill was introduced by Sir Adam Beck that in matters of a street railway any legislation changing any features of the franchise rights shall not hold after the expiration of a franchise period. At the end of each franchise period the original franchise terms come into effect automatically, and amendments made within the period are not further effective.

COST OF HUDSON'S BAY TERMINUS WORK

Will Be \$20,538,000—Canada's Military Expenditure Is Very Low.

Ottawa, March 27.—An expenditure of approximately \$20,538,000 will be necessary at Port Nelson, the proposed terminus of the Hudson's Bay Railway Company, in order to accommodate ten 7,000-ton ships. Answering a series of questions by T. W. Bird (Progressive, Nelson), Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways, gave this figure as the estimated cost of harbor work at Port Nelson. Of this total amount \$4,600,000 is the estimated cost of a 4,000,000-bushel elevator, and \$400,000 the cost of the railway yard and terminal buildings. The lighthouse crib at the entrance of the harbor is given as costing \$300,000.

Easter Recess Dates. Easter holidays in the House of Commons will extend this year from April 16th to 22nd. A motion to this effect, brought down by the Prime Minister, was adopted in the House after some discussion, in which Robert Forke, Progressive, suggested that a nine-day adjournment would give farmer members an opportunity to visit their farms in the West. He did not press the point, and the motion passed unamended.

The branch lines bills will be debated in the House on Tuesday next. Hon. George P. Graham yesterday gave notice to this effect that resolutions preparatory to the introduction of twenty-six bills were read, involving 26 separate branch lines to be built at a total cost of \$28,311,300.

FOR MILITARY DEFENCE.

Hon. E. M. MacDonald, Minister of Defence, furnished the House with comparative per capita figures of expenditure on military defence in the different parts of the Empire. The figures were: Canada, \$1.46 per head; New Zealand, \$2.33; South Africa, \$2.92; Australia, \$3.30; Great Britain, \$15.32. The absence of 48 Progressive members from the House of Commons Tuesday night is explained by the championship hockey match. The western members were at the Auditorium rooting for Calgary, while their chief was in the House standing up practically alone with the Conservative Opposition against the Government.

PERMANENT OFFICE FOR MR. LEMIEUX

Government May Propose That He Retain Speakership of Commons.

Ottawa, March 27.—That the Government may propose before its term of office expires that the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, at present Speaker of the House of Commons, be made permanent in his office, is within the range of probability. If this proposal is made, it is likely to be received with favor by all parties, in view of the satisfactory manner in which Mr. Lemieux has discharged the duties of his high office since his party came into power. The present system of electing a Speaker is considered by many as unsatisfactory, as, with a change of Government, the Speaker also changes. The result is that the experience gained in office is lost to the House of Commons, with the resultant loss in the manner in which the rules of the House are interpreted. It is a well known fact that the present Speaker was offered a portfolio by Premier King in 1921, but that his inclination led him to accept the office of Speaker, the duties of which he has carried out with great tact and ability. It is felt by many members that as Mr. Lemieux has been nearly thirty years in the House of Commons, considering his experience as a cabinet minister under Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and as Speaker since 1921, he should be permanently enrolled in the service of his country. It is also felt that his knowledge of both languages is of inestimable value in facilitating the proceedings of the House.

A by-law for daylight saving from May 4th till Sept. 27th was passed by St. Catharines council.

RIVER LEVEL IS IN PERIL

Chicago's Drainage Action De-nounced in House of Commons.

ACTION IS DEMANDED

All Papers on International Negotiations Are To Be Tabled.

Ottawa, March 27.—The diversion of water from Lake Michigan by the Chicago Sanitary District was the subject of a protest by members of all political parties in the House of Commons yesterday. As member after member rose to speak, it became clear that there was no division of opinion on the matter. T. L. Church, Conservative member for North Toronto, brought the matter to the attention of the House by moving for "definite and immediate action to prevent the illegal diversion of the waters of the Great Lakes through the Chicago drainage canal, and that action should be taken to prevent further waste and to secure specific enforcement of the treaty between Canada and the United States as to this matter."

The opinion of an eminent authority that the St. Lawrence River and Lake Erie might be reduced some day to the level of a duck pond if the diversion continued, was cited by Mr. Church. Other members stressed the importance of preserving the lake levels for the movement of freight and the preservation of harbors. The boundary waters treaty between Canada and the United States was being used as a football to the detriment of Canada's commercial development, it was argued. That the situation was serious was admitted by Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior. Canada had never admitted the right of the Chicago Sanitary district to divert the water, and had made repeated protests to the Government of the United States.

Question of Reparations.

General A. E. Ross, of Kingston, inquired whether Canada proposed to ask for reparations in view of the damage done to Canada by the diversion. The minister replied that to claim damages meant an acceptance of the diversions, and these Canada had never admitted to be proper. Two facts had been brought out by the discussion, said E. Guss Porter (Conservative, West Hastings). The first was that there had been a steady diversion at Chicago; secondly, the only thing that had been done to remedy this wrong was that the Canadian Government had protested. Surely Canada had not got into a position whereby she uttered protests which either were ignored or were replied to and then forgotten. The time had come when the question of the jurisdiction over the waters of the Great Lakes should be decided. The relations between Canada and the United States were most amicable at present. Therefore, this would be a good time to decide a matter which might later develop into a very serious international difficulty.

On the motion of Sir Henry Drayton, former minister of finance, the debate was adjourned until all papers concerning the negotiations between the United States and Canada on the question of water diversion at Chicago could be laid on the table of the House.

EVERY SEVENTH WOMAN.

In Germany is Doomed to be an Old Maid.

Berlin, March 27.—Every seventh woman in Germany is doomed to be an old maid. There simply are not men enough to go around, and, to make the situation worse, most of the emigrants who are seeking fortunes in foreign lands are men of marriageable age. Hence the appeals in newspaper advertisements for husbands, and the alluring offers of women with furnished houses and established businesses for spouses. All in all there are 15,000,000 more women than men in Europe, but the shortage of males is greater in Germany than in any other country. In Austria and Hungary every fifth woman is doomed to single blessedness. Bulgaria and Rumania are the only European countries which have a surplus of men. There are only 985 women to every 1,000 men in Rumania, and in Bulgaria men outnumber women at the ratio of 1,000 to 997.

The Paris Louvre has received from Syria a harp, the strings of which have been mute for 3,700 years. It was unearthed on the banks of the Euphrates by the Archaeologist Franz Cumont.

Hon. Jacques Bureau, Minister of Customs, filed at his home in Three Rivers for the past three weeks, is recovering.

MOTORIST HELPS WOMAN AND THEN KILLS HER

After Making an Attack—A Horrible Crime on Staten Island.

New York, March 27.—Mrs. Maud Bauer, 31, was murdered yesterday on a lonely road on Staten Island, near Mariner's Harbor, evidently by a man who a few moments before had volunteered to assist her and her mother, whose automobile was stuck in the mud. Medical examiners said Mrs. Bauer first was attacked and then stabbed. "The murdered woman, with her mother and two children, was motoring homeward when, to avoid a truck, she drove into a mud puddle and became stuck. As she worked to extricate the car a youth drove up and offered to take Mrs. Bauer to a distant farmhouse to get assistance. She accepted."

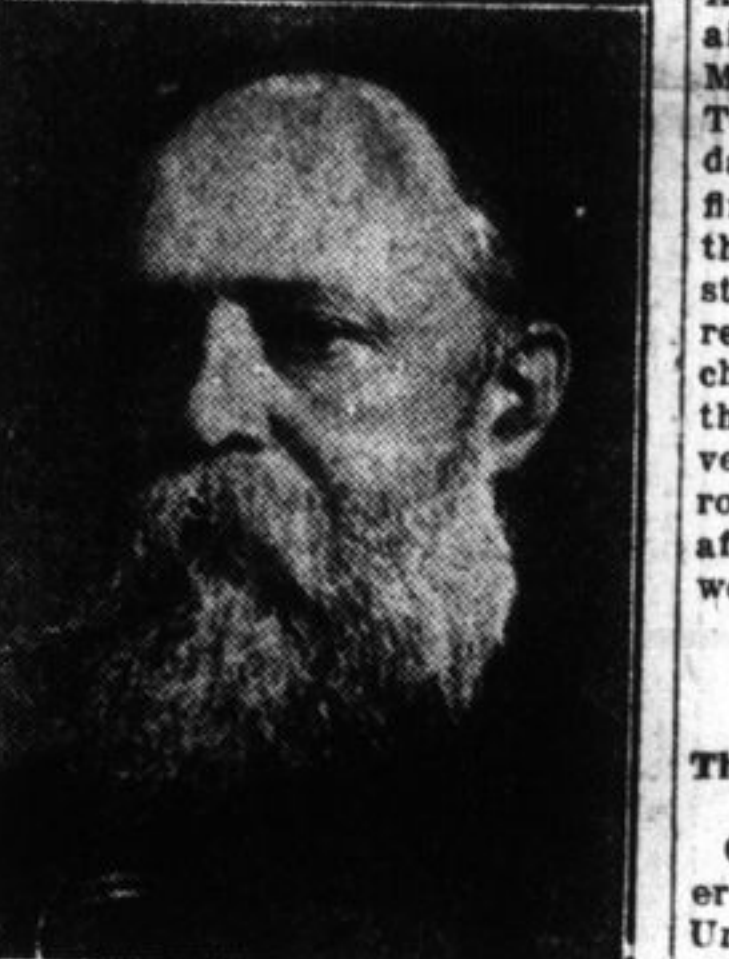
Half an hour later, the mother, Mrs. Spero, saw the youth returning in his automobile. He sped past and Mrs. Spero, becoming anxious, took the children and started walking along the road. Just beyond a curve Mrs. Spero found her daughter, with clothing disarranged, lying a few feet from the road with a deep wound in her chest. A passing motorist hurried for a surgeon but Mrs. Bauer died soon after his arrival.

SIR EDMUND WALKER PASSES IN TORONTO

He Was a Noted Canadian Financier and Patron of Art and Music.

Toronto, March 27.—At two o'clock this morning, Sir Edmund Walker, aged seventy-six years, noted Canadian financier, patron of art and music, and president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, died at his home, 99 St. George street, of pneumonia. He had been ill only a few days, and the end came with startling suddenness.

Sir Edmund took to his bed last Saturday, a heavy cold having developed into pneumonia. No alarm was felt until near the end, but dur-



LATE SIR EDMUND WALKER

ing last night his condition became serious. His end was peaceful. His four sons and three daughters were at his bedside. Lady Walker died last year.

Sir Edmund's last illness was the only serious one of his life. While travelling with the Mendelssohn choir he suffered an attack of indigestion with a cold, which continued when he returned to Toronto. Symptoms of pneumonia developed on Monday.

Sir John Aird, vice-president of the Bank of Commerce, when informed of the death of Sir Edmund, said that the news came as a great shock. "Above all Sir Edmund was a great Britisher," he said. "He was a man of many parts, prominent not only in finance, but in education, art and music. His loss is a great blow to banking in Canada."

Sir Edmund Walker was born in Seneca township, Haldimand county, in 1848, and entered the Bank of Commerce as discount clerk in 1868.

Will Welcome Other Disarmament Pacts

Washington, March 27.—The United States will be quick to embrace any opportunity in the future for further agreements on disarmament. It would be glad now to have the suggestions of the Washington conference which were not adopted, met.

These statements, made yesterday, at the White House, outline President Coolidge's view on the amendment to the navy appropriation bill recommending a new discussion for limiting armaments. He feels the time is not ripe now but conditions may become more favorable later on. He believes also there is a field for accomplishment in the codification of international law, in which this government, it was pointed out, always has been interested.

Rumania, France, Belgium, Greece and Russia owe Canada approximately \$50,000,000. Fortunately Russia owes only \$55,571 to Canada.

MAY ASSUME WAR POWERS

As the Result of London Tram And Bus Strike.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT

Is Reported As Considering Proclaiming "A Condition of National Emergency."

London, March 27.—So seriously does the government regard the situation created by the continuance of the tram and bus strike, and the apparently inevitable entry of the subwaymen into the fight tomorrow night, according to several morning papers, that the privy council has been called for today to consider proclaiming "a condition of national emergency." Some of the papers go so far as to say that the issuance of a proclamation has already been decided upon.

If a state of emergency is proclaimed, it will be under the provisions of the Emergency Powers Act of 1920, which, when invoked, confers upon the government virtually the same powers as the wartime Defense of the Realm Act. It enables the government to make wide and compulsory provisions for the safety and life of the community, including the taking over control of public services, using the army and navy lorries, therefore, and commandeering private vehicles and materials for the same purpose.

ARE NOT THE BONES OF A HUMAN BEING

Montreal Cellar Dug Into—Medium Said Small's Body Was There.

Montreal, March 27.—Impelled by sobbing "release me, release me," waited for her by an ever-haunting voice which she declares is that of Ambrose Small, vanished millionaire, Toronto theatrical magnate, Miss C. Bonsor, psychic medium of Toronto, came to Montreal yesterday and told detectives they would find Small's bones if they dug up the earth cellar of a St. Antoine street rooming house at a spot directly beneath the sink in the kitchen above. A trench was dug at that very spot. Bones were revealed and submitted to Dr. De Rome, city autopsist, who announced after examining them that they were not those of a human being.

EXPORTS OF WHEAT.

The Higher U.S. Duties Have Had Little Effect. Ottawa, March 27.—That the higher duty on wheat entering the United States will not have much effect on exports thereto, is evident from the February shipments across the line, which amounted to only 101,714 bushels. As a matter of fact, little Switzerland took slightly over nine tons as much wheat during last month as the United States did.

Total exports of wheat to the United States for the last eleven months have been 21,150,000 bushels, or about 25 per cent. more than during the preceding year. At that time they were only 5,500,000 bushels more than those to Italy, and about 10,000,000 bushels more than to Belgium. China has taken 2,680,000 bushels, and Japan about 6,800,000 bushels during this time.

The export trade in flour to the United States is falling off rapidly. It having been only 190,000 barrels for the eleven months ending February, as against 500,000 for the same period a year ago, and 990,000 for the same period two years ago. During the past year, Germany has been our second best customer for wheat flour, having taken 1,647,000 barrels in eleven months. How big an increase this is may be seen in the fact that two years ago she took only about 25,000 barrels. Last month shipments to the country alone were nearly 240,000 barrels.

Heir to be Disappointed.

Vancouver, B.C., March 27.—Thomas Gemmill, steel worker in Pittsburgh, Pa., is due for a big disappointment. Dispatches received from Pittsburgh said Gemmill has fallen heir to an estate of \$200,000 left him by his brother, John, of Nanaimo, B.C. T. K. Gray, manager of a trust company, of this city, now states Thomas will receive but one-ninth of the estate, which is valued at \$12,000.

Thomas Gemmill was informed of his brother's death through an advertisement inserted in a Pittsburgh paper. The brothers had not met for sixty years.

The London Daily Herald is calling on the British directors of the British Empire Steel Corporation to explain their action with regard to the Newfoundland bribery scandal.

President Cosgrave told that the military situation is normal.

TWO ARE KILLED IN RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

Near Niagara Falls—Horse and Buggy Struck by a Locomotive.

Niagara Falls, March 27.—Samuel Strianni of La Salle, was struck and killed last night by an International Railway Company trolley train. He was believed to have been walking along the tracks. Tony Sleski, Stamford township, was killed when he was struck by a Grand Trunk passenger train at Winery crossing in Stamford. He was driving over the crossing with horse and buggy and failed to notice the approach of the train.

Leprosy Scare Stirs Capital of France

Paris, March 27.—Paris has a leprosy scare. In the Faubourg poissonniere, in an old barack used by all sorts of troops during the war, women who are now working there on the pension lists have been attacked by an affection which resembles the early stages of leprosy. Sixty-three of the 1,000 employees have suffered from it. It manifests itself by a rash on the hands, elbows, and knees.

In the St. Louis hospital, where the cases are being treated, the doctors insist it is not grave and that all signs of the malady disappear after ten days of treatment.

FERGUSON IS SILENT ON REGULATION 17

Ontario Premier Falls in Expected Announcement on Bilingualism at Montreal.

Toronto Globe Special. Ottawa, March 27.—A bomb was thrown into the Meighen-Lavergne camp yesterday by Henri Bourassa, when in an editorial in Le Devoir, published in Montreal, the Nationalist Leader of Drummond-Arthabaska days, completely repudiated not only Armand Lavergne, but also Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons. This has come as a blow to those who have been busy in the past three or four months trying to patch up some sort of alliance between the Quebec Conservatives and the English-speaking following of Mr. Meighen, for the latter had been harboring the hope that Mr. Lavergne would be able to swing some old-time Nationalist support behind the Federal Conservatives.

Before the now famous Meighen-Lavergne meeting in Montreal, La Patrie, a Conservative evening paper in that city, carried in its large advertisement of the meeting to be held an announcement that Premier G. Howard Ferguson of Ontario, who would attend the banquet, would probably make some important announcement in regard to Regulation 17 and the administration of the bilingual schools. That announcement was not, however, forthcoming at the banquet. Premier Ferguson confining himself to some innocuous declarations of cordial feeling between the two provinces.

Meighen's Divided Household.

This flat repudiation by Mr. Bourassa of the Montreal meeting and of the idea it expressed has aroused considerable comment in political circles here, especially among the Liberal members from Quebec and among some English-speaking members from Ontario and the Western Provinces. How does Mr. Meighen, hope to make any headway in Quebec when his own supporters in Ontario, such as Dr. Edwards and H. C. Hocken, are undoing by spoken and written word all that he says in Quebec? Is one of the questions asked by members here. Another question asked is, How can Mr. Meighen hope to gain any strength from Mr. Lavergne, whose influence in his Province is now at a low ebb, with little hope of overflowing?

GETS ORDER FROM C.P.R.

Locomotive Works to Build Ten Tenders for Company.

A FULL MONTH'S WORK

Is Assured By This Contract—Works Will Soon Have 500 Men Employed.

On Thursday morning the management of the Canadian Locomotive Company announced that a contract had been received from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to build ten tenders or tanks. The tenders will be similar to the Mikado tanks which were constructed by the Canadian Locomotive Works for the Canadian National Railway last summer.

This will certainly be good news to Kingston, as it will mean at least one month's work for the large number of employees at the works. At the present time the company is working on the Canadian National Railway contract for twenty heavy type locomotives.

The employees, who were reduced to less than two hundred men, are gradually increasing, and it will only be a short time until there will be at least five hundred men on the pay roll of the company. As the work on the new engines advances to a certain stage, the mechanics who have been out of work for a brief period are being taken on.

TO ACT UPON BOND DEAL DISCLOSURES

Attorney-General to Decide Next Move After Persuing the Evidence.

Toronto, March 27.—Governmental action concerning the disclosures involving Charles A. Mathews, suspended Deputy Provincial Treasurer, is contemplated by the attorney-general, Mr. Mathews, according to a witness before the public accounts committee, shared in the profit from a transaction in province of Ontario bonds.

Although Provincial Treasurer Price had not formally brought the matter to the attention of Attorney-General Nickle, as he intimated he would do at the committee meeting, that will be done to-day. Mr. Nickle will receive a copy of the evidence of G. M. Hart and Alexander Ross, the two former bank clerks who implicated Mathews before the committee. The attorney-general will then decide what action will be taken.

Premier Ferguson declined yesterday to comment upon the situation as the head of the Government stating that he knew nothing whatever of it except what he had gathered from the newspapers. It was hoped, he said, that the legislature would get through its seasonal business by the end of next week, when it is customary for the public accounts committee of the legislature to conclude its work. Subsequent developments, he said, would determine whether there would be an extension of the powers of the committee to sit during the recess.

The public accounts committee will probably not sit again this week, owing to the pressure upon Provincial Treasurer Price of his departmental duties, together with estimates in the legislature and the work of preparing his cases before the committee.

At Athens, amnesty has been extended by the Republican government to General Metaxas, leader of the unsuccessful revolt last fall. Montreal spent \$1,000,000 on snow removal during the past winter.

"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE DALROY On "Pleasant Exertion."

If a MAN is capable of GIVING one hundred per cent Or AFFECTION— HOW MUCH of that SHOULD his WIFE GET? Well—I should say: ALL she can. How much DOES she get? Well, again—I imagine, ALL SHE CAN— For NO WIFE is SATISFIED With anything LESS Than ALL her husband's Affection; And when she GETS IT ALL, Is a wife satisfied THEN? Why, certainly she is NOT! A WOMAN that does not Have to exert herself LOSES her YOUTH, And a woman who NO LONGER Exerts herself to PLEASE Has ALREADY LOST it. The reason why MEN keep YOUNGER than WOMEN is Because when a MAN sees A pretty face, he is WILLING To EXERT himself, And when a PRETTY WOMAN CAPTIVATES HIM— He DOES! Quite naturally.