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## The Commons Decides To Abolish Publication of Racing Tips

### CHURCH FALLS WITH A ROAR

The Inhabitants of the Quebec Village Were Terrified.

### THREE WOMEN DIE

As the Result of Shock—Fissures Appear in the Ground at Yamachiche.

Quebec, March 3.—Three dead from shock, a stone Catholic church at St. Hilarion shaken to the ground, numerous fires and general consternation as people felt their homes quiver as though about to fall, and general damages to residences and other buildings which aggregate thousands of dollars, were part of the toll in the province of Quebec, especially in the vicinity of the Saguenay and down the St. Lawrence River, of the earthquake which shook the northeastern part of the continent Saturday night.

The earth has apparently not completely settled back to rest, for places in the vicinity of the Saguenay report that the shocks have been continuing since Saturday, but that they were scarcely perceptible yesterday afternoon.

The deaths were all due to shock. Mrs. Alphonse Auger, of Quebec, a young woman and expectant mother, fainted at the time of the quake and died yesterday. Mrs. Edgar Harvey, of Tadoussac, and Mrs. Eugene Bureau, of Ste. Anne de la Perade, were the other victims.

The home and store of Rene Gagne at Hebertville Station were destroyed, with a loss of \$25,000; at St. Felicien the property of Cyrille Gagnon was burned, with a loss of \$20,000, and the college at Ste. Anne de la Pointe suffered damages of \$10,000, all from causes attributed to the earthquake, according to information reaching here.

Disorganization of telephone service makes the gathering of complete information difficult.

Fissures in Ground.  
It is reported that a number of fissures appeared in the ground at Yamachiche.

With a mighty roar and a crash that could be heard for miles around, the Roman Catholic church at St. Hilarion, 40 miles below Quebec, on the North Shore, collapsed on Saturday night at the time of the earthquake, according to a report received here this afternoon from the agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department at Cape Salmon, who is also mayor of St. Simeon.

The church, which was built entirely of stone, and only completed about two years ago at considerable expense, was one of the finest to be seen in any of the down-river parishes, and the loss will be keenly felt by the village folk for miles around.

### MONTREAL BEER PRICES REDUCED \$2 A BARREL

Out Supposed to Be First in War Between Different Brewery Concerns.

Montreal, March 3.—The local "Beer War" which has been threatening for the past few days, "broke" this week-end when Molson's cut the price of a dozen pints ten cents, a dozen quarts twenty cents and a barrel two dollars.

### CHURCH UNION BILL BEFORE LEGISLATURE

Provides That Majority Vote of a Congregation Shall Decide About Property.

Toronto, March 3.—The church union bill, which is expected to prove one of the storm centres before the private bills committee of the legislature at the present session, was introduced in the house yesterday afternoon.

The bill, No. 18, is entitled, "An act respecting certain churches, therein named."

It is sponsored by A. M. Rankin, Conservative member from Frontenac, but in his absence on Monday it was brought in for its first reading by his desk-mate, T. L. Kennedy of Peel.

### DOMINION-WIDE FRUIT MARKETING SYSTEM

First Step For Formation of Brokerage Company on a Co-operative Basis.

Ottawa, March 3.—First steps towards the formation of a national brokerage company on a co-operative basis for marketing fruit and vegetables, as recommended in the report of Lewis Duncan, of Toronto, following his investigations of an alleged combine in the fruit and vegetable trade of Western Canada, were taken yesterday at a conference of representatives of co-operative fruit growers' associations.

There were present delegates from three organizations in British Columbia, five in the province of Ontario and one each from the provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The sessions were conducted under the chairmanship of George E. McIntosh, Dominion fruit commissioner, and opened by an address from the Hon. W. R. Motherwell, minister of agriculture.

The main business of the conference was consideration of organizing a national brokerage system to take care of the marketing of the fruit crops of Canada.

The Peterson Contract.  
Ottawa, March 3.—As consideration of the Peterson contract with the government is set down for today, the discussion on it is being awaited with much expectation. As it is understood that the matter will be referred to a special committee, this means that the whole subject of ocean shipping conditions will be aired there.

### ABOLITION OF TURF BETTING

Discussed By House of Commons on Good's Resolution.

### THE DEPUTY SPEAKER

S Sustained Over a Ruling—Lennox Member Says Gambling Is a Disease.

Ottawa, March 3.—All yesterday afternoon was devoted in Parliament to a discussion of the best means of restricting gambling arising from race tracks. W. C. Good, Progressive, Braith, sponsored a resolution calling for the abolition of legalized horse racing, which he claimed was detrimental both to the morality and business of the country. Last year a similar resolution by Mr. Good was rejected by parliament.

Fred. Stork, Liberal, Skeena, made a strong defence of bona fide horse racing, and pointed out that it was a legitimate business and a legitimate sport, which was participated in by many prominent men of the Dominion.

Mr. Good claimed this resolution was out of order, and when Deputy Speaker Gordon ruled to the contrary he challenged the ruling, and on a division—the deputy speaker was sustained by 74 to 68.

On this division two Liberals, J. Denis, Joliette, and L. H. Martell, Hants, voted with Mr. Good, while among the Conservatives there was a distinct division. Mr. Melgoin and a majority of his followers pursuing the same course, while most of the ex-ministers supported the deputy speaker.

Just before six o'clock, A. W. Neill, Independent, Albert, submitted a sub-amendment, which practically has the same effect as the original resolution. The amendment was: "That in the opinion of the House legislation should be introduced during this session to prohibit the advertising, printing, broadcasting, publication, or sale of information concerning any tips, selections, odds or similar intelligence with respect to or applicable to horse racing, and to prohibit the use of parimutuels on race tracks in Canada."

W. B. Snowball, the newly-elected Liberal member from Northumberland, in his first speech in the House, said gambling was as insidious as the drink habit; the country should go the whole length in suppressing it, insofar as it affected horse racing.

Mr. Snowball, and homes broken by gambling. Efforts should be made to protect the youth of the country.

E. J. Sexsmith (Progressive, Lennox and Addington) declared gambling was a disease which led to the abandonment of honest toil. He favored the original resolution.

The amendment to abolish racing tips was finally adopted after further discussion last night.

KING LEFT HIS BED.  
Able to Sit Up for a Short Time—Improvement Continues.  
London, March 3.—Yesterday, King George was allowed to leave his bed and sit up for a short time in his bedroom. His Majesty's condition is improving daily and, should the weather permit, it is hoped he will be able to get outdoors in a few days. It is expected the King and Queen will start on their trip to the Mediterranean sometime within the next two weeks.

### GERMAN ELECTIONS ON 29th MARCH

Berlin, March 3.—The date of the German presidential election at which a successor to the late President Ebert will be chosen, was officially fixed to-day as March 29th.

### THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY HAS RESIGNED

Reported Son of Former Sultan Has Been Proclaimed King of Kurdistan.

Constantinople, March 3.—The Turkish government has resigned. The Turkish cabinet formed last November with Fethi Bey as premier, was recently confronted with a serious situation, due to the outbreak of a rebellion in Kurdistan. The rebels, under Sheik Said, not only demanded autonomy for their country but announced their determination to restore the caliphate, and to restore the sultanate. To this end they are reported to have proclaimed Prince Selim, son of the former Sultan Abdul Hamid, as King of Kurdistan. The Nationalists took prompt military measures to quell the insurrection and some fighting has been reported.

### WYER BACKS REPORT ABOUT ONTARIO HYDRO

Says His Conclusions Are Based on Figures From the Hydro Accountant.

Toronto, March 3.—The province of Ontario has advanced 138 million dollars in cash to the Ontario Hydro Electric system and has also guaranteed the bonds of Hydro to the extent of 42 millions of dollars, and against this outlay there is less than five million dollars of sinking fund to date, according to Engineer Wyer whose report on the Ontario Hydro enterprise to the Smithonian Institute recently started a controversy with Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro commission.

Mr. Wyer is in Toronto to-day and he has given to the Toronto Star some details on which he based his report to the Smithonian Institute. He declares that his conclusions are based on figures obtained from Mr. Pierson, accountant for the Hydro commission.

Regarding his controversy with Sir Adam Beck, Mr. Wyer says he does not intend to answer "Sir Adam Beck's personalities." He also says he has not made a statement that the Gregory report had been suppressed but rather that all data in the report had not been passed on to the public.

The Allied committee finds the nucleus of a strong fighting army in Germany.

France will invite Germany to discuss European security.

London council negotiates for acquisition of street railway.

### Search Fails to Locate Sylvester Conners Who Disappeared From Wilton in November

His Nephew and County Constable Barrett Think He Perished in the Woods and That His Body Will Be Located in the Spring.

After searching the countryside for the past three months, police officials and relatives have been unable to get any trace of Sylvester Conners, who disappeared from the home of his nephew, Charles Conners, Wilton, on the afternoon of November 25th. There have been all kinds of reports about the disappearance.

On Tuesday morning, a representative of the Whig, when speaking to Mr. Charles Conners over the long-distance telephone, learned that there was absolutely no trace of the missing man. Mr. Conners, when asked if he thought his uncle had been the victim of foul play, stated that he did not think so, as he had nothing in his possession, such as money or jewellery, that any person would want. Mr. Conners stated that the missing man had been demented for years and had been in the habit of wandering away, but he was always found.

On the afternoon of November 25th last, Sylvester Conners, who was carrying an axe, was seen going toward the back of his nephew's farm, and since that time he had not been seen or heard of. When he left the home he had a warm inside coat but no overcoat. He was wearing a winter cap with ear lappers. It is stated that the man could not write, but he was able to read fairly well. The day he left was not very cold.

### MAY SUSPEND MONEY GRANT

From Ontario Compensation if Widow Found Living Wrong.

### THE WORKMEN'S BOARD

To Deal With Cases—Bill Before Legislature Over Moving of Sick Prisoners.

Toronto, March 3.—In the legislature yesterday afternoon, second reading was given to the attorney-general's bill amending the Workmen's Compensation Act, so that where it is found that the widow to whom compensation has been awarded is a common prostitute or is openly living with any man in the relation of man and wife, without being married to him, the board may discontinue or suspend compensation to such widow and divert such compensation in whole or in part to or for the benefit of any other dependent or dependents of the deceased workman.

Hon. Mr. Nickle said cases had arisen where women benefitting under the act refused to marry again because they would lose compensation.

Hon. W. E. Raney said the bill was taking away vested rights. He thought it should be left to a high court judge to say whether or not the woman was living under proper moral conditions.

The attorney-general strongly condemned the idea of revealing unfortunate domestic entanglements to the whole world. He thought the Workmen's Compensation Board was honest enough and big enough to deal with such cases.

Hon. Lincoln Goldie's Bill providing that sick prisoners may be removed from any prison reformatory, to a hospital without an order from a judge passed on the committee stage.

The House adjourned until 2 p.m. this afternoon.

Private Bills Committee.  
Toronto, March 3.—The private bills committee of the legislature got busy this morning and disposed of its menu in an hour.

Notice was given this morning that the church union bill would be considered by the private bills committee on Monday, March 9th, and other dates thereafter.

Forged Travellers' Cheques.  
Montreal, March 3.—Forged Canadian Pacific Railway travellers' cheques to the extent of approximately half a million dollars have been cashed recently in United States. Local banking institutions have during the past few days received hundreds of these forged cheques, passed on American firms, and forwarded here for honoring.

Four persons, including a mother and her two children, are known to have lost their lives and a dozen other were injured in a fire that swept an apartment building in Brooklyn this morning. Three of the bodies recovered were identified as those of Mrs. Alice Carroll and her children, John, eight years, 9 1/2, and Ruth, aged six. The fourth victim was believed also to have been a child.

Hotel Burned.  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., March 3.—A loss of \$40,000 resulted from a fire which destroyed the Grandview hotel here this morning. The structure is a frame one and has been standing for many years. The origin of the fire is not known. Guests of the hotel were able to save most of their belongings.

### FUTURE SECURITY OF FRANCE AND BELGIUM

Brought Sharply to the Front by Report of Marshal Foch.

Paris, March 3.—Diplomatic negotiations arising from the report of the Allied military mission of disarmament clauses in the treaty of Versailles, bringing sharply to the front the question of the future security of France and Belgium, entered an active phase to-day. It came with the presentation to the council of ambassadors of the Allied war committee's report on the state of Germany's armaments and armed forces. Marshal Foch, who presented the report, had a long talk with Premier Herriot before the ambassadors met and the Marquis of Crewe, British ambassador, called on the French premier just after the ambassadors adjourned. These visits gave added importance to the council meeting, which was one of the briefest the ambassadors ever held.

### MASONS QUIT WORK ON HOSPITAL JOB

Refused Demand Made That They Join the Toronto Plasterers' Union.

As a result of a dispute among the masons and plasterers employed on the new clinic building at the Kingston General Hospital, five Kingston masons quit the job on Monday.

It is understood that the Toronto plasterers who were working on the job demanded that the Kingston men do certain things which they objected to do.

From what can be learned the Kingston men, who are masons, plasterers and bricklayers, were working at the local rate of pay of 90 cents an hour, while the Toronto men on the job, who are only plasterers, were receiving \$1.25 per hour. Everything went along O.K. on the job until the Toronto masons asked the Kingston men who are already members of the local Masons' Union, to join the Toronto Plasterers' Union and the Kingston men absolutely refused to do so, and quit the job. It is understood that the Kingston men agreed to join the Toronto union, they would not have been accepted members until about Thursday and during that time they would have had to pay \$2 a day for the privilege of working on the job.

### News In Condensed Form Off the Wires

Toronto council confirms 29.55 tax rate set by controllers. Hamilton Liberals adopt slogan, "What Hastings did, Hamilton Can Do."

Premier of British Columbia talks straight from shoulder to Doukhobor leaders. Trade figures for twelve months ended Jan. 30th show growing balance in Canada's favor.

In Toronto 22 Presbyterian congregations have voted for union and 22 against. The total vote is: For 13,303; against 14,521.

At Woodstock, Ont., James H. Ravin died suddenly in the hospital on Sunday night, aged fifty-eight. He was the C.N.R. express agent.

Five armed men entered the Mount City Trust Company in St. Louis, Mo., on Tuesday, and escaped with approximately \$25,000 in cash.

### FOUR PERSONS LOSE THEIR LIVES IN FIRE

Which Destroyed Brooklyn Apartment Building—Sault Ste. Marie Hotel Burned.

New York, March 3.—Four persons, including a mother and her two children, are known to have lost their lives and a dozen other were injured in a fire that swept an apartment building in Brooklyn this morning. Three of the bodies recovered were identified as those of Mrs. Alice Carroll and her children, John, eight years, 9 1/2, and Ruth, aged six. The fourth victim was believed also to have been a child.

### QUEEN'S WIN THE DEBATE

Take Intercollegiate Honors For the Second Successive Year.

### EXCELLENT ARGUMENT

Leaders Were Fluent in Speech—Queen's Representatives Won By Good Margin.

For the second year in succession Queen's University won the final honors in the Intercollegiate Debating Union at Convocation Hall on Monday evening. The Queen's team consisting of Mr. G. A. Edmison and the Rev. G. A. Sisco were opposed by the debaters from Loyola College, Montreal, Messrs McCarthy and Pedro Sainza. The latter will be remembered as the sensational drop kicker who nearly put the Queen's second team out of the running last fall. The subject upheld by the Easterners was: "Resolved: That Canada adopt an immigration policy similar in principle to the one already in force in the United States with the exception of the clauses affecting the inhabitants of the British Isles."

The Montrealers attempted to show that the Canadian Act is faulty and that the American Act served to keep out the undesirable of Southern and Eastern Europe whose presence lowered the standard of living in our country. The Queen's team claimed that the American Act enforcing drastic restriction is based on a mere mechanical basis. It limits without selecting. The Canadian Act is much better. The American system would keep our country a great deal of much needed immigration.

The leaders on both sides were fluent and able and their seconds were ideal debaters. Mr. Sisco was particularly powerful both in debate and in refutation. The Loyola men did extremely well but their opponents had the advantage of experience. The preparation and delivery of both teams could scarcely have been improved on and the debate proved most exciting throughout.

The judges were Dr. W. W. Sands, Mr. Francis King, K.C., and Mr. E. O. Sitter. They awarded the victory to the Queen's team by a margin of ninety points which, more than made up for the reverse of 37 points suffered by the Queen's debaters at McGill.

### SISTER KILLS MAN TO END HIS AGONY

After His Own Efforts Fail—A Tragedy in Leicester-shire, England.

Leicester, Eng., March 3.—An extraordinary tragedy, reviving the question of justification in the taking of life under special circumstances, occurred to-day in the vicarage of Hungerton, Leicester-shire. The vicar, Rev. William Bettison, after celebrating communion this morning, returned to the vicarage for breakfast. Later he retired to his study, from which shortly came the sound of a shot. The vicar's sister, Miss Bettison, who, with her brother and a housekeeper, were the only occupants of the vicarage, went to the study and found her brother lying on the floor. A sporting rifle was beside him and there was a wound in his head.

As there is no telephone in the vicarage, Miss Bettison went to the postoffice and telephoned a doctor who lives four miles distant. She then returned to the vicarage and requested the study, refusing to permit anyone else to come in.

A little later another shot was heard inside the study and Miss Bettison came out. "I asked him if he would live, and he did not reply," she said. "I saw he was dying in agony, so I shot him to put him out of his pain."

Miss Bettison was arrested. Later after an examination she was declared insane and was taken to an asylum.

VITAL STATISTICS.  
The vital statistics for the month of February, as recorded at the office of the city clerk, Dr. W. W. Sands, are as follows:  
Births, 36; Marriages, 12; deaths, 37.