

Ontario Will Have the First Railway Branch Into Rouyn, Que.

THE T. AND N. O. BRANCH LINE IS TO BE STARTED AT ONCE

Bill Passed in Ontario Legislature to Protect William Ireland and Hon. F. C. Biggs From Losing Their Seats Because They Inadvertently Received Money From the Province.

Toronto, March 11.—Announcement by the premier that the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railroad extension would be started immediately, and that the government, apart from the bill amending the O. T. A. and the redistribution measure, would introduce all its legislation this week, was made in the legislature yesterday afternoon.

The prime minister introduced a bill which was put through all three readings, to protect William Ireland, chief Conservative whip, and F. C. Biggs, Progressive member for North West, against the loss of their seats in the Chamber, as each had inadvertently accepted money from the Ontario Treasury.

H. A. Fisher, Liberal, West Ottawa, continued the budget debate, referring to the Price budget as "a liquid budget, as all it proposes is a tax on gasoline and beer."

Hon. W. H. Price, provincial treasurer, introduced bills to allow Ontario to enter into an arrangement with Quebec regarding succession duty taxes and fixing the pay to be allowed the auditors working in the departments.

The Ireland Trouble.

The premier, introducing his measure for the protection of Mr. Ireland and Mr. Biggs, said that since Friday the latter had informed him that he had sold a couple of acres of the front of his farm to the government for a provincial highway. The sum involved was \$300. The premier reviewed the history of the legislation "making for the independence" of the legislature. He pointed out that limited companies, with a member of the legislature as a member, could do business with the government and that, therefore, members should not be led astray when they saw the names of George Ecolston, Conservative, Muskoka; Hon. James Lyons, Minister of Lands and Forests, and Z. Marquis, Liberal, Sturgeon Falls, in the public accounts, as these actions had been legitimate.

No Evidence of Reduction.

"There is no real evidence of a reduction in the general expenditure and no sign of any real struggle for economy," said Mr. Fisher. "We do nothing with the deficit this year, except pay it out of borrowed money and leave it to posterity. We, on this side of the House, are prepared to take the position that we should have a balanced budget. If we can't get it by reduction, then we must get it by increased revenue."

Mr. Fisher said that it was time the whole tax question—federal, provincial and municipal, was receiving some attention. If the federal taxes could not be considered in conferences, then it was time the provincial and municipal authorities got together. It was impossible to say that Ontario had a system of taxation. The business tax was driving manufacturers to Quebec, and the income tax collected by municipalities often put a premium on dishonesty.

Branch Line to Rouyn.

In announcing the extension of the T. and N. O. into the Rouyn district in Quebec, the premier said that the road now had 557 miles of tracks and a total investment of \$30,000,000. It was not carrying all its charges, as it was opening up a country of great wealth. In building the road, he said, the province was showing no rivalry toward Quebec. The extension was on the Swastika branch and would be 37 miles long. He pointed out that 90

FRANCE'S CHAMPION SWORDSMAN WORSTED

In a Duel With a Man Who Said He Had Picked "Easy Marks."

Paris, March 11.—Lucien Gaudin, generally regarded in France as the world's greatest swordsman, was wounded yesterday in a duel with Armand Massard, Olympic champion. Massard's sword traversed the flesh of Gaudin's sword hand during their first passage at arms, and Gaudin was unable to continue.

Massard recently asserted Gaudin had been picking "easy marks" to meet to avoid jeopardizing his great reputation, and it is assumed that this was responsible for the duel.

Kitchener Raises Tax Rate.

Kitchener, March 11.—Kitchener's tax rate this year will be 37 mills or four mills more than last year, the highest rate in the history of the municipality. The rate was struck after five and one-half hours deliberation over the estimated receipts and expenses, and a record was established by the council when it sat until 2.45 a.m.

Bishop William A. Quayle of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died at Green Haven, Kansas, on Monday. The bishop succumbed to a heart attack.

EIGHTY YEAR OLD FATHER REJOICES OVER BABY SON

Owego, N.Y., March 11.—A romance of Brockville, Ont., was the marriage three years ago of Gladys Griffith of that place to Hyman P. Dutcher, now eighty, of this city, a veteran of the 184th New York Volunteers.

On Monday for the second time in that period, Mr. Dutcher claimed the record of being the oldest father of the youngest child in America. Both youngsters are boys. Mr. Dutcher's first son by a previous marriage is fifty-two years old. The veteran was at Winchester with Sheridan when he made his famous ride.

SENATORS ARE NOT VERY APPREHENSIVE

Talk of Reform in the Commons Does Not Disturb Upper Chamber.

Ottawa, March 11.—The Senate re-assembled last evening after an adjournment extending over nearly a month. During the interval the subject of Senate reform has been much discussed in the Commons, but, judging from the remarks of the senators themselves, they have little apprehension of the outcome.

The situation has resolved itself into an agreement in the Commons that a conference be held between the representatives of the Dominion and the provincial governments for the purpose of considering Senate reform. That it will get very far is rather doubtful, for a number of the members from Quebec take the view that the consent of all parties to the Confederation compact is necessary before its terms can be changed.

WOMAN THREATENED FOR INTEREST IN MURDERER'S FATE

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WANNIPEG IN GRIP OF BIG SNOWSTORM

The Street Car Service Paralyzed and Autos Abandoned in Road.

Winnipeg, March 11.—Winnipeg, in common with other prairie cities, yesterday was completely snow-bound, following the heaviest and most general storm that has swept the province in many years. For nearly twenty hours the snowfall continued without a moment's lull. A drop in temperature and increased wind velocity late Monday afternoon brought about a raging blizzard, drifts being piled up along all the principal thoroughfares.

Street car service was practically paralyzed yesterday morning, the cars being stalled on the tracks in all parts of the city and suburbs. Early deliveries were virtually impossible and automobiles were abandoned on the roads by many who attempted to plow through the drifts.

NOT TO INTERFERE IN NOVA SCOTIA STRIKE

Premier King Announces It Is Not for the Federal Government to Act.

Ottawa, March 11.—The Dominion Government will not take any immediate part in the strike situation in Nova Scotia, Premier King announced in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon in answer to a question asked by J. T. Shaw (Independent, Calgary West). Premier King said that as the premier of Nova Scotia had intimated that his government was prepared to cooperate with the labor unions in the matters of relief of distress, it was not for the federal government to interfere.

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Several persons confess they voted three times in the St. Catharines municipal elections.

Continuing Presbyterian Church Asks Legislature For Royal Commission to Divide the Property

Toronto, March 11.—The final draft of the Church Union bill to be presented to the legislature by the Continuing Presbyterian church provides that after June 10th no person shall exercise any of the rights, powers, or privileges of a member of minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada unless he is a member of a Presbyterian congregation not in communion with the United Church of Canada, and that any minister or member of any church or college board who is, on or after June 10th, a member of the United Church, shall be deemed to have forfeited his place and the proper authority within the church shall immediately proceed to fill his place on such board or society.

All ministers, elders, professors and officials of the Presbyterian Church in Canada who are members of the United Church shall be disqualified from acting as members of any court of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The bill in providing for a two-thirds vote to carry the congregational property into the United

Church, declares that in congregations where, on a vote taken under the Dominion Act, a two-thirds vote in favor of Union has been polled, another vote is unnecessary. Provision is also made for voting by proxy.

The legislature is asked to name a commission of three Supreme or County Court judges to make a fair and equitable division of the property between the Presbyterian Church and that part of it entering Union.

The petitioners are Thomas MacMillan, Toronto; Rev. Dr. A. Macgillivray, Guelph; Col. J. F. Michie and Rev. J. W. Macnamara, Toronto.

Bill in Legislature.

Toronto, March 11.—The bill of the non-concurring Presbyterians to the church union proposal was introduced in the legislature this afternoon by Findlay MacDiarmid (Conservative, West Elgin). It went through the necessary formalities and will go to the private bills committee to be considered with the other union bill.

FAKE \$100 BILLS.

The Imperial Bank Notes Are Counterfeited.

Toronto, March 11.—Officials of the Imperial Bank of Canada warn the public that a considerable number of counterfeit notes of its old British-American Bank Note Company issue dated 1st January, 1917, for \$100 each are appearing in circulation.

The face of the counterfeit note is black and white with some green, particularly over the "one hundred dollars" appearing above the signatures, and the back is a bright green with the words "Imperial Bank of Canada" appearing in a circle and the numerals "100" in large figures horizontally on either side of the device.

WARNING FROM "K.K.K."

Woman Threatened For Interest in Murderer's Fate.

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Winnipeg Block Burned.

Winnipeg, March 11.—The block occupied by the Richard Belliveau Wine Company and the Richardson Galleries, 330 Main street, was destroyed by fire morning. The loss is estimated at \$175,000. The building is owned by Senator Mulholland of Port Hope, Ont.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Russian Charged at Belleville With Killing a Rumanian.

Belleville, March 11.—Sergei Traci, a Russian, was placed on trial here to-day for murder, the charge being that he killed Alek Cruska, a Rumanian, at Point Anne, a suburb of Belleville, on Dec. 22nd last. Cruska was struck on the head with a hammer, the attack following the drinking of wine and card playing. Sgt. Rae of the provincial police testified that the accused man had made a statement to him, saying: "Alek hit me and I hit Alek."

SENTENCED TO JAIL.

For Trading Their Wives and Their Husbands.

Bloomfield, Mo., March 11.—Otis Craven and Art Wallace, farmers, who admitted that they traded wives, entered pleas of guilty on Saturday charges and were sentenced by Circuit Judge Walker to serve five months in jail. The wives received the same sentence.

Former Director of Geological Survey Dies in Ottawa

Ottawa, March 11.—Dr. William McInnes, director of the Victoria memorial museum, and former director of the geological survey of Canada, died here early this morning, aged sixty-seven. He did extensive exploration work in all parts of Canada, and several geological reports compiled by him will remain monuments of his efforts. He was a native of Fredericton, N.B.

Woodstock council passed a by-law fixing June 19th as the date for payment of the first instalment of taxes.

HOSPITAL STRIKE SETTLED; KINGSTON MASONS VICTORS

The Latter Went Back to Work on Wednesday Afternoon and Will Not Have to Join the Toronto Union—Return Under Same Conditions as Before.

The eleven local masons who were forced to quit work on the new clinic building at the Kingston General Hospital about ten days ago, returned to work on Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock. One of the men when speaking to the Whig stated that as a result of the conferences which have been held during the past week the differences between the Kingston and the Toronto unions have been settled and the local masons returned to the job under the same conditions which existed before they were forced to leave work.

The Kingston masons who belong to the International Trades Union were ordered to join the Toronto Masons Operative Union or pay \$2 a day until they did. They will continue to work on the new building at the General Hospital without doing this.

The rate of pay is 90 cents per hour, which is the union rate for the city of Kingston, while the Toronto men, who will continue to work with the Kingston men, will receive \$1.25 per hour which is the union rate for the city of Toronto.

The Kingston masons consider that they received a very fair deal when they were asked to join a Toronto union and at the same time they were working in a building which was being erected in Kingston.

The Kingston men are to be complimented on the splendid spirit they exhibited during the time they were off work. When they were requested to join the Toronto union they absolutely refused to do so, and left the job. Had they wanted they could have called a sympathetic strike as all the labor men in Kingston considered that they were getting an unfair and uncalled for deal, but they refrained from doing this and worked on the clinic building proceeded with the exception of the plastering.

QUEEN'S TO BUILD SIX COURTS AT \$3,000 COST

They Will Be Located at Rear of Nicol and Gordon Halls.

Queen's University will build six new tennis courts for the summer season and the work will be commenced just as soon as tenders have been awarded. It was announced at Queen's Athletic Board office today. One tender for the work has already been put in and another is expected this week. It is thought that the construction of the courts will run into about three thousand dollars before they are completed.

The new courts will be in the quadrangle at the rear Nicol and Gordon Halls, facing the new library. They will be of the best construction and modern in every way and will replace the ones which were at the campus, as these will be done away with this year. The courts in front of Fleming Hall will be maintained this year but no outlay of any large sum will be expended on them. The new courts are expected to be the finest in the city when completed.

Sealing Ship Crushed in Ice; Crew of Eighty Are Rescued

St. John's, Nfld., March 11.—The sealing steamer Stella Maria, one of the fleet which sailed from this port Saturday for the annual seal hunt, sent a radio message at daylight today that she had been crushed in the ice and was sinking. Her crew of eighty men had been taken off by her sister ship Prosper.

LEGISLATION MUST GO OVER.

Legislature Cannot Give It Due Consideration.

Toronto, March 11.—Premier Ferguson said yesterday that the city of Toronto's desire for legislation to enable municipalities to guarantee Hydro bonds for future power development, would not be realized at this session of the house.

"It appears to be designed to remove all financial control from the hands of the government, and to put it directly in the hands of the municipalities," said the premier. "It requires very careful consideration; more than we have time to give to it this session."

Euler Again Chairman.

Ottawa, March 11.—W. D. Euler (Liberal-North Waterloo) was again elected chairman of the special committee of the House which will consider estimates for the Canadian National Railway in session.

"For God's Sake Send Me Bread For My Children"; Telephone Request to Poor Relief

"For God's sake, send me some bread for my children," was the telephone request made to a representative of the Poor Relief Association on Tuesday. Upon making an investigation it was found that the husband and father was confined to the county jail and his family were in need of food and fuel. The needs of the home were attended to and it is expected that the man will be released from jail in the course of a couple of days on parole. The parole board at Toronto have had the case for consideration and have reported favorably upon it.

This is only one of the many requests which have been made during the winter months by women who were right up against it.

On Wednesday morning when a representative of the Whig was in the local office of the Ontario Government Labor Employment Bureau, a married woman walked in and stated that her family of six children were right up against it. Her husband, who had been able to get some work during the winter months, was confined to the hospital undergoing treatment, and there were no provisions in the home. The local superintendent found that the woman was not living in the city of Kingston and for that reason the city authorities could not do anything for her, but the superintendent took the case up with a representative from the municipality in which the family lives and their needs will be looked after.

In practically every case the men who inform the local officials that they need help are anxious to get work and not charity.

Queen's Students Have Subscribed \$27,000 Towards the Students' Union Campaign Fund

Queen's students have contributed \$27,000 for the Students Union building. Their objective was \$25,000, and on Wednesday afternoon, J. Alexander Edmison, convener of the campaign committee, announced that the students had "gone over the top."

The totals reported by the organizers are as follows: Science \$9,000; arts \$9,000; medicine \$7,000; Law \$2,000. It is expected that another thousand dollars will be subscribed. The money is payable within two years after the subscribers graduate.

The proposition is to purchase the present Orphan's Home and grounds

and buildings on Union street west, opposite the university. It is understood that the price is about \$45,000.

The total money in sight now is \$53,000, as the alumni have contributed \$25,000.

The students' campaign which began last Friday and ended Wednesday was under the direction of the following: Campaign committee, J. A. Edmison, J. H. Findlay, E. R. Smith and J. E. Mason. The faculty organizers were: Lovans, Miss Margaret Norris; science, R. W. Drybrough; medicine, J. S. Delehay; theology, J. A. Lytle; arts, E. M. Patton.

News In Condensed Form Off the Wires

Germany must enter the League of Nations without reservation, if at all, the League Council decides at Geneva.

Two Alberta villages, Bentley and Islay, voted against granting beer licenses under Alberta's local option law.

Four men were killed and three others injured at a Michigan Central local crossing near Dowagiac, Mich., on Tuesday.

The condition of Lord Curzon, who recently underwent an operation, continues satisfactory, an official bulletin says.

The superannuation and general finance departments of the Methodist church of Canada, hitherto separate, will be amalgamated.

The Royal Canadian Yacht Club has accepted the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club's invitation to sail an inter-club series on Lake St. Louis next summer.

John J. Garland, fifty-one, a former member of the Manitoba legislature, and one of the most prominent citizens of Portage la Prairie, died on Monday.

Legislation to abolish appeals from the supreme court of Canada is sought in a resolution of which notice has been given by A. R. McDaniel, Liberal member for Brom.