

Brackin's Government Control Amendment Defeated by 84 to 10

LEGISLATURE SAT ALL NIGHT DISCUSSING LIQUOR QUESTION; FURTHER DEBATE IS TO COME

Premier Ferguson Threatens Hon. W. E. Raney With Court Action if He Repeats Outside the House His Remarks Regarding "Cigar Box" Incident and Home Bank "Legals" —House Goes Into Supply.

Toronto, March 25.—The Brackin amendment to the budget speech was defeated this morning after an all-night session of the Legislature by a vote of 84 to 10. This amendment favored the sale of liquor in Ontario under a system of government control.

It was 9 a.m. before the vote was taken, the House having sat in continuous session since 3 p.m. yesterday with the exception of an adjournment for dinner.

During the night there were four speakers from all parties in the House. Three Conservatives, Col. John Currie (Southeast Toronto), F. W. Wilson (Windsor), and W. C. Weichel (South Waterloo), declared their intention to vote for the amendment moved by R. L. Brackin (Liberal, West Kent), which proposed a system of government control and sale of liquor. E. C. Graves (Conservative, St. Catharines), although declaring himself against the Ontario Temperance Act, said he would oppose the amendment as he regarded it as a direct want of confidence vote in the Government.

Let People Decide.

Dr. Wallis (Liberal, Algoma), A. McWhinney (Liberal, West Bruce) and W. E. N. Sinclair (Liberal leader), declared they would oppose the amendment, maintaining that the present law should remain on the statute books until the people by their votes declared for a change.

Practically every word of discussion throughout the night was on the liquor question, and other features of the budget were ignored. Several attempts were made by Opposition members to adjourn the debate, but Premier Ferguson insisted that it continue to a conclusion before the House rose.

Not Want of Confidence.

R. L. Brackin, who spoke again on the amendment, declared that it was a want of confidence motion.

"If the Premier will promise that, at this session or even next session, he will bring in a measure of government control of liquor, I will support him. I will go further, I will go out and win a riding for him," Brackin said there was no other way than the one he had adopted of bringing the matter before the House. He also announced that he might reconsider his previous announcement that he intended to resign from public life.

The Premier's Offer.

Promising his immediate resignation if any one could prove he had personal knowledge of the matter of the famous "cigar box" and the Home Bank legals, Premier Ferguson invited ex-Artillery-General Raney to make his "contemptuous insinuations" outside the House, where he will be made answerable to law.

White with anger, Premier Ferguson declared that "if any accusation Mr. Raney had made during the course of his Budget speech were made in his pet journal or any other paper, and I can make him answerable to law I will do it—I give the House and province the assurance that so far as I am personally concerned I have never had anything to do with any of those transactions, nor any personal knowledge whatever of the matters my friend has discussed."

The Premier's Declaration.

When the House and galleries were filled, despite the hour, in momentary expectation of the vote on the Brackin Government control amendment.

Violent Discussion.

The matter was precipitated into violent discussion when Mr. Raney, in his conclusion of a particularly vigorously worded address, said that

TURKEY DECIDES ON GOVERNMENT CONTROL

Constantinople, March 25.—The Turkish Government has decided to take over on June 1 the alcoholic drink business of the country. It will manufacture domestic, the national drink, which resembles aniseed cordial, and also light wines and beers, and regulate the importation of alcoholic beverages. Five per cent of the liquor revenue will be devoted to aviation, the army and the navy.

Viscount Allenby Likes Canada's Heating Methods

Ottawa, March 25.—Viscount Allenby told newspapermen who interviewed him at Rideau Hall yesterday that he had never been so comfortable indoors in his life as he had been since he came to Canada. He was strongly in favor of the Canadian system of central heating. Warm Canadian homes mitigate winter here in his view, and when reminded of Kipling's "Our Lady of the Snows," he remarked, smilingly, that he "didn't know anything about Kipling."

Threat of British Miners' Federation

London, March 25.—"If the Government's decision in the coal controversy is unsatisfactory to the miners and they have to strike on May 1, we have made arrangements that not one ton of coal will be handled throughout the country," said A. J. Cook, secretary-

general of the Miners' Federation in a speech at Westminster last night.

"We also have made sure that no coal shall enter this country from America or Germany," he added. "We are not going to be slaves any longer. The miners will starve before they accept any reduction in wages."

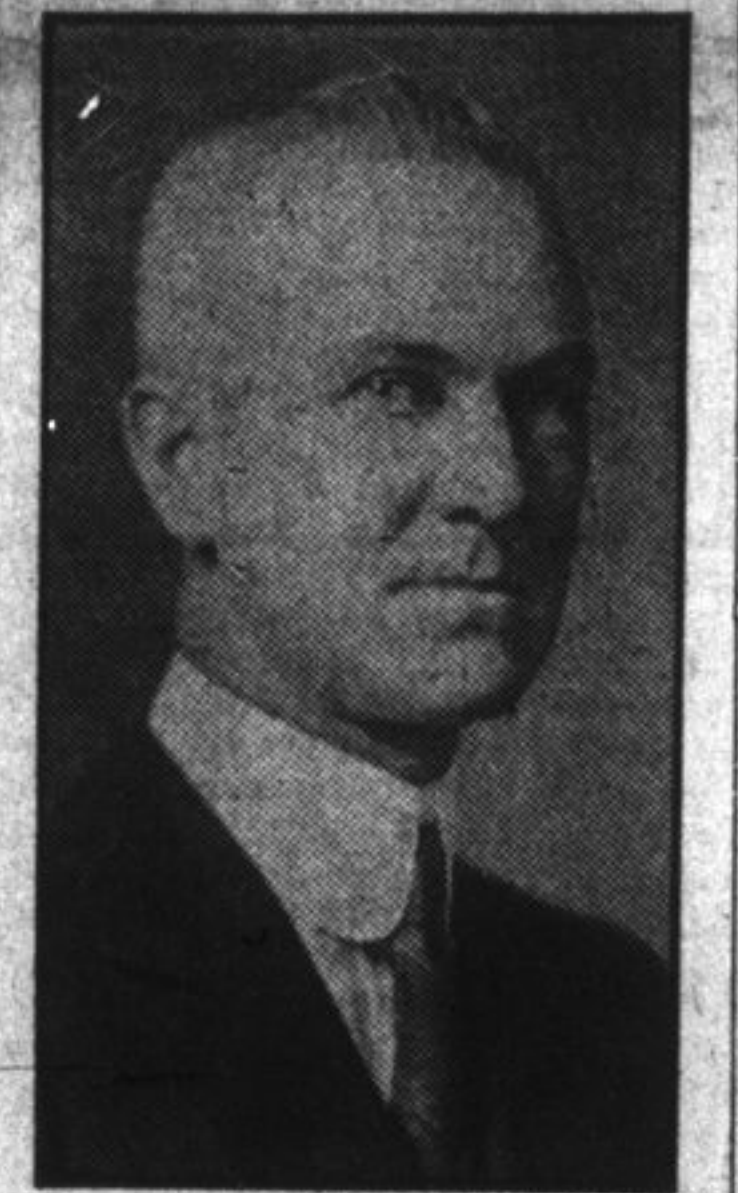
BISHOP BIDWELL MAY NOT LEAVE IN APRIL

May Induct St. George's Rector—Resignation Before House of Bishops.

A Toronto despatch says: "At a meeting of the House of Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario of the Church of England in Canada, held at Church House on Wednesday, the resignation of Right Rev. E. J. Bidwell, D.D., D.C.L., as Bishop of Ontario, was considered. No announcement of the action taken was made, but Right Rev. David Williams, Bishop of Huron, who presided, said that a statement would be issued shortly.

"When Bishop Bidwell submitted his resignation to the House of Bishops last fall, it was unanimously declined. Later he informed the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario of his intention to retire from office on April 15th. Before he can do so, however, he must, under canon law, have the consent of the Metropolitan, Most Rev. Dr. Thorneloe and other Bishops of the province."

It is understood in Kingston that Bishop Bidwell will remain in office until early in May, where he will induct the new rector of St. George's Cathedral.



MR. THOMAS G. BISHOP
Who this evening, at Board of Trade dinner, will be installed as President of the organization for 1926-7.

A VIGOROUS DENIAL

By Hon. W. E. Raney Regarding Campaign Funds.

Toronto, March 25.—Hon. W. E. Raney in the Legislature yesterday afternoon, drew the attention of the House to the reported statement of Major Tom Kennedy, of Peel, that Mr. Raney had received campaign funds from Abe Orpen, race track operator in Ontario. When the House convened Mr. Raney rose to his feet to vigorously deny the charge. He said:

"I am not suggesting that the member for Peel put his seat in jeopardy in trying to prove his charge, so I will ask the Premier to appoint a committee of this House to investigate the charges made by the member for Peel. If he has the instincts of a soldier, a gentleman and a sportsman he will appear before the committee to support his charges."

T. C. NORRIS TO RETIRE?

May Resign as Leader of Manitoba Liberals.

Winnipeg, March 25.—The resignation of Hon. T. C. Norris, veteran leader of the Manitoba Liberal party, is rumored in political circles here. It is stated that Mr. Norris will tender his resignation at a conference of the Liberal forces to-day. His desire to withdraw, it is stated, is due to failing health. He has previously declared that he would prefer to resign whenever a younger successor loomed on the political horizon.

Thursday's conference has been called ostensibly to discuss the question of bringing about the union of the Liberal and Progressive forces in the province. Several members of the Progressive party are said to be in favor of the proposed alliance.

BANDIT SHOTS BANK MANAGER AND FLEES

Falls to Secure Money in At- tempted Holdup at Strathroy.

Strathroy, March 25.—A lone bandit attempted to hold up the Royal Bank at the corner of Front and Frank streets here at three o'clock yesterday afternoon and after wounding the bank manager with a revolver shot, escaped in a motor car. He got no money, and it is reported that he had to abandon the car two miles north of Strathroy on the London-Sarnia highway.

P. P. Hughes, manager of the bank, was wounded when he came out of the office on hearing a disturbance in the bank. He was carrying his revolver in his hand, but without warning the bandit fired, striking Mr. Hughes in the right forearm, near the wrist. This shot disabled the arm in which the manager held his revolver. Then the bandit fled, followed by the bank accountant, S. G. Moore, who, also armed with a revolver, chased him out in the street, and got several motorists to follow the robber's car.

It was just after three o'clock that a young man entered the bank premises, and, walking up to the teller, William Johnson, asked him to give him bills in change for eight quarters. As the teller turned to him, the bandit, seeing that there was no one in the bank but the bank staff, pulled a revolver and demanded, "Hands up."

The only people in the bank were the teller and accountant, and a ledger-keeper, a stenographer and a junior clerk. The bandit ordered all of them to throw up their hands, but found difficulty in keeping all of them covered with his gun.

Says Slayer is Known.

Chicago, March 25.—Solution of the mysterious murder, in 1922, of William Des and Taylor, motion-picture directors, at Hollywood, is said to be imminent by Asa Keyes, district attorney of Los Angeles county. "We know who killed Taylor four weeks ago, but this eastern trip was for the purpose of getting corroborative evidence," Mr. Keyes was quoted as saying.

The eventual naming of the slayer and the conspirators who plotted the crime will be a surprise. The plot involved persons heretofore not mentioned in the case.

CHURCH UNION ACT UNDER DISCUSSION

In Legislature Private Bills Committee—An Amendment is Asked.

Toronto, March 25.—G. W. Mason, K.C., representing the United Church of Canada, was under heavy fire before the private bills committee of the legislature this morning, when he opposed a bill introduced by A. C. Lewis, Northwest Toronto, which would amend the Church Union Act passed last session, so that the church property commission would have power to make orders to alleviate hardship, notwithstanding any previous disposition of the case.

Mr. Mason said he had instructions from the United Church of Canada to facilitate anything that would make for a friendly settlement.

W. S. Haney, Conservative, Lambton, said he had not observed anything of the kind at Queen's Park.

The chief attack on Mr. Mason arose out of the Owen Sound case where the property commission had recommended that the United Church should sell the church to the Presbyterians for \$20,000 and which recommendation has been ignored. This, Mr. Mason said, was physically impossible.

W. Finlayson, Conservative, Simcoe, said it was his belief that if Rev. Dr. G. C. Pidgeon of the United Church would go to Owen Sound and devote half an hour to trying to settle affairs, an arrangement could be made in half an hour.

Bill Killed.

Toronto, March 25.—The private bills committee this afternoon killed by a vote of 25 to 21 the bill moved by A. C. Lewis, Conservative Toronto North-Cent, which would give to the Ontario church property commission power to enforce its recommendations.

THE COMMONS A UNIT UPON WATER STEAL

Meighen Puts Full Strength of Party Behind Government.

DETERMINATION SHOWN In Debate in the House—The Conservative Leader Is Vig- orously Applauded.

Ottawa, March 25.—From the temper displayed in Parliament yesterday, there can be no question of the resentment against the United States inactivity in the matter of the Chicago water steal. When Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen offered the full strength of his party behind the Government in a vigorous prosecution of Canada's case, he was applauded by all parties, even members of the Government, giving recognition of this patriotic offer. Mr. Meighen's characterization of the gross injustice done Canada by the United States Government was unqualified and vigorous; and when he said that if "we had an equal population with the United States that country would not act as it is now doing," he was vigorously applauded.

The question of the Chicago water diversion was brought before Parliament by T. L. Church, Toronto, who urged that Canada should take immediate and drastic action through the British Government to enforce the Boundary Waterways Treaty (1909), and forthwith collect damages from the United States for breaches of the treaty by the Chicago drainage canal. He also expressed regret at the failure of the Canadian Government to secure justice to Canada. Mr. Church was supported in his contention by Hon. Edmond Bristol.

Want the Water Back.

"I think," declared Hon. Charles Stewart, in the course of his speech, "that Canada should take the ground that we will not admit diversion; we are asking not for compensation; we want the water back, and nothing else. When in Washington last week I had a conversation with Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce. Mr. Hoover is most anxious for a solution of this very vexed question. We do not recognize the diversion of water by Chicago. We want the restoration of the whole of the water which has been diverted illegally from the Great Lakes. We are not so much concerned with compensation for damage done; we want the water and nothing else. We are ready to give Chicago a reasonable time to establish sewage disposal works."

Should Be a Unit.

Mr. Meighen said this question had been before Parliament for four sessions without even obtaining an assertion of our right. On this important international issue, whatever Government was in power should have the united support of our people. The United States was not interested in the right of Canada; we were supposed to look after ourselves; but our goodwill was too valuable an asset to our neighbors to be lightly disregarded by them. The people of Canada should freely and unanimously express their views on the gross injustice done this country by the United States.

"Protests, close contact, and watchful waiting," he said, "had brought us nowhere. So far we had to dig down in our own pockets and make up what the United States had stolen. We should get in the position where the United States would be at our door instead of us at theirs. At once we should insist on this case going before the International Joint Commission, for if we depended on the United States Supreme Court we would be in no better position in 1925 than now."

Sheep Are Worried To Death by a Cat

Hanover, March 25.—George Sperson, a farmer residing in East Grey, had two sheep worried to death by a cat. It often happens that a sheep is worried to death by dogs, but this is the first time that a sheep is known to have been worried by a cat.

The animal was caught in the act by the owner of the sheep, who shot it.

WALL STREET MARKET COLLAPSES AGAIN

115 Securities Crashed to Low Record—Fitful Rally at End.

New York, March 25.—For the second time within the month stock market prices collapsed yesterday under a wave of liquidation which came from all parts of the country, which affected securities of all sorts and drove prices of 115 securities listed on the New York Exchange to the lowest prices of the year. There was a fitful rally just at the close of the market, when those who had sold stocks for the decline covered their commitments, but the losses for the day ranged from two to five points in the run of stocks, with an extreme decline of 22 1/4 points in American Can and of 9 3/4 points in General Electric, the two pivotal stocks in the day's market.

A combination of circumstances has unsettled confidence in the market, emboldened the professional bears and hurried liquidation. The factors most prominent may thus be enumerated.

Should be in Cemetery.

Cochrane, March 25.—Crimes, so revolting as to be indescribable, have been revealed here in connection with the work of ghouls who sometimes between the 5th and 16th of the month desecrated the vault in the Roman Catholic cemetery, three miles from Cochrane.

WINNIPEG HUSBAND BITES HIS WIFE.

Winnipeg, Man., March 24.—George Kurullak had a peculiar sense of humor. He persuaded his male friends to write passionate letters to his wife and then came home and bit her because she read them. This was the story told by Mrs. Kurullak in court yesterday.

The case was remanded for a week, while the husband was advised to have his teeth pulled in the meantime.

RECEIVES DEATH PENALTY.

Man Slew Nurse When Visiting Vancouver Hospital.

Vancouver, March 24.—Benito Pasquale, Porto Rican, was last evening found guilty by an Assize Court jury of murder in connection with the slaying of Nurse Anne Roedde, in the General Hospital here on the evening of December 2nd last. He was sentenced by Mr. Justice Murphy to be hanged on July 14th.

Pasquale, while visiting the hospital, attacked Nurse Roedde who was on duty, and almost severed her head from her body with a razor. He then attempted to take his own life by slashing his throat.



HON. THOMAS A. LOW
Former minister of trade and commerce, who, according to word from Ottawa, is to be chairman of the federal tariff board.

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CHURCHILL IS CRITICAL OF THE U.S. PLAN

With Regard to the Collection of War Debts.

WITHIN HER RIGHTS

But Morally the War Expenses Should Be on Different Foot- ing in Common Cause.

London, March 25.—Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, emphasized the differences of opinion between Great Britain and the United States on the subject of the allied war debts.

Great Britain, he said, took the view that war expenses in a common cause could not be considered morally on the same footing as ordinary commercial debts. The United States had not agreed with the British attitude and Great Britain had been forced to adapt herself to the United States' view.

He added that there should be no question that the United States was entirely within her full legal rights in the position she had adopted. The chancellor said it was a remarkable fact that at present the United States was receiving from Europe, under the arrangement already made, an amount approximately equal to the whole of the reparations which Germany was paying.

The bulk of the receipts from Germany went to France, who was not paying her war debts. The bulk of the payments to the United States were made by Great Britain, largely out of her own resources. This situation would change.

When France, Italy and the others all founded their war debts to Great Britain and the United States, then the United States from all sources would be receiving directly or indirectly by far the larger portion, at least sixty per cent. of the total probable reparations from Germany—the first sixty per cent. of the reparations payable by Germany.

It seemed to him that it was an extraordinary situation which would be developed. The pressure of debt extractions would draw the reparations through these different channels from the devastated war-stricken countries of Europe "in an unbroken stream across the Atlantic to that wealthy, prosperous nation."

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EASTER RECESS DELAYED.

Adjournment is Not Likely to Take Place This Week.

Ottawa, March 25.—Adjournment of the House of Commons for the Easter recess is not likely to take place this week. The Government's motion for adjournment from Friday evening until the Tuesday after Easter was not reached on the order paper yesterday. Answering a question from Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Hon. Ernest Lapointe said that if the House could not agree on the longer adjournment, the Government would not press the motion.

For a number of years the Easter recess has lasted from Wednesday afternoon until the following Tuesday afternoon. It appears likely that this will be the procedure followed this year.

LODGE HAS SOLVED WIRELESS HOWLER

The Discovery Will Ensure Perfect Reception With- out Aerial Tuning.

London, March 25.—The Evening Standard says that after three years of research, Sir Oliver Lodge, the eminent scientist, has solved the problem of the wireless "howler" or oscillator, which has baffled experts throughout the world.

Briefly, the paper says, the discovery will ensure perfect reception without aerial tuning, thus avoiding the use of reaction (regeneration).

It will not add to the cost of new sets, but will mean the alteration of existing receivers. Sir Oliver expects to publish the results of his activities soon.

Great steel concerns of the world to fix uniform price for steel rails, it is reported in Paris.