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T. W. CALDWELL, IN DENUNCIATION OF BUDGET PROPOSALS, WARNS GOVERNMENT ITS END IS NEAR

Member for Carleton, N. B., Declares Luxury Tax Wrong Because the Exemption Was Too Low—Bringing Tax Methods Into Effect Immediately After Reading of the Budget Characterized as Ridiculous.

Ottawa, May 28.—(Canadian Press).—Taking part in the budget debate in the Commons at a late hour last night, T. W. Caldwell (Carleton, N. B.) arraigned the Government for failing to reduce the tariff.

Mr. Caldwell disputed Mr. Chaplin's figures about the purchase of Ford cars, and said that if the tariff was removed "he and his like would certainly lose a great big graft they have been making off the people of Canada.

Mr. Caldwell said the National Progressives did not intend to support either of the old line parties blindly. They did not propose to be whipped into line by either side. He would support the Fielding amendment because another could not be moved. He warned the Government to prepare to find itself third in the House after a general election.

The luxury tax in the budget had missed its mark because the exemption was too low. No man could afford to buy shoes under $9 or a suit of clothes under $45 nowadays. Bringing the tax into force within a few hours of the budget speech being delivered, Mr. Caldwell classed as a return to the day of miracles. Why consult Parliament at all? he asked.

He suggested an export tax of ten per cent on print paper. This would bring in millions in revenue yearly. Canadian publishers of small papers were being forced to the fail, because of high prices and shortage of newsprint, but millions of dollars' worth of paper was being exported annually.

FISHING STREAMS NEAR LONDON TO BE RESTOCKED SHORTLY

Local Anglers' Association Behind Excellent Move—Minister of Fisheries Promises Action.

Through the efforts of the London branch of the Ontario Forest, Fish and Game Association and Dr. H. A. Stevenson, M. P. P., the River Thames in the near future will be restocked with fish, and the old-time fishing success of local anglers will likely return next season. The London branch of the above association of which William Smith is president and Ernest Heard secretary, has a strength of 400 members at present, and when a committee recently appointed by this organization interviewed the minister of fisheries at Toronto he promised to restock the Thames at once.

About six years ago there were bass, pike and pickerel in abundance, and also many trout in this district, but local anglers claim that during the last three years, owing to nets placed at the mouth of the Thames, near Mitchell's Bay, the fish have been prevented from coming up the river. However, residents of that district deny that the fish have been prevented from entering the stream. The local anglers point as proof of their claim to the Government report on fishing in 1920. For Kent County, including the River Thames, 46,074 pounds of pike, 20,046 pounds of pickerel or dore, 84,640 pounds of perch, 40,908 pounds of catfish, 98,965 pounds of carp, and 260,413 pounds of mixed and coarse fish were taken, with a total value of $28,257.

Make Application.

Following the interview with the minister of fisheries at Toronto, and by his instructions, the London association made application to the department of fish and game to restock the river with pickerel and large-mouthed black bass below Byron, and for parent fish and small-mouthed bass in the north branch of the Thames. They will circulate a petition among the farmers adjoining the latter locality to close the stream for two years to permit the parent fish to breed and spawn, and if sufficiently signed this petition will be taken to the Dominion Government for sanction.

Three or four other streams in London district will be stocked with trout. Negotiations will be opened with the public utilities commission for a fish runway at Hunt's dam, and the local organized anglers are confident that the commission will work in harmony with them in this thing. The association, which meets twice a month in the county courthouse, will start a drive for new members in the near future, as the officers believe that only by unity will district anglers put fishing on a real sportsmanlike basis here. With every encouragement for restocking streams by the provincial authorities, some of which will be done this summer, the members are enthusiastic, and maintain that in a year or two fish will be as plentiful and the sport as popular as it was six years ago in Western Ontario.

Keep In Dark.

Favorite fishing holes in the district are usually kept dark, but the association members who use artificial bait in the sport are not backward in discussing the relative merits of various localities. In the city they consider the cove and below Hunt's dam as fair. Urged by Dr. H. A. Stevenson, M. P. P., Pond Mills has been stocked by the Provincial Government with bass fry, and he is endeavoring to obtain more for this pond.

However, the river is the favorite haunt, Kilworth and vicinity yielding wonderful pickerel, while Komoka, Delaware and Byron are the pike, pickerel and bass grounds, although the quantity of fish is rapidly depleting. Local authorities on the subject claim that the north branch of the Thames, with its pure spring water, is the most wonderful fishing stream in Canada. With the stock of small-mouthed bass depleted there, as at present, however, things are not so alluring. In the south branch regions about Dorchester, Nilestown and Putnam are good for the angler, the latter point being famed for its pike supply.

Pickerel is not allowed to be caught from April 15 to June 15, both days inclusive, and these regulations aid this species in production. At Port Stanley the perch are good, but in the words of a local followers of the rod, "the place has been fished to death."

Moslems Will Reduce Thrace To Ashes Rather Than Allow City to Be Occupied By Greeks

Constantinople, May 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Moslem leaders in the vilayet of Adrianople, in European Turkey, are sending their families to this city in anticipation of fighting when the Greeks attempt to occupy Thrace. Christians, however, are not permitted to leave their homes in that region. Just before the conclusion of the recent Turkish congress in Adrianople, the presiding officer declared an agreement to defend Thrace had been reached between the Turks and Bulgarians.

A mass meeting was held at Rodosto, 60 miles northeast of Gallipoli, on May 22, the keynote of addresses made there being "We will reduce Thrace to ashes before leaving it to the Greeks," it is said.

Many of the speakers and prominent men in attendance took the oath upon the Koran to defend Thrace.

Russian Gold Ingots May Be Put on Market

Bolshevik Minister to Discuss Plan With Lloyd George

London, May 28.—Premier Lloyd George will meet Gregory Krassin, the Russian Bolshevik minister of trade and commerce, this week, says the Times, which also mentions a rumor "circulated through channels notoriously in touch with the premier's entourage," that both the subject of negotiations and the persons engaged in them "would be more widely extended than at present acknowledged." M. Krassin will propose, among other things, says the newspaper, to put ingots of Russian gold, stamped with the seal of the old Russian Government, on the English market, and it is believed the main object of his visit here is to obtain a general license to send such gold to England and sell it here.

What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES.

Allen—"The River's End."

Patricia—Mary Maclaren, in "The Road to Divorce."

Loew's—Ethel Clayton, in "The Sixth Commandment," and vaudeville.

Grand—London Public Schools' Festival.

OTHER EVENTS.

Advertising Club—Ladies' Night, Tecumseh House.

London Reform Association—Hyman Hall, 8 p.m.

A., F. and A. M.—King Solomon Lodge, 378, Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.

St. George's, R. A. C.—Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.

POPE WISHES HAPPY FUTURE FOR IRELAND

Requests Cardinal Logue to Convey Sentiments to People.

Rome, May 28.—Pope Benedict yesterday received and bade farewell to Cardinal Logue, primate of Ireland. The pontiff requested the cardinal to interpret his sentiments to the cardinal's flock and to convey to them personally the apostolic benediction.

Replying to an address from Cardinal Logue, Pope Benedict referred to the timeliness of the beatification of Oliver Plunkett, the first primate of Ireland, and expressed his gratification at having been the instrument of God in the beatification. He wished the happiest future for Ireland and concluded by giving the benediction to Cardinal Logue as the successor of Oliver Plunkett to the Irish episcopacy and all those representing Ireland, and particularly to my beloved Irish people.

LOGUE IS CHEERED.

Rome, May 28.—Sean O'Ceallagh, president of the Irish Parliament, and "diplomatic delegate extraordinary of the Government of the Irish republic," gave a reception here on the occasion of the beatification of Oliver Plunkett, first bishop of Armagh. Attending the function were Cardinal Logue, primate of Ireland; Irish bishops, prominent citizens of that country, students of the Irish College here, Archbishop Hanna of San Francisco, and Rev. Charles O'Hern, rector of the American College.

Cardinal Logue, in speaking, evoked prolonged cheering when he said it was the first time the Irish president had attended a gathering of the Irish republic.

Irish patriotic airs were sung during the reception.

STEAMER GRACIANA ASHORE.

London, May 28.—According to a radio message received here today, the British steamer Graciana is ashore at Cumstane, Karne Island, and is making water in Nos. 1 and 2 holds. Fifteen members of the crew are still aboard.

SEES BANKRUPTCY IF FINANCIAL METHODS ARE NOT IMPROVED

Former Italian Premier Says Two Dangers Confront Country.

COLOSSAL DEFICIT

Revision of War Contracts and Return of Excess Profits Advised.

Rome, May 28.—Italy expects from her cabinet a program of true reconstruction, according to Former Premier Giolitti, in an interview published today in the Tribuna. He declared there were two dangers threatening the country, the discredit of parliament and disastrous financial conditions.

"In the last twelve months Italy's deficit has reached 18,000,000,000 lire," he said, "while in 52 years—from 1862 to 1914—it was not over 14,000,000,000. This possibly has been only because parliamentary control over finances has been lacking, but it means going straight to bankruptcy if expenses are not immediately stopped. To insure a large income, two principal means exist: Revision of contracts concluded by the government during the war, and the taking back of the amounts paid beyond the honest price and the rigid application of a tax on inheritances."

BORDEN'S FOLLOWERS INSIST THAT TERM UNION BE DROPPED

Name Likely To Be Adopted As "Constitutional Reform Party."

Ottawa, May 28.—(Canadian Press).—It was learned on good authority last night that one name to be submitted to the caucus of Government supporters when it meets next week will be "the constitutional reform party." Members who discussed it yesterday were practically unanimous in their opinion that the change would meet the almost unanimous consent of the caucus.

"We have as much right to adopt this name as Sir John MacDonald had to adopt the name of 'confederation' in 1867," said one prominent Government supporter who was present at the discussion yesterday. Other names suggested today were "National Party," "National Liberal-Conservative Party" and "United Canadian Party." It was fully agreed, according to the authority that the term "union" shall be dropped entirely.

ITALIAN DEPUTIES ARE ACQUITTED ON TREASON CHARGES

Insufficient Proof of Guilt Adduced by Government.

Rome, May 28.—Seven persons accused with former Deputy Filippo Cavallinie of communicating "intelligence to the enemy" during the war, have been acquitted here. This case has been going on for the last three years, and at times seemed to have a close relation with the prosecutions of Bolo Pasha and Joseph Caillaux in France. Four former deputies were among those placed on trial. It was found the proof of guilt adduced by the government was not sufficient to justify conviction.

STATUS UNCHANGED.

Rome, May 28.—The acquittal of the former Italian deputy, Filippo Cavallinie, of the charge of treason in Italy will make no difference to his status in France, it is declared here. He is still under sentence of death in that country, having been condemned at the same time as Bolo Pasha.

20,000 RAILWAYMEN IN INDIA ARE ON STRIKE

Trains Raided and Passengers Forced to Alight.

London, May 28.—New disorders in connection with the strike of employees of the great Peninsula Railway in India are reported in a Bombay dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, which says the number of strikers is more than 20,000.

At Matunga station several thousand men gathered yesterday, destroyed the railway telegraph line, stopped trains, forced passengers to alight and did considerable other damage. Refreshment cars were raided and food and drink taken. Police reinforcements dispersed the crowd after firing blank cartridges, but traffic over the road is being greatly embarrassed.

ARMENIANS CRUSH RADICAL UPRISING

Loyal Troops Now in Control of Alexandropol.

Constantinople, May 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Armenians have crushed the Bolshevik uprising against their government in Erivan, and a loyal Armenian army is now in control of Alexandropol, according to a message received from thhe Armenian capital by M. Pekratian, Armenian diplomatic representative at Tiflis.

SENEGALESE TROOPS WILL BE SENT TO NEAR-EAST TO REINFORCE FRENCH

Paris, May 28.—Senegalese regiments which participated in the occupation of Frankfort and other cities east of the Rhine and which were recently withdrawn from German soil will be sent to the Near East as reinforcements to French forces there, says the journal. They will leave, it is said, about June 10.

LEAVE 'EM ALONE AND THEY'LL COME DOWN

—Eagle, Brooklyn.

The Way One Man "Puts It Over"

Just because he lifted a telephone receiver at an inopportune moment one of the city's aldermen has lost a good deal of his faith in human nature and incidentally is more determined than ever to have assessment revised.

Through one of those mysterious arrangements of fate he went to his phone to call a number. On putting the receiver to his ear he found that he was "listening in" on a conversation between a local man with an interest in an estate, valued around a million dollars, and the man's solicitor.

Being a perfect gentleman the alderman commenced immediately to "hang up," but one or two phrases of the conversation justified him, in his mind, in listening to the remainder of the talk.

The gentleman was arranging with his lawyer to clear up the details of a purchase of land he had just made. "I just bought that piece of property from a widow for $2,800," he said. "I want you to make sure the title is all right and register the transfer."

"Very well," agreed the solicitor.

"By the way," inquired the gentleman. "Will it be necessary to name the full purchase price of the property when you are registering it? I am paying the woman a thousand dollar Victory Bond for it, and three annual installments of $600 each. Now, I don't want to be assessed and pay taxes on that amount. I don't have to, do I?"

"Oh, no. You can register the sale prices as being as small as a dollar," said the solicitor.

"All right. That will do. Make it a dollar."

"What provision will I make for interest on the remainder of the payment?" asked the lawyer.

"Never mind about that. I'm not paying her any interest. I'm just paying her the $1,800 in three annual installments of $600, and there wasn't anything said about interest. Good-bye."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE WILL MAKE INVESTIGATION INTO WORKINGS OF ONTARIO TEMPERANCE ACT

Reported Defects in Measure Will Be Carefully Scrutinized—All Shades of Political Affiliation Are Represented On Special Body Named by Premier Drury.

Toronto, May 28.—An important committee is one made up of representatives of all parties to investigate the Ontario temperance act and its administration, and return its finding to the House in the form of drafted amendments at the next session, which was named by Premier Drury at the Legislature today.

Reputed weaknesses of the O. T. A. charges of maladministration, the working of the Ontario board of license commissioners, and other questions concerned in temperance affairs in the province, will be taken up from every angle

COMMITTEES NAMED.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, May 28.—The committee of members of the Legislature to investigate and report on the whole question of the Ontario temperance act and amendments, and the working out of the act, was named today in the Legislature by Premier Drury. The committee in its personnel is included in the majority to moderation of temperance reform. The committee follows:

U. F. O.—Messrs. Drury, Raney, Watson, Nixon, McCrearry, Sandy, Lethbridge, Casselman, Hicks, Warren.

Liberals—Messrs. Tolmie, Hay, Marshall, Pinard, Dewart, Curry, Clarke.

Conservatives—Messrs. Forbes Godfrey, Ross (Kingston), Henry, Ecclestone, Thompson (Toronto).

Labor—Messrs. Swayze and Heenan.

The special committee on proportional representation was named as follows: Messrs. Drury, Raney, Doherty, Smith, Watson, Tooms, Homuth, Marshall, O'Neill, Racine, Henry, Price and Hill.

The committee to deal with hydro distribution and prices is as follows: Messrs. Lethbridge, Casselman, Greenlaw, Cook and O'Neill. Three of the members represent ridings far from the source of hydro supply, and will be favorable to flat rates. The other two are opposed.

One Hundred Citizens Want Divorces

More than 100 citizens want divorces. Major G. N. Weekes has a petition in his office which asks for a divorce court in Ontario. Only those who are personally interested are permitted to sign it. When they affix their names to it they must state that they want a divorce. Up to this afternoon more than one hundred names were secured. There is a possibility that many additional ones will be secured as the time for signing does not expire until Saturday night.

Former Kaiser Making His Own Clothes

Proves an Adept With Needle and Shears.

London, May 28.—William of Hohenzollern, former emperor of Germany, is trying his hand as a tailor, according to a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam. He is cutting out patterns for many new suits with which he is going to stock his wardrobe, and the dispatch quotes a trade paper as declaring he is "excelling at the job."

"How unfortunate it is," says this paper, "that William missed his vocation. After all the notoriety he achieved as an emperor, one can imagine what would have been his fame as a tailor."

FEW STRIKERS RETURN.

New Bedford, Mass., May 28.—Few strikers returned to the cotton cloth mills here today as a result of the vote taken last night to end the walkout, which has been in effect in eighteen plants for the past four weeks. It is expected that most of the operatives will delay their return until next Tuesday, when a 15 per cent wage increase, recently announced by the manufacturers, becomes effective.

Union leaders estimate that 13,000 operatives have been on strike. The loss in wages is said to have amounted to nearly $1,000,000.

LATEST AMENDMENTS CAUSE UKRAINIANS TO LEAVE DOMINION

Western Farmers to Start for Native Land in July.

Winnipeg, May 28.—About 100 farmers and their families, mostly Ukrainians, will leave Western Canada for the Ukraine late in July, abandoning the farms on which some of them have been living for the past ten years or even longer, it was said today by steamship agents. The cause of this emigration is said to be the latest amendments to the naturalization act.

PROFIT OF $4,257,669 MADE BY CHICAGO FIRM OF PACKERS

Chicago, May 28.—A profit of $4,257,669 for the year ending May 1, 1920, was made by Libby, McNeil & Libby, packers, according to the annual statement given out last night. After paying dividends of $1,280,000 and reserving $1,550,000 for 1919 taxes, $1,427,669 was added to the surplus fund, increasing its total to $10,753,811.

Amendment to Beck Act Will Prevent Any Council Granting Higher Street Car Fares Until People First Consent to Plan

Col. W. H. Price of Parkdale Introduces Bill At This Morning's Session of Legislature—Dr. H. A. Stevenson, M. L. A., of London, Premier Drury and Others Support Proposed Amendment—H. H. Dewart, Liberal Leader, Is Only One To Object — Bill Is Expected To Pass Parliament.

Toronto, May 28.—At the opening of the Legislature this morning Col. W. H. Price (Parkdale), requested the premier's permission to introduce an amendment to the Beck act of 1909, to make it impossible for municipal councils to pass bylaws permitting any alterations or modifications of franchises without the consent of the electors.

Consent was given, and the bill was given its first reading. Col. Price requested that the second reading might be given at once also, but after objections had been raised by H. H. Dewart, Premier Drury asked the Parkdale member to leave the second reading until the afternoon, in order that the members might study its significance.

Immediate support was given the bill by John O'Neil, Southeast Toronto, and Dr. Stevenson, of London, while the premier stated that he himself would vote for it. Col. Price explained that the bill would cover the situation generally throughout the province wherever there were street railways, but he had in mind in particular the recent situation in London, where the city council recently took advantage of the liberty allowed by the Beck act to pass such a bylaw without submitting it to the electors. Mr. O'Neil said the same situation might arise in Toronto affairs, and that the obvious merit of the act left no room for debate.

Mr. Dewart objected, because slight modifications which frequently become necessary would be prevented by it.

Attorney-General Raney—I think perhaps the House should know what situation the bill is intended to apply to.

The attorney-general wanted to know if it applied to the Toronto railway company or what situation.

Col. Price—The situation is a general one. It has been brought up more particularly in the city of London, but while it happens to be a particular case it affects every municipality where they have a street railway.

Mr. Price stated the effect of the decision was that a city council could pass a bylaw to change rates under a franchise that had been existing. The Beck act, which has stood on the statute books and apparently considered effective for the last eleven or twelve years, seemed defective.

"What it means is this: I take it that in any municipality where they have a franchise the city council may pass a bylaw without going to the ratepayers and having a vote. If far-reaching changes are to be made there should be a vote of the people."

ANTHRACITE COAL MINERS NOT TO GO ON STRIKE

Men Will Abide by Commission's Report.

Wilkesbarre, May 28.—Anthracite mine workers will abide by any decision of the presidential coal commission to settle their wage dispute, and all danger of a stoppage of work in the hard coal region has passed, Thos. Kennedy, president of District No. 7, declared here today. He said that the miners in refusing yesterday to consider a strike at this time and in accepting a commission had adopted the only logical and honorable course.

TWO ARE KILLED IN PROGRESS OF RIOT AT BIG RUBBER FACTORY

Trouble Caused When Employees Start To Break Strike.

TROOPS ORDERED OUT.

Bristol, R. I., May 28. — Three troops of military were ordered out by Governor Beckman today after a riot, in which strike sympathizers attacked young women clerks and other working employees of the National India Rubber Company. The governor's proclamation declared the town in a state of insurrection.

The plant has been closed, except for the office force and repair men, since the strike began three weeks ago.

Bristol, R. I., May 28.—Two strike sympathizers were shot and two factory guards injured by stones during a riot today outside the plant of the National India Rubber Company.

The trouble started with the arrival of a morning train bringing women clerks, mechanics and other employees whose work had not stopped with the closing of the factory on account of a strike. It lasted fifteen minutes and ended with the sounding of a riot call on the fire alarm, calling out every available special policeman.

REPORT ON MONDAY.

Ottawa, May 28.—(By Canadian Press).—The report of the board of commerce covering its activities during the past year will be submitted to the Government on Monday, May 31. This is the last day under the requirements of the law on which the report can be made. The board's supervision of commerce in Canada, of costs of production, profit taking, etc., will be set out in the report, as well as details of the special investigations which the board has been conducting into such extraordinary conditions as the fluctuations of the sugar market and the marketing of Canadian newsprint.

LONDON IS TO HAVE AMERICAN CONSUL

Expected To Arrive Here Shortly.

London is to have an American consul in the near future, according to information received from reliable sources this morning. Although the appointment has not been officially announced, word has been received from Washington that a consul will be sent to this city shortly.

The need for a consul in this city has been felt for some time. London is the centre of an exceedingly populous district, and almost half-way between two American frontiers. As the city is a great distributing point, much business with the United States is transacted here. There has been no consul here for the past fifteen years.

Inquiries for such an office were continually being made by Americans traveling through the city. As the nearest offices are located in Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and Windsor, they were forced to go to these places to have their business transacted.

Realizing the need, the local Chamber of Commerce has been working for some months to secure an appointment for London. Recently the American commissioner visited the city to look the ground over. He reported favorably to Washington.

Gordon Phillip, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, could make no statement regarding the appointment.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 85; lowest, 49.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 70; lowest, 46.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.

Toronto, May 28—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Today—Northwest winds; fine.

Saturday—Light winds; fine and moderately warm.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	58	40	Fair
Calgary	68	34	Clear
Winnipeg	68	44	Clear
Port Arthur	62	38	Clear
Parry Sound	70	42	Clear
Port Stanley	70	48	Fair
Toronto	82	48	Cloudy
Ottawa	84	52	Fair
Montreal	82	58	Clear
Quebec	82	58	Clear

Weather Notes.

An area of high pressure now covers the Great Lakes, while there are areas of low pressure over Saskatchewan and the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The weather is showery in northern districts of the Western Provinces, and fine in other parts of the Dominion.

RETROACTIVE CLAUSE INVALIDATES ACTION OF LONDON'S COUNCIL

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, May 28.—Another surprise was sprung on the House this morning when Col. Price (Parkdale) introduced an act amending the "Beck act," which will nullify the effect of the Ontario railway board substitute for the McCrea bill, giving municipal councils the right to agree to an increase in street railway fares without the consent of the people. This bill would have blocked the move already taken in London, Ont. The Beck act prevents any granting, renewing or extending of a public utility franchise without the consent of the people. The Price amendment now makes it impossible to make "any alteration or modification" without the consent of the electors. The London case is dealt with in a clause making the bill retrospective.

The bill was given a first reading, the only critic being H. H. Dewart. Other Liberals, however, were strongly in favor of the bill. Col. Price, introducing the bill, said it was primarily to meet the London case, where the city council increased rates in the face of a negative verdict by the people.

Dr. Stevenson, member for London, supported the bill strongly. The bill will get a second reading this afternoon and may go right through before night.

SIR ADAM BECK EXPLAINS OBJECT OF ORIGINAL ACT

Toronto, May 28.—(By Canadian Press).—Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the hydro-electric commission, speaking today in reference to Col. Price's bill, remarked that the intention of the act some years ago was to prevent the making of agreements or contracts by municipal corporations without a vote of the people. "The matter of increasing rates," he said, "was submitted in the case of Windsor and London, and in both municipalities the bylaws were defeated. But in London the other night the council took advantage of a judgment given in the court of appeal and decided to raize the fares, although the people had voted otherwise. That was not the intention of the act, and Col. Price's amendment makes it clear that a municipal corporation cannot break any agreement or alter the terms of the agreement without a vote of the people."

HIGHER FARES ON STREET RY. MAY BECOME EFFECTIVE JUNE 8

Men Decide To Operate Cars Until That Time, After Two-Hour Conference With Chairman D. M. McIntyre of Railway War Board This Morning.

June 7 at midnight was set as the time limit for further operation of the street railway without increased pay by the union executive in conference with D. M. McIntyre, chairman of the railway board, today.

It had been previously arranged that the board should relinquish its control of the railway tomorrow. As the new agreement for the company had not been prepared by the city, and the men would not operate the road unless an immediate increase was granted, it became necessary to lengthen the time of operation under the board's direction. The men would not resume work for the company or the city on the strength of any promise that might be made.

The members of the executive were not anxious to continue working without higher wages, even with the board in control, and it was only after a two-hour discussion of the problem that they agreed to remain on duty until the first Monday in June. This is the date of the next council meeting. If the necessary bylaw is not passed then and the new agreement signed so that the men can get more money, the cars will be left in the barns the following morning.

It is likely, however, that the bylaws will be passed. The representatives of the company at a meeting last night agreed to the general terms, and City Solicitor Meredith will begin work immediately on the details.

A demand for a special election immediately may be made at the council meeting, although Mayor Little has stated that there is no money for the purpose. Even if this is granted, three weeks' notice must be given, which would mean that no election could be held before July 1.

City Clerk Baker said today that if a plebiscite was taken the cost might be reduced to $500 or $600. Only two polling places would be opened in each ward or eight in the whole city.

Usually there are 76 polling places. Such a vote would be merely a plebiscite and would not be legally binding. A legal vote on the question would require that at least 38 polling places be open. As there would be only one question to be voted on, Mr. Baker thinks it would be an easy matter to take care of it with eight polling places.

Heavy Penalty For Violating Honor System

Six Months Solitary Confinement Decreed by Fellow-Prisoners.

Wilmington, Del., May 28.—Six months' solitary confinement with a full meal only once every three days, was the punishment decreed by fellow prisoners, comprising the honor committee of the New Castle County Workhouse sitting in judgment upon William B. Purdy, who had violated the honor system by escaping from the institution. George Lucas, confined to the workhouse for murder, was presiding judge of the honor committee which tried Purdy.

After being trailed from city to city by a mysterious person, thought by Warden M. S. Plummer to be an ex-convict delegated by the present inmates to keep in touch with the fugitive, Purdy was finally captured in Richmond, Va.

BOLSHEVIKI ADVANCE IN KIEV DISTRICT

Fighting Line Runs Ten Miles North of Brovari.

London, May 28.—The Bolsheviki are advancing in the Kiev region and are engaged in fighting on the second fortified line of the Poles northeast of that city, it is announced in Thursday's official statement by the Soviet Government received by wireless from Moscow today. The statement says the fighting line runs ten miles north of Brovari village. This village lies about ten miles directly east of Kiev.

GEN. WOOD FALLS BEHIND.

Wheeling, W. Va., May 28.—Returns from Tuesday's primary election in West Virginia, compiled early today by the Intelligencer, showed Senator Howard Sutherland leading Gen. Leonard Wood for the Republican presidential preference. The vote from 53 of the 55 counties in the state gave Sutherland 43,557; Wood, 35,203.