

## TO AMEND STREET RY. FARES BILL

London Will Be Named In Measure Before Legislature

SECOND READING GIVEN

Change Will Be Made In The Committee Stage

By Staff Correspondent.

TORONTO, April 3.—Progress through committee of Sir Adam Beck's several bills to amend the Hydro Commission Act, Local Improvement Act and Public Utilities Act was marked by occasional emphasis from members of both Oppositions this afternoon. A few clauses in the first mentioned were allowed to stand over. There was another flurry over the bill authorizing the return of radial bonds to Hamilton, East Flamborough, North Grimsby and Barton, and Sir Adam had to explain to Kump, of Lincoln, that other municipalities concerned had not officially asked for return of their bonds, and consequently the commission had no authority to do so. A few minutes later the chairman moved second reading of No. 39, "Respecting Street Railway Fares Under Special Acts," and Hon. Manning Doherty displayed keen interest, professing surprise at finding that London was the municipality affected.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson expressed the opinion that the city should be mentioned in the bill and this will be done in committee stage. Second reading was given.

"This is a real one," exclaimed Mr. Doherty when the bill came up, "and I think we are entitled to some explanation from the minister to explain the reason why it should be introduced, because it bears on its face a suggestion that it is legislation for the purpose of getting some person or company."

"Is that all the imagination you have?" asked Sir Adam Beck.

"No imagination. If you understand the English language," retorted Mr. Doherty.

HAS DOUBTS.

Sir Adam murmured something indicative of doubt as to the U. F. O. leader's scholarly attainments. Mr. Doherty said "pardon me," a couple of times without getting a repetition and then continued: "Here we have a corporation and municipality that enters into an agreement. The corporation is getting from the municipality the right to operate under which it operates. This permits the corporation to charge a certain fare. Then conditions change."

"And governments," suggested a member.

"And the corporation on the one part," continued Mr. Doherty, "and the municipality on the other come to an agreement which is mutual, that there should be a change in the fare."

"No, you are entirely wrong," interrupted Sir Adam.

"And arrangement is made," Mr. Doherty went on, "permitting the corporation to change the fare. If I don't interpret it properly I would like the minister to explain."

"This is a very simple act," said Sir Adam, "to make clear that the legislation of 1922, giving the railway a right to charge fares higher than the agreement with the city permits shall not apply to any extension or renewal of the franchise or agreement. The city protested most strongly against any change being made."

"Guelph or Windsor?" inquired Mr. Doherty, more or less innocently.

"This is London," said Sir Adam demurely. "It is only dear old London I am trying to protect."

THE ACT OF 1922

"What was the Act of 1922?" asked Mr. Sinclair.

"An act," explained Sir Adam, "by which the Legislature arbitrarily as I say and without vote of the people and with the City's opposition, unilaterally, made it possible for this company to charge a much higher fare. This is intended to make it clear that the right you gave them to charge these fares terminates when the franchise or agreement terminates—that will be next year, March 15 or thereabouts. It was not intended to go on in perpetuity."

"I gather it would meet with your approval," said Mr. Doherty, "if altered so as to provide if the municipality purchased the charter from the existing corporation then the municipality should have the right to charge these increased fares?"

"The municipality would have to charge on the basis of cost," said Sir Adam, "and not operate for profit. The people would have to vote, and you may trust the people I am informed by the city solicitor that he thinks there is ample provision that the fares should terminate at the expiration of the franchise next March, but I am also told it is not clear, and we are making it clear that it applies only for the franchise period and not to any renewal."

"For the whole province?" asked Mr. Keith.

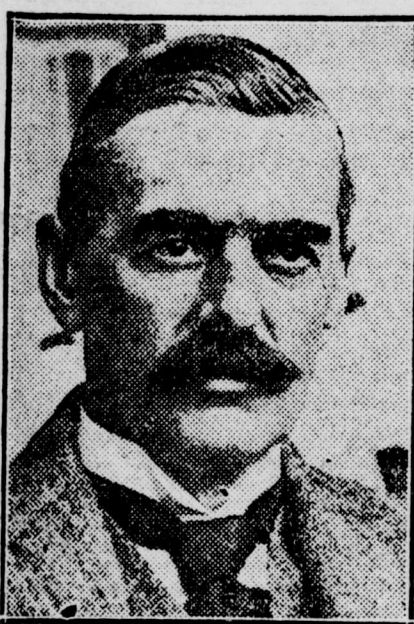
"No, the City of London," said Sir Adam.

PLANS AMENDMENT.

"I intend," said Premier Ferguson, "to have an amendment drafted to make it apply only to a certain specific case. It was contended the higher fare should apply only to the first franchise period, and others contend it did not. The Government heard it all thrashed out and after listening to the views of the parties interested we decided that legislation of a declaratory character would be added to show clearly what was meant by the original act. That is the purpose of the bill. It is not drawn as I would have drawn it because I think it should apply only to one municipality."

"You cannot change this and make it

## CAUSED NEAR CRISIS



NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, who on Wednesday, in moving the rejection of the Government's rent bill in the British Commons, forced the Government to withdraw objectionable clauses or suffer defeat.

to a municipality," submitted W. Sinclair.

"Yes," Mr. Ferguson thought, "if you can do that you can do anything." He commented the Liberal "The legislation belongs to the London, though masquerading as a public act, and I register my protest."

"Of course," said Mr. Ferguson, "there is a principle involved. Where the people make a declaration it should be made clear it applies only to current franchise period, but the situation has arisen in a specific instance in the City of London. It is a sound principle, I think, sought to be conveyed. The right given should not be extended without the people having opportunity to pronounce."

Mr. Doherty fired a final question: "If municipality and corporation were willing, the increased fares would not apply?"

"No without a vote of the people," said the premier.

## SPENDING PEOPLE'S MONEY LAVISHLY

Expenses of Premier King and His Ministers High

MOTOR CARS COST MUCH

Clock and Tea Bell For Premier's Office

Special To The Free Press

OTTAWA, April 3.—In the course of his speech to-night in the Senate the Hon. W. H. Bennett, Minister of Finance, gave some interesting figures concerning the office, automobile and traveling expenses of the prime minister and certain members of his Cabinet. These expenditures are, of course, charged to the Government, and were cited by Senator Bennett when he was discussing the vote for one-sixth of the interim supply for the Government.

He stated that these figures were taken from the auditor-general's report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1932.

Dealing with the prime minister, Senator Bennett quoted the following figures:

Unkeep of automobile ..... \$3,259.66  
Uniform for chauffeur ..... 132.15  
Traveling expenses ..... 629.94  
Two chairs for office ..... 224.00  
Four small chairs for office ..... 330.00  
Red marble clock ..... 120.00  
Two bronze fixtures ..... 34.50  
Electric tea bell ..... 68.00  
Two ferns and three jardiniere ..... 17.00

DR. MOTHERWELL.

In connection with the minister of agriculture, Hon. D. F. Motherwell, the following figures were given:

Unkeep of automobile ..... \$2,185.08  
Uniform for chauffeur ..... 108.00  
Minister's traveling expenses, 2,900.00  
Mileage to and from Ottawa for session ..... 88.20

The automobile expenses for Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of the interior, were quoted as follows:

Touring car ..... \$5,250.00  
Uniforms and overcoats for chauffeurs ..... 332.00  
Gloves for chauffeurs ..... 21.00

Senator Bennett, in his address, drew attention to Premier King's visit to England for the imperial conference. He said that Prof. Skelton, who was with the delegation to the conference, had drawn \$6,000 in salary and \$800 in traveling expenses. "They are dismissed after the conference and are not to be paid," he said. "They are dismissed after the conference and are not to be paid."

POLITICAL EXPENDITURE

Senator Bennett criticized public works expenditures at Jackson's Point, in Premier King's constituency, and on Keele Island, in the constituency of Hon. George P. Graham.

Senator Ross suggested that Parliament should be called at a fixed date and business put through rapidly. This would permit the reduction of seasonal indemnities to \$3,000. He would make a cut in all the judges' salaries of 20 per cent., which would make a saving of \$400,000. All other Government salaries should be cut proportionately.

Sir James Loughheed said direct taxation had made the people hold the Government responsible for all immoral and illegal expenditures. Tax collectors had changed our political morality. People were trying to evade taxes because they believed there was wasteful expenditure and extortionate taxation. Merchants were contracting instead of expanding their business. The country was courting disaster in its wasteful expenditures. Around the Government was a shroud of parasites.

Sir James Loughheed said the Government had retained all the pork barrel estimates. Large sums were being recklessly spent on haphazard appropriations. The estimates should be cut 40 or 50 million dollars and taxation reduced to a parity with that of the United States. The extension supply bill carried.

## NOW 19 DEAD AT TOLEDO FROM DENATURED ALCOHOL

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 3.—Denatured alcohol and poisoned liquor continued to take its death toll here with three additional fatalities to-day and last night, bringing the victims to 19.

One of the victims died in the county jail, where he was taken after arrest as a witness in the case of Meyer Selzman, druggist, accused of selling the poison.

Selzman, with two clerks, were held to the grand jury under bond on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the alleged sale of denatured alcohol with labels. Later warrants charging manslaughter were sworn out.

## CANNOT LOCATE SMITH CHAUFFEUR

Was Always Employed To Take Minister To Home Bank

SUDDENLY DISAPPEARS

Said Large Commissions To Bond Houses Paid

TORONTO, April 3.—Police are finding it increasingly difficult, says The Globe, to obtain evidence of meetings between former Ontario Government officials and heads of the defunct Home Bank. It was learned to-day that a certain chauffeur always was employed to drive Hon. Peter Smith from his office in the Parliament buildings to the Home Bank will be heard.

However, it is said that at the public accounts committee meeting to-morrow the evidence of other employees of the Home Bank will be heard.

A. E. Calvert, acting general manager of the bank at the time of failure, had an interview with the provincial authorities to-day and he is one of those down for early attendance before the committee.

The Globe learned to-night that the investigations so far tend to show many more commissions than have been made public up to date. It was stated that some dealings with large bond houses will be probed and extensive commissions revealed.

The right given stated to-night that Charles Matthews, the suspended deputy treasurer, is not in the city.

SHORTER TROUT SEASON.

TORONTO, April 3.—Hon. Charles McCrea announced this afternoon that the fish and game committee of the Legislature has reconsidered its decision to shorten the open season for speckled trout by a month and has reduced the cut to 15 days. The season will be open from May 15 to September 15, both days inclusive—a cut of 15 days off the former season that opened on May 1.

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## PRINCE ELUDES GUARD AND DINES WITH OLD WAR COMRADE IN PARIS

PARIS, April 3.—The Prince of Wales after a 24-hour visit to Paris, left to-day for Biarritz, to the great relief of the secret police entrusted with the task of keeping discreet watch over the safety of the royal visitor in France.

The prince, who is traveling incognito as the Earl of Chester, fooled detectives and reporters neatly this morning. A huge automobile bearing the coat of arms of the British embassy stood in front of his hotel until noon. As the prince had not appeared, the detectives were much worried.

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## WATERLOO LAD FATALLY SHOT

Bullet Fired By Nelson Boardman Who Claims Accident

WALTER DISNEY THE VICTIM

Boardman, Aged 17, Held Pending An Inquest

Special To The Free Press

KITCHENER, April 3.—Walter Disney, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Disney, 8 John street, Waterloo, was shot through the stomach to-night and died before he reached the Kitchener and Waterloo Hospital by a bullet fired from a revolver in the hands of Nelson Boardman, aged 17, also of Waterloo, living at 192 King street south.

Boardman claims that the shooting was an accident. He, with eight-year-old Ed Cross, were out playing and they went into the garage of the latter's father on John street, where it is alleged that the Cross lad and Disney, who was standing in the doorway, were shown the gun and in exhibiting it Boardman pulled the trigger, the shot grazing Cross' hand and entering the stomach of Disney.

It is said that Boardman dropped the revolver, picked up the stricken lad and carried him across the street to his father's doorstep and then departed. Meanwhile the Cross youngster, frightened, hid run home. Chief of Police McEllisrum got the Cross lad and searched the pool rooms, finally rounding up Boardman, who was also watching a game of pool. He claimed that he had his father's revolver and that he had intended to frighten the little boy and that he was unaware that there was a cartridge in the chamber. Meanwhile Dr. Wellman had been called and the youngster was rushed to the Kitchener and Waterloo Hospital, but died before reaching that institution.

His mother is in bad state to-night following the tragedy. Crown Attorney D. S. Bowby ordered an inquest, and meantime Boardman is in a Waterloo cell.

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## START CAMPAIGN FOR ONE CITY AT BORDER

WINDSOR, April 3.—A preliminary meeting to advance the cause of the proposed merger of the various border municipalities was held at the Windsor-Walkerville Technical School to-night, but the attendance was disappointing.

Ten speakers, including Mrs. A. D. Bowby, Dr. R. D. Morand, Ex-mayor Wilson, H. E. Guppy, Dr. J. O. Reame and C. A. Lanspeary expressed themselves as in favor of the consolidation. There was no opposition.

It was decided to name committees from each municipality to conduct a campaign of education and to hold another meeting at a later date. Lieut.-Col. W. L. McGregor acted as chairman.

## MANY ATTEND FUNERAL OF MRS. HOLLINGSHEAD

GLENCOE, April 3.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Hollingshead, who died on Monday afternoon after a long illness, was held this afternoon from the residence of her son-in-law, J. A. McLacklin, of this town, interment taking place in the Oakdale Cemetery.

Mr. Payton, assisted by Rev. Mr. Whitehall, was in charge of the funeral services. The pallbearers, all grandsons of the deceased, were Norman McLacklin, Harry McLacklin, Harry Singleton, Howard Vair, William Vair and Henry Vair. There were many beautiful floral tributes surrounding the casket from relatives, friends and neighbors. Those from out-of-town were Mrs. E. Scott, Sault Ste. Marie; R. Hollingshead, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. H. Hollingshead, Mr. and Mrs. Porter, Dutton; J. Manson and William Manson, Ayr; Mr. and Mrs. William Vair and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Vair, St. Thomas.

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## BLACKMAILER IS SENT TO PRISON

Attempts To Extort Money From Holstein Clergyman

PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE

Given Six Months' Term By Owen Sound Magistrate

OWEN SOUND, April 3.—For an attempt to extort money by means of blackmail from Rev. Mr. Lewis, Methodist minister at the Village of Holstein, Grey County, Thomas McNaney, New Toronto, was sentenced to-day by Police Magistrate Cressor to six months in the Ontario reformatory. He pleaded guilty to the charge. Provincial Constable Gardner arrested McNaney at New Toronto yesterday and he was brought to Owen Sound last night for trial.

On March 12, when McNaney was in Holstein, he said he saw Mr. Lewis go into the Methodist church sheds and remove two robes from a cutter and take them to his home. Following his return to New Toronto McNaney wrote a letter to the minister, threatening to publish the story unless he paid him \$50 silence money.

Mr. Lewis took no notice of the letter, but he later received a further letter, demanding money in a most threatening tone. He turned the letters over to the provincial police, who had McNaney arrested and brought here for trial.

## TWO WOMEN PERISH IN SANATORIUM FIRE

Others Seriously Injured When Blaze Destroys Wing of North Carolina Institution

MORGANTOWN, N. C., April 3.—Two women were killed and a man and a woman were seriously injured when fire destroyed the north wing of the Broad Oak Sanatorium for Nervous Diseases here to-day.

The dead are: Mrs. Hereford, of Union, W. V., another to death in her bed, and a Mrs. Hamilton, of Jacksonville, Fla., burned to death.

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