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## CANNERS' MEMORIAL TO COMMISSION

### THE RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED YESTERDAY

#### Favor Traps on Condition of Protection Being Given to Money Already Invested.

New Westminster, Jan. 30.—The canners to-day presented a memorial to the fisheries commission. It contained twelve clauses, and is based on the revenue from the licenses to be developed, carrying out the regulations and maintenance of hatcheries, clearing spawning grounds, log jams, fish ladders, etc. A local fisheries board under the government, as an advisory board, is strongly recommended, and if approved, to assess the salmon pack and devote the revenue to the conservation of the industry. They make a strong protest against granting exclusive privileges to any one, and as a remedy would make licenses obtainable by everyone, with a close season the same as gill net, covering the mouth of the Fraser from the 40th parallel to Point Atkinson, and so the main entrance to the Skeena river. They assert traps are not prejudicial to the conservation of the fish supply, and is forced by American traps self-defense. The canners favored traps, only conditional, and on protection given \$3,000,000 already invested. They strongly urge the establishment of fisheries on the Fraser, Thompson, Skeena and Naas rivers and Rivers Inlet, and an early settlement of the question of government jurisdiction over fisheries. The canners oppose the reduction of the number of licenses or a limitation to provincial voters, and say they would be open to all British subjects. They close with calling the attention of the government to questions involved in recent strikes, and the manner in which fisheries are being exploited for the benefit of Americans.

J. A. Russell, who submitted the memorial for the canners, amplified each clause, all of which were approved by the one relating to traps; he said the Sherman occurred in the gill net of Mr. Irving's evidence was that his trap last season cost as high as \$11.10 each, that traps are the best investment he has ever made, \$128,000 compared with \$20,000 by whites, and \$18,000 by Indians, an announcement which was greeted with derisive laughter by the audience. Capt. Cooper produced a specimen of sockeye fry and a half year old, raised from hatchery fry in an underground tank in spring water. The captain produced with his evidence the exception of the fact that a big run of salmon on the Fraser was not due to four year cycles, but according to the height of the annual freshet. If there was extra high water the coast was unfavorable for spawning, proof of which was death of fish the fourth year thereafter. He produced records apparently proving his theory. He indignantly criticized the government's management in salmon propagation on the Pacific coast, but incidentally airing his private grievance against the government, he was not encouraged to give further evidence.

Wm. Cassidy, George Alexander, Alex. Ewen and Mr. Wallace, Skeena river men, are the only canners who spoke this afternoon. These generally endorsed the canners' memorial. Mr. Ewen was a warm advocate for traps, but contended it would bring the Americans into line; also trap sites should be auctioned the same as timber limits and construction must be improved to ensure more traps and cheaper fish. W. H. Vianen, an old-time fisherman, who no need for traps, which menaced the existence of the industry. He suggested limiting the depth of gill nets to another close season day in mid-July. The commission adjourned at 5 o'clock on Monday in Victoria at 10 o'clock on Monday morning.

#### FIGHT ON FLOOR OF HOUSE

Indian Deputies Exchange Blows and Prevent Transaction of Business. Ottawa, Jan. 30.—The Chamber of Commerce here was the scene of a free fight to-day between the Socialist and Catholic factions. The trouble grew out of a proposal to recruit M. Smets, a Socialist, for a revolutionary speech. The dispute began in the galleries, with the Socialist shouting taunts and epithets. The deputies finally engaged in the fight, and the sitting was suspended when the session was resumed. The disturbance recommenced and prevented transaction of business.

#### RETURNS FOR MONTH SHOW INCREASE OF NEARLY \$500,000 COMPARED WITH LAST JANUARY.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—The customs revenue for the seven months ending to-day was \$18,353,878, compared with \$16,674,146 for the same time last year, making an increase of \$1,679,732 for the same time last year, making an increase of \$1,679,732. For the month of January alone the increase was nearly half a million dollars. The figures are \$2,480,186, an almost \$2,000,000 for the same month last year.

## BRITISH CASUALTIES.

### Colonel and Eight Men Killed in Orange River Colony.

London, Jan. 30.—The war office's casualty list issued to-night shows that in a hitherto unreported engagement at Abraham's Kraal, near Koffyfontein, Orange River Colony, on January 28th, Col. L. E. Dumoulin, of the Sussex Regiment, and eight men were killed and seven men were wounded.

### The Dutch Note.

Paris, Jan. 30.—The Temps to-day prints a dispatch from The Hague in which the correspondent says he learns from a trustworthy source that the recent journey of the Dutch premier, Dr. Kuyper, to England prepared the ground for peace negotiations in regard to South Africa, which were begun with the consent of the British government. He adds that the most recent step taken by Holland was supported by some of the other governments.

### The Correspondent of the Associated Press was informed in official quarters to-day that, so far as is known here, Holland's action was quite spontaneous. France was not consulted, and is not aware of the terms of the Dutch note.

## GALES RAGE WITH UNABATED FURY

### MANY WRECKS ALONG THE ENGLISH COASTS

#### Among Fishermen—Loss of Life Has Been Heavy—Armored Cruiser's Rough Voyage.

London, Feb. 1.—The storm in the English and Irish channels is unabated. Numerous minor wrecks have occurred and frequent reports have been received of men being washed overboard, and the crews of the life boats and rocket apparatus have been kept busy.

The British armored cruiser Immortalite encountered terrific weather. The seas washed clean over her two-inch forward guns.

Many fishermen are reported to have been drowned. In the Clyde upwards of forty vessels are reported to have been wrecked and Glasgow.

#### FOR NORTHERN TRADE.

### New C. P. N. Steamer Will Probably Be Completed By Autumn.

Vancouver, Feb. 1.—Marble Bay mine, Texada Island, was sold to-day, and the first payment made to J. J. Palmer of a \$200,000 deal. The sale includes the entire mine workings and lime business. The buyers are Col. Thompson, Henry Hewitt and other Washington state capitalists, who will develop the property on a large scale. The same parties have recently secured iron and coal properties on the coast, and will operate a smelter and iron manufacturing plant at Tacoma.

#### THE CANADIAN PACIFIC WILL THIS SPRING BUILD A STEAMER IN VANCOUVER FOR NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA COAST TRADE.

The steamer will be 180 feet long, 36 beam, wooden, and it is expected will be completed by autumn.

#### RECRUITS FOR MANILA.

### Over One Thousand Will Sail on the United States Transport Thomas.

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—The transport Thomas will sail to-day for Manila with 1,500 recruits and a large number of passengers. The Grant is scheduled to sail on February 7th, and will also carry many recruits. The transport Rosecrans left Manila on January 24th with 8 officers and 475 enlisted men, and the third battalion of the 22nd Infantry is scheduled to leave Manila to-day, and the 20th Infantry on February 16th. The second battalion of the 17th Infantry will stay at Manila until the arrival of the 27th Infantry from this city.

#### CUSTOMS REVENUE.

### Returns For Month Show Increase of Nearly \$500,000 Compared With Last January.

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## THE TWO ESCAPED MURDERERS SHOT

### WARDEN'S WIFE TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE

#### Two Men Were Wounded in a Fight With a Number of Police Officers.

#### Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 31.—A telegram from Butler at 9:30 p.m. says:

"Edward Biddle is in jail doing; John Biddle riddled with buckshot and in a precarious condition, and Mrs. Peter K. Soffel lying in the hospital with a self-inflicted bullet wound in the breast is the sequel of the sensational escape of the Biddle brothers from the Alleghany county jail, aided by Mrs. Soffel, the wife of the jail warden, on Thursday morning.

"The story of the close of the Biddle tragedy which came at 5:45 this afternoon is a thrilling one. The scene was a snow-covered road two miles east of Prospect, Butler county, near Mount Chestnut, and the exact place was at McClure's barn, where two double team sleighs filled with eight officers, three of them Pittsburg detectives, John Roach, Albert Swinehart and Charles McGovern, met the two Biddles and Mrs. Soffel in a one horse sleigh, stolen at Perryville, and at once opened fire on the trio. The Biddles fled, and the officers jumping out of the sleigh, Edward Biddle was shot in the left arm, in the breast and in one leg. John Biddle was riddled with buckshot in the breast and head.

"The Pittsburg officers were met at Butler this afternoon by Deputy Sheriffs, Halper and Hoos, and Officers Frank Holliday and Aaron Thompson, the latter under command of Chief of Police Robert Ray, of Butler. The officers were certain that they were on the right track. It was only a question of time when they would catch up to the escaped and condemned murderers and their guilty companion.

"The Biddles and Mrs. Soffel ate dinner at Mr. Stephens' at Mount Chestnut, five miles east of Butler. They had made a detour of the town of Butler, and after going several miles east turned north and then west. The Pittsburg officers, only four miles in the rear, took the wrong road for about eight miles, but when they found their mistake they made up for lost time by telephoning and telegraphing ahead for fresh horses, but they reached Mount Chestnut not less than half an hour after the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel. At this point Wm. Watson, a storekeeper, had fresh horses awaiting them, and the chase began anew. The two sleighs with the eight officers aboard started westward and met the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel at McClure's barn, two miles from Mount Prospect.

"The Biddles having learned that they were almost overtaken, and taking what they considered the only chance, drove westward and met their doom. The officers were armed with Winchester rifles and revolvers of large calibre. They shot to kill, and their aim was perfect. The Biddles tried to kill to the last of the string, but not one of eight officers has a wound as the result of the battle.

"When detectives got within 60 yards the fugitives they opened fire. The Biddles promptly answered with shotgun and revolver. Mrs. Soffel stood up in the sleigh with a revolver in each hand and blazed away at her pursuers. When Ed Biddle fell and she was about to be captured, she fired a bullet into her breast. An examination by physicians shows that she will recover, as the bullet was deflected by her corset and the wound is comparatively slight.

"Ed Biddle got a bullet in the breast, which penetrated his right lung, and will probably end his life before morning. John Biddle may recover as his wounds, though numerous, did not reach a vital spot. The escape of the officers is miraculous. The Biddles have demonstrated on several occasions that they are good marksmen, and why they should have failed to-day to bring down their prey is a mystery. After the Biddles fell to the snow-covered ground, the officers were ordered to search the body of Mrs. Soffel and the Biddles, and came back to Butler, bringing the stolen sleigh, patched up harness and worn out horse that the trio had tried so hard to get away with toward Canada.

#### NEW RUSSIAN OFFICIALS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—State Councillor N. N. Ladynskiy, Russian consul at Galatz, Roumania, has been appointed consul-general at New York, to succeed State Councillor V. Tenlow, who has been recalled on account of ill-health. Lieut.-Col. Raspoloff has been appointed military attaché of the Russian embassy at Washington.

#### DIED SUDDENLY.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 1.—Thomas H. Dunsat, passenger agent of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company, in Los Angeles, died suddenly at his home in this city last night. He was well known in railroad circles.

## CANADIAN DISPATCHES.

### Public Accounts of Manitoba—Premier of Ontario Will Attend Convention.

Winnipeg, Jan. 30.—The public accounts were laid on the table at the legislature this afternoon and the budget speech will be delivered on Tuesday next. According to the accounts, there was a balance on hand on December 31st, 1900, of \$72,669,28. The balance of cash on hand on December 31st, 1901, was \$864,624.07. The balance of a year ago was increased by \$91,953.79.

### Delayed by Snow.

The C. P. R. train from the East will not arrive here until an early hour to-day. The cause of the delay is given by the C. P. R. officials as due to snow blockades in the Eastern division. In many places the rock cuts are drifted full of snow and a great deal of work is involved in keeping the track clear.

### Another Offer.

Smith's Falls, Ont., Jan. 30.—Andrew Carnegie has offered Smith's Falls \$10,000 for the erection of a library. The acceptance of the offer is made possible by C. B. Frost and F. T. Frost offering another \$10,000 in 20 annual payments of \$500 each towards the thousand dollars required annually as required by Carnegie for maintenance.

### Premier Will Attend.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—Hon. George W. Ross has accepted the invitation of the colonial office to attend the King's coronation in June.

### Banquets.

Friends of E. A. Wells, late secretary of the board of trade, tendered him a banquet at the National club this evening, Edward Gurney presiding. Hon. G. E. Foster was among the speakers.

The old boys of the Toronto Grammar school to-night held their annual banquet, and an interesting feature of the proceedings was the unveiling of a portrait of the former principal, Mr. McMurphy.

### Asks for Conductor Bishop.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—At to-day's session of the Synod of Montreal, Archbishop Bourne stated that on account of his age and increasing physical infirmity, he felt compelled to ask for the appointment of a conductor bishop. Some of the delegates expressed a desire to proceed with the appointment at once, but others objected, and after a debate, which was rather heated at times, the matter went over until to-morrow. It is expected Dean Carmichael, rector of St. George's church, will be appointed. He has long been recognized as the probable successor of the archbishop, who like the Dean, was elevated from a parish priest, and also held the rectorship of St. George's.

### Best Sugar Factory.

Whitby, Ont., Jan. 30.—Action was taken here last night towards forming a company with a capital of \$500,000 for the erection of a best sugar factory. American capital is prepared to furnish most of the money required.

## THE STAMP SAVING SYSTEM SUGGESTED

### HON. W. MULOCK DOES NOT FAVOR SCHEME

#### Reply to Deputation Which Waited on Him To-day—Would Require Special Stamp.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—This forenoon the Associated Charities Board of Ottawa waited on Hon. Mr. Mulock with a proposition to establish here and other larger cities what is known as the penny post saving system on lines which were found to work well in England. Sir Louis Davies introduced the deputation.

Mayor Cook, one of the delegates, explained the plan. It was introduced in England by Hon. Mr. Fawcett in 1880. Cards were issued to which penny postage stamps could be affixed. When one shilling's worth of stamps were collected the sum was accepted as a deposit in the savings banks. In Canada the minimum savings bank deposit is one dollar. He would not want this reduced. Cards might be issued with twenty spaces for five cent stamps on each.

Mr. Mulock pointed out that the scheme was impracticable. Stamps were sold to postmasters now at a discount, and the department would therefore be redeeming in some cases, probably for \$1 what they had disposed of for less money. The only way to do it would be for a special stamp to be issued and to be handled by the charities board.

Address in Reply to Speech. Mr. Campbell, West York, will move the adoption of an address in reply to the speech from the throne, and Dr. Bell, Beauve, will second the same.

## FRENCH DISPERSES FOUCHÉ'S COMMANDO

### TWENTY-SIX BURGHERS WERE MADE PRISONERS

#### Kitchener Reports That the Boers Who Attacked Col. Dumanlin's Camp Were Repulsed.

London, Jan. 31.—Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Pretoria, dated Thursday, January 30th, reports that the camp of Col. L. E. Dumoulin, of the Sussex regiment, was attacked by Nieuwoudt's commando, and that after severe fighting the Boers were repulsed.

The Associated Press dispatch yesterday said that the war office casualty list, issued yesterday, showed that in a hitherto unreported engagement at Abraham's Kraal, near Koffyfontein, Orange River Colony, on January 28th, Col. Dumoulin, of the Sussex regiment, and eight men were killed and seven men were wounded.

#### Cost of the War.

London, Jan. 31.—The war secretary, Mr. Brodrick, in a supplementary army estimate of \$5,000,000 in the House of Commons to-day, said this brought the total cost of the war for the year up to \$31,070,000. The estimate for 1902, there were still 237,800 British troops in South Africa. The expenses of the war had now been reduced to about \$4,500,000 per month.

#### BRITAIN'S REPLY

To the Dutch Note—Not Likely to Accede to the Request.

London, Jan. 31.—The British reply to the Dutch note in regard to bringing about peace in South Africa was dispatched yesterday to The Hague. The cabinet to-day had nothing to do with the terms of the note, the contents of which are strictly secret, as the first publication of the text is intended to be made in parliament on Monday.

The Associated Press has reason to believe, however, that its original summary of the Dutch communication was correct with this addition, that the Dutch suggested that Wessels, Wolmar and Fische of the Boer delegates now in Europe, be permitted to go to South Africa in an endeavor to persuade the burghers in the field to surrender.

Great Britain's reply is not in the nature of a direct negative, though it is not unlikely that it will have that effect, for while Lord Lansdowne, the Dutch foreign secretary, probably leaves a loophole for such suggestions, he doubts the ability of the Boer delegates to control their fellow-countrymen, and there seems little likelihood that the Dutch government can secure guarantees in regard to the powers of the Boer delegates satisfactory enough to induce Great Britain to accede to the original request.

Will Be Investigated.

London, Jan. 31.—Mr. Brodrick's presentation of the supplementary army estimate in the House of Commons to-day furnished Sir John Blundell Maple, Conservative, with an opportunity to refer to yesterday's report of the committee appointed to inquire into the purchase of horses for the British army. He asserted that his original statements were true. Sir John submitted letters to show that certain officers were mixed up in the horse swindles at Buda-Pesth and Vienna, and asserted that the evidence before the committee revealed a gross scandal.

Mr. Hobbhouse, a member of the inquiry committee, defended the officers, but declared that the investigations revealed glaring shortcomings in the remount department. On one contract for horses, amounting to £111,000, the profit amounted to £44,000. Assuming that a similar percentage of profit was made on the \$18,000,000 spent in remounts, the war office had bestowed on the contractors a profit totalling £8,000,000. The remount department was clearly inefficient, and the officer at the head of it ought to be dismissed.

Henry Labouchere, Liberal, declared that somebody ought to be hanged in connection with the remounts, and moved the reduction of the vote.

Mr. Brodrick defended Major-General Wm. R. Truman, inspector-general of the remount department, from the charge of any dishonorable conduct, and after being considerably pressed from the Liberal side of the House, eventually undertook to make a full investigation of the case of all the officers concerned.

Mr. Labouchere's motion was rejected by a vote of 105 to 75, and the supplementary estimates were adopted by a vote of 150 to 56.

## CANADIAN NOTES.

### Ladies' Surplised Choir in a St. John Church—Montreal Mayor's Contest.

St. John, Feb. 1.—Rev. J. A. Richardson, rector of Trinity church, Church of England, last night announced that a ladies' surplised choir be started in that church. This will be the first ladies' surplised choir started in any church of that denomination in this province.

### Fatal Result of Accident.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 1.—Miss Craig received injuries in a runaway accident here yesterday afternoon which caused her death last night.

### Ten Thousand For Sent.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—Ten thousand dollars have been paid by Messrs. Osborne & Francis for a seat on the stock exchange.

### Montreal Civic Contest.

Montreal, Feb. 1.—Civic elections are being held here to-day. The contest for mayor is between ex-Mayor R. Wilson Smith and James Cochrane, both English Protestants. Contests are being held in ten wards for aldermanic honors.

## BUSINESS BLOCK ENTIRELY DESTROYED

### NORFOLK, VA., SCENE OF DISASTROUS FIRE

#### Hotel and Stores Guttled—The Damage Amounts to About Half a Million Dollars.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 31.—A fire broke out here about 2 o'clock this morning, and before it was checked, two hours later, it had swept over a considerable portion of the city. The loss is probably more than half a million dollars.

The burned district is spread out a city block, and at least 150 business offices and living apartments were burned out. Several thrilling rescues were made by the police, firemen and citizens. The telephone and electric power systems are at a standstill. The fire was the most severe this city has experienced for 30 years, and its rapid spread was due to lack of water.

The Columbia building and the Atlantic hotel were among the buildings destroyed.

#### Another Account.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 31.—A heap of smoking ruins is all that remains today of the Atlantic hotel, the massive Columbia office building, which adjoined the hotel, the Albemarle flats, and a block of stores in the centre of the city. The conflagration, one of the greatest in the history of Norfolk, broke out shortly before 2 o'clock this morning, and when finally subdued, over half a million dollars' worth of property had been destroyed. The loss is believed to be fully covered by insurance.

#### GLUCOSE COMBINE.

### Deal Will Probably Be Closed Before the End of the Month.

New York, Feb. 1.—It is definitely stated by the Herald that the glucose starch combination has now reached a stage at which the promoters feel assured of its success. The underwriting has been completed, and it is believed the deal will be closed before the end of February.

At that time, unless the unforeseen occurs, the Corn Products Company will be organized in New Jersey, with a capital stock of \$80,000,000. About \$4,000,000 in cash has been raised by the sale of the new stock, and the underwriting was subscribed three times over. The combination will have a daily capacity of 250,000 bushels of corn. It is expected that much of the expensive price entailing will be done away with entirely.

#### SHOT BY 'CAB DRIVER.

Murder in Chicago Resulted From Dispute Over Seven Dollars. Chicago, Feb. 1.—C. C. Harz, a prominent north side brewer, was shot and killed to-day by Edward Conchlin, one of his drivers. Conchlin escaped, but later was captured, and admitted shooting Harz. The shooting resulted from a dispute over \$7, which Conchlin claimed was due him. Mr. Harz is said to have been the largest cab owner in Chicago. His estate is reported to be worth \$300,000.

#### EXPLODED A BOMB.

Italians Thought Celebrations Not Complete Without Fireworks—Two Persons Injured. New York, Feb. 1.—A dynamite bomb exploded in the midst of a crowd of Italians celebrating a feast day in Elizabeth street, severely injuring two persons and throwing the others into a panic. Two Italians who caused the explosion were arrested. They claimed that the usual fireworks had been omitted from the celebration, and for that reason they set off the bomb.

## SULTANS UNABLE TO CONTROL SUBJECTS

### SOME SIDE LIGHTS ON PHILIPPINE AFFAIRS

#### So Many Officials in Negros That Nearly All Revenue Went in Salaries.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The investigation into conditions in the Philippine Archipelago, apropos of an effort to secure legislation for the government of these islands, was begun by the senate committee on the Philippines to-day.

W. H. Taft, civil government of the Archipelago, was the first witness called. Speaking of the Island of Negros, he said it was peculiar in its topography, and that previous to the coming of a commission there was a difficulty in the matter of government. There were so many officers in the government, that of \$200,000 only about \$10,000 was left for other expenses than the payment of salaries. Governor Taft said that the commission had had an interesting experience in trying to reorganize the province of Anti-que, but that the people resisted vigorously. Governor Taft said that it had been found impossible to put the Filipinos over the Moros. They are subject to their chiefs, and refuse to recognize the authority of a Filipino.

There were, he said, two Sultans, one in Mindanao and the other in the Jolo group. The Sultan of Mindanao is, he said, very poor, but the Sultan of the Jolos is a man who is constantly trying to increase his income, and constantly getting into a row over it.

#### LORD DUFFERIN.

### To-Day's Bulletin Says His Condition Is One of Extreme Gravity.

Belfast, Jan. 31.—Sir Wm. Broadbent, physician in ordinary to the King, issued a bulletin this morning which follows: "Lord Dufferin's condition is one of extreme gravity. Weakness, emaciation and anaemia have reached a serious degree.

#### IN PRISONER'S FAVOR.

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 31.—The county council, after a lively discussion, passed a resolution to petition the minister of justice for shortening the sentence on Dr. Harbottle of one year's imprisonment, for shooting a young man named Stewart at Burford, as the result of annoyance caused him owing to his pro-Boer sympathies.

#### WILL FORM LABOR PARTY.

London, Ont., Jan. 31.—The trades and labor council of this city has decided to form a Labor party to study economic subjects affecting the welfare of labor; to promulgate information regarding the same; to secure for the use of producers the wealth resulting from the application of labor to natural resources, and as the chief means to that end to elect representatives from its own ranks on government bodies of the country. Applicants for membership must foreswear allegiance to existing political parties before being elected.

#### SMITH CURTIS AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—Smith Curtis had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier this afternoon on British Columbia matters.

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Government Proposals For the Reform of Procedure. London, Jan. 30.—The government leader, A. J. Balfour, in the House of Commons, to-day unfolded the government's scheme for the reform of the House procedure.

The proposals include a reduction of the number of divisions and empowering the chair to count standing members, instead of forcing them to march through the lobby.

The discussion of bills is also curtailed, the powers of closure are extended and the authority of the chair in dealing with disorder is increased. For a first order of the day, the government proposes the day's session; for a second order of the day, a member may be suspended for 40 days, and for a third order of the day, a member may be suspended for 80 days and be refused re-admittance until he has apologized to the House.

The Speaker is also empowered to suspend a sitting in the interests of order. The government further proposes two sittings daily, beginning respectively at 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. Another proposal gives all the afternoon, besides some evenings, to government business.