

THE WEATHER:
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TOMORROW—MILD.

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NEW BUDGET TO BRING LOWER FEDERAL TAXES

James Richards Given Three Years In Penitentiary

FIRST BALANCED BUDGET IN DECADE IS FORESEEN AS RESULT OF ECONOMY

Reduction in Taxation Affecting
Agriculture Is Principal
Aim in Budget.

SIMPLIFY SERVICES

Revenue Collecting Departments
Will Be Consolidated
Under One Head.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The following is the speech from the throne delivered by Lord Byng:
Honorable members of the Senate: Members of the House of Commons: I am glad to be able to congratulate you upon the many evidences of increased prosperity. Through the general economic situation still reflects the consequences of the world war, the records of production, trade, transportation, employment and population have been steadily increasing. The state of general employment has been distinctly better. The volume of business has steadily increased. Especially has the country reason to be gratified at the expansion to a notable degree of its public revenues and decline of its expenditures.

I am persuaded that a reduction in taxation, and in production and transportation costs, such as will encourage the investment of capital in industrial enterprises and attract settlers in large numbers to our Dominion, are all that are necessary to effect an economic development hitherto unparalleled.

My ministers are strongly of the opinion that a reduction of taxation is of first importance, and that to this end the efforts already put forth to combine strict economy in the administration of the public services with rigorous retrenchment in public affairs should be furthered in as many directions as may be possible. This is the more imperative, in that the margin of controllable expenditure within which economies can be effected is necessarily restricted.

See Balanced Budget.

My ministers believe, however, that in view of economies already effected, and that they will be able to present financial year closes, be able to announce to the country that for the first time since 1912-1913 the national budget has been balanced. They are further of the opinion that when the budget for the ensuing fiscal year is introduced it will be found that the relation between public revenue and public expenditure is such as to justify some immediate reduction of taxation.

In the opinion of the government, such reduction of taxation is as far as possible to effect, should aim primarily at reducing the cost of the instruments of production in the industries based on the natural resources of the Dominion, thereby aiding materially in the development of our natural resources and, through cheapened production, effecting a diminution also in the cost of living. Legislation will be introduced making provision for consolidation of the revenue collecting service of the government under one administrative head with a view to simplification.

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NO ROOM FOR PIGEONS AND PEOPLE ON MARKET

Market Clerk Is Asked by the
Finance Committee To
Eliminate Pets.

Market Clerk Maker has been authorized by members of the finance committee, the engineer reports, to see what can be done toward the elimination of pigeons on the city market.

Complaint was registered that, tame and friendly as they are, they have become a general nuisance and the market clerk was instructed to see what could be done about it. The engineer reminds that scores of pigeons may be seen in the downtown districts of larger cities, at regular feeding hours. It appears that they are being fed on the local market by sympathetic citizens.

Newsy Bits From Today's
Classified Ads.

Apartment to rent.
Collie dog lost.
Housemaid wanted.
Stock salesman wanted.
Good used piano for sale.
Used car for sale.
License plate lost.



BARON BYNG OF VIMY,
governor-general of Canada, who delivered the speech from the throne at the opening of the Dominion Parliament this afternoon.

CAMFIELD TO PAY PENALTY MAY 8

Welland Murderer Is Unmoved
as Sentence of Death Is
Passed.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Welland, Feb. 28.—William Albert Camfield was this morning sentenced by Justice Smith to be hanged on Thursday, May 8, for the murder of Albert Morningstar on Christmas Day, he having been convicted yesterday of beating the farmer in a fight with a shovel, setting fire to the house and burning him to death.

Camfield's only sign of anxiety was a feverish licking of the lips after the passing of sentence. His face wore a semi-grin as he was taken from the dock.

"Your crime was a horrible one, and it is to be expected that your fate will be a warning to others similarly inclined," said the judge in sentencing the prisoner.

SEVERAL BANKS APPLY FOR CITY'S BUSINESS

City Treasurer Is Quite Satisfied
With Present Arrangements,
However.

Several banks have filed applications at the city hall for a share of the city's business, now handled by one institution only. These have been temporarily laid aside by the finance committee for future consideration.

City Treasurer Bell stated quite decidedly today that he would recommend no change, however, from the present system. He acknowledged that the city of Toronto divides its business among several banking institutions, but points out that there is a vast difference between that and the situation in London.

"Toronto does a business involving perhaps \$40,000,000 annually," he commented; "more than any one bank would care to handle. Ours can well be handled by one bank, and as I consider we are getting complete satisfaction I will recommend no division as has been suggested."

LONDON LABOR MEN TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Several Delegates From Local
Unions Will Go To Ham-
ilton.

Ex-Ald. John Ashton, Bert Weitzel and J. Axford will represent the London street railwaymen's union at the annual provincial convention of the Ontario Labor Party in Hamilton, March 22 next.

Several other local unions will be represented at this gathering while six delegates will attend from the two branches of the London Labor Party.

Arthur Mould, president of the London party, Ald. Frank McKay and ex-Ald. John Colbert are also expected to form a part of the local delegation.

Federal Parliament Opens This
Afternoon With Old-Time
Ceremony.

FIELDING IS ABSENT

Guns Boom as Governor-Gen-
eral Arrives For Fourteenth
Session.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Feb. 28.—To the booming of guns and with all the ceremonial that runs away back to the early days of English history, His Excellency the Governor-General, Baron Byng of Vimy, today formally opened the third session of Canada's fourteenth parliament. It was a scene staged in a brilliant and, for the time of the year, an appropriate setting. Snow flurries lent their added touch of winter as his excellency arrived, accompanied by a mounted escort from the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, and within the parliament buildings themselves there were new touches of ceremonial and display.

The speakers, both of the house and senate, wore knee breeches, silk stockings and buckled shoes, in reminiscence of Westminster, although minus the wig. A new canopy of gold and maroon lent added color to the senate chamber, already gorgeous in its red and gold, its brilliant military and official uniforms, its display of dresses and the sharp, contrasting red and ermine of judges of the supreme court. In the commons chamber an old familiar note was lacking in the uniforms of the pages. The semi-evening dress, which they have been accustomed to wear, has given place to a new, tightly-fitting uniform of black edged with green.

Also missing was the face of Sir Lomer Gouin, former minister of justice, away in the West Indies, also effect of by-election changes in the recess is seen in that a row of Progressives has moved down the house of seats to make room for two additions to Conservative ranks.

There was the usual exchange of banter as resounding knocks announced the arrival of the gentleman usher of the Black Rod desiring the "immediate attendance of this honorable house in the chamber of the honorable senate."

There is more preliminary business, and the commons will adjourn till Monday, when the debate on the address will open and the battle begin.

The ceremonial of the arrival and departure of his excellency followed familiar lines. The guard of honor preceded the arrival of the governor-general's foot guards. As he arrived they gave the royal salute, and at the same moment a battery from the Canadian Field Artillery rolled out a salute of fifteen guns.

It is a ceremonial which, year after year, attracts its crowds of onlookers to Parliament Hill.

Every Two Subscriptions Will Bring 250,000 Votes



MISS GRACE HAMMOND
Possessed of the happy inspiration that she might win enough prize money to assist her in securing a good education, little Miss Grace Hammond, who is only eleven years of age, entered The London Advertiser Contest. Grace is proving herself a real little hustler in getting subscriptions, and with the assistance that friends in Wallenstein and district are giving her, she will no doubt realize her ambition.

As anticipated, the majority of candidates did not go at it with full energy in the preliminary contest which closed Monday, and results have not been as gratifying as they might have been. Right now any aggressive man or woman could enter, and, despite the late start, capture one of the \$2,000 prizes with comparative ease.

Complaints have been received that self-styled representatives of a local "society" are making it their business to pay "friendly" calls and inquire how certain matters pertaining to the campaign are progressing. Candidates are warned on no consideration to be influenced by information or recommendations from these persons. The only people to whom a candidate's plans may be safely disclosed are his friends and the contest manager.

A revised vote standing appears in today's issue of The Advertiser.



TO CUT THE TAXES.
Premier King's ministers are bound to a policy of economy and reduced taxes in the Speech from the Throne which opened the third session of Canada's fourteenth parliament.

LONDON MASON GETS HIGH OFFICE

Edwin Smith Elected at Con-
clusion of Sixth Convoca-
tion at Toronto.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Feb. 28.—The sixty-sixth convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada concluded today with the election and installation of grand chapter officers for the ensuing year. W. H. Davis of Hamilton succeeded F. H. Spencer as grand first principal while Kenneth J. Dunstan, Toronto, replaces Mr. Davis as grand H. Edwin Smith, London, Ont., was elected grand J. after a spirited contest.

The installation and closing ceremonies took place this afternoon. Windsor, Ont., was chosen for next year's convocation of grand chapter, dates selected being February 25 and 26.

M. E. Sherwood, Woodstock, succeeds Mr. Smith, London, on the executive committee, the other four members being re-elected.

Other grand officers elected were: George Moore, Hamilton, grand treasurer, and Henry T. Smith, Toronto, grand scribe E. (re-elected).

E. W. E. Saunders, Toronto grand scribe N.

James Hooper, Hamilton, grand registrar.

William Ponton, Belleville, grand historian.

Thomas Peters, Windsor, grand janitor.

ABOLITION OF CALIPHATE FAVORED BY NATIONALS

Associated Press Despatch.
Constantinople, Feb. 28.—Great applause greeted the introduction in the National Assembly at Ankara yesterday of a motion by Deputy Saruhan Bey, demanding abolition of the Caliphate, removal of the minister of religious affairs from the cabinet, and suppression of the theological schools and tribunals.

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RAILWAYMEN GIVE NOTICE TO REOPEN AGREEMENT

Notice Served on Company
Today by Officers of
Union.

NO SPECIAL DEMAND

Expected Eight-Hour Day Question
Will Be Pressed at
Meeting.

Members of the London street railwaymen's union are serving notice today through their officers upon the company that they desire to reopen their agreement on May 1.

This 60 days' notice is compulsory when either of the contracting parties wishes to reopen negotiations. The formal notice will reach the company in ample time to conform with this regulation.

No special demands are incorporated in the communication, the union contenting itself at this time with the mere notice. It is pointed out that there is plenty of time left in which to draft any new agreement or suggest any amendments to the present one.

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Federal Government For
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WELL EDUCATED

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FELLOW WORKMEN REGRET PASSING OF JOSEPH HILL

The members of the firm and employees of Sterling Bros., Limited, were deeply shocked to learn of the sudden death of Joseph Hill, who has been in the continuous employ of the company from boyhood.

For more than 35 years, Joe Hill has been steadily at his machine, and his vacant place will be exceptionally hard to fill.



ALD. EDWIN SMITH,
who was today elected to a high office in the Royal Arch Chapter of Masons at the sixth convocation of members in Toronto. Ald. Smith was elected Grand J. of the Chapter.



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FORMER CITY RESIDENT IS MURDERED IN DETROIT

"Tom" Strothers Is Slain by
Bandits While Defending
Property.

LEFT 20 YEARS AGO

Robbers' Bullets End His Life
When He Defies
Them.

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Feb. 28.—Defying two young gunmen, who tried to force him to give up his old-fashioned gold watch, valued highly as an heirloom, Thomas Strothers, 62 years old, a well-known Detroit bookmaker and a native of London, Ontario, was shot to death at 4 o'clock this morning in his gambling rooms at 3508 Grand River at Receiving Hospital. The murder was the culmination of a hold-up of the resort. Early Wednesday evening a third man, said to have been known to Strothers and the other players, brought two strangers to the door of the gambling room, which is on the second floor of the building. The pair were admitted after the players had been assured by the third man, whose name has not yet been learned, that they "were all right."

Robbed All in Place.

At midnight the three left, Strothers and seven patrons of the place continued their game. Shortly before 4 o'clock the morning the strangers returned. The man recognized them as the pair that had been in the place earlier and admitted them. As soon as the two were inside they drew pistols and commanded the card players to line up against the wall. From one man they got \$10 and another \$24. Small sums were taken from two others. Then the man who was doing the searching came to Strothers.

"This guy has no money," the searcher told Strothers.

"Take his watch then," the other directed, "this is a small haul, anyway."

The thugs reached for Strothers' watch. "You'll have to make my life to get that," the master gambler told the gunman.

As he spoke Strothers seized a heavy chair to use as a weapon and lunged toward the man. Without a moment's hesitation the gunman pressed the trigger of his automatic and Strothers fell with four bullets in his body. He was lying on his back, chest and hip. Then first the others, the gunman fled. The outlaws did not stop in their flight to take the watch, in defence of which Strothers lost his life.

Former Londoner.

There were few men better known in Detroit's underworld than "Tom" Strothers. Coming here twenty years or more ago from London, he soon became associated with a well-known crowd of sporting men. Up to a few years ago, Strothers conducted one of the largest handbooks in the city, and also held a large interest in a race track pool. He is said to have been wealthy.

"I knew Strothers well," said Inspector Joseph A. Nickle of London detective department. "He was a very decent fellow when he lived here some twenty years ago. He worked as a cooper, if I remember correctly, and was well liked by all who knew him. I am very sorry to hear of his tragic death."

"Strothers lived on the Hamilton road when he lived in London. He has an uncle by the name of David Stoddart, living on the Gore road," concluded Inspector Nickle.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Fair.
Friday—Mostly fair; not much change in temperature.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Winnipeg	46	26	Cloudy
Port Arthur	46	26	Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie	32	16	Cloudy
Toronto	38	23	Cloudy
Kingston	32	24	Cloudy
Ottawa	32	25	Snow
Montreal	38	28	Cloudy
Quebec	30	8	Foggy
St. John	38	28	Snow
Halifax	44	28	Snow
Cochran	32	16	Cloudy

Complete lists of the staffs of all the city's schools, both primary and secondary, are given, as well as the addresses and phone numbers of the principals. The qualifications and degrees of all teachers are also given. At the end of the book are three tables giving various statistics concerning London's schools, divided into public, separate and Catholic.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 27; lowest, 14.

Barometric Readings.
Wednesday, 2 p.m.—29.21.