

OFFENSIVE AGAINST COMMUNISTS TO BE LAUNCHED BY EBERT

PAVING PROOF LINE ROAD, LONDON TO SARINIA, TO START EARLY

Ontario Government To Take Charge of Operations On Concrete Highway—Property Values in Vicinity of Arva and Birr Take Jump.

Paving of the Proof Line road north from London to Sarinia, will commence early in May under the Government's new highway improvement program. The work of paving will commence at Huron street, and will extend to other points between London and Lucan, in order that the first twenty miles of the new London-to-Sarinia thoroughfare may be completed as early this season as possible.

County road superintendents on the Proof Line have been notified that their term of employment by the County of Middlesex will terminate May 1, when paving operations by the Ontario Government will commence. The pavement will be of concrete, and will be thirty feet in width on the Proof Line. The pavement will be laid on the crest of the road sloping on either side into the ditches, which will be left uncovered at first, although they may be filled in later in the future.

As a result of the information to the effect that the paving of the Proof Line will be undertaken within a couple of months at the most, property values along the Proof Line road and in the vicinity of Arva, Birr and McDowell, are experiencing considerable increases in value, and already a number of transfers at unusually high prices are said to have taken place in farm, garden and village properties.

REGARDS SALES MADE BY WAY WHOLESALERS AS MOST ECONOMICAL

Cereal Firm's Representative Testifies Before Board of Commerce.

O'CONNOR MAKES RULING Instructs Evidence Concerning Pyke's Letter Be Stricken Out.

Toronto, March 23.—Before the sitting of witnesses at the resumed sitting of the board of commerce inquiring into alleged detrimental conditions among wholesale grocers, W. F. O'Connor, K. C., asked as to the relevancy to the proceedings, of Mr. Pyke's letter advocating Mr. O'Connor's appointment and published in part in this morning's papers. Mr. O'Connor made a ruling that the letter should be stricken out of the proceedings.

H. G. Flint of the Shredded Wheat Company, Niagara Falls, was the first witness called by Mr. O'Connor. The Shredded Wheat Company has a selling agent in Toronto, Mr. Slemp, but before the selling agent, Mr. Slemp, had been called, Mr. O'Connor had ruled that the evidence of Mr. Slemp should be stricken out of the proceedings.

Mr. Flint declared he did not know Eganman Brothers, but knew of them. A controversy arose between Mr. Flint and Mr. O'Connor as to the relevancy of the evidence of Eganman Brothers, but Mr. O'Connor ruled that the evidence of Eganman Brothers should be stricken out of the proceedings.

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LIBERALS CAREFULLY SCANNING FRANCHISE MEASURE FOR 'JOKERS'

Opposition Plans Line of Criticism On Proposed Bill.

BALLANTYNE TO SPEAK Minister Will Outline Naval Program Before the Commons.

[Special To The Advertiser.] Ottawa, March 23.—If there is to be any controversy at all in the present session of Parliament it ought to develop this week. The franchise bill will come up for a second reading, and it is expected that the opposition will make a full-scale attack on the measure.

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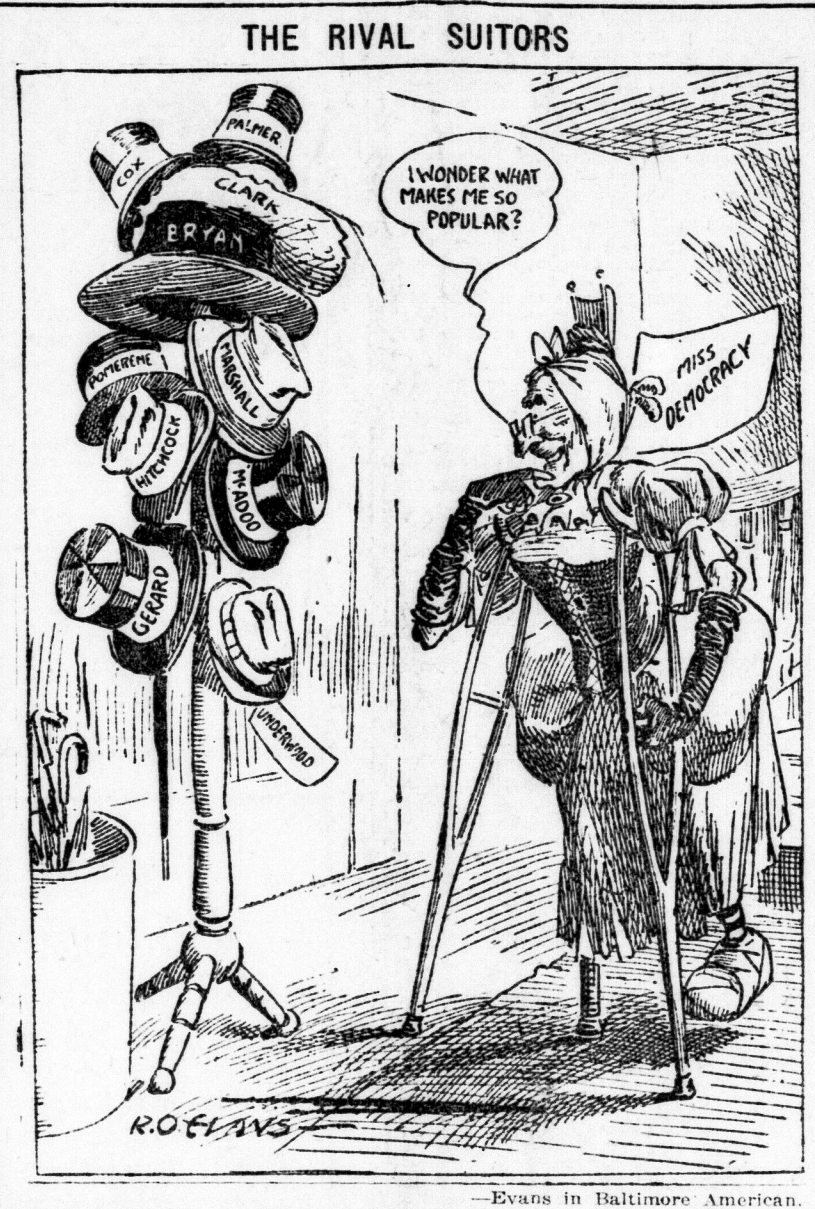
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CHARGES DOMINION GOVT. WITH NEGLECTING EASTERN PROVINCES

Halifax, N. S., March 23.—In the House of Assembly yesterday Mr. Torrey, the member for Guysboro, gave notice of a resolution calling for a conference of representatives of the governments of the Maritime Provinces to insist upon the rights of these provinces, which he claims have been neglected by the Federal Government through their policy of western preference.

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DIFFERENT IDEA OF STATEMENT MADE BY RANEY

May or Does Not Agree With William Tite.

WAS IN THE ROOM But Did Not Hear Any Drastic Statements Given Out by Attorney-General.

A different conception of Attorney-General Raney's statement on the London bill, that expressed by William Tite, is held by Mayor E. S. Little. Mr. Tite said in effect that Mr. Raney had stated that no project voted down by the people would be approved by the Government.

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GERMAN GOVERNMENT TROOPS ARE CONCENTRATING FOR AN OFFENSIVE AGAINST RADICALS

Communists Reported To Be Handicapped Because of Low Food Supplies—All Western Industrial District of the Country Is in the Hands of Red Element—Disaster Appears Inevitable.

London, March 23.—Latest reports from Germany show that state and Government troops are concentrating near Weasel to move against the extensive districts now occupied by communists, says a Rotterdam dispatch to the London Times. The communists are handicapped by a lack of food, one report saying they have supplies for only three days.

The dispatch quotes a message from a correspondent of the Telegraph, describing as an eyewitness the conquest of Essen by the communists. At far back as Thursday, he says, there were fighting between the Reds and Government soldiers in the suburbs of Essen, but the city itself continued quiet and normal. The communists had been declared off and everybody there had resumed work.

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