

GOVT. AGAIN BLOCK PROBE

Committee Refuses to Let Liberals Get to Bottom of Taylor Deal.

WITNESS SILENT WHEN QUIZZED

Steam Roller Methods Used by Whitney's Representatives on Public Accounts Committee.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, April 22.—The questions ruled out of the evidence appearing to the political contribution made by George Taylor to Hon. W. J. Hanna, prior to election, from the records of the public accounts committee, Friday last, were the bone of contention in the public accounts committee today when an effort was made to have the questions and answers as they were asked, restored to the records. Mr. Taylor's evidence would read like this:

"Did you ever threaten the Premier with the exposure of a member of the cabinet if you didn't get an adequate settlement of your claims?"
"I won't answer that question."
"Did you ever, while working under a government contract, contribute funds for political purposes?" Chairman interrupted and prevents the records being made.

This short passage explains the efforts of the Liberals to probe the public accounts and ascertain why Taylor, Scott & Co., contractors for the Central Prison labor and power, received \$21,088 in consideration of a \$50,000 claim. Some \$8,000 was intimated as the amount of the contribution.

Since the contribution has been confessed, more may be heard about the pressure under which Hon. W. J. Hanna took it.

Want True Record.
The business this morning was entirely devoted to have some change made in order that the records might be complete and a true record of the questions and answers asked by Mr. Proudfoot as the chief examiner of George Taylor before the public accounts committee on Friday last.

A series of questions followed as to what would appear in the minutes of the committee. Would the amendments and the motions appear in the minutes?

Mr. Ferguson—Every motion that is passed by this committee will appear in the minutes.

A Mistake Record.
Mr. Rowell suggested that this was rather a misty record, if the motions passed without the amendment to them were to go as a complete record. Mr. Proudfoot moved that all the matter stricken from reporters' notes be placed on record. This carried the conviction with it that something wrong had been done, and Chairman Ferguson objected to it.

An amendment by Mr. McGarry refusing to interfere with the ruling on the committee's former stand carried by eighteen to six.

PRAIRIE FIRES FAR AND WIDE

Efforts of Saskatchewan Settlers to Stop Great Conflagration Futile.

TOWNS IN DANGER

[Canadian Press.]
Moose Jaw, Sask., April 22.—Prairie fires in the south continue to burn fiercely fanned by high, changeable winds. The flames are carried far and wide, mocking the efforts of the settlers, who have worked unceasingly since Saturday night to combat the conflagration. The damage is now counted in thousands of dollars. All the grass for many miles around has been burned, and the problem created of feeding the live stock until the new grass grows. At Snowy Springs the pumping plant formerly used to supply Moose Jaw is threatened. The fire department rushed from here, found flames within a few feet of the big gasoline tanks with one man fighting hard for the safety of the plant.

HOODOO SIGN FOR THE CONS.

Only Thirteen Sure Seats Out of Fifty-Four Contested in Alberta.

MACKAY GAINS VOTES

[Canadian Press.]
Edmonton, April 22.—Returns today indicate Rocky Mountain has gone Socialist. C. M. O'Brien, the former member, winning out over the Conservative, Campbell, by a majority of 10. Final returns from Edson give Cross a majority of 58, with all polls heard from. In Medicine Hat, as well as in Edmonton, where the counting is now in progress, yesterday's results here gave an additional 8 votes for Mackay on the hearing of protests in three out of 55 polls, while Edson gave a majority of 66. A large number of other polls come up today. Liberal leaders here now claim that Conservatives have only 13 absolutely sure seats out of 54 contests. It is practically certain that declaration day will find between that number and 18 Conservatives elected.

LESS INNOCENT THAN SEEMED

Girl Who Said She Was Deserted Ran Away From Detroit Institution.

FATHER SENDS FOR HER

Helen Goleneski, the pretty 12-year-old Polish girl of Cleveland, who was brought to this city Saturday night after having been apparently deserted by her uncle at Chatham, admitted to Inspector Sanders today that her story involving her uncle in Detroit was not true. She now states that she ran away from an institution in Detroit which she called the Orphans' Home.

Her story about her home in Cleveland was quite correct, however. She gave her address as 3515 East Fifty-fifth street, Cleveland, and Inspector Sanders communicated by wire with her father there. He received a reply this morning to send her to Cleveland via the Lake Shore and Michigan route of the Grand Trunk. Arrangements had been made for her transportation. The inspector accompanied her to the train at 11:45 this morning, and saw her safely started on her journey in charge of the conductor.

Did Not Know Man.
How she got on the train to come to Chatham is still puzzling the authorities. She now claims that she got on the train with a man whom she did not know. She still sticks to her story about falling asleep and waking up to find herself alone after leaving Chatham. She thought that she was on a train going to Milwaukee.

Indian Attempts to Break Jail at Lucan

John Schyler, an Indian, living near Lucan, was brought to the county jail on Monday afternoon by County Constable Butler, and will serve a sentence of three months. Schyler was arrested on Saturday afternoon for being drunk and raising a disturbance on the streets of that village, and when he was locked up he attempted to escape from the Lucan jail. He was sentenced by Police Magistrate C. W. Hawkshaw.

BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN ROBS BRITISH ADMIRALTY

Agent of Some Foreign Power Takes Important Naval Data in Hands of Winston Churchill as Well as \$2,500 in Cash Belonging to First Lord.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, April 22.—A special cable to the New York American from London says: Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, it is learned today, has been the victim of a most daring and sensational robbery, in which a beautiful and mysterious young woman is suspected as the possible foreign agent of some foreign power. By the theft of the first lord of the admiralty not only losses of \$2,500 in money, but highly important confidential naval data, such as might be eagerly sought after of great value to any nation not too friendly with Great Britain.

WILLIAM MOIR, serving life term, whose release is being sought.



TWO LONDON RAILWAY EMPLOYEES SOUGHT FOR THEFT OF ENGINE

Alleged to Have Wrecked Locomotive in Guelph Yards When They Took a Dangerous "Joy Ride" on Sunday.

Two C. P. R. men from London are being sought as perpetrators of the theft of an engine at Brock Junction Sunday, as the result of which another freight engine was hurled into a ditch and damaged seriously. The authorities have a special detective at work in the city on the case at the present time, and it is said that two men have been detained, one at Guelph and one at Toronto, and that the London men are still being sought.

The engine was taken from the siding at Brock Junction. The station agent and watchman saw the engine pulled out of the siding and rush along the line. The men in the engine, of whom there are believed to have been four, took the engine to Moffatt Station, and then proceeded to the Guelph yards.

All Jumped to Safety.
The second freight engine stood on the line, and the "joy riders," apparently unfamiliar with the intricacies of running a locomotive, were unable to avoid a collision. The standing engine was thrown in the ditch. The crew of the freight engine saw the engine coming and jumped to safety, and the London men and the two others also threw themselves out of the cab when they saw a collision was impending. Damages of \$800 was caused.

BACK DOWN WHEN TOLD TO MAKE AN AFFIDAVIT

Those Who Entered Complaint Against Mr. William Moore Fail to Appear—Mr. Moore Will Be Appointed.

Mr. William Moore was on Monday notified that his name would go before the city council for the position of deputy returning officer in the May municipal elections.

LLOYD GEORGE MUST RAISE THIRTY-SEVEN MILLIONS

[Canadian Press.]
London, April 22.—Cancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George, in introducing the budget of the British Government in the House of Commons this afternoon, told the country that while he could not remit any taxes he expected not to pull through without levying new imposts. This, he said, was in spite of the fact that the budget showed an expenditure of upwards of \$975,000,000 and he was faced with the necessity of finding the sum of \$37,500,000 more than the revenue had brought him during the fiscal year just closed.

LITTLE GIRL DEAD MOTHER BADLY BURNED

Velma Allenby's Clothes Caught While She Was Playing About Bonfire.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Dresden, April 22.—Velma, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Allenby, died here Monday as a result of burns received by playing near a bonfire on Saturday. The little girl was terribly burned about the head and limbs, and only lived about 24 hours after the accident. The mother's arms were badly burned in her attempts to smother the flames.

DOES GRAND TRUNK MEAN BUSINESS AT WELLINGTON STREET?

Railway Surveyors, Again at Work in Block Between York and King Streets, Give Rise to Station Story.

Surveyors have again been at work in the block between York and King streets and east of Wellington street. Some time ago the property as far east as the Thompson residence was looked over for the second time by men with theodolites, and conjectures as to the intention have been made for weeks by residents of the properties through which they have been going.

A Railway Survey.
"I think that it is a railway survey of some kind, although I am not absolutely certain," said Engineer F. W. Farncombe this morning. "They are outside men at any rate, and it is likely that one of the railways is making the survey."

That the Grand Trunk intends to choose this property as a site for a new station is believed by a number of those interested.

Won't Reveal Intentions.
"They want to have the new depot opposite the Federal Square, and they are preparing plans for the directors' meeting to be held soon in England," said one of the property owners. "I saw one of the surveyors and he admitted he was an outside man. He would not reveal the reason he was here. I do not know why anyone else would be looking over the property."

Those who own property in the part of the block which has been gone over hope to hear something definite in the matter before long.

HANDSOME STORE FOR J. H. CHAPMAN SOON UNDER WAY

Three Smaller Shops To Be Consolidated Into Imposing Emporium.

The appearance of the retail district of London will be greatly improved by the consolidation of alterations to the building now occupied by J. H. Chapman & Co. and purchased by that firm last year.

Since the removal of the company to the building, two stores have been occupied by the Chapman Company, and a store in the centre occupied by Mr. Neil Cooper. The latter has vacated his premises, and Messrs. McBride & Gilbert, architects, have been requested by Mr. Chapman to prepare plans for consolidating the three stores into one commodious establishment. This object will be attained by removing the present dividing brick walls.

\$5,000 BOND TO SECURE RELEASE OF PRIVATE MOIR

Citizen Writes Minister of Justice Offering to Guarantee Good Behavior.

Claims Crime Was Blameable to Drink and Unguarded Rifles.

A well-known citizen of London has written the Minister of Justice, Hon. Mr. Doherty, offering to give a bond for the good behavior after his release of Private William Moir, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for killing Sergeant Lloyd at Wolseley Barracks some years ago.

The citizen has offered to put up the sum of \$5,000, to be forfeited, if at any time Moir should fail to keep the peace, or to become intoxicated.

CHapel BUILT BY HURON STUDENTS WITH OWN HANDS

Buy Old Cottage, Salvage the Lumber and Practice Carpentry.

Expected Entire Cost Will Not Be Greater Than \$1,500.

Manual training is not usually included in the curriculum of theological institutions, but during the past year the students attending Huron College have been studying carpentry with remarkable success. Supervised by Principal Waller, the young preachers-to-be have almost completed a chapel extending northward from the main building, that for expert construction and skillful workmanship would do credit to a professional contractor.

Got Lumber Cheap.
About a year ago it was discovered by Principal Waller and the students that a property owner on a nearby street had a substantial frame cottage that he wished to have removed. He offered the structure for a trifling sum to anyone who would take it away. As a source of lumber supply at low cost this afforded an excellent opportunity, and the students immediately started work dismantling the house. That was a year ago, and now the timbers have been rebuilt into the framework of what when finished will be one of the prettiest little chapels in the country.

Some Contract Work.
The external brick work, the plastering within, and the shingling only remain to be done. The shingling will be the work of the students, while the remainder will be done under contract. In June the chapel will be ready for worship. For a long time the present little chapel at the college has been far from adequate. Thirty students and the professors have been offering up prayers daily in a small room not large enough to seat twenty persons comfortably. The new chapel will seat eighty or more students, and it is estimated that it will not cost more than \$1,500.

BECK TRIES TO FRUSTRATE HOCKEN IN SCHEME TO GIVE SINGLE FARES TO WORKMEN

Mayor of Toronto Sought to Buy Street Railways So That Two Fares Would Not Be Charged—Controller Says Bill Will Pass.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, April 22.—Adam Beck's prestige is on the wane in Toronto. The workmen of the city are beginning to realize that he is ready to go to almost any end to further his hydro-electric scheme, and to keep under cover the fact that the Government is paying money for electric energy from Col. Green and his company than any other company pays at the Falls. That is said to be one of the reasons that he is so bitterly opposing the purchase of the Toronto Electric Company's holdings in this city, and fighting even his compatriots in this city.

Cut Out Extra Fares.
Mayor Hocken, who looked to office, and long before that, always told the workmen of this city that when made chief magistrate he would endeavor to do something for the working people. It was with this end in view that he and Controller McCarthy entered into negotiations with Mr. R. J. Fleming to purchase the holdings of the company in this city. He thought that in that way he would be able to give to the workmen a single fare ride to any part of the city. As it is now the Toronto railway only runs to certain points in the city, and thousands of workmen, who live far from out, have to transfer to the York radial lines and pay an extra fare, because the company, although a subsidiary line of the Toronto company, does not honor its transfers.

Buy Both Lines.
It was Mayor Hocken's idea to purchase both lines and give the workmen a single fare to any part of the city on account of the distance at which houses have to be built here now.

It is said that all this was explained to Hon. Adam Beck, but that he could not see it in that way, and although the "powers that be" in this city had come together and tried to push up the trouble between Controller Hocken and Hon. Adam Beck, it is still definitely said here that Adam Beck threatened to resign from the Government and stump the city against the move that Mr. Hocken is making for the workmen.

The question is being discussed on all sides and the workmen are not at all backward in saying what they think.

Expects Bill to Pass.
Controller McCarthy, when interviewed, was reticent. He claimed, however, that he thought that a doubt the bill would go through the Legislature when it comes up this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

"Do you think Mr. Beck was afraid that the price the hydro-electric commission is paying for power would be shown to be considerably higher than private companies are paying, and that the city of Toronto could sell cheaper than the hydro commission, by virtue of the contract, which the Toronto Electric Company has with the Electric Commission?"

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Great Belgian Strike Ends A Win For Workingmen

Brussels, April 22.—Premier Charles De Broqueville, announced this afternoon in the Chamber of Deputies that the Government had accepted with an unimportant amendment, the resolution introduced by P. Masson, the Liberal leader, providing for a compromise.

This means that the strike has come to an end.

According to information obtained from an authoritative source the premier and other members of the cabinet will yield during the session of the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon, and accept the arrangement suggested by the Liberal leader, providing that

the equalization of the parliamentary franchise shall be immediately taken under consideration, in the event of the committee now dealing with the provincial and communal franchises evolving a plan improving on the present method.

Clericals Too Strong.
King Albert conferred for a long time with Premier Charles De Broqueville today, and it is understood that he agreed to settle the strike by making concessions to the workers, who complain of the system by which persons enjoying higher incomes or having a superior education are given supplementary votes. The workers assert that these extra votes would have swamped the balance at the parliamentary polls, and have permitted the Clerical party in power without interruption for over 20 years.

Natural Gas Men Here In Interests of Probosed Deal

Representatives of the gas merger, which is making an effort to gain control of the natural gas fields of Western Ontario were in the city today, but maintained silence as to the project when approached by The Advertiser.

What mission brought them here could not be learned, but it is understood their visit has some significance with the company's plan to supply London with natural gas.

Use Income Tax to Raise Revenue

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, D. C., April 22.—Presenting the complex Democratic tariff revision bill to the House today, the Democrats of the ways and means committee recommended a radical adjustment of the entire fiscal policy of the nation. They proposed to make an income tax the means of adjusting the funds to be raised by taxation to correspond with necessities, for Government expenditures.

Royal Grenadiers of Toronto to Spend Twenty-Fourth Here

The Royal Grenadiers, Toronto, one of the leading regiments in Canada, propose visiting London on Monday, May 20, according to a communication received by Mayor Graham this morning. An invitation was not sent, but the local regiments will make arrangements for their entertainment. Capt. H. C. Becher, of the Seventh Regiment, stated that the Seventh had been considering holding a field day at the lakeside on May 24, but that their plans had not been definitely fixed.

"British Rights" Subject of Lecture by P. St. Clair Aldridge

Mr. P. St. Clair Aldridge delivered an interesting talk on British rights at the Presbyterian Church, Chelsea, Monday evening. He reviewed the events in English history leading up to the famous battle of Runnymede, after which the English barons forced King John to sign Magna Carta. Mr. George S. Gibbons, J. C., explained to the audience the provisions of the great charter, and showed all that it meant to the nation from that time to the present time. His remarks were listened to with great interest.

THE WEATHER.			
TOMORROW—WARMER.			
Forecasts.			
	High.	Low.	Weather.
Toronto	52	37	Clear
London	52	37	Clear
Calgary	62	36	Cloudy
Winnipeg	78	54	Cloudy
Port Arthur	40	30	Cloudy
Perry Sound	50	40	Cloudy
Toronto	54	38	Rain
Ottawa	62	38	Cloudy
Montreal	58	48	Cloudy
Quebec	52	42	Cloudy
Father Point	42	30	Cloudy
Weather Notes.			
The pressure is highest over the South Atlantic States and lowest in the Western Provinces.			
A few scattered showers are reported from Alberta to the Ottawa Valley, but on the whole fine weather prevails in Canada.			