

# MAY END BY EASTER TIME.

Business Transacted Quickly by the Legislature.

Budget May be Expected Next Week.

Members Would Make Trouble for Automobilers.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—It is anticipated by members of the Cabinet that prorogation of the Legislature will come before Easter. No doubt this will be the case if the same rapid rate of progress continues as has characterized the sittings of the last two days. Yesterday in about two and a half hours an exceptionally large amount of business was transacted. No fewer than three Government measures passed the committee stage, and progress was reported on another. In each of these bills there was debate over certain clauses, and in that particular one respecting members of the Legislative Assembly Mr. A. Studholme raised the question of deductions from the sessional indemnity, much to the amusement of the House.

Before the orders of the day were called Premier Whitney said: "I desire to do what I do not often have occasion to do, namely, to make a report in a newspaper of observations made by me. The Globe, no doubt inadvertently, leaves out the word 'too,' which makes all the possible difference in regard to my meaning. In the course of the interview with the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, one of the clergymen who spoke declared, in unmistakable language, that they were 'in politics' in this matter. Speaking a few minutes afterward, I said: 'All I can say is that the Government is in politics too,' in reply to the clergyman, but the word 'too' was omitted, and it reads: 'All I can say is that the Government is in politics,' leaving the impression that politics is the sole principle or idea on which we act on this question of the liquor license act. I think it only fair to myself to draw attention to this, because I am satisfied that it occurred inadvertently, and they will correct it."

When the House went into committee to consider the controversial bill, Hon. A. G. MacKay pointed out that there appeared to be some variance in the definition of the word candidate. Apparently, if a man were nominated by a convention he immediately became a candidate within the meaning of the bill. If, however, a man put himself forward independently he was not a candidate until the writ for the election was issued. As, under the bill, candidates suffered certain disabilities, he thought the definition should be made clear, and applicable to all.

Premier Whitney, however, did not see any ambiguity in the language, and the clause was passed and the bill reported.

The bill respecting the Legislative Assembly was also dealt with in committee. Mr. Studholme wanted to know if the rule regarding deductions from members' indemnity was ever enforced. He thought that some check or "tab," as he expressed it, should be kept.

Premier Whitney replied that members went to the accounting officer and presumably complied with the regulations. Presumably the members complied with the rule, he said.

Mr. Studholme said he thought that in the Dominion House the absence or presence of members was accounted for by roll call.

Gives Too Much Power. With the bill regarding municipal securities in committee three Liberal members, Hon. Mr. MacKay, Mr. Preston (South Brant), and Mr. Douglas (Tawa), stated that too much power would be given the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board regarding the certifying of the validity of debenture by-laws, etc. However, the Premier and Hon. Mr. Foy maintained that the wording of the bill was correct, and the measure was reported without amendment.

Teachers' Salaries. The question of Hon. Richard Harcourt regarding the average salaries paid school teachers from 1902 to 1907 was answered by Hon. Dr. Fyde, as follows: 1902, male \$436, female \$313; 1903, male \$465, female \$324; 1904, male \$485, female \$335; 1905, male \$514, female \$348; 1906, male \$547, female \$369. The returns for 1907 are not available yet.

Mr. R. A. Thompson (North West) has given notice of his intention to introduce a bill to amend the public libraries act. The object of the bill is to allow police villages recently organized to take over public libraries formerly established in townships.

Mr. J. H. Devitt (West Durham) is also out after the automobile act, a bill to provide that no motor vehicle shall be run or be allowed to stand upon any highway in a town, township or incorporated village or police village during Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday in any week, or between the hours of 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. on Sundays.

The Attorney-General gave notice of a bill to amend the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park act, giving power to the commissioners, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, to borrow \$100,000 for improvements. The money so borrowed is to be applied primarily to the preservation of the bank of the Niagara River between Port Erie and the southerly boundary of the park. The commissioners may also construct an esplanade along that portion of the river bank.

Hon. Mr. Foy also gave notice of a bill ratifying the agreement between the Queen Victoria Park Commissioners and the Electrical Development Company of Ontario, Limited. The agreement gives the company power to transmit electrical power generated at their works to the power house of the Canadian Niagara Power Company by means of a conduit for a period of three years. The company must furnish the commissioners half-yearly returns of the amount of power so transmitted, and the superintendent of the commission is empowered to inspect.

Hon. Mr. Foy also gave notice of a bill respecting the Queen's Heights Park.

Budget Next Week. Before the adjournment Hon. Mr. MacKay asked when the public accounts would be brought down. Mr. Whitney—The Provincial Treasurer is out of town. It is the desire that the budget speech should be made

next week, about the middle of the week, I suppose. If I recollect aright, the estimates come down before the budget.

Mr. MacKay agreed that that was the only fair way of dealing with these matters, and then asked about the re-distribution bill.

The Premier—I propose no later than Monday to consult with my hon. friend about that.

The bill to amend the act respecting Burlington Beach was given its second reading, and the private bill respecting the united counties of Northumberland and Durham was reported by the committee without amendment.

The bills respecting the county of Wellington and the town of Mount Forest and respecting by-laws of the town of Thorold were given second readings.

Would Board Name Streets? An interesting point is being raised in connection with the bill now before the Legislature to amend the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board act, as to whether it will give to the board power to designate streets on which street railway tracks may be laid. The clause is as follows:

"The board shall have authority to lay out and to locate the location of any street or highway, as to the pavement of the street or highway, or as to the concrete or other foundation upon which the rails or special work should be laid, or as to the rails or special work used in construction, or as to the proportion of the cost of the said pavements, concrete or other foundations to be borne by the company and the municipality respectively, the board shall hear and determine all questions in dispute and make such order as to it may seem just and reasonable."

The question is whether the words "as to the location of the rails in any street or highway" apply to highways already designated, or whether this gives that power to the board.

Fell Dead From Rig. St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 27.—Emerson Reemer, a drayman, of this city, drove up to the Grand Trunk freight sheds to-day and fell off his dray to the ground. When picked up life was extinct. Heart failure was the cause of death.

A street car narrowly escaped being smashed by a locomotive at London, the train stopping within a few feet of the car.

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# KITCHENER'S NEW MACHINE.

His Indian Army at Work Against the Afridi.

Fort's Destroyed and Many of the Tribesmen Killed.

A Menace on the Northern Frontier for Centuries.

London, Feb. 27.—Lord Kitchener's little frontier war in the Bazar Valley against the Zakkakheis tribesmen is making rapid and successful progress. The purpose of the expedition is to punish the tribesmen for numerous raids into Indian territory, and in a remarkably short campaign they have been scattered and broken, their forts have been destroyed, and many of the tribesmen have been killed.

The expedition is thought here to reflect credit upon the reorganization of the Indian army as carried out by Lord Kitchener. Tommy Atkins is profiting by the lessons learned from the Russo-Japanese war. The British troops advanced on the enemy in open order with wide intervals between them. The men took advantage of all available cover. This method of procedure, surprised and disheartened the natives, who were accustomed for their sniping tactics to the targets made by the more or less compact column formation employed by previous expeditions.

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the kernel of the resistance to British arms during the campaign in Tirah, and remained to the end unconquered and untaunted. Since that campaign there has been almost no crime which the Zakkakheis have not committed. Neither the persons nor the properties of dwellers in the lowlands have been safe from these highland catenaries.

G. W. Stevens in his book "In India," gives a vivid impression of the customs of these turbulent tribes.

"They have a custom, when they plough," he says, "of meeting in jirga, and there each man lays down a stone before him; while the ploughing lasts the stones are down and all blood-feuds sleep. The other day, the war with the Sirdar being over, and a feeling abroad that the rifles had been silent too long, they came to the General Sahib for permission to lift the stones and open the each-other shooting season. The first village that begins will be destroyed," said he, and they went away sorrowful, but obedient."

The force sent against the Zakkakheis consisted of 7,000 men under Major-General Sir James Willcocks. So far as British troops were concerned, only three battalions were engaged, 3,000 worthily represented England, Scotland and Ireland. They were the Warwickshires, the Seaforth Highlanders and the Munster Fusiliers. In addition there were detachments from various Sikh, Gurkha and Punjabi regiments, squadrons of the 57th Lancers, mountain batteries and sappers.

## STRIKES AVERTED.

LEMIEUX CONCILIATION ACT A NATIONAL BENEFIT.

Statistics Showing the Working of the Measure Since it Came Into Existence—Over Thirty Thousand Men Helped.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—A return presented to the Commons to-day gives some illuminative statistics as to the beneficial results of the industrial disputes investigation act passed last session. Since the passing of the act in March last there have been thirty references of labor disputes to Boards of Conciliation and Investigation appointed under the act. Of these eighteen referred to labor troubles in mines and smelters and eleven concerned transportation and communication companies. In the case of these the total number of applications the disputes were settled before the board had been finally constituted. Only one strike occurred in a case where a dispute had been dealt with by a board. There are still pending in connection with the various applications four investigations. The total number of men affected by the successful application of the act was no less than 30,642.

When it is considered that but for the intervention of boards constituted under the act strikes would probably have resulted in almost every instance, the immense importance of the act to the general welfare of the country will readily be seen from the above striking figures.

According to the figures of the Labor Department, the total number of labor organizations formed in Canada during 1907 was 232, and of organizations dissolved 58, being a net increase during the year of 174. Compared with the three preceding years, the returns show a marked increase in the activity of the organization. In 1906 the number of organizations formed was 154, and of organizations dissolved 85, a gain of only 69. In 1905 there was a net loss of two, the unions forming numbering 103, and unions dissolved 105. There was an increase of 44 in the number of unions during 1904.

The year 1908 alone, since records have been kept by the department, was more active than the previous year in regard to the organization of workmen, the number of unions formed in that year being 275 and of unions dissolved 54, a net increase of 221. Of the organizations formed last year 53 were formed by railway employees, 43 by metal workers and 41 in the building trades. Ninety-four organizations were formed in Ontario, 51 in Quebec, 28 in Alberta and 22 in British Columbia.

Canadians know good tea. This is proved by the fact that over two million cups of "Salada" tea are drunk by Canadians every day.

The "Gas" Was Prepaid. The self-made millionaire who had endowed the school had been invited to make the opening speech at the commencement exercises. He had not often had a chance of speaking before the public, and he was resolved to make the most of it. He dragged his address out as long as possible, repeating the same thought over and over. Unable to stand it any longer, a couple of boys in the rear of the room slipped out. A coachman who was waiting outside asked them if the millionaire had finished his speech.

"Yes, yes!" replied the boys; "but he won't stop."—"Everybody's Magistrate. To cure a cold in one night—use Vapo-Cresoline. It has been used successfully during more than twenty-four years. All drug-

# Fun for Times Readers

Hurtin' Bizness. "Don't you know you're hurtin' bizness," said the red fox to the hound.

"When, instead of sleepin' peaceful, you come sauntin' scuttin' round! What's the good of all your barkin'! What's the use of all this fuss! What were chickens ever made for if they weren't made for us?"

"Can't you see you're hurtin' bizness?" said the South sea savage chief. To the fearless missionary who was sitting on the reef;

"I have seven white men captured that I want to sell as meat; What were the white folks ever made for if they weren't made to eat?"

"Don't you know you're hurtin' bizness?" said the robber in the jail. While the staid sheriff listened to his almost tearful tale;

"Those who make and sell the jimnies, don't you see are losin' trade, While you foolishly confine me where no get-aways are made!"

"Can't you see you're hurtin' bizness?" said the devil to the man. Who was steadily progressing on the live-and-let-live plan;

"You are keepin' men from fallin' who, if sorely pressed, might fall; Why, if all men done as you do I would have no job at all."

The Man That Gets Back. Then here's to the man who gets back, When fate has struck us between the eyes.

When fondest hope in failure dies, When kicks and angry are all our tricks, Here's to the man who gets back, Works back— Fights back—

By the power of his soul In his own control Gets back.

Then here's to the man who gets back, No craven coward to weep and groan. He trusts to his God and himself alone, No whiners, no cursings, no feeble moan,

Here's to the man who gets back, Works back— Fights back— By the power of his soul In his own control Gets back.

Nasal. An elderly churchwarden of a small

church in Birmingham, England, in shaving himself one Sunday morning recently before church time made a slight cut with the razor on the extreme end of his nose. He called his wife and asked her if she had any court plaster in the house. "You'll find some in my sewing basket," she replied. At church, while assisting with the collection, he noticed everyone smile as he passed the plate, and some of the younger people laughed outright. Much annoyed he asked a friend if he noticed anything wrong with his appearance. "Well, I should say there is," was the answer. "What is that on your nose?" "Court plaster," "No," said the friend, "it is the label from a reel of cotton. It says, 'Warranted 200 yards.'"

Very Festive Sometimes. Mr. McCorigan was showing some visitors over the house. Arriving at the nursery, he remarked: "This, gentlemen, is the bawl-room."

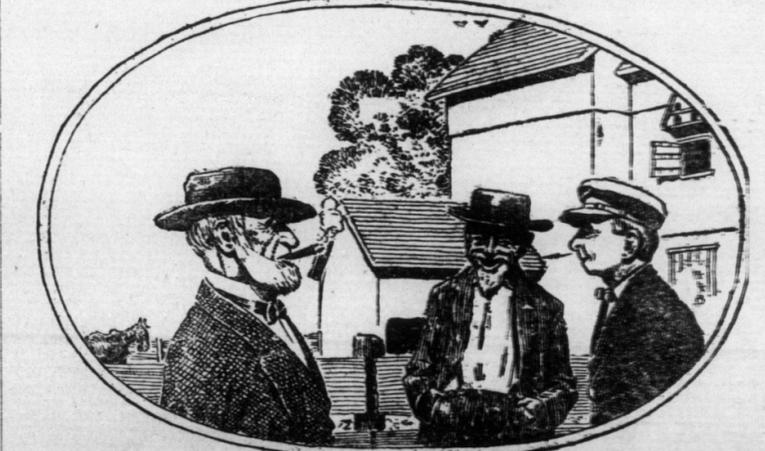
How He Designated It. Tom—"Mrs. Gibbons, please pass the butter." The Landlady—"The apple butter!" Tom—"No'm; the cow butter."

George's Arrangement. Mamma had found it necessary to discipline George for being naughty one day, and the usually forgiving nature of the child was held in check until papa came home, when the little boy ran to him and said: "Papa, I want you to do sumpin' for me. I want you to discharge mamma."

His Authority. "I caught a little boy fish yesterday," said Benmie. "A little what?" "A little boy fish. Papa said it was a son fish."

Easy Enough. Tommie was suffering with an aching tooth. Auntie—"If that was my tooth Tommie, I'd have it out." Tommie (promptly)—"So would I."

Saving It For Dessert. "Give me a kiss, Tot," said her papa, as he seated himself by her side at the table. "It isn't time for dethert," replied the little miss, putting out her lips, which indeed looked as tempting as strawberries.



A BARNYARD QUIZ. Veteran Horse Doctor—So you're learnin' to be a horse-doctor are you John? Well, now suppose you were suddenly called out to tend a farmer's sick mule, what would be one of the first things you'd want to find out?

The Coming Veterinarian—Where the farmer lived

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## STAYS HIS STEP-MOTHER.

Toronto Italian Woman Aged 70.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—In a family row at 262 Chestnut street last night Arido Cammaro, aged 19, stabbed his stepmother, Bridget Cammaro, in a debate as to whether he should or should not share in the contents of a bag of beer which had been bought by Michele Cammaro, Arido's father. Before Arido went home to Chestnut street last night about 8 o'clock he had evidently been drinking. Michele Cammaro, his father, and the ten or so lodgers in the house had pooled their money and had bought a bag of beer; all had contributed out Arido. So when Arido came in his father refused to allow him to share with others had bought, and he went upstairs very indignant.

His stepmother withheld him up and tried to induce him to go to bed. Arido went downstairs again. Bridget Cammaro followed him, and he turned on her in the lower room and struck her several blows on the arm and the back with what the onlookers thought was his fist.

When, however, his father, an old man of seventy, and Domenico Patzino, one of the lodgers, pulled him away, they found a short but very thick-bladed knife clenched in his fist, and the others noticed that the old man was bleeding profusely from wounds in the left arm and the back. Fortunately the blade of the knife was so short that it did not inflict very deep wounds.

## MINNER HEROES DECORATED.

King Personally Awards Edward Medal for Saving Lives.

London, Feb. 27.—The Edward Medal, the decoration instituted by the King as a reward for gallantry in saving or attempting to save lives in mines or quarries, was to-day personally presented by King Edward to two gallant miners, Francis Chandler and William Ever-

son. Chandler was the first man to be recommended for the medal since the institution of the decoration last July, and the deed which won him the decoration was an exceptionally brave one. Several men employed in the Blytham Silkstone Colliery were imprisoned in the boiler house by an

## clever \$100,000 SWINDLE.

Letter of Credit Photographed and Cashied Abroad.

Paris, Feb. 27.—The police here are investigating an ingenious swindle involving \$100,000. Six months ago a man deposited a large sum of money in a well-known bank in New York, asking for a letter of credit, which was given to him. He returned the letter in a few days, saying he had no further use for it, and withdrew the money from the bank. Meantime, however, the letter of credit has been photographed and several clever rascals, who cashed them simultaneously in London, Hamburg, Paris, Marseilles, Rome, Genoa, Munich and Vienna. As yet no clue has been discovered that would lead to the identification of the swindlers.

## CASTORIA.

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From Suspension Bridge, via Lehigh Valley R. R., Thursday, March 12th. Trains good 15 days. Particulars 54 King street east, Toronto, Ontario.

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