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1000 ONTARIO TEACHERS IN TORONTO QUESTION OF LATIN BOTHERS THEM

President Young Condemns the Present Educational System As Lacking Definite Purpose.

The officers of the Ontario Educational Association were in a state of high felicity yesterday over the great success of the meeting which opened yesterday morning in the university. The general association did not meet till evening, but most of the thirteen sections held meetings during the day, and as a rule the rooms were crowded. The full attendance expected to-day will be well up to a thousand.

The subject on which most interest was centred was the new arrangement proposed by the department, by which Latin is no longer to be only known as a dead language, but is to be buried as well, and scientific subjects are to take the vacated place. The committee of nineteen were divided by a vote of nine to ten in favor of science, but the classical men labor on in hope of a compromise. The report will be fully discussed to-night and a warm session is probable.

Colby "Makes a Hit."

Among the addresses, that of Prof. Colby of McGill was perhaps the most attractive. Miss Geraldine O'Grady, Columbia University, has also made a Toronto reputation and will be heard again to-day. One of her experiences was delightful.

"My little niece—we all have little nieces and nephews, I hope, if we are not fortunate enough to have children of our own—was overheard talking to herself one day. 'I am five now and sister is four. Soon I will be six and she will be five, but when we grow up perhaps we won't know which is the oldest. I wonder if anyone but God knows how old grown-up people are?' A lady who heard of the soliloquy said: 'Perhaps the grown-ups wish that only God did know their age.'"

The modern language section discussed the change in the curriculum, and desired to have modern languages placed on the same basis as Latin for "bonus" marks. They approved of the alternative proposal of the arts faculties of the university.

W. S. McLay of McMaster selected Thomas Rymer, a seventeenth century critic of Shakespeare, as a type of degenerate pseudo-classicism. He thought "Othello had some burlesque and some ramble of comical wit, but in its tragical part it is clearly only a bloody farce without salt or savor."

Levan Boss of Moderns.

The modern languages department elected the following officers: President, I. M. Levan; vice-president, J. S. Lane; secretary-treasurer, Prof. Squair; committee, Miss Balmer, Miss Weir, F. F. MacPherson, Prof. Cameron, B. S. McKellar and Prof. Horning. In his address on Goethe and Matthew Arnold, the president traced the influence upon Arnold of Goethe's all round culture and his inspiration against ignoble things.

"Classical Education and Modern Needs" was the subject of Principal Auden's paper in the classical section in the morning. To meet more fully the objections urged against classics by commercial and utilitarian people, there should be a more definite conception secured of the aim and theory of classical training. Improvements and simplifications in methods of teaching would go far to make the study of Latin and Greek more satisfactory to boys. The humanistic rather than the disciplinary side should be emphasized.

At 3 o'clock, A. Carruthers, M.A., took the chair in the classical section, the meeting having been delayed to permit members to hear Prof. Colby.

Cut Down the Old Roman.

C. S. Kerr, B.A., opened the discussion on "Latin of the High School Program." The principals had just recommended that Latin be made a compulsory subject, but the amount should be cut in half. Another suggestion was to retain Latin and exclude modern languages. A third in the alternative mentioned in yesterday's World gave a choice of Latin or a science course.

E. W. Hagarty, B.A., said there were three courses open, and he favored the suggestion made by the principals.

Principal Strang explained that the compromise resolution of the committee of nineteen was in the hands of the department on Feb. 25, but was not issued until the eve of the convention. He held that the minister had broken faith with them, as last April he had undertaken not to do anything for a year, and until the committee of nineteen reported, the minister tossed aside two of their resolutions, and Mr. Strang felt that they had been badly treated.

Principal Hutton held that the whole question was now open. The committee had compromised, he thought now, unwisely, on having one language, any language, as a bonus. The minister rejected this, and ruled that Latin only be taken as a bonus subject.

Prof. Robertson of Victoria held that a smaller amount of Latin than is required for matriculation being made compulsory for all was a view they were all agreed upon.

A motion was adopted approving the principal's recommendation to make Latin compulsory for all candidates for junior teachers' certificates, the amount being less than is now required, and also that an option be allowed between some portion of the science now suggested and a modern language.

Two Men With Fads.

Principal Morgan of Walkerton declared there were two men who had the ear of the minister, and they were bound to carry thru their fads. It did not matter in the least what the section might say or recommend, it would be of no weight against them.

Principal Strang thought it was a foregone conclusion what the department would do, but they had a duty to the public and should go on record.

President S. Martin of St. Mary's, in the Mathematical and Physical Association, deprecated the plan of directing the work of the high schools from the education department by resolutions to be enforced by the high school inspector. The examination system was safer than an annual report. A. T. DeLury spoke on "The Study of Mathematics in France."

C. W. Colby, M.A., of McGill, spoke in the historical section on "The Modern Historian." Clio, the first of the muses, had given way to history, the last of the sciences. He did not wish to rail again the modern historian, but it was necessary to dis-

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SYSTEM LACKS PURPOSE.

The organized intellect of Ontario was concentrated in the university buildings yesterday. Principal Peterson and Prof. Colby of McGill were distinguished visitors, and Miss Geraldine O'Grady represented Columbia College from New York. Very strong dissatisfaction was expressed with the department of education for the change made in the curriculum, which eliminates the study of Latin from the training of all but the most devoted teachers, and gives modern languages almost equally slight encouragement. It is claimed that opinion is almost equally divided over the change, but the speaking was on the side of Latin study, and a compromise is hoped for. President Young indicted the whole educational system as lacking uniform purpose and concentration, and he favored the appointment of a superintendent with a strong free hand, or the establishment of such an educational council as exists in Manitoba.

Both Navies Disappeared Even Scout Boats Vanish

Correspondent of Times Has Cruised 50 Hours Before Port Arthur in Peace.

London, April 6.—A correspondent of The Times, cabling yesterday afternoon, says that he has been cruising for 50 hours in the vicinity of Port Arthur, and that he has seen no sign of the navy of either belligerent, not even scout boats, but that he has seen large flotillas of junks steering northwest, presumably going to Liaotishin to land provisions for Port Arthur.

RUSS WAITS JAP.

Paris, April 6.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Echo de Paris says that the Russian general staff is convinced that the Russians will await a Japanese attack on the right bank of the Yalu, which they are busily fortifying at its mouth. A remarkable bridge has been constructed on the prolongation of the Wiju line connecting it with Pinhujan. The correspondent says the Russians are seeking to draw the Japanese on by sending small groups across the river.

FILLED WITH LIFE.

St. Petersburg, April 5.—A correspondent of the Associated Press at Port Arthur, who returned to the fortress yesterday from a trip thru Southern Manchuria, telegraphs that that country is strikingly full of active life, that the troops are vigorous and healthy and animated by a desire for active operations, and that the entire native population, including that of the commercial world, is friendly to Russia and full of faith in the Russian arms. The correspondent says:

"The Chinese volunteer militia wear a special uniform with equalettes bearing the Russian national flag. The natives provide provisions freely and are selling horses brought from the surrounding country. The mandarins are an exception to this general rule, as they are trying to carry water on both shoulders. As their conduct is passive, it does the Russians no harm."

The correspondent says the railroad works regularly. He continues:

"Sentries are posted at the boundary and are doing duty in the neutral zone dividing China and Manchuria. The weather is warm and the rivers are open. In Port Arthur all is quiet and the inhabitants have become accustomed to a state of war."

$20,000 BRIDGE GONE.

Belleville, April 5.—The County of Hastings suffered a severe loss to-day when O'Brien's bridge, situated near Threshers' Corners about eight miles from this city, was carried away by the ice. The bridge was built about eight years ago, and with piers and abutments cost $20,000. The superstructure cost $12,000. The Tweed stage had just crossed before it was carried away. Residents will be seriously inconvenienced.

A Personal Purity Campaign.

About fifty males, ranging in age from ten to sixty years, were present at Trinity Methodist Church last night to listen to a lecture on self and sex by G. A. Archibald, son of the staff inspector of police. T. C. Robinette, K.C., presided, and introduced the speaker, who was greeted with loud applause on concluding. Mr. Archibald and D. A. Hewitt of Victoria College will conduct a personal purity campaign thruout the northwest during the coming vacation.

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WARM WEATHER TO STAY.

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Ontario Educational Association, university, 9 a.m.
The legislature, 3 p.m.
Queen's Own parade, Armories, 8 p.m.
Princess, "King Dodo," 2 and 8 p.m.
Grand, "The Bonnie Brier Bush," 2 and 8 p.m.
Majestic, "The King of Detectives," 2 and 8 p.m.
Shea's, vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.
Star, burlesque, 2 and 8 p.m.

BURK OPPOSES CONMEE.

Hot Liberal Convention Expected in Port Arthur To-Day.

Port Arthur, April 5.—(Special.)—Port Arthur and Fort William are crowded with delegates to attend the Liberal convention which will be held here to-morrow. Forty-seven Ross supporters who were appointed recently are here, and they will demand admission to the convention, and it is understood will give support to Murphy. Last night Liberals met at Fort William and elected delegates to represent Fort William and district. They were authorized to support Murphy. Committees have also appointed delegates for Fort William district, and with two sets from Rat Portage, complications are expected at the convention. It is expected that there will be one of the hottest meetings in the history of politics in the district. Burk is still opposing Conmee.

HOW COULD YOU, ALICE?

Washington, April 5.—Miss Alice Roosevelt went to the races on Saturday. She made bets on the races.

A photographer pictured her in the act of giving money to a commissioner, of showing her winings triumphantly to Representative Gillett of Massachusetts, of giving money to Representative Longworth of Ohio, presumably to bet, and in two groups watching the horses running.

The results are manifold. Miss Roosevelt has been packed off to New York, to remain there until after the races are over.

The management of the Jockey Club has ordered that no more cameras shall be admitted to the Bennings track, and the president of the United States, thru friends who went to the photographer's, has suppressed the pictures. They will never be printed.

OPENINGS FOR WORKMEN.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, April 6.—Colonial Secretary Lyttelton, writing to the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, says when a satisfactory increase of unskilled labor has been obtained in the Transvaal and the main industry is assured, there will be a widely increased opening for British workmen.

BRITISH TEMPLARS.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, April 6.—The Grand Lodge of Good Templars, sitting at Weston, has decided that local veto be made an election test.

DIRECTING M.P.'S.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, April 6.—The directory of directors shows that members of parliament hold over 1000 directorships, one member holding 18.

REDISTRIBUTE.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, April 6.—The Times, referring to the Kimber electoral analysis, urges Mr. Balfour to introduce a redistribution act next year as the fitting precursor to the submission to the country of his fiscal policy.

CANADIAN STARTS IT.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, April 6.—A correspondent, signing himself "Director of a Canadian Railway," has started a brisk correspondence in The Times on the danger of overheating English railway cars thru the lack of regulators.

Anti-Jewish Disturbance.

St. Petersburg, April 5.—Rumors have reached here, which, however, are unconfirmed, to the effect that a small anti-Jewish disturbance has taken place at Gomel, in which about 100 Jews were attacked. A free fight resulted, and, according to the reports, some Jewish butchers drew their knives and wounded four Christians. Several Jewish stores were destroyed, but there were no fatalities.

Prayer of Cod Fisher.

"Keep me, my God. My boat is small and the ocean is wide!" Such is the prayer of the codfisher under the tunnelled rock of Perce, which lies in its isolated grandeur, like a stranded leviathan in the Bay of Chaleur. Frank Yeigh has an interesting and well-illustrated little article on the place and its people in the Four Track News for April.

Took a Hemorrhage.

Mrs. Martha Eldon of Vancouver had just had an operation for cancer, and while coming thru on the train last night she was seized with a hemorrhage. As soon as the train arrived in Toronto, she was taken to the Emergency, where she was attended to.

The Completed Sentence.

Sentenced passed by a North Queensland J.P. of Irish extraction on a fellow-man who had "languaged": "You are foined tin shillings with the alternative of the 12 hours you've done in the cells. Will you pay the foine or take it out?" He took it out.

If You Can Get It.

Householder: There's music in the movement of the coal that slides down that chute into my cellar, or there would be if I didn't have to pay for it.

Coal Dealer: And there is music to me when I hear you shovelling it into your furnace; and that's where I don't have to pay for it.

Two Fingers Crushed.

Charles Burns, who is employed with the Don Valley Paper Mills, was brought to the General Hospital last night with two fingers badly crushed.

An Authoress Dead.

London, April 5.—Frances Power Cobbe, the authoress, is dead. She was born in 1822.

G.N.W. OPERATORS QUIT CLIMAX OF THE EFFORT TO "BREAK" THE UNION

Walk-Out Occurred at Noon and Co. Forced to Utilize Services of Its Higher Officials.

Operators to the number of forty-four employed by the G. N. W. Telegraph Company "walked" out yesterday, having been refused the request for the reinstatement of the five operators who received notices of dismissal, and for recognition of the union. The last conference between representatives of the company and union was held yesterday morning just before noon, and fifteen minutes after it became known that nothing had resulted from it a whistle in the hands of an operator blew a shrill blast and forty operators, some of them non-union, opened their keys, rose from their seats and left the office.

The company pressed into service all the old operators at present holding very much higher positions, and every other person that could work a key. Tho they were tied up for a time, they issued at 4.30 a memo to the newspapers which read that "The management have already secured sufficient operators to supply the places of the strikers. There will be no delay to commercial business or press matter, and messages are now being transmitted as promptly as if a strike had not taken place."

The union, on the other hand, declare that they now have only a few indifferent operators, who will be quite unable to handle the business sent, and that they will either have to get outsiders or give in to them.

May Be Prolonged.

That the fight is to last for some time would seem probable, from the preparations both sides are making. Vice-President Dunn of the Canadian Telegraphers' Union, arrived from Montreal yesterday and will take charge of the strike from now on. A hall for meeting daily has also been secured by the operators, where meetings will be held and which will be known as their headquarters. These are the members of the union who quit work yesterday:

Geo. Curry, W. Cosgrove, H. J. Lewis, F. Clarke, G. Quigg, M. Lockhead, M. E. Flannery, B. Kaiser, M. K. Kavanagh, Dot Holding, I. Jull, F. W. Bye, M. L. Martin, J. Lovelace, M. Shephard, C. Whatmough, W. Pittsfield, C. E. Lillie, E. Newson, H. L. McCaughey, K. A. Baker, H. S. Freeman, E. Baird, J. W. Carmack, Chas. Eggett, Ed. Byron, A. Moysey, T. J. Richardson, Amy E. Brown, J. Cunningham, M. Small, A. Smith, Ruby E. Elsley, Y. Douglas, E. F. Morse, A. E. Ide, L. Stoskopf, R. G. Burns, Daisy Holding, Louise Philipean, A. Briggs, W. Sprague, John O'Sullivan, L. St. Denis.

Not a "Strike."

President Long of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union doesn't like the word "strike" used—it is a "walkout," pure and simple, in defence of a principle, he says, not a demand for higher wages or anything of an arbitrary nature.

"It is a Western Union move," he said, "to kill our local here. The game was started in New Orleans in December, when thirteen men were dismissed for no reason other than they belonged to our union. We took no notice of the matter because we got the men better jobs. That it is only an effort to 'break' us here is shown in the fact that while Manager McMichael has asserted that the five operators here were dismissed 'for the good of the service'—presumably, therefore, for an inefficiency which we all know doesn't exist—he to-day agreed to take them all back if they would sign an agreement to quit and never to again join the union. This they declined to do, and the other operators sided with them."

Brokers Are Bothered.

As a result of the move, much inconvenience was experienced by the brokers. In one office there were a number of speculators anxiously watching the quotations. The one word "strike" appeared on the tape. Those around were bewildered to understand what it meant, until one man ventured the opinion that it might be that the operators had gone out. A telephone message verified this, and for the rest of the day this office had nothing in the way of New York quotations to show their customers. It is feared by many that there will be a continuance of this inconvenience, and it is stated that it will materially affect the business of the brokers, except those with direct wires.

The company sent out their business last night in the usual way, but it could not be ascertained under what conditions they were working, altho officials said they were in good shape.

FIRST OF THE SEASON.

Collingwood, April 5.—The first cargo of the season was unloaded here to-day from the steamer Newmount. She had 101,000 bushels of wheat and delivered it to the elevator without the loss of a pound. The wheat has been in the hold of the vessel since Dec. 5, 1903, exactly four months. This does not necessarily mean the opening of navigation.

DUTY ON OIL.

London, April 5.—The Daily Mail says there is reason to believe that in the forthcoming budget, Austen Chamberlain, the chancellor of the exchequer, will propose an import duty on petroleum and petroleum products, probably a penny per gallon.

DIED ON DUTY.

Welland, April 5.—Charles Clark, the superintendent of Welland waterworks, died suddenly here to-day, being on duty this morning.

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One Man Killed.

Chicago, April 5.—Altho it was announced late last night that the strike at the American Can Company's plant in this city had been settled, the rioting around the place was fiercer to-day than it had been at any time. One man, John Nicoll, was killed by a bullet fired from a train, on which a number of non-union workmen were being taken back to the city after work.

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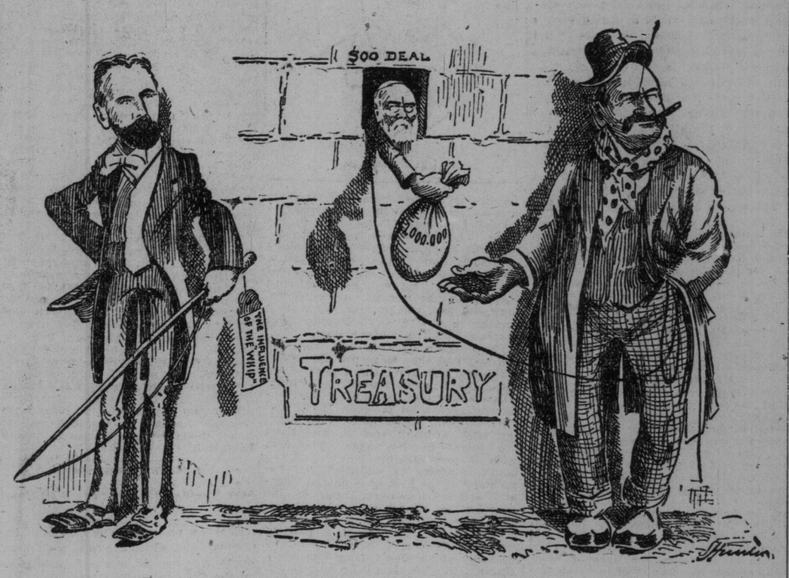

LITTLE ROSS MAJORITY: If I weren't so miserably small and weak they couldn't have forced me into this.

Government Ownership Gains Ground

Canada Should Be Able to Inaugurate it

Extend Intercolonial to the Coast

R. L. Borden Declares Sir Wilfrid Has No Mandate From the People to Put Public Ownership of the G. T. P. Out of the Question—Revised Contract Gives Company Important Concessions.

Ottawa, April 5.—(Staff Special.)—"The government has no mandate from the people to put the possibility of government ownership out of the question. It is an idea that is developing and the government should be in a position to inaugurate it at some future time." The foregoing words were uttered by R. L. Borden in the house to-day in a speech which gave free expression to the virtues of public ownership of railways.

Mr. Borden in a comprehensive reply to the prime minister's presentation of the Grand Trunk Pacific resolutions reasserted the desirability of extending the Intercolonial Railway to Georgian Bay, thence to Winnipeg and ultimately on to the coast. It was while propounding his policy that the leader of the opposition entered a strong protest against the contract which must administer a serious check to the rapidly developing principle of government ownership.

Spoke for Over 5 Hours.

Mr. Borden spoke for over five hours. He marshalled arguments that practically defy contradiction, and which the feeble powers of Hon. Clifford Sifton, the minister put up to reply, were wholly incapable of affecting.

The amendment which Mr. Borden moved at the conclusion of his speech does not differ materially from the amendment moved last year. In effect, it calls for the extension of the Intercolonial Railway to Georgian Bay, and thence to Winnipeg and the extension and improving in the Province of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces of the government system of railways.

A SIGNIFICANT FEATURE OF THE DEBATE WHICH WAS CONFINED TO THE TWO LEADERS WAS THE SYMPATHETIC RECEPTION ACCORDED MR. BORDEN'S DECLARATIONS IN FAVOR OF GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP. The leader of the opposition showed less reserve in his comments on public ownership than he has evidenced in the house on any previous occasion. His heart seemed to be in his speech, and he was able to communicate his enthusiasm to his followers.

Out of His Element.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who introduced the Grand Trunk resolutions, again showed his total unfitness for dealing with practical subjects. He was not in his element talking about bonds and guarantees and 5 per cent., and his lack of grip on his subject was evident from the outset.

Sir Wilfrid's mild defence of the modifications of the contract was highly academic. He did not argue. He slurred over controversial points with phrases more conspicuous for their literary value than for their application and power. It can hardly be said that Sir Wilfrid attempted to make a speech. He simply made explanations, and these, free as they were from strong argumentative support, gave R. L. Borden opportunities for scoring that he did not neglect.

Were Borden Scored.

The central argument raised by Mr. Borden was not anticipated by the prime minister. Mr. Borden showed that the G.T.P. will cost something like $170,000,000. Of this amount the country's obligation will be $155,000,000, while the company's obligation will be less than $15,000,000. And yet the company is to own the road. Mr. Borden argued that the country should assume the $15,000,000 along with the $155,000,000 obligation and make the road an asset of the country. From this seemingly invincible argument Mr. Borden radiated in many directions, showing the concessions granted the company and the failure of the government to protect the country at vital points in the contract. The leader of the opposition pointed out with a good deal of force, that tho many flaws were apparent in the original contract THE GOVERNMENT IN THE REVISED CONTRACT HAD NOT SECURED ONE SINGLE CONCESSION. WHILE THE G.T.P. HAD SECURED AT LEAST A DOZEN HIGHLY IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS.

Justified the Proposition.

Sir Wilfrid emphasized the importance of the transportation problem, which he said is complex and involved many projects. He then proceeded to justify the building of the transcontinental railway on the ground that it was necessary to provide facilities for communication between the east and the west at least equal to the fa-

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APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE.

Goldwin Smith in Weekly Sun: At the rate at which things are going in the provincial legislature, respect for government will presently cease to exist. Nor is the state of the case likely to be improved by the struggle now impending in the election courts. Where is the remedy? To what can we look for it but the exercise in extreme need of the prerogative of the crown? Matters such as the calling and dissolution of legislatures, which in other commonwealths are settled by law, in ours remain parts of the prerogative. It might be better that they should be settled by law. But we must take things as they are. A prevalent opinion is that the prerogative is constitutionally in the hands, not of the representative of the crown, but of his ministers, who, acting in his name, are fully at liberty to use it for the furtherance of their party ends. From this view, which would make the representative of the crown merely ornamental, the Bystander cannot help dissenting. It seems to him that the holder of the prerogative has power to exercise and is bound to exercise it in cases of extreme necessity. He sees nothing to prevent the lieutenant-governor at this juncture from putting an end to a state of things so noxious to popular institutions in that which is apparently the only way, that is by providing that there shall be a speedy appeal to the people.

Railways to Pay More Tax Premier Brings in New Bill

Rate as High as $30 a Mile for Single Track in Organized Districts.

Premier Ross' promised supplementary revenue bill was introduced in the legislature yesterday afternoon. The object of the bill is to increase the revenues of the province by increasing the tax on railways. The bill will, the government hopes, add from $150,000 to $200,000 to the provincial treasury.

The premier was very brief in explaining the provisions of his bill. In organized districts the tax on railways will be $30 a mile for a single track and $10 a mile for each additional track; in unorganized districts the tax will be $20 a mile for a single track and $5 for each additional track. If a railway in an unorganized is less than 100 miles in length, the tax will be $15 and $5. Under the present law the provincial tax on railways is $5 a mile.

"All for the crown?" enquired Mr. Foy.

"All for the crown," the premier replied.

NEW TAX ON RAILWAYS.

Organized districts—	
Single track, per mile	$30
Double track, each additional	10
Unorganized districts—	
Single track, per mile	20
Double track, each additional	5
Under 100 miles, per mile	15
double track, each additional	5
Revenue to be derived	$150,000
Present tax, per mile	5

JUMPED THE TRACK.

An accident befell the North Bay G.T.R. train just as it was passing under the Bathurst-street bridge and across the diamond, shortly before 6 o'clock last night. In some way, which no one was able to explain, the baggage car ran on another track from that which the engine was upon. The rails on which the baggage car ran were spread, letting the car roll along the ties for 50 yards, and the tender of the engine was pulled off the track, almost totally wrecking the trucks. No one was hurt and the lines were soon cleared.

Hear Watkin Mills at Massey Hall, Thursday. Plan now open.

THE RUSH OVER.

The fact that this is leap year, that February has only twenty-nine days at best, and in consequence causes many misentries in note diaries; that Good Friday as a holiday came with April 1, and Easter Monday with April 4, when a lot of paper matures; that Saturday between the holidays was a two-hours' day for the banks, and that big deposits followed the two days' holidays made things more than lively for the banks the past few days. The wise man anticipates occurrences of this kind and arranges his banking before the rush.

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HOOLIGAN FREEFOODERS.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, April 6.—James Wauklyn, M.P., calls Lord Hugh Cecil and Winston Churchill hooligan free-fooders, whose vaulting ambition has overleapt itself, who have lost their heads and at next election will lose their seats.

Lacrosse Team at Buffalo.

Buffalo, April 5.—A meeting was held in the Central Y. M. C. A. last night of advocates of organization of a lacrosse team. Oscar B. Holden was made president, George Beech chairman and C. J. Murray secretary. Mr. Holden said there are 200 lacrosse players in Buffalo, and he would call a meeting soon and try to form a league.

Struck by a Street Car.

John Dawdry, 1182 East Queen-street, a fruit peddler, collided with a street car at Queen and John-streets. He was thrown from his wagon and was hurt on the head, having a cut two inches long over the eye. He was taken to the General Hospital.

Montreal Man Defeated.

Worcester, Mass., April 5.—Hijalmar Lundin defeated Alois Gauthier of Montreal, in a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match, in this city, to-night, winning the first two falls, in 24 and 16 minutes respectively.

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BIRTHS.

CRAWFORD—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Crawford, jr., 13 Winchester-street, a daughter, April 4th.

DEATHS.

BOLAND—At his late residence, 1391 Bloor-street West, Toronto, on Monday, April 4, 1904, Michael Boland.

Funeral from his late residence on Friday morning, April 8, at 8.45 o'clock, to St. Helen's Church, thence to St. Michel's Cemetery. Friends please do not send flowers.

LAKE—At San Diego, California, on Wednesday, March 30, 1904, John Morton Lake of the Telfer Manufacturing Company, Toronto, in the 42nd year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence, 87 Clinton-street, Wednesday, 6th April, at 2.30 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

April 5.	At.	From.
L'Aquitani	New York	Havre
Sicilia	New York	Genoa
Kaiser W. II.	New York	Bremen
Astoria	Moville	New York
Tunisian	Moville	St. John
Zeeland	Antwerp	New York
Mesaba	London	New York
Empress India	Yokohama	Victoria

Try the decanter at Thomas.

MOMENTOUS 2 O'CLOCK WHEN PREMIER SPEAKS TO TEMPERANCE FOLK

Impression Gains Ground That Mr. Ross Will Give a Satisfactory Answer.

Premier Ross last night drafted his reply to the deputation of Methodist and Baptist clergymen and laymen, who appealed for the fulfilment of the premier's pledge to the temperance people, and it will be in the hands of Rev. J. A. Rankin by 2 o'clock this afternoon.

"The time is not up yet," he remarked last night to The World, who desired to know whether the reply had been sent.

What is in the premier's mind with reference to a prohibitory bill will come to the public ear from Rev. Mr. Rankin. But the impression is gaining ground that the reply will be quite satisfactory. Up till Monday very few advocates of the reform demanded believed that there would be any legislation on this question this year. This was the verdict recorded by the caucus, but it has suddenly dawned on a good many people that the premier is not bound by the word of his followers.

At this moment the chances for a prohibitory bill are excellent. Then it will be up to the premier's followers to follow him or defeat the measure in the house. If they choose to do the latter the premier will immediately dissolve the legislature and call upon the prohibition element to return men pledged to his cause.

One who knows the mind of some members of the cabinet told The World that there would not be another session of this parliament. The premier, he said, would reconstruct his cabinet and appeal on a real big issue which would either return him at the head of a strong government or send him down with his colors nailed to the mast head. There will be very few of the present cabinet in the reconstructed ministry. The attorney-general is anxious for a chance to step out, and this move will give it to him. Hon. J. R. Stratton is slated for removal, not because he is not acceptable to the premier, but because he is too closely in touch with the saloon wing of the party. Hon. F. R. Latchford will also be left out when the honors are being redistributed. He is slated for a judgeship and is sitting his last term in this house. As to those who are left, Harcourt, Dryden and Davis, they will probably accept portfolios. The premier will go outside of the house for new material. The World's informant stated, but who these men will be he would not hazard an opinion. A great many, however, expect to see G. F. Marter in the new cabinet. He is very close to the premier, but his loyalty has not been warm or whole-hearted for the reason that the present cabinet contains men for whom Mr. Marter does not entertain the highest feelings of regard.

THE FIRST OF SPRING.

The sun of yesterday got into the soft ground, having made to fade away the last of the snow in the low places of the cleared fields all about the city. The brooks and surface water streams still ran with great force and a muddy hue. The fall wheat gave its first yawn prior to awakening. Rain and sun may make it green to-morrow. The roads turned grey, white, then dry, where the drainage was free and the rays of the sun undisturbed. The maples hat had been tapped a week ago with dry spiles gave their first sap-offering yesterday. Sparks from railway engines kindled hundreds of fires amid the dry grass along the line. One day snow, the next day ice, the next day water, and the next day dry ground, and the day after fire in the grass, spreading in all directions. Let it burn, if it run not to buildings. Once scorched over it is safe; unscorched it is a menace.

More new arrivals in the bird brigade could be noticed in the fields and in the trees. The crow is most familiar of all the year at the breaking of Spring. He perches near, on house or barn, and keeps his perch or his ground in the field when you approach. He takes great delight in having the farmer's collies chase him—the dog on the ground, the crow in the air, conveniently near enough at first to play him and at last to exasperate by the black art of his kind. The crow is, of a truth, the black art professor of the tribe of birds. Field mice seem scarce, and the deep snow that went away failed to reveal their tunnels beneath it and under the dead grass. Probably they succumbed in myriads to the inclement weather. Consequently fewer saplings and young trees girdled by them are noticed this spring. The muskrat in rivers like the Don delights these days in his first attempts to swim against the swollen current; in the same rivers where the floods submerged last Friday and again on Monday eels a foot in length were left wriggling in the holes where the water had overflowed and then fallen back to the original bed. The man or boy who proposes to fish for suckers has prepared his great pole and cross-head pieces to carry his squarisome nets. Wet feet and legs are not to be dreaded by him if he can but fill his bag, or, better still, his wagon.

But it is not the details of the first thing of Spring that affect us; it is rather the feeling of it altogether that makes the tingle in our pent-up veins. It was so easy to feel the Spring yesterday afternoon and evening, if you once got away from the city and its jumbling noise.

A Chance for Spring Hats.

No time like the present in which to purchase a new spring hat, because the Dineen Company are prepared to give you something not purchaseable anywhere else, and absolutely new on Fifth-avenue, New York. Derby hats $2 to $5; silk hats $5 to $8; alpine hats, $2 to $5.

MILD AND FAIR.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, April 5.—Fine weather has continued to-day throughout Canada, and, with the exception of Manitoba, where temperatures have fallen somewhat, it has been mild everywhere.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson City, 10—44; Port Simpson, 34—46; Victoria, 44—50; Kamloops, 44—46; Qu'Appelle, 28—36; Winnipeg, 28—34; Port Arthur, 30—38; Sangeen, 32—48; Toronto, 28—54; Ottawa, 20—52; Montreal, 22—46; Quebec, 28—46; St. John, 30—52; Halifax, 24—56.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Southerly and Southeasterly winds; mild and partly fair, followed by showers.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Southerly and easterly winds; mostly fair and mild; showers at night.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Moderate, variable winds; fine and mild.

Maritime—Light to moderate, variable winds; fine and mild to-day and on Thursday.

Lake Superior—Northerly and northwesterly winds; fair and cooler; some light local showers.

Manitoba—Southerly and easterly winds; mostly fair and milder; showers at night.

Canes—fine assortment—Alive Bollard.