

THE HYDRO
POWER BILLForced Through the House Despite
of Protests.Government Bill to Regulate Use
of Dairy Produce.Important Amendments Proposed to
Marriage Act.

Toronto, March 21.—Under a bill which was introduced in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by the Minister of Agriculture, the Provincial Government are asking that large powers shall be vested in the Department of Agriculture with regard to the regulation of the manufacture of dairy produce. The bill, introduced by Hon. J. S. Duff, provides that after the first of January, 1910, every cheese factory and creamery operating in the Province shall be registered with the department, and that no new undertaking of that character shall be started without a permit from the Department. The permit mentioned will be issued after a report by the department's inspectors, who must be satisfied that the factory is properly equipped, and that the sanitary conditions are such as are desirable where food products are concerned.

Another clause of the bill provides that after the first of January, 1910, no person will be permitted to act as chief maker in a factory or creamery who does not hold a certificate or permit from the Minister. A further important section sets forth that upon the report of any inspector the Minister of Agriculture may withdraw the certificate or permit for any cheese factory or creamery on the ground that it is not properly equipped, or that the sanitary conditions are not such as are desirable, and withhold the permit until these matters are put right.

TO STRENGTHEN MARRIAGE TIE

Hon. J. F. Foy, the Attorney-General, introduced an important Government measure to amend the marriage act. "It is in essence a precautionary measure," said the Minister. "Its aim is to strengthen the serious meaning and permanency of marriage." The bill provides that no declaration or adjudication that a valid marriage was not entered into can be entered into upon consent of parties, non-appearance or default of pleading, or otherwise than after a trial. At every such trial the evidence shall be taken viva voce in open court, and it is further provided that the court may of its own motion require either or both of the parties to be examined before the court touching the matters in question in the action.

A further important provision requires ten days' notice of every trial to the Attorney-General, who may intervene at the trial or at any stage of the proceedings and may adduce evidence, examine and cross-examine witnesses, and have the same right of appeal as a party defendant has.

MR. BECK'S FRANCHISE BILL.

Hon. Adam Beck's Government bill respecting contracts with municipalities and requiring a vote of the people before the corporation can be bound under contract for more than one year was put through its committee stage with two amendments submitted by the opposition. These amendments are: That no individual or company should be permitted to take up municipalities for a number of years without the consent of the people. Sir James Whitney replied that the Hydro-electric Commission operated was of a special character.

"That is the point," observed Mr. McDougall. "I don't think it should be put upon such a special basis. The principle of the bill is very meritorious, but I urge that it be extended to its fullest limit."

"All the contracts made by the Hydro-electric Commission have been approved by a vote of the people," said Hon. Mr. Beck. "That one was Ottawa. Has my hon. friend any fault to find with that?"

"I am not finding fault," replied Mr. McDougall. "It is very satisfactory, but the point is this, that under the present provisions the ratepayers voted upon one question, while the Government proposes to force them to take another."

"As the law now is," explained the Premier, "all contracts with the Hydro-electric Commission must be submitted to the people."

Mr. E. E. Fraser suggested the exemption of the counties of Lincoln and Welland to the act. "It will be murder to the small distributing companies at Niagara Falls," he observed.

TO VALIDATE CONTRACTS.

The House went into committee on the Hon. Adam Beck's bill to validate the various contracts under the Niagara power transmission scheme, and after certain amendments of a formal nature had been made the bill was reported and the Premier moved its third reading.

Mr. J. C. Elliott (West Middlesex) took exception to the progress of the bill. He raised the same point as the leader of the Opposition did when the measure was before the House three days ago, contending that what the Government now proposed was not what they had led the ratepayers to expect when the various by-laws were passed. When the by-laws were passed the ratepayers understood, and it was quite clear from the wording of the by-laws themselves, that power would be delivered to the boundary of his municipality, and up to that point he incurred no responsibility. Now the Government said that they would sell the power at the Falls. He thought, while desiring the success of the scheme, that under these circumstances the matter should go back to the people. He also considered that



CAPT. T. LAWSON,
Of the A. S. C., which began its spring work this week.

it was a hardship that in the event of damage resulting from the work of the Commission the injured person could not take proceedings without the fiat of the Attorney-General. He had asked for a return showing the number of instances in which flats had been asked for and granted or refused. If that information had been forthcoming then the House might have had some guide as to what would happen in the future, although he did not wish to suggest that the fiat would be improperly withheld.

RULED OUT OF ORDER.
Mr. Elliott moved a lengthy amendment, an object of which was to make the Commission submit the by-laws again to the people, and to enable farmers through whose lands the transmission line would pass to sue the Commission without a fiat.

The Premier declared that the amendment was out of order, providing, as it practically did, for the repeal of three acts in regard to the matter under discussion, which were already on the statute books.

The Speaker—The amendment should be withdrawn.

The Premier—The amendment cannot be withdrawn; it should be declared out of order, if it is out of order.

The Speaker—The amendment is out of order.

Mr. McDougall (East Ottawa)—The second reading was allowed to go through on the understanding that members would be given every possible opportunity to make any amendment that they thought fit.

The Premier—I took the bill back into committee this afternoon and went through every clause, and anyone who thought fit could have made an amendment.

The bill was given its third reading, ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS CAMPAIGN.

Mr. J. P. Downey (South Wellington) renewed his battle on tuberculosis by moving the second reading of his bill to prevent the spread of the disease, the essential clause of which calls for compulsory notification. The member was given an attentive hearing and his address was frequently punctuated by applause. After considerable discussion Dr. R. F. Preston (North alarm) moved the adjournment of the debate and the House rose at 6.30.

DROVE HIM CRAZY.

Pianist in Montreal Theatre Has
Himself Sent to Asylum.

Montreal, March 26.—A curious case is reported at the City Hall to-day of a man applying for papers to have himself committed to Verdun Asylum as a lunatic. He was supposed to be joking at first, but he insisted, and the formalities were put through, and the man was committed. The explanation given by the man, whose name is Stevens, is that he had acted as pianist at the Princess Theatre, and while people laughed at the burlesque jokes he had hard work to keep from yelling out and under the strain his mind gave way. It appears about a year ago his wife was burned to death, since when the musician has been subject to fits of despondency.

CHILDREN PERISH.

Four Left in House When a Fire
Broke Out.

Montreal, March 26.—A report from Foster, Que., states that four children belonging to a Mr. Everett, who lives a short distance from Iron Hill, were burned to death yesterday afternoon. The names are Kitty, aged seven; Harry, aged five; Freddy, aged three, and Tommy, aged two years. The children were alone at the time, and it is thought that they began playing with the stove and set fire to the house.

MASTER'S VOICE.

Safe Can be Opened Only by
Countersign.

Denver, March 26.—A phonographic safe lock invented by a Denver man has, in place of the ordinary knob, the mouthpiece of a telephone transmitter. Attached to its diaphragm is a delicate needle, its end resting in a groove of a sound record made on a phonograph cylinder. The phonograph cylinder is part of the mechanism of the lock, the record being the countersign spoken by a certain voice.

When this countersign is spoken into the safe by the same man the vibration of the needle coincides with the record on the cylinder and a continuous electrical contact opens the safe door. No other voice will do it.

The Mayor of Sydney, N. S. W., has asked for subscriptions amounting to \$250,000 toward the building of a Dreadnought.

WRITTEN IN HER OWN BLOOD

Lady Constance Lytton Used Her Own Red Blood for Ink in
Prison—She Causes Dramatic Thrill.

New York, March 26.—The American has the following special cable from London: There was a storm of hisses and shouts of execration against the Government last night, when Lady Constance Lytton, daughter of the Earl of Lytton, with flushed cheeks and quivering voice, addressed a large company of ladies and gentlemen at a dinner of welcome to her and her twenty-five sister martyrs in the suffragist cause on their release from Holloway Prison yesterday.

Sitting beside Lady Constance was Daisy Solomon, daughter of Saul Solomon, late Crown Minister to Cape Colony, and other prominent women who have been playing the roles of prison martyrs in the Government's determined stand against the tactics employed by the suffragettes.

Lady Constance told a thrilling story of how she overcame the rigid and almost barbaric prison regulations enforced against her and her sister suffragettes, and managed to make notes in writing—notes for use in her speech on liberation.

"They would not let me write," said Lady Constance. "They tried in every way to prevent me from even making notes while in prison. They denied me paper, pencils and ink. They went so far as to deny me a light in my cell until the prison doctor ordered them to furnish one. Then they shrouded the light until I could scarcely see, making the cell almost as dark as it was before."

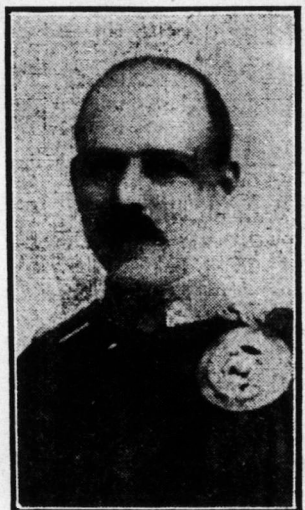
"But despite these harsh and inhuman prison rules invoked against me, they could not prevent me from using ink, for nature had provided me with a sealed bottle of scarlet writing fluid."

"I got up yesterday," Lady Constance exclaimed, dramatically, "removed the shroud from the lamp and on the back of a business letter I had received I wrote down the notes for this speech to-night in red ink."

"Here it is," she said, displaying the letter. "It is written in my own blood!"

The audience applauded frantically, and wound up by hissing the Government for five minutes or more. Continuing her speech and referring to the red lined document in her hand, Lady Constance roundly denounced the prison system and the treatment to which the imprisoned suffragettes had been subjected.

On Feb. 25 Lady Constance Lytton was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for disorderly conduct, the charge growing out of the part she took in the attempt to see Premier Asquith and present to him a "votes for women" petition.



LIEUT.-COL. W. H. BRUCE,
Recently Appointed to the Command of
the 91st.

WROTE OBITUARY,

Handed It in to Newspaper; Then
Committed Suicide.

New York, March 26.—After carefully preparing a long obituary notice and handing it in at the office of the Herald for submission to the city editor, Daniel Chase, a son of the late Gen. Daniel Chase and a cousin of Salmon P. Chase, Secretary of the Treasury under President Lincoln, stepped out into Broadway at Herald Square to-day and shot himself in the heart. He died within a few minutes.

Chase was 60 years of age. He had been ill and despondent for some time. In the papers which he left for publication he spoke bitterly of the fact that he had been unable to obtain employment in the Government service.

"Uncle Sam wanted me badly enough in war time," he said. "My father and myself fought for the Union, and three of my brothers died on the battlefield." He had been employed as a carpenter in the Brooklyn Navy Yard until three months ago, when a cut down in the force came and he was released. In concluding his obituary notice he asked that a fund of some kind be started to provide for his widow.

Chase was a lineal descendant of Peregrine White, the first white child born in the party of Pilgrims who came to America in the Mayflower. He was one of the youngest enlisted men in the Union army, having barely reached thirteen when he entered the Baine volunteers.

TWO CENTS A MILE.

Grand Trunk Will Conform to Pro-
vision at Once.

Montreal, March 26.—The next few days will see the establishment of a third-class passenger service at two cents per mile on the Grand Trunk Railway between Montreal and Toronto.

Mr. R. S. Logan, assistant to the General Manager of the G. T. R., stated to-day that there would be an official announcement made during the course of the next two or three days, and that the matter was now before the passenger department. One car would be put on at first.

IN BOSTON.

Crowd Hooted the British Flag in
Hotel Doorway.

Boston, March 26.—The jeers of a crowd on School street, standing beneath a British flag flying over the doorway of a hotel where guests of the Canadian Club were being entertained caused the hauling down of the flag temporarily. It was soon replaced, but beneath the Stars and Stripes.

BEULAH AND
WESTMOUNT.Splendid Progress Being Made in
These Fine Surveys.Mr. W. D. Flatt Predicts a Pros-
perous Real Estate Season.Will Build a Number of Fine
Houses Himself.

The citizens of Hamilton are probably not aware of the progress that has attended the opening of the Beulah and Westmount surveys, owned by Mr. W. D. Flatt, the well-known real estate dealer of this city. Since the Beulah survey was opened in May, 1907, sixty-one of the one hundred and sixteen building lots have been sold. At present there are twenty-five residences located on this survey, with the promise of many more being built this season. This splendid residential portion of the city has a frontage of 4,500 feet, and is bounded on the east by Cottage avenue, on the west by Garth street, and on the north by Aberdeen avenue. Intersecting this survey are two beautiful avenues, Beulah and Mount Royal. Mr. Flatt has made it a rule that all residences built on this property must cost \$15,000 or more. It has all city improvements, including cement sidewalks, sewer, water and gas mains, which have been laid down at Mr. Flatt's personal expense. He also planted 300 maple trees on the survey. It is a well known fact that this is practically the last available block of property in the southwest residential portion of the city. Those who intend to buy or to build in the near future will find the Beulah or Westmount surveys an ideal spot for location.

The Westmount survey, which has just been opened, is bounded on the east by Garth street, on the west by the golf links, on the north by Aberdeen avenue, and on the south by the B. & N. Railway. The city park which was donated by Mr. Flatt adjoins this property. Westmount contains 12,000 feet of frontage, and there are about 280 lots. Mr. Flatt has given contracts for the laying of 4,000 feet of cement sidewalks, and the work was begun on Monday last. The lots will be staked out early next month. At the present time these lots can be bought at from \$5 to \$8 a foot, and anyone with an idea of making a good investment would do well to consider this proposition. Mr. Flatt is having 400 maple trees planted. Intersecting this survey will be Glenside, Hillcrest, Chedoke, Flatt and Hyde Park avenues.

Mr. Flatt is preparing to build seven new residences in the Beulah survey, which will range in price from \$3,000 to \$5,000 each. Eight new residences will be started in the Westmount survey this spring. There has been a general picking up in the real estate business so far this year, and Mr. Flatt is confident that this year's business will be quite up to the mark.

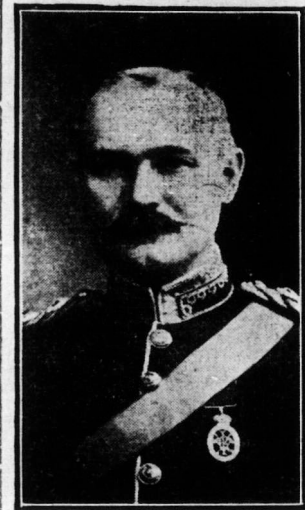
TRUST FORMED.

Brewery Merger Effected in Mon-
treel After Many Failures.

Montreal, March 26.—After many failures, the formation of what is to be known as the Eastern Breweries was completed to-day. The new concern will have a capital of about \$12,000,000, and will be the Union Brewing Company, the Daves Brewery, the Dow Brewery, Ekers Brewery, the Canadian Brewing Company, Montreal Brewing Company, Molsons Brewery, Imperial Brewery, Reinhardt's Brewery, Boswell's Brewery, the Beaufort Brewery and the St. Therese Brewery.

The owners will receive 65 per cent. of the value of their plant in bonds, 35 per cent. in preferred stock, and while common stock will be issued for the good-will, this is to be ascertained on the production of the year 1906 by an American expert. The head of the new concern is to be Mr. C. R. Hosmer.

Toronto's net debt is placed at \$23,264,165.



LIEUT.-COL. E. E. W. MOORE,
In command of gallant Thirteenth, which
began spring work last night.

LONDON SENSATION.

Claim That Aldermen Have Dealt
With City Contractors.

London, Ont., March 26.—Some-what of a sensation has been created here by charges that Ald. Gerry, Ald. Ferguson, and Mayor Stevely have been dealing directly with city contractors upon city contracts. There seems to be a strong likelihood that the whole matter will be investigated, and if it is found that the members of the Council have been acting illegally, it seems certain that there will be a move made to make them suffer the penalty. The disqualification of the Mayor and aldermen may be asked for.

Ald. Ferguson arrived back from Toronto this morning, and had no hesitation in saying that he sold material direct to a city contractor upon a city contract. Furthermore, he said, he would do it again, and did not propose to lose business simply because he was an alderman. He could see nothing wrong in having a personal interest in a contract, although he is chairman of the Financial Committee of the City Council.

LIGHT CATARACT.

Two Cities of Niagara Falls Accept
Illumination Plans.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 26.—The illumination of the falls with more than two and a half billion candle-power of electricity during the coming season, and in all probability permanently, is practically assured. The committee representing the twin cities of Niagara Falls to-day received the report of W. D'Arcy Ryan, electrical expert, approved and accepted them, and then named committees to raise subscriptions. The general committee reported that it had already secured a number of pledged contributions and after the meeting spoke very sanguinely of the project being realized.

The plan, as prepared by Mr. Ryan, is the largest electrical illumination project ever planned, and the rays of light when thrown heavenward can be seen for a distance of more than 150 miles, and will be plainly visible in Rochester, Toronto, Hamilton and Erie, Pa.

Pure Olive Oil.

We have just received from France a delayed shipment of olive oil for internal use. It is especially fine in quality, and notwithstanding the great increase in market value we are still selling it at the old price. Gerrie's drug store, 32 James street north.

Colonel Clarke, late speaker of the Legislature, is lying seriously ill at his home at Elora.



LIEUT.-COL. GEO. S. RENNE.
He is the Head of the A. M. C., of which
he has Reason to be Proud.

STRATHCONA.

Prompt Action of Parliament Great-
ly Pleases Him.

Ottawa, March 26.—Sir Frederick Borden has received the following cablegram from Lord Strathcona, in reply to his cable of acceptance and thanks for the offer of a quarter of a million dollars to promote physical and military training in the schools of Canada:

"Many thanks for your two telegrams. Entirely foreign both to my thought and desire that the proposal should have attracted such publicity, yet cannot but feel deeply touched by action of Parliament in so generously recognizing my personal effort to second, even in so small a measure, the movement initiated by you on behalf of the Government. Wish to express my grateful thanks for consideration extended to me, also feel highly honored that proposal has received countenance of His Excellency the Governor-General and the Prime Minister. Regard it as special privilege to be permitted to assist a movement, which I cannot but think will have an important influence in strengthening self-reliance and usefulness of the rising generation as citizens of the Dominion and the empire. Sincerely appreciate your kind thought of associating my name with the trust, but hope you will decide to designate it simply 'Trust for the encouragement of physical and military training in public schools.' (Signed) Strathcona."

TIRED OF LIFE.

So Said a Boston Man Who Attempt-
ed to End Life in Quebec.

Quebec, March 26.—A young man attempted suicide on Palace street, near the Hotel Dieu Hospital, this morning by discharging three shots from a 32-calibre revolver, inflicting three wounds in the vicinity of the heart. He was discovered by a constable and immediately conveyed to the Hotel Dieu Hospital, and the following note was found in his pocket: "I, Otto Lindstrom, shall commit suicide. I am 21 years old, birthday on the 17th of March. Shall not give you any more information regarding my past life. I am tired of life on this earth."

The victim regained consciousness in the hospital and it was learned that he arrived last night, having come from Boston via Montreal.

BAR SOME SCHOOLS.

Unable to Participate in the Strath-
cona Fund.

Ottawa, March 26.—Discussing Lord Strathcona's gift of \$250,000 for the encouragement of physical and military training in the schools, Senator Chouquette in the Upper House to-day said that the provision that the whole of the money should be devoted to educational establishments, which are maintained entirely out of public funds, would exclude all the schools, colleges and academies of Quebec from the benefits of the fund.

Sir Richard Cartwright promised to bring the question to the attention of the Minister of Militia.

On the third reading of the Blackhall divorce bill, Hon. Mr. Cloran moved an amendment that the woman, who has been the offender, should not be allowed to marry again in Canada under penalty of the bigamy law. Senator Kirchhoff doubted if it would promote morality for Parliament to forbid the offender of a divorced party to marry. It would have a tendency to prevent one who had once offended reforming and living a respectable and useful life. The amendment failed, and the bill was read a third time.

BETWEEN HOMES.

Aged Ontario Farmer Dropped
Dead at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, March 26.—Robert S. Green, an aged farmer, who was en route from his former home at Tweed, Ontario, to Darlington, Manitoba, dropped dead in the C. P. R. depot about 5 o'clock this morning. With his wife and two sons he arrived from the east last evening, but as the train to Darlington did not go out until this morning they decided to spend the night in the depot rather than go to a hotel. Mr. Green, who was eighty-eight years of age, complained several times during the night of feeling unwell, and then suddenly toppled from his seat and was dead before assistance arrived.

Sir William MacGregor, Governor of Newfoundland, has been made Governor of New Zealand.

C. P. R.'s Model Garden

Winnipeg, March 26.—The C. P. R. has decided to start a model garden in the city, and for this purpose has secured twenty acres of land not far from the depot, where flowers and vegetables will be grown in profusion. The vegetables will be served on their hotel tables and the flowers will be used in decorations there, as well as making a new point of interest for visitors in the city in the summer time.

FRUIT-GROWING
IN DOMINION.House Recognizes Advantages of
Fruit Marks Act.Mr. Burrell Suggests Appointment
of More Inspectors.British Columbia's Position as an
Apple Producer.

Ottawa, March 26.—The growing importance of the fruit industry in Canada was brought home to the House to-day by a discussion, which, while disturbing the even tenor of progress with the supplementary estimates, afforded the members particularly interested in fruit culture an opportunity of testifying to the good results that have attended the policy initiated and developed by Hon. Sydney Fisher. When the fruit marks act was passed there were Conservative critics who declared that the legislation was largely designed to provide appointments for friends of the Government, and that the system of inspection which the act brought into being would do more harm than good. Time brings its revenges, and to-day the Minister of Agriculture had the satisfaction of hearing more than one member of the Opposition bear cordial testimony to the benefits which have followed the regulations instituted under the act. Indeed, the system of inspection which formerly the Opposition derided has proved so satisfactory that now the demand is that it be extended.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S INTERESTS.

Mr. Burrell, of Yale-Cariboo, who opened the discussion, is a fruit grower who believes that apple culture is destined to be one of Canada's most valuable assets, and that British Columbia will in time have perhaps the world's most productive orchards. All that is needed, he thinks, to give the Dominion command of the markets in fruit is a more protective policy, and this afternoon he took advantage of the motion to go in to supply to call the attention of the Minister of Agriculture to certain features of the fruit marks act which he considered, if amended, would give an impetus to the fruit industry. It was in no critical or party spirit that he approached the consideration of the subject, nor did he overlook the fact that there are flourishing orchards outside of British Columbia. He frankly recognized and appreciated the benefits which had followed the operation of the fruit marks act, and, indeed, made it clear that it was just because of the regulations had proved so beneficial that he desired to see them more rigidly enforced. He suggested the adoption of a more uniform system of packing and grading of apples, and particularly urged the appointment of more inspectors, especially in the west.

Mr. Armstrong put in a plea for the Ontario fruit growers and joined in the request for more inspectors.

HON. SYDNEY FISHER.

In an admirable survey of the fruit situation in the Dominion, Hon. Sydney Fisher reminded the House that the fruit marks act had never been intended to insure a complete general system of inspection. Its object had rather been to afford some measure of protection for the export trade, upon which the industry so much depended, and in that direction the regulations had proved very effective. But though there were difficulties in the way of extension. It was not possible to secure a large number of competent inspectors who would be content to work during the rush of the fruit season, and then go back to other occupations, and, besides, there was a danger of overdoing inspection. To make it too rigid would be to interfere with the trade to an extent that the trade would not stand. The policy of the department was to increase the number of inspectors as circumstances required, but meantime the appropriation for that purpose was not sufficient to warrant any additions.

The discussion was continued, by Mr. Schell (Oxford), who criticised the inaction of the Ontario Government in regard to fruit culture; by Mr. Gordon (Kent), who urged the need for proper cold storage facilities in proximity to large fruit centres, and by Dr. Black (Hants) and Dr. Sproule.

CANADA LIFE BILL.

When the Canada Life Assurance Company's bill was reached in committee on Private Bills Mr. Fielding asked that it be allowed to stand. "Will it come up on Monday?" inquired Mr. Henderson.

"No," replied the Minister of Finance. "It will stand over until the Finance have given the notice which it is their intention to give."

The bill incorporating the Fort Erie & Buffalo Bridge Company and the bill respecting the subsidy from the Ontario Government to the Lake Superior branch of the G. T. P. Railway were given third readings.

PAY TO LETTER-CARRIERS.

In Committee of Supply on the supplementary Postoffice Estimates for the current year Hon. Mr. Lemieux made an announcement which will gladden the hearts of the letter-carriers.

Mr. Crothers indulged in some strong criticism of what he regarded as the niggardly treatment of the letter-carriers.

"Fine words do not butter parsnips," replied the Postmaster-General. "While some people are talking I propose to act. Something will be done for the letter-carriers, I hope next week."

The House sat late and passed all the supplementary estimates. Mr. E. H. Lewis introduced a bill providing for the appointment of five inspectors to see to the sanitation of railway trains and stations.

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