

YOUNG LIBS. IN BATTLE LINE

Fighting Frank Carvell and Sturdy Band Holding the Fort.

ROGERS TRIES TO ROUGH HOUSE

Parliament Has Now Been in Continuous Session For Seventy-Two Hours.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, March 6.—The Liberals have kept the Union Jack flying over the parliament buildings for 72 hours. At 3 o'clock this afternoon, the Monday sitting of Canada's Parliament completed its third day of continuous sitting. It is evident now that the struggle is bound to end in election or closure. The Government within a few weeks must make a choice between these two alternatives. It has been demonstrated that the Opposition is easily able to continue speaking indefinitely and to the point.

No Time Wasted.

The most remarkable feature of this long sitting has been the quality of the speeches. There has been no frivolous time wasted, but every word of every speaker has been part of a prepared argument directed to the point. There has been any number of splendid speeches delivered at most unholy hours. Fiery eloquence has been delivered over empty benches. Experienced observers have seldom seen the two parties so determinedly divided. There is no doubt that the Liberals believe the British Empire will be seriously injured by the passage of the Borden naval bill, and the Conservatives believe the Empire will be injured if it does not pass. Such views lead to serious discussion, and also to serious silence.

Rogers Named.

Parliament is not quite so jaunty as yesterday. The novelty of continuous performance has worn off. Hon. Robert Rogers got no cheers when he led in his band at 4 a.m. Hon. Robert Borden got no applause when he strutted in at 10 a.m. and then strolled out again. Something usually follows the arrival of the Rogers band. The Minister of Public Works always has them primed with something which gets his name into print. This morning they raised a row by shouting for five minutes, and were warned against introducing Manitoba rough-house methods into Parliament.

Last night Mr. Hugh Guthrie said that if the ships were built in Canada \$25,000,000 of the \$35,000,000 would go to Canadian shipbuilders. Hon. J. D. Hagen wanted to know the story for this statement.

Mr. Guthrie—The statement is to be found in the debates of the British Parliament for December last.

Mr. McCole, of West Kent, followed, and harked back to the argument made by Conservatives when they forced the Liberals to the country by blocking the reciprocity agreement.

"When Fielding and Paterson went to Washington to negotiate the reciprocity agreement," he said, "The Conservatives protested against an arrangement made by a couple of men being made a law without an appeal to the people, yet they ask us to accept this proposition framed by two ministers, which is just as radical. This contribution is only the thin end of the wedge, and the country should be given an opportunity of saying what they think of it."

Mr. Douglas (Strathcona), maintained that the policy of centralization, which was evidently the idea of Premier Borden and his Minister of Militia, would be detrimental not only to Canada but to the Empire.

Mr. Michael, Madawaska, N. B., satirized the "Emergency" claims of Premier Borden.

"But there is an emergency in Canada today," he continued. "It is an emergency of Empire. It is a threatened departure from the sound constitutional development of daughter nations within the Empire. We would consult the people of Canada and abide by their decision."

Mr. Michael ridiculed the patriotic pretensions of the Government and its supporters, its waving of flags without service, its singing of "Rule Britannia" over a money contribution. The Government says: "We cannot handle men-of-war, cannot fight, cannot handle guns, we are afraid of water." We cannot handle men-of-war, cannot fight, cannot handle guns, we are afraid of water." We cannot handle men-of-war, cannot fight, cannot handle guns, we are afraid of water." (Continued on Page Eleven.)

Borden in the Ice

[From the Toronto World (Con.)]



Zurich Wants Ben Blackstock; Skunk Farm Has Broken Loose

Northern Town in Tribulation as Result of Wholesale Escape in Polecat Colony—An Urgent Appeal for Assistance.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Zurich, March 6.—Let the good people of London beware. Zurich has just heard that a Byron enthusiast on "neglected opportunities" has started a skunk farm. Zurich has one of the same devotees, and just at present he is searching high and low for Mr. Skunk and Mrs. Skunk, and all the little Skunks. They got out of the farm a day or two ago, and since that time the Zurich district has put it all over the Petrolia district for fragrance.

\$3 For Each Animal Returned. The owner of the skunk farm has offered a reward of \$3 a piece for every skunk returned. As a result, Bill, the hired man, and Jimmy, and all the characters from the surrounding villages are trying to devise ways and means of capturing the white-striped pussies.

They are expecting to reap a harvest of cents, and they may reap a harvest of cents. The searchers are stirring up the skunks, and as a result the

skunks are defending themselves vigorously. The whole neighborhood has been aroused. To some men three dollars looks like a fortune, and some tripping through the woods thinking it spring. Imagine that they get a whiff of violets or magnolia, but it's altogether imagination.

Old Tricks Won't Work. The old method of putting salt on the animal's tail will not operate. The dogs cannot be persuaded to take up the chase with enthusiasm, and ways and means are difficult.

So far no one has claimed the three-dollar reward. It is not believed that anyone who thought he had a right to establish his claim could get within a mile of the village. But if London's Ben Blackstock, whose fame has reached this district, is as capable along this line as he is in the capture of canines, Zurich will take steps to secure his release from the Central Prison, because Zurich needs him in her hour of tribulation. There are believed to be about 30 skunks loose, so Ben would stand a chance of netting a nice sum.

RUN ON THE BANK IS PETERING OUT

Fear of Thieves Sending Montreal Depositors Back With Their Cash.

\$3,000,000 WAS PAID OUT

Three Months' Interest on Money To Be Forfeited by the Panic-Stricken.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, March 6.—The great usle which has been going on for three days between its depositors and the Montreal City and District Savings Bank still proceeds, though the former are showing signs of being somewhat "winded." The bank officials are now confident that the worst of the run is over, and though relieved of the anxiety incident to it, they have now to prepare for the return of the tide. Depositors who withdrew their money in a frenzied haste are now tumbling over themselves to get it back to the bank again, alarmed by the reports of the presence in the city of thieves, who are following those who took out large sums. At noon today it was estimated that nearly \$3,000,000 had been paid out during the panic.

The run has not been without its humor. At the east end branch of the bank one patron was paid out \$5,000 in \$1 bills and had to hire a rig to get his money home. Others were paid large sums in silver and coppers, which they conveyed away in grips.

The point which seemed to be causing depositors most worry this morning was whether or not, if they returned their money at once, they would lose their quarter's interest. As the bank's books were made up last December the depositors will have to forfeit three months' earnings on their money. The money gained in this way will help recoup the institution.

The City and District Bank has 146,000 patrons and nearly 100,000 accounts have been withdrawn since the panic began.

HENRI WOULD SEE BOTH PARTIES SMASHED

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, March 6.—"It's nothing new," said Henri Bourassa, speaking to a reporter of the naval fight tactics in use at Ottawa. "It is the same as in '96 and '95." Then he added with a smile: "I should be pleased if it could result in both parties being smashed, but I suppose that is too much to hope for yet."

OLD LONDON IS IN THROES OF VOTING

County Council of British Capital Holding Ninth Triennial Elections.

FEAR THE SUFFRAGETTES

Special Precautions to Prevent Militants Destroying the Ballot Papers.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 6.—The keenest interest was taken in the ninth triennial election of the members of the London county council tonight, not only because of the sharply divided opinion on municipal issues at stake, but because of threats of militant suffragettes to destroy the ballot papers.

Special precautions were taken by the police to prevent any interference with the ballot boxes by the women, many of whom are entitled to vote at municipal elections. The aperture through which the voting papers are dropped into the boxes was made narrower, while policemen were posted to keep a sharp look-out on every woman entering the polling booths.

A Spirited Campaign. The pre-election campaign had been a very spirited one, many of the members of the cabinet having taken a prominent part on behalf of the Progressive candidates. While the suffragettes did not take a very active part in the fight, they advised all women voters to vote against the Progressives, owing to their having the support of a Government which had refused to enfranchise women for parliamentary elections. The Progressive candidates responded to this attack from the women by telegraphing to thousands of electors at the

THREE GREEK TRANSPORTS SUNK BY TURK CRUISER

Ships Were Filled With Servian Troops Being Carried to Gallipoli for Flank Attack on the Ottomans—Sunk in the Aegean.

[Canadian Press.] Vienna, March 6.—The Turkish cruiser Hamidieh today sank three Greek transports loaded with Servian troops on the way to Scutari, according to a Constantinople dispatch to the Neue Freie Presse. The attack on the transports occurred, it is said, near the peninsula of Hagion Oros, in the Aegean Sea. This would make it appear that the transports were proceeding not to Scutari but to Gallipoli, where it was proposed

some time ago by the Balkan allies to make a flank attack on the Turkish troops defending the Dardanelles. The convoy of Greek transports was a large one, consisting of 24 vessels which carried 34 guns. They were encountered by the cruiser Hamidieh shortly after they had left the coast. With her battery of 4.7-inch guns she was able to create havoc among the practically unprotected transports loaded with soldiers, according to the report received here.

SNOWDRIFTS TIE UP BRANCH LINES OF ALL RAILWAYS

Snow Plows Out For First Time This Winter, Say Companies.

Pere Marquette Has Wrestle With Drifts—Traction Cars Stalled.

Trains in and out of London on the branch lines today all ran late on account of the drifting snow. For the first time this season the railways had their big plows out, but as fast as the snow was pushed out it was blown in again by the gale, which has been howling with all the ferocity of March ever since early Wednesday evening.

The train on the Bruce was nearly an hour late getting to London today as a result of having to wait while train No. 11 was freed from a drift near Lucan. The crew had to get out and shovel a path through the drift before the train made its way north.

Plow Went South. The Pere Marquette sent its big plow out early this morning, and cleared the way for its trains. All, however, ran late, as there were innumerable little drifts that the locomotives had to force their way through as best they could.

The traction cars were at a standstill between Port Stanley and St. Thomas this afternoon owing to snow blockades.

The through Grand Trunk trains on the main line were all away late today and the general effects of the storm were given as the reason.

Worst Night of Season. Railwaymen, particularly the brakemen on fast freights, say that Wednesday night was the worst they have experienced this season. In the blinding snow with such a terrific gale blowing it was especially dangerous running on top of the cars, and as possible the brakemen got into either the cabooses or the engine cabs.

The London street railway kept its sweepers going all night, and the cars this morning were enabled to make fair time. In some of the outlying districts where the wind got a sweep and hoisted the snow in clouds there were bad drifts, which required constant shovelling to keep cleared out.

Keeping Switches Clear. The switch tenders in the local railway yards had the busiest time of the season and were constantly engaged in shovelling out the switches and the apparatus which operates them.

The C. P. R. reported that its heaviest drifts were in the vicinity of St. Marys and on the Goderich line. The company kept a number of plows going all night and today, and was able to keep the trains running fairly well on time.

LONDON CHINAMEN HAVE WHITE WIVES

Local Celestials Claim Ignorance of Anti-White-Help Measure.

"I did not know that a measure was being introduced into the Ontario Legislature to prevent the employment of white women in Chinese places," said Charlie Cheu this morning, proprietor of a string of restaurants in London, Woodstock and other cities.

"The Chinese consul is fighting such a move at Ottawa, but we were not expecting it at Toronto. I have no women employees now," he added. "I had one waitress some time ago."

At the present time there are no white women employed in London by Celestials, but there are four or five white women, who are married to Chinese businessmen.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE, MILD.

Forecast. Toronto, March 6.—8 a.m. Today—Strong northwesterly winds; fine and very cold tonight.

Friday—Westerly winds; fine, with slowly rising temperature.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Station	High	Low	Weather
LONDON	29	9	Fair
Windsor	32	32	Clear
Calgary	62	0	Clear
Winnipeg	52	0	Clear
Port Arthur	18	14	Cloudy
Perry Sound	24	16	Cloudy
Toronto	29	20	Cloudy
Ottawa	24	12	Snow
Montreal	24	16	Cloudy
Quebec	20	8	Cloudy
Father Point	24	18	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero. The weather continues extremely cold in Manitoba and quite mild in Alberta.

UNION NOW NEAR PREACHERS SAY

Approaching Presbyterian General Assembly May Settle Whole Matter.

COMMITTEES NOW CONSIDER CASE

Opinions of Several Leading Lights of Churches Here Given Today.

A majority of the Methodist and Presbyterian ministers of this city believe that church union between the Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists is much nearer consummation today than ever before.

Rev. Dr. Ross, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, said that the union committee, which met in December, was favorable to amalgamation, and that committees had been appointed by the London and Hamilton Conferences to look into the question and confer with the Methodist



and Congregational church officials. "The question will come up at the General Assembly, which meets in Toronto in June," said he, "and I have no doubt that a step farther will be taken then."

Union Near at Hand. Rev. W. R. McIntosh, of the King Street Presbyterian Church, stated that union was near consummation. "There is a disposition to try it out on a small scale," said he. "And the proof of any theory is obtained when it is given a trial. Many people think it will be a success on a large scale once it has been tried in a small and unauthorized way."

Rev. Richard Whiting, of the First Methodist Church, thought that church union is nearer today than ever. "It is coming nearer every hour of the day," said he. "Every move that is being



made is an advance towards co-operation, and every step that is being taken now is a step preliminary to union."

Complete Union Coming. Rev. J. G. Stuart, of Knox Presbyterian Church, thought that the movement at present is for a union of the weak churches in small places, but that the trend was towards union of the three bodies.

Rev. Thomas Mitchell, pastor of the New St. James' Presbyterian Church, thinks that the movement has gone so far now that union is inevitable, and Rev. D. N. McCamus said that he thought the whole tendency today is towards some kind of federation.

ALFRED CLARK DIES; TWENTY YEARS IN CITY

Had Been Ill With Pneumonia About One Week—Family Survives.

Mr. Alfred Clark, of 458 Charlotte street, died on Wednesday of pneumonia, after an illness of a week's duration. He is survived by his wife and family: Mrs. J. J. Rushton, of Empress avenue; Alfred J. Clark, 66 Walnut street; Robert M., of Portland, Ore.; Mrs. A. W. Jones, of Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. W. J. Giffin, of Edmonton; Sidney J., of Thorold, Ont.; T. J. of Detroit; Mrs. Harry Lutz, 72 Hamilton road; Mrs. Bert Bassett, 471 Charlotte street; Mrs. Wm. Taylor, of Edmonton, and Mrs. Gordon Donaghy, 657 York street.

Mr. Clark had been a resident of London for 20 years. He was born in Newhaven, Sussex, England.

OFFICIAL ADVISES USE OF NEWSPAPERS AS PUBLICITY PLAN

Holds the Belief That \$5,000 Spent Judiciously Would Bring Results.

Plan to Publish Information Explaining Advantages Gained Here.

A city official suggested this morning that instead of appointing a new publicity commissioner to succeed Mr. Grant Henderson, it might prove a better plan to devote \$5,000, which is the annual amount which the department of industries costs, to purchasing a definite amount of space, or otherwise busing the local newspapers for the purpose of publishing information about the city, which would be calculated to attract industries, or advertise the city as a desirable place of residence or business location.

His plan would be to purchase a definite amount of space in each of the two papers for advertising purposes, just as private concerns frequently find it of advantage to do. A local campaign conducted along similar lines to The Advertiser's "Stay in Ontario" campaign would be one way in which he thinks the city might profitably engage.

Honor Deceased Inspector.—An excellent portrait of the late Inspector Carson has been hung in the corridor of the Alexandra School as a slight tribute to the many years' service which Mr. Carson rendered the city as inspector of its public schools.