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## SESSION MAY LAST MUCH LONGER THAN WAS EXPECTED

Members of parliament are once more in harness after the Easter recess. Having regard to the prospective accumulation, an early prorogation is not probable. In some quarters it is believed the session will run well into June.

Apart from supply, the budget and other matters of a somewhat routine character, there are two outstanding matters to be dealt with, each of them full of bones of contention—the railway rates question and the wheat board plan. Of the first mentioned the house knows much already, many experts being loaded with information.

**The Rates Question.**  
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**Wheat Board Project.**  
The agriculture committee will not report upon the wheat board project until it knows the extent of parliamentary powers. Meanwhile, a good deal of opposition is accumulating. With the western farmers insisting upon a board with absolute powers and the certainty that, if this is attempted, injunction proceedings will follow, the outcome is not likely to be satisfactory unless some compromise—seemingly repellent to the West—is agreed to.

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## PRINCE OF WALES

The Prince of Wales arrived in Japan on April 12 and will pass a week in Tokyo. In addition to the state reception, a state banquet, and other official functions, Prince Higashi Fushimi, Count Uchida, the foreign minister; Prince Tokugawa, President of the House of Peers and latterly chief of the Japanese delegates at the Washington conference; Marquis Nabeshima, Viscount Takahashi, the Prime Minister, and the British Ambassador at Tokyo, Sir Charles N. E. Eliot, will entertain the Prince at luncheons, dinners, receptions and balls.

The Prince will attend the annual Imperial garden party for the viewing of the cherry blossom, and arrangements have been made for some wild duck hunting. The Prince will also be invited to be present at a special gala performance at the Imperial theatre, under the auspices of the Tokio municipality, as well as to visit the Tokio Imperial University and the International Peace Exhibition.



Popular Royal Envoy in typical Indian uniform while on his visit to the Orient.

**Sightseeing Tour.**  
About April 20 the Prince will make a short trip to Nikko, famous for its shrines and waterfalls, and will be the guest of Prince Kanin, who accompanied the Crown Prince of Japan on his visit to England last year, at his villa at Odawara. The Prince will then visit Lake Ashinoko, situated in the Hakone Mountain district, and a famous pleasure resort and spa.

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## ON A PILGRIMAGE

From Kofu, at the foot of the mountain, the Prince will proceed to Kioto, the ancient capital of Japan, whence he will make a pilgrimage to Momoyama to the mausoleum of the late Emperor Meiji.

## STATUE OF LAURIE ON PARLIAMENT HILL

A monument to Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be erected on Parliament Hill in the near future. This statement was made to the House of Commons by Premier King in reply to a question by E. C. St. Pere, Liberal, Hochelaga. Mr. King further intimated that the general policy which has been pursued in the past in regard to this subject would be continued by the present Administration.

## Mixed Feet.

A tree toad loved a she toad  
That lived in a tree;  
She was a 3-toed tree toad,  
But a 2-toed tree toad was he.  
The 2-toed tree toad tried to win  
The she toad's friendly nod;  
For the 2-toed tree toad loved the ground  
That the 3-toed tree toad trod;  
But vainly the 2-toed tree toad tried  
He couldn't please her whim;  
In her tree toad bower, with her V-toe power,  
The she toad vetoed him.  
—"The Van Rantle Vanguard."

## FAILS TO SETTLE STRIKE

Providence, R.I.—Former Governor Aram J. Pothier announces that he had given up all attempts to settle the strike of the 6,848 textile mill operatives in the Pawtucket Valley. The announcement was made following receipt by him of word from the mill owners that they had rejected his latest proposal for a conference between strikers and manufacturers made this morning. The manufacturers asserted that each mill owners would meet his own striking employees. This former Governor Pothier declared was impossible. The strikers, too, have taken the stand that when they negotiate it will be as a body of all operatives, dealing with the manufacturers as a body.

The great are soon forgotten, and the "ex" in front of a statesman's name stands for an unknown quantity.

If the present rate of consumption continues, by the middle of summer there won't be anything in the cellar except the Philadelphia teams.

You can say one thing for movie stars. None of them has written to the editor beginning, "My attention has been called to an article in your paper."

The average man has a vocabulary of 350 words, most of which are used in combination with the pronoun "I."

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