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## Speech From the Throne Will Outline Redistribution of Seats in Legislature

### MINORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN REPRESENTATION AT OTTAWA UNDER REDISTRIBUTION PLANS

Issue Raised by South York Member During Discussion of Government Bill — Premier Believes Time Not Ripe for Proportional Representation—P. E. I.'s Fate Undecided.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—In the house today the prime minister moved the second reading of the redistribution bill, but after some discussion adjourned the debate until Thursday. This was due to the request of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the membership of the select committee to which the bill is to be referred, be increased from seven to nine.

Sir Wilfrid also, discussed at some length the general principles which should govern the committee in making the new parliamentary map for Canada, agreeing in the main with the observations of Mr. Borden, delivered upon his first reading of the bill. He criticized the course of the government in referring to a committee the question of Prince Edward Island's representation. The constitution, he said, was mandatory and left no discretion to parliament.

Mr. Turgon, the Liberal member for Gloucester, N.B., thought all the maritime provinces should cheerfully comply with the provisions of the B. N. A. Act and ensured the premier for keeping alive a useless agitation.

Mr. Borden said, in reply, that proportional representation had many distinguished advocates, including Earl Grey. No doubt, in time, it should be tried, but the government would not attempt to apply the principle to the present redistribution bill.

Mr. Borden spoke briefly in moving the second reading. Referring to the question of the representation of Prince Edward Island and other provinces must be determined in accordance with the census of 1911. If the government wished to give any relief to the Maritime Provinces, it would be necessary to have an address to the imperial parliament.

### China Great Flour Market

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—Hon. George E. Foster today put thru a number of estimates for the trade and commerce department. He spoke of trade prospects in China and Japan. During the past year he said there had been a marked increase in Canada's export of flour to China. With the rapid development of the Chinese Empire, the demand for wheat flour would undoubtedly increase and he knew of no market so well worth watching.

### PARTIAL RECOUNT CHANGES ONLY TWO VOTES

Temperance Party in Welland Gained Only Two Votes—Result at Bridgeburg Poll Apparently Vindicates D.R. O. Coulthurst — Technical Objections Overruled.

WELLAND, Feb. 17.—The recount of the ballots cast in the recent C. T. A. vote in the polling subdivision at Bridgeburg at which Mr. Coulthurst was deputy returning officer, has resulted in an apparent vindication of the official against whom charges were preferred, and who is now on bail, facing trial.

The only change made in the court at this polling place is that the vote against the Canada Temperance Act is now shown as sixty-two instead of sixty-three, and the number for the act becomes 13 instead of 12.

The other nine boxes counted today, failed to alter the majority one way or the other.

It is not yet known just what action will ensue at Coulthurst's trial, which takes place tomorrow, tho it is generally thought that a dismissal will be recorded, as the last figures are verified by the recount.

The scrutiny of the ballots opened before Judge Livingstone this morning. The opponents of the act were represented by Jas. Haverson, K.C., and J.B. McKenzie, of Toronto, and L.B. Spencer and G.H. Pettit, of Welland. Counsel for the temperance people were W.E. Raney, K.C., of Toronto, and J.K. Gross of Welland.

Mr. McKenzie, for the anti-act, argued that the application for the scrutiny was not accompanied by sufficient guarantee for costs in case the opponents of the act won out. He contended that the omission of several deputy returning officers to place their statements in their ballot boxes had the effect of making the official count no summing up, and consequently there could be no scrutiny.

The judge overruled him, and proceeded with the scrutiny.

Mr. Raney wanted a count made of unused ballots along with those used, and it is held one box has been doctored. If his ballot box is regular on the face of it, the process of exclusion, said Mr. Raney, his honor declined to count all the unused ballots.

### ROMA ACCIDENT POINTS TO NEED OF A BEACON

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 17.—The accident to the Roma will result in efforts being made by ship owners to have the government place a light on No Man's Island, in the opinion of pilots. The nearest light is on Gay-head, eight miles away. While this is a powerful beacon, mariners say that in a thick blizzard like last night's a ship would beach on No Man's Island before her navigator could make out the light.

### SPEECH FROM THRONE WILL DEAL WITH REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS NECESSITATED BY RECENT CENSUS

Third Session of Ontario's Thirteenth Legislative Assembly Opens Today—Hon. Dr. Pyne, as Senior Minister, Will Escort Sir John Gibson to the Speaker's Chair.

Four New Members Will Be Introduced, Representing North Grey, East York, Peel and East Middlesex—Hon. James Duff to Have a First Row Seat.

The Ontario Legislature sits today. With all the pomp and ceremony of custom and with the flavor of military splendor the lieutenant-governor and attendants will sweep up the driveway of Queen's Park, unwrap a long official scroll and proceed in formal style to declare the third session of the thirteenth assembly convened for legislative business.

Chief item on the program of the first day stands the speech from the throne which will be delivered by Sir John Gibson immediately following his escort to the speaker's chair by Hon. Dr. Pyne. In the absence of Hon. J. Foy, the minister of education will attend to this rite by reason of seniority. A few formal greetings will then occur and the chamber will be emptied until the following afternoon, when opposition orators will begin to whet their oratorical faculties in the debate on the address.

Some very important legislation will be outlined in the official address. The matter of redistribution among the Ontario seats will be made the subject of a bill dealing with altered representation in the house rendered necessary by the recent census.

The workmen's compensation bill will come down in due course and will probably provide one of the chief sources of debate. The address will make mention of the other large government policy in connection with the road commission and perhaps hint at directions it may take.

Reference to Hydro-Electric. The work of the Hydro-Electric Commission during the year will be dealt with and its progress commented upon. An intimation will be given that the central prison at Toronto will be moved to the new prison farm at Guelph early in the coming autumn and that a large section of the hospital for the insane at Whyby will also be ready for occupation at that time.

The successful harvest of the year will be spoken of and also the part which the government has played in it.

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### Provincial Election Rumored May Take Place in Early Fall

A provincial election in either September or October of this year—this was a persistent and apparently inspired rumor around the corridors of the parliament buildings yesterday.

It is intended, according to the report, to appeal to the electors with Sir James Whitney as leader, altho it is conceded that the premier will hardly be able to take an active part in the campaign even tho he makes most satisfactory progress toward recovery of health.

### MONTREAL FLYER LEFT TRACK ENGINEER KILLED, MANY HURT

Train Struck Broken Rail Between Mountain and Inkerman and Coaches Crashed Into Overtaken Engine—Passengers and Trainmen Escaped Death by Narrow Margin.

SMITH'S FALLS, Feb. 17.—Engineer Robert Grant of Montreal was instantly killed, Fireman Ernest Anderson of Smith's Falls sustained a fracture of the leg, and nearly a dozen others were slightly injured in a wreck on the C. P. R. between Mountain and Inkerman, about 1:30 this afternoon. The Montreal-Toronto flyer, running at a speed of 40 miles an hour, struck a broken rail, the engine being derailed and the entire train leaving the track. Engineer Grant was buried beneath the locomotive, and his fireman was hurled some distance into the adjoining ditches.

The escape from death of many of the other passengers and trainmen is considered miraculous, as two of the coaches were badly smashed by coming in contact with the overturned engine. There were, however, not more than 50 passengers on the train and comparatively few in the cars which bore the brunt of the shock.

The train was a heavy one, consisting of the baggage, mail and express cars, six day coaches, two Pullmans and a diner. Had not the engine overturned, it is probable that no great damage would have occurred. Several of the cars ran past the engine safely, but two of the coaches fouled it and were wrecked. The other cars were not overturned.

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### FLYING DEBRIS STRUCK TRAIN

Dynamite Blast at St. Romuald, Que., Imperiled Passengers in G. T. R. Coaches.

QUEBEC, Feb. 17.—Thru what appears to have been a blunder, several passengers on the incoming G.T.R. express this morning were endangered by a dynamite explosion at St. Romuald. While no fatalities occurred, some of the passengers on the first class car were severely cut about the head and body and sustained nervous shock.

The G.T.R. express, due at Levis at 7 a.m., was two hours late. Construction work on I.C.R. double track is under way near St. Romuald, and a fuse for a dynamite blast was lighted just as the G.T.R. express was nearing St. Romuald. A line man was sent to flag the train, but was too late. The train was stopped and the blast went off. Every window in one side of the first-class car was shattered by flying debris, and passengers were knocked down and cut about the head and body.

Winter Yet. There are at Dineen's, among the many items, some remarkable bargains in men's coat coats. The company has on sale two lots of coat coats reduced for special selling today—one line, regular \$75, for \$55, and the other line, regular \$140, for \$95. The W. & D. Dineen Co., 140 Yonge street, corner Temperance street.

### CHIEF GATEMAN IS PARALYZED

Guardian of Union Station Passageway Stricken as He Was Reporting for Duty.

James Stibbart, one of the oldest gatemen in point of service in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway, and chief gateman of the Toronto Union Station, is in a critical condition as the result of a paralytic stroke. The gateman had been seized with a stroke just as he was about to report for duty on Monday and suffered another stroke at his home yesterday. Stibbart has been in the employ of the G. T. P. for more than 40 years and served for years in the capacity of gateman at the old G.T.R. station used previous to the erection of the present union station more than 20 years ago.

Stibbart is now lying in the hospital, and it is expected that he will be able to return to his home in a few days.

Again, on both sides, there is a feeling that the next session will be the pre-election session, in which the effective work and effective fighting must be done.

MONTEAL, Feb. 17.—There are more developments in the Montreal journalistic field as the result of recent changes of proprietorship and cessation of publication of established newspapers. Two new journals—an evening and a weekly—are announced to appear almost immediately. Both are independently owned and are said to have strong backing.

The weekly to be published on Friday will be called The Owl and will fight for civic reform, besides being a mouthpiece for other progressive movements, including the various women's clubs. Its shareholders include Messrs. Huntley Drummond, Guy Ogilvie, Charles M. Holt, K. C. Lansing Lewis, and Mrs. Hamilton Salt. Mrs. Fenwick Williams is one of the editors.

Around the middle of March the Montreal Daily News will appear. It is said, under the managing editorship of Edward Beck who has joined the legislative staff, and a Canadian Press franchise has been applied for, and report says that Mr. Beck will print further startling graft disclosures, besides lining up his new paper against the Montreal Tramway Corporation and for reform in municipal government.

### ABATEMENT OF NAVAL RIVALRY

Winston Churchill's Message to Radical Candidate in South Bucks—"Not Jingo or Scaremongers."

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Hon. Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, has sent the following message to Tommaso Mosley, Radical candidate for South Bucks, where the poll takes place tomorrow:

"I am very glad to see the strong stand you are making for a sober and not jingo or scaremongers. We are working for the abatement of naval and military rivalries. Meanwhile, what is necessary to maintain the safety of our country and of our empire will have to be done, and will be done and done thoroughly. Hearty wishes for your success."

### FIVE HOURS' DELAY.

The breaking down of the engine of the Grand Trunk Detroit train near Port Huron yesterday caused a delay of nearly five hours. Instead of reaching here on its schedule time at 7:10 p.m., the train did not pull into the Toronto Union Station until midnight.

### PROROGATION IS EXPECTED AT EARLY DATE

Parliament May Even End Its Labors Before Easter Unless Unforeseen Sources of Controversy Arise—Request by C. N. R. for Loan Would Lengthen Session.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—It would not be surprising if the end of the session came with the end of Lent. The Easter recess will be due to commence on April 8, and unless prorogation is reached by that date the house might sit for another month, or until the middle of May; hence the frank avowal by some members on both sides of the house of their intention to bring about prorogation before Easter.

A ninety-day session of parliament would be something without precedent in recent years, but many circumstances apparently contribute to the shortening of the present session. For one thing, there has been a good deal of illness among the leading men on both sides of the chamber. Hon. William Pugsley, who forced and led the fighting for the Liberals at the last session, was probably not here, and Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, will leave before the end of this month on a voyage to the Mediterranean. In view of their absence, the intercolonial estimates, which promised to be very contentious, may pass without a great deal of discussion.

Little Real Business. The redistribution bill may go thru without a great deal of trouble, especially if senatorial increases are not insisted upon. There is little business of first-class importance upon the order paper, and no business not on the order paper has been definitely foreshadowed, except the bill for the relief of the depositors of the Farmers' Bank.

The National Transcontinental scandal may receive a great deal of attention from parliament. The local newspapers in touch with the government declare that no civil or criminal proceedings are to be instituted, and the opposition may be glad to let sleeping dogs lie.

C.N.R. Stumbling Block. The factor of uncertainty in the whole situation finds expression in the persistent speculation on the subject of the Canadian Northern and the possibility of that corporation seeking some financial aid from the government. Any such legislation would be contentious and would cut a zig-zag line across both sides of the chamber. But, barring the unexpected, all indications point to an extremely short session. The government is not doing a great deal, but the opposition is doing less. The opposition is listless, and some of its members from the west are said to be looking for anything but trouble with the government.

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### BECK MAY EDIT MONTREAL DAILY

New Paper Will Print Further Graft Disclosures—Weekly to Advance Civic Reform.

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### WORK FOR THE UNEMPLOYED



### MEXICAN BANDIT HELD BY AMERICAN TROOPS

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 17.—Mabimino Castillo, the Mexican bandit, charged with responsibility for the Cumbre tunnel disaster in which 50 lost their lives, was captured by the south of Hatchita, New Mexico, today, by American troops.

The information was conveyed today to Gen. Hugh L. Scott, commandant at Fort Bliss, in an official telegram from Capt. White, 9th U. S. Cavalry.

Noted English Actor Coming. Mr. Martin Harvey, the famous English romantic actor, and his own company of London players, will be here next week at the Princess Theatre, presenting "The Breed of the Treasons," "The Only Way," and "A Cigarette Maker's Romance." The advance sale of seats opens tomorrow morning at the Princess.

### SETTLEMENT OF PANAMA ISSUE WILL BE HAS TENED IN SENATE

Feeling is Against Waiting for Action on Part of Congress and Hard Fight is Expected — O'Gorman to Lead Forces Favoring Exemption of American Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—That the senate may not wait for initiative action in the house before taking under serious consideration the matter of repealing the tolls exemption of the Panama Canal Act became apparent today. It was stated by several senators who are anxious to have the matter settled to aid in clearing up foreign relations generally that some action toward a solution of the question was probable within a few days.

Thursday is set as the day for beginning discussion on the general arbitration treaties in executive session.

The expired treaty with Great Britain, which awaits ratification for extension, will be taken up first, and it will be certain to open the flood-gates of oratory on the Panama tolls question, as this was the stumbling block to ratification of the treaty last summer. Senator O'Gorman, who is opposed to the convention, and also opposed to the president's desire that the canal tolls exemption for American coastwise ships be removed, will lead the attack. That the matter yet would be sent to a Democratic caucus for determination is the view held by many senators.