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Promises to Make a Straight Party Fight on the Issue of a Clean Vote.

There was a mild sensation in connection with the civic disturbance yesterday when Controller Richardson handed in his resignation to the city council, which was in session.

Controller Richardson has resigned. He submitted his resignation to the mayor and the city council yesterday afternoon, and on the motion of Ald. Dunn and Dr. Noble it was accepted.

Mr. Richardson stated that his letter was written in great haste, which accounts for any error in the manner in which he had the actual step in contemplation for some time past.

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RICHARDSON'S RESIGNATION.

Here is Controller Richardson's letter of resignation: Mayor Urquhart and city council:

The investigation into our last municipal election has arrived at such a stage that the correctness of County Crown Attorney Curry must be apparent to everyone, namely, that any wrong done by the electors of Toronto, as indicated in their votes last January, neither The Globe nor any other newspaper or individual in any way is justified in saying that either myself or any other member holds his or their seats thru the aid of people who committed frauds, and certainly such cannot be said of the electors of Toronto.

As a humble supporter of his, and of the party which he so honorably and ably leads, I do not propose in any way to countenance such acts or appear to take advantage of one dishonest ballot, and I believe the electors of Toronto will approve of the course proposed.

Yours obediently, (Signed) F. H. Richardson.

CROWN KEEPS ITS SECRETS IN MAIL ROBBERY CASES

No Glue to Evidence Against Three Prominent Men of Calgary.

Calgary, N.W.T., April 11.—(Special.)—There was nothing but mystery in the recent arrests in the mail robbery case. Three arrests have been made, but the Crown has not intimated in the least what the evidence against the men under arrest is.

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SHUFFLE THE CABINET RELIEF QUEEN'S PARK

Silence of Clergy Construed as Meaning They Know What is Coming.

That there is something momentous impending seems to be the impression in and around Queen's Park. The News yesterday had it that there is to be a dissolution after the session, and that three or four cabinet ministers are to be provided for before the shuffle of portfolios takes place.

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"POWER'S OFF"

Prohibition Party: I don't care anything about your excuses, sir, from me and then always putting me off and not carrying me thru.



Why have you been collecting fares from the road by pulling out on the double track for two minutes?

Operators Give Evidence Fatal Confusion Shown

Rockwood Certain That Guelph Was Told Train No. 713 Followed No. 346.

Guelph, April 11.—(Special.)—The inquest into the fatal wreck of Saturday morning was continued to-night, when E. P. Murphy, G.T.R. despatcher, gave evidence. He described the receiving of orders and said the operators were responsible for the order slip. In case an operator lost the slip she should report to the despatcher. If not, he assumed the risk. The conductor going east would go by the register, which would relieve him. He said that train 713 had left Parkdale at 6:13 Friday evening and reached Guelph at 1:45 Saturday morning. Train 714 left Weston at 8:57 p.m. and reached Guelph at 12:45 a.m. They were on the block system that night on account of the fog. No. 714 did not get out of Guelph Junction for an hour after passing Guelph station. There was only two minutes' difference in reporting 713 in and out.

Mr. Murphy said that he had heard nothing of reconstruction except the gossip of the street. He said that he had heard that the conductor would be one of the first to drop out. Other cabinet ministers declined to talk when approached on this subject.

Some people are construing the silence of the prohibitionists as meaning that the clergy have received a tip concerning coming events. It will be remembered that when Premier Bennett was in the city, he was asked by Rev. J. A. Rankin, he asked a friendly question as to what he was doing. He was an intimate of the cabinet and his "atmosphere" letter would be cleverly worded and kept the general public in the dark.

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LAW MAKERS ARE ANXIOUS TO GET HOME TO SEEDING

Business Will Be Rushed This Week in Hope of Closing on Saturday.

Saturday may see the end of the session. That is the idea Premier Ross has fixed in his mind and he is ably supported by every man on both sides. The law-makers are anxious to get home to their seedbed, and their efforts for the remainder of the week, if the order paper is to be cleared off. How this can be done is a conundrum to many who recollect that three months have been consumed in getting a fair start on the business of the year. To-day the session is to be continued. This is the most important item on the bill of the fare, and it is so late in the day that the "big kick" may not materialize. However, Mr. Whitney has a few pointed observations which he will make to-day. Following this item of business there are the railway subsidies, the supplementary estimates and many other items of more or less interest.

Experiment in Free Books. Mr. Harcourt's bill amending the Education Department Act was given its second reading on Friday. The bill provides for appropriation sums by order-in-council for free text books in rural districts. Mr. Harcourt said that the bill would be in effect in the school attendance in Massachusetts increased 10 per cent. after the introduction of the bill. He said that Mr. Whitney inquired that it would be in effect in cities largely. Mr. Harcourt replied that he believed there were no children in the school in Ontario for want of books.

The idea was to appropriate \$50,000 for the first year, the province to pay an equal amount with the federal government, and to limit the experiment to the rural districts. The difference in the cost of books by buying large quantities would be from 25 to 35 per cent. The different rates would be: Primary, 10c; Secondary, 15c; and Tertiary, 20c. The bill would be in effect in the school attendance in Massachusetts increased 10 per cent. after the introduction of the bill. He said that Mr. Whitney inquired that it would be in effect in cities largely. Mr. Harcourt replied that he believed there were no children in the school in Ontario for want of books.

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