

THREE-FIFTHS CLAUSE STANDS WHITNEY TELLS ALLIANCE

**Inform Great Delegation of Temperance Workers
That Repeal Cannot Be Considered
By the Government.**

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Over half a thousand members of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance waited upon Premier Whitney and members of the Government this morning, pressing their views regarding the repeal of the famous three-fifths clause in the local option legislation. In a somewhat lengthy speech, the Premier expressed the sympathy the Government felt for the temperance movement, but stated that when they had made up their minds as to the right course to be followed neither threats nor anything else would divert them from that course.

He even told the deputation that a three-fifths or some similar majority was sometimes required in their own church courts. If the three-fifths clause were to be made a party issue, then, he said, the Government would throw down the gage of battle. He stated that there was no need to refer to the States for precedents and so forth, since there were plenty such in British legislation. Mr. Whitney took occasion particularly to express his view with reference to the statement of Rev. Dr. Baker, of Columbus, Ohio, who had addressed the alliance yesterday. (Continued on Page Six.)

London and the Proposed Abattoir City Should Control the Inspection

**Mr. John M. McEvoy Explains
the Position of His Clients
To No. 3 Committee.**

The question of an abattoir for London was up before No. 3 committee last night, when the communication from Mr. J. M. McEvoy came up for discussion. Mr. McEvoy was present and gave his views to the committee. His clients, he stated, intended erecting and maintaining an abattoir. They asked no financial assistance from the city, and they did not ask for an exclusive franchise.

They, however, objected to an exclusive right being given to any other company.

The Better Plan.
"What I think is the better plan is this," said Mr. McEvoy. "The city council should pass a bylaw compelling all meat for consumption in the city to be slaughtered in an abattoir under city regulation and inspection. 'The city should keep this power within itself.' 'At present there is a bill coming up before the Legislature giving all the power formerly granted the city by legislation, to a private abattoir company. 'Now, I think that is a mistake. The regulation and inspection and all that should be left to the city.' (Continued on Page Ten.)

Board of Works Wants \$71,660 Considerable Increase Over Last Year

**Several Extra Items for Much-
Needed Improvements Are
On the List.**

The estimates for No. 2 committee have been prepared, and will be submitted to the committee this evening. On the whole they are considerably larger than last year. This increase is due to several items. The sum of \$2,000 is placed in the estimates for new lavatories for the city hall. An item of \$6,000 is set aside for a storm sewer on Adelaide street. The sum of \$5,000 is put in for a new greenhouse for the park. These amount to \$13,000. Last year there was the sum of \$2,000 set aside for improvements in Queen's Park, and it is understood that the same sum will be asked this year for the fair board, to paint the buildings in the park, and other improvements. It is probable that the storm sewer on Adelaide street will be cut down some, although it is thought that part of the sewer will be built this year, as

	1907.	1908.
Streets and general improvements	\$22,000	\$27,000
Street cleaning	11,000	12,000
East End town hall	100	100
City Hall, expenses		
Ordinary	1,800	1,200
City Hall lavatory		2,000
Exhibition buildings, grounds, etc.	700	800
City parks	3,700	3,800
New greenhouse		5,000
Bridges, expenses	800	1,200
Sewers and culverts	4,000	6,000
Sewer on Cabell street		800
24-inch storm water sewer on Adelaide St.		6,000
Tiling Egerton street		875
Registry office	350	350
Militia camp	190	210
Storage building and grounds	100	200
L. W. breakwater	300	525
Asphalt pavement repairs		2,500
Special grant snow cleaning		800
Total		\$71,660

Fire Chief Clark Will Choose Sites

The first step in the building of the two new fire halls was taken last night, when No. 3 committee instructed Fire Chief Clark to choose sites for the two new halls. The city architect has already been in-

structed to prepare the plans, which will be got ready just as soon as the isolation hospital plans are off Mr. Nutt's hands. Chief Clark will give no opinion as to the best localities for the new halls, but will commence immediately to pick out suitable locations.

New Yorker Behind London's Club

Hamilton, Feb. 27.—Fred Paige, of New York, arrived here yesterday to make arrangements for the formation of the new International Baseball League. London, Hamilton, Lockport and Niagara Falls, N. Y., form the league and will take in two other places. Mr. Paige will go to Brantford and Guelph tomorrow and size up the situation. He will own the Hamilton franchise and another New Yorker, J. Wrenthall, will own the London club. The league evidently has good backing. It will ask for protection from the National Association, and play in class C.

Mr. W. J. Reid is in receipt of a letter from one of the parties interested in the international baseball league business to the effect that the American end of the proposition is being

Niagara Power Matter Was Laid Over

Niagara power question was again by No. 3 committee yesterday. The communications from the secretary of the West-Municipalities Union, and

Hon. Adam Beck, were filed for further consideration. The matter was not discussed at all, the communications being sent over without discussion.

A Monument to the Honored Dead.

"The Daughters of the Empire are in correspondence with a number of leading Canadian and English sculptors," said Mrs. F. E. Leonard, regent of the order, to The Advertiser, this morning, "and in a short time it is likely that a beautiful monument to the soldiers who fell in South Africa will be placed in Victoria Park. 'The Daughters of the Empire have raised very nearly \$10,000, and expect to have no trouble in obtaining the full sum, which will be devoted to the monument.'"

PAARDEBERG TEA.
This afternoon and evening a Paardeberg tea is being given by the members of the order in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, which have been beautifully decorated with flags and mottoes in remembrance of the battle which took place eight years ago yesterday.

KILLED AND WOUNDED.
A number of soldiers from this part of Ontario were killed and seriously wounded in the engagement, among the killed being Ptes J. A. Donagan and R. Smith, of London, and W. White, of Windsor, who went with the London men. Among the severely wounded were the late George R. Sippl; L. Power, R. C. A.; J. Smith, Thamesford; D. J. Marquette, Windsor; A. Brough, R. C. A.; W. J. Green, London; Chester McLaren, London; J. B. Corley, Mount Forest; O. H. Wheatcroft, London; R. Kingsmill, R. C. A. Pte. William Adams, son of the late Sergeant-Major Adams, of London, was reported missing after the battle, and it was subsequently learned that he died of enteric fever.

LIBRARY FOR EAST LONDON EX-ALD. GILLEAN MOVES

**Plan Is Now Under Consideration—Librarian Carson Thinks It
Can Be Carried Out—Would Prove a Great Boon
To the People of the East Side.**

A free library for the East End is the scheme brought forward by ex-Ald. Thomas Gillean, who is a member of the library board. The matter was broached last night at the meeting of the library board, and it will be looked into.

"My idea is to establish a free library in the old East End Hall," said Mr. Gillean this morning. "There are two stores at present idle that could be fitted up at little expense, and made suitable for library purposes. 'A good line of books can be placed there, and also a reading-room. SECTION NEEDS IT. 'That section of the city is growing very rapidly, and such a plan would meet with instant favor there. 'I have talked the matter over with Librarian Carson, and he thinks it could be worked easily enough. He does not think that it will cost much more than at present. 'One of the assistants could be at this library, say from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon, and from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening. 'I have not worked the details of the matter out yet, but I think a free library can be established in the East End at a small cost, and which will be of great benefit to that portion of the city. Mr. Carson is looking into the matter with the rest of us, and I think we will work it out satisfactorily. MEETS WITH FAVOR. The scheme seems to meet with considerable favor among the residents of the East End, and it is thought it will work out very satisfactorily. 'In most large cities branch libraries are established in different sections of the city, and are managed from the central organization. The rapid development of the city calls for such an institution in East London, the average man thinks. Mr. Gillean is going to get estimates of the cost of the equipment and maintenance of the library to be submitted at the next meeting of the board.

London and Quebec Houses Close Other Theaters Will Remain Open

**General Manager Bennett Flatly
Contradicts Story That Other
Houses Will Close.**

The statement published in a local paper that Bennett's theaters in Montreal, Hamilton and Ottawa, as well as those in London, will close after next week, is emphatically denied by General Manager Bennett, of the Bennett Theatrical Enterprises Company. "How such a story could be given circulation is a puzzle to me," Mr.

Bennett said to The Advertiser. "There is not a shadow of truth in it. Montreal, Ottawa and Hamilton will finish the season as usual. 'Though vaudeville will not be played in the London and Quebec houses after a week from Saturday night, the theaters will not be closed altogether. They will be kept open with other attractions. 'It is understood that the local house will be converted into a moving picture theater for the balance of the season. 'In Quebec legitimate dramatic attractions will be played when they can be procured.

Public Library Board Asks \$11,000 \$2,000 More Than Estimates 1907

**Figures Were Decided Upon at
a Meeting Held Last
Night.**

The library board last night drew up the estimates for the year, and calculated that it will take the sum of \$11,000 to run the library for the ensuing year.

The estimates amount to practically the same as the expenditure of 1907. Mr. Thomas Gillean, chairman of the finance committee, carefully looked after the figures, and whittled the estimates down to the lowest possible figure.

The law sets aside a half a mill on the assessment for the maintenance of the library, but the estimates this year

are about \$1,600 less than the half-mill would yield.

"\$2,000 of an increase. Last year the estimates were about \$9,000. In addition there was \$1,700 which had come to the board from the year before. Mr. Blackwell, the librarian, was ill that year, and no books were bought. As a result the board still had this money on hand, and asked for no extra money to buy books. That brought the expenditure up to about \$11,000—the amount asked for this year. In addition to the estimates the question of a branch library for the East End was discussed, but the matter was left in the hands of Mr. Thos. Gillean to prepare a report on. The suggestion that Mr. Andrew Carnegie be asked to furnish a building did not meet with favor from Mr. Gillean and was dropped.

MILK BECOMING SOMEWHAT SCARCE

**Some Dealers Are Forced to Drop
Their Customers in This City.**

Milk appears to be very scarce, and the farmers say the scarcity of feed is to blame. Last fall cattle were sacrificed, as the farmers and dairymen would not take a chance on feeding them all winter. In some cases milkmen in London are dropping their customers, finding it impossible to supply them.

HARTWICK'S HEALTH IS IMPROVING

**Will Be All Right When He Comes Up
for Trial.**

Hartwick, the alleged murderer, has recovered from his recent relapse, and today appeared as sane as he did previous to the recent hearing. The old man is eating fairly well, and his mind is perfectly rational and in good health by the time his trial comes up next month. The jail physician, when questioned today, stated that he did not know whether Hartwick could be permanently cured of insanity. Proper nourishment and absence of excitement might, however, accomplish wonders.

THISTLE CURLERS WIN AT TORONTO

Toronto, Feb. 27.—The London Thistles came yesterday for their annual games with the Queen City, but owing to the mild weather they only curled in the evening, the visitors winning by 14 shots. Queen City dined at 8:30. Vice-President G. S. Lyon in the chair. President Thompson and Messrs. Graham and Talbot responded to the London toast. Messrs. McIntosh, Harris and the chairman sang sweetly. Score: Queen City, London Thistles, H. A. Haisley, 8 W. Fuller, 14 A. L. Malone, 9 A. Talbot, 17 R. B. Rice, 15 A. M. Heaman, 19 A. F. Webster, 15 C. M. Graham, 11 Total, 47 Total, 61

FIRST MOVE TO IMPROVE THE ROADS

**Meeting of Road Directors Will Be
Held in April.**

The board of directors of the county council will meet early in April to make arrangements for assuming control of the county roads to be improved under the act providing for improvement of public highways in the county. The Government pays one third the cost of such work.

J. W. LEONARD APPOINTED

**General Manager of the C. P. R. Lines,
Fort William to St. John.**

Toronto, Feb. 27.—J. W. Leonard has been appointed general manager of the C. P. R. eastern lines, from Fort William to St. John. He will have charge of maintenance of ways and operating department.

A BRIDE'S GIFT.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—Within a few hours after the marriage of Mrs. Anne Weightman Walker to Frederick Courtland Penfield, in New York, yesterday, her attorney in this city announced in behalf of the bride, gifts aggregating one million dollars to relatives and institutions in this city and state.

Senator Ross, of Halifax, yesterday replied to Hon. Wm. Paterson's criticism of the Senate, and declared that if Mr. Paterson met with a political reverse, he would seek a haven of rest in the Senate.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Feb. 27—8 a.m. Today—West to north winds, a few light local snowfalls or flurries, but mostly fair and colder. Friday—Fair and cold.

Local Temperatures.

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory up to 8 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 35.5°; lowest, 21° above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	26	24	Fair
Port Arthur	—	—	Clear
Perry Sound	14	12	Cloudy
Toronto	14	14	Fair
Ottawa	15	12	Cloudy
Montreal	20	20	Cloudy
Quebec	28	28	Snow
Father Point	28	24	Rain

Minus (—) means below zero.

The barometer in the above table records the temperatures at 5 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The pressure is low from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces, also from Saskatchewan to the British Columbian coast.

The cold wave is still centered in Manitoba.

Snow has fallen over Quebec, rain in the Maritime Provinces, and local snow in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 4 below—18; Atlin, 4—22; Victoria, 42—46; Vancouver, 40—47; Edmonton, 22—28; Calgary, 20—22; Battleford, 2—14; Prince Albert, 2 below—10; Port Arthur, 6 below—8; Perry Sound, 18—34; Toronto, 28—38; Ottawa, 24—32; Montreal, 6—31; Quebec, 24—30; St. John, 30—34; Halifax, 16—24.

CITY GAS COMPANY IS READY TO DISTRIBUTE NATURAL GAS

**But President James C. Duffield Does Not Believe the
Right Kind Is Forthcoming—Sulphur in
the Gas Around Tilbury.**

"We certainly would be pleased to enter into distributing arrangements, with any natural gas companies who can convince us that they have a supply of good gas that will last," said Mr. James C. Duffield, of the City Gas Company, to The Advertiser this morning.

"By good gas, I mean gas free from sulphur. 'The natural gas around Tilbury is not free from sulphur, and gives a great deal of trouble to the consumers for that reason. 'No definite agreements have been arrived at with any of the proposed natural gas companies as yet, for the simple reason that they have not got the gas. 'Until they have, and can convince us that the supply is lasting, we will not agree to distribute it for them. NO DIFFICULTY. 'There would be no difficulty whatever in piping natural gas, even a hundred miles. 'In Missouri we have a company supplying the city of Joplin, where the gas is sent that distance. 'Would you favor the council granting franchises to two or three companies, should that many desire to compete in London?' NO FRANCHISES. 'No, because in every case where this has been done the public in the end have had to pay higher prices for the gas they use. 'In Detroit, franchises were granted to two companies, and in a short time the weaker one was forced to sell to the stronger, which at once raised the rates, and the public had to pay what had been spent in the fight for control. CITY OF GLASGOW. 'One reason why the city of Glasgow has always had such cheap light is because it would never grant a franchise to a competing company. 'Personally, I do not expect to see natural gas here for some time, because the supply has not yet been found and because what has been found is full of sulphur. 'The city bylaws do not allow our company to sell gas with sulphur in it, as it is most disagreeable."

OTTAWA AVE. CAR'S ESCAPE THREE FEET FROM ENGINE

**At the Ottawa Avenue Crossing of the Pere Marquette—Alleged
That the Motorman Misunderstood the Signal of the
Conductor—No Derail at the Crossing.**

A miraculous escape from an accident in which several lives might have been lost, occurred on the Ottawa avenue belt line of the street railway yesterday afternoon, when the passenger train from St. Thomas, in charge of Engineer Porteous, was coming into London.

According to the story given to The Advertiser by a Pere Marquette official this morning, Conductor Bagnell, who had charge of the car, got out, as is customary, to give the motorman the signal to come ahead.

MISTOOK THE SIGNAL.

Seeing the train approaching, he gave a signal to stop, but Motorman Corsant, apparently, misunderstood the signal, and ran ahead.

When he saw the train so close, it is said, he lost his head, and shut off the power, leaving the car standing in the middle of the tracks.

Motorman Corsant is alleged to have jumped, and the passengers in the car were left to escape as best they might.

Only the prompt action of Engineer Porteous averted a disaster, and the big Pere Marquette engine was brought to a standstill with a jerk a few feet away from the car.

ENGINEER KNEW HIS BUSINESS.

Had Engineer Porteous not applied the emergency brake instantly it would have been too late.

The passengers in the car received a bad scare, but fortunately all ended well.

Manager King of the street railway company intends holding a full investigation into the conduct of the motorman.

There is no interlocking switch at the crossing, and although the matter has been sent to the railway commission to deal with nothing has been done so far.

Tuberculosis Beef Was Seized Only in Retail Shop Few Minutes

**Medical Officer Hutchinson Is
Probing the Case—Prosecution
May Follow.**

Dr. Hutchinson, the medical health officer, has seized the four quarters and internal organs of the cow affected with tuberculosis and has destroyed it. "The cow was not in the retail butcher's shop 20 minutes until it was seized," said Dr. Hutchinson. "This was not made known for reasons. 'The meat has been destroyed, with the exception of a few small pieces that I am keeping for the purpose of laboratory investigation. In a Fearful State. 'There is absolutely no doubt that the internal organs of the cow were in a fearful state owing to tuberculosis, but I am testing the meat itself in order to discover if it is affected with the bacillus. 'It will take four or five days for the cluster to develop. 'The retail butcher was entirely innocent, as one could not tell by casual observation tell the beef from the very best quality. 'The beef was unfit for consumption, as the organs were badly diseased. As To Prosecutions. 'Will prosecutions follow?' he was asked. 'I am making a thorough investigation, and if the evidence warrants it, there will be a prosecution,' the doctor declared. 'Dr. Niven, the chairman of the board of health, is also actively interesting himself in the matter, and is seeing to it that the investigation is thorough."

THE QUEBEC BRIDGE DISASTER ROYAL COMMISSION'S REPORT

**Too Much Strain Placed on the
Great Central
Span.**

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The report of the royal commission, appointed to investigate the collapse of the Quebec bridge, has been presented to the min-

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