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TOMORROW'S WEATHER.
Tomorrow—Snow or Rain.

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Sun Rises Tomorrow, 7:14.
Sun Sets Tomorrow, 4:52.

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DUKE OF CONNAUGHT OPENS NEW PARLIAMENT; MOST BRILLIANT SOCIAL AFFAIR IN YEARS

Permanent Tariff Commission and Highways Features of Speech.
HELP PROMISED FOR THE FARMER

Finds the Dominion Prosperous and Expresses Pleasure at Appointment.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Nov. 16.—With all the dignity of state ceremonial and graced by an assemblage which for brilliancy has never been equalled in the history of similar functions, the first session of Canada's twelfth Parliament was opened this afternoon by H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught. For the first time on any such occasion two royal salutes were given, the occasion being, of course, the arrival of H. R. H. The Lieutenant-governors of all the neighboring provinces and a brilliant gathering of society leaders were present. The appointment of a tariff commission and Dominion co-operation with the provinces in the securing of better highways were the two important items of construction legislation in the speech from the throne.

Following is the text of the speech from the throne:

The Throne Speech.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons: It is with much satisfaction that I meet for the first time, the Parliament of Canada, and avail myself of the advice and assistance in the fulfilment of the important charge which has been entrusted to me by His Majesty the King. I can assure you that I esteem it a privilege to be called upon to administer the affairs of this prosperous and growing Dominion, and to associate myself with you in the important duties which you are about to approach.

It affords me great pleasure to congratulate you upon the continued and increasing prosperity of the country. Our trade, both with British and with foreign countries, is rapidly expanding, and there is every prospect that its volume in the present year will be largely in excess of that attained at any time in the past.

Though there has been some damage to the crops in certain districts, the harvest has on the whole been abundant, and the returns to the husbandman will exceed those secured in any previous year.

The Census.

The results of the census taking during the present year will be laid before you, so far as they have been tabulated. While the increase in population has not fulfilled all the sanguine expectations that had been formed, yet it has been substantial and encouraging, and you will be pleased to learn that the revenues for the current fiscal year have, up to the present, largely exceeded those of any similar period in the past with every prospect that this increase will be maintained.

Trade With West Indies.

The advantages that would result from a wider exchange of goods between the various countries of the Empire are undoubted, in view of the wonderful variety and extent of those productions, and negotiations have been opened for improved trade arrangements with the British West Indies, and British Guiana, which should prove advantageous to those colonies as well as to this Dominion.

Better Highways.

The importance of providing our country with better highways is manifest. A bill will be introduced for the purpose of enabling the Dominion to co-operate with the provinces in the accomplishment of this desirable object.

Agriculture.

It is essential to recognize that in a country possessing so great an area of fertile land as that which this Dominion is happily endowed, the great basic industry is agriculture. My advisers are of the opinion that the time has come when greater aid and encouragement should be given to those who are engaged in the cultivation of the land. To this end, a measure will be introduced, under which it is hoped that there may be co-operation between the Dominion and the various provinces, for the purpose of assisting and encouraging our farmers to secure the best results in production, and at the same time preserve the fertility of the soil.

Grain Inspection.

A measure will be introduced revising and consolidating the acts relating to the inspection of grain, and providing the means by which the Government can secure, through a commission, the control and operation of the terminal elevators upon the great lakes.

A Tariff Commission.

A bill will be introduced to establish a permanent tariff commission, whose duty it shall be to ascertain, by investigation and inquiry, such information as will furnish a more stable and satisfactory basis for tariff legisla-



HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

SPLENDID SPECTACLE MARKS FIRST OPENING BY PRINCE

Striking Military Display and Royal Magnificence Are Feature of Inauguration Ceremonies at Parliament Hall This Afternoon—Are Unparalleled in Canadian History.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 16.—In the Dominion capital at 3 o'clock a big gun pounded the crisp winter air claiming that a British prince had come to open a British parliament in Canada. At the sound the great crowd which had assembled about the Parliament Building broke into a roar. Before the second gun of the salute boomed out a cavalry escort clattered through the east gate, and with pions snapping at their lance ends whirled up the hill. Close after the troop came the royal coach, a blaze of scarlet, black and gold. Four blooded bays, with scarlet-clad postillions on their backs, drew the coach in which were seated Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Military Secretary H. C. Lowther. The carriage was open. The duke wore the scarlet uniform of a British field marshal.

A Wonderful Coach.

The royal coach attracts almost as much attention as the royal party. It is a mass of decorations worked out in gold, on a black ground, which is most striking.

The Royal Anthem.

The guarded equipment swept up to the Senate entrance, where a busied guard from the Governor-General's Foot Guards was drawn up with the regimental band. The guard presented arms and the band broke into the royal anthem as the royal party dismounted and entered the building. The picture was as fine as has ever been seen on a bright Canadian winter's day.

The Scene Inside.

Inside the scene was no less brilliant. The Duke and Duchess found the Senate chamber packed with senators. The Duke and Duchess found the Senate chamber packed with senators. The Duke and Duchess found the Senate chamber packed with senators.

SALOONKEEPER KILLED.

New York, Nov. 16.—Peter Lenane, a wealthy saloonkeeper, was shot and killed early today at the threshold of his home by a man whom he refused to serve with liquor several months ago. His alleged assailant was arrested.

More than has heretofore been available.

Bills will also be laid before you with respect to the department of external affairs, the archives and other subjects.

Hudson Bay Road.

The selection of the best route for the Hudson Bay Railway is engaging the attention of my advisers, and an announcement will be made to you of the result of their inquiry.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts of the last year will be laid before you. The balance of the estimates for the current financial year, as well as the estimates for the coming year, will be submitted for your approval at an early date.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons: I commend the subjects which I have mentioned to your best consideration, and I trust that your deliberations, under the blessing of Divine Providence, may tend to the welfare and good government of this Dominion.

LIBERAL MEETING TONIGHT

The London Liberals will hold a meeting in Hyman Hall tonight to elect officers of the association. There is considerable business in addition to be transacted, and President F. G. Rumball is anxious that every Liberal be present. The question of nominating a candidate for the approaching elections will also be considered. It is probable that the largest crowd of the year will be at Hyman Hall tonight. Let every person be present.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN NOT ALLOWED TO CROSS BORDER

Mrs. William J. Green Refused Admittance to the United States at Sarnia—Was on Her Way to Detroit to Join Her Husband Who Is Living There.

After settling out her husband's plumbing business, and making all preparations to join him in Detroit, Mrs. William J. Green and her six small children, of 657 Dundas street, were, Tuesday evening, turned back at the border at Sarnia, and had to return to this city. A few weeks ago her husband left the city and went to Detroit, where he is now located in the plumbing business.

As soon as he had got nicely started in business, he wrote to his wife, asking her to sell out his store in this city and join him in Detroit. Accordingly, Mrs. Green arranged for the sale of their effects, and this having been completed, she and the children took the train on Tuesday for Detroit. It seems, however, that she made a mistake in the trains, and took one that went to Detroit via Sarnia and

Port Huron, instead of around Windsor, as she had originally intended.

Officials Board Train.

When the United States immigration officials were making their tour through the cars as the train approached Sarnia, they questioned Mrs. Green in regard to her visit to the Michigan city, and were apparently not satisfied with her explanation, for when the train reached the tunnel town she and the children were not allowed to go any farther. When the next train for London arrived in Sarnia, Mrs. Green and her family were put on board and sent back to this city. She is now in London, and is at a loss to know what to do. The U. S. immigration officers gave her no reason for not allowing her to pass, and Mrs. Green cannot account for it. Her husband is established in Detroit, and the family desire to make their home there.

SOME OF MR. BECK'S FRIENDS LIKE THE FLAT RATE SCHEME

It Is Alleged That a Certain Conservative Lawyer Has Been Accumulating Ammunition Which May Be Used by Mr. William Gray.

Mr. William Gray, who has so frequently expressed his intention to enter provincial politics, is in the field against all-comers, according to an apparently authentic story going around this morning. In order that no persons may be deceived, it should be stated that this rumor has been going the rounds for years.

It is declared that Mr. Gray has made the declaration so often that he has acquired a certain number of backers in the Conservative party who now insist upon his "making good." He will, therefore, be in the field against Hon. Adam Beck, and possibly a Liberal candidate, at the voting on Dec. 11.

It is also known that Mr. Beck's

Niagara power policy in its relation to the city of London is to meet with opposition from within his own ranks. For some months a well-known Conservative lawyer has been at work preparing statistics for use at this election, and the matter is to be sprung in a short time, it is understood.

The local opponents of the scheme state that London is the last best on the Niagara power string, and that those who are closer to the Falls have a distinct advantage over this city. This faction of the Conservatives have evolved a flat-rate scheme to remedy the matter, it is claimed, and the proposition will be taken up by Mr. Gray in his campaign.

TEN CASES ARE NOW LISTED FOR THE NON-JURY SITTINGS

Important Action Over a Local Hotel License—Geo. D. Bindner Seeks to Recover From Wm. Mahon and Others—Other Cases on the Paper.

About ten cases, two at least of which will be postponed, will be set down before the day is out for trial at the non-jury sittings of the high court, which commence at the court house here on Monday afternoon. While Mr. Justice Kelly, who was appointed a few days ago, is listed to take the court, it is now considered practically certain that Mr. Justice Middleton will preside.

The list to date includes the following actions: No. 1, Parsons vs. the City of London; No. 2, John Clark vs. C. B. Keenleyside; No. 3, McConnell-Ferguson Company vs. Vanderhoof & Co.; No. 4, Halloway vs. the City of London; No. 5, Mills vs. Free; No. 6,

Wade vs. Menzies; No. 7, George D. Bindner vs. William H. Mahon. At least three others will be set down this afternoon. They are Wood vs. Catnach; clatworthy vs. the Township of London; and Holmes vs. Pincombe. The third and fifth cases—McConnell-Ferguson vs. Vanderhoof, and Mills vs. Free—will be adjourned by consent.

Action Against Pathmaster.
The latter is an action brought by George Mills, Eleanor Mills and Nellie McLeish, owners of certain lots in the tenth concession of East Nissouri, against John Free, the pathmaster of the township. Continued on Page Eleven.

A CHECK FOR \$100 GIVEN THE FIREMEN

Purdum Hardware Company Remembers Chief Aitken and His Men By Large Donation.

Fire Chief Aitken this morning received a check for \$100 from the Purdum Hardware Company, to be applied to the firemen's benefit fund, in recognition of their good services at the recent conflagration, which destroyed several places of business on Dundas street.

"The firemen did excellent work," writes Mr. A. H. Purdum, manager of the company, "and we want to show our appreciation in this small way."

"We are always pleased to know that our efforts are appreciated," said Fire Chief Aitken. "We are grateful to Mr. Purdum, I am sure, for his generous gift."

EAST END PEOPLE MAY HAVE CANDIDATES

Progressives Will Meet Tonight to Consider Municipal Election Campaign.

The East End Progressive Association will hold their weekly meeting tonight, when it is understood the names of the candidates for municipal honours at the January elections who are to be endorsed by the Progressives will be given out.

HYMAN STREET HOUSE ROBBED

Residence of Mrs. L. A. Howell Was Entered and Money Taken.

KEYMAN IS AT WORK

Local Detectives Are Now Working on the Case—Thief Watched People Leave the House.

One of the most daring of daylight burglaries ever committed in this city was perpetrated between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. today when the house of Mrs. L. A. Howell, 293 Hyman street, was entered and ransacked and a sum of \$24 in cash and a gentleman's open-faced, gold-filled watch taken. The robbery occurred while Mrs. Howell was down town doing some shopping. She left the house about 10:30 this morning, securely locking the front door. On her return at 1 o'clock she found the door still locked, but on entering the house discovered that someone had been completely ransacked it.

Used a Key. Entry was made through the front door, the burglar evidently having a key that fitted the lock. None of the other doors of the house had been unlocked and none of the windows had been opened. Mrs. Howell is a widow, and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. W. Hay Younger, bookkeeper at the City of London Company's office, live with her. The stolen watch belonged to Mr. Younger.

When Mrs. Howell discovered that the house had been burglarized she quickly telephoned the police department, and Detectives Nickle and Down started work on the case. They examined all entrances into the house and came to the conclusion that the burglar had entered through the door by means of a key.

An Easy Task. The lock is an old-fashioned one, and a key to it could have been easily found. Inquiries at the different neighborhood stores revealed nothing. No one had seen anyone in or around the house during Mrs. Howell's absence. There were no tracks in the snow leading up to or away from the front door to the side walk. The person or persons, who committed the robbery made a hurried but thorough examination of every room in the house, and took what might be easily carried and easily disposed of.

People Were Out. The burglar had evidently seen Mrs. Howell leave the house and get into the car to go down town. Detective Nickle did not have much to say about the matter, except that the house was not searched by the police, who committed the burglary. It is evidently the work of the same parties who committed a series of robberies in this city this spring. At that time several houses in the east end were entered by means of keys, and the houses ransacked while the owners were absent. The police are working hard on the case and are leaving no stone unturned in bringing the guilty parties to justice.

PENSION FUND FOR FIREMEN!

If Wages Are Increased a Much Needed Move Will Be Made.

GOOD THING FOR MEN

Efficiency of the Fire Fighting Department Would Be Vastly Improved in This City.

If the wages of the firemen are increased to the same standard as the police, as recommended by No. 3 committee Wednesday night, immediate steps will at once be taken to establish a pension fund similar to that in vogue in the police department.

At the present time, the firemen have no benefit fund. The city carries an accident policy of \$2,000 on every fireman, but that is all. The policy does not cover sickness, and as a result the men are sometimes hard hit financially when taken ill after fighting a fire. There is no provision for pensioning men off, and as a result many firemen will be compelled to hold the positions long after their usefulness has become greatly impaired.

For many years a pension fund has been agitated for, but nothing resulted. The firemen refused to contribute towards such a fund or the ground that they were not obtaining wages sufficient to permit them to give any portion of their salaries toward it. And there is no pension fund now.

The New Scale.

Fire Chief Aitken is of the opinion that the new scale of wages would permit the firemen to lay aside a certain sum for their old age. There is a sum amounting to \$750 at the present time in the hands of City Treasurer Bell that could be used as a nucleus. Chief Aitken expects that it will be increased to \$1,000 before the end of the year. "There is a great need for a pension fund," said the chief. "We have nothing now, and it is my opinion that we should have. There is no doubt that the wages paid the firemen have not been large enough to permit them to set aside any sum whatever towards such a fund, but if they receive as much as the police they will be able to make contributions. The council could make a grant annually, and this, with donations from private citizens would, in a very short time, provide a sum of money sufficient to make the fund self-sustaining. I know of many businessmen who would contribute if there were something of this nature."

P. M. RY. AGAIN CHANGES HANDS

Syndicate Buys It From Morgan and C. P. R. Stories Are Revived.

L. & P. S. R. IS AFFECTED

Lease Expires in Two Years, and the City Council Will Soon Have Problem on Its Hands.

It has been announced that the Pere Marquette Railway Company, which holds a lease of the London and Port Stanley Railway, owned by the city, has again changed hands. The New York Herald yesterday made the announcement that a syndicate had taken the road over from J. P. Morgan & Co., who controlled it since the time that Judson R. Harmon was named receiver when the Pere Marquette failed some years ago.

The announcement has caused a great deal of speculation in civic circles as to the effect the transfer will have on the fortunes of the London and Port Stanley line, particularly, and also on the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway, also operated by the Pere Marquette.

The lease of the L. & P. S. R. has two years to run. It expires on Jan. 1, 1914, and in the meantime something will have to be done with the road. Whether it will be sold, electrified or re-leased, has by no means been definitely settled.

No News Here.

Inquiry at the local P. M. offices failed to elicit any information as to the probable attitude of the P. M. to the renewal of the contract. It will be remembered that three years ago the company endeavored to have the lease renewed, but the terms were not suitable, and the whole matter was dropped. Since then nothing has been heard from the officials, and there is now in consequence of the change of ownership much speculation as to what will be done.

COURT WILL NOW ASSESS THE DAMAGES

Horton Street Lady Wins Breach of Promise Case Against London Man.

An interlocutory judgment has been entered against George Banghart, a local railway fireman of this city, by McKillop & Murphy, solicitors for Miss F. M. Beaul, of Horton street, who sued Banghart for \$5,000 damages for breach of promise of marriage. No defence was entered by Banghart. The amount of damages must now be assessed by the high court at some future sittings, possibly in this city in January.

SOUTH LONDON LIBERALS HELD OPENING MEETING

An Enjoyable Evening Spent at Rooms on Wednesday Evening.

There was a good attendance at the opening meeting of the South London Liberal Club last night at their rooms, corner of Craig street and the Dundas street. President James McCormick occupied the chair, and spoke of the good work done by the club during the many years of its existence.

A short address was also delivered by Mr. F. G. Rumball, and several prominent members of the club spoke briefly. The remainder of the evening was spent in games, etc.

HUSBAND BOUND TO KEEP PEACE

George Brenner, Who Is Being Sued For Alimony, Appears in Police Court.

George Brenner, who was brought up in the police court yesterday charged with assaulting his wife, and remanded until today, was this morning bound over for the sum of \$500 to keep the peace, and released on suspended bond. Mrs. Brenner is now suing her husband for alimony, and it is likely that separation papers will be made out in a few days. In the meantime George will have to keep away from her, so that no more disputes will arise.

INDUCTED AT CLIFFORD

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Clifford, Nov. 15.—Rev. James Lemon was inducted as pastor of Knox Church here at a large gathering by Rev. Mr. Currie, moderator of the Sauguenay Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Malcolm, of Holstein, preached; Rev. Mr. Caston, of Palmerston, addressed the congregation, and Rev. Mr. Maclellan, of Harriett, addressed the new pastor.