THAT MONEY-RAISING BILL

Has Been Changed Considerably to Meet the Demands of Those Who Protested.

LICENSE HOLDERS GET A SHOW.

Lighting Companies, Gas and Electric, Must Pay a Tax Under the Amended Bill.

Great changes have overtaken the Government bills to supplement the revenue. Deputations that have waited upon the Government constantly since the bills were introduced a week ago have in some cases met with reward. Their views have been considered, and a much re-modelled bill will come before the House to-day. The license holders have particular cause for rejoicing and the railways have also been more leniently dealt with, but all railways have been included. Lighting companies are included in the new bill and, unless owned by a municipality, they must pay a tax of one-tenth of one per cent.

As Regards Breweries.

This is the way the new bill stands as regards breweries:

Two hundred and fifty dollars where the amount invested in the business of the brewer obtaining the license is $10,000 or less; $400 where it exceeds $10,000, but is not more than $20,000 [as in the original bill].

Five hundred dollars where the amount invested as aforesaid exceeds $20,000, but is not more than $50,000 [was $40,000].

Seven hundred and fifty dollars where the amount invested as aforesaid exceeds $50,000 [was $40,000], but is not more than $100,000 [was $75,000].

One thousand dollars where the amount invested as aforesaid exceeds $100,000 [was $75,000], but is not more than $150,000 [was $100,000].

One thousand five hundred dollars where the amount invested as aforesaid exceeds $150,000 [was $100,000], but is not more than $200,000.

Two thousand dollars where the amount invested as aforesaid exceeds $200,000. [This is an entirely new clause.]

The above figures show a decrease for breweries where the amount invested is less than $100,000, and for those where capital is invested over $200,000, an increase by $500.

Tax on Distilleries.

The remodelled bill makes no difference to the distillers, the tax levied being the same as in the old bill, except that the following additional provision is made: "The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, where it is shown that the sale by any distiller was the preceding year less than 10,000 gallons of proof spirits, and that the sale will not exceed that quantity during the calendar year in which the license is to be issued, may issue a distiller's provincial license at a sum not less than one-third the minimum charge for a distiller's provincial license."

The fees to be charged distillers are as follows:

One thousand dollars where the amount invested in the business of the distiller obtaining the license is $50,000 or less.

Three thousand dollars where the amount invested as aforesaid exceeds $50,000, but is not more than $100,000.

Four thousand dollars where the amount invested as aforesaid exceeds $100,000, but is not more than $150,000.

Five thousand dollars where the amount invested as aforesaid exceeds $150,000.

New Liquor License Fees.

Fees for license holders are referred to in the new bill as follows:

Over and above the duties for licenses hereinbefore imposed, in respect of tavern, shop and wholesale licenses, and any duties which have been or may be imposed by any municipal bylaw, unless as to the last-named duties the municipality by bylaw otherwise provides, there shall be paid, in order to the raising of a revenue for provincial purposes, for the exclusive use of this province, the following additional duties thereon, the whole of which shall form part of the consolidated revenue of the province:

For each wholesale license:

Elsewhere than in cities	$100 00
In cities having a population of 150,000 and upwards	300 00
In cities having a population of 40,000 and less than 150,000	250 00
In cities having a population of less than 40,000	200 00

For each tavern or shop license:

In cities having a population of 150,000 and upwards	$250 00
In cities having a population of 40,000 and less than 150,000	225 00
In cities having a population of less than 40,000	130 00
In towns	70 00
Incorporated villages	60 00
Townships	30 00
For each tavern license in cities granted to premises exempted from the necessity of having all the tavern accommodation provided by law	350 00
For each tavern license in towns granted to premises exempted from the necessity of having all the tavern accommodation provided by law	170 00

For each beer and wine license a fee, in addition to that provided by section 41, of one-half that hereby added to tavern licenses.

The Difference.

By the above, it will be seen that the tavern licenses are quite materially reduced. This is the difference:

	New bill.	Old bill.
Toronto	$250	$300
Hamilton	225	250
Ottawa	225	250
Cities from 20,000 to 40,000	130	200
Other cities	130	150

There is no change from the scale produced last week in other tavern licenses. The only change in wholesale licenses is that by the original bill the increase in license was limited to cities, but in other places it is limited to $100. Now it is not limited at all.

Change in the Bank Tax.

The changes in the Act to Supplement the Revenues of the Province are several. For the bank tax the original schedule provided 1-10 per cent. up to $2,000,000 paid-up capital; $25 for every $100,000 up to $6,000,000, and $15 for every additional $100,000. In the new schedule the last clause is cut out. This affects only the Bank of Montreal, and lowers the tax on that institution by $900. The tax on offices remains.

Insurance Companies.

There is a big change in the tax on fire insurance and other insurance companies.

The original tax places 1 per cent. on life companies' premiums paid in Ontario, and ½ per cent. on all others, except mutual fire, which were exempt.

The new bill retains the amount on life insurance companies, but provides the others must be taxed 2-3 per cent.

It also requires that mutual fire insurance companies which receive premiums in cash shall pay the tax on the gross premium collected in cash.

The following is an additional clause: "Where the receipts from premiums of a life insurance company whose head office is elsewhere than in Ontario are less than $20,000, and where such company lends money on security, and has invested in this province $100,000, or more, such company shall pay a tax of 1 per cent., calculated on the gross premiums and ¼ per cent. on the income from investments received by such company in respect of the business transacted in the province during the preceding year.

Loan Companies.

The tax on loan companies with permanent paid-up capital is the same as in the old bill, but there is a change for the companies having only withdrawable or terminating stock. The original scale was as follows:

Capital.	Tax.
$100,000 to $200,000	$ 50 00
$200,000 to $500,000	75 00
$500,000 to $1,000,000	100 00
Each additional $1,000,000	50 00

The amended tax provides a tax of $65 for every $100,000 capital after exempting the first $100,000.

The original tax on trust companies was 1-3 per cent. upon the paid up capital stock. The amended tax adds these words: "Up to and including $300,000, and the sum of $65 on every $100,000, or fraction thereof, of paid-up capital."

This Tax Brings More.

The tax on railways is reduced from $15 per mile to $5, but the old tax referred only to roads bonused by the province; the new tax will apply to all railways. The railway tax, by the original scale, amounted to $30,885. The new tax amounts to $34,445.

Every railway or other company which owns a line or part of a line of telegraph operated in the province shall pay a tax of 1-10 per cent. upon the amount of capital invested in the telegraph line or works.

There is a change in street railways. The rules still confine it to cities, but the scale is as follows:

	Per mile.
Under 20 miles	$20 00
20 to 30 miles	35 00
30 to 50 miles	45 00
50 miles and up	60 00

The telephone tax remains at 1-6 per cent.

All telegraph companies will be taxed 1-10 per cent. The old schedule was ¼ per cent.

The natural gas companies' tax is the same as before.

The express companies' tax is reduced from $3000 to $2000 a year.

The tax on sleeping or parlor cars is changed from $3000 a year to 1-3 per cent. upon the capital of the company invested in cars and rolling stock used in Ontario.

Gas and Electric Companies.

One of the most important changes is that regarding the tax on gas and electric companies. Before they were untaxed. Now they are taxed as follows:

Every gas company and every electric lighting company in any city in the province shall pay a tax of 1-10 per cent. on its paid-up capital, but this shall not apply to any gas or electric works owned by a municipality and operated for the purpose of the municipality.

The new bill concludes with the following resolutions:

That the said taxes shall in the year 1899 be payable on Nov. 1, and thereafter shall be payable on June 1 in each and every year.

That in the foregoing resolutions "preceding year" shall mean the year ending Dec. 31 next before the time when the said taxes are payable, and the said taxes shall be levied upon the paid-up capital stock, mileage or other basis of taxation as the same stood on the said Dec. 31.

TO PREVENT OVERWORK.

Chicago Is Experimenting With the Ergograph, to Measure a Child's Capacity.

Chicago, March 9.—F. W. Smedley of the University of Chicago and Victor C. Campbell, child specialist, began experiments in the Public schools to-day with an instrument called the ergograph, which measures a child's capacity to study and withstand fatigue.

Twenty five pupils were examined and wide variance was found. No report will be made until the tests are finished.

If the tests prove successful and the system is adopted in the Public schools, it may be the means of abolishing the grade system. If a child is affected injuriously by too many studies fewer will be given to it. This ultimately will lead to teaching every child separately.

THE NAVAL ESTIMATES.

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grams, would be £12,817,000, an increase of over £2,000,000. The total estimates were £26,594,000.

For armament Mr. Goschen asked an increase of £161,000, chiefly for the construction of guns, but also for more ammunition for practice, which, he asserted, was a matter of enormous importance, as shown by the late war.

Standard Must Be Maintained.

After speaking of the necessity for an increased shipbuilding vote, he said these were the votes required by the present situation. "But," he added, "would that the action of other nations, resulting from the coming international conference, could make it possible for us to diminish or modify the program, while, of course, maintaining our standard and relative position."

Mr. Goschen then announced in behalf of Her Majesty's Government that if the other great naval powers were prepared to diminish their programs Great Britain was prepared to modify hers. But, if the Czar's hopes were not realized, the program would have to stand, and Mr. Goschen expressed the hope that those who were proposing to attack the country's expenditure would not attempt to dissuade the people from bearing the taxation necessary to carry on the duties of the Empire.

In conclusion, the First Lord of the Admiralty said the estimates were "Simply the embodiment of the feelings of the peace-loving, determined nation." [Cheers.]

Most Powerful in the World.

Mr. Goschen emphasized the purely defensive objects of the naval increase, but said that, in view of the construction by her rivals of fast cruisers, with the avowed purpose of preying upon British commerce and Great Britain's food supply in the event of war, England was forced to build five new cruisers, particularly swift, in order to circumvent these schemes. He also said that the four armored cruisers now being built under the original program would be the most powerful ships in the world.

OMINOUS MUTTERINGS.

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fords us a technical guarantee which would be difficult to secure if we were alone face to face with the English."

Only the Navy Saved Them.

London, March 10.—The Times, referring editorially to the statement of the First Lord of the Admiralty, in the House of Commons yesterday, says: "It is betraying no state secret to affirm that nothing but the strength of our navy saved us from having to choose between the loss of what our arms had won in the Soudan and a war which would speedily have cost fifty times what we spent in averting it."

DESERTED WIFE SUICIDES.

Swallowed Paris Green When She Found Her Husband Had Eloped.

Reading, March 9.—Harry Kinsler, a farmer, 35 years of age, living near Wolmsdorff, this county, eloped with Miss Beidler, daughter of a neighbor, last night, and their whereabouts are unknown. When Mrs. Kinsler, the deserted wife, learned of the elopement, she took a dose of paris green and died within a few minutes. The neighbors promise to make it hot for Kinsler, who had apparently lived happily with his wife.

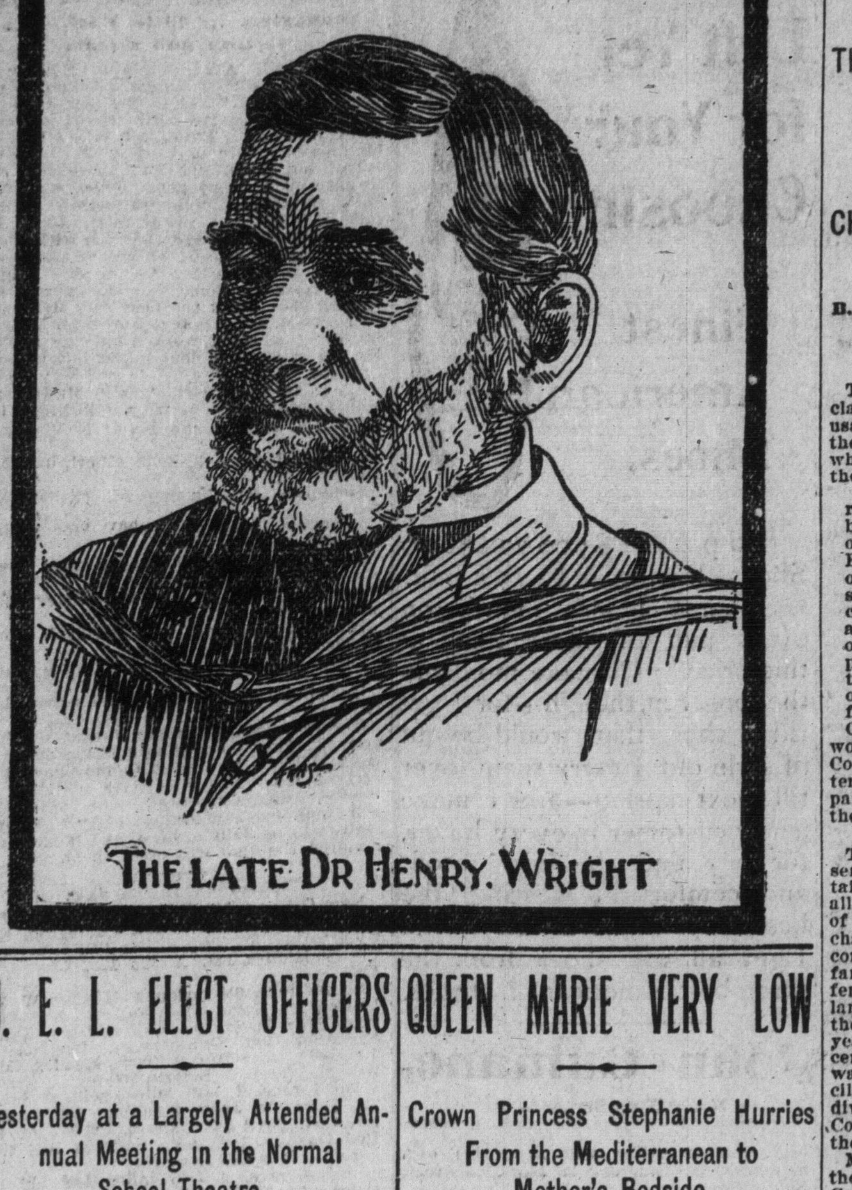
GASPESIA NOT INJURED.

Provisions to Be Sent—Everybody on Board Well.

Halifax, March 9.—A special from Meat Cove, C.B., says a boat's crew from Magdalen Islands boarded the Gaspesia, and found her jammed in the ice, but not frozen in, and not injured. The leak before reported has been stopped, and everybody on board is well. Some provisions are to be sent on board to-morrow, which will enable the crew to hold out for some time.

Mustering Out the Volunteers.

Washington, March 9.—The 12th N.Y. Volunteers' Infantry has been ordered home from Matanzas, Cuba, for muster out. This is the beginning of a general movement for muster out of all volunteer troops stationed in Cuba.



THE LATE DR HENRY WRIGHT

U. E. L. ELECT OFFICERS

Yesterday at a Largely Attended Annual Meeting in the Normal School Theatre.

ON THE ROLL ARE 317 MEMBERS.

H. H. Cook Again President—Lady Dilke Sends Five Pounds—Other Matters of Note.

The annual meeting of the U. E. Loyalists was held yesterday in the Normal School. President Cook presided.

Senator Allan and Chancellor Burwash spoke briefly.

Sir John Bourinot was unable to be present, because of his wife's illness.

The membership has increased 152 during the past year, and now numbers 317. Three members have died. There is a balance of $47.69 on hand. Lady Dilke has sent £5 to the funds. The Attorney-General has favored a grant of $50 to the society.

Officers Elected.

The following officers were elected: President, H H Cook; 1st Vice-President, Mr Maclean Howard; 2nd Vice-President, Lieut.-Col. Shaw; Secretary, William Hamilton Merritt; Assistant Secretary, Mrs Clarkson; Executive Committee, Messrs. Rea, Land, William Roaf, Alfred Wilson, D Melville Parker, D Kemp, E A Maclaurin and Rev C E Thomson; Ladies' Committee, Mesdames Henry Cawthra, Forsyth Grant, Grant Macdonald, Dunn, Dignam, Brereton, Ryerson, Miss Dickson, Miss Merritt, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Ireland and Miss Laura Clark; Investigating Committee, Mr A Maclean Howard, Mr W H Eakins and Mr John McBean.

New Members Now.

The members proposed at last meeting were elected and the following names were proposed: As vice-president, Chancellor Burwash, Mr C A Ball (Niagara-on-the-Lake), Mrs Roe (Niagara-on-the-Lake) and Alexander Secord; as members, Mr Pew, jr., John P Secord (Orillia), Mrs. Manson, Mr E H Cargill, Mrs Cargill and Mr W C Cargill of St Thomas, Miss F Finch, W H Wallbridge, Miss Violet Patriarche, Miss Daisy Patriarche, Miss Marie Patriarche, Miss Freeland, Miss Maud Givens; as associate members, Matthew Warnock, D B Macdonald, C S Macdonald and Miss C H Macdonald.

"At Home" at Night.

Beverley-street received additional illumination and tone last night through the U.E. Loyalist at home at No. 131.

The affair was given by the Executive Committee: President H H Cook, Rev C E Thompson, Dr Neville Parker, Col Shaw and Messrs William Roaf, D Kemp and E Maclaurin. Some 60 members of the association and a few non-resident members talked of the historic deeds of grandfathers and great grandfathers and afterwards listened to the musical efforts of such pleasing performers as Miss Dignam and Edmund Hardy.

Mrs. Clarkson made a handsome and admirable hostess.

ONE RESULT OF BETTER TIMES.

Journeymen Carpenters Were Delighted to Hear Wages Had Been Raised Yesterday.

The better times which are being talked about by every merchant in Toronto and business people in general are being shared by the laboring classes of this city. In nearly every branch of trade work is on the increase, and better wages are in sight. The first to benefit by the trade boom are the carpenters and joiners, who for the past few years have been working against tremendous odds, owing to many new inventions in machinery, which do away with many wooden fixtures. For six years the carpenters in Toronto have been working for 20 cents per hour, and the good news came from the bosses yesterday that hereafter they would receive 22½ cents per hour for their labor. The heads of the union shops in the city have accepted the increase.

MINERS ENTOMBED.

Buried 400 Feet Underground, but They Are Alive.

Leadville, Col., March 9.—A cave-in to-day in the flooded shaft of the Bonair mine of the Down-Town group, entombed Charles Reuss and Bert Frye, miners, in a drift 400 feet below the surface. The entombed men have signalled that they are alive by rapping on the steam pipe, and it is thought they will be rescued.

Big Fines for Fraud.

Berlin, March 9.—Albert Meyer of Berlin has just been sentenced to pay fines aggregating 500,000 marks ($119,000) for defrauding the Government. Meyer's crime consisted in making false declarations as to the quality and value of Russian rye, which he imported while a mill-owner at Elbing.

Dropped Dead in Detroit.

Mrs. Daniel Rose of 50 Avenue-road has received word of the death of her brother, Angus Mowat, in Detroit. He attended service in the St. John's Episcopal Church, and while kneeling suddenly fainted, and in a few minutes expired. Mr. Mowat formerly lived in Toronto, and was a prominent Mason.

QUEEN MARIE VERY LOW

Crown Princess Stephanie Hurries From the Mediterranean to Mother's Bedside.

LOUISE MUST REMAIN AWAY

She Will Be Kept in the Sanitarium at Purkersdorf, Owing to Her Nervous Condition.

Vienna, March 9.—According to the news that reaches Vienna Hofburg regarding Queen Marie Henriette of Belgium, her condition is extremely critical. Crown Princess Stephanie was cruising in the Mediterranean when she heard of her mother's relapse. She turned at once from her route from Corfu to Cairo, and is expected in Brussels to-day.

The Queen's eldest daughter, Princess Louise of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, whose exploits of recent months have been the scandal of Europe, demanded her release from Dr. Rudinger's sanitarium at Purkersdorf, near Vienna, in order that she might go to nurse her mother. Permission was denied her on the score of her highly nervous condition. Her husband, Prince Philip, who is his mother-in-law's favorite, has left Mentone, where he was visiting his mother, Princess Clementine, and has gone to Brussels.

HOW KAHLE WAS KILLED.

Accidentally While He Was Being Shown a Mauser Rifle Which Was Loaded.

Guanajay, Province of Pinar del Rio, March 9.—Private William G. Kahle, attached to the hospital corps of the 202nd New York Volunteers, was accidentally shot and killed yesterday by Private Sloat of the same corps. The accident occurred in front of the Cuban soldiers' camp.

Kahle was on his way to Artemisa on foot, when Sloat stopped him to show and explain a Mauser rifle belonging to a Cuban, who stood by. The magazine was loaded and Sloat unconsciously pulled the lever, introducing a shell into the chamber. Then, not realizing what he had done, he playfully aimed the rifle at Kahle and pulled the trigger. Kahle died two hours later. The Cuban owner of the rifle seized it and fled. He was captured this morning and sent to the Cuban chief of police here, where he will be held as a witness, subject to the orders of Col. Seyburn.

Kahle's two brothers live in Toronto.

S.O.E.'S BIG RALLY

Will Be Held in Ottawa Monday — Dr. Hodgetts of Toronto Will Likely Be President.

The annual meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons of England will commence in Ottawa on Monday and continue four days. The only thing of great interest that will take place will be the election of officers. As it is customary for the officers to hold office for only one year at a time, Supreme President Edward Parnell of London will have to drop out. So far there will be only one candidate for his position, and that is Grand Vice-President Dr. Hodgetts of this city. In regard to the office of secretary, Mr. John W. Carter, who has filled that position for 17 years, will not be opposed. The constitution will be overhauled and remodelled. It is expected that 150 local delegates will attend. They will leave for Ottawa Sunday night.

AT THE POINT OF DEATH

Lies Farmer Cowan, Who Was Struck by a Falling Tree.

Brougham, Ont., March 9.—John Cowan, aged 57, of this village, lies at the point of death. While cutting wood here yesterday he was struck by a falling tree and his legs were badly smashed. The other workmen, who were some distance from Mr. Cowan, arrived just in time to prevent him from attempting to cut his legs off with an ax in order to free himself. It was found necessary to amputate one leg above the knee, and from loss of blood, Mr. Cowan now lies in a dangerous condition.

DIED SUDDENLY.

William Irving Passed Away at His Home Last Night.

William Irving, the well-known caretaker of the office building at 27 East Wellington-street, died very suddenly last night. He has not been in good health for some time, but was around as usual on Wednesday night. Yesterday he complained of weakness and went to bed. A doctor was summoned in the evening and did not think the patient's condition very dangerous. Deceased was 60 years of age and leaves a widow, four daughters and one son. He was an enthusiastic member of L. O. L. 173. He was suffering from bronchitis and also had dropsy, but his death was due to a weak heart.

Correct Number 450.

The total number of people who took advantage of the first homeseekers' excursion last Tuesday to the Canadian Northwest by way of the Grand Trunk was 450. This is the number that left Toronto, and is a big increase over the first excursion of last season.

TORONTO WITHOUT A PULL

This City is Unable to Get Any Fair Deal From the Legislative Assembly.

CHAIN FERRY SCHEME KILLED

B. B. Osler, Q.C., Calls It a Fake, and the Clause Has to Be Withdrawn.

The chain ferry proposal contained in a clause of the City's bill received rough usage in the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature yesterday, and the clause, which read as follows, was withdrawn from the bill for the time being: [illegible]

B. B. Osler Calls It a Fake.

[illegible]

Shaw's Indignant Disclaimer.

[illegible]

County Must Pay.

[illegible]

The Printing Contract.

[illegible]

CAPT. SIMPSON BURIED.

Funerals in the City Yesterday—Sorrowing Friends Pay Their Last Respects.

[illegible]

SIR JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE

Named as Britain's Representative at the Czar's Conference.

London, March 10.—The Daily Graphic says it understands that Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Ambassador at Washington, has been appointed to represent Great Britain at the forthcoming conference for the limitation of armaments.

A HALF A MILLION IS EASY

The Modest Request to Ontario to Aid McKenzie's Rainy River Railroad.

DIFFICULTIES OF CONSTRUCTION

Deputation Tells Premier Hardy the Cause of the Application at This Juncture.

Half a million dollars is wanted from the Government by the Rainy River Railway Company, the claim being that it will greatly assist in the development of the wonderful resources of New Ontario. [illegible]

An Additional $1000 a Mile.

[illegible]

Mr. Conmee Explains.

[illegible]

No Land Grant.

[illegible]

A Big Estimate.

[illegible]

New Lines.

[illegible]

MARINE ENGINEERS UNITE.

Henceforth but One Society, Where Formerly There Were Three—Fully Settled in the Fall.

[illegible]

WITH SPEECH AND SONG

The Ontario West Grand Orange Lodge Delegates Wound Up at Barrie.

[illegible]

Contractor Wins.

[illegible]

Large Exports to Europe.

[illegible]

A Cheque for $30.

[illegible]

Schools for Policemen.

Berlin, March 9.—The Prussian Government is establishing, in both the east and west provinces, schools for the training of constables and policemen.

WATER PIPE FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Pittsburg Firm Gets a Good Order From an English Firm.

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The Waltz King Is Ill.

Vienna, March 9.—The eminent composer, Johann Strauss, head of the dynasty of waltz kings, is seriously ill. Herr Strauss is a victim of influenza, and the physicians say that his condition is critical.