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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27.

The Session of the Legislature.

The session of the Ontario Legislature just ended has been the longest on record and one of the most important. The Government, with its majority of three, put through a large list of useful and difficult legislation, though continually harassed by a vigilant Opposition, none too scrupulous in its methods of warfare. Much is due to the splendid generalship of the Premier, whose skill as a parliamentarian was put to the severest test. He was ambushed two or three times by the Opposition guerrillas, who violated the rules of the game, but he proved equal to every emergency. The Government comes out of the struggle with its strength unimpaired, and the Opposition has apparently made no headway. One of its front benches, Mr. Carscallen, of Hamilton, refused to follow Mr. Whitney in his sham support of the Pettypiece bill. A mutiny arose also in the back benches. Mr. Nesbitt and Mr. Hanna thought Mr. Whitney deficient in ginger, and tried on sundry occasions to play at leadership.

The most cumbersome measure of the session was the new assessment act. It represents the labor of three or four years, beginning with that of the royal commission. No one claims finality for the new system, but it is believed to be a great improvement on the present one. It may be amended in some details when its defects are revealed in practice, but the principles of taxation embodied in the bill will probably stand until the public is educated up to the idea of taking for its own use the increment of land values created by the community.

The most contentious measure was the Soo guarantee bill. If the reorganized company succeeds in carrying out its plans, and reviving the great industries which gave employment to thousands, the Province cannot be too thankful to the Government for lending its aid. The success of the new company will mean that the Government loan of \$2,000,000 will be repaid in full in two years. If the scheme of reorganization proves a failure, it is believed the Province will be amply secured against any loss by coming into possession of the Algoma Central Railway, and a fleet of serviceable steamships. The members of the Government feel they have taken no risk, and that the results will justify their policy. The various enterprises at the Soo are on a large scale and represent so much invested capital that the crash was felt in every part of the Province. Similarly, if operations are resumed, the benefits will be widely diffused.

The Government guaranteed for 30 years the interest on the bonds of the James Bay Railroad to the extent of \$20,000 a mile. The road will run from Toronto to Sudbury, for the present, and eventually to James Bay. It will be a new link between Ontario and Western Canada, as it connects at Sudbury with the main line of the C. P. R. The latter will have running rights over the new road. A grant of \$2,000 and 6,000 acres per mile was made to the Grand Trunk Pacific for a line 200 miles long from a point on the main line of the Grand Trunk Pacific to Thunder Bay on Lake Superior. The company undertakes that this stretch of road shall be built first, so that communication between Winnipeg and the great lakes shall be opened up perhaps years before the completion of the western division of the great trans-continental line. The land is, of course, nearly valueless without the railway.

The Legislature re-enacted anti-Sunday street car legislation which, as embodied in the Lord's Day Act, was declared to be ultra vires of the Province. The Lord's Day Alliance thinks that the clause, placed on a civil instead of a criminal basis, will stand the test of the courts. The Attorney-General hints that local option in the matter of Sunday street cars will have to be provided for at some future time. There is no doubt that Sunday cars become a necessity at a certain stage in the growth of a community. The question of jurisdiction stands in the way of Sabbath day legislation, but the Dominion Government has provided for a reference to the courts, which should clear up the difficulties with the next year or two.

An act was passed which requires the holding of bye-elections within three months after seats are declared vacant. The principle of state control of the liquor traffic was put forward tentatively by the Premier, but his supporters were not united on the question. A number of deputations waited upon the Premier to urge the abolition of the bar, giving him to understand that any legislation which fell short of this would not be acceptable. As the Legislature was not prepared to adopt so radical a measure there was no license legislation of any kind.

Breaking the Law.

The license commissioners make the assertion that a large percentage of the hotelkeepers of the city persistently violate the law and employ sentries, electric bells and other devices to escape detection. As a warning and a reprimand, the commissioners extended the present licenses for only three months, making renewals contingent upon the behavior of the licensees.

The licensees are not the only offenders. Many worthy and respectable citizens, who would be angry if they were accused of lawlessness, have no compunction about drinking in licensed premises after the hour of closing. They

way or enjoying a bottle in a side room when the bar is closed. It may not occur to them that they are inciting the license-holder to break the regulations, and are equally culpable with him, morally, if not legally. It will not do to assume that the class who seek liquor in prohibited hours is composed exclusively of the rag-tag and bob-tail, who have no respect for the law. The fact that so many orderly and even church-going citizens have no prickings of conscience in asking a hotelkeeper to open a bottle after 11 o'clock at night is one of the greatest obstacles to the enforcement of the license act. The license-holder even if he were inclined to obey the regulations, finds it hard to resist the importunities of personal friends or men of good standing in the community.

Law is law, however, and it should be obeyed and enforced. If the hotelkeepers consulted nothing higher than their own interests one would think they would be disposed to bow to the provisions of the act. The sentiment against the liquor traffic has been strengthened by the persistent violation of the law on the part of many engaged in the business. By abusing their existing privileges, the license-holders are promoting the agitation to contract their privileges still further or wipe them out altogether.

The Peace River Country.

There is no likelihood that Professor James Macoun's report on the Peace River country will be accepted as final. We believe that Mr. Macoun has reported his observations fairly and conscientiously and that the imputations cast upon his motives are not deserved, but anyone reading his pamphlet will see that his sweeping inferences are not supported by sufficient evidence. His personal investigations were confined to a limited area, chiefly in the Upper Peace River district, but in summing up his conclusions the tenor of his language is that of unqualified denunciation of the whole Peace River country. He claims that the only considerable area in which grain crops are certain and luxurious is a narrow ribbon of soil stretching for fifteen miles up the river from Peace River Landing. "It is emphatically a poor man's country," says the Macoun report, "a country where any hard-working man may, in a few years, gather around him a few head of stock—horses, cattle and hogs—where he will be able to grow vegetables and in most years barley and oats, and sometimes even wheat. But it will be many years before anything can be grown for export even with good trans-shipment facilities." This testimony as to the Peace River country is contradicted by Prof. John Macoun, the Dominion field naturalist, who is the father of Prof. James Macoun. The trend of expert evidence previous to James Macoun's report had been favorable to the Upper Peace River country as a wheat-growing region.

In the Lower Peace River country, in the neighborhood of Fort Vermilion, in a latitude nearly 200 miles north of Peace River Landing, Prof. James Macoun admits that he found farms which produced wheat crops every year. The Hudsons Bay Company has erected a fine roller mill at this point, lighted by electricity, and the settlers more than doubled their wheat acreage last year. Prof. Macoun's description of this fertile district is very inadequate. He gives no estimate of the extent of the wheat-growing area in the Lower Peace River country and the reader of his report naturally infers that this portion of Athabasca is included in his indictment.

Where is the irrepressible Togo these days? The Peace River controversy is another reminder that there is nothing so contradictory as expert evidence.

The Canadian Woolen Company is being wound up, and, of course, its troubles will be blamed on the preferential tariff. The fact that many woolen mills are prospering and new ones are being built counts for nothing.

The Opposition in the House of Commons wants a referendum on the question of public ownership of railways. The same party denounced the referendum on the liquor question as unconstitutional and unconstitutional. The Government is quite ready to let the country pronounce on its railway policy in the next election.

The eyes of the world are turned toward Canada and we are getting immigrants even from France, which has no population to spare. The peasants of Brittany nearly 200 of whom are on their way to the Northwest, are among the best husbandmen in the world. The most careful methods in this country are wasteful compared with theirs. In their system of petty agriculture they have to make every foot of soil count.

FOR HIS HEALTH.

[Vancouver World.] Sir Archibald Geikie, in his "Reminiscences," is responsible for the following:

At a funeral in Glasgow a stranger who had taken his seat in one of the mourning coaches excited the curiosity of the other three occupants, one of whom asked him: "You're a brother of the corp?" "No, I'm no brother of the corp?" "Well, then, you'll be his cousin?" "No, I'm no that!" "Then you'll be at least a friend of the corp?" "Not that either. To tell the truth, I've not been well myself, and as my doctor has ordered me some carriage exercise I thought this was the cheapest way to take it!"

A very similar story used to be told about an old lady in a New England town, who attended all the funerals "for her health."

A VANCOUVER OPINION.

[Vancouver World.]

difference of opinion on that subject. Some people may take objection to the addition of another subject to those taught. In this case such opposition could have little weight, because instructing citizens in so eminently necessary, while at the same time it only takes up a very short period. It has been shown, in the case of the boys, that manual training has not interfered with their other studies, nor has it been a burden to them.

NOT FOR HER.

[Washington Star.] "What do you think of this vertical hand-writing?" asked Mrs. Olcott. "Oh, I always use a plain old pen," replied her hostess. "I never could get used to writin' with one of them verticals."

WORKS AND PLAYS.

[Cleveland Leader.] "How's your daughter getting on now?" "Oh, fine, she's busy at Beethoven's works." "Where's that at? What do they make?"

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

[Chicago News.] All girls want to be wives before they are angels. A woman says more than usual when she keeps silent. Somehow a fool man usually manages to get a sensible wife. No man ever poses as a hypocrite when alone with his thoughts.

NO RELATION.

[Hamilton Spectator.] No, Kurup-Atkin is no relation to Tommy.

HIGH FINANCE.

[Chicago Record-Herald.] "Pa," said the son of the captain of industry, "what is being recanted to one's trust?" "Not increasing the capital stock every time the public can be hypnotized into buying a few more shares for the benefit of the people who hold the bonds."

LITTLE WHITE LILY.

[Pearson's Weekly.] Little white lily, float on the stream, Open your tender heart, wake from your dream; Lift up your face to the kiss of the sun, Wake and rejoice that the winter is done. Though you are tiny and humble and frail, Live and be happy, and fear not the gale; Little white lily, though soon you must fade, He loveth all things, who all of us made!

Little white lily, there's given unto you Something to live for and something to do; If to one heart you bring, something to love, Thoughts of the hand that created you fair! 'Twas for that Heav'n gave you beauty and grace; Little white lily, although you are small, You are his servant, who fashioned you all.

A WELL-STORED BRAIN.

[Exchange.] James Bryce, M. P., is a man of omnivorous learning, and can speak more or less perfectly in sixteen languages. He ranks with the greatest legal and constitutional authorities in the world. In addition to this he is a great traveler, having visited, among other quarters of the globe, the top of Mount Ararat, where the ark stranded.

THE INSURANCE OUTRAGE.

[Hamilton Times.] It appears that the only Canadian cities besides Toronto for which the British Columbia Insurance Companies are on account of the Toronto fire are Hamilton, London and Winnipeg. Why the people of these three cities are selected to bear an additional financial burden, and other Canadian cities permitted to escape requires explanation.

QUICKLY UNDONE.

[Washington Star.] The warship truly is a grand thing. It takes five years to build it, and a half an hour to sink it.

SHE'S A CLEVER CANADIAN.

Miss Knott, Leading Lady at Grand Tonight, Born in Dundas.

Miss Roselle Knott and her company, who appear at the Grand tonight in "When Knives Were in the Flower," arrived in this city via the G. T. R. at 1 o'clock. Miss Knott, whose maiden name was Agnes Roselle, was born in Dundas near Hamilton—lets, see! Well, it wouldn't be fair to tell how long ago. But at all events not so long ago that her age now detracts anything from her personal appearance for she is a very fine-looking woman. She is a widow, her husband, Mr. Knott, who was an actor, having died some years ago.

Mrs. Elizabeth Summers, of 18 Horton street, is a sister-in-law of Miss Knott, and today she paid a visit to the distinguished actress.

LEPROSY CURED.

New Orleans Specialists Successfully Fight the Awful Disease.

New Orleans, April 27. — Dr. Isadore Dyer, professor on skin diseases in the New Orleans polyclinic, one of the founders of the leper home at Indian Camp, and the first and only physician in this state, and perhaps in the world, who has cured leprosy, in a lecture here on "Leprosy at Home and Abroad," said that he and his two assistants at the leper home had succeeded in curing ten patients. Several others, he said, were on the road to recovery, and all soon would be cured when leprosy will be classed as a curable disease. Dr. Dyer said:

"The marine hospital service states that there are 275 lepers in the United States. Of these 155 were reported by me from Louisiana as having been cured between 1890 and 1899. This represents a part only of the actual occurrence of the disease.

"Is there any hope for the leper? I can tell you that here in Louisiana my assistants and I in ten years removed all evidence of the disease in nearly a dozen cases. Will you be impressed with the statement that in two years, since the last part of 1902, every case at the leper home not too far gone has been cured. I have seen and that three of the present inmates are almost well?

"Treatment means a perseverance not for days, but for months and years, in following directions. If the remedy given is taken early enough maintained long enough, and is taken in large enough doses, the patient will get well. This is my belief, and I may state here that in another decade the leprosy of the world will be a thing of the past."



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cancer of typhus, typhoid, yellow fever, thouse and tuberculosis."

MAY KILL OFF DEER.

Precious Stock May Disappear If Japs Take Askold.

St. Petersburg, April 27. — The richest preserves of the noblest game will be at the mercy of the Japanese if they succeed in taking the Island Askold.

Askold is some 30 miles from Vladivostok and several great Russian nobles established their preserves for the famous Siberian deer, the last of the genus. Only a very few are allowed to be shot by noblemen, who pay dearly for the privilege, and their number was estimated at 3,000 before the war. Aside from their flesh the deer are valuable on account of their most beautiful coat, and particularly on account of their antlers. These horns are used by the Chinese and Japanese for medicinal purposes. If a hungry Japanese army should take Askold, there is little doubt that the valuable deer will be eaten, particularly as the island is crown property. The horns of the deer sell for 500 roubles a pair.

Will You Write a Postal

So a Sick One May Get Well?

Send no money—simply a postal card, giving the name of someone who needs help. Tell me the book to send. Then I will do this: I will arrange with a druggist near him so that he may take six bottles of Dr. Shoop's Restorative. He may take it a month at my risk. If it succeeds, the cost is 50c. If it fails, the druggist will bill the cost to me. That month's test will show you what the remedy can do. It is the easiest way to convince you. It is the only way to induce all who need help to accept it. I make this offer to multiply my cures, and I am willing to trust the cured ones to my success.

In the past twelve years I have furnished my Restorative to hundreds of thousands of sick ones just as you are, and 30 out of 40 have paid gladly, because they got well. I pay just as much for the remedy as you do. The remedy is my discovery, the result of a lifetime's work. I have perfected it by watching results in thousands of the most difficult cases that physicians ever meet. I know what it will do. My success comes from strengthening weak inside nerves, and my Restorative is the only remedy that does that. When an organ is weak I bring back the nerve power which alone operates every vital organ. It is like giving back the engine steam. I give the weak organ power to do its duty, and there is no other way to make a weak organ well.

Can you conceive of a sick one who neglects such a treatment, when I take the entire risk? Simply state Book 1 on Dyspepsia, Book 2 on the Heart, Book 3 on the Kidneys, Book 4 on the Stomach, Book 5 on the Liver, Book 6 on Rheumatism, Book 7 on the Lungs, Book 8 on the Bladder, Book 9 on the Bowels, Book 10 on the Skin, Book 11 on the Nerves, Book 12 on the Blood, Book 13 on the Bones, Book 14 on the Muscles, Book 15 on the Joints, Book 16 on the Senses, Book 17 on the Mind, Book 18 on the Spirit, Book 19 on the Soul, Book 20 on the Body, Book 21 on the Life, Book 22 on the Death, Book 23 on the Resurrection, Book 24 on the Judgment, Book 25 on the Eternal Life, Book 26 on the Eternal Death, Book 27 on the Eternal Punishment, Book 28 on the Eternal Reward, Book 29 on the Eternal Hell, Book 30 on the Eternal Heaven.

CLANDEBOYE.

Clandeboye, April 27.—Mr. Allan Blackwell of London, B.C., for a short visit with his mother, before taking a trip to British Columbia.

Mr. Fore of Quebec, is shipping square timber from this station. About fifteen cars are loaded now.

Cars are in great demand on the Bruce just now for logs, wood, timber and grain.

Mrs. Vager, who for the past month has been visiting her parents here, has returned to her home in Exeter.

Mr. Cobbleick, of Ailsa Craig, spent a few days with friends in this village. Miss Rose White, of West McGilvray, who has been visiting friends here for some time, has returned to her home.

Miss Adelle, of Gorrie, is visiting friends here.

Mr. C. Hodgson has for the past week been at Ridgeway and Wabouge, where he bought 100 head of cattle.

Mr. Uri Cunningham, formerly of this place, but now of Edmonton, was married on Wednesday last to Miss Keh, of Shilpa.

Mr. A. O. Jones intends building a new house in the village.

Miss Simpson and Miss Harrison, of Lucan, have gone into dressmaking business.

Mr. Charles Carter, of this place, has rented a farm and intends starting farming this spring.

Mr. W. Williams, of this place, spent a few days with his son in Toronto, who is attending the university.

Mrs. Hodgson, of this place, who has been very ill for the past couple of weeks, is, we are pleased to say, able to be out again.

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WILL ABANDON BUSINESS.

New York, April 27. — A special dispatch to the Sun from Berlin says it is reported that as a result of the recent fires in Baltimore and Toronto the German insurance companies have decided to abandon their American business.

BRITISH STEAMER ASHORE.

New York, April 27. — A report from the life saving station says that the steamer ashore near Atlantic City is undoubtedly the British steamer Craigneuk, from Matanzas for New York with a cargo of sugar. The vessel is resting in a good position and an effort will be made at high tide to float her.

FINDS MINE; DIES OF JOY.

Park City, Utah, April 27. — After fruitlessly wandering over the hills for years Patrick Sullivan, an old prospector, died upon discovering a rich silver mine. It is supposed the excitement caused heart failure. The old man's body was found by another prospector, who came in from the mountains. Several days ago he found a tunnel in the side of a mountain. It extended six feet, and at the end of it was Sullivan, dead, with his pick in a vein of the glittering metal.

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