

RAILWAY BILLS GET THRU  
FIGHT ON AUTO SEARCHERS

Beck Power Bill Carried on Division and Discussion is Delayed.

A vast amount of work was accomplished in the legislature yesterday, Hon. Mr. Hendrie's two railway bills, the Toronto General Hospital bill, the veterans' land grants bill, Mr. Monteth's bill for the inspection of cheese factories, the Municipal Amendment Act, and the So guarantee bill were cleared off the paper and progress was made with several other important measures.

The Beck power bill was given a second reading without discussion, at the request of the premier, who desired to get it to the committee stage. Mr. Ross asked that it be "carried on division." At the night session the anti-automobile legislators renewed their efforts to secure more stringent legislation in respect to the operation of motor vehicles. On the clause prohibiting the use of searchlights, the promoters of the bill sought to restrict the power of the headlights carried, and Mr. Hanna met the objections by inserting a provision prohibiting the use of what is known to the trade as searchlights.

The premier announced that on and after Thursday there would be morning sittings beginning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Ross agreed. It is hoped to finish the session this week.

Mr. McCoig called attention to an article in a Chatham paper dealing with the ravages of the San Jose pest in the Kent district. If something was not done many orchards might be killed outright.

Hon. Mr. Monteth replied that inspectors of the department had been thru the district and found that the people there had not been as active as they might have been. The remedy was simple, and it was their own fault if they did not take advantage of it.

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The premier added that the legislature was much indebted to Mr. Hendrie for the patience, labor and time he had given to the two measures just passed. Aid had been rendered by both sides at the house to perfect the legislation. He believed that the public would hardly believe the number of professional gentlemen who had offered advice on various points arising from time to time, and he believed that the work would be found to have been well done.

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registered his objection to the clause which prevents students receiving instruction in surgery from their own professors. He welcomed the announcement that there would be competitive examinations for positions on the house staff, and he believed that under the plan of reorganization which had just been published the trustees would eventually recognize the importance of training professors in their medical schools. The bill then passed.

Dr. Pyne's Public Schools Act amendments were again under the fire of the opposition. Mr. MacKay thought the minister should inform the house how the salary arrangement would work out. He (MacKay) had discovered that known as a step to increase the salaries of the teachers would be slightly increased, while in others they would not aggregate so much. The effect of the bill would be a jar here and there.

Mr. Ross also desired to know what the minister was driving at, but the premier thought he should take the trouble to find out since the bill had been discussed for some weeks and the policy of the government had been discussed in the house and in the legislature for years. This was a step to increase the capacity of the teachers and their salaries. To a certain extent the measure was an experiment, and it would be known as a step to increase the capacity of the teachers and their salaries. To a certain extent the measure was an experiment, and it would be known as a step to increase the capacity of the teachers and their salaries.

Three Amendments. The amendments proposed by Dr. Pyne numbered three. Farmers' sons are to have the right to vote only if they have lived in the section for six months prior to the school election. In the territories after a section has been organized an election may be held in a month and trustees will hold office for that part of the term and the next full term. Disputes as to alterations of boundaries of sections are to be settled by the county or district judge, and there may be no appeal except by leave of the high court judge, and then upon questions of law alone.

After several of the opposition had complained that the minister of education had not supplied detailed information, showing how the sections would be affected by the bill, Dr. Pyne went to his own defence, but refused to delay the house by reading the figures asked for. He said the object of the bill was to equalize the salaries. It happened that some of the wealthy sections were paying the lowest salaries. One section with an assessment of \$300,000 paid only \$300 and \$325, while another section with an assessment of \$10,000 paid \$350. He believed that the bill would be found to be a move forward.

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DISMAY AGAIN IN RUSSIA  
LATEST DING KILLS HOPE

Coupled With Police Raid on Meeting of Members of Parliament, it Forebodes Trouble.

St. Petersburg, May 8.—The danger of an early conflict between the government and parliament has been greatly increased by what has happened within the last twenty-four hours. The good impression produced by the official intimation of the new premier that the emperor and the government were sincerely desirous of working in harmony with parliament, which was accepted in good faith by the leaders of the Constitutional Democrats, enabling them to counsel moderation, has largely been dissipated, and in its place the old feeling of mistrust has been revived. The Liberals are utterly stunned in view of the semi-official assurance on the subject, by the unexpected promulgation last night of the obnoxious fundamental law in a slightly modified form. At one stroke it put an end to the claim which the new cabinet tried to foster, namely, that the emperor had given his assent to the imperial disapproval of the original draft of the law. An article exempting crown lands from the land tax and another reserving the power of amnesty for political prisoners to the emperor, run counter to the already expressed wish of the cabinet to effect a compromise to produce a clash. The only commendable new feature of the fundamental law is a provision to be counteracted by the president of the council of ministers or the member of the cabinet whose department is affected. But so long as the cabinet is not responsible to parliament it is easy for his majesty to dismiss an unwilling minister and replace him by one who will do his bidding.

Meeting Dispersed by Police. The indignation aroused by the emperor's attempt to bring an artificial dye around the prerogatives of the crown has been intensified by the astounding action of the police last night in dispersing a meeting of some members of the lower house of parliament and of the upper house, or new council of the empire, at the hall of the Ecumenical Society. Without any warning the building was surrounded by the Ismailov guard regiment and a detachment of cavalry. A hundred policemen marched into the hall, where Count Heyden, a marshal of the nobility and a member of parliament for St. Petersburg, was presiding, and ordered the meeting to disperse under instructions from the chief of police. Vigorous protests were made, but the police were inexorable and the members of parliament left the hall after a sharp uprush of which one was signed by 28 of the members.

Causes an Uproar. M. Rodicheff, a member of parliament for St. Petersburg, hurried after midnight to the hall where the Constitutional Democrats were holding their convention, and announced to the members that the police had broken up the meeting. An indescribable scene of fury followed, after which Rodicheff in an impressive speech, which was cheered to the echo, declared that the government's appeal for confidence had again been false, and that the people were resolved to resist it. It was decided that one of the first things after the assembling of parliament should be a demand for the dismissal of the cabinet.

Another Outrage. As if these incidents were not sufficient to excite the members of parliament, the police, with a view to a vigorous protest, inflamed the working classes yesterday. Without warning they ordered many of the members of parliament to leave the city. They were not even given time to remove their families. The matter was brought to the attention of a meeting of peasants and workmen, members of parliament, who denounced it as an attempt on the part of the government to bring about a strike on the eve of the assembling of parliament, for the purpose of provoking a struggle between the emperor and the members of parliament to dissolve parliament. Never before has a meeting appealed to the workmen at this critical juncture to do nothing and to trust to parliament to fight for liberty against repression.

This meeting also appointed a "special committee" to collect evidence of the rights of members of parliament, two of whom are now being searched since their arrival in St. Petersburg, and also to investigate the conspiracy on the part of the authorities to induce members of parliament to lodge in government buildings.

"Black Hundreds" Convene. A mass meeting of "Black Hundreds," held yesterday, under the presidency of M. Dubrovnik, poured oil on the flames by the exaction of an oath from all present to the effect that if parliament is found to consist of "traitors," they will offer their lives to protect the autocracy.

No better evidence of the feverish haste of the government to strengthen its defences at all points before the assembling of parliament could be given than the fact that 23 columns of the Official Messenger to-day are devoted to ukases and orders. The emperor has yielded to the demand of the Russian population of the Baltic provinces and Poland, by granting two seats in parliament to each. They will be selected from the purely Russian inhabitants. Thirteen members are also assigned to Central Asia, Samarkand, Russian Turkestan and Syr-Darya, Asiatic Russia, with the restriction that they elect one Cosack, six for the Ussuri (South Siberia) and Trans-Balkan provinces and one for Yakutsk, East Siberia.

Protests Are Angered. The members of the Constitutional Democratic convention, they reassembled here to-day, were very much excited over the issue of the fundamental law and the dispersal of the meeting of members of parliament last night, and it required all the influence and wiles of the emperor to restrain them from doing something desperate. So serious was the situation that the central committee of the party immediately framed a resolution on the subject. There was a tremendous uproar when Prof. Mikuloff introduced the subject. He said:

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odious fundamental law, after a storm of indignation has been aroused thru out the country by the publication of the draft of the measure, had been definitely abandoned. But we now learn that, like thieves in the night, the bureaucrats have executed this damnable conspiracy against the people. The best parts of the fundamental law, as issued, are worse than the worst parts of any European constitution.

"I asked the convention to adopt a moderate attitude, but now we have the right to be radical. We must immediately answer this challenge."

Victory Assured. The convention closed at 6 o'clock this evening, after Prof. Mikuloff had delivered a speech, during which he congratulated the party on having designated its enemies, who predicted a split. He believed that the ideas for which the party stood were constantly growing in the country, while on the contrary the extreme revolutionary organizations were passing thru a crisis. While the struggle might be prolonged, the professor declared, amid applause, victory was certain in the end.

Count Solsky has been appointed president of the council of the empire. M. Fyodorov, a member of the council of the empire, has been officially designated to open the lower house of parliament.

There is no foundation in fact for the report telegraphed from Kiev to-day that General Count Alexis Pavlovich Ignatieff has been assassinated. Gen. Ignatieff is in St. Petersburg tonight, and not in Kiev.

ANOTHER \$500,000. Washington, D. C., May 8.—President Roosevelt to-day transmitted to congress a letter from Secretary of War Taft, recommending the appropriation of an additional \$500,000 to meet conditions at San Francisco. The president also recommended this appropriation.

Accused of Horse Stealing. John Fagin, 6 Euclid-avenue, was arrested last night on the charge of stealing a horse and buggy from Geo. Robinson 78 Euclid-avenue. Fagin was employed by Robinson, and was discharged, as he said, he went to Robinson's stable, took out the rig and tried to sell it.

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Massey Hall was so full last night that the management could only spare one program to every two of the audience, so the box office results must have been fairly gratifying. Despite the wet weather nothing was lost in the fashionable appearance of the house. Madame Nordica herself made a regal figure on the stage in a pink dress of brocade satin, with a train of more than ordinary importance, and a diamond tiara and a corsage set of diamonds and immense turquoises.

Madame Nordica has made many friends in her various visits to Toronto, and she lost none last night and no doubt widened her circle if the encore are to be considered. Her brilliant but mellow tones were well displayed in the Elizabeth Aria from Tannhauser, but the magnificently dramatic vigor of the "Valkyrie Call" gives as an encore by request, with unusual power and passion at times, its mantram power captivated the audience as nothing else. "The Erlking" was also sung with fine force. Her first suite included Quilic's setting of Tennyson's yearning lyric from "The Princess." "Now Sleeps the Petal," and this was sung with exquisite tenderness and feeling. The purity of tone in "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," and the versatility shown in "Love's Springtime," gave the audience just reason for their admiration. The encore, "Sweetest Little Fellow," was delightfully rendered. Madame Nordica was also accompanied for her final suite and sang Rogers' "Sweetest Flower That Blooms," and a charming "Sweetest Flower That Blooms." Mr. Romayne Simons played the accompaniment with much more than usual artistic taste and skill.

Signor Angelo Patriolo, who was the solo pianist, preserves the tradition of the concert school of a generation ago. He has a limpid, liquid legato touch of much delicacy, but plays with great power and passion at times. In a Chopin Polonaise after some preliminary sparkling, he threw the gear on a high notch and showed a fine burst of speed. The result was an encore, and in response he gave the treat of the evening in Gottschalk's

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