LANCASTER COMPARES THE SENATORS TO OLD LADIES

Member Thinks the Senate is Utterly Useless Body One or Two Others Agree With Him, While Many Do Not Colonist's Explanation of "Forged Telegram" is Rather Amusing

OTTAWA, Feb. 22 .- The commons spent most of today's session in a listdiscussion of the old subject of

reform. Mr. Laucaster. who owes the upper house a grudge for having thrice killed his favorite legislative child, namely, the Lancaster level crossing bill, advanced his resoluion providing for reform of the senate by the heroic measure of abelishing it endirely as being unnecessary and ex-pensive huxury. He was supported by H. H. Miller, on the Liberal side of the house, and by Dr. Barr, on the opposition side, but the majority of speakers favored the retention of the senate un-der some sort of reformed conditions, designed to bring it more in touch with public opinion. After several hours of ment, pro and con, the debate was

## The Forged Telegram

There was another chapter added to the incident of the forged telegram which cut such a figure in the British Columbia general election, and of which so much has been heard. Mr. Borden read to the house a statement sent to him by the manager of the Victoria Colonist, designed to absolve the Colonist management from blame for the forgery. This statement, however, which purports to be the confession made by some unknown person to Bishop Perrin, of Victoria, bears on its face its own commentary and makes the abolition of that institution. the situation, if possible, even worse H. H. Miller (South Grey) was sat-

for the newspaper. It so obviously does not explain the forgery as it ap- of the senate was submitted to a vote peared in typewritten fac-simile in the of the people the result would be over-Colonist itself, that Mr. Borden's reading of the letter was received with road smiles by the whole house.

Borden Brings it Up

with those who assumed that the senate bore the same relation to the Dominion house of commons as did the house of fords to the Imperial parliament. Even without a senate there would still be power of veto vested under British North America Act in the King in council, so that there would be a check on hasty legislation and sufficient protection of minority. The fact that the senate had power nt protection of minorites. afuse a supply bill and thereby create a dead-lock, for which there was no constitutional remedy, was in itself an argument in favor of at least the reform of that body. Members of the senate themselves were beginning to realize that there was need of reform, and in the absence of any argreemen as to the best means of providing e claimed that the most pracical thing to do was to abolish the institution. A vast majority of the people were, he believed, in favor of abolition. The senate did not legislate they only divorced people. (Laughter.) He calculated that during the past ten years the senate had cost the country three and one quarter million follars which might have been devoted to more useful purposes. LIKE MOTHER-IN-LAW Mr. Nesbet thought that like the

should be discussed entirely as

question. He did

nother-in-law, the senate had become subject for guips and jokes. He had heard senators described as old ANDERSON ladies but he did not know anything that could illustrate the perfection of character better than to call them old ladies. If they looked at the personnel of the senate they would find names, more honored than any they had in the Commons. He had no quarrel with the political appointments of the senate, but he did not think they should make them rewards for party service. He was apposed to an elec tive senate. The senate had done good work, and he believed that its ition would be a national calamity. Mr. Turgeon opposed the resolution on the ground that the abolition of the

senate would deprive the smaller provinces of their due representation. Dr. Sproule pointed out that prac tically every country where there was constitutional government had adopted the two chamber system, and so far as Canada was concerned tha system had worked successfully. All that was required was reform which would bring the senate into harmony with the needs of the country. He objected to party politics in the senate, but he thought it would be an unfortunate day for Canada that witnessed

Herbert clerk of isfied that if the question of abolition, was Judge Ritchie. Downie appeared in court to all apwhelmingly in favor of abolition. He pearances supremely unconcerned at repeated his arguments of last session

the progress of events and but little on a similar resolution and claimed flurried at the position he occupied in that the commons could adequately atbeing the centre of interest of all those tend to all legislative needs of the who thronged the court room.

view.

THE NEWS, ST. JOHN, N. E. FRIDAY, FFBRUARY 26, 1909.

ROOSEVELT PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE

THE AMERICAN BATTLESHIP FLEET AND THE U.S.

ordered Campbell to make and then WANTED the arrest. he arrest. The defendant asked permission of fr. Reed to return to the office to fin-ENGLISH ARMY Mr. Reed to return to the office to finish up the work he had left unfinished and he returned to the office in the evening but the firm also sent Mr. THE SEARCH MADE EQUALS GERMANY'S Brown back to demand the key of the office held by Downie. The defendant gave the key over to Mr. Brown. They were upset so by Officer Killen and So Testifies in Downie others coming in that they decided to leave the office and Mr. Brown got others coming in that they decided to War Secretary Declares 46 the key. Witness never remembered defendant Case Divisions Could be ever before asking him what barber Raised shop he went to. Defendant spoke about working in PRELIMINARY ON the office and some person coming behing him and choking him into insen-LONDON, Feb. 22.-Speaking sibility. Dr. G. A. B. Addy arrived Newcastle today on the subject of the at the office, but Downey became conproposed Imperial general staff for Manager of Company Testifies scious before the doctor reached him. the army, Secretary of War Haldane Witness did not notice any signs of igave a general outline of the strength of the over-sea forces as contemplated in Robbery Case-Advicience on the defendant. When he found he was all right he hurriedly under the Imperial schemes. looked for the money. Canada, he said, could easily raise journment Made Downey remained on the floor until five or six territorial divisions, Aus-Chief Clark came and told him to get tralia five, New Zealand one and up. He walked away from the factory South Africa four or five. These, in and after getting his dinner returned addition to the existing fourteen divi-The preliminary hearing into the to the office and worked until six sions of the territorial forces of the charge of theft preferred against W. United Kingdom, would give a total o'clock To Mr. Price, witness said that when of thirty divisions for home defense. Downie, the former invoice he was going to the barber's he met-With the sixteen divisions of reguthe T. S. Simms Company, Mr. Scragg and<sup>8</sup> Peter Carroll going lars ready for over-sea service it was commenced yesterday before towards the factory. Witness did not thus hoped to attain an Imperial army order a search of premises during the of forty-six divisions, equivalent to afternoon because he had left the mattwenty-three army corps. This was ter in the hands of the police. just the strength of the German army, Mr. Haldane said, and no other army until

The defendant was remanded to jail Wednesday morning at 10.30 in the world had such a great organzation



CONSUN Prominent Physic Others Form Tuberculosis Night --- Govern Honorary Pres Walker Preside DR. TH Elected President of New At a mass meeting held last ing in the Opera House there what will be known as Society for the Prevention of Tu culosis in New Brunswick. Offic have been elected, the fight has open with much enthusiasm and every reason to believe that an act educative campaign against disea will be successfully conducted. Although the gathering last even was not as large as had been hop it was representative and those w attended were evidently in earn about the work they are undertaking Lieut. Governor Tweedle presided, the speakers of the evening includ Dr. J. P. McInerney, Rev. David Lar Dr. J. R. McIntosh, Archdeacon R mond, Dr. C. R. Flanders, Rev. Hu er Boyd, Prof. W. T. Raymond, C Turner, Dr. Thos. Walker, Chief Ju tice Barker, Judge McLeod and Rat Amdin. The various speakers took the various phases of such campaig against disease and presented fac and figures in a most convincing ma ner. Dr. Thos. Walker, the new elected president, briefly outlined course to be followed by the associ tion, indicating great activity. Gov. Tweedie in opening the meeting spoke briefly of the advances ma elsewhere in the campaign again tuberculosis. He expressed the ho that whatever might be done at t meeting would not be merely a fla in the pan but would be a permane and well directed movement. chairman did not deem it within duty to make an address on a subje with which he was acquainted only

FORMAL ST

Before orders of the day Mr. Borden brought it up on a question of privilege. He said: "I have already mentioned this matter to the house, and I promised that any further information that came to me from the Colonist newspaper of British Columbia touching the alteration of a telegram sent by me to that paper on the 24th of October last would be communicated

by me to the house. The following document has been sent to me by the management of the Colonist, to whom it apparently has been delivered by the Bishop of British Columbia. It is as follows:

## To whom it may concern:

After hearing a full statement in the nature of a confession from the man who altered a telegram sent to this city by R. L. Borden, so that the telegram was read to the public and published on a basis of untruth, I have been requested by this man to make public the fact that this telegram was handed to him by the telegraph editor of the Colonist to be delivered at a public meeting. That instead of going directly to the meeting he went to an office, copied out the telegram as altered by him and destroyed the original, and had this altered telegram sent to the meeting, passed on to the platform, where it came into the hands of those in charge of the meeting and was read to the public and published. The man guilty of this act had no confederate or confidant. No one knew of his act or had any reason for suspecting him, and the only reason for making this public is to remove all suspicion from the management of the Colondst newspaper and from the members of the executive of the Conservative party, at whose meeting the telegram was read. It was an individual act arising from misguided political zeal and not due to any incitement or persuasion (Signed) W. W. OOLUMBIA."

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH BILL

Mr. Lewis introduced a bill providing that all passenger vesesls over tons register and all freight ves sels over 1,200 tons hould be supplied with wireless telesraph apparatus. Hon. Mr. Fielding informed Dr. Chisholm (Huron) that it was not the intention of the government to increase the rate of interest of savings bank deposits, but they were make ing arrangements under which depositors could convert their deposits into government stock at a higher rate of interest.

Answering Mr. Foster, Hon. Mr. Fielding stated that interest on tem-porary loans held since January 20 ranged from 31-4 per cent. to 41-2 per cent. The last loan was on January 2, 1909, Bank of Montreal, the amount being five million dollars at four per

cent. interest.

Mr. Lencaster, in moving his resolution proposing that an address be ted to the King praying that gun" and those who perish in vendetta

country Dr. Barr (Dufferin), in a long speech eviewing the story of senate appointments since confederation, declared that the upper chamber had been a curse nather than a blessing, and it should be no longer tolerated. The debate was adjourned by Mr.

Gervais. Judge Warburton, of Prince Edward. has drawn a plea for a superannuation provision for officers of the government ice-breakers and particularly for Captains Peterson and Brown of the government ice-breakers. This was supported by Mr. Fraser. The Minister of Marine said he had under considersav.

ation a plan which would provide superannuation for all the officers of the government service who had earned it. The house adjourned at 10.30.



TORONTO, Feb. 22 .- Some important amendments to the Election Act

will be proposed by the Ontario government during the present session, although nothing in the nature of an innouncement has yet been given. Provision, which is said on good aube concerned with the arrangement whereby sailors, railway men, commercial travellers and others whose business takes them away from home, will be enabled to vote. Commercial travellers in particular have already asked for some arrangement of this lature.

Method to be Adopted

The method which may be adopted will be one whereby for a certain specified period before an election men whose duty makes it impossible to be at home on election day will be enabled to vote. Their votes will be kept in a ballot box, which will subse-quently be used by the deputy returning officer without of course having been openeed, and by this means ensuring that no trace shall be obtainable of the identity of the voters. It is also understood that certain

obligations will be laid upon corpor ations and large employers of labor to prevent the alleged shipping of voters out of a constituency before election.

THE CORSICANS. Even today Corsicans wish good for-tune to a newly born in the ominous words "May you fall a victim to the

ion street front and one from the side. The amount found in the satchell was nearly \$1200. The wages are paid

tory and took charge of the money; of Commerce and Labor.

'clock G. F. A. Anderson was the only wittess examined. He swore that it was CASTORIA. the The Xind You Have Always Bought at his suggestion that the search was lears the instituted and that he interviewed the chief with that express purpose in Chat H. Slitchire Signatur The information made by Louis Simms was read to the accused, charging him with stealing \$1,114, and he BURNED TO DEATH was told he need not say anything. In

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that he was president of the T. S. men were killed or burned to death Simms and Co. He left the office early today in a head-on collision beabout 12.35 o'clock Friday afternoon, tween an express train and two locoleaving Downie in charge. He told motives on the Delaware division of the Penna Rallroad at Delmar 100 Downie that he was going to the bar-ber shop to get shaved and would miles south of this city. Two passensoon return. Downie asked what shop gers were injured. Princess Trixle, the witness was going to and was told to educated horse, was burned to death. She had been exhibited in Philadelphia Dwrer's. Witness returned to the office about for the past two weeks and was being three minutes past one and found sevtaken to Norfolk to fulfil an engage-

eral of the workmen standing in the ment. Princess Trixle was 20 year inside office and Mr. Downie lying on old and had been shown in all parts the floor. Downle opened his eyes when of the world by her owners. witness went in and said the money The train was the regular express was gone. I asked him if he wanted a leaving Philadelphia at 11.22 p. m. and doctor and he said no, that he was all was crowded with passengers bound

right. Witness then went to the vault for Hampton Roads to see the naval forming an illegal operation on whom and found that the money was all gone review. The collision occurred at 2.50 was preferred against Dr. Allen B. excepting a few envelopes that had a. m. The two locomotives were Cook recently, is very serious, and been dropped on the floor. He picked standing on the main tracks and the the girl's ante-mortem statement was these up and laid them on the shelf engineer of the express did not see taken on Saturday. The girl repeated of the vault and then telephoned to the the engines until too late. Fortunately her previous statement to the effect utes and took charge of the case. Wit-

Campbell. Witness went in a closet off hority to be under consideration, will the office, but before going in Officer Campbell asked which was Mr. Downie's desk. It was pointed out to him, and in a few moment Campbell exelaimed, "I've got the money." Campbell produced the hand satchel which

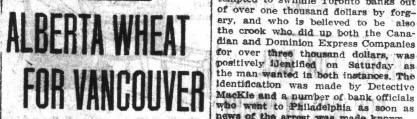
is used for carrying the money from the bank on pay day. The satchel was produced in court. Witness said the noney was taken to the office at eleven o'clock on Friday morning by Mr. Foster, the book-keeper. When he saw the satchel in Campbell's hands Friday

night witness opened it and found the contents. It is Mr. Brown's duty to put the money in the envelopes. Besides the money in the envelopes there was a couple of hundred dollars in silver and couple of nundred dollars in sliver and bills. He picked up five or six en-velopes on the vault floor. The defend-ant would not have anything to do with getting the money from the bank wheat. He says two million bushels

The defendent's desk is near the ped this way, some of it having ar-rived. He adds that practically all the others on account of it being used for the typewriter. There is an iron rail from the entrance of the place sure. where the defendant had his desk. There are two doors one from the Un-

police, who arrived in a very few min- the steeping passengers were in two she was sent to Dr. Cook by a young cars removed from the point of the man, and submitted to an operation ness called on Chief Clark during the collision, two bag age cars intervening after the doctor had sworn her to se evening and suggested /making a between them and the engine. All the crecy. The man in the case is emsearch of the factory and offices. The men in the two baggage cars were ployed in the parliament buildings and search was made by witness and Sergt. either killed or injured. The wreck immediately took fire and ture. it was impossible to rescue those under Christopher M. Holland, arrested in the wreckage. The flames burned un. Philadelphia last Thursday afternoon

til 9 o'clock this forenoon, when the by the superintendent of the Canadian last body was taken from the ruins. Detective Agency as the man who attempted to swindle Toronto banks out



positively identified on Saturday as the man wanted in both instances. The identification was made by Detective MacKie and a number of bank officials who went to Philadelphia as soon as ews of the arrest was made known. PREMIER SCOTI

ILL HEALTH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23-Marked im-REGINA, Sask., Feb. 22.- Premier provement in business conditions Scott has gone to spend the winter in Bermuda and Jamaica in the hope of the United States at the close of the calendar year, and in many cases a re- recovering his shattered health. Curon Friday at five o'clock. After find- turn to normal conditions, are shown rent with his departure comes the rethe British North America Act be struggles are honored as national to Chief Clark who came to the fac-Bureau of Statistics of the Department , duties, the premier to accept a vacancy on the board of railway commis

TO JURY'S VERDICT The effect of the play An Englishman's Home, which deals with an imaginary invasion of England, is becoming more far reaching every day. It Ernest Rupert Did Not Meet has undoubtedly aroused in England such a spirit of militarism as has not With Foul Play, as at

existed since the Boer war. To it alone can be ascribed the remarkable burst of enthusiasm in recruiting for the territorial army. Before its production the authorities

SERIOUS CHARGE

is in a Serious Con-

dition

TORONT'O, Feb. 22 .- The condition

of Dollie Cutmore, the charge of per-

SUSSEX, Feb. 22 .- The hearing of were begging and pleading for revidence of witnesses at the inquest nto the death of Ernest Rupert occucruits. Now they are almost overwhelined with them. They are coming pied the morning and afternoon proin at the rate of five or six hundred a ceedings before the coroner's jury to day in London alone

day. After retiring a verdict was mons from 1900 until 1904, when he resigned to afford R. L. Borden the reached that the man had met death by his own hand during a period of sanctuary after the latter's defeat in temporary insanity. Through the evi- Hallfax, came into his own again todence given at the inquest all sus- | day. He was elected by acclamation picions that the deceased met with at the nomination proceedings at foul play were dissipated. Richmond this afternoon to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of The court opened at 10 o'clock, Geo.

First Supposed

persuaded to accept.

SUICIDE, ACCORDING

The new hearing will differ from the

DOCTOR W. Fowler, K. C., appearing in the in-Mr. Borden. The Liberals, in view of terests of the crown and Fred M. the fact that the riding is overwhelm-Sproul, K. C., representing the friends ingly Conservative, decided not to put Dr. Allen B. Cooke's Patient of the deceased. up a candidate, and Mr. Kidd as a Lawson Stewart, the first witness, nominee of the party convention last stated he was acquainted with the de- week secured his old seat without a

oner being called.

do with the crime.

ceased, and as fas as he was aware struggle. Messrs. Blain, Smythe and the victim had not been drinking. He Jameson, M. P.'s, were present at the also told of starting a search for the nomination proceedings and delivered deceased upon learning that he had brief addresses. heard of him not reachng the camp.

second trial, but Judge Anderson was ing arranging the final details of the

old in one respect only--the govern- fred D. Eddy, Mauritz Rosenthal and

ment will not contend that each car lot | Chauncey Martyn, all of whom figured

constituted a violation of the law. in the case in Judge Landis' court.

government's case. The defendant will

be represented by John S. Miller, Al-

Liberals Decide Not to Put

Up Candidate in Tory

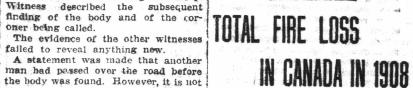
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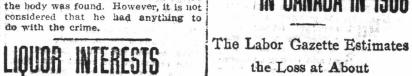
OTTAWA, Feb. 22.-Edward Kidd,

who represented Carleton in the com-

BY ACCLAMATION

KIDD IS ELECTED





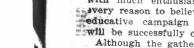
## the Loss at About \$22,053,350

BECOMING ACTIVE OTTAWA, Feb. 22.-According to WINNIPEG, Feb. 22 .- Tonight in the the current issue of the Labor Gazette

legislature an enormous petition signed the total fire loss in Canada during by 26,000 names, every one of which is 1908 is estimated at \$22,053,550. said to be a bona fide elector of the Industrial accidents to 230 individual province, was presented by the member working people in Canada during the for Centre Winnipeg on behalf of the last month were reported to the department of labor. Of these sixty-six liquor interests who are urging amendments to the local veto law which will were fatal and 164 resulted in serious mean a return to a two-thirds vote to injuries

make the law applicable. They also TORONTO, Feb. 22 .- W. F. Macask that a clause be inserted in the act by which the vote may be taken Lean, M. P., owner of the Toronto World, denied tonight the report curonly once in three years, and that compensation be provided hotelmen who rent that Hon. Clifford Sifton was are deprived of licenses by local veto. about to purchase the Toronto World.





• general way, On motion Dr. Frank A. Godsoe v elected secretary.

The chairman then called on Dr. P. McInerney, who introduced the lowing resolution advocating the c

## "Don't Neglect a Cough or Cold.

It can have but one result. It leaves the throat or lungs, or both, affected.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup is th medicine you need. It is without an equa as a remedy for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis Bore Throat, Pain in the Chest Asthma Whooping Cough, Quinsy and all affection of the Throat and Lungs.

A single dose of Dr. Wood's Norwa Pine Syrup will stop a cough, soothe th throat, and if the cough or cold has becom settled on the lungs, the healing propertie of the Norway Pine Tree will proclaim it great virtue by promptly eradicating the bad effects, and a persistent use of the remedy cannot fail to bring about a com-plete cure.

Do not be humbugged into buying so-celled Norway Pine Syrups, but be sure and insist on having Dr. Wood's. It il put up in a yellow wrapper, three pine trees the trade mark, and price 25 cents. Mes. A. Riles, Innisiati, Alta., writes: "Last spring I and Typhoid fever and Bronchitis, which left me with a terrible cough. I tried doctor's medicine but got no relief until my husband got me a bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway. Pine Syrup, and before I had finished it my cough was cured. My hubband also uses it whenever he has a cough. I would not be with-wut is."

