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PARLIAMENT IS ONCE MORE IN SESSION

A Brilliant Opening — Reference in the Speech From the Throne to Hopes for a Satisfactory Reciprocity Arrangement—Reorganization of the Conservative Whips.

OTTAWA, Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The formal opening of the third session of the eleventh parliament of Canada took place to-day amid auspicious surroundings. The clear, frosty air of the November day made dame fashion don her best attire. The scene within the newly decorated chamber, after the commoners had been called to the bar, was both brilliant and inspiring. The new scheme of decoration in the red chamber includes the coats of arms of the different provinces in an elaborate scroll design at the hea dof t.e pillars that support the arches of the galleries.

After the commons had retired to their own chamber, the house did business for a few minutes, and then adjourned until Monday, when the speech from the throne will be discussed.

The Conservative Reorganization.

There was an interesting reference to the change among Conservative whips, carrying out the reorganization scheme announced in The World, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced the personnel of the committee to select the standing committees of the house, the name of George Taylor, former chief Conservative whip, was included. Mr. Taylor immediately arose and asked that Geo. H. Perley be substituted While agreeing that this should be done, Sir Wilfrid regretted that Mr. Taylor should be retiring from the post he had occupied with such credit to himself and the Conservative party for 25 years. Mr. Taylor had been a good fighter, and as chief whip, had performed his duties to the satisfaction of both sides of the house.

The Drummond-Arthabaska Election

In thanking the premier for his kind remarks, Mr. Taylor facetiously referred to the Drummond and Arthabaska campaign by saying that, if the government had carried out the long promised reform of the senate, he should have sent to the chamber those members who had sat for over 25 years in the commons, such as Hon. Wm. Paterson and himself.

Sir Wilfrid replied there was a good deal in the suggestion. He pointed out, however, that a constituency had been opened to appoint a member to the senate, with a result they all know. Perhaps Mr. Taylor would like them to repeat the experiment that the government might lose.

A Fair Fighter.

R. L. Borden remarked that Mr. Taylor had rendered very eminent services to his party. While he was truly a good fighter and a fair fighter, he was yet as strong a Tory as was to be found in the Dominion of Canada. The premier should not have used the past tense, for, said he, "The member of Leeds not only has been, but is, and will continue to be a good fighter."

Arthur Gilbert, the M.P. for Drummond and Arthabaska, will not take his seat on Monday, and it may even be later, as his election has not yet been gazetted.

The speech from the thfone, as read by his excellency, Earl Grey, was as follows:

Speech From the Throne.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons: When I prorogued parliament in the month of May last, it was about completing the term usually allotted to the office of governor-general, but it has pleased His Majesty King George V. to continue me as his representative in Canada, and therefore it is my great pleasure again to greet you at the opening of this new session.

I meet you under thes shadow of the calamity which has befallen this country and the whole British Empire, in the demise of our beloved sovereign, King Edward VII. His death is mourned, not only by his subjects the wor'd

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SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Government still hopeful of reciprocal arrangement with the United States at an early day, "without any sacrifice of Canada's interests."

Bill to be introduced for speeding completion of Hudson Bay Railway.

Eastern section of the National Transcontinental to be operated soon.

A brief reference to the Canadian navy.

Gratification at the settlement of the fisheries dispute.

Quebec bridge contract to be awarded shortly.

A bill for uniform imperial copyright to be submitted.

Victim of His Own Daring

RALPH JOHNSTONE

Aviator, who made sensational flights at Toronto, who recently soared nearly ten thousand feet skywards, and who was yesterday killed at Denver, Col.

ROSEBERY PLAN FOR REFORM OF LORDS

Divides Members of Upper House Into Those Chosen by Peers, Nominated by the Crown, Sitting by Virtue of Office and Chosen From the Outside.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Politically, this was an uneventful day, with the exception of Arthur J. Balfour's speech at Nottingham, which was awaited with keen anticipation, as an exposition of the Unionists' election program. Declaring tariff reform to be the great constructive policy of the party, he pledged himself it would not increase the cost of living to the working classes. If there were such increase, he pledged the party to reduce indirect taxation on tea, sugar, etc., proportionately.

The Nationalists and Socialists, continued Mr. Balfour, were driving the government into an attempt to destroy the constitution by the abolition of the lords' power of veto. This he characterized as a revolution financed by American gold. If it was to such degradation that party government had brought the country, then party government had broken down. "If we alter the constitution and the bidding of log rollers, who care nothing for our empire," said Mr. Balfour, "we are not longer capable of self-government."

He appealed to every man to see that Britain should manage its own affairs. The Unionist leader spoke for an hour and a half, and had a magnificent reception.

The Same Platform.

It is evident, however, that, except on the question of reform of the house of lords, on which the Unionist party is now firmly committed to Lord Rosebery's scheme, the Unionist platform stands the same as at the last general election in all its principal planks.

Mr. Balfour, while he referred only incidentally to the home rule question, sufficiently indicated that he was in as complete opposition to it as ever. Thus the Unionist election policy in the main will be to plit reform of the house of lords against the Liberals' demand for the abolition of the veto power of the lords.

The situation between the opposing forces to-night appears less aggravated. The disposition on the part of the Liberal side is to give the peers a longer time to debate the veto bill, possibly even to the extent of admitting a reasonable amendment, provided this did not interfere with the principle of the bill.

American Dollars.

Mr. Balfour has now set the seat of his approval on the adoption of "Amer-

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TOLSTOI'S LIFE IN BALANCE

Heart Action Now So Bad as to Give Little Hope of His Recovery.

ASTAPOVA, Russia, Nov. 17.—Altho hope has not yet been given up, the attendants of Count Tolstoi recognize that his life is in the balance, and that, altho the strong constitution of the great Russian has carried him thru other grave struggles against disease, his system has become so weakened and his heart has responded so feebly to restoratives, that it will be next to a miracle if he recovers from his present attack.

An exhortatory telegram, addressed to Tolstoi by Antonius, metropolitan of St. Petersburg, presiding over the synod, and the departure of Bishop Cyril for Astapova, mark the extreme solicitude of the church to gather Tolstoi into its folds. At the time of the writer's serious illness at Crimea, in 1900, a similar exhortation was sent to him, and secret orders were despatched to Crimea, to allow only the representatives of the church entrance to the bed-chamber during his dying minutes, as the synod had determined at any cost to bury him. On that occasion, when he regained consciousness, Tolstoi directed an answer to the clericals:

"Even in the face of death, twice two makes four."

Nat C. Goodwin.

Many Toronto theatre-goers will recollect Nat Goodwin and his charming wife, Eliza Weathersby, when they starred together and amused thousands with their versatile acts. In Goodwin's new comedy, "The Captain," the famous comedian has made the most pronounced hit of his stage career. Nat Goodwin will be seen at the Princess Theatre next Monday night. Seats now on sale.

PAID PENALTY O DARING WITH HIS LIFE

Ralph Johnstone, Holder of the World's Altitude Record, Dropped Like a Plummet From a Height of 500 Feet — Every Bone in Aviator's Body Was Broken.

DENVER, Col., Nov. 17.—With one wing tip of his machine crumpled like a piece of paper Ralph Johnstone, the brilliant young aviator, holder of the world's altitude record, to-day dropped like a plummet from a height of five hundred feet into the inclosure at Overland Park aviation field, and was instantly killed.

When the spectators reached him, his body lay beneath the engine of the biplane, with the white planes, that had failed him in his time of need, wrapped about like a shroud.

Nearly every bone in his body was broken. Johnstone had gambled with death once too often, but he played the game to the end, fighting cooly and grimly to the last second to regain control of his broken machine. Fresh from his triumphs at Belmont Park, where he had broken the world's record for altitude with a flight of 9714 feet, Johnstone attempted to give the thousands of spectators an extra thrill with his most daring feat, th spiral glid, which has made the Wright aviators famous. The spectators got their thrill, but it cost Johnstone his life.

Wing Tips Folded Up.

In the fatal flight Johnstone, after a few circuits of the course to gain height, headed toward the foothills. Still ascending, he swept back in a big circle, and, as he reached the north end of the enclosure, started his spiral glide. He was then at an altitude of about 800 feet. With his planes tilted at an angle of almost 90 degrees, he swooped down in a narrow circle, the aeroplane seeming to turn almost in its own length. As he started the second circle, the middle spur, which braces the left side of the lower plane, gave way, and the wing tips of both upper and lower planes folded up, as tho they had been hinged. For a second Johnstone attempted to right the plane by warping the other wing tip. Then the horrified spectators saw the plane swerve like a wounded bird, and plunge straight toward the earth.

Johnstone was thrown frohn his seat as the nose of the plane swung downward. He caught one of the wire stays between the planes, and grasped one of the wooden braces of the upper plane with both hands. Then, working with hands and feet, he fought by main strength to warp the planes, so that their surfaces might catch the air and check his descent. For a second it seemed that he might succeed, for the football helmet he wore, which blew off fell much more rapidly than the plane.

The hope was momentary, however, for, when about 300 feet from the ground, the machine turned completely over, and the spectators fled wildly, as the broken plane, with the aviator still fighting grimly in its mesh of wires and stays, plunged among them with a crash.

Scarcely had Johnstone hit the ground, before morbid men and women swarmed over the wreckage, fighting with each other for souvenirs. One of the broken stays had gone almost thru Johnstone's body. Before doctors or police could reach the scene, one man had torn this splinted from the body, and run away, carrying his trophy with the aviator's blood driping from its ends.

Strange Warnings.

It would seem that many incidents had happened thruout the aviation meet to warn the ill-fated aviator. Yesterday, in alighting, Johnstone broke the left wing tip of his machine against the fence. It was the same tip that gave way to-day, and caused his death.

To-day, when he started on his first flight, one of the wheels on which the aeroplane runs along the ground, gave way, and had to be replaced. As he prepared to start for his last flight, a fox terrier that had broken thru the fence, stationed himself directly in front of the machine, and, barking frantically, refused to be driven away. As the machine rolled down the track one of the wings swept above the dog, which pursued the biplane until it lifted into the air.

Hoxsey's daring flight to-day, far over the foothills, seemed to fire Johnstone with a determination to outdo his team-mate, for the first spiral, which he made safely, was far the most adring of any of the aviators had attempted at the meeting.

Felt Sure of Himself.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 17.—When Ralph Johnstone was leaving the home of W. M. Federman, his uncle here, last Sunday, on his way to Denver, to take part in the aviation meet there, Federman said:

"I suppose I'll receive a telegram one of these days to come after your remains."

"Not mine," said Johnstone, shaking his relative's hand, and smiling. "When I make a flight I have my plans well laid. Before I leave the ground I know exactly what I am going to do. Don't worry about me being injured."

The dead aviator was born here 30 years ago. His wife and two children, a boy and a girl, are in New York.

Johnstone was a trick cyclist before he became an aviator.

While Johnstone was making a high flight at the Toronto aviation meet last summer, he struck a "pocket" of still air and his machine dropped a couple of hundred feet, the aviator being lifted bodily out of his seat by the force of the fall.

IN THE WOODS

Which way?

LIBERALS REORGANIZE PATRONAGE COMMITTEE

Old Guard Retire and Messrs. Robinette and Shaw and Association Officers Will Do Work.

The local Liberal patronage committee has undergone a change in personnel, the reorganization being effected on Wednesday night, at a meeting at Forum Hall, as a sequel to a conference on Friday night of last week.

The patronage committee, consisting of M. J. Haney, P. C. Larkin, J. F. M. Stewart and the defeated Liberal candidates, together with the president and secretary of the Toronto Reform Association, and the presidents from each riding, have formed the patronage committee up to date. It was decided on Wednesday night to change this committee so that only the candidates defeated in 1908, namely, T. C. Robinette K.C., and W. H. Shaw, together with the presidents of each city riding association, and the presidents and secretary of the Toronto Reform Association, form the patronage committee hereafter, and therefore Messrs. M. J. Haney, P. C. Larkin and J. F. M. Stewart, together with H. H. Dewart, K.C., J. K. Leslie and Capt. A. T. Hunter leave the committee.

Apparently, the Ontario Club does not appeal to the Toronto Reform executive, as a motion was passed ordering a special committee to report as to the formation of one or more Liberal clubs, where the ordinary workers could meet.

A prominent Liberal confirmed the report of the changes, adding that there was no friction, as the members who stepped out are desirous of doing so.

"The feeling was that the committee was too cumbersome," he said. "Mr. Haney is out of the city a good deal, and asked that he be relieved. This brought up the question of reorganization. The arrangement is perfectly harmonious all round."

PASSENGERS ALL SAFE

Those on Board Wrecked "Portland" Reach Land.

KATALLA, Alaska, Nov. 17.—All the passengers and crew of the wrecked steamer Portland arrived here safe this afternoon. They are being housed in the local hotel, and the homes of citizens, and will proceed northward on the next steamer.

It was stated yesterday in town that D. M. Stewart, former general manager of the Sovereign Bank, was thought to be one of the passengers.

BLONDIN GETS TWO YEARS

Man Who Killed Dr. Empey of Vars Sent Down for Manslaughter.

L'ORIGNAL, Nov. 17.—Albert Blondin of Vars, who, on Aug. 16 last, shot and killed Dr. W. A. Empey of Vars, Ont., was this morning sentenced to two years in the penitentiary at Kingston, for manslaughter. He was triad or a charge of murder, but the jury decided that there was not sufficient evidence to convict him on the more serious charg.

The prisoner presented the gun with which he killed Dr. Empey, to Mr. Lemieux as a souvenir.

100 STUDENTS EXPELLED.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—War has been declared between the first and second year men of Western Medical College, and as the result of a pitched fight nearly 100 students were to-day suspended indefinitely.

Henry L. Stimson, the unsuccessful candidate for governor of New York, certified to the secretary of state today that his campaign cost him $1,292.65.

In the Public Eye

ARMAND LAVERGNE

Of Quebec, a brilliant French-Canadian, and Bourassa's lieutenant in the Nationalist cause. To-night he will address the students at the university.

FALSE INVOICES USED IN BIG CUSTOMS FRAUD

British Woolen Dealers Said to Be Implicated—Claims Amount to Ten Million Dollars.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—United States District Attorney Wiz is seemingly determined to recover for the government all the money it is claimed to have been defrauded of during the past five years by means of alleged false invoices for importations of Joseph Brooke & Co., manufacturers of woolens, worsted and linings, of Bradford, England, and this city. Assistant District Attorney Whitney, who has direct charge of the matter, said to-day:

"This is the biggest case of its kind the government has ever had. The frauds involve several woolen manufacturing firms in England. The total amount of the duties which the government has lost thru these importation frauds is much greater than those in the sugar underweighing cases."

He added that the Brooke case was the first of a series which the government expects to conduct against other importers, and which will involve claims against importers, amounting to upwards of $10,000,000.

Mr. Whitney also stated he had evidence in his possession, which indicated that British woolen dealers were making a general distribution of false invoices to importers here.

Montreal's Big Debt.

MONTREAL, Nov. 17.—That the city is in debt cannot be disputed.

A ten million loan was authorized the other day, which makes the total debt $58,604,692, which figures out at $117.20 per capita.

MR. INWOOD OUTLINES POLICY FOR LIBERALS

Says Candidates Should Be Named in Every Ontario Riding by June Next.

"To be forewarned is to be forearmed." So the Liberal Association of the First Ward views the present outlook for Liberalism in Toronto. At a well attended meeting held in Poulton's Hall last nightthe question or organizing the ward and preparing for the next elections was discussed at some length.

The principal speaker was F. G. Inwood, organizer and general secretary of the Ontario Reform Association. Other speakers were J. F. Edgar, G. E. Gibbard, president of the Laurier Club; Eugene Collins, president of Word Two Liberals, and Ed. Doyle, a past president of the association.

"The way to make an effective organization is for each ward to stand on its own backing. The day has passed for working this city of nearly 400,000 souls, as a unit," said Mr. Inwood.

By June next year there would have to be a candidate in each of the 106 provincial ridings. He then outlined the different issues he thought should be adopted by the party:

1. A progressive policy for new Ontario, to utilize the agricultural and timber resources as well as the mineral.
2. A well defined temperance policy.
3. More attention to the requirements of agriculturists.
4. A larger number of experimental farms and technical schools for farmers' sons.
5. A reformation of the present educational system, which he said was the most muddled affair of its kind.

READY FOR SUBSCRIPTION

Trades Council's Interest in Federenko Defence Fund.

"We recommend that this council go on record protesting against thte handing over of Federenko to the Russian authorities, and that the executive draw up a resolution to that effect and forward the same to the authorities at Ottawa.

"We also recommend that this council announce to the locals affiliated that we are prepared to receive subscriptions for the Federento defence fund, such funds to be forwarded to the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council as custodians of the funds being raised by trades organizations."

This was in part a resolution submitted and unanimously carried at the meeting of the local Trades and Labor Council last night. The newspapers were thanked for the interest shown in the Russian refugee.

WALKED IN HIS SLEEP

Patient of General Hospital Makes Late Excursion.

A second affection was discovered in a patient at the General Hospital last night. The man was sent to the hospital to undergo an operation on his tonsils. At 11 o'clock he was peacefully sleeping in his nightie in his little bed. At 11.30 he was still sleeping still peacefully, still in his nightie, but was walking in Gerrard-st. having escaped from the building in some way not as yet discovered. He was taken back to his little bed, where he was secured against sleep walking.

PLEADS FOR HUSBAND'S MURDERER.

MONTREAL, Nov. 17.—Mrs. O'Connell, widow of one of the policemen killed by Timothy Candy, who is to be hanged to-morrow, has sent a letter to the minister of justice, pleading for the man's life.

ASK ONTARIO TO DEBAR PHONE MONOPOLY

Independent Association to Make a Request of the Government — More Power for the Dominion Railway Board Is Also to Be Sought.

"That the following shall be eligible for membersnip of the association: All proprietors, stockholders and officers of telephone systems in the Dominion other than those owned by the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, or in which that company has a controlling stock interest.

"That representations be made to the Ontario Government to repeal the present law giving municipalities the power to grant exclusive telephone franchises.

"That it is desirable to amend the Local Municipal Telephone Act by making provision, by the ratepayers paying the cost of construction, for the appointment of a board of commissioners in each case to undertake the management of any system constructed under this act.

"That representations be made to the Dominion Government as to the desirability of amending the Railway Act, empowering the board of railway commissioners for Canada to order connection between rural telephone systems and the local systems of all companies within the jurisdiction of the parliament of Canada."

The foregoing important resolutions, moved by G. W. Jones, Clarke, Ont., and A. Hoover, Green River, Ont., were passed at the fifth annual convention of the Canadian Independent Telephone Association, held at the city hall yesterday, with the president, Dr. W. Doan of Harrietsville, in the chair.

The delegates in attendance included representatives of organizations large and small, some with a record of success extending over years and with their lines passing thru many townships, while others were merely in the making, with a score or less of subscribers. But all were enthusiastic, and, while grateful to the Ontario Government for last year's legislation, inclined to ask for more.

The general sentiment was that the big association is doing splendid work and the response to the president's appeal for financial support was gratifying. This year $2000 represented the sinews of war, but it is hoped that the sum of $5000 will be available for promoting the interest of independent phones in 1911. To this end a resolution was unanimously carried, on motion of T. G. Ramshaw of Lowville, fixing the membership fee of each organization at $1 as last year, but raising the levy upon each phone from 2 cents to 5 cents.

Officers Re-elected.

There was good evidence of the harmony prevailing in the unanimity with which the officers chosen by the nominating committee were accepted. With the exception of several executive members who voluntarily retired, the list shows no change and is as follows:

President, Dr. W. Doan, Harrietsville.

Vice-President, C. Skinner, Sherbrooke.

Sec.-Treas., Francis Dagger, Toronto.

Executive committee: P. R. Craven, New Liskeard; T. R. Maybury, M.L.A., Ingersoll; A. Hoover, Green River; Levi Moyer, Davisville; M. House, Bridgeburg; T. W. Rolph, North Augusta; G. W. Jones, Clarke; T. G. Ramshaw, Lowville; Geo. Taylor, Blenheim. Auditors: C. B. Adams, Harrietsville; A. Denholm, Blenheim.

In the morning Dr. Doan read his president's address, which is given in full in another part of this paper.

At the afternoon session E. M. Trowern, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, gave an address on "The Importance of Organization for Mutual Protection." He declared that the time had come for decision as to whether the government, the town, the community or private corporations were to own and control the country's telephone and railway systems. Telephone subscribers should discuss the matter without allowing politics, the greatest curse of any modern country, to intrude.

A "Horrible Example."

Terming himself an "individualist," the speaker gave the opinion that state ownership was not in the best interests of the country. As an example, there was no worse water anywhere than Toronto had, altho it fronted on a fine lake.

"You should feel that you ought to own your telephone systems, and that you do own them, and not go round with the idea that the state ought to own," he said.

A. Denholm of Blenheim, speaking on "The Dominion Railway Board and Long Distance Connection," said that an independent company and its subscribers should be able to go into a Bell Company office and get long distance connection the same as any pri-

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Special Lines of Furs.

Living in Canada we have a chance to get the best of furs in the world and a chance to wear them to advantage. For men a fur coat is almost a necessity, from the reason that our homes and our offices are generally overheated and the outside atmosphere prigid. This means light woollen underwear and heavy fur coats as the only safe proposition. The Dineen Company is showing some splendid fur-lined coats with beaver cloth outside and with wide collars and lapels of Persian lamb or otter, at fifty dollars each, worth anywhere up to $70. Write for catalogue of furs.