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## THE POLICE SITUATION

Not Likely That Any Meeting of Police Board Will be Held.

Civic Authorities Satisfied That All Trouble is Now Over.

There is nothing new in the police situation to-day, and whether there will even be a meeting of the police board next week is a matter of doubt. The rank and file of the force are satisfied that an increase in pay is coming to them but if the police board decide to make the increase it will be necessary to overdraw the appropriation voted by the City Council and which was agreed upon as satisfactory between the Council and a majority of the members of the board. That being the case it is likely that the men's application that the City Council will take the initiative and not the board.

If there is a meeting of the police board it is stated as likely that one of the men who was summoned to the meeting of this week when the ultimatum was issued will tell where the inspiration for the meeting came from. Others of the men state emphatically that they were working co-operatively and without any suggestion from officials, all of which may be true, but the city council authorities are of the opinion that someone first started the ball rolling. At any rate the police commissioners will probably consider the matter of discipline.

His Honor Judge Hardy is expected to return to the city to-day from Toronto. When the men issued an ultimatum, His Honor was informed by wire of the situation, but replied that the two commissioners who were here should be able to settle the matter, as they constituted a quorum. The civic authorities heard of His Honor's reply with a smile, as they had not considered likely that a quorum consisting of Mayor Hartman and Magistrate Livingston could ever even meet, with things in their present state of turmoil.

At any rate there was no strike this morning, but police matters continue to hold the board.

### EASTER HOLIDAY RATES.

Special Trains From Brantford, Mar. 20th and 22nd

The Grand Trunk Railway system will operate special trains for London, leaving Brantford 6.10 p.m., March 20th and 22nd, stopping at Woodstock and Ingersoll, arriving London 7.30 p.m.

Tickets will be issued at SINGLE FARE for round trip between all stations in Canada east of Port Arthur, also to Detroit and Port Huron, Mich., Buffalo, Black Rock, Suspension Bridge and Niagara Falls.

Good going March 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 valid for return on or before Wednesday, March 26, 1913.

Full particulars and tickets from Grand Trunk Agents, Thos. J. Nelson, city passenger and ticket agent, phone 85; R. Wright, Station Ticket Agent, phone 40.

### GRAND OPERA HOUSE BRANTFORD

GRAND—Saturday, March 15. A. Delamater, offers a beautiful new production of the song play, "Freckles" by Gene Stratton Porter. A theatrical triumph and the big mature play, pure in thought and form. It was a sensation as a story, and of more value as a play, and the dramatist has incorporated every one of the famous characters. See and hear Freckles sing. See Freckles' adventures. See Freckles dance. Tickets 14 rows, \$1; 8 row 75c, balcony 50c, gallery 25c. Seats Thursday.

Wednesday, March 19.—Litt and Bouwals' production of the thrilling, picturesque and romantic story of Kentucky life, "IN OLD KENTUCKY" by C. T. Dazey. See the spirited and exciting horse races, the famous Kentucky thoroughbred, Queen Bess; the rollicking fun of the imitable pickaninnies. The strongest and most expensive cast the play has ever had. Six Kentucky thoroughbred horses. The famous Minnany Brass Band in the big street parade at noon. Prices: 14 rows, \$1; 8 rows, 75c; balcony 50c; balcony, 75c and 50c; gallery, 25c. Seats Monday.

Friday, March 21, Matinee and Night—W. E. Lambert offer the powerful Western drama, "THE COUNTY SHERIFF," in 4 acts, by Lem E. Parker. A thrilling and sensational play of the Northwest. The climax of emotion, beautiful in sentiment, full of good clean comedy, with special scenery and effects. Prices—25c, 35c, 50c, 75c. Seats Wednesday.

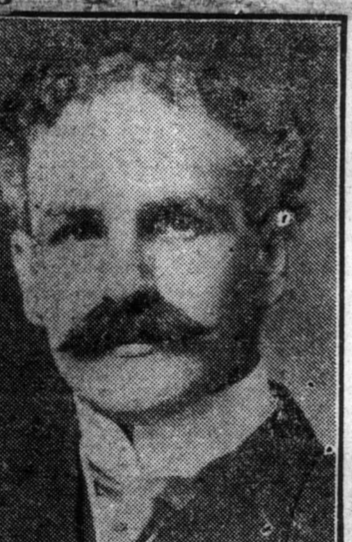
## OBSTRUCTIONISTS



G. E. McCraney, member for Saskatoon, Sask.



Hon. H. E. Emmerson, member for Westmoreland, N.B.



E. B. Devlin, member for Wright, Quebec.

## WILL MOVE TO SELL PROPERTY

Ald. McEwen Will Have Report at Council on Monday.

At the City Council on Monday evening Ald. McEwen, chairman of the Buildings and Grounds committee will move a resolution asking the permission of the Council for the sale of the city property on Darling street. "Several good offers have been received for the property" said Ald. McEwen this morning. There is said to be a prospect of the property being used for industrial purposes and in this connection there may be some objection raised. The land has a frontage from Queen street to Mitchell's garage. Its value is estimated at around \$90 per foot.

Some interesting official statistics have just been published in France by the Board of Trade showing the relative size of families in connection with various professions and industries. As is the case in every other country, the poor have the most numerous families. It is among the fishing population and seafaring folk, however, that France reaches her highest average—five children to a family. The laboring class follow with an average of 3.6. As the income rises so the size of the family decreases, and it is among the high-salaried State and municipal officers, middle-class manufacturers, and professional men that the one-child family prevails. An interesting exception to this rule, however, is the rich, independent class who strike an average of three children to a family.

## GRAND RIVER ON RAMPAGE-- WATER RISING VERY RAPIDLY

No Gas Throughout City--Water Broke Main on Cockshutt's Bridge This Morning--Factories in Holmedale Closed--Civic Authorities Anxious as to Outcome--The Situation at Galt.

The Grand River is doing its worst to-day. Shortly before 11 o'clock this morning the high water at the Cockshutt bridge broke the big main which is the main supply to the city. The gas ebbed away to its minimum, the only supply available being that from Onondaga.

The water rose two feet this morning between the hours of 4 and 6. After 9 o'clock there was a rise of two inches.

The mills in the Holmedale are shut down and the water is within 15 feet of the Waterworks pumping plant.

The river is rushing down over the local tract of land near the Cockshutt bridge, and this was where the gas main was broken.

Bow Park fields are flooded. D. Cuthbertson, of the City Engineer's department, with two assistants, kept a night vigil, but no danger around the dykes is anticipated.

The Grand Trunk bridge is being shaken severely and earth is being washed away, where reconstruction is in progress.

Mayor Hartman did not think the water had reached the same height as last year, and while anxious was not alarmed at the situation. A lot depends on what happens at Galt, in the way of preparing for eventualities.

### The Situation at Galt at Noon

GALT, Ont., March 15—Water backing up from the still raging Grand River, meeting at its confluence the flood waters of the Speed, has caused several streets in Preston to be inundated and boats have been brought into service to remove residents from some of the houses. The ice is piled high at the dam and it is expected dynamite will have to be resorted to to prevent further floods up-stream. As it is the Galt-Preston-Hesper railway is unable to run its cars to Hesper. Quantities of water soaked goods is the only damage caused up to the present.

ELORA, March 15—The flood caused by the sudden rising of the Grand River here yesterday did damage to property to the extent of \$5,000. The first warning of the coming deluge was given about 2.40 o'clock this afternoon when the river began to rise suddenly. At three o'clock McGowan's dam, half a mile above the town, was partly swept away, and in less than fifteen minutes the water rose more than five feet. This great wave caused by the breaking of McGowan's dam, swept away the entire flume and one of the turbines which supplied power to J. C. Munnell and Co.'s furniture factory. The flood, which was the worst ever seen in this district, also did damage to the Elora Furniture Co.'s factory and T. E. Bissell's foundry, besides many other small buildings to the value of over \$10,000. McGowan's loss will amount to 1,000, while Munnell's will be over \$8,000.

Galt Is Warned. GALT, March 15—With the receipt of a message here last evening from Elora, stating that the worst flood in the experience of that town had left at 5 o'clock, this town was all excitement last evening, and the streets were lined with people at a late hour. The police warned residents along the river bank, to be prepared for a hurried exit, and many left their homes for the night. The river is gradually rising, and heavy damage during the night may occur. The weather conditions are favoring a storm, and if such occurs the result will be disastrous.

## REORGANIZE ASSESSMENT

There will be no report of the finance committee at the City Council meeting Monday night on the proposed re-organization of the assessment, although the matter will be gone into thoroughly before the next Council meeting and a report brought in. Last night the assessors appeared before the committee and a long conference was held on assessment matters. That there will be a re-organization of the department is certain, although just what form it will take is undecided. Last year the finance committee took the assessors into their confidence and issued orders to raise the assessment all round. Inequalities still exist and it is to remove these that the finance committee is aiming at.

### Mark Twain on Woman Suffrage.

Mexico, Mo., March 15—A copy of a newspaper, published in this city on April 5, 1867, and taken from an old trunk yesterday, contains a letter written by Mark Twain on woman's suffrage. It reads in part: "I knew before the canvass was three days old it would be an established proposition that every woman in the state was no better than she ought to be. Think of the torchlight processions. Think of the curious legends on the transparencies: 'Vote for Judy McKinnis, the incorruptible, for state milliner; nine children.' " "Also in that day the man who hath beautiful whiskers shall beat the homely man of wisdom for governor, and the youth who waltzes with exquisite grace, shall be chief of police, in preference to the man with energy."

## BORDEN WINS OUT TO-DAY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

His Objection to Liberal Amendments Sustained and Government Majority in Each Instance Remains the Same.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

OTTAWA, Ont., March 15.—At 4 a.m. the chairman ruled that the objection of Mr. Borden that the amendment and sub-amendment to clause two of the navy bill were out of order was well taken, because the amendments changed the destination of the contribution. He ruled them out of order, whereupon Hugh Guthrie moved another amendment providing for expenditure of the \$35,000,000 in Canada. There were three divisions on points of order up to 9 o'clock, the Government majority standing about the same in each case, viz., 56 to 22, 56 to 23 and 58 to 22.

## King and Queen Drive Through London To-Day Before Populace

(Canadian Press Despatch)

NEW YORK, March 15.—A London cable says: Hundreds of thousands of Londoners have an opportunity to welcome the King and Queen as they pass through the East End to-day on their way to the formal opening of one of the engineering wonders of the world, the Metropolitan Water Board's new two and a half million dollar reservoir at Chingford. The carriage in which their Majesties will drive in semi-state from Buckingham Palace to Highstone, Leytonstone, a distance of ten miles, will be completed if the weather is fine. From this point the King and Queen, with their suites, will complete the journey in closed automobiles.

From his place on a specially erected royal stand at the pumping station, the King will press an electric button, which, setting in motion a series of powerful explosive pumps, will release the water from a reservoir whose capacity is three thousand million gallons. The area of the reservoir is 416 acres, with four and a half miles of embankment. The explosive pumps will afterwards be inspected by their Majesties.

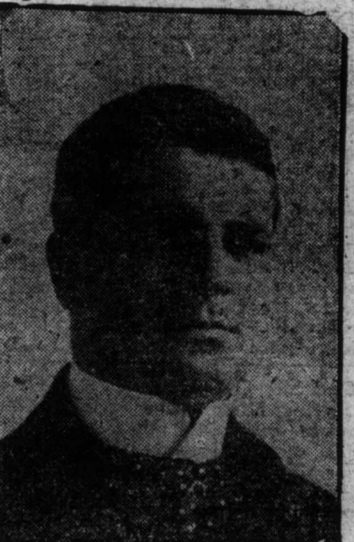
Special precautions will be taken against suffragettes and only persons holding official cards of invitation will be admitted to the reservoir for the opening ceremony.

Will Thorpe, member of Parliament for the southern division of West Ham, has declined an invitation to be on the platform as one of the representatives of the borough benefited by the reservoir, on the ground of West Ham's deep and crying poverty.

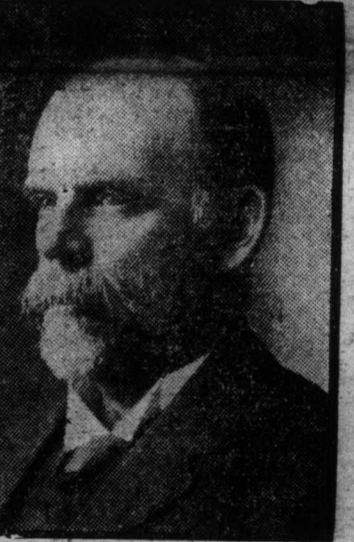
## TIME-TALKERS



A. K. McLean, Halifax, N.S.



F. F. Pardee, chief Liberal Whip and member for West Lambton, Ont.



Dr. Michael Clark, member for Red Deer, Alta.

## TRUSTEES MEET AT COLLEGIATE

But There Was no Suggestions Made to Get After the Principal.

At the meeting of the Collegiate Board last night, Principal Burt had a statement to make, completely refuting insinuations given out in a local paper this week but the board, which met in camera, after regular business, held it was not necessary for him to submit any such statement. It was decided by the trustees, however, simply in order to restore confidence, which had been shaken by reports which had been published, to submit a number of questions to the teachers and to look into the matter of discipline. The trustees considered that it was a regular part of their duty to do this, behind which there was no intention of getting after Principal Burt's or anybody else's scalp. In fact the majority of the board felt that they should take the action as above in order to protect the Principal from a repetition of such unwarranted attacks.

The members present were, Chairman, Dr. Hart, Messrs. E. Sweet, R. E. Ryerson, J. P. Pitcher, G. Pickles, Dr. Frank, Dr. Palmer, W. Lahey.

### THE PROBS

TORONTO, March 15—The disturbance is now centered over Lake Huron. It has been accompanied by mild, showery weather from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces, with thunderstorms in many parts of Ontario during the night. Colder conditions are succeeding the passage of this depression.

### FORECASTS.

Fresh to strong northwesterly winds; unsettled, with rain and snow in many localities and turning much colder. Sunday, clearing and quite cold.

## CLOSURE IS SURE COMING

Announcement of the Government Policy Made in the House.

Country is Getting Tired of Tactics of the Obstructionists.

Ottawa, Saturday, March 15—The climax of the two weeks' obstruction of the Naval Aid Bill was reached early this morning, when the Government suddenly announced to the Committee of the Whole that the existing rules would hereafter be enforced, and if found inadequate for the passage of the bill, new rules would be introduced.

The announcement made by Hon. Robert Rogers was immediately followed by the application of the relevancy rule requiring a speaker to speak to the clause under consideration. It was applied against a speech by Hon. Frank Oliver to the effect that the Government proposal involved not a gift or a loan but a sawn in the politics of Canada and the United Kingdom. Premier Borden took the position that this was a discussion of the principle of the bill which had been adopted on the second reading. Chairman J. A. M. Aikins so ruled. Mr. Oliver appealed and the ruling was sustained on a division of 63 to 28, a majority of 40 for the government.

The sudden movement of the government found the opposition numerically weak. There seems to be a prospect of more divisions on the point of order, but not for any very spirited or protracted resistance. The obstructionists have had a wide field, and the government is now determined that progress must be made.

The announcement that the government would force the existing rules to their limit, if necessary, drove new ones in order to meet the obstruction, was made shortly before midnight by Hon. Robert Rogers. Hon. Charles Marcell had just concluded a two hours' obstruction speech, in the course of which he had suggested that a committee of the House be appointed to work out a compromise. The Minister of Public Works at once arose and said: "In case there might be some misunderstanding with respect to the position of the government in view of the statement made by the member for Bonaventure, I desire to say a word or two, not with any desire of prolonging the discussion. As members are well aware, this committee has been in continuous session night and day for two weeks. The Government has extended to hon. gentlemen opposite the very widest latitude possible for the discussion of the important measure which is before us for consideration. We desire now to give hon. gentlemen opposite every possible opportunity of fair and reasonable discussion."

"When this measure was brought down into committee two weeks ago hon. gentlemen opposite argued that the government was in league with the Unionist party in Great Britain. The complaint was then made that the Prime Minister had not laid on the table the memorandum from the First Lord of the Admiralty. So soon as this was done a change took place in the complaints of hon. gentlemen opposite and they stated that the

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## Explanation

The break in the gas main across the Cockshutt Bridge has put this paper to very serious inconvenience to-day, as the linotype machines are run by that commodity.

However there is no such word as "can't" in a newspaper lexicon, so that this Great Family Journal is getting out as usual, albeit with some features necessarily curtailed.

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