

British Government Has 78 Majority on Motion for General Election

News of Toronto—Hydro Power Zone to Be Extended—Firemen Busy in Zero Weather—Changes in System at University—Cochrane Admits Mishaps at Port Nelson—Col. Sam Hughes to Organize Motor Boat Squadron—Outside News

PORT NELSON IS ALL STARRED AS HARBOR

Cochrane, Replying to Opposition Critics, Said Bad Luck and Incompetent Captains Had Hampered Operations—Wireless Communication is Soon to Be Established.

OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The house of commons occupied itself today with a discussion of the Hudson Bay Railway and the terminal facilities therefor at Port Nelson. A. K. Maclean of Halifax moved for a return of papers, and upon this motion read into Hansard many of the sensational newspaper reports of last autumn respecting the unfortunate conditions prevailing at Port Nelson. He recited the wreck of the Gearens and the injury to the Alerte. He also dwelt upon the inability of the Alcazar to discharge her cargo, the absence of lighting facilities, the hardships of laborers taken to Port Nelson under contract with the government, and the lack of buoys and other aids to navigation in the Nelson roads.

Captains Incompetent. Hon. Mr. Cochrane frankly stated that a certain fatality or bad luck had interfered with the work of the department. The vessels which had been lost he said, were lost thru the incapacity of their captains. It might be admitted that conditions were not ideal at Port Nelson, but it must be remembered that the government was engaged upon a very difficult undertaking.

FRENCH AVIATOR FLEW OVER ALPS' HIGH PEAK

Parmelin Soard Three Miles Above Mont Blanc—Encountered Fog.

AOSTE, Department of Aers, France, Feb. 11.—A flight over Mont Blanc in a dense fog, at a height of probably three miles, was carried out today by Parmelin, a French aviator. He alighted here within a few hundred yards of the town and related that he had started in the morning from Geneva, where he had been waiting a week for a fine day on which to make the flight. When he rose the weather was splendid, but his aeroplane plunged into a thick fog on the French side of the Alps.

The Big Sale Opens Today. The advance sale for seats for "The greatest show on earth," the Ziegfeld Follies, opens today at the Princess Theatre for the engagement which begins at that theatre next Monday.

Carry Message to Stefansson

REGINA, Sask., Feb. 11.—Assistant Commissioner Wood of the R.N.W.M.P. states that a patrol which left Dawson City early in January, is carrying the first direct message sent to Explorer Stefansson from the civilized world. The patrol is now between Dawson City and Port McPherson. Sergt. Dempsey is in charge. They will return to Dawson City tonight, and will bring word from Stefansson.

C. P. R. AGAIN IN STEAMER POOL

Austrian Government Permits Canadian Boats to Join Combination and War is Over.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Negotiations affecting Canadian emigration traffic have been taking place between representatives of the shipping pool and the Austrian Government, says the Vienna correspondent of The Chronicle, and it is announced they resulted in satisfactory arrangements today. Differences between the Hamburg-America line and the North German Lloyd have also been settled, so the continental "pool" is to be renewed. The new arrangement between the "pool" companies and the Austrian Government with regard to emigration is made for fifteen years. The Austrian Government now consents to the Canadian Pacific joining this arrangement. According to the previous treaty the Canadian Pacific was not allowed to join without Austria's consent. The new plan, however, will allow a great deal of expense, for it will allow of the closing of almost all provincial agencies.

HYDRO TO SERVE EUGENIA FALLS DISTRICT

Rates in New Zone Will Compare Well With Niagara Prices—Five Thousand Horsepower to Be Consumed at the Outlet—Beck Talks.

The Hydro-Electric Power Commission last evening closed one of the preliminary chapters of a year that will see an expenditure of nearly three millions in the distribution of energy to the outlying parts of the province. This time attention has been directed to the demands of the great district to the north and west, served by Eugenia Falls. Municipalities in this district will receive estimates on rates. Hon. Adam Beck states that the commission can assure rates in this zone which compare favorably to those in the Niagara district. The prices range from \$23 to \$43, and the municipalities directly interested are Owen Sound, Fiesherston, Dundalk, Hanover, Markdale, Castworth, Durham, Eugenia and Walkerton.

From New Equipment. The power supply is drawn direct from the new equipment at Eugenia, and the lines will be linked up at Collingwood with the Severn system. The new district will probably consume at the outlet approximately 5000 horsepower, with the rates quoted per 2300 volt. Engineers will travel into the Magnetawan district and investigate the abundant water powers now running.

"RESIGN" CLAMOR OF UNIONISTS WHEN DEMAND FOR ELECTION REJECTED BY MAJORITY OF 78

Bonar Law Intimated That Ulster Must Be Excluded From Home Rule or Fresh Verdict Given by People—Lloyd George Advised Opponents to Be Patient.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Home rule for Ireland was again the subject of paramount interest in the house of commons today. Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader; David Lloyd George, chancellor of exchequer; Sir John Simon, the attorney-general; John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists; and Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, all made fervent speeches, and at the conclusion of the debate, the amendment to the reply to the speech from the throne, moved yesterday by the Unionist, Walter Hume Long, "that it would be disastrous for the house to proceed further with the measure had been submitted to the judgment of the country," was defeated by a vote of 238 to 255, a majority of 78.

The announcement of the figures was received with loud opposition cheers and shouts of "Resign." John Redmond spoke in a conciliatory tone and appeared anxious to meet the question from a broad viewpoint, with an earnest desire for a peaceful settlement. Bonar Law predicted civil war the moment home rule passed, but urged that the danger of civil war could be averted by leaving Ulster out of the home rule bill, or by submitting the bill to the judgment of the people.

Must Act at Once. In winding up the debate for the opposition, he said that upon the shoulders of the prime minister was a responsibility as great as ever borne by any statesman. The time for hesitation had gone. It was the clear duty of the premier to tell the house without further delay what the government proposed to do. He had admitted that the loyalists in Ulster were in a position which entitled them to special consideration, but he proposed to impose upon them by force a system of government.

HYDRO BUSINESS BOOMING. BRANTFORD, Feb. 11.—"We are fairly swamped with orders; the people are not waiting for the canvassers to come to them, but are coming here and signing up, and they are bringing orders with them." This was the encouraging report given by Chief Engineer Ireland of the Hydro-Electric Commission this morning. The staff is not able to keep up with the flood of orders received, the working staff being only 100 men.

LID PLACED ON FIGHTING FIRES WITH WEATHER BELOW ZERO

Big Scandal in Quebec. Saw-off Manipulators Have Apparently Been Busy and Public Must Be Content With Meagre Siftings—Immunity is Given Major and Minor Offenders.

OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—A medley of questions with answers discordant greets the news, or lack of news, from Quebec. That there has been a saw-off is evident, but public curiosity is anxious to know how far-reaching and all-cleansing the immunity bath is to be. Who is the angel who has stirred the waters, and from the five porches, how many have entered therein? The impression is that there has been a saw-off. It is noted that the investigating committees never got beneath the surface, and that the real information the public wanted was "canned" from start to finish. Sir Hugh Graham, Lorne McMillan and Edward Beck were subjected to practically no cross-examination. The Burns people skinned lightly over their transactions in Montreal and Quebec. Money was so easy that they did not have to account for several thousand dollars paid out in bribes, and their threat to mention some "big fish" led to their being deported without delay to the land from whence they came.

What an opportunity a situation like this would present to an ambitious district attorney in the United States, with a federal grand jury in session. What a raft of witnesses he could subpoena, and what a run to cover there would be as one after another was subjected to an absolute secret inquiry. But our grand jury system is atrophied and our crown attorneys apparently lack either courage or ambition.

Truce Arranged? The settlement just effected at Quebec is not likely to be disturbed. A political history of Europe from 1800 to 1890, which contained no reference to Napoleon Bonaparte, would be no less jejune and inaccurate than a history of the scandal of Quebec which omits the name of Sir Hugh Graham. Every figure prominently identified with the curious story now under review, sooner or later turns out to be an absolute secret inquiry. The wheel of which Sir Hugh is the hub. McMillan and Graham no longer appeared to be antagonistic. Has there been a treaty of peace between Sir Hugh and The Montreal Daily Mail? Some people feared not long ago that Brenton Macdonald would spring upon the venerable proprietor of The Montreal Star and tear him to pieces. That nightmare, at least, has passed. There is likely to be no further investigation either by the Quebec or the Ottawa government. Three members of the Quebec Legislature have been injured just as three clowns might have been injured by a passing train. But where was the train headed, who was on board, and why was it hit?

The public at large will never know. Neither will they ever know the details of the Graham-Blair-Russell-La Presse deal of 1904, or the inside history of the gigantic plunderbund which fattened upon the National Transcontinental and was conceived and born in Montreal.

PARK PLAN WILL DELAY HYDRO. WINDSOR, Feb. 11.—If the Windsor Civic Park Committee insists on its plan for an ornamental park at the corner of Erie street and McDougall avenue, the Windsor Hydro Commission will be compelled to find another site for the hydro sub-station. Plans already are drawn, and the change will cause considerable delay in installing the system.

STUDENTS TO VOTE ON CHANGES IN POLICY OF ARTS FACULTY. Higher Standard of Entrance is Proposed in Resolution to Be Debated Tomorrow at University College—Would Substitute Professor's Recommendation for Test.

A resolution which if acted upon will radically change the entrance qualifications of the university, and which will considerably alter the special courses, will be brought up at the meeting of the Literary and Scientific Society tomorrow. That body can merely express its approval, the final decision resting with the board of governors of the University of Toronto. The motion, which will be introduced by R. D. Lammashill an upper class arts man asks that the age of entrance be changed from 15 to 18 and that the standard of entrance be raised to the level of the present requirements for entrance to the second year of the general course.

That the students of the general course be allowed a greater option of subjects, and that a more thorough knowledge of the subjects chosen be required of the student before he graduates. That each special course student be required to show a special knowledge of the subject or subjects which he intends to take up, and that he select three minor subjects from those of the general course, in consultation with the head of the department in which he is specializing. That the number of lectures be reduced to a minimum, and that there be held seminars or special lectures wherever possible, the total number of (Continued on Page 10, Column 5.)

COL. HUGHES ASPIRES TO BE ADMIRAL OF CANADIAN NAVY

Power Boats Will Take Place of Dreadnoughts and Squadrons Will Patrol Lakes and Rivers—Service Fleets Will Co-Operate With Troops and Discomfit Enemy.

(Special to The Toronto World) OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—A great organization of power boat fleets thruout Canada is about to be effected by the militia department, under the direction of Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia. The movement promises to be spectacular. The purpose is to strengthen the defences of the Dominion in a way that will appeal to the young men of Canada, or who are fond of boating and yachting in all its forms. This will be accomplished at a small cost. Time was when canoes, barges and punts were the means of transportation along inland waterways, but with the advent of the power boat these days have gone, and the means of the future will be the launch driven by the internal combustion engine. Col. Hughes is seized of this fact, and means to utilize the power boats of Canada as an auxiliary to the militia and defences of Canada. The scheme has so far been worked out that it is proposed to organize "service fleets" in maritime, river and lake board communities.

DEATH OF MOTHER AND AUNT SENT CECIL JENKINS TO GRAVE

Third Member of Sackville Street Family Died Yesterday in Brockville—Shock of Double Fatality Six Days Before Brought on Paralysis.

Cecil Jenkins of 399 Sackville street, ex-commander of the Toronto Motor Boat Club, and secretary-treasurer of the Lister Pure Food Co., Toronto, died as a result of a paralytic stroke, in Brockville last evening. His death is the third within a week in the family. According to physicians the stroke was primarily caused by depression brought on by the death of his mother at 397 Sackville street, a week ago today. An hour after the death of his mother, her sister, Mrs. Foslack of 299 Sackville street, died from shock.

Mr. Jenkins was one of the old Park School boys, and was one of the best known men in Toronto. Following the death of his mother and aunt on Thursday last, he was much depressed, and it was for this reason that he left for Brockville, as the first stopping point in a two weeks commercial trip for the Lister Pure Food concern. His widow and one daughter, a child but 5 weeks old, survive. He has one sister and one brother living.

WILL BRING BODY TO TORONTO. BROCKVILLE, Feb. 11.—Cecil W. Jenkins of the Lister Pure Food Company, Toronto, who came to Brockville today to attend the funeral of John H. Gaffney, died very suddenly tonight. While conversing with Mrs. Gaffney at her home, he was a stricken with paralysis and was removed to the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, where he passed away without regaining consciousness. Mr. Jenkins was one of Toronto's best known citizens and was prominently identified with commercial enterprises. He was 37 years of age. A wife and one child survive. The body will be taken to Toronto tomorrow for interment.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES STOLE. LONDON, Ont., Feb. 11.—Four Italian employees of the Grand Trunk Railway Company were found guilty by Magistrate Judd of breaking into a bonded car and stealing butter and eggs valued at \$70. The convicted men were sentenced to serve six months in the Central Prison.

MAJORITY CUT NOT A REBUFF

Absentees And Refusal of O'Brientes to Vote Counted Against Asquith.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The Unionists are making capital out of the reduction of the government's majority from 98, by which home rule was carried last session, to 78 last night, but the reduction is explained, not by cross voting or defections from the government side, but by reason of numerous absentees thru illness and other causes, and the abstention from voting of seven O'Brientes, who are resolved to take no part in the proceedings of parliament until Mr. O'Brien, who recently resigned his seat, has been re-elected.

The Morning Post, a Unionist organ, concludes that but for these unpreventable causes the government majority would have been 84.

CHURCH DEDICATED. Bishop Sweeney conducted an impressive dedicatory service last night in the basement of the new Anglican church, Westmoreland avenue. The basement seats 500 and will be used for the church services until the completion of the church next autumn. The structure will cost \$35,000. It will seat 1000.

IT'S ROBERT'S SHUFFLE BUT GRANDPA'S CUT



Glasses Spectacles requirements WITHOUT CHARGE



Other style; made of rubber soles lined with sheepskin; sizes 5 to 7. \$4.50

Finest tan and black styles; double visors. These are without rubbers. \$4.50

Butt style, lum weight sole, Thursday. \$1.99

Neat round toes, with full round toe. \$1.29

Box kip leather, on leather soles. \$1.99

etc., two-buckle heavy corrugated \$1.99

heels; regulation style, sizes 5 to 11. \$1.99

and heels. \$1.79

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Under-shirts and Fenman's Scotch flannel weight merino, \$1.25 and \$1.50; Regularly \$1.99

China

9c, 59c, 98c. The pink rose, violet, the better pieces, you will find trays, Cake Plates, vases, Cream Jugs, with only one or china importer's stock selling during and 98c.

on English Porcelain Soup Plates, each \$1.45

Plates, each 40c

Gravy Plates, each 40c

Large Plates, each 10c

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