

FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

BRANTFORD, CANADA, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11, 1914

ONE CENT

GOVERNMENT PLAN TO PREVENT GRAND RIVER SPRING FLOODS

Preliminary Surveys Have Been Made to Estimate Flow of River—Ultimate Costs So Large That Government Should Co-operate.

In the districts in Western Ontario through which the Grand River flows there have been for years tremendous losses from floods almost every spring. Many plans have been made to guard against these, but at last something has been done in improving the general regime and local flow characteristics of that obnoxious river.

As a consequence of this steady increase in flood discharge the low water flow has been steadily decreasing, and there has been a very material loss through shrinkage in power capacity. Realizing that these conditions would tend to become worse from year to year, a number of interested municipalities have solicited the help of the Provincial Government in the matter of an investigation for the purpose of devising some remedy.

During the fall of 1912 a reconnaissance survey was made of the Grand River watershed covering the main stream from Caledonia to headwaters and several of the larger tributaries were also examined throughout their entire length. Several locations were chosen as being suitable for storage reservoirs and regulating works.

Oh My! What A Difference

The wording of a sign tacked on a post on Market street yesterday was evidently misunderstood by a number of unemployed. The sign read "50 for Supers at the Grand Opera House To-night."

ESCAPED LONDON HOSPITAL

Investigation Asked Into Departure of Dr. Sparks

Took Long Journey and Was Seriously Affected

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 11.—An investigation may be asked by relatives of Dr. Thomas Sparks of St. Mary's, as a result of his disappearance from Victoria Hospital on Monday.

BRITISH FLEET IS MOVING

Friendly International Situation Causes Changes in Admiralty Plans.

Concentration of Dreadnought Forces Around Coast is Abandoned

[By Special Wire to The Courier] MONTREAL, Feb. 11.—A cable to the Daily Mail says: The departure yesterday from home stations of the first and third battle squadrons, and the first battle cruiser squadron, completes a series of British fleet movements, spread over the past month, which have virtually demitted the shores of England of their defensive ring of fighting craft.

For some years past so threatening has the international horizon appeared that in the North Sea alone it was possible to contemplate a concentration of the home fleet for the spring exercises, officers and men thus being held almost prisoners to the shores which it is their first duty to guard.

The super-dreadnoughts, King George V., Centurion, Audacious and Conqueror, under the command of Vice-Admiral Sir George Warren, forming the second battle squadron, will cruise independently of the other ships of the cruising fleet in the Western Mediterranean, whilst the ships of the other squadrons, under the command of Admiral Sir George Callaghan, commander in chief, will carry out strategic exercises in British waters.

May Build Big Hotel Here

The Courier was informed this morning that an American syndicate has under consideration the establishment of a \$200,000 hotel in Brantford. In fact, an excellent site has already been chosen in the property opposite the Kerby House, and negotiations which are likely to be brought to a successful issue are now in progress.

WHO ARE BEHIND OFFER?

When City Makes Bid for Railway, Who is the Opposition?

Line Would Afford Terminal Facilities for L. E. & N.

That the action of the City Council in getting down straight to business and making an offer for the Grand Valley railway system is regarded with favor on all sides has been more than evidenced by the comment picked up on the street. There seems to be almost a unanimity of opinion that if it is at all possible the city should acquire the railway and secure back the franchise which has 38 years to run.

As regards the offer of Mr. W. P. Kellett, against which the city will bid, there is considerable speculation as to what interests Mr. Kellett represents. There is a strong rumor going the rounds that the interests are the C.P.R., which already owns the Galt and Hespeler radial.

The committee to decide on what offer to be made meets to-night. It consists of Mayor Spence, Ald. Hollinrake, Calbeck, Charlton and Hutchinson, and is supplemented by Messrs. Joseph Ham and A. A. Hughes from the Board of Trade and Messrs. Scott and Symons from the Trades and Labor Council.

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The Right Hon. Asquith Chamberlain just as clearly indicated that the opposition will accept nothing less than the exclusion of Ulster, unless the Government agrees to an appeal to the country. He declared in his speech in the House of Commons that the exclusion of Ulster was the only possible basis for a settlement by agreement and that it would be useless for the Government to offer less. Civil war was certain if Ulster was not excluded.

At the conclusion of the reading of the speech from the throne, Mr. Asquith by his speech at the opening of the Imperial Parliament yesterday probably postponed for several weeks the crisis which has been threatened.

REGINALD SCARFE PRESIDENT OF BRANTFORD BOARD OF TRADE

Annual Meeting Was Held Last Night—A. A. Hughes and Joseph Ham Will Confer With the City in Reference to Purchase of Street Railway.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade took place last evening. The main business consisted of the president's annual address and nomination of officers.

Mr. George Hatley presented in detail the work of the year, the record showing much activity. He pointed out that the city council had asked for two delegates from the board to act on a committee to consider the making of an offer by the city for the street railway.

Mr. John Muir wanted a discussion as to likely price and whether the board favored such a purchase. Mr. P. D. Reville objected to such a course. The situation was that the city council had decided to make an offer for the road, subject to ratification by the ratepayers, and the Board of Trade had been courteously asked to send two representatives to the committee.

ULSTER COVENANTERS HAVE CONTINUED PREPARATIONS

Mr. Asquith Announced in House That Government Intended to Make Certain Concessions—"Simply Marking Time," Declares Sir Edward Carson.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, Feb. 11.—The question whether Home Rule for Ireland should include the northern province of Ulster was again to-day the principal point of interest in the House of Commons during the debate on the reply to the King's speech from the throne.

Sir John Simon, the attorney-general, was the first speaker. He declared that the chief purpose of the amendment moved yesterday by the Unionist, Walter Long, "that it would be disastrous for the House to proceed further with the Government for Ireland Bill until the measure had been submitted to the judgment of the country," was to tear up the parliamentary act.

Even in the event of a general election returning the Liberals to power, Sir John pointed out, it would be a new parliament and the House of Lords would be free to block the Home Rule bill for another three sessions.

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Sir Edward Carson declared that Premier Asquith's promised "suggestions" attempted to draw Ulster with in the grip of the Dublin parliament he would regardless of all consequences stand with the people of Ulster in their policy of resistance. LONDON, Feb. 11.—Premier Asquith by his speech at the opening of the Imperial Parliament yesterday probably postponed for several weeks the crisis which has been threatened.

at the expert services of the officers and staff of the administration of Estates and Trusts and the investing agencies, at certainly no greater cost to private executors and trustees on the passing of individual agents for similar services. A Trust frequently hears stated, charge whatever fee or posed to charge, any more than a private trustee, chances that are made by the courts on the passing the commission has already been agreed upon as stated. The management of the Corporation involves Shareholders and the public in connection with any as a good deal of misapprehension still exists in the th regard to the services rendered by Trust Commission received for such services.

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QUEBEC GRAFT ENQUIRY CLOSED WITH ADDRESS BY COUNSEL

Unique Argument is Put Up That the Bill Was a False One, Therefore There Could Have Been No Corruption—The Accused Roundly Scored.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] QUEBEC, Feb. 11.—The Upper House graft probe this morning concluded its investigation into the Daily Mail charges against L. P. Berard and Achille Bergevin, two legislative councillors. The interesting C. P. K. Carpenter, who "brought into" the Montreal fair-bill affair, frightened the detectives, will not be called, because it has been felt by both the Lower House committee, which closed its inquiry last night, and by the Upper House committee, that his role in the affair is merely incidental and not connected with the bribery aspect of the case.

This morning addresses to the council committee were made by L. T. Marechal, K. C., Montreal, on behalf of the Mail Publishing Company, and on behalf of the accused by Aime Geoffrin, K. C., and M. K. Lafamme, K. C., both of Montreal. The two committees began to-day the consideration of their reports to their respective Houses, which findings are to be rushed along so that parliament can consider them and decide on adjournment, which has been delayed by the investigations.

Hon. Mr. Chapais mentioned at the opening of the upper house committee this morning that it had been decided by the lower house committee before it closed its inquiry last night that it would be unnecessary to call C. P. K. Carpenter, the Galt man in the case, to J. O. Mousseau by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux. Mr. Chapais said that there were no objections he would give Mr. Carpenter that he need not come to Quebec. This was accepted by the lawyers representing the different parties to the inquiry.

Toronto Fire

Residence of A. T. Reid, South Parkdale, Destroyed Today.

TORONTO, Feb. 11.—Fire early this morning destroyed the residence of A. T. Reid, at 30 South Drive, Rosedale. Shortly before 6 o'clock the smell of smoke and the crackling of wood aroused Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Reid's mother. She called the other members of the family who hastened to make their escape, but it was found that the fire starting within the walls, presumably from electric light wire short circuits had cut off the stairways and Mr. and Mrs. Reid, their three children, Mrs. Booth, two maids and a nurse, all had to make their escape by second story windows and descend by firemen's ladders.

With the thermometer twelve below zero the firemen had a fierce fight for three hours before the flames were drowned out.

TIGER STAMPEDES CROWD AT MARKET Escaped From Menagerie and Bound- ed Among the People. BRUSSELS, Feb. 11.—An Indian tiger escaped from Hagenback's menagerie in a suburb of this city and bounded into an open-air market in the Palace St. Cross. There was a wild stampede by the people there, stalls were overturned and goods scattered, and in a few seconds the place was empty, and every door and window in all the houses were shut and barred.

Rev. McNeill Speaks Out

Most Congregations Need Awakening From the Dead, He Says.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Novel and brightly the customary formal church services are needed to interest the modern congregation, said the Rev. John McNeill, of Toronto, Ont., here last evening before the mid-winter International Bible Conference.

"Most church congregations of today," said Dr. McNeill, "are comprised of people who need awakening from the dead. The only time during a sermon when a person's face is at all radiant is when the sermon ends."

The Rev. G. Campbell Morgan of London, and the Rev. John H. Jowett of New York, also on the necessity for belief in God and the Bible. Dr. Morgan said a man needed not to be a slave to serve God. "He needs only to be friendly."

MERCURY AGAIN HITTING LOW SPOTS

Temperature Last Night Was Seven Below Zero

The weather an was up to his tricks again during the night, and just to take advantage of the new parcel post system, dropped a good parcel of frost into the city. His royal highness sent the mercury down to 7 degrees below, just enough to make it uncomfortable, yet exceedingly so in some quarters. The cold wind added much to make the people feel his joke. The old saying, "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," is very appropriate, as the coal merchants—ice men and plumbers—are profiting by the drop in the mercury.

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