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Hon. Mr. Aylesworth Fights Hard to Retain Privilege of Export—Says This Province Will Want Only 40,000 H. P., But Admits He Can't Tell Where He Got the Estimate—Weakness of the Proposed Act Exposed.

## OFFERS GRAVE TEMPTATIONS TO THOSE IN AUTHORITY

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Niagara power occupied the house from 4 o'clock till adjournment to-day.

Mr. Aylesworth's bill respecting the export of power was up, and the discussion was confined, with one brief exception, to members from Ontario. That the bill is designed rather to facilitate than to prohibit export seems tolerably clear. W. F. Maclean (South York) took the stand, and the exportation of Niagara power should be entirely prohibited. So did Mr. Lancaster (Centre Toronto), Mr. Clarke (South Waterloo), Haughton (Lambton) and W. F. Maclean (South York) (Thunder Bay and Rainy River) helped the minister of Justice, and so did Mr. Wright. The bill is not out of committee, and the Ontario government may yet be heard from.

Mr. Maclean (South York) led the debate against the bill. In closing, he said: "The electrification of the railroads of this continent is near at hand. It is under way in the United States; it is contemplated in this country, and if we keep that water power here in our own country and hand it out to railway companies on terms, we can in a new way and in a strong way get control over the freight and passenger rates, especially the freight rates of companies operating in Canada. If we allow that power to go out of our country it is to be used to drive American railroads. Two of the companies are American, and one, although called Canadian, is not an Ontario company. It is a company that takes its power out of the United States, where there is an unlimited market for it."

"True, the Burton bill has been quoted that only 100,000 horsepower will be allowed to go to the United States. But that is all poppy-cock. They will take all the power they can get, especially if it is a cheap power, and that they can get it in the United States."

Would induce industries.

"We ought to have sufficient national policy in this house to prevent all that and to say that that power shall be kept here until it is required here. I say, let it go to waste rather than that it should be given to the United States, and let it be used here when it is said to be going to waste. Then three companies will get busy. They will look all over Europe and the United States and see if they can find industries that they could induce and offer inducements to come into the United States, and let it be used here. As it is now, we are actually advertising the fact that this parliament is willing to facilitate at every point the export of power from Ontario to the United States and have it sent out to build up another country."

"I will tell you one thing they have done. They have induced the companies to come down at their prices, and may do more, and if we do not have sufficient national policy, all the power generated in Ontario is distributed among the farmers of Ontario. There is enough power at the Falls to light every farmhouse, to drive the machinery on every farm in Ontario. If that power is kept in Ontario, and the producers are forced to distribute it among the farmers, by now doing that, will never be done."

Indefinite and impudent.

"Again I protest against the passage of this bill, and especially of a bill of such reckless conditions, such improvements as are contained in this measure. There is not a single definite provision in this bill as to its enforcement. Everything is left to a minister. No time and no amounts are set out in this measure, and the bill is considered of the greatest temptation to, or even of the greatest temptation to, if the administration of the law is left to them."

It should prohibit.

When the house went into committee on the Aylesworth bill to regulate the exportation of electric power, W. F. Maclean (South York) objected to the bill generally. If there was to be an export duty it was to be prohibited or to be limited to such objects in view. One power pending four million dollars in building transmission lines in New York, but in Canada. It is true that the United States government at present has fixed a limit to the exportation of Niagara power, but we rely on that as a safeguard. Should Canada be determined upon the acts of congress or war? The speaker favored keeping this great resource in Canada for

## PUBLIC OWNERSHIP LEAGUE.

I approve the formation of a public ownership league and am prepared to give the movement my earnest and personal support.

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Notifications of intention to join the Public Ownership League continue to reach The World by every post, and several of our readers have taken the trouble to paste the published form on sheets of paper and to secure numerous signatures. This is an admirable idea, which we have pleasure in making public and commend to all who are interested in the league and desirous of actively assisting in its formation.

No question before the people of Canada is of greater and more vital importance than the preservation of the public utilities and services from private exploitation. The franchises which have been entrusted to private hands have everywhere been managed without regard to the proper rights and interests of the citizens. Profits have been anticipated, and the capitalization so increased by stock-watering that it is impossible for efficient and cheap service to be given.

The moment has undoubtedly arrived in Ontario for the concentration of public effort in the carrying out of this campaign. The operation of the provincial and civic utilities exclusively in the interest and for the benefit of the people who created the need and require its satisfaction on a straight and fair basis is a cause worth fighting for. It means increased comfort and convenience, and saving of time and money in every home and for every citizen.

## TO RECIPROCATE WITH AUSTRALIA NO SEAT, NO FARE IN JERSEY CITY

Outline of Negotiations for Preferential Tariff Which Have Been Progressing Between the Premiers.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Correspondence presented to parliament to-day by Sir Wilfrid Laurier shows that, although no agreement has yet been concluded between Canada and Australia for the establishment of a reciprocal preferential trade, some progress has already been made in the consideration of this question, which will be taken up in London in April at the colonial conference.

Canada has already offered to Australia the benefit of our British preference in return for equivalent concessions in the Australian markets to Canadian lumber, fish, paper, agricultural implements and the like.

It is clear from the correspondence that a delay occurred in replying to a letter of Premier Deakin to Sir Wilfrid Laurier on Nov. 27, 1905. The Canadian premier quite admitted the oversight, and apologized therefor.

Referring, however, to the informal negotiations with the Australian Government, that were being carried on by D. H. Ross, Canada's commercial agent at Melbourne, the correspondence shows that, as far back as June 30, 1905, the Canadian Government expressly desired for preferential trade arrangements with the Commonwealth, and endeavored to ascertain whether Australia was willing to make such an agreement on the basis of such tariff concessions, or after consideration by a joint conference.

Under date of Nov. 27, 1905, Premier Deakin wrote Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the proposal for preferential trade regarding the rumored dangerous illness of his father. He said that the father had an attack of influenza last December, but that he had recovered by Christmas.

Since then he contracted a bronchial trouble, but this illness was taking its normal course, and the patient was not in danger.

SEVERAL HOUSES BURN.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Fire broke out in the Village of St. Estienne, and destroyed and damaged a number of houses. Damage \$3000.

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## SQUEEZING THE "WATER" OUT



OLD MAN ONTARIO: "I hope Hansahl'll do better'n Georgina Ross done. We never hed a dry sheet or a dry shirt in the House."

## NEW POLICY OF THE LIBERAL PARTY IS STRONG FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

Declared by Hon. G. P. Graham in Legislature

Every encouragement to municipalities to secure control of utilities and encouragement to investors, but no dealing in watered stock and endorsement of power policy, are features of pronouncement.

The Liberal party is not going to ride with its back to the engine, only seeing what is past, was the epoch-making pronouncement of Hon. G. P. Graham in the legislature yesterday afternoon at the close of a speech of an hour and a quarter's duration in the debate on the address to the throne.

In assuming the leadership of the opposition in the legislature Mr. Graham had either to go one better than the government or take to the back woods. He did not take to the back woods, but adopted The World's platform of popular and progressive legislation in matters of public ownership, cheap power and corporation control. The only Liberal plank he omitted was civil service reform.

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Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 29.—Fire, which started with the explosion in the paintshop, destroyed one section of the big Baldwin Locomotive Works to-night, entailing a loss of \$1,000,000; covered by insurance.

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## 2 THAW JURORS ARE TOLD TO GO

One of Them Says He Had No Intimation of Dismissal Until Jerome Made Announcement in Court.

New York, Jan. 29.—The first big surprise of the trial of Harry K. Thaw came to-day, when Justice Fitzgerald, on the motion of District Attorney Jerome, and with the consent of the attorneys for the man accused of the murder of Stanford, announced that two of the jurors selected in the early days of the proceedings would be excused from further service.

"Without any reflection on the jurymen whatsoever," said the presiding judge, "jurors Nos. 4 and 6 will be excused."

The men in question were Arthur S. Campbell, a superintendent of telephone construction, and Harold R. Fair, a printer and publisher of a pamphlet circulated in Wall-street.

"By agreement," said District Attorney Jerome, "the reasons for this action will not be made public, but they are of a business nature. Counsel representing the people and the defendant have conferred with the court in regard to the matter and a unanimous decision was arrived at."

When the excused jurors left the courtroom they were besieged by questioners. Mr. Fair created a mild sensation in the corridors when he asserted with positiveness that he was utterly in ignorance of any reason why he should be asked to step down. He said: "The announcement in court was the first knowledge I had of the intended action. In passing thru the courthouse corridors this morning I heard a man remark that two of the Thaw jurors were to be excused to-day. I had no idea that the remark could include me. About three years ago, when I was connected with a brokerage concern, two detectives from the district attorney's office, who said they visited the places which sell un-

## N.S. CABINET CHANGES.

Premier Murray May Resign to Enter Federal Politics.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Report is current here to-day of a proposed shuffle in the local government. It is said that Premier Murray is to resign and run for a seat in the federal house, to replace Sir Frederick Borden, who will be appointed a high commissioner at London.

A. K. Maclean, M. P. for Lunenburg, will resign his federal seat, and will run for a seat in the local legislature, eventually taking Premier Murray's place as provincial secretary.

Attorney-General Drysdale is slated to lead the local house.

LETTER IS "WITHDRAWN."

Thus End, Officially, the Davis-Sweetnam Incident.

COLDER.

Metropolitan Office, Toronto, Jan. 29.—(8 p.m.)—There has been very little change in the weather since yesterday. The temperature conditions very low in the western provinces and moderately low from Eastern Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. Light snow has fallen in parts of Ontario.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 48 below—38 below; Victoria, 32—42; Vancouver, 26—34; Battleford, 25 below—20 below; Swift Current, 18 below—4 below; Winnipeg, 32 below—16 below; Port Arthur, 22 below—16 below; Montreal, 20; Ottawa, 4—16; Montreal, 6—14; Quebec, 4 below—8; St. John, 4—18; Halifax, 8—24.

Lower Lakes, Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Cloudy, with light local snow falls; becoming colder at night.

Lake Superior—Fine and decidedly cold. Western provinces—Fair, moderating in the west.

THE BAROMETR.

Time	Bar.	Wind.
8 a.m.	30.14	14
10 a.m.	30.10	30.01 6 W.
Noon	30.10	29.98 8 W.
2 p.m.	30.10	29.96 8 W.
4 p.m.	30.10	17
8 p.m.	30.10	15 20.88

Difference four average 7 below; highest, 20; lowest, 10; snowfall, 0.2 inches.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Jan. 29.  
Vansant enquiry, city hall, 10.  
Dr. Parkin at West Hall, University, 3.  
Public Library Board, annual meeting, 5:30.  
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