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## PUT NE TEMERUM ONTARIO GOVERNMENT

### Evangelical Alliance Will Ask Premier Whitney and At- torney-General Foy to Take Stated Case to Courts— Text of Petition.

Sir James Whitney, Hon. J. J. Foy, attorney-general, and the Ontario Government, will shortly be asked by the Evangelical Alliance to take the ne temere decree to the courts in a test case, and if necessary the co-operation of the Dominion Government will be invoked. The case is to be carried to the foot of the throne by taking it thru to the privy council if the ne temere decree is continued in Canada, and the legality of the civil marriage impugned.

#### Petition in Field.

The petition to be presented to the Ontario Government reads as follows: To the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario in Council: "The undersigned residents of the Province of Ontario, in view of the present uncertainty regarding the law relating to marriage, would hereby request that all the necessary steps be taken to obtain at the earliest possible date a considered opinion from the courts as to the extent of jurisdiction of the legislature of the Province of Ontario and of the parliament of Canada respectively upon the subject of marriage."

"We regard it of the greatest consequence that an authentic pronouncement upon this important question be procured without delay, and request that all the constitutional questions involved be immediately referred for decision to the court of appeal of Ontario, pursuant to the powers vested in you in that behalf, or that whatever other course may be deemed necessary for that purpose, may be promptly taken, and your petitioners will ever pray," etc.

### SECURED BANK'S MONEY BY FALSE STATEMENTS

#### Is Charge Against Father and Two Sons—Arrived in Toronto Sunday, Arrested Yesterday.

Each charged with embezzling an advance of \$500 from the Northern Crown Bank to the National Malt and Biscuit Co., Limited, by false representations, made in writing respecting their respective assets and liabilities, Isaac Cohen, 70 years of age, and his two sons, Samuel, aged 32 years, and Harry, aged 29 years, who live at 19 D'Arcy-street, were arrested yesterday by Detectives Murray and Guthrie.

It is alleged that Isaac set out his liabilities as \$7000 in mortgages upon property in which he declared that he owned the equity of redemption and that his assets were \$13,000 in advance of this sum, and that Samuel set out his liabilities as \$1000 of a character like to those of his father, while his assets amounted to \$7000, and Harry is said to have declared his liabilities as \$3000, while his assets were set at \$11,500. It is now declared that this was a false statement of their affairs, and that the money advanced upon the faith of these several statements has not been repaid.

The father and younger son arrived in the city Sunday from St. Louis, and Samuel came in from South Bend, Ind. The sons described themselves as tailors, while the father is retired. All were admitted to bail in bonds of \$2500 for each.

#### Sic Transit

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—It was a sad-eyed trumvirate which viewed from the heights of the Speaker's gallery this afternoon the legislative throes of the house of commons. First entered Mackenzie King, the "little boy blue" of the late administration, who sits in solemn silence, his head resting in his hands on the railing of the gallery, gazing with lack lustre eye upon the scene of his former grandeur. Unto him enter Newton Wesley Rowell, M.L.A., and J. F. MacKay (in a stage whisper) "Mon, but you're an awful sight!" King (absentmindedly) — "Sheer regicide, I call it." Rowell (with grim humor) — "Did you ever see the legislature?" Omnes—"Brethren, let us depart." (Exeunt Omnes.)

## BOARD TO INSPECT COMPANY'S BOOKS

### Will Endeavor to Discover Street Railway's Dividends and Number of Cars Really Operated—Accusing Evi- dence Against Service Ac- cumulating.

By the time City Counsel Drayton has finished the fight with the Street Railway Company, Toronto will realize to the full extent that she holds the cake for having the most unsatisfactory transportation system within a radius of a good many hundred miles. Complaints—complaints founded on solid basis—keep on pouring into the solicitor, and already there has been sufficient evidence secured to warrant the car company throwing up the glove and admitting that the service is far from what it should be.

Yesterday afternoon's rather warm session will be followed by several days of investigating the books of the company. This will take place in the offices at the corner of Church and King-street. The object will be to see how many cars the company has placed on the different routes since 1907 and the dividends proclaimed. Mr. Drayton has no fear that the number of changes made during the past few years will in any way weaken his case for an immediate better service and fewer most confident that the dividends paid will warrant the expenditure of the necessary money in improving the system, as requested by the city. The public enquiry will be resumed in the city hall on Jan. 31.

### Kicks From Every Corner.

To the man living in the east it appears as if the street car company has some grudge against that section of the city, while the man in the west is almost certain that there is no attempt being made to run an adequate service, and the man in the north end is in the same frame of mind concerning his part of the town. In other words, the complaints are so numerous and from so many sources and directions that it almost appears that the company has some object in view which would pay better than collecting fares.

The Dundas line at one time was considered a very good one—but of late, like others, it has degenerated and, according to J. J. Steele, 151 Humboldt-avenue, during the rush hours the passengers are crowded in "like sardines." Mr. Steele had the opportunity thrust upon him of waiting in the cold at the Union Station last Saturday for twenty minutes, and then a sight for sore eyes in the shape of a real street car came along, but it was going so fast that it cut out the stop, and Mr. Steele had to catch in the shelter of a white post for a few minutes longer until another transportation vehicle arrived.

### SHOT HIMSELF IN STATION

#### Young Man, Unidentified, Ends Life With Revolver at Kingston.

KINGSTON, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—A man about thirty years of age, unidentified, but believed to be Charles E. Herow of Ottawa or Chicago, committed suicide in the waiting-room at the Kingston and Pembroke Railway station at three o'clock this afternoon, by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. Ticket Agent John Welch was in his office at the time and was the only one in the station. Startled by the shot, he ran out. The man had shot himself in the left temple and was dying. The revolver with which he committed the deed was clutched in his hand. The doctor was called and he was rushed to the H. to Dieu, but he died an hour later, never regaining consciousness. Because of family troubles, James Lambert Petworth attempted suicide. He went in to the woodshed, and procuring an axe tried to put an end to his life by striking himself in the forehead with the back of the axe. His wife found him on the floor with blood flowing from his forehead and he was unconscious. His chances for recovery are good.

### KEEP HONOR OF FLAG.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Geo. Bradbury of Selkirk is introducing a bill for the protection of the flag. He proposes that the defacement of cuts of the national bunting be prohibited and made illegal. Under the proposed legislation the flag may not be used in advertisements with the body of the flag defaced with words. It will also be illegal to use the flag to advertise the holding of auction sales.

### CANADIAN MINK.

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## THE CLOSING OF THE CANAL



WILFRID: It's a'f, Alan; they've tied up the pump at Ottawa.

### BLAME PLACED ON ENGINEER

#### Hamilton Held Criminally Responsible for Wreck Which Cost Six Lives— Engineer Paquette Exonerated.

MONTREAL, Jan. 16.—(Can. Press.)—A coroner's jury to-day found Engineer J. C. Hamilton criminally responsible for the wreck on the Canadian Pacific Railway which resulted in the death of six people. Hamilton was engineer on the first engine on the double-header from Quebec which crashed into the train from Montreal, which was standing at St. Vincent de Paul Station, expecting the train from Quebec to take a siding.

Hamilton was not present in court, as he is still in the hospital, suffering from two broken legs and internal injuries, the result of the collision; but his deposition was read by the coroner.

It was to the effect that at Terrebonne, the station before St. Vincent de Paul, he noted that the "air" on his engine was not working, and signaled to Paquette, the engineer on the second engine, to take charge of the stopping of the train. He believed that Paquette understood.

About half a mile from St. Vincent de Paul he found that the train was going too fast and whistled for Paquette to apply the brakes. This Paquette did not do. He declared that if Paquette had done so the disaster would have been averted.

### POTATOES ON FREE LIST.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—A suspension for six months of the tariff duty of 25 cents per bushel on potatoes was proposed in a bill introduced to-day by Rep. Ayres of New York. The bill's aim "that the scarcity of potatoes in the markets of the United States has raised the price to a point almost prohibitive to the consumers."

### Home Rule Meeting in Belfast

BELFAST, Ireland, Jan. 16.—(Can. Press.)—Events are shaping themselves in connection with the home rule campaign in Ireland so as to give the expectation of a lively time on February 8, when John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists in the house of commons, and Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty in the British cabinet, are announced to speak here on the same platform in behalf of home rule. The Ulster Unionist Council met this afternoon under the presidency of the Marquis of Londonderry, a former viceroy of Ireland, and passed with acclamation a resolution expressing astonishment at the challenge thrown out by Winston Churchill, John Redmond and Joseph Devlin, the Irish member of parliament for the west division of Belfast, who is also taking part in the demonstration on February 8. The participants in the Unionist meetings promise that adequate steps shall be taken to prevent the home rule meeting being held.

### SOON START ON WELAND CANAL

#### St. Catharines Stirred by Rumors That Are Accepted as Well Founded— Grenville Route Abandoned.

ST. CATHARINES, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—There seems to be an air of mystery in this district concerning the proposed Weland ship canal. Rumors are that there will be something doing very shortly in way of an announcement, that the government has practically decided to build the canal and that work will be delayed not much longer.

As to appropriation for surveys, it is said that the larger part of it will go to pay for work already done. It is pretty well understood that the route will be from Ten Mile Creek up thru Homer and on thru the centre of the east side of Thorold.

There is no reason to doubt that the so-called Grenville route has been definitely abandoned and that there will not be any great difficulty in the way of this city obtaining the consent of the government for the building of a high level bridge across the old canal. These rumors come in such manner as to give them considerable weight.

Superintendent Weller of the Weland Canal, is said to have a few days ago semi-publicly declared that St. Catharines, in the course of ten years, would be a city of 50,000 population. If the canal work is to be rushed, as it is now said it will, there is little reason to doubt this statement.

### Majority Against Viaduct Now 87

Judge Winchester has completed the recount on the Bloor-street viaduct by-law for wards five and six, and the result indicated a majority against the by-law of 87 votes. The total gains of the day for the viaduct were 56, the gains against were 31.

### YOUTHFUL SKATER DROWNED.

BROCKVILLE, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Clarence Fraser, aged 15 years, skated into an air hole while crossing from Grindstone Island in the St. Lawrence to the main shore after dark. Searchers found his skate sail frozen in a treacherous spot at the foot of the shoals known as Eagles Wing. There the body was found in forty feet of water.

### IRISH SYNOD FACES CRISIS

#### Primate Calls Meeting to Consider Serious Situation—Two Hostile Camps.

DUBLIN, Jan. 16.—(Can. Press.)—In connection with the campaign of resistance to home rule, the primate of all Ireland (Church of Ireland), the Most Rev. John Baptist Crozier, after consulting with the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Rev. Joseph Ferguson Peacocks, and other bishops, has resolved to call a special meeting of the general synod of the Church of Ireland, at Dublin, on March 21, to consider the crisis. The general belief is that before this date the government will have presented the home rule bill in parliament, so that its outlines will be in the hands of the synod.

The primate, during the course of an interview to-day, said that the prospect of another home rule bill was doing incalculable injury and has practically divided Ireland into two hostile camps. It has also accentuated religious differences, he said, to an extent unknown in recent years.

### Loyal Reception for King and Queen

#### Grand Naval Review at Spithead Will Mark Triumphant Return From India.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—(Can. Press.)—King George and Queen Mary, who are now passing thru the Red Sea on their return voyage from India, are to have a great welcome on their arrival in England. On Feb. 4 a great naval review at Spithead is to be held, and when the royal party arrives in London, although no formal reception has been arranged, the public is prepared to accord the King and Queen an enthusiastic reception on their way from the station to Buckingham Palace.

At Malta and at Gibraltar there will be a naval welcome to their majesties in which both the British and French navies will participate. After the return of the King and Queen to London a thanksgiving service is to be held at St. Paul's Cathedral.

### A CORNUCOPIA OF PLENTY.

Such is the offering of the Princesses for to-day, as it will include Mrs. Fiske's highly amusing portrayal of "Mrs. Bumpstead-Leigh" at the matinee, and to-night the first time on any stage, of "Julia France," by Gertrude Atherton. No "first night" ever witnessed in Toronto, few ever witnessed anywhere, could compare in interest with that scheduled for to-night.

## THOROUGH CLEAN-UP IS DOHERTY'S PROGRAM

### Civil Service Commission Will Appoint Sub-Commissions for Deeper Probing, Altho Opposition Fears Injustice to Employees Who Can't En- gage Counsel.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Hon. C. J. Doherty's bill to amend the Inquiries Act, which passed its second reading and went into committee to-day, the opposition seemed to fear, as the mover of the bill put it, "some Machiavellian machinery" to prevent the poor government employe from obtaining justice when Hon. A. B. Morin's investigating commission begins to get busy. The government's idea of a self-propagating broom in the departmental housecleaning in the shape of sub-commissions appointed by the commissioners especially struck terror to their hearts.

An amendment by Hon. Wm. Pugsley for investigations on petition of forty members of parliament was rejected and two other amendments held over for further consideration. Hon. F. D. Monk pointed an alarming picture of the herds of lawyers, which would overrun the commission if every employe who might suspect that his conduct might be impugned were given the right to be represented by counsel. He had no objection to any civil servant, whose conduct was actually called in question before the commission being so represented.

J. A. M. Armstrong (North York) burst forth into a spasm of thanksgiving over the abandonment of the Newmarket Canal, which he described as a political octopus, which had saved Hon. A. B. Aylesworth's political scalp in 1908.

### Monk's Clear Vision.

"Militarism," exclaimed Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, when Hon. F. D. Monk proposed in committee of supply to spend \$70,000 for an armory and gun shed at Levis, Que. "Ah, but my honorable friend should realize that the soldiers have fallen from my eyes. I no longer see them a glass dimly," retorted the minister of public works, who hastened to add that militarism and the defence of one's own native heath were two entirely different things.

### Transfer of Records.

Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden introduced a bill to authorize the transfer of public records, documents and other historical material from the various departments to the public archives, to be placed in the custody of an officer to be called the Dominion archivist, with the rank and salary of a deputy head; to provide for the purchase of records, documents and material, and for expenses in connection therewith; and to provide for the appointment of such officers and clerks as are required for the proper care of the archives.

### Too Much House-cleaning.

Hon. C. J. Doherty saw the difficulty in the amendment that if a department were to be investigated, every employe of that department might be said to be represented by counsel, and Mr. Pugsley moved an amendment to attain this end. The premier did not think this necessary, as it was at present within the discretion of commissions to hear counsel.

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### THE WEE YORKIES



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