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ROSS GOVT. HAS TIED UP PROVINCE In Replying to Hon. A. G. MacKay,

Mr. Whitney Narrates How Government Has Been Handicaped by Contracts Previously Given.

DETAILS OF CONFERENCES WITH LONDON BONDHOLDERS

"We love him for the work he has done, ay, and for the enemies he has made," exclaimed Premier Whitney yesterday with genuine feeling as he referred to Hon. Adam Beck in his statement concerning the relations of Development Co. and the power ques-

Hon. Adam Beck sat beside Hon. W. and crowded galleries to hear the

and crowded galleries to hear statement.

After describing a visit made by Major St. Aubyn on behalf of the London bondholders of the company and denying that any offer had been made to the government, or that the city had ever been mentioned, he showed that the agreements made by the Ross government made it timpossible to take over the company. Even if this obstacle could be overcome the financial responsibility involving at least \$20,000,000 was too great for the province to assume. He then referred to the hydro-electric power commission, saying:

sion, saying:
"I can't sit down without saying this province word about the men in this province who have borne the burden and brunt

of the day.
"Many strong and bitter things have been said from day to day about have been said from day to day about the chairman of the commission. Insults have been hurled at him. But the men who are his colleagues in the cabinet know what his work has been for the people. It is with full hearts the members of the government are prepared to say to-day, as at all times, how they appreciate to the full the tremendous work done by him. Particularly has the member for London been attacked by unfair and unreasonable methods. We love him for the work he has done, ay, and for the enemies he has made. I have always asked Mr. Beck to recollect who the people were who made these attacks."

Will Carry to Conclusion. "From the beginning to the present day the conduct of the government had met the approval of the people, as it had of members of the house, and before with their backs to the wall.

Peculiar Situation.

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MacKay that the situation was a peculiar one, but it issued from the peculiar one, but it issued from the peculiar method adopted by Mr. MacKay.

It could have been done in a way to it could have been done in a way to produce different results. Suppose he produce different results. Suppose he had had any interview with any genhad had any interview with any ge

the action was proper or improper, as

was usually done.

In the great and overwheiming subject of the water powers of the pro-vince the oppo unity had come to solve the vexed problem. The Globe stated that the change had come, that the matter was commin knowledge in Toronto and Ottawa.

It was said. The Globe declared, that the British bond-holless and made proposals, and that Premier Whitney had admitted that they were made. Where Proposal Emanated.

"I did not," asserted the premier. did not allude to any such proposition. I alluded to a proposal by men who had their pockets at the time they made it the proxies they themselves had colted in order to turn over the com pany to William Mackenzie. (Ap-

Mr. MacKay, continued the prime minister, had taken action in a very perfunctory way, and as if he itnew no-thing about it. Mr. MacKay suspected it would prove so before they had

Mr. Whitney then proceeded "to put it shortly and concise y, as well as a comprehensive way, and recounted the steps in the negotiations for power Mayor Oliver: "Yes." with the electric companies. The commission was anxious to induce the Electrical Development Co. to leal with contract for anything." sion asked them to modify their con-tract by dividing the territory in the province with the Electrical Develop-ment Co. The Ontario Power Co. consented and this still remained open as n option or alternative. He presum

ited, that Major St. Aubyn would shertly be in Canada, with a view to interviewing the government with regard to the standing of the Electrical Develop-ment Co.'s bonds. He had met Mr. Grenfell in London, and he represented the British bond-holders. Major St. the British bond-holders. Major St. Aubyn was a gentleman of high standing and had served in the South Afri-

of the failure of the Electrical Develop- Light Co.

ment Co. He asked Premter Whitney

City Will at Once Sign for 10,000 H. P.

It is good news to know that the city intends to make a contract with the Hydro-Power Commission at once for 10,000 horsepower. This will bring Toronto into unison with the action of other municipalities that have fought for cheap public power.

Mayor Oliver is to be congratulated on his determination to make a 10,000 horsepower contract with the Hydro-Power Commission. His action will help the Whitney-Beck public power policy and is a big step forward in Toronto's share in the campaign.

Mr. Mayor, you have done well; you have made progress, but don't let it stop at that. Keep the ball rolling. Don't bother about the Toronto Electric Light Company. That company is unreasonable. Toronto, the people of Toronto and the credit of Toronto are too big to dilly-dally with that arrogant corporation. Let Toronto seek her salvation in her own way, off her own bat !

CONTRACT IN THE WAY OF MAKING A BARGAIN

Negotiations Between City and Electric Light Co. Make Little Progress, Company Will Reveal All Its Affairs to Special Representative.

That under the bylaw passed on Jan. 1, the city can only deal for its electric supply thru the hydro-

electric commission.

2. The representatives of the Electric Light Co. declined to allow an inspection of their plant and contracts until the city was in a position to make a definite offer to take over both the plant and the contracts.

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3. To do otherwise, they would have to lay the matter before their shareholders and obtain authority, which they propose to do at once.

4. The city intimated that in the meantime they would go on with their application to the hydro-electric commission for the supply of

The conference yesterday between but they would permit us to go as far the board of control special sub-comMust Be Thru Commission. mittee and the representatives of the as it had of members of the house, and he was confident this would be continued. They proposed to continue dealing with this great question as dealing with this great question as they had done, and as he had said the representation of the purpose of argument, that the contract between the Electric Development Co. and the Electric Light Co. is better than with the hydro-electric contract between the Electric Light Co. didn't result in making much head- commission?

Co. if they will take those terms?"

Pellatt enquired: "You have to guar antee the whole 10,000 horse power whether you use it or not?" Mayor Oliver: "No, 6000."

Sir Henry Pellatt: "You have to take Mayor Oliver: "Yes."

Sir Henry Pellatt: "Sixty per cent. Then said Sir Henry: 'By George, you can't sell it. I wouldn't take that

them and after getting a lower tender. Those present at the conference were from the Ontario Power Co., which, for the city, Mayor Oliver, Controllers consideration of pair play, was Spence and Hocken, and Corporation sion," said Mr. Fullerton. entitled to the contract, the commission asked them to modify their con-D. Matthews, director; J. J. Wright manager; Henry O'Brien, K.C., solici-

The Conference. In commencing the mayor said the ure of the Electrical Development Co. city was new prepared to receive an offer on the basis before submitted.

We don't care whether the Electrical Development Co., the Ontario Power Some time ago he had received an intimation from Mr. Grenfell, president of the Canadian Agency Co. Lim-"on the understanding, of course," he ment Co., and allow us to pay a man electric commission.

and all that, should not enter into the matter so much as the efficiency of the plant, the contract itself, and the terms of it; but that the city, desiring to buy and being satisfied that the city desiring to buy and being satisfied that the city desiring the city and being satisfied that the city desiring the city and being satisfied that the city desiring the city and being satisfied the city desiring the city and being satisfied the city desiring the city and cit Major St. Aubyn came on Jan. 29 on to buy, and being satisfied that the his worship, "that we will not publish matter was as represented, should his worship, "that we will not publish behalf of the bond-holders in England matter was as represented, should his worship, "that we will not publish and to enquire into the effects to them then make an offer to the Electric the contract in a paper; that we will

> Mayor Oliver: Well, we will put it Beck and Mr. McNaught, and I pre-Mr. Johnston then suggested the

At the conference the following positions were taken by the para valuation, which would not be accepted, but to report upon the emciency of the plant. He would be shown not only the whole plant and everything in connection with it, but be placed in full possession of all the

> for us to produce the contract and have it printed in the newspapers at the present stage of affairs," said the counsel. "We could not do it because we would not be allowed to do it. Here is the Electrical Development Co. mixed up in some way with the hydro-electric commission, I don't know how far or how little. They are both seeking by transmission lines to both seeking by transmission lines to distribute power. One of them has it, the other is seeking for it. I don't think they would permit us to do it

Controller Hocken: We may assume

commission.

The discussion, which lasted from 3 ference it made, so far as the hydrolelectric commission was concerned, it is stated, has never heretofore been used in Canada. The preparation owes its discovery to gether on these points.

E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., who acted as I can see it, we must deal thru the

as spokesman for the company, de-clared that the contract with the De-

down here ready to be distributed," he said, and Mr. Matthews asked: Subject to the letter of that contract—and I am to that, would you make the same dealing with you quite frankly when I terms with the hydro-electric commis- say it—and that as far as we are consion thru the Electrical Development cerned we cannot change the contract." To Controlled Hocken, Mr. Jonhston Mayor Oliver said: "Yes, thru the hydro-electric commission." Sir Henry be sold exclusive of the contract, and Controller Spence said: "Can we not assume to begin with that the hydroelectric commission and the Electrical Development Co. can make an arrangement to supply us with electrical en-

that contract for the time being?" not be in that position?"

Development Co., unless they make a sciousness-producing kind. deal thru the hydro-electric commis-

The mayor said: "No: what we would velopment. Co. would supply power to the City of Toronto thru the hydroelectric power commission, if we took over the Toronto Electric Light Co. Co., or any other company supply it so long as we makesour contract for the supply of electricity with the hydro-

"We will undertake to say this," said not show it to any person except Mr.

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Good Advice From One Who Knows



UNCLE SAM: Oh, I tell you, squire, you got a valuable sugar bush here. Keep the axe and fire outen it-

ELECTIONS IN JUNE?

OTTAWA, March 10 .- (Spe-

ment by May 1 and general elec

tions about June 24 is said to be the program decided upon by

the government, upon which the

Insane Man Fires Dozen

Shots at the Royal

Castle in the

Capital.

CHRISTIANIA, March 10 .- A Swede,

the windows and embedded themselves in the interior walls of the castle.

Haakon and Queen Maud were absent

prime minister is sounding his

report accordingly. "But it would be utterly impossible for us to produce the contract and have it printed in the FOR FIRST TIME IN CANADA WITH SPLENDID RESULT

has it Frank Simpson, a Laborer, Perfectly Conscious While Difficult Operation is Performed.

> An experiment which may add to the revolutionizing of the methods employed in surgical operations of the most delicate character was successfully carried out at the General Hospital yes-

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The preparation owes its discovery to Forneau, an eminent chemist of Paris. While containing no cocaine, it has properties which deprive the patient of any sensation of pain, allowing him at

clared that the contract with the Development Company was so favorable that efforts were being made by that company to modify it. Later Mayor Cliver said that the commission's terms to the city were open.

"They have offered to supply us with 10,000 horse power at \$18.10, stepped and we are going to hold them."

Mr. Johnston: Of course, we have a contract with the Electrical Development contract with the Electrical Development to the same time to retain full possession of his senses.

Dr. Anderson made an injection of the fluid into the sac covering the patient's spinal cord, and successfully united several portions of the bowels, Simpson being perfectly conscious. He Simpson being perfectly conscious. He afterwards said that he felt no pain whatever. Last night he was reported

to be sleeping peacefully, with good prospects of recovery.

Dr. Anderson, when spoken to by The World last night, said that while the anaesthetic had been used with very satisfactory results by Prof. Bar University College, London England, it was a new departure as re gards the use of anaesthetics in Can-ada. Prof. Barker had only failed in eight cases in 200 in which he had emergy and that we proceed to consider a ployed the anaesthetic. The result in Simpson's case were excellent. value of the form of treatment was Mr. Matthews: "If you bought out the Toronto Electric Light Co. would you could not be operated on under the usual conditions owing to weakness. "If we bought you out we would be The new anaesthetic eliminated the bound to deal direct with the Electrical dangerous after effects of the uncon-

The successful use of the Forneau preparation has caused no slight interprefer would be that the Electrical De- material for the periodicals of the pro-

MURDERED HIS FAMILY. We don't care whether the Electrical Awful Deed of a Former Canadian at Tenino.

> TENINO, Wash., March 10.—(Spe- acy at sea. Mr. Asquith admitted that if Ger- vide cars within a reasonable period. cial.)-Warren McKay, a Canadian, many's present program of naval conformerly of Wirnipeg, but a resident struction was carried out she would

Kay. They were horrified to find there that if the government found a reathe mother, 7-year-old girl and 4-year-old by with throats cut, and a 6-year-old girl with her head crushed by blews paper figures suggested, it would feel BUDGET SPEECH from a sharp instrument, probably a its duty to provide not only for an a

Proposals of Member for South York Will Be Incorporated in New

lean (South York) with respect to the

Mr. Graham, in explaining the fea- so that every postmaster in the cou Mr. Graham, in explaining the pro-tures of his bill, said some of the pro-tures of his bill, said some of the pro-Two Forms of Payment. connection with another bill (Mr. Maclean's reciprocal demurrage bill) which der the minister of trade and commerce only at the start. some time, he said, the question of placing telegraph companies under the Mr. Foster suggested, jurisdiction of the board had been dispayments might be made in two cussed, and the announcement was forms: Either by paying a single sum apparently insane, fired on the royal castle here with a Remington rifle at act provided that telegraph companies, periodically at fixed and definite intermade that it would be done. The new or by payment of a stipulated sum noon to day. A dozen bullets were d'scharged, several of which crashed thru
the windows and embedded themselves be placed under jurisdiction of the As an illustration a man at the age board, the same as the railway com- of 20 years, by paying 25 cents a week the interior walls of the castle.

The man was promptly seized by the panies. Wireless telegraph companies until 55 years of age, would thereafter draw \$87.25 a year for life, or, if ceaspolice and disarmed. At the police sta-tion he declared that it was his inten-clauses relating to telephone companies tion he declared that it was his inten-tion to kill King Haakon. He still had 40 or 50 cartridges in his pockets. King been no material change in this re-

from the castle. BRITAIN MUST REMAIN SUPREME ON HIGH SEAS

Mr. Asquith Deals With Relative Strength of German Navy in House of Commons.

LONDON, March 10.-The comparadebate on the naval estimates, and it the authority of the board.

power."
Mr. Johnston replied that he did not quite understand that an offer was to be made, but that the basis of the negotiations should be a profit earning one—that the valuation of the plant, and all that, should not enter into the matter so much as the efficiency of the plant, the contract itself, and the in the face, which was preying on his sure the suggested superiority of Germany would not become a fact.

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This afternoon, the government accept- would be very widely accepted at ed some of the proposals of W. F. Mac- first. Unlike the insurance business This afternoon, the government acceptduties of the board of railway com-of it under the postoffice department instead of under trade and commerce

Specific Performance. meet the views of several hon, gentlemen who had discussed the question in connection with other bills be-fere the house. It provided for per-formance of all contracts entered into between railway companies and munihad been given the railway board to enforce such contracts, and in this respect provisions were very wide. Mr. Borden asked if the railway board had been provided with the ne-

cessary machinery to enforce con-Mr. Graham said the board itself tive strength of the navies of Great Britain and Germany, which already has occupied so much time during the age companies in connection with the present session of parliament, was transfer of freight, as well as what again brought to the front this after- was contentiously known as reciproncon in the house of commons by the cal demurrage, would be placed under drew from Herbert N. Asquith, the act- Heretofore the board had been em- public at large were the absolute se-

drew from Herbert N. Asquith, the acting premier, a reassertion of the intention of the government to maintain shippers for holding cars. It was proposed to make the railway companies liable to a penalty for failure to pro-

ALFONSO AT BARCELONA. Every Safeguard to Protect King From Harm.

BARCELONA, March 10.-King Alyear, Mr. Asquith said he could pro- fonso received an enthusiastic wel-mise without the faintest hesitation come here to-day. Troops lined the streets and every precaution has been

BUDGET SPEECH TUESDAY.

WHAT AN OLD AGE

Minister of Finance Explains Proposed Measure in the House of Commons Yesterday.

OTTAWA, March 10.-(Special.)-Mr. Fielding introduced his resolution respecting aid to drydocks. It empowers the government to pay 3 per cent. per year for 20 years up to \$45,000 year on the cost of an approved dry dock; also 3 per cent. per annum for 20 years up to \$15,000 a year upon extensions of drydocks. If, after the subsidies are paid and the dock is not operated, the government may take it over, complete it and operate it until the cost of such completion and operation has been paid out of revenue. Mr. Foster urged that it was time the government arrived at a definite the government arrived at a definite and comprehensive policy in relation to dry docks. It was important that there should be large docks at all shipping centres. In the past the policy had been one of party preference and political pull.

Replying to Mr. Osler the minister of finance said that when under the proposed measure the government.

the proposed measure, the government took over the operation of a dry docl any surplus over operation expenses would be paid over to bondholders, but the government would not be in any way bound to make such payments.

way bound to make such payments. The resolution was reported, and the bill given its first reading.

Old Age Annuities.

Then the finance minister explained his old age anuities resolution, which was on the lines of the tentative bill introduced lastn session in the senate by Sir Richard Cartwright, but differing from it in several particulars. The bill was not to be confounded with the old age pension proposals now before Ottawa. The only contribution by the government involved in the annuities bill was that of a large rate of interest and cost of management. The object of the bill was to provide small annuities at minimum cost. The largest annuity payable to one person would be \$600 or to a husband and wife conjointly \$600. The minimum limit of age at which annuities would be payable was 55 years, except in the case of a person becoming disabled in which event 55 years, except in the case of a per-son becoming disabled, in which event the person would receive an annuity in proportion to what he had paid

Annuities would not be transferable, not subject to seizure under any pro-cession law except upon proof that the annuitant had paid money into the fund with the intention to defraud his creditors. The cost of administration would be the same as collectors officials would look after and deposits at a very small remuner-

Mr. Fielding did not expect the scheme there would be no solicitation.
"Why not place the administration

try would be an agent?" asked Mr. Mr. Fielding replied that that might

he would draw thereafter \$189.40 year If until 70 the annuity would be Specific Performance.

One clause provided for "specific performance." This would, he thought, amounts. At \$1 per week the annuity at 55 would be \$349 or at 60 years \$504. He explained also that the moneys paid in by an annultant would be repayable should the annuitant die before the annuity is payable to his or her heirs with 3 per cent, interest compounded annually Payments of \$2 per month from 20

years of age would secure an annuity of \$161.47 at 55 years or \$233.22 at 60 years, or \$350.83 at 65 years or at seventy years. Payment of \$5 per ild similarly earn an annu ity of \$403.67 at 55, or of \$533.05 at 60. Quarterly payments of \$5 from the age ity of \$135.20 at 55 or \$195.37 at 60 and

Same as in England. The two features which he thought would commend themselves to curity guaranteed and cheapness administration. Mr. Borden asked !! it was the same system as was in force in England, and the finance minister said it was practically the Mr. Blain renewed his objections. The government should carefully consider the effect on existing compar

the same class that does business with the insurance companies. ENQUIRY RESUMES TO-DAY.

Mr. Porter also pointed out the people who would invest in this fund were

Ex-Park Commissioner John Chamters was notified vesterday afternoon to attend before Judge Winchester at the City Hall at 2.30 this afternoon,