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Don't overlook this Sale. Bargains are going here, all through the store. We must clear it out, it's only a question of time.

HAMILTON NOT GUILTY

Cleared of the Charge of Murder at the Capital.

Ottawa, March 29.—The jury in the case of W. S. Hamilton, a restaurant keeper, charged with the murder of John Fitzgerald, late of the King's Fusiliers, returned a verdict of not guilty at 5 o'clock this afternoon, after having been out since 1:30 o'clock. When the verdict was announced the big crowd in the court room broke out into cheers. Hamilton is prominent in Masonic and Orange circles.

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A TIRED HOUSE TALKS COUNCILS

Legislature Debates County Election Systems.

SCHOOL INSPECTORS' SALARIES

Amendment Adding Two Dollars Per School to Regular Salary Passes Committee.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 29. — The effect of the all-night session of Monday was plainly evident at this afternoon's sitting of the Legislature, and a listless air pervaded the House. The only matter debated at length was Mr. Davis' bill respecting county councils, and the discussion on it was not finished, although Mr. Tucker moved a six months' hoist in amendment. At 6 o'clock the Premier proposed an adjournment for the evening, and the proposition was gladly accepted by Mr. Whitney. The House will probably adjourn this evening for the Easter holidays, reassembling on Tuesday.

At 5 o'clock, after several bills had been advanced a stage, Hon. Mr. Davis' bill to amend the act respecting county councils, by providing for local option as to the constitution of councils, was taken up. The bill, which was first introduced last session, allows individual municipalities, if they so desire, to go back to the old method of electing county councils, making them consist of the reeves of townships and villages, and the mayors of towns, instead of representatives of the county council divisions constituted under the existing act.

In reply to a query from Dr. Barr, the Premier replied that the bill would not go into practical effect until two years from next January.

Mr. Whitney protested against what he styled this shiftless way of dealing with the question. He believed that the proper time had come to take some definite and reasonable action that would put a stop to continued meddling with the constitution of county councils. He was strongly in favor of going back to the old system, with perhaps some modification as to deputy reeves.

NOT A GOVERNMENT BILL.

The Premier explained that the bill, though brought down by a member of the Government, was really a private member's bill, and was brought in thus to insure its place on the order paper. He hoped it would not be regarded as a regular Government bill.

Mr. Tucker (West Wellington), who had introduced last session a private bill looking to a reversion to the old system of county councils, and making this system uniform over the whole Province, spoke against the legislation contemplated in the Government bill. Mr. Thompson followed, announcing that he would support it. Dr. Barr opposed it on the ground that the people wanted the change to be made general, and that it should go into effect before two years from next January.

Mr. Eckhardt spoke briefly in favor of the bill, and Mr. Reid (Addington) moved the adjournment of the debate. The question will therefore come up again next week.

The Attorney-General's bill respecting weather insurance was given a third reading.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Some discussion took place in committee on Mr. Harcourt's bill to amend the public schools act. In regard to the salaries of public school inspectors Mr. St. John urged that salaries should be $1,000 to each inspector, with $5 extra for each school within his jurisdiction. He believed that this would work out equitably to all inspectors. In effect it would increase the total Government grant to inspectors by about $10,000, which was about the same increase contemplated in the Government bill.

Mr. Harcourt stated that under the bill some 50 inspectors would get an average salary of about $1,230, and 26 would receive $200 each more than this.

The bill was reported with one or two minor amendments.

The Speaker read the House a message from the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that moneys be granted to pay current accounts until the main estimates are passed. The House promptly complied with the request.

At 6 o'clock the Premier rose to state that in view of the strain put upon the members by the all night session, it might be well to adjourn.

Mr. Ross then moved the adjournment.

Mr. Ross has given notice of motion for an act respecting the James Bay Railway.

THE G. T. R. APPLICATION.

Amongst the supplementary railway applications brought before the House was one from the Grand Trunk for a land grant along a proposed line from some Ontario point to the new transcontinental line. Six thousand acres and $2,000 a mile is asked for, the present plan being for a line 460 to 495 miles in length.

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G. T. R. BOND ISSUE.

London, March 30. — A circular was issued yesterday to investors by the Grand Trunk, inviting applications for £161,000 first mortgages 4 per cent 50-year gold bonds of Grand Trunk Western Railway bonds, redeemable in 1950, and first coupon payable in full July 1 next. The G. T. R. unconditionally guarantees the interest on the bonds.

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Ladies' Suit in fancy tweeds. Three-quarter coat, tight-fitting, seams all strapped, new sleeve, with deep cuff. Skirt, seven gore, with pleat. For $12 75

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Children's Fine Black Cashmere Hose, fashioned, high spliced heel and toe, sizes 4 to 8½ inches, prices ranging from, per pair, 30c to 65c

Men's Heavy Black Wool Socks, good weight, sizes 10, 10½, 11, 11½ inches only, per pair 25c

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LONDON'S ARMORY BEFORE HOUSE

The Committee in Supply Discuss Cost of the New Edifice.

Ottawa, March 29. — In the Commons today the Premier moved that after next Tuesday the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway resolutions should take precedence of all other business.

Mr. Borden objected to this, claiming the private bills legislation would be greatly retarded.

Mr. Borden called the attention of the Prime Minister to that portion of the correspondence between the Government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway in which reference was made to an agreement concerning the terms for the purchase of the common stock, and he asked if this agreement could be produced.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that there were no agreements outside of the terms of the contract, which had been presented to the House in full.

The public works estimates were taken up, when the House went into committee of supply, the appropriation of $90,000 for the London drill hall causing some discussion.

Mr. Sutherland stated that the total cost of the work would be $186,924, of which amount $98,057 has been spent to date.

Mr. Ingram protested against the cost exceeding the estimates. The London armory, Mr. Ingram stated, was likely to cost very much more than the estimate, and the Opposition would be remiss in its duty if it failed to press for information.

Mr. Sutherland said the London armory would not be completed before December, 1904.

Dr. Wm. Saunders, director of Experimental Farm, gave interesting and valuable information on the progress of agriculture in Canada. In the course of his evidence he said that the average yield of grain in United States in 1903 was 13.43 bushels per acre; in Manitoba, 20 bushels; and in Ontario, 31 bushels.

The Minister of Militia will introduce a bill to incorporate the Dominion Artillery Association.

THE SOO PAYMENTS

Precautions Taken by Government to Prevent False Payments.

Toronto, March 30.—Crown Attorney H. L. Drayton, who acted for the Government in the payment of wages to the Soo officials, gave evidence before the public accounts committee of the Legislature yesterday morning. He said most of the money was paid on time checks which had been issued long before there was any idea that the Government would pay. Mr. Drayton said in cases of the slightest doubt claimants had been put through an examination which would leave them open to the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. As to the payment of the three lawyers—Elliot, Hamilton and Irwing—he had examined these men and also the treasurer and auditor before paying the claims, and was satisfied that these were regular. H. C. Hamilton will be examined today.

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