

**A BUSY SESSION
OF LOCAL HOUSE****Budget Smartly Criticised by
Opposition Speakers.****SAVORS OF FRENZIED FINANCE****A Neat Little Sum in the Estimates for
Those "Special Investigations."**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 6.—Premier Whitney yesterday announced to the House the Government's plan for dealing with the numerous amendments to the assessment act. That measure, said the Premier, was the result of much labor and consideration. Its important provisions balanced one another, and ill-digested amendments might destroy the usefulness of the whole act. The Government had decided that all amending bills should pass the second reading, and go to the municipal committee. That body might adopt any formal changes, but substantial amendments should be referred to the committee of judges and members, now revising the statutes, who would report on them to the House. At a future session the act would be taken up as a whole. The judges and their associates, said Mr. Whitney, were doing their work on the statutes with great care, and the results would be in themselves a measure of law reform. Mr. Graham said he had no objection to the Government's proposed plan, so long as the House was not giving up any of its functions as representatives of the people. It was best that the assessment act be taken up as a whole, and some radical changes were needed.

Mr. Ross Introduced.

Duncan C. Ross, the new member for West Middlesex, was introduced by Mr. McKay (North Grey), and Mr. Smith (Soo), and took his seat. His father, Hon. Senator George W. Ross, was present on the floor of the House. Mr. Cochrane introduced a Government bill regarding Burlington Beach, near Hamilton. A commission of not less than two persons will be appointed by the Government to hold the lands in trust for the crown. This body will have the powers formerly exercised over the beach by the city of Hamilton, and the townships of Burlington, and will report to the Government on all leases or sales of land, the proceeds to be partly devoted to beautifying or improving the beach as a place of public resort. The beach is removed from municipal jurisdiction, but the commissioners must pay over school taxes and county rates.

Stationary Engineers.

Another Government measure, introduced by Hon. Mr. Monteth, which takes the place of the late Mr. Carscallen's bill, which was passed last session, would not come in force until July next. A board of three competent engineers will hold examinations under the direction of the Minister of Agriculture. The tests and fees will be fixed by order-in-council. After Oct. 1, 1907, no persons not holding a certificate of qualification may have charge of a steam plant in Ontario. Engineers now having certificates must pass an examination on their expiry. In September, 1910, engineers' certificates must be displayed on the engine or boiler room. Aggrieved persons may appeal to the Minister of Agriculture. Engineers operating without certificates, or their employers, are liable to a penalty of from \$10 to \$50, with costs.

Frenzied Finance.

The debate on the budget was resumed by Mr. R. A. Thompson (North West), on Mr. Whitney's motion to go into committee of supply. The eyes of the world, he said, were on Ontario, and the Province had good reason to congratulate itself on the budget. This was because in past years the heritage of the Province had been well managed, and the present Government had gathered the fruit. Had the views of the Conservatives in Opposition prevailed, there would have been no succession duties, tax, and no corporations tax, and instead of a surplus the provincial treasury would have shown a deficit. The increase in one year of over \$1,000,000 in expenditure was the greatest in the Province's history, and saved of frenzied finance. It looked as if the Government had been carried off its feet by the prevailing prosperity and the demands of its followers.

Mr. Thompson pointed out some of the principal increases in the past two years. Civil government cost \$200,000 more, and the Provincial Secretary's department also cost more, due largely to Mr. Thompson's thought to the rearrangements made by Mr. E. L. C. Thorne, of Michigan.

Mr. Thompson criticised the transfer of the forestry branch from the lands, agriculture department, and regretted that no appropriation had been made for an expert in forestry, whose work would be to provide for conserving the forest wealth of the Province.

Mr. Thompson pointed out that the Provincial Treasurer's direct and indirect liabilities were \$22,000,000, as compared with \$14,000,000 last year, and only \$6,000 the year before. At the same time, the Province's assets had continued on page four.

FIREMEN INJURED.

Philadelphia, March 6.—Fire which started in the six-story building at 823 1/2 Filbert street today spread through agricultural property causing \$100,000. Five firemen were severely injured by the collapse of a fire-escape.

**Big Issue of Debentures
To Be Asked of Council****School Board May Want \$300,000 for St. George's Addition and Enlargement of Grounds.**

It is expected that within the next few weeks the board of education will ask the city council for permission to issue the sum of \$10,000 debentures for the erection of the proposed four-room addition to St. George's school.

And if the board decides to increase the size of the grounds at five of the schools, upon the advisability of which No. 2 committee of the board has been instructed to report, it is not improbable that the educationalists will ask the council for a debenture issue of \$20,000 or \$30,000.

There is likely to be a little friction between the council and the board because of the fact that the latter will ask for several thousand dollars more to run the city schools than was asked for in 1904.

Some of the aldermen feel that the council should refuse to authorize the debenture issue this year unless the board cuts its estimates down to the last dollar. This the board is not likely to do, and, of course, if the council refuses to sanction the debenture issue, it will have to shoulder the onus of refusing to increase the school accommodation, which at St. George's is admitted to be inadequate.

Chesley avenue school addition, which it was hoped would be in use long ere this, is still uncompleted, and it is now said it will not be ready for occupation until after Easter. This addition cost about \$10,000, and is about the size of the addition which it is proposed to build on St. George's school grounds.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE READY**Prepared To Begin Negotiations With the Grand Trunk.**

It is understood that the railway committee of the city council now has its position clearly defined in the matter of the Grand Trunk negotiations, and is ready to meet the company any day.

What the city intends to stand out for is an absolute secret, and the committee does not propose to show its hand to the company before the game begins.

It is expected that a meeting with Mr. McGowan will be held some day this week, and that the deal will be some important news for the people of London.

SAVED BY A CANUCK**Woodstock Man, By Quick Action Saves Motorist's Life.**

Detroit, March 6.—Woodward avenue car No. 1094, going at a good rate of speed, crashed into car No. 1141, of the same line at Jefferson avenue and Third streets, smashing the former car and inflicting probably fatal injuries on Mr. Roscoe E. Dodge, who was in the vestibule. It was at first thought the air brakes refused to work, but the injured motorist says the accident was due to the slippery tracks. The stove in the vestibule upset and Dodge would have been burned alive had it not been for the prompt action of Joseph Boyle, a bystander from Woodstock, Ont., who jumped in and dug the imprisoned man out of the debris.

AUGUST CASGRAIN DEAD**Brother of Aged Senator Who Lies at Point of Death.**

Windsor, Ont., March 6.—Word has been received of the death in Quebec of August Casgrain, brother of Senator C. E. Casgrain, who is lying in a hopeless condition in the Hotel Dieu, it is probable that only a few days at most will separate the deaths of the two brothers. August Casgrain was a resident of Wells Valley, Que. He was 79 years of age. The senator is about 82.

**President of Harvard
Calls Football "Fierce"****Says It's An Undesirable Game for Gentlemen to Play.**

Boston, March 6.—President Eliot, of Harvard University, in his annual report, which will be presented to the board of overseers this week, maintains that football, despite new rules, remains an undesirable game for gentlemen to play or multitudes of people to witness. President Eliot declares that football is properly described by the adjective "fierce," and that no game in which there is recklessness, causing or receiving bodily injury, is fit for college use. Basketball and hockey are placed in the same class with football, and President Eliot advises that intercollegiate contests in any one sport be limited to two games, all the other games to be between teams made up at Harvard. He also declares the "excesses of cheering," which characterize the present intercollegiate contests, as absolutely unnatural.

PASSED BANKING COMMITTEE**Bill To Incorporate New Insurance Company Progresses a Stage.**

Ottawa, March 6.—The bill to incorporate the Central Canada Manufacturers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company passed the banking and commerce committee today.

MOTION WAS ADJOURNED**Cass of Sifton vs. Electrical Construction Company Heard at Toronto.**

A special from Toronto says: E. I. Sifton, G. Kelly and T. Deely, of London, made application today before Chief Justice Mulock to restrain J. B. Campbell, W. H. Wortman, J. A. Thomas, William Heaman and A. Gorman from acting as directors of the Electrical Construction Company or disposing of its assets. The motion was adjourned till the trial, on the understanding that defendants would not dispose of assets otherwise than in the usual course of business.

TURNED DOWN BID**No. 1 Committee Would Not Accept Offer for East End Hall.**

No. 1 committee met at noon today and opened the tender submitted for the purchase of the east end town hall. Reporters were barred from the meeting, but the mayor stated afterwards that the tender was unsatisfactory, and was not accepted.

It is understood that the amount offered did not come anywhere near what the committee thought the property is worth. The bidder is a local man.

**APPEAL LIKELY
IN GARRATT CASE****Mr. G. W. Armstrong May Carry the Matter to a Higher Court.**

It was rumored at the city hall today that an appeal will be entered against the decision of His Honor Judge Macbeth in the Armstrong-Garratt case.

Mr. George C. Gibbons, K.C., was in Toronto today, and could not be seen by The Advertiser.

Mr. Armstrong, when interviewed, stated that the law will allow an appeal to be made, but that as yet he has nothing to say on the subject.

THE CHILD-LABOR EVIL**Mr. Preston's Efforts Bearing Fruit in Legislature Committee.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 6.—"It is a subject which should be most thoroughly and carefully investigated," said Hon. N. Monteth this morning in opening the work of the committee on child labor.

Hon. Mr. Monteth was elected chairman, and T. H. Preston, member for Brantford, in response to whose efforts the investigation is being held, was most active in making inquiries and suggestions.

Factory Inspector Burke was heard this morning, but before the work of the committee is concluded it is likely health and educational authorities, factory inspectors, employers and employees will be called to give evidence. Mr. Burke deposed that much of the trouble in respect to the employment of children under age was caused by parents and guardians falsifying certificates as to ages in order to get them employed.

Mr. Preston said the enforcement of the truancy laws was very lax.

RUEFF CAN'T BE FOUND**'Frisco Boss Wanted For Trial, and Forfeits \$50,000.**

San Francisco, March 5.—Judge Dunne today declared that he would ignore a writ of error issued yesterday by Judge Hubbard on behalf of Abraham Rueff, and ordered that the trial, set for Thursday, should be proceeded with. A bench warrant was issued for Rueff's appearance.

Sheriff O'Neill later reported that he could find no trace of Rueff. Judge Dunne thereupon ordered Rueff's bail of \$50,000 forfeited.

A GERMAN GRAB.

Teheran, March 6.—Falling to get satisfaction for the recent murder of a German missionary, it is reported that Germany intends to occupy certain coal lands on the frontier, near Bagdad, which she has long desired for the purpose of the Bagdad railroad.

**RUSSIAN PREMIER STOLYPIN.**
Through Fear of Assassination He Has Taken Up Permanent Quarters in Parliament Buildings at St. Petersburg.**JEROME ENDS
QUIZ OF EXPERTS****Winds Up the Long Cross Examination of Alienist Wagner.**

New York, N. Y., March 6.—Batting Nelson, the pugilist, was the center of attraction in the courtroom where Harry K. Thaw is on trial for his life, today, occupying the entire attention of the spectators up to the time the defendant was called to the bar, and Justice Fitzgerald had taken his place on the bench. Nelson was accompanied by his manager, William Nolan, and the two occupied seats just behind the prisoner. In anticipation of a continuance of the dry expert testimony, the general public remained away from the trial, empty seats being again the rule.

Thaw once more came to court laden down with letters which continue to pour into the Tombs from all quarters of the globe. Practically all of the letters are in praise of the defendant, and he manifestly takes great satisfaction in reading them.

Dr. Charles G. Wagner, of Binghamton, who has been under cross-examination since Monday afternoon, was again recalled to the stand this morning, and District Attorney Jerome began to ply him with questions regarding Thaw's will and the codicil.

Dr. Wagner said he believed that when Thaw wrote the section of his will providing for a fund for the prosecution of anyone who might take his life, he had enough intelligence to know that murder was prohibited by law. Dr. Wagner said that Thaw's mind was clouded at the time, and did not have as clear an idea of such matters as a man who was wholly sane, but that it was clear enough to be able to appreciate that the taking of a human life was a crime.

After questioning Dr. Wagner at some length regarding the letter written by Thaw in 1903 to Attorney Longfellow, Mr. Jerome suddenly asked:

"Was there any period between 1903 and 1905 when the defendant was in full possession of his faculties?"

Dr. Wagner hesitated a moment and then replied:

"There are several months in that period of which I have no record. It is possible that there may have been a period of that time and a condition of soundness."

District Attorney Jerome concluded his cross-examination of Dr. Wagner at 12:43 p.m.

THE WEATHER.**TOMORROW—MILDER.**
Toronto, March 5-8 p.m.
A shallow depression from the northward of Lake Superior has passed rapidly southward over the lake region today, bringing with it local snowfalls. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine, and in Alberta continued quiet.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, zero-12; Atlin, 14-28; Port Simpson, 16-40; Victoria, 36-46; Vancouver, 26-47; Edmonton, 14-40; Calgary, 14-36; Qu'Appelle, 2 below-18; Winnipeg, 12 below-10; Port Arthur, 16-20; Parry Sound, 4-28; Toronto, 26-40; Ottawa, 8-22; Montreal, 16-22; Quebec, 10-26; St. John, 4 below-20; Halifax, 8-24.

FORECASTS.
Wednesday, March 6-8 a.m.
Today—Fine and cold.

Thursday—Strong easterly to southerly winds; rising temperatures, with snow or sleet.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	30	24	Fair
Winnipeg	30	24	Cloudy
Port Arthur	8	10	Cloudy
Parry Sound	0	0	Clear
Toronto	12	12	Clear
Ottawa	10	8	Clear
Montreal	14	10	Clear
Quebec	10	6	Cloudy
Father Point	2	4	Snow

The sign — indicates below zero. The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, the second column the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

During yesterday a shallow depression passed quickly from the northward of Lake Superior southward over the lake region, bringing with it local snowfalls in Ontario, and succeeded by another energetic cold wave in the west. The weather has been fair and moderately cold in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and mild in Alberta.

Detroit, March 5.—Lower Michigan Wednesday—Fair; diminishing northwest winds. Thursday—Fair.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 36°; lowest, 20°; above zero.

**Will Prosecute Railroads;
Alleged Violation of Act****WHITNEY HALTS
SUNDAY CARS****Insists That Port Arthur's System Cannot Operate Despite Any Hardships.**

[Special to the Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 6.—An important Government statement against Sunday street cars was made by Premier Whitney in a letter to the private bills committee of the Legislature this morning. As a result Port Arthur must stop running its street cars on Sunday. The question was involved in the Port Arthur bill and was held over from last week, as the clause was regarded as seriously affecting the Government's policy.

After a brief discussion a letter from Premier Whitney was read as follows: "The Government spent a great deal of time last year in preparing the Ontario railway act of 1906. The provision relating to Sunday traffic received a great deal of attention. There can be no doubt that the act as finally passed represents the feeling of a large majority of the people of this Province. It is possible that in some respects and from some points of view, it may impose hardship upon certain localities. Under the circumstances, however, having in view the care bestowed upon the preparation of the act, and our conviction that it represents the views of the people of the Province, the Government feels that it would be taking a distinct step backwards to allow within twelve months of the passage of the act a new exception to be made which would open the door to a large number of similar applications in the future, and thus practically destroy the effect of the act as finally passed."

"I feel sure that the members of the committee will agree with me that any exception such as is mentioned in bill No. 18 should not be entertained, and cannot receive the indorsement of the Government."

Even in spite of the letter, a number of the members wanted to take a vote of the committee. The clause was struck out, however, on the understanding that the matter might be brought up in the Legislature, and thrashed out when all the members are present.

HAD HAND MANGLED**Frank Tambling Meets With Accident at Showcase Works.**

Frank Tambling, of Princess avenue east, who is employed by the London Showcase Company, had his hand badly mangled by a sawing saw in the works yesterday afternoon.

The thumb was almost severed from the right hand, and two fingers were terribly cut. An attempt is being made to save the hand, and a large number of stitches were put in by the attending physicians.

HURON AND ONTARIO BILL**Reported by the Senate Railway Committee—Ontario Protests.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 6.—The Senate railway committee this morning considered the Huron and Ontario railway bill, which has passed the Commons.

Mr. R. G. Code, Ottawa, objected to the bill on behalf of the Ontario Government. He declared that as the line was entering the Province of Ontario it should be left to Ontario to be dealt with. Mr. S. F. Kilgore, the promoter, stated that the railroad would connect Georgian Bay and Lake Erie. The charter had been granted for the original line before 1896. What was now asked was power to construct some branches. The plans for construction have been approved by the railway commission. The \$11,000,000 bonds had been underwritten.

The bill was reported without vote, and only a few dissenting voices.

TO INSPECT EQUIPMENT**Mr. Wm. Ogilvie Appointed to the Railway Commission.**

Ottawa, March 6.—An order-in-council has been passed approving the appointment of William Ogilvie to the railway commission staff as inspector of railway equipment and safety appliances.

VICTORY FOR HONDURAS**Nicaraguan Troops Defeated in Battle on the Frontier.**

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, March 6.—The army of Honduras is mobilized on the frontier under the personal command of President Manuel Bonilla.

The first fighting since Feb. 18 occurred during the evening of March 3, when Gen. Emiliano Chamorro, a Nicaraguan leader, who is serving with the Hondurans against President Zelaya, attacked and defeated four hundred Nicaraguan troops at Old Delipio and captured fifty prisoners and a quantity of rifles and field gun ammunition. The loss of the Hondurans was small.

**MINISTER PYNE
AND LICENSES****Former Chairman Says Doctor Urged Grant, Which Was Refused.**

Toronto, March 6.—In the course of his testimony at the license inquiry this morning, J. W. Flavell, chairman of the first Conservative license board, stated that Dr. Pyne, minister of education, had urged him to grant a license to a man named Courtney. It was a new license, and the board having looked into the case, found the record so bad that application was unanimously rejected.

"You don't think he was trying to exercise undue influence?" asked Solicitor Hodgins, who is acting for the Government.

"Well, you can draw your own conclusions," replied Mr. Flavell. He was a minister of the crown."

**ROGERS ATTACKS
REV. RALPH CONNOR****Roblin's Colleague Says Author Lied, and That His Novels Are Silly.**

Swan Lake, Man., March 5.—Following the attacks of various ministers of the Government, and the counter replies from members of the opposition, on Sunday, the meetings at different points throughout the Province, flamed with replies and counter-charges, last night. Probably the most sensational statement was that of Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, in his home constituency here, in the presence of a large audience, when he arraigned the following prominent ministers as falsifiers: Rev. C. W. Gordon ("Ralph Connor"), and Revs. J. W. McMillan, J. A. McClung, and Professor Blain.

"Of course, it is easy for any heeler, such as is Rev. C. W. Gordon, who is willing to prostitute his position, to make cowardly and dishonest statements in the pulpit, such as he did last night, for when Mr. Gordon makes the statement that the Government broke faith with any person in connection with the district of Elmwood, he states what is absolutely untrue." And yet this is the sort of campaign of contemptible misrepresentation and slander which Rev. Mr. Gordon is willing to join in, not because he knows it is right, and second, he thinks he is telling the truth, but I believe he has a double meaning for making this statement. First, his willingness to prostitute his position and his cloth, in the interests of the Liberal party, and second, to every advantage of making use of every thing that turns up for the purpose of advertising his name in the hope of helping the sale of the silly novels which he has published from time to time.

"Again, I am surprised at Rev. Gordon making the statements he has that the hotelmen have made an alliance with the Government. He should ascertain the truth of any such statements before making them, and no man in Winnipeg is in a better position to get at the truth than Rev. Mr. Gordon. He is a daily companion of all the sporting hotelmen in the city, in connection with the daily, and almost hourly, horse racing sports that go on there."

Liberal Leader Brown's campaign has been made purely upon a business basis. He has announced that if placed in the election will be held.

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**Derailed the Limited
to Save Another Train****INCREASE FOR POSTALS****Letter-Carriers To Be Granted Better Pay by Government.**

A dispatch from Winnipeg states that the letter carriers there have been notified that they will get an increase of pay shortly.

No similar notification has been received in London, and at the local postoffice it was stated today that there must be an error of some sort.

It is taken for granted, however, that the pay of the letter carriers will be increased shortly, as on two occasions the Postmaster-General has stated that it was his intention to bring in a measure to increase such salaries.

This bill will in all likelihood be introduced at the present session of Parliament.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

March 5.	Reported at.	From.
Potsdam	New York	Rottterdam
Oceanic	Queenstown	New York
Reims	Bremen	New York
St. Laurent	Havre	New York
Minnetonka	London	New York
Genoa	Genoa	New York
Canopic	Gibraltar	New York
Romanic	New York	Genoa
Kronland	New York	Antwerp

FIRE IN THE HOLD.

New York, March 6.—Damage from a fire, fully amounting to a quarter of a million dollars, was reported by the German steamer Vandalla, which arrived here today from China and Japan. The fire started in the Vandalla's hold on the afternoon of Feb. 25 and was subdued only after the hold had been completely flooded with water.

**Fast Wabash Express Purposely
Ditched Near Cayuga,
Ontario.**

Cayuga, March 5.—The Wabash Limited, bound from St. Louis to Buffalo, was wrecked at 8 o'clock tonight at Canfield Junction, about six miles from here. The train was purposely derailed at that point to prevent crashing into a waiting G. T. R. train. The G. T. R. and Wabash lines cross at right angles, and the rear coach of the G. T. R. train, which was en route from Goderich to Buffalo, was over the Wabash rails. The flyer was two hours late, and owing to the train being in the way, the signal was set against the Wabash train, which was unable to stop and struck the interlocking switch, which being set against it, threw it into the ditch. The tender turned a complete somersault, and an express car loaded with blood luggage was thrown down on its side. A first-class coach was tossed over on one side and the two Pullmans remained on the rails. James Scovel, Detroit, the fireman, was injured, but none of the passengers were hurt. Had the derailling switch failed to work the Wabash train would have crashed into the G. T. R. train, with terrible results.

The plunging Wabash train missed another G. T. R. train by four inches, bound for Cayuga, with Mr. E. F. Johnston, K.C., Toronto, and Hamilton newspapermen and witnesses in the trial of Mrs. Perkins. The Wabash train stopped a few feet from the station platform. Wrecking crews were sent out from St. Thomas tonight.