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## HOUSE MAY COMPROMISE ON ANTI-BL BILL BY A LIMIT TO RACING

**J. B. McColl Submits an Amendment Which Would Cut the Meetings to Less Than 100 Days in Year.**

**SIFTON FOR COMPROMISE BUT SOME FAVOR BILL**

OTTAWA, April 6.—(Special.)—After a whole day devoted to the Miller bill to prevent race-track betting, it begins to look as if a compromise will be reached. Several members who spoke declared their support for the bill as presented, but Hon. Clifford Sifton, also sympathizing with the objects desired, contended that it was going too far to imperial the large interests involved to the extent that would be done, and called for a compromise. J. B. McColl, one of the members of the investigating committee, who did not agree with the findings of the majority of the committee, late tonight declared the adoption of the amendment to sec. 235, regarding betting. The W. F. Maclean pointed out, would reduce racing in Canada to less than 100 days in a year, whereas the bill is twice that. He thought this offered a compromise substantial enough to be agreed upon by the house. The bill will be taken up again to-morrow.

**French Members Objected.**

When Mr. Miller launched his bill this morning, he began quoting from the evidence taken by the investigating committee, and was interrupted by C. A. Wilson (Laval), who objected that evidence had not been printed in French, and that some of the members could not understand it. He asked for a ruling from the speaker whether the evidence could be quoted. Speaker Maclellan said he had looked at authorities. There were none since Confederation, but before that time Speaker Turcotte had ruled on a similar question in relation to the bill. The point was well taken. However, on this evidence, he ruled against Mr. Wilson's point, on the ground of public policy. The ruling was challenged and on a vote the speaker's decision was sustained by 99 to 95. Among the prominent English members that voted against suspending the speaker's ruling were: Hart, Russell, Meigs, Sealay, Allen, Porter, Lancaster, Barkin, Boheny, Crosby, Macdonnell, Price, Wilcox, Worthington, Stimpel and Glen Campbell. Practically all of the French members voted against the speaker. Sir Wilfrid and Mr. Borden voted in support of the ruling.

**Mr. Miller's Contentions.**  
He largely admit the statement that the thoroughbred is of advantage in the breeding of many kinds of horses. He said Mr. Miller, "But the second statement that racing is necessary to maintain the thoroughbred is not admitted, although it is admitted that the race track is one of the means that is found useful in the development of the thoroughbred horse."  
The third statement that professional betting is necessary to maintain racing was absolutely denied and refused to admit. Mr. Miller contended, although it is admitted that the race track is one of the means that is found useful in the development of the thoroughbred horse, and we do not think that the bill, if carried into effect, will do away with horse racing."  
E. A. Lancaster (Lincoln) asked if he did not think it would be fair to read as far as possible of the evidence, or none at all, because only printed in one language, and Mr. Miller replied that there was not one member of the house who was unable to read it in his own language. Mr. Miller contended that the Hughes anti-race track gambling law in New York State, the price of some race horses had dropped from \$10,000 to \$100. Mr. Miller contended this was a strong argument that the race horse had no intrinsic value. It was of no use to the farmer.

**Woodbine Gambling University.**  
In the afternoon Mr. Miller described the Woodbine track at Toronto as a "bookmakers' university." During 1909 the bookmakers paid out in the racing track of Canada some four and a half million dollars. At the Woodbine track there were fifty bookmakers each day. Each had five assistants at \$10 per day. As the public had to furnish the profits for this huge organization, the whole tax would be two million dollars in 12 months, paid out of the pockets of the Canadian public.  
W. F. Maclean interrupted to say "out of the pockets of the betting public." Mr. Miller agreed, and pointed out that the bookmakers came almost entirely from the United States. The majority of the members of the Vancouver Racing Association were in favor of his bill. Gambling, he said, was one of the worst curses that could afflict a nation.

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### HOW THE TROUBLE BEGAN.

The trouble between Peru and Ecuador, which threatens hostilities, began with a boundary dispute which is still before King Alfonso, a mutual selected arbitrator. Ill feeling has continued and there have been demonstrations in both countries against the representative of the other.  
"Colombia has expressed a popular sympathy with Ecuador, and as Chile also has a dispute with Peru over the Province of Tacna and Arica, the latter favors the unfriendliness of three sister republics."

## GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION APPROVED

**Prominent Toronto Citizens Speak in Commendation of Position Taken by World—Set Civic Fathers Thinking.**

Pretty universal commendation was the reception meted out to the plea of The World yesterday morning for civic government by commission, according to the opinion gathered around town from men prominent in all walks of life. That the present civic representatives were not quite as enthusiastic as some of the others is perhaps not to be wondered at under the circumstances.

G. T. Somers, second vice-president of the board of trade, stated that he would be pleased if Toronto could get government by commission, provided the right kind of commissioners could be secured. The council of the board of trade had been advocating that form of government for a long time. "The state you advocated appealed to me very strongly," he said. "Good things like this come slowly, but they do come after a hot war."  
W. K. McNaught, M.L.A., said he was in favor of municipal government by commission. The only difficulty he saw was in getting the right men. The election would need to be carefully safeguarded. The idea was excellent. It had been arranged so that none but competent men got the positions.

**Has Served Admirably.**  
"There are a number of men such that sort of government has served admirably," said Sir James Whitney, "but under ordinary conditions, would submit to it or not, is a question on which I have not formed an opinion."  
Inspector James L. Hughes thinks that the idea of higher-up in the government of the city by adopting the commission plan. He is of the opinion that there is room for improvement. He thought it would have more permanence than the present system of civic government.

**Set Civic Fathers Thinking.**  
The idea of civic government by commission has set the members of the city council thinking. "Few of them," however, have made up their minds as to the desirability or otherwise of a change in the city's business methods.  
The important matter. We want more time and further information" was the sentiment expressed yesterday by Controllers Spence and Foster. Ald. Weston and others spoken to by The World yesterday. All admitted that the commission plan was worth consideration, but further than that they would not commit themselves.

**Excavation Contract Awarded.**  
At a meeting of the board of the Toronto General Hospital yesterday afternoon, Holby Bros. were awarded the contract for the excavations for the main and administration buildings of the new hospital. The work will be commenced immediately, the first sod being turned either on Friday or Monday.  
Under this contract, 8000 cubic yards of earth will be removed to provide for the foundations of the building in question. This does not include the quantity which will be taken out in the construction of the tunnels.  
This will be the initial step in a big undertaking, which will mean the expenditure within the next two years of about \$2,000,000, and will be the means of providing work for a small army of men.

**CZARINA'S HEALTH GOOD**  
Is Able to Officiate at a Public Reception.  
ST. PETERSBURG, April 6.—Empress Alexandra furnished the best possible refutation of the recent reports that she was in serious ill-health when to-day she received United States Ambassador Rockhill. If one may judge from appearance, her majesty had fully recovered her normal condition.  
The audience marked the resumption of the social life of the court in full vigor, which had been suspended practically since the war with Japan.

**AMENDING CONNIE CANAL BILL**  
Construction Within Three Years and \$250,000 Spent Each Year.  
OTTAWA, April 6.—(Special.)—The senate, on James Connors's bill to create a waterway between Lake Superior and Lake Winnipeg met again to-day.  
C. C. Boyce (West Algoma) succeeded in getting an amendment passed, limiting the beginning of the construction of the canal to three years, and that \$250,000 must be expended upon the construction each year.

**WANTS TO GET ON A NEW FOOTING**  
MR. BORDEN: I'm not sure, mother, whether these need darning, or whether I need new socks.  
KITCHENER GLIDES AWAY MAY NOT VISIT CANADA  
Takes Ship For Frisco, Ostensibly For an Inspection of the New Trans-Andean Railway.  
VICTORIA, B. C., April 6.—(Special.)—Advice by steamer Marama, arriving to-day, and on which Field Marshal Lord Kitchener was expected from Australia, are that his excellency canceled his plan at the last moment, proceeding to Tahiti, whence he is now en route to San Francisco by the Mariposa.  
He is officially stated to be intending to proceed from San Francisco to Brisbane to your correspondent suggests, however, that this is merely a feint announcement, and that his excellency intends coming north to British Columbia from San Francisco in cog, and thus leisurely crossing Canada, familiarizing himself with its native and military defence features, sentiments and conditions generally, insuring upon his incognito being respected.  
There was disappointment in Honolulu when the Marama arrived without the distinguished soldier. The governor had arranged a large reception and met the lines with representative deputations to welcome him.  
The most notable arriving passenger was Lady Sarnley, who is accompanied by the Duke of Marlborough, who represented the London Standard at Mafeking, and who is world-touring with her husband, Colonel Wilson and party.



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**Basis of Merging Of Coal and Steel**  
Holding Corporation With \$35,000,000 Capital to Unite Dominion Companies With Share for Share Exchange.  
MONTREAL, April 6.—(Special.)—Your correspondent has secured what well-posted bankers here consider the basis of union between the Dominion Iron and Steel Company and the Dominion Coal Company.  
It is understood that the old plan of a "holding" company will be revived, and, as a matter of fact, the terms of such company are about decided upon by the power that is, viz. J. H. Plummer.  
The capital of the holding company will be \$35,000,000, equaling twenty millions of steel values and fifteen millions of coal stock. An exchange of the new security will be made for both the Steel and Coal stock, share for share, with a dividend at the rate of four per cent. per annum, for two or three years on the holding company's stock, to be equally guaranteed by both the old companies.  
The report of the Dominion Coal Company's operations for the past year evokes the statement that not sufficient stress is laid on the fact that the cost to the company of resisting the great strike, from July last to the present time, reaches not less than \$1,250,000.

**LAVAL STUDENTS FIGHT POLICE**  
Ten Are Arrested, While Two Blue Coats Are Injured.  
MONTREAL, April 6.—(Special.)—A serious fight took place this afternoon between the Laval students and the police, one of whom had warned the boys not to spit on the sidewalk.  
A free fight followed, and while two policemen were badly hurt, ten of the students were arrested. Later they were liberated on bail.  
HONORS FOR CIVIC REFORMERS.  
MONTREAL, April 6.—The governors of McGill University have decided to confer the honorary degree of LL.D. on Senator Danforth and Ex-Mayor Lapointe in recognition of their services for civic reform.

**EMPLOYES TO GET BENEFIT**  
Western Union Telegraph Company Is Not to Cut "Melons" Hereafter.  
NEW YORK, April 6.—Improvements and increased wages for employees, rather than melons for stockholders, is to be the aim of the Western Union Telegraph Company hereafter.  
This resolution was adopted to-day at a meeting of the executive committee of the company in New York.  
Archbishop Bourne is uncertain about his power to attend the Eucharistic conference at Montreal. Archbishop Bourne is the Roman Catholic primate of England.

## Reasons Why Citizens' League Supports the Hospital Bylaw

- (1) The total hospital accommodation of Toronto is not sufficient for the needs of the city.
- (2) The hospital accommodation in Toronto per population is much less than that of other large cities.
- (3) There are now 376 patients in the Toronto General Hospital. Not only has it been taxed for some time past to its utmost capacity, but at times it has been impossible for sick persons to secure accommodation.
- (4) By the splendid arrangements with hospital boards in Toronto, the city is saved the investment and maintenance expense necessary to a municipal hospital.
- (5) The arrangement with Toronto hospitals for taking care of the sick poor people of our city is admirable—is first-class—and the cost to the city remarkably low in comparison with other cities.
- (6) Any physician or surgeon in the city may attend his patients in the private or semi-private wards of the hospital; in addition, there are semi-public wards, which are open for the use of all physicians and surgeons in the city.
- (7) Toronto is justly proud of her splendid university and medical school. All that is needed to make our medical school one of the very best on the continent is improved hospital facilities. The best medical school and the best hospital is a worthy aim for Torontonians.

## GRAZED BY DRINK SHOTS LIFE AND SELF

**Tragedy at Small Hamlet Near Guelph—Was Climax to a Week of Quarrelling.**

GUELPH, April 6.—(Special.)—Albert Adams, a well-known and well-to-do blacksmith at Weissenburg, a hamlet eight miles from Guelph, shot his wife this afternoon, and a moment later turned the revolver upon himself. The tragedy occurred about 4 o'clock in Adams' comfortable brick residence beside his shop. The only eye-witness was Louisa Hauck, a girl who had been hired for a few days to help with the house cleaning, altho in the yard just outside the door, the three children, Hamd, aged 10; Hughie, aged 7, and Miro, aged 5, continued playing, quite unconscious of the grim occurrence.  
Adams, who had been quarrelling with his wife a good deal all week, and particularly this morning, having been on one of his occasional rages, left for Guelph at 11 o'clock this morning, and bought a new \$2 calibre five-chamber revolver. Upon his return he found his wife and Miss Hauck in the kitchen, busy with preparing. He sat in the corner a short time without saying anything. The women paid no heed to him.  
"Have you nothing to say to me?" he asked his wife. Whereat the girl replied they were too busy to talk.  
"What now?" he asked. "I have said Adams, and walking between the two women, he drew the revolver from his coat pocket and, pressing it against his wife's breast, said:  
"Woman! Run from House."  
The bullet entered a little too high to reach the heart, but punctured the large artery. Turning from him, the wounded woman ran from the house, thru the front gate and along the road a distance of over 100 feet to the C. P. R. crossing, screaming that she was dying, and calling for help. At the crossing she turned, but the internal bleeding weakened her so that she fell to the ground, some 15 yards from the gate.  
Louisa Hauck, after the shot was fired, and fearing that Adams might turn upon her, ran out the back door to Robt's Hotel, calling for help. Adams' wife, Mrs. Adams, who was in the room where she was, and wetting her apron, bathed the dying woman's head until she died, with the words, "I have shot her; I am dying; call the priest!"  
Just as Miss Hauck was rushing from the house she heard another shot, probably the one which Adams took his own life, tho he may have fired again at his wife, as she was running up the road.  
Dr. F. J. Kirby, of New Germany, and the Rev. Father Foster of the same place, arrived soon afterwards. They found Mrs. Adams dead under the bed, and in the kitchen the prostrate body of Adams, with a wound in his chest. In almost exactly the same spot as that which killed his wife, the bullet struck Adams, a few feet from his hand, were three exploded cartridges, and two still un-fired. The children by the side of the prostrate body of Adams, with a wound in his chest, in almost exactly the same spot as that which killed his wife, the bullet struck Adams, a few feet from his hand, were three exploded cartridges, and two still un-fired. The children by the side of the prostrate body of Adams, with a wound in his chest, in almost exactly the same spot as that which killed his wife, the bullet struck Adams, a few feet from his hand, were three exploded cartridges, and two still un-fired. 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