

REQUEST HYDRO ELECTRIC CO. TO SECURE FIGURES COST OF ELECTRIFICATION OF L. H. & B.

Delegates at Meeting This Morning Want Estimates of the Probable Earnings and Much Other Matter Relative to Road-Trip Over L. and P. S. This Afternoon.

The proposed electrification of the London, Huron and Bruce Railway was the subject of discussion at a large meeting of delegates and members of the special local committee held in the city council chamber on Wednesday afternoon, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the hydro-electric power commission of Ontario be requested to approach the Dominion government with a view to acquiring, leasing or securing running rights over what is known as the London, Huron and Bruce Railway, on behalf of the municipalities through which it passes."

BILL TO FORBID MINISTERS TO BE DIRECTORS

Would Affect Virtually Every One of Members of Cabinet. PENALTY IS PROVIDED Liberal Member to Introduce Legislation to Curtail Common Practice.

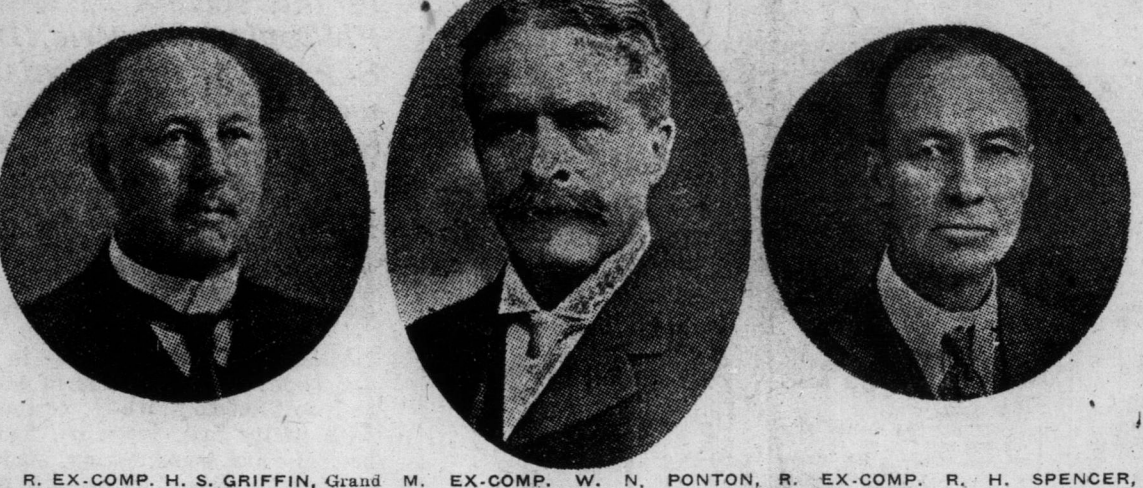
[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Feb. 23.—With the purpose of further preserving the independence of parliament, Andrew McMaster, of Bromo, has placed on the order paper a public bill which provides that no minister of the crown shall at any time be a director in any company other than charitable, religious, or educational.

There are few who would not be affected by this bill should it pass. Some of them are directors of one or more of the railway companies, some of the public utilities, some of the banks, and some of the insurance companies.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLDER. Forecast: Tomorrow, Feb. 23—S. a.m. to 10 a.m. light snow and rain, becoming cold. Thursday—Fair and for the most part moderate. Temperatures: The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Officials of Royal Arch Masons Who Are Attending Session Here



TWO CHARGED WITH MURDER OF VETERINARY

Wilfrid Meharg and Edward Dickenson Arraigned at Hamilton. BOTH PLEAD NOT GUILTY

Prisoners Appear for Preliminary Hearing Before Magistrate.

Hamilton, Feb. 23.—Both Wilfrid Meharg and Edward Dickenson were charged with the murder of Dr. J. J. Whitworth before County Magistrate Vance today. The prisoners pleaded not guilty.

PARLIAMENT SUMMARY

PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY. Ottawa, Feb. 23.—In the Commons: A spirited debate took place over the close of the night session when H. H. Stevens (Vancouver Centre) was speaking. William Bennett (Montreal) also spoke with regard to Hon. Mackenzie King, and the Speaker intervened.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN IS STILL SUFFERING AS RESULT OF BAD FALL

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Canadian Press.—Sir Robert Borden is still confined to his bed suffering from the effects of a heavy fall which he sustained while walking through the ice of Fame to the parliamentary library.

EXPECTING COMPANY?

No need to worry how to amuse them. Just call at The Advertiser Contest Office for a supply of charts on the puzzle, and have a little contest of your own, with rules to fit the occasion. Any number can work. By offering prizes to those getting the best result in a given length of time you will find you have planned a pleasant evening for your friends.

WITNESS DECLARES HE SAW MRS. TRUMBLE WITH PISTOL IN HER HAND FEW SECONDS AFTER SHOT WAS FIRED

STAR WITNESS IN SPRACKLIN TRIAL EXPIRES

Ernest Deslippe Is Victim of Pneumonia Attack. SICK ONLY FEW DAYS

Was Man Found Outside the Chappell House by Spracklin.

Windsor, Feb. 23.—Canadian Press.—Ernest Deslippe, one of the star witnesses in the Spracklin manslaughter case, who has been confined at Hotel Dieu, suffering from pneumonia since Sunday evening, died at 7 o'clock this morning.

Following the Trumble shooting, Deslippe was placed under arrest, charged with assault and robbery. The case ran along in the Windsor police court all winter, and was only disposed of about three weeks ago, when the charge against him was dismissed.

He was born in Colchester, Ont., and after moving to Windsor entered into the painting business. The family residence is at 127 Elm street. On Saturday he was taken seriously ill, and was removed to Hotel Dieu on Sunday, passing away early this morning.

DEATH OF DESLIPPE WAS UNEXPECTED

Windsor, Feb. 23.—Canadian Press.—The death of Ernest Deslippe was entirely unexpected, as, during the opening moments of the trial it was thought that he might appear in court to give evidence regarding the events which immediately preceded the entrance of Spracklin's officers to the Chappell House on the morning of the slaying.

HAMILTON HOSPITAL FOR INSANE

BURNING IS GUTTED BY FIRE

Origin of Blaze Is Mystery—Several Patients Escape in the Excitement, But Are Recaptured—Firemen's Efforts Prevent Spread of Flames to Other Sections of the Structure.

Hamilton, Feb. 23.—The Orchard House wing of the Ontario Hospital for the Insane, one of the principal buildings on the grounds, was swept by fire this morning. There was no loss of life.

A. F. OF L. PLAN TO COMBAT OPEN SHOPS

Conference at Washington Is Called by Samuel Gompers.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Representatives of the national and international unions affiliated in the American Federation of Labor gathered here today in an extraordinary conference for the purpose of organizing to meet attacks on the union labor movement.

SAUVE WILL INTRODUCE MOTION TO INVESTIGATE QUEBEC LIQUOR TRADE

Quebec, Feb. 23.—Canadian Press.—The liquor scandal which was promised by Mr. Arthur Sauve, leader of the Opposition, last week, is still hanging fire.

ACQUIT JAP SOLDIER WHO SHOT U. S. OFFICER

Tokio, Feb. 22.—A finding of not guilty has been rendered by the court martial which tried Toshiyoshi Ogasawara, the soldier who shot Lieutenant Langdon of the United States ship Albany at Vladivostok last month. It was officially announced by the war department today. The trial was on the charge of accidental murder.

CELEBRATING 107TH BIRTHDAY

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Mary Ann Potter of Dwight, Illinois, is celebrating her 107th birthday today. She was born in New York State in 1815, and came to Illinois in 1854.

Girl Defending Mother Kills Her Father

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 23.—Elizabeth Babel Lance, 15 years of age, stabbed her father to death early today, defending her mother, police say, during a quarrel over her parents.

MONTENEGRINS DECLARE HOLY WAR ON SERBS

London, Feb. 22.—A wireless message from Berlin today says that according to Swiss reports the Montenegrins have declared a holy war against the Serbs. Two Serbian regiments have occupied Cetinje, Montenegro, and the situation is grave, the message says.

Pittsburg Concert To Be Heard in London

One of the most unique events ever held in London will be the radio concert, which will be given in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium the first of the month by the Y. M. C. A. Radio Club.

ITALIAN COMMUNISTS HOLD DEMONSTRATIONS

London, Feb. 23.—Communists attempted a display of all their forces throughout Italy on Monday during the Nationalist demonstrations which occurred during the day, says a Central News despatch from Rome. At Bari, a city on the east coast of Italy, two extremist deputies were wounded by the Nationalists, and a general strike was called by the Communist demonstration failed at Turin, owing to the intervention of Deputy Miala, a Bolshevik, who was escorted by 100 Carabinieri.

BOLSHEVIKI TO OPEN CAMPAIGN AGAINST JAPS

Russian Soviet Forces Concentrating in Eastern Siberia.

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