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END OF A COSTLY SESSION

The session of the Ontario Legislature commenced under auspices which, while characteristic of the Ross Government, would be regarded as discreditable by any other Ministry. It is ending, after a series of crises, with the minority Administration in worse shape than ever. There was but one reason for the sudden calling of the House, namely, the necessity of averting a temporary escape from anticipated exposures of crime in these proceedings. A controller in Toronto has had the decency to resign because offences were committed, without his knowledge, at the election in which he was returned. The Ross Government has no such delicacy of feeling. It promoted the wrong-doing, and then called the Legislature to meet that the fraudulently elected members might sit and vote, and that the more direct offenders might be shielded from the law.

There need be no wonder that a machine-elected House—for through the machine the wrong is done—should be as bad as the instrument which created it. As water cannot flow up-hill, so a legislative majority cannot be superior to its master. All through the session now closing the influence of this political engine has been felt. As a result of useful legislation, outside of the amended assessment law, which Mr. Whitney and his colleagues carefully supervised in the public interests, there has been none worth a special mention. The efforts of the improperly acquired majority have indeed been directed towards the obstruction of measures making for the improvement of the condition of the people and the protection of public rights. One of the crises, with its all-night session and its special train to bring in an absentee member, was produced by the determination to thwart a movement affording the public a slight return, in the way of reduced railway charges, for the great subsidies that are voted. While appeals for legislation of a reforming character have fallen upon unwilling ears, an unusually strong demand for action—a demand promoted by Mr. Ross himself—has been resisted. When the House opened the Lieutenant-Governor was asked by his Ministry to announce that a measure dealing with the liquor question would be introduced. No such bill has been brought down. It is clear now that the chief adviser of the Government trifled with his Honor and placed in the speech from the throne a promise, the fulfilment of which was not intended. The deceit of which the Lieutenant-Governor was made the medium is, however, very far-reaching. For years a body of thought has been invited by Mr. G. W. Ross, who has posed as its leader, to expect legislation. It has been tricked from time to time with piousness, referenda and constitutional technicalities. When the announcement was made in the speech from the throne that something was coming it supposed that legislation was really at hand. But it turns out that the declaration was a new imposture, and, as a consequence, the Government has lost a measure of strength upon which it formerly relied. Deprived of this support the Ministers and their majority have hastened to make friends in another quarter.

This explains the enormous grants and guarantees and the ten per cent. "rake-off" that has so astonished and scandalized the province. There can be no doubt that under ordinary circumstances the Government would not have agreed to lend \$2,000,000 of public money to the American mill-lionaires who are reorganizing the Sault industries. It would indeed have declared that the excellence of the Outlook required these millionaires to do business with their own money on their own credit. But with two powerful members of the House financially interested in the affair as unpaid contractors, with a constituency about to be vacated because of the criminal acts by which the member was elected, and with the better elements of the party falling away, the proposition bore a different coloring, and \$2,000,000 was not regarded as too large a sum to pay for the political results that are wanted.

The calling of the session to postpone election trials and to install as members men who had not been honestly returned, certainly added to the popular dislike entertained for the Ross Government. During the session nothing has been done to remove the bad impressions thus rubbed in. Far from rehabilitating itself the

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Government has made its position worse by its capitulation to all sorts of agencies, by the new obligations it has incurred, and by the unhappy revelations, first, with regard to the Sault wages, and, secondly, with reference to the ten per cent. "rake-off" on contracts. If the Ministry was distressed before the House met, it is viewed now as a public menace. We have passed from the "evil practices in the constituencies to a condition even more shocking in the Legislature itself. During the session Mr. Whitney and his colleagues have conducted a splendid fight for sound principles and for reform. The leader of the Opposition has endeavored himself more than ever to his followers, and has won the admiration of the whole province. Mail and Empire.

STARVING IN THE MIDST OF PLENTY

Terrible Experience of Mrs. M. Sears of Lochaber, N. S.—Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets To The Rescue.

Mrs. M. Sears, of Lochaber, N. S., relates an experience that should make all sufferers from indigestion stop and think. It shows what the future may have in store for those who neglect the first slight aches and discomforts that tell of a disordered stomach. "I was a great sufferer from dyspepsia," says Mrs. Sears. "I had terrible pains in the pit of my stomach and lost about fifty pounds in weight. You can imagine my case as very acute. I was almost starved. I tried various medicines and on several occasions tried to get relief through the use of a stomach pump. I went to Newfoundland on a trip for my health. "But it was no use. I could not get relief and had almost given up hope of ever being cured when an advertisement led me to try Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets. I got one box and must say I never had such relief in my life. I continued using them and gradually regained my lost weight and strength. "You can quickly cure your indigestion and escape the terrors of dyspepsia by using Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets. They mean comfort now and security for the future."

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Hamilton Spectator. The "lesson" of the Toronto fire is the motto of the Hamilton fire department: "Get there quick, and kill it on the spot."

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MUSICAL..

Chatham music lovers were given a treat last evening in the Foster concert which was given at the Grand. The entertainment was one of the best that has been here this year, and, considering the lateness of the season, it was well patronized. The audience was not a large one but it was a cultured and appreciative one and they took many an occasion to show their approval of the efforts of the different artists, who appeared on the program.

The only disappointing feature of the whole evening was the illness of Miss Foster, the celebrated English contralto, who was the star of the evening. For the last few days Miss Foster has been suffering from a severe cold and she found it impossible to attempt some of her more difficult songs. Indeed, it was with difficulty that she sang at all and singing under such conditions made her at once admired by her audience. She appeared first in two English songs, "The Boatman's Song" and "An Indian Lullaby." The latter number was her best selection. Her second number was "The River Flows to the Sea," and on her last appearance she sang a group of three songs "If Heaven I Will," "Because My Love is a Rose," and "Happy Song." It was indeed unfortunate that Mrs. Foster could not attempt some of her heavier numbers as it was plainly evident from her singing that she is a contralto of wonderful ability and training. She has a voice full of both sweetness and power and her department in the stage is that of a finished artist. Cyril Dwight Edwards, the baritone, is a very brilliant singer and was the good feeling of his audience upon his initial entrance. He has an excellent stage appearance and this added to his magnificent voice, makes him an imposing soloist. He is not a stranger here having sung in the auditorium once this season. Mr. Edwards is an English singer and has received his training in Paris and England. He sang remarkably well and was at his best last evening in "O Du Mein holder Abendstern," from "The House of the Dead," and "The Song of the Spring has Come," from "The Boatman's Song." "Mother O' Mine," "Stand to Your Honor," and "King Charles." This last number was also one of his best and he sang with a free and vim that could not but enthrall his audience.

Emiliano Renaud, the talented French pianist, was by no means a secondary consideration in the artistic accomplishments of the evening. Renaud is one of the most gifted pianists who have visited Chatham for some time. He played an exceedingly heavy program last evening and he played well. He appeared four times on the program and each time he appeared he was greeted with hearty and well deserved applause. He was repeatedly called back and obliged to respond to encores. It would be impossible to describe his playing for it was far beyond the understanding of the average concert-goer. He played his whole program with the ability and skill of a true artist. His last selection, a Fantasia on Themes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Mendelssohn-Liszt, was a work of art and he played it in a manner of the average concert-goer. He played in all of the larger cities of America and everywhere he goes he is greeted with favorable criticism and is pronounced a general favorite.

Miss Kate Eads was the accompanist of the evening and performed her part of the entertainment faultlessly.

The many people who enjoyed the program last evening, are indebted to W. W. Scane for this excellent entertainment. Chatham should have more of these high class artistic evenings and for the future this one Mr. Scane deserves unbounded credit and praise. The same company appears in London this evening.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

TILBURY

April 26.—Mrs. James Stewart left last night to visit relatives in Leamington.

W. A. Hutton was in Chatham and Dresden yesterday.

Inspector Park, of Chatham, is visiting the public school here to-day.

Mrs. B. Johnston and daughter Myrtle visited friends in Chatham on Saturday.

Miss N. Hagan spent yesterday in Detroit.

Born—On Sunday, 24th inst., to the wife of Jas. Foster, a daughter. Mrs. Murphy, of Seattle, Wash., is visiting relatives here.

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BLENHEIM

April 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Joe St. John and son William, of Detroit, were here last week attending the funeral of the late Mr. Collar.

Work is in full swing at the Methodist church, the interior being thoroughly renovated and new seats will also be put in.

Messrs. Fraser and McCallum, of Wallaceburg, were Blenheim visitors over Sunday.

A new roof is being added to E. H. Edmond's house on the Front street. O. O'Brien visiting relatives in Detroit last week.

Miss Anna Adkins is in town. Roy Brown is visiting relatives in Leamington.

The school was restarted yesterday morning after being closed and disinfected last week. In the afternoon

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CHILD FATALLY BURNED.

St. Catharines, April 24.—The home of Rev. Dr. Smith, pastor of Knox Church, was last night the scene of a sad occurrence and which terminated fatally this morning. His only son, who is just two years and a-half old, was put to bed last night at his usual hour, and left alone for a short time. When his mother returned to the room she was horrified to find her child seated in a chair wrapped in flames. The supposition is that the little fellow, not being inclined to sleep, got out of bed, and by standing on a chair, reached some matches and managed to light them. The flames were quickly extinguished, but the child received such severe burns that he died this morning at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Smith also received several burns while extinguishing the flames. Rev. Mr. Smith was formerly pastor in Thamesford, Ont.

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