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ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS FOR ONTARIO GOOD ROADS

Provincial Government Decides to Set Aside That Amount in Order to Continue Its Policy of Paying One-third the Cost of Country Roads Systems, the Million Dollars Appropriated Some Years Ago Having All Been Spent.

ANOTHER million dollars has been set aside by the Provincial Government out of the consolidated revenue of the province in aid of the improvement of public highways. The same amount, which was set aside some time ago, having become exhausted, provision is being made by the government to continue its policy of defraying one-third of the cost of building good roads thruout the province.

Announcement to this effect was made in the legislature yesterday by the Hon. Dr. Reaume, minister of public works, when he introduced a bill to amend the act to aid in the improvement of public highways.

The existing act is to be amended by providing that the management of all road improvement under the Highway Improvement Act is to be centralized in a capable county road superintendent or engineer, appointed by and acting under the direction of the county council. A foreman or inspector is to be placed by the road superintendent or engineer in charge of any works which he personally cannot oversee, but a member of the county council shall not be so employed.

In future the clerk of every county, before the first of every February, shall publish a detailed statement of all expenditure on or in connection with county roads or bridges for the preceding year. At least ten copies of the statement shall be printed, and any elector in the county who applies shall be supplied with one. To the Lieutenant-Governor in Council is given power to strike from the approved plan of the county roads system any roads which the minister of public works finds has ceased to be used or for any other reason is not of sufficient importance to be constructed and maintained as a county road.

RADICAL LEADERS OPPOSE GREY AS PREMIER

Parliamentarians Regard Retirement of Asquith as Probable and Supporters of Grey and Lloyd-George Are Lining Up — "Fighting Joe" Makes Himself Heard.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(Can. Press.)—Among the members of the house of commons, many of whom have reached London in readiness for the reopening of parliament to-morrow, the rumored retirement of Herbert H. Asquith from the premiership was the chief subject of conversation. Not much surprise would be caused if the premier in a short time relinquished his office and accepted a peerage. It is pointed out that, while he has not held the position of premier very long as compared with some of his predecessors, his term of office has been marked by the greatest political agitation. During the past few years Mr. Asquith has aged perceptibly. Besides this, the expense of keeping up the position of premier is extremely high, and Mr. Asquith has a large family.

Dislike Grey's Foreign Policy.
Even among those members of parliament who have taken part in the campaign against Sir Edward Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs, it is agreed that their opposition to him was in great part due to their desire to prevent him succeeding to the premiership, as they are against his foreign policy. It is even suggested that the formation of the Persian committee, which recently rejected Mr. Morgan Shuster, the ex-treasurer-general of Persia, was really part of this campaign. Certainly most of the members of that committee were pronounced supporters of David Lloyd George.

"Joe" Martin Worried.
Joseph Martin, the Liberal member of parliament for the East Panhard division of London, who was formerly prominent in Canadian politics and is now one of the leaders of the extreme Radical wing in the house of commons, said in the course of an interview to-day that there was no doubt that the majority of members of the house of commons would view with the keen disappointment the elevation of Sir Edward Grey to the premiership. Mr. Martin was of the opinion that the majority of members of the Liberal party were in favor of Lloyd George above any other member of the cabinet.

Mr. Martin continued: "It must be remembered that politics here are entirely different from politics in the United States and Canada. There the party could be consulted before the appointment of a premier, and if he were unpopular, a big row would be raised. Here the government does things without consulting its supporters, and even if an unpopular man were to be made premier, the party would think long before upsetting the government."

Both Radical and Conservative.
Sir Edward Grey during his term at the foreign office has commanded the respect of both parties. Only recently there has been an agitation against his foreign policy. One of his supporters pointed out that Sir Edward Grey was really a combination of Radical and Conservative. In his speeches he always advocates radical measures, but in his actions he is most conservative. He delivered a series of speeches during the parliamentary recess, particularly in reference to home rule, of which he has been a consistent supporter, on the ground that the imperial parliament would thereby be relieved of local matters and enabled to give greater attention to imperial affairs.

Quick Decision on Navy Bill

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Mr. Pauline Emile Lamarche, member for Nicolet, County, has given notice of a question to ask the government if it is their intention to set aside a date for the discussion of the resolution of Mr. Albert Severyn, member for Dorchester, concerning the repeal of the navy bill of the Laurier Government.

Mr. Lamarche explains that the object of his question is to reply to the taunts of the Liberal press, who maintain that the French Conservative members were not sincere in their election promises to ask for the repeal of the navy bill. As the Severyn resolution now stands on the order paper, it seems almost impossible that it can be discussed in parliament owing to the amount of more pressing business.

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ROCKY ROAD FOR ASQUITH TO FOLLOW

Momentous Legislation in Prospect Causes Lively Fears in Government Ranks — Will Not Reach Chief Issues Until After Easter — Election This Year.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(C.A.P.)—To-day the King will open what is certain to be the most exciting session of parliament within recent years. It is unlikely, however, that the most momentous questions will be reached until after the Easter debate on the address, which will probably occupy a fortnight and will be followed by financial matters.

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Character Study.
The part of Maggie Pepper as played by Rose Stahl at the Princess this week is not only interesting but instructive as well. Miss Stahl's role offers a study in character that is really refreshing and unprofitable to but few.

Beware of Imitation Fur.
Did you read that interesting article in a big American magazine on spurious furs? It tells about fifty or sixty new lines of goods manufactured from hare skin and the pelts of domestic cats, and from a list of other animals, and catalogued under such headings as Austrian mink and Celtic seal, etc. The story tells you to beware of buying any of these lines, because, though they look good for a day, they are not built to wear.

In the Diction sale now going on there is nothing being shown but "pure fur." All fur purchased direct from the trapper and made into garments on the premises. Every fur reduced in price from twenty to fifty per cent.



TEMPERANCE PARTY IN ONTARIO MAY JOIN HANDS WITH LIBERALS

Campaign for Provincial Prohibition Will Be Launched With N. W. Rowell as the Moses—Strong Deputation Will Visit the Parliament Buildings To-day—Temperance Convention Opened in Massey Hall and More Advanced Legislation Was Demanded.

Why Hon. A. G. MacKay was made the Jonah and thrown overboard by the Liberal party was indicated at the temperance convention which opened at Massey Hall yesterday.

As announced in The World yesterday the proposition was being pushed forward by some of the delegates for the usual deputation to the government to march with their ire aroused by his continued attitude on the three-fifths question to the opposition corridor, to confer with the leader of the opposition.

This was never done during Hon. A. G. MacKay's leadership, altho he was as outspoken as possible against the three-fifths clause.

The new tactics with reference to the opposition leader, now that he is persona grata with the temperance party, were complicated by an intimation of an early change in the temperance campaign plans.

With Hon. A. G. MacKay as leader of the Ontario Liberals, the refusal of the three-fifths condition was the only thing the temperance party had to look for, should he ever ultimately attain power.

With a life-long cold water man and a professed prohibitionist in the saddle, temperance and the Liberal party managers look for something more advanced; a movement to pool the Liberal and temperance party's two times was the natural sequence. These conditions rendered significant F. S. Spence's statement at the convention yesterday afternoon: "Local option has pretty nearly run its race. Public opinion wants something bigger and wider in the direction of provincial prohibition."

At 4 o'clock, after an uneventful morning and two hours' afternoon session, the 400 or 500 delegates were suddenly made to sit up. The flashlight on the situation was startling and biased while it lasted.

Turned on the Flash.
Rev. S. Williamson, chairman of the business committee, turned on the flash. "If it is true," he said, "that a deputation from this convention is to wait on the Ontario Government at noon to-morrow, we should like to know if the convention has any instructions for your business committee."

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TWO POLICEMEN DISMISSED FOR REPREHENSIBLE CONDUCT

Hobbs Alleged to Have Assaulted a Woman and Small Suspected of Attempting to Induce the Girl to Swear Falsely to Police Commissioners—Estimates For This Year Are \$620,000.

Constable Hobbs, for six years a member of the force, was dismissed by the police commissioners yesterday. The reason given by the authorities was that he committed a "breach of the regulations." Last November Hobbs appeared before the commissioners to answer complaints of a serious nature. While on duty in Reserve Park it was alleged that he and a citizen held up a man and woman and extorted money from them.

Much evidence was submitted against the action of Hobbs in his capacity as keeper of law and order. It was ascertained that on another occasion, accompanied by the self-same citizen, he accosted a man and woman in the ravine after dark. According to the testimony solicited by the commissioners he chased the escort and then criminally assaulted the woman.

Constable Small, also of No. 5 division, was also discharged on account of his connection with the case. It was stated that he, while off duty and dressed in civilian clothes, approached the girl whom Hobbs had assaulted, a short time later, and asked her to swear to the board that Hobbs was not the offender, but it was an individual who wore a peaked cap. There were about eleven persons who gave information to the commissioners yesterday.

According to the report of Chief of Police Groat the police estimates this year will reach \$620,000, but owing to the absence of Mayor Geary they were not considered, but left over to the next meeting. These figures do not include the amount necessary for promotions and appointment of additional inspectors. Three new police stations will be opened this year. They are now under course of construction and located at Claremont-street, London and Markham-streets and another in No. 5 division, in the north end.

Constables Hull, Barnes and Williamson sent in their resignations, and Constable Farr was dismissed for irregularity.

BERT ROADHOUSE MADE DEPUTY MINISTER

Private Secretary to Hon. J. S. Duff Succeeds C. C. James as Deputy Minister of Agriculture With a Trained Assistant Who Will Do the Outside Work.

W. Bert Roadhouse, who has been for the past three years secretary to the minister and to the department has been appointed deputy-minister of agriculture, in succession to C. C. James. Mr. Roadhouse has been relieved of what may be described as the "outside" work by the appointment of C. F. Bailey, B.S.A., live stock specialist attached to the institutes branch, as assistant deputy minister. The deputy minister will, as before, have supervision of the executive work of administration, which has grown so enormously that it will occupy the entire time of one man.

"The assistant deputy minister will have supervision of the outside work of the department, which is growing in importance. This includes the work of the district representatives. It should be understood that our system of district representatives has grown very rapidly in the past few years. It has been under the direction of the deputy minister, but has rapidly assumed too large an importance to be handled in that way. It will, therefore, be placed in charge of the assistant deputy minister, who will have an opportunity of giving personal attention and personal oversight, which we feel sure will result in increasing its efficiency and popularity, if that were possible. His appointment will no doubt be specially popular with those interested in the live stock industry," said Mr. Duff.

The resignation of Mr. James as deputy minister takes effect on Feb. 23.

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BURNED BABY IN FURNACE

Halifax Woman Admits Revolting Crime After Arrested for Murder.

HALIFAX, Feb. 13.—(Can. Press.)—"I put the baby in the stove and burned it. I'm sorry now, but I did it when the feeling came over me."

These were the words of Ada McCarron, the wife of James McCarron of this city, in confessing to the police this afternoon that she put her five weeks' old child in the hot blast stove in her house and burned it alive. She said she did this nine days ago and then spread the story that the child had been kidnapped from the cradle. Mrs. McCarron is locked up on a charge of murder.

When the police visited the woman's house in the north end and the day the child disappeared, they examined the hot blast stove from which the ashes had been removed. It was then cold, but that was four hours afterwards. The ash barrel was searched and little bones were found there, whether human or not remains to be proved.

It is believed that the woman is mentally unbalanced.

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OPPOSITION IS STILL BLOCKING

Guthrie's Several Amendments Voted Down — White Counters Sharply on Oliver.

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Another whole day spent in committee on a single clause of the tariff commission bill.

Hon. George E. Foster pertinently pointed out that with the information gathered by the commission before parliament and the people of Canada, no minister would ever be able to shield himself behind generalities in framing his tariff. There was neither Toryism nor Criticism in absolute facts, and this commission was told to get absolute facts.

Hon. W. T. White scored on the leader of the opposition by reading from a speech of Sir Wilfrid, in which he declared himself in favor of a tariff commission such as they have in the United States. The premier showed that ministerial control of the commission was necessary in pointing out the superior urgency of certain lines of enquiry.

W. F. Maclean (South York) thought too much definition or limitation would prevent the desirable flexibility of the commission. It should be given a free hand.

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