

Government Refuses to Stop Telephone Abuses

Talk Out Mr. Lennox' Resolution to Bring About a More Equitable Adjustment of Rates and Other Conditions Now Attaching to Monopoly--Alberta Government's Attempt to Snatch Verdict From People Under Most Peculiar Circumstances.

Ottawa, March 2.—Mr. Lennox (South Simcoe) presented a resolution last night declaring it to be the opinion of the House that the government should remove long existing abuses as to telephone rates and secure to the people of Canada "a rate of service at least as moderate as having regard to local conditions, prevails in countries where a national telephone service is maintained."

Mr. Lennox made an able speech, and was well supported by Mr. Armstrong (E. Lambton), who presented the question largely from the standpoint of the farmer, and urged upon the government the necessity of compelling the Bell Company to give a trunk line connection to independent companies. He pointed out that legislation in this behalf, proposed in 1906, and in supplement in 1908, had been ignored by the Dominion government.

Carvell, the Obstructor.

Messrs. A. K. MacLean (Liberal, Nova Scotia) and Carvell (Liberal, New Brunswick) evidently came well prepared for the debate. They presented long columns of statistics to prove that the Roblin government had not made good in operating the telephone system of Manitoba. Mr.

Carvell spoke at great length and at midnight declared he wanted more time and moved the adjournment of the debate. This meant the shelving of the question indefinitely, unless the government would agree to resume the debate at some future day of the session.

As Sir Wilfrid Laurier would give no pledge that the resolution would be heard again, Mr. Lennox refused to have it snuffed out and without a vote, they thereupon divided the House. The opposition had not expected a division, but made a good showing, the government being sustained by a majority of 54.

Quebec Battlefields Fund.

In reply to a question Mr. Fielding stated that the contributions of provincial governments, private individuals, etc., to the Quebec battlefields fund up to January 31st, aggregated \$45,880. The Tercentenary fund, of which the Dominion government voted \$300,000, totalled \$335,839, of which \$321,168 had been spent on the celebration. Expenses and the purchase of certain property had accounted for an expenditure of \$14,554, and there remained in the hands of the trustees \$436,426. No permanent secretary of the commission had been appointed.

A site for the Uxbridge post office has been purchased from L. E. Hutchinson for \$1,200. Dr. J. S. Rutherford, veterinary di-

rector general, has withdrawn his resignation.

The imports of the Dominion of Canada through Canadian seaports in 1908 amounted to \$120,344,379, or 81 1/2 per cent. on the total imports.

Petitions are pouring in for the eight-hour day for railway telegraphers. One was presented this afternoon by Capt. Tom Wallace, containing 1,500 names.

The Alberta Elections.

Word comes from Alberta that the Rutherford government has resorted to the most high-handed methods in order to shut off any real contest at the coming elections. The Legislature was prorogued last Thursday, and dissolution followed on Friday night. Nominations are fixed for the 15th inst., and elections for the 22nd.

It now transpires that the new Alberta Elections Act has not been printed, although doubtless the government supporters are supplied with copies of it. To add to the confusion a redistribution act was passed but a short time ago and fourteen new electoral districts were created. This act is not printed, and the opposition are unable to learn the new boundaries or the places at which nomination meetings are to be held. In short, everything is planned for a snap judgment obtained by the Scott government in Saskatchewan will appear almost respectable.

OPENING QUEBEC LEGISLATURE TODAY

Province Will Have a Surplus on the Year's Operations-- Legislation Which Will be Proposed.

Quebec, March 2.—The first session of the twelfth Legislature of Quebec was opened this afternoon by Lieutenant Governor Pelletier. Dr. P. Pelletier, Sherbrooke, was elected Speaker, and Dr. Delage, Quebec county, deputy. Important legislation for the session was foreshadowed in the speech from the throne. Among other items mentioned were the Laval and Quebec tercentenary celebrations of the past year, and the Prince of Wales was thanked for his attendance at the latter. Increases in appropriations for primary schools will be asked for and a commission will be asked for to enquire into the best means to prevent tuberculosis. Public accounts for the past year showed an excess of receipts over expenditures, compared with the preceding year, and the equilibrium in the province's finances has been finally restored. Legislation expected of general interest will be relating to electoral system, civil service and to mines and fisheries.

EQUITY COURT.

Carleton County Case Before Chief Justice Barker Today.

In the Equity Court this morning the case of Cummings, vs. the executors and heirs of the late William Gibson of Benton, Carleton County, was taken up before Chief Justice Barker. The late Mr. Gibson in his life time made advances to Cummings and took securities at different times. The first was a bill of sale for \$4,000, the second a mortgage for \$1,000 and the third was a deed, claimed to operate as a mortgage, for \$400. Besides these advances the plaintiff claims that he bought two lots of land for the sum of \$600. The plaintiff claims that he has paid his indebtedness and wants release of the bill of sale, mortgage and deed, which it is claimed was to operate as a mortgage and conveyance of the land agreed to be sold.

The defendants claim over \$600 due on the mortgage and that outside of this the plaintiff is indebted to the estate to upwards of \$1,000.

By their answer the defendants state that they know little about the transactions and that their information is chiefly derived from the books of the deceased. Cross interrogatories have been filed by the defendants and the result of the admissions is that a few of the items of account are in dispute.

Messrs. H. A. Powell, K. C., and D. McLeod Vince appeared today for the defendants with Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., and Mr. Peter J. Hughes for the plaintiffs. At noon the greater part of the answers had been read and the case is proceeding this afternoon.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Canon Montgomery and family leave this evening for Port Hope, Ont.

Mr. Emery Sewell is seriously ill with heart trouble at Gibson.

Mr. J. T. Rundale, of Chatham, and Mr. M. Welch, of Bristol, lumbermen, are at the Barker House.

Mr. H. P. Robinson, general manager of the New Brunswick Telephone Co., is at the Queen Hotel.

Another Pleased Merchant.

Mr. B. J. Griffith, in talking with The Gleaner to-day, said he was entirely satisfied with the result of his Stock Reducing Sale and says he attributes it to the liberal use of ink and space in the columns of The Gleaner. His stock has been turned over quick and he knows his numerous customers have been well satisfied with the bargains they got. Many lines has been entirely cleaned out and more expensive goods have gone out with a rush. The sale will continue until Saturday next.

Finance Campaign Week.

It is intended to make the week beginning March 15th a week of subscription getting for the Y. M. C. A. A considerable amount has been received toward the year's expenses already. Between \$400 and \$500 is still needed to complete the year ending in August satisfactory. The largest work attempted and accomplished has been done this year. Some may prefer to send subscriptions in without waiting to be called on. Such amounts will be very thankfully received.

P. N. S. Mock Trial.

A mock trial was held last evening by the P. N. S. Debating Society. President Stanley R. Clark acted as judge, E. A. Ross and I. F. Flanagan as prosecuting and defending counsel respectively. After a strenuous prosecution and like defence the prisoner, Geo. L. Dibble, was judged by the jury to be innocent of the crime charged. Many interesting facts were brought to light and the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Three Hours Less.

Through a slight mistake in composition the hour of John Weddall & Son's dress goods sale on March 3rd appeared from 7 a. m. to 1 p. m. to 1 p. m., so remember you will have plenty of time without rushing it to 1 a. m. the hours.

Murder Trial Two Italians

Men Charged With Slaying "Paddy" Green Now on Trial For Their Lives--Witnesses Examined Before the Grand Jury This Morning--Case Will Take Some Days.

Andover, March 2.—Much interest centres in the trial of Tony Arosia and Leon Seppipi on the charge of murder, which commenced this morning in the Circuit Court here, as the result of one of the most atrocious crimes in the criminal annals of the province, when "Paddy" Green, a Montreal jewelry peddler, was shot and killed on the Grand Trunk Pacific right of way several miles north of Plaster Rock.

The murder took place on Sunday morning, December 20th, and Green was killed for the \$2,000 in money and jewelry that he had. Following the murder there was a sensational chase through the woods for the alleged perpetrators of the crime, Tony Arosia and Leon Seppipi, and they were later found in a shack where they had taken refuge, both suffering severely from exposure.

Arosia and Seppipi were sent up for trial on the charge of murder and the trial which opened this morning is the sequence.

Judge Landry is the presiding justice, and Hon. H. F. McLeod, Solicitor General, is conducting the prosecution for the Crown.

As yet it is not known who will appear for the prisoners, but it is rumored here that Mr. H. H. Pickett of St. John will appear for them, although he has not as yet reached here.

The complete panel of the grand jury, twenty-four in all, were present and Mr. Abraham E. Kupkey was elected foreman. The Solicitor General presented the bill of indictment against Arosia and Seppipi, and they were indicted jointly for murder.

The judge then charged the grand

jurors as to their duties and the seriousness of the case and the grand jury then retired to their room and the Crown prosecutor commenced to place before them the case for the prosecution.

The first witness summoned before the grand jury was Panarsky, the Jewish peddler, who was with Green at the time he was murdered, and who was struck with a glancing bullet after it had first hit Green.

This afternoon the examination of witnesses before the grand jury will be continued and it is expected that by adjournment this afternoon the grand jury will return their decision. There does not seem to be any doubt that a true bill will be found.

Other witnesses to be examined before the grand jury are Dr. Coffin of Plaster Rock, who performed the post mortem; Sandy Murray, boss of Johnston's construction camp; Seymour Traflet, a game warden, who aided in the capture of the Italian prisoners; Harry Kennedy, who was the first to reach Green's body after the murder; Miles McCrea, a constable, who was with the searching parties; and Andrew Hatoch, an Italian, and John Basker. The last named is probably one of the most important witnesses of those summoned. Mr. Basker passed along the right of way where Green was fatally murdered, just previous to the shooting, and he saw the two Italians in ambush behind the pile of logs from where they are said to have fired the fatal shots, and a few minutes later met Green and Panarsky walking along together.

It is expected that the case will last at least until the early part of next week.

Provincial Government In Session Here Today

Statement of N. B. Telephone Co. Submitted Showing Net Profit For Year--Applications For Incorporation--Resignations and Appointments--Report of Central Railway Commissioners.

The regular monthly meeting of the Provincial Government opened in this city this morning. Premier Hazen and the members of the Government reached the city last evening and are guests at the Barker House. All the members of the Government except Solicitor General McLeod, who is appearing at the Victoria county murder trial, were present and this will be the last meeting of the Government previous to that held the week of the opening of the Legislature. The members of the Government expect to complete their business by tomorrow night.

This morning Mr. H. P. Robinson, general manager of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, appeared before the Government and submitted the statement of the past year's business of the company, as required by the act of 1903, and it showed a net profit of 6 per cent, which amount he paid to the stockholders as dividend.

Mr. Robinson also explained that the telephone rates had been readjusted for the purpose of equalization and placing the rates upon a stated basis.

The resignation of G. K. Greenlaw as chairman of the Board of Health for the town of St. Andrews was accepted.

Applications for incorporation were received from the following:

- McLellan & Smith Lumber Company.
Nepisiquit Fishing Club.
Canada Lands Company.
Moncton Clothing Company.
S. J. McGowan Manufacturing Company.

THE YOUNG COMPANY.

Pleasing Play for First Night Insures Big Business for Popular Stock Company.

The H. Wilmot Young Company last evening opened what promises to be a highly successful engagement at the Opera House, giving an excellent presentation of The Gambler and the Girl. The company has all its old favorites and some new thespians who take a front rank in their profession and with an attractive repertoire of plays for the week's engagement are assured of big business every evening.

Last evening found Mr. Young giving a telling interpretation of the role of Jack Mason, while Miss Marjje Adams was all that could be asked for in the role of Bess. The play is well known here and was as popular as ever last evening with a strong supporting company.

Perhaps the best specialty seen here with a repertoire company in years is that put on by Bates and Neville and which is known as The Tramp, the Dutch Girl and the Wheel. In the art of trick bicycling work it

is replete with sensations. Mr. and Mrs. Clark mounts in their singing specialty made another big hit which was equal to that which they scored when they joined the company on its previous appearance here. Baby Marguerite and Billy Conlin also did their share towards pleasing the audience.

This evening there is another good bill on. Hanson's orchestra has been engaged for the week and the musical feature is also attractive.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 1.—Hon. Matthew Smith, Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, died this afternoon from pneumonia. He was in his place when the House adjourned on Saturday at noon, but was suffering from a severe cold. He had been ailing since the general elections in December last.

His death reduces the Liberal members to sixteen in a House of thirty, the Government having had a majority of three, exclusive of the Speaker.

THE FEATURES ON STOCK MARKET

Montreal, March 2.—Stocks were quiet to-day and mostly steady. Montreal Power rallied from the recent weakness to 113 1/2 yesterday, but went back to 111 1/4; Toronto Railway rose from 121 to 122 1/2. Other features were Dominion Steel, 31 1/2; pfd., 104 1/4; Bonds, 88 1/4; Rio, 96; Lake of Woods, 102; Scotia, 57 1/2; Twin City, 107; Asbestos, 88.

On Wall Street.

New York, March 2.—During the period of dullness the stocks of the several small railroads were marked up. Prices held firm while this was going on and then ran off. Erie lost one, Wisconsin Central lost three and a quarter, the preferred one.

Some quotations: Amalgamated Copper, 71 3/8, 76 5/8; Canadian Pacific, 168, 167 1/2, 167 1/2; General Electric Company, 155, 155, 155; New York Central, 124, 124 1/8, 123 3/4; Northern Pacific, 137 3/4, 138 1/4, 137 3/4; National Lead, 76 1/4, 75 3/4, 75 3/4.

CALAIS YOUTH IN SERIOUS TROUBLE

Calais, Me., March 2.—After succeeding in evading the police for two weeks, Ben Smith, aged eighteen, was arrested as he was boarding the west bound express at St. Croix Junction on Monday evening, and brought back to Calais. Bennie is charged with rape, his victim being a Miss McLaughlin of Charlotte County, whom he invited to a sleigh ride and then assaulted upon a lonely road. He was released from custody on \$1,000 bail shortly after arrest and will be given a preliminary hearing Friday morning.

LETTER FROM ALD. CLARK.

To the Editor of The Gleaner. In your last evening's paper it is stated that I am on the "Scott Act Ticket." While the name may be unimportant, this one is not fully expressive.

With others I was nominated at a public meeting of citizens on this platform: "We pledge ourselves, if elected, to do our utmost to effect the careful and economical administration of the city's affairs, and the just administration of all the laws and ordinances of the city."

I am in favor of Scott Act enforcement by the proper officers, but as an alderman would desire, as in the past, to give attention to the financial and other affairs of the city and work for its progress.

"Good government" would be a better name. Yours truly, W. G. CLARK. Fredericton, March 2, 1909.

Operation. Mrs. Weddall, wife of Ald. J. J. Weddall, has undergone a successful operation at Victoria Hospital for an intestinal trouble, and is progressing favorably towards recovery.



ARTHUR H. OSBORNE AND HIS BRIDE.

The above portraits of Arthur H. Osborne and Mrs. Osborne, nee Helen Maloney, were taken after the celebration of their second marriage.

The Valley Railway.

Messrs. A. R. Slipp, M.P.P., John Palmer and Ald. Winslow, who attended the meeting of the Woodstock Board of Trade yesterday to discuss the valley railway proposition, have returned home much pleased with the success of their meeting. President Dibble, B. F. Smith, M.P.P., G. W. L. Smith and E. R. Teed were appointed a committee to represent the Woodstock Board of Trade at a conference between representatives of the boards of trade of this city, St. John and Woodstock in Fredericton at an early date. The meeting was strongly in favor of building a road to connect with a trunk line so as to make competition for Western business to Woodstock and it was also felt advisable for the government, instead of giving a subsidy to increase the guarantee of bonds to \$25,000.

Arctic Rink. Band at Arctic Rink to-night.

At The Unique.

The Unique had its usual large Monday night audience last evening, notwithstanding the Wilmot Young Company at the Opera House. A large number of Unique patrons take in the first show at The Unique at 7.30 and go from there to the Opera House, getting there in ample time for the opening of the play at 8.30. The pictures last night were all good and much enjoyed by all present. Three good comedies: The Nery Thief, Its only the Painter, and Bathing, are all strong laugh producers; whilst the remaining two subjects, "The Callip and the Pirate," and "Maggie the Dock Rat," are highly sensation and tell a story true to life in the big cities. Mr. Sayce rendered the illustrated song "We've been chums for fifty years" in a most acceptable manner and was warmly applauded. The same excellent bill will be presented again tonight at the Unique.