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THE FAIR ONES AND THE BRAVE
CROWD HOUSE OF COMMONSUsual Brilliant Spectacle at the Capital Opens the First Session
of the Eleventh Parliament—The Speech From
the Throne.

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—For the first meeting of the eleventh Parliament of Canada there were the usual ceremonies of the opening today. The day was not too bright and there was not a great deal of excitement save among those immediately concerned. A detachment of dragoons escorted the governor-general from the Government House to the Parliament House, where he was honored by a guard from the governor-general's foot guards. Meantime from Nepean Point the salute of nineteen guns boomed out to tell those who had forgotten that Parliament had once more assembled in the city. Inside the Senate chambers there was a brilliant scene of fair ladies and officials of church and state in their robes of office.

The speech from the throne was delivered by the governor-general as follows:

Speech From the Throne.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons.—Welcome to the first session of a new parliament. I desire to acknowledge with devout thankfulness the abundant harvest with which Divine Providence has again blessed us.

The Centenary.

The Quebec tercentenary festivities in July, which were honored by the gracious presence of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as representing his majesty, marked an epoch in the history of the Dominion. The generous support given to this national celebration by the Federal Parliament and provincial legislatures, and by the peoples of Canada, of the United Kingdom, and of the Empire, and the sympathy which binds the various parts of the British Empire to each other, and to the throne, and person of his Majesty the King. The presence of representatives from the United Kingdom.

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Mother and Little Ones Perished

Kronau, Sask., Jan. 21.—While Frank Engle, a well-to-do farmer, was absent from home, fire destroyed his house, his wife and four children, the eldest ten years of age, perishing in the flames. One boy, sixteen years old, who slept downstairs, escaped. The mother, who also slept downstairs, attempted to rescue the children that were asleep upstairs, but was suffocated before she could reach them. The boy who escaped made three unsuccessful attempts to rescue the family, but was driven back each time, the stairs giving way in the last attempt. The fire started about one o'clock this morning from an overheated stovepipe. Mr. Engle was on a business trip to Milestone when the terrible calamity occurred.

Much-Wanted Ex-Rector Is in Wales

Sarnia, Ont., Jan. 21.—The officials are making every effort to have the parents of the young girl, who is now lying here very ill in a hospital, and for whose condition former Rector Evans, of the Episcopal Church here, now a fugitive from justice, is alleged to be responsible, appeared before the county crown attorney and swear out a warrant for Evans' arrest. Evans is said to be in Wales, and Chief of Police Pengelly is confident he can bring him back here for trial. Pengelly will cable the English police to

apprehend Evans, as soon as any warrant is issued here for him, when he will send an officer to England to bring him back. Warrants are out against Evans in Buffalo and Cleveland, but the local authorities hope to get him first. Pengelly says that within the past two weeks a score of complaints have reached him of Evans' dealings with other young girls than the one mentioned. If arrested, Evans' first charge, Evans would be liable to seven years' imprisonment, besides a fine.

London Electric in the Field To Stay

When spoken to by The Advertiser this afternoon regarding the meeting between the power committee and the members of the London Electric Company called for Tuesday afternoon next, Mr. C. B. Hunt, the manager, stated that the session was simply for the purpose of having an understanding and getting together to try to arrange matters amicably.

Asked if the company had prepared a valuation of their plant to be submitted to the committee, Mr. Hunt said the matter had not gone that far yet.

No Going Out of Business.

"You may rest assured of one thing," he said, "the London Electric Company is not going out of business. There is no need of any haste in this matter. There is such a thing as forcing trouble, and in the event of trouble, the London Electric Company is not going to be forced to go out of business."

A BRIGHT GIRL HAS PASSED AWAY

Death of Miss Mary M. Crombie, of This City.

The death occurred, at the residence of her parents, last evening of Miss Mary M. Crombie, daughter of Mr. J. C. Crombie, the chief dispatcher of the Grand Trunk here.

The young lady, who was very well known, had been ill but a short time. On the seventh of January she returned from school complaining of feeling ill. She felt well enough to attend church on Sunday last, however, but upon reaching home stated that she was ill. From that time her condition grew worse, death resulting last evening.

The funeral will be held from the residence of her father on Piccadilly street Saturday afternoon at 2:30. The services to be conducted by Rev. Mr. Inkster, assisted by Rev. Mr. Mitchell.

She is survived by her father and a brother, Mr. W. Crombie, of McGill University. Miss Crombie was in her seventeenth year.

SIX MONTHS AT HARD LABOR

John McDonald, of Moss, Sentenced This Morning.

John McDonald, who was arrested last Monday for stealing \$22 55, five skirts, and three pairs of trousers, from his employer, Duncan Campbell, who lives some miles east of Glenora, while the family were at church, appeared before Judge Macbeth today to answer to the charge, and was sentenced to six months' hard labor. As McDonald has only been in this country about four months he was ordered to be deported again to Scotland at the expiration of his sentence.

The building committee of Hamilton W. C. A. has now \$22,000 on hand for a new building.

FISHERIES TREATY IN ISLAND'S HANDS

The Entire Question Now Rests With the Government of Newfoundland.

London, Jan. 21.—It is understood that the whole question of the fisheries treaty now rests with Newfoundland. Canada has gone into the question of arbitration in deference to the wishes of Newfoundland, and it is regarded as certain here that Canada's assent depends upon the acceptance by Newfoundland of the proposed terms. Newfoundland's chief objection is that she considers any pecuniary claims with respect to fines inflicted on American vessels for breach of the colonial regulations should be decided by the colonial courts after the main arbitration, and should not themselves be submitted to arbitration. The United States desires that the matter shall be included in a pecuniary claims treaty, which is now being negotiated. Newfoundland also holds that Americans have no right to fish in inlets on the west coast of Newfoundland and wants this declared in the treaty. So far, although the British Government has pressed for the inclusion of this in the treaty, the United States Government has not agreed to the proposed course. There are those, however, in well-informed quarters who hope that these questions will be satisfactorily arranged as a result of the conference at Washington.

The Late Mrs. Maul.

The funeral of Mrs. Henry Maul was held this afternoon from the family residence, 173 Colborne street, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, and was largely attended. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. A. Graham, of the Wellington Street Methodist Church. The pallbearers were six sons of deceased, Messrs. Henry, Alexander, Frank, Charles, William and Roy Maul. Many beautiful floral offerings were sent from friends throughout the country.

MR. BECK IN FAVOR OF METERS

Now Getting Prices on Portable High-Pressure Pumps.

In speaking to Mayor Stevely this afternoon, Hon. Adam Beck stated that he was getting figures from the Westinghouse people for electrical fire pumps to give a high pressure service. These engines, he stated, are in use in Germany, and are giving general satisfaction.

The outfit consists simply of a motor and a centrifugal pump.

When Niagara power is in the city, Mr. Beck said, a system of wiring could be completed, by which, by means of a plug located near the hydrants, the electrical pump could be operated. It would pump the water from the mains, delivering it at a very high pressure. The system, he said, would be a portable high pressure one, and is at present in use to some extent in the high buildings of New York.

The pressure there forces the water as high as 21 stories. Above that it is pumped by means of electrical pumps, such as Mr. Beck says can easily be placed on wheels and made portable.

Stop the Waste.

In regard to the water question, Mr. Beck spoke as follows:

"There is only one thing to do to stop the waste in London, that is, use meters. Gas and electricity are sold in that way. Water costs money to produce and should be sold. The system would mean a reduction in water rates for the man who does not waste, as he could get all the water he required at a flat rate. The man who wasted, however, would get just as much water as the other man at the same rate, but all that he used would have to be paid for, and it wouldn't be long before he stopped wasting. Everybody would then have plenty of water. We propose to sell Niagara if it were sold as the water is in London there would be an enormous waste."

A HEAVY LIST OF QUESTIONS

Seventy-eight Are Already In of Which Mr. Foster Has Thirty-three.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—The session has opened with the record number of notices of motion and questions, no fewer than 78 having been sent in up to noon today.

Of these Mr. Foster is responsible for 33, covering practically every subject of political interest from the Cassels' commission to the management of the Intercolonial Railway, the civil service and South African land grants. The most important of these notices is in favor of Canada assuming her share of naval defense, and is in these words, "In view of her great and varied resources, of her geographic position and national environment, and of that spirit of self-help and self-respect which alone benefits a strong and growing people that Canada should no longer delay in assuming the proper share of the responsibility and financial burden in relation to the suitable protection of her exposed coast line and great sea ports."

Another resolution expresses the opinion that the time has arrived for a practical system of co-operation between the Governments of Canada and Great Britain for the settlement in Canada of suitable immigrants from Great Britain and Ireland.

Dr. Schaffner, of Souris, Man., gives notice of a resolution in favor of Government-owned grain elevators at Port Arthur and Port Arthur, and also of the transfer of elevators between these ports and the Atlantic seaboard.

CARLOAD OF BABIES.

New Orleans, Jan. 21.—A carload of seventy-five babies was distributed in New Orleans today. The precious freight came from the New York Foundling and Orphan Asylum. Scores of foster parents were waiting at the station to lay claim to the little ones for whom they had previously applied.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MILD. FORECASTS, Jan. 21-3 a.m.

Today—Southwesterly, winds; cloudy and mild.

Friday—Cloudy and mild.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Today.	Yesterday.
London	24	24
Victoria	24	24
Calgary	14	24
Winnipeg	8	24
Port Arthur	24	8
Perry Sound	32	20
Toronto	36	27
Ottawa	20	2
Montreal	28	12
Quebec	30	8
Father Point	30	24
Dawson	24	24
Atlin	24	24
Kamloops	32	47
Edmonton	6	14
Prince Albert	4	12
Moose Jaw	21	41
St. John	22	24
Halifax	2	36
Minus	36	zero.

WEATHER NOTES.
An important disturbance, which has entered the continent from the Pacific, is likely to cause stormy conditions in the Western Provinces.

MARKET FOR 5,000 HORSEPOWER STREET RAILWAY ASKS PRICE

Special Committee Is Not in Position, However, To Quote a Price on Niagara Power—Engineer Sifton Brings in First Report—Much Discussion at Special Meeting Held Yesterday.

The question of handling Niagara power after it gets here was the subject of a long and earnest discussion at the meeting of the special power committee held in the city hall yesterday afternoon. Chairman Stewart read a communication from City Clerk Baker, and then asked the members what they were going to do about it. The most important feature of the meeting was an incomplete report brought in by Engineer Sifton, in which he showed that as far as he can estimate 4,886 horsepower of Niagara power can be sold in the city. The report showed 850 horsepower in addition to the 4,036 horsepower already in use.

Street Railway Wants It.

A request from the London Street Railway Company, asking for a price on Niagara power had to be left over,

as the committee are not in a position yet to give any figures. The company want a figure on 1,000-horsepower at once, as they are considering enlarging their plant.

A meeting was also arranged between representatives of the London Electric Company and the power committee for Tuesday afternoon next at 4 o'clock.

The letter read by Ald. Stewart was as follows:

"The Chairman and Members of the Power Committee:

"Gentlemen.—At the last meeting of the city council, the following extract from the mayor's inaugural address was referred to the power committee:

"The Power Bylaw—In June last (Continued on Page Two.)

INSURANCE MEN DISSATISFIED HIGH PRESSURE DEMANDED

Globe Casket Company's Fire Again Shows Weakness of Water Pressure—Certain Companies Are Again Threatening To Refuse New Business in London.

It was again stated this morning by representatives of several insurance companies that several companies now doing business in this city will withdraw from London, and as soon as the policies they hold mature, will not seek any more business here until the water pressure is increased.

May Raise Rates.

The agents of several companies, it is reported, have already taken this matter up with their head offices, and in addition to withdrawing, have recommended that they place before the insurance association the question of still further raising the insurance rates in London.

A Serious Matter.

"This is going to be a very serious question for London," one of the representatives of several large companies told The Advertiser. "The insurance companies are feeling heavily, and are doing so at the present time of sustaining great losses. If a certain amount should break out in the business districts, it will be a very serious matter indeed for London if the insurance companies withdraw from London. Since the Westernman fire some companies have withdrawn and others I know are considering strongly the advisability of doing so."

The Casket Company Fire.

"Agents who were present at the

Globe Casket Company fire sent in very damaging reports regarding the water conditions. London must do something to remedy this, and insurance men are satisfied that the only thing that will keep down the rates will be the installation of a high pressure system. It will not cost a very large amount to install and when we consider the losses the city has already had, it would have paid for itself many times over."

A Fire Boat.

"I saw an improvised high-pressure system on a small scale working in Detroit at a big fire recently. One of the fireboats was coupled on to the hydrants, and three eight-inch streams from the fire. In addition to the water, the tremendous force with which it was thrown on the fire was such that no fire could live in it. Had we had one such stream here the Casket Company fire would have been extinguished speedily."

A Suggestion.

"We lost more than the cost of a high-pressure service on Monday night, to say nothing of the number of workmen thrown out of work. If a configuration should sweep away London's wholesale and factories in the business district, thousands would be thrown out of work, and the city sustain a blow from which it would not recover for years."

City May Sell Power to Companies Hon. Mr. Beck at Meeting in City Hall

Also Said That Plant of London Electric Co. Would Be of No Use to the City.

At a special meeting in the mayor's office at noon today, Hon. Adam Beck was present and was asked by Mayor Stevely whether or not the city could sell Niagara power to the London Street Railway, and if they did whether they would get credit for it.

Mr. Beck stated that the city could sell the power if they wished, or the commission would sell it, as the city would be given credit for whatever amount was disposed of.

Since the principle would apply, he said, in regard to the Ayrton or the Southwestern Traction Company, if they took 1,000 horse-power between them and the street railway 1,000 horse-power the city's liability to the commission would be reduced to the cost of 3,000 horse-power.

In case, however, power was supplied to the Traction Company from a transformer not in this municipality, the municipality where the power was sent from would be credited.

Wherever the transmission stations are located the municipality will get the money.

Mr. Beck stated that the commission has already prepared figures for supplying the London Street Railway

with power at a metre rate and not on the 20-minute peak load principle.

Work in Union.

Engineer Sifton pointed out that there were many things in which it would be advisable for the city and the Street Railway Company to work in union, such as the service to Springfield.

Mr. Beck agreed with this. Mayor Stevely asked if the motors at present in use in London could be used where Niagara power is installed and Mr. Beck said they could not. These are the motors in use in business places, etc.

The London Electric.

Asked whether the London Electric Company would be sold power by the commission in case they applied for power, Mr. Beck said he could not answer.

Asked if the city had power to refuse to sell Niagara power to the London Electric Company, Mr. Beck said the city solicitor would know, or he would answer when asked the question by the city council.

Reducing the Cost.

The cost to London, he said, would be very high until the power began to be distributed to places west of here. Then the cost to London would be reduced very materially, and the other places would have to pay in proportion.

Mayor Stevely asked if the city would have any use for the buildings or plant of the London Electric Company and Mr. Beck said they would be of practically no use.

LAST CASE AT THE ASSIZES COURT

Long List Has at Last Been Gone Through.

The case of Thomas and Robert Coughlin vs. Bernard J. Tarling and Edith Tarling a case to recover certain goods and chattels belonging to Lydia Ann Coughlin, now deceased, who at the time of her death was living with the defendants, came up at the assizes today. The defendants claim that the said chattels were given by the deceased to them, and hence that the plaintiffs have no right to recover. The action has not yet been decided.

Messrs. Blackburn & Weakes appear for the plaintiffs, and Messrs. Meredith, Judd & Meredith for the defense.

This is the concluding case in this session of the assize court.

It is likely that the decision on the chief ranger, London,

Late George Woods.

The funeral of George Woods was held yesterday afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, and was largely attended. The services were of a most impressive nature, and were conducted by Very Rev. Dean Davis, high vicar, chief ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters. The pallbearers were all prominent lodge officers, the following being chosen: R. H. Fowler, high chief ranger, Hamilton; W. McAndrew, high treasurer, Hamilton; Dr. Henderson, of Sarnia, high secretary; John Porter, high councillor, Simcoe; Dr. Brown, of Lambton, and P. J. Darch, past high

NOMINATIONS ARE POURING IN FOR THE FREE EUROPEAN TRIP

Thirty-One Ladies' Names Are Now in the List—Tour Will Be a Splendid One and Well Worth a Struggle—Send in Your Nominations and Vote for Your Friends.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

District No. 1.—All that territory within the city limits, north of and including both sides of Dundas street, and west of and including both sides of Wellington street.

Mrs. (Dr.) Kingsmill, 219 Queen's avenue.
Miss Katie McLaughlin, 226 Hyman street.
Miss May I. Mountjoy, 120 Mount Pleasant avenue.
Mrs. Norman A. Roberts, Richmond and John streets.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

District No. 2.—All that territory inside the city limits, east of, but not including Wellington street, and north of and including both sides of Dundas street.

Miss A. S. Stevenson, 391 Dundas street.
Miss Mabel Connor, 474 Princess avenue.
Miss Velma Hayes, 574 Adelaide street.
Mrs. Ronald Emery, 338 Dundas street.
Miss Nellie Weston, 868 Dundas street.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

District No. 3.—All that territory inside the city limits, south of but not including Dundas street, and east of but not including Wellington street.

Miss Margaret Edgar, 130 Dreeany avenue.
Miss Annie George, 132 Waterloo street.
Miss Emma Graham, 386 Burwell street.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

District No. 4.—All that territory inside the city limits, west of and including both sides of Wellington street, and south of but not including Dundas street.

Miss Maude Wheatcroft, 254 Hill street.
Miss Winnie Grimason, 229 Richmond street.
Miss Winfred Bignell, 13 Bruce street.
Miss Edith Glanville, 153 Wharnclyffe road south.
Miss Vera B. Hewer, 8 Ingleside street.
Mrs. H. Hundertmark, jun., 150 Bruce street.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

District No. 5.—The county of Middlesex outside the city limits. Nominations—Miss Gladys Malcolm, Littlewood, proposed by John M. Parsons, and endorsed by T. F. Kingsmill, jun., and Mr. A. Westman.

Miss Gladys Malcolm, Littlewood.
Miss Ethel Earl, Egerton street.
Miss Sylvia Oliver, Kilworth Bridge.
Miss Rosa Longfield, Mossley.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

District No. 6.—The counties of Lambton, Kent and Essex.

Miss Irene Marriott, Sarnia.
Miss Clara Kipp, Chatham.
Miss Aggie St. Clair, Brigidon.
Mrs. Arthur Brittain, Wyoming.
Miss Violet Wood, Mooretown.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

District No. 7.—The counties of Elgin and Oxford.

Miss Maude Law, Harrietsville.
Miss Pearl Best, Springfield.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

District No. 8.—Counties of Huron, Bruce and Perth.

Miss Agnes W. Sawers, Brucefield.
Miss Clara Holden, St. Marys.

THIRTY-ONE NOMINATIONS.

There are now thirty-one nominations for The Advertiser's Free European Trip.

Many inquiries are reaching this office every day concerning the conditions. Those who do not thoroughly understand them should telephone, call, or write at once. Any and all information will be cheerfully furnished.

It is quite probable that before the end of the week, the present number of nominees will be doubled. You should be in the contest as early as possible. There is an old proverb about an early bird. Some are withholding their nominations until they have secured by personal canvass a large vote in subscriptions and ballots. They might do even better by putting forward their names so that all their friends could join in aiding them.

There are nominees now in every one of the eight districts. Any lady 18 years of age, or over, on Feb. 1, may be a candidate.

Already the friends of the ladies nominated are working hard. Why not place your friend's name in nomination, and roll up a big vote for her?

A SPLENDID TRIP.

The trip will be a splendid one, and it is well worth the contest. The ladies will tour England, Ireland and Scotland, and will also spend some time in Paris, France.

Many places of historic interest will be visited. A competent guide will be in charge, and the entire cost and responsibility will be assumed by The London Advertiser.

The competition is fair and above board in every particular. No employee of The Advertiser, and no member of the family of any employee, can enter the competition or vote for the candidates.

The trip will prove inspiring and educative, and is well worth a little time and labor.

LOCAL POLICEMAN "ON THE CARPET"

P. C. Fysh Must Tell Why He "Went Through" a Basket.

A meeting of the police commission will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and P. C. Fysh will be brought up on the carpet for his alleged action on Saturday in taking a plug of tobacco away from a little girl who had

been sent to the store to get it along with some other groceries. It is alleged that the officer went through her basket and took away the tobacco, and when the child's father sent for it, Fysh had taken it home. The man has placed the matter in the hands of Messrs. Meredith & Judd and a lively time is expected.

Bank Clearings.

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