

NEW MEMBERS IN THE HOUSE

Intimation of Surplus of Over Half a Million.

Skeleton Gerrymander Bill Introduced by Whitney.

Central Prison May Be Sold and Penal Farm Bought.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—Though the Provincial Legislature was supposed to have commenced its real business yesterday afternoon, practically nothing was done beyond opening the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. Two speakers only were heard—Mr. C. R. McKeown, M. P. P. for Dufferin, and Mr. A. E. Donovan, M. P. P. for Brockville, both of them new members. These speeches were somewhat brief, and while much of the field of Provincial politics was touched upon, the references to the Provincial surplus were especially marked. The exact amount of this surplus has not been made known officially, but Mr. Donovan intimated that it was over half a million dollars. The general impression, however, concerning the surplus is that the figures will amount to nearly \$600,000. Before the House adjourned Premier Whitney introduced a skeleton redistribution bill, which was read for the first time. The bill in its present form makes no disclosure of the Government's intention with regard to the redistribution, none of the important schedules being presented. Mr. Whitney announced his intention of conferring with the leader of the Opposition, Hon. A. G. MacKay, regarding the procedure to be adopted before the bill is presented to the House in its complete form. The debate was adjourned on motion of Mr. C. N. Smith, Sault Ste. Marie. It is probable, however, that when the Legislature meets to-day, and following the tradition of purely formal business, there will be a further adjournment until Tuesday. It is understood that a number of members on both sides of the House are desirous of taking part in the debate.

Petitions were received from the County of Elgin asking that the Government should grant a bounty for the killing of ground-hogs.

A number of petitions were also handed in asking for the repeal of the three-fifths clause with respect to local option. Numerous other ones of minor importance were also read.

The House went into Committee of Supply, when Hon. Col. Matheson moved that \$600,000 be apportioned for interim supplies. This amount, he said, was larger than usual because of the amounts devoted towards the superannuation of school teachers.

In moving the address in reply to the speech from the throne Mr. McKeown, who was received with loud applause from the Government benches, made a touching reference to the death of his predecessor, Dr. F. W. Lewis. Referring to the Whitney Administration, he stated that the members were not daunted in the effort for honest government by corporations and anxious capitalists, though at the same time encouragement had always been given private investment and private enterprise. During the thirty years of the previous Administration the greatest asset of the Province, the waters at Niagara Falls, had rolled on to the sea unnoticed.

Continuing, Mr. McKeown said that once more a surplus would be reported, a surplus not secured by sacrifices of mineral or timber wealth, but by honest business methods. He also devoted a few sentences of eulogy to what the Government had done so far for the care and healing of the insane. The Minister of Agriculture had also done much in trying to secure more farm labor for the Province. Certainly, he added, the great need of the country was population, but he thought it would be better to bring British immigrants here than the off-scouring of Europe. Mr. McKeown favored the setting of a minimum salary for school teachers, and he did not think a minimum of \$300 too high. The Government, in order to encourage the better payment of teachers, he pointed out, paid \$40 towards a salary of \$400 and \$80 towards one of \$500 for the rural school.

Mr. Donovan also received his share of applause upon rising. Mr. Donovan claimed that three Cabinets as good as the Ross Cabinet could be selected from the men now supporting the present Government. The Whitney Administration, he said, had found public support because of business management, fair dealing and economy.

"I have reason to believe," said Mr. Donovan, "that when the Provincial Treasurer makes his budget speech he will be able to tell you that he has several hundred thousand dollars in hand, cold cash as a surplus. (Applause.) I will even make a guess that this surplus is over half a million." (Applause.) Referring to the temperance question, the speaker stated that the liquor men of the Province would admit that the law was well administered. He gave it to be fair play on both sides, he stated, though he believed that in ten years practically all the rural districts would have local option, and the Government would stand behind the people when the latter said they wanted anything.

The adjournment of the House was made by Mr. C. N. Smith, Sault Ste. Marie.

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tract and piece price systems of employment. A further clause suggests that in the equipment of industrial departments regard should be had for the development of the mechanical taste and manual dexterity of the inmates of the institution rather than the specialization of labor and rapid production of goods by machinery. The substitution of ordinary clothing of uniform style and color for the striped suit and the abolition of the dark cell are also recommended. Other recommendations are the introduction of a system of technical education, instruction in elementary subjects, with a view to the adoption of a more advanced curriculum, calisthenics and military exercises to improve inmates' physical condition, thus paving the way for their moral adjustment, but that anything in the nature of a public display be prohibited. The establishment of a branch institution to be located at northern Ontario is suggested.

In conclusion, and as their reason for condemning the existing Central Prison, the committee state:
"From the information which they have been enabled to gather and the experience of those who for many years have been actively identified with prison administration, your committee are impelled to the conclusion that a reorganization of the Provincial institution is desirable. The physical conditions at the Central Prison are now out of harmony with the requirements and purposes of the institution."
"The first conclusion that has forced itself upon your committee is that the present property should be disposed of, a large tract of land purchased and a new institution erected thereon. This change would permit the inauguration of the farm system on a large scale."

Notices of Motion.
Following are the notices of motion as handed out yesterday:
Mr. Hendrie (on Tuesday next)—Bill to amend the railway act; bill to amend the railway and municipal board act.

Mr. Pyne (on Tuesday next)—Bill to amend the public school act; bill to amend the Education Department act.

The majority of the bills are the existing laws as revised by the Judges entrusted with the revision of the statutes. The amendment which it is proposed should be made in the Railway and Municipal Board act is to enable the Ontario Railway Board to certify, when necessary, that money by-laws passed by municipalities are in order.

POSTAGE ON DAILIES

REDUCED FROM FOUR CENTS TO ONE CENT A POUND.

Objections to United States Publications Does Not Apply to the Daily Press—Convenience of Settlers Along the Boundary Considered.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The following was given out by the Post Office Department to-day: "An amendment has been made to the convention negotiated between Canada and the United States, as regards the postage on daily papers. Daily newspapers now charged four cents a pound will in future be one cent a pound. Weekly newspapers and periodicals remain the same, four cents a pound, and which has now been in existence for some months. It has been found that all the objectionable class of matter, which owing to the different classification of the two countries was being sent to Canada from the United States, has disappeared from the mails. It has also been ascertained that this class of matter is entirely confined to the so-called monthly or weekly periodicals, and newspapers, and that these objections do not exist, so far as the daily newspaper is concerned. It has also been found, owing to the close connection necessarily existing along the borders of the two countries, and the remoteness of many of the people from the daily press of either side, that the considerable objection existing to their having to purchase the daily press of their respective countries, when owing to the contiguity of the cities of either side they were able to obtain the daily papers of the other country early in the day. It was also found that a great number of daily papers were taken for the purposes of file on either side of the line.
"Owing to the fact that none of the objections held against the monthly and weekly periodicals and newspapers exist in the daily press, the Canadian Post Office Department, with the consent of England, agreed to the amendment."

STOESSEL'S FATE IN BALANCE.

Verdict Delayed a Few Days Owing to President's Illness.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 6.—The handing down of the verdict in the case of Lieut. Gen. Stoessel, who has been on trial here for having surrendered the Port Arthur fortress to the Japanese, has been postponed until Feb. 10 on account of illness of the president of the court.

FRANCIS REMANDED.

Doctors Will Examine and Report on Toronto Fakir's Story.
Toronto, Feb. 7.—Will J. Francis, who was arrested on a charge of making fraudulent use of the mails, came up in the Police Court yesterday morning, and Col. Denison remanded him for a week. The detectives want to make further enquiries regarding the prisoner's methods of doing business, and the advertisements inserted by him in the evening papers. In the meantime the doctors at the jail will examine Francis to ascertain if he is quite sane.

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SIR GENILLE CAVE-BROWNE-CAVE BOUND FOR ENGLAND.

Had Been Cow-Punching in Western States—A Rover—Known in India and on the China Coast—Served in the Boer War.

New York, Feb. 6.—Sir Genille Cave-Browne-Cave, the Englishman for whom British lawyers have been searching for over a year, turned up this morning on board the White Star line steamship Brown-Cave, the Englishman for whom British lawyers have been searching for over a year, turned up this morning on board the White Star line steamship Celtic, sailing for Southampton. Although he would not divulge his intentions, it is understood the traveller returns to take up the estates to which he fell heir when his father, Sir Mylles Cave-Browne-Cave, died on January 22, 1907.
Although heir to one of the oldest Baronets in the kingdom, Sir Genille early developed nomadic tendencies, and has been roving about the world pretty much all his life. He went to India, San Francisco, crossed the Pacific to the China coast, and finally drifted into the cowboy belt, and it is said took up cow-punching for a livelihood. Recently, with the idea that he was in the west, weekly periodicals and newspapers sent for him, but searches were in vain.
"The Cave-Browne Baronetcy dates from the time of Charles I., by whom it was conferred on the family in the year 1641 for special service rendered to Mary, Queen of Scots, his grandmother, when imprisoned. Sir Mylles Cave-Browne-Cave died at the age of 84, and his widow, the mother of Sir Genille, survives him.
Sir Genille is the twelfth Baronet, and was born in 1869. The family seat is at Kingsley, near Warrington, Lancashire.

POST OFFICE BUSY.

Another Fake Circular Promoter Arrested Yesterday.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—Acting under instructions from the Post Office authorities, Detective Wallace yesterday arrested Daniel Murray, 129 Queen street east, a Scotchman, aged 59 years, on a charge of fraudulent use of the mails. Instructions from Ottawa have been received to rigidly enforce the law against the passage of fake circulars, etc., through the mail, and Murray is the second man in two days that Inspector Henderson of the Post Office staff has caused to be arrested.
Murray has been flooding the Province with circulars, particularly the neighborhood of Whitby, describing himself as Murray & Co., manufacturing jewellers, 129 Queen street east, offering \$25 worth of jewelry for \$6-50 cents down and the rest to be paid in monthly installments of 50 cents.
When Detective Wallace searched the premises at 129 Queen street east he found not a trace of jewelry or attempt at a store, but there was about \$16 in money, received in answer to advertisements, this representing the first installment of 50 cents paid on the jewelry.
Murray is a married man with four children, and was a printer in Scotland.

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Fun for Times Readers

A Sure Sign.
There still are biting winds to come, There still are lings to be numb With higher cold; There still are blizzards with their blows, And still assorted lots of snows For days unrolled.

We still must tote the coal about, We still must clear the ashes out— Such time's not past; There's even a lot more coal to buy, We must replenish our supply, It just won't last.

There's still time for the germ of grip To make through us dangers loom; At our expense; There's still time for the winter bunch Of charges our poor wad to punch All full of dents.

And yet we find that Time's connived At our undoing. There's arrived Preliminary To giving hope a downward shove, In varied style assortments of Spring millinery.

Gloom.
The way is dark that lies before us, In every quarter dangers loom; The thunder clouds are spreading o'er us, But still we hurry to our doom! Although you call my sadness folly, I will not drive my fears away; "There's such a charm in melancholy, I would not, if I could, be gay."

Brevity.
It is generally admitted that you can't beat the Dutch for lengthy names, but when it comes to brevity New York takes the palm. A grocer in lower Fulton street, Brooklyn, signs himself iconically, "Al Re."—New York Sun.

Red-headed Boy Still Busy.
"What," asks the Wyoming Tribune, "has become of the old-fashioned frolic-faced boy who got the water, chopped the wood, split the kindling, milked the cows, fed the pigs, curried the horse and did such other chores as his parents found for him to do?" He's probably being kept busy handling his lazy son money with which to buy rolled-up trousers and cigarettes.—Denver Post.

The Wise Guy.
The man who thinks he knows it all Is lousy as can be In pointing out the glaring faults He finds in you and me. And just the minute that we fail At this or that, you know, He smiles a deprecating smile And says, "I told you so."

Man's Excuse.
A man has to do a lot of drinking so as to make himself think he is a good fellow.—New York Press.

Fixed.
One of the local officials of Chicago tells of a plumber's apprentice who, on his way to work one morning, called at the office of the health authorities and made known his wish to register his father's death. When the clerk asked the date of the demise, the son replied: "He ain't dead yet, but he will be before night. I thought it would save me another journey if you put it down now."

Thaw Doesn't Like Asylum.
Ashamed of Position, Asks Relatives to Keep Away.
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SCALES WERE TAMPpered WITH.

Sugar Trust Employees Charged With Fraud.

New York, Feb. 6.—On indictments charging conspiracy to defraud the United States Government Ernest W. Gerbracht, chief sugar expert of the American Sugar Refining Company, and seven other members of the Sugar Trust were arrested yesterday and taken before Judge Chatfield, in the Circuit Court, Brooklyn. Gerbracht and those indicted with him pleaded not guilty and were remanded under bail.
The indictment of Gerbracht is one of the results of the investigation of the February Grand Jury to learn who was responsible for the manipulation of the scales on the Williamsburg pier of the American Sugar Refining Company, by which, it is alleged, the Government has been defrauded out of thousands of dollars in the last few years.

CHILD TERRIBLY BURNED.
Eight-Year-Old Katie Riley Falls on Red Hot Stove.
Toronto, Feb. 7.—While 8-year-old Katie Riley was alone in the kitchen of her home at 75 Terauley street at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon she fell upon the stove, which was red-hot.
Her clothing caught fire and she rushed screaming from the room. She was seen by a boarder in the house, her mother and father being absent. The man tore off his coat and wrapped it about the child.
Detective McKinney found the little girl in a frightful condition. McKinney took the little one's frock away and saturating some cotton in oil wrapped her in it. She was then removed to the Sick Children's Hospital in the police ambulance.
She was so weakened by the shock that no anaesthetic could be administered.

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