

PREMIER ASQUITH INTRODUCES IRISH HOME RULE BILL

BRITISH COMMONS CROWDED WHEN THIRD LIBERAL MEASURE FOR DUBLIN HOUSE PRESENTED

Supreme Authority to Rest With Imperial Parliament, While Ireland Gets Real Autonomy in Regard to Irish Concerns.

THE MEASURE IS THE FIRST STEP IN A LARGE SCHEME OF DEVOLUTION

Matters Relating to the Army and Navy To Be Under Control of Imperial House—Stirring Ovation Given the Premier By Liberals and Nationalists.

[Canadian Press.]

London, April 11.—The Irish home rule bill, the third effort made by Liberal Governments of the United Kingdom in a quarter of a century to settle the quarrel between Great Britain and Ireland, was introduced in the House of Commons this afternoon by Premier Asquith.

The official title of the bill is "The Government of Ireland bill." Britishers have been becoming inured to political upheavals in recent years, so that the crowded chamber which Mr. Asquith faced when he nailed up the home rule flag today was a special tribute to the historic importance attached to the occasion.

The galleries set apart for members of the diplomatic corps, for the peers and for the public, were filled to their utmost capacity, while every seat in the body of the House was occupied, and an overflow of members stood in the gangways.

CHEERS FOR PREMIER.

Premier Asquith was greeted with a prolonged volley of cheers from the Nationalists and Liberals when he rose to speak.

He took up the narrative of home rule from the point at which the late William Ewart Gladstone left off nineteen years ago, pointing out that through all the political changes, and through peace and war, the insistence and persistence of the Irish demand for home rule had remained constant.

ULSTER CAN'T VETO.

The vote of Ireland, he said, was preponderantly in favor of home rule, and the right of a relatively small minority in Ulster to veto the will of the vast majority of the Irish people could not be admitted.

He had always presented the case of home rule for Ireland as the first step in a larger scheme of devolution. The separate concerns of the different parts of the United Kingdom could, he said, never be treated adequately until they had been handed over to their special representatives.

IMPERIAL HOUSE SUPREME.

The cardinal principle of the present home rule bill was, said the Premier, the supreme authority of the Imperial Parliament, while at the same time real autonomy is conferred on Ireland in regard to Irish concerns. The bill provides for the establishment of an Irish Parliament consisting of a Senate and a House of Commons, with power to make laws for peace, order and good government in Ireland.

THE CONSTABULARY.

The Irish constabulary is to be automatically transferred to the Irish Government after six years, and power is given by the bill to the Irish Parliament to demand the transfer of the old age pensions and insurance act to its control on giving a year's notice to the Imperial Government.

The Irish Parliament is debarré from altering the home rule bill or the power to appeal to the privy council.

RELIGIOUS EQUALITY.

Provision is made for the protection of religious equality in Ireland, and stipulating that the Irish Parliament cannot make laws, directly or indirectly, to establish or to endow any religion, or to prohibit the free exercise thereof, or to give a preference or privilege to any religion, or to make any religious ceremony a condition of validity of any marriage.

The lord lieutenant of Ireland is to have the power to vote or suspend any bill on the instruction of the imperial executive.

Any question regarding the interpretation of the home rule bill is to be settled by appeal to the judicial committee of the privy council.

MAKE-UP OF HOUSES.

The Irish Senate is to consist of 40 members, and the House of Representatives of 164, of which Ulster is to have 59 and the universities 2.

The Senate is to be composed of nominated members. In the first instance, the imperial executive is to control the nominations with a view to assuring the representation of the minority.

In case of disagreement the two Houses are to sit in joint session. The lord lieutenant is to be head of the executive. There will be no religious bar, and he will hold office for a fixed term.

The authority of the executive is to be co-extensive with that of the Irish Parliament. The 164 representatives are to be elected by the existing constituencies, but no constituency is to have less than 27,000 population.

COLLECTION OF TAXES.

The collection of all taxes is to remain in the imperial service, and they will be paid into the imperial exchequer, which is to pay over to the Irish executive an amount equivalent to the expenditure on Irish services at the time of the passing of the act.

An additional sum of \$250,000 yearly till it is reduced to one million, and this will diminish by \$250,000 yearly till it is reduced to one million.

FINANCIAL POWERS.

The postal services are to be handed over to Ireland. The Irish Parliament is to have power to reduce or to discontinue the imperial taxes, excepting the income tax and the stamp and estate duties. It will also have power to alter the excise duties, but except in the case of beer and spirits, it is debarré from adding to the customs duties anything which will give a greater increase than ten per cent.

The Irish representation at Westminster is to be 42 members, one for every one hundred thousand of the population.

CARSON DENOUNCES.

Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Irish Unionist party, and member for Dublin University, denounced the Government's proposals as ridiculous and fantastic, and declared that the safeguards in the bill were delusions. If the Government passed the measure, Sir Edward declared, it would have no power on earth to resist the further demands of the Irish Nationalists.

EARLIER DISPATCHES.

London, April 11.—When the police who have charge of the Houses of Parliament opened the door of the members' entrance to the House of Commons at exactly 8 o'clock this morning, no fewer than 20 members were waiting on the threshold in order to secure seats for the opening of the

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PREMIER ASQUITH, Who Today Introduced the Irish Home Rule Bill.

FARMER'S HORSE KILLED IN RUNAWAY

Mr. William Moore, of West Nissouri, in Bad Accident at London Junction.

DRAGGED UNDER WAGON

Driver Carried Along in Wreck Until Team Broke Away from the Vehicle.

William Moore, of the 4th concession, West Nissouri, had a narrow escape from death in a runaway at London Junction about noon today. He was badly shaken up and bruised, but will be around in a day or two. One of his fine team of horses was killed by colliding with a telegraph post. This horse figured in a runaway five years ago, it is said, when Mr. Moore's father was killed.

Mr. Moore had been in the city with a load of produce, and was driving home. He crossed the Grand Trunk track, and meeting a friend was chatting with him. A street car came up behind the rig, and the horses becoming frightened, plunged wildly.

The wagon was upset with Mr. Moore underneath. He was dragged fully 100 yards, when finally the horses broke away from the vehicle.

One Horse Killed.

A number of spectators rushed to his assistance, and the man was lifted from underneath the wrecked wagon. He was taken into a neighbor's house and Dr. Schaefer summoned.

In the meantime the horses continued on the gallop to the crossing near the property formerly occupied by the Canadian Packing Company. There they swerved and one of them ran headlong into a telegraph pole, breaking its neck. The other was captured.

"Mr. Moore is not seriously hurt," Dr. Schaefer informed The Advertiser. "His arm is out and he is bruised, but there are no bones broken and no sign of internal injury. He is able to sit up, and declares that he will go home this afternoon. The man had a very narrow escape."

Five years ago the horse that was killed ran away in Nissouri Township, throwing Mr. Moore's father out of the rig, breaking his neck.

Since that time it has attempted to run away several times, but did little damage until today.

NO TRUTH IN REPORT THAT POPE WAS DEAD

Dispatch From Rome Denies Rumor That Originated at Spanish Capital.

[Canadian Press.]

Rome, April 11.—4:27 p.m.—There is no truth in the report circulated throughout the world, based on a telegram from Madrid, that the Pope is dead.

Early today a report was given out at Madrid declaring that the Papal Nuncioature, at the Spanish Capital, had received a private dispatch announcing the death of his holiness. In view of the pontiff's recent indisposition there was some credence given the rumor at first.



JOHN REDMOND, Leader of the Irish Nationalists.

ROWELL'S POLICY BEARS FRUIT WHITNEY IS FORCED TO ACT

Local Temperance People Are Pleased With Results Up To Date.

The results of Mr. N. W. Rowell's "Banish the Bar" campaign are being made manifest daily, the latest being a number of amendments to the liquor license act by Sir James Whitney. The temperance people of the city are thankful for any restrictions whatever on the

trade, as they will lead eventually to the complete curtailment of the traffic.

"We are glad to be recognized," said Fred J. H. Bowman. "Some of the amendments that preventing workingmen from cashing their pay checks. That will do much to protect the families of these unfortunate men. We are glad for any step in advance, because it brings us closer to our aim—the abolition of the bar-room, in fact, the total abolition of the liquor traffic. To get what we want, the temperance party will have to be independent, and go after the men who make the laws."

SOWING WILL SOON COMMENCE IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

Frost Is Almost All Out of the Ground and Fields Are Drying Up.

Sowing will be commenced in Middlesex County next week, if the weather continues fine.

The warm days of the past week have worked wonders in the country. The snow has completely disappeared, with the exception of a drift here and there. The frost is coming out of the ground rapidly, and the ground is drying up. It will be ready for working in a very few days. The roads are drying very fast.

"We will soon be ready for the land," said a Westminster man. "The roads

have dried up well, and the frost has come out of the ground very quickly, much faster than we anticipated. Of course, some of the low-lying land is still quite wet, but by the time we get through with the high land, it will be ready, provided, of course, we have no setbacks. Seeding will not be very late."

We are getting busy in the north portion of the county," said a Williams man. "There are some drifts, but the snow otherwise has disappeared. The land in many instances will be ready before we are."

In London Township conditions are most favorable, and the other municipalities are almost as well advanced. It is expected that much of the spring grain will be in the ground by May 1.

HIGH COURT JUDGES MUST REGARD PRIOR DECISIONS

If Decision Deemed Wrong May Refer to Court of Appeal.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, April 11.—Judges of the high court are prevented hereafter from disregarding prior known decisions of other judges without the concurrence of the judge who gave the decision. This is a provision in the statute law amendment bill just introduced by Hon. J. J. Foy in the Legislature, and it is to amend the

discretion act. If a judge deems the decision previously given to be wrong and of sufficient importance to be considered by a higher court, he may refer the case before him to a divisional court or the court of appeal.

No divisional court is allowed to disregard previous decisions either.

Provision is also made in the statute law amendment bill that no debtor called before a court on a judgment summons can be committed to jail for debt, where it is shown that security has been given for the debt, or where interest or commission exceeding 5 per cent, has been paid.



REV. DR. FLANDERS, St. John, N. B., Clergyman, Who Is Coming to First Methodist Church in June, 1913.

BROTHER MISSING FROM LOCAL ASYLUM

Chatham Man Is Appointed to Look After the Estate of R. G. Coatsworth.

PROPERTY IN BUFFALO

Patient Left the Institution Here Last October, and Has Not Been Seen Since.

Buffalo, April 11.—The Buffalo Commercial says tonight: "Caleb Sidney Coatsworth, of Chatham, Ont., has been appointed by Justice MacIntyre, of Buffalo, as committee of the person and property of his missing brother, Robert G. Coatsworth, who escaped from an asylum at London, Ont., on Oct. 28 last, and has not been seen since. The missing man owns property here valued at about \$12,000."

The asylum authorities informed The Advertiser today that Robert G. Coatsworth left that institution in October, 1911. He had been an inmate for nearly four years, and was regarded as a model patient. He was sane in many things, and while at the institution worked with the carpenters. Last October he disappeared, and though a search was made for him, he has never been seen or heard from since. He was well able to take care of himself, and it is thought that he has secured work on some farm.

STEPPED BEFORE TRAIN. Toronto, April 11.—Last night John Zorce, a foreigner, stepped from one train and walked in front of another on the lake shore road, near the Humbler, and was so badly cut up that he died at the Western Hospital at midnight.

MARCH TROOPS TO GODERICH

Commanders of District Are Securing the Opinions of the Officers.

WILL LONDON GET CAMP?

According to Feeling in Some Quarters the Annual Drill of the Militia Will Not Occur Here.

The commanders of the different regiments in this district acting under instructions from Ottawa, are sending circular letters to the officers of the various corps sounding them on the advisability of having their men march from their base to Goderich for camp this summer.

In this city this fact has rather dampened the hopes of those who have been working to have the camp brought back to London, but there are some who are still willing to believe that the Department of Militia will make a change and drill the troops here as in former years.

The scheme, as outlined to the officers, for the big march, is to have the different bodies equipped as for war, with full supplies of all sorts, and then have regiments from all directions in Western Ontario converge upon Goderich.

Of course, the plan would work even better here, and it may be that the name of Goderich used in this connection has no special significance.

FILED FOR HOMESTEADS.

Edmonton, April 11.—Ninety-three land settlers lined up at the door of the land office this morning and all filed homesteads. They are a good class of citizens, being experienced farmers from the central and western states.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COOL.

Forecasts.

Toronto, April 11.—8 a.m.

Today—Moderate winds; local showers, but mostly fair.

Friday—Easterly winds and cool.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations: High. Low. Weather.

Fair. Fair. Fair.

Cloudy. Cloudy. Cloudy.

Clear. Clear. Clear.

Snow. Snow. Snow.

Rain. Rain. Rain.

Fair. Fair. Fair.

Clear. Clear. Clear.

Cloudy. Cloudy. Cloudy.

Weather Notes.

An area of high barometer is moving southward across the Great Lakes.

LIBERAL PROBE OF DR. PYNE CHOKED OFF IN COMMITTEE

The Minister of Education Keeps Committee Waiting and the Chairman Promptly Finds Meeting Cannot be Legally Held While the House Is in Session.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 11.—It became quite apparent in the public accounts committee of the Legislature this morning that Mr. J. C. Elliott, chief Opposition critic, will not be allowed to probe

Hon. Dr. Pyne, minister of education, regarding bilingual schools at will. Dr. Pyne was summoned to appear before the committee at 10 o'clock, and did not put in an appearance till a few minutes to 11, and Mr. Elliott's first question to him was answered curtly.

His next question was ruled out of order by Chairman C. H. Ferguson, and further inquiry was absolutely cut off by the announcement that the Legislature was in session, and the committee had no right to sit while the House was on.

Those Letters.

Hon. Dr. Pyne was asked by Mr. Elliott to explain certain letters written by him, stating that the children of the French raterayers must be attended to with regard to certain regulations.

Dr. Pyne said that the letter would speak for itself, if Mr. Elliott could read, and Chairman Ferguson ruled that the Minister of Education need not

answer, as "there was the letter and there were the regulations filed as exhibits." They would speak for themselves.

Mr. Elliott tried to pursue his point, but Mr. Elliott drew attention to the fact that the House was now in session, and the committee could not legally continue. Mr. Elliott moved that the committee sit again at one o'clock, when the House adjourned, but the chairman decided that he would not sit at 1 p.m., and adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. Elliott said it was quite apparent that the committee intended to choke off the inquiry.

The committee had waited for nearly an hour for Dr. Pyne to come, and if the same delay were occasioned tomorrow it might be impossible for him to get the information he was seeking.

"Well," said Mr. G. Ferguson, "you have undertaken to put in correspondence, and regulations, as exhibits, and that should satisfy. You can't examine witness on exhibits that have been put in. They will speak for themselves."

SHOULD CONSIDER COUNTY'S OFFER

Many People Believe the City Should Not Hastily Reject It.

MEANS MUCH TO CITY

A Free Site in a Good Locality and \$100,000 Toward the Building—Ald. Coles Opposed.

There will be a meeting of the city hall committee this evening at 7:15 o'clock to discuss the question of joint buildings. The proposition made by the county council on Tuesday has been received, and will be dealt with.

The opinion of the committee has changed but little from that expressed on Wednesday, and those in touch with the situation have given up hope that it will be entertained. The aldermen are quite opposed to the 80 and 20 proposition, and it is not likely that any other will be made the county.

A recommendation will be made to build a city hall on a site to be selected later. From present indications, there are two locations in the running—the property occupied by the Bank of Montreal and the Merchants' Bank on Richmond street, and the corner of Waterloo and Dundas streets.

Both these have many supporters, and it is expected that one of them will be finally selected by the city hall committee.

An Imposing Structure.

The building will be an imposing one, costing about \$200,000. It will be necessary to secure additional debentures, as the sum of \$175,000 only is available for the building.

"We will meet and discuss the situation," said Ald. Coles, chairman of the committee. "I am quite positive that we will paddle our own canoe."

Considerable influence is being brought upon the aldermen, however, to have them seriously consider the proposition made by the county.

It is pointed out that the city will secure a site, worth from \$100,000 to \$150,000 for nothing, and in addition a grant of \$100,000 towards the building. This, it is claimed, should not be idly refused, but accepted.

CITY COUNCIL NOW HAS NO SAY IN REGARD TO LOCAL PARKS

City of London Bill, Finally Passed, Makes the Point Clear.

The city of London bill has been finally passed, and copies of it have been received by City Clerk Baker. According to the bill, the water commissioners now have control of the parks of the city. It was the impression some time ago, that the city council would have to pass a bylaw to officially hand them over to the commissioners, but the act plainly states that when it becomes operative, the commissioners have control of the parks. A bylaw was being made ready for Monday night next, but it will not be necessary now to do so.

Absolute Control.

"The commissioners are absolutely in control at this time," explained Mayor Graham. "We have nothing more to do with the parks, other than raise the money necessary for them. The commissioners will prepare an estimate of the cost of maintenance, limited to one-half a mill each year, and we will pass the amount for them. This item will not figure in either the

TRIPLE ALLIANCE HAS BEEN RENEWED

As Result of Kaiser's Visit to Austrian and Italian Kings.

ITALY UNDER CRITICISM

German Press Says Combination Must Be Maintained Against England and France.

[Canadian Press.] New York, April 11.—A cable from Berlin says:

It may be stated on high official authority that an "understanding" in principle, which insures the prolongation of "Bismarck's masterpiece," the triple alliance, for another term of years, has now been arrived at between the German, Austro-Hungarian and Italian governments.

There is reason to believe that this understanding is of comparatively recent date and that the Kaiser's meeting with the King of Italy in March was not definitely decided upon until the four partners between the allied governments had led to the result mentioned.

Italy "Disloyal."

While the statements of the powers in the triple alliance since the last renewal have never ceased to extol its virtues, their utterances have been regarded in Germany as more or less in the nature of a service. Italy, at any rate, has been freely accused in this country of "disloyalty" in recent years in favor of France and England, especially during the Balkan and Moroccan crisis.

The view repeatedly found expression that the alliance for all reliable purposes had become a purely German-Austrian affair. Many astute politicians doubted whether it would survive the Tripolitan war, in which Germany's sympathy had been so outspokenly on the side of her ally's enemy.

The current number of a prominent review, the *Sueddeutsche Monatshefte*, under the title "The Renewal of the Triple Alliance," contains a characteristically savage attack on the value of the Italian partnership.

In responsible Italian quarters such polemics as "Spectator" Germany indulges in the *Monatshefte* are described as "utterly futile" inasmuch as the renewal of the alliance is already practically a fait accompli.

The *Post*, commenting on the *Monatshefte's* article, declares that Germany must impose as a condition for Italy's continued membership of the alliance the strengthening of her armaments, especially at sea. "In order that she may be more independent of English and French guns."

waterworks or electrical departments' expenditure, being a separate item altogether. We will raise the money for them."

The other items are unchanged, and are the same as some time ago. Some argument was started at the city hall today, as to whether or not the West London embankment was under the jurisdiction of the water commissioners. It was claimed in certain quarters that it was a portion of the parks and boulevards of the city.

City Engineer Wright declared that there was nothing in that contention, as the embankment was neither a park nor a boulevard.

OFFER FOR WILEY.

New York, April 11.—A New York department store owner, who also controls a chain of stores in other cities, has offered Dr. Harvey Wiley a position as pure food expert for the stores at a salary of \$12,000 a year.

KILLED IN AUTO CRASH.

Dayton, Ohio, April 10.—Henry Meyer, 65, was killed and his son Harold fatally injured in an automobile accident on Alexandria Pike, near here last night.

Meyer was formerly a tobacco merchant of Cincinnati, but retired lately and lived on a farm near Dayton.