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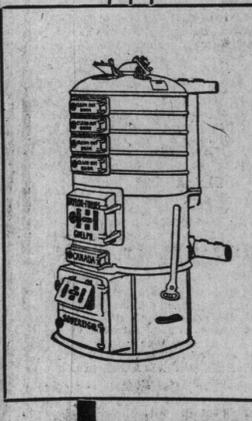
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St. George's Society Pass Resolution Against Car Route.

St. George's Society at their monthly meeting last night appointed a special committee to call upon the charitable public for donations to enable the society to make its usual distribution of "good cheer" on Xmas eve to the deserving English poor of the city.

That, recognizing the value of historical landmarks, not only as a means of popular education in history, but as an influence on the national life and character, and recognizing that the old fort at Toronto is one of the most interesting relics of a struggle which confirmed British power on the American continent, this society would most strongly resent the proposition to run a street railway through these grounds, within which the bodies of the men who fell in defence of this province are buried.

FLASHES OFF THE WIRE.

EMPORIA, Kan.—The State Bank of Admire, at Admire, Lyon County, with deposits of \$125,000, has closed its doors.

BERLIN—The engagement is announced of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria and Eleonore Caroline Gasparine Louise, princess of Reuss.

BOISE, Idaho—The jury to hear the case against George A. Pettibone, charged with the murder of former Gov. Steuneger, was completed yesterday afternoon.

MOUNT TEMPLE ABANDONED

Heavy Storm Swept Coast—Workers Left Vessel.

HALIFAX, Dec. 6.—Captain Boothby to-night abandoned the stranded steaming Mount Temple. A heavy northeast storm swept over the coast of Nova Scotia all day, and there was a tremendous sea.

Stole Diamonds for Girl. NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Diamonds worth \$10,000, stolen by an eighteen-year-old bookkeeper from the jewelry firm of Rudolph Noel & Co., No. 37 Maiden-lane, furnished the Tenderloin with its latest spectacular spender and put Louis J. Harris in the Tombs prison yesterday.

JOSEPH ARMSTRONG, M.P. FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

Made Speech of Day in House of Commons in Defence of Principle—Canada's Overdraft.

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—(Special).—Joseph Armstrong (Liberal) made a splendid speech to-day on behalf of the principle of government ownership and operation of telegraphs and telephones and for the extension of free mail delivery to rural communities, in continuing the debate on the address in the house. He did not finish, but in an hour's address he quoted extensively from records of the United States Government showing the success of rural mail delivery in that country.

Mr. Armstrong on Monday will move an amendment to the address, which was given a splendid opening to-day by Mr. Crawford (Liberal) of Portage la Prairie, whose antagonism to public ownership was most masterly. Mr. Crawford began by accounting for the prosperity of the past decade after the manner of previous Liberal speakers, namely, a bonanza of Providence and a benign government. There was, at the present time, of course, a money tightness, which he did not regard as serious. The banks had treated the western farmers liberally, but it had taken more money to handle grain and stock formerly. There was plenty of money, but it had been diverted out of proper channels. That was the sum and substance of the money situation.

Speaking of an experience of 30 years in Manitoba, Mr. Crawford said this was the most profitable year the farmers have had. The difficulty was not in the condition of the crops or money tightness, but lack of transportation facilities, which, he declared, were excessive. The banks had treated labor in the west, but work for all. Mr. Crawford declared the opposition leader was opposed in his policy on the Japanese exclusion question by his most gifted lieutenant, Mr. Foster. He then discussed the public ownership of telegraphs and telephones and did not think that in the west the provincial governments were "making any great money out of them."

Public ownership of telegraphs and telephones was not worthy of consideration, it would offer, he feared, no opportunities for graft. The Conservatives had misused the money in handling over the C.P.R. to a private company, and he did not take any stock in what Whitney was alleged to be doing in the direction of public ownership. Favored Public Ownership.

Mr. Armstrong followed with a strong public ownership argument. The previous speaker had not given the house the benefit of the experience of his own town, where the municipality successfully operated the electric street cars. Public ownership of telegraphs and telephones would confer a great benefit on the people of Canada. The first minister had quoted figures of the operation of telegraphs in Great Britain by the government, but had not mentioned the fact that the expenditure under this head was chargeable to capital account, while the principal advantage of the system was the saving of interest on the debt. Mr. Armstrong was an ardent advocate of free rural mail delivery, and described the success of the system in Great Britain and the United States. There was no class in the community that received more generous treatment and encouragement than the farmers and their interests could be well served by the extension of the free delivery to the rural districts. He had gone to the United States for statistics showing the cost of rural mail delivery, and he was sure the system had become practically self-supporting. Evidently the government did not intend to take up the question, but he was pleased to see the leader of the opposition had seriously grappled with it and proposed to put it into effect as soon as he became leader of the government, which would be at no distant date.

Mr. Lancaster will ask for information to the number of licenses issued for the export of power, or fluid, or gas under the statute of last session, the amount of such power exported, and the names of licensees.

An Overdraft in London. Hon. W. S. Fielding informed parliament this afternoon, replying to the opposition, that the overdraft in London amounts to \$31,619, and this bears current Bank of England rate; that temporary loans of £2,000,000 were authorized, and that portions of the debt falling due this year will be temporarily cared for until the present money stringency is relieved.

The questions which drew out the finance minister's explanation of the indebtedness of the Dominion were put on the part of R. L. Borden, Mr. Foster and Mr. Mott. The loan of \$3,376,386, falling due May 1, has been renewed at the same rate of interest for four years, to May 1, 1911, with option until April 30, 1910, of converting into Dominion Government 3 per cent. stock at the rate of \$105 of 3 per cent. for each \$100 of 4 per cent. Since July 1, 1906, the government has borrowed \$20,000,000 on security of treasury bills at 4-8 per cent. for six months thru the Bank of Montreal in London. These were redeemed May 1, 1907, and the government borrowed \$20,000,000 on security of treasury bills at 4-1-2 per cent. for one year.

There are no overdrafts in banks in Canada, but the account with the Bank of Montreal in London has been overdrawn on current account, as usual these being carried by remittances from this side or by treasury bills. Overdraft in London is \$301,619, being current Bank of England rate. Total amount temporary loans at present is \$50,000,000 on security of treasury bills for one year at 4-1-2 per cent. Portion discounted at the same rate, with the addition of 1-8 per cent. to the Bank of Montreal, in accordance with the agreement in respect of the extension of the government's financial business in London.

Debts Falling Due. To Mr. Borden's query, what portion of the debt was due on Dec. 31, 1906, and how has such indebtedness been met? Mr. Fielding said the 4 per cent. loan of 1876 fell due Nov. 1, 1906, and amounted to \$2,500,000. Against this there was a sinking fund of \$68,387, leaving a balance of \$2,431,613 to be provided for. The whole was redeemed, three and a half per cent. currency debentures for \$2,000,000, originally issued Dec. 1, 1891, matured Dec. 1, 1906, were paid out on presentation, A 4 per cent. stock \$200,000, maturing April 1, 1907, for \$1,926,654, was renewed, then underwriting, as in the case of previous extensions, at the same rate of interest for four years, with option until April 30, 1910, of converting into Dominion Government 3 per cent. stock \$200,000, at the rate of \$105 of 3 per cent. for each \$100 of 4 per cent. Portions of the debt falling due 1908 are 4 per cent. L.C.R. guaranteed loan, \$1,500,000, maturing April 1, 1908, which the government holds sinking funds of \$1,197,915, leaving \$302,085 to be provided for. Four per cent. loan of 1879 of \$4,500,000, maturing Nov. 1, 1907, of which the government holds sinking fund of \$1,990,979, leaving a balance of \$2,509,021 to be provided for. Arrangements as to payment have been the subject of communication with financial agents in London, but in view of the condition of the money market, no definite arrangement had been made.



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