

TORONTO'S BILL WAS AMENDED

Private Bills Committee
Confines Purchase to
Street Railway Co.

MUST TAKE BOTH SAYS MACKENZIE

Beck's Colleague in Cabinet
Voted for Purchase of the
Two Concerns.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, April 23.—By a vote of 22 to 9 the private bills committee of the Ontario Legislature this morning decided to confine the legislation with regard to the proposed purchase of the Toronto Railway and the Toronto Electric Light to the Toronto Railway Company alone.

"It will be easy," said Chairman Lucas, after the hour's discussion was over, "for the legal department to strike out only reference to the Toronto Electric Light Company."

Hon. W. G. Hanna voted for the original proposal—the combining of the two companies in the question to be submitted to the ratepayers—and W. K. McNaught alone of the six Toronto members voted with the minority.

Mayor Hocken, who was in attendance, said Sir William Mackenzie's ultimatum was: "You can take both or neither."

Hocken's View.
Mayor Hocken urged that the purchase of the railway company which presumably can be acquired only by also taking over the Electric Light Company, would save the city a projected expenditure of \$2,000,000 this year for civic car lines.

"You will save two million by incurring a liability of \$2,000,000 in the purchase of the Electric Light Company, whose acquisition will be no good to us," said George Gooderman, member for South Toronto.

The consensus of opinion among the Toronto members was that the railway company would be a valuable acquisition in itself, but if its purchase had to be accompanied by that of the Electric Light Company the city had better wait till the expiration of the franchise of the railway company eight years hence.

Hon. Thomas Crawford, former speaker of the Legislature, suggested to the committee that care should be taken, as some of the same gentlemen were interested in this deal as were interested in 1891, when some members of the Toronto city council had to fly the country, and some went to jail.

Family Gets Shock

When Bolt Strikes
Chimney of Home

Between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning the house occupied by Mr. H. W. Ashley, 515 Hamilton road, was struck by lightning. Mr. Ashley and his wife and several children received a shock. The bolt struck the chimney, and the rear chimney was ripped off the roof for a distance of ten feet.

The bolt played some queer pranks on the house. Mr. Ashley, who is an employee of the Bell Telephone Company, says he thinks that it split when it struck the rear chimney, one shaft going down the chimney, while the other tore its way along the roof and across the road connecting with an electric light wire.

The family was asleep at the time. Mr. Ashley says that every member distinctly felt the electricity, and that when the bolt struck it caused a roar like the firing of several large cannon simultaneously.

Mr. Chris. Butterworth, who lives two houses away from Mr. Ashley, was awake at the time, and says that his house was illuminated with a vivid blue light a second after the crash. The chimney down which part of the bolt is thought to have passed comes to a dead end in the dining-room, and although the paper is torn from the wall near the stovepipe hole, the fire at that point is not damaged.

A large ole is torn in the front gable of the house. The bolt must have run along the electric light wire, for 300 feet from the house in a diagonal position, it dropped from the wire and tore a hole between the crossing bricks and the sidewalk at Chesley avenue about two feet long and six inches wide, and five feet deep.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.

Forecasts.
London, April 23—8 a.m.
Fresh to strong south to southwest wind; partly fair and warm today and on Thursday, with some showers and local thunderstorms.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Remarks.
LONDON	58	53	Fair
Victoria	52	42	Cloudy
Calgary	46	32	Clear
Winnipeg	44	30	Cloudy
Port Arthur	48	34	Cloudy
Barry Sound	60	48	Rain
Toronto	61	52	Cloudy
Ottawa	64	55	Cloudy
Montreal	64	55	Clear
Quebec	64	55	Cloudy
Father Point	48	42	Clear

MONTENEGRINS CAPTURE THE FORTRESS OF SCUTARI AFTER TWENTY HOURS OF FIGHTING

Carried at Point of the Bayonet, Despite Splendid
Defence—Victory Seriously Complicates the
Situation With the Great Powers.

[Canadian Press.]
Cettinje, April 23.—It is officially announced here that the Montenegrin forces have entered Scutari.

After a final desperate attack lasting incessantly for almost 24 hours, during which they brought all their forces to bear to overcome the heroic Turkish resistance, the Montenegrin troops forced their way into the fortress of Scutari, which for just over six months, since the middle of October, 1912, had offered such a stubborn defence.

The assault which gave the Montenegrins possession of the city, which has been the sole object of their war against Turkey, began on Monday night. The Montenegrin army then took the offensive along the entire front. They completely surprised the Ottoman defenders by pushing right up to the Turkish positions, where they engaged in close bayonet fighting against the Turkish garrison.

Turks Fought Well.
The Ottoman soldiers made a number of counter attacks and tried with their utmost energy to drive the attacking force out of their works, but they were finally compelled to fall back and leave their positions in the hands of the besiegers who received constant reinforcements.

It was midnight last night when the Montenegrins obtained their footing in the fortress and detachments of the

besiegers entered the city at four o'clock this morning.

According to one report Essad Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief, recognized the uselessness of further resistance after the outlying key position of Tarakosch had fallen before the Montenegrin and Serbian guns. He said then to have ordered his troops to cease their defence of the fortress.

Another report says that the Montenegrin commander-in-chief had been negotiating since Monday with Essad Pasha for the surrender of the place.

Still another account says that the Turkish troops defended the city until the last.

Servians Helped.
Although the Servian troops did not participate in the final attack their artillery was used by the Montenegrin gunners, and it is said that to this fact their success was largely due.

The act of capitulation was signed by the Turkish commander shortly after the Montenegrin troops had reached the centre of the city.

Complicated Situation.
London, April 23.—While the capture of Scutari by the Montenegrin troops is believed in European capitals to have complicated the situation created by the decision of the great powers to include Scutari in the future state of Albania, the opposite view is held in Balkan circles.

There opinion prevails that the Montenegrins having accomplished the object they have aimed at since the beginning of the war, will find it more easy to accept the decision of the great powers.

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Small Families in Ward 4 Says Assessment Commissioner

Assessment Commissioner Grant is looking forward to a substantial increase in the city's population this year. No. 4 ward will show only a small increase. Fine residences are going up in this ward, but small families are much commoner than large ones. In No. 3 ward, in the southeastern section of the city, there will be a very large increase, due chiefly to the number of English families who are settling in this district.

HIGHER WAGES BOLT HURLED IN UNION SHOP

Cigar Makers Behind McNe Company in Suit Brought
By Detroit Firm.

The suit against the McNe Company, of this city, entered by a Detroit Company, for \$50,000, and to secure an injunction to prevent the London firm from bringing Detroit workers to its Windsor factory, is arousing interest among local cigarmakers.

The men affirm that the McNe Company is merely a front for the Detroit men and women who chance to earn \$11 per 1,000 for making cigars in a union shop instead of \$7 per 1,000 in a non-union shop in Detroit.

Thousands of girls and young men are brought into Detroit by the big cigar firms, and they are not allowed to join the union. They have been coming over to the Canadian side and taking positions with the London company because wages and conditions were beyond comparison with Detroit conditions.

Policeman Struck By Lightning as He Patrols Beat

Rendered unconscious by a stroke of lightning while patrolling his beat on Quebec street, near Elias street, in the heaviest part of Tuesday's night's storm, P. C. John McCaffery recovered to find his helmet lying twenty feet away, but has no idea of the length of time he was lying on the street. Although it was a considerable time before the effects of the shock gradually wore away, McCaffery stayed on his beat until it was over and only mentioned his contact with the lightning bolt when he returned to the station. Today he was quite recovered from the after-effects of the stroke.

There were no people on the street either before he was struck or after he recovered consciousness, as the heavy rain kept all except policemen under shelter, and the probability is that he lay unconscious on the deserted street for some length of time.

Near Higher-Ups In Graft Scandal

[Canadian Press.]
New York, April 23.—Another source of police graft information was opened to District Attorney Whitman, it became known this morning, in the form of a manuscript narration furnished by Jacob Rouss, a lawyer, who has defended accused policemen in the city for the last dozen years. The trail laid bare by Rouss is declared, leads to police headquarters and involves several high officials. With the presentation of the manuscript before the grand jury, Mr. Whitman believes the indictment of important figures in the graft scandal is certain.

LONDON MAN DIES RESULT OF FALL OFF SMOKESTACK

William Rodgers Fatally Injured
at Tavistock After Long
Career.

Drops Like Plummert After He
Was Seen to Adjust Rope
That Held Him.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Tavistock, April 23.—William Rodgers, of London, a steeplejack for 8 or 9 years, received injuries that caused his death at 4:45 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, when he fell 60 feet to a tin roof and had his skull fractured. He died at Stratford Hospital this morning.

Painting Three Stacks.
Rodgers came to Tavistock Tuesday morning with an assistant to paint three smokestacks on Zimmerman Bros.' box factory. He had finished one and was more than half through the other. He had affixed a hook to the top rim of the stack and was seated. When about 60 feet up the stack he started to pull himself up or to lower himself, and he suddenly dropped like a plummet.

His assistant and several others saw Rodgers fall to the roof of the boiler house. He was unconscious when they reached him, and when a physician arrived it was found that his skull had been crushed.

Wife Notified.
His wife, who resides on Ottawa avenue, London, was reached by Messrs. Zimmerman with some difficulty, and her husband was removed to Stratford.

Rodgers had been employed in the world's painting smokestacks for a long time, and the only serious fall he had was the one that ended his life.

Mrs. William Rodgers went to Stratford this morning. She resides at 431 Ottawa avenue, city.

BELGIUM'S STRIKE TO BE CALLED OFF

Brussels, Belgium, April 23.—A decision to recommend the general resumption of work throughout Belgium has been reached by the strike committee and will be presented at tomorrow's Socialist congress. Strikers in many parts of the country returned to work today.

SUPT. RESIGNS GOES TO WEST

J. A. Young for Five Years
With London Street
Railway.

ENGAGES IN FARMING

Mr. J. A. Young, who for the past five years has been superintendent of the London Street Railway Company, is leaving his position, and is now living on a farm which he owns in the vicinity of Moose Jaw.

Mr. Young came to London from Buffalo, where he was formerly employed on the street railway, and during his tenure of office proved himself an efficient officer.

Some time ago he purchased two sections of land in the Northwest, and he made several trips there to oversee it. While there the last time he decided to resign from his position and take up farming.

A successor has not been appointed yet, but it is said that an employee of the Toronto Street Railway Company has been offered the position.

Arm Torn From Body When Bolt Catches Sleeve

His left arm torn completely off, the flesh severing and the bone breaking above the elbow, when his hand caught in a pulley on which he was adjusting a belt in the polishing department of the Empire Brass Works, East London, at 10 o'clock this morning, Charles C. Adams, 440 Charlotte street, remained conscious though suffering the intense agony, long after he was extricated from the whirling shaft. Dr. Schaeff and Dr. Seaborn were called.

Rushed to Hospital.
After his injuries received first attention, Adams was rushed in the T. A. Stevens' automobile to Victoria Hospital, where Dr. Seaborn amputated the remainder of his arm, which was mangled up to the shoulder. Besides that to his arm, Adams did not receive any other injuries. In the opinion of Dr. Schaeff and Dr. Seaborn, he stands a fair chance of recovering.

A Brass Polisher.
Charles Adams is a married man, 25 years of age. He is a polisher, and was working at his own machine when the belt flew off. Other men were working all around him, but the accident happened so quickly that none of them could tell exactly how it occurred.

According to Mr. C. F. Stevens, Adams attempted to replace the belt on the pulley through which it ran without taking the precaution to turn the power off his machine. In a twinkling, his arm was dragged in the pulley and snapped off above the elbow.

Remarkable Accident.
It was regarded at the plant as remarkable that Adams was not jerked back from the floor and whirled about by the shafting. This would undoubtedly have resulted in his death.

He has been employed at the Empire factory for about a year.

ELEVEN PIGS BURNED.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Woodstock, Ont., April 23.—The barn of John McDonald, con. 8, East Zorra, was destroyed by fire this morning. The barn was a fine one and but little of its contents were saved. Eleven pigs and many chickens were consumed.

Fire at Storage Plant.—Some rubbish in the rear of Silverwood's col storage plant, on Bathurst street, caught fire about 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening. The fire brigade succeeded in extinguishing the blaze without any damage being done.

LORD ALVERSTONE, famous English jurist, who is dying.



ALVERSTONE IS NEAR DEATH

Is Practically a Living Skeleton,
But Refuses to Retire
From Office.

ISAACS TO SUCCEED HIM

[Canadian Press.]
New York, April 23.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: Although Lord Chief Justice Alverstone is living so close to death at his Kensington residence that he is merely a shadow of his former self, he is practically a living skeleton, he persistently refuses to retire from office, and due to his weakened mental condition, stoutly insists he will be at his old place in the courts in a few days.

Of course Lord Alverstone will never be able to occupy his seat on the bench again, but the peculiar attitude he has adopted, despite strong pressure, in high quarters, renders it extremely difficult for the authorities to make any move. Their desire is to avoid hurting Lord Alverstone's feelings by forcing his retirement, but it is clear that some drastic step will be necessary shortly in the interest of public business in the courts.

Sir Rufus Isaacs, the attorney-general, is chafing over the delay in stepping into Lord Alverstone's shoes.

There is still considerable talk of an election, and the indications are growing that the Government will be forced, to the polls before the summer is over.

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With the application of closure in sight, the eyes of both parties in the House are being turned upon the Senate, where there is still considerable Liberal majority, which might be inclined to throw out any bill passed by the Commons through the application of closure.

It is generally conceded that the Government would welcome the disposal of the naval bill by Senate rejection. It is becoming more evident that the three D's still measure is becoming less popular with the Government following in the House, and the Prime Minister continues to receive letters of protest from all parts of the country against closure. The feeling is that these matters should be settled by an appeal to the people continues to grow.

**Londoner Wins
Scholarship at
Queen's University**

Kingston, April 23.—In the Queen's University theology results announced today, N. M. Omond, M.A. of London, Ont., won the Hugh Waddell travelling scholarship to the value of \$400, and M. McDonald, of Alisa Craig, the James Anderson Bursary scholarship, valued at \$25.

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Mr. Malcolm Omond is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Omond, 243 Oxford street, and a brother of Mr. Alex. Omond, druggist, Dundas street. He was formerly an ardent worker in New St. James' Church, and has won many honors during his university career.

SPURGEON'S COUSIN VISITS LONDON

Rev. Wm. Spurgeon Will Describe Famous Relative—
Admirer of Lloyd George.

Rev. Wm. Spurgeon, D. D., of England, a cousin of the famous Charles H. Spurgeon, is in the city today to lecture tonight at the Tabbot Street Baptist Church on the "Memories of Spurgeon."

Mr. Spurgeon is an enthusiastic admirer of Mr. Lloyd George, and is looking forward eagerly to the chancellor's land bill. He says it promises great and needed reforms which will break up the land monopoly and open the soil to the people.

"Lloyd George's insurance act has been a magnificent success, in spite of prophecies of disaster," said Mr. Spurgeon to The Advertiser. "The old age pensions have been also an incalculable blessing. Formerly many worthy couples had only the workhouse in prospect for their old age. Now on their pensions they may keep their own roofs over their heads. On 10 shillings a week a man and wife can live in a pretty cottage with a garden, in rural England."

Mr. Spurgeon has vivid recollections of his famous cousin, and is in possession of original documents which have not been published.

WANTS BRYAN TO TALK WITH CALIFORNIANS

Wilson Making Great Efforts to
Avoid Insult to the
Japanese Govt.

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, D. C., April 23.—President Wilson today telegraphed Governor Hiram Johnson, of California, asking him whether the anti-alien legislation could be held up until Secretary of State Bryan could go to California, personally explain the position of the Federal Government, and urge an adjustment of the entire situation.

Japanese Aroused.
Tokio, Japan, April 23.—A resolution to telegraph to President Wilson and other influential persons in the United States begging them in the cause of the good relationship between Japan and the United States, to oppose the passage of the Californian alien land ownership bill and other measures of a similar nature, was passed today at a meeting of the representatives of forty-five chambers of commerce of Japan.

The speeches delivered during the meeting were of a pacific character.

NATIONALISTS ARE FAITHFUL

Rogers Compels Them to
Vote Through Thick and
Thin for Govt.

CLOSURE DEBATE MAY END TODAY

The Indications Are That There
Will Be An Election in
the Summer.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, April 23.—The Government is hoping that the closure debate will be finished today with a vote which will put the gag rule into force. It is not certain, however, that the debate will be terminated so soon. The Liberal Opposition still has a good deal to say upon the subject, and desires more assurances from the Government as to what will be done by the Administration when once the closure is on the rules of the House. Yesterday an effort was made by the Opposition to obtain this information, but the Liberals are not satisfied with the answers which were given to them by Premier Borden and Hon. Mr. White. They still feel that the closure rule will be largely automatic in its operation, and that the Speaker will be compelled to apply it against the Opposition without suggestion from the Government.

Faithful Nationalists.
When the vote is taken it will be found that Mr. Borden's Nationalist allies remain faithful to him. They voted for it when the previous question was moved by Hon. Mr. Hazen to take the floor away from Sir Wilfrid Laurier. After the indignation which was expressed over this step some of them stated that when closure was put to the vote they would not follow the Government. However, pressure has since been put upon them by Hon. Mr. Rogers, and this morning they state that they will continue to vote with the Government through thick and thin.

Election Talk Rife.
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Duchess' Condition Not So Promising

[Canadian Press.]
London, April 23.—The Duchess of Connaught, wife of the Governor-General of Canada, has not been so well during the past twenty-four hours according to a bulletin issued by the surgeon in attendance.

The Duchess had been reported as progressing favorably toward recovery after an operation for the removal of the vermiform appendix performed April 10.

POPE PIUS WALKS

New Able to Move About His Bedroom.

[Canadian Press.]
Rome, April 23.—The Pope continues to make satisfactory progress in his convalescence. He rose from bed at half-past 10 this morning, and was allowed by the physicians to walk a few steps in his bedroom.

His temperature was 97. He suffered less from prostration, and his strength had improved, although his bronchial congestion still exists with cough and abundant expectoration.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

April 23. Reported at From
K. Wilhelm II. New York..... Bremen
Devonian..... Liverpool..... Boston
Campania..... Liverpool..... New York
Kronland..... Antwerp..... New York
Royal Edward..... Avonmouth..... Halifax
Princess Irene..... Gibraltar..... New York