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SLEET STORM CRIPPLES CITY POWER

SIDE LIGHTS AT OTTAWA

By JOHN J. McLELLAN.
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House of Commons, Ottawa, March 31.—That there is real economy shown in the estimates of Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, seems to be the general impression among the Western Ontario members, Progressive and Liberals alike.

During the recently-ended debate on the speech from the throne, it was the wont of the members of the Progressive party to declare themselves entirely in favor of doing the utmost for the benefit of the returned soldier. So that in the direction of the soldier's civil re-establishment they could not object had the estimates been considerably greater than they were.

It would seem, however, that the Progressives find themselves, unwilling to grant the increases in salaries for civil servants now prepared for in the estimates. This involves the most mooted problem heard in the galleries and rooms of the members at the present time, the civil service commission.

This commission, appointed in 1908, is composed of three members. Two of these members were appointed by the Borden administration, the other was a member since the inception of the commission.

The majority of the present members were not in the political swim at the time that the commission were appointed, and paid little attention to it, until they reached Ottawa. They found it an autocratic body with far-reaching power in the civil service. In fact it had eliminated patronage almost entirely.

Since the estimates have been brought down considerable enlightenment has been given on the powers of the commission. Both the opposition and the government have cried out against it and in one of the Liberal caucuses it was the object of much denunciation. The principal objection to the commission is in the fact that though a minister is in the greatest possible measure responsible for the efficient management of his department yet he has no say in the placing of the executives in that department.

That the days of the commission are numbered, is a common opinion among many. But what action will be taken to bring about the demise of his body is not known. A question whether it lies within the bounds of the jurisdiction of parliament on account of the act which created it, to amend the act, it is said, has arisen.

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"Let the dead past bury its dead," is the common thought of the Progressive party, whenever the opposition employs the tactics of bringing in campaign literature, and election propaganda. Since the opposition has first adopted these tactics, from that time on resentment has been growing constantly in the Progressive bloc. It is, they affirm, one of their objects in coming to Ottawa, to rid the Commons of the serious affliction of wasting its time on political issues.

A climax of this resentment was witnessed when the house voted on the first division concerning the amendment to the resolution to go into committee of supply, generally termed a vote of confidence. Progressives were very heated on the subject. After the vote, they gathered in groups in the corridors, discussing and debating the ulterior motives of the opposition in bringing on the vote.

The opinion of the members was this: that they, the Progressive party, had been baited by the opposition, for some purpose, of political strategy, remote from what they consider the best interests of the country. The expression that the Agrarian members used in defining what followed, was in their cogent vernacular "tumble." They had not "tumbled" at the move of the pseudo strategists of the opposition.

"My what a waste of money it must have been in the old days of party strife," was heard from the economical farmers.

The opposition are so small in the house at the present time that they have nothing to lose by forcing votes of confidence and the like, it may be said. But the prestige of the party, it is the general opinion, on account of its history and the memories of the men it has produced, is being more and more lost through the employ of present tactics. Tactics such as these make even what is admitted to be a dying party, more woebegone. The vote of confidence, Tuesday, was no more or less than a boomerang.

From now on the house is expected to continue in supply until the necessary estimates are passed, without much heckling on the part of the opposition, so that the estimates are likely to be concluded soon.

It is impossible to imagine from the colorless press dispatches of the doings in the house the situation that occurred Tuesday, with practically every member present and an acrimonious debate proceeding in which only front benches were participating, before full galleries, the opposition was by clear logic made the object of a most unenviable position, by logic exposing their political chicanery.

Perhaps the one feature of the whole was the short address of W. S. Fielding. He scored more than did any of the other speakers, without doubt, and brought a clear display to the mind of the house of the nonsense with which a body of legislators were being held up with.

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It is said that the democracy of Canada's new governor-general is causing some consternation among the better set, and the elite here at the Capital.

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INTRODUCE DR. KING TO HOUSE

Ottawa, March 30. — Canadian Press.—Hon. James H. King, the new minister of public works, was introduced in the house of commons at its opening this afternoon. The return of the writ for his election was announced by the speaker, and immediately afterwards the minister was introduced by the premier and Hon. W. S. Fielding. Mr. J. H. King sits with Hon. James Murdock.

The Weather

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hourstionOforganizashrdll recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 33; lowest, 28.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were Highest, 23; lowest, 30.

Barometric Readings.

Thursday—8 p.m., 29.19.

Today—8 a.m., 29.15.

City Wage Cut Plans "Gang Sadly A'gley"

WILSON FACES RIGHT ABOUT ON QUESTION

Loudly Heralded Slash Succumbs At Secret Session Friday Morning.

PRESSURE IS HEAVY

Aldermanic Weight Thrown in Favor of Further Paring of Estimates.

The loudly-heralded attempt of Mayor Cameron Wilson to scare city departments into a wholesale cut in salaries, is at an end.

Friday brought the revelation that not a single salary of an employee of the city hall, fire hall, police department or hospital will be cut.

The mayor's magnificent bluff was carried to the point where an immediate cut had to be made in salaries, as the payrolls for March were held up, or get out from under.

It was decided to get out from under!

Pressure from every quarter brought about this right-about-face. Protests from all sides reached many of the aldermen, the labor aldermen being especially pestered.

Came Friday Morning.

Friday morning the mysterious change came. A secret meeting was held in the mayor's office behind closed doors—'twas secret, because neither the press nor the city clerk, who keeps the minutes of all meetings, were present.

Out of the mayor's office came a report received after the parley, only one fact predominated. The proposed salary cut of $41,000 will not be a salary cut at all. The $41,000 cut off the salary total will be replaced, and the saving effected by cutting $41,000 here and there off the estimates.

It apparently took the secret meeting a long time to find this loophole, and how it was found the taxpayers may never know. The discussion which found its way through the doors from the mayor's office was warm at times, and it is believed that some of the aldermen, especially Ald. Ashton, forced the issue.

In an effort to cover up, the first information that the press representative received, was that their report on the resolution passed by the council was wrong.

The press had said that the motion confined itself to salary cuts, while "master minds" claimed today that the motion really left the door open for a cut anywhere, and that was what was to be done.

"The outlook is that there will not be a single salary cut," said Ald. Ashton, one of the labor-aldermen, after the meeting. "It may be that the conference with the department heads will reveal some dead timber and of course it would be quite legimate to reduce the staff in that case.

On the Other Hand.

"On the other hand, the intention is to go carefully into the estimates with the department heads, and it

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Fears Bolshevism Will Support Banner of Islam

LOTHROP STODDARD, WHO WARNS EUROPE OF MOHAMMEDAN PERIL, AND MAP SHOWING IN BLACK THE PRESENT BOUNDARIES OF ISLAM AND BY DOTTED LINE THE DISTANCE TO WHICH STODDARD SAYS IT MAY SPREAD.

London, March 31.—"Events in the Mohammedan world are moving with incredible swiftness toward a crisis which within ten years either will bring war between Christian Europe and Moslem nations or will compel a gradual withdrawal of French and English control from over their Mohammedan subjects."

This is warning of Lothrop Stoddard, British expert on the eastern question, recognized as an authority by Lord Northcliffe.

Stoddard is the author of "The Rising Tide of Color" and "The New World of Islam."

"If the Moslem millions hurl themselves against Europe," said Stoddard today, "Bolshevism will support the banner of Islam. I am unwilling to prophesy the outcome. But the Canadian people should realize now that such a cataclysm would have a tremendous effect upon themselves.

Signs of Struggle.

"Riots in India and Egypt, guerilla warfare in Northern Africa, outbreaks in Syria, Turkey's insistence on keeping European territorial rights while the sultan remains at the head of the Mohammedan religion—these are signs whose significance cannot be mistaken.

"The future of western civilization depends upon the tact of Europe's statesmen. They must set the example for the adoption of a liberal, open-minded policy by Mohammedan leaders. The two sides must get together on a fair and square, give-and-take basis.

"This present unrest throughout the world of Islam must not be interpreted as religious fanaticism. I think a holy war is not at all likely. What we are facing is a renaissance of Islam: a condition complex, difficult to understand thoroughly, and influenced by divergent forces.

"Religion and patriotism have been combined in this movement. Mohammedan fanaticism and the new national consciousness have formed a new combination.

"I predict increasing ferment and unrest throughout all Islam; a continued awakening to self-consciousness; an increasing dislike for western domination.

"The result must inevitably be the diminution of white control in Asia and Africa, despite the fact that the prosperity and peace of the past decade was the direct result of British rule.

Cataclysm Possible.

"The vital question is whether shaking off white control will come with or without a cataclysm.

"I hope to see the cataclysm avoided by the adoption of a policy of gradual diminution of white control.

"By no means do I advocate a policy of scuttle. India would be in anarchy and Egypt in a terrible condition if England should abandon either of them tomorrow.

"Islam must realize that Europe has vested interests in Mohammedan countries; their former impotent and decadent condition accounts for the presence of Europeans.

"The English have shown a sense of reality and are conducting themselves in a very statesman-like manner. The most dangerous element is France, which at present is precipitating trouble in Syria."

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Ask King To Halt Liquor Manufacturing in Dry Provinces

OTTAWA, March 31.—Some sweeping changes in liquor laws were proposed to Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, prime minister, and members of the cabinet this morning by the Dominion committee of liquor legislation, headed by D. B. Harkness, president, of Winnipeg. The committee proposed that the manufacture of home brew be made illegal; that the manufacture of intoxicating liquors be forbidden in provinces where sale of such liquors for beverage purposes is illegal and request the government to consider whether as an act of national good it would not be possible to prohibit the exportation of liquor from Canada to the United States.

STUDY SOLDIERS' PROBLEMS

Special Commons Committee Suggested by Premier King.

Ottawa, March 30.—(By Canadian Press.) — By unanimous consent the prime minister was given permission in the House of Commons today to move the establishment of a special committee in respect to pensions insurance and re-establishment of returned soldiers. The committee consists of Miss MacPhail, Messrs. Arthurs, Parry Sound; Black, Yukon; Brown, Lisgar; Caldwell, Victoria-Carleton; Carroll, Cape Breton South; Chisholm, Inverness; Clark, Burrard; Clifford, Ontario South; Denis, Joliette; Forrester, Perth South; Hudson, Winnipeg South; Humphrey, Kootenay West; Knox, Prince Albert; McKay, Renfrew North; Munro, Fraser Valley; Marler, St. Lawrence-St. George; MacLaren, St. John City; Robinson, Kings, N. S.; Ross, Savard Kingston; Savard, Chicoutimi-Saguenay; Speakman, Red Deer; Stork, Skeena; Sutherland, Oxford S.; Turgeon, Gloucester; Wallace, Norfolk.

SIR H. M. ALLEN'S CASE ADJOURNED

Montreal, March 31. — Sir Hugh Montagu Allen, president of the defunct Merchants Bank, and D. C. Macarow, general manager, summoned to the police court in connection with complaints laid by the federal treasury department about the October statement of the bank, appeared before Judge Cusson this morning. After a brief session the cases were adjourned till Friday, April 7.

SIR JOHN EATON DIES AFTER SIX WEEKS' FIGHT

Relapse Followed Big Improvement in Patient's Condition Last Week.

HOLD FUNERAL TUESDAY

Multi-Millionaire Was One of Toronto's Noted Philanthropists.

TORONTO, March 30.—(By Canadian Press.)—Sir John Eaton is dead. After a gallant and remarkable fight with the grim reaper over a period of about six weeks, which last week seemed to have brought victory to the patient, the end came at 9:40 tonight.

The fatal relapse was reported yesterday. Lady Eaton, wife of Sir John, Mrs. Timothy Eaton, mother of the patient, and widow of the founder of the immense departmental store interests, of which Sir John was president, Timothy Eaton, the 18-year-old son, who arrived from England last week, together with other relatives and officials of the Eaton interests, were near at hand when death ensued.

Sir John was taken ill in February while on a business trip to Montreal and New York. This developed into influenza, followed by complications. Most skillful physicians on the continent were summoned to the bedside. For some weeks it was understood that the patient was near death, and premature reports announcing the fatal issue were telegraphed and cabled to all parts of the empire. The London Times on March 14 published one of these cablegrams, together with a eulogistic obituary on Sir John, who lived long enough to read in that prominent newspaper, arriving in the mails, the erroneous reports of his own decease.

Met Eldest Son.

During the week ending March 18 Sir John rallied considerably, and the physicians, while retaining a conservative attitude regarding his condition, ceased the issuance of daily bulletins. Sir John had realized his desire of greeting his eldest son, Timothy, who was at school in England, and had been sent for when the disease developed dangerously. The general public assumed that the patient was recovering. It was something of a shock that the intimation was received that Sir John was again in a critical condition.

Sir John Eaton was regarded as Toronto's biggest multi-millionaire. The interests of which he was the head had ramifications in many parts of Canada, Great Britain and foreign countries. He was prominent in his philanthropy and patriotic work. He was born in Toronto in 1876, and succeeded his father as head of the company in 1907.

Hold Funeral Tuesday.

The funeral will be held in the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. A short time before the service the body will be taken to the church to permit the company's many employees and other friends to pay their last respects. Interment will take place in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in the family vault.

Sir John Craig Eaton, K.B., was born in Toronto on April 28, 1876. His father was the late Timothy Eaton, founder of the extensive business with important interests in a number of cities of the Dominion, including Montreal, Moncton, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Toronto.

Educated in the public schools of Toronto and at Upper Canada College, John C. Eaton was trained to the business life which his father had begun. Upon the father's death in 1907, the son, who was then vice-president, became president of the T. Eaton Company. The business continued to ex-

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TAKE NO ACTION IN LINK CASE

TORONTO, March 30.—No official action will be taken in the case of Grace Link, the young girl, who recently made a dramatic reappearance in a Roman Catholic institution in Hamilton after having been lots to her father for many years.

Mr. Link recently made an appeal to the attorney-general to assist him in recovering his daughter.

Mr. Raney pointed out, however, that this was a matter which was beyond the jurisdiction of his department and would accordingly have to be settled by the father, girl and family.

Mr. Link addressed a similar request to H. C. Hocken, grand master of the Orange Order. It is understood that he replied to the effect that the matter was not one in which he or the Orange Order could take action, adding that it was a case for the advice of a good lawyer.

Equality Apostle!

LADY ASTOR.

LONDON, March 31.—It was announced here today that Lady Astor, British member of Parliament, will sail for New York next week.

KING ASSENTS TO IRISH BILL

House of Lords Decides Not To Insist Upon Amendments It Adopted.

ULSTER GIVEN PRAISE

Agreement Signed Between North and South Will Demobilize Police.

London, March 31.—The Irish Free State bill became law today when King George gave his assent to the measure. The House of Lords decided not to insist upon amendments it had adopted, and an adjustment was reached between the two Houses of Parliament.

The Free State party in Ireland is enormously strengthened by the agreement for the pacification of the island, signed here last night, the House of Commons was told by Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for the colonies.

Paying tribute to what he termed the statesmanlike courage of the Ulster leaders, Mr. Churchill said the agreement gave hope for co-operation between the north and south and opened a prospect for a future such as Ireland had never before contemplated.

Ulster's Great Service.

Ulster, he said, had lent a helping hand to the Free State, and the cause of peace in Ireland, the value of which could not be over-estimated.

"For, by taking all the measures humanly possible to bring cessation of religious partisan warfare in Belfast itself and remove the cause of friction," he said, "Ulster had given the treaty and the provisional government a far greater chance of success than otherwise would have been possible.

"There is no doubt, whatever, that the conflicts in the slums of Belfast have armed the foes of the Free State with every sort of argument to rally to their side forces which otherwise would have had nothing to do

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LONDON GROPES IN DARK AMONG FALLEN WIRES

Partial Service Restored At Noon Friday Permits Cars To Operate.

DAMAGE NOT ESTIMATED

Fruit Growers Throughout District Report Orchards Are Laid Waste.

In the opinion of those who have been identified with electricial development here all their lives, London is slowly recovering from the effects of the worst sleet storm encountered in Western Ontario within the past 30 years. The total damage has not been estimated.

With the restoration of partial hydro service shortly after noon Friday, London's industries were all enabled to resume operations the same afternoon. As a matter of fact, certain of the factories east of Rectory street, including the McCormick Manufacturing Company, were able to report business as usual as early as 10 a.m. In other sections of the industrial area, however, hundreds of workers were unable Friday morning to undertake their customary duties.

The hydro department stresses its initial declaration that a day or two at the least must elapse before complete service for householders will be possible.

As early as 5 o'clock Thursday the London Street Railway suffered the effects of the storm, when the north and southbound cars were halted by wire trouble at various places along the route. When the hydro power finally collapsed shortly after 7 o'clock all service was naturally curtailed.

As far as can be learned no section of the community has been immune. Or practically every street limbs and branches of trees have crashed to the ground bearing with them in many instances large sections of hydro or telephone wire. Many narrow escapes of pedestrians Thursday evening have been reported, but to date no accidents of consequence have been reported.

Not Devoid of Power.

At no time, however, the local hydro officials state, has the entire city been devoid of actual power. Manager Buchanan of the public utilities commission explained Friday morning that power was obtainable at the East London power station until secondary lighting circuits were incapacitated by falling limbs. One of the three high tension circuits at the Horton street station was the first to be interrupted in this manner, plunging one section of the city into darkness. In due time the other circuits were rendered useless as well. This practicilly threw the entire city into darkness, although the Cabell street station still maintained partial service in sections east of Rectory street, until power was finally shot off as a precautionary measure.

After struggling against adverse odds since 4 p.m., when the real effects of the storm were first felt, the hydro linemen were relieved of their duties about 10 p.m. Manager Buchanan and his associates concluded that all efforts on their part through the night would be hopelessly futile. With the telephone wires dangerously entangled with the hydro lines it was considered extremely dangerous to attempt to work longer in the dark.

All the utility department's inside wire and repair men are busily engaged on housework, while the linemen are endeavoring to repair the high tension wires. At noon Friday service was restored, allowing the street car lines and the factories to operate.

The waterworks department, together with the city engineer's department, has undertaken to remove trees, branches, limbs, etc., from wires and houses, while a squad of firemen, under the direction of Fire Chief Aitken, are assisting in the task with their aerial truck.

Chief Lends Aid.

Chief of Police Birrell is also co-operating with the other civic departments, instructing his constables

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TANGLED MASS OF BRANCHES AND WIRES COVER WALKS AND LAWNS

IT LOOKS like the work of weeks, rather than of days to get many of the streets of London cleared from the entanglements of wires and broken trees that are strewn, without sense of direction or convenience to traffic, all over the thoroughfares.

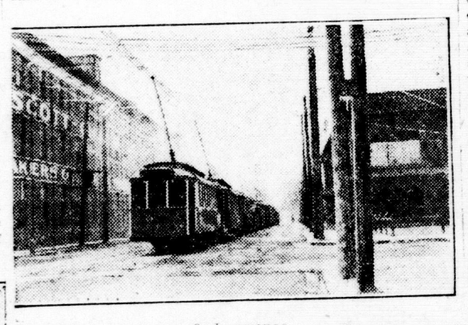
Along Craig street, in South London, the damage to trees is very extensive; a little farther along Ridout stands a Normal car that just failed to get out and block traffic at that corner. The man in charge of the car says he has been there long enough to call all the neighbors by their first name, to know how they all voted in the last election, and also to have a pretty good idea of which of the residents have a light longest in the cellar at night.

A little farther along, at the corner of Ridout and Briscoe, in ordinary times a pleasant little wooded lot today it is a jungle.

Wortley road also gives another view of broken trees, twisted and broken wires. Several places along here wires of all kinds, telephone and hydro, are snapped off like threads.

Photo by Cairncross & Lawrence.
FALLEN BRANCHES LITTER STREETS.

Along Elmwood, which has a fine growth of large trees, the damage is serious, and many fine shade trees will be awkward looking objects by the time the large broken branches are taken down. In front of Nos. 137 and 139 trees are badly smashed and thrown right up against the houses. At the corner of Elmwood and Cathcart, on the fine grounds of Mr. Jarvis' residence, many



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STREET CARS STALLED BY STORM.

large branches were broken off short. At the corner of this same street and Edward, wires and trees suffered particularly. At 32 and 34 Elmwood, it was noticed that service wires entering the houses had been broken off short by trees and branches falling on them, the added weight being more than the ice-laden wires could bear.

Askin street has had its full share of the breakage. At No. 21 a branch that must have been almost a foot through, crashed down on the veranda of the house, but apparently no damage was done to the building, not even a window being broken.

Along Byron avenue trees and wires are down in all directions. It is worthy of note that some places seem to have escaped the general devastation, perhaps on account of the nature of the trees. At the residence of A. M. Smith on this street, where there is a fine assortment of trees on the spacious grounds, very little damage was done.

Talbot street and others running off it seem to have been in for their full share of damage. At the corner of Maple and Talbot a fine evidence of thrift was seen, for the property-owner there had been out bright and early, and a small woodpile had started to sprout at quite an early hour. A short way off Talbot, on Central, a hydro pole leans toward the ground at a very sharp angle, and it looked as though a waft of wind or a stray bird looking for a footing would just about settle the fate of the pole. At 640 and 642 Talbot service wires were pulled from their bearings and were lying on the lawns. A house at the corner of Talbot and Piccadilly had a very large limb lodged right against the front door.

All along Oxford street, trees are broken, and even the wires that are remaining have a dangerous-looking sag in them, indicating that they are carrying all the stress that can possibly be put on them without breaking. At 190 Oxford, large limbs are piled up against the house. Piccadilly and Waterloo is another center

Photo by Cairncross & Lawrence.
GIANT MAPLE IS LAID LOW.

where the full vent of the sleet storm is to be seen. Right in front of the residence of Dr. Hale there is a full-grown tree lying right across the sidewalk. It must have come down with a terriffic crash, as its size is sufficient to call it a real tree. Near 448 Piccadilly, a tree rests on the hydro wires, several of which are broken off. Around Maitland and Piccadilly wires and trees are down in all directions.

Photo by Cairncross & Lawrence.
TREES CRASH INTO ELECTRIC WIRES.

An unusual scene is at 495 Piccadilly, where the three-wire service which runs into the house has been pulled from its brackets and the conduit pipe containing it is bent like a straw with the weight of the wires, which come very close to the ground at this point.

Dufferin avenue, lined with fine shade and ornamental trees, got its full share of damage. In front of No. 525 wires and trees are badly mixed in the tumble, while at the corner of Prospect avenue a pole is snapped and ready to tumble from the branches hanging on the wires. Prospect avenue itself is impassable to traffic, both sides of the street seemingly getting their full share of the trouble. On Cartwright, in front of the residence of T. A. Rowat, a tree fell over in such a way as to span the road.

Conflagration In City of Nassau Causes Loss of Millions

MIAMI, Fla., March 31.—The 300-room Colonial Hotel at Nassau, in the Bahama Islands, was destroped today in a fire which for a time threatened the destruction of most of the city, according to radio messages received here. The conflagration was controlled, however, after it had caused damage running into millions of dollars. Nassau is between 250 and 300 miles from Key West and about 200 miles from Miami.