



News From The Parliament Buildings

HOW MUCH LIQUOR SEIZED IN N. GREY?

Liberals Ask Many Questions—How Was Disposal Arranged?

DETAIL OF LUCAS TOUR

Demand by J. C. Elliott—Was Public Ownership of Telephones Advised?

The Ontario opposition are apparently determined to make political capital out of the temperance agitation which has been recently stirring the province. The first day brought a shaft of pertinent questions, and yesterday followed with still more.

This time J. G. Anderson of Bruce asked knowledge of the amount of liquor, if any, seized in North Grey in last June and July. He wants the name of the official who acted, and the disposal of the liquor.

Then comes J. C. Elliott of Middlesex on the trail of Hon. I. B. Lucas and his 1912 trip to Europe. Did he recommend government ownership of telephones or not, and what were his expenses? Messrs. Munro and Atkinson ask detailed accounts of the T.N.O. Railway and the Guelph Prison Farm, principally from financial standpoints.

STRATHCONA'S SON EXPRESSES THANKS

Message of Sympathy From Ontario's Premier Was Received With Gratitude.

The following cablegram received yesterday at the premier's office conveys a message of provincial interest in its reference to the passing of a great Canadian.

Dear Sir—The telegram, expressing in the name of the government, the sympathy of the people of Ontario, in our great sorrow, was received by me and the members of my family with deep gratitude. Will you please make known to your fellow citizens the kind words of your message, and for the personal references which we shall be glad to receive. Believe me, yours faithfully, (Signed) Strathcona.

LAND SURVEYORS ELECT OFFICERS

Decision Reached to Take More Interest in Good Roads.

An active interest in the construction of good roads in Ontario will be taken by the members of the Ontario Land Surveyors' Association hereafter. It was decided at the closing session of the annual convention yesterday to appoint a committee to study the question of bringing surveyors into a position of importance in connection with the movement.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. Fitzgerald; vice-president, E. T. White; sec.-treas., J. H. Shaw; E. G. Bolton; J. M. Watson; and G. W. Kinnear. John W. Watson and A. E. Jupp were elected auditors.

HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS AND SETTLERS' TRAINS TO THE WEST.

Those taking advantage of above mentioned features offered by the Canadian Pacific Railway in connection with a trip to the west. It is the only all-Canadian route. Only line operating through trains to Western Canada. No change of depots. Only line operating through standard and tourist sleepers to Winnipeg and Vancouver. All equipment is owned and operated by Canadian Pacific Railway, affording the highest form of efficiency.

Homesekers' fares will be in effect each Tuesday, March 3 to Oct. 27 inclusive, and round-trip second-class tickets will be sold via Canadian Pacific Railway from Ontario points (Azilda and east) at very low fares—for example, from Toronto, also west and north of Toronto, to Winnipeg and return, \$35; to Edmonton and return, \$43. Other points in proportion. Fare from points east of Toronto will be slightly higher. Return limit two months.

Homesekers' trains leave Toronto each Tuesday during March and April. Each Tuesday during March and April the Canadian Pacific will run Settlers' trains to Winnipeg and west, and for the accommodation of settlers travelling with live stock and effects, a colonist car will be attached to the settlers' effects train. This car will leave Toronto on regular train at 10.20 p.m., and on arrival at West Toronto it will be attached to settlers' effects train as mentioned above.

For those not travelling with live stock and effects, special Colonist cars will be attached to regular trains from Toronto, running through to Winnipeg without change. No charge is made for accommodation in Colonist cars. Tourist sleeping cars are also operated on regular train leaving Toronto 10.20 p.m.

Full particulars from any C. P. R. agent or write M. G. Murphy, District Passenger Agent, Toronto 455

PEDLAR CASE DISMISSED.

The appeal of Edman Pedlar of Van Wagner's Beach, near Hamilton, against the Toronto Power Company for damages, following the drowning of his two-year-old son, was dismissed at Osgoode Hall yesterday.

LIBERALS INJURE TEMPERANCE CAUSE BY THEIR STATEMENTS

Hon. W. J. Hanna Says Figures Prove Facts Contrary to Mr. Rowell's Contention—Address on Speech From Throne is Well Under Way.

The Ontario Legislature has lengthened its stride for the session. Yesterday the debate on the address from the throne was begun in earnest and the Liberal orators laid on to the onslaught with N. W. Rowell well in the van. Not the address itself, but its sins of omission were the points of attack, and these were played upon as merely contributory to the great negligence of the government in not taking immediate and well-considered steps towards relieving the great industrial unrest in the large cities of Toronto, London, Hamilton and Ottawa. Colin Cameron of North York, who carried the honor of proposing the address to the speech, linked in glowing hopes of the future for both urban and rural centres, and backed their positions up with blue book figures.

The house fell into the way of business without any ado, and ten minutes after the prayers the orators were lined up complete in the front row. William Proudfoot coming in late to a gentle ironical applause from the government benches. Alan Studholme, the labor member, after his usual fashion, listened attentively in view of his time to come and leaned back all afternoon with his spectacles perched behind his head. So like old times did it appear that one member actually fell asleep, would deny to come extent. On the other hand, the alliance of the liquor interests with the government brought W. J. Hanna back in vigorous style, altho he did not get an opportunity to speak to the address.

Increased Prosperity. Mr. Cameron referred to the regrettable absence of the premier and spoke of his wonderful work in making administration methods clean and business-like. He hoped for his return to the chamber. There had been a general increase of prosperity in the province and good roads and the coming of autos had bettered the life of the farmer.

Mineral productions led the world and prison reform farms were making men for Canada. The Port William farm had especially worked well for the men of the north. The plan of industrial farms was taking hold.

In this connection he paid a high tribute to the provincial government for the self-support of the asylums and other institutions. There was the Hydro-Electric Commission, which was a thing above others to be proud of. There were sixty-six municipalities now contracting and one hundred and six negotiating for power.

He referred to the way in which employers had formerly neglected workmen when injured and would now be forced to mend their ways. The plea of negligence and character of the workmen would now be done away with. A new era had dawned and all the old corrupt things had passed. By-election returns showed increased majorities in every case. He moved the acceptance of the address.

Good Roads. To yet see Ontario a maritime province with the T.N.O. extended to tide-water was the candid ambition of Mr. Henry in his opening words. He congratulated the senate on the subsidy, which had come at last, and then turned to good roads. People were now beginning to appreciate the value of highways, and altho the aid had been held up, the province was planning great things.

The talk of rural depopulation he would deny to some extent. On the census of 1911 he found that the number of people holding from five acres up had greatly increased. It was contrary to the general impression of a rush to the cities.

"Allow me to suggest," he said, "that with the development of highways and the installing of radiators the farm life of the future will be much more enjoyable. Let us look forward to not building larger cities, but to establishing radii that will take the artisan out to rural and urban homes."

The province was increasing its food production and catering to the beef and dairy products, and the Ontario Agricultural College was doing a great work. Milk production of cows had been raised above 600 lbs. and had increased in value 14 per cent, and buildings 48 per cent in the last decade.

Opposition Leader. When Mr. Rowell took the floor his first remarks were in tribute to the absent premier and to Hon. Dr. Ryne in his illness. He then took a gentle drive at the long-deferred completion of statute revision, and felt the government were in a unique place in history in their tardiness of movement. He also would like to know the outline of the Government House interior and what Hon. Dr. Reaume did in Europe.

Mr. Rowell waxed quite warm at discovering that tax reform was not mentioned in the address. A proposal should have been brought down to them at least show appreciation of the deep-

seated desire of the people for this move. Anti-trading also had suffered from a gradual retreating. Had the provincial secretary blundered, or were his allies drawing the lines too tight? "Who are the allies?" queried Mr. Hanna across the floor.

"He knows very well. The men who are supporting you in all the elections—the liquor men," was the reply amid jeers from the government benches. He then swerved into the main denunciation of his speech. It was a description of his studies as a social worker, and an illustration of the woes of the unemployed in the large cities. In both country and cities was an increasing industrial unrest. By the census 1911 census the rural population had decreased by 111,000 from that of 40 years ago, and as the cities grew larger so did the social unrest increase.

His personal experience consisted of a day's trip among the poor of the city, and he found deplorable cases an inflation. He told of husband and wife out of work and supporting a family in unknown manner by the selling of furniture and the pawning of heirlooms. People of this stamp hated charity. About 42,000 were directly affected by the conditions of Toronto, and the same state prevailed in London, Ottawa and Hamilton. He had found that they were in the main English families, but not recent arrivals. A survey in London had shown that a family could not live on less than \$597, and yet the average income of many was only \$445. It was good to help men in prison, but it was better to help them when out. The labor exchanges of the old land might work well here.

In conclusion, he moved that the government consider a commission to better the workmen's condition by uniting the bureau of labor and the factory inspection branch and that conditions be studied with a view to remedying the whole affair.

Mr. Hanna predicted that Sir James would yet return to serve his country from his position in the house, an announcement received with great acclamation. He at once took exception to Mr. Rowell's remarks on the temperance situation and the liquor alliance of the government.

"If the hon. gentleman will take the pains to analyze the returns of the by-elections he will find that the figures are directly contrary to the statement made by the Conservative party and the liquor interests are in any way allied," he declared. "The figures very strongly showed the county very strongly temperance, and the votes for the new member were almost identical with those of the local option vote. Every time Mr. Rowell spoke in that way he was doing a lasting injury to the temperance cause. They were making the question a party question."

"You will find the Liberals saying to temperance people. If you don't get behind the Liberal candidate, we won't get behind local option when it comes up next January." That happened in Middlesex more than once.

He asked if there were a liquor alliance in North Grey, where once a Liberal member has been returned with a majority of 750, and that was now converted into the majority of 400 for the government. It was not fair to suggest that 1100 Liberals had entered a liquor alliance and gone to the polls.

SOUTH BRANDON MEMBER RETURNING TO ONTARIO

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—A. H. Carroll, member for South Brandon in the Manitoba Legislature, stated this morning that with the closing of the present session he would cease his activities in politics.

Mr. Carroll has recently purchased a farm in the Thames valley, just outside of Woodstock, Ont., and proposes to make his residence there in the near future.

Since 1908 Mr. Carroll has represented South Brandon, carrying what was considered a Liberal constituency by small majorities in each of three elections.

BOARD OF TRADE LUNCHEON.

Mr. S. Herman Wolfe, consulting actuary, New York City, will address the members of the board at McConkey's restaurant on Friday, Feb. 20, at one o'clock, on the subject of "Workmen's Compensation." A general invitation is extended to the manufacturers of the city and province to attend. Mr. Wolfe is a leading authority on the subject of insurance and has made examinations for a great many insurance companies of the different states in Connecticut, Ohio, California, Texas, Tennessee and New York, and is a forceful and brilliant speaker. In view of the proposed workmen's compensation legislation in this province, his address is looked forward to with much interest.

TO RECEIVE HYDRO POWER.

AYR, Feb. 19.—The council here instructed the clerk to write the hydro commission of Toronto and notify them that the town was ready to sign the contract for 100 horsepower.

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BALANCE OF POWER AN EXISTENT FACT

Prof. Mavor Tells Empire Club That a Slight Incident May Easily Disturb It.

The equilibrium of particular forces at a particular moment was the definition of "balance of power," given by Prof. Mavor in an address before the Empire Club at McConkey's yesterday. The question to be studied, he said,

was not how this balance of power was to be gained, but what to do when it was disturbed. This equilibrium of forces was a fact, not a theory or a chimera. On one side were certain forces, and on the other side were certain forces, too. There was equilibrium between them or there was not. Disturbances to this balance of power were then reviewed by Prof. Mavor. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries France was a great military power, England was a small one, and it became necessary for her to match France was overcome. After the downfall of Napoleon Czar Alexander, which chiefly existed to throttle France and thereby preserve the balance of power in Europe. This policy broke down owing to the friction among the powers. France disturbed

ing the affairs of nations such as the Crimean, Franco-Prussian, the Boer and Balkan wars were touched upon, and he said it was proved that the precision of weapons did not shorten wars, and that a small power could resist a large one. This lesson was of value to Japan. The Boers such as the Japanese how a small nation could keep a large empire at bay between France and Germany over strengthening of her stand by the support of England. She had then the annual convention, which will probably be held in Toronto next May. The convention will assume the form of a yearly gathering of municipal officials interested in hydro development and the various municipalities throughout the province will be notified and invited to be represented.

Mr. Justice Craig, the chairman, announced that his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, had consented to become honorary president of the Empire Club. The announcement was received with cheers and the drinking of the health of the duke.

TO STUDY THE HYDRO.

At a meeting of the executive of the Ontario Municipal Electrical Association held yesterday it was decided to make arrangements for holding a large annual convention, which will probably be held in Toronto next May. The convention will assume the form of a yearly gathering of municipal officials interested in hydro development and the various municipalities throughout the province will be notified and invited to be represented.



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