

CLOSURE DEBATE NEARS ITS END IN COMMONS

Blockers' Fund of Talk Soon to be Exhausted And Then to Business-- Several Important Measures

OTTAWA, April 21.—The announcement is now made that the closure debate will come to an end Tuesday or Wednesday. With that disposed of, the government will be enabled to turn its attention to the session programme, so many items of which have been held up by the senseless blockade of the Liberal Opposition for months past.

On Thursday the Opposition was not a whole day over a matter which had already been aired once this session and which could have been brought up at almost any time later without disturbing the regular business.

On Friday the House took up public bills. Then came to the front at once two such important measures as the Burrill Bill, appropriating ten millions for the advancement of agriculture, and Hon Mr Hazen's Bill providing for the expenditure of three and a half million dollars as part of Quebec. These are but two of a dozen big government measures which have thus far made little progress because a Liberal Opposition at Ottawa has thrown public interest to the winds in an endeavor to force the government to the country and in the hope of rehabilitating its party fortunes.

The little improvement can be looked for from the Liberal Opposition while it is dominated by the wing led by Hon. William Brewster. The ex-Minister of Public Works and his political friends have determined that they will give all trouble possible and their actions during the past have shown that more and more they are throwing discretion to the winds.

With the closure passed, the government will be able to push ahead its programme of business and to bring into actuality some of the measures of public importance that have so long been on the order paper. The present week is not expected to develop anything very sensational. The Liberals, who have been predicting a riot on the closure vote, are altering their tone, and the general opinion is that they are more likely to raise trouble on its first application. One thing is certain, if closure is applied, it will be with good reason, for the Premier has no intention of making it the means of forcing measures ahead ruthlessly. There will be all legitimate opportunity for discussion and debate, as in the past. But there will be no opportunity for senseless blockading.

NEW MANAGER FOR COURIER

Mr. F. C. Mills, Well Known Hamilton Man, Assumes Position Here.

Mr. James, who has been business manager of the Courier for some weeks, has left for New York, where another post awaited him.

Mr. F. C. Mills takes his place. He was for three years advertising manager of the Hamilton Herald, and latterly held an interest in the Peterboro Review. Having disposed of that, he has come to join the Courier staff.

Mr. Mills has had a most successful newspaper career, and will no doubt receive a hearty Brantford welcome.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE BRANTFORD

Thursday, April 24.—Wm. A. Brady Limited presents New York's greatest dramatic triumph, "BOUGHT AND PAID FOR," by Geo. Broadhurst, directed from its run of one solid year at the Playhouse, New York. The New York Journal said: "Makes you laugh with one eye and cry with the other. While there is a good deal of pathos in the play, there is a large vein of humor, with prolonged gushes of laughter. It is a great play, inspired by the happenings of our every-day life. Prices: 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50. Seats Tuesday.

PROPERTY ACTIVITY IN THE EASTERN SECTION OF CITY IS STRONG

Property activity to the east of the city is commencing to be manifest in the same way as in other quarters. The glebe property of the New England Company, in connection with the Mohawk Institute, has never been of any use for agricultural purposes, although of a great deal of value for house or even factory purposes. Said property faces on the Hamilton road, and is in extent about 188 acres. As before related in these columns, an Act is to go through the Legislature empowering the company to sell same.

The last time the New England people sold land they received some \$1,000 per acre, but that was across the canal in the factory district and with nearby railway facilities. It is understood that a syndicate intends to make an immediate offer should the chance arise.

Another well-defined rumor is with regard to the Acret (formerly Lovejoy) estate, which continues beyond the glebe and includes Mohawk Park. Here is another big acreage, including Mohawk Park, for which it is understood the Railway Company pay some \$250 a year rental. The lease expires in 1915. That if thrown open there would be keen bidding there is no reason to doubt.

LINE IS BEING PUSHED THROUGH WITH ALL POSSIBLE DESPATCH

Lake Erie and Northern Railway have Central Station in Galt, where Factory will be Pulled Out to Make Room--Important Plans at Pt. Dover Underway.

There is, of course, very general interest in the activities of the Lake Erie & Northern Railway, as outlined in this paper on Saturday.

At the south end of Galt, in order to get access, four or five houses will have to be purchased and torn down. Further on the R. McDougal Company's factory will be acquired and removed. This firm has purchased a new site and will remove there. This location will be used for station grounds and yard room, and an adjacent pond will also be filled in for arlike purpose. This will afford the company an area of about four acres for the purposes named, and will place the depot and yard on the main street. In other words, it will be the most centrally located depot in Galt.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY recently bought the Victoria Wheel Co. property on the north side of Main street, opposite the proposed Lake Erie & Northern Railway terminal, and the L. E. & N. line will connect with the down-town yards at this point and thence with their main line.

As before related, if the Dominion Government has the harbor at Port Dover dredged, it is proposed to have a direct line of carrying vessels between Dover and Erie. The distance between the two points is about 47 miles. Erie is the capital city of Erie county, Pennsylvania, and is the terminus of the Philadelphia & Erie and Erie & Pittsburgh Railroads. It has the largest land-locked harbor on the lake and is the closest lake distributing point to the Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia soft coal and coke fields; also the closest point to the Pennsylvania steel centre. Any one can see at a glance what this will mean to many Ontario manufacturers in the matter of coal and steel shipments.

At present the haul of these things is via Black Rock, a very much greater distance. If there are vessels between Port Dover and Erie it will mean not only a much shorter and much less expensive haul between Brantford, Paris, Galt and so on, but also for Toronto and Hamilton. In other words, a very great distributing centre in all directions would be established via Brantford.

CITIES GROW MEN DECLINE

So Remarkable Pope Plus Today Whose Condition is Improved.

ROME, April 21.—The Pope this morning was in much brighter spirits and felt altogether stronger. He still suffered from spells of coughing, but the expectation accompanying it was loose. As the day was brilliantly sunny the Pontiff was allowed to rise and sit in an armchair in which he was taken to a seat in front of the closed window into which the sun's rays poured in a constant flood. For the first time since his last relapse the Pope was able to look into the immense Piazza Di St Pietro, which was alive with people. When he saw a large number of flags waving in the air he asked the reasons and was informed that to-day was the anniversary of the foundation of Rome 2,663 years ago. The Pontiff remarked: "Cities grow with age, while men decline."

The physicians and attendants of the Pope are taking the greatest precautions to prevent him from making any exertion just now as any activity on his part is still regarded as dangerous owing to his recent low condition. As the Pontiff, however, is most desirous of beginning work again he often asks that Mr. Gressan and Mgr. Pescini, his private secretaries, read him the most important of the letters which accumulated during his illness. The betterment of his health was so marked to-day that Prof. Ettore Marchiafava permitted him a change of diet consisting of rice cooked in the Venetian way, a small piece of breast of chicken and half a glass of Old Brandy.

The Dufferin Parade. The Dufferin Rifles will hold their weekly parade to-night. It is expected that 400 men will be in line.

Will Inspect. An officer from the Royal Canadian Engineers will inspect the Dufferin Rifles Armories to-day.

Auto Bandits Pay Penalty

PARIS, April 21.—None of the three auto bandits who were guillotined in the French capital shortly before 5 o'clock this morning would take the big glass of rum offered as is usual to men about to be executed. Callem and Sady just signified their refusal by a nod, while Monier said, "I will not alcoholize myself." With the definite knowledge that Monday was to be the day of their death, the three condemned men played cards on Sunday afternoon in jail. Suddenly, while the game was going on, Callem rose and said, "I have a presentiment that this is my last day. To-morrow I shall see Diebler, the executioner." This morning, when he was told "Your time has come," he said: "Then this is the day without a to-morrow."

Songsters Gave Great Entertainment at The Armouries Saturday Night

The comic song competition held in the Men's Institute at the Armouries on Saturday night was a "Howling Success," and the judges had some difficulty in selecting the winners from the array of talent. Capt. Geo. D. Watt officiated as chairman of the evening, while Messrs. Sergt-Major Dxtaby, Thomas Usher, and C. B. Todd acted as judges. There was not near as many competitors in the contest as the committee in charge of the affair would have liked but probably the artists were backward in coming forward. The following were declared the winners: First Prize—Bandman Knowles, who sang "Old King Cole." Second Prize—Bandman Lewis, who sang "Archer," from the Toreador. Third Prize—Pte. R. Richardson, who sang "Sitting on the Water-Wagon."

The evening's fun was much enjoyed by the large number who were present.

DYNAMITERS ARE IN CITY

Smash Went Window This Morning, But It Was All An Accident

Boom! Crash! and the damage was done and all was over save for the putting in of a new pane of glass. The purchase of a new catch for the window and a new window shade, and the taking of several bottles of nerve restorer.

Second and Sons, while excavating at the site of the new post office, came upon a brick wall which "Marion," the steam shovel, with all her reputation for speed, etc., could not remove without the assistance of dynamite. The blast was accordingly put off. A piece of brick, weighing probably a pound, was hurled through the air, smashing an upper pane of glass and landed against the wooden partition in the office of Dr. Cuthbert, Temple Building. Dr. Cuthbert had just gone out of his work room where the brick landed, into another part of the suite of rooms which he occupies. His little son, aged six years, lucky for him, had followed his father out of the room. Dr. Cuthbert, when seen this morning exhibited the brick to a Courier reporter and with two or three of his customary chuckles told the Courier reporter that he was going to take the brick home.

Address at Y. M. C. A. Rev. C. F. Chicizelli, M.A., B. Sc., an Abyssinian convert, who is on a tour of Canada, in the interests of his people, addressed a well-attended meeting yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. He spoke for considerable time upon the customs of his people. Rev. Chicizelli made the statement yesterday that during his entire life time in Abyssinia, a country which has a population of 7,000,000 people, there had only been two murders. The reason given for this was that there are no intoxicating beverages used in Abyssinia. Rev. Chicizelli sang in his own tongue.

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BRANT'S OLDEST RESIDENT THOMAS MURRAY IS DEAD

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Aged 104 Years, Brant's Oldest Resident, Who Died To-day.

BELGIANS ARE ENGAGED IN CONFLICT

Neither Side Will Give Way in Strike of Workmen

Reports From Various Centres Show No Change

(Canadian Press Despatch)

BRUSSELS, April 21.—The general strike for equal suffrage in Belgium enters on its second week with the ranks of the strikers unbroken, and in fact strengthened by the adhesion of still further recruits, bringing their total up to nearly 500,000, according to Socialist computations.

A cheerful spirit prevails among the working classes, who feel that the government will be obliged to yield at least to the compromise suggested by the Liberal leader. This provides that the equalization of the Parliamentary franchise shall be immediately taken into consideration in the event of the committee now dealing with the provincial and commercial franchise evolving a plan improving on the present method.

Cabinet ministers, on the other hand, are determined not to surrender if the government still commands a majority of the chamber of deputies when it reassembles to-morrow.

The Socialist national convention meets on Wednesday to discuss the situation. Acts of violence continue to be of extremely rare occurrence, and are in many cases attributed to other causes than the strike. A large number of telegraph poles and wires have been cut, however, and the minister of war has notified all the owners of carrier pigeons that he may commandeer the birds for military purposes in case of necessity. The printers' strike in Brussels has scarcely affected any of the newspapers except the two Socialist organs and the Petit Bleu, whose proprietor has subscribed \$20,000 to the general strike fund.

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Square Deal Campaign Going on Merrily

New Subscribers are Secured in Large Numbers—Fairness of Campaign Appeals to All.

The COURIER during the last two or three days has not been saying very much about its "Square Deal" Campaign—too much rushed in all departments to do so.

But said campaign has gone merrily on just the same. New subscriptions and renewals are coming in at a good rate each day, and street sales are away up in the hundreds.

We are now some paper, all right, and people not only recognize that fact, but are showing their appreciation in a most pleasing manner.

For all of which many thanks. Remember, the competition is still on, and the attractive prizes, in addition to cash over the counter for everything done, has brought together a band of busy workers.

A Pioneer of This County Who Had Passed Century Mark.

Passed Away at New Durham To-day—Age 104 Years.

The life of Brant County's oldest resident, Thomas Murray of New Durham, to-day ebbed away, and one who has seen a century and four years go around has passed to the Great Beyond after a life of great activity and usefulness. Mr. Murray was 104 years old and up to a few months ago he was in excellent health, but recently had failed considerably. Born at Hamilton, five miles from Glasgow, Scotland, Mr. Murray came to Canada in 1844, and had continuously resided in this county for almost 70 years. He resided on the Eighth Concession, Lot 19, Burford Township.

Mr. Murray married when he was 40 years old, choosing as his bride Ann Mordine, of Cainsville, who died 21 years ago. There were six children, five of whom survive. The children—Mrs. Patterson, New Durham, who has four children and nine grandchildren; John Murray, Tompkins, Saskatchewan, who has nine children and six grandchildren; Mrs. Carter, Harley, who has two children and four grandchildren; James of the old Homestead, one child, and Mr. Thomas Murray, 144 Terrace Hill street, city. Mr. Murray thus leaves 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren living.

In the early days of Brant County Mr. Murray drove a stage coach, with Shipman's Corners as the destination. Naturally having passed the century mark, Mr. Murray was a man of rugged constitution. His habits of life have always been temperate, and his character was of the sterling, rugged, honest Scotch brand, which fitted him as one of the real pioneers of the early days.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday at New Durham.

TEMPERANCE WORKERS ONLY

Meeting To-Night is Not Under Auspices of Citizens League.

A meeting of the temperance workers and those interested in the temperance cause, will be held at the Y. M. C. A. parlors to-night at which the question of submitting to the ratepayers at the next municipal election the question of a local option or Scott Act. It is pretty nearly an assured fact that one of these by-laws will be put before the ratepayers and those interested in the municipal elections held in January next. A very interested party told a Courier representative this morning that the meeting to-night was not under the auspices of the Citizens' League but purely a temperance meeting.

Besides the members of the churches and the other temperance societies it is expected there will be representatives present from the Trades and Labor Council at the meeting to-night, which is being held at the Y. M. C. A.

Business Good

Two local real estate men stated this morning that speculation in buying was very quiet. A good general business is being done however in houses and other properties.

If it Happened it is in "THE COURIER;" If it is in "THE COURIER" it Happened.