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## LIBERALS AND FARMERS' PARTY WILL MAKE CLOSEST SCRUTINY OF GUTHRIE'S FRANCHISE BILL

### Opposition Members in Federal Parliament View Proposed Measure With Certain Degree of Suspicion—British Citizenship Must Be Basis for Franchise.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 12.—On the face of it, the new Dominion franchise bill introduced in the Commons yesterday by Hon. Hugh Guthrie, and given first reading would appear to be a reasonably fair and equitable measure and susceptible of but little manipulation. It affirms no disfranchisement provisions, however, it may imply them. The main qualification for the franchise is that a person shall be a British subject resident in the Dominion. Opposition members, however, are prepared to be suspicious until they have had full explanation and see the bill. They are distrustful of the advanced poli proposals for the more nomadic members of the community and suggest that this provision may be susceptible of much manipulation in election times. With registration in urban centres they are fairly well satisfied, but with enumeration in rural districts, they are not so well satisfied. The bill looks fair on the face of it, said one man this morning, but it must be looked at in conjunction with the recently amended naturalization act. British citizenship is the basis for the franchise. But the amended naturalization act places in the hands of the secretary of state who is a politician, complete discretion not only in the matter of granting certificates of naturalization but of cancelling naturalization certificates, no matter under what act or how long ago granted, and there is little chance of summary appeal from his decision. The debate on the new bill is bound to occupy considerable time and will be scanned closely, not only by the official opposition, but by the members of the farmers' party, who are quite as deeply interested.

**INDIANS ENTER PROTEST.**

Brantford, March 12.—Today a protest was forwarded to Ottawa by the Six Nation Indians against the amendments to the franchise act, whereby the Indians of Canada would be compulsorily enfranchised. The action was expected, the Six Nations being very jealous of their treaty rights, which conferred upon them recognition as a separate nation, with its own laws and system of Government, allied to the British only, through the crown.

## TURK OFFICIAL SAYS ARMENIAN MASSACRE WAS SELF DEFENCE

### Safa Bey, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Makes Denial of Charges.

### TROUBLE WAS PROVOKED

### Declare Armenian Police Committed Acts of Hostility First.

Constantinople, March 12—(By the Associated Press).—Safa Bey, Turkish minister of foreign affairs, discussing the Marash tragedy and the Cilician situation today, emphatically denied that there was an organized massacre of Armenians, claiming that one or two hundred noncombatants, Turks as well as Christians, had been killed or wounded.

His version is that after the British troops withdrew, the French enrolled large numbers of Armenians in the local gendarmerie. Patrols formed of Armenians made themselves offensive in the Mussulman districts of Marash, and committed violence and crimes against the Moslems.

"These Mussulmans abstained from hostile manifestations, but apparently their intentions were misunderstood, for they were fired upon by the Armenians guarding the residence. The Turkish crowd was unarmed, but defended itself with stones.

"A little later, Armenians, civilians and military, attacked the Mussulman population without sparing the women or children. Then the Mussulman through the instinct of self-preservation, began firing.

"Immediately cannon and machine-guns opened on the Turkish quarters, many of which were consumed by fire, while the Mussulmans were mowed down by hundreds. The fact that the fighting was exclusively in the Turkish quarter proves that the Turks were not the assailants."

## THIS TREE BRINGS OWNER NEARLY $100.

WHAT ONE TREE alone can do towards making a living for the fortunate man who happens to have it growing on his property: was demonstrated a few days ago when a huge soft elm tree was cut in William Elson's bush, seven miles out of Wingham. This tree was cut into three 12-foot logs, and teamed to F. McLean's mill in Wingham, to be cut in lumber.

**TOTAL OF 2,804 FEET.**

The result was as follows: The bottom log, off the stump, yielded 1,000 feet of lumber; the second log, 954 feet, and the third log, 850 feet, making a total of 2,804 feet. This quality of wood sells at $35 a thousand in the log, so that the proceeds from the log for the owner would be $98.14.

**COON PELTS VALUABLE.**

But this was not all. Fortune was even kinder to Mr. Elson, putting a coon's nest in the top of the tree. There were three coons whose pelts are valued at $70, making the net profit from the tree to be $168.14.

## FOUR HUNDRED CIGARMAKERS TO GO ON STRIKE

### London Shops Will Be Idle Tomorrow Morning.

### WANT INCREASED PAY

### Bosses Refuse To Meet Demands—Two Small Concerns Will Continue To Operate.

Over four hundred cigarmakers in this city will go on strike tonight because the employers of the city have refused to meet the demand of the cigarmakers' union for an increase of $5.00 a thousand on all classes of cigars. The definite refusal of the employers was announced at a meeting of the union held last night, and as a result of the announcement it was decided to call the strike tonight.

A committee appointed by the union conferred with the bosses on Thursday morning and pointed out the need of such an increase. The employers stated that it would be impossible to grant more than an increase of $3.00 on fancy shapes, $2.00 on popular brands and $1.50 on molds, because of the small profits made in the cigar-making business at the present time. The offer was refused at a meeting of the union.

**Have Agreed.**

Two of the smaller shops have agreed to pay the increase demanded, acording to H. Wheatcroft, secretary of the union. They, with two non-union shops, will be the only ones in the city which will not be affected by the walkout. A branch of the McNee factory in Toronto, employing 60 men under the jurisdiction of London, is expected to be affected also, according to the committee in charge of the strike.

Mr. Wheatcroft stated that sanction to strike had not been received from the international headquarters of the union. As it would probably require at least two weeks to get permission through, it was decided by the members not to wait. They will not receive strike benefits from the union until the communication has been received from headquarters.

## ICE JAM AT WELLINGTON BRIDGE GIVES FRONT ST. RESIDENTS ANXIOUS TIME

### Water Rose Rapidly This Morning and People Feared Repetition of 1918 Flood—Ice Gave Way With Grinding Crash When Water Was Running Level With Banks.

Ice jammed above the Wellington street bridge gave residents of Front street an anxious time today when the river began to rise rapidly as a result. The water reached the level of the bank, and was threatening to overflow on the street. Shortly after 1 o'clock the ice gave way with a grinding crash, and relieved the situation.

Some indications of the ice further down the river breaking were seen this morning. This has had no effect on the jam at Wellington street until late in the day. It is hoped that general conditions in the river will improve and that a free channel will be opened to carry the ice down stream.

In spite of the severe weather the ice in the vicinity of Victoria Hospital and Front street was not very thick, and following last night's rain soon broke. The ice further down the stream, and particularly outside the city, seems to be more solid and is resisting the thaw. In shallow places in the river ice formed solidly to the river bed. The water from upstream has undermined this, however, and broken it away from its anchorage. Water is also flowing over it. This may tend to bring a breakup sooner than expected.

Springbank dam is no longer a factor in causing a flood. It was swept away on Good Friday of 1918, and the water now has a fairly clear channel. This will likely help to prevent a serious rise of the water.

Front street escaped a flood last year, as hardly any ice formed in the river owing to the mild weather. In 1918, however, the water overflowed the banks and it was necessary for some residents of the street to use boats to get out of their houses. At that time only the residences on the north side of the street were flooded, but the water came within a few feet of the houses on the other side of the street.

## CHINESE COOLIES IN B. C. CAMP IN REVOLT; MANY MAKE ESCAPE

### Military Guards Drive Hundreds Into Inclosure at Point of Bayonet.

### ORDER IS RESTORED

### Cause of Trouble at William Head Cantonment Is Unknown.

Victoria, B.C., March 12.—At the point of the bayonet, several hundred Chinese coolies who had make a determined attempt to escape from the William Head cantonment yesterday, were finally rounded up by the military guards and herded back within the encampment fences.

Over 8,000 coolies are at the William Head encampment, and when the rioting occurred it is estimated that about 2,000 succeeded in breaking away from the strongly barricaded inclosure.

The guards were insufficient to stem the onrush, and the leading forces of the mutiny succeeded in getting out into the surrounding country and scattering before reinforcements could be rushed to the scene and the crowd of rioters forced back at the point of the bayonet into the camp.

The cause of the riot is not known. It was stated, however, that the riot had been quelled, and that order prevailed at the camp.

SIR JAMES AIKIN, K. C., lieutenant-governor of Manitoba and president of the Canadian Bar Association, who told Ontario lawyers at their annual dinner that Canada would take no dictation from United States, referring to threats of retaliation from the latter country in regard to newspaper imports.

## AMERICAN ENGINEER URGES CO-OPERATION TO FURTHER PROJECT

### Dr. Isham Randolph Speaks to Businessmen of Windsor.

### CITES ADVANTAGES

### Some U. S. Senators Would Oppose Any Scheme Backed by Britain.

Windsor, Ont., March 12.—A plea for a greater spirit of co-operation between the United States and Canada to push the deep waterways project was urged by Dr. Isham Randolph, one of the leading engineers in the United States, speaking to members of the Border Real Estate Board last night.

The Welland Canal, the Lachine Canal, and others on the St. Lawrence built by the Canadian Government were seen by him as connecting links of the greater waterway, which he is confident will be constructed.

"This great waterway would be of greater benefit to the United States alone than the Panama Canal is to the whole world," he said. He spoke of the kinship between the people of Canada and of the United States, but warned his audience that there were men in the United States Senate who would oppose any project that savored of Great Britain.

## GENERAL BOOTH TO VISIT LONDON

### Famous Salvation Army Officer To Speak in London On Canadian Tour.

General Bramwell Booth, Salvation Army officer of world fame, will visit London this year. The exact date for his visit has not been arranged. He will be in Toronto on October 16, 17 and 18, and in all probability will visit London directly after.

General Booth is at the present time on his way to Australia on an extensive campaign tour.

This will be his first visit to the Forest City. He made a flying trip to Canada six years ago, but Toronto was his only stopping place. He will tour the whole Dominion before returning to London England.

The general is noted for his organization abilities in the time of the great war. He had his officers into thickest of the battles feeding and caring for the fighters and wounded. It was through his organization of Salvation Army forces that eliminated a great deal of suffering among the troops when they were either in the trenches or training camps.

## THREE LONG CHEERS!

An effort is to be made to hold the present city hall together for another year or two at least. Provision is being made in the estimates to repaper it throughout. Good strong wall coverings and plenty of paste will be used and aldermen are confident that when the job is done the walls will remain in place until some decision is reached on building new quarters. The total cost of the work will be $1,126.

## OPTIMISTIC REGARDING GRANT TO WESTERN "U" MEDICAL SCHOOL

### Dr. P. S. McKibben Returned Today from Mission in Toronto.

Dr. Paul S. McKibben, dean of the Western University Medical School, returned to London this morning after interviewing in Toronto yesterday Dr. George E. Vincent and Dr. R. M. Pearce, representatives of the Rockefeller Foundation, and expressed confidence that the claim of the Western would be adequately recognized when the $5,000,000 endowment to Canadian medical colleges is to be apportioned. Dr. McKibben said he was not prepared to make any definite announcement as to the amount which th Wstrn University might expect from the Rockefeller fund, but added that he was optimistic as to the outcome of his conference with the Rockefeller representatives in the Queen City yesterday.

THOMAS KELLY, the Winnipeg contractor, who figured so largely in the courts some time ago in the investigation held over the Manitoba Parliament Building expenses, is now in the courts again trying to upset the decision of Chief Justice Mathers, who awarded the province $1,250,000, the amount which Kelly is alleged to have been paid for work he never did.

## KING OF CHICKEN THIEVES OPERATED BY NOVEL METHOD

Montreal, March 13.—Josaphat Thibaut, king of chicken thieves in the Montreal district, and who carried on a large wholesale business by preying on the poultry yards of the six counties surrounding Montreal, was yesterday found guilty here, and will be sentenced next Tuesday.

His method was to sell fruit in season to the farmers, locate the poultry runs, and return and loot them at night. Last October he swept the chicken coops of one farmer clean of 200 fine specimens, and this exploit was the cause of his discovery.

## WHOLESALE GROCERS IN MANY INSTANCES REAP SMALL PROFITS

### O'Connor Declares That Many Would Be Better Off With Doors Closed.

### RETURNS ARE RELIABLE

### Commissioner Makes Statement At Hamilton Hearing Today.

Hamilton, March 12.—That the wholesale grocers of Canada would be better off by closing their doors was the surprising statement made by Commissioner W. F. O'Connor, when the board of commerce resumed its hearings of the alleged grocers' combine case this morning. Mr. O'Connor based his assertion on returns which have been made to the Government since 1913. He said that the highest profit made in five typical cases selected was 5¾ per cent, while in the ordinary market money was worth 6 or 7 per cent. These returns were "unquestionably reliable."

"As there may be in the public mind an idea that these proceedings have been undertaken because it was charged the wholesale grocers have been making excessive profits, the board of commerce has seen fit to make a declaration to alleviate the public mind," said Mr. O'Connor.

Mr. O'Connor said he had in mind four or five typical cases, of which two or three were Hamilton firms. In one case the gross business of a concern was $1,200,000 per annum; the capital invested and at work $500,000.

It cost the firm 11¼ cents on the dollar of business done. The remuneration that the interested parties draw for doing that business is three-quarters of 1 per cent per annum. The net profit is 1½ per cent. The gross profit on the capital invested is 6 per cent."

Mr. O'Connor cited other cases along similar lines, and then said: "These things I have stated have no connection with the charge of an existing combine. But under the fair price act this board may make declarations in any case which are desirable for the good of the trade and the country."

## DON RIVER GOES OVER ITS BANKS AS ICE BREAKS

### Much Damage Is Done Railway Property in Vicinity.

Toronto, March 12.—This city's famous Don River, whose banks are now crowded with railway tracks and factories, is today overflowing, following the ice break-up and serious damage has already been done to railway property. C. P. R. and C. N. R. railway traffic from the east is interrupted as the result.

## CLOSER RELATIONS WITH VATICAN AND FRANCE ADVOCATED

### Bill Calling For Greater Harmony Presented in Chamber of Deputies.

Paris, March 12.—National interests of France justify her in working in closer accord with the Vatican, says the preamble of the bill providing for re-establishment of relations with the Holy See, presented today in the Chamber of Deputies. A number of instances where France needs a diplomatic representative at the Vatican are cited by the preamble. It says the new situation in Syria, Palestine, Constantinople and the Orient generally, where France has century-old traditions, there are French missionaries who "ought not to be sacrificed to foreign competitors." The application of the concordat to Alsace-Lorraine, the administration of missions in the former German colonies of Togoland and Kamerun, and the exercise of the Catholic religion in Morocco, are pointed out as problems in which co-operation between France and the Vatican is necessary.

## GREAT WAR VETERANS OF SASKATCHEWAN NOT TO ENTER POLITICS

### Decision Is Reached at Convention at Prince Albert.

Prince Albert, Sask., March 12.—A unanimous decision not to enter into politics either as a party or in support of any particular party was indicated by the Saskatchewan Great War Veterans' convention here yesterday, when a resolution was defeated advocating the entry of the association into politics in support of a broad platform which would help to create equality for all in the development and distribution of natural resources of the country.

Without discussion, the provincial association adopted a motion asking the dominion command to again bring before the Government the re-establishment plan submitted last year, which involved the gratuity to all returned men of two thousand dollars.

## WILL COST MILLIONS TO FINISH MANITOBA PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Winnipeg, Man., March 12.—It will cost $8,075,418 to complete the Parliament Buildings in Winnipeg, according to figures given the Legislature of Manitoba, at its sittings yesterday by Hon. M. A. Grierson, minister of public works. The return sets out that the board of appraisal awarded $1,207,351 agains Thomas Kelly & Sons, the original contracto[illegible] been fair and cold [illegible] east.

## FLOOD FOLLOWS IN WAKE OF TORNADO IN SOUTHERN STATE

### Heavy Damage in Southwest Secion of Missouri.

Branson, Mo., March 12.—Flood streams today added a further menace to life and property in Southwest Missouri, where yesterday a tornado killed at least 13 persons, injured a number of others, and did property damage as yet unestimated.

Every creek and river of the Ozark Hills region today was reported either overflowing or running bank full from the torrential rains that preceded and followed the tornado. Should the precipitation continue, it was said, the danger from floods would become serious.

## THE WEATHER

**LOCAL TEMPERATURES.**

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 41; lowest, 35.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 47; lowest, 40.

Toronto, March 12—8 a.m.

**Forecasts.**

Today—Strong winds and gales from west and northwest; turning colder tonight, with local snowfalls.

Saturday—Fair and colder.

**Temperatures.**

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

| Stations. | High. | Low. | Weather. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Victoria | 48 | 40 | Rain |
| Calgary | 46 | 18 | Fair |
| Winnipeg | 16 | —6 | Clear |
| Port Arthur | 32 | 4 | Cloudy |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 38 | 20 | Snow |
| Toronto | 44 | 40 | Foggy |
| Kingston | 38 | 36 | Rain |
| Ottawa | 40 | 34 | Rain |
| Montreal | 40 | 36 | Rain |
| Quebec | 40 | 34 | Foggy |
| Father Point | 40 | 24 | Rain |
| Halifax | 46 | 36 | Cloudy |

Minus (—) means below zero.

**Weather Notes.**

The disturbance which was over the Southwest States yesterday morning has moved northeastward to the Great Lakes, causing snow in Northern Ontario and rain in the southern and eastern portions of the province and in Quebec.

## 37 SWEDES GRANTED NATURALIZATION IN CANADA IN A YEAR

### 512 Companies Incorporated With Capitalization of $214,326,000.

Ottawa, March 12.—The report of the secretary of state for the fiscal year 1918-19 tabled in the House of Commons showed 194 certificates of naturalization issued during that year. Swedes were in greatest number in obtaining certificates, there being thirty-seven of that nationality, while only one German and one Luxembourger were granted Canadian citizenship.

There were 512 companies with a total capitalization of $214,326,000 incorporated during the year.

## VON ALVENSTEBEN WILL GO TO SOUTH AMERICA IN EFFORT TO REGAIN FORTUNE

Vancouver, B. C., March 12.—A message from Seattle states that Alven von Alvensteben, who once managed the kaiser's interests in British Columbia, wishes to come to Vancouver for a time to straighten out some matters for former friends. He will then go to South America to recoup his fortunes. It is said that an application for permission to cross the boundary will soon be sent to Ottawa immigration officials.

**ROOF AS LANDING PLACE.**

Chicago, March 12.—Plans are being considered for converting the roof of the proposed new union station here into a landing field for aeroplanes. It will have an area of more than two city blocks.

## What's Doing Tonight?

**THEATRES.**

Grand—"The Passing Show."

Allen—Madge Kennedy in "The Blooming Angel."

Loew's—Constance Talmadge in "A Virtuous Vamp," and vaudeville.

Majestic—Eugene O'Brien in "Sealed Hearts."

**OTHER EVENTS.**

St. Patrick's Dance—Masonic Temple, 8:30 p.m.

Grand Army of Canada—Meets at 7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lodge, 209a, A., F. and A. M.—Meets in Masonic Temple at 7:30 p.m.

Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4—Meets in Masonic Temple at 7:30 p.m.

## WILL MAKE WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS DISEASE PROOF

Cambridge, England, March 12.—Canadian farmers may soon be able to have their seed wheat vaccinated against rust and other troublesome diseases before they plant it. Tests by botanists of Cambridge University are said to have shown the possibility of breeding disease-proof plants and immunising wheat, oats, barley and potatoes. They have also produced a new wheat, known as "yeoman," which has yielded 96 bushels to the acre.

## ONE ROBBER ROBS ANOTHER ROBBER BY THE NAME OF ROBB

New York, March 11.—The unethical practice of a robber who specialized in robbing robbers provided the underworld with a choice morsel today when a jury in general sessions convicted John P. Collins of grand larceny. This robber apparently knew that Frederick P. Robb, another robber, had in his apartment $5,000 and a $436 gold watch he had stolen from an express car in Philadelphia. He called on Robb, the testimony showed, displayed a badge, announced he was a member of the police department's narcotic squad and demanded Robb's loot. He got it. Robb, who was convicted of the express theft, was brought here to testify against Collins, who will be sentenced March 16.

## RETAILERS STRONGLY OBJECT TO PROPOSED TAX BY GOVERNMENT

### Claim It Would Increase the Present High Cost of Living.

Ottawa, March 12.—The Dominion Government's tentative proposal, as a revenue-producing measure to impose a tax of half of one per cent or even one per cent on all sales by retail merchants throughout Canada, when mooted at the meeting of the growers' branch of the Retail Merchants' Association last night, was most unfavorably received.

Members were outright in their denunciation of such a method of increasing the cost of living, as far as their trade was concerned, and said it would mean a big loss annually to them.

Expression of opinion was to the effect that if the Government wants to raise additional revenue, the tax should be placed on the manufacturers.

The grocers will also join other branches of mercantile trade in opposing two measures now before the Ontario Legislature, viz., the raising of the amount of wages, at which a garnishee can be attached to $50 instead of $20, and the doubling of the fee for inspection of weights and measures, and inspection once a year instead of every two years.

## BOLSHEVIKI CLAIM VICTORIES IN MANY SECTIONS OF RUSSIA

### Reds Say Entire Peninsula of Yeisk Occupied by Their Forces.

London, March 12.—Bolshevik troops have cleared the hostile forces from the entire peninsula of Yeisk in Ciscaucasia, on the sea of Azov, it is announced in a soviet communique received from Moscow. The town of Yeisk has been occupied by the Reds.

Of the fighting on the Polish front, where the Poles have recently reported decisive victories over the Bolsheviki, the communique says:

In the Mohilev-Podolsk region our troops are continuing to advance. They are engaged in violent fighting east and south of Novaya-Ushitsa (in Podolia).

## LABOR PARTY CANCELS ITS INDORSEMENT OF SYDNEY CANDIDATE

London, March 12.—The Labor party has cancelled its indorsement of Mr. Minahan as the party candidate for Sydney in the forthcoming state elections, for asserting that preparations had been made for declaring Australia a republic if the second conscription referendum had carried, and for signing a pledge favoring the unconditional release of prisoners, says a dispatch to the London Times from Sydney.

The dispatch further adds that Minahan has been barred from the Labor party for seven years. It is asserted that his statements were scaring a large moderate section of the community on whose votes Labor was confidently counting. Mr. Minahan is a wealthy boot manufacturer, and has been one of the financial props of his party.

**FLIES OVER ANDES.**

Buenos Ayres, March 12.—The Andes have again been crossed by an aeroplane, this time by Captain Parodi, an Argentine flyer. He flew from Mendosa, Argentine, to a point over Santiago, Chile, and returned without descending.

**BIG FUR AUCTION**

Montreal, March 12.—A feature of the first public auction sale of furs in Canada, to begin here March 22, will be the collection of silver fox skins from Prince Edward Island. Over 300,000 muskrat skins will be shown, valued at around $4.60 each; 22,000 mink skins, 16,000 beaver skins, and over 40,000 raccoon skins. Other items are 30 musk skins and some buffalo skins.

## WOULD ONE-MAN STREET CARS BE SUCCESS HERE?

### Have Proved Successful in Other Cities, Why Not London?

Although one-man street cars have not been seriously discussed as a solution to the street railway problem here, they have attracted the attention of Canadian visitors in cities where they are in use in the United States.

Dr. George H. Locke of Toronto, writing to a Londoner from Birmingham, Alabama, where he is spending two months vacation, states that the one-man cars are used on three short lines there, and that they are the most convenient cars in the city.

This new type of street conveyance was tried out in 1916 at Seattle purely for experimental purposes. Those favorable to its use claim it clearly demonstrated that the theory of big cars and long intervals of service is wrong and that the latter theory of smaller cars, but more frequent service is the right one.

The one-man, automatic, safety, light weight car is moderate in size. It is equipped with automatic appliances to enable the motorman to control the collection of fares. It is claimed that it can be operated at a greater schedule speed than the heavier type of car. Brooklyn, N. Y., is said to be operating this typ with success.

## ELECTRIFY ST. MARYS BRANCH OF G. T. R.

### Probably First Move of Government Taking Over Road.

Electrification of the St. Marys branch of the Grand Trunk from London will in all probability be one of the first improvements made by the Government after taking over the road, according to information divulged following a conference of Grand Trunk and London and Port Stanley officials within the past two days.

Rumors of the two roads uniting on waiting for probable similar action on the part of the Canadian Pacific Railway, were current today, and admission was made in London and Port Stanley circles that the city-owned road expects much more harmonious relations with the Grand Trunk under government ownership than have prevailed in the past with the latter road under private ownership.

**Under Lease.**

Under the old 99-year lease under which the Grand Trunk uses city-owned land, the Port Stanley Railway was to have terminal facilities, provided by the Grand Trunk, which road was to sell tickets, handle baggage and provide waiting-rooms for the other road. The Grand Trunk, at the time the Port Stanley was electrified, objected to overhead wires at its local terminal, and on this ground broke the agreement, but is still enjoying the free use of city land, although in partial recompense the land on which the present Port Stanley terminal is situated was returned to the use of the city. The lease has still 40 or 50 yrs to run.

From the Port Stanley standpoint other radials should also be permitted to use the same union depot, and in line with this contention is advanced the probable electrification of the London, Huron and Bruce line shortly, fol-

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## VETERANS ASK THAT TEUTONS BE BARRED FOR 5-YEAR PERIOD

### G. W. V. A. Convention Urges Ex-Service Men Get Government Positions.

Prince Albert, Sask., March 12.—(By the Canadian Press.)—At yesterday's session of the convention of the Great War Veterans' Association of Saskatchewan, a motion asking that subjects of late enemy countries be debarred from entering into Canada for all time was defeated by a narrow majority, and an amendment defining a period of five years, with educational test at the end of that period, carried.

A strong resolution from Fort Qu'Appelle, urging that preference in outside government positions be given to ex-service men over all other classes of returned men, carried unanimously.

## LONDON DELEGATES BACK FROM TORONTO

### Personal Animus in Temperance Controversy, Says Rev. Mr. Pescott.

Rev. W. E. Pescott and Mrs. May R. Thornley, who together with Ben Spence of Toronto, formed the committee to present the temperance alliance's request to Premier Drury on Wednesday last, returned last night to the city after a big three days' meeting of the Ontario Temperance Alliance. Both declare that the alliance is out to bring about legislation which will make Ontario completely dry.

At this convention practically every one of the 100 constituencies in the province was represented, some of the delegates coming from as far as Fort Frances, in the Rainy River District. Although the men were in a large preponderance at the convention, there were not a few W. C. T. U. women present.

Mrs. Thornley stated to The Advertiser that at this convention it was the general opinion that the Dominion temperance bill No. 26, would not meet the needs of the country, and that it should not be submitted to the people of the province until it had been amended so as to avoid further trouble. It was felt that if the bill were allowed to go through in its present loose condition, it would merely plunge the country into another two years of litigation, while the harmful system of short circuiting went on as before.

Consequently, although a request had already been made by the Ontario referendum committee asking that a referendum be taken, the alliance on the second day of meeting, sent a delegation to the House, asking that this bill should not come before the people of the province until it had been amended.

Short-circuiting is what the alliance

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## ROADWAY SINKS ON DUNDAS ST.

### Broken Water Pipe or Sewer To Blame—Who Will Pay For Repairs?

Sinkage of several inches in the roadway and car tracks on Dundas street, just east of Ridout street, has been caused by a broken water service or a broken sewer. The waterworks department is repairing the damage and the street railway company has been notified by City Engineer Brazier to carry out its part of the repairs.

The pavement has been undermined for a distance of about 30 or 40 feet, but traffic has not been held up on the car lines. The water has evidently been at work beneath the pavement for some time, but the sinkage was not noticed because of the snow on the street. When this was removed by the rain a big depression was apparent.

This is another case of the type which has given rise to considerable controversy between the waterworks department and the city engineering department.

**Which?**

Which broke first, the sewer or the water pipe? This is the question on which experts differ in cases of this nature. The city engineering department generally claims that the sewer is undermined by water from a broken water pipe, while the waterworks department generally asserts that the water pipe was undermined by sewage from a broken sewer.

Recently an agreement was almost reached by which the utilities commission would pay 60 per cent of the cost of repairing such damage while the city would pay the remaining 40 per cent. The council did not approve of this. A recommendation that each case of this kind be settled on its merits will come before the council Monday night.

## SEMEDAN IS FORMING HUNGARIAN CABINET

### New Hungarian Leader Is Ardent Champion of Christian Movement.

Budapest, March 12.—Alexander Simonyi Semedan, a middle-aged lawyer, and an ardent champion of the Christian movement, has accepted the task of forming a new ministry. Karl Huszar, who has been premier since last November, refused the invitation of Admiral Horthy, the new regent, to form a new cabinet.