

News From The Parliament Buildings

FOY NONCOMMITTAL TO SUFFRAGETTES

No Pronouncement of Probable Government Action Made by Cabinet.

SHIFTING THE BADGE

Controller Simpson Thinks Married Women Equally Intelligent With Spinster.

Auffragette deputation sponsored by Mayor Hooker, Controller McCarthy and Controller Simpson, interviewed Acting Premier Hon. J. J. Foy and members of the cabinet at the parliament buildings yesterday, asking the immediate introduction of a bill to enfranchise married women owning property in Ontario.

Mr. Foy and his colleagues listened to several speeches but vouchsafed no word of encouragement or information as to whether the government would adopt such a measure.

Major Hooker in introducing the ladies referred to the referendum taken in Toronto at the last election which showed a majority of 13,819 in favor of extending the franchise to married women on the same basis as spinster and widows.

Controller McCarthy said the deputation was not asking any broad or sweeping legislation, but maintained that when a woman is married she is no longer a spinster.

Controller McCarthy helped the cause along by making the statement that in Toronto alone there are twenty-eight and ten million dollars' worth of property held in the names of married women who paid taxes without voting.

Under Civic Wing.

"We are up here with the city council," the city council is not up here yet," was the opening remark of Mr. Margaret Gordon, the first of the lady speakers, who pointed out that the entire civic administration was in the hands of men.

The other speakers were Mrs. Flora McD. Denison, Mrs. A. M. Huot, Mrs. J. Stoverson, representing the Labor Council, and Rev. Father Minahan.

Deputation From Sudbury Would Like High School Subjects Taught Also.

"Representatives of those especially interested in the mining school of Sudbury approached Hon. Dr. Foy yesterday to ask that the regulations applying to such institutions be modified to suit their particular conditions. They stated that although the regulations were supposed to be for the benefit of the mining school, they were in fact a hindrance to the school."

According to the present regulations the school is to be a day school, and the students are to be boarders. The school is to be a day school, and the students are to be boarders.

One thing that caused inconvenience was the fact that although the curriculum was excellent, the school was not a day school, and the students were boarders.

The delegates comprised Dr. M. Brodie, chairman of the high school board; Principal Bicknell, C. V. Corlies, manager of the Mond Nickel Company; and Constable J. A. Jordan of the Moose Lake Iron Mines, and Chas. McKee, M.L.A., who introduced them to the minister.

Grade Regulations Were Fully Observed.

The County of Middlesex are anxious that the government should change its regulations concerning the sale of railways, because of a case appearing in the court before the appeal court. A small deputation, comprising both provincial representatives and county officials, waited upon Hon. Dr. Foy yesterday to draw from him the unfairness of a decision passed last year that a citizen who sleighs his dog into a ditch because of the steep grade was liable for damages.

The action was brought against the county for damages the court up held it, and the county now takes it to appeal on the ground that the regulations were fully observed.

The minister offered no suggestion. The grade regulations, he said, still were in force.

AYLMER CITIZEN DEAD.

AYLMER, Ont., Feb. 25.—A sudden death caused the very sudden death of John P. Aylmer, a prominent citizen of Aylmer, Ont., who died at his home here yesterday morning at the age of 70.

Mr. Aylmer was a native of Scotland and had resided in Aylmer for many years. He was a member of the Aylmer branch of the Orange Order and was a well-known figure in the community.

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LIBERAL MEMBER OF LEGISLATURE ASKED \$10,000 FOR HIS SERVICES

Gustave Evanturel Was Willing to Take the Platform and Vote Against His Leader Provided the Hotelkeepers of Ontario Put Up the Money.

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When Mr. Ferguson of Grenville rose from his seat he alone of all the house knew the great crisis facing the member from Frontenac. It is only fair to say that he gave every opportunity for allowing the man in question to pause and ask if Mr. Evanturel had anything to say by way of denying his right to make such charges of alliance with the liquor interests when his own skirts were not clean.

In answer came the repeated statement from the lone member of the opposition that he had nothing to say. The question was then put to the member to take pay from the liquor interests to oppose the stand of the Liberal party in Ontario and his leader, Mr. Phair, who was the member of the opposition, was the man who was asked to take pay from the liquor interests to oppose the stand of the Liberal party in Ontario.

He pointed out that if the Liberal member professed to support the stand of his party and his leader, he was an unfaithful servant of the liquor interests with whom he was allied, and he could prove it by his own signature to a document.

With Clean Hands.

"Anyone who comes into this house and attacks any other member of the government should show in clean hands and show consistency," began Mr. Ferguson. When he wanted an opinion on the question it did not follow that they should take it from Mr. Phair or from any other of the opposition, but the best course was to get the opinion of the member of the opposition.

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he would be willing to resign his seat if his charges could not be substantiated. Then came the climax. He had been declining about "four" a loved leader on this side of the house.

He had said that the organizer of Conservative meetings in his riding was a license officer, that he had been dodged by him from meeting to meeting, and that a certain Liberal hotelkeeper's license had been removed at time and again. This he followed up with name of a certain license commissioner who had served drinks in a bar for three days at fair time and claimed that he had proved it to a special officer of the department who had come down to investigate.

Further, he gave the history of the Union Liquor Store in Hawkesbury, making out that when there was no such license in existence that thru the interference of Mr. Phair, ex-member, it had been secured and that he was interested in the business. In fact he claimed that it was thru his personal interest that the idea was proposed, Phair was now in control of the shop and on this statement he was willing to risk his seat. After the details of this he told of a tavern license pure and simple held by a second vice-president of a Conservative association, and which was only a drinking resort. At any hour day or night liquor could be obtained there, and yet no fine had come.

During his remarks he dragged in the name of Hon. Dr. Reaume, and this was strongly resented by the minister, who disclaimed any knowledge of the matter. But the member would not be stopped.

And He Did.

"No one in the house will stop me from saying what is right and should be said," he declared. "I promised my electors that I would call the attention of the house to this scandal and graft and I will do it."

The next speaker was Howard Ferguson, and not a member of the house apart from his designate, and least of all the members of the opposition, who had been rather enjoying the dream of the massive he held in his hand. When he had finished reading it the chamber burst into a roar, and the Liberal members sat speechless as a man.

William McDonald of Centre Bruce, who attempted to carry the thread of the opposition argument, was forced to fight the extreme excitement of the adjournment last week gave a majority of 25 votes against the act and this has now been increased to 32.

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Considerable discussion arose over polling subdivision No. 2, Wainfleet, which gave a majority of 74 against the act on account of the status of the ballots being numbered and all ballots being numbered on the back corresponding with numbers on the poll book.

In polling subdivision No. 5, Wainfleet, the same error or discrepancy has occurred, and there are three names on the deputy returning officer's list of voters which show no numbers.

Majority Against 32.

All the ballot boxes have now been counted, and the result shows a majority of 32 votes against the act. Proceedings will be renewed tomorrow, when all arguments and evidence in regard to spoiled or rejected ballots will be taken up by both sides, as well as other technicalities which have been before, during or since the election. It is expected that many witnesses will be called.

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Second Burying Ground to be Acquired for Welland Canal Right of Way.

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The contents of over eighty graves in the Hodgkinson burying ground in St. Catharines, purchased by the Dominion government, are now being operated on the latter property.

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PORT HOPE, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Entering the woods without thought while her husband was watching her, Mrs. T. P. Bennett of Gardiner Hill, came into contact with the swinging blade and was severely injured. Her condition is reported as precarious.

FIRE IN CORNWALL HOTEL.

CORNWALL, Feb. 25.—Fire broke out in the new Windsor Hotel here this morning, and before it was checked, damage to the extent of several thousand dollars was done. The fire started near the rear of the hotel, and spread rapidly. The hotel was occupied by about fifteen persons, boarders and employees, all of whom made their way out safely.

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GUELPH, Feb. 25.—A fire in one of the brooder houses at the Ontario Agricultural College, caused by an exploding oil lamp, destroyed nearly 400 chicks. When the college alarm was turned in the brooder house was found to be on fire. An hour's hard work succeeded in putting out the flames. The main poultry building narrowly escaped.

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Treasurer of Canadian Association of Boat Manufacturers. It is under the auspices of this association that the motor boat show is being held at the Exhibition grounds.

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SEVEN ADDED TO ANTIS' MAJORITY

All Ballot Boxes in the Welland Recount Have Been Gone Thru.

ARGUMENT PROCEEDING

Scrutiny Disclosed Many Irregularities and Technicalities.

WELLAND, Ont., Feb. 25.—The scrutiny of the ballots in the recent Canada Temperance Act vote was resumed this morning before Judge Livingston. The official count at the adjournment last week gave a majority of 25 votes against the act and this has now been increased to 32.

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THAWING OUT METER CAUSES COSTLY FIRE

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 25.—Between \$5000 and \$10,000 damage was done by fire at the plant of the Dominion Meter works, corner of Garfield avenue and Worley road, this morning.

The blaze was caused by thawing out a gas meter, the solder melting and allowing the gas to escape, which caught fire from a gasoline torch. Gas roared up thru the building, and it was impossible to turn it off, the turncock being in the cellar, and in the very heart of the flames. Tons of water were required to drown out the blaze sufficiently to allow the firemen to fight their way thru the smoke and flames to the meter. The firemen were coated with ice as they worked at the fire, the temperature being below zero.

OMEMEE'S ARMORIES BURNED.

Building Was Opened Only Last Fall and Cost \$10,000.

OMEMEE, Ont., Feb. 25.—The new armories opened here last fall by Col. Sam Hughes were completely destroyed by fire about six o'clock this morning. The building contained so much artillery that much difficulty was experienced in fighting the flames.

The cause of the fire is supposed to have been overheated pipes, as the armories were used last night, it being the anniversary of drill exercises. The estimated loss is about \$10,000.

TORONTO MAN VICE-PRESIDENT.

Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Elects Officers.

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association at its annual meeting today elected the following officers: Patron, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught; non-president, Col. Sam Hughes, minister of militia; president, Col. J. H. Burdall, R. Q. Montreal; vice-president, Col. W. C. Macdonald, Toronto; Ontario, Lt.-Col. E. W. Wilson, R. O. of Montreal; Quebec, Senator Power of Halifax; Nova Scotia, Col. John Tilton, R. O. of Ottawa; New Brunswick, Lt.-Col. S. B. Speck of the fencibles; Manitoba, Lt.-Col. Duff Stuart of Vancouver; British Columbia, Lt.-Col. H. McL. Davidson; Prince Edward Island, Lt.-Col. James Walker of Charlottetown; Alberta, Lt.-Col. R. J. Gwynne of Edmonton; Saskatchewan, and Dr. Alfred Thompson of Dawson, for Yukon Territory.

PLAN TO ATTRACT INDUSTRIES.

CHATHAM, Feb. 25.—As a result of the conference with the city council, the following concessions were settled upon to offer prospective industries: Exemption from taxes not to exceed ten years. A fixed assessment not to exceed ten years. All assistance possible in the securing of a site. If a concern wishes to take advantage of the borrowing powers of the city in the shape of a loan, the city will, after becoming satisfied as to the financial standing of the concern, advance \$1000 for every \$3000 put into the concern, and the city's portion shall not be paid over until the investment is made by the company.

PLAN TO BUY GAS COMPANY.

CHATHAM, Feb. 25.—A committee to represent the city council, composed of Messrs. George Stephens, ex-M.P., Harry Horsted and City Auditor Harry Collins, will shortly commence the investigating of the books of the Chatham Gas Company with a view to securing information on the receipts, profits, etc., of the company with the object of again submitting to the ratepayers the by-law for the purchase of the plant by the city for use in distributing hydro power to local consumers.

REVIVE BOARD OF TRADE.

NEW HAMBURG, Feb. 25.—A successful revival of the New Hamburg Board of Trade has been brought about by a general union of interests. The new officers are as follows: President, J. F. Rau; vice-president, Lewis Hahn; secretary, John A. Hartman; treasurer, L. Hesteler. These and S. R. Stuart, Louis Pelne, F. J. Hartman, W. L. Sutherland, D. E. Pez, G. Rebecki and L. G. Pequegnat Council.

SISTER FELICITAS DEAD.

GUELPH, Feb. 25.—After an illness of some months, Sister M. Felicitas, a devoted member of the community of the Sisters of St. Joseph, died at St. Joseph's Hospital today, in the third year of her age and the 46th year of her religious life. Sister Felicitas, whose maiden name was Margaret Cushing, was born in Nichol Township. Rev. D. Cushing of St. Michael's College, Toronto, is a brother.

ALLEGED THAT PUPILS BEATEN TILL BLOOD RAN

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 25.—The board of education will be asked to investigate the alleged whipping of pupils of Talbot street school yesterday until blood ran from their hands, while a little girl went into hysterics and the teacher of the class cried. The teacher is stated to have been doing a whipping by a lad who is acting principal in the absence of the principal.

APPLE GROWERS GET GOOD PRICES.

INWOOD, Feb. 25.—At a meeting of the Inwood Fruit Growers' Association, the following officers were elected: President, Lyall Johnston. Inwood; vice-president, Milton Moorehouse. Inwood; secretary-treasurer and sales manager, M. D. Cameron.

The Inwood fruit growers secured better prices than any other association in the county last year. For No. 1 they received \$3.25 and for No. 2 \$2.75 per barrel.

HYDRO DELEGATES NAMED.

PETROLEA, Feb. 25.—At a meeting of the town council a deputation to represent Petrolea at the hydro rally convention on March 5 was appointed, consisting of Mayor R. Sturtevant, Reeve Dr. C. O. Fairbanks, Deputy Reeve Burgess and J. C. Waddell.

ENGINEERS' STUDY ELECTRIFICATION.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Hydro engineers are going over the route of the London and Port Stanley Railway in connection with the electrification scheme. The line from Aymer has been surveyed, and it has been found that, in view of the level country, the cost of construction will be reasonable.

PROSECUTE GAMBLERS.

CHATHAM, Feb. 25.—As a result of an investigation by the police nineteen have been summoned to appear in the police court charged with gambling in a house on Dover street on Sunday. One of the defendants is charged with keeping a gaming house.

MUST NOT POLLUTE LAKE.

PETERBORO, Feb. 25.—At a meeting of water commissioners a communication was read from Dr. Clifton, district health officer, Belleville, to the effect that he had instructed the Stony Lake Navigation Company that it must take care of the sewage and garbage from the steamers and not pollute the water.

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