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## HONEST TOM CRAWFORD IS CHOSEN FOR SPEAKER

Member for West Toronto is Formally Nominated, Appointed and Installed to Succeed the Late Hon. J. W. St. John.

### TOUCHING TRIBUTES TO DEAD

Premier and Members of the House Join in Sincere Expressions of Regret—Allan Studholme Moved to Tears.

Thomas Crawford, M.L.A. for West Toronto, was yesterday selected as Speaker for the legislature in succession to the late Hon. J. W. St. John.

On assembling at 3 o'clock yesterday, Premier Whitney addressed the legislature. The circumstances under which they had met were well known to all of them, he said, as of an exceedingly mournful and sorrowful nature. He had an official duty to perform, which was to deliver the message from his honor the lieutenant-governor commands me to acquaint you that the Hon. Joseph Wesley St. John, member for the West Riding of the County of York, and recently Speaker of the legislative assembly, has departed this life, and that his seat in the assembly having thereby become vacant, the appointment of another Speaker is rendered necessary. It is, therefore, his honor's pleasure that you do forthwith choose a fit and proper person to be your Speaker, and that you do present him within this hour to-day, for his honor's approbation.

Mr. Whitney, continuing, stated that as the circumstances varied under which vacancies might occur by death or absence, he had chosen to follow the precedent set when Hon. R. W. Scott resigned the Speakership and was appointed a minister of the crown. Sir J. D. Edgar died within ten days of the end of a session, and the only delay made was for the purpose of electing a new Speaker.

Mr. Whitney then described the procedure which was immediately afterwards followed out, first announcing that the house would meet this afternoon at 2 p.m., and on Thursday at 11 a.m. This afternoon it would be decided whether the house would close this week. If not, and he desired to do nothing in haste, they would all be willing to go over till next week.

**PLEASANT WORDS.**  
Hon. Mr. Foy, in seconding the motion, thought it would be fitting to refer to the members on both sides. Mr. Crawford had had a large municipal experience and on the floor of the house. His excellent good sense and his distinguished office with impartiality and fairness.

Hon. Mr. Graham said the members on that side of the house heartily acquiesced in the choice of Mr. Crawford as Speaker, and he had no doubt he would continue to exemplify the fairness that had characterized the late occupant of the office.

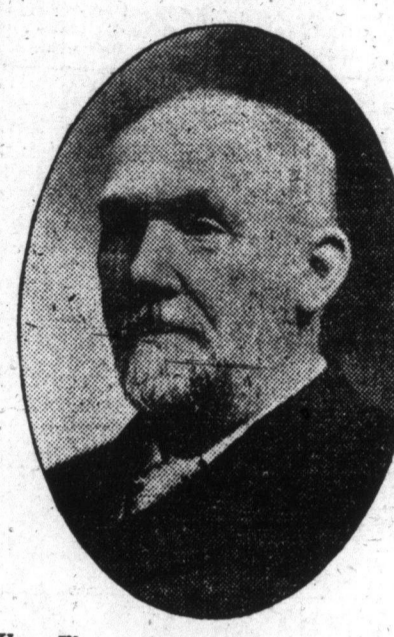
At the hour named His Honor the lieutenant-governor with the prime minister preceded by his honor's secretary and aide-de-camp, all in full dress, entered by the north door and marched slowly to the throne.

Seating himself he asked the members to follow his example, and directed his attention to Mr. Crawford, who stood nervously at the foot of throne.

**The Formalities.**  
"May it please your honor," he said, "the legislative assembly have"

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## The New Speaker



Hon. Thomas Crawford, who succeeds the late Hon. J. W. St. John. Born in Fermagh, Ireland, in 1817, but resident in Toronto since 1854; prominent as a cattle merchant for nearly 40 years; three years in city council; M.L.A. for West Toronto since 1894.

## VIDAL'S APPOINTMENT OUTRAGE ON MILITIA

Sir Mackenzie Bowell Speaks Out—Col. Vidal Has Passed Age Limit.

Ottawa, April 8.—(Special.)—The senate to-day discussed cabinet vacancies and recent changes in the militia in outspoken fashion.

Senator Landry said there had been some changes in the senate would like to know about. Hon. Mr. Scott replied that Sir Frederick Borden was still minister of militia. In regard to Lord Aylmer, when appointed, it was understood his appointment was to be for two years and he had consented to that arrangement.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell said it was reported that Lord Aylmer had not voluntarily retired, but had been removed from the militia. He had no doubt Mr. Aylmer was in splendid health. Col. Vidal was only a few years younger and was an invalid. The affair was an outrage on the militia.

## CHINESE MISSIONARIES FEEL STRAIN OF FAMINE

Too Terrible to Live Amid Cries of Starving Thousands—Conditions Past Exaggeration.

Rev. Dr. Somerville, interim treasurer of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has received a letter from D. McGillivray of Shanghai, regarding the Chinese famine, in which he says:

## AUSTRALIA'S SCHEME FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS

Ten Shillings a Week When Age of 65 is Attained—Drunkenness Debars Candidates for Aid.

Melbourne, Australia, April 8.—A report of great interest has been made by the Australian royal commission on Old Age Pensions. The commission was appointed in 1905 to consider the existing state schemes and to devise a scheme for the whole commonwealth. The systems at present in force are:

New South Wales; Maximum pension 10s a week; for married people 7s 6d a week each; may be claimed at the age of 65. Income, including pension, must not exceed £52 a year. Cost, to state of 22,000 pensioners £508,000.  
New Zealand; Maximum 10s a week; in case of a married couple, joint income, including pension, must not exceed £80. May be claimed at 65, if claimant has been 25 years resident. Police magistrates administer, without boards, at trifling cost. Pensioners, 11,707; total cost, £325,000.  
Victoria; Maximum 8s a week; at 65, or earlier in cases of dangerous or unhealthy occupations; 20 years' residence. Income, including pension, must not exceed £28. Pensioners, 11,452; cost, £205,000.

## KING EDWARD IN SPAIN.

Royal Visitors Accorded a Magnificent Reception.

Cartagena, Spain, April 8.—King Alfonso, the Dowager Queen Christina and the other members of the royal party arrived here at 7.30 this morning from Madrid, in order to meet the King and Queen of England.

## BROWNE MAY GO FREE.

U. S. Supreme Court Holds He Was Wrongly Extradited.

Washington, April 8.—That a fugitive from justice in the United States, who has been extradited from Canada on one charge cannot be imprisoned on another charge, was decided today by the supreme court of the United States, in the case of Charles C. Browne, an apprentice of merchandise at New York, who three years ago was convicted in connection with frauds discovered in connection with the importation of Japanese silks.

## INCREASE CLERGY'S STIPEND

St. George's Vestry Add \$150 Each to Salaries of Rector and Curate.

At the vestry meeting of St. George's Anglican Church last evening the congregation decided to increase the stipends of Rev. J. D. Cayley (rector), and Rev. C. B. Kenrick (curate), by \$150 each. An increase of \$303 was shown in the ordinary revenue account, which totalled \$227.

## HARD WORDS FOR CUBA.

New York, April 8.—Former Ambassador Andrew D. White, who has returned after a cruise in the Caribbean Sea, says of Cuba:

"I regard the Cuban question as more serious than our Philippine problem. Cuba is a great negro state, incapable of self-government. If made a state of the Union it would, in my opinion, rapidly become a curse to itself and the nation."

## GREEK CONSUL ARRESTED.

Lowell, Mass., April 8.—Michael Iatres, the Greek consul in this city, was arrested to-night on a charge of illegal importation of Greeks into the United States.

## Mrs. Bogart.

Mrs. Roxey G. Bogart, widow of Peter Bogart, J.P., died suddenly yesterday afternoon in a drug store a block from her home at 159 Dovercourt-road. While going to a dress-maker, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Tarbox, she became ill, and expired in a short time. She was 69 years of age, and was a native of Kettleby, King Township. Four daughters, three unmarried, survive.

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## VIEWING RECIPROCITY PEAK



Mr. Bryce: "I had no idea that the Canadian mountains were so precipitous."

## G.T.R. PENSION BILL DISCUSSED IN SENATE

Differences of Opinion as to Its Effects on the Employees.

Ottawa, April 8.—(Special.)—In the senate to-day, on motion for the third reading of the bill to enable the Grand Trunk to establish a pension fund, Senator Ferguson said that the object of the Grand Trunk in starting another pension fund must be to evade the act of 1904, which rendered illegal certain things that company had done in connection with their former funds. If the government were disposed to apply their own legislation regarding the G. T. R. employees to those of the G. T. R., he would be satisfied to let the matter rest.

## ALDERMAN WAS "USED" BY PAVEMENT AGENTS

Judge Carmen Finds That St. Kitts Councillor Was Guilty of Gross Misconduct.

St. Catharines, April 8.—(Special.)—The city council to-night received Judge Carmen's report of the civic investigation into Octave Lachance's charge of attempted bribery against Ald. Bradt.

## STEAD TELLS MINISTERS WHAT "AMEN" IS WORTH

Nobody Cares D— for It, He Says, Unless It's Backed Up By Something Real.

New York, April 8.—William T. Stead, the English editor, in an address before the Methodist conference to-day, pleaded for the assistance of American Methodists in the movement for international peace which is to be considered at The Hague conference.

## COSTLY GHOST STORY.

Winnipeg Paper Assessed \$1000 for Saying House Was Haunted.

Winnipeg, April 8.—(Special.)—The Free Press in the court of appeals, has lost its "ghost" case and is assessed \$1000 damages.

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## DENTIST GOES FOR CIGAR AFTER KILLING HIS WIFE

Prominent Rockaway Woman Dies in Dramatic Quarrel at Hand of Drunken Husband.

New York, April 8.—Dr. Samuel S. Guy, a prominent dentist in Far Rockaway, and for a number of years, until recently, coroner of Queensboro, is under arrest charged with the murder of his wife, Lillian, in their handsome home to-night.

## TWO NEW GRAIN ELEVATORS

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## DELMAS QUOTES SCRIPTURE TO FREE THAW

Instrument in Hands of Providence to Administer Divine Wrath on Him Who Afflicts the Fatherless Child.

## CONDEMNS EVELYN'S MOTHER

Attorney for Defence Begins His Address to Jury and Moves One to Tears—Proving Young Wife's Story True.

New York, April 8.—The curtain began to fall to-day on the dramatic trial of Harry K. Thaw, charged with the murder of Stanford White.

District Attorney Jerome will make the closing address of the trial on Wednesday, and Thaw's fate should be in the hands of the jury by Wednesday morning. Mr. Delmas expects to finish his speech before the luncheon hour is reached.

Declaring that he would not base his plea upon the "unwritten law" that absolutely forbids the killing of a man, his client found ample justification in the written statutes of the State of New York. Mr. Delmas made a striking appeal to the sympathy of the jury. But so far as he went to-day, the subject of Thaw's sanity or insanity at the time he committed the homicide was not even hinted at. Mr. Delmas grounded his argument solely upon the story of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw.

With flushed cheeks, dry eyes, that young woman heard her life history repeated to the men who are to judge her husband, and bowed her head when her mother was denounced as the victim of a false friend, to be introduced into a gilded palace, and there left the victim of a gray-haired man, wounded, bleeding and devoured.

Jerome Not Present.

The courtroom was crowded this afternoon with an eager throng. Justice Fitzgerald's injunction, that absolute quiet must be maintained, was hardly necessary, for there was interest in every utterance of the attorney. Outside the courtroom a long line of persons was waiting for an opportunity to enter, but once the seating capacity of the court was exhausted no more auditors were admitted. In the throng to-day were many attorneys of note, some of whom had traveled hundreds of miles.

All of Thaw's family were in the courtroom. They sat stolid, as usual, through Mr. Delmas' argument, their features betraying no emotion which they might feel. Thaw turned to them from time to time, as his attorney seemed to strike charged with a great smile back, reflecting his own pleasure. Thaw also turned frequently to his wife, and afterwards the door was closed and in a few moments two shots startled the girl.

Dr. Guy walked to the hall, took down his overcoat and started from the house. A policeman met him and asked him where he was going.

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