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CANADA WILL GIVE \$35,000,000 TO BUILD THREE DREADNOUGHTS MAY BE ADDED TO LOCAL NAVY

Premier Borden's Announcement Bearing Out Forecast, Stirrs Patriotism of Crowded House—Canadian Minister in London to Confer on Empire Defence—Laurier's Brief Remarks Non-Committal.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The House of Commons was crowded this afternoon when the prime minister, a few moments after 3 o'clock, arose in his place to move the first reading of his bill to authorize measures for increasing the effective naval forces of the empire. Seated near the Speaker's throne were Their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia, with ladies and escorts from Rideau Hall. Mrs. Borden, Lady Laurier and the ladies of official Ottawa, occupied the Speaker's gallery, and practically all of the senators now in Ottawa assembled in the gallery reserved for the members of the upper chamber.

Forecast Was Accurate.
The proposals of the government, as announced by Mr. Borden, have been accurately forecasted by The World. They provide for the construction of three of the greatest and finest battleships in the world, at an estimated cost of \$35,000,000. These will be paid for by Canada and presented to His Majesty the King, for use in the royal navy, in defence of the empire, but to be returned to Canada should the Dominion decide to establish in Canada a unit of the empire's navy. These ships will be built in England.

Meanwhile shipbuilding in Canada may be stimulated by the British admiralty building cruisers and small ships in Canada, the Dominion Government contributing toward the extra cost.

Mr. Borden also intimated that hereafter all Dominion Government vessels would be built in Canada.

Liberals Joined in Singing.
Mr. Borden was in excellent voice and more than once, by some burst of eloquence, aroused his followers to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. As he took his seat the Conservative members rose to their feet and there was a great cheering and waving of handkerchiefs, succeeded by the singing of "God Save the King." As the strains of the national anthem resounded thru the state chamber, the opposition members for the moment hesitated, but soon followed the lead of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and rose to their feet. Hon. Frank Oliver achieved the unique distinction of being the only member on either side to keep his seat.

Mr. Borden's speech was an excellent one, worthy of the great subject, and the occasion which evoked it, but it lost something of its effect because of the fact that the speech was read almost in its entirety. The Conservatives came prepared to cheer, and did cheer, at every opportunity. The speech, however, was thoughtful and impressive rather than extravagant. There were no interruptions.

Laurier Compliments Premier.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke but a few words in reply to the prime minister's speech, which had occupied considerably more than an hour. He took occasion to compliment Mr. Borden upon the temperate tone of his speech. "We do not all agree," he said, "as to methods and measures, but I beg the right hon. gentleman's pardon, that, however loyal he and his supporters may be to the British crown and the British Empire, we are not less loyal on this side of the country. At this Liberals applauded lustily and following the example of the prime minister, many Conservative members also applauded.

Continuing, Sir Wilfrid said no emergency had been disclosed, but the memorandum from the British Government clearly showed that new conditions confronted the empire. The measure presented by the government could and would be discussed on the second reading of the bill.

Information Withheld.
The principal informant, procured by Mr. Borden upon his visit to England was of a confidential nature and therefore not communicated today to Parliament. The memorandum from the British Government read by Mr. Borden contained no information not already made public thru ministerial announcements to the British Parliament. Possibly on this account Mr. Borden took the occasion to point out that Canada, without regard to the question of emergency, should contribute to imperial navy defence. Were the empire to be destroyed tomorrow, he said, and Canada to become an independent nation or a part of the American Union, she would be heavily taxed for naval defence.

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Christie, MacDonald Designed the Costumes Used in "The Spring Maid" Fire all designed by Christie MacD. said, the star, who spent its summer prior to the production of the opera in Germany.

Liberal Caucus Today

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—It is understood that the house will adjourn for the Christmas recess on Dec. 18, and will meet again on Jan. 8.

It is difficult tonight to get an expression of opinion from Liberal members of Premier Borden's proposal. An opposition caucus will be held tomorrow, when the bill as well as the memorandum submitted by the premier, will be carefully gone into.

GAS EXPLOSION FOLLOWED A SUICIDE

Hamilton Man Killed Himself by Turning on Gas, and When His Brother Entered Room With a Lantern, the Explosion Threw Him Out of the Window.

(By Staff Correspondents.)
HAMILTON, Friday, Dec. 6.—One man's suicide and the serious injury of his brother by a terrific gas explosion, when the latter, with a lighted lantern, went looking for the former in a dark and gas-filled room, was yesterday's tragedy in Hamilton.

The man who ended his own life was Robert Pottage, a tailor, 21 years of age, who with his brother, Christopher, two years younger, kept a small tailor's workshop over the store at 378 James street north. Pottage committed suicide some time in the afternoon.

The explosion occurred about 6.30 p.m., when the younger man, after being absent all afternoon, was unable to gain admittance to the place when he returned. After vainly trying the door and the back windows, which were found to be nailed down, Christopher Pottage borrowed a lantern from C. P. McGregor, next door, and, climbing a borrowed ladder, entered the building by the front upstairs window. The young man had gone only a few feet in his quest when a violent explosion occurred, which could be heard for several blocks. Young Pottage was hurled back thru the window he had just entered, and was only saved from falling to the sidewalk below by E. C. Easton, a clerk employed by Mr. McGregor, who had followed him up the ladder. Fire at once broke out, and the fire department hurried to the scene. Chief Ten Eyck quickly recognized the cause of the trouble, and firemen were sent into the cellar to turn off the supply of gas in the building. This done, the blaze was easily extinguished after about \$800 damage had been done. P. C. Piper, who was near the place when the explosion took place, rushed to the scene, and as soon as the sidewalk below had been put out by forcing it over the end of the supply pipe, which was slightly larger than the tubing. The tubing was just long enough to reach from the pipe to Pottage's head. The end of the tubing nearest the body was wet, presumably from having been held in

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YOUR DAY'S WORK MAY SOLVE PROVERBS

Situations That Confront You May Remind You of Proverb to Fit Today's Picture.

Perhaps you have just heard of The Toronto World's entertaining \$5000 proverb contest, and perhaps you think it is too late to enter the competition.

Cease doubting immediately, for you enter at any time before the contest is entirely closed. Of course, the proper thing to do if you would win a prize is to enter now and to have as much time as possible to solve the purely problems correctly.

Among the list of prizes you will surely find something which you have wanted to get for ever so long, and

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Great Reduction of Rates For Hydro-Electric Power Affects Twenty-Three Towns

Hon. Adam Beck Announces Readjustment of Charges For Ensuing Year Which Will Mean a Hundred Thousand Dollar Saving to Ontario, and \$60,000 to Toronto Alone—Increased Use of Power Brings About the Cut.

Twenty-three municipalities in Ontario, including Toronto, will for the next twelve months pay a much-reduced price for hydro-electric power as a result of a readjustment of the rates by the commission yesterday. On account of the greatly-increased consumption of the "people's power" by these places, the commission has been enabled to fix a definite rate for the ensuing year, which will be much lower than ever before paid. It will mean a saving of over \$100,000 to the municipalities.

Toronto's present rate, of \$15.10, has been cut down to \$12, which according to Hon. Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Commission, will mean a profit to this city of \$60,000 for the year, or \$5000 per month. Local consumers will pay less for their power supply than users in any other municipalities in the province.

A Great Surplus.
The fiscal year for the Hydro-Electric Commission ended on Oct. 31 with a surplus of \$6,000 to the credit of the municipalities, which will be applied to the sinking fund and depreciation account. This considerable surplus over the cost of power, the commission believed, was due to an excessive rate, and it was therefore decided to bring about a reduction. The new rate has been fixed to meet the obligations of the municipalities, taking into consideration the cost of power at Niagara Falls, the cost of operation, the cost of administration, the maintenance charges, and the interest charges of 4 per cent. The original prices, which

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PASSED CHEQUES AT MANY PLACES

Frederick Morrison Got Money From a Dozen Merchants Before Being Arrested.

After the city detectives had traced his movements by means of a string of worthless cheques, which he had passed in many storeskeepers in the city, a man, alleged to be G. A. Davis, but who gives his name as Frederick Morrison, was arrested last night by Constable McBurney on St. Clarens avenue. A small boy had recognized Morrison as the man who had passed a cheque on his father, and he followed him until he met a constable.

Detective Jarvis had been on the man's trail for some days, and suspecting that he would likely call at one of the stores again, put the little son of John Bennett, 155 Lansdowne avenue, on the watch.

Morrison was identified by four of his victims as G. A. Davis. In every case the name of Laidlaw & Co. was signed to the cheques, and they were made payable to Davis. He appeared at the stores after the banks had closed, explained that the cheque was for his wages, and generally had it cashed.

The cheques were passed on the following people for the stated amounts: Mrs. Field, 50 Windom street, \$2.50; Wm. F. Beal, Brock avenue and Lansdowne avenue, \$9.50; A. W. McCullough, 92 Gladstone avenue, grocer, \$8.50; W. Forrester, Fern and Roncesvalles, baker, \$10; Wm. Trotter, Aston and Northcote, \$9.50; F. J. Reburn, Joel and Gladstone, \$9.50; W. J. King, 212 West queen street, \$7.50; John Lennett, 185 Lansdowne, \$9.50; Miss Duckworth, Soraruen and Dundas, \$9.50; Thomas Gall, 50 Wright avenue, \$9.50.

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GRAFT CHARGES MADE AT GUELPH

Commissioner Carter Attacks Mayor and Others at Public Meeting Which Ends in Disorder.

GUELPH, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Highly sensational charges of graft were made at a mass meeting in the city hall tonight.

Samuel Carter, commissioner of light and heat department, who has been approached by a number of citizens to come out for mayor, was the center of the taking over by the city of the gas and electric light plant, and accused the city officials of that date of getting a slice of the money. He then vigorously attacked Mayor Thorp and the entire city council of 1912 for what he claimed was maladministration.

He accused the mayor of trying to show favors to his friends in the payment of the gas and electric light bills and otherwise not doing his full duty.

Mr. Carter also asserted that the chief of police and the crown attorney's office were not administering justice as they should do, and alleged that graft existed. He demanded that an investigation be held, but said, "the police commission of Guelph must not do the investigating," but that some higher officials from Toronto should look into the matter. The meeting broke up as soon as he was thru, the mayor falling to get a chance to reply.

LECTURE BY MISS ROSS.
"Old Celtic Literature" was the subject of an address at the Gaelic League meeting last night by Miss Ross, instructor in Gaelic at the Margaret Eaton School. Mr. P. B. Lewis explained the Gaelic origin of the prefix "re" before participles vowels. The next meeting will be Jan. 2, when Rev. Father Dollard will address the league.

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Duke of Connaught Gives Naval Resolution Approval

Provisions of the B. N. A. Act Have Been Studiously Observed and No Technical Obstacles Are in Way—Resolution Will Be Presented Monday.

Resolved, that it is expedient in connection with the bill now before this house, entitled an act to authorize measures for increasing the effective naval forces of the empire, to provide (a) that from and out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding thirty-five million dollars, for the purpose of immediately increasing the effective naval forces of the empire.

(b) That the said sum shall be used and applied under the direction of the governor in council in the construction an equipment of battleships or armored cruisers of the most modern and powerful type.

(c) That the said ships when constructed and equipped shall be placed at the disposal of his majesty for the common defence of the empire.

(d) That the said sum shall be paid, used and applied, and the said ships shall be constructed and placed at the disposal of his majesty subject to such terms, conditions and arrangements as may be agreed upon between the governor in council and his majesty's government.

RAILWAY APPEAL IS STRONGLY OPPOSED

Toronto Board of Trade Enters Solemn Protest Against the Deliberate, Continuous and Contumacious Refusal to Obey the Laws Laid Down for Government of Railways

Following the notice of appeal served by the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railway companies against the order of the Dominion Railway Board in the Toronto viaduct case, the council of the board of trade, at its meeting yesterday afternoon, placed itself on record as being strongly opposed to the action of the railways, and expressing with much regret the attitude displayed by them towards popular rights.

The following resolution was passed and copies ordered to be sent to Premier Borden, the members of the Dominion Government, and of the city council:

"Resolved that the board of trade of the City of Toronto regards with the utmost alarm the appeal to the government of the Toronto viaduct case by the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railways against the deliverance of the Board of Railway Commissioners of Canada ordering the building of the viaduct giving Toronto free access at grade to the harbor.

"Should the Dominion Government sustain this appeal from the decision of the board after the careful, diligent and exhaustive investigation given the question, it would degrade the character and standing of the commission, and destroy public confidence in its utility, and would be calamitous to the transportation interests of Canada.

"Grade crossings would endanger the lives of our citizens, and bridges would be equivalent to imposing an extra freight rate on all the business of the city, which is the only sure regulator of railway rates, besides the effect on the health and comfort of all citizens using them.

"The board views with the deepest concern the indifference of the railway corporations to the people's rights and deplores the policy of persistent delay and evasion by the railway companies of their duties and obligations to the people as common carriers, and for a most valuable and all-important franchise from the citizens of Canada. This board of trade, therefore, desires to enter a solemn protest against the deliberate, continuous and contumacious refusal to obey the laws laid down for their government."

SENATE ADJOURNS UNTIL JANUARY 15

Senator Lougheed Thinks That Naval Bill May Be Thru Commons Before Christmas Adjournment.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—(Can. Press.)—The senate held a short sitting today and adjourned until Jan. 15.

Before adjournment, however, Senator Dandurand asked if the government leader had any information as to the adjournment of the commons. Hon. Mr. Lougheed replied that he had discussed the matter with the prime minister, and understood it was intended to adjourn commons on or about Dec. 15 for the holidays, the house to be recalled again about the 7th or 8th of January.

As it was possible that the naval bill might be disposed of in the commons before adjournment, it was desirable that the senate should be back soon after the commons; to take it up.

Senator Choquette was told that the government has no present intention of publishing an official history of Canada.

The senate adjourned until Jan. 15.



Don't Put Off Until Tomorrow, Etc. See Page 2 and Do It Now