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### ELECTION BILL MAY BE CHANGED

#### Rumor of the Withdrawal or Amendment of Obnoxious Clauses

### MR. MONK'S KEEN CRITICISM

#### Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Come Under Dis- cussion

Ottawa, May 2.—The fourth day of the debate on the Aylsworth bill to amend the Elections Act was characterized by a strong defense of the government's position, made by Mr. Crawford of Portage la Prairie, and a speech by Mr. Devin, who the opposition case was upheld by Messrs. Monk and R. S. Lake. The report tonight is that the clause which is so strongly objected to by the Western Conservative members will be withdrawn, or the government will accept the suggestion of Dr. Roche that the county judges do the work of preparing the lists.

In his speech Mr. Crawford said that while he did not think the bill was as perfect as it might be, he favored it. He defended Mr. Leech of "thin red-line" fame, and said he had been the object of conspurcious slanders. He objected strongly to the lists prepared by the Manitoba government.

Mr. Monk said the bill was one of the most infamous and mischievous that had come under his notice since he had had a seat in the House. Its object was to take an inflexible and arbitrary manner from the principles laid down by the government in 1898. It was a desperate attempt to save a moribund government. England a government when it sees that the tide of public approval is setting against it, accepts the situation and makes an attempt to await the decision of the people. The province of Quebec had been introduced into the bill simply as a bluff, as there was not a square inch of territory in the province which was not municipally organized.

Mr. Leech's speech claimed that a large number of farmers' sons in Quebec were prohibited from voting under the bill. Mr. Leech, however, the bill should pass.

Mr. Leech followed along the lines laid down by Dr. Roche yesterday.

In committee of the whole house tonight, Mr. Leech moved an amendment to the bill respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific branch lines, by the terms of which the government might take over any or all of the lines. If the price cannot be agreed upon, the railway commission is to fix it, with the right of appeal to an arbitrator, to the supreme court of Canada.

Mr. Pugsley claimed the amendment was contrary to provisions of the E. N. Act. He also expressed the belief that the house involving the expenditure of money except upon the recommendation of the governor-general in council.

### Father and Son Drowned.

#### Halifax, May 2.—William Melanson, aged 45, and his son, Rodney, aged 15, of French Beach, were drowned yesterday by the capsizing of their boat in Petite Passage, Digby.

### Search for Private Moir.

Ottawa, May 2.—The governor-in-council has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest of Private Moir, the alleged murderer of Colonel-Sergeant Lloyd at London on April 17, or for such information as may result in his arrest.

### Accquitted on Three Charges.

Toronto, May 2.—D. B. Findlay was last night acquitted on three charges of having stolen sums of money from his employers, McDonald & Mayhew, cattle dealers. Findlay, however, has been committed for trial on three other charges of theft.

### Freight Charges on School Books.

Ottawa, May 2.—The railway commission has issued an order fixing the proper freight classification for public school books throughout Canada. Railway rates must give third-class rates on books in boxes or cases.

### Plumbers' Strike Ended.

Toronto, May 2.—As a result of just having signed an agreement with the recently organized Master Plumbers' and Fitters' association, the plumbers' union in Labor temple last night, decided to declare their strike, of 51 weeks, over.

### Killed by Falling Derrick.

Calgary, May 2.—John H. Thrift, foreman of the General Gas company, was fatally injured by the fall of a derrick, dying at 8:30 last evening. Deceased was about 30 years of age, and came to Calgary from Pennsylvania. He was highly spoken of as a steady and industrious man.

### CHINESE REBELLION IS MAKING HEADWAY

#### Rebels Defeat the Government Troops in Three Late Engagements

Peikm, May 2.—Alarming news has been received here regarding the progress of a revolutionary movement in Yunnan province, on the Tonkin border.

### FRENCH OGRESS

Strangles Boy and Narrowly Escapes  
Lynching—Victim of Infantile  
Mortality  
Nancy, France, May 2.—Jeanne Weber narrowly escaped lynching here today at the hands of an infuriated mob after it had been learned that she had strangled a seven-year-old boy to death.

### TREATY MAKING POWER IN CANADA

#### Members of British Parliament Give Attention to the Subject

### DESPATCHES WITHHELD

#### House of Lords to Take Up Consideration of the French Treaty

Montreal, May 2.—A London cable says: It is understood that the ministers will be asked in parliament next week how it comes about that despatches to the Canadian ministers from Sir Edward Grey respecting Canada's treaty-making authority have been given by the imperial authority to Canada and withheld from the British parliament.

Especially is reference made to Sir Edward Grey's letter, dated from the foreign office in July, 1907, which Hon. Mr. Brodrick read to the Canadian parliament on March 8 last, and which is evidently one of a series of which the British parliament has not been informed. This despatch of July 4 is interpreted as formally renouncing the imperial authority in treaty-making affecting Canadian interests, and is read as giving Canadian ministers authority to negotiate with foreign powers unknown and independently of his Majesty's government.

It is thought that it may be even construed as removing the necessity of Canadian ratification of a treaty to the foreign office, even as a formality.

There is to be a big debate in the House of Lords next Tuesday on the Franco-Canadian treaty, which is expected the British government will be asked, not in a hostile spirit, to explain the exact nature of those changes in inter-imperial relations.

### Struck by Lightning.

Calgary, May 2.—A severe electrical storm passed over the city last evening. Lightning struck the residence of J. A. Gorman, when he was sitting at his supper. Young Gorman was thrown from his chair and rendered unconscious. He is now in hospital.

### OLD AGE PENSIONS PLAN FOR BRITAIN

#### Premier Asquith Says Contribu- tionary Schemes Are Ruled Out

London, May 2.—In his budget speech yesterday, referring to the old age pension scheme, Mr. Asquith has been decided to rule out all contributory schemes and provide the pensions from the national treasury. His order that lunatics, criminals and persons now being relieved should be ineligible under the new system, it had been decided to start with a pension of \$125 a week to persons over 70 years of age in possession of incomes under \$130 a year.

### EDMONTON PROGRESS

Companies Developing Gas and Other  
Natural Resources—Crops  
Make Good Headway  
Edmonton, May 2.—On the strength of the discoveries of oil, gas and asphalt existing just west of Edmonton, the American Canadian Oil company, the cities of Edmonton and Strathcona have granted that company franchises to lay pipes for marketing their products. The company expects to furnish gas to Edmonton, Strathcona, Fortville and St. Albert from their property at Morinville, where they already have a gas well. The O. C. O. has sent a complete plant for drilling for oil to Morinville, and a Vancouver company has acquired a large tract of land north and west of Edmonton in the centre of the oil belt.

### Death of Mother Delphinia.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 2.—Mother Delphinia, until last August mother provincial of the Third Order of St. Francis in the United States, died here last night, aged fifty-eight years. She came to this country from Germany when a child.

### Preservation of Railway

#### "Kansas City, Mo., May 2.—The federal grand jury here this afternoon returned an indictment containing 19 counts against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway, charging the company with assailing certain cattle shippers more than the through rate on shipments from points in Oklahoma to Kansas City. It is alleged that in some cases a rate higher than the published rate was charged.

### Enterprising Burglars

Belleville, Ont., May 2.—The police made what looks like an important arrest early this morning, when they captured red-handed three men who had just burglarized the clothing and gent's furnishing establishment of Robinson and Thompson, on Front Street East. They had finished new clothes for the old ones in the store.

### New York Bank Statement

New York, May 2.—The statement of clearing-house banks for the week shows that the banks hold \$8,638,475 more than the requirements of the reserve rule. This is an increase of \$1,930,775 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with previous accounts. The statement follows: Loans, advances, \$2,877,000; deposits, \$311,000; legal tenders, \$479,500; specie, \$2,587,000; reserve required, \$2,121,125; surplus, \$1,930,775, or 31.5 per cent. of actual reserve of clearing-house banks at the close of business yesterday was \$1,930,775. The percentage of reserve of clearing-house banks at the close of business yesterday was \$1,930,775. The percentage of reserve of clearing-house banks at the close of business yesterday was \$1,930,775.

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Ottawa, May 2.—The Commons expressed the opinion of the committee on the charges preferred by Major Hodgins in regard to improper classification of work done on the Transcontinental railway between Winnipeg and Superior Junction, opened its inquiry this morning. Major Hodgins was called and his story, as given by him, was that he had not had time to consult with his counsel, it was agreed that he should give his statement first, and charges to such form that they shall not go beyond what has already been published in newspapers.

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#### Scottish City Remains Liberal, But By Decreased Ma- jority

### UNIONIST COMES SECOND

#### Suffragettes Make Matters Unpleasant for Young Minister

Dundee, May 2.—After a short, sharp contest, Dundee today proved staunch to the Liberal faith which it has held unswerving for a quarter of a century, returning Winston Churchill, president of the board of trade, to the House of Commons at the head of the poll.

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### Presentation to Prince of Wales.

Halifax, May 2.—A movement has been started to raise a fund for the purpose of making a presentation from the people of this province to the Prince of Wales.

### Fusion Candidate in Hull.

Ottawa, Ont., May 2.—A sensation was caused in political circles in Hull when a prominent Hull politician re-nominated for the Commons and the Nationalists will unite in the transportation town and support one candidate in the provincial field.

### Horseman's Sudden Death.

Colborne, Ont., May 2.—John Yeomans, a well-known and popular livestockman here, died suddenly yesterday. He was an old horseman and had entries at race meets in all parts of Canada. He was 70 years of age.

### Whiskey and Death.

Brockville, Ont., May 2.—The body of Natank Carl was found on the trail to a lumber camp near Ogdensburg. The head was pilloved on an over-shirt, and standing on one of the logs was a quart bottle two-thirds full of whiskey, which told the story of the tragedy.

### Pitied by Pitchfork.

St. Catharines, Ont., May 2.—Miss Millan, a young lady of Beechwoods, settlement, in Thorold township, was probably fatally injured by the point of a pitchfork in her father's hands, entering her eye and piercing the brain. Her father was coming around a corner of the barn with the pitchfork under his arm, and did not notice his daughter coming.

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### MRS. GUINNESS STILL A MYSTERY

#### Officers Divided in Opinion as to Murderer Being Yet Alive

### ANOTHER POSSIBLE VICTIM

Laporte, Ind., May 2.—Whether Mrs. Belle Guinness is alive somewhere and subject to arrest for alleged murders committed on her farm one mile north of Laporte, or whether she was burned with her three children in her house that was destroyed by fire on April 28, is the problem that to-night loomed up most prominently before officers investigating the mystery surrounding the deaths of the ten persons whose bodies have been found buried in the Guinness barnyard and the manner in which the Guinness farm house was burned.

### Woman Detained on Suspicion at Syracuse Proves Her Identity

Syracuse, N. Y., May 2.—Mrs. Cora Belle Herron, widow of Edward Herron, former president of the Sethness Chemical Co. of Chicago, was arrested by Syracuse detectives in a Pullman sleeper on suspicion of being Mrs. Belle Guinness, the Laporte alleged murderess.

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