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The Legislature Divides on Local Option Clause

The Three-Fifths Vote Is Sustained—Hon. Mr. Ross Points Out Weaknesses of Education Bill

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 27.—The liquor license bill received its third reading yesterday afternoon, and only awaits the assent of the lieutenant-governor to become law. The Government's majority was increased to 43 for the occasion, Messrs. Labrosse and Rache, Liberals, having absented themselves, without asking for pairs. The division was upon Hon. Mr. Ross' amendment providing for a majority vote instead of a three-fifths vote on local option bylaws. Hon. Adam Beck was paired.

When the orders of the day were reached, Mr. McNaught (North Toronto) called attention to the bad acoustics of the chamber. The back benches, he said, had to get their knowledge of the proceedings from the next morning's paper, while he understood the press reporters also had difficulty in hearing.

Mr. Whitney, in reply, said that the matter had long been recognized as requiring remedy. Hon. Mr. Fraser's theory that the members would pitch their voices higher had not worked out. There were not a dozen seats from which the members could hear everything that was said. Immediately after the session, he promised, the Government would have an investigation made to discover how to obviate the existing conditions without marring the proportions of the chamber.

Mr. Ross Criticizes.

In the discussion on the third reading of the liquor license bill, Mr. Ross again entered his objections to certain clauses, but did not touch any new line of argument. He thought the higher license fees an experiment, and considered that a larger proportion should go to the municipalities. Mr. Ross objected chiefly to the provision for a three-fifths vote for local option, and he concluded by moving in amendment, seconded by Mr. Preston (Brant), that the bill be referred back to committee of the whole House, with instructions to amend section 24 by providing for a majority vote instead of a three-fifths vote.

Hon. Mr. Hanna, who replied for the Government, denied that the higher license fees were an experiment. He said they were based largely on a bill prepared by the preceding government, but never introduced in the House. He had found copies of the bill in the drawers in his department, and had availed himself of its suggestions.

Hon. Mr. Ross said that such provisions were only put in the draft bill for consideration.

History of Local Option.

The history of local option in Ontario furnished some statistics that were interesting. Local option had been put on the statutes in 1868, removed a decade later, and replaced in 1880. Of the many municipalities which had adopted local option between 1890 and 1900, only fourteen still retained it in force, and in each of these the measure had been carried by a vote of three-fifths or more. In every single municipality where local option had been adopted by a bare majority, it had been repealed at the first opportunity. These statistics proved that for local option to be permanent and stable, it must have a hearty public sentiment behind it.

The Government in framing the bill had endeavored to produce a measure based on sound reason, and consulting the interests of the whole people without regard to any particular section.

TOWN WRECKED BY WIND AND FLAME

Bellevue, Texas, Devastated by Tornado—Fourteen Lives Lost.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 27.—A dispatch this morning from Bellevue, Texas, places the loss of life there at last night's tornado at fourteen. The town is partly wrecked, the buildings which caught fire after the storm passed, being burned today. A carload of provisions was sent from Fort Worth today, and tents and bedding were rushed from Wichita Falls.

Bambasita in the Forest.

Durban, Natal, April 26.—It transpires that Chief Bambasita was in hiding Tuesday close to the spot where a police column searched for him, but he has now returned to the forest.

PARIS POLICE RAID ROYALISTS; CAPTURE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Paris, April 27.—The police adopted decisive measures today to apprehend the element which is fermenting disorder, and capture the sources of its supplies. Early in the day a search was made of the headquarters of the Confederation of Labor, and also of its 50 branches throughout the city. Simultaneously, the police searched

such as the liquor men or the temperance people.

The division on the amendment then took place, resulting in a vote of 69 to 21, giving a Government majority of 48. Messrs. Labrosse (Pres.) and Labrosse (Russell) were absent, but had not asked for pairs. The following were paired: Beck and McDougall, Tachibana and Way, McGarry and Bowman, McDougall and Cameron, Gallagher and Clarke (Northumberland). The leader of the Opposition neglected to ask that the same division govern the main motion, so it goes on the records of the House as having been unanimously carried.

Weakness in Pyne's Bill.

The education bill was taken up in committee and discussed by the leading members on each side. Mr. Ross said the appointment of a superintendent of education was unnecessary. It was the duty of the minister to look after the public and high schools, instead of shifting the responsibility.

Hon. Dr. Pyne said great disquietude existed as to the educational system. He quoted criticisms of President Lougheed, Sir Daniel Wilson, Principal Spott and Principal Embree, of the Toronto Collegiate. He cited the impotency of young bank clerks from Scotland as a proof that the present system was deficient.

"Bright Canadian boys would not take these bank positions at £50 or £60," said Mr. Graham.

"That's a fairly good salary for a boy of 16," said Dr. Pyne. "Canadian boys had no chance to get the positions."

Whitney "Butts In."

"If I may butt in," was Mr. Whitney's slangy preamble to his not very veiled remark that the boy who desired to go to bank but who didn't desire to go at that salary, was not a desirable boy to have in the bank or out of it.

Mr. Harcourt held that disquietude over educational problems had existed ever since there was education. It was a good healthy sign and brought about progress. Ontario schools compared more than favorably with those of any other country.

The speaker said that the appointment of a superintendent was optional under the act, which led Mr. Graham to point out that if the appointment was not made, there would be no expert at the department.

The measure was still under discussion when the speaker left the chair at 6 p.m.

Mr. Downey's pharmacy bill was given its final reading.

The Soo Guarantee.

At the evening session last night, Col. Matheson introduced a bill giving the lieutenant-governor in council the power to extend for one year the Government's guarantee of the Soo loan. The loan is guaranteed on Tuesday next, and the original legislation contains no provision for extension. Mr. Matheson expects that one-half the loan will be taken up by the Soo company, leaving the amount to be guaranteed by the Government \$1,000,000, instead of \$2,000,000, the original amount. Should this be the case, the Government will release its lien on a corresponding portion of the collateral securities. The measure was given its first, second and third readings, and will receive the royal assent today.

The education bill was further considered in committee. Mr. Ross again criticized the appointment of a deputy who was not an expert.

Hon. Dr. Pyne said he wanted the trustees' election represented. The Premier measure was given its first, second and third readings, and will receive the royal assent today.

Mr. Ross objected to the nomination of the president of the university as chairman of the committee, because it was not wedded to the proviso. The consideration of the measure will be resumed today.

THREE STORIES CRASH TO CELLAR

Ten Tons of Books Cause Collapse of a Bookstore in Montreal.

Montreal, Que., April 27.—Ten tons of books which were moved into the Library Granger at the Place d'Armes and Notre Dame street, caused the collapse of a portion of the building at an early hour this morning. The firm moved a portion of their stock into the new premises last night, and at 5 o'clock the weight caused a collapse, which carried down three stories in the crash. Fortunately there was no one in the wrecked part of the building.

Gunboat Seizes Bark.

Melilla, Morocco, April 26.—The Moroccan gunboat Sidi El Turki on Wednesday seized the bark Beni Bujafan, carrying a commercial cargo and put to sea with her captive.

TO INSPECT THE FALLS

Buffalo, April 27.—We have no statement to make regarding the question of preserving the scenic beauties of Niagara Falls, because the commission took no definite action in the matter yesterday," said Mr. George C. Gibbons, K. C., of London, chairman of the Canadian section of the International Waterways Commission, this afternoon. The Committee on Rivers and Harbors of the House of Representatives will visit Niagara Falls today to make a personal investigation of the conditions there. The committee have the Bureau bill under consideration. It is expected that Messrs. Gibbons, King and Coste, together will visit Niagara Falls with the committee.

MR. SHEARER ON LORD'S DAY BILL

No Desire to Interfere With Working of Smelters.

MOVEMENT OF WAY-FREIGHT

Opposes Concessions to Grimsby Park —Says Railway Brotherhood Favors the Present Measure.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 27.—Rev. J. E. Shearer was heard before the Lord's Day bill committee this forenoon. He did not think that a case had been made out by the cement men, and as for the operation of rotary furnaces on Sunday, that was only a portion of work which was asked to be made continuous. The amendment of the Manufacturers' Association was too broad, and he submitted another in its stead, as to the oil wells, some of the owners worked and some did not on Sundays in the same vicinity. He did not desire to interfere with smelters or any work that was continuous. He was opposed to the unloading and loading of steamers on Sunday, but did not want to interfere with a steamer at a port of call. He had an interview with the railway representatives. At first Mr. McNeill thought Sunday work was reduced to a minimum. When it was pointed out that way-freight was in some instances run on the road, Mr. McNeill admitted this was not necessary. Some years ago, the G. T. R. had construction work going on Sunday.

Mr. Miller, of South Grey, suggested that Mr. Shearer should meet Mr. Chryster and Mr. Casgrain to come to some decision as to railway transportation and the committee could then decide between them.

Mr. Chryster wanted Mr. Shearer to say what he wanted now. Mr. Fitzpatrick did not think this would be fair. A conference might greatly assist them, but if the railway representatives did not want to do that, then the committee would do it for them.

Mr. Shearer said that about 50 per cent of the railway brotherhoods were in favor of the bill as it stood. He went on to show that in British Columbia, where the railway brotherhoods did not handle freight, or practically did not. He was opposed to any concession to Grimsby Park. Had no objections to ferries properly licensed and under control.

RENTS ARE AWAY UP

Scarcity of Stores on Dundas Street Is the Cause.

Stores rent for almost any price on Dundas street now, and the chances are the rents will go still higher. A short time ago, Mr. Wyatt, proprietor of the European Hotel on Dundas street, between Clarence and Richmond, one of the stores in the hotel block was rented for \$37 50 a month. Now it has been rented to the Columbia Phonograph Company, Toronto and New York for \$75 a month.

OFFICIALS WERE HERE

But There Was Nothing Doing in Railway Matter.

The city is still awaiting the arrival of the agreement drawn up by the Grand Trunk Railway for the improvements in London.

Manager McGuigan and Supt. Brownlee spent some time looking over the local yards here today, but it is not known just what the nature of their visit was.

Mr. Brownlee is here in connection with the suit of Dickey vs. the G. T. R., but it is expected that he is also devoting some time to the improvements contemplated here.

BIBLES FOR IMMIGRANTS

The Bible Society Supplying Them in Forty-Nine Languages.

Toronto, April 27.—His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada has agreed to become first patron of the Canadian Bible Society, auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society. Besides remitting \$17,000 to the parent society in England for its world-wide work, the Canadian Bible Society seeks to supply the foreign immigrants, especially in the Northwest, with the scriptures in their own language. Bibles are being sold in the immigration hall, Winnipeg, in nine languages, and in the Bible house, Winnipeg, in 45 languages.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fine

Rise, 5:15 a.m.; Moon rises, 7:55 p.m. Set, 1:14 p.m. Moon sets, 10:29 a.m.

Rain has fallen again today in the Maritime Provinces, and scattered showers have occurred in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine. The temperature has been between 60° and 75° in the former Province, and between 65° and 85° in the latter.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 28-52; Athabasca, 24-44; Victoria, 46-60; Vancouver, 47-64; Calgary, 24-40; Edmonton, 28-60; Prince Albert, 34-42; Qu'Appelle, 32-36; Winnipeg, 40-74; Pelly, 30-42; Toronto, 40-62; Ottawa, 34-60; Montreal, 32-50; Quebec, 32-52; St. John, 38-44; Halifax, 38-44.

FORECASTS.

Friday, April 27—S. a.m. Today—Northerly winds, fine, but not much change in temperature. Saturday—Fine.

Stations. a.m. m. Weather.

Calgary 36 41 Cloudy

Winnipeg 42 36 Cloudy

Port Arthur 38 42 Clear

Perry Sound 40 42 Clear

Toronto 48 34 Fair

Ottawa 40 40 Cloudy

Montreal 42 42 Cloudy

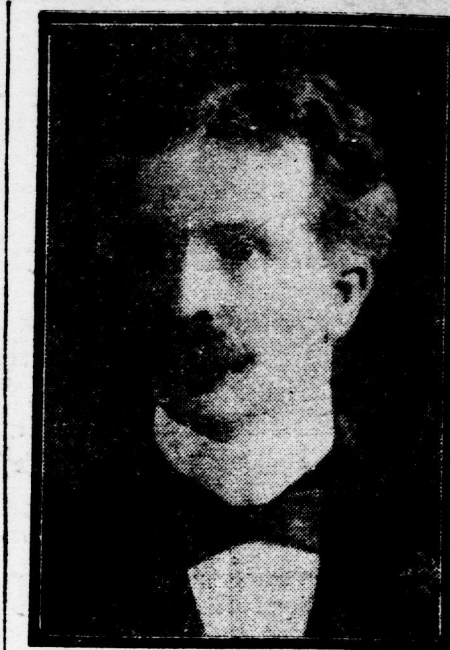
Quebec 40 34 Cloudy

Father Point 28 28 Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather continues somewhat unsettled in Quebec and the extreme western portion of Ontario, while further west it is quite fine. Showers have occurred in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 62°; lowest, 55° above.



MR. ALEX. McDONALD,
Former Londoner Whose Home Was
Badly Damaged by San Francisco Earthquake.

EDWARD IN A STORM

English Royalty Have Rough Passage Flessina to Naples.

Naples, April 27.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra arrived here today from Messina after a stormy voyage. It is feared that they will be unable, on account of the weather to make the proposed ascension of Mount Vesuvius.

TABAH BOUNDARY CLASH

Sultan Answers the Khedive's Suggestions Unfavorably.

Cairo, April 27.—The Sultan of Turkey has replied unfavorably to the Khedive's suggestions regarding the Tabah boundary question. The matter will now be handed over to the British Government and the Porte for settlement.

USED KNIVES ON CADETS

Crew of Sunk Belgian Training Ship Said to Have Mutinied.

Brussels, April 27.—The secretiveness of the officers of the French barque Dunkerque, which a few days ago reported at Dover that she had picked up a number of the survivors of the Belgian training ship Comte de Smet de Naeyer, has declined to give any details, is causing painful suspense here pending the delay in the arrival of the Dunkerque at Hamburg. This is added to by the failure to elicit any news from other sources.

It is stated in the lobby of the Chamber of Deputies that when the ship was sinking the crew refused to obey orders and prevented the cadets from entering the lifeboats, using knives for their purpose. It is added that some of the surviving boys are now in the hands of the German authorities on the subject tomorrow.

Got Away with \$17,500.

Toronto, April 27.—A band of robbers in the guise of soldiers robbed the treasury at Dushet, near Tiflis yesterday of \$17,500.

Nails Galore.

Fort William, April 27.—The steamer Ames has just finished discharging a cargo of 30,000 kegs of nails consigned by the Imperial Steel and Wire Company of Colwood to Winnipeg jobbing houses. This is the largest consignment of nails ever unloaded here. It will take 127 cars to carry this cargo to its destination. The kegs, if placed end to end would reach a distance of twelve miles. The magnitude of the consignment will give some idea of the vast growth of the Canadian Northwest.

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AGAINST EDUCATION BILL

The English Roman Catholic Bishops Come Out in Opposition.

London, April 26.—The Roman Catholic bishops of the Archdiocese of Westminster have published a declaration against the education bill as being fundamentally unjust in giving the local authorities control of religious teaching and depriving possible the conversion or diversion of endowments.

The Archbishop of Westminster announced tonight before the Catholic Truth Society that English Catholics might count on the co-operation of the archbishops and bishops in Ireland and Scotland and the Irish Catholic members of Parliament.

King's Plans Stir Servia

Belgrade, April 27.—According to a telegram received here from Cetinje, Montenegro, King Edward will arrive at Antivari, April 28, to visit Prince Nicholas, the ruler of Montenegro. This is regarded in some quarters as being an anti-Serbian demonstration.

Prince Arthur at Leeds.

Quebec, Que., April 26.—The special train bearing H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught and party passed through Leeds en route for the Maritime Provinces at 5:20 p.m. today.

'FRISCO'S DOWNFALL GOOD FOR OAKLAND

Syndicate Plans to Make Latter First Port of Pacific.

IMMENSE DOCKS TO BE MADE

Another Prolonged Downpour of Rain Increases Discomforts of the Refugees.

New York, April 27.—According to a San Francisco dispatch to the World a group of financiers, taking advantage of misfortune, seek to snatch her commercial supremacy from her.

A syndicate has been formed to make Oakland a deep seaport by building docks and piers into deep water. "It is the intention," says the speaker for the syndicate, "to make Oakland the chief maritime shipping port on the Pacific coast. The enterprise contemplates the filling of 500 acres of shoal water, and the construction of a mole capable of docking the largest ships that enter the bay."

The price of Oakland real estate is going up by leaps and bounds. Hundreds of leases of business property have been sold since Monday for double the value the figures originally paid by the seller.

All vacant houses have been taken and people who have country homes are leasing their city homes at a fancy figure and moving out of town.

Homeless Shiver

San Francisco, April 27.—The homeless people camped in the camp squares and vacant lots were awakened early today, because the water dripped through improvised tents, which afforded poor protection against the heavy rain that began to fall about 1 o'clock, and continued for several hours. Many persons were driven into nearby houses for shelter.

Although the various camps were better prepared for the storm than for several days past, hundreds of tents having been received and put up since the last storm, still there are thousands who shivered in their wet clothes last night, vainly trying to get warm after the rain ceased, by walking, or in the huddling around little camp fires. The least distress and suffering was at the Presidio, where nearly all the refugees have been provided with tents. A wagonload of blankets and shovels was furnished with which the trenches were dug to carry off the water, and the ground banked around the tents, making them comparatively comfortable.

In "Cow Hollow," at the hear of Barboursville, about 3,000 Italians from Telegraph and Russian hills, and a sprinkling of Chinese and Japanese are camped. Some of them have not been provided with tents, and there was much distress among the women and children, of whom there are many in the camp.

A hot meal was being flowing this morning, and the difficulty of preparing warm food added to the distress of the homeless, especially those in the low bottoms.

In Lafayette and Hamilton squares, comparatively few tents have been issued to those camped there, but the ground is high and the drainage good.

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They hurriedly rushed on deck and had barely time to clamber aboard the Strathcona, the bow of which was locked in the Havana amidships, when the latter steamer went down. The Havana was showing the usual piling lignis, and collision is inexcusable. The Havana was owned by Capt. Farquhar, of Halifax, and was worth \$20,000. She had just returned from a successful sealing trip on the Newfoundland coast.

Queer Epistles in Mails Coming from Ruined City

Scraps of Paper and Sole Leather Utilized in Sending Messages —Londoner Loses Home.

As the result of the San Francisco earthquake and fire, some queer epistles to friends in this city are arriving at the London postoffice from people in California.

This morning an Advertiser reporter called on Postmaster Cameron, and was shown some samples of mail from 'Frisco.

One basket looked like a waste-paper receptacle. It was filled with scraps of paper, without envelopes, and with the addresses written in pencil. There was yellow paper, white paper, brown paper and blue paper.

And the queerest leather postcard that ever came through London was in the basket. It was a piece of sole leather, with a message scrawled upon it.

Not a single missive bore a stamp. All had been carried through free by the United States Government, and Canada is asking no questions once the mail reaches the Canadian border.

"In a time of terrible trouble like this," said the postmaster to the reporter, "the Government doesn't look for stamps."

The clerks in the postoffice are taking particular care of the San Francisco mail. As the dirty, crumpled missives are dumped out of the bags, they are handled with a care that is pathetic.

"They don't look much," said one of the sorters, "but they mean a lot to those who have been waiting wearily for news. I wouldn't have one of these letters go wrong for a year's salary."

Londoner's House Wrecked.

Mr. Alex. McDonald, at one time a member of the London city council, and a Dundas street merchant, was among the losers by the San Francisco earthquake, his home at 131