

THE OUTLOOK MORE HOPEFUL FOR THE ASQUITH GOVERNMENT

Ballour Announces That Unionists Will Stand With Government on Financial Problems—Churchill Declares That Veto Bill Will Be the Issue.

London, Feb. 22.—Without any actual change in the parliamentary situation, the outlook tonight was more hopeful for the Government. It seems that certain ministers met the new Parliament on Monday without having taken any great care either to seek the views of the various groups forming the Government majority, or to satisfy their susceptibilities, and the surprise with which the Nationalists and Laborites learned that they had misapprehended Premier Asquith's speech with reference to securing "guarantees" for dealing with the House of Lords was in a great measure responsible for the acute crisis.

Both the Nationalists and the Labor parties are aware that they have little to gain by throwing out the Government. Hence the extremists today displayed a more conciliatory spirit.

Veto Bill the Issue.

The cabinet held a long council to draft the veto resolutions and debate the general situation. The result of their deliberations was a speech by Winston Spencer Churchill in the House of Commons announcing the determination of the Government to stand or fall by the veto bill.

Any direct co-operation between Laborites and Nationalists to defeat the Government is extremely improbable. In fact, meetings of the Labor party have shown that there is a strong feeling against any action likely to defeat the Ministry. While the Nationalists would very unlikely go beyond abstaining from voting for the budget. Indeed, at a meeting today, the Nationalists decided not to take any action for the Government would embarrass the Government.

Negotiations are now proceeding between the different parties with a view to averting a crisis until the budget is adopted and some progress has been made with the veto resolutions.

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ASK THE CITY TO GUARANTEE THE MIDLAND RAILWAY BONDS

Board of Trade Are Inclined to Favor the Scheme of Mr. A. E. Welch—People Would Have to Vote on the Question If the Council Should Decide to Take It Up.

The council of the board of trade, at a meeting held yesterday afternoon, considered a proposition to assist in the financing of the North Midland Railway, which is being promoted by Mr. A. E. Welch.

The proposition, as outlined, is that the city shall guarantee the interest on \$2,500,000 worth of bonds, and the municipalities must guarantee another \$2,500,000.

In return for these municipalities will be given a first mortgage on a road costing \$1,000,000. The rest of the money will be raised by the promoters, by the sale of stock, etc.

The council of the board were quite favorable to the suggestion, but nothing definite was done.

PEOPLE MUST VOTE.

Some details of the scheme must be worked out, and then the board will probably recommend that the agreement be sent to the city council.

The aldermen will have to secure an expression of opinion from the people on the question. If the council agree to accept it, a vote will be asked for probably some time this summer. If an extension of time is given to the company, it may not come up until January next.

In any event, the ratepayers will have to vote on the proposition.

BUYERS' EXCURSIONS DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY

Board of Trade Committee Has Been Hard at Work on the Scheme for Some Weeks—Will Prove a Big Thing for London.

A definite announcement as to the date and scope of the buyers' excursion will be made in a short time.

All the data necessary to form an opinion on the subject is now in the hands of the Board of Trade, or rather will make a definite announcement as to the method of financing and the like.

"We have been working hard on the matter," said Dr. Harry T. Reason. "We have obtained a very great deal of information, and we will be in a position to arrive at some conclusion within a short time."

"We will hold a meeting with the aldermen, and bring the matter to a climax. There is no reason why these excursions cannot be made a great success. We will have something definite very soon."

LONDON TOWNSHIP DOGS ARE SAFELY MUZZLED

Some People Are, However, in Open Rebellion Against the Regulation.

The county constabulary, in whose hands the board of health of the township of London entrusted the carrying out of the regulations relating to the muzzling of dogs, made a reconnaissance in force in that locality lately to discover if any dogs were wandering around in primeval muzzledness.

As a rule it was discovered that most of the dogs were safely caged. In one or two cases, however, muzzled dogs were discovered. In these cases, however, it was not ignorance of the law but direct rebellion, the owners stating that they hadn't muzzled their dogs, and didn't intend to. Just what the county police intend to do with these culprits remains a dark secret, as they are absolutely uncommunicative on the subject. But the future looks somewhat dark for Fido.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—DECIDEDLY COLD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Feb. 23—8 a.m. Today—Westerly winds, strong during the day; fine; temperatures generally below zero tonight.

Thursday—Fine and decidedly cold.

TEMPERATURES.

Place	Today	Yesterday
London	7	12
Victoria	20	20
Calgary	-8	-22
Winnipeg	-12	-28
Port Arthur	-5	-6
Parry Sound	14	2
Toronto	24	10
Ottawa	18	4
Montreal	14	8
Quebec	14	8
Pasadena	14	8
Pather Point	14	8
Dawson City	0	-26
Atlin	0	-32
Vancouver	0	-13
Edmonton	18	-2
Battleford	0	-32
Mooselaw	0	-22
Qu'Appelle	0	-22
John	0	20
St. John	0	24

WEATHER NOTES.

Outlook is very cold from Ontario Maritime Provinces.

PURCHASE WHITE FACTORY FOR AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY TO BRING MANY SHOPS HERE

Suggestion Made by a Citizen of Flint, Michigan, Is Quoted to Show What Auto Factories Can Do—City Council and Board of Trade May Deal With Industrial Problem Shortly.

The proposition to purchase the property of Geo. White & Sons for factory sites, is creating some interest, and a number of citizens are looking into the matter, with an idea of publicly advocating the purchase of the plant at a reasonable figure, so as to induce an auto industry to come to London.

It would make an ideal site for an automobile factory. At the present time, there are several American auto companies seeking sites in Canada, and it is thought that if the city of London would offer the site, they would be induced to come here rather than locate in other places.

London Can Do It.

Walker and Windsor are getting these factories, and it is thought that London could show better inducements.

RAILWAY LINES BLOCKED BY THE WIND-DRIVEN SNOW WHICH PILES INTO THE CUTS

Car on Traction Line to Port Stanley Jumped the Rails and Had a Close Call From a Bad Accident—Pere Marquette Trains Cancelled This Morning—Huron and Bruce Was Tied Up.

A terrific windstorm, which was at its height from midnight until 2 o'clock this morning, and did not subside until after 4, wrought havoc with the schedules of the steam and electric roads all through this district.

The wind, which at times blew a perfect gale, lifted the light snow in clouds, and every cut and hollow along the lines was completely filled up. Railwaymen at first did not realize what was happening, and it was not until calls began to come in for plover that they were hurried out.

The Huron and Bruce.

The Huron and Bruce line of the Grand Trunk suffered particularly, and although the snowplow was sent up early this morning, it was unable to clear the line, and the train will not arrive until some time this afternoon.

It was reported that many farmers had left home to market butter and eggs, but got tired of waiting for the train to come, and went back home. The drifts up the Bruce vary from four to seven feet in depth, and some of those which were first cleared had filled again before the plow had got very far away.

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TORONTO CONSERVATIVES CENSURE MR. BORDEN

Object to His Admitting East Toronto Member to Council of Party.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—Central Conservative Association of Toronto has declared war on Joseph Russell, M. P., Conservative member for East Toronto, and at the same time it has launched a protest against R. L. Borden and the Ottawa Opposition taking the said Joseph Russell to the bosom of the party.

At a meeting of the association a resolution was unanimously passed, which, in effect, is a strong censure on those members of the House who have countenanced the presence of Mr. Russell in caucus.

Further, the Central Conservative Association demands that when the Dominion convention is held at Ottawa next June the delegates of the East Toronto Conservative Association be denied the privileges of the floor and the voting powers of the regularly appointed Conservatives.

The resolution, copies of which were ordered sent to Mr. Borden and each of the city members (not including Mr. Russell), sets out these statements:

"That Mr. Russell was brought out in opposition to the regular candidate (Mr. Kemp) by a 'bunch' of soreheads," i.e., members of the old Conservative Club, whose right to representation as a voting power in the various riding conventions was denied by the Central Association, and its 27 delegates cut off.

That he was elected by the Grit vote, which he acknowledged when he appeared at The Globe office on the night of the election.

That any Grits who attended the banquet in his honor recently, which banquet was also attended by Whip Richard Blain and several other Conservative members of the House of Commons.

That Mr. Russell is, in fact, a Grit at heart, and his cousin is a contractor for the Dominion Government.

These are some of the reasons given by Mr. Borden and his followers for the throwing over of the East Toronto member. "We are deadly in earnest," said one who was at the meeting.

BANK CLOSES DOORS

Institute at Cambridge, Mass., Had a Big Storage.

Boston, Feb. 23.—The National City Bank of Cambridge closed its doors today. The bank was closed by order of the comptroller of the currency at Washington. A bank examiner is now in charge of the situation. A shortage of \$144,000 in the individual deposits caused the closing of the doors of the bank, according to information received by the comptroller of the currency. It is not known who is responsible for the shortage.

MR. SMALL BUYS ANOTHER THEATRE

St. John, N. B., Feb. 22.—Mr. A. J. Small, of Toronto, has purchased the Academy of Music in Halifax and has also made a booking arrangement with the St. John Opera House, by which he will bring into the Maritime Provinces the large companies which now visit Upper Canada. It is stated that his Halifax purchase and his St. John arrangement is the first step toward the formation of an amusement circuit in the Maritime Provinces.

CHURCH FUNDS NOW MISSING

Sequel to the Disappearance of Rev. David Hicks of Essex.

WAS LIVING TOO HIGH

Salary of \$800 a Year Proved Insufficient—Inquiry Will Be Held on Friday.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Windsor, Feb. 23.—Stories that have gained circulation in the little village of Gesto, near Essex, Ontario, since the disappearance last week of Rev. David Hicks, pastor of the Methodist Church in the village, are to be investigated by a committee of inquiry, composed of three preachers from Windsor district of the London Methodist Conference. They will meet in Essex next Friday at the call of Rev. Joseph Philip, chairman of the district, according to the usual custom, but there is no record of it having been received by officials of the missionary board in Toronto.

Last Wednesday Hicks left his home (Continued on Page Eight.)

MANITOBA'S SURPLUS

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 23.—Hon. Hugh Armstrong, provincial treasurer, presented his annual budget yesterday afternoon, showing that Manitoba has a record surplus of \$34,118. The total revenue was \$2,326,892, and the total expenditure \$2,292,773. Revenues were \$209,445 over the estimates and the expenditures \$172,626 less.

The bonds of the province sold during the year at 99.51 for some, and at par for others, the highest figure ever received by a western province. One of the largest items in the budget receipts is taxation of corporations, particularly railways, which amounts to \$250,000.

The financial methods of the province have been reformed and in future, instead of issuing bonds, the stock of the province will be issued on the London market. A strong appeal for better financial terms with the Dominion was made. Manitoba last year got \$100,000 from the Dominion Government, while Alberta and Saskatchewan received \$468,750. The two western provinces will, as they grow, have their subsidy increased to \$1,250,000. Manitoba's subsidy remains stationary.

HIS OWN PETARD.

Amoy, China, Feb. 23.—A Japanese was killed here today by the accidental ignition of a high explosive concealed in his clothing. It is suspected that the man had planned an assassination.



MR. W. M. LOVEDAY, Secretary of St. John's Ambulance Corps of London.

SUMMER RATES ON SUNDAY CARS

Traction Company Will Charge Same on Sundays as on Week Days.

A CLAUSE IS QUOTED

It is Said It Might Have a Bearing on the Operation of Excursions on Sunday to the Lakeside.

Sunday cars to Port Stanley are accepted as coming both by the anti-Sunday car advocates as well as those favoring the operating of cars on Sunday.

Rev. A. E. Lloyd, of Port Stanley, in an interview stated that there was a clause in the charter forbidding railroads to operate on Sunday where international interests and summer resorts are one, at reduced or excursion rates.

This it was thought would prevent the profitable operation of cars, as it would mean that the fare would have to be raised on Sunday, and this would stop the working people from taking advantage of Sunday cars, owing to the high rate of fare.

Summer Rates.

This, however, is not thought to be a serious difficulty by the traction people, and it is stated that the cars will be operated on Sunday at the usual summer rate.

So far as the London and Lake Erie Transportation Company is concerned, there will probably be two rates to the Port Stanley rate and a summer rate. The summer rate will be accepted, it is said, as the regular rate, and it will be operative both during the week and on Sunday.

Object of the Law.

The object of the law, so several legal men say, is to prevent companies from running excursions at a reduced rate, in order to stimulate travel on the first day of the week. They claim that the regular scale of tariff will apply to Sundays as well as week days.

The Government desire to discourage excursions on Sunday, and that is the reason for the amendment.

However, there is now every probability of a regular service at the regular fare on Sunday to Port Stanley.

PUBLICITY AGENT MAY BE NAMED FOR LONDON

Certain Members of the Board of Trade Would Pay Half His Salary.

A proposition will be considered by the Board of Trade shortly to appoint a publicity agent for the city.

A large number of the cities in Canada have such a man in their employ, Hamilton being the latest to name a man.

Some of the members of the Board of Trade here are fully in sympathy with the idea, and consider it time that the city did something along this line. They will agree to subscribe half the man's salary if the city council will do the rest.

The board will consider the idea shortly and will submit a recommendation to the council to that effect.

TEN NEW CASES OF SCARLET FEVER

Apparently, the Local Hospitals Will Soon Be Filled.

Scarlet fever is still spreading in the city. Ten new cases were reported yesterday, making in all about fifty patients down with the disease in London. Six of the cases that developed yesterday were placed in the contagious wards in Victoria Hospital. If the contagious diseases continue to develop as rapidly as they have during the last ten days, it will only be a short time when the contagious wards at the hospital will be filled.

"We have more patients than we have had at any time this year," said the authorities at St. Joseph's Hospital to The Advertiser today.

Victoria Hospital is in the same state, there being more than 175 patients being treated.

NEW EGYPTIAN CABINET.

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 23.—In consequence of the death of Boutros Pacha Ghali, the premier, a new cabinet has been formed, of which Mohammed Said Bey is premier, president of the council and minister of the interior.

EXPLOSION IN MINE.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 23.—An explosion has occurred in the mine of the Iron Mountain Coal Company near Central City, Ky. It is not known how many men there were in the mine at the time of the explosion. The mine is now burning.

CONSECRATION OF NEW BISHOP OF LONDON MONDAY, APRIL 25 FATHER FALLON ANNOUNCES

Rev. Father Aylward Today Presented the Papal Bull to the Bishop Elect in Buffalo—Consecration Day Will Be the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist—Important Documents From Rome Reach the City.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 23.—The Rev. M. F. Fallon, O. M. I., who recently resigned the rectorship of the Holy Angels' Church of this city, having been appointed bishop of the Diocese of London, Ont., this morning was the recipient of the papal bulls containing official announcement of his appointment as bishop of London. The documents, which bear the seal and signature of Pope Pius X., were brought to this city by the Rev. J. T. Aylward, rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, London, and were turned over to Father Fallon this morning. Father Aylward received the bulls through the registered mail, it probably being presumed at Rome that Father Fallon was in London.

Seven Documents.

The official documents contained in the packet number about seven. One is addressed to the bishop-elect, one to the Archbishop of Toronto, Ont., one to the Archbishop of the Diocese of London, Ont., and the several others, which Father Fallon said this morning he had not yet examined carefully. All are in Latin.

The Consecration.

Father Fallon said this forenoon that his consecration probably would take place in London, Monday, April 25. The consecration of a bishop can take place on a week-day only when it is the feast of an apostle or an evangelist. April 25 is the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist. It is likely that a large party of the parishioners of the Holy Angels' parish will attend the consecration.

INTERIM DIVIDEND ASKED FOR TRACTION BONDHOLDERS

Argument Heard by Master-in-Chancery R. K. Cowan, Who Will Report Favorably—Several Claims Were Dealt With at a Sitting Held Yesterday.

An interim dividend may be declared for the benefit of the bondholders and creditors of the Southwestern Traction Company.

At a sitting held by Master-in-Chancery R. K. Cowan yesterday afternoon, the affairs of the Southwestern Traction Company were considered at some length, and a plea made for the declaration of an interim dividend to the bondholders as well as to the creditors.

Arguments were heard in favor of the motion, and Mr. Cowan will report to the court that in his opinion an interim dividend could be paid. The court will deal with the suggestion very shortly, and the opinion is expressed that a substantial dividend will be declared.

IF YOU MISS A DOGGIE HIE TO THE POUND

Ben Blackstock Has Been Named to Catch Luckless Canines.

If, as may well be the case, some affectionate owner should lose track of a cherished dog from now on, it might be well for him to visit the pound, situated in Queen's Park, which is under the fostering care of Benjamin Blackstock. This gentleman's unwavering conviction that he was to be dog-catcher, which led him to start his duties some week or more before he was appointed, has been justified by his appointment, and now armed with the dog-catching net, he wanders about the streets, fishing for stray canines who are not decorated as the law demands. It is rumored that Mr. Blackstock contemplated skinning the dogs as a means of acquiring funds with which to meet a little difficulty he has had with the police.

In any case, it is well to remember that Mr. Blackstock is the official dog-catcher, and if Fido does not return for his meals, it would be well to communicate with Mr. B. without unnecessary delay. The pound is in Queen's Park. Already a number of dogs are in prison.

LUNSDEN NAMES THE "LOST CONFIDENCE" MEN

Engineers Charged With Over-Classification to Appear Before Committee.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—In accordance with the request made yesterday by the special committee in the Lunsden charges, Mr. Lunsden presented to the committee this morning a partial list of the names of the members of the engineering staff in districts B and F of the National Transcontinental Railway whom he had "lost confidence."

The men named were: P. Bourgeois, division engineer of division 7, district B; S. R. Poulin, district engineer of district B, and Division and Resident Engineers J. B. Phillips, W. W. Bell, J. F. McHugh and G. F. Rich. All of them were charged with over-classification. Mr. Lunsden stated that he could not remember the names of all the engineers to whom his charges applied, but these could be ascertained by reference to the lists of stations where he had found overclassification. It was decided to have the engineers named by Mr. Lunsden appear before the committee for examination.

Not on Bathurst Street.

To go east on Bathurst street is out of the question, as it would be impossible to operate cars on that street. The only solution, according to Manager King and the company, is to go on Horton street, and a double track is necessary.

Of course, the ratepayers on the streets will object to that, as they have done in the past. The sidewalk would have to be removed back, and the road widened.

West London Blaze.

The fire brigade had a run to No. 29 Mount Pleasant avenue at noon today, to the residence of Mr. W. Powers. Some children were playing with fire Mr. R. O. Smith, K.C., who is appearing for the National Transcontinental