

O.T.A. WILL HOLD LEGISLATIVE FOR

Amendments Likely to Lead to Test of Strength of Government.

BUSINESS BEHIND

Drury Optimistic Over Outcome of Tussle With the Forces of Opposition.

The Ontario Legislature commences the seventh week of the session, this afternoon, and the end of the parliamentary labors is about as near as sight as when the speech from the throne was read. No business of outstanding importance has been done, and it is very questionable whether much will have been accomplished when the session closes. Of late, there has been abundance of talk, and a variety of subjects, with the O. T. A. the most prominent. The debate on the famous budget has been going along for a time, but was eventually put aside for other questions, but since Hon. Henry Mills, minister of mines, moved the adjournment of the debate nothing further has been heard of it. Then the timber business got in the way, followed by the O. T. A., and the indications are that the latter will take precedence—and for reasons which nobody seems to be able to understand. Business in any case seems to be somewhat in a lull.

Government on Defensive.
Dr. Drury frankly confesses that he has disappeared of the house getting thru in anything like reasonable time—in fact, he humorously remarked that the present rate of progress progresses might take place about Easter next year. Many people are rather inclined to blame the premier for the present unsatisfactory state of affairs. It is true he has not laid all his business plans on the table, but even had he done so the prospect of carrying them out was rather remote. The fact of the matter is that the Premier's government is on the defensive this session, and has an exceedingly lively bunch of opposition factions to contend with. Under the old order of things, one leader of the opposition was usually a hard enough nut; but the present administration has two—or three, including the MacBride party—to run up against, to say nothing of some other exceedingly lively members who sit on the Speaker's left. Furthermore, we have been gravely told that "all the brains of the house" are concentrated in one section of the legislature, so who can the poor premier do under such handicapped circumstances?

Ministers Not Loquacious.
"It cannot by any stretch of the imagination," he said, "that the Premier and his members have been guilty of wasting any time so far as making speeches is concerned. They may not, of course, be quite so 'gifted with the gab' as many of their opponents, but still, that is beside the question. The premier himself, has only made one real set speech, which was early in the debate on the address, although he has been compelled to intervene on quite a few occasions. Hon. H. C. Nixon, too, has given but one display of his oratorical genius, when he lashed out in his young statesmanlike style during the budget debate. Hon. Peter Smith only once let his fiery eloquence loose, when he introduced his wonderful budget with its tale of woe. Hon. Harry Mills made his maiden 'speech' of the session when he moved the adjournment of the debate on the nickel question. Briggs, Rolfe, Grant, Bowman and Carmichael have practically said nothing. It is, of course, the duty of His Majesty's loyal opposition to pry into chemical and they are even paid to do it. The

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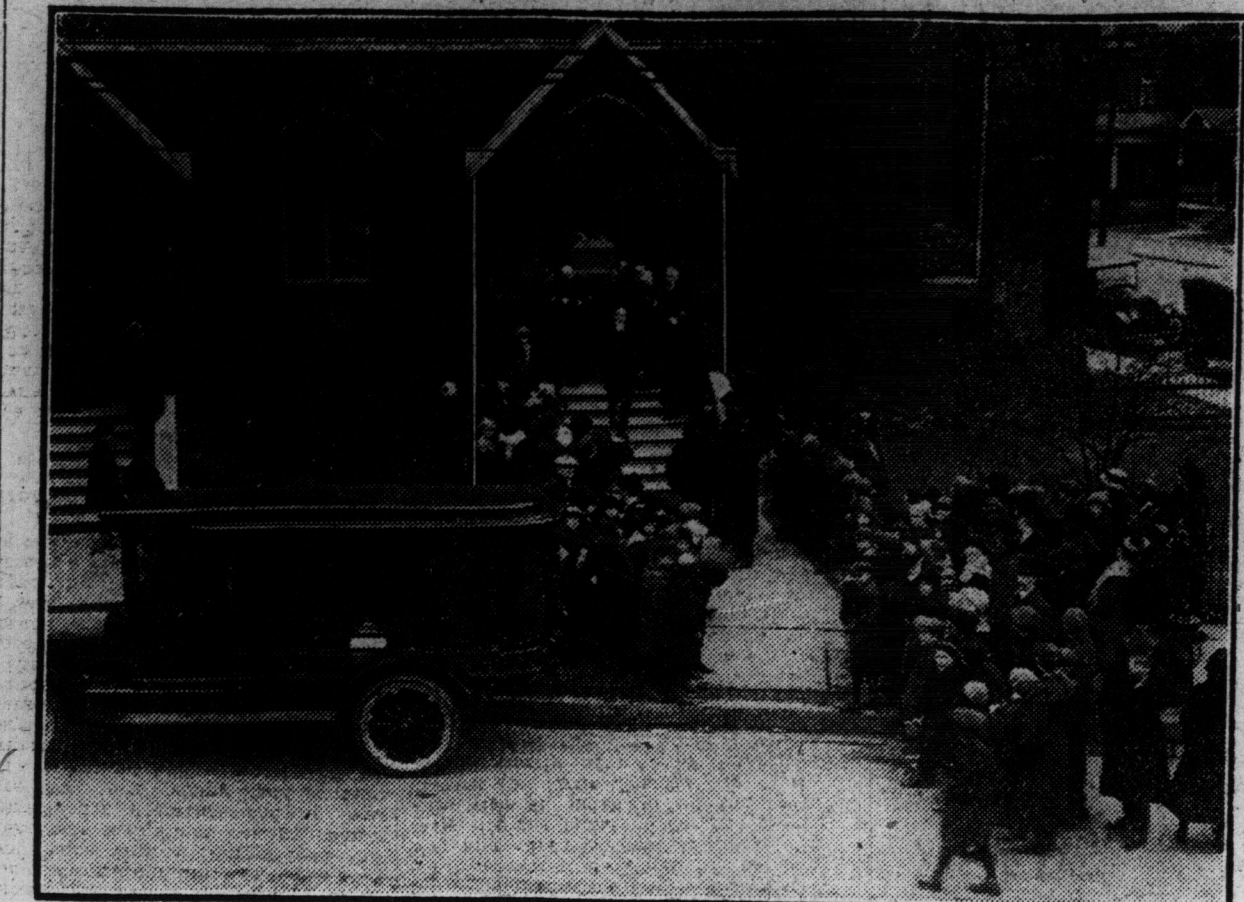
Seen as Their Friends Know Them

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MR. H. L. SEYMOUR, of the firm of Barber, Wynne-Roberts and Seymour, engineers, was born in Burford, Ont., and is a graduate of the School of Practical Science. He has had extensive engineering experience in Canada, ranging from Halifax to Red Deer. Mr. Seymour, who is a member of the Engineers' Club and the Town Planning Association, finds his recreation in swimming and golfing.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE ROBERT AWDE



The picture shows the casket being borne down the steps of Wesley Methodist Church, after the services, which were attended by a large gathering of friends. Mr. Awde, for many years a food inspector in Toronto, died recently in Denver at the age of 83.

CHARTER FOR NEW DOWNTOWN BODY

Outcome of Expansion Campaign by Old King Street Association.

A charter has been granted by the provincial secretary to the newly organized Downtown Association of Toronto for the general purpose of developing the interests of its members in the central business district of the city.

The following are the first directors of the new association: John O'Connor, general manager Murray-Kay, Ltd.; Col. Duncan Donald, Canadian Bank of Commerce; L. M. Wood, Wood, Fleming & Co.; Andrew Sharp, architect; H. A. Taylor, draper; Frank Ramsden, Home Bank of Canada; A. M. Carroll, Canadian Almond Co., Ltd.; Lt.-Col. Marshall, president Standard Fuel Co., Ltd.; A. W. Caldwell, Wrought Iron Range Co., Ltd.; W. H. Anderson, manager Imperial Bank, King and York streets.

At the first meeting of these directors Lt.-Col. K. R. Marshall was elected president of the association and Messrs. John O'Connor and Frank Ramsden were elected vice-presidents. The Downtown Association of Toronto is the outcome of an expansion campaign set on by the old King Street Association, and the new association will absorb the old, taking over all assets and liabilities of the latter.

An interesting feature is the mode of election which has been adopted by the new association. A list of the full membership will be sent to all members by mail and each member will first nominate ten members for directors. When this primary ballot is received the twenty men with the highest number of votes will be declared nominated and another ballot will go to the entire membership that they will then have the privilege of voting for ten directors. The five who receive the largest number of votes will be elected with two years and the five next for one year, and then annually five new directors will be elected. It is expected that the result of the election will be a result in a greater interest among the entire membership.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Minnie A. Duncan of Toronto died at Summerville, Pa., at the Methodist parsonage the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Rev. Dr. year, G. L. Powell, in her 71st year. She was born in York, Ontario, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert McIntyre. In early life she came to Toronto to reside with an elder sister, and was married to Lytle Duncan in Oct., 1873. Shortly after her marriage she entered the dry goods business on Yonge street, and in the following year moved to 550 West Queen street, where they remained until the death of Mr. Duncan on Sept. 9, 1914. For more than 25 years Mrs. Duncan was a class leader in West Queen Street Methodist Church. Interment was made in the family plot, Mount Pleasant Cemetery, and laid by the side of her husband. In addition to Mrs. Powell, she is survived by Mrs. T. T. Sharpe, wife of Dr. Sharpe, Ayrshire, Iowa, and W. J. Duncan, Toronto, and also by eleven grandchildren.

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OPINIONS DIVIDED OVER PROHIBITION

Speaker Presenting Case for Drys Has Rough Time at Open Forum.

WETS HAD MAJORITY

Declaration That Carrying of Referendum Will Put All on Same Basis.

Interruptions, jeers and laughter on the part of the audience at the Open Forum yesterday afternoon, punctuated the address made by Albert R. Hassard, K.C., on "The Case for the Drys." It was more than evident that the majority of the audience were not of the dry element because at times it was almost impossible for the speaker to make himself heard. The chairman repeatedly had to call for order, but did not accomplish much more than most chairmen do when a meeting begins to get unruly. However, Mr. Hassard managed to get thru his address and to stress most of his points.

In presenting his case for the drys Mr. Hassard made an appeal for a vote in favor of the referendum in April. This was where he found that he had not struck a responsive chord. The chairman had announced that following the address, questions would be answered by the speaker, several men in the audience were too impatient to wait. They insisted in interrupting at very frequent intervals with queries as to why "rich people could have it and the poor could not?"

Argument for Referendum.
Mr. Hassard attempted to reply to this by stating that if the referendum was carried the rich would not be able to obtain alcoholic beverages any more than the poor. This, in his estimation, was one of the greatest arguments in favor of the carrying of the referendum. "If, as you say, there should not be one law for the rich and another for the poor, why don't you vote to have its importation prohibited? A rich man can afford to import it, but a poor man cannot. It is a rich man's law as it stands today."

Taking the use of alcoholic beverages from a purely practical standpoint, of what advantage to the user were they, he asked. He had spoken on this question many times before and had often asked if one person in the audience could get up and prove from the use of liquor. So far, he said, it had not been answered to his satisfaction.

"If there is any advantage in having it, let's have it," he cried. Here turned to jeers on his continuing that "if there is no advantage for heaven's sake let's get rid of it."

Would Abolish Traffic.

Absolute extinction of the liquor traffic was what was necessary to the welfare of the country, he said. So

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far, it had never been proven that the use of alcohol as a beverage had ever been of any advantage to either business, science, health or commerce. "When we find a thing like that let's do away with it," he said. This brought on cries of "let down," "shut up" and similar expressions of goodwill on the part of the audience. In defending prohibition he said it was the will of the people. One present did not agree with this, but shouted that when the recent vote was held unfair advantage had been taken of the boys being overseas. Mr. Hassard said that it had been a fair expression of public opinion, but that, however, when the referendum vote was held there would be no advantage taken of anyone. The soldiers would be on the voters lists.

"It was not the majority of the people who carried prohibition," cried a voice, "it was rank Methodism and dogmatic training." The speaker said he did not intend being brought into a discussion regarding any one church.

Says Doctors Prescribe It.
"If liquor as a beverage is not harmful to a man and has any advantage, wouldn't the doctors know?" he asked. "Yet doctors will tell you that it is harmful to the body." The speaker was interrupted by cries of "Doctors do prescribe it." "Possibly they do in very rare cases, but that condition is becoming less and less," was the reply. "During the great influenza epidemic of 1918, doctors in most cases refused to prescribe it. Medical men state that illnesses, who are alcoholized because they object to treating men for many the chances are against them. Medical science shows that beyond a doubt that liquor is very harmful." He managed to get to the end of his address, but the interruptions kept coming thick and fast.

WELL-KNOWN HORSEMAN BUYS SCARBORO FARM

"Tommy" Crow, the well-known horseman, who probably has won more trophies in the horse ring than any other man in Canada, has just added to his real estate holdings in York county, having bought the old Leslie Armstrong farm, lot 35, east side York and Scarboro. The farm comprises 100 acres, and the price paid was \$35,000.

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UNVEIL MEMORIAL TO HEROES OF WAR

Twenty-Eight Members of All Saints' Church Fell in Great War.

The solemn unveiling of the memorial tablet to the twenty-eight men of the parish who fell in the great war was performed in All Saints' Church, corner of Dundas and Sherbourne streets, at the morning service yesterday by Brig-General J. A. Gunn in the presence of a large congregation. The dedication service was read by Bishop Stringer and an impressive sermon was preached by Rev. Lawrence Skye.

SALVATION ARMY STARTS BIG DRIVE FOR \$150,000

In our advertising columns will be seen an appeal by the Salvation Army to the citizens of Toronto for assistance in the noble work of their organization. The drive inaugurated by the Salvation Army has for its objective the raising of \$150,000, which is urgently needed to cope with the increasing demands made upon the Army, owing greatly to the present unemployment and distress.

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