

# News From The Parliament Buildings

## ONE TORONTO CIVIL SERVANT MORE EFFICIENT THAN THREE AT OTTAWA

### Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines Makes Plea for Present System of Choosing Civil Servants in Ontario—Plan Advanced by Opposition Impracticable.

## WHITNEY TO TAKE A LONG HOLIDAY

### Will Remain in Toronto Two or Three Months, and Then Leave.

## STURDY CONVALESCENT

### Premier, in Press Interview, Thanks Community for Interest Shown.

Sir James Whitney gave the first newspaper interview since his illness yesterday, and the men to whom he gave audience were the six members of the Ontario Press Gallery, who have been in constant association with his department during the year.

The premier, in his appearance, gives the impression of being a sturdy convalescent. His voice retains the same vigor with which members of the legislative assembly are familiar, and he confessedly enjoys the experience of steadily building up.

"I find myself very much improved in health during the last few weeks," said Sir James, "and now that I am at home, and with the coming of mild spring weather, I anticipate a further improvement in my condition."

## A Long Vacation.

"I do not propose to attend the sittings of the legislature during the present session, and I am taking no part in the proceedings of the house. I propose to take a rather long vacation, during which I shall not take any part in the consideration of public matters which I am leaving entirely to my colleagues in the government. My plans for the next eight or ten months have not yet been worked out, but I expect to remain in the city until probably May or June.

"I desire to repeat my very earnest thanks for the sympathy extended to me during my illness," he said in conclusion of the interview, "and in evidence which were brought home to me of the interest taken in my condition by all classes of the community. It has been an experience which neither my family nor I can ever forget."

## MORE POWER TO COUNCILS.

T. W. McGarry of Renfrew introduced a bill into the house yesterday afternoon to give the county councils the right of disposition of estate labor commutation sums. At the present time this money lies in the hands of the postmaster of the county, but it is considered that it might be turned to better account if the general body assumed responsibility for it.

## TO ENFORCE TAX PAYMENTS.

GALT, March 11.—An important meeting of the civic finance committee discussed the collection of arrears in taxes and decided to invest a collector with power summarily to discontinue by a warrant or take the prescribed steps to have any property sold when the taxes on it are not paid promptly on the date specified. Five per cent. of the amount due will be added as penalty.

## RALPH CONNOR AT BERLIN

BERLIN, March 11.—Dr. James L. Gordon (Ralph Connor), Winnipeg, has accepted the invitation of 500 professional, business and labor men to open a Christian citizenship campaign to last a fortnight, and will deliver addresses in Berlin and Waterloo, opening at Zion Evangelical Church, Berlin, on Thursday night.

## LAURENCE IRVING FOR GALT.

GALT, March 11.—Laurence Irving in the "Unwritten Law" is booked for the Galt playhouse on Monday night. The Galt club will entertain the distinguished actor and hear an address on the "Triumph of Survival of Dramatic Art."

## FEW SALARY INCREASES.

GALT, March 11.—The Collegiate Institute board, which will ask for an appropriation of \$500 for the present year, has declined to make an increase in any salaries except in the case of two subordinate teachers.

## RETAILERS TO ORGANIZE.

GALT, March 11.—Preston having been visited recently by President Zieban of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, is planning to start a Preston branch of the association.

The manner of appointing the civil servants of the province provided material for a two-hour debate in the legislature yesterday afternoon, and the argument centered about the question whether those working under the present patronage system were as efficient as they had gained their positions through competitive examinations. The opposition took the ground that a non-partisan civil service commission with ample powers to appoint on a basis of merit would be preferable, and moved an amendment to that effect. Government members on the other hand referred to the excellence of the present administration, in which there was no whisper of the spoils system, and in which Liberals had been appointed to the best positions attainable. Ontario was too small and her positions too varied to bother about the problem. The amendment was defeated by a large majority.

Dr. McQueen of Wentworth stated that since political organizations made recommendations and these were followed by appointments, the influence of party was objectionable. Thus asylum superintendents were chosen without any consideration of their merits and placed over the heads of men who could have taught them all they knew. Many of these in Ontario did not even have executive ability.

**Quotes British System.**  
He traced the evolution of the system, and showed that in Great Britain the reversion to a commission was done wonderfully well both by open competition and fearless scrutiny of applicants. Under a commission the relief of the minister from routine duty, and the selection of men on their merits improved the general effect of the civil service on the country, and gave a new viewpoint to the new-comers, who otherwise would feel the same environment that their political affiliation.

The Hon. Mr. Hearst, in reply, stated that this subject was a hardy annual, which apparently would die this year. Of the appointment of asylum officers he knew little, but who would deny that the general management had not improved? The argument of a bureau of labor or anything that pleased that would solve the cause of the emigration of a good man at the head of such a department could work wonders.

**Accounts Committee Tomorrow.**  
The details will adjourn tomorrow with Hon. W. H. Hearst speaking for the government. After a heated exchange between Mr. Rowell and the provincial treasurer, it was mutually agreed that the public accounts committee should be called on Friday morning. Hon. Mr. Lucas took the ground that it was impracticable to call that committee before the budget debate was ended, but the opposition evidently felt that their efforts at investigation were being delayed. Mr. Rowell will present the last arguments of the opposition.

## RAILWAY MEN ORGANIZE

NORTH BAY, March 11.—The Progressive Railways Association is a new organization formed at North Bay, to influence legislation in the interests of railway employes and labor in general. Similar associations will probably be formed in all large railway centers. J. T. Nidd is president; J. Morris, James McKenna and Charles Harrison, vice-presidents, and William Thomas, treasurer.

## GOOD CATTLE PRICE.

WOODSTOCK, March 11.—At one of the most successful sales ever held in Woodstock, this afternoon, fifteen pure bred Durham cattle belonging to Walter Pillin of Swazburg, were sold for \$250. Buyers from all parts of Ontario were present and several from Quebec. Among the animals offered were several calves less than a year old and all sold well.

## Hespler's New Town Hall.

HESPLER, March 11.—Hespler will have a new town hall, and now taxpayers are all stirred up as to whether to include an auditorium. Opinion is pretty equally divided, as was shown at a public meeting last night. Another meeting will be held to settle the question. A Carnegie library proposition is also advanced and is in much favor.

## Robbery at Zorra.

WOODSTOCK, March 11.—Chief of Police Killing received word tonight that the home of John Walker, in East Zorra, was ransacked shortly some time this afternoon while the family was absent and several articles of jewelry stolen.

## DANE DENOUNCES IRISH HOME RULE

### Tells Orangemen at Guelph That Ulster Must Not Be Sold.

## SCORES BILINGUALISM

### Says One Language is Necessary to Weld Foreign Immigrants Together.

GUELPH, March 11.—With over 300 delegates present the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West assembled in annual meeting at the city hall this afternoon. Grand Master Fred Dane of Toronto occupied the chair, and Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia, delivered a short address.

Referring to home rule in Ireland, Mr. Dane declared that "we want it clearly and distinctly understood that we are positively opposed to home rule. Ulster shall not be sold to any political party in power. We oppose the bargain between the Asquith government and the Nationalists, the price of which is the handing over of a loyal minority to the tender mercies of a party who clamor for separation from the empire."

**Officers of Black Chapter.**  
After electing officers and passing a number of resolutions the Grand Black Chapter, Knights of Ireland, for Ontario West, concluded its annual session at noon. W. Lee of Toronto conducted the installation of the following: Grand master, Edward Lanigan; deputy grand master, Rev. Canon Walsh, Streetsville; associate deputy grand master, William Reir, Windsor; grand chaplain, Rev. R. Spence; grand secretary, grand registrar, E. A. Pennell, Toronto; deputy grand registrar, William M. Galt, Toronto; grand treasurer, William C. J. Meador; deputy grand treasurer, W. B. Walker, London; grand censor, H. N. Ellis, Toronto; grand inspectors, W. G. Armstrong, Newmarket; J. P. Seed, Wallaceburg; grand standard-bearer, James Jennings, Toronto; J. T. Mitchell, St. Catharines; pursuivant, R. A. Spence; grand officers, J. W. Johnson, Aylmer West; grand committee, T. W. Fox, Guelph; Mr. Geoghan, London; A. S. Weil, Huntsville; T. D. Babb, Cobourg.

**Will Soon Start on Kincardine Breakwater.**  
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**Will Lessen the Danger of the Level Crossing.**  
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## STILL THINK GAS WELL IS TO MAKE GOOD.

OIL SPRINGS, March 11.—With an undiminished flow of eleven million cubic feet per 24 hours, the natural gas well struck on the Fairbank property, about a mile from here, continues to flow with most excitement in this district. It is the belief of the drillers who sunk the well that it is by far the largest ever drilled in Canada, and should the flow continue—and there is every indication that it will—the property will be the means of making a large fortune for its owners.

## GLENCOE TO ASK FOR CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

GLENCOE, March 11.—The Glencoe Council has petitioned the Carnegie trust fund of New York for \$5000. At present the public library is suffering from the effects of a poor location, and the council are anxious to give to the reading public every possible advantage. This they can best do by having a separate library building.

# To the Men of Toronto:

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