



News From The Parliament Buildings

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 the evidences 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 I shall never 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 municipalities, 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 bailiff 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 the German, business and labor men to open a Christian citizenship campaign to last a fortnight, and will deliver addresses in Berlin and Waterlooville, Ontario, on Thursday night.

LAURENCE IRVING FOR GALT. GALT, March 11.—Laurence Irving in the "Overwritten 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 the Fittest."

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 increases in any salaries except in the case of two subordinate teachers.

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

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.

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 those who 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 be affected by 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.

Quoted 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 might feel that advancement came through 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 civil servants he knew little, but who would deny that the general management had not improved? The argument that the system was academic, it fell down in practical application. The new idea was not fitted to Ontario because of the limited number of offices and the varied character of the appointments. It was ridiculous to think of balliffs and jailers being examined for positions.

Work Harder Here. There were difficulties of patronage not to be denied, he said, but the efforts of the local members were nearly always found to be worth relying upon. The applications for positions came always under the attention of the minister or his deputy, and from the standpoint of the Dominion the service was in Ontario better than in any other part of the country. An authority in Ottawa had said that under the commission there was no incentive to good work, and that one might stagnate in Toronto would be a fair trade for three in Ottawa.

No Spoils System. Mr. Hearst stated that the bulk of the men occupying positions in the civil service were still in office under Liberal tendencies and friends to the opposition. There was not a case of the spoils system, and he was bound to say that they had always gained efficient service.

Wants Something New. W. N. Sinclair (South Ontario) was surprised that the government amendment contained nothing new. It was simply the usual statement that there was no such thing as the spoils system, and that a large number of the civil servants in office under the late government were still in office under the present government, which was, he admitted, a creditable act. But the government could not say that recent appointments had been made on the basis of independence or merit. The service of such appointees was not the good work, and the one thing which was just so long as appointments were made on party lines, those men best fitted and the most competent to fill such positions would not get them.

Patronage an Evil. T. Marshall (Mont.) declared that the question had not been discussed on its merits by the minister of lands, forests and mines. He made the point that the removal of the patronage system would rid both parties of an incubus that would trouble them all their lives, because it was usually the rule that members lost the support

of those who wanted jobs and did not get them. In reply to a government request for instances of appointments through political preference, Mr. Marshall mentioned the deputy minister of education (A. H. U. Colquhoun), who, he understood, had been a leader writer on "The News" prior to the change in government.

"He held that position," replied Howard Ferguson, "but he was one of the leading educationists of the province."

A High Standard. A. H. Musgrave (North Huron) mentioned the cases of the two deputy ministers now in the service of the Ontario government who had been recruited from the provincial departments as evidence of the capability of the service as a whole.

He quoted instances in the department of education to show that Liberals and Conservatives were equally favored, and in some cases Liberals were given preference.

On the undertaking of Hon. I. B. Lucas that the public accounts commission would meet on Friday, provided the house was through with the budget, Mr. Elliott did not press his motion covering the matter.

Studholme Spoke. Resuming the debate, Allan Studholme (Hamilton) undertook a lengthy criticism of the government's immigration policy, which lasted until 6 o'clock.

The labor member called forth the pathetic fact that the government had endeavored to wash its hands of the situation. Let the fact in mind. It was not a question for individual cities to deal with, but ministers of the crown were largely their brothers' keepers and should keep them out of this country, let them suffer.

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 officers: grand master, Edward Langdon; deputy grand master, Rev. Canon Walsh, Streetsville; associate deputy grand master, William R. Spence; grand chaplain, Rev. R. A. Spence; grand secretary, registrar, E. A. Pennell, Toronto; deputy grand registrar, William M. Cline; grand treasurer, J. P. Mead; grand treasurer, J. P. Walker, London; grand lecturer, H. N. Ellis, Toronto; grand censor, W. G. Armstrong, Newmarket; grand scribe, Wallaceburg; grand standard-bearer, James Jennings, Toronto; J. T. Mitchell, St. Catharines; pursuivants, T. D. Babb, Toronto; J. W. Perrie, Johnson, Aylmer West; grand committee, T. W. Fox, Guelph; Mr. Georgian, London; A. S. Weir, Huntsville; J. D. Babb, Toronto; grand auditor, Geo. E. Morrison, Toronto; T. D. Babb, Toronto.

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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.

A fortnight procession was held this evening and a public meeting addressed by Past Grand Master E. T. Essery of London, Grand Master Dane of Toronto and several other speakers.

Fred Dane, who presided, first called upon the mayor, who gave the visitors a hearty welcome.

Mr. Dane in his address dwelt with bilinguism, declaring that Canada is to be a nation, the polyglot of languages will be welded together by a knowledge of English. Every child in Canada should be taught English to have a fair chance to make a living.

Referring to home rule in Ireland, Mr. Dane declared that "we want it clearly and lastingly understood that we are positively opposed to home rule. Ulster shall not be sold to keep 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."

William Fitzgerald, grand secretary, reported that initiations were 534; certificates, 1538; reinstated, 638; withdrawn by card, 1394; expelled, 39, and died, 321, a total increase of 5315. In the jurisdiction of the lodge are 700 primary, 106 district, and 51 county lodges.

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WILL SOON START ON KINCARDINE BREAKWATER.

KINCARDINE, March 11.—Messrs. Craig and Carlisle, government engineers, arrived here today to stake out the location of the new breakwater off the harbor work upon which will proceed as soon as weather conditions allow.

Robert Birmingham of Chatham secured the contract for this work, his tender being in the neighborhood of \$121,000. This covers a breakwater 600 feet in length, commencing about 1000 feet distant from the north pier and running in a northeasterly direction to a point north of the power house.

FINE POLITICAL MEETING AT PETERBORO ARRANGED.

PETERBORO, March 11.—The proposal to hold a mass meeting here in honor of Mr. J. H. Burnham, M.P., is practically settled. The meeting will take place in the Grand Opera House on the evening of Monday, March 30. Mr. Burnham will be accompanied from Ottawa by the Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, and the Hon. Mr. McKeighan, solicitor-general.

New York and Return \$1425. Good going March 5th, with return limit up to and including train leaving March 2 a.m. March 15th. Full particulars at all G.T.R., C.P.R., or Lackawanna offices, 143 Yonge street. Phone Main 3547.

GLENCOE TO ASK FOR CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

GLENCOE, March 11.—The Glencoe Council has petitioned the Carnegie trust fund of New York for a Carnegie library. The amount asked for is \$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.

DIED OF APOPLEXY.

PETROLEA, March 11.—Mrs. Abram Van Sickle was found dead in her bed this morning by her daughter, Mrs. Eakin. Dr. Duffield said that death was due to an attack of apoplexy.

WILL LESSEN THE DANGER OF THE LEVEL CROSSING.

Railway Commission Gives Order to Improve Entrance of Railway to Galt—Electric Sign at Crossing.

GALT, March 11.—The menace of the level crossing which exists in several railway localities hereabouts will at least be intensified by the new Lake Erie and Northern road at the entrance to Galt. In response to a petition from the residents the Dominion Railway board sent Chief Engineer Mountain to examine the crossing, and he pronounced it dangerous on the south boundary of the East River road. With township officials and others interested inspection was made and today an order issued to place an electrical signal at the crossing and widen the road. The commission also ordered the Grand Valley tracks raised to the level of the L. E. and N. approach on the north side of the crossing. The new line is not to pass inspection until the work has been completed. The idea of the subway proposed was not entertained.

GRANT TOO SMALL FOR OLD BOYS.

LONDON, March 11.—The board of control voted \$1000 toward the London Old Boys' reunion fund instead of \$5000 as asked. Lt.-Col. Dr. Harry B. Abbott, president, said today he believed the executive would refuse to continue arrangements.

KUBELIK TO VALUE VIOLIN.

LONDON, March 11.—Jan Kubelik, the violinist, who is in London tonight, will be asked to appraise a violin purchased by a Westminster Township man for a small sum, and for which he has received offers of \$1000 and \$1500 from two musical instrument firms.

MAKES POWER PROPOSAL TO KINGTON COUNCIL.

Boyd Caldwell Offers to Sell Falls to City Said to Be Capable of Generating Six Thousand H.P.

KINGTON, March 11.—An offer for cheap power was made to the city by Boyd Caldwell, Lanark, who has presented his proposal to Mayor Shaw and T. J. Rigney, chairman of the civic utilities commission. The proposal is to sell the falls on Madawaska River at Caldwell for the generating of electric power. Caldwell claims that from his property can be generated a minimum of 6000 h.p. for continuous service. The falls are ninety miles from this city. The matter will be taken up by the civic utilities commission.

POWER MEETING AT KINGTON.

KINGTON, March 11.—J. V. Lyon, Guelph, secretary of the executive committee of the Great Waterways Union of Canada, and Controller T. L. Church, Toronto, will be in Kington to address a meeting of the city council and board of trade in connection with development of hydro-electric power and radials in eastern Ontario and the deepening of the St. Lawrence and Welland Canals.

ACCIDENT PREVENTS FATALITY.

BLYTH, March 11.—An accident saved three people from death here. A central office telephone operator received a call from Mrs. Mason, 2341 Wawanosh, for her mother, Mrs. Fenwick, but could obtain no answer from the Fenwick house, and the operator called up a neighbor, who found Mrs. Fenwick, her granddaughter, and a man living in the house, unconscious from gas fumes escaping from a leaky coal stove. A physician revived the three.

That Son-in-Law of Pa's



By G. H. Wellington