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MANY RUMORS IN THE AIR.

MR. LAURIER WILLING TO ABSTAIN
IN A COMPROMISE

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Board of Customs and Excise has
presented, and as a result of its delib-
erate consideration, some important rulings on
tariffs. Some of the rulings are: Chief
Inspector McMichael, who has just
returned from Europe, is attending the
conference on the Branding of Cheese
Bill. The deputy minister of
the bill, but asked for certain modifi-
cations.

There is a prospect of some fun to-
morrow, it being the intention of Jim-
mie's party to move the adjournment
of the House to the 17th inst. The
Ex-Adm. John Shaw of Toronto is in
the city.
Premier was much better to-day,
although still confined to his house.

NEWS OF THE UNION.
An Interesting Budget from Toronto's Big
Toronto Journal. The Toronto Journal
has published a budget of the
quintessential robber is still in evidence,
and daily complaints of burglaries, henroast
raids and the like come from various
parts of York and Etobicoke.
Thompson, a farmer near Cookville,
reports the loss of nearly all his poultry
and a racoon. George Gies had two
pen and carried the carcasses of
Robert Wood lost some geese, and other
birds were victimized. It seems evi-
dent that an organized gang is at work,
and every effort is being put forth by
the police looking to their discovery
and conviction.
A man who did not give his name
brought a horse and cutter last evening
to J. M. Boyle's livery stable, and drove
off to take his wife and children for
a drive, he said. About 10 o'clock the
horse returned with the fragments of
the cutter. A search party was sent
out for the buffalo robes and the wheel-
barrow. The robes were found at
the city, and in a near-by hotel the
man was arrested. He was a
not in a condition to explain his mis-
deed. He was also unable to tell who he was
and the captain of four others.

STEAMSHIP BLOWN TO PIECES.
She Carried Twelve Tons of Gunpowder.
London, March 16.—The British steamer
Matadi, which sailed from Sierra Leone
yesterday, was blown to pieces by a
gunpowder at Bona on March 7. A
despatch from the British consul at
Bona stated that the steamer was
blown to pieces by a gunpowder. The
dead bodies of a missionary named Hawk
and a young girl were found. The
steamer was carrying twelve tons of
gunpowder, all of which ignited, blowing the
ship to fragments.

Full Weather.
Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Calgary, 35-38; Battleford, 14-32; Qu'Appelle,
16-28; Winnipeg, 10 below-24; Parry
Sound, 6 below-22; Toronto, 14-23; Ottawa,
10-23; Montreal, 2-21; Quebec, zero-
plus 10; Halifax, 16-30.
Foggy, fair weather; a little higher
temperature.

WHY GREAT BRITAIN MOVES

THE SYMPATHIZES WITH ITALY IN
HER CAMPAIGN

Which Has Resulted So Disastrously in
Abyssinia—The Unshaken Forces in
Central Africa Fight Seriously En-
danger British Occupation of Egypt—
Statement in the Imperial House.

London, March 16.—In the House of
Commons to-day Sir Albert Kaye Rol-
litt, Independent-Conservative, asked
what truth there was in the reports
that the United States in Government
had expressed willingness that the
Venezuelan dispute be referred to a
joint commission for consideration and
settlement.

Mr. Curzon, Secretary for Foreign
Affairs, replied that the Government
had received official proposals from the
United States Government upon the
subject of the Venezuelan difficulty,
and that these proposals were now in
course of negotiation, and, therefore,
he could not communicate them to the
House. Mr. Curzon, however, stated
that the proposals were in the nature
of a compromise, and that the United
States were not accurately described
by the language in question.

Mr. Curzon's sympathy with Italy.
Mr. George Nathaniel Curzon, Par-
liamentary Secretary for the Foreign
Office, and the representative of that
department of the British Government
in the House of Commons, in a state-
ment which sets at rest all doubts, if any
there were, as to the attitude of Great
Britain towards the Italian campaign,
said that the British Government was
in favor of and in sympathy with Italy
in the latter's campaign in Abyssinia,
and justifying the course adopted by
Lord Salisbury in sending an expedi-
tion against Dongola, Mr. Curzon said
that for some time past the Govern-
ment had heard rumors that a large
and formidable advance of the Der-
wishes was contemplated, which threat-
ened a widely separated objective
force.

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WILL FORCE ON THE VOTE

A CONTINUOUS SESSION BEGINS AT
OTTAWA TO-DAY

By Arrangement Between the Leaders of
the House—The Vote on the Second
Reading Probable on Thursday—New
Long Goes This Parliament Live—The
Canadian Jockey Club Bill.

Ottawa, March 16.—(Special.)—Near-
ly the whole time of the House was
taken up this afternoon in discussing
the question of the duration of Par-
liament. The subject being introduced
by Mr. Edgar, who protested against
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QUEBEC WANTS \$3,500,000

Deputy Treasurer MacInch Will Go to
London to Float the New Loan—A
Complaint from Halifax.

Montreal, March 16.—(Special.)—
Your correspondent learns that the
Quebec Government will send Mr. Mac-
Inch, the Deputy Treasurer, to London
to secure the loan of \$3,500,000. The
loan is authorized by a vote of the
House of Assembly, which was taken
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AND THE CAT DIDN'T COME BACK

DEPARTMENTAL STORES

Young Liberals Averse to Special Tax
on the Big House—Confidence in
the Government.

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GRAVEYARD INSURANCE

Great Interest Being Taken at Whittby
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