

HOUSE STRIKES WORKING STRIDE

Several Measures Up in the
Legislature Wednesday.

PLODDING THROUGH ORDERS

Such Good Progress Made With Business That a Night Session Is Dispensed With.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 14.—The public bills introduced by private members, held the floor at the House today, and a large list of legislation was put through the committee mill or given a second reading. Such good progress was made that the Government felt justified in giving the members a night off, and there was no evening session.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane gave an unexpected turn to Mr. McDougall's motion for a return, showing all timber licenses granted or timber land sold by the former Government under similar conditions since 1895.

Mr. May, who offered the motion in the temporary absence of Mr. McDougall, accepted the suggestion.

Mr. Torrance secured an order for a return of all correspondence relating to the Scully-Peters suit for malicious prosecution in 1902.

Mr. Fraser introduced a bill to prevent the waste of natural gas.

Mr. Tucker introduced his bill to regulate the width of sleigh runners.

Replying to Mr. Auld, Mr. Cochrane said the piece timbers on lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in the township of Chesley, additional had been sold to Burton Bros. Barrie, at \$1.50 per 1,000 feet, board measure, for sawlogs and \$1.50 per 1,000 feet cubic, for timber. There had been another application to purchase, and it was received after the sale to the Burtons. It was impossible to say how many acres the timber covered, as it was scattered.

At suggestion of the Provincial Secretary, Mr. Craig withdrew his bill allowing municipal councils to superannuate officials after 25 years' service.

Mr. Hanna said there was no general desire on the part of the municipalities for the enactment, and it should be withdrawn pending its consideration by the municipalities.

Mr. Kidd's bill to amend the municipal act by providing that only ratepayers may petition for or against the formation of a police village was referred to the municipal committee.

Mr. Thompson's two bills to amend the municipal act were referred to the municipal committee. The first, providing for annual elections, every two years, instead of annually, was approved by Mr. Hanna. The second, providing that the regulations governing qualification papers of candidates in cities and towns shall apply also in townships.

In moving the second reading of his bill to exempt portions of woodlands from taxation, Mr. Downey made a strong plea for reforestation on the farm lands of Ontario. He pointed out a suicidal policy had been pursued with forest lands. By exempting ten acres in every 100, farmers would be encouraged to develop and preserve their woodlands. The result would be to benefit the climate and the natural watercourses. Similar laws were in force in several states of the Union.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane said he had no objection to giving the bill a second reading. The Government contemplated a general scheme of reforestation and forest protection, but there would probably not be time this session to formulate in legislation the policy under consideration.

The bill was sent to the municipal committee.

Hon. Mr. Torrance said the Province had paid no costs in the case of Scully vs. Peters. In

the case of Attorney-General vs. Peters, which arose out of the other case, \$213 66 was paid to Scully's solicitors, under order-in-council, 1902, while later \$100 was paid to the same solicitors. The Government had been asked for no further payments.

Mr. Downey withdrew his bill for the protection of passengers and employees on electric railways, as Hon. Mr. Hendrie pointed out that ample provisions for the same purpose were incorporated in the new railway legislation.

Mr. Little's bill to prevent accidents through carelessness and racing at barn-raising, by giving municipal councils power to regulate the construction of such buildings, was withdrawn.

CONTRACT AWARDED TO AN OUTSIDER

A Walkerville Firm to Furnish
Chemical Engine for Fire Department—Other Contracts.

Local contractors found themselves unable to compete with a Walkerville firm for the building of a new combination chemical and hose wagon for the London fire department, and the market, fire and light committee last night was compelled to accept the tender of W. E. Seagrave, of Walkerville. The price presented by the Seagrave firm was \$1,129.

The other tenderers were H. G. Abbott & Co., at \$1,275, and the Canadian Fire Engine Company, at \$1,330. Both are London firms.

The chairman expressed regret that it was impossible to let a local firm have the contract, but he said it was only fair to give the contract to the lowest tenderer.

The contract for painting a hose wagon for the fire department was given to H. G. Abbott & Co., at \$29.

Contracts for clothing for the firemen were awarded as follows: Caps, E. Beltz, at \$1 40; uniforms, R. J. Young & Co., at \$19 50 each; summer shirts, Graham Bros., at 75 cents each; overcoats, R. J. Young & Co., at \$14 75 each; winter caps, R. J. Young & Co., at 60 cents each; winter shirts, Graham Bros., at \$2 15 each.

The committee decided to secure prices for ceiling the stalls in the market house with wood, instead of making the usual repairs to the plastering.

As some of the tenderers asked as high as \$180 for repairing one of the water carts, the committee thought it advisable to advertise for new carts, which, it is said, can be purchased for \$250 or under.

The township of Westminster, having agreed to pay one-half the cost annually, the committee decided to place an electric lamp on the south end of Wellington road at the city limits.

The committee, at the request of Mr. Thomas Kent, who agreed to pay the expenses of the change, ordered the lamp at the west end of Central avenue, overlooking the bank, to be raised five feet.

The petitions of the property owners of Colborne street, between Horton and Simcoe streets, for street watering, was sent to the assessment commissioner. If the petition was sufficiently signed the work will be done this year.

A number of petitions for electric lights were laid over.

SHAMROCK SHIP DUE

The Majestic Expected to Bring in
25,000 Pieces of Mail.

New York, March 15.—A good many Irish hearts will be gladdened by the arrival of the steamship Majestic, for, unless all indications fail, she will have among her 3,100 sacks of mail more than 25,000 letters or packages containing shamrocks. They had about that number last year, said Postmaster Wilcox, yesterday.

The advance guard of the shamrocks from the Green Isle came in on the Baltic last week.

"It was a reminder that St. Patrick's Day was at hand," said Superintendent of Mails, Frank R. Rome, "for at no other season do we have so many mail letters and wet packages as just before the day. You see, all the people of Ireland, wanting their friends here, mostly in New York by the way, to receive the shamrocks fresh and green, wrap them in moist paper and the like."

PARKHURST IN PERIL

Man Hired to Murder the Noted
New York Reformer.

New York, March 14.—The report of an alleged plot to kill Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Parkhurst, who for years has been police reformer, was made public today. It is understood that the district attorneys are prepared to summon the several witnesses in connection with this plot, which is said to have originated because of a raid made upon a disorderly house by agents of the Parkhurst Society some time ago. District Attorney Jerome, when asked about this report today, refused to discuss it.

According to the report a man has been hired to club Dr. Parkhurst at the first opportunity presenting itself. Dr. Parkhurst refused today either to confirm or deny the report.

True to Life.

Chicago, March 14.—Mrs. John Alexander Bowler, in an interview yesterday, according to the Chronicle, denies that there has been any estrangement between herself and Mr. Bowler. Asked if it were true that she had decided to cast her lot with Mr. Bowler's followers in Zion City, she replied: "I have cast my lot with John Alexander and shall remain faithful to the end."

THEY ASK STABILITY

A Deputation Waits on Hanna re
Liquor Licenses.

Toronto, March 14.—A deputation from Owen Sound, including several business men, urged upon Hon. Mr. Hanna that there should be reasonable stability in any new license act.

They also opposed any increase in license fees.

Owen Sound recently voted in favor of local option, but there is to be a fight against it on technical grounds.

Mr. James Haverson, counsel for the Ontario License Victualers' Association, who accompanied the deputation, stated that a vote in favor of local option at Grimsby would be contested on the ground that it was not taken at the proper time, and that not one of the board of aldermen who passed the bylaw had filed his qualifications as alderman.

NO INTERFERENCE WITH COLONIES

Chamberlain Says It Will Lead
to Breaking Up of
the Empire.

London, March 14.—In the course of the debate on Chinese labor in the Transvaal, Mr. Balfour said he doubted if there was one case in the last twenty years in which the British House ventured to interfere in the internal legislation of Canada, Australia, New Zealand or Natal.

It might disallow the Chinese ordinance in the Transvaal by placing that colony in the position of Canada and Australia. They would not stand for an ordinance that would bring disaster to the great colonial Empire.

Sir Edward Grey, in reply, said the sentiment of the Government on this matter commanded the approval of all these colonies. If the occasion ever arose that sentiment would be translated into action.

He believed also it would command their approval, and did not think the occasion would arise.

Mr. Chamberlain said it was perfectly true that in Canada, Australia and New Zealand there is the strongest feeling, quite as strong as here against cheap labor, but there is still a stronger feeling against any interference by the Home Government with self-government once given.

Nobody but one who has been in closest communication with almost every authority, every prominent politician and statesman in these great colonies appreciates as I do the intensity of that feeling. I can say, I can admit the strong sense of humanity which leads to this interference, but you cannot act on it and keep the Empire together.

MONTREAL LOSES CASE

Privy Council Dismisses City's Appeal on Cautin Assessment Case.

London, March 15.—The privy council has decided against Montreal in the case of Montreal vs. Cautin. Something like \$270,000, with thousands of dollars in law costs, were involved in the famous case of Montreal vs. Cautin. It first arose some six years ago, when a number of residents of Notre Dame street east protested against the special assessments levied on them to cover the cost of widening a section of the street. This protest was fought through the courts, and meanwhile the city forebore to levy the assessments on the other properties until the case was finished. The city won and at once proceeded to collect the assessments, amounting to about \$270,000.

But the proprietors now claimed that the city could not collect a cent, as a time limit is set for the collection of such taxes and the delays of the law had long exceeded this, so they set up that the city's claim was proscribed by its own charter.

Again the courts were appealed to, the city taking action against all the proprietors. Finally, to save time, the whole thing was centered on one case, that against the Cautin estate. It was announced that the case would be carried to the privy council, no matter which way it went. The Montreal superior court found against the city's claim, and so did the court of appeal. All the other cases at once followed suit, and the whole rested while the original Cautin case went direct to the privy council, where it has now been argued.

Mr. J. C. Ethier representing the city, and Mr. Donald Macmaster the proprietors.

Common Colds Are the Cause of
Many Serious Diseases.

A physician who has gained a national reputation as an analyst of the cause of various diseases, claims that if catching cold could be avoided a long list of dangerous ailments would never be heard of. Everyone knows that pneumonia and consumption originate from a cold, and chronic catarrh, chronic bronchitis, and all throat and lung trouble are aggravated and rendered more serious by each fresh attack. Do not risk your life or take chances when you have a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will cure it before these diseases develop. This remedy contains no opium, morphine or other harmful drugs and has thirty years' reputation back of it, gained by its cures under every condition. For sale by all druggists.

The Chinese, are, perhaps, the most successful poultry raisers in the world. They do not feed the fowls, but make them pick up their own food, each flock being kept on the move, as sheep are on a range. The quality of the poultry is, however, poor.



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IS ILL WITH TYPHOID

Vocalist at Vaudeville Collapses and
Is Removed to Hospital.

Miss Helen Ogden, a widely known vocalist, much of whose reputation lies in the fact that she can sing either as a soprano or as a baritone, is now a patient at Victoria Hospital, suffering from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Miss Ogden played Syracuse last week, and this week she was booked by Manager Bennett for the local vaudeville house.

Monday afternoon she arrived in the city and complained of a chill. She went to her hotel, however, and from there to the theater, where she prepared for the performance. At the matinee it was noticed that her singing was off color, but the audience was not aware of the struggle the girl was making to carry out her engagement with Manager Bennett, or they would have made some allowance for her work.

In the wings, the stage crew knew of the vocalist's condition, and they watched her closely, for fear she would fall over the footlights. When she left her dressing-room Miss Ogden could scarcely walk, and when she was given her cue to go on, she tottered out on the stage. With difficulty she sang her first number, and at the conclusion of the second song she collapsed, fainting just inside the wings. She was removed to Victoria Hospital, where the doctor declared her to be suffering from typhoid fever.

The performers are taking up a collection for Miss Ogden, and Manager Bennett is contributing generously. "I don't see how the girl can sing through the malice on Monday," said Manager Bennett. "She certainly should have been in the hospital three or four days ago. But performers are faithful to their engagements, and if they come to London they will play their parts almost in the face of death."

ENDS LIFE ON STAGE

Lovesick Singer Commits Suicide
With Play in Progress.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—There was a sensational suicide on the stage of the Columbia theater tonight while the performance of "Wonderland" was going on. The principals in the tragedy, a pretty 19-year-old girl, a chorus who had each joined the company in Chicago over a year ago.

William E. Thomas, of Saginaw, Mich.; 24 years old, son after he joined the company, became infatuated with Adra Gordon, a pretty 19-year-old girl who had joined the show in October, 1904. Since then Thomas, who was the leading tenor of the chorus, became more and more infatuated.

The young chorus girl, who comes from San Francisco, occasionally flirted with others in the company. To-night about 8:30, Thomas called his sweetheart to his side while the performance was going on.

He held his hand behind his back, and she was waiting for some little present, when he suddenly raised a glass of carbolic acid to his lips. She struggled to prevent the suicide, but, although the glass was spilled, enough of the acid was taken to cause the death of Thomas at the Emergency Hospital less than an hour later.

The audience was not informed of the tragedy, and the principals and chorus continued to perform as if nothing had happened except that pretty Adra Gordon was at Emergency Hospital and not in the chorus.

SHIELDS FOR SOLDIERS.

A writer in the Militar-Wochenblatt raises anew the question of the use of portable shields for the protection of infantry in the attack. He writes approvingly of the Japanese spade work the offensive, the more so because he mentions incidentally, as a matter regarding which there can be no dispute, that the German authorities have long since advocated the use of artificial cover in the attack, and points out that when the ground was frozen or rocky, and the spade could make no impression upon it, the attacking Japanese infantry men frequently went forward, carrying with them filled sandbags weighing as much as 40 pounds. He remarks that if the undoubtedly brave Japanese soldier found it necessary to load himself with so bulky and burdensome a protection when advancing in the open against an entrenched enemy it would seem far better to equip the infantry with a light, handy shield. Furnished with a handle by which to carry it, a loophole to prevent its falling down, the infantryman would then find himself, like his gunner comrade, protected by a bullet-proof shield. The writer in the Militar-Wochenblatt suggests that on the march the shield should be carried on the back, when going into action on the chest, and when advancing to the attack in the left hand, so as to be at once available for use when lying down to fire, both as head cover and rifle rest.—The Broad Arrow.

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