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EXCITING ELECTION FOR LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL

Saturday's Contest Resulted in Defeat of Progressive Party

HAD RULED FOR TWENTY YEARS

The Municipal Reformers, or Unionist Party, Successful Because of Extravagance of Opponents

London, March 2.—London was in the throes of an election yesterday for membership in the county council that exceeded in bitterness the parliamentary election of 1905. The so-called Progressives, who are supported by the Liberals, and who have been in power for the past twenty years, claimed a renewal of their mandate on the ground of the services they had rendered, and declared also that the present was a unique opportunity for further improving the condition of the people of London by effecting equalization in the rates of taxation of the ground landlords, who, as a result of the unprecedented combination of the last county council, which was Progressive, and the Liberal government, own practically the whole of London.

The self-styled Municipal Reformers, with whom the Unionists have associated themselves, have been most active in accusing the Progressives of extravagance and Socialistic tendencies that have led to excessive rates, and have published cartoons suggesting that the Progressives are the friends of the trusts.

John Burns, president of the local government board, who is an ex-county councillor, but who did not seek re-election, issued a manifesto yesterday in which he described the campaign of the Municipal Reformers as the "most vulgar and most disgraceful that ever has discredited British public life," and in which he exhorted the electors not to surrender London to the greed of monopolists and speculators. The Municipal Reformers have claimed that the defeat of the Progressives would be a serious blow to the Liberal government.

The outgoing council consists of 82 Progressives, 24 Municipal Reformers and one Independent. The outcome of yesterday's election is not yet fully known, but according to the returns received up to midnight the Municipal Reformers have gained 43 seats and the Progressives and Labor party one each. The Laborites, or Socialists, played an unprecedented part in the election by fighting for seats against both the Progressives and the Reformers.

COKE FOR SMELTING IN BETTER SUPPLY

Le Roi Smelter Resumes Operations—Furnace Blown In at Trail

Rossland, March 2.—The supply of coke is increasing, and on Friday the Le Roi smelter at Northport resumed operations after a close down of several weeks. At the Consolidated Company's smelter, Trail, another copper furnace was blown in during the week, and now there are three copper furnaces and one lead stack in operation.

The smelters are just beginning to see a sufficient supply of fuel in sight to operate the plants to the limit of the capacity after a time of shortage which has lasted since the end of September last, when the strike of coal miners of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company began.

Shipments for the week were: Centre Star, 1,590; Le Roi, 2,960; Le Roi Two, 595; (White Bear milled) 159. Total for week 5,395, and for year 93,872 tons.

Nelson, March 2.—The following are the ore shipments and smelter receipts in southeastern British Columbia districts for the past week and year to date in tons: Shipments east of Columbia river, week, 2,800; year, 18,734. Rossland, week 5,064; year, 39,346. Boundary, week 20,238, year 123,104. Total, week 27,902; year 181,184. Smelter receipts: Grand Forks, week 10,011; year 65,387. Greenwood, week 5,455; year 31,677. Boundary Falls, week, 4,058; year 21,492. Nelson, week, 651; year 2,710. Trail, week 5,031; year 34,180. Northport, week 1,724; year 12,699. Marysville, week 600; year 5,400. Total, week 27,530; year 183,545.

GOT $40,000,000 CASH

Wall Street Journal Takes Peep Into C. P. R. Cash Box

Taking a peep into Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's cash box, the Wall Street Journal says:

"So far as money goes, the Canadian Pacific ought to be pretty well off. Last June it had nearly $18,000,000 of cash on hand, and this, together with supplies and receivables, brought the total of current assets up to $32,000,000. Its current liabilities amounted to but $11,000,000, so that its working capital was about $20,000,000.

"It had then received but $4,600,000 on account of the sales of $20,600,000 new capital stock, leaving $13,000,000 to be paid in this fiscal year.

"Besides this, $7,000,000 of preference stock was recently sold, so that on the whole the Canadian Pacific has had nearly $40,000,000 cash at its disposal this year. It is plain that the road can do very well without new financing for some time to come."

NEW CITIES

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Port Arthur was incorporated as a city by the private bills committee today, and Fort William's incorporation was put through yesterday.

SENATOR CASGRAIN

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 27.—Senator Casgrain is seriously ill, and small hopes are entertained for his recovery. He is eighty-two years old.

MARTYR TO SCIENCE

Kronstadt, March 2.—Dr. Schreiber, of the Second Siberian Regiment, who has been experimenting with living organisms in connection with researches of the plague, has contracted the disease.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

London, March 2.—Premier Campbell-Bannerman, who up to the present time has refused to receive a deputation of woman suffragists, has now written a letter in which he promises to support with much pleasure the bill presented by W. H. Dickinson, M. P., to give the suffrage to women.

DIVORCEE MARRIED

London, March 2.—The wedding occurred very quietly here today of Richard McCrery of New York to Lady Grey Egerton, formerly Miss May Cuyler, daughter of the late Major J. Wayne Cuyler, U. S. A., who obtained a divorce from her husband, Sir Philip Grey Egerton, in 1905. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's residence on Hellam street.

A CALIFORNIA WRECK

San Bernardino, Cal., March 2.—Well laden with passengers, including eastern visitors, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe passenger train which makes daily trips around the kite-shaped scenic track, ran through an open switch north of Colin yesterday, killing A. J. Peppar, fatally injuring a trainman and fireman, and inflicting injury on more than thirty others.

C. P. R. CHANGES

Winnipeg, March 2.—Edward Duval, formerly of the general superintendent's office of the central division, Canadian Pacific, has been transferred to Calgary as chief clerk to R. R. Jamieson, general superintendent of the western division. Mr. Duval leaves to assume his new duties next week, but before his departure will on Monday night be the recipient of a complimentary banquet at the Royal Alexandra, given by the clerks of the Winnipeg offices. He is the son of Dr. Duval.

KILLED BY TERRORISTS

Reval, Russia, March 2.—Baron Budberg, ex-chief of the Esthonian nobility, and a member of the council of the Empire, was set upon by six unknown men while driving near his country seat today and killed. Of two servants accompanying the baron, one was killed and the other was wounded. The pockets of the dead men were rifled by the assailants, who escaped.

RETALIATION HINTS COME FROM VATICAN

Documents Might be Published Which Would be Awkward for France

Rome, March 2.—The authorities of the Vatican deny with emphasis the charges contained in a semi-official statement issued in Paris today that Mgr. Montagnini, the expelled secretary of the papal nunciature, was active in trying to prevent the visit of King Alfonso of Spain to Paris. In commenting upon the status of the conflict with France they explained that the Vatican could retaliate readily for the action of the French government in making public part of the documents sequestered at the time of the expulsion of Mgr. Montagnini. It would be easy for the Vatican to publish documents exchanged before the rupture of the concordat, showing the anti-Italian and anti-British attitude of the French government, as well as other documents dated subsequently which tended to create embarrassment for the Holy See. For instance, showing that France influenced the Spanish Liberal cabinet to push the anti-clerical schemes of Count Romanones, and promising French support to Spain's aspiration in Morocco to such a point that the Spanish government, in order to please France, declined the request to take over the archives of the papal nunciature at Paris. While this was going on, France, according to the Vatican authorities, tried to prevent King George of Greece from visiting the Pope when he came to Rome in 1906.

C. C. ROBINSON'S DEATH

Toronto, March 2.—C. C. Robinson, son of John Beverly Robinson, formerly lieutenant-governor of Ontario, and grandson of Sir John Beverly Robinson, formerly chief justice of Upper Canada, died suddenly this morning after an attack of indigestion. He had just received the appointment of solicitor to the attorney-general of Ontario, but had not entered his office.

THE NICOLA RAILWAY

Vancouver, March 2.—March 1 was the day originally set for the C. P. R. to take over the Spences Bridge-Nicola branch; but it has been decided to hold it over until the arrival of F. F. Busteed, the new general superintendent of the Pacific division. Mr. Busteed is now on his way west, and it is expected that he will arrive in Vancouver on Sunday night. It is possible that he may take the road over next week and have freight and passenger trains in operation by the middle of March.

NAVAL PROGRAMME FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

New Construction Will be Guided by Outcome of Peace Conference

VESSELS OF DREADNOUGHT CLASS

Lord Charles Beresford's Objection to Be Met by Making a New Arrangement of Fleets

London, Feb. 28.—A statement of the naval estimates for 1907-08 presented to parliament tonight introduces quite a novel feature, for it makes the construction of battleships during the coming year dependent in a measure upon the decision reached at the next peace conference to be held at The Hague. The new construction is estimated at $40,500,000 against $46,175,000 for 1906-7. Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty says this will include two, or unless an understanding between the naval powers is reached at The Hague conference, three large armoured vessels of the Dreadnought type.

One fast unarmoured cruiser, five torpedo boat destroyers, 12 torpedo boats and 12 submarines are also provided for.

On April 1 there will be under construction five battleships, seven armoured cruisers, 8 torpedo boat destroyers, 17 torpedo boats and 12 submarines. The estimates for the year show a reduction of one thousand men and $5,675,000 compared with 1906-7.

Lord Tweedmouth comments upon the striking improvement in the gunnery of the fleet compared with last year. The average of this was practically doubled, and the improvement was general throughout the fleet and not confined to a picked selection of crack ships.

The First Lord of the Admiralty mentions also the highly satisfactory performances of the battleship Dreadnought and the greater efficiency that has resulted from the system of nucleus crews. As an illustration of this system, and the better state of repair emanating from it, compares the condition of January, 1904, when out of sixty battleships thirty-eight were not available, owing to the needs of repairs, with that of January, 1907, when out of fifty-one battleships only eight were not available.

In dealing with the redistribution of the fleets, Lord Tweedmouth touched indirectly upon the position of Admiral Lord Beresford. He explained that the home fleet was still in process of development, and that some time would elapse before it could reach its full strength. He said the fleets at home will continue to be combined for war purposes, with the orders of the commander of the Channel fleet, in other words, Lord Beresford, while the Channel, Atlantic and Home fleets will carry out their periodic manoeuvres together under his command. This presumably meets Lord Beresford's objection that practically all vessels of the destroyer class had been taken from the Channel squadron for the Home fleet, as Lord Beresford is now in virtual command of both fleets.

Lord Tweedmouth said further that the Channel fleet and the Atlantic fleet should occupy the principal fighting position, and will be in no way interfered with by the Home fleet except in the event of a totally unexpected outbreak of war during the absence of the Channel and Atlantic fleets from home waters. In conclusion Lord Tweedmouth notes the fact that the first cruiser squadron will go to Jamestown for the opening of the exposition. The total of the naval estimates is $152,212,045.

FILIPINOS SURPRISED

Action of United States Senate Taken to Mean Withdrawal From Islands

Manila, Feb. 28.—There is a general surprise here among the Filipinos at the recent action of the United States senate defeating the amendment offered by Senator Culbertson to the act establishing an agricultural bank in the Philippines, thus declaring the intention of the United States to abandon the islands as soon as stable government should be established. The Progressivists express satisfaction with the sentiment of the amendment, but deplore the time selected, in view of the Japanese war talk, which has caused excitement in the provinces surrounding Manila. In some instances the inhabitants left the towns and hid in the mountains. One town was depopulated recently by the exchange of salutes between warships, which caused the idea to spread that the Japanese were entering the bay.

The native newspapers regard the action as inopportune, as the war talk was bringing the Filipinos closer to the Americans. The effect of the action was to cause a breach.

One of the leading newspapers, seeking to minimize the importance of the defeat of the Culbertson amendment, interprets the action to mean that congress does not consider the question of American withdrawal opportune at this time, and hence voted the amendment down.

A TERRIFYING EXPERIENCE

Man Imprisoned in Car With Two Fighting Stallions

Strathroy, Ont., March 1.—After an hour's imprisonment in a box car with two stallions engaged in a death struggle, Fred Paisley climbed down from a freight train at Strathroy last night, broken in nerve and covered from head to foot with countless bruises. One horse lay dead in the car and the other is dying.

Paisley started out in the afternoon from Ilderton with two valuable draught stallions for Montana. The animals were tethered at opposite ends of the car, and Paisley arranged himself a little nook in a corner. As the train pulled out of London, one horse, after tugging for a few minutes, slipped his halter and immediately attacked the other horse. Before Paisley could interfere both horses were loose. They commenced a battle that lasted until the train drew into Strathroy. Both horses bit and kicked and fought all over the car.

It was pitch dark and Paisley could see nothing. Twice he tried to open the door and jump out, but both times he failed. Again and again he was knocked down and kicked. Then one horse dropped dead, killed by a terrible kick. The surviving horse, injured and frightened, plunged around the car, and it was not until Paisley got out that he was safe. Paisley is in the hands of a doctor.

POWDER EXPLOSION

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 28.—Six workmen were injured, none seriously, in an explosion today at the Eliza furnace of the Jones & Laughlin Co., on Second avenue.

COUTRACT FOR RAILS.

The Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway Commission has awarded the contract of supplying 65,000 tons of rails to the Algoma Steel Company of the Soo. This will complete about forty-five miles of road. Cars are now running on the line as far as Englehart. The distance from here to the proposed junction with the Grand Trunk Railway is 112 miles. When this is completed the T. and N. O. will stretch 250 miles beyond North Bay. From the junction with the G. T. P. to Fort Churchill, on Hudson's Bay, where the line will probably be extended to, is 1,100 miles.

FAST TRAIN WRECKED AND ENGINEER BURNED

B. & O. Express Thrown From Track and All the Cars Consumed by Fire

Connellsville, Pa., Feb. 28.—Baltimore and Ohio train No. 49, westbound, being twelve minutes late and running forty miles an hour, was wrecked tonight near Indian Creek, seven miles east of here. The entire train, consisting of a combination smoking and baggage car, two day coaches and the private car of Robert Finney, superintendent of the Pittsburg division of the B. & O. railway, left the rails. After running for two hundred feet along the ties, it was thrown into a ditch at the foot of the mountain, where the wreckage was completely burned.

The engineer, Wylie Irwin, of Pittsburg, was killed, and the fireman, T. D. Fredericks, of Pittsburg, was injured. The baggage master, express messenger, conductor and six passengers were seriously injured. About thirty passengers were more or less cut and bruised.

Irwin was held down by the wrecked engine and burned to death before the passengers, who were powerless to liberate him.

MANITOBA ELECTIONS ARE KEENLY CONTESTED

Fights In All Districts—Opposition Springs an Alleged Land Scandal

Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—The Manitoba legislature nominations resulted in every seat being contested by each party. There will be 38 contests on March 7, and the Gimli and Gilbert Plains elections will be held on March 15. The election is waxing warm.

A sensation in political circles has been caused by the publication of alleged land scandals and a direct personal charge against a former Conservative member of the legislature. The Opposition claim to have the original documents and cheques, covering a deal revealing a swindle involving $17,000.

FIREARMS DETAINED

New Orleans, La., Feb. 28.—It developed today that firearms consigned to both the Nicaraguan and the Honduras governments are being held up here, twenty-five cases of rifles for the former nation and 48 for the latter. United States District Attorney Howe has wired the treasury department for instructions regarding the shipment. Dr. Juan Hernandez, consul for Honduras, is of the opinion that the federal officers cannot in accordance with international law interfere with the shipments of the arms to either his government or that of Nicaragua.

THAW DEFENDS HIS WIFE

New York, Feb. 28.—Harry Thaw enlivened the extremely dull session of his trial by furnishing the newspapers with a brief statement in which he accused District Attorney Jerome of having made unprofessional remarks in court, asserted that his wife's testimony was absolute truth, and declared that Mrs. Thaw's natural "real goodness" was above the comprehension of the prosecuting officer.

OLD HAMILTONIAN DEAD

Hamilton, Ont., March 2.—Thomas Johnston, piano dealer, died at the city hospital this evening in his 74th year. He had been a resident of Hamilton for fifty years, for thirty-five of which he had been an employee of the G. T. R. and G. W. R.

PROMINENT MONTREALER DEAD

Montreal, March 2.—Charles McLean, of the firm of McLean, Kennedy Co., steamship agents, died today after a short illness. He was a well known member of the board of trade about 60 years old.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION ON VICTORIA'S ACCOUNT

Draft of Bill to Be Submitted to House at the Approaching Session

HOST OF CIVIC DETAILS COVERED

Street Work on Civic Improvement Plan to Be Made Compulsory—Many Radical Changes

The draft of the proposed special act which will be submitted to the legislature at its coming session will in all probability be read before the city council at its regular session tomorrow evening. The preparation of this special act is in the hands of the legislative committee, which has been working on it for some weeks past. Ald. Fell, the chairman of the committee, yesterday informed the Colonist that all that now remained was to typewrite the bill, when it would be brought before the council. He expressed a doubt as to whether on account of the voluminous nature of the proposals, which embrace over a hundred clauses, and many times that number of sub-divisions, this could be accomplished in time to allow of its being ready for tomorrow evening. He stated, however, that he hoped to have a copy on hand to submit to the council.

The act will be known as "City of Victoria Aid Act, 1907," and will be one of the most important pieces of legislation so far as this city is concerned ever dealt with by the house.

In many ways it will be extremely radical, and if passed as it appears in the draft will have the effect of putting into force in this city some of the latest and most modern conceptions of civic administration. For one thing, the local improvement system in street work will be made compulsory, instead of being, as it now is, a matter of choice with the property owners interested. The child labor problem will be grappled with, and regulations are recommended by which the city will gain greater power over its streets. Licenses varying from several hundred down to five dollars are provided for all trades and professions carried on in the city, and a thousand and one other matters dealt with. Nothing in the life of the city appears to have escaped the eyes of Ald Fell and his committee. The draft of the act appears to cover everything in detail. Its general trend is to give the city a far larger control of its own affairs and a greater power of self-administration than it has had in the past, under the Municipal Clauses act.

The council is given power to pass bylaws regulating every possible contingency in the life of the city. The making of a deposit with the plans of all proposed new buildings, is asked for, and the taking out of a building license for all operations is also mentioned. The powers of the city as to the regulation of electric wiring and other work of a like nature are also dealt with. Traffic regulations come in for a large share of attention.

The defacement of the city by advertising hoardings and the littering of the streets by the distribution of handbills is dealt with at length, and power is asked for to regulate this as the council may see fit.

The establishment of a scale of charges for public vehicles, to which all hack drivers, chauffeurs and others will be required to adhere, is another matter for which the power to deal with in bylaws will be asked.

The construction of the proposed incinerator is anticipated, and power is asked for to compel citizens to dispose of all waste or rubbish which might prove obnoxious to the public, in this way.

One of the most important measures asked for by the city is the power of control over the streets. This is especially the case with corporations, and applies to the laying of car tracks in a manner acceptable to the city; the placing of electric wires underground, the planting of poles or streets and various other matters. The city also asks for the power to oust from the street any property owners who may wish, on whatsoever pretext to extend their fence lines into the public thoroughfares. Should this power be granted it will have considerable effect upon the situation as regards the street lines in Victoria West, and will enable the city to force back to the street lines all those who claim squatters' rights, and now claim a portion of the streets, as shown on the city's survey. In this connection also the council will ask that the map of the city made by William Ralph in 1893, be regarded as official, and that property owners be forced to conform to it.

Autonomy is asked in hundreds of matters. Among these are the prohibition of brutal sports, regulation of swimming in waters around the city, the inspection of food products and the destruction of such as may be unfit for consumption, the regulation of child labor in factories and shops, and the speed of automobiles within the city limits.

The sale of stove wood and cord wood both come in for a large amount of attention. The motion made by Ald. Fullerton some weeks ago to the effect that all coal dealers be forced to equip their wagons with scales and to weigh the coal at the request of the buyer is revived and incorporated in the bill, and the engaging of an official to see that correct weight so far as coal is concerned, and measure as regards wood, is given, is also mentioned. As to wood it is required that the delivery wagons be so adjusted as to hold exactly a cord, and it is also asked that all orders of wood be measured at the city market before being delivered.

One of the most important divisions of the proposed bill is that dealing with local improvement. It is proposed to make this the official way of carrying out all work on the streets and sidewalks, and in all cases where the contribution of the city towards the work exceeds $15,000 it is proposed to make compulsory the carrying out of the work according to the "two thirds one third" system. At the present time it is possible for the property owners interested, should they not favor the carrying out the work on the local improvement plan, to stop proceedings by a majority petition. It is proposed to do away with this. Property owners will be given alternative as to the method of carrying out the work, but will be given the power of appeal to a court of revision in those cases where they consider themselves unfairly assessed.

The act includes all the measures which the city wishes from the government this year, and consequently no amendments to the Municipal Clauses act will be asked for, as has been the case in past years. It had at first been the intention of the city to make application together with the rest of the municipalities of the province for the amendment of the act, and with this end in view a number of proposed amendments were submitted to the Union of British Columbia municipalities at its last meeting. The executive of the union will meet in this city on Wednesday of the present week to prepare their memorial to the government, but they will not consider any proposals from Victoria.

This city is seeking what it wants in a private bill this year on the suggestion of Ald. Fell. Ald. Fell pointed out at a meeting of the council some time ago, that owing to the opposition of the rural municipalities, this city had in times past lost many of her wished for alterations. To a private bill there will be no opposition, as it affects no one save its introducer.

AMBASSADOR BRYCE

Washington, March 2.—The presence of Ambassador James Bryce and Mrs. Bryce in the members' gallery of the House today gave a number of the representatives an opportunity to pay their respects to him.

TRANSVAAL MINISTRY

Pretoria, Transvaal, March 2.—Edward Solomon, president of the Nationalists, has joined the cabinet as minister of public works. General Smuts becomes colonial secretary and minister of mines, and De Villiers takes the portfolio of minister of justice.

C. P. R. TRAINS MET

Collision of Passenger and Freight Near Virden

Virden, Man., March 2.—A head-on collision occurred today west of this station between the Moose Jaw local and a light freight train coming east. The trains met on a bridge in the west end of town. The engineers and firemen of both trains jumped, and, considering the high grade, their escape without being injured was miraculous. Passengers on the local were badly shaken, but none were seriously injured. The engines were badly damaged; otherwise the loss to rolling stock is not serious. A wrecking train from Brandon arrived two hours after the accident and the track was cleared this afternoon.

MANY MINERS SUFFER FROM DEADLY GAS

Destructive Explosions in Two Pennsylvania Collieries Yesterday

Scranton, Pa., March 2.—Fourteen men are near death in the Taylor hospital, and twelve others are suffering from slight burns as the result of a terrific explosion of gas that swept through a portion of the Clark vein of the mine of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Co. at North Taylor today. Whether or not thirty other miners at work in the affected section escaped is not known. David Williams felt safe in saying that they would all be taken out of the mine alive.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 2.—Two men were killed and five badly burned by an explosion of gas in the Woodward mine of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western company at Kingston this evening. The injured men are foreigners, and it is believed they will recover.

A ROUGH VOYAGE

New York, March 2.—The Cunard steamer Lucania, Capt. Barr, arrived this evening from Liverpool and Queenstown, after a rough passage of six days, ten hours and five minutes. From February 20 to March 1 the Lucania encountered moderate to strong gales, with high seas and hail squalls, in which a portion of the rail was smashed.

KILLED WITH A KNIFE

Body of Young Operator Found on Railway Track

Port Arthur, Ont., March 2.—Word was received here today that the dead body of Ernest Ironside, operator at McKenzie, on the C. P. R., had been picked up on the track about two miles west of that station. Two wounds in the neck, apparently inflicted with a knife, indicated the manner of death.

The young man was the son of John Ironside, collector of inland revenue at this port, and had been appointed to the position of operator at McKenzie only a few days ago. He was about 21 years of age and had been engaged in operating for three or four years at various stations. He was of a quiet disposition and was well thought of by all who knew him. His parents and sister reside here.

Particulars are very scarce; about the only thing known at this time is that beside the body was found a hand-bag, and a few feet distant a dirk knife, with which the wounds apparently had been inflicted.

CHANGES ARE MADE IN NEW BRUNSWICK CABINET

Mr. Tweedie's Appointment to Governorship Causes Reconstruction

RECEIVES HIS OWN RESIGNATION

J. M. Courtney Offers Forcible Plea for Complete Change of Civil Service System

Ottawa, March 2.—At today's meeting of the cabinet L. J. Tweedie, premier of New Brunswick, was appointed lieutenant-governor of that province in succession to Hon. Mr. Snowball, deceased. The curious anomaly will now be witnessed of Mr. Tweedie resigning the premiership to Mr. Tweedie as lieutenant-governor. William Pugsley will succeed to the premiership. C. W. Robinson, of Moncton, the present speaker, will be provincial secretary; and C. J. Osman, Albert County, will be speaker. These latter changes will become effective as soon as Messrs. Tweedie and Pugsley return to St. John next week.

J. M. Courtney, late deputy minister of finance, delivered a striking address before the Canadian Club today on separating the public service from politics and making appointments after competitive examination. He pointed out that the best class of officials were leaving because of the poor salaries and small chances of promotion. He characterised the salaries of ministers as disgracefully inadequate.

In the House the Minister of Militia announced that the headquarters of the Strathcona Horse, the new branch of the permanent corps, will be established at Medicine Hat or Calgary.

TRIED TO MURDER

Mounted Policeman at Lethbridge Is Placed Under Arrest

Lethbridge, March 2—Constable McDougall is under arrest at the barracks, charged with a serious offence. It is stated that while apparently under the influence of liquor he struck at Constable [illegible] with his riding whip, fortunately missing him, as the blow was a savage one; also that he subsequently drew his revolver on Sergeant-Major Raven, missing fire twice and shooting wide the third. The sergeant-major then seized him and put him under arrest.

McDougall is 35 years of age, was a soldier in the imperial army for six years and has been in the R. N. W. M. P. for one year.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION BLESSING IN DISGUISE

May be Cause of Farmers and Wheat Speculators Getting High Prices

Montreal, March 2.—The Montreal Witness, commenting tonight editorially on the recent traffic congestion on Canadian railways, says: "It may yet prove to be of distinct financial advantage to our farmers and grain dealers, owing to the almost certain favorable market that is expected. Russia has been able heretofore to practically glut the wheat market, whereas now conditions are different and Russia is a purchaser rather than a seller. Canada will naturally benefit by any advance in the price of the cereal, and dollar wheat in the late spring would make every farmer and every member of the Winnipeg and other boards of trade bow humbly and penitently before those great transportation companies that have fought so nobly the trials of one of the most bitter winters that has been experienced in many years. Traffic congestion that withheld, perforce, millions of bushels of wheat would be hailed as a blessing if such high prices were to rule."

CENTRAL AMERICAN WAR

Possibility of Four Republics Being Involved

Washington, March 2.—Developments in the war in Central America, which indicate that at least four of the republics may become involved, have led the state and navy department officials to consider the expediency of increasing the American naval force in those waters. It is probable that within a few days several other ships will be ordered to reinforce the Marietta and Chicago, now protecting American interests there.

HARRIMAN'S REFUSALS

Interstate Commission Considers Mandamus Proceedings

Washington, March 2.—The interstate commerce commission today devoted some attention to the step contemplated by that body to bring mandamus proceedings, requiring E. H. Harriman to answer certain questions which he declined to answer during the investigation this week, respecting the coalition of the Harriman roads. Frank B. Kellogg, one of the counsel, told the commission that he wanted further time to examine the law bearing on the subject before action is taken. This was granted, and a decision in the matter was postponed for the present.