

FRIENDLY AGREEMENT BETTER THAN HOSTILE LEGISLATION

Premier's Reply To Opposition Censure of Immigration Arrangement With the Japanese.

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—The discussion on the Japanese immigration question was resumed in the House today by Mr. Borden, who moved an amendment to the motion submitted a week ago by Mr. Lemieux, censuring the Government for having neglected to embody in the treaty with Japan a clause restricting immigration. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in a brilliant speech, defended the policy which had been pursued by the Government, and contrasted it with that advocated by the Opposition. While the policy of the latter was to obtain a restriction of Japanese immigration by hostile legislation against a friendly power, the policy of the Government was to obtain the restriction by the voluntary and friendly action of Japan itself. Mr. Foster devoted two hours to a criticism of the Govern-

ment's attitude, but concluded with what was practically an endorsement of it. The debate was continued until a late hour.

The Premier's Position.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that while he took issue with Mr. Borden, both upon his speech and resolution, he welcomed them both, because they presented a clear line of cleavage between the policy of the Government and the policy of the Opposition on the question. In the object which both parties had in view he saw no difference; all the difference was in the method. "The policy of the honorable member and his party," continued Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "settled years ago and reaffirmed on this occasion, is to obtain a restriction of Japanese immigration to our country by hostile legislation against a friendly power. The policy of the Government is to obtain the restriction by the voluntary and friendly action of Japan itself. Mr. Foster devoted two hours to a criticism of the Govern-

Tempus Fugit Most Peculiarly in City No Two Public Clocks Agree as To Time

Citizens Do Not Know Which Indicator To Believe and Are in Quandary.

It was supposed to have been an old person who recited those very touching lines, "Backward, Turn Backward, O Time in Thy Flight," but the average citizen of London is cross-eyed, and has a kink in his neck trying to figure out how many turns Time is trying to make in this fair city.

There is standard time, solar time, eastern time, almost any variety of time, but the clocks in the city represent them all.

Puts People Wrong.

The tired typewriter, as she wanders heedlessly down to the office in the morning, is likely to find that she has got up by the wrong clock, and is late.

Many a man follows the time told out by the church clocks of the city, only to find that he is late and liable to be handed the blue envelope.

'Taint Funny.

It would be funny, if it were not such a tragedy, as is said in the play "This is Tragedy," sure enough, for it disarranges things so much that many a boss has almost lost his religion.

FATAL RIOTS IN LISBON'S STREETS

Lisbon, Jan. 28.—There was an outbreak of political rioting in the streets of this city this afternoon, in which shots were fired and some people were wounded. The disorders, however, were brief. The police having received warning in advance, acted promptly. The crowd used revolvers, and for a few moments the firing was heavy, but it rapidly gave way, and was dispersed before a show of force. An official statement issued after the encounter says a number of persons received mortal wounds. There has been no further outbreak and the city is now quiet.

Starts Last Plea for Thaw's Life A Big Crowd To Hear Littleton

New York, Jan. 29.—The demand for seats at the Thaw trial today so far exceeded the capacity of the court chamber that the police had their hands full in handling the disappointed crowds. For the first time since the taking of testimony was begun, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw had a seat in the courtroom. Mrs. William Thaw, the mother, Mrs. George L. Carnegie, the sister, and Joseph Thaw, a brother, also were in the family group. The bar against women spectators was suspended, and there were many of them on hand when Justice Dowling took his place on the bench. Attracted by Mr. Littleton's reputation as an orator, prominent lawyers and men of affairs from all parts of the country were included in the courtroom throng.

Mr. Littleton began his plea to the jury in behalf of Harry Thaw at 10:50 o'clock. District Attorney Jerome, who made a point of remaining away from the courtroom throughout the summing up of Mr. Delmas last year, was absent when court convened today. Assistant District Attorney Garvan was present, and took copious notes of the address of the chief counsel for the defense.

Littleton's Address.

After congratulating the jury on the speed of the trial, and the privilege of sitting in judgment under such a fair-minded jurist as Justice Dowling, Mr. Littleton said he asked nothing more than that the jury should observe, in reaching its verdict, the ordinary rules of an ordinary trial in an ordinary court of an American community. He cautioned the jurors to keep clearly before them the fact that the presumption of innocence is always with the defendant until he is proved guilty.

"This presumption cannot be swept away by accusation, by indictment, by sneers or influence," declared Mr. Littleton, "but can only give way before actual proof."

Reasonable Doubt.

At some length Mr. Littleton explained the doctrine of reasonable doubt. "In a case of this kind," he said, "where innocence is the plea, it is not incumbent upon counsel for the defense to establish the defendant's insanity beyond a reasonable doubt, although I think I can point out to you

that we have done all of that. The law places the burden upon the prosecutor to prove to you beyond all reasonable doubt that the defendant was sane. Mr. Jerome cannot answer our showing of insanity by calling a fireman and a few policemen, and then say, 'Let them prove this man insane.' That is not the rule, and his honor will tell you that it is not the law.

"At the beginning of this trial I told you that we wanted to be fair and honest with you. We wanted you to understand that the defense of insanity was not trumped up affair, and now that our case is ended we ask nothing of you if you are not convinced that the insanity of this defendant derived its strength from hereditary, grounded into the very history of the man. We ask nothing, I say, but what any American boy is entitled to ask from any American jury."

Mr. Littleton reviewed Thaw's history from the time of the prenatal incident when his mother in the middle of the night put out her hand in bed to feel the cold features of a child who was not there.

A MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—Matthew Moran, Heman Fligel and Emory Soublere, the first mentioned a C. P. R. engineer and the latter two crew of a street car, which was run down at level crossing on Jan. 3, were arrested by the police today on a charge of manslaughter. In the mixup one man was killed, and half dozen passengers were seriously hurt. The electric car was smashed to atoms. The men were released on bail to appear next Wednesday.

SHOCKED TO DEATH.

Troy, N. Y., Jan. 29.—The body of James Todd, a clerk in a night lunch wagon, was found in the wagon in a street of Watervliet early this morning. Todd was shocked to death by a live wire. The wagon is lighted by electricity, and it is supposed that part of the insulation of the wire had worn off so that Todd received the force of the current while at work. He lived for some time.

Ghost, Burglar or Just Plain Jag Anyway It Scared One Badly

Sombody or Something Left Coat, Pipe and Wad in the Porch.

An amusing affair was related to the police this morning by a well-known lady living on William street, between Dufferin avenue and Dundas street. Left alone in her house the other evening about 10 o'clock she was startled by hearing a loud noise at the front door, and on the verandah. Being alone, and of a timid nature, she did not care to go down to investigate,

but hurried to bed very much frightened. She hardly slept a wink all night. No more disturbances were heard, however, and in the morning she went out to see what had caused the trouble.

In the vestibule of the porch she found a very handsome overcoat and one rubber. The floor of the vestibule was covered with peanut shells. On examining the coat she found that it contained a fine pipe in a beautiful chamois case. In another pocket was a bill of large denomination. The coat is at present at the police station where the owner can obtain it, together with his pipe and money.

Competition for Western Ontario Cup

The district cup competition of the Western Ontario tankard series will be played this afternoon and evening at the Thistle Club rinks.

Eighteen rinks are entered, two each from the following clubs: Ingersoll, St. Marys, St. Thomas, Dutton, Thedford, Parkhill, Forest, London Club and London Thistles.

The trains are all late today, and the rinks were late in getting to London. As a result it was not known at 5 o'clock what the draw will be.

The ice is very keen, and some splendid play should result.

There are some crack rinks in the competition.

The other section is playing in Detroit today, consisting of two rinks from the following clubs—Sarnia, Detroit, Windsor, Toledo, Grand Rapids, Petrolia, Chatham, and Fort Wayne, Ind. The winners of this group play the winners of the group playing here today for the splendid cup offered by the Ontario Curling Association.

Clubs Arrived.

The following clubs have arrived at the rink—Ingersoll and Thedford and the draw is as follows:

Ingersoll—W. H. Jones, skip, vs. Thedford—J. D. Thompson, skip.

London Club, J. Richardson, skip. Ingersoll—D. Jacobs, skip, vs. London Club, W. Smith, skip.

London Thistles—J. Burnett, skip, vs. Thedford, R. D. Thompson, skip.

London Thistles—B. W. Glover, skip, vs. Thedford, R. W. Edmunds, skip.

The other rinks have not yet arrived.

At Windsor.

Windsor, Jan. 29.—As a result of the play for the Ontario Tankard, in group six, held yesterday at the Windsor Curling Club ice, Windsor and Sarnia, are left in the finals. Grand Rapids, beat Toledo, and Sarnia, put away Chatham in the first round, and the two local clubs drawing a bye. They met in the second round, and it was the closest sort of contest. Windsor downing Detroit by a single point, the totals being 35 and 34.

The same second round, the winners of the first round, and Sarnia had a comparatively easy victory, 37 to 24. McGibbon's rink beat that of Dr. Robertson, 22 to 8, while McKenzie lost to Thomson's 30 to 10. The contest was here this morning, and the results were: Windsor, 16 to 15, did Grand Rapids no good.

Suffragettes Storm the King's Coach

London, Jan. 29.—In the supplementary speech to the House of Commons today His Majesty announced the bills that are to be brought in. These are the licensing and education acts of England and Wales, a bill regulating the hours of labor in the coal mines, a bill for the housing of the working classes, a bill to amend the system of the valuation of property for taxation in England and Wales, the Irish University bill, and the Irish land purchase bill, and the

Scottish land bill, which failed at the last session of parliament.

When the royal procession was returning to Buckingham Palace three well-dressed female suffragettes broke through the military cordon, and made their way to within a few yards of the King's coach. They were waving strips of paper bearing the words "Votes for Women." These papers were immediately taken from their hands by the police. One of the women fainted, and the other two were removed by force.

UGLY CHARGES ARE MADE

Prosecutions May Grow Out of Boyertown Tragedy.

Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 28.—Suggestions of graft and admissions of neglect, which it is intimated may result in prosecutions, marked the opening session of the inquest here today into the horror at Rhoades' opera house on Jan. 13, when 189 persons lost their lives.

It was brought out that the main exit to the hall was blocked by the box office and that the stairway and the point of exit and entrance was but three feet one inch in width and that Harry Fisher, the operator of the stereopticon apparatus, had received but two days' instructions in the methods of handling the calcium light and that he operated the machine in public for the first time on that fatal night.

In addition to this, Dr. Thomas A. Rhoades, the owner of the building, declared that the building had been inspected and passed by a state factory inspector after he "had given a contract for fire escapes to a Reading man."

GEORGE SEYMOUR CAUGHT

Long Wanted by Windsor Police on Robbery Charge.

Windsor, Jan. 28.—Arrested in Detroit yesterday for attempting to make a 7-year-old bootleg drink a glass of beer, George Seymour, for whom the police have been looking for nearly a year, was identified as the man who had robbed Theodore Hayes, his roommate, of a large sum of money in Walkerville last year. Seymour's home is in Petrolia, and he has only recently been released from the Central Prison, where he served a term for forgery committed since the Walkerville episode. The prisoner consented to waive extradition and was brought across the river this afternoon. He will be tried by Magistrate Bartlett on Friday.

FRANCO-U. S. TREATY

Washington, Jan. 29.—Secretary Root and Ambassador Jusserand today signed the Franco-American reciprocity arrangement drawn under section 3, of the Dingley act.

The agreement concedes to France an abatement of 20 per cent in the duties on champagne and sparkling wines imported into the United States. For its part the French Government confirms the minimum tariff rate now accorded to American products. Provision also is made for the appointment of a commission of three members on each side to consider and report upon possible additions to existing trade relations in both France and the United States to facilitate exchange.

TANKARD FINALS.

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TILBURY DEFEATED.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 29.—In a fast and at times rough hockey game the Detroit A. C. seven defeated Tilbury on the club's rink last evening by a score of 7 to 1. The contest was a fair exhibition, if not the best seen here this season, and a large crowd of spectators braved the cold to watch the battle.

NOTED OSTEOLOGIST DEAD.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 29.—M. Jules Bailly, osteologist at McGill University, is dead at the age of 76. He had been connected with the college for 22 years. Mr. Bailly was a Frenchman by birth, but came to America many years ago, first to the United States. About a year ago he celebrated his golden wedding. Mr. Bailly was made an officer of the Academie Francaise by the French Government in 1897. He took part in the Crimea campaign, but lost all his medals during the Prussian siege of Paris. His memory concerning the French revolution of 1848 and his participation therein was good.

CAN'T EXPORT IT.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 29.—The natural gas franchise for the Symmes syndicate, which will pipe from the Tilbury fields, contains a clause providing that if the company at any time shall begin exporting gas to the United States, it not only will forfeit its franchise, but will lose as well the pipes laid within the city limits. If the gas supply gives out inside the 20-year limit, it is provided that the city may take over the pipes within its limits at their actual cost, otherwise the company may remove them within a year from the expiration of the franchise by furnishing a \$10,000 bond that the streets shall be put back in condition.

PROHIBITION CONFEDERATION

London, Jan. 29.—With a view to forming a world's prohibition confederation, an important conference will be held here last night at the instance of Edward Page Ganton, of Chicago.

Several influential leaders of the British temperance movement were present.

The first regular convention of the confederation is planned to be held in London next June. It was proposed to establish headquarters in this city with influential committees in foreign countries.

Dr. English Here.

Dr. English, superintendent of the Hamilton Asylum, was a visitor at the city hall today.



MR. D. D. GRAHAM, Who Was Chosen Warden of Middlesex by Acclamation.

PREMIER PETERS DYING

Doctors Do Not Expect That He Will Live Till Morning.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 29.—Premier Peters, of Prince Edward Island, is very low after a protracted illness of Bright's disease, and at midnight it was not expected that he would survive till morning.

SUDDEN DEATH OF ESTIMABLE LADY

Mrs. D. W. Stewart Found Dead in Bed By Husband and Son.

The news of the death of Mrs. Lucretia Stewart, wife of Mr. D. W. Stewart, of 445 Colborne street, will come as a sad shock to her wide circle of friends in this city.

Mrs. Stewart was in her usual excellent health, and was down town yesterday afternoon.

About 5 o'clock she went home, and got the supper. In the evening she went upstairs, and when she did not reappear her husband and son became anxious.

They were sadly surprised when they went to her room to find her lying dead on her bed, where she had lain down apparently for a short rest.

Mrs. Stewart was 56 years old, and was a daughter of Mr. Jacob Rogers, of Wyoming.

For over twenty years she had been a resident of this city, and her generous and kindly disposition made her a favorite with everyone who knew her.

Her husband and one son, Mr. John Stewart, survive her.

The funeral, which will be private, will take place on Friday morning to the Grand Trunk station, interment being made at Wyoming.

EAST ELGIN'S WARDEN IS CHAS. O. LUTON

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Ont., Jan. 29.—The Elgin county council met today for organization and elected Charles O. Lutton, warden of the county, by a majority of 10.

Mr. Lutton has been reeve of South Dorchester for five years, winning the last election after a sharp contest.

NEW RUSSIAN LOAN.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.—An imperial ukase issued yesterday sanctions an internal loan of 150,000,000 roubles (\$25,000,000), at 4 per cent in the shape of notes on the state bank, redeemable within four years, replacing a like amount issued in 1903, four now matured.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FINE. FORECASTS.

Today—Fine and very cold; temperature much below zero tonight in most localities.

Thursday—Fine; not much change in temperature.

Local Temperatures

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory yesterday were: Highest, 32°; lowest, 24° above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	8	4	Fair
Winnipeg	22	20	Clear
Port Arthur	28	20	Clear
Parry Sound	20	20	Clear
Toronto	2	2	Clear
Ottawa	2	2	Fair
Montreal	0	0	Fair
Quebec	16	2	Cloudy
Peterborough	15	4	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 9 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The pressure is now decidedly high over the major portion of the continent, attended by very cold weather in Canada, as far east as Quebec.

Light snowfalls have occurred generally from Ontario to New Brunswick.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 24 below—13 below; Alib, 2—22; Victoria, 36—42; Vancouver, 20—33; Prince Albert, 10 below—4 below; Calgary, 8 below—22 below; Regina, 20 below—12 below; Winnipeg, 28 below—24 below; Port Arthur, 14 below—2 below; Parry Sound, 12 below—12; Toronto, 8—30; Ottawa, 10 below—6; Montreal, 8 below—6; Quebec, 8 below—2; St. John, 4—36; Halifax, 13—24.

Edward Opens the British Commons Splendid Spectacle at Westminster

London, Jan. 29.—The most rare event of a London winter, a clear and sunny day, favored the royal procession to Westminster today, where King Edward opened Parliament with the same ceremonies that have been observed for centuries.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra rode from Buckingham Palace to the Houses of Parliament in a gilded coach of state drawn by eight white horses. They were attended by the officials of their households in other state carriages and on horseback. The procession was brilliant and beautiful; only the lord mayor's show rivals this royal parade as a spectacle. St. James Park and Whitehall were unusually crowded and the soldiers who guarded the way

had their hands full in keeping the people back.

A thousand officials, including peers, members of the House of Commons, bishops and diplomats, all stabled wherever possible in robes of state, filled the chamber of the Lords, when a fanfare of trumpets at 2 o'clock announced the entry of the state procession.

King Reads the Speech.

King Edward read the speech from the throne. Queen Alexandra was seated on a chair of state at his right, the Prince and Princess of Wales were on his majesty's left, and he was surrounded by a group of state officers.

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Brief Sketch of the New Warden D. D. Graham Is a Very Popular Man

Has Held Very Many Positions of Trust and Has the Confidence of All.

As announced in yesterday's Advertiser, Mr. D. D. Graham, the popular reeve of Mosca, was unanimously elected warden of the County of Middlesex for 1908.

The first public office held by Mr. Graham was that of tax collector for Mosca Township. This office he held from 1892 until 1900.

In the latter year he was elected to the Mosca Township Council by a comfortable majority, and the following year to the county council, where he has sat ever since.

Is a Well-Posted Representative.

Mr. Graham has held positions on all the important committees of the county council, and is one of the best

posted men therein, in reference to county affairs.

For three years he was chairman of the board of road directors, one of the most responsible positions in the council, and acted as chairman of the equalization committee for one year.

He has been reeve of Mosca for two years, and still retains the office.

Mr. Graham was born in Ekkfird in 1861, an orphan at an early age. He is a Liberal in politics.

London and the Hamilton Radial Bill Differences of Opinion On the Matter

A Citizen Thinks Government Control of Power Would Be Better Than Ownership

There is nothing regarding the radial bill at present. A wide difference of opinion is rife in regard to the measure.

"I cannot see what there is so much difficulty over this Hamilton radial bill," said a prominent citizen this morning. "London and this part of Ontario needs more railroads, and they need them badly. They would assist a great deal in developing Western Ontario, and would make it much richer and better. This scheme of the Hamilton Radial Company is a very good one, and should be encouraged. The more railroads we have the better city we will have. Of course, the Ontario Government objects to the company selling its surplus power. Well, that is a pretty close line to draw. If any corporation or company has surplus power to sell why should it not be allowed to do so? It will be cheap

power, and will be utilized by manufacturing. The Government will have to be careful in laying down a rule like that. Of course, the Hamilton Radial Company, with its many lines, will traverse a great stretch of territory, and will reach a much larger section. It is a good thing this matter has come up now before the municipalities were plunged into municipal ownership with their eyes closed.

Government Control.

"My idea is that of Government control. It would give the Province all the benefits of cheap power without its abuses. Take the State of Massachusetts, for example. There the law declares that the railroads shall not make more than 10 per cent on the capital. All above that amount must be put into equipment, etc. A man has only to travel through that state to see the benefits of the law. There are the finest stations, equipment and all that. Some such law as that in reference to power would be the proper thing in my idea. It would prevent the grafting and mismanagement that may be prevalent in Government-operated or municipally-owned plants."

The Thames and Danger From Floods Toronto Globe Has Opinion On Subject

Suggests a Means of Controlling the Rush of Water in the Spring.

The Toronto Globe says, editorially: "Owing to the physiographic character of the western peninsula of Ontario and to the climatic changes that have resulted from deforestation, some of the rivers traversing it cause a great deal of trouble to cities and towns along their courses. There is a high plateau, which includes parts of the counties of Peel, Wellington, Dufferin, Perth, Huron, Bruce, Grey and Simcoe. From this plateau a number of rivers radiate: the Huron and the Credit, emptying into Lake Ontario; the Grand River, into Lake Erie; the Thames, into Lake St. Clair; the Maitland and Saugeen, into Lake Huron; and the Sydenham, Big Head, Beaver and Nottawasaga, into the Georgian Bay. All these rivers flow rapidly in making the descent from the plateau, and most of them have a much more leisurely movement after they reach the comparatively level country. The natural result is a tendency on the part of the water to accumulate and work destruction at certain well-known points.

first suffer reported this winter, but very often Brantford, London, and smaller places have a like unpleasant and costly experience. At the points named, and at others not specified, local engineering works have been carried out for protective purposes, but these are expensive and are not always effective. No protection of this sort against damage from freshets can ever be absolute, and now and then when the conditions are exceptionally favorable for the purpose one of them becomes a devastating torrent, destroying dams and bridges, and seriously interfering with industries dependent on waterpower.

The Explanation.

"On the other hand, the rapid descent of the water from the plateau leaves it without an adequate supply, not merely for power purposes, but for agriculture. The summit of this plateau, quite extensive in area, is in summer always on the verge of aridity, and occasionally it topples over the verge into blighting drought. The explanation of the vanishing of the water is simply enough. The swamps, that formerly acted as saturated sponges, have been drained, cleared, and converted into solid land. Deforestation has greatly increased evaporation. The removal of water-logged debris from the stream beds has made a clearer course for the water, and in many places its transit has been furthered.

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Made Big Catch in the Hamilton Thief

The police are more confident than ever that in rounding up Alfred Roach, of Hamilton, the other night, they secured one of the most daring crooks in his line in the country.

A message was received from Hamilton this morning stating that one of the watches found on Roach belongs to Miss Fanny Mills, of that city, and

was taken from her chateaubain bag, which was snatched from her a short time ago by an unknown man.

It is believed that Roach is connected with numerous other hold-ups that took place in Hamilton recently.

He will likely be sentenced to a long term in prison, as he has already pleaded guilty to stealing in this city.