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Parliament To Open on Jan. 12

Ottawa, December 9.—The order in-council summoning Parliament for January 12, was signed by the Governor-General today. The Public Works Department already has a large staff at work getting the Parliament Buildings in trim for occupation by the legislators.

Mr. Albert Seigny, M.P. for Dorchester, now Deputy-Speaker of the House of Commons, will be elected Speaker, this having been officially decided on. This follows the usual procedure of alternating between an English and a French Speaker. A new deputy-speaker will be selected from among the English-speaking Conservative members. It was anticipated that an English-speaking member had been selected to succeed Dr. Sproule, the choice would have fallen on Mr. Richard Blain, of Peel. It is now stated, however, that Mr. Blain is likely to go to the Upper House to fill one of the Ontario vacancies in the not distant future.

Estimates for the year 1916-17 have already been prepared and will be submitted to Parliament very soon after the opening. The budget speech will be delivered at an early stage of the session, and will, it is understood, contain some important announcements bearing upon the programme of war finance. It is not expected that there will be much in way of railway legislation.

The question of the extension of the term of Parliament will arise. The Liberal leader will withhold his consent to an agreement looking to an extension, and there will probably be no change in the situation until the question has been put before an Opposition caucus which will be called within a few days of the opening of the session. The Liberals have taken the position that there is no need for an agreement or for any action in this regard until the latter part of session as the term of Parliament does not expire until October of next year. It is pointed out, however, that if action is taken at all it can only be effective during the session of the British Parliament as Imperial legislation is necessary. As there is no indication that the British House will be in session during the latter part of the summer, and may not be in session at the time of the expiration of the Canadian Parliamentary term an address passed by both Houses of the Canadian Parliament during a recess of the Imperial House would be useless.

Fire at G.T.R. Shops at Point St. Charles
Montreal, Dec. 10.—Nothing as serious as was first thought resulted from the fire today which damaged the tube and blacksmith shops of the Grand Trunk at Point St. Charles, though the damage done was considerable. It was impossible to estimate what damage had been actually done, not only from the financial point of view, but from the amount of damage to machinery, which might result in suspension of work and the laying off of some hundreds of men.

The cause of the fire was learned after investigation. In the tube shop, a long, low-lying building, an oil fuel feed pipe, through which fuel for one of the furnaces was sent, was broken by being hit by a crane, the oil poured out into the furnace, and immediately the furnace blazed up.

It will be known to-morrow just what damage was done to the machinery and also what loss was caused to the building, and the company will then be in a position to replace what machinery is necessary. However, this will not be a great deal, and the loss of time to the men employed is not expected to be heavy.

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Bank Teller Missing, Books Show a Shortage

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 8.—Michael S. Kilty, 22, paying teller of the Windsor branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, is missing, and so is some \$5,000 of the bank's funds. The examination of Kilty's books, which has been going on for several days, was finished today and revealed the shortage. A warrant was immediately sworn out by Mr. George W. Mair, manager of the bank for Kilty's arrest. The young man left Windsor on November 30 saying he had been called home to Perth by the serious illness of his mother. When he failed to return after a reasonable time and no reply was received to the bank's inquiries, an investigation brought to light the fact that his mother was in her usual health. So far as the local bank officials know, the young man has led an exemplary life, had no extravagant habits, and they are at a loss to know what he did with the money.

The Late Joseph Robinson

The news of the death of Mr. Joseph Robinson, reeve of Elizabeth town, which occurred Wednesday afternoon at his home in Lvn, was received with feelings of sincere regret by that kindly gentlemen's very many friends. He was a member of the County's Council, and during his term of office was a regular attendant at the various sessions, and being a close student of municipal management was a valued member of that body and took an active part in the deliberations. During his frequent visits to Brockville his kindly disposition and many excellent qualities won him many friends there, and he was well known and very popular throughout the entire district.

Mr. Robinson served his community faithfully and well in the township council and county's council, and his ability and sterling character were always recognized by the electors of his municipality by electing him to office whenever he accepted nomination.

He was a splendid type of citizen, one of whom it could truly be said that his word was always as good as his bond, and he was universally respected and esteemed.

Mr. Robinson was sixty-eight years of age and died in the same house where he was born on November 27, 1847. His father was the late John Robinson, who came from Yorkshire, England, ninety-five years ago, and established the homestead on what is known as Halleck street, near Lvn, where the family have resided ever since.

The late Mr. Robinson was married to Miss Mary A. Davidson, and four children born to them still reside on the homestead, George, William, Nellie and May. His second wife was Miss Rebekah Davidson, who died fourteen years ago.

Born on the homestead, Mr. Robinson lived his entire life there and was always a force for good in the community, willing and ready to do his part of public service.

He was a valued member of the Lvn Methodist church, a member of the Lvn Masonic Lodge and a conservative in politics. He served about ten years in all in the municipal council, and had been reeve for the past two years. During the past year he developed an affection of the heart, and it is thought by his friends that the deep interest he took in the progress of the war aggravated this trouble. For the past three weeks he had been confined to his bed and passed away Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock.

The funeral was held at the home and the interment at the family plot at the Falford Burying Ground near Cole's ferry on the river front.

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Woman Will Not Hang

Ottawa, December 10.—It is understood that the Cabinet has determined upon a commutation of the death sentence imposed upon Mrs. Annie Hawkes for the murder of her husband at McLeod, Alb. The circumstances of this case were of a very unusual nature, the woman having been goaded to the killing of her husband by his unfaithfulness to her, which culminated in his bringing another woman into their home.

Mrs. Hawkes was sentenced to death, but largely signed petitions were presented in favor of a reduction of the sentence. She will be imprisoned for ten years.

Sir Wilfrid is Forty Years in Public Life

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier addressed an audience of several hundred people in the Monument Nationale hall last night under the auspices of the Young Liberal Club. Other speakers were Hon. Chas. Marcell, Senator Dandurand, Rodolphe Lemieux, Hon. George P. Graham, and Joseph Demers, M.P.

Sir Wilfrid was given a great ovation, and his remarks, delivered with a vigor which indicated complete recovery from his recent illness, were punctuated for the most part with vociferous applause.

Local Option in Pontiac Co.

Bryson, Que., Dec. 10.—The county council met here to-day and the principal topic under discussion was whether local option should be placed before the people of the County of Pontiac.

Local option was victorious. Eleven mayors voted that it should be left to the people to decide. Eight were against.

The temperance campaign will likely take place this winter and promises to be an interesting one.

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