

FUSILADE MARKS HOUSE CLOSING

Legislators are in Cheerful
Mood as the Session is
Brought to End.

Fredericton, April 18.—The moment the Lieutenant-Governor in his brilliant uniform and cocked hat passed through the doorway of the Assembly Chamber after proroguing the House Thursday afternoon the legislators on either side of the House got busy. They had talked more or less threateningly during the session, and even waved their arms at each other.

Being now freed from restraint, they proceeded with alacrity to observe a time-honored custom. In a moment the air was filled with paper missiles, pamphlets and waste baskets. The Min-

ister of Health was not called upon, however, to call out the stretchers, bearers, although an "iniquitous bill," carefully rolled into paper ball, thrown with deadly accuracy by Mr. Flewelling, struck the Premier full in the



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chest. The veteran Pinder's bulky form was a good target, but he threw up his guard and defied the storm. His 83 years did not deter him from sending a waste basket across the floor. One member was attacked from the rear and an inverted basket pulled down over his head. "Crowned" yelled a member, and the fusillade was continued until the floor was carpeted with missiles. Then Seraphin Leger, he of the splendid voice—led in the National Anthem.

The French members sang "O Canada" in their own language. Hon. Dr. Foster and Premier Veniot were vocally declared to be "jolly good fellows." Mr. Richards, Opposition leader, who had crossed the floor for a parting word with Government members, was given three hearty cheers. Then followed leave-taking and a gradual melting away, till the Chamber and anterooms were empty. Will they meet again next session? This question was put to the Premier indirectly many times during the session now closed, but he was not giving out information on the subject of dissolution. What he did say rather conveyed the impression that the Government was not losing any sleep over that question.

(From Official Report.)

Premier Vindicated.
Fredericton, April 16.—The House met at 11 a. m. today.

Hon. Mr. Magee submitted the report of the committee on public accounts, which was as follows:

Your committee, to whom were referred the public accounts of the province for the year ending Oct. 31, 1923, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee have met from time to time since the report of the Comptroller-General was presented, and have carefully considered the various items as set out in the accounts with the time at their disposal.

Officials have appeared before the committee and have explained various items under discussion. Your committee find the accounts are in proper order, the statement of revenue and expenditure for the fiscal year being clearly set out in detail. An investigation was conducted by your committee regarding the alleged rumors that the Premier of the province is a shareholder or otherwise financially interested in Concrete Builders, Limited, a contracting company which has been doing business with the Department of Public Works. Your committee examined under oath J. J. McCaffrey, the president of the company; W. P. Kelly, the accountant for the company; J. J. F. Winslow, a director of the company, and Hon. P. J. Veniot, Premier. The company also submitted its stock book and books of account for inspection. After consideration of the evidence and examination of the books submitted, your committee finds that neither the Hon. Mr. Veniot nor any member of his family are or have been stockholders or otherwise interested in Concrete Builders, Limited, since its incorporation.

The committee recommends the payment of \$10 to Joseph McPake for services as stenographer in connection with the enquiry.

Your committee further recommends the payment of \$50 to J. B. Dickson, the secretary.

(Sgd.) FRED MAGEE, Chairman
REID McMANUS
JOHN L. PECK
JAMES K. PINDER
W. E. SCULLY
R. K. TRACEY.

Miscellaneous Business.

Mr. Doucet submitted the report of the committee on municipalities.

Hon. Mr. Robinson introduced a bill to amend the Public Health Act and to ratify certain loans made by the governor-in-council to the district Boards of Health.

Hon. Mr. Hetherington presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor submitting the supplementary estimates.

The House then went into committee, with Mr. Hayes in the chair, and

amended two years ago, making the appointment of sanitary inspection with county councils, only one municipality had availed itself of the privilege and the result had been unsatisfactory. He had now decided to leave the act as it originally was. He thought that the amendment was in the interests of efficiency.

Hon. Dr. Roberts introduced a bill to ratify and confirm certain loans by the Governor-in-Council to boards of health and to authorize further loans. He explained that it was necessary for the boards of health to make loans in order to carry on until such time as the year's assessment had been collected.

Supplementary Estimates.
Hon. Mr. Hetherington presented a message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, submitting the supplementary estimates, and moved that such messages and estimates be referred to the committee of supply. The estimates follow:

Halifax School for the Blind	\$2,000
Grant to St. John Natural History Society	500
Grant to Canadian Good Roads Association	1,000
Mother's Pension Commission	1,000
Perry Maintenance	1,975
Steam Navigation Additional	900
St. John Bridge Investigation	650
Government House Trust Fund	2,605
Subsidy Str. D. J. Purdy	1,000
Riverside Hospital	250
Total	\$11,200

The House then went into committee with Mr. Hayes in the chair and took up consideration of supply.

FIVE GERMANS ARE SENTENCED TO JAIL

Mayence, Germany, April 18.—Five of 22 Germans who were tried by a French court martial on charges of sabotage in the Ruhr in May and June, 1923, were convicted and sentenced today to serve terms of 20 years each at hard labor. Three were sentenced to 10 years each and three to five years.

The leader of the band, Otto Horder, a former Lieutenant on the German battleship Breslau, was sentenced to serve 12 years. The 12 prisoners were taken to the islands of French Guiana.

Nine of the other defendants received shorter jail sentences and one was acquitted. Two death sentences were passed by default upon defendants whom the French police failed to arrest.

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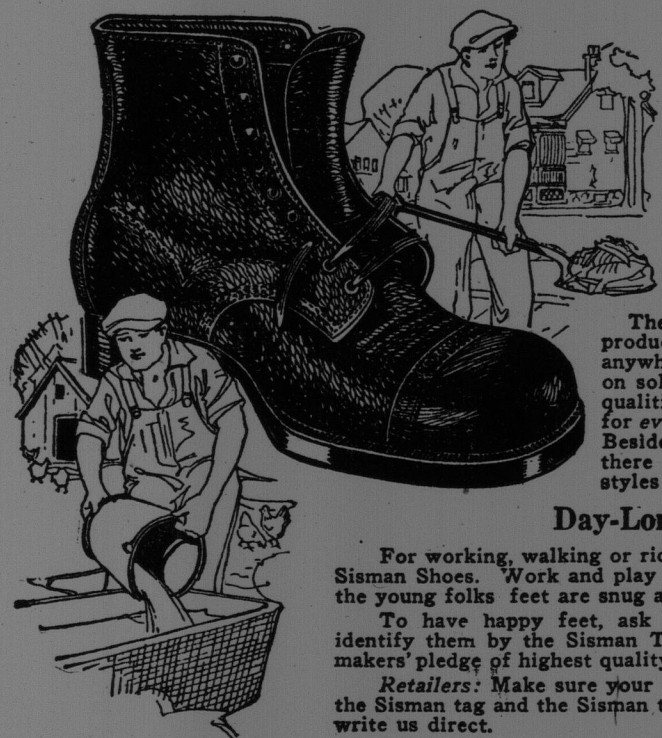
WHEEL KNOCKED OFF IN CAR-CART CRASH

An open car, driven by Herbert Ritchie, collided with a wood team, driving out Douglas avenue towards the bridge yesterday morning. The

car was turning out from Clarendon street when the accident occurred. The wood team was driven by a man named Crowley. The impact forced the horse onto the sidewalk and caused him to fall and cut his leg. One of the wheels of the cart came off but nobody was hurt. The horse walked

back to Chesley street to his stable, dragging the cart, after some doctoring was done to the dismembered wheel by the drivers of both vehicles. The car was damaged a little in front. The average time of vessels going through the Suez Canal is 16 hours.

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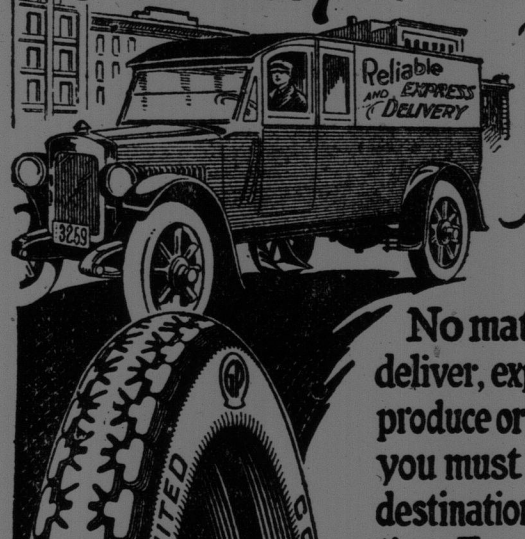
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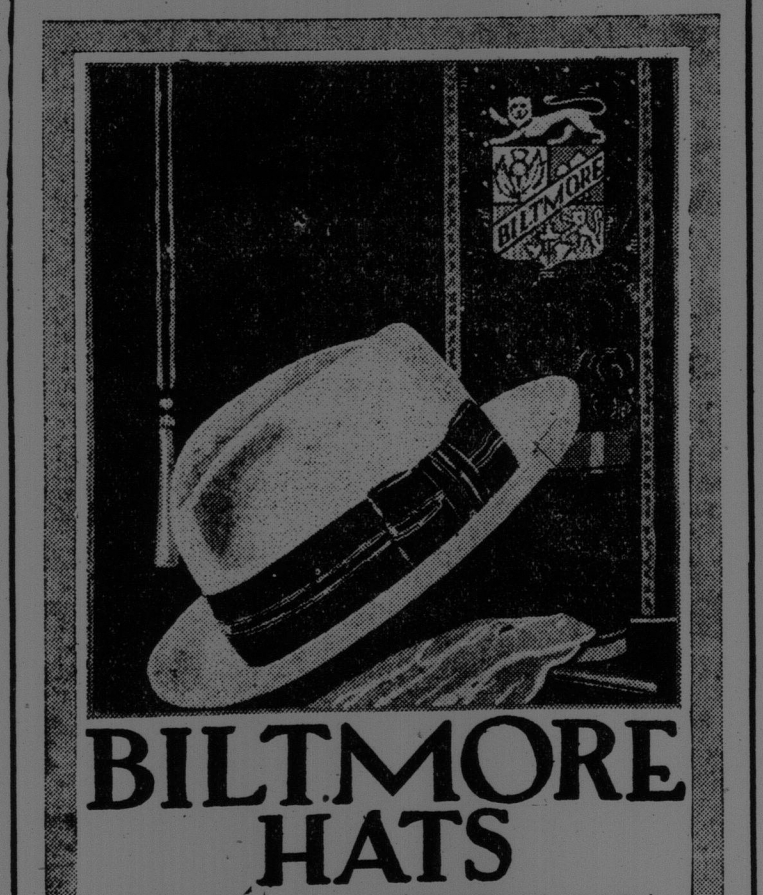


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