

WILL 3-5 CLAUSE BE REDUCED?

Premier Whitney to Consider Question of Smaller Percentage.

SEES DRY BELT OVER ONTARIO

Alliance Representatives Point Out Unfairness of the Conditions But Without Avail.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—"This question is big enough and broad enough, and God knows it is serious enough, but I firmly believe that it has been kept back through narrowness and bigotry. I believe that this is almost all gone, and I believe that in a shorter time than you imagine you will have local option throughout rural Ontario on a firm and sure foundation."

Sir James Whitney used the above words in his reply to a large and unexpected deputation of temperance people who waited on him yesterday morning. Every member of the deputation present represented a municipality where local option had been defeated by the operation of the three-fifths clause, and it was the repeal of this clause which formed their request.

After several speakers had expressed their views, Sir James replied at some length. Hon. Mr. Hanna also spoke briefly.

Won't Go Over Old Arguments.

"I do not think any object would be served by my discussing again the old arguments for and against the three-fifths clause," the Premier said. "I am, however, deeply interested in what you have said about the reduction of that three-fifths clause to a smaller proportion, and I am also interested in your arguments in favor of allowing another vote in less than three years. These will receive our most serious consideration and I will be glad to discuss them in detail, but I do not wish you to look on this as 'I'm beaten, and I want a majority vote.' Men are beaten every day of their lives at elections, and a man beaten by one vote is just as legally beaten as one by a thousand. He does not go around complaining. Some of you have said with refreshing candor that you did not see anything wrong with the three-fifths clause until you were beaten in your own constituency. That shows that you had not given the matter the careful consideration that was due to it. What object would this Government have, save a public one in maintaining the three-fifths clause?"

SOME 167 BODIES STILL ENTOMBED

Only Four Hundred Feet of Passage-way to St. Paul Mine Opened in Three Days.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—After three days of incessant labor, only four hundred feet of the main miles of subterranean passages of the St. Paul mine are opened, and it is problematical when the 167 bodies can be brought to the surface. Every effort is being made to clear a runway from the main shaft to the air-pit.

This object may be accomplished by (night), and then a search for bodies can be made and the corpses discovered yesterday can be moved.

LEFT BABY BEHIND

Well-Dressed Couple Desert Little One in Toronto Hotel.

Toronto, Feb. 3.—A well-dressed couple, carrying a baby boy of about six weeks, took a room at the American Hotel, York street, yesterday afternoon, saying they were leaving town in the evening. About 10 p.m. they went out without the child, saying they had changed their minds about leaving owing to the storm, but that they were going to the station to meet some friends.

The couple did not return, and this morning the child was turned over to the police, who are trying to locate its parents. The child is a healthy, well-developed baby, about 10 months old, and the hotelkeeper, seemed to be a Jew, and about 35 years of age, while the woman was younger, and apparently a Canadian.

FALL WAS FATAL

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 3.—Archibald MacDonald, whose spine was broken by a fall from the railway shed at Lansdowne avenue Jan. 27, died this morning in St. Michael's Hospital.

DEATH OF HAMILTON PIONEER.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 3.—Thomas Beasley, who for over 50 years was city clerk of Hamilton, died in the city hospital this morning following an operation performed about two weeks ago for gangrene. He was in his 82nd year, and was born here. His grandfather was the first white settler in Hamilton. He was ex-city clerk of Barton Lodge, A. F. and M. M. His family consisted of two sons, his wife predeceasing him four years ago. For the last five years Mr. Beasley lived retired.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

New York, Feb. 2.—Arrived: Staten Island, from Rotterdam; Klemig, Albatross, from London; Campania, from Liverpool; Arrived: Alice, New York; Peruvia, New York; Arrived: Numidian, Glasgow; Cape Race-Signalled: Empress of Britain, Liverpool; Victoria-Arrived: Awa Maru, Yokohama.

OPPOSITION ON A RAMPAGE SPLITS OVER A RESOLUTION

Ignoring Leader Borden, Conservatives Force a Division on Eight-Hour Bill Report and Eighteen of Them Vote With Government.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—A witless attack initiated by some of the more reckless spirits of the Opposition, upon Hon. Mr. Mackenzie King and the department over which he presides, ended in the House of Commons this afternoon in the triumphant vindication of the young minister of labor, and in the utter discomfiture and disruption of the party from which the attack emanated. Seldom have the ineptitude, tactlessness and incoherence of the Opposition been more flagrantly revealed than in the spectacle they presented today.

Starting out to bait the minister of labor, and to impress the country with the idea that for some occult reason he was attempting political suicide by opposing the interests of labor, they ended up by getting themselves badly tangled in their own snare, putting themselves into a position of practical obstruction to the 8-hour day bill, now before the special committee of the House, and finally forcing a vote in opposition to the stand taken by their leader and by a considerable proportion of their own members. The result was a Government majority of 78, with the Opposition leader shirking the vote which his own followers had precipitated.

Eight-Hour Day Bill Reported.

At the opening of the House Hon. Mr. King presented the unanimous report of the select committee, which had under consideration Mr. Ver-ville's bill providing for an eight-hour day on all Government contracts. In his report on the motion of Mr. A. C. Macdonnell (Conservative, Toronto), (Continued on Page Eight.)

TAKEN TO PONTIAC ON ROBBERY CHARGE

Charles Lancaster, of This City, Arrested in Connection With Daring Burglary.

(Charles Lancaster, well known to the police of this city, was placed under arrest here last night by the detectives on a charge of being implicated in a daring robbery at Pontiac, Mich., recently. It is alleged that Lancaster, together with some brothers by the name of Grey, who recently were released from Kingston Penitentiary, committed the robbery. The Greys are in jail in Pontiac, and it is stated that from what has been learned from them Lancaster, indicated. Deputy Sheriff Calvert, of Michigan, arrived here this morning and took Lancaster back on the afternoon train. Lancaster is well known here. He is an Indian lister.)

MEAT STILL DEARER IN NEW YORK CITY

No Abatement in the Boycott Movement—Great Falling Off in Sales.

New York, Feb. 3.—Meat was still on the rise in the local markets today. Boycott or not, prices continued to advance over the lowered rates prevailing the latter part of last week, and now approximate figures quoted before the beginning of the anti-meat movement.

This movement showed no signs of abatement today. Retailers in the sections of the city, especially the poorer quarters, reported a falling off of from one-third to one-half in sales. Shipments, however, have been curtailed.

This is in line with the recent hints from Chicago that prices would not stay long below the level of previous years, as curtailment was relied upon to lessen supply and adjust it to the reduced demand.

Big dealers here admitted today for the first time that receipts were heavily reduced. "If a retailer here had been encouraged to maintain prices, and consumers are now getting little direct benefit from the agitation."

The Hudson County (N. J.) grand jury today took up the inspection of the big cold storage plants. The visits will be made on all the big meat markets in the city. Meanwhile, additional subpoenas have been issued for packing company employees, and Judge Swanson, of the county court, has ordered a subpoena issued for the grand jury to his court and charge it as to its duty. The jury is trying to find out whether there is an agreement between the big warehouses to hold back supplies and maintain high prices.

PRICE OF FOODSTUFFS HAS DOWNWARD TREND

Gradually Falling Off in Retail Trade Affecting Wholesalers.

Though there is no very pronounced change in the price of food stuffs so far there seems to be a general trend downward lately. The gradual falling off in the retail meat trade is beginning to have its effect on the wholesale market, and today's market shows a beef to be 50 cents a hundred lower than in the past few weeks. The price is, of course, still very high, even with this reduction, but the probabilities seem to point to a still further drop in the near future. Dressed hogs, too, are showing a steady, though slow, decline in price during the past few weeks. This is due partly to the fact that the packers cannot handle pork at a profit while it remains at the present prohibitive figure, and as a result, less pork is being shipped from the locality, and the consequent increased supply accounts for the slight decrease in price.

In dairy produce, too, there is quite a change, and with the coming of spring there is little likelihood that there will be another increase in prices.

ALBERTA REFORM LEAGUE.

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 2.—The Temperance and Moral Reform League, of Alberta, is in session here today. The league was organized for the purpose of securing a referendum on the liquor question, and amendments to the present local option law are being formulated and will be presented to the Government in the morning by a deputation. One of these is to the effect that a bare majority should carry the measure instead of the three-fifths vote, as at present in force.

MAY BE HELD FOR MURDER.

Hamilton, Feb. 3.—Police Magistrate Joffe went to the City Hospital this morning for the purpose of securing an ante-mortem statement from Arthur Nevills. It is expected that Nevills cannot live long, but he was too weak to make the statement. The lamp exploded, and he was horribly burned. Mrs. Nevills is under arrest, and if her husband dies she will be charged with murder.

Mr. Brown Better.

Mr. E. A. Brown, who underwent an operation for appendicitis in St. Joseph's Hospital, is progressing very favorably, and an early recovery is expected.

BRITISH FLEET SAILS FOR CRETE

Movement Prompted by Complaint of Turkish Government.

FOUR POWERS CONCERNED

Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy Will Enforce the Conditions Imposed on Cretenans.

Malta, Feb. 3.—The British battleship Duncan, flagship of Rear Admiral Sir George Astley, Zetland, second in command of the British Mediterranean fleet, with the cruisers Lancaster, Minerva and Barham, and four torpedo boat destroyers, has left here for Piræus, the port of Athens, Greece.

The dispatch of the British squadron to Piræus indicates the determination of the British Government, Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy, to assure a strict adherence to the agreement under which the international forces were withdrawn from Crete. At that time the Cretenans solemnly promised to take no steps against the sovereignty of Turkey.

The recent decision of King George of Greece to revoke a national assembly was followed in reports that the Cretenans would attempt to send delegates to that body. This caused uneasiness at Constantinople, and it is understood that the Turkish Government informed the powers protecting the island, that if the Cretenans were admitted to the Greek national assembly such action would be regarded by the Porte as a breach of faith.

The situation was the subject of an exchange of views at London yesterday, several members, senators and ministers conferred with Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary.

Last night a semi-official statement at Athens declaring that the anxieties excited in Turkey were groundless, and that the assembly had been convened precisely because its sitting would defer the date of the parliamentary elections, which otherwise might have given the Cretenans an opportunity to realize their ambition to send deputies to Athens.

Nevertheless, the movements of the British vessels makes clear that the powers concerned do not propose to permit any action threatening the peace in the near east or in any other way disturbing the status quo.

Paris, Feb. 3.—Official advices received from Athens say that the Greek Government protests that the disquietude among the powers is premature as the parliamentary elections will not be held until next year, and there will be ample opportunity for action in the meantime.

CROWN ATTORNEY SEEKS FACTS AS TO JENSEN

Was the Hospital Suicide Insane When Taken to the Institution?

Crown Attorney McKillop stated to The Advertiser today that he is looking into the matter of the death of Marinus Jensen, strictly with a view of determining whether or not patients in the condition in which Jensen was, are to be taken into Victoria Hospital or not. If from the evidence it is learned that Jensen should have been committed to the asylum for proper care, it is understood that the hospital authorities will be instructed in the future to absolutely decline to admit patients of that class.

The hospital physicians state that no patients of an incurable nature or who are insane, unless temporarily so, shall be admitted.

Jensen Seemed Quiet.

Superintendent Heard stated that Jensen seemed to be quiet enough, and it was thought that he was getting along well enough to be discharged. How he obtained the acid is still unknown, although it does not seem to be the case that he was getting along well enough to be discharged. How he obtained the acid is still unknown, although it does not seem to be the case that he was getting along well enough to be discharged.

Board of Works.

The board of works will meet this evening. There is not a very great deal of business to be transacted. The most important matter is the appointment of a parks commissioner. A number of applications have been received.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FINE AND COLD.

Forecast.

Today—Strong winds, shifting to north and northwest; clearing and colder before night.

Friday—Northwest winds; fine and moderately cold.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Vancouver	28	22	Clear
Calgary	34	14	Fair
Winnipeg	18	10	Fair
Edmonton	20	12	Fair
Regina	22	14	Fair
Saskatoon	24	16	Fair
Parry Sound	32	20	Cloudy
Toronto	34	24	Snow
Ottawa	36	26	Snow
Montreal	38	28	Snow
Quebec	40	30	Snow
Father Point	38	28	Cloudy

REAR PLATFORM COVER COLLAPSED

The covering over the rear platform of the O. & N. train, which collapsed on the Hamilton road at noon today, luckily no person was on the platform at the time, and the accident did not result in any serious injury. The covering was supported on two posts and was pulled loose with the straining of the car through the snow drifts.

PEACE CONFERENCE FOR CENTRAL AMERICA

Convened at San Salvador—May Deal With Trouble in Nicaragua.

Washington, Feb. 3.—After having been postponed at the stipulated time of meeting in January, on account of the state of affairs in Nicaragua, the second Central American conference, a congress of representatives of the countries of Central America to promote peace and better relations, has at last convened at San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador, and taken up the work agreed upon at a first conference held last year in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Central American diplomats in Washington today declared they thought the conference would take some steps toward exerting its influence in bringing about a peaceful settlement of the present revolution in Nicaragua.

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BEAR EVIDENTLY SAW SHADOW HEAVY WEATHER HAS FOLLOWED

Brantford Stormbound, Trains From East Very Much Behind Time and Terrific Blizzard Up Lindsay Way.

Brantford, Feb. 3.—Brantford is falling heavily here about 11 o'clock last night, and the fall still continues. About seven inches has fallen. The weather is not cold, but a high wind is blowing. Railway traffic is somewhat delayed.

Sarnia, Feb. 3.—A snowstorm set in here last night, and still continues, but not a great deal of snow has fallen so far. Street and railway communication is not affected to any extent.

Woodstock, Feb. 3.—Last night and this morning snow has fallen heavily here, but has not caused any serious inconvenience. The trains on the two railroads are all running through without delay, being only about thirty minutes late, but as snow is still falling (Continued on Page Nine.)

Heavy at St. Kitts.

St. Catharines, Feb. 3.—Snow began falling here about 11 o'clock last night, and the fall still continues. About seven inches has fallen. The weather is not cold, but a high wind is blowing. Railway traffic is somewhat delayed.

AWARDED ALIMONY OF \$15,000 A YEAR

Wife of a New York Millionaire Granted Separation From Her Husband.

New York, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw was today granted a separation from her husband, W. Gould Brokaw, the millionaire club man and society leader.

She was awarded alimony of \$15,000 a year. The decision was handed down in the supreme court at Minedola by whom the case was tried.

SACKVILLE-WEST TO PLEAD OWN CASE

His Counsel, Sir Edward Clarke, Withdraws From the Case.

London, Feb. 3.—Sir Edward Clarke, counsel for Ernest Henry Sackville-West in the latter's suit to establish that he is the legitimate son and heir of the late Lord Sackville-West, withdrew abruptly from the case today, following a disagreement with his client as to his procedure. Several dispositions denying the request made by the defendant, and Josefa Derna, had been read when Sir Edward arose and announced his resignation, in consequence of a letter which had just been handed him by his client, in which he was instructed to request the court for an adjournment, pending the production of important documents from Spain. The letter which the barrister proceeded to read aloud concluded: "Should Sir John Buchanan refuse, I wish you to retire from the case, as I do not care to go on further with such an unfair trial."

Sir Edward explained that he was not prepared to apply for an adjournment, as he could not say that the Spanish documents referred to were material to his case. The petitioner's junior counsel followed suit, and President Bigham suspended Sir John's application to allow the claimant to consider the situation. The action is defended by the present Lord Sackville, a nephew of the former peer, who had been read when Sir Edward arose and announced his resignation, in consequence of a letter which had just been handed him by his client, in which he was instructed to request the court for an adjournment, pending the production of important documents from Spain. The letter which the barrister proceeded to read aloud concluded: "Should Sir John Buchanan refuse, I wish you to retire from the case, as I do not care to go on further with such an unfair trial."

MRS. FORD ON TRIAL FOR BLACKMAIL

Warrior, Alleged Victim, and Treasurer of Big Four, Cross-Examined.

Cincinnati, Feb. 3.—The courtroom was thronged when the trial of Mrs. Jeannette Stewart Ford, charged with blackmailing Charles L. Warner, defunct treasurer of the Big Four Railroad, was resumed today.

The cross-examination of Warner, was continued by attorney Thorndyke, who was called for the defense. This was the fourth day on the witness stand for Warner.

His statement on cross-examination that Mrs. Ford did not know that he was short in his accounts, but that he knew that Edgar S. Cooke, of Chicago, had been short when he left the Big Four service, caused general surprise.

It had all along been supposed that Mrs. Ford knew of Warner's short account, and that he had paid her money to remain silent. It also has become apparent that Warner does not intend to accuse Cooke of blackmail. He repeatedly has declared that Cooke has never extorted money from him, but that he supplied him with funds for the purpose of keeping Mrs. Ford silent, as she was equally dangerous to both of them.

LIEUT.-COL. CAMPBELL BANQUETS OFFICERS

Staff of the Seventh Regiment Passed a Most Enjoyable Evening.

Lieut.-Col. Campbell, of the Seventh Regiment, tendered the officers of the regiment a banquet at the London Club last night, and the affair proved a most enjoyable one. The toast list included a brief address of welcome by Col. Campbell; the reading of regret from many unable to be present, by Capt. Gordon Ingram; song, Lieut. Ware; "The Canadian Army," Col. W. E. Hodges, introduced by Major Thompson; "The Corporation of the City of London," Mayor Beattie, introduced by Capt. W. G. Coles; "The Judiciary," Judge Edward Elliott, introduced by Capt. T. J. Murphy; "Our Commercial Interests," Mr. A. W. White, introduced by Capt. A. T. Little; "Federated Labor," Mr. H. B. Archer, introduced by Capt. H. W. Thomson, and a song by Mr. Sanders.

EVERYTHING WAS O. K. IN ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Investigating Committee of the Council Find Everything Satisfactory.

The investigating committee of the city council went through the city engineer's office yesterday afternoon. Mr. Graydon had every available bit of information ready for the committee, and the work of investigation was expedited.

Every detail was gone into, and from what could be learned everything was found in a most satisfactory condition. City Clerk Baker's office has also been examined and everything was highly satisfactory there. The city treasurer's office will be next visited. A report will be prepared for the next council meeting.

WINDSOR HOTEL SOLD.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 3.—The International Hotel, one of Windsor's leading hostels, changes hands next week. Ed. Wigle, of Windsor, and Gordon Brown, of the Denning House, Leamington, have purchased the business from John Wigle. The purchase price is understood to have been in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The hotel building remains in the hands of the present owner, Ethel Wigle.

SOME CHILDREN WERE OVERCOME

Prostrated and Hysterical at Last of Pentecostal Meetings.

HOW LEADER DURHAM ACTS

Rev. F. E. Malott Explains Biblical Meaning of the "Gift of Tongues."

The Pentecostal meetings that have been held at the home of Mr. William H. Wortman for some time past came to a close last night, without any of the peculiar manifestations that were so noticeable at other meetings.

In the course of his address, Mr. Durham remarked that the devil did all their advertising. In any event, the work was well done. The house was packed to suffocation, and it was not the sympathetic audience that was present on other nights.

Urged To Stand Fast.

Mr. Durham spoke again at some length on the baptism, and also on the necessity for care, that when the movement was brought to a close the people should not fall away. There was a nucleus of some 30 people who had been baptized, who had perhaps been depending on him too much during his stay. These could now take charge of the work, and there was no reason why the work in London should be stayed.

The speaker did his best to inspire his hearers with the fervid enthusiasm that had swept them out of themselves at other meetings, but for once he failed to hold their attention, probably because of the curious crowd, who gazed in from the doorway, expecting some strange manifestation.

Is It Hypnotism?

Whatever may be thought of Mr. Durham's methods, it is beyond a question that he uses very radical methods for inducing enthusiasm.

Mr. Durham's piercing black eyes, which never fail to hold his hearers when they have been roused to the proper pitch of enthusiasm, are used to great effect. Sometimes he will step close to a person, fixing them with his gaze; never while he is speaking are his hearers permitted to lose sight of his personality. He walks up and down the room, with a restless, nervous, gesticulating with his long, sinuous fingers, shrugging his shoulders, nervously, and at times drawing in his breath with a loud, hissing sound.

With his influence once firmly settled on the people, a gradually increasing excitement, easily wrought up, has been the result.

STEAMER AND SAILER IN FATAL COLLISION

Swedish Steamer Annie Sinks—Six of Crew Drowned.

Hamburg, Feb. 3.—The Swedish steamer Annie was in collision with the German schooner "Hansa" on the night of Feb. 2, 23 miles northwest of here, last night.

The Annie sank immediately. Six of her crew were drowned.

CRITICAL SITUATION IN HONDURAS

State of Siege and President Davila in Danger of Being Deposed.

New Orleans, Feb. 3.—Special from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, says: The situation here is regarded as critical. It may result in the deposition of President Davila by Congress.

A state of siege has been declared for some time, and no one is allowed on the streets at night. Foodstuffs are selling for four to four times what they brought before the state of siege was declared. Congress, which has been in session ever since January 5, has done nothing but quarrel with President Davila over certain laws that he has enacted by decree since Congress refused to ratify them.

WOODMEN ENTERTAIN

Pine Grove Camp Held "At Home" in Society Hall.

The annual "At Home" of Pine Grove Camp, No. 2, W. O. W., was held in Society Hall, last evening. The hall was packed to capacity. A very fine programme was given, among those taking part being Miss Daniel, Miss Stilson, Miss Comber, Mr. Massey, Miss Dorothy Pearson, Robert Rowan, Mrs. Flint, Mrs. Bosworth, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Burnett, Master Harry Milligan, Mr. Seldon, Mr. Wilbur Kline, Mr. Sutton, Miss McTaggart, Master Grant Milligan, Miss Baker, and Miss Kline.

All the numbers pleased greatly, and the "At Home" was voted the most successful ever held.

After the programme, refreshments were served by the ladies, who were in charge being Mesdames Kidd, Freeman, J. Leah, G. Shaw, J. Lewis and J. Mills. No. 8 Uniform Rank, under Capt. T. Leah, looked after the comfort of the ladies.

WANTS TRIAL BY JURY

Thomas Curry, Indian, Is Charged With Breaking Into Store.

Thomas Curry, an Indian, charged with breaking into a store in Falkirk and stealing a quantity of goods, was taken to Alisa Craig yesterday in charge of Constable Priestly, and appeared before Squire Smith on the charge. He was committed for trial, and this morning appeared before Judge Macbeth. He pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by a jury. He will come up for trial at the spring assizes.