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## FITZPATRICK LOUMS UP AS AN AVOWED OPPONENT OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

Ottawa Electric Interests Triumph in House After Some Warm Debating and Bill Goes for Third Reading.

GOVERNMENT WHIP GETS ANGRY WHEN CANVASS IS CRITICIZED

Member for South York Stirs Up Support From Liberal Ranks and Minister of Justice is Queried on

Electric Company successfully ran the gauntlet of the committee of the whole sauntite of the committee of the whole house to-day, and now stands for a third reading. By this bill the Ottawa Electric Company gets rid of the stipulation in its original charter which prevented its acquisition of the stock of the Consumers and Metropolitan companies. It also enables the company to increase its capital stock to \$1,500,000, and to increase its borrowing powers. The only limitation imposed upon the company in respect to these concessions is that in the event of its acquisition of control of the Consumers' Company it shall not charge for electric lighting more than the maximum named in the Consumers' charter, that is, \$2 of 1 cent ampere hour. The present charge for light in Ottawa, under the rates fixed by competition between the two companies, is, \$6 of 1 cent appeared hour. The present charge for light in Ottawa, under the rates fixed by competition between the two companies, is \$36 of 1 cent appeared hour. The present charge for light in Ottawa, under the rates fixed by competition between the two companies, is \$36 of 1 cent appeared hour. The present charge for light in Ottawa, under the rates fixed by competition between the two companies, is \$36 of 1 cent appeared hour. So that the passage of the bill will enable the Ottawa company, upon amalgamating the Consumers', or getting control of its stock, to increase the present rates by about 45 per cent, At the suggestion of the leader of the opposition a cause was added to the bill to protect any rights the city may have under its franchises agreements with the Ottawa, Consumers' and Metropolitan companies. But the readiness with which the amendment was accepted by the company's man, Mr. Galilher, argues little for its ultitle of the difference of the present disturbances. house to day, and now stands for a third BRITAIN AND JAPAN ALLIES was accepted by the company's man, Mr. Galliher, argues little for its ulti-mate utility in protecting the city the city ent at St. Petersburg of The Times, re-

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Lavergne, the Quebec Liberal whip,
got up and, speaking in French, was
anderstood to say, "As one of the Liberal whips I desire also to deny the
statement of the hon member for

South York." "I knew I would get that statement and I accept it." Mr. Maclean replied. "Yet I say this is a government proposition and it is going thru this house just as if it were on the paper as a gov-

ernment order.

Dr. Sproule pointed out that if clause 2 were passed it would remove the only restriction that prevented the Ottawa Company from being a competent purchaser of the competing company.

Sir William Mulock then gave his reasons for opposing the bill. He said that while the company had a Dominion charter, the powers which it exercised charter, the powers which it exercised affected chiefly a locality, it was in substance a local company and he hestitated as a member of the Dominion parliament to interfere in an essentially local matter. Members were not in as

good a position to deal with this question as were members of a local legislature, or, better still, the municipal representatives of the city.

Air. Borden and Mr. Foster having opposed the bill. Mr. Fitzpatrick got up and delivered himself of his opinion on provided of the city. municipal ownership.

The minister of justice said that, as for municipal lighting, the city solici-

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# IT'S "ON TO VLADIVOSTOCK"

Theory Borne Out by Withdrawal of Army 35 Miles South From Gunshu Pass.

-The impression prevalent in some military circles that the Japanese, having removed the possibility of the main army in Manchuria assuming the initiative, will now turn their attention to Vladivostock, is strengthened by an As-35 miles south. It is realized, of course, that this may be merely a blind, to that this may be merely a blind, to cover flanking operations, but it is not improbable that the Japanese, having cleared Southern Manchuria of the Russian troops and secured a position whence expulsion would be a long and difficult process, may be satisfied to hold the Tie Pass line, without further extension of compunications.

Lenten services, St. James' Cathedral, 12:30; Church of Ascension 12:25. Police commissioners, 2.

Local Council of Women, government

house, 4. Prof. Cameron on "French Art," university, 4.

Press Club, King Edward, 6,
Josef Hofmann, Massey Hall, 8.
Blakely boys' choir concert, Sher-bourne-street Church, 8.

Theatres, see public amusements.

### ROTHSCHILDS' CONCESSION RE G.T.P. BONDS. (Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, March 27.—The city is somewhat surprised at the decision of Rothschild & Sons to bring out £3,200,000 of 3 per cent. sterling bends of the Grand Trunk Pacific at 95, especially after the Canaling bonds of the Grand Trunk Pacific at 95, especially after the Canadian Northern flasco, which offered the same terms. Messrs. Rothschild, however, make a concession in giving a full half-year's dividend at the beginning of October, instead of interest on the instalments paid only. It will be very interesting to see how things develop. At one time in the afternoon the issue was offered at 1-4 discount, but it was afterwards supported at par. The Canadian Northern issue stands at 1 1-4 discount

St. Petersburg, March 28.-(2.30 a.m.) the next objective point of the war, sociated Press despatch from Gunshu Pass, announcing the withdrawal of the Japanese from the immediate front of the Russian army for a distance of

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## ON INDEPENDENT BASIS IN SPITE OF THE BELL SAYS HOOVER Interesting History of the Markham,

Locust Hill, Green River, Whitevale and Brougham Line as Told by Its Originator Before Special Committee at Ottawa.

Ottawa, March 27.-(Special.)-Alpheus Hoover of Green River, Ontario, gave evidence before the special telephone committee this morning. Examined by W. F. Maclean he told how he organized an independent telephone company running from Markham eastward to Locust Hill, thence to Green River and on to Whitevale and Brougham. The company had 14 miles of line. It bought the poles and erected line. It bought the poles and erected them and gave the contract for stringing the wires and installing the machinery to a company. The fourteen miles cost the twenty subscribers \$48 per subscriber, which amount covered the total cost of construction and left no further expense except for maintenance. The line is working well. Among the subscribers are eight farmers, five business men, two doctors, one veterinary and some stock breeders.

That Notorious Contract.

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That Notorious Contract.

Mr. Hoover then told of the company's attempt to secure access to the C.P.R. railway station at Locust Hill. The subscribers with one exception were patrons of the C.P.R., shipping and receiving over that line and traveling by it. They required communication with the Locust Hill station. Application was made to the local agent, who was willing. Mr. Timmerman was willing, but the application was rejected when it reached the higher officials. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy was communicated with. He replied that the C.P.R. had a contract with the Bell Telephone Company, which made it impossible to let the independent company into a C.P.R. station without the consent of the Bell. He forwarded a copy of the contract, which, at Mr. Maclean's request, was read to the committee) The company was obliged to resort to the expedient of installing a telephone as near the station as possible in a private house. They pay five cents to a messenger per trip to make enquiries for them at the station.

The Famous Proceedings.

Mr. Hoover also told of the legal proceedings taken with the object of hav-

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late Hon. John Ross, Q.C., formerly Her Majesty's Attoracy-General for Upper Cariada, and second daughter of the late Limited. Main 1413.

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