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## PARLIAMENT CALLED To Honor King Edward at Westminster FOR DEATH PAGEANT

### Impressive Ceremony Planned Which May Have Peace- ful Effect Upon the Political Situation

### KING GEORGE'S ACTIVITY ALREADY WEARYING HIM

LONDON, May 15.—King Edward's last parliament, assembling on Tuesday at Westminster Hall, will be, at least in one respect, a welcome anomaly. It will be a parliament without politics. The King's speech, which the lords and commons will be summoned to receive, will be the shortest on record. There will be only one word and that will be unspoken. The rival legislative houses will know that the word is peace, and they will commune with their own hearts and be still. There will be a memorable tableau, with a stately company of royal mourners, and Edward the Pacificator's last service to the empire and the world will be rendered potent. It will be an appeal to human sympathies, and hazardous and fatuous will be the attempts of politicians to challenge the prerogative of the dead King to effect the deliverance of the country from partisan politics.

The brief religious service will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and will be attended by both houses of parliament. The ancient hall will not be draped, and the ceremonial will be of magnificent simplicity. The coffin will rest on a drape catafalque. The only sign of decoration will be a purple cloth covering the platform of the catafalque and the trappings of the bier. The King and Queen, the Queen Mother, and other royal mourners will be grouped about the catafalque during the service.

On Monday night the King and Queen, the Queen Mother, the other members of the royal family and the officials and attendants of the palace will attend a special devotional service before the body is removed. King George, who has been rightly credited with originating the unique audience of the houses of parliament with the dead sovereign at Westminster Hall, is among the earliest risers in the hall. He has been accustomed to take a long canter thru the park before 7 o'clock, but now he has settled down to a long day's work without excess of detail. His courtesy, hospitality and etiquette is referred to him, and there is a rapid succession of audiences and prolonged drudgery and the King is wearying him. He is showing signs of weariness and exhaustion, but with indefatigable will is keeping abreast of the work. He even finds time for a few minutes to attend to the friends of the entombed Whitehaven miners and to Florence Nightingale.

### Simplicity in Death Chamber.

The passage of the King is chief organizer will rival Queen Victoria's burial in impressiveness and grandeur. The naval spectacle will be lacking, but the death of the King is a solemn yet democratic lying in state before the eyes of a million subjects will be more memorable than a full array of battleships and cruisers. Until the arrival of the Duke of Cornwall, which enabled the mourners to prepare for the formal function in the throne room with the sealed coffin there had been extreme simplicity in the death chamber. King Edward might almost have been a cottager taking his rest in his night clothes. There was no field marshal's uniform or gold lace trappings, and around his neck was the locket which he had always worn as a charm.

While he was resting peacefully there was a hubbub outside over the concentration of 25,000 or 30,000 troops for the protection of the line of march, and elaborate preparations for decorating the streets, mercenary traffic in windows and scaffolding seats for spectators and untimely chatter about the autumn preparations for bringing the veto question to a head before coronation year.

### Court Rumors.

London is quivering after a week of intense emotion and fervid loyalty to the royal house. Among the rumors in the air is one that Queen Mary will be nominated as regent in the impending bill for regulating the minority of the Duke of Cornwall, and another says that the Duke of Connaught will open the parliament in South Africa and become governor-general of Canada. Another is that Windsor will be King George's principal home this year, with a long outing at Balmoral, and that Marlborough House will be the Queen-mother's town residence. Still another is that the King will speedily assume the rank of field marshal.

The first official "Life of King Edward" will be compiled by Sir Richard Holmes, the librarian at Windsor. The bulk of the work is already done. The most impartial estimate of Queen Victoria was an anonymous "Quarterly Review" article. The author was Edmund Gosse, who was frightened by his own candor until he heard that King Edward liked the article and had expressed the hope that his own life and reign would be summed up with an equally open mind.

### THE FUNERAL PROCESSION

#### The Most Remarkable Array of Royals Ever Seen Together.

LONDON, May 15.—In the selection of the route to be followed by King Edward's funeral procession two main considerations weighed: First, King George's desire that an opportunity should be given as many as possible to witness the obsequies, and second, the necessity of minimizing the risks attending a gathering of such tremendous numbers.

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## QUESTION READY FOR SUPREME COURT

### Points on Which the Federal and the Provincial Governments Are Disagreed as to the Incorporation of Companies.

OTTAWA, May 15.—(Special.)—Steps have at last been taken to determine the respective jurisdictions of the Dominion and provincial governments in the matter of company incorporation. The subject is one that has been in dispute for years. It will be recalled that, at the request of the provincial governments, a conference was held at Ottawa in March last between representatives of the provinces and of the Dominion, but a basis of agreement was not reached. The provincial representatives urged that British North America Act be amended so as to give effect to their contentions. On the part of the Dominion it was objected that such a course, once entered upon, would ultimately lead to the complete destruction of the B.N.A. Act, because no limit would be set to the amendments that might be demanded by the provinces in the future. The federal ministers contended that, as in the case of all other constitutional questions, the matter should be referred to the supreme court. This divided in opinion the members of the conference.

As the question of jurisdiction is one of great practical commercial importance, the Dominion Government has framed a series of questions for immediate submission to the supreme court. It is highly probable that the matter will be carried to the privy council. The preparation and argument of the case will be entrusted to E. L. Nason, K.C., deputy minister of justice, and Thomas Mulvey, K.C., under secretary of state. The several provinces will be notified so that they may be represented before the court if they so desire.

### The Stated Case.

The following are the questions to be submitted for the court's determination: (1) What limitation exists under the British North America Act, 1867, upon the power of the provincial legislatures to incorporate companies? (2) What is the meaning of the expression "with provincial objects" in section 92, article 11, of the said act? (3) Has a company incorporated by a provincial legislature under the powers of the act?

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### SHOTS FIRED

#### Nicaraguan Embroglio Begins to Warm Up—Engagement Expected.

NICARAGUA, May 15.—An Estrada scout ship yesterday encountered the steamer Venus near the port of Greytown. The Venus was steaming into the harbor with guns and ammunition. A few shots were fired, but no damage resulted. The scout ship returned here, but later proceeded with two other vessels belonging to the provisional forces, which are all well armed.

It is understood they will endeavor to force a general engagement. An engagement between the provisional and Estrada forces at Rama is looked for at any moment. The two armies are practically facing each other. General Lara, who with Gen. Gokey is attempting the investment of Bluefields, is not yet within striking distance.

### CASUALTIES AT WINNIPEG FIRE

#### Four Employes of Canada Oil Company Suffer Burns.

WINNIPEG, May 15.—Fire in the Elmwood warehouse, near the Canada Oil Co., Ltd., yesterday morning did damage to the extent of about \$25,000 and four employes were caught in the flames. A. Dye and Russell Burnett, two employes of the company, were so badly burned that they had to be removed to the hospital. Their condition is precarious. Two small boys, Michael Sior and Anton Klouski, were also burned slightly.

### FIVE BOILERS EXPLODE.

PITTSBURGH, May 15.—A battery of five boilers exploded at the plant of the Diamond Coal & Coke Co., at Chewtown, Washington County, killing three men, who were in the boiler house at the time. Six others, including employes and residents in the dozen or more houses nearby, were injured, but none will die.

### TOWN THREATENED BY FIRE.

BEVIDLI, Minn., May 15.—Women and children to-night are in the churches praying for the men fighting the fires, and two companies of state militia are hastening here from Crookston and Duluth to fight the flames that are moving toward the town.

### GAVE CHILDREN DOG POISON.

DEMOPOLIS, Ala., May 15.—Because she was refused permission to go to Birmingham, a 10-year-old negro, employed by Davis Collins, a wealthy planter, as a nurse for his two small children, gave dog poison to the younger, aged three months, died in agony.



UNCLE SAM (a little nearsighted): Keep yer head above water, there! Me an' the punt's acomin'!

### BOURASSA LEADER FOR QUEBEC CONSERVATIVES?

#### Rumor That He is to Resign From the Legislature and Take Monk's Place.

MONTREAL, May 15.—(Special.)—It would not perhaps be a very great surprise to the political world if Henri Bourassa were in the very near future proclaimed leader of the Conservative party in this province. He has a more personal and more genuine note even than the great leader of the death of Queen Victoria, who was loved more as a great institution than as a personality.

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### CHOIR FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

#### Six Hundred Voices Under Leadership of Dr. Ham.

The memorial service, at which all the Protestant churches of the city will be represented, will be held in front of the Parliament Buildings on Friday afternoon, the day of the royal funeral.

About 600 voices from the various choirs in the city will constitute a choir, with the bands of the city playing on masses of the city.

### TAKE OVER DICKEY LIMITS.

MONTREAL, May 15.—(Special.)—It is stated here that the Dominion of Canada Securities Company, composed of the Earl of Denbigh, John Howard, agent-general of Nova Scotia in London; Sir Frederick Borden, Hon. A. K. MacLean and several London financiers, has taken over the Dickey limits of Nova Scotia, and are also about concluding a deal with the government of Nova Scotia for the Eastern Railway extending from Halifax to Country Harbor and tapping the coal areas of Pictou County.

### A LOFTY LIFT.

PHILADELPHIA, May 15.—Charged with steering the ship from the steps of the Roxborough Baptist Church, Earl Knoll, a steeplejack, was arraigned in police court to-day and held for a further hearing. It was testified that during the night he had climbed 110 feet on St. John's Church steeple, from which 108 pounds of copper sheathing was removed. From the 60-foot steeple of the Baptist Church, it is alleged he obtained 48 pounds of metal.

### COMPROMISE IN THE AIR KING GEORGE FAVORS IT

#### Political Leaders Shy at Responsibility of Precipitating a Conflict at This Time.

CHICAGO, May 15.—T. P. O'Connor, Nationalist M.P., calling The Tribune from London, says: The extraordinary outburst of emotion caused by the death of King Edward still continues unabated. It has a more personal and more genuine note even than the great leader of the death of Queen Victoria, who was loved more as a great institution than as a personality.

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### PURCHASE OF DOMINION ATLANTIC A CERTAINTY

#### Nova Scotians Declare C.P.R. Acquisition One of Best Things Ever Happened Province.

MONTREAL, May 15.—(Special.)—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, who returned to this city to-day, announced that interests friendly to the C.P.R. were securing the Dominion Atlantic. When some one spoke about the excellence of the property, the president added: "We always, you know, get after the big things," so it may now be taken as a settled question that the Dominion Atlantic is safely landed with the Canadian Pacific.

It is said in fact, that a leading C.P.R. official will go over the Dominion Atlantic system in a very short time to make a report to headquarters, after which a general policy will be decided upon. Yes, and it goes without saying that this new policy will be a progressive one in every respect. Of course, Sir Thomas smiles, when he speaks of "friendly interests," for it is a well known fact that while the Dominion Atlantic securities do not come into direct possession of the C.P.R., yet the company's leading directors, such as Mr. R. B. Angus, Hon. L. J. Forget and others, make no bones as to the purchase.

While discussing the great stroke of business which the big railway has just made in the Province of Nova Scotia, H. Logan, ex-M.P. for Cumberland, who heard the news as he was en route for Ottawa, said that the Dominion Atlantic had happened Nova Scotia for many years, and this view is fully shared by N. Curry, formerly from Amherst, N.S., and by most of the lower province men in this city.

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Mr. Perley's duties will be mainly connected with organization and general party management. He will have permanent offices in the city, and through his hands will pass all correspondence and business associated with the federal Conservative party generally.

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## NO APPROVAL YET FOR TELEPHONE CONTRACTS

### Chairman Mabee of Dominion Railway Board Says Agreements of Bell Co. with Independent Lines Are Only Temporarily Assented to.

Some time ago The World pointed out that the Bell Telephone Co. was violating the law regarding the submission of the contracts made with independent companies to the Dominion Railway Board for approval. Counsel for the Bell Company took occasion to declare that all the contracts made with his company had been submitted and regularly approved, and on this basis the company was influencing other independent companies to submit to terms which, to say the least, were not as favorable as the independent companies had a right to expect. The Bell Telephone Company issues monthly the Telephone Company for circulation among its employes, and in the April number of the Gazette there appears what is called "A correction."

"A statement is being persistently circulated," it declares, "by an interested party, that the contract between the Bell Telephone Company and associate companies for exchange of service have not been submitted to and approved by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, as required by the Railway Act, and that therefore they cannot be binding on the Board of the parties thereto. This statement is entirely erroneous. All the contracts which this company has made into with other companies for exchange of service have been submitted to the board as required by law, and the regulations of the board complied with in the approval of the board obtained."

Put it Up to Mabee. On the strength of this the Bell employes naturally make assertions which are, as The World has stated, contrary to fact. This has been placed beyond question by the correspondence passing between the secretary of the Canadian Independent Telephone Association and the chief commissioner of the railway board. Chairman Mabee makes it clear that the Bell Telephone deliberately misled their own employes and the public, and that the regulations of the board have not been complied with in the great majority of cases.

Writing on April 30, the secretary of the Independent Telephone Association of the statement we have quoted from The Telephone Gazette and enclosed it. It was correct, that if the numbers and dates of the orders issued by the board approving contracts might be furnished. The letter proceeded: "Notwithstanding the statement that the Telephone Gazette is only circulated among the employes of the Bell Telephone Co., it is nevertheless a fact that it is mailed each month to a very large number of rural companies in Ontario as well as to the press. The view which this association takes upon this question is that if the contracts have not been approved, the Bell Telephone Co. and its agents have no right to use statements as a"

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## SGT.-MAJ. WIDGERY HURT BY FALLING FROM CAR

### Struck Back of Head on Pavement and Goes to Hospital—Dr. Hewitt Breaks a Leg.

Two gentlemen prominent in the city's life had the misfortune to fall off street cars Saturday night and were seriously injured.

James Widgery, sergeant major of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, familiar to horse show patrons, the militia, and regular chief of police, was thrown from the back of a King car at the corner of Dufferin-street, the back of his head striking the pavement. He was picked up unconscious and removed to his home, 208 Ossington-avenue. It was at first thought he had received only a slight scalp wound, but towards morning he became delirious and was removed to the Grace Hospital in the afternoon. His delirium lasted until midnight, and it was feared he had sustained a fracture of the skull, as he had a violent hemorrhage, but luckily such is not the case.

Dr. Hewitt, 218 North Lisgar-street, stepped off a moving Dundas car at 10:40 p.m. at the corner of Rushmore-road, breaking his right leg. P. C. Smith and several citizens carried him to his home near by.

### WILL GO TO LONDON.

LONDON, May 15.—(Special.)—Rev. E. Hooper of Toronto, who was probably selected by the Adelaide-street Baptist Church to succeed Roy T. Shields, who has just gone to Jarvis-street Church, Toronto, occupied pulpits of Adelaide-street Church twice to-day. He is the former pastor of Beverly-street Baptist Church.

### MORE DINEEN IMPROVEMENTS.

The Dineen store on Temperance and Yonge streets is to be greatly improved by an extension of display rooms on the ground floor and the re-erection of a number of large plate glass windows on the Temperance-street side, as far back as the store runs. This work will be undertaken almost immediately.