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$10,000 A YEAR TO MAKE BOY SOLDIERS

Lord Strathcona Has Established a Patriotic Fund for Physical and Rifle Training in Canadian Schools.

OTTAWA, March 24.—(Special).—For the encouragement of physical and military training in the public schools of Canada, Lord Strathcona has made the generous donation of $250,000, a sum which will yield $10,000 a year for the patriotic purpose designated by Canada's high commissioner in London.

The announcement was made in the house this afternoon by Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia, and was received with applause and a resolution of thanks, moved by the prime minister and seconded by R. L. Borden.

Sir Frederick Borden prefaced his announcement by referring to a portion of his recent speech upon the estimates, in which he referred to the importance of training in schools, and to the unanimity with which the idea had been accepted thruout the Dominion. Sir Frederick then read the following letter, received yesterday, from Lord Strathcona:

"You will recollect that when we met in London during your recent visit, I was greatly interested in the account you gave me of your efforts to get a system of physical training and military drill, including rifle practice, introduced into the public schools of the Dominion.

"I have long entertained the opinion that such training as that you are striving for is of the highest value in developing the moral, physical and intellectual qualities of children, as well as that valuable quality known as patriotism, and I am anxious to take part in the good work which is being done in this direction.

Offers $10,000 a Year.

"I write, therefore, to inform you that I am prepared to place at your disposal, or that of any competent body which you may be in a position to constitute, with the object of encouraging such training, the sum of $10,000 per annum. I would suggest that the fund which this sum will form might be designated as for the encouragement of physical and military training in the public schools, and that it should be administered by a body of trustees appointed for the purpose.

"I should be glad to know what your own proposals as to the constitution of this body would be. But I think that the central committee might perhaps be composed somewhat as follows: Yourself, ar the minister of militia for the time being, as president, and the ministers who deal with education in the various provinces of the Dominion as vice-presidents, but subject to the condition that the province which each one represents has declared its adhesion to the principles agreed upon between the department of militia and the Province of Nova Scotia, which was sanctioned and made applicable to the other provinces of the Dominion by order-in-council of Aug. 30, 1908.

"The executive council to be composed of: (a) The members of the militia council; (b) Representatives to be named by the ministers controlling education in the various provinces, two each for the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec and one each for the remaining provinces of the Dominion; (c) The military officers commanding the commands and independent districts of the Dominion.

"Should his excellency the governor-general be disposed to become patron of the trust, I should feel especially honored by such action on his part, which would conduce very greatly to the success of the object which we have in view. I should also deem it an especial honor if the prime minister, as evincing his approval, would consent to be vice-patron of the trust.

Local Committees to Administer.

"While the fund as a whole should be administered and money grants allotted by the executive committee in general proportionately to the school population of the various provinces of the Dominion, it would, I think, be desirable that the administration of the grant within the several provinces should be made by local committees appointed under the authority of the central committee. These local committees might be composed for example of the military officers commanding the district as chairman, three civil members nominated by the minister of education for the province and three military members nominated by the minister of militia.

"While I attach the highest importance to the advantages of physical training and elementary drill for all children of both sexes, I am particularly anxious that the especial value of military drill, including rifle shooting for boys capable of using rifles, should constantly be borne in mind. My object is not only to help to improve the physical and intellectual capabilities of the children by inculcating habits of alertness, orderliness and prompt obedience, but also to bring up the boys to patriotism and to a realization that the first duty of a free citizen is to be prepared to defend his country.

"The Dominion at the present time, and for many years to come, can hardly hope to be able to give so long a period of training to her military forces as by itself would suffice to make them efficient soldiers. But, if the boys had acquired a fair acquaintance while at school with simple military drill and rifle shooting, the degree of efficiency which could be reached in the otherwise short period which can be devoted to the military training of the Dominion forces would in my opinion be enormously enhanced.

Teachers Should Also Share.

"I will only add that I should prefer

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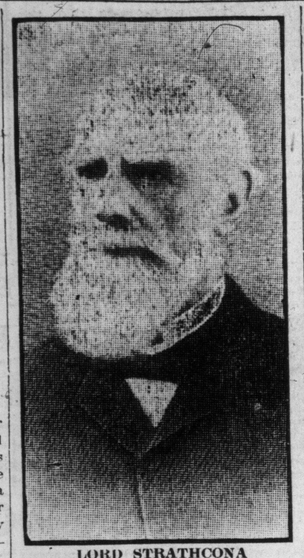

LORD STRATHCONA
Who has again demonstrated his patriotism and love of Canada.

SAYS TORONTO IS BATTY OVER IMPERIAL DEFENCE

Ottawa Paper Declares Germ of Craziness Has Got in its Work in This City

OTTAWA, March 24.—(Special.)—To-night The Free Press (government organ) has a wide guage front page editorial captioned "Shall Canada Go Batty Also?" in which it declares that the excitement here over the alleged threatened invasion of England by Germany is the result of the frenzy and the warped judgment of the excitable people of Toronto.

"Toronto," it says, "which celebrated the fall of Pretoria three days before the capture took place, has again gone off at half cock. The germs of craziness which caused the people of England to make fools of themselves and set them wild over a 'steenth-rate drama seems to have got in its fatal work in Ontario's chief city.

"Because," says The Free Press, "the British people, led on by a crowd of out-of-office politicians, have allowed themselves to get into one of their periodical conditions of frenzy, where judgment is warped by excitement, The Globe wants Canada to first jump into the whirlpool and leave the thinking to be done afterwards."

"When the British Empire is really threatened, Canad can be relied on to do the proper thing, but we would not like to see it led from the paths of peace and commerce by every breeze that may be created by those with more enthusiasm than good judgment."

The Citizen (Con.) also declares that "there shall be no stampeding by jingoes" when the government is maturing its plans.

La Presse is Outspoken in Opposition to Contribution.

MONTREAL, March 24.—(Special.)—Says La Presse: "If England were at war with France, Germany, Japan or any other country, and if Canada should think proper to abstain from participating in such a war, that would be her exclusive affair. As a matter of fact it must be understood once and for all that Canada is free to contribute or not in any war in which Great Britain may become involved, just as was the case in the one in South Africa."

The writer, who has evidently been at Ottawa, says that these views coincide with all those heard in the lobby of the house of commons who have at heart the cause of national autonomy.

"In fact," La Presse adds, "on all sides The Globe article is looked upon as having been very feebly inspired."

Westerners Are Keen For an Immediate Contribution.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 24.—(Special.)—The Canadian Club this afternoon passed a resolution affirming that the international situation is such that the Dominion should become responsible for a first-class battleship at the earliest possible date, and calling on sister clubs to emphasize this need.

At Vancouver, the Vancouver Board of Trade at a special meeting held, passed a resolution which was to-night wired to Premier Laurier, urging that the Dominion should at once offer to the imperial authorities a sufficient sum to build a modern Dreadnaught of the strongest type.

War, Without a Cause, If Excitement Continues.

Goldwin Smith, in The Weekly Sun: If frenetical raving can do it, we shall have war, really without a cause. The clai mof England to be mistress of the seas, which is really the only cause alleged, is totally untenable. No power can, by merely dotting its possessions or dependencies over the globe, set up a claim to exclusive dominion over the common highway of nations. The Canadian farmer is ont wanting in love of the mother country, but he would not really showing his love by suffering his earnings to be squandered on the means of gratifying an insane ambition, and probably, at the same time, serving political and personal objects of a still less praiseworthy kind.

The danger is partly due to the present organization of the newspaper press, which in former days was a political organ in the hands of men who were at once proprietors or at least large shareholders, and editors, and who had their own political opinions of the party kind. Now the press seems to be largely in hands and run with the objects purely commercial. Circulation is the one object and sensation is the prolific parent of circulation. Telegraphy has at the same time stimulated the appetite for exciting intelligence and vastly increased the facility of obtaining it.

BOY IDENTIFIES HIS KIDNAPPERS

"How Do You Do?" He Says to Mysterious Woman, and Offers Hand, While She Caresses Him.

CLEVELAND, O., March 24.—Willie Whitla to-day identified the man and woman held on suspicion by the Cleveland police as the persons who kidnapped him from the school at Sharon, Pa., last Thursday, and held him for the $10,000 ransom, which was paid by his father, Attorney J. P. Whitla, Monday.

Willie said the man, who gave the name of James H. Boyle, was the one who took him from school and carried him thru a tortuous route to Cleveland, then to Ashtabula, back to this city, and placed him in the house in the east end, where he was held until the money was paid.

Willie also declares that the woman was the one who cared for him at the house where he was detained and who acted the part of a nurse.

Boyle says the woman is his wife. The police have no other identification of the couple than the names given. So far as the man is concerned, the police believe the name is correct. Boyle is said to reside in Sharon, and is a plumber by trade. He is said to have a widowed mother, four brothers and a sister.

The woman who is accredited with being the wife of Boyle, declared soon after her arrest that her identification would cause a sensation in Sharon.

When the identification was completed, Mr. Whitla would say nothing regarding the woman. He said he knew Boyle slightly.

Immediately after Willie Whitla had seen the man and woman at the central police station, they were taken to the county court house and there appeared before the grand jury. They were examined for the purpose of aiding the jury in its attempt to find an indictment against the two prisoners. The charge under the laws of Ohio against the man and woman, if an indictment was found, will be blackmail. This is based upon the payment of the $10,000 ransom paid by Whitla.

Suspect Suicides.

A woman known as Mary Dioner, who the police say may have been an associate of the kidnappers, or was implicated in the plot, committed suicide to-day by drinking morphine. The woman drank the poison while standing in front of a drug store in the east end, not far from the house in which

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URGE C. P. R. TO HURRY

Lake Front Towns Want Promised Line Constructed.

COBOURG, March 24.—(Special).—Representatives of lake front towns from Pickering to Cobourg and Campbellford met to-day, when a resolution was passed, moved by J. J. Mason of Bowmanville, seconded by W. E. W. Sinclair, reeve of Oshawa, strongly urging upon the C. P. R. the desirability of commencing the construction of the Lake Ontario, Campbellford and Western Railway.

The charter for this road was granted Feb. 12, 1904, and has been twice renewed.

It was stated that the interest shown by the municipalities thru which the road would run was helpful in securing this charter; and that a deputation on a former occasion received definite assurances from the president of the C. P. R. that construction would begin upon the completion of other lines in Ontario then under consideration.

Further action in the case was left in the hands of a committee composed of Mayors James, Mason and Field.

GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

Premier Asquith's Reference to New Zealand's Offer.

LONDON, March 24.—Great Britain has accepted the offer made by New Zealand to give the empire free of cost a fully equipped Dreadnought.

Announcing the acceptance of this gift in the house of commons Premier Asquith read the telegram sent to New Zealand expressing the government's "warmest gratitude for this generous and patriotic offer." Continuing, he said:

"So far as the coming official year is concerned the provisions of the naval estimates afford ample security, but in view of the uncertainty existing regarding the character and extent of the demands that may be made on our national resources the following year the offer of New Zealand to defray within that period the cost of providing a first-class battleship of the latest type, and a second vessel of the same type, if subsequent events show it is necessary, is most gratefully accepted."

$600,000 TO BE LEFT ALONE

Bribe Which N. Y. Police Commissioner Says He Refused.

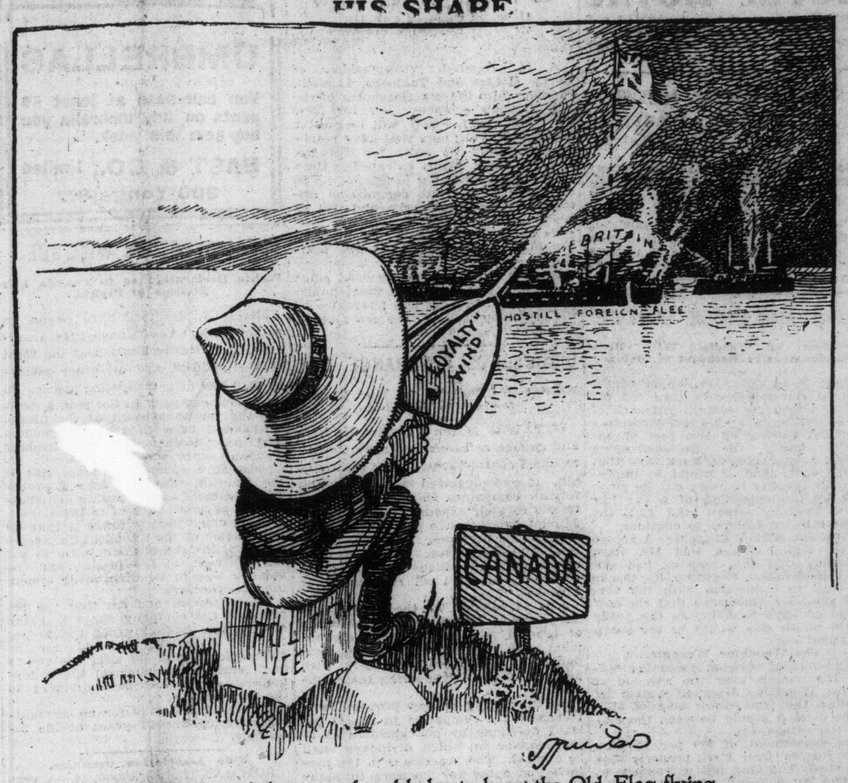
NEW YORK, March 24.—A dishonest man holding the position of police commissioner in New York city might become a millionaire in a few months, such are the opportunities for illicit gain, says a statement to-day of Commissioner Bingham.

During Mr. Bingham's first year in the office, he says, a single bribe of $600,000 a year was offered him if he would protect certain criminal interests.

"Compliance with the conditions of the offer," he added, "would have been entirely of a negative matter. All they wanted was to be let alone."

Commissioner Bingham was worked up over the refusal of the city aldermen to vote him an appropriation of $100,000 for a secret service to investigate Blackhand crimes and other matters.

HIS SHAPE.



Mr. Canuck keeps cool and helps to keep the Old Flag flying.

ROYAL TRAIN KEPT READY TO MOVE WHEN WAR'S ON

Servian Monarch and Family Prepared to Leave Belgrade at a Moment's Notice.

VIENNA, March 24.—(N. Y. Herald Cable.)—The whole of the 11 brigades constituting the Montenegrin army have been mobilized at Belgrade and the royal train is kept under steam and ready to convey the king and royal family to Nish, for Belgrade is admitted to be untenable in case of war.

Gen. Zivkovich will become commander-in-chief of the army, and all treasure, including the post telegraphs funds, will be removed from Belgrade to Alexinatz.

British intervention appears to have aggravated the situation. It is interpreted at Belgrade as a movement in favor of Servia, and has stimulated the resistance of the little kingdom against Austria-Hungary.

Moreover, Sir Edward Grey's initiative step appears to have been truly impulsive and have been taken without any previous understanding with Russia. The impatience here is very great, and Sir Edward Grey is wasting precious time endeavoring to find a formula which will please all parties.

Samapruva, the official Servian newspaper, says that Baron von Aehrenthal suggests a conference, a suggestion which Servia demands will not be considered, and says that he shows openly a desire for war.

Another Belgrade despatch announces the approaching fall of the Novakovich ministry. Roumania declares she will remain neutral in case of war, but is sending troops to guard her frontier.

Still Negotiating.

LONDON, March 24.—The conflicting reports from Belgrade and Vienna iwth regard to the Balkan situation are accounted for by the fact that Servia, in her reply to the representations of the powers, made every concession that the governments thought Austria-Hungary had demanded; but Baron von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, is not yet satisfied.

Great Britain and other powers, howeevr, are still hopeful of reaching an old amicable stretch and negotiations, are still proceeding at London and Vienna.

All Efforts Fruitless?

BERLIN, March 24.—The Lokal Anzeiger's Vienna correspondent gives an extremely pessimistic view of the Balkan situation.

Quoting an unnamed official, he stated that all the efforts of the powers to mediate have proved fruitless. The recent situation, he declares, cannot last longer than a few days. Servia must give unequivocal guarantees by the end of the month of her peaceful intentions, or otherwise only a miracle can avert war.

A despatch from Vienna to The Tageblatt is similar in tone.

Conference Called.

LONDON, March 24.—Telegraphing from Constantinople, the correspondent of The Morning Post said that he hears that a European conference has been absolutely agreed upon and the program, the date and the place of meeting will be settled next week.

FAMILY OF 7 CREMATED.

Farmhand Also Perishes—Furious Storm in Texas.

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 24.—Reports received here to-day from Wise County, 20 miles north of here, say that a terrible electrical storm swept that county early to-day. The Town of Slidell is reported practically destroyed. Only two houses were left standing.

A. D. Price, a farmer, his wife and five children and a farm hand were burned to death three miles north of Slidell by the destruction of their home. Twenty persons are reported injured.

LONGUE POINTE TERMINAL OF C.P.R. OCEAN SERVICE

Coming Competition of the White Star Line Necessitates Extension of Empress Voyages.

MONTREAL, March 24.—(Special.)—The statement is made that the C.P.R. will locate their steamship terminal at Longue Point, and it is stated that the move is the result of the coming competition of the White Star Line in the port of Montreal. The White Star "Laurentic" and "Megantic" to run between Montreal and Liverpool this season, are larger than the "Empresses" vessels of the C.P.R. and draw more water.

These vessels will be but the nucleus of a fleet which will work in connection with the Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk Pacific, and it stands to reason that if a rival company can bring such vessels to Montreal, the C. P. R. will have to bring the Empress boats up, instead of stopping them at Quebec.

A MAGNIFICENT FEAT.

Sledge Journey of Shackleton Party is Thus Designated.

LONDON, March 24.—Lieut. Shackleton's achievements and discoveries have brought a chorus of praise and admiration from other explorers, geographers and scientists. Louis Charles Bernacchi, who was with the Discovery Antarctic Expedition in 1901-4, said that the sledge journey of 126 days, under such conditions as were described, was one of the most magnificent feats in the annals of polar exploration.

Mr. Bernacchi is of the opinion that the geological and other results of the expedition corroborate the belief that the Antarctic region was at some remote period far warmer than it is now, and also the signs of less severe glaciation show that the climate is growing warmer and the ice cap on the Antarctic continent diminishing and receding.

WANT ANOTHER CONFERENCE

In Meantime, Miners Are Ordered Not to Strike April 1.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 24.—The report to-day of the policy committee of the Anthracite Mine Workers reaffirmed the demands, provides for a further conference with the operators and instructs the miners to remain at work until after April 1, until further instructions from the union. The miners want:

Complete recognition of their union.
Eight hour day.
Ten per cent. increase for men earning less than $1.50 a day.
Five per cent increase for men earning between $1.50 and $2.

A resolution to ask President Taft to appoint a commission to arbitrate differences was adopted by the convention and referred to the executive boards to put it into effect at their discretion.

DOPED WINE, TOOK $1300

Louis Scanlan Under Arrest in Chicago For Robbing Toronto Couple.

Charged with robbing Mr. and Mrs. Max Rothbaum of 84 William-street, in this city, of $1300 on one of the slickest kinds of swindles, Louis Scanlon is under arrest in that city, says a despatch received in Toronto yesterday.

It is alleged that Scanlon sold the couple an option on a Front-street hotel, saying that the proprietor was sick and must go to California. He took a bottle of wine to show how good the stock was, and when the couple came to after sampling the wine, Scanlon was gone with the money.

There was another man with Scanlon at the time who has not yet been arrested.

TIGHT MONEY MARKET CAUSE OF G.T.P. REQUEST

Unable to Float Bonds Unless at a Sacrifice—Prairie Section Estimates Too Low.

OTTAWA, March 24.—(Special).—Decks have been cleared for action on the ten million dollar cash G. T. P. loan, the government furnishing the leader of the opposition with the desired information as to financial dealings between the administration and the company before consenting to consider the new advance of funds.

In a letter from President Hays dated Nov. 16, 1908, a request is made for an advance of ten million dollars. Mr. Hays says that this additional sum has been found necessary over and above the proceeds of the bond issue of £2,100,000 for the prairie section, and that, "Owing to the depression in the money markets of both Europe and America as respects this class of bonds it is unlikely that we can sell these securities immediately or in the early future upon favorable terms. If thrown upon the money market under unfavorable conditions they would probably have to be sold at a sacrifice price, which would materially diminish the amount to be realized from them and might injuriously affect the credit of the two companies concerned.

"Under such circumstances, and in view of the urgent desire of the government that the enterprise shall be prosecuted without any delay, we ask the government to assist us in the utilizing of these bonds by taking them at their par value as a security for a loan not exceeding ten million dollars for a period not exceeding ten years."

Mr. Hays says that the estimate of $13,000 per mile as sufficient guarantee for the prairie section has been found to be a mistake. The cost of the 916 miles complete will be $32,198,351, or approximately $35,151 per mile. Up to Sep. 3 the sum of $24,087,743, including interest, had been expended, leaving a balance to be provided of nearly ten million dollars. This estimate is verified by Mr. Schreiber, the government's general engineer.

A list of shareholders of the G.T.P. up to March 17 shows the Grand Trunk Railway Company to have 249 000 shares fully paid up for $24,000,000. Other holders of 20 shares each include C. M. Hays, E. J. Chamberlain, F. W. Morse, Wm. Wainwright, Hon. G. A. Cox and J. R. Booth, who have paid up $200 each.

Strike is on at Prince Rupert Due to Wage Cut.

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., March 24.—(Special).—There is practically no change in connection with affairs on the first mile of construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific under contract to Foley, Welch and Stewart, and handed over to Ross and McColl. Two weeks ago all the men who had been receiving $2.25 and $2.50 per day for ten hours' work made a demand for $3 per day all round. The contractors refused to consider the $3 rate and the men are still out.

When the Grand Trunk Pacific lowered the rate of wages on Jan. 1 from $100 per month for transit men and $45 per month for road men to $75 and $35 respectively, all their engineers and men employed on town site work with very few exceptions quit work. When townsite work and land surveys were resumed, the men's cheques were made out at the reduced scale. As this work is being paid for jointly by the provincial government and the Grand Trunk Pacific, William Manson, government agent, who represents the provincial government, refused to sign the cheques.

HARPOON EXPLODES AND KILLS MAN.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 24.—(Special.)—George Kent is dead, the result of an accident. Some days ago some old whaling harpoons were found in a box in a vacant lot. Yesterday Kent used one to poke a fire, when an unused charge of explosive went off, terribly injuring his leg.

FINE DELEGATION BUT PREMIER EVASIVE

Too Late Now to Initiate Legislation for Franchise for Women, He Says—Invites Another Visit.

Sir James Whitney's contention that the best class of women do not want female suffrage, can hardly be sustained after yesterday's demonstration at the parliament buildings. As this was his main objection to the movement some years ago, he can scarcely be said to be consistent in the reply he made to the important delegation.

In point of numbers there has been nothing like it since the big hydro-electric power deputation in 1905. The crowd assembled on the main staircase, rallying round Inspector J. L. Hughes as a centre, and then adjourned to the members' reception room. This was entirely inadequate for the multitude, and the corridors overflowed with those who could not enter. Several cabinet ministers were left outside.

So far as argument goes, the women had all the best of it. It is not a question of logic, or women would be granted the suffrage immediately, but of feeling and sentiment, and when this is admitted the men who deny the suffrage to women place themselves purely on a feminine basis. If it be admitted that Queen Victoria was fit to rule an empire and that she was a good sovereign, but that she was not fit to cast a ballot, the absurdity of the opposition is apparent.

All that can be said against certain types of women voting can be urged with equal or stronger force against similar types of men. So many countries and states have adopted female suffrage that it is evidently only a question of time when it shall be as general as the manhood vote. The Conservative party, which plumes itself on securing the intelligence of the country on its side, should hasten to adopt the policy as a plank in the platform before Mr. MacKay secures it for the new Reform program.

Sharp on Time.

The deputation was neither unattractive nor frivolous yesterday, and in business promptitude outrivaled the premier and set a pattern for all future male deputations. Dr. Stowe-Gullen presented the petition and made an excellent and brief plea for the Canadian Suffrage Association and its cause. Other speakers were J. L. Hughes, Rev. R. J. Hutcheon, J. N. Bruce, James Simpson, Controller Hocken, William Munns, Mrs. Flora M. Denison, Mrs. Miriam Brown, Mrs. N. A. Stephens, Dr. Margaret Gordon, Mrs. Louis C. Glasgow. They were supported by most of the prominent women workers in the city, and many advanced political thinkers.

Societies represented were the Single Tax Society; Household Economic Association; Provincial and Toronto District W. C. T. U.; Toronto Teachers' Association; Toronto District Trades and Labor Council; Friends' Association; Women's Social Study Club; West End Temperance Association; Dominion Alliance; Women's Medical Society; Medical Alumnae; Progressive Thought Club; Fabian Society; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Their Petition.

The petition, which had 100,000 Ontario signatures, and represented bodies numbering 16,000,000 people, read:

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in Parliament assembled:

The petition of the undersigned of the Canadian Suffrage Association humbly showeth:

That whereas all just governments derive their power from the consent of the governed;

And whereas woman is subject to the laws of the land, being punished for crime, paying taxes on property, and taking her part in the commercial and economic social structure;

Therefore, resolved, that woman should have the full franchise extended to her on the same basis as that of man.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your honorable house may be pleased to pass an act fully enfranchising all women, whether married, widowed or spinster, on the some terms as man, and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Premier's Reply.

"There are just one or two observations I desire to make," said Sir James in replying to the deputation.

"The end of the session is in sight, and under ordinary circumstances it would be impossible, had we arrived at any conclusion on this or any other important subject, to initiate any legislation or policy at this stage of the session.

"Do not go away imagining I am saying that in order to dodge this question. I may have my defects, but they are not in that direction.

"But I wish to say this: You are asking here to-day, having regard to its result—not on the community, because anybody knows what that would be—

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PREPARE FOR EASTER.

There are a heap of bright days before us now, and few people are prepared for them in the matter of new hats. The Dineen Company are showing exclusive lines in men's new spring designs, just received, and absolutely unique in fashions and superb in quality. Dineen is sole Canadian agent for Henry Heath of London, and Dunlap of New York, and handles every well-known line by the world's great makers. The Easter display is now on. Don't buy a hat until you see what Dineen has to offer.