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THE GOVT. CHARGES
BREACH OF FAITHOntario Offered Petewawa
at a Nominal Rent.

AND LATER PROPOSED A SWAP

The Dominion Government Willing to
Have Question Settled by
the Courts.

Ottawa, April 24.—The case for the Dominion Government in regard to the acquisition of lands at Petewawa for the purposes of militia training was stated in the House tonight by Mr. Fielding. The question was raised by Mr. Borden, who, after summarizing a portion of the history of the negotiations, questioned the validity of the proceedings of the Federal Government, and declared that, even in accordance with the law, they were tyrannical and oppressive. Mr. Fielding charged those who had supplied the leader of the Opposition with his information with having suppressed or omitted some of the most vital facts.

In a careful survey of the circumstances he read the correspondence which had taken place between the militia department and the Ontario department of lands, mines and forests, showing that the Government of Ontario in 1904 offered to lease the lands to the militia department for 99 years at a nominal rent. The militia department had made all arrangements the Ontario Government turned round and suggested that part of the camp ground at Niagara, which it was proposed to abandon, should be given to the Province in exchange for the Petewawa lands. That suggestion was not entertained by the militia department, whereupon the Ontario Government raised a cry about the timber licenses. The Minister of Militia entered into negotiations regarding the licenses, but found that the compensation demanded was exorbitant, one company wanting \$98,000. "If," concluded Mr. Fielding, "the Ontario Government thought they had a grievance, the Federal Government were willing to leave the question to be determined by the courts."

Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Mr. Fielding said that so far as the question was a legal one he would speak with great diffidence and deference, but he thought that so far as the broad equities were concerned, if anyone had a right to complain, it was not the Government of Ontario, but the Government of Canada. What were the facts? Some years ago the militia department determined that it needed a new camp ground, and it began to take observations of various places within measurable distance of Ottawa, with a view to obtaining a site. After examining a number of places the question came down to choosing between one site in Ontario and one site in Quebec, the site in Quebec being at Kazabazua, on the Quebec side of the Ottawa River.

Quebec's Offer.

The Province of Quebec offered its crown lands free. (Liberal cheers.) The Province of Ontario, the House would recall, had in view of what his honorable friend had said of the despotic character of the proceedings of this Government, offered its crown lands free, and that fact had been concealed by the press. The information he presented to the House.

What Ontario Offered.

Proceeding, Mr. Fielding said the argument that the selection of this site at the point indicated would be an advantage to the community, and in that way an advantage to the Province in which this land was situated, seemed to have had weight. Whether that or for broad patriotic reasons or for other reasons, the Government of Ontario through its constituted officer, the commissioner of crown lands, agreed to grant a lease of this property for 99 years at a nominal rent.

Mr. R. L. Borden—What is the date?

Mr. Fielding—The 12th of October, 1904, about three years before my honorable friend's history began.

A lease for 99 years at a nominal rent was equivalent to practically a sale. This was the undertaking on the part of the Government of Ontario to give to the militia department of Canada what rights and interests the Government of Ontario had in these lands for 99 years at a nominal rent, which was practically giving them a free gift. The Government of Canada accepted this arrangement, and put aside the proposal of the Government of the Province of Quebec. It rejected the offer of free lands in the Province of Quebec, and accepted the offer of free lands in the Province of Ontario, and proceeded to buy the other land which it required to complete the tract. It went on to make all the arrangements to carry out in good faith the plan proposed, and establish a camp ground, and then the Government of Ontario coolly repudiated the bargain it had made, and urged the Conservative press to abuse this Government. (Liberal cheers.)

The License Question.

Mr. Borden—Was any arrangement made concerning the licenses?

Mr. Fielding—None whatever.

Mr. Borden—What was to become of them?

Mr. Fielding—It was not proposed to disturb the licensees. That question came up later. In the face of that, in the face of things, the statement of

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Continue to Grow.

Week by week the report of the London clearing house continues to show an increase in business over the corresponding period of 1906.

During the week ended today, the clearings reached the sum of \$1,389,738.

For the week ended April 25, 1906, the clearings totaled \$1,640,307.

The increase for the week just ended was \$250,431, or 33 per cent.

BILL TO ANNUL
JOKE-WEDDINGSGovt. Introduces Measure at
Ontario's Request—Erie Power
Bill Withdrawn.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 25.—The Erie and Ontario Power Company's bill was withdrawn at the meeting of the House today.

Mr. Aylesworth introduced a bill at the request of the Province of Ontario, giving power to the courts to annul certain marriages which have taken place without the consent of the parents between parties, these parties never having lived together, either before or after the marriage ceremony having been performed. Power is given to dissolve those marriages between 14 and 18. There was one such case, both parties treating the marriage ceremony as a joke. The bill was similar to one passed by Ontario, and would not have effect on any other Province without that province having first legislated on the subject.

In reply to Mr. Chisholm (Huron), Mr. Fielding said that there was no grant for a statute for D'Arcy McGee's session, but he had no doubt recognition in the future would be made for the services of that eminent man.

GRADING STREET
RAILWAY TRACKS

Grand Trunk Has Gang of Men Employed—Will Soon Be Completed.

The Grand Trunk now has a large gang of men and a construction train at work on the section of the street railway which had been shifted for a considerable distance west of the Wharncliffe road to make way for the Grand Trunk improvements.

A train of sixteen cars and about 50 men are being employed, and there is no doubt that at the present rate of speed the undertaking will not occupy many days. About half a mile of track has to be ballasted before cars can be run on it.

The switch from the main line to the Springfield tracks is located immediately west of the Wharncliffe road, and the grade is so heavy that it is impossible for two locomotives to haul the work train, even when it is empty, to the top. The plan of operation adopted is for one engine to take the loaded train to the bottom, and after unloading to return to the Grand Trunk track with the unloader. The latter consists of a large reel and a heavy cable operated by steam from the locomotive, the cable being attached to the train at the bottom of the grade and slowly hauling it to the level tracks.

The ballast used in the work is secured at the pit of the company about two miles east of the city.

NOT AN IDLE THREAT

Pere Marquette Will Commence Work
on Bridges at Early Date.

Although there is nothing official on the subject, a statement is credited to Superintendent Preatt, of the Pere Marquette Railway, that the threat of the company to build the new bridges over the Thames on Kettle Creek on the line of the L. and P. S. R., was not an idle one, and that the work is to be commenced very shortly.

Mr. Preatt is also credited with saying that his company will spend \$50,000 on the bridges, and that the city will be compelled to pay the cost.

Mr. Preatt thinks that the increased percentage the city would receive from the increased traffic on the road would more than compensate for the amount which would have to be paid out annually to meet the cost of providing the new bridges.

Mayor Judd and City Clerk Baker stated today that so far nothing official has been heard from the company.

BANK MANAGER IS MAD

Unknown Person Plays Trick on Him,
and He Doesn't Appreciate It.

A certain local bank manager is out with an axe for some one who played a trick on him.

The manager is very fond of chickens, and someone sent out a number of postcards to poultry fanciers and purveyors of chicken feed, to call on him, and that they would hear something to their advantage.

The consequence was that men with patent coops, newly-invented incubators, patented chicken feed, sitting hens, and prize pullets have been invading the banker's private office, until he has threatened to secure a gatling gun and clean out the visitors.

JONES TO MANAGE
THE GRAND TRUNKFormer Assistant Superintendent
Here Said To Be Slated for
Mr. McGuigan's Place.

There continues to be much speculation regarding the probable successor of Mr. F. H. McGuigan as manager of the Grand Trunk Railway.

A few days ago it was said that Mr. C. Spencer, manager of the Canada Northern, had been offered the position, and today a dispatch comes from Montreal to the effect that Mr. George C. Jones, general manager of the Central Vermont, has been offered the place.

The Grand Trunk officials, however, will make no statement regarding the matter. Mr. Jones' first railway work was done on the other side. He joined the Grand Trunk several years ago, and for a time was stationed in this city as assistant superintendent. Later he was located at Toronto, as superintendent of the middle division, and from there he went to the Central Vermont to take the position of general manager.

FORM OF BALLOT
NOT YET SETTLEDWater Commissioners Have Not
Yet Even Discussed the
Matter.

Water Commissioner Saunders stated to The Advertiser today that there is absolutely no truth in the statement that the commissioners have decided upon any form of ballot to submit to the people on the water question.

Mr. Saunders declared that the matter has not as yet been even discussed by the commissioners. He is preparing the matter which will go on the ballots, but as yet nothing has been done.

It has been stated that the commissioners had decided upon a form of ballot which would bear the words "Filtered Water."

The statement is, of course, incorrect, and it is altogether unlikely that the river water scheme will be submitted to the people under any such guise.

Filtered water may mean filtered river water, filtered lake water, or filtered spring water.

It is altogether likely that the words "Filtered River Water" will go on the ballot.

If the people are going to be asked to vote on a river water scheme to provide drinking water, the least that can be done is to state the case plainly to them.

If the commissioners do this, it is predicted that the people will vote for it.

Mayor Judd states that the so-called mail order vote, which is to be taken by the commissioners, is all right. He points out that only one scheme can be submitted to the people when the bylaw to provide funds is voted upon, and that it will assist the commissioners materially in coming to a decision as to the best scheme, and the scheme the people want. If the ratepayers will take an interest in the matter, and return the ballots, carefully marked, to the city hall.

FORFEITS \$300 BAIL

Joseph Campbell Fails to Appear on a
Non-Support Charge.

Joseph Campbell, the retired Byron farmer, who was recently arrested on a charge of non-support preferred by his wife, failed to appear for trial this morning, and his bail of \$300 was forfeited, half of the amount going to Mrs. Campbell.

Campbell was to have appeared two weeks ago, but failed to do so, and his case was enlarged. Today, a letter from Campbell was read by his counsel. It was written in Missouri, where he owns a farm, and stated that he could not appear on account of urgent business. Mrs. Campbell declares that she will have her attorney in Missouri, where the couple formerly resided, prosecute the case further.

The humorous part of the case is that had Campbell appeared for trial he would likely have been acquitted, as the case against him was a very weak one. Judge Elliott, who handled the case, said that Campbell should never have been committed for trial on the evidence presented.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

April 24. Reported at. From.

Virginian	New York	Naples
Winnifredian	Boston	Liverpool
Maestri	Queenstown	New York
Slavonia	Queenstown	Boston
Montfort	Bristol	St. John
Blucher	Hamburg	New York
Vaderland	Antwerp	New York
Statenland	New York	Rotterdam
Borle	New York	Liverpool
Pannonia	New York	Naples

THE POLICE WANT HIM.

Sydney, N. S., April 25.—The local police have sent circulars throughout the Dominion, asking for the arrest of John C. McNell, treasurer of the miners' relief fund. McNell disappeared some time ago, and an examination of his books showed a shortage of \$1,600, according to the police.

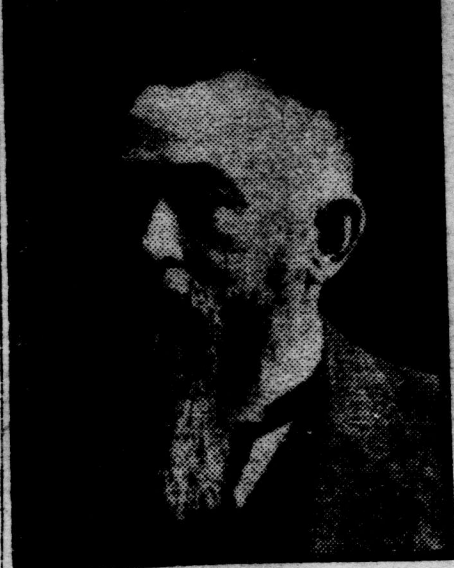


Photo by Frank Cooper.
MR. JOHN GARVEY.
Newly-Elected President of the Irish Benevolent Society.

ENGLAND IS TO BUILD
THE NEW SPANISH NAVYSix Powerful Battleships and Six
Cruisers Have Been Ordered.

Madrid, April 25.—In the matter of Spain's naval increase, it is understood that the Government has decided upon the construction of six battleships of the Lord Nelson type, six fast cruisers and several torpedo-boat destroyers. Three of the battleships will be built at Ferrol by British firms, and the remainder of the warships in England. Furthermore, the construction of dry-docks capable of caring for a vessel of 20,000 tons will be undertaken at Cadiz, Ferrol and Cartagena.

ADJOURNED FOR A WEEK

Counsel in Butler Case Were Not
Ready for Argument Today.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, April 25.—When the case of Frank H. Butler, the London stock broker, who is alleged to have instructed Meadows & Williams, of this city, to sell him 200 shares of C. P. R. stock, which he was unable to deliver, was called at the police court this morning, another postponement for a week was asked for. It was announced that the counsel were not ready to argue the case, and the enlargement asked for was granted.

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PALMER IN TROUBLE

Once Famous Boxer Arrested in Con-
nection With Mysterious Death.

London, April 25.—"Pedlar" Palmer, the ex-champion bantamweight English pugilist, and another man, were arrested at the Purley railroad station yesterday on the suspicion of having caused the death of an unknown man, whose body was found in the carriage of a train, coming from Epsom, after the races, in which Palmer and his companion had ridden. The man apparently was killed by heavy blows.

BRANDON ELECTION

Petitions Against Hon. Clifford Sifton
and Mr. Richardson Dismissed.

Brandon, April 24.—The petition against the return of Hon. Clifford Sifton for Brandon constituency was rejected today, but after formal proceedings were dismissed without costs. The cross-petition against Mr. R. L. Richardson was also discussed.

AGREEMENT IS SIGNED

Bell Company Also Pays \$2,000 on First
Year of Exclusive Franchise.The Bell Telephone Company today
signed the agreement with the city of London, whereby the company is given a three-year exclusive franchise in London.

Manager Baird also handed the city a clerk a check for \$2,000, being the first two quarters' payments on the franchise.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, April 25—8 a.m.

Today—Fresh north and west winds; fair and cooler.

Friday—Variable winds; fair and cool.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary..... 24..... 22..... Cloudy

Winnipeg..... 20..... 14..... Cloudy

Port Arthur..... 18..... 14..... Fair

Perry Sound..... 22..... 22..... Cloudy

Toronto..... 52..... 40..... Cloudy

Ottawa..... 32..... 32..... Snow

Quebec..... 34..... 34..... Snow

Father Point..... 34..... 26..... Cloudy

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the maximum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 54°; lowest, 29° 5' above.

WEATHER NOTES.

A small disturbance which was west of the Mississippi yesterday has moved very quickly to Ontario, where showers occurred during the night, and light snow is now falling in the Ottawa Valley. The weather continues unseasonably cold in the Western Provinces.

Found Dead on the Tracks
In the East London Yards.Britain's New
Latin AllianceNew York, April 25.—A dis-
patch from Madrid says: The
Correspondencia De La Espana
says it has diplomatic authority
for stating that the effect of the
meeting of King Alfonso and
King Edward at Cartagena was
the perfecting of a far-reaching
understanding for the purposes
of war and peace. It would
have been considered in the last
century, according to the paper,
an alliance, but in modern dip-
lomatic language it is an en-
tirely cordial. Everything con-
cerning Morocco was ratified,
everything in reference to the
general European situation was
discussed, and the basis was
formulated of an agreement
which is now in the hands of
the diplomats.Mysterious Death of Conductor
Burley, of Sarnia Tunnel—
Last Night.Alonzo Burley, a Grand Trunk Rail-
way conductor, aged 30, whose home
was at Sarnia Tunnel, was killed in
the company's east end yards last night
in a most mysterious manner. Investi-
gations conducted by the company last
night and this morning have failed to
reveal how Burley met his death.

All that is known is that Burley was found with his head crushed, lying at the east side of Rectory street.

The body was taken to the morgue of Smith, Son & Clark, Dundas street, where it was prepared for burial. Interment will take place at Sarnia.

An inquest was ordered by Coroner MacLaren, who was at once notified of the accident, and the jury viewed the body at noon today.

The accident occurred about 11:30 o'clock. Conductor Burley had arrived from Sarnia with a freight. A few minutes after the train pulled into the yards, his body was found by Yardman Larkin. It was lying alongside one of the rails, on the east side of Rectory street, with the head crushed. Dr. English, the company's physician, was phoned for, but when he arrived he declared life to be extinct. The wound to the head had caused instant death.

The men working in the yards could give no account of the affair. Nobody had witnessed the accident. A number of the officials and men sought last night to solve the manner of the man's death, but failed. The investigation was taken up again this morning by Superintendent Gillen, but no cause was found.

About the time of the accident, a yard engine was shunting across Rectory street, and a freight train was also passing east. It was thought that either the yard engine or the freight had killed Burley, but an examination of the yard engine today showed no traces of blood.

The pencils, while the conductor carried in his upper vest pocket, were found on the sidewalk, and it is surmised from this that he had jumped from his train as it passed slowly along, and had entered the telegraph office. Then he had run out, and it was while attempting to cross the tracks to reach his van that he was struck and killed.

News From Fernie Says Outlook
for Early Settlement Is
Hopeful.Fernie, April 25.—The negotiations be-
tween the coal operators and the striking
miners here are tortuous, and the ultimate
outcome is very uncertain. The outlook
has been changing every hour of the day.
The two parties will reassemble tomorrow
morning at 9 o'clock to hold an official
conference. Affairs have reached a critical
juncture, when the slightest hitch may up-
set a settlement, which for the moment is
regarded as being in sight. Interviewed
at 8 o'clock this morning, Mr. Lewis said
"Prospects of arranging the present diffi-
culty this week are more favorable than
they have been at any time since the be-
ginning of the negotiations. We have sub-
mitted a proposition, and the operators
will tomorrow morning present a counter-
proposition to us. We do not know whether
it will be accepted, but either statement
of the position is incorrect, and likely to
leave a wrong impression." Although the
officers of the union are hopeful, the criti-
cal stage has now arrived, and the slight-
est thing may jeopardize the whole situa-
tion.SUMMER RESORT WIPED
OUT BY CONFLAGRATIONOne Hundred and Twelve Buildings at
Lake Pleasant, Mass., Destroyed.Millers Falls, Mass., April 25.—One
hundred and twelve buildings at Lake
Pleasant, two miles from here, were
burned today, causing a loss estimated
at \$155,000. The burned buildings in-
cluded a hotel, several stores, post-
office, dancing pavilion, the headquar-
ters of the New England Spiritualist
Camp Meeting Association, and about
a hundred cottages. The fire was
caused by the explosion of a lamp in
the cottage of George F. McKinney.

ABROAD WITH SMALLPOX

Some Maidstone Folk Have Refused
To Be Quarantined.Windsor, Ont., April 25.—Crown Attorney
Rodd has been notified by Edward Price,
health officer for Maidstone Township, that
several people near Elmstead, who were
quarantined for smallpox have refused to
comply with the regulations, and are
mingling with their neighbors. Mr. Price
has instructed by the crown attorney
to use his authority, by which he may
have the offenders locked up and guarded
by constables. There are also complaints
about conditions in Sandwich West, and
the board of health for the town of Sand-
wich has threatened to cut off communi-
cation with the township altogether.

BARTRAM ACQUITTED

St. Thomas Man Accused of Assaulting
a Tilbury Woman.Chatham, April 24.—At the spring assizes
today, Richard Bartram, aged 24 years,
married, of St. Thomas, was acquitted of
the charge preferred against him by Mrs.
Edward McLean, of Tilbury, the offense,
she alleged, being committed shortly after
midnight on Dec. 6, 1906, at her home. The
evidence was of a revolving character.

Bartram is a M. C. R. fireman, and his
train on the night in question stopped
from 11:48 to 12:36 for water at a tank
situated about 40 feet from the McLean
house, where on previous occasions he
would sometimes call for lunch when time
permitted. They are related, the defend-
ant being Edward McLean's brother-in-law.

Bartram testified that he did not leave
his engine on the night in question.

THE 300 IS OPEN.

Detroit, Mich., April 25.—The 300
River is now open, and the vanguard
of the fleet of 100 steamers, which have
been held up at Detroit, some of them
for ten days, arrived at the Soo last
night. They continued coming into the
Soo all night. It is expected the en-
tire fleet will have reached the canal
before noon today. It is feared con-
siderable trouble will be experienced
in forging a way through the ice in
Whitefish Bay before open water is
reached on Lake Superior. The Cana-
dian steamers Westmount, Midland
Queen, Midland Prince and Rosemount
were in the procession from Detroit.PREMIER DEAKIN
FOR PREFERENCEDeclares the Empire Exists
for More Than Defense

SIR WILFRID LAURIER'S EULOGY

Praises England for Granting a
Constitution to the
Transvaal.

London, April 24.—At the banquet
tendered tonight to premiers of
the self-governing colonies at the
Colonial Institute, Premier Deakin
spoke in no uncertain terms of the
necessity for some plan of reciprocal
trade among the component parts of
the empire. Lord Elgin presided over
a brilliant assemblage.

Lord Tweedmouth, replying to Mr.
Smartt, who proposed the toast of the
"Forces of the Empire," said the con-
dition of the empire of the present
day had to be considered, not the con-
dition a hundred years hence. Sir
Frederick Borden, who followed, said
Mr. Smartt's suggestion was a difficult
and controversial one, which it was
better not enter into in detail. If
ever British authority were challenged
what happened a few short years since
would happen again, and to ten times
a greater degree.

The chief feature of the speech of
Lord Elgin, who proposed "A United
Empire," and spoke of the good feel-
ing which characterized the confer-
ence was the prolonged cheering which
greeted the mention of Joseph Cham-
berlain.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said Mr. Smartt
was more of a warrior than he was.
He eulogized in glowing terms the
British Government's action in grant-
ing a constitution to the Transvaal,
prophesying that if ever the British
Empire was called upon to draw the
sword from the scabbard, the men
who fought each other in South Africa
would be found fighting side by side
under the old flag.

Mr. Deakin, after some subacid chaff
with reference to the privacy of the
conference, spoke plainly on the ques-
tion of preference. Having referred to
the probability that an organization
analogous to the general staff would
be created in connection with naval
defenses, he proceeded amidst cheers,
"But does the empire exist only for
defense? Are we to stand shoulder to
shoulder on the battlefield, side by side
on the ironclad, but to pass each
other by as strangers in the paths of
peace. We see our merchants, ship-
owners and traders exposed to com-
petition which is unfair, which is sub-
sidized; surely the least we can do
is to insist on equal terms for our
people."

The M. P.s in both Houses today
entertained to luncheon the colonial
premiers. The interior of Westminster
Hall was appropriately decorated,
the prime minister and practically
the whole of the cabinet and many
other distinguished notabilities were
present.

Premier Laurier said the labors of
the colonial premiers in this country
would not be in vain, but would tend
for good, and they would go back more
impressed than ever with the sense of
imperial unity, coupled with and based
on local autonomy.

FIFTEEN CANDIDATES

Exams. of London Conference Now In
Progress in This City.

Fifteen young men are presenting
themselves at the annual examination
for the ministry of the Methodist
Church in the London conference which
are being held this week in the Cen-
tennial Church. Other candidates are
receiving their examinations at Vic-
toria College, Toronto. The board of
examiners meets this afternoon at the
Centennial Church, and at a meeting
tonight addresses will be delivered by
Rev. D. Rogers, of Thorndale, presi-
dent of the conference, and Rev. G. L.
Hazen, of Goderich. At the close of
the examinations, certificates will be
given to the successful candidates by
the secretary of the examining board.

The following comprise the exami-
ning board: Rev. D. Rogers (chair-
man), Rev. A. K. Birks, LL.B. (sec-
retary), Revs. A. L. Russell, B.D., G. N.
Hazen, B.A., W. G. H. McAllister, M.A.,
J. Wilson, M.A., A. H. Goring, B.A.,
C. P. Wells, B.D., Jos. Phelps, B.D.

MONTREAL FEARS RIOT

Laval Students and Socialists May Clash
on May First.

Montreal, April 24.—Montreal ex-
pects trouble on May 1 when the so-
cialists will hold their second annual
parade. Last year it will be remem-
bered the parade was marked by scenes
of disorders due to a demonstration by
the paraders against Laval University,
and the Catholic Church. Recently,
fearing fresh trouble, students of Laval
wrote the mayor asking that the pa-
rade be prohibited. While not agreeing
to this the mayor has promised that
all paraders and citizens alike will be
protected.