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# HAS LOST GRIP

French Conservatives Themselves to Blame for Studied and Persistent Refusal to Mention His Name Publicly.

MONTREAL, April 4.-(Special.)-The "Lafontaine Club crowd," as the French Conservative machine adherents are designated in this city, have one weak spot in their armor when agitating for the withdrawal of R. L. Borden, M.P., from the party leadership, or for an absolute change in his policy. If Mr. Borden is weak in the Province of Quebec, the moving spirits of the Lafontaine Club are responsible for that weakness, for during the past two or three years they have never mentioned his name, either at their

banquets or at other party meetings.
When Sir Wilfrid Laurier's school
policy in the new western provinces
was announced, the French Conservatives took such extreme ground with impossible for them to support Mr. Borden when the leader's hand was persisted in a policy so contrary to that of the leader that in all subsequent utterances these men were either abstain altogether from mentioning his name. They chose the latter course.

Only One Journalistic Friend. The word of command appeared to be given and altho public meetings were held every week, either here or in other parts of the province, the name of R. L. Borden was systematically ignored all over the province, both on the hustings and in the public press. The only exception, in fact, lightenment regarding the govern-

The French Tories of course supposed they were building up their party in the country, but they forgot that the French habitant was not behind the separate school movement, inaugurated by Bourassa, who declared at a crowded meeting at the Monument National that he would carry the wrongs of the Catholics of Alberta and Saskatchewan to the foot of the throne, and that if they did not get recognition by irritated Liberals that Redmond's desire to keep a grip on federation. The Tesies here cheered such utterances just as they cheered such utterances in the such utterance his anti-Dreadnought speeches, and yet all this time the French-Canadian s voting for Laurier and his policy of

hands off the western provinces.
Young and inexperienced fellows the voters, of the same race seem to be solidly against him. No one is more good Conservatives in this province, who have always voted against Laurier, at seeing their party abandoning the old principles of Cartier and flirting with the men who attempt to set Quebec against the other provinces. Mistaken Interference.

The Conservatives of this district, or at least the Conservative leaders. have almost made the position of an English-speaking chieftain impossible. have almost destreyed Sir John by interfering with the New Brunsfrom their co-religionists in that province may be found in the words of many words, to mind his own busi-ness, as the Roman Catholics of New The debate concluded

of the French "blue" operations, and altho the Conservatives were sincere enough, they played into the hands of the Liberals, and, as a matter of fact, when the Conservative party was almost split in two over a few western halfbreeds, a majority of the elec tors of Quebec turned around and voted for the Laurier and McCarthy alliance, and still the French Conservatives here do not realize that the electors, as a whole, take little or no interest in their co-religionists in the

Hasn't Been Tactful. All these things have made it very difficult for Mr. Borden to make any headway here in Quebec, for every stand that he has taken has already been condemned by his supporters in this province. One thing is certain, however-they all admit that Mr. Borden is honest and an exceedingly able man, and that if he would be a little more careful in the selection of his immediate allies, and display a little

more tact, he would win out in the One instance may be cited. Col. Sam Hughes had just attacked the clergy of old France, and altho the Conserva-tives here did not attach great importance to the incident, the fact remained that every French Liberal paper in Canada was holding Sam Hughes up to public execration as the friend and adviser of Mr. Borden, the leader of the Conservative party. Now what was the result? A dinner was taking place at the Lafortaine Club, and, for a wonder, Mr. Borden was present. Whom did he bring with him? No other than the same Col. Sam. Of course the members were too polite to say anything about the matter, yet these are the incidents which give Mr. Borden, able and honest the he may the reputation he now enjoys in this

Themselves to Blame. In a word, the French Conservatives are very much to blame for the present situation, but the fact remains that Mr. Borden has not been tactful ir his dealings with the French wing

## The Kind of Settlers Canada Can Get

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MONTREAL, April 4.—(Special.)—According to a despatch to the Grand Trunk offices here,

to the Grand Trunk offices here, 33 cars of settlers' effects arrived at Scott, Sask., to-day, from points in the United States, and a second train of 32 cars will arrive to-morrow.

They represent the effects of 610 settlers, who have, in cash and personal property, in their possession an average of \$10,000 each. They are going to the Tramping Lake district, south of Scott, on the G. T. P. Railway.

Declines to Outline His Program, But Does Not Say That Budget May Be Altered to Satisfy Irish.

was announced, the French Conservatives took such extreme ground with
a view of making cheap capital against
the government of the day that it was power of the house of lerds, moved

at was out of the bag. He had been wondering, with others, the real reason for the determined opposition to the bill, and Major Sharpe had revealed it. It was simply that the members did in the house of commons by Sir Robert Bannatyne Finlay, declaring in built to compete with the other line, but the opposition did not want this that the the French Conservatives favor of a strong and efficient second chamber and expressing willingness line, that competed with other lines, to have competition. to consider proposals for the reform posals, was defeated in the commons to-night by a majority of 106, the ing, Col. Sam Hughes asked that the house dividing, 357 to 251.
"Wait and see," was Premier As-

both on the hustings and in the public press. The only exception, in fact, was L'Evenement of Quebec, which did at times speak favorably.

Who endeavoied to obtain velopments since the notice had been given by Mr. Pardee of an amendment to the effect that the company can only transmit power already developed.

distrust of the government, but for moters was to take a step forward in what will finally happen the country the legislation which was adopted must wait and see

The debate on the premier's mohis proposals on disabling the lords from the university and colleges are certainly with Bourassa to a man, but the voters of the same race seem to protested against Churchill's statement last week that the lords, haydisgusted than the hundred thousand good Conservatives in this province, rogative of the crown," and invade mischief, and that it might safely pass the rights of the commons, it had the house, become necessary for the "crown and Dr. Reed of Grenville saw no great described as "ungenerous and unseemly.

Col. Seeley said that if the commons had not taken immediate steps ance legislation, the self-governing ing it, he said, but the bill had no-dominions would think it was not fit thing directly or indirectly to do with dominions would think it was not fit to marage its own affairs. The argument that there was anything con-Bishop Sweeny, who, meeting the Hon.
Mr. Mason in Ottawa, told him, in as

·The debate concluded with a spirited Brunswick could look after their own duel between Bonar Law and Lloyd-George, the latter saying that the Liberals had only asked for fair play.

# WINDSTORM IN OHIO

## Several Buildings Damaged and Five Persons Hurt.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, April 4 .- A clone struck the Lansingville section this city at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, during the progress of a heavy rainstorm, wrecking a dozen buildings and unroofing several others. Five persons are reported to be jured, none seriously

MRS. OSLER ILL.

Mrs. E. B. Osler is seriously ill at her home, 13 Beau-street, Rosedale. Late last night her condition was reported as unchanged.

Rehoboam Goes to Guelph. Rehoboam Lodge, A., F. and A. M., will go to Guelph in a special Grand Trunk train at 5.30 this evening 100 strong to exemplify the first degree.

# Halley's Comet Itinerary

In a letter received from John S. Plaskett, who is chief observer at the Dominion Observatory, Otawa, and a grad-uate of the Iniversity of Toronto, he says, regarding the

"Halley's Cimet is now west of the sun, and may be seen probably with a field glass before sunrise. I have no doubt that in a weel or so it should be visible to the naked eye in the east before sunrise, but will probably not be very conspicuous until about May 20, when it will be in the evening sky af-

# Senate Reading Roof

Laurier Declares That Reason for Opposition's Fight Against St. Lawrence

Company's Bill is "Out at Last,"

OTTAWA, April 4 .- (Special.) - Sir Wilfrid Laurier made a discovery tonight, he affirmed at 11.30 p.m., in adjourning the evening's debate on the bill of the St. Lawrence Power Transmission Co. This is the bill which caused the all night session of parlia-

ment three weeks ago.

Major Sharpe (N. Ontario) had pointed out that no board of trade or public body of any weight had supported the bill—rather were they opposed to it. Besides, the lines of transmission which it was proposed to charter would duplicate the Ontario Government's hydroelectric line.

Thereupon, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in a LONDON, April 4.—(C.A.P.)—The two minute speech, declared that the cat was out of the bag. He had been "I am glad that people now know the real reason for this opposition," he con-

When the deputy speaker read over the first clause of the bill this even-

transmit power already developed.
Richard Blain of Peel asked the pre-

years ago in regard to the damming of the St. Lawrence. He had no hesitation to go to a committee to consider this proposals on disabling the lords would not agree to such a scheme at present. When the present bill was introduced there were perhaps features conclude that there was something

commons" to act together and restore the balance of constitution, which he was to supply Prescott and Brockville.

Graham Supports It. Hon. George P. Graham supported secure effective control over fin-a dam, he would hesitate in supportdamming the St. Lawrence.

Dr. Sproule: Did they ever ask for power from the hydro-electric com-

Mr. Graham: Yes. They asked for bread and got a stone.

J. G. Turriff (Assinibola) said he was not still sure there was not a nigger in the fence.

R. L. Borden moved the following amendment: "That the governor in council shall not give his approval to the construction of any further canals, watercourses, raceways, dams, wing dams, sluices, conduits or other works on the River St. Lawrence to the St. Lawrence Power Co., Limited, until the plans thereof shall have been first submitted and approved by parliam int, W. B. Northrup asked why the St. Lawrence Power Co. should not transmit its own electricity. He pointed out that in 1901, when the auditor-general objected to payments in connection with that bill, and took legal advice, Mr. Aylesworth supported him.

Emmerson Won Over. W. S. Middlebro (North Grey) condemned the bill as nothing more than a measure to supplement the powers Hon. Mr. Emmerson thought the objections to the original bill were

pretty well removed by the amend-The bill will be taken up again tomorrow evening for an hour. The house met at 11 o'clock this orning and proceeded without delayto take up private bills. The Resti-gouche Boom Co.'s bill, the New Brunswick enterprise, was put thru after some discussion, as were the Northern Empire Railway Co. bill, and the Ottawa, Brockville and St.

## Lawrence Railway Co. bill. ROOSEVELT HELPS BRIAND Incident in Rome Will Play Part in French Election.

PARIS, April 4.-Nowhere in Europe has the failure of the Pope to grant an audience to Mr. Roosevelt created greater interest than in France on acount of the long separation fight, and it is expected to prove a strong card M. Briand, the premier, that the re-cent agitation of the French episcopate was inspired by the present in-transigeant and intolerant attitude of that the

# HARD LUCK



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SPECIALS.

Fresh Strawberry Shortcake, 10c. Strawberries and Cream, 10c.

Sliced Pineapple, 10c.

Hot Mince Pie, 5c.

Sliced New Tomatoes, 10c.

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son Ice Cream Co.

Newsboys to Reap

# IN A BLAZE AMONG RAGS

on West Adelaide Street Costs Life of Mrs. A. Barker - Fireman Overcome by Smoke.

Lying lifeless between two paper presses in a corner of the burning rag shop of E. Pullan at West Adelaide and Maude-streets, the body of she had succumbed to suffocation yesterday afternoon. She was taken to the morgue.

When the first alarm of fire was given, Mrs. Barker, Miss Irwin and Mrs. Miller were working in the rear of the shop, directly above the place where the fire is supposed to have started. They hurried to the stairs, as did twenty men, who were also working on the same floor. Just as the two women ran down Mrs. Barker exclaimed she had left her coat and some clothes behind. She turned to go back for them and was never again

seen alive. It is thought that she became con fused by the dense smoke, which quickly filled the building, for, altho the stairs were within a few feet of where she was working, she apparently ran to the front of the factory, over a hundred feet, in an attempt to break open the window there. In doing this she forgot the hole in the floor used to feed the paper presses and fell thru onto the press in the next storey.

Found Between Presses. From there the unfortunate woman rolled to the floor, and lay between two presses until discovered some fifteen minutes later. The firemen did not receive any word of there being any one in the place until they had been working at the fire for about six

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Unable to Act as Prosecutor at North Bay Assizes.

NORTH BAY, Ont., April 4 .- (Special.)-George Tate Blackstock, K.C., the eminent Toronto lawyer, who was assigned as crown prosecutor at North Bay assizes, opening to-day, was taken suddenly ill this morning and is confined to his room in the Pacific Hotel. He will not be able to act, and the department has appointed his part-ner, H. E. Rose, K.C., to act. Mr. Blackstock's illness is of a ner-

vous nature, from overwork, and it is expected he will be all right in a few There are three murder or manslaughter cases on the list.

# SIR JAMES DENIES RUMOR.

"I can't waste my time and that of the reporters in contradicting all the ridiculous rumors afloat," remarked for the government in the coming elec-tions, as supporting the contention of gard to the story that Hon. J. J. Foy was to retire and be succeeded in the attorney-generalship by Hon. I. B. Lucas. "You can rely on the fact that there is no truth in these stories." the premier added.

# COVEDNIAMENT TO

Conditions at Toronto Jail Declared to Be Worse Than Siberian Prison-Members Liable as Individuals.

No description of a Siberian prison is worse than the place where these poor creatures are supposed to be taken care of," said Dr. Bruce Smith yesterday afternoon in regard to the finding of the coroner's jury on the body of James O'Sullivan, the silent lunatic, who died in Toronto jail Sun-day. "The jail," he continued, "is in a lamentable and disgraceful condi-

Dr. Smith, who is acting in the absence of Hon. W. J. Hanna, remarked that the city council would in all probability be indicted as a corporate body and individually, under section 24, chap. 221 R.S.O., for not having provided any place for the detention provided any place for the detention of the insane, and owing to the fact that the hospital room at the jail is in an overcrowded and unsanitary condition.

fer made a few days ago the menu This state of affairs exists in spite of the fact that, ever since 1905, every year the department has issued a man-datory recommendation that this be day bears the headline; "All sales today are for the benefit of the newsproceeded with at once. The County of York is not held liable, owing to an agreement by which the city assumed all obligations produce which thus goes into the good

work of helping along the newsboys' home scheme are: Wm. Ryan Co., White & Co., W. Adams, Dale's Limited, M. P. Mallen, Jas. Brown, City Dairy, Medland's Limited, Gallagher's Grown Attorney Drayton indicted the city for its negligence. The city council waited on the department and begged a with-Co., A. G. Billinghurst, Alexander Brown Milling Co., John J. Fee, Neilthe department and begged a with-drawal of the indictment, promising that special provision should be made

The card of the special 35 cents din- that year. ner prepared for the occasion reads as Dr. Bruce Smith, "the indictment was withdrawn." The city did nothing to

implement its promise. Altho Dr. Smith says "probably" with regard to the indictment, it is Baked White Fish, au Gratin, Parsley understood that the papers have actu-ally been drawn up. The section of the act under which proceedings are being taken provides that "the council, and shall be liable for contempt. If, upon being required to make proper provision for prisoners (including the insane) by alterations or additions, they

fall so to do. Governor Chambers admitted at the inquest that the jail hospital was ut-terly inadequate. The insane man came to his death by tubercular bron-

# RAILWAY MEN'S WAGES.

Assorted Deep Home-Made Pies, per OTTAWA, April 4.-(Special.)-A board of conciliation and investigation has been appointed to enquire into the wages of G.T.R. and C.P.R. traincut. 5c. Apole Dumplings, Whipped Cream, 5c. Baked Apple, Whipped Cream, &c. Sliced Oranges, 10c. men, being J. G. O'Donoghue, Toronto, for the men; Wallace Nesbirt, K.C., Hot Beef Sandwiches, Brown Gravy, 10c. Toronto, for the companies, and J. E. Atkinson, Toronto, chairman,

Earl Grey Musical and Dramatic Competition Opens at Alexandra Before Distinguished Audience.

The fourth annual musical and dra-

The fourth annual musical and dramatic trophy competition, originated by His Excellency Earl Grey, commenced at the Royal Alexandra Theatre last evening before a distinguished audience, before Their Excellencies Earl and Countess Grey, and His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Gibson, Mrs. Gibson and party.

While the dramatic competition was the chief attraction of the evening, the musical numbers were cordially received. The vice-regal and gubernatorial parties arrived promptly at a quarter past eight, and on the conclusion of the National Anthem the curtain went up. Out of respect for curtain went up. Out of respect for the competitive nature of the program this week The World will refrain from expressing any criticism upon any per-

expressing any criticism upon any performance.

In addition to the trophy competitions, gold, silver and bronze medals were offered by the local committee for amateurs under twenty-three years of age, for which the following appeared: Piano Solo, "Polonaise in A flat, op. 53," Chopin, Miss Muriel Lillie, Cobourg; Solo, "The Lord is My Light," Allitsen, Mr. Arthur Brown, Toronto: Violin Solo, "Reverle," Vieux-Toronto; Violin Solo, "Reverle," Vieux-temps, Mr. E. Frederick Singer, To-ronto; Solo, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," Samson, and Delliah, Saint Saens, Miss Victoria Stairs, Hamil-

ton.

In the musical competition, the numbers rendered by the choir of the Bloor-street Presbyterian Church could only bring forth words of praise. Peter C. Kennedy, organist and director, received many congratulations on the results achieved by his songsters, and as one musical critic said to The World on the completion of the performance, "Kennedy will be heard from later." The numbers submitted were: Chorus, "Hymn to Music," by Dudley Buck; Motet, "Come Unto Him," Gound.

The dramatic feature of the program

The dramatic feature of the program was contributed by the associate players of the Margaret Eaton School of

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# NEWS BUILDING TO BE **CONVERTED INTO HOTEL?**

Philo Lamb Wants To Transfer His License From Ward-Pays \$150,000 For Site.

Philo Lamb, who conducts the only hotel in the "Ward," 96 Agnes-street, has made application to the board of license commissioners for a transfer of his license to the southwest corner of Yonge and Adelaide-streets—better known as The News buildings. It is understood he has secured an option on the premises for \$150,000. It is a large building of three storeys, and a full basement, and could be adapted into a roomy hotel. This confirms the report published first exclusively in The World that The News was contemplating a move on account of the property having been sold, and because the premises were rather cramped for large proportions in publication.
Should this transfer go thru it will leave a void in the ward so far as retail dispensaries are concerned, but to offset this Mrs. R. V. Glionna is applying for a license at 144 Chestnut-

# REAL ESTATE CAUTION.

Let each one of us go slow on real estate speculation. There is a demand for a considerable amount of building lots and for business property, and for a moderate amount of opening up of outlying districts. The greatest care nevertheless, must be exercised, especially by those of small means.

Mere purchase of land by small deposits down, with no intention of building, or speculating on future rises in central quarters by small payments, ought to be avoided. People who have money can do what they like with it; but to risk a little for a big rise is not prudent. Toronto is going ahead so fast that even "In a moment of weakness," added the advance must be on conservative lines,

# C. M. A. SUPPORT BYLAW.

The executive committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association have issued a circular in which they branch to use their influence in the carrying of the hospital bylaw, which provides for a grant of \$250,000 for the new General Hospital.

# A RETROSPECT.

April 5, 1832—Brockville, Upper Can-ada, was incorporated into a town. April 5, 1842—General Pollock escaped from Jelalabad, forcing the Khy-ber Pass. Mpril 5, 1896-Vesuvius in eruption. Many lives were lost.

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