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## CITY MAY EXPROPRIATE PLANT OF ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY IN SPITE OF BOGEY CRIES

Private Bills Committee Agree Toronto's Bill — Premier Gives Assurance That No Injustice Can Be Done as Any one—Byron E. Walker's Three Objections to Municipal Ownership.

## PLEA FOR THE SHAREHOLDERS ON BASIS OF "BLACK FLAG"

After nearly two hours' discussion yesterday morning the private bills committee of the legislature unanimously decided to adopt the principle of expropriation embodied in the City of Toronto bill in regard to the Toronto Electric Light Co.

## C.N.R. CANNOT HANDLE INFLOX FROM THE SOUTH

Owing to the Traffic Blockade, Incoming Immigrants to Canadian West Are Held in Check.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 9.—(Special.)—Twin City railroads handling the immigration movement towards Canada are up in the air to-day over a refusal on the part of the Canadian Northern to receive any further shipments of settlers' effects.

## Winnipeg Business Men Ask Federal Interference

Winnipeg, April 9.—(Special.)—The matter of the tie-up of freight on the Canadian Northern Railway was considered at a meeting of the railway and freight rates committee of the Winnipeg board of trade to-day, and after consideration of statements delivered by the members it was decided to send the following telegram:

## All Eyes on Toronto.

J. H. Fryer, Gaik, observed that if there was a large audience in Toronto watching the bill, it was the people's expected to get cheap power, and gave the machinery to enable them to put in practice the clauses of the Hydro-Electric Commission Act. If Toronto was turned down it would be better to buy out the system.

## Thought to Be in Germany But Laying Dead in Shack

Regina, Sask., April 9.—(Special.)—Adolph Stadel, a farmer from Bethune, has been found dead in his shack. Stadel was supposed to have left for Germany last December. He now appears that he went to a last night in his shack and was frozen to death.

## CONDEMNATION OF THE BONUS SYSTEM OF IMMIGRATION

Lavergne Scores Point by Forcing Oliver to Quibble in His Statements of Two Years Ago—Dangers of Foreign Settlement.

Ottawa, April 9.—(Special.)—In anticipation of Mr. Foster's promised deliverance upon the insurance commission's report, the galleries of the house were crowded at both afternoon and evening sittings to-day. Mr. Foster's effort was, however, sidetracked by a discussion upon immigration, brought on by a resolution introduced by a certain member of the opposition, concerning the bonus system.

## JUSTICE TO ALL.

With reference to the city's application yesterday Mayor Coatsworth last night made the following statement: "The city is willing to take over the present distributing plant of the company at reasonable figures and save the loss which would be occasioned to the shareholders by a competition which would be ruinous to them. There is no thought whatever of confiscation or anything of that kind. This is considered to be the desire of our citizens."

## THE WAY THE MONEY GOES \$500,000 MORE IS ASKED

But Items Included in the Supplementary Estimates Are of a Desirable Nature.

## DOCTOR IS ASSAULTED BY BEREAVED FATHER

While Bicycling, Dr. Eadie is Attacked and Seriously Injured by Nicholas Noble.

## LONDON IS SURPRISED TO HEAR OF TREATY

Officials There Not Up-to-Date on Information Concerning Water Boundaries Settlement.

## Will Institute Proceedings To Make Harriman Tell

Washington, April 9.—The interstate commerce commission to-day decided to institute proceedings in a circuit court in the State of New York to compel E. H. Harriman to answer when he questions he refuses to answer when he was testifying before the commission.

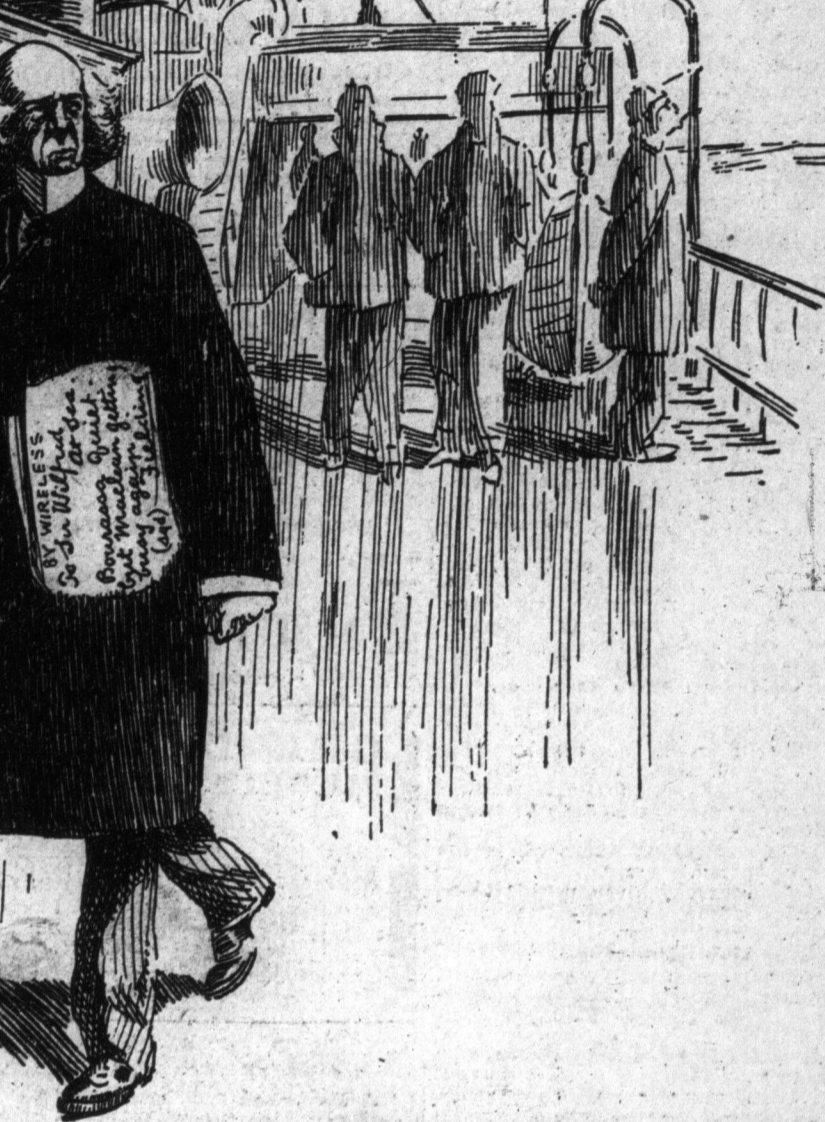
## WILL SUPPORT CANADA.

London Standard Says British-U.S. Negotiations Will Be Fair to Us.

## ACT IS AMENDED.

Fredericton, N.B., April 9.—(Special.)—The legislature to-night on a straight party vote of 23 to 9 passed the bill to amend the Judicature Act and to provide for a court of appeal of three judges and four circuit or trial judges.

## ANXIOUS ABOUT DEAR ONES AT HOME



SIR WILFRID: "I'd feel a great deal easier in mind if I could have seen Bu-assa, Maclean and Fowler in jail before I left."

## THAW'S INSANITY PECULIAR TO AMERICA

Delmas, in Closing Address to Jury, Dwells on Mental Phases of Defendant and Strongly Appeals for Benefit of Every Reasonable Doubt.

New York, April 9.—One more day and the concluding chapters of the trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White will have been written into history.

With an oratorical appeal to both the written and the unwritten law, for the justification of his client, Delphin M. Delmas, the California attorney, conducted his exhaustive summing up address to the jury this afternoon.

With the exception of the moments when he was reading from testimony to establish the truth of the facts, Thaw's story, which he said had been given with "sublime renunciation," Mr. Delmas' speech was one of sustained oratorical effort. He threw about the form of Harry Thaw the cloak of chivalrous knightliness. "Why," he shouted, "should we admire the chivalry of the knights of the middle ages, who went about redressing wrongs and rescuing maidens in distress, without our sympathy for the brave man?"

Utterly the attorney again assailed Stanford White. He declared White sought to play with the girl so long as her beauty remained, and then would have thrown her away "like a dirty rag to soak down life's sewers to a grave in the gutter of the earth."

With dramatic emphasis Mr. Delmas cried out that when Harry Thaw beheld Stanford White, "the Madison Square roof garden the story of his wife's wrongs overcame him. He pictured in an instant—as a young man may picture his past life—Stanford White had done—the ruin he had wrought, and he struck; struck at the tigers strikes in defence of his young; struck for the sake of an American womanhood; struck for humanity, and Stanford White fell."

"Ah, gentlemen," the advocate went on, "if Harry Thaw believed he was the instrument of Providence, who may be he was mistaken."

"The man who had brooded on this subject for three years, who had pictures of dreadful horrors haunting him by day and in the stillness of the night, could not be human to retain the calmness of reason. Gentlemen, put yourselves in his place; picture to yourselves the horrors he went through and do justice to Harry Thaw," he said.

Mr. Delmas discussed briefly the testimony of the expert witnesses, declaring that the insanity of the defendant was the result of the burden of proof as to Thaw's sanity at the time of the crime rested with the prosecution, which had failed to make out its case.

"The benefit of the doubt," he said, "is the highest of the humane laws of property, the court would instruct you that you must decide according to the preponderance of evidence that was to decide this dread matter of the insanity of the defendant. It will be with us, gentlemen, that will instruct you that this is a matter which requires evidence beyond a reasonable doubt. Gentlemen, take your minds back to the day you were examined when the learned justice said to you: 'Are you ready to give this defendant the benefit of every reasonable doubt?' and on your oath that you were admitted to the jury box.

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