

WHITNEY'S SPOILS SYSTEM ARRAIGNED IN TELLING SPEECH BY HON. MR. ROSS

Opposition Leader in Vigorous Criticism of Government--Liberals Broadened Conservative Outlook--Temiskaming Railway an Inheritance From Liberals.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 20.—The two leaders of the House held the floor today in the resumption and conclusion of the debate on the motion for a reply to the speech from the throne. Each spoke for about 75 minutes, and the honours were about evenly divided, the Premier having whatever advantage accrued from following Mr. Ross. The latter displayed all his old fire and vigor oratorically, but to the regret of his followers and his friends on both sides of the House, and in the well-filled galleries, his physical force was not equal to the strain, and before he had been speaking for 15 minutes, he was compelled to ask the Speaker's permission to continue his address in a sitting posture, which he did until his conclusion. In his opening, after commending the mover and seconder of the address, he rallied them on their praises of the Government and the party generally. The good showing made by the Government, he said, was largely due to the legislation inherited from the former administration. He showed that the appointment of the new Deputy Minister of Education and the new inspector of public libraries, as having been made solely on party grounds, and not on the score of fitness or experience. He then charged the Government with administering the license laws in a distinctly partisan spirit, and deplored the fact that license holders were under the political whip of the Government. Mr. Ross promised that the Opposition would heartily support such of the Government's legislation as met with its approval.

The Premier spoke in his usual florid and grandiloquent style, with much impassioned appeal to the empty air, and much fury about trivial things. Phrases after phrases which had become familiar to the House and the public by endless reiteration since Mr. Whitney's entrance into public life kept cropping out, and from time to time the Premier used his favored device of setting up a straw man to knock it down. In answering Mr. Ross's arguments, he relied largely on quotations, more or less relevant, from the Toronto Globe.

Applause for Pense.
Immediately following prayers, Mr. E. J. Pense, member-elect for Kingston, was introduced to the House by Hon. G. W. Ross and Mr. T. H. Preston (South Brant). He was invited by the speaker to take his seat, which he did amid an outburst of liberal applause.

Hon. Mr. Ross, rising at 3:40 p.m. to resume the debate, opened by saying that he could with perfect propriety and sincerely congratulate the mover and seconder on the manner in which they had discharged a difficult task. They had shown unusual moderation, fairness and sweet reasonableness. He would not find fault with their tendency to congratulate the ministers in detail as well as in bulk, but would only remind them that he who puts his armor on had not the same right to boast as he who has taken his off. The Government had advanced only an easy stage in its work, and years must pass before its record could be fairly judged. The Opposition would wait for developments before being hypercritical or censorious.

Liberals Broadened Conservatives.
Mr. Ross was glad that the mover of the address had recognized the service done by the Liberals in broadening the Conservatives by keeping them thirty years in Opposition. The best people of Ontario were agreed in recognizing that the services of the Liberal party in power had been of immense value to the Province. They had nothing to be ashamed of, for they had given an honorable and just administration.

Mr. Ross then referred to the late Government's policy and record on leading subjects. The O. A. C. had not only given a great impetus to scientific farming, but had given the present Government its Minister of Agriculture. Licenses had been reduced under the Liberal license policy. Good roads had been encouraged, railway building promoted, mining towns had sprung up, three great pulp industries established, the Temiskaming Railway constructed, and great power works built, all as a result of Liberal legislation.

The Provincial Treasurer, said Mr. Ross, would have a surplus to boast of. But it had been largely produced as a consequence of legislation passed by the late Government in the face of Conservative opposition. The Provincial Treasurer was a symbolical Jack Horner, pulling out of his Christmas pie the plans put there by his predecessors. Speaking as an old parliamentary hand, as Mr. Gladstone often styled himself, Mr. Ross said he would venture to urge the Government to follow in the steps of the former Administration, and see that none suffer by reason of unnecessary or immature legislation.

As to Education.
Mr. Ross took the subject of educational appointments, and claimed that the Government had not kept politics out of the matter. He did not object to the new deputy minister on educational or personal grounds, but

That New Railway Tax

Toronto, Feb. 21.—It is said that the Government's bill for the taxation of railways, to be brought down this session, will provide for the Province's share of the taxes being applied toward the maintenance of the asylums. In 1904, the latest figures available, maintenance of asylums accounted for about \$800,000 of the expenditures of the Province. The amount of the vote for this purpose can hardly be expected to decrease, for no government in Ontario would be capable of dealing in any but the most broad-minded spirit with the taxes of the Province. All the details of the Government's taxation bill have not, it is said, been decided yet, and just how much revenue it is expected to yield is a cabinet secret. A portion of it will, it is predicted, go to the municipalities, including those through which the railways do not run, but which contribute to the traffic.

SAME OLD DEMAND FOR MR. PHILLIPS

York Loan Man's Attorneys Say the Crown Must Furnish Particulars.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 21.—The usual demand of Joseph Phillips, of York Loan fame, was made today by Police Magistrate Denison at the request of the crown. Mr. Currie is engaged at the assizes in the plumbers' supply cases. Mr. Phillips was present and renewed his bail. The crown attorney has not yielded to the demand of Phillips' lawyers for particulars, and doesn't intend to. J. E. Jones, who appeared for Mr. Phillips, today, will combat any attempt to go on with the investigation before particulars are furnished. The defense regards the crown's action as designed to elicit something in regard to Phillips' management of the York Loan, which the two other investigations failed to do. If the crown would consent to give particulars, the defense, it is said, might ask for a summary trial. The case will positively go on next Thursday so far as the crown is concerned.

ACCIDENT TO MR. FIELDING

Sprains an Ankle and Will Be Laid Up for Some Time.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Hon. W. S. Fielding is confined to his home suffering from a severe sprain of the left ankle, which he sustained by slipping on the mat at his own doorway. His physicians report that it will be weeks before he is able to be about again.

POPE APPOINTS CANADIAN

The Rev. A. S. Bernard is Made Bishop of Hyacinthe.

Rome, Feb. 21.—The Pope held a secret consistory this morning, chiefly to create nineteen French bishops in the dioceses of the Franco-Vatican struggle. He also preconized the Right Rev. W. H. O'Connell, coadjutor to the Archbishop of Boston, as Archbishop of Constance, and the Right Rev. A. S. Bernard as Bishop of St. Hyacinthe, Canada. The whole ceremony was in a line with the Vatican's attitude towards France. The pontiff delivered an allocution summarizing the ideas set forth in his recent encyclical, showing that necessity hastened the decision. He said that the Vatican had decided the faithful regarding the real intentions and feelings of the Holy See, evidently alluding to the pastoral letter of Mgr. Bonomelli, Archbishop of Verona, who advocated the principle of the separation of church and state.

FOLLOW THE FLAG, SAYS BOOTH, BUT THINKS IT NOT GENEROUS

London, Feb. 20.—"Last year we sent 4,000 emigrants to Canada, this year we expect to send 10,000. We have not had 20 complaints." Such was the testimony in Gen. Booth's address before the Colonial Institute on Immigration tonight. He declared that a million people were on the verge of starvation in England, and argued that emigration would remedy this condition. "We prefer the British flag," he said, "but up to the present that flag has not dealt very generously with us. We think we deserve greater confidence than has been shown by colonial friends who have heaped opprobrium on our heads for wanting to dump scum on colonial shores. Surely they who in their own opinion are the pluck of creation, who possess a county unequalled in this world, could afford to be more generous. The mother country emigrants will be poor, but I guarantee good average honesty, industry and sobriety. I have had better offers outside the British flag than under it, but I feel that within the four walls of the empire there should be no starvation."

FATALLY SCALDED WHILE AT PLAY

Three-Year-Old Muriel Winter Fell Into Boiling Water—Died in Few Hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Winter, of lot 4, The Gore, Westminster Township, will have the sympathy of the community in the death of their only child, Muriel, 3 years old, as the result of an accident, sustained while playing with her pet dog.

The accident happened at the family residence. Mrs. Winter was engaged in scrubbing the kitchen floor, and had heated a kettle of water for that purpose. She poured the water into a pail on the floor and then went to replace the kettle on the stove. Muriel and her little dog were romping about the kitchen, and in some manner the child tripped over the dog and fell directly in the pail of water. Her side and one arm were fearfully scalded and the little girl suffered terrible pain. The mother did everything in her power to relieve her daughter. Medical aid was also summoned immediately, but the child died in a few hours.

The funeral was held this afternoon to Woodland Cemetery.

DIED IN THE STREET

Mrs. Strong Expired While on Her Way to the Theater.

The Chicago Tribune of yesterday contained the following: "While on her way to a downtown theater last evening, Mrs. Laura M. Strong, of Morgan Park, 47 years old, patriotic instructor of McKinley Post, Woman's Relief Corps, and member of the Fourth Church of Christ Scientist, fell at State and Monroe streets and died almost instantly. Heart disease is thought to have been the cause. She and her husband, Harry J. Strong, had been at dinner at a downtown restaurant as the guest of L. M. French and wife, 4188 Lake avenue. After dinner they started to a theater. Mrs. Strong apparently being in good health."

Mrs. Strong was a former resident of this city, but had made her home in Chicago for several years past. She had many friends in London, who will regret to hear of her death. Mr. Strong is one of the leading members of the London Old Boys' Association of Chicago, and for some time occupied the office of president.

Ran Into Landslide.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 21.—The south-bound Oregon express, No. 15, on the Southern Pacific Railroad, due to arrive here at 5 o'clock this morning, ran into a landslide near the town of Delta last night. The two engines attached to the train were reduced to scrap iron. Two passenger cars were derailed and rolled down the embankment into the ditch alongside the track, and a baggage car stopped on the edge of the embankment. Engineer Dennis Freil was killed.

Canada came forward to meet our offer, and has given us the readiest reception, for which we are grateful now. "Private syndicates are approaching us," he said. "We have just completed an engagement with a syndicate to send 500 families to the Northwest. One hundred will be sent this year. We are sending them out in charge of a company which will supply them with horses and implements, the money to be paid back in due course. Let the Government unite on this subject. They can spend a million and a half on a warship, why not on this?"

"Of 1,400 leaving shortly on the steamer Kensington," the general said, "65 per cent were born and bred in the country and 35 per cent will settle on the land."

Sir Frederick Young, chairman, read a letter from Earl Grey, who expressed the hope that money would be forthcoming from private sources, if not from the Governments, to populate the land given the Salvation Army by Ontario.



THE MIKADO OF JAPAN, Signally Honored by Great Britain Yesterday by Being Made a Knight of the Garter.

EDWARD WRITES KAISER

Prospect of the Two Monarchs Meeting Some Time This Year.

New York, Feb. 21.—The Berlin correspondent of the Herald cables that King Edward has written a most cordial letter to the Emperor on the occasion of his majesty's birthday, foreshadowing the prospect of a friendly meeting of the two monarchs in the course of the current year. This news, the correspondent says, will be welcomed at Berlin with great satisfaction, where the recent strained relations between the Emperor and his uncle have made a most unpleasant impression.

Nest Egg of \$10,000; Fair Had It at Close of 1905

Annual Report Shows the Association To Be in a Very Good Position.

The 28th annual meeting of the Western Fair Association was held in the city hall this afternoon, with the vice-president, Mr. J. W. Little, in the chair.

The report of the directors showed the association to be in a flourishing condition, with the prospects for a better year than ever this year, and the directors and officers were congratulated upon the excellent showing.

Very Satisfactory.
The report stated that the cash balance in the bank at the close of 1905 was \$9,897.26, as against \$6,864.73 at the close of 1904, an increase of \$3,032.53. This together with \$1,150 the amount expended on new foundation to grandstand, which should not be chargeable to ordinary running expenses, shows the profit of the exhibition of 1905 to be \$4,182.53.

There are as usual no liabilities, and the assets now reach nominally the sum of \$11,545.50; but with the exception of chattels \$4,663.20 and bank balance \$1,150, the association has expended by the association for purchase of lands and betterments to grounds and buildings, the latter being solely the property of the city of London. The board feel that the cash balance should be increased to and maintained at not less than \$10,000, as a reserve against bad weather or other adverse contingency.

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DOWN EASTERSTO INVADE CANADA

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—During August next Canada is to be invaded by a large body of New England militiamen. Arrangements have been about for an excursion of 1,200 of them to Montreal and Ottawa on the 18th and 19th of next August. The corps which are coming are the Fifty-third National Guards, of Boston, numbering 600; the Governor's Foot Guards, of New Haven, numbering 150; the Amoskeag Veterans, of New Hampshire, numbering 150, and 300 British naval and military veterans of Massachusetts.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fine and Cold.

London, Wednesday, Feb. 21. Sun rises, 7:08 a.m. Moon rises, 4:10 p.m. Sun sets, 5:55 p.m. Moon sets, 4:10 a.m. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 2-4; Athol, 18-24; Port Simpson, 28-46; Victoria, 44-46; Vancouver, 40-46; Kamloops, 24-42; Calgary, 20-46; Edmonton, 24-44; Qu'Appelle, 20-28; Winnipeg, 20-28; Port Arthur, 30-46; Parry Sound, 25-42; Toronto, 32-46; Ottawa, 30-40; Montreal, 30-38; Quebec, 10-34; St. John, 15-28; Halifax, 12-34.

FORECASTS.

Wednesday, Feb. 21—5 a.m. Today—Showery, becoming colder tonight.

Thursday—Northerly winds; fine and cold.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	34	24	Clear
Winnipeg	2	2	Fair
Parry Sound	24	22	Cloudy
Toronto	46	42	Rain
Ottawa	40	40	Cloudy
Montreal	40	36	Cloudy
Quebec	38	30	Rain
Halifax	40	32	Cloudy

The sign—Indicates below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

A disturbance now passing across Northern Canada is causing showery weather in both Ontario and Quebec. The weather has turned a little colder again in Manitoba, with indications of a snowfall.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 5 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 56°; lowest, 30° above.

EGG COMBINE BUSTED

New York, Feb. 21.—Shipments of eggs to the local market yesterday broke all previous records. The receipts amounted to about 22,000 cases. With the enormous shipments prices dropped to a level reached only once before, about nine years ago.

Those who will suffer by the heavy shipments and low prices are the speculators in storage eggs. Almost the entire egg production of the country was taken in the early part of the winter by a rumored combination and by speculators. They paid 20 cents a dozen. Yesterday, after keeping eggs in storage all winter, the price dropped to 9 cents.

The retail price of the best fresh eggs was about 22 cents a dozen yesterday. The receipt of 22,000 cases yesterday means that in round numbers 8,000,000 eggs came to the local market.

These conditions of the market are due to the open winter and the very liberal production.

EXPLORER LAING DEAD

Was the Man Who Conveyed Livingstone's Body to London.

Honolulu, Feb. 21.—James Arthur Laing died yesterday at Queen's Hospital.

Laing was a Scotchman, 62 years old, and had been employed here several years as a searcher of records. He is said to have been a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and to have conveyed the remains of Explorer Livingstone from Zanzibar to London, and is also said to have been a member of Henry Stanley's expedition.

MOROCCAN MUDDLE

As Inability to Reach an Agreement at Algiers Seems Certain.

Madrid, Feb. 21.—An important Spanish statesman is authority for the statement that the question is now mooted of charging The Hague arbitration tribunal with the settlement of the Moroccan controversy, owing to the apparent inability of the delegates at Algiers to secure an accord.

The newspapers say that while war is not likely, the Franco-German controversy keeps Europe in a state of constant uneasiness.

BACK TO CHINA

Canadian Chinese Return in Preparation for a War.

Montreal, Feb. 21.—In view of the danger of trouble in the Chinese Empire, Chinamen are being taken home from America by the Reform Party in preparation for eventualities, and Montreal is expected to furnish a contingent of 200. The Reform Party has already sent a large body of drilled Chinese from San Francisco, and the present party will be in connection with the same movement. An organization is in the making today arranging for the party, which will also have a contingent from Toronto.

McCONNELL DISCHARGED

Young Man Makes Good Sweetheart's Loss, and Is Liberated.

There was very little doing at the police court this morning, and Police Magistrate Love's duties were light.

Washington McConnell, who "borrowed" money from his sweetheart, and failed to return it, was allowed to go. No evidence was offered by the crown, and as restitution had been made to the young lady, the case was not pressed.

Clara Chrysler, charged with vagrancy, was remanded another week as she is on the sick list.

Louis Grimstith, charged with wife desertion, was also remanded a week.

Hearst Fights Neger.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Attorney General Mayer gave a hearing today on an application of Wm. R. Hearst that he commence action in the name of the people against the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, Thomas F. Ryan, August Belmont, and other corporations and individuals to restrain them from continuing the proposed merger of the railway interests in New York City.

Tramp Steals Chum's Cash and Returns Check for Sum

Cyrus Bush Has a Novel Experience with a Genuine Hobo, to Whom He "Gave a Lift."

To know a man you must sleep with him.

So Sam Slick's father told him, and it so happened to Cyrus Bush, a young farmer, that he proved the truth of that saying.

A little over a week ago Cy was on the railroad near the ninth concession of London Township, when one of earth's weary ones, a hobo, hove in sight. Cy flagged the stranger, and took him in. This man wanted work, or to work someone, it does not matter which, so Cy was the stranger, whose name was Levi Riger, formed a wood-choppers' union. They got a job, and commenced to chop. Cy said he trimmed the trees, and then the stranger trimmed him. They finished the job and Levi got the wanderlust again, and invited Cy to wander. The luring lights of the city hove in view, and they came and made a day of it, b'gosh. Cy was flush. Levi had not so. Levi had no shoes. Cy bought him a pair, and in other ways treated Levi right. As the shades of evening fell, Levi said, "Where resteth thou, Cy? Let's to the hay." He was a child of nature and did not care for luxury.

"Not so, Levi. I have the money, and we'll sleep at a hotel, b'gosh. I ain't going to sleep on no hay," said Cy.

Cy in Dreamland.

They went to a certain hotel in the city and went to bed while it was yet early. About 10 o'clock the pair retired. Cy to sleep, Levi to watch. Cy was soon gone, and in a few moments Levi slid out into the night, and with him Cy's roll of money. Levi slumbered softly until the morning broke. Cy was ditto, when he searched his trousers.

Puzzle picture: Find Levi. Then Cyrus told the police of his misadventure, but no track of the wanderer could be found. Cy was disconsolate. Where was that boy?

Yesterday afternoon a letter came to Chief Williams from Mapleton. The letter was opened, and in it an express order for \$25 in favor of one Cyrus

Bush. The chief was puzzled, but he remembered about Cyrus, and his lost coin. Cyrus came in this morning for the coin.

When Cy saw the check he exclaimed: "Ain't it a corker? He never spent it."

Cy was very communicative about his friend.

"Say, every night I used to think of him. An' I'd say, I wonder where that boy is tonight. I hope he gets along good."

Cyrus was questioned as to whether the man drank or not, and he said he did not.

"B'gosh, if he'd drink, I'd never get my money back. I guess I'll pray for him now."

The tramp's letter gave an explanation of the theft that he and Bush had worked together, cutting wood, but that in the dividing of the proceeds, Cy short-changed him. Cy's explanation was that the tramp was to furnish half the tools, but it happened that he (Cy) had to furnish all the tools, and had to do most of the work. He was rejoiced when he got the check.

Salted It This Time.

"B'gosh, I'll just go and put it in the bank," he said.

"And don't you take it out," warned a detective, and Cy went away as happy as a lord, determined to pray for "that boy."

Riger, as he gave his name to Bush, is a tramp, and follows that vocation. He and his partner were in a wreck at Portage la Prahie a year or so ago, and his partner was killed. Riger had his wrist broken. It is said that he hails from Stratford.

The interesting question is, What was Riger's motive in taking Cy's money? The police laugh at the idea of conscience, and declare that the fear of consequences made the tramp send back the money. They thought he had read of what happened to Carleton, who film-flamed a farmer's cow, and so he endeavored to forestall justice and save himself.

Cy will let tramps "go hang" after this, and keep his money in a bank.

GOVERNMENT MOVES FOR BIG DEBATE

Protection Vs. Free Trade To Be Threshed Out at Westminster.

London, Feb. 20.—The House of Commons devoted the entire day and night sessions to a desultory debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

Among the motions of which notice was given the following will be moved from the Government benches:

"The House of Commons, recognizing the general decision of the people of the United Kingdom, in demonstrating unusual fidelity to the principles of free trade, deems it right to record its determination to resist any proposals for the taxation of foreign corn or the erection of a general tariff on foreign goods, which will create a system of protection."

This resolution will be moved after the adoption of the address.

It is understood that the Duke of Devonshire will move a similar resolution in the House of Lords.

Irish Unionists will move an amendment to the address condemning the proposed changes in the government of Ireland as tending in the direction of home rule.

This is intended to draw from the Government a declaration of its policy with regard to Ireland.

SOLD HIS WIFE
A Remarkable Charge Against Richard Colwell, of Garfield.

Windsor, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Richard Colwell, wife of a farmer in Gosfield Township, near Kingsville, is at the home of her parents here, and has laid information before Crown Attorney Rodd which led the latter to issue a warrant for Colwell's arrest.

Constable Masters is now looking for Colwell. Mrs. Colwell alleges ill-treatment on the part of her husband since they were married seven years ago.

After disposing of everything on the place, stock, feed, etc., to take their 2-year-old child to his sister's in Essex, leaving Mrs. Colwell in her former home without food of any kind and entirely destitute. Before leaving Mrs. Colwell alleges that her husband sold her to Frank Dobson, a farmer in the same township, for promissory notes totaling \$50. It is the latter allegation that led the crown attorney to issue the warrant.

The Dewey Turns Up.
Gibraltar, Feb. 21.—The Dewey dry dock has arrived at Las Palmas, Canary Islands.