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BILINGUAL SCHOOL A MYTH Legislature Brings Session to Close PREMIER RESENTS ATTACKS

Reckless Journalists Confuse Study of French With Legal- ization of Language as Me- dium of Communication, He Says—Government Will Stand or Fall By Statute Law of Land.

With "three cheers and a tiger" for the King, the Ontario Legislature closed its legislative session at 7 o'clock last night. Sir James Whitney led the cheering. The afternoon was one of the most strenuous in the history of the assembly. The formal prorogation will be held on Friday afternoon.

Bilingual schools were discussed for a brief but spirited few minutes, when G. H. Ferguson (Con., Grenville), introduced an amendment to his original notice of motion, "That in the opinion of this house no language other than the English language should be used as a medium of instruction in the schools of the province."

The amendment read: "That the English language shall be the language of instruction and communication of the pupils of the public and separate schools, except where, in the opinion of the department of education it is found impracticable because the pupil does not understand English."

A Familiar Controversy.

The question of bilingual schools, he said, was a subject that loomed large in the destiny of the country. It had had a wide discussion and much publicity, and as the house was familiar with it, he did not propose to go into it at length. The brevity of his original resolution was the only weakness. His sole object was to better the facilities for discussing the English language throughout the country.

He had not a word to say against any nationality or creed. They were all entitled to the same rights and privileges as the English bred; but it was admitted that it was an advantage of all the peoples to understand the English language in this country and the public school was the only medium of teaching it.

He wouldn't say that the abuses that were reported could be obliterated in one fell swoop, but they could be gradually got rid of without disadvantage to the country at large.

No Real Bilingual Schools.

Premier Whitney pointed out to the house that the amendment was in the exact words of the statute law of the land, and strange as it might seem to some people, there was no such real entity in the province as a bilingual school.

People outside the legislature and reckless journalists were apt to confuse the question of the study of the French language with the legalization of the French language as a means of communication. They were as far apart as the north and south poles.

"The position of the government is and will be," said the premier, "to stand by that mandate. Whenever it is found impracticable to carry out the provisions of the first part, the latter part shall be applied. We take our stand upon it and are prepared to stand or fall by it."

"The chief inspector of the province has made a thorough and complete examination into the situation, and we can't say what we will do till we can learn from him what the situation is."

"My own judgment tells me that in all probability, in a great many schools of the older part of the province; the working out of the principle of the act has been lost sight of by the trustees and other interested persons living on the spot. It may have happened that the intention of the law has been forgotten and it may be that where English pupils are in the minority, the French language has crowded out the English as a means of communication between teacher and pupil."

I am not saying that this is the case, but it is possible that a continuation of the use of another language has been lengthened out in an improper way.

"If we find that any abuses have occurred, this government will take steps to abolish them. In other words, the government pledges itself to stand by the provisions of the statute."

Public Ownership of Rivers.

Hon. Frank Cochrane moved the house into committee on the bill for the protection of public interests in the bed of navigable waters.

W. Proudfoot said the bill was revolutionary in asserting public ownership of the streams.

Hon. A. G. MacKay: "It was always understood the other way, that the water was considered the same as land."

Hon. J. J. Foy pointed out that the critics of the bill assumed that the general opinion in Canada has been that the possession of land gave proprietary rights to the centre of navigable waters. This was not the case. When purchases had been made on such an assumption, the claims involved were protected by the bill.

CITY'S POWER BILL GOES THRU.

Power was yesterday afternoon given the City of Toronto by the Ontario Legislature to submit the question of purchasing the Toronto Electric Light Company's, and the former Toronto Incandescent Light Company's rights and property to the electors, and to issue forty-year debentures to cover the cost, which, on the basis of \$125 a share, would be \$5,000,000.

Power was also given the city to establish a commission to have jurisdiction over the civic electrical department. One commissioner will be appointed by the Ontario Government, thru the Hydro-Electric Commission, one by the city council, and the mayor will be, ex-officio, the third member. The two first named will receive \$4000 a year.

There was no discussion on the bill.

MURDERED ONE WOUNDED TWO

Cold-Blooded Attack on Three Woodsmen Near Port Arthur —Murderer Took Their Time Checks.

PORT ARTHUR, March 22.—To set possession of three woodsmen's time checks, a man, whose name is not yet known to the authorities, held up a party of three woodsmen, all Finlanders, on their way out from the Pierson River Lumber Co.'s camp, near Silver Mountain, killing one of them and very seriously wounding the others, using a revolver as a weapon.

The men were on the road leading from the camp to a railroad, intending to take the train to Port Arthur, when they were met by a stranger, who offered to direct them to the railway by a short-cut. His offer was accepted, and at a convenient moment the stranger opened fire on the three, killing one and incapacitating the others. He took their time checks, which are of no value to him because he cannot cash them. The revolver was his only weapon. The murderer also used a hunting knife freely.

One man has nine cuts about his body. The revolver was managed by the assailant made off. The two laid out, wounded and bleeding, beside the dead body of their companion all night and to-day, managed to reach the railway and go the news sent to Silver Mountain, whence it was forwarded to Port Arthur. Provincial Constable Simons left for the scene this afternoon, but will not in any case be able to get on the track of the fleeing murderer before tomorrow.

THE DOPE BILL

Senator McMillan Will Move Amendment at Third Reading.

OTTAWA, March 22.—In the senate today, the government bill to prohibit the improper use of opium and other drugs was put thru the committee stage, with the addition of an amendment, proposed by Sir Richard Cartwright, enlarging the scope of the bill so as to make it a criminal offence to have not only opium, morphine or cocaine, but also any salts or compounds thereof, or to import, export, or deal in these drugs, except under strict conditions guaranteeing that they shall be for medical or scientific purposes only.

Senator McMillan gave notice that on the third reading of the bill he would move an amendment amplifying clauses four and five so as to make the penalty apply to any person who takes internally any extracts, derivatives or preparations of opium, and to exempt the use of these drugs as a home remedy in the case of emergencies or for use in treating cattle, providing that in the latter case the prescription of a veterinary surgeon was secured.

TRUSTEES ARE UNDECIDED

Offer to Purchase Carleton-Street Church Discussed Last Night.

While the offer of \$125,000 for the Carleton-Street Methodist Church is an alluring one, the board of managers at their meeting last night considered the issue too important to be settled off-hand. The matter was allowed to stand for a further meeting.

It is understood, as announced in The World last week, that the offer is being made by the Murray-Kay Co.

JOINING THE PROCESSION.

SANDWICH, March 22.—The city council has asked the hydro-electric commission for prices for Niagara power.

MACKAY MAKES OPEN ATTACK ON HYDRO

Bill to Enlarge Commission's Powers Unfair to Competing Private Plants, He Declares—Premier Scores Critics of Railway Board, But Admits Inability to Handle Situation

Hon. A. G. MacKay made a vigorous onslaught in the legislature yesterday upon W. K. McNaught's bill to place the absolute control of all conduits, wires and poles under the hydro-electric commission. He argued that the commissioners could not be fair judges, as they were the operating head of a rival company, where competition existed between a municipal plant and a private corporation.

"Not another municipality except Toronto," he exclaimed, "would come to this house and ask for such legislation."

He held no brief for the Toronto Electric Light Co., but he believed the premier should insist that such powers be held by an independent board.

Premier Defends Railway Board.

Sir James Whitney said that at first blush he would agree with the assumption of the leader of the opposition and he would say just a word respecting the "infamous and un-British treatment" received by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board at the hands of a portion of the people of this city.

This particular bill dealt with a matter which, however, called for an expert opinion and experience. Not one word had he to say as to the controversy between the City of Toronto and the T.E.L. Co. He had had all he wanted to do with both of them. "They can settle their difficulties as they can," he said.

The claim made two years ago in the suit of the T. E. L. v. the City of Toronto had led to a state of affairs never dreamed of. It was from the point of view of the present, and not of the old misty ideas of the past, that the matters must be decided.

The T. E. L. Company, to his personal knowledge, claimed that their agreement with the city was a perpetual monopoly of the streets of Toronto. That was an impossible position to be allowed to exist.

The Dominion Parliament gave a railway, technically speaking, a monopoly of a pass thru a range of mountains, and it may be added that the leader of the opposition should question the suitability of the commission as a ruling body. The hydro-electric commission was a competing body. That was an impossible position to take. The members were peculiarly unqualified to decide the matters to be brought before them, being expert and professional.

There was no danger of injustice, as questions of compensation and damages would go under the Municipal Arbitration Act, the making of which was well understood.

A Necessary Course.

The bill was in exact accordance with the statement of Mr. Justice Middleton, in that it gave the commission power to exercise such powers, greater than that of any private interest, and that the active intervention of the legislature would be required to establish such a commission.

He did not say that the T.E.L. should not receive every dollar to which the company was entitled, that was, however, between them.

The bill gave the hydro-electric commission the legislation to do the work required and was the body capable of doing the work.

Hon. A. G. MacKay said if the Ontario Railway Board could not do it they should get off the earth. The T. E.L. did not take possession of the streets of Toronto.

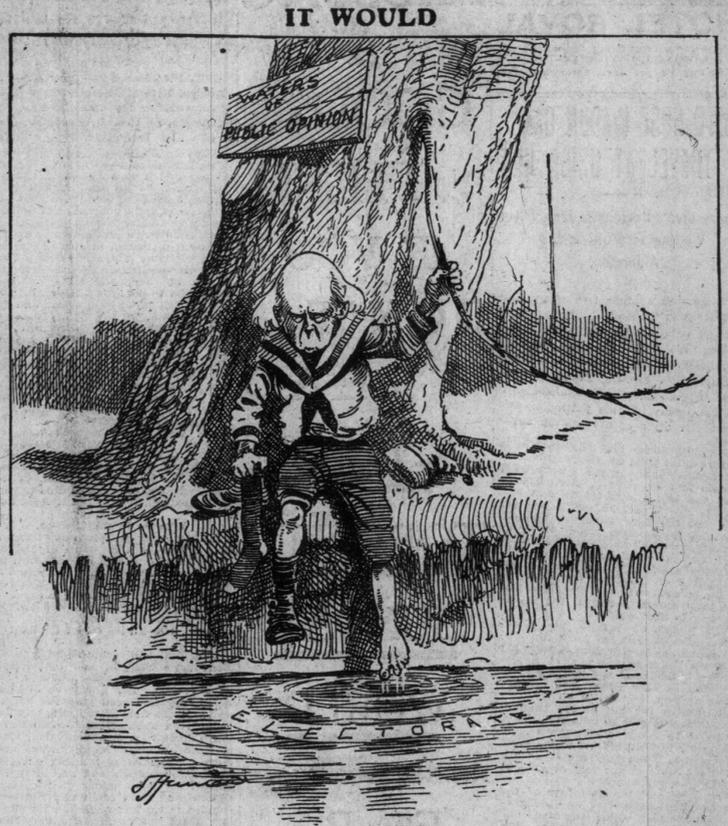
Sir James Whitney: "They intended to take it."

London an Example.

Mr. McNaught said the commission had advised the conditions given to that in Toronto in the case of London. Hon. Adam Beck: "And by expert evidence."

Mr. McNaught: "The T.E.L. was not the only electric company in Toronto. There was the Erie-Railway Power Co., Ltd., and he had received a letter describing the dangerous condition of affairs in West Toronto owing to the uncontrolled wiring by different companies on the same poles. It had caused three fires and nearly cost the loss of two lives. Conditions without this bill would be chaotic."

Hon. A. G. MacKay put in another brief protest and the bill was adopted.



WILFY: I wonder if that 'd give a feller cramps?

GREAT IS PORCUPINE AS F. A. HEINZE SEES IT

Copper Magnate Impressed With Richness of Ore—Good Work on Railway.

According to the glowing statements of F. Augustus Heinze, the U.S. copper magnate, in an interview with The World last night, Porcupine will soon be one of the greatest assets of Canada, and a gold centre of certain paying value. He is largely interested in the West Dome Mines, Limited, and left Toronto last Friday on his second visit to the property, returning yesterday full of enthusiasm over the northern land. He found the reports of the diamond drill development so excellent that he immediately put in an order for a full mining plant—six drill compressors, two 40 horsepower boilers and one 40 and a hoist. All these have been purchased on a contract which guarantees them at the mine in ten days' time.

"Two shot drills have been working for some time," said Mr. Heinze, "one of which was set to inspect the vein at 225 feet. Instead, however, the quartz was struck at a depth of only 160 feet, which was fully 160 sooner than was expected. The drill has continued thru this vein for 25 feet, and is still going. Several assays were made from this, which vary from \$120 to \$150 to the ton rock would be one of the bonanzas of the world, and I think that is what we have struck."

"Much counts on the machinery getting in before the roads break up," continued the magnate. "Orders have been given to sink the main working shaft as soon as the hoisting machinery is installed. A large office building and the superintendent's residence have already been constructed."

Other Rich Properties.

Mr. Heinze visited the neighboring Vipond and Hollinger properties and was especially impressed with the ore currencies of the latter, which he thought unusually rich, and the extensive ore body. "Vipond is also knocking away," he said, "and both faces of the drift on the 100-foot level continue to show unusually rich values, particularly the south, which I am advised assays over \$200 to the ton."

"I was much impressed with the activities throughout the whole region. It is most intense regarding mining development, the building of residences, hotels and stores being only secondary."

The great question of the moment is how long the roads will last to allow the freighting by sleighs from Kelso to Porcupine. In my judgment, unless some extraordinary climatic occurs, freighting on the winter road may be counted on for two weeks at least. Judging from the conversation of the inhabitants, one would imagine they considered the breaking up of the road almost equivalent to the freezing of the Yukon in Dawson in the early days of the century. The only difference is that the cessation of communication will not be quite as relentless and as long continued as in the Klondike town.

The efforts of the government in connection with the railroad construction are most businesslike and in the six weeks which elapsed since my last visit wonders have been accomplished. I think the government promise of the government railway to Porcupine by July 1, can be relied on.

Knocked Chip Off Uncle Sam's Shoulder

PRESIDIO, Tex., March 22 (Via Marfa, Tex.)—Shortly after the crossing of supplies from Presidio, intended for the Mexican troops besieged in Ojinaga, directly across the Rio Grande, had been stopped to-day, bullets from federal rifles fell among a detachment of United States troops guarding the American side of the river. An explanation has been demanded of Gen. Luque, in command of the Mexican troops.

MANITOBA NOT FAIRLY TREATED BY DOMINION

Resolution Refusing Laurier's Offer Declares For Equality in Dealing With Provinces.

WINNIPEG, March 22.—The Manitoba Government will refuse the offer of Sir Wilfrid Laurier for a settlement of the boundary question and will insist upon equality with other provinces of the confederation. The government's stand was set forth in a resolution, notice of which was given by the premier this afternoon and which will be moved to-morrow, when a big debate, practically the winding up of the session, is expected. The resolution sets forth that Manitoba is willing to consider each claim of all public lands, mining, etc., such as Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario have, or financial and other considerations of a character similar to those given or to be given to Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The resolution is prefaced by a preamble which points out that at the time of the passage of the British North America Act, it was clearly the spirit and intention of the framers that all of the provinces should be dealt with on the basis of equality. It also observes that the federal authorities, at the hands of the federal authorities, and at the present time occupies a position of gross inequality with the provinces to the east and the new provinces to the west. It is also pointed out that for thirty years Manitoba has been endeavoring to obtain relief, but without success.

A MISSING JURY.

SANDWICH, March 22.—The Sandwich spring assizes closed this afternoon without the customary grand jury. Shortly after the opening of court on Monday, the jury disappeared and did not return. All attempts to locate the missing body in time for the closing failed and up to a late hour to-night it had not been heard from. It is supposed the jury went to Leamington this morning to inspect the county house of refuge. When they return to-morrow they will find that they have been presenting a report for a court that has ended.

NEWMARKET CANAL TO COST \$1,100,000

Exceeds Estimate by \$328,000—Laurier Rejoices in Anglo-American Arbitration Scheme.

OTTAWA, March 22.—(Special.)—In reply to a question by Capt. Tom Wallace (Centre York) the house of commons was informed to-day that the expenditure on the Newmarket canal for the past fiscal year had been \$125,824.16, making a total expenditure to date of \$459,832.76. The government expects that the canal will be completed in 1913, and the entire cost will be in the neighborhood of \$1,100,000. This exceeds the preliminary estimate of \$772,000 by \$328,000. The government expects to provide for cement works instead of wood, which had originally been intended.

Laurier stated that seventy-five men and five officers of the Northwest Mounted Police would be included in the coronation contingent.

With regard to the attitude of the government in connection with the recent speeches concerning a treaty of arbitration between Great Britain and the United States, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said: "The attention of the government, and it may be added, of the whole people of Canada could not fall to be attracted to the proposition now being discussed by Sir Edward Grey and President Taft of a treaty of arbitration between Great Britain and the United States, which would secure for them and their respective peoples the blessings of perpetual peace."

"Whilst the government of Canada could have no direct voice in the negotiations, it can be safely asserted that there is no part of the British Empire where such a treaty would be more welcome than in the Dominion of Canada, which is so closely connected with the United States by geographical proximity and ever increasing trade relations, and which is still more intimately connected with Great Britain by the strongest bonds of devoted allegiance."

BROUWER FOR BENCH

Mentioned as Possible Successor to Late Justice Girouard.

OTTAWA, March 22.—(Special.)—Hon. L. P. Brouder, minister of marine and fisheries, is mentioned to-night as the probable successor to the late Justice Girouard of the supreme court. If this eventuates, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux would in all probability become minister of marine, and Dr. H. S. Bell would become postmaster-general. It is unlikely, however, that the rearrangement will be made until the close of the present session.

HALDANE FOR LORDS.

LONDON, March 22.—According to The Times, the elevation of War Secretary Haldane to the house of lords will take place within the next ten days. This is intended to strengthen the government representation in that chamber.

An Old Comedy But a Good One.

The Private Secretary, which will be presented at the Princess Theatre next Monday evening, is the comedy which made Wm. Gillette the author, famous, and will be presented here with an English company of undoubted excellence.

N. YORK VOTERS' LISTS READY TO-DAY

Diplomatic Denials the Result of a Storm of Protest by Ontario Liberals Against Opening the Seat—Fear Issue of Appeal to the People.

OTTAWA, Mar. 22.—(Special.)—Considerable excitement was manifested here to-day when it became known thru The World that the government proposed to open North York, Sir Alan Aylesworth's constituency, and make of it a test upon the reciprocity agreement. The result is that a storm of protest has been raised by Ontario Liberals against opening the seat. Government newspapers, in order to mark time until it is seen whether the minister of justice can be induced to reconsider his decision to retire at once, have issued denials of the situation. The fact remains, however, that the clerk of the crown in chancery has sent orders to the government printing bureau to have the North York voters' lists ready by to-morrow. These will be ready to-morrow.

The protest against opening the seat is because western Ontario Liberals are convinced that not only will North York be lost on the reciprocity issue, but so also will Hugh Guthrie's seat in Wellington, when he goes to the constituency for re-election as minister of justice, the people of his riding being absolutely opposed to reciprocity.

DENIES WINNIPEG REPORT

C. P. R. Not Planning Thru Service, Says Local Passenger Agent.

"At the present time there is nothing in the report from Winnipeg that in the new time card of the C.P.R., which goes into effect on April 15, trains 84 and 85, the Toronto-Winnipeg express will run thru to the coast, carrying only standard and tourists' sleepers, and that the C.P.R. will also run a thru train from Toronto to Winnipeg by way of Chicago and St. Paul," said R. T. Thompson, district passenger agent of the C.P.R. to The World last night.

"An improved service will be established between Toronto and the west in the near future, but at a meeting of the C.P.R. transportation department held at Montreal on Tuesday, nothing was said with regard to establishing the service spoken of in the rumor."

MANITOBA AGAINST PACT

Stamped Farmers Will Soon Change Views, Says Hon. Robert Rogers.

That Manitoba farmers are in the great majority strongly opposed to reciprocity, was the emphatic declaration made yesterday by Hon. Robert Rogers, Manitoba's minister of public works, who is stopping at the King Edward.

"The farmers of Manitoba have been stamped by the officers of the west, the Grangers, who are Grits first, last and all the time, and ready to work for the Liberal party under any circumstances. But I look for a tremendous revulsion of feeling when the farmers of my province understand the reciprocity question as they will understand it," he said.

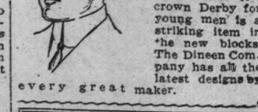
"The farmers of Manitoba are sensible men," said Mr. Rogers. "They realize that reciprocity would reduce the value of their products. They would be forced in everything they produce to go into the open market and compete against the world; for everything they buy they have to pay a duty."

PAID IN FULL.

ST. JOHN, N.B., March 22.—The depositors and creditors of the failed St. Stephen's Bank will be paid in full, according to a statement issued by the curator of the bank. A second dividend of 33 1/3 per cent. will be paid within ten days' time, and the balance on or before the first day of May next. The present arrangement obviates the necessity of a call upon the shareholders for their liability, that otherwise must have been made immediately.

THE NEW FELT HATS.

The fashions this season in the new spring hats are considerably different in some lines than were worn last season. A wide brim and low crown Derby for young men is a striking item in the new blocks. The Dineen Company has all the latest designs by every great maker.



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