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CAN'T GET HEARING
FROM MR. WHITNEYThe Legislature Divides Over
the Kerr Lake Title.

PRIORITY CLAIM IS IGNORED

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[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 18.—The second division of the session took place yesterday afternoon, the question at issue being the bill confirming the titles of the Cobalt Lake Company and the Kerr Lake Company, to the respective properties from which they take their names, and for which they paid good, round sums to the Government. No less than four amendments were offered either in committee or in full session of the House, the object being to secure to the Florence Mining Company and to the Drenay Interests a fair hearing before the courts of their claims of prior discovery. At the time the bill was introduced, the division took place upon Mr. McKay's motion to give the bill the six months' notice. The vote was a straight party one, and gave the Government a majority of 22. There were fifteen pairs, and Messrs. Gurney and Smythe did not vote.

Were There Prior Discoveries?

When the bill was under discussion in committee Mr. Smith (Soo) said he had been informed that before the passing of the order-in-council withdrawing the lakes from prospecting, discoveries had been made in the Kerr Lake by Mr. Drenay or Mr. Bessey, but the Government Inspector reported there were no discoveries. Shortly after the area was withdrawn. The claimants contended that they were not given notice by inspectors, and were therefore legally dispossessed. The bill would do a great injustice to these claimants. For that reason the Government should grant a flat and permit the Drenay claimants to take their case to the courts, so that if they won, the Government would be liable. Mr. Smith then moved, seconded by Mr. Atkinson (North Norfolk), an amendment giving the claimants the opportunity to prove the rights claimed by them.

Can House Play Judge

Mr. McKay contended that the House had no right to act as judge by legislating on a matter in dispute. While the order-in-council of August, 1905, withdrew the lakes, Mr. McKay contended that the subsequent order of Oct. 20, 1905, had the effect of restoring the first order, as it set aside the Township of Coleman as a mining district, without excepting the lakes in question. In view of this, the claimant Green, who was succeeded by the Florence Mining Company, was justified in prospecting with a diamond drill in March, 1906, when he claimed to have made his discovery. The Florence Mining Company had shown its bona-fide by bringing action against the Cobalt Lake Mining Company. If the bill was passed it would end this suit. Mr. McKay said it was reported that 250,000 shares in the Cobalt Lake Company had been held back by the Toronto end of the syndicate, who had assured the Ottawa shareholders that they could secure a good title to the title.

How does that affect the Government?

Mr. McKay replied that if the House made good the title by prospecting, and then allowed the title to go to the Toronto end of the syndicate, the House was laying itself open to the imputation of being the cat's paw of these Toronto speculators.

Mr. McKay thought the bill should be amended so as to allow the Florence Mining Company to have a fair trial of its case, which it could not have if the bill passed in its present form.

Cabinet Investigated.

Mr. Foy said that the crown had received \$1,955,000 from the Cobalt Lake Company, and it should be what it honestly and properly could make the title perfect and complete. The purchasers had bought in good faith, and the crown was justified in doing everything it could to protect the title. In mining disputes, actions were often brought merely to force a compromise settlement. The various claimants had been given a patient hearing by the cabinet, and the members of that body after careful consideration had decided that none of the claims were valid. The solicitor for the Drenay interests was satisfied with the bill, provided his clients had a claim in respect to the purchase moneys received by the Government. The claim of the Florence Mining Company was even more shadowed than the Drenay contentions, for the discovery made by Green had previously been made by the Government on Government land, and announced in the mines report. The rights of all parties would be protected, and if any valid claims were advanced, the crown would do justice.

Mr. McKay thought this position was untenable. If the Government was sure the claimants had no case, there was no danger in letting the matter go to the courts. If the bill passed, every other company would want a similar statutory title, and companies not possessing such titles would be at a disadvantage.

The amendment was then voted down.

Another Amendment.

Mr. McKay immediately offered another amendment, providing that nothing in the act should affect pending

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Photo by McCallum.
FRANK ATTWOOD, VICTIM OF THE KIDNAPPING IN LOBO TOWNSHIP, AND HIS WIFE, WHO DECAMPED WITH ARTHUR SCOTT, A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF ATTWOOD'S, AND ONE OF THE ALLEGED KIDNAPPERS.POLICE HAVE SECURED NO CLUE
TO COUPLE IN KIDNAPPING CASEScott and Mrs. Attwood Get
Safely Over Border—Nothing
More Heard of Them.

Other than that they crossed the American border at Port Huron, the county police have, up to the present time, heard nothing whatever of Arthur Scott, the London township farm hand, and Mrs. Frank Attwood, of Lobo, whose husband Scott and two others are alleged to have kidnapped at an early hour yesterday morning.

It was at first supposed that Scott and the woman had gone to Detroit via Windsor, but further inquiry has shown that such was not the case. In making up his mind which way to get out of the country, Scott decided that the train which would take him over the line was the most acceptable. Therefore he went by Port Huron. The pair could have left here on the G. T. R. train for Windsor and Detroit at 6:35 a.m., reaching the latter place about 10:15 a.m., London time. By waiting here until 7:40 a.m., however, they could go to Detroit via Port Huron, thus getting into Uncle Sam's territory nearly an hour earlier than if they went via Windsor. Scott also figured that Attwood would not be able to release himself for some hours, and that it would be perfectly safe for him (Scott) and Mrs. Attwood to wait in London an hour longer if it would mean getting over the line sooner.

Did Not Keep in Hiding.

The couple did not make any effort to conceal themselves. Immediately on arriving in the city, shortly after 7 a.m., they drove to the Grand Trunk depot, where Scott had a trunk and a valise checked for Detroit. Whether the baggage went on the Windsor or Sarnia train is uncertain, but it is supposed that it went on the first named.

Scott and Mrs. Attwood remained at the depot where they had their breakfast before the train left for Sarnia.

Had Attwood come to the city immediately on releasing himself from the ropes with which he was bound to the bed, he might have been in time to effect the arrest of Scott before the Sarnia train left. In any event he would have given the county police time to telephone to Sarnia Tunnel and Windsor and have the runaways stopped at the border. As it was, the Detroit and Port Huron police were not notified of the affair until noon, by which time Scott and Mrs. Attwood could have secured their baggage and be out of reach of the police.

Anxious to Recover Baby.

Attwood is very anxious to recover possession of his eight-months old baby, which Mrs. Attwood took with her. "As for my wife, I will never take her back again," he said yesterday, "but I will never be satisfied until I get the child. Neither will I ever be contented until the man who has wrecked my home has been punished." Attwood was in the city yesterday, and on the advice of his solicitor he had an advertisement inserted in the daily papers, stating that as his wife had left her home he would not be responsible for any debts contracted by her.

Attwood's home is on lot 20, con. 9, of Lobo, about midway between Poplar of Lobo, near Vanneck. The latter is his postoffice.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Woodstock, April 18.—R. George Cox, high constable of the county of Oxford, was found dead in bed at his home here this morning. He was 35 years of age. Mr. Cox retired last night in his usual health. Heart failure is given as the cause of death. Mr. Cox had been on the county police force for years.

JUDGE MABEE
SCOLDS AUDIENCECurious Thongs Barred From
the Perkins Trial—No Sensational
Developments.

Cayuga, April 18.—Although nothing sensational developed this morning in the trial of Mrs. Mattie Perkins, the Cayuga woman who faces a jury charged with the murder of her husband last Christmas day. The evidence of which the crown authorities are banking their hope for conviction will be expected, to be placed before the jury by night.

During the night one of the jurors became ill and Deputy Sheriff Shepherd had to send for liquor. Before court resumed the jury went for a long walk.

Judge Mabree who complained yesterday about the interruption by spectators, lectured the audience again this morning. Women were the worst offenders he said, and told them it was not a sewing circle they were attending. Later he ordered the doors barred and a large and curious throng were shut out.

Nelle Moodie, a milliner, swore today that Mrs. Perkins told her shortly before Perkins died that he would not live long and that he had ulcers. Cudmore Copp, Jacob Cline and Louis Melienbacher, who were present when Perkins died, described his death struggles. Copp said that despite what any doctor said, the injured man enjoyed good health up to the time of his death.

Friends of Dr. Edgar, a star witness at the preliminary hearing for the crown, who will go on the stand for the defense, complained to the Attorney-General about the way he was treated, and Mr. Arnold, crown prosecutor, apologized to the doctor.

Detective Seymour, of Detroit, and Provincial Detective Mahoney will try to show this afternoon that Mrs. Perkins was the woman who purchased strychnine at the Brown pharmacy last November.

CHILIAN VOLCANO IS
SPREADING TERRORAwe-Inspiring Phenomena Accompany
Eruption of Puyuhu.

New York, April 18.—A dispatch from Valparaiso, Chili, says: Puyuhu, a volcano adjacent to the large lake of the same name in the province of Valdivia, is in a violent eruption. The phenomenon is accompanied by awful subterranean rumblings, earthquakes, inky darkness, noisy electrical display, ashes and boiling water.

Torrents of lava have set fire to the surrounding forests and people and cattle are fleeing in terror.

IS TREASURER TO RESIGN?

Illness of Mr. Pope May Cause Him to
Leave Office, Says Rumor.

There was a rumor in circulation around the city hall today that City Treasurer Pope, one of the most faithful and competent officials in the city's employ, might as the result of continued illness, be compelled to hand in his resignation.

Mr. Pope has been quite ill for a long time, and it is feared that he will need a long rest. If it should so happen that Mr. Pope should be compelled to relinquish the position of treasurer—a position which he has filled for many years with credit to the city and to himself—it is hinted that Ald. J. H. A. Beattie, chairman of the finance committee, will be an applicant for the position.

Ald. Beattie is a lawyer by profession, but has upon one occasion abandoned his profession to enter into other fields. He was for some years secretary of the Diocese of Huron here.

It is not known what opposition Mr. Beattie would have other than that which might be offered by Assistant Treasurer Bell if he cared to make a fight for the office.

GLAD TO HEAR IT.

Madrid, April 18.—The condition of Queen Victoria is in all respects satisfactory. She was driven in an automobile with King Alfonso to the Casa De Campo yesterday afternoon.

LATCHFORD SWEPT
BY THE FLAMESMain Street of New Ontario Town
Wiped Out—Loss Totals
\$150,000.

Latchford, Ont., April 18.—The New Ontario Town of Latchford, on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, nine miles south of the famous cobalt silver mining camp, has suffered a very severe blow tonight. At 6:15 fire broke out in the Latchford restaurant, and spread with surprising rapidity, sweeping the main street almost from end to end. The loss is estimated at between a hundred and a hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The buildings were large frame structures, in blocks, and though many of them were covered with iron, the fire burned so rapidly and furiously that little or nothing could be done to save either the buildings or their contents, and within two hours upwards of fifty large buildings were nothing but smoking ruins, with goods and personal property of all description scattered around in the streets. The large Empire Lumber Company's premises were several times in great danger.

EDWARD MEETS VICTOR
MID HEARTY CHEERSThe British and Italian Monarchs Meet
at Gaeta.

Gaeta, Italy, April 18.—The British royal yacht Victoria and Albert, with King Edward and Queen Alexandra on board, arrived here at about 9:30 this morning from Malta, escorted by the British armored cruisers Suffolk and Lancaster. King Edward was received by King Victor Emmanuel, who was on board the Italian royal yacht Trincaria, surrounded by twelve Italian warships and twelve torpedo boats. The usual salutes were exchanged and hearty cheers greeted the British King from the people ashore and the sailors on board the warships.

MRS. MATTIE PERKINS.
On Trial at Cayuga on a Charge of
Having Murdered Her Husband.

MANAGEMENT OF VARSITY

Whitney Refuses To Have Expenditure
Ratified in Detail.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 18.—The Legislature at its night session sat till midnight, and transacted considerable business. The university bill came up for its third reading at 11 p.m. Mr. McKay wanted to amend it by providing that the \$2,000,000 expenditure authorized by the bill must be ratified in detail by the Legislature. He criticised the policy of having the board of governors meet behind closed doors.

The Premier accused Mr. McKay of talking like a bitter enemy of the university. The amendment was lost on a division at midnight, the vote being 47 to 18, with 9 pairs.

Mr. Crawford's workmen's compensation act was withdrawn at the request of the Government, owing to lack of time to properly discuss it.

Mr. Studholme's motion of censure on the Government in connection with prison-made goods was lost on a division.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, April 8-8 a.m.

Today—Northwesterly winds; fair and cool.

Friday—Northerly winds, and about the same temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	24	24	Clear
Winnipeg	24	12	Clear
Port Arthur	18	12	Clear
Parry Sound	30	26	Snow
Toronto	34	25	Fair
Montreal	36	26	Cloudy
Quebec	38	30	Clear
Father Point	35	28	Clear

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

The weather still continues quite cool throughout Ontario and Quebec, and some light snowfalls are reported. There are now good indications of higher temperature in the Western Provinces.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings at the local observatory yesterday were: Highest, 42; lowest, 32° above.

Detroit, April 17.—Forecast for Lower Michigan: Thursday—Fair. Friday—Rain or snow in south, fair in north; portion light variable winds, becoming southeasterly.

Bell Secures Franchise
Exclusive Right in CityTelephone Matter Settled at Last
—City Gets \$4,000 a Year
Bonus for Three Years.

The city council last night granted an exclusive franchise to the Bell Telephone Company for a period of three years, dating from Jan. 1, 1907. The rates are to remain the same as at present, and the company is to pay the city the sum of \$4,000 per year for the franchise. The money is to be paid quarterly in advance, and the first two quarters will be paid on the signing of the agreement.

Eleven aldermen voted for the agreement, and one against it.

Ald. Matthews stood out for a clause in the contract compelling the Bell Company to give London subscribers a rebate of 20 per cent on \$75 worth of long distance phone coupons.

Ald. Beattie couldn't see the practicability of the clause until such times as an arrangement is made whereby the coupons will be honored in other places. If a man bought the coupons and gave them to his traveler, what good would they be, he asked, if they were not honored in other places?

Long Distance Rates.

Ald. Matthews said there is a sufficient number of outgoing calls from London to warrant the clause being inserted in the agreement.

Ald. Scarlett stated when the Bell Company attempted to put the coupon system in force a couple of years ago, his company (the Wortman & Ward Manufacturing Company) had turned down the proposition because nearly all its long distance messages were incoming from travelers.

Ald. Booth declared that if the city secured the concession, the Bell Company would be paid for in London would be honored elsewhere.

Ald. Beattie pointed out that the matter of long distance rates will likely be taken up by the railway commission, and that a rule governing the matter will be passed that will apply to all places in Canada, and then the coupons would be effective at all points. He suggested that the clause be so worded that the coupon rebate should be put into effect if the railway commission (Continued on Page Six.)

Photo by Frank Cooper.
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PORT ELGIN VISITED
BY DISASTROUS FIREMuir's Block Destroyed, and Loss to
Stock Is Very Great.

Port Elgin, April 18.—The frame block known as Muir's block was burned last night. The fire originated in either a laundry or a butcher shop and quickly spread to J. M. Wells' grocery store, then to W. J. Muir's music store, from there to J. W. Dougherty's drug store and southward to J. W. Pattison's furniture store. All of these places were a total loss. J. W. Dougherty's loss is partly covered by insurance. J. M. Wells had no insurance and J. W. Pattison is partly insured. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Mix-Up in the Council
Over North End Fire HallFriends of the Scheme Hold Up
Waterworks Bylaw and Use
It as Lever.

It is curious how things which have no connection with one another will get mixed when they come before London's august board of civic senators in the council chamber. And it is remarkable that though a few things may become tangled in a jiffy, it will require at least an hour to straighten them out.

At the meeting of the city council last night, there were wheels within wheels, and underlying at least one case of seemingly hopeless entanglement was a feeling on the part of four aldermen that No. 1 committee had taken the bit in its teeth and was trying to run the whole council.

After the telephone franchise had been settled, and eleven aldermen had voted for the Bell proposal, and only one against it, the city daddies entered with zest into the other business of the evening.

The mayor, who appeared as tickled as an Indian with a red blanket, that the phone matter had been finally gotten out of the way, announced that a number of bylaws were to be passed.

At the last meeting of the council it was understood that a bylaw should be prepared to provide for the issue of about \$26,000 debentures for the waterworks department, and \$10,000 for a north end fire hall.

Ald. Garratt had made a motion to the effect and as a consequence he had both eyes peered when bylaws were mentioned last night.

The mayor announced that the commissioners could not have debentures issued for next year, and as a consequence they had decided to ask for only \$27,000, instead of \$36,000.

When the bylaw was read, Ald. Garratt noticed that nothing was said of the north end fire hall, and he instantly asked the mayor why the \$10,000 had not been included in the waterworks bylaw.

His worship replied that it could not be legally done in this way. It would require a separate bylaw.

It was then up to his worship and Ald. Beattie, chairman of No. 1 committee, to explain why the separate bylaw had not been prepared.

They couldn't do this very successfully. All they could ask was, "Is it such an urgent matter that it cannot wait a few days?"

Things looked lovely for the waterworks bylaw, but this was only on the surface. A deep scheme was being hatched in the minds of the friends of the north end fire hall.

When the second reading was called, four aldermen voted against it. They were Ald. Matthews, Rose, Gillen and Garratt.

The mayor looked up the law, but he didn't have the right statutes, and the result was that he created consternation by declaring that the bylaw was defeated, and that the men who voted against it had simply added a mill and council chamber until after the meet-

MORNING SITTING
OF LEGISLATUREGovt. Not Diligent in Helping
Fight Orchard Pests—In-
vites Censure.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 18.—Most of this morning's session of the Legislature was taken up with the discussion on a motion of censure introduced by Mr. Auld (S. Essex). The motion expressed the House's regret that the Government had not shown greater diligence in dealing with the San Jose scale and other orchard pests. After a discussion, sustained principally by Opposition speakers, the motion was defeated.

Hon. Mr. Foy informed Mr. Jessop that no rule had been laid down regarding dismissal of sheriffs, crown attorneys, registrars and other officials, who failed to satisfy judgments, or other just debts. Each case must be considered according to circumstances, said the Attorney-General.

Mr. Duff (W. Simcoe), asked if a Prescott Judge had, in a suit by a Catholic clergyman against a parishioner, decided by ecclesiastical or parish law.

Mr. Foy replied that judgment in that question was based on the civil law of this Province, and Quebec law had not been mentioned at all in the case. Howard University, this city.

LONG DISTANCE PHONE COMPANY
WANTS A FRANCHISE IN LONDONApplication Came Before Council
Last Night—A Belated
Message.

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BUTLER CASE IN
HAMILTON COURTLondon Broker Arraigned on a
Charge of Fraud—Several
Witnesses Called.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, April 18.—Frank H. Butler, the London stock broker who is charged with being mixed up in a stock transaction in which Meadows & Williams, of this city, lost \$4,400, appeared in the police court this morning for his preliminary hearing on a charge of fraud. J. M. McEvoy, of London, appeared for him, and Crown Attorney Washington conducted the prosecution. At the outset, Mr. McEvoy protested against the case being proceeded with, on the ground that the charge had been amended since his client received a copy of the information. The magistrates, however, overruled the objection. Several witnesses were examined. Their evidence went to show that early in March, when C. P. R. stock was at its lowest point, Butler wired to Meadows & Williams, ordering them to sell for him 300 shares of the stock. They did so, but when they called for the delivery of the scrip Butler either could not or would not make good. In the meantime the value of the stock rose rapidly and to protect themselves Meadows & Williams were forced to buy back 200 shares of C. P. R. stock. The result was that they lost \$4,400 on the transaction.

Mr. McEvoy cross-examined Mr. Bradley, manager for Meadows & Williams, and received the reply that the stock had taken place on the New York Stock Exchange. He got the witness to admit that no actual sale had taken place in as much as no stock had changed hands, and that Meadows & Williams were in exactly the same position as to W. J. Muir's music store, from there to J. W. Dougherty's drug store and southward to J. W. Pattison's furniture store. All of these places were a total loss. J. W. Dougherty's loss is partly covered by insurance. J. M. Wells had no insurance and J. W. Pattison is partly insured. The cause of the fire is unknown.

THE BRITISH BUDGET
SHOWS BIG SURPLUSPermanent Reduction of National Debt
\$68,570,000.

London, April 18.—No budget statement of recent years has been awaited with so much interest as that of Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith, today. Although it was his second budget, that of last year really was only a legacy from the previous administration, so his proposals today constituted the first real Liberal budget in twelve years. The House of Commons was thronged, and the public galleries were densely crowded. The financial statement issued by the treasury in advance of the chancellorship, informed the House that the exact realized surplus for 1906-07 was \$23,355,000, which in accordance with the law would be devoted to the reduction of the public debt.

Mr. Asquith estimated the expenditure for 1907-08 at \$792,785,000. This revenue on the existing basis of taxation was estimated to be \$729,250,000. The permanent reduction of the national debt for 1907-08 was announced to be \$68,570,000.

NOTED DIVINE PASSES

Washington, April 18.—A dispatch received here from New York announced the death, in that city last night, of Rev. Tunis S. Hamlyn, pastor of the Church of the Covenant in this city. His death was ascribed to apoplexy. Dr. Hamlyn was regarded as one of the most noted divines in the east, and his congregation numbered many persons of wealth and social prominence. He was chairman of the committee of his presbytery on the revision of the "confession of faith" of the Presbyterian Church, and was one of the trustees of the United Societies of Christian Education, president of the Open Air question was based on the civil law of this Province, and Quebec law had not been mentioned at all in the case. Howard University, this city.

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THE YUKON ELECTIONS

Three Liberals, One Independent, and a Conservative Returned.

Ottawa, April 17.—The Yukon Council elections took place yesterday. The result is as follows: