TEXT BOOKS FOR

Legislature Discusses Hon

Mr. Harcourt's Proposal.

MUNICIPAL ACT AMENDMENTS

Premier Suggests Morning Sessions

to Enable Prorogation by End

of Week.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 11.-Today's session of

the Legislature was not marked by

any transactions of importance. Sev-

eral public and private bills were for-

warded a stage, and the municipal

amendment act was put through com-

mittee of the whole. At the evening

The Premier's motion for morning

sessions for the balance of the week in

order to reach prorogation by Saturday

next was left in abeyance pending the

record of progress made during the

early part of the week. Mr. Whitney stated his preference for sitting late at hight instead of having morning ses-

sions, thereby giving members an op-portunity to look up information, etc.,

Third readings were given Mr. Dry-

In moving the second reading of the Government bill providing for the ap-

portionment of provincial moneys for

free text books in rural districts ac-

cording to regulations to be drafted by order-in-council, Mr. Harcourt noted

that experience with free text books

in the states showed that the system

tended to increase the school attend-

ance by about 10 per cent, and length-

ened the period of attendance by about

one year. On the other hand the sys-

tem did not encourage individual own-

ership of books on the part of the

The minister's estimate of initial cost

readers to the pupils in the first and second book classes, totaling about 150,000, was \$20,000. The Government

would pay half the cost of the readers

and the rural school boards would pay

the other half. By buying the books

thus in bulk a saving of from 25 to 35

per cent would be effected. Thus the

part I reader, retailing now at 10 cents,

could be purchased for 71/2 cents; the

second reader, retailing at 20 cents, could be purchased for 14 cents, etc.

The Government proposed to introduce

the system gradually, beginning first

with rural school districts and with

the public school readers in the junior

The bill was given its second reading

for beginning the system with free

den's bill to amend the farctories act

and Mr. Evanturel's bill to incorporate the Ottawa River Railway Company.

session supply was taken up.

luring the mornings.

SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS.

pupils.

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RUSSIA IS PLEASED

St. Petersburg Satisfied With the Anglo-French Treaty.

St. Petersburg, April 11. - The news colonial treaty was cordially received here. In responsible official circles of the two belligerents is regarded as if Russia is victorious, as an assur- good for breaking up colds, curing ance that Great Britain will not try tight chest and all muscular pains. to prevent her from reaping the fruits Try a bottle of Nerviline; price 25c.

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IN CASE OF WAR

Talk of a Treaty to Make Great Belt Neutral.

London, April 12. + King Edward's visit to Copenhagen, according to the correspondent of the Daily Mail at that capital, has resulted in the beginning of negotiations for a new between Great Britain, Denmark and Russia, replacing the conventions with Denmark concluded by the late Emperor Alexander III. It is understood that the proposed arrangement will insure the neutrality of Denmark in the event of an Anglo-Russian conflict, or at least, that the Great Belt (a wide channel in the Baltic, separating Fuenen, the second largest of the Danish islands, from gunboat cruiser Pastri Zealand, the largest of the Danish for the World's Fair.

islands) and the Sound (between Zealand and South Sweden), will be

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A GREAT OVATION. The Duluth Herald says of "Polly Primrose," which will be seen at the Grand next Thursday night: A dainty play played by a dainty and charming little woman. That is what "Polly Primrose" is as presented by Miss Adelaide Thurston. She was given an ovation last evening at the Lyceum that continued from the opening of the performance until the curtain rang down on the charming little rebel in the arms of her loyal lover.

MAY TAX FOREIGN OIL.

London, April 12. - Canadians in London are greatly interested in the probability of the chancellor of the exchequer taxing foreign oil. Canadians here believe that a penny tax on every gallon of foreign oil would bar Russian and American trade and

The secretary for the colonies has expressed every desire to do all the evernment possibly can to turn the tide of emigration to the colonies. Lyttleton will shortly discuss emigration matters with Canadian officials.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

April 11.-At New York-Minnehaha, from London; Numidian, from Glasgow; Celtic, from Liverpool; Kroonland, from Antwerp.
At London-Minnetonka, from New At York. At Bremen-Barbarossa, At Gibraltar-Princess Irene, from New

Glasgow-Columbia, from New At Marseilles—Perugia, from New York.

Montreal, April 11.—The steamship Lake
Erie, from Liverpool, was reported off
St. John harbor about noon today. She will dock early tomorrow.

tions than the fool can turn aside with The Argentine Republic will send the gunboat cruiser Pastria to St. Louis

The 33 clauses in the municipal mendment act. 1904, as threshed out in the municipal committee, were put through committee of the whole after considerable desultory discussion. few minor amendments were made. In the clause relating to filing declarations of qualification on the part of candidates for municipal offices, candidates for township offices were emitted from the jurisdiction of the amendment. SECOND READINGS.

without debate.

MUNICIPAL ACT.

Second readings were as follows: Respecting justices of the peace-Mr. Gibson.

To amend the volunteer land grant act-Mr. Davis. The following were put through th committee stage: Respecting statute labor-Mr. Gibson

The statute law amendment act, 1904-Mr. Gibson. THE EVENING SESSION. At the evening session, the house in

he proposed amendments to the consoli-A clause empowering municipalities pass bylaws closing up a road, street or ane for the benefit of a manufacturing industry, without submitting the bylaw to the electors, was strongly objected to by Mr. Whitney, wno contended that it was designed to give the power of throw-

ing away rights without securing com-pensation therefor.

The clause was adopted after strong The committee agreed to strike out clause holding municipalities responsible for damages for injuries by an individual because of the existence of snow or ice

the corporations up for damages at every tends to have the Caucasian mountain-Another clause adopted gives the police authority to remove chairs or objects placed in theaters, thus preventing people crowding to excess these places of

Before the committee rose Mr. Lucas sought to have a clause added to enable municipalities to prevent the sale of cigarettes in hotels, as well as in tohaccigarettes in hotels, as well as in tobac-co stores, where the electors chose to suppress the sale. He explained that several towns had anti-cigarette bylaws, which stopped the sale in tobacco shops, etc. but as the law now stood, were unable to stop the sale in hotels. The result was the whole trade was driven to hotels, and the evil had not been abated

The Attorney-General admitted that the cigarette was an evil, but to stop the sale in hotels would be depriving hotel-keepers of what they considered legiti-Dr. Willoughby said the hotels would be glad to get rid of the sale of clgar-

The amendment was rejected.
The committee then rose and reported bill as amendd. The house then went into supply. The estimates for colonization immigration were first taken up.

Mr. Sutherland (South Oxford) blamed the Government for being lax in bringing out a desirable class of immigration for farm help. The men being brought out

were undesirable and unsuited for farm labor. Mr. Davis claimed an average of 200 Mr. Davis claimed an average of 200 immigrants were brought out weekly, and those engaged to work with Ontario farmers had given good satisfaction.

Mr. Sutherland said that no effort was made to keep the immigrant in Ontario when he did arrive. The agents of land corporations in the west picked them up as soon as they reached Toronto.

Mr. Downey (South Wellington) inquired if the Government had received any protest from labor organizations regarding the bringing out of old country artisans.

Mr. Davis said the Government had The house adjourned at 10 o'clock

MOTHER MUTILATES BABY. Oil City, Pa., April 11. - Mrs. Lake Gough, aged 27 years, became insane on religion a week ago, but was not placed under restraint. This afternoon obeying what she conceived to be divine command, she sat her daughter Harriet, aged 8 months, on top of a hot gas stove, and before the other children could bring assistance, cut the right hand of her chil' off at the wrist with a blunt paring knife. The mutilated victim may rec ver. Mrs.

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RUSSIA'S PLANS

Will Start the Annihilation Late in Summer.

TO HAVE HALF A MILLION MEN

Kuropatkin Will Wait Until Balti Fleet Joins Makaroff's Squadron.

St. Petersburg, April 11.-Exceptionally reliable information regarding the Russian military plans confirms the announcement previously made that hese plans will not mature until late in the summer. They are of far greater magnitude than is generally believed abroad, and take into account all possible contingencies. General Kuropatkin, remembering the experience of Russia during her war with Turkey, when the Russian army of 30,000 placed in the field at the beginning had to be more than doubled, has insisted that the men and guns to be placed at his disposal shall cover the extreme limit required to settle the fate of the campaign.

The Russian plans are predicted upon Napoleon's dictum that "God fights on the side of the heaviest battalions," and they are being worked out and timed so as to apply to a superiority of numbers on land and sea simultaneously. The army is designed to attain the enormous total of half million at the time scheduled for the reinforcement of Vice-Admiral Maka-roff's fleet with the Baltic squadron. and tenth army corps now drafting are expected to reach Manchuria by the middle of The mobilization of four other corps, at least two of which will b from the Volna, will be announced by the middle of next month, and will A start eastward a month later, reaching their destination at the end of August Rear Admiral Rojestvensky will hoist his flag as commander of the formidable Baltic squadron early in July, and will sail-immediately for

Port Arthur with the following vessels The battleships Slava, Borodino, Orel Kniaz, Souvaroff, Alexander III. and Osliabia, the latter being now en route here from Cherbourg; the cruisers Aurora, Dmitri, Donskoi, Svietland, Almaz, Jemtchug and Izumrud, and he transports Kamtchatka and Ocean. each carrying 1,000 tons of coal. The onveyors ordered in the United States are expected soon, and they will enable

the squadron to coal at sea. The last possible difficulty regarding he passage of the Suez Canal disappared last week with the signing of he Anglo-French colonial treaty, by which Great Britain adheres to the convention of 1888 concerning the free passage of the canal.

Paris, April 12.-The Echo de Paris this morning publishes the following dispatch from its St. Petersburg corespondent: "The first, second, third and fourth army corps have taken up positions in Manchuria, and the fifth army corps is in Western Siberia, advancing towards designated positions. These, with the tenth and seventeenth army corps, the Cossacks actually in the far east, and the Caucasian cavalry now being mobilized, will bring the total number of men in the army a on the sidewalk. The Attorney-General declared the clause was an absurd one, in his opinion, and would certainly hold end of May. General Kuropatkin ineers operate in Korea, which they will enter when it is considered that the

decisive moment has arrived to drive out the Japanese, which will not be before August. I learn that fifteen batteries of eight guns each are now between Lioa Yang and Harbin. The engineers are doubling the line between Kultuk and Duho. A large order for mountain batteries has been given to Russian firms."



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