

## CHARGES SWINDLING IN DREDGING CONTRACTS

W. H. Bennett Declares in House That Tenders Were Written in Same Hand

Speaker Cuts Short Member's Remarks by Calling Him Out of Order, Which Causes Lively Scene--Dr. Pugsley Defends His Department--Government Annuity and Dry Dock Resolutions Passed--Greater Scope for Railway Commission.

Ottawa, March 10--Parliament today transacted general business and passed several bills.

The bill enlarging the number and powers of the railway commission was introduced and passed through the first stage.

The resolution for the bill enlarging the bonus to dry docks and the resolution for the annuities bill were both presented and discussed.

The minister of railways introduced the measure to amend the railway act in regard to telegraphs and telephones and put them under the jurisdiction of the board of railway commissioners.

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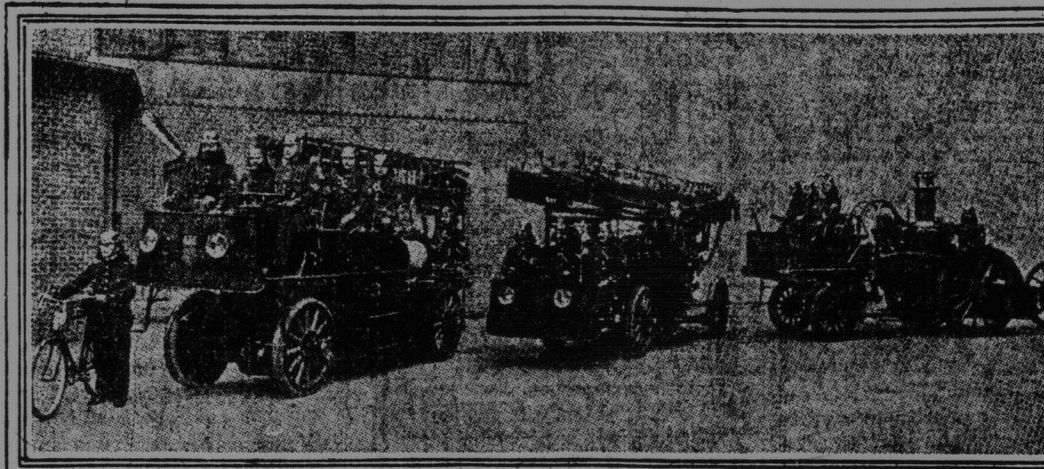
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## GERMAN AUTOMOBILE FIRE BRIGADE



NEW AUTOMOBILE FIRE BRIGADE, SCHNEIDER, GERTY, AND CO. Some German communities have advanced far along the line of self-propelling fire apparatus. Here are three appliances of power to modern fire engines in one city.

## LIVERPOOL MEN ON TRIAL FOR DEFRAUDING EMIGRANTS

Montreal, Mar. 11--A special London cable says the trial of Michael Lusk, Charles Harwood and Arthur Adams, charged with conspiring to defraud emigrants, began at Liverpool yesterday.

The house went into supply, taking the item of \$50,000 for patrolling northern waters, which was the item obstructed by the opposition for three days and nights.

The opposition allowed the northern waters item to go and this was followed by others totalling over three-quarters of a million dollars and the house adjourned at 1 o'clock.

Mr. Borden said that Sir Wilfrid had not mentioned a return which had been charged up against him since November last.

On motion to go into supply, Dr. Reid of Grenville, moved that tenders received by the government shall be placed under seal to prevent their being tampered with until they are opened and when they are opened it shall be done in public in the presence of three officials of the department and the tenders or their representatives.

Dr. Reid declared that the practice followed to date gave an opportunity for unfair collusion between the tenderer and the officials of the department.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that he was in sympathy with the resolution. However, before he could accept the resolution he would have to consult the heads of the departments and see why the present practice had been followed so long.

Mr. Borden said that the question had been given some government consideration and he promised that a government declaration would be made within a few days setting out a uniform scheme dealing with the tenders.

Mr. Borden recommended a double system of tenders be adopted, one set of tenders being sent to the auditor general.

Mr. Borden could not see why the government would not accept the resolution. It seemed fair to him. No doubt it was the consideration which had induced the Conservative government to establish the present practice.

Hon. Mr. Graham said that in dealing with contractors the government opened by the shrewdness of men in the country. He agreed with Mr. Fielding as to the result of the public opening of tenders.

In the case of railway tenders the lowest tender could not be at once announced as it took days for the engineers to figure out the lowest tender.

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## MOST OF WEST INDIA ISLANDS FAVOR TARIFF CONCESSIONS TO CANADA

Report of Dominion Commissioners to Barbados Conference Made Public--Better Transportation Facilities Needed--Jamaica Prefers Doing Business With United States.

Ottawa, March 10--The report of W. G. Parmelee, deputy minister of trade and commerce, and A. E. Jones, Halifax, Canada's commissioners to the trade conference at Barbados last January, among representatives of British West Indies, British Guiana and Canada was tabled in the commons today.

The report reviews in considerable detail the resolutions passed at the conference and notes the difficulty of securing unanimity of action on the part of all the various West Indian colonies in respect of effecting a joint reciprocal tariff agreement, but declares that considerable progress has been made towards the consummation of a trade treaty, making for mutual advantage and closer union of chief British possessions in the western hemisphere.

The resolutions passed by the representatives gathered at the conference, which are the time is ripe for mutual tariff concessions; that improved and cheaper communications between Canada, British West Indies and British Guiana, including an all-British telegraphic system joining each colony; that Canadian transportation facilities should be improved in order to prevent present delays in the shipments of goods; that the initial step might be taken by a group of the most vitally interested colonies, the West Indies, to make a tariff, uniform or assimilated, as regards certain specified commodities and that the United Kingdom and all British possessions should have the benefit of any concessions granted to Canada.

It is pointed out in one of the resolutions that in the arrangement for mutual trade concessions on all lines, the principle of a necessary condition, owing to the different circumstances of each colony concerned.

It is also stated in reference to the proposed all-British telegraphic system that the Canadian government has the subject under consideration.

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## EVELYN THAW WANTS MARRIAGE ANNULLED

Will Begin Proceedings to Gain Her Freedom from White's Slayer

Will Claim That Husband Was Insane When Ceremony Was Performed--Condemned Lunatic Will Fight the Case--Elder Mrs. Thaw Willing to Give Former Actress Handsome Allowance.

New York, Mar. 10--Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, tomorrow will institute proceedings for the annulment of her marriage to Harry K. Thaw. The action will be based on the allegation that the defendant was insane when the union was contracted.

Thaw purposes to defend the suit. The papers in the case will be served some time tomorrow and an early trial is expected.

In the meantime should Thaw be released from Mattawan, the couple by mutual agreement, will remain apart.

Official statements, by counsel for both parties tonight, was confirmed the long suspected culmination in the wedding lives of Stanford White's slayer and the woman whose story in his defense brought her an unhappy notoriety as wide as the reading world. For week it had been gossiped that a divorce was imminent and now what he was doing.

This action has been thought of for some time. It will be tried in New York county. As yet no mention has been made of any settlement in favor of Evelyn. If, after the annulment proceedings, the plaintiff, some action might be taken for the recovery of counsel fees and alimony.

Mr. Peabody who had heard Mr. O'Reilly's remarks, said:

"Today I have visited Harry at Mattawan and told him the intentions of his wife. He is willing to defend the suit. Mr. Peabody added that his client, when apprised of his wife's intentions, had made no comment except to declare that he was sane at the time of his marriage and to express his willingness to meet the issue.

Asked whether Mrs. Wm. Thaw was active in the planned litigation Mr. Peabody replied:

"No, she is not."

Thaw Will Fight Suit.

Mr. O'Reilly added to his formal statement that Evelyn would take the stand during the annulment proceedings and that several of the medical experts, who have testified at the murder trial, also would be called. He added, that despite his announced determination to contest the suit, he believed that Thaw would put serious obstacles in the way of separation, if for no better reason than gratitude he felt toward his wife for the aid she had rendered him when he was on trial for his life. As to his client's financial resources, O'Reilly said that he thought she had funds enough to maintain her during the trial of the case and as for the future, he believed that Thaw would be able to earn a comfortable living as a writer.

Both lawyers emphatically denied that Evelyn had been followed by detectives or that she had made any demand upon her husband's mother for a money settlement.

It was understood that the attorneys for Mrs. Thaw will depend practically on the evidence introduced in the last trial of Thaw to prove that he was mentally incompetent at the time legally known as a marriage. Should this be established, the case would be won for the plaintiff providing there was not introduced the defense that Thaw subsequently recovered full possession of his faculties and by continuing the marriage relation, gave validity to the original contract.

The attorneys would not discuss tonight, it was pointed out, however, that Thaw, though committed to an insane asylum as being insane at the time of his marriage, had not been declared insane at the present time. Whether the matter of his sanity will be determined before a trial for annulment is not known. If it is not, there will be added interest in the probable effect of the present suit upon the later efforts to get Thaw out of the asylum.

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