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and over again in the home, there
would be fewer on the tombstones.

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\$100,000 Ransom Collected for Owners

CHICAGO, April 22.—A ransom of \$100,000 was reported to have been raised to-night by a healthy night life habitues to obtain the freedom of Jake Adler and Frank Galeo, wealthy cabaret owners, who disappeared last Wednesday morning.

Properties Are Allotted by Church Commission

TORONTO, April 22.—Schedules are published today of the allocation of the Dominion Church Property Commission of various properties between the United Church and the new Presbyterian Church, or non-concurrenents.

Gunmen Got Away With \$18,500

(Special to the Guardian)
TORONTO, Ont., April 22.—At 12.20 this afternoon three gunmen painting by an Old Master. Such a King and Bathurst Streets and got away with the contents of the Teller's cage and the treasury safe. The loss is placed at \$18,500.

Properties Marked "to be sold"

are to be disposed of by the United Church and the proceeds divided under the direction of the Commission.

Sailor Lovers Lament

LONDON, April 22.—There are four disconsolate members of the crew of the steamship Beckenham. They proposed marriage to a pretty 17-year-old Russian girl who was found aboard the vessel four days out of Odessa, but now, after having been detained for a while by the immigration authorities at Cardiff, the object of their affections has been sent back to Russia without giving a definite answer to any of her admirers.

When the Beckenham arrived at Hamburg, the third mate and one of the engineers went stealthily ashore under cover of darkness to buy the garments—the entire ship's company having subscribed over \$50 to pay for them.

FULL TEXT OF ABLE SPEECH ON THE BUDGET DELIVERED BY MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

In a Speech that will go Down in Legislative History for Eloquent Delivery and Logical Statement of Facts, Hon. H. F. McPhee, Scored Point after Point in the Budget Debate Effectively Silencing Opposition Criticism and Winning Grudging Praise Even from His Opponents.— A Triumphant Vindication of the Steward Government Policy in Every Department of Administration.

The following speech was delivered during the Budget Debate by Hon. H. F. McPhee, Minister of Public Works:

Mr. Speaker, before this motion is put to a vote there are a few observations which I consider proper to make, and a few questions which should at this time be discussed. This Government is just about completing the final year of its administration, and in the Public Accounts and departmental reports which have been tabled it has presented to this House and to the country an account of its doings for the past year. The Premier in his very able Budget Speech has reviewed the activities of all departments, and has given a brief but comprehensive outline of the future. I think, however, it is my duty as head of the Department of Public Works to make some observations, practically with regard to that department, its activities in the year just past, and its prospects for the years to come.

The Department of Public Works has, as you know, a comprehensive public services, those services which the Government performs which perhaps affect the public most directly, and in commencing during the past year it has been difficult to know just at what point to begin. I think, however, that the question of roads is the one which affects most people, and in which most people are most interested. Last season was in some respects one of unusual difficulty for our department. You will remember, Mr. Speaker, that during the preceding winter we experienced an unusually heavy snowfall, and spring came in two or three weeks later than it does ordinarily. The heavy snowfall made very freshets and we had severe washouts over our entire road system.

Now in this Province we are almost entirely dependent on farmers and their horses for the performance of road work. It has been our policy to have the road work completed as early as possible in the spring. That is the policy we have always followed, and instructions to this effect are regularly sent out to our road workers. Last season, however, on account of the extremely late spring, farmers in many sections of the country were working on their land before the roads were clear of snow. This condition made it impossible for the early performance of road work. It placed us in a very difficult position so far as getting our road work done well and promptly was concerned.

Road Work by Motor Power. I have mentioned that the conditions which existed had put the roads in pretty bad shape, and that we had not the labor available to put them in good condition in the early spring. We were forced then to bring into use what motor power was available. We have in the Department three power machines, a combination of tractor and Weir grader, and these were impressed into immediate service. We hired, and technical skill of Wynnans in particular.

Road Maintenance. There is one matter to which we have given considerable attention. This is the question of road maintenance. It is a matter as you know, that is entirely neglected by our predecessors, and when I heard the unique suggestion of the member from O'Leary this afternoon I thought that perhaps it was a very good thing that they did not do anything, if they were going to experiment along that line. Actual conditions are such that for dragging the roads, or four hours after a rainfall, and in fact at any time in the summer when it can be properly done, that is the average. Sometimes you get a very heavy rainfall, but the average time during which the roads can be properly dragged is three or four hours. Sometimes we have to work beyond that to get over the section, but the work is done to the best advantage then.

To take care of the public highways of the province, we have established a maintenance patrol system. This has just been in operation for the last three years, and naturally it is still in the development stage. We had no precedent to guide us with regard to this system. We started with a certain plan, and we have been making changes and alterations every year as experience suggested. Last year we covered practically all the highway mileage of the Province, under continuous patrol. Our system, as most of the members know, was this: We divided up the total highway mileage of the Province into units having an average length of five miles, and we called for tenders for the patrol. We succeeded in getting tenders at a reasonable figure. I am not going to state that we found the system entirely satisfactory. The system, of course, like every system, is dependent to a great extent on the human factor, but in most cases we have experienced men and got exceptional value. On the whole, considering the expenditure, we got good results. It was prepared to expend twice as much as we would of course get even better results.

I feel sure we would be in a position to recommend to the House a better system if we had more money available. For instance we could afford to buy a machine for every section there would be much less delay. But with the money we are expending I am not in a position to suggest any better system than we had in operation last season. And however that there are certain very heavily travelled stretches of highway which the road drag alone was not sufficient to keep in shape. Last year on certain of these sections we had our power machine to co-operate with the road drag, with very satisfactory results, and it is our policy this year to supplement the patrol man with his road drag with such motor or other power as may be found sufficient to keep these very heavily travelled sections in good shape.

Son Lost 24 Years Reunited at Last

CREEMORE, ONT., April 22.—After searching for his oldest son nearly 25 years, Arthur Clarke, 11 Stayner Avenue, Toronto found his long-lost child, now a man around 30 years of age, working on a farm in Nottawasaga Township, near this village.

Extra Holiday To Celebrate Dominion Event

TORONTO, April 22.—Friday and Saturday, July 1 and 2 have been proclaimed by the Federal Government as legal holidays for the Dominion Jubilee. It may not be generally known that Saturday is included as an official holiday, but that this is the case is contained in a circular issued by the National Committee arranging for the due observance of the Jubilee.

Amateur Boxing Tourney in May

ST. JOHN, April 22.—The dates for the Maritime Amateur Boxing Championships to be staged in this city under the auspices of the Olympic Club have been definitely set. Arthur Garnett, president of the club, announced last night. The bouts will be staged on May 9 and 10, probably at the Armories.

Untold Story Of The War

LONDON, April 22.—Another hitherto unwritten chapter of the war was "confessed" the other day by an officer who admitted that he had his entire battalion of nearly 800 men at midnight in a dense fog in No Man's Land during the March 1918 retreat, but succeeded in putting them into their correct position five minutes before they were attacked by the pursuing Germans.

NEGRO'S SKIN TRANSFORMED FROM BLACK TO WHITE

GLASGOW, Kentucky, April 22.—Eugene Clark, negro, whose skin began to change color a few weeks ago, is dead at his home near Sulphur Well. At the time of his death Clark's skin had, virtually, been transformed from black to white.

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