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The new Municipal Act, the result of the municipal commission's report made a year ago, has been introduced into the legislature by the attorney-general. It provides many radical changes and gives unto the attorney-general more of that attribute which he desires above all things—power. Hon. W. J. Bowser has dominated over all things provincial for years, but he is not satisfied. There are still municipal heads and authorities who do not bow to him. He now intends taking them into his court and compelling their obedience.

The most striking feature of the new bill is the establishment of a municipal department to be under the control of the attorney-general. This department will oversee all municipal management. They will pass upon all municipal bylaws and they will regulate the issuance of municipal debentures. A municipal inspector has absolute power in these matters.

This scheme did not originate in British Columbia. A similar plan exists in England. The province of Saskatchewan has also recently adopted a plan of controlling municipal loans. The idea was suggested in the commission's report and under ordinary circumstances a great deal can be said in favor of such a scheme, but in the hands of Hon. W. J. Bowser such a law means a tyrannical administration.

At the present time the at-

torney-general controls absolutely the liquor licenses and the policing of every municipality. These functions are paid for by the municipalities and rightly belong solely to them. The control, however, is in Victoria. We all know how this power is used as a political club. The effect of it is notorious.

Bowser is not satisfied with that power. He now proposes to control the borrowing power of municipalities, which means the very life of any city or town. By this simple method he can make every municipality bend its knee to his will and he means to do it.

Another wicked feature of the new bill is the clause which gives the attorney-general power to control the establishment of public utilities within an incorporated municipality. Mr. Bowser has many friends who have public franchises throughout the province. He does not intend that any town or city shall enter into competition with them. He reserves to himself the final power to sanction or refuse any public utility scheme. Municipalities may only enter the public utility field by his permission.

Whereas the new bill purports to give many new powers to a municipality, as a matter of fact the whole bill is a nonentity. A city cannot do anything without Bowser's permission.

HEAL DISSENSON REQUESTS HIS MAJESTY

Opening of Imperial Parliament and the Speech from the Throne

London, Feb. 10.—What is likely to prove the most important session of parliament for years was opened by the king this afternoon. The king, accompanied by Queen Mary, drove in the state coach drawn by eight of the historic Hanoverian cream-colored horses. They were greeted by large crowds assembled along the route to witness the procession.

In the house of lords the king read the speech from the throne, outlining the government's programme for the session. The speech from the throne was mostly a colorless recital of the events already recorded. Two subjects stood out in bold relief—that of home rule and the safety at sea conference.

Referring to home rule, the speech expressed regret that the efforts which had been made to arrive at a solution by agreement of the problems connected with the government of Ireland had not succeeded.

In this matter his majesty said that with the hopes and fears of his many subjects he was keenly concerned and which unless handled with foresight and judgment in a spirit of mutual concession threatened grave future difficulties. It was his earnest wish that the good will and cooperation of the men of all parties and creeds might heal the dissension and lay the foundation of a lasting settlement.

VERY HUNGRY WOLF RUNS AMUCK IN CITY

Attacked Ladies and Other Pedestrians—Finally Killed by Police

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 11.—A large half-starved grey wolf, after biting two persons, frightening a score of others and spreading consternation through a staid and fashionable south side residence district, was shot and killed on Linwood boulevard here today.

The wolf sprang upon Miss Anna Harrison as she waited for a street car. Miss Harrison screamed, threw her fur muff at the animal, and while the muff was being torn to shreds, escaped into a house. Her clothing was torn, but she was unharmed.

The wolf ran down the boulevard, pursued by a milkman, who hurled bottles as he ran. Two blocks from the scene of the first attack the wolf snapped at a domestic, causing a painful wound in the arm.

A number of grocery boys, business men and servants from boulevard homes, joined in the chase. A riot call was sent to police headquarters and an automobile with half a dozen patrolmen hurried to the scene.

The wolf had run 15 blocks and attacked another pedestrian before a policeman ended the chase by sending a bullet into the animal's head.

The police pronounced the "killing" a fine specimen of the grey wolf, but were at a loss to know how it found its way into the heart of the city's residence district.

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"The man under 30," he explained, "however keen and alert he may be, is still a man in the making. He matures by 30 and is at his best between that age and 40."

Embezzled \$700,000

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 11.—C. H. Raine, president of the Mercantile Bank, one of the leading financial institutions of the city, was charged with embezzlement in a warrant sworn out by Z. N. Esles, county attorney. The accounts of the bank, which is a state institution, are alleged to be short between \$700,000 and \$1,000,000.

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The announcement follows the forwarding of the petition from the families of the imprisoned miners, which was presented to Sir Richard McBride on the opening day of the present session of parliament.

Memorials were also sent during last month to the minister of justice from the trades unions and from labor organizations all over the country, while cables were forwarded to his majesty King George and to the home secretary in the imperial parliament.

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