

200 Couples at Railwaymen's Ball Brilliant Event in the City Hall

Decorations Were Most Elaborate—All Spent a Most Enjoyable Time.

The annual banquet and ball given by the members of Beaver Lodge, No. 117, Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen and Engineers, was held last night in the city hall, and was most successful.

Fully 200 couples were present, and thoroughly enjoyed the programme.

Splendid Decorations.
The ball was the most successful of a long series given by the railroad men.

The city hall never looked better than it did last night. The walls were draped with flags and were studded with railroad lanterns.

Streamers were stretched from every book and corner of the hall to the center, where a large number of railroad lights were grouped.

The effect was most delightful. Several cozy lounging rooms were located about the hall.

The number of spectators was very large, the galleries being crowded until a late hour.

Mayor Stevely Present.
The hall was opened by the grand march, conspicuous among the guests be-

ing Mayor Stevely and many old railroad men.

All sorts of dances were given, and the great crowd entered into the evening's enjoyment with great enthusiasm.

Committees.
Chairman Hugh Maginnis, of the ball committee, was congratulated on all sides for the success of the ball, and the committee was warmly praised for the splendid results of their labors.

After the ball a banquet was given in the Masonic Temple.

General Management—H. Maginnis, chairman; G. Evans, D. Henderson, E. Smith, P. Lasenby, A. Foster, G. Bowman, W. Hennessy, W. Routledge, R. Kenney.

Finance—W. Regg, chairman; P. Lasenby, W. Hennessy, A. Foster, J. Cox, H. Ellis, W. Routledge, E. Smith, W. Nelson, F. Cummings, G. Hoyle, W. Reading, P. Ryan, L. Schuster.

Door—E. Atkins, chairman; F. McWain, O. Peters, W. Purdy, A. Johnson, J. Walsh, F. Swadlow, James Pook, W. Grady, E. Loss, A. Hennessy.

Reception—W. Routledge, chairman; C. Anderson, J. McNail, W. Regg, H. Hunter, W. Wilkins, A. Higgins, S. Hueston, W. Davies, J. McLaren, J. York.

Invitation—G. Evans, chairman; T. Black, W. Hoare, W. Alward, J. Wright, S. Hunter, J. Burns, W. Spencer, J. Cooper, B. Bray, M. Conway, A. Graf.

Decorations—A. Staley, chairman; O. Peters, G. Jacklin, J. McAuley, W. Smith, A. Foster, J. Coffer, J. Pook, A. Hunter, H. Waspe, R. Ellis, W. Player.

THE TAXATION OF RAILWAYS

Labor M. P. Wants Another \$20 Per Mile Put On.

GOV'T SAYS NOT ADVISABLE

Provincial Secretary Says to Increase Taxation Would Cause a Reduction of Wages.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 27.—An interesting debate on railway taxation was a feature of yesterday afternoon's sitting of the Legislature. It arose while the House was in committee on Hon. Mr. Matheson's bill consolidating the supplementary revenues' act, and was started by Mr. Bowyer (East Kent).

Mr. Bowyer, who spoke of the anomaly presented by the spectacle of both United States and Canadian railways, who carried United States travelers through Ontario at two cents per mile, while local passengers were charged three cents.

These roads were heavily taxed in the United States, and received no state aid in their construction, while the Ontario sections were largely subsidized and paid only \$60 per mile in taxes to the Province, at the same time charging higher freight and passenger rates in Ontario.

In all the railways of the Dominion had received \$181,000,000 in subsidies, of which Ontario had contributed \$14,000,000. The value of railway property in Ontario was at least half that of the farm property, yet the railways paid only \$500,000 in taxes, while the farmers paid \$5,000,000.

Counting the Dominion and Provincial taxes, the railways in Ontario paid only \$100 per mile, which Mr. Bowyer contrasted with \$400 in Michigan, \$450 in Indiana, \$480 in Ohio, \$1,000 in New Jersey, and \$1,500 in Massachusetts.

The Michigan Central and the Pere Marquette in Ontario had received bonuses of \$12,000 per mile. Mr. Bowyer met the argument that Michigan's high tax discouraged railway building by pointing out that Northern Michigan, denuded of its timber, did not require new roads, while Southern Michigan was already gridironed with railways.

Mr. Bowyer recalled the Government's statement that the present railway tax was a first and hoped that the Government was brought in this session, the Government would, after the election, take another step forward and make the railways pay a fair proportion of the taxation.

Studholme's Plan.
Mr. Studholme, East Hamilton's labor member, suggested that the Government put an extra \$20 per mile on the railways, and use the money to build technical colleges. This would be a real boon to the workingman.

Hon. Mr. Matheson replied that as the Government had no money, it doubled the tax on the railways, it was out of the question to impose a further tax at present. He claimed that Michigan's high tax did put a stop to railway expansion, and said that last year Michigan built only 62 miles of new railway as against Ontario's 260 miles.

If all the states put on as heavy a tax as Michigan many United States roads would have to go out of business. At a convention of state treasurers which Mr. Matheson attended in Ohio last year, it was the unanimous opinion that Michigan's tax was too heavy, and was an injustice to the other states.

Mr. Matheson thought that the proper way to benefit the people was not to tax them heavily, but to regulate their rates. It would be more beneficial to the farmer and general public to get a low freight and passenger tariff than to get a few dollars more in taxes, but it would be unjust to squeeze the railways at both ends by taking a larger portion of their earnings, and at the same time curtail their earnings.

He pointed out that if the railways were made to pay more taxes, it would be used by the roads as an argument for low wages. At the present time of financial depression, it would be unwise and unfair to increase the taxes.

Distribution of Taxes.
Mr. Preston (South Brant), said he did not think the Hon. Provincial Treasurer would have spoken as he had just done while his party was in Opposition. He did not find fault with the steps taken by the Government for railroad taxation, he simply wished to point out that they were not taking the same steps as they had taken while in Opposition, for they had simply doubled the railway taxation.

The Provincial Treasurer explained the section providing for the distribution of the proceeds of the railway tax. Of the sum collected \$30,000 was retained and the balance was distributed to municipalities after a certain sum had been deducted, for the support of non-paying patients. It had gained the aid of the municipalities in discovering the inmates of asylums who could afford to pay for treatment.

New Measures.
Hon. Dr. Reaume introduced a bill to amend the game and fisheries act. It permits the keeping of game under ordinary conditions for fifteen days after the open season ends, and for an indefinite period in cold storage.

Mr. Hoyle's bill to amend the act respecting land and tenant, was read a second time and referred to the legal committee. It provides that unless otherwise specifically stated in the lease, landlords may not collect rent for leased premises damaged or destroyed by fire or lightning until the premises have been rebuilt or repaired.

Hon. Mr. Poy favored the bill. Mr. Auld's bill to amend the municipal drainage act was read a second time and sent to the municipal committee. It simplifies proceedings before the drainage referee by providing for hearings at the nearest available municipal town hall, the substitution of a constable for the sheriff's attendance, and the acting of the referee's clerk in place of the county clerk.

Mr. Hanna said there was no harm in sending the bill to the committee, but he did not think it would get back to the House.

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Mr. Hanna's bill respecting the registration of births, marriages and deaths was put through the committee stage without important amendment.

Mr. McMillan's question regarding the number of cases tried by Drainage Referee Henderson was changed to a motion for a return.

NOT RICH LIKE THAW

Gillette Thinks He Is a Victim of Circumstances.

Auburn, Feb. 26.—A strange statement regarding "Billy Brown" was made yesterday by Chester Gillette to his young sister, Lucille, the only member of the family who has been in Auburn since the decision was handed down by Judge Hiscock that the young man must die for his crime. He denies killing Grace Brown, and says:

"I don't believe I am one hundredth part as bad as Harry Thaw, but I am nothing before me but the electric chair, and look at him, with freedom just ahead of him. It isn't because he is any crazier than I am either, but I am unfortunate enough to be born penniless. Hundreds saw him fire the bullet that killed White, and they want to electrocute me on circumstantial evidence."

"Chester is guilty," said his sister. "He is morally weak, and always has been, but a great change has come over him since that dreadful thing happened. He has become morally purified, I believe, and uplifted."

"Has he ever explained just how Grace Brown met her death?" his sister was asked.

"Yes, once he told me the whole story of how she jumped from the boat and how he ran away and let her drown," she said. "He did it, he said, because he did not know what else to do."

"He was just a coward, and of course he let her drown, but nobody saw him drown the girl, and I know he did not. It was terrible, of course, to let the girl die by her own hand, but I do believe if I could see Governor Hughes, or if Chester could see him, that the governor would commute his sentence, for the very worst he should get is life imprisonment."

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John Lowe, a Crimean veteran, aged 75, died at Plymouth as the result of

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BRITISH

The death occurred at Liverpool of Admiral F. W. Gough, C.B., at the age of 84.

Aged 78, Thomas Bentham, a Crimean veteran, has died in Preston workhouse.

An old English red lacquer cabinet, 61 inches high, was sold for 115 guineas at Christie's.

The death has occurred of Captain Ben Parker, the ex-skipper of the German Emperor's yacht the Meteor.

The freedom of the city of Glasgow has been conferred on Lord Lister, Lord Blythwood and Mr. Cameron Corbett, M. P.

Bishop Potter, of New York, has sent a personal gift of £400 to the expenses of the coming Pan-American Congress in London.

The Congregationalist body at Latchington, Essex, have purchased the Engineers' Arms publichouse for use as a chapel.

Eleven-sixteenths of a penny in the pound was gazetted recently as the first and final dividend of a bankrupt builder and contractor.

On a charge of breaking into a house an 11-year-old boy named Walter Barnard, was remanded at Louth, Lincolnshire.

The King has conferred a knighthood upon Mr. Charles G. H. Allen, of the Indian Civil Service, chairman of the Corporation of Calcutta.

Claim to be 104 years old is made by an Irishman named Burke, or Tremadoc, who fought in the Crimea and remembers Waterloo.

For a portrait of Lady Ann Campbell, Countess of Stratford, painted by Sir Joshua Reynolds in 1759, 855 guineas was paid at Christie's.

Alleged to have cut off the tails of nine cows for the purpose of getting the hair to sell to harnessmakers, a man was remanded at Clonmel.

Owing to a new rule stating that they must all attend divine service, the ringers of Oxford Parish Church, near Tiverton, have gone on strike.

Ewan Wilson, who is nearly blind and unable to work, was ordered at Llanelli police court to pay a penny a week towards his wife's maintenance.

BACK TO LIFE

A New York Lady Doctor Makes Some Remarkable Experiments.

Paris, Feb. 26.—Dr. Louise B. Robinovitch, of New York, presented a remarkable paper this week before the French Biological Society on a new method of resuscitating animals apparently dead from electrical shock.

Miss Robinovitch, whose methods of electrical anaesthesia have already attracted wide attention in France, after a long series of experiments on rabbits, dogs and other animals, has reached the conclusion that the cases are rare where the victims cannot be recalled to life. Her method differs from that of Dr. Ledue, and other French experts in that she places the cathode, or negative pole, near the spinal column, and the anode over the kidneys, and gives the patient a series of rhythmic electrical impulses, thus restoring respiration and the cardiac reaction, and the animals which to all intents and purposes were perfectly dead come to life. When treated thus resuscitation is said to be very rapid.

The same treatment has been successfully applied where the subject has been suffering from a syncope produced by chloroform.

A friend of Dr. Robinovitch said to-day that she would shortly make application to competent authorities in New York for permission to apply her system of resuscitation to the next murderer put to death by electricity.

It requires 3,200 conductors to keep New York street car passengers stepping lively.

**BOY AS PHONE GIRL
FOOLS THE OTHERS**
Operates for Five Months in St. Louis Before Being Exposed.

St. Louis, Feb. 26.—When it became known among the girl operators of the Forest exchange of the Bell Telephone Company today that their associate, "Helen Iles," was really a boy in disguise there was general consternation, because there was not one among them who had not at some time confided to him her most intimate secrets.

Five months ago a supposed graceful young girl applied to James W. Thompson, traffic manager of the company, for a position as operator. The applicant stated that her name was Helen Iles and that she had held a similar position in Chicago, her home city. Her dignified manners impressed Mr. Thompson and she was employed.

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The climax came a week ago, when "Helen" sought Margaret in the rest-

Do You Know This Girl?

Perhaps she is sixteen—good to look at, and pretty—quite interesting because she reflects the graces and charm that give promise of happiness to herself and others. But she is not strong. The color in her cheeks, once so rosy, has faded away—her eyes are listless—the buoyancy of spirit and vigor she once possessed are sadly lacking. Parents, friends, this girl needs Ferrozone—needs it that her blood may be renewed—needs it to restore the nerve force that growth, study and the development of her fresh youth have exhausted. This girl will become a queen with Ferrozone—which will restore her color—bring back her old-time energy—give brightness to her eyes and vivacity to her spirits. In Ferrozone every girl finds strength—then she can do things. In Ferrozone there is endurance—that drives away morning tiredness and languor. For the girl or woman that wants to be happy, healthy, winning—who values rosy cheeks, laughing eyes and abundant good spirits, nothing can compare with Ferrozone. Sold by all dealers, 50c per box, or six for \$2.50. Get it today.

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