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I. C. R. RUNNING RIGHTS CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK

Messrs. Emmerson, Butler and Pottinger to Represent Government Road

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and Other Officials to Look After C. P. R. Interests—It is Only a Question of Terms—Fielding Cites St. John Cotton Mill Dividend to Prove Industry is All Right—No Increase of Duty on Woolens, Much to Opposition's Disgust--To Bring Pullman Company Under Federal Control.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Jan. 31.—A conference has been arranged between the department of railways and the Canadian Pacific railway to consider the application of the company for running rights over the Intercolonial between St. John and Halifax. It will take place about the middle of next week, probably Wednesday. The date has not yet been fixed. Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Mr. Butler and Mr. Pottinger will represent the Intercolonial, and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and some of the other officials of the C. P. R. will represent that company.

This matter will be one of terms. The railway department cannot refuse the principle of the application more than the G. T. R. and Canada Atlantic could when running rights were given to the C. P. R. as far as Georgian Bay. If the C. P. R. will pay the shot there is no doubt the application will be granted. However, before anything final is done, the minister will lay the whole matter before the cabinet.

When the house met today, Mr. Foster was anxious to ascertain if there was no more correspondence between the insurance commission and the minister of justice than that presented to the house. Mr. Aylesworth assured him that there was not.

The house took up the tariff. Woolens and cottons were discussed. The finance minister told Mr. Borden that several cotton factories had been formed into one company. They were, however, a number remaining outside, which would guarantee competition. Speaking generally wages had increased. The condition of the laboring classes in Canada was never better than it was today. The working classes never received so high wages as they did now. The statement by the manufacturers was general that wages had increased.

Mr. Bergeron said that the purchasing power of the dollar had decreased. The preferential tariff had done more harm than good. Mr. Cookshutt attributed the importations from England to decreasing the earnings of the manufacturer and restricting the labor market.

Mr. Turfitt pointed out that Canadian cotton companies were able to pay dividends. The importations from England showed that Canadians were buying lines which were not being manufactured in Canada.

They also put their worst cars in Canada and refused to put up the upper berth when not scarce. It was decided to dispose of the Pullman car question and Mr. Casgrain was heard. He said that it would annoy passengers to interfere with the upper berth after the lower ones had been occupied. He wanted a smaller committee, before which evidence could be taken to refute the statements made by Mr. MacLean. No reason, he said, was given to show that these companies should be placed under railway jurisdiction.

Mr. Emmerson said that they were there as common carriers because of the contract between the railway commission and themselves. That was the point which Mr. Casgrain should explain. Mr. Casgrain argued that the sleeping car companies did not give any transportation. Mr. McIntyre of Perth, contended that the technicalities which the lawyers were raising did not tend to influence the public in their favor. Mr. Emmerson said that in his opinion sleeping cars were now under the jurisdiction of the railway act.

Both these questions of sleeping cars and telegraph companies were now under the attention of the government. The bill was only a declaration of the principle. It would have to be worked out. The government intended to deal with the matter in an amendment to the railway act. It might not be possible to deal with the subject before the next session. He admitted there was a point as to the constitutionality of such an act. W. F. MacLean said: "The minister's word is good and I am quite willing to give him the time he asks."

On the item of vessels, Mr. Fielding said that, as has already been stated in the house, the only possible way to assist the Canadian marine was by way of a bounty. A quantity of materials used in shipbuilding was now on the free list and in regard to others a scale of drawbacks had been in operation for years, but even by those means all the materials were not covered. As to imposing a duty on British ships it was debatable whether we had the power to impose a duty. It had not been thought expedient to put a tax on British ships.

Mr. Bennett admitted that this was the case but he thought that in the case of druggies an almost prohibitive tax might be imposed. A good business was done in Canada in druggies. In reply to Mr. Boyce, Algoma, Mr. Fielding said that any vessels purchased in the United States and brought to Canada would come under the control of the marine department.

As to the coasting trade that was now engaging the attention of the government, it might be necessary to make some amendment to existing legislation respecting coasting trade but the government was not ready to do anything at present. In the United States foreign vessels were prohibited from taking part in coasting trade and in repairs made in foreign ports there was a duty of fifty per cent. He said that although special legislation would be necessary, he was willing that the item should stand over.

EVELYN NESBIT THAW AS SHE APPEARS IN COURT



QUEBEC TO TAX RAILWAYS MORE

Will Abolish Commercial Travelers' Tax -- The Province's Financial Statement.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Quebec, Jan. 31.—Hon. Mr. Tessier, the new treasurer of the province, made his first budget speech today, showing that the receipts and expenditures had been as follows: Ordinary receipts, \$5,340,156. Ordinary expenditures, \$6,012,417. Excess of ordinary receipts, \$672,261. The extraordinary expenditure paid out of ordinary revenue had been \$167,200. Thus the excess of the ordinary receipts over both ordinary and extraordinary expenditure had been \$167,200. The treasurer estimated that the revenue for the next fiscal year would be \$6,700,140, and the expenditure \$4,638,220, leaving a surplus of \$2,061,920.

GROVER CLEVELAND ACCEPTS \$25,000 A YEAR POSITION

Will Be Chairman and Counsel to Association of Life Insurance Presidents.

New York, Jan. 31.—Grover Cleveland, former president of the United States, was elected chairman of the association of life insurance presidents at the meeting of the executive committee of that organization today in this city. Mr. Cleveland's election was unanimous and he has accepted the position.

MOVE TO ENDOW ANOTHER CHAIR AT DALHOUSIE

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 31.—(Special)—A movement is on foot to endow another chair at the Dalhousie Law School. The sum which is sought to be raised for this purpose is \$30,000. A committee will be appointed to devise a means of acquiring this amount.

THAW JURY IS HARD TO GET

Three of the Chosen Eleven Excused Thursday Without Known Reason

JEROME ANGRY District Attorney Tried Hard to Get Another Displaced, But Defendant's Counsel Wouldn't Yield — Three New Ones Accepted.

New York, Jan. 31.—Sensations were frequent in the Thaw murder trial today, and before the two sessions of court had ended three sworn jurors had been released from further service in the case, making five in all summarily excused from the trial panel during the last three days. In the case of two of the released jurors no explanation was made in court. The third was allowed to go upon a physician's certificate that his life would be imperiled by the close confinement of jury service. Three satisfactory talemans were found to replace the excused jurors, so that when the rapidly shifting situation underwent a survey at the close of the day there were again eleven men in the jury box, the same number that had been seated at the close of yesterday's session. Rumors were current tonight that the end of the jury changes is not yet in sight and that further chapters may be added to what has already become an unperilled by the close confinement of jury service. Three satisfactory talemans were found to replace the excused jurors, so that when the rapidly shifting situation underwent a survey at the close of the day there were again eleven men in the jury box, the same number that had been seated at the close of yesterday's session.

LEADING TORONTO MERCHANT DEAD

T. Eaton, Head of Big Department Store, Passed Away Thursday—Concern Employed 9,000 Hands.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Jan. 31.—Timothy Eaton, head of the T. Eaton Company, one of the largest retail firms in Canada, died at the family residence this morning. His wife and family were with him at the end, the only near relative absent being R. Y. Eaton, a nephew, in Winnipeg.

The cause of death was acute pneumonia resulting from a severe cold contracted ten days ago. It was only yesterday afternoon that his condition was deemed alarming and his relatives were telegraphed for.

Mrs. Eaton, with her daughters, Mesdames Harris and Burden, with Mrs. R. Y. Eaton, were in Ottawa and proceeded at once to Toronto, arriving this morning. They were met at the union station by several automobiles and driven rapidly to the house. Mr. Eaton was sinking rapidly, but was able to speak parting words to his family.

ST. JOHN SKATER SWEEPS THE FIELD

Fred Logan Wins Three Out of Four Events in National Championships at Saranac Lake

Beats Morris Wood, the Champion, in Three Races, But Gets Third Place in the Three Mile Contest, Which Wood Won—No Record Time Was Made in Any of the Events.

Despatches from Montreal and Saranac Lake (N. Y.), to The Telegraph tell of victory for Fred Logan, the speedy St. John skater, in the big meet at Saranac Lake Thursday. Logan won three events—the 220 yards, 880 yards and one mile amateur, defeating the champion, Morris Wood, in the latter two. Wood, however, beat Logan in the three mile race. No records were broken.

A Montreal special says: "Fred Logan, the St. John (N. B.) skater, who raced under the colors of the Verona Lake Club, furnished the surprise at the finals of the national championships today when he beat Morris Wood in three events." Half mile tri-country—W. Mace, first; Walter Nutter, second; Ray Hubbel, third; time, 1 m. 41 seconds.



Fred Logan, Speedy St. John Skater.

out of four races. Wood has won most of the championship events in Canada and the United States for the past four years and was regarded as the fastest amateur on a big track. "Today the St. John man beat him in the 220, half mile and mile, but in the three mile Wood won with Logan third." An Associated Press despatch says: F. Logan, of St. John (N. B.), took three first prizes today in the finals of the amateur and professional skating races at the Pontiac Club's open air rink, in Saranac Lake, N. Y. Logan, who was defeated by Morris Wood, of Brooklyn, by a short distance.

WASHINGTON MAN CLEARED OF KILLING WIFE AND CHILD

Coroner's Jury Finds That Woman Shot Both Herself and Infant.

Washington, Jan. 31.—A coroner's jury in the case of William C. Copley, who was held by the police in connection with the death of his wife and infant child, which occurred from pistol shot wounds, on Tuesday night last, today rendered a verdict exonerating him from any blame.

IRISH BURLESQUE CAUSES RIOT AT A BROOKLYN THEATRE

New York, Jan. 31.—Twenty-two arrests were made tonight at the Orpheum theatre, in Brooklyn, as the result of a riot which broke out during the performance by the Russell Brothers of a play called the Irish Servant Girl. A number of Irishmen who resented the alleged anti-Irish tone of the play, began to pelt the performers with eggs, but were with some difficulty, hustled out of the theatre by the police. No one was seriously injured in the disturbance.



MORRIS WOOD, THE NATIONAL AMATEUR SKATING CHAMPION FROM THE LATEST SPORTING NEWS

Fred Logan, of St. John, last year, under the colors of the Neptune Rowing Club, demonstrated that even among the cracks of the United States he could hold his own. Logan's first appearance in skating that season was at the first big meet of the year at Saranac Lake (N. Y.), on Feb. 1, when all the cracks of Canada and the States competed. Logan won from all the field in the three mile but Morris Wood and came in second to the champion in 9:44.5 min. In Montreal on Feb. 4 in the international meet he captured the first heat of the mile, defeating Aird and Porter in 2:36.5, and came in third in the three mile in 9:22.5. Wood taking first and third in one mile.

OTTAWA MEMBERS GOT EASY MONEY

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Jan. 31.—Sir MacKenzie Bowell offered a resolution for correspondence in the senate today to discuss the indemnity act. He stated that an amendment made last year enabled a senator or member who was present only one day to draw indemnity for the session, less a fine of \$15 a day for absence. The time of adjournment counted as days of attendance. He said the act should be amended to make it necessary for a senator to attend to obtain the indemnity. The motion passed.

MCGILL TO PLEAD GUILTY AND GET A LIGHT SENTENCE

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Jan. 31.—A cut and dried arrangement has been made in the case of Charles McGill, late manager of the Ontario Bank, whereby he will plead guilty tomorrow to a charge of making false returns to the government and get a light sentence. The charge of theft will be reserved to the next assizes and either dropped or dealt with by a nautical sentence.