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THE BELL COMPANY AND GRAND TRUNK

General Manager Hays Before Telephones Committee. SAYS HAS EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT

Mr. Sise Testifies That Supposed Large Profits at Toronto and London Were Losses.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, May 17.—Mr. C. M. Hays, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, appeared before the special committee on telephones today. In answer to Mr. Chrysler, Mr. Hays said that the company had an exclusive contract with the Bell Company. There was one instance in Quebec in which the company had given access to the Bellchase Telephone Company since this contract was entered into.

Sir William Mulock took the witness in hand and asked why the railway company made an exclusive contract with the Bell. Mr. Hays—The telephone is a thing that a man only wants one of in his house. Sometimes he wished he had not that one.

Sir William—I am not talking of private residences. Mr. Hays—It has that effect in dealing with our stations. Two or three telephones in an office would be a great inconvenience to the railway.

Sir William—And that is why you exclude part of the public. Mr. Hays—Not necessarily excluding the public.

Sir William—Making the telephone a monopoly. Mr. Hays—By the nature of the telephone it is a monopoly.

Sir William—Don't you think that it was the intention of the company to connect by other telephone companies. Mr. Hays—Only one company can do business with the company successfully.

Mr. Hays—Only one company can do business with the company successfully. It is an old question with the railways long ago thrashed out, and they have decided in favor of using one telephone in the interests of themselves and the public.

Mr. Sise, general manager of the Bell Company, was again on the witness stand and was examined by Mr. Chrysler, counsel for the committee. In reply to a question Mr. Sise said that the company was creating an insurance fund on account of the high rates charged by the Bell Company.

Mr. Sise explained his system of charging against capital account as being on the same principles as the railways.

MISQUOTED, SAYS KAISER Suit for Loss of Majesty Follows Recent Speech on Russians.

Berlin, May 17.—Suit for loss of majesty has been instituted against the originators of the wrong proceeding of the Emperor William's "Scourge of God" speech to the naval cadets at Wilhelmshaven on March 9.

The words the Kaiser repudiated were attributed to him by the Frankfurter Zeitung, which made him say that the Russian army which fought at Mukden had "become enervated by immorality and drunkenness." He was also quoted as saying that the Japanese were the "Scourge of God."

Eva Booth Better. Kansas City, Mo., May 17.—The condition of Commander Eva Booth, of the Salvation Army, who has been ill, was so much improved today that she was able to continue her trip west.

Paderewski Better. Queenstown, May 16.—Ignace Paderewski, the pianist, has proceeded to Liverpool on board the White Star Line steamer Oceanic, on which he crossed from New York. He is still ill, but is much better than when he embarked. He took his meals regularly and walked a little on the promenade deck during the voyage. From Liverpool Mr. Paderewski will go direct to Paris.

Deserter Surrenders Windsor, May 17.—John Dolan, a deserter from the garrison artillery at Quebec, has surrendered himself to the police here, and Chief Wills has wired Quebec for instructions. Dolan escaped April 4. He spent some time in the Eastern States, and lately worked his way to Detroit.

Escaped Prisoner Retaken Windsor, May 17.—Detective Mahoney has arrested Stanley Boyd, wanted in Chatham for burglary. A year ago Boyd and Louis Trombley were arrested in Chatham for burglary, and while being escorted from the jail to the court house they made a sudden break for liberty and got away from the officers. Trombley was arrested in Detroit last fall, and was afterwards sentenced to ten years in Kingston Penitentiary.

The Straits of Formosa Will See Big Battle

Rojestvensky Has Left French Waters and Is Now in Search of Togo.

Hue, French Indo-China, May 16.—The Russian Baltic fleet has sailed from this end of the China Sea, and in all probability is on its way to Japan. This news is confirmed by the French commander in Saigon, and by the torpedo boat Dunois into this port, which passed all the bays as far north as Touron last night. Acting on direct orders from the admiralty, telegraphed from Paris, the French fleet patrolled the entire coast on Sunday, one-half of the ships going southwest from Hue, and one-half northeast from Saigon. There is no doubt whatever that the Baltic squadron has departed from French territorial waters. Not a ship of the fleet has been sighted by the scout boats, which have taken in all the coast line 30 miles off the Province of Annam.

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CARNEGIE TO BUILD A TOWN

It Will Be Entirely Devoted to the Arts and Science.

Edmonton, May 17.—According to The Hague correspondent of the Telegraph, Andrew Carnegie is inclined to support a fantastic scheme of Dr. Eckman, to build an international town near The Hague, which will be entirely devoted to the arts and sciences and international fraternization. It is estimated that the cost would be \$100,000. The scheme is entirely distinct from the plan to build a peace palace.

NOW IT'S EDMONTON Prescher Raps Society Folk of Far West City From Pulpit.

Edmonton, May 17.—On Sunday evening, Rev. C. Huestis, Methodist minister, made a most outspoken attack on social life here, claiming that the hotels were only dives and poker dens, violating the license law every day. He also accused prominent citizens, including leading ladies, of drunkenness, and of attending revels of a most disorderly character. The sermon created quite a sensation.

GOMPERS WON'T INTERFERE Labor Leader in Conference With the Teamster Officials.

Chicago, May 17.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, met the labor leaders today at the Briggs House. Just before going into the conference he said: "I am not in a position to say what will or will not be done. I will say, however, that I have no intention of interfering in this strike, unless I am commissioned by President Shea and his colleagues to do so."

ALLEGED INFANT MURDER Man and Woman Arrested in Toronto On a Serious Charge.

Toronto, May 17.—Emma Harvey and Wm. Furness, who came out from England about five years ago, and have been living ever since at Georgetown, were charged with the murder of their newborn infant. The alleged crime took place in a room they had rented at 30 Walton street. The woman is in St. Michael's Hospital under police surveillance.

Captured by Japs. Tokyo, May 17.—The British steamer Incheon was seized by a Japanese warship on May 15 south of Korea. The French steamer Quang Nam was captured by a warship of Japan on the same date, near the Pescadore Islands, Straits of Formosa. Two cargoes of opium, valued at \$200,000, are not announced.

THE HIGH SCHOOL ACT Vealey's Bill to Amend Same Stands Till Next Session.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, May 16.—Mr. Neely (East Middlesex), had his bill to amend the high school act before a special committee this morning. Dr. Pyne being chairman. The bill provides for the maintenance of county pupils at city or town high schools when such are more convenient for county pupils than county high schools. It also provides for fees for pupils attending high schools in adjacent counties. Several members suggested that the bill had better stand over, and Dr. Pyne concurred, the more readily in view of the proposed consolidation of the high school regulations. The bill, therefore, stands till next session.

STAMPS AND PREMIUMS Lively Discussion in Committee Over Mr. Downey's Measure.

Toronto, May 17.—There was a lively discussion in the municipal committee this morning on Mr. Downey's bill, absolutely prohibiting the use of trading stamps and premiums of any kind instead of leaving the question to the board of trade. The bill was proposed by Mr. Duvernay, on behalf of a number of merchants. Mr. Duvernay claimed that as it was a question of trade, the board of trade had no right to deal with it. Finally, it was decided that the law clerk of the Legislature, the collectors for both sides and Hon. Mr. Hanna should confer with a view to drawing up an amendment to meet the exigencies of the case and to report to the committee tomorrow morning.

THE AUTONOMY BILL Good Progress Made With the Measure in Committee.

Ottawa, May 16.—The early adjournment of the House this evening was brought about by the rapid progress made with the autonomy bill in committee. The educational and land clauses and sections dealing with distributions of constituencies in the new provinces are the only portions of the bill upon which the committee have not passed. An arrangement has been made between the Government and the Opposition to drop further consideration of the bill for the present and proceed with other business, and an intimation was made by the leader of the Opposition that delay now might facilitate progress, and it would perhaps allow a consolidation of the amendments which will be offered to the bill. The educational and land clauses and sections dealing with distributions of constituencies in the new provinces are the only portions of the bill upon which the committee have not passed.

Stratford and C. P. R. Stratford, May 16.—Mr. Leonard, of the C. P. R., wrote to the mayor today respecting the proposition of the city to pay the C. P. R. \$30,000 instead of a right of way and build the approaches to the C. P. R. subway under the levels for the projected railway in the city. He gave the city to understand that the proposition would not be entertained. There is a radical difference between the two interviews of the railway committee of the city and the board of trade, which will write after interviewing Shaugnessy.

OWNED TO MURDER The Latest Detroit Mystery Cleared Up by a Confession.

Detroit, May 17.—Frank Lesner, who, for the past year, has been employed to watch over a gang of insane prisoners at Ionia, is in a cell at the county jail, awaiting with apparent unconcern a life-long imprisonment for the brutal murder of Mrs. Michael Hammenick of Trenton, who was found Monday night, wetting in her own blood, by her husband on his return from a visit to a neighbor.

The husband of the woman was at first suspected of the crime and spent several hours in the jail at Trenton and was afterwards brought to Detroit, but Lesner, after sleeping soundly at the hotel in Trenton, deliberately came to Detroit, accused a policeman on the street and told him that he had committed the deed, and also told him where he had hidden the revolver.

His only reason for the horrible butchery is that he believed his victim, who, by the way, was his god-mother, had bewitched his family and was the cause of all his troubles. The victim was 56 years old.

THE WEATHER. Tomorrow—Cooler.

Toronto, Wednesday, May 17. Sun rises, 4:50 a.m. Moon rises, 6:12 p.m. Sun sets, 7:57 p.m. Moon sets, 4:22 a.m.

A widespread disturbance is passing slowly across the great lakes, and showers are prevalent from Ontario to Maritime Provinces. The weather is fine throughout Manitoba and the Territories, with fairly high temperatures.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 48-58; Edmonton, 32-47; Calgary, 29-47; Prince Albert, 26-48; Winnipeg, 46-62; Port Arthur, 34-42; Parry Sound, 26-40; Toronto, 46-62; Ottawa, 44-58; Montreal, 48-62; Quebec, 38-46; St. John, 38-44; Halifax, 38-49.

FORECASTS. Wednesday, May 17-8 a.m. Today—Warm, with local thunderstorms, becoming cooler tonight. Thursday—Northwesterly winds and considerably cooler.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary, 44, 41, Cloudy. Winnipeg, 44, 38, Clear. Parry Sound, 44, 42, Clear. Toronto, 46, 42, Cloudy. Ottawa, 44, 40, Cloudy. Montreal, 48, 44, Cloudy. Quebec, 42, 40, Cloudy. Father Point, 44, 38, Cloudy.

WEATHER NOTES. The disturbance mentioned yesterday is moving slowly across the great lakes, and showers have been general from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. The weather continues fine and warm in Manitoba and the Territories.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 67°; lowest, 48°; above

The Czar Sweeps Away Laws That Crushed Poles

Latest Imperial Rescript Abolishes All Harsh Measures That Have Stood for Centuries.

St. Petersburg, May 17, 1:45 p.m.—There is little room for skepticism as to the genuineness of the broad policy of imperial reform after the remarkable steps sanctioned by Emperor Nicholas in the imperial rescript issued yesterday. It modifies restrictive decrees in nine of the western governments of Russia, and gives the Poles greater freedom for acquiring farming lands, and gives permission to introduce the Polish and Lithuanian languages in the primary and secondary schools where the majority of the inhabitants are non-Russian. Almost all the vexatious restrictive laws in Poland and the Baltic provinces have been removed and the privileges for which the natives have been fighting for years are restored. The assemblies of the Polish nobles are re-established, and all the harsh administrative measures introduced at the time of the policy of reaction and russification are abolished.

As a natural sequence of freedom of religion, the opposition to the purchase of land by Catholic peasants is abolished. In effect, the measures sanctioned amount to an entire reversal of the Russian policy in ancient Poland and the Baltic provinces. It is pointed out that in order to avoid delay in the matter of the introduction of the Polish, Lithuanian languages, the Emperor specifically directed the formulation of the necessary regulations and laws within six months.

The committee of ministers has got no further with the Jewish question than to grant freedom of residence to the artisan class. The question in its entirety is of such great importance that it has been decided to refer it to the coming general assembly.

The Emperor's action has produced a splendid impression among the reform elements, which are expressing the highest satisfaction. As the announcement was not published in the Official Gazette until this morning, however, the newspapers contain no comment.

GAMEY "CALLED" BY THE PREMIER

For Sensational Remark Re Deputy-Governor Had Speaker's Chair Removed and Used Throne.

Ottawa, May 16.—Sir Henri Elzear Taschereau, deputy-governor, came without notice to the senate this afternoon and gave royal assent to a number of bills. He refused, however, to act until the speaker's chair was removed and he was enabled to sit on a dais as the Governor-General himself on state occasions. The deputy-governor's action formed the subject of comment in the Upper House this afternoon.

Hon. Mr. Landry was the senator who started the discussion. He drew attention to the fact that strangers had been admitted to the floor during the giving of the royal assent. He wished to know if any notice had been sent to the senate that his excellency would attend. On former occasions a notice was sent on his excellency's instructions, signed by the military secretary, announcing that the deputy-governor would attend. Even the previous day his excellency's arrival was heralded by a similar notice. Had the usual notice always sent to the senate been given on this occasion?

Mr. Speaker said he had received no written notice. He had been notified verbally by a page that the deputy-governor was here. He had, however, been informed by a minister that the deputy would arrive.

Hon. Mr. Landry thought the Senate had a right to be notified and should insist on their rights. If Sir Elzear Taschereau had a right to sit on the throne the Senate had a right to notice.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell said the proceedings had been altogether irregular. They had been of a character not only undignified, but beneath the dignity of the Senate. Not only had there been no notice, but the deputy-governor had ordered the removal of the speaker's chair, and that he so informed an official of the House. It was not customary for such a proceeding to take place, and the Senate should place on record its sense of the proceeding.

Sir Richard Cartwright entirely agreed with the previous speaker as to the necessity for notice and would see that the opinions were represented in the proper quarters. As to the matter of the chair, that might require consideration.

Full Military Honors. New York, May 17.—The body of Hiram Cronk, who lived to be the last survivor of the war of 1812, was brought here today and will be buried tomorrow in Cypress Hill Cemetery with full military honors. In the meantime the body will lie in state in the city hall.

Accompanying the body were Mr. Cronk's three surviving sons and one daughter. They were Philander Cronk, 81 years old; William, 72 years old; John, 66 years old, and the daughter, Mrs. Sarah Rawley, 71 years old.

Killed by Strikebreakers. Chicago, May 17.—Two colored strike-breakers, Jesse Ballinger and James Jones, one of whom is believed to have fired a shot that resulted in the death of an 8-year-old schoolboy, were arrested today. Both negroes desperately resisted the police. They are employees of the Peabody Coal Company, which has been active in attempting to break the union of non-union teamsters to deliver coal at the public schools, and has been resisted by strikes of hundreds of pupils at the public schools. The shooting of Carlson followed the jeering of colored non-union men by a number of schoolboys who were playing ball in a vacant lot.

FOUND GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY SOUDANESE KILL CHICAGO MAN

Verdict of Jury in the Toronto Christian Science Case.

Toronto, May 17.—The first conviction ever secured of a Christian Scientist in Canada was recorded at the assizes last night.

Mrs. Sarah Goodfellow, mother of Wallace Goodfellow, a young man who died while under Christian Science treatment, and Isabella Grant, Elizabeth Lee and William Brundrett, were charged with unlawfully conspiring on Jan. 4 to deprive Wallace Goodfellow of proper medical care and nursing, whereby his death was caused.

The jury was out for three hours and returned a verdict of guilty. The case will be appealed.

Tragic End to Prospecting Trip in North African Wilds.

Chicago, May 17.—Word of the death of Lester C. Winterton, as a result of a night attack by native robbers at Wady Halfa, Sudan, has been received by his friends in Chicago. Winterton headed a prospecting party which started from London several months ago for the Sudan. On the night of March 18 Winterton and his assistant named Bowden were asleep in their hut, when two native thieves entered and attacked them with axes. Winterton and Bowden fought desperately, but were knocked senseless. The thieves then ransacked the house for gold, and failing to discover any, fled. Bowden recovered, but Winterton, whose injuries were by far more serious, died on April 11. He was 36 years old.

Cuba's Hero III. Santiago, Cuba, May 16.—Gen. Maximo Gomez is dangerously ill with a complication of heart and kidney diseases. The general's extreme age and the results of the many wounds he received in his campaigns for the liberation of Cuba complicate his trouble. His condition has been summed up and will arrive here tomorrow.

ELECTRICITY ON TEMISKAMING ROAD

Matheson Asks Power Be Given for Its Generation. WANTS BRANCHES TO THE G. T. P.

Measure to Amend Succession Duties.—Mr. Foy Proposes Changes in the Mines Act.

Toronto, May 16.—The features of today's session of the Legislature were the bringing down of two Government measures by Hon. Mr. Matheson, one to provide for increased powers for the Temiskaming Railway commission, and the other to amend the succession duties act.

Mr. Matheson explained that his bill to amend the act respecting the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway had several objects. It provided for the payment of \$1,000 additional to one of the commissioners for professional services. It gave the necessary authority for extending the line to connect with the Grand Trunk Pacific, and for the construction of short branches not exceeding a certain number of miles to be fixed later. It gave the commissioners power to generate and sell electricity. The bill provided for the making of surveys, including one to James Bay. It gave authority for the keeping of the accounts of the commission in the office of the Provincial Treasurer. The present system of keeping the accounts was unsatisfactory. The bill also provided for the raising of additional money, if needed, for the construction of the road.

Mr. Harcourt asked if the Government had extended the possibility of changing the name of the railway so as to bring the word "Ontario" more prominently before the public. He believed it would be to the financial advantage of the Province to change the name. He also believed that the building of the line was a matter of public interest. The bill should be in the Parliament buildings, as close as possible to the office of the Provincial Treasurer.

Mr. Matheson said that the Government had considered the change of name, but had decided that it was not so necessary now that the line was being built by the Government. In raising money on the railway financial men had formerly objected that the road should have better security. The Ontario Government Railway. They had also claimed that the name was too much like the Temiskaming Railway, upon which there had been losses. Mr. Matheson agreed that the office of the commission should be in the Parliament buildings, but said that the commissioners preferred to have their headquarters down town.

Succession Duties. The bill to amend the succession duties act grades the tax and provides for a slightly increased tax on amounts are bequeathed to single individuals. One clause is repealed, it being the one providing that to determine whether net value shall be taxed, the gross value of estates over \$100,000 should be taken, without deducting the debts. Under the old law, if a testator had \$120,000 gross value, with debts of \$100,000, the net \$20,000 was taxable, even if bequeathed to children, while if the gross was \$20,000, with no debts, it was not taxable if left to wife and children. Under the new amendment the debts will be deducted.

Changes in Mines Act. Hon. Mr. Foy introduced a bill to amend the mines act. He explained that some years ago forest reserves were created, and it was the intention at the time that no lands on the reserves should be patented to anybody. Under the mines act, however, a man could secure a patent after the expiration of his mining location. The Government now proposed that mining lands in the forest reserves should not be sold, but only leased.

The following bills were read a first time: Mr. Ferguson—To amend the land titles act.

Mr. Lennox—Respecting conveyancing.

Mr. Foy, in answer to a question by Mr. Lamarche (East Nipissing), gave a list of the water powers leases on the Montreal and St. Lawrence Rivers, their length, estimated horse power, rental, and the parties to the contract. The Government, said Mr. Foy, had as yet come to no conclusion as to the advisability of cancelling the leases.

Mr. Matheson, having moved that the House go into committee of supply, Mr. Hislop (East Huron) moved in amendment "that the discontinuance of the three-year term of the Breeders' Association, Swine Breeders' Association, Sheep Breeders' Association, and Poultry Association, is not in the public interest."

The Minister of Agriculture explained briefly that he had yet to hear of any objections raised against the new methods of making grants.

The amendment was lost.

FINED \$300 EACH Courts Punish Soc Election Workers for Corrupt Practices.

Toronto, May 16.—Three Soc election workers are fined \$300 each and one goes free, with a certificate of indemnity.

Such is the effect of the judgment handed out by Chancellor Boyd, and assented to by Mr. Justice Teitel today, in the trial of the four men who were charged with corrupt practices in the election of 1903.

Patrick Calvin, Wm. Coyne and Jack Kennedy are the three men fined, and J. D. Lamont, who gave his evidence last Saturday, goes free and pays no costs.

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