

BENNETT SPEAKS ON RAILWAY BILL

DEALS WITH CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECT OF PROPOSAL TO EX-PROPRIATE BOND MONEY.

Mr. Bennett was the speaker yesterday afternoon at the Legislature in the debate on the bill for the expropriation of the bonds of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. He dealt with the constitutional aspect of the proposal to expropriate bond money.

He dealt with the bill largely from its constitutional and legal aspects, quoting extensively from the authorities, both English and American, in support of his contentions. He denounced the intention of the bill as an attempt to deprive the public of its property without compensation.

He claimed that the bonds would never pay over the amount of the United States, where the banks concerned had branches. For damages, and the act of the Legislature would not be a defence. He drew what he termed as analogies between what the government proposed to do and cases of individuals, and time and again referred with irony and sarcasm to the course that was being pursued.

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POLICING THE WORLD'S METROPOLIS, LONDON

How 15,637 Men Guard an Area of 699.42 Square Miles, Rated at \$270,058,065—12,042 Arrests in a Year—306 Persons Killed by Accident.

London, Dec. 2.—Interesting statistics as well as striking facts are to be found in the latest reports of the London Commissioner of Police. The area covered by his force of 15,637 men is 699.42 square miles, containing taxable property valued at \$270,058,065. The force is divided as follows: 2,457 sergeants and 15,180 constables, or patrolmen.

In 1909 there was daily an average of one-fourteenth of the force away from duty, in accordance with the regulation granting one day's leave in a fortnight to each man. About 60 per cent. of the men on duty are engaged at night—from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The pay of the force was \$7,999,215.

The number of persons apprehended by the London police in 1909 was 12,042. Of these, 2,418 were convicted at sessions, 15,185 were convicted by magistrates, 722 were acquitted (by juries, etc.), at sessions, and 24,962 were discharged by magistrates. The number of criminal offences, felonies, burglaries and housebreakings has decreased. Nineteen cases of murder were reported, in almost all cases arrests were made and in six the murderers committed suicide. Of the fourteen persons apprehended, seven were convicted and sentenced to death, four were found to be insane at the time of the murder, and one on arraignment. One accused person was discharged by a magistrate, and in the other case the bill was ignored by the Grand Jury.

Identifications by the finger-print system, says the Commissioner, show a substantial increase, 8,960 being recorded, as against 5,100 in 1908. The number of persons arrested for Provincial offences, the method continued, to give unqualified satisfaction, not only in the United Kingdom, but also, it is believed, in all other countries where introduced.

Among the statistics relating to street accidents it is shown that 306 persons were killed, and 16,874 injured. Of the deaths, 255 were caused by accidents in which vehicles were involved, and 153 were motor-driven; 115 of the deaths were of persons under 15 years of age.

The absent-mindedness of the public is a matter of just property shows no slackening. There was found during the year 65,875 articles lost in public carriages, there being 4,983 more than in 1908. Of these, 28,082 were restored to owners, their value estimated at \$146,738.

During 1909 the following licenses were issued for public vehicles: Hansom cabs, 3,299; Four-wheeled cabs, 3,263; Motor-cabs, 1,171; Motor-omnibuses, 1,180; Horse-drawn trams, 233; Mechanical trams, 2,192.

RAILWAYS TO PEACE RIVER. Edmonton Man in Montreal Tells of Plans for Peace River Railway. Montreal, Nov. 30.—The Peace River valley is too great a prize for any railway to be allowed to appropriate it as a territory within its exclusive jurisdiction, remarked Mr. Alexander Jackson, of Edmonton, who has just come from the Athabasca Landing, at the Whittier. Mr. Jackson, who has come down east in connection with some lumber propositions.

"The Canadian Northern," he said, "in promoting legislation for power to build a line to Athabasca Landing, with the object of extending it to Fort Vermilion when population warrants it. That may not be until the middle of the present century, although that valley cannot be beaten for fertility and mineral wealth. The C.P.R. has a subsidiary company unincorporated in the present century, but a line through the valley and the Grand Trunk Pacific is going to shoot a branch across the Peace River north it is said."

"People in Edmonton are tickled at the prospect of the three companies making a race for the valley whose development has really been very much retarded by the delay in building railways. Residents away up the valley say what's the use of growing cabbages a foot in diameter, turnips fourteen pounds in weight, and wheat yielding sixty bushels to the acre if there are no facilities for getting it to the market?"

NO ADMITTANCE SAYS MILITIA DEPARTMENT

Book Agents and Canvasers Have Made Themselves a Nuisance at Ottawa Buildings—Sessional Trunk For Members Has Been Cut Off.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—The aggressiveness of book agents, canvassers of all kinds and money lenders has caused the militia department to issue a regulation governing the admission of the public to the department's offices. For a long time the officials have been greatly annoyed by people visiting the offices and wanting to discuss business foreign to military matters. This is not the worst feature which has followed in the train of the visitors. It has been found that after they have gone all kinds of articles have been stolen and the lady employees pursued have been robbed of money in them.

The department has decided to issue passes to each employee, and all persons having business with the office. No more Trunks Forthcoming. A time-honored parliamentary institution has gone the way of the things mundane. It is the sessional trunk provided the members, certain officials and others. The committee on internal economy has decided to shut down on the business and while the news has not been widely circulated, it has raised more or less of a protest among the wonted recipients.

For years at the beginning of each session, the trunks have been distributed. They are small affairs about half the size of the ordinary travelling trunk, but replete with everything a member or his wife could desire in the way of fancy or common stationery. In addition, it was quite frequently accompanied by a handsome dress suit case or travelling case.

300 PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS. Thirty Frame Buildings Destroyed and Flames Nearing Business Section. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 1.—Fire early today destroyed thirty frame buildings, including six retail stores, six boarding houses and part of the Bell plant in Montreal, and destroyed property, the loss will reach \$250,000.

Five hundred people are homeless as a result. The fire started in a house-drawn omnibus, and within three blocks of Main street, with low water pressure hampering the fire-fighters.

RUSSIAN ARCHBISHOP COMING. To Study Conditions of the Russo-Orthodox Church in West. Montreal, Dec. 1.—Archbishop Munre, head of the Russian Orthodox Church in North America, arrived in Montreal this morning from New York, on his way to the west. While in the city his Grace is the guest of the Russian consul-general, Nicholas de St. Hilaire, who accompanied the Archbishop as far as Ottawa. The purpose of the Archbishop's visit to the Russo-Orthodox Church in this country. He may travel through to the Coast, but goes as far as Winnipeg in any case.

Wireless Again Aids Rescue. Seattle, Dec. 2.—The Alaska Steamship Company's ship "Northerner" is aground at Fales Bay, San Juan Island, four miles from Roche Harbor. The British steamer Zea, which was near, responded to a wireless call and took over the passengers and mail, which will be landed in Victoria.

GIVE MOST POWER AT LEAST COST AND LAST LONGEST You know there's a great difference in horses—and it isn't all in the size and looks either. One horse will start in willingly and pull strong and steady for hours. He'll tire and stretch with a dash that always gets over them. He'll stay on the job from the time he's hitched till he's sent to the barn.

I H C Gasoline Engines have stood the test. They have demonstrated by actual experience that for every use they are just the kind of engine you want. I H C Engines are made in various styles and sizes, from 1 to 35-horse power—for pumping, spraying, sawing, grinding, threshing, and operating machines about the house and dairy.

THE SLIPPER OF OPPORTUNITY BALFOUR'S THROUW OF TARIFF REFORM ACTERIZED BY London, Nov. 30.—The election campaign is in changes. Lord Lansdowne, the present leader of the reform of the House of Lords, has been surprised in a speech today at Mr. Balfour's throwing of the tariff reform. Lord Lansdowne said that it was an important moment. Lord Lansdowne said that it was an important moment. Lord Lansdowne said that it was an important moment.

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