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Restrictions Are Lessened By Committee—Other Amendments to Insurance Bill.

OTTAWA, May 11.—(Special.)—Amendments to the Insurance Act agreed upon by the sub-committee of the banking and commerce committee were announced to-day. They include giving the Phoenix Assurance Company power to carry on fire, life and accident business. Any society, benevolent, industrial, or religious, having an assessment insurance system may come within the second part of the act. The clause limiting expenses is struck out. Shareholders must authorize salaries to directors. Sliding scale contracts with agents based on volume of their business are permitted. From the clause respecting assets and investments in Canada by foreign companies there are struck out the words "at least two-thirds in market value of which shall consist of investments in or loans upon Canadian securities."

A number of changes are made in the investment clauses, the general effect being to widen the power. It is provided that no loan shall be made to a company director or officer except on the company's own policy. As to voting by proxy, the provisions apply to every company "other than a life insurance company."

A new sub-section provides that in connection with deferred dividend policies issued after Jan. 1 next, the companies shall, at least, once in five years, ascertain the profits to which such policies are entitled, and pay such to the shareholders. Until distributed, these profits shall be treated as a liability. The circulation in Canada of any estimate of dividends or profits is prohibited.

The participating policyholders will be entitled to at least two-fifths of the directors. The policyholders and shareholders shall name their directors separately. The clause in respect to the distribution of profits is amended so as to provide that profits will include a share of profits arising from the sale of securities. The clause dealing with the impairment of capital is amended to provide that companies may be permitted to calculate till 1915 on the basis of not less than 60 per cent. of unearned premiums.

Several Amendments.

After two lengthy sittings the committee practically disposed of the bill. Most of the sub-committee's amendments were accepted. Discussing the new clause under which it was proposed to limit the class of unlicensed companies, doing business outside of Canada, from which it would be possible to get insurance only by the payment of a tax, E. W. Nesbitt of North Oxford said that it was important that insurers should be protected from irresponsible foreign companies who could not be located or held responsible in the event of an insurer having a fire. Insurance was very easy to get in Canada. He could almost undertake to insure a stack of straw on fire.

George Perley of Argenteuil, said the proposed clause made it impossible for a business man who had trouble with the fire underwriters to go outside of the Dominion to get insurance. He moved to strike out any reference to mutual companies and leave business men free to go to any foreign company so long as the tax of fifteen per cent of the total net cost to him was paid. Members of the committee who supported Mr. Perley's proposal laid stress on the fact that it was proposed to make a second evasion of this clause an offence punishable by imprisonment.

Mr. Fielding, while he rather favored the clause as it stood, did not object to the amendment. An effort mde by Lloyd Harris to have the tax increased to twenty-five per cent. was rejected. An amendment compelling notification to the superintendent of insurance within thirty days was passed.

An amendment providing that a director must hold stock to the value of $2500, instead of twenty-five shares, as stipulated at present, was accepted, as was an amendment setting forth that a policy holder to vote must have $2000 insurance.

A Move For Publicity.

When the clause providing that policyholders must receive not less than ninety per cent. of the profits was reached, Major Currie (North Simcoe), suggested that for this should be substituted the simple declaration that profits should be paid as stated on the face of the policy. It was not advisable for parliament to enter into the business of making civic contracts. Hon. R. F. Sutherland contended that the clause as it stood was a protection for the policyholders, and this view prevailed.

Mr. Gervais suggested an amendment to the effect that the record of securities held by the companies in the department be open to the public on three occasions. In the past he had been refused access to this book.

"That is all right; we favor publicity," said Mr. Fielding, and the amendment was accepted.

BOAT SINKS, TWENTY DROWN

Ferry Carrying Steel Works' Employes Goes Down Under Load.

PITTSBURG, May 11.—Twenty persons are missing and all of them are believed to have been drowned, when a gasoline launch sank in the middle of the Ohio River, near Schoenville, four miles below Pittsburg, to-night. Of 30 occupants of the boat, only ten are known to have escaped.

All of the men were employes of the Pressed Steel Car Co. at McKeesport plant.

The boat is said to have been intended for not over 20 persons. The boat simply sank beneath the weight it had been bearing and went to the bottom.

Kills Wife and Self.

NORTH TONAWANDA, N.Y., May 11.—Chas. F. Dier, 55 years of age, some time during the day murdered his wife and committed suicide.

Capt. Hains, Jr., As He Appeared During the Trial

HAINS JURY RETURN MANSLAUGHTER VERDICT

Divided Evenly on Murder or Acquittal—Plea For New Trial on Technical Grounds.

FLUSHING, N.Y., May 11.—Captain Peter C. Hains, jr., U.S.A., to-night faces a prison term of from one to twenty years. Despite all the testimony submitted by the defence as tending to show insanity, he was convicted late to-day of manslaughter in the first degree for killing Wm. E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht Club last August.

Quickly following the young officer's conviction his counsel announced that they would produce affidavits to show that the jury had not been properly guarded during the trial, and upon this allegation will urge that a new trial be granted. These affidavits will be submitted on Monday, the time set for passing sentence.

Daniel O'Reilly, of counsel for the defence, said: "There was no evidence in this case to warrant a verdict of manslaughter. It should either have been murder in the first degree or acquittal on the ground of insanity. The jurors were permitted to roam about the country in an automobile and go right to the verge of the scene of the homicide, which is clearly against the law. We will have affidavits to prove that such is the case, and also that the jurors were permitted to leave the jurisdiction of the county and have been on government property at Fort Totten, all of which is ground for setting aside the verdict."

The jury were out three hours and evidently followed Judge Garretson's ruling in his charge that "One may be guilty of manslaughter in the first degree who kills on the impulse of the moment in the heat of passion, or because of a peculiar set of circumstances which confront him." Speaking of the domestic relations of the defendant, Justice Garretson said the truth of the allegations against Mrs. Hains and Annis did not have to be shown. It was sufficient, in considering the defendant's mental condition, if he had believed them to have existed.

District Attorney DeWitt had looked for a disagreement.

Four ballots were taken. On the first three ballots six voted for murder in the first degree and six for acquittal on the ground of insanity.

JURY ACQUITS SNIDER

But Adds Rider That He Ought to Be Severely Censured.

After being out almost three hours the jury in the trial of Harry Snider, who was charged with manslaughter, returned a verdict of "Not Guilty," with a rider to the effect that the accused to be severely censured.

"Harry Snider," said his lordship, addressing the prisoner, "the jury have taken a merciful view of the charge laid against you, for, on the evidence given they might easily have found you guilty of a much graver offence. You leave this court room an innocent man in the eyes of the law, but morally you are not innocent, as Dillon met his death from the injuries he received at your hands. I hope this will be a great warning to you."

Snider gave evidence on his own behalf and declared that Dillon had aggravated and attacked him, and he was forced to protect himself.

GILLIES LIMIT MINE

Premier Whitney May Make Announcement on Thursday.

The provincial cabinet had a lengthy session yesterday. At the conclusion Sir James Whitney was asked if the rumored offer of a large sum for the Gillies' limit had been brought up. He said: "We have not reached that matter yet. Another meeting will be held on Thursday. We will be able to make an announcement then."

From this it may be inferred that the government is fully appraised of the value of the Gillies' limit, and whatever policy is decided upon for the future will be in the best interests of the province.

BUSINESS OFFICE UPSTAIRS.

Pending the completion of our new fireproof building, now under construction in Richmond Street West, The World's counting-room, advertising and circulation departments are temporarily located on the first floor of the old World Building, at 83 Yonge-street. Telephone Main 252. A private branch exchange connects all departments.

ADD 24 FEET TO YONGE ST.

Special Civic Committee May Ask That All Buildings on East Side Be Set Back.

The executive of the civic improvement committee, which has the widening of Yonge-street under consideration, drew up a number of important recommendations on the subject last night. They will be dealt with at the next meeting of the committee on May 20.

The recommendations are:

(1.) That Yonge-street be widened for 24 feet upon the east side from King to Bloor-street.

(2.) For the purpose of widening Yonge-street from Queen-street to Bloor-street, that the property between the easterly limit of the present Yonge-street frontages be expropriated over to Victoria-street to Gerrard-street, except in cases where either the value of the buildings would prevent or for other reasons it might not be necessary. For widening Yonge-street from King-street to Queen-street, expropriation in the rear of Yonge-street premises be made wherever practical and where not practical that 24 feet be expropriated off the Yonge-street frontage.

(3.) That the property owners on Yonge-street in lieu of the 24 feet which would be taken off the front of their lands be given where practicable 24 feet in the rear so as to leave their property holdings practically the same.

(4.) That a 20 foot lane be put thru from Shuter-street to Bloor-street whenever practicable.

(5.) That the balance of the property between the lane and Victoria-street, expropriated by the city be sold from time to time, and the amount of sales credited upon the cost of the improvement, and that the cost of the improvement in addition to the credits thus made shall be assessed upon both sides of Yonge-street by way of local improvement as under the local improvement act.

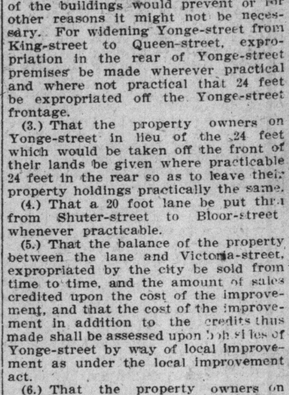
(6.) That the property owners on Yonge-street, who purchase property on Victoria-street in rear of their Yonge-street holdings be permitted to build over the lane or tunnel under it, so as to connect their Yonge-street premises with the Victoria-street premises.

Ald. Adams, John Firstbrook, R. J. Dilworth and J. P. Hynes of the committee go to New York to-night to attend the "conference on city planning and municipal art," which opened May 3, and will last to May 15. They will be back Monday.

WILKINS IS MODERATOR PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD

Dr. J. B. Fraser of Annan Withdraws From Contest—Proposed Historical Society.

Rev. W. T. Wilkins of Trenton was elected moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Toronto and Kingston at the meeting in St. James-square Church last night. Dr. J. A. Turnbull of the West Presbyterian Church nominated him and Rev. James Buchanan of Dundalk, seconded.



THE NEW MODERATOR.

Dr. J. B. Fraser of Annan was nominated by Rev. Finley Matheson of Chatsworth, but he asked to have his name withdrawn, saying he desired the nominee to be appointed unanimously.

Rev. Dr. Dickson of Galt, the retiring moderator, in his valedictory sermon, suggested that an historical society be formed for the purpose of gathering the histories of churches and the biographies of ministers.

The Rev. Jonathan Goforth, returned missionary from China, will address the synod in St. James-square Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

KINRADES HEADING FOR PORTLAND, MAINE.

MONTREAL, May 11.—(Special.)—A special from Sherbrooke, Que., says that the Kinrades left there this evening by the Portland, Maine, train, and it is supposed that they are en route for England.

NO MORE LAND GRANTS.

OTTAWA, May 11.—(Special.)—At the evening session, during consideration of the estimates of the department of the interior, Hon. Mr. Oliver stated that there was a growing prejudice against land grants, and he thought the grant to the South African veterans should be the last.

A RAINY WEEK AT THE CANAL

First Frog: I'm sorry on the farmer's account. Second Frog: Quite so, Alfred, but we should be glad on Mr. Aylesworth's account.

EASIER TO LOSE SAVIOR THAN IT IS TO FIND HIM

Gipsy Smith's Moral Lesson From the Bible Story of Mother Mary's Experience.

Who that heard it can ever forget the ineffable pathos of the story of the rich man of Chicago as Gipsy Smith told it last night in Massey Hall?

"My gospel is not a gospel that provides a fire escape for you and allows your victim to go to the devil," was a keynote of the address, which was founded on the story in Luke ii. of how Jesus was lost by His parents.

"The most unlikely person in the world to lose Jesus was the first one to do it. His own mother! If you are not careful, tho you love Him ever so dearly, you may lose Him.

"Listen! You may be a Christian worker, very jealous of the Lord God, very zealous for His kingdom and crown-right. Be careful! You may be a preacher, but even preachers stand in danger. You may be an evangelist, but if you are not careful—I know.

"God knows it's the last thing in the world I want to happen, but the flash of an eye, the wave of a hand, the toss of a head, the rustle of a skirt, and your heart will play you false!

No Worse Hell.

"I know no worse hell than to lose Christ and then have to keep up the appearance of having Him.

"You may lose Jesus and be a good man. Mary was a good woman, and she lost Him. She lost Him and didn't know it. They supposed He was in the company. The majority of good people live on supposition.

"Wasn't the company religious? Hadn't they been up to the Temple? But they left Jesus behind. Samson wist not that the Lord had departed from him. Sometimes what individuals do communities do. I know churches without a pastor where, if Jesus came to preach, with a view to a call, He'd be voted out.

"There was a church meeting that put a minute on its books and said, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing. That poor, wretched, miserable, blind and naked thing did not know it had lost Him.

"Listen! Behold I stand at the door and knock! You ask, Wasn't that said at the door of a sinner's heart? It was said at the door of a Christian church.

"Don't sit there and say, I never get drunk. I never do this and I never do that. Mary didn't, but she lost Jesus. Remember, the devil entered into Jesus at the communion table.

"She found Him where she lost Him. But she had to go back. One day from Him, and three days to find Him. That's how it works. She looked at Him and blamed Him for it. Why did You serve me like this? she said. Don't you blame Jesus, don't you blame the Cross for your own folly."

Then followed the story of the repentant libertine, and the moving appeal which drew many scores to the enquiry room. There were more enquiries last night than in Dr. Torrey's first week. And yet there was no hysteria, no excitement, no sensationalism. The solemn impressiveness of Gipsy Smith's entreaty reaches the profoundest depths.

The hall was packed last night at 7.30. The doors are open at 7.15 and only one-third of the hall is reserved until 7.30. The services will begin in future as soon as the hall is full.

Suffragettes Shower Bills From Rockets

Bombard Houses of Parliament From the River—Sing the "Marsellaise."

LONDON, May 11.—Shut out of the house of commons by the police especially selected to circumvent their wiles and ingenuity, the suffragettes to-day found a new method of getting literature into the hands of the nation's legislators.

Chartering a fine steam launch, which they aggressively labeled "Dreadnought," and putting a band on board, a party of suffragettes steamed up the river this afternoon until they reached a point opposite the house of parliament.

Here the boat stopped and the women attracted the attention of the members on the terrace by singing the Maseillaise.

Then suddenly there was fired from the launch a broadside of rockets. These burst above the terraces and a regular snowstorm of hand bills fluttered down over the watching members.

CAME TO BE MARRIED DESERTED AT STATION

Sad Plight of Pretty Ottawa Waitress, Who Saw Lover Depart With Another Girl.

From a happy little home of her own to a lonely little cot in the Fred Victor Home for Friendless Girls was the unhappy fate of trusting little 18-year-old Marie Archambault, a dark-eyed French-Canadian waitress from Ottawa yesterday. The little home was only the roseate but unstable promise of her faithless sweetheart, with whom she came to Toronto yesterday morning to be married, and the cot last night was a saving of disappointing reality. All she has now is the wedding ring given in advance.

Arriving in the city early in the morning the lovers breakfasted happily at a restaurant near the station, but as they were coming out the lover, whose name the girl refuses to disclose, met another girl whom he knew. He asked Marie to wait for him at the station, and without the faintest misgiving, she complied.

She went to the ladies' waiting-room and sat down to dream. The hours went by and her sweetheart did not come. Becoming distrustful at last the girl went to the baggage-room to enquire after the baggage and found that it had been withdrawn. Then she went back to the waiting-room and was found there by Policeman Reburn, turning over a wedding ring with fingers that trembled as she told the constable of her trouble. She was sent to the home. An effort will be made to secure her a position in the city, as she says she will not return to Ottawa. It is not thought that the name given is correct.

COPPER WIRE CONTRACT TO MONTREAL COMPANY

Prices For Hydro-Electric Transmission Line Well Within the Estimates.

Contracts were awarded yesterday by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the copper wire for the protective system to the Dominion Wire Manufacturing Co., of Montreal, and for the porcelain insulators to the Ohio Brass Manufacturing Co., Mansfield, O.

To The World Hon. Adam Beck said that the protective system which has been adopted will entirely prevent such accidents as occurred recently at Beamsville, and will also reduce the chances of dislocation of the transmission line thru electrical disturbances to a minimum. The system works thru an arrangement of automatic cutouts, which operate the moment a break occurs in the transmission conduit. If a short circuit occurs, the wire is grounded or the wire parts at any place, that section immediately becomes "dead" and altho its strikes the ground it can be handled by any person without harm.

The system is not an experimental one. It has been used with conspicuous success in thickly populated districts in Europe thru which high voltage transmission lines run.

The estimated cost of the system was $106,000, and the prices obtained on the contract awarded yesterday indicate that it will be brought considerably within the estimate.

The porcelain insulators, which will be supplied by the Ohio Brass Co., will supercede the use of glass insulators on the entire system, as being more satisfactory. "The people's line," as this can popularly be termed, will represent all that is best in engineering science. Not only the power cables, but also the telephone line will be strung with porcelain insulators, and steel pins will be used for fastening instead of wooden as heretofore.

The prices obtained on this contract too were from 20 to 30 per cent. below the estimate.

VICTORIA BYE-ELECTION

Lockhart Gordon May Oppose Dr. Mason, Choice of Convention.

FENELON FALLS, May 11.—(Special.)—Dr. Mason of this village was the unanimous choice of the convention here to-day to represent East Victoria Conservatives in the coming by-election to succeed J. H. Carnegie, M.L.A., who recently resigned to accept a government position at Osgoode Hall. Othres who were balloted upon were: Thos. Balfour, Omemee; Geo. A. Jordan, Lindsay; I. E. Weldon, Lindsay; Jas. Lithgow, Bobcaygeon; T. C. Stephenson, Omemee; J. H. Delamere, Minden; A. I. Hopkins, Kinmount; Dr. Mason was elected on the fourth ballot.

About 200 delegates were present. Duncan Tolmie and John Aldous withdrew their names.

All those proposed except Lockhart Gordon, before the balloting declared that they would accept the choice of the convention. Mr. Gordon declined on the ground that the back district delegates had not been given time to attend. His name was not balloted on, and he said he would be heard from on Tuesday at the official nominations. Later he intimated that he would be an independent candidate.

FRENCH POSTAL EMPLOYES STRIKE

Postponement of Action By Chamber of Deputies Followed by Walk-Out of Employes—Govt. Will Be Firm.

PARIS, May 11.—The chamber of deputies after a stormy session of four hours to-day adjourned the debate on the interpellation on the postal situation until May 13.

The response of the postal employes was quick and decisive. Within half an hour the federal committee had issued an order for a general strike, and the railway mail clerks walked out in a body.

An hour later, a meeting of 6000 postal employes at the Hippodrome took up the gage of battle and unanimously voted to strike.

There was no great enthusiasm shown, but determination and resolution to force the hands of the government were apparent.

"The government is playing for time; we must not be caught napping," was the spirit of the meeting as expressed by Pauren, a dismissed postman, and one of the most active organizers of the movement.

During the debate in the chamber, M. M. Sembat and Willm, socialists, defended the position of the strikers, affirming their right to organize themselves into a syndicate, as the only way of redressing their grievances, and charging the government with failure to keep its promises at the conclusion of the previous strike, especially with regard to the retirement of M. Simyan, under secretary of posts and telegraphs.

M. Deschanel considered the crisis very grave. He laid the responsibility for the present situation largely on "parliamentarism," which, he said, was working in a vicious circle, and he considered that the only remedy would be the introduction of real civil service, based on merit, to end favoritism and the spoils system.

Unalterable Attitude.

M. Barthou, minister of public works, the government's only spokesman, insisted that neither he nor Premier Clemenceau had promised Secretary Simyan's dismissal. He produced the official journal as proof of what he had said:

The minister reaffirmed the government's unalterable opposition to conceding the right to state employes to form a syndicate, as there was no analogy between their case and that of ordinary workmen, who are not protected against stoppage of work and are not guaranteed promotion and pensions in old age.

"If parliament asks us to reverse our attitude," continued M. Barthou, "we will retire and leave to others the abdication, which would be a mortal blow to the imprescriptible rights that parliament holds from the nation and to the essential, permanent and vital interests of the nation itself."

Toward the close of the meeting of the federal committee the speakers became more and more excited in their denunciation of the government. A caricature of M. Clemenceau was carried into the hall amid hoots and jeers and the premier was denounced in violent terms.

"You are fighting for liberty of opinion and liberty of association," shouted M. Pauron, "and you must not resume work until you have obtained the right to unite as a syndicate."

Permanent Committees.

A permanent strike and branch committee were created and delegates were despatched to the provinces to pursue an active propaganda to make the strike complete. The secret committee, composed of men whose names were not made public, so that they might escape the government's surveillance, was abolished.

Despatches were received from many cities announcing the sympathy and support, not only of the postal employes, but the various trades unions. The miners' congress, now in session at Lens, also pledged aid.

The president of the committee declared that to-morrow not a letter must leave Paris.

Pauron assured the meeting that with the aid of M. Pataud, the electricians' leader, a way could be found to upset the wireless system.

The general opinion to-night is that the government, with the aid of soldiers and the co-operation of the commercial bodies, will be able to maintain crippled services. The main danger is that violence may occur and that passions may be aroused by the appearance on the scene of the general federation of labor.

Mail Service by Autos.

The Paris Chamber of Commerce to-night sent out a letter to all chambers of commerce in France with full instructions relative to a scheme for a business letter service, which is to be carried out, in the event of the railroads failing, by means of automobiles. The prefects of the various departments have already arranged for these.

B.R.T. IN SESSION

Eight Hundred Delegates Now at Columbus—Increase in Membership.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 11.—The ninth biennial conference of the National Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen opened in Memorial Hall to-day. There has been a gain of about 2000 members during the last two years. The membership is now 101,000. The most important question to come up at the convention is the proposed increase of insurance rates.