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THE PEOPLE GOLD-BRICKED AGAIN.

Toronto and the people of Ontario were led to believe that the railway board, was created as an arm of the government which would curb the aggressions of public service corporations and temper the hard letter of the law by good sense and equity. It succeeded to the powers of the old railway committee, of the executive council of the province, which was vested with a wide discretion, which took up and decided questions of policy and administration and recommended amendments to the Railway Act where their necessity was apparent. The ordinary shipper, traveler, or even the ordinary municipality cannot contend with a powerful corporation on equal terms. The railway board was intended to stand between the people and their municipalities and the railway companies.

But it appears that we have but created another court where lawyers and law books abound and technicalities are eagerly searched for. Voluminous opinions are handed down by Leitch, C. J., who must interpret the judgments of the law lords of England, ably assisted by those eminent jurists, Andy Ingram and H. N. Kitson.

A railway board which is merely a court of law is worse than a fifth wheel to a wagon. We had courts enough without this one, and they could only give the municipality or the citizen "cold justice" as against any corporation. They could merely expound the law as they found it, bound in calf. They had no discretion and no powers of administration. Apparently this board is no less rigid; then what reason is there for its existence?

There is room for such a tribunal as the government has in mind. We believe that it should be created. Its members should not be exposed to temptation by being miserably paid; neither should they be hastily selected. We need a board with big powers and broad discretion, and we need big and broad men with honorable records and free of encumbrance to compose it, and to get such a board we must pay liberal salaries. The present board is a gold brick.

CANADIANS WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

When a city engages to establish and conduct a public service, it is right and in accordance with sound business principles that it should employ the very best technical skill available. For that purpose it may be necessary to go further afield than the municipality, the province or even the Dominion. For Canada is scarcely yet in a position to supply all her needs, and there may well be departments and undertakings for which the requisite training and experience cannot be obtained within this country itself. But it is not giving too much to request that those who are to assist in carrying out public projects should, other things being equal, be Canadians. There may be native-born talent in sufficiency, if not to take the whole responsibility in special cases, at least to satisfy the requirements of subordinate posts. The World trusts that this suggestion will be kept in mind both by our city council and by the experts who have been or may be placed in charge of the construction of public plants and enterprises.

"TAKE ME AROUND AGAIN."

The suggestion that the city, instead of expropriation, should seek a remedy for the present street railway conditions by another round of appeals, would be amusing were the matter of less serious importance to the citizens of Toronto.

Suppose, in their circle round, the lawyers should arrive at the city council, say, in 1917? This we presume, is the "last ditch" to which we are told the city will carry the fight; it is also "the root of the trouble." Suppose our lawyers finally arrive at this point, what will happen? Can there be any uncertainty as to the result? Is it not time to look the situation squarely in the face? If we have no chance in the courts under this street railway agreement, let us get rid of the agreement and recover our franchise. But this appeal must be to the legislature, and not to the city council.

The announcement made yesterday by Sir James Whitney convinced the city that relief is to be sought for at Queen's Park, and not at Osgoode Hall or in London.



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FOR PURE ICE.

Editor World: I was pleased to notice that an attempt is to be made to inaugurate the manufacture in Toronto of artificial—and, therefore, pure—ice.

A circular issued when the subject was first mooted a score of years ago contained an endorsement of the movement by such prominent medical experts as: William Canniff, M.D., M.R.C.S.; Fred W. Strange, M.D., M.R.C.S.; Allen Baines, M.D., L.R.C.P., London; C. W. Coventry, M.D., M.R.C.S.; England, ex-chairman provincial board of health; Theodore H. Coventry, M.D., lecturer in hygiene, Trinity Medical College; Prof. W. H. Ellis, provincial analyst; Edward W. Sprague, M.D., M.R.C.S., England, L.R.C.P., Edinb.; F. L. M. Grasset, M.D., F.R.C.S., Edinb.; M.D.C.M., Edinb.; J. L. Davidson, M.D., S.A., M.D.C.M., M.R.C.S., England; E. A. Spilsbury, M.D.C.M., Trinity University; Fred Montanari, M.D., F.R.C.S., D.C.L., Edinb.; for need seems as pressing now as then.

Anti-Germ.

MISS WILLIAMS ACQUITTED.

Della Williams of Spadina-avenue, a young girl of 19, who was tried in Judge Winchester's court yesterday on charges of stealing a watch from Magie Maher, and a C.P.R. Railway ticket from Emma Chambers on Nov. 16, was acquitted by the jury on both charges. Next week she will be tried on three other charges.

While giving evidence yesterday Nellie Williams, the fifteen-year-old sister of Della, testified in the box. She concluded her evidence, however, later in the afternoon.

Read Sister's Story.

In the action of Samuel Stewart of Bolton against the estate of his deceased sister, Mrs. Lang, to recover \$125 for board money, Justice Riddell yesterday gave judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$390 less costs.

Hotelman "Held."

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statement of defence to be amended. Costs to plaintiff in the cause.

O'Brien v. M. C. Railway—E. C. Callaghan, for defendants, moved for order for security for costs. T. N. Phelan, for plaintiff, contra. Reserved.

De Coeur v. Brunet—J. W. Bain, K.C., for defendants, moved for particulars of certain paragraphs of the statement of claim. J. T. Vincent (Ottawa), for plaintiff, contra. Order made for such particulars of paragraphs 8 and 9, as plaintiff intends to rely on at the trial. Paragraph 12 to be amended or struck out. Particulars to be furnished in 14 days. Defendant to plead in eight days thereafter. Costs to defendant in the cause.

Dymont v. Dymont—A. McLean Macdonell, K.C., for defendant, moved for security for costs. W. E. G. Knowles (Bundara), for plaintiff, contra. Motion adjourned until Jan. 1 next peremptorily. Costs of this adjournment reserved.

Leach v. Young—Langstaff (O'Brien & A.) moved ex parte for an order to examine a witness de bene esse before a special verdict for the plaintiff. Purpose. Motion enlarged notice to be given to defendant's solicitor.

Divisional Court.

Before Meredith C.J., MacMahon J., and J. J. A. (2 cases)—J. R. Cartwright, K.C., for the licensee inspector of North York, on appeal from two orders of a justice of the peace of the county of York, quashing two convictions. J. Haverson, K.C., for the respondent, contra. Judgment (L). The convictions against defendant were for selling liquor to minors, and the question of law was whether the magistrate had the power to amend the information before giving judgment, and after the lapse of thirty days from the commission of the offence. The county judge held that he was not justified in re-amending, and quashed the convictions. The licensee inspector appealed.

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