

GOVERNMENT GRANTS PENSIONS TO TEACHERS

Teachers' Suggestions Followed --- Male Teachers Will Get \$400, Female \$250---Eligible After 20 Years' Service.

The provincial government has decided to grant the request of the teachers of the province, and to establish a system of pensions in accordance with the scheme submitted some time ago by the representatives of the teachers. At the next session of the House of Assembly the Attorney General will submit a bill providing for the pension system.

It will be remembered that a few weeks ago the government at one of its meetings in this city was waited upon by a teachers' delegation, composed of President W. M. McLean, of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association, Dr. H. S. Bridges, W. J. S. Myers, J. F. Owens and R. Cormier, which advanced arguments in support of the establishment of a system of pensions, the outstanding points of which are as follows:

1. Teachers, males 60 and females 55 years of age, who have taught in the province for 20 years or more, shall on demand obtain from the government the pension allowed to retired teachers.

2. Teachers who have taught for 20 years or more, and who from sickness or other mental or physical causes are incapacitated from teaching longer, may lay their cases before the government, and if the circumstances are as stated in their petition, will be entitled to a pension of as many thirds of the full pension as years of service, up to 20 years.

3. The amount of yearly pension to be \$400 for males and \$250 for females.

At the time the delegates expressed a strong preference for a system of pensions rather than an increase in salaries.

The government promised full consideration of the scheme proposed. Having considered the matter the government decided that it would be within its power to accede to the request of the province, and Mr. McLean, as president of the N. B. Teachers' Association, received official notice of the decision in a letter written by Hon. Mr. McKewen on Saturday.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 11, 1908.

My Dear Sir:—Referring to your communication of some weeks ago outlining a teachers' pension proposal, and in view of the fact that the government has decided to accede to the request of the province, and Mr. McLean, as president of the N. B. Teachers' Association, received official notice of the decision in a letter written by Hon. Mr. McKewen on Saturday.

Very sincerely yours,
HARRISON A. MCKEOWN,
William M. McLean, M.A.,
Chairman New Brunswick Teachers' Association.

The president of the Teachers' Association said that pensions for teachers had first been spoken of about twenty years ago. Lack of organization, however, had prevented the teachers making any headway along that line. As teachers' institutes and associations grew and multiplied the demand for pensions became more insistent, and within the last few years petitions asking for the establishment of a system of pensions had been presented to the legislature on two different occasions. Within the past few months delegations had waited upon the government and pressed the claims of the teachers.

Mr. McLean said further that the sum of \$5,000 or \$6,000 a year would be sufficient to provide the needed pensions for the next twenty years. The number of teachers who would immediately go upon the pension list was small, probably not more than twenty-five in the whole province. Definite information concerning the number of old teachers in New Brunswick is lacking, but the department of education has taken steps to secure it. In any case there are only seven teachers eligible for pensions, and of this number only three are willing to accept them. In Fredericton there is only one teacher who is eligible. Throughout the province the number of teachers who may apply for pensions is in the same proportion to the entire number.

The advantages that are expected to arise from the new system are the increase in the number of male teachers, the continuation in the profession of more teachers and the check of the rush of teachers toward the West.

NAVY'S Grog BLEW UP;
A GREAT EXPLOSION

TOULON, Jan. 12.—Loud reports of explosions were heard in the town the other night, and caused great alarm, it being feared that a serious disaster had occurred. The reports came from the Mourillon, and it was at first thought that a fire had broken out in the arsenal quarter, which is in this suburb.

The Maritime Prefect was the first to give the alarm, and his officers hastened to the spot, where flames were soon rising nearly a hundred feet high. It was found that Scaglia's warehouse, containing furniture and spirits, were being gutted by fire, and that the explosions had been caused by considerable stocks of alcohol intended for the navy.

Affected warehouse, which is near Scaglia's suffered a good deal, and a neighboring restaurant called the Cafe de la Rade was completely destroyed.

TRIED TO BURN
GIRL AT STAKE

A woman, Mirrab by name, narrowly escaped being burned to death at the stake, near East Molesey, last night. It is an extraordinary story, and is brilliantly related by Baroness Orczy in her great new historical romance, "In Mary's Reign," which will appear as the serial story in these columns, beginning Saturday next. Before it is published in book form.

PUBLISHED WRONG PORTRAIT;
SUED FOR TWO THOUSAND

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 12.—Suit was entered today by Miss Anna Webb of this city against Ambrose Small of the Grand Opera House, claiming two thousand dollars for publishing Miss Webb's portrait in theatre programme as Lorence Rossland of Patal Flower Company.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 14.—A despatch to the Star from Owensboro, Ky., today says: W. H. O'Brien, ex-chairman of the Democratic State Committee, has been appointed treasurer of the National Democratic Committee, vice August Belmont, resigned. Mr. O'Brien will enter upon the duties of his office at once.

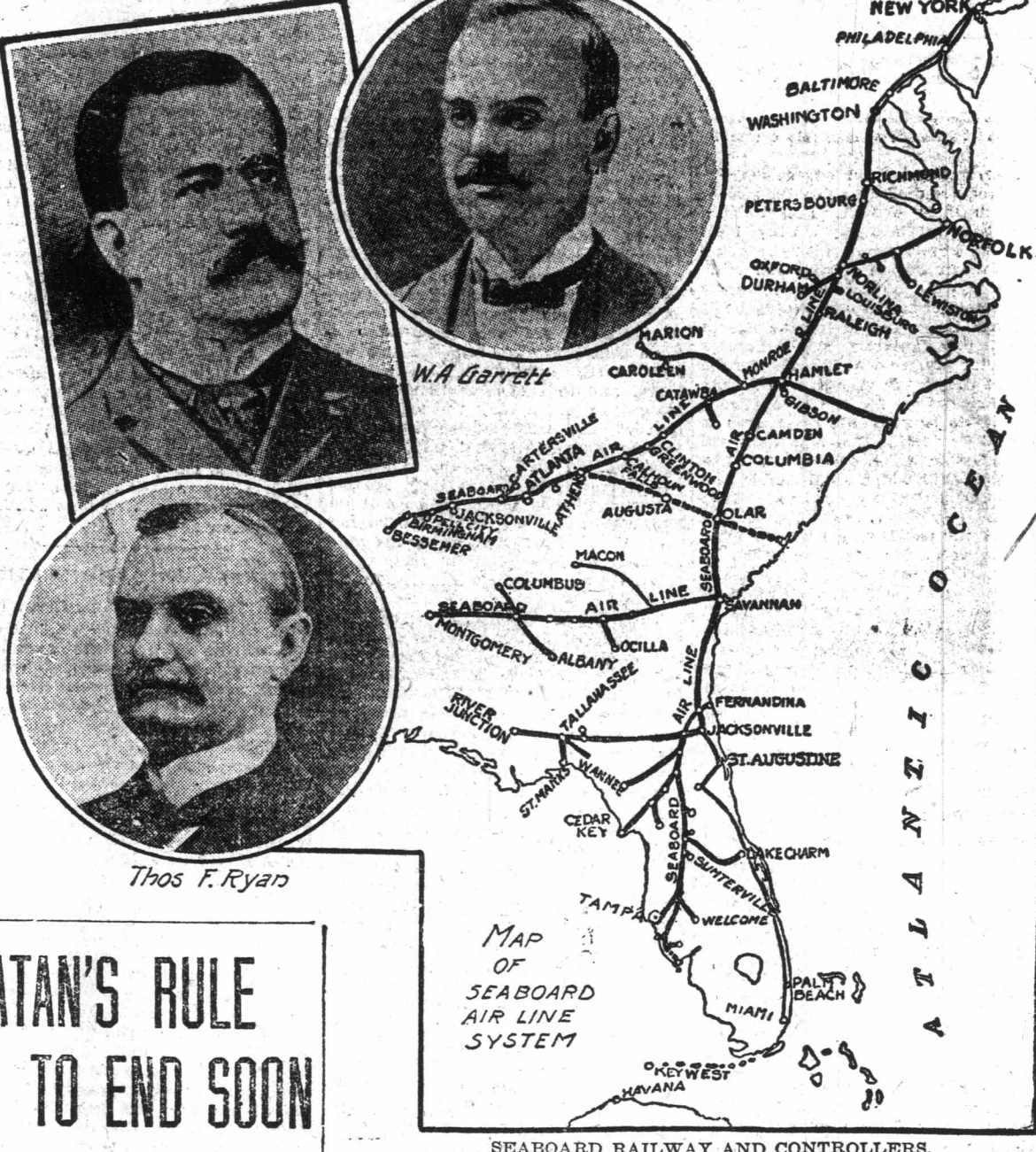
RAILROAD MAN
Didn't Like Being Starved

A man running on a railroad has to be in good condition all the time or he is liable to do harm to himself and others.

A clear head is necessary to run a locomotive or conduct a train. Even a railroad man's appetite and digestion are matters of importance, as the clear brain and steady hand result from the healthy appetite followed by the proper digestion of food.

"For the past five years," writes a railroadman, "I have been constantly troubled with indigestion. Every doctor I consulted seemed to want to starve me to death. First I was dieted on warm water and toast until I was almost starved; then, when they would let me eat, the indigestion would be right back again.

John Skelton Williams



SEABOARD RAILWAY AND CONTROLLERS.

Thomas F. Ryan has been the controlling force in the railway for years, having forced Mr. Williams from the presidency. Mr. Garrett became president when Mr. Ryan retired.

are made the basis for the denial that there is any personal devil or subordinate demons. Our reply is that although any man may become an adversary of God (a Satan), the Scriptures everywhere speak of the prime mover in evil as the 'devil,' the 'Satan.' Mark how the apostle tells us, 'Your adversary, the devil, he is a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour—whom resist, steadfast in the faith.' (1 Peter, v. 8). Mark how our Lord declared of Satan, 'He is a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth.' (John viii. 44).

SATAN THE FIRST MURDERER.

"Ah, yes! he was a murderer—the murderer of Adam and Eve and their entire family, now estimated at twenty thousand millions. He is the great murderer—the first murderer. He murdered our first parents by seducing them, and thus inducing them to be disobedient to their Creator, which brought them under the sentence of death. Hence for now 6,000 years the penalty, 'Dying, thou shalt die,' has been inflicted upon Adam and upon the entire human family, and associated with this penalty have been death, sorrow, crying, all included in and swallowed up by the word, dying.

"It is not as bad as Satan would have us believe in order to turn our hearts perpetually from the Lord. It is not as bad as the doctrine of Satan, which implies not as bad as eternal torment, which all the creeds of Christendom erroneously teach to be the penalty of original sin.

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"The Scriptures refer to Satan as having been created an angel of a very high order, a 'covering cherub.' He is styled Lucifer, the name signifying one who is a bright shining star, a 'morning star' amongst other angels. He is represented as saying in his heart, 'I will ascend above the stars (the bright ones, all other angels); I will be as the Most High—a god, a superior one with a separate dominion. He is referred to as developing an ambitious pride, which finally led to outward rebellion against God.

"The time evidently that this pride began to develop was when Satan, he held our first parents in Eden, and perceived that in them God had created a new thing—an intelligent pair in His own likeness, possessed with the powers of procreation for the multiplying of their own species. Amation led Lucifer into disloyalty; he determined to capture, if possible, the first human pair, and thus to gain control of the entire human race of men which should be born to them. He is the bright one, all other angels; I will be as the Most High—a god, a superior one with a separate dominion. He is referred to as developing an ambitious pride, which finally led to outward rebellion against God.

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God's dear Son, the kingdom of glory foretold in the Scriptures. In harmony with their erroneous thought they are seeking to convert the world, failing to realize the utter impossibility of this—that there twice as many heathen as there were a century ago, notwithstanding the great missionary efforts put forth.

"But even if the heathen were all converted to an civilized condition as prevails throughout Christendom, how far this would be from the glorious condition which the Lord has referred to in His prayer. Surely God's will is not done on earth as it is in heaven in any place, and hence if the heathen were as good as the best state in the world they would all need converting over again to bring them into proper accord with the Lord.

"The ultimate overthrow of Satan was vaguely prophesied at the time of the expulsion of our first parents from Eden. 'The seed of the woman shall bruise the head of the serpent.' This message was repeated with growing clearness for 4,000 years, the prophets telling of the glorious blessings that would follow the establishment of Messiah's kingdom upon the ruins of present institutions, and how then the knowledge and glory of the Lord would fill the whole earth and all the families of the earth would be blessed.

"Through Daniel prophetic pictures, representing the history of the world, were given, and Messiah's kingdom was distinctly shown to be that which would ultimately prevail upon the whole heavens, and that should the Lord not pass away and that would be given to the holy people, a dominion of righteousness—Daniel, vii. 27.

SATAN'S OVERTHROW AT HAND.

"Our Lord fully enunciated these same teachings, quoted from these various prophecies, and told of the coming time when, by virtue of His death for man's sin, He would establish His kingdom, with power and great glory, to release the world from the bondage of Satan and sin, and death and to grant resurrection to all the grand and glorious conditions that have been lost through Satan's murderous work in Eden.

"So far from the Lord's millennium kingdom being produced by the conversion of the world by human agency, which we see to be impossible, the Scriptures declare that it will be introduced by a great time of trouble, such as has not since there was a nation—Isaiah, xlii. 9.

"This time of trouble will, according to God's word, result in the overthrow of all present institutions, which are all more or less 'less adorned' with pride, ambition and selfishness and sin, incited by the Prince of the world and the methods which he has favored, which will result in a great time of trouble, such as has not since there was a nation—Isaiah, xlii. 9.

"Before examining the Scriptural proofs of the overthrow of Satan and the glorious blessings to result to mankind under the reign of Christ, let us briefly glance at God's reason for permitting matters to go as they have gone for the past 6,000 years. Why did He not destroy Satan and the fallen angels long ago? Why was Adam permitted to come under the influence of the great deceiver—or why were not Adam and Eve as well as Satan destroyed as a new race begun?

"These are reasonable questions, and the Bible gives us the key to their solution. God created man in His own image and likeness of God as designed to have the liberty of the sons of God—liberty of conscience, liberty of heart and will, and that God seeks such obedience as will result in man's glorification and eternal life. Why was Adam permitted to come under the influence of the great deceiver—or why were not Adam and Eve as well as Satan destroyed as a new race begun?

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PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Subject of Discussion
in Commons

Opposition Motion for Departmental Papers Defeated
86 to 57

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The House of Commons had a long discussion on the subject of the practice of Mr. Ames, of St. John's (Collegiate), moved for the production of original applications and orders for some western timber berths. The practice is to have copies made of any papers ordered by the house. Mr. Ames said he was not so anxious to get the original documents as he was to test the right of the opposition to see original documents. He thought a great public question at stake. The original papers belonged to the people and their representatives should have the right to examine the originals.

Mr. Oliver, in whose custody are the papers asked for, said that he had the request looked into and had found there was no precedent for the production of original papers. Only once had original documents been sent from the department to the house. That was last year and those papers had never been returned. It would demoralize the affairs of his or any other department to have its records taken away, if the motion passed and the precedent were established the operation of a department would be impossible.

Mr. Foster held the wish of the people should be overridden any question of departmental convenience.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said it was a rule of parliament that no original papers should be laid on the table unless sufficient reason were given. There was no precedent for such a motion as that of Mr. Ames.

Mr. Borden complained that Liberal members were allowed access to the records of the interior department and the opposition were not.

Mr. Oliver said members on both sides were treated alike.

Mr. Borden said the refusal to produce original documents indicated that there was something in them the minister did not wish disclosed.

The motion was debated by many speakers on both sides. The opposition offered that the original papers should be produced and the followers of the government that copies should be produced and the original records retained in the departments. At eleven o'clock in the evening a division was taken on the motion was defeated by 86 to 57, a majority of 29 on a straight party vote.

Hon. Peter McLean, the new Liberal member for Centre, York, was introduced.

The debate upon the French treaty will be commenced tomorrow.

A WORD TO MOTHERS

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MAN AND WIFE
WALKED FROM BANGOR

MONCTON, Jan. 12.—Gordon Murphy and his wife presented themselves at the police station, claiming that they had walked here from Bangor, Me., where Mrs. Murphy had gone to attend her brother's funeral. They said they were en route to Sydney and were asking for assistance.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Ten persons were injured tonight by an explosion of three dynamite bombs which partially wrecked a six-story tenement building on East Sixty-fourth street. Six injured were removed to Flower Hospital.

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