

Around the City

WILL PROBABLY GO TO RAILWAY COMMISSION

The much debated C. P. R. agreement was again before the council last night and from the alterations made in the city's demands it now looks as though a settlement by agreement between the city and the company is less likely than a reference of the whole proposition to the railway commission.

At least one very important stipulation was laid down as to the position that the city should take, namely, that the company would be asked to pay all damages, not only those arising from the construction of the railway, but also those arising from the construction of the subway and overhead bridges.

The debate opened with the submission of a report by the transportation committee intended to show the amount of the damage resulting from the construction of the subway. The report, however, merely recited that it was estimated that it would cost \$7,155.20 to excavate the lots contiguous to the subway on the north side of Jasper to the level of the subway and \$4,488 to build a retaining wall at the back and of the lot. On the south side of the street, the figures given for the same work were \$10,888.80 and \$4,488 respectively.

The report was received and filed, and the council left the discussion of damages for a while to discuss the bridge.

In this connection a resolution was passed to the effect that the city should require a clause in the final agreement providing that the traffic deck of the bridge should be not more than 11 feet lower than Jasper avenue when the railway crosses it.

Alderman Garipey then launched into the discussion of the damage phases of the case. He said: "Suppose we accept certain agreement with the C. P. R. it is then in the nature of a bargain. The C. P. R. then, has to go before the government at Ottawa to get permission to come into the city in accordance with the agreement. If the city does not give an agreement, then the C. P. R. would be required to go to the railway commission to ask for permission to enter the city without an agreement, and the city would then have to go to the railway commission and fight for terms. The railway and the city would be in the position of plaintiff and defendant. He asked the council if this was not the circumstance.

Mr. Beck replied that the railway must go before the railway commission in order to get permission to cross any streets, no matter whether the railway had been before the council or not; if there was an agreement the railway commission would naturally take it that that agreement was satisfactory, and give the permission in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Alderman Walker said that following along the lines of Alderman Garipey's question and the council's statement, the city would be away from ignoring the offer of an agreement altogether, and going before the railway commission. It had appeared, so far as the case had been discussed, that the main expense or damage cost was presumed to be in connection with the subway. This was not, according to his idea, by any means the only or even the heaviest cost. It was well known that in every city where a railway had been built the property for two or three blocks was depreciated by the construction of the railway.

Mr. Garipey said Alderman Walker, that the property holders would sue somebody for damages in the nature of depreciation of their property. If the city entered into an agreement it might, he thought, place the city in the position of being responsible for the damages.

Furthermore, if the city entered into an agreement, and it was found out later that there were terms in that agreement that worked out to the great disadvantage of the city, the city would be in the position of having its hands tied by the agreement and could not appeal to the railway commission. If there was no agreement, the city would be free at any time to go to the railway commission and protest against any obnoxious conditions that might arise. He was of the opinion that the C. P. R. would come in, agreement or no agreement; if they would not agree they would come in under the railway act and under the jurisdiction of the railway commission.

Alderman Picard urged that it would be better to offer the C. P. R. a sum of money in consideration of which they would pay all the costs and damages of their entry into the city.

Mr. Garipey said that following along the lines of Alderman Walker and Alderman Picard, it was necessary that the council should fully and freely discuss the whole question, both as to costs, damages, the bridge, etc. in order that they as representatives should be able to decide what the city did really want.

Alderman Manson coincided with this idea, and he moved that the section of clause 3 which provides

that the city to be responsible for all damages caused by the construction of the subway, the closing of streets and portions of streets be struck out.

Alderman Walker seconded Alderman Manson's motion.

The motion was carried. Mayor Griesbach then moved that when the committee rise to report that the commissioners be requested to write the C. P. R. and ask them to send a copy of the extended agreement as they would interpret the tentative agreement.

The motion was carried. Continuing the discussion, Alderman Garipey said it might be advisable to construct the agreement in such a way that the subway might be optional on the part of the city.

Alderman Walker said that in the event of their being no agreement and no subway being built he understood that there were plenty of precedents when the railway commission and maintain watchmen. The city solicitor had told them that a company was compelled to erect gates of the cost of the subway, in the event of there being no agreement, might be charged to the city. He thought the time when this cost would be less would be when the railway was built and it would be good policy on the part of the city to get an estimate of the cost from the city engineer at once.

The city solicitor corrected Alderman Walker by stating that it was one-half the cost of the subway and one-half the amount of the property damages. He read precedents from the findings of the railway commission to show that this would probably be the finding.

Mayor Griesbach asked who was responsible at law for the damages resulting from the construction of the railway from the point where it entered into the city to its entry into its own yards.

Mr. Beck said that there were two sets of damages which should be kept separate and dissociated in the minds of the council. The damages arising from construction would undoubtedly be by law the liability of the company and he did not think that the company would even suggest that anything otherwise was the case.

There was another set of damages, however, to be considered—the damages arising from the construction of overhead and subway crossings of streets which the railway commission might decide to divide equally.

Alderman Manson moved and Mayor Griesbach seconded that the agreement be changed so as to read that all overhead bridges south of Jasper should be of sufficient strength to carry a street railway.

In the original tentative agreement, only the McKay bridge required to be strengthened.

The motion was carried.

COAL HAULERS DECLARE STRIKE

The complication in the local coal situation that has been threatening for the last three days has in a measure been realized today by a strike of the haulers who haul coal for the Millner Company. The coal haulers for the Millner Company went out this morning, and it is stated on the authority of the president of the Coal Haulers' Union that they will remain out until the company agrees to pay \$1.50 per ton for hauling from the mine to the mill, which they will support the men until their demands are met.

The Coal Haulers' Union was formed last Wednesday evening at a meeting in the Dominion Dining Hall, with G. H. Michaels, president; Chas. Pieslan, secretary. The union met again last night and drew up a schedule of demands to be presented to the Millner Company. The rates proposed for each "split" that is made in unloading. The rate from mine within the city limits was set at \$1.50 per ton, with 25 cents for each split. The new schedule goes into effect on Monday. The coal haulers claim they have the support of the miners who will refuse to load non-union teams.

As previously reported, the season of hauling from the Clover Bar mine, between the haulers and the owners arose from an attempt on the part of the mill to cut the price from \$1.50 to \$1.25 per ton. All the mines have been paying \$1.50 except the Millner company, who made an agreement early in the season for \$1.50 overland haulage, and not less than \$1.00 per ton for hauling by the river route.

The other miners attempted to reduce to a similar rate, which action caused the haulers to form the union for protection.

A committee of the union composed of G. H. Michaels, president; Chas. Pieslan, secretary; and H. Nelson, J. Barber and Mr. Oakes, were appointed last night to wait upon the coal dealers today and submit the new schedule of rates. To the Bulletin today Mr. Michaels said that the committee had seen most of the dealers and found them all agreeable to the new rates, except Mr. Millner.

three loads in two days. Now the haulers will not haul any more than one load per day. Mr. Millner stated that if the haulers would not stand by their agreement he would put other teams to work.

SECOND SESSION SOON TO OPEN

The second session of the first parliament of Alberta will be formally opened for the dispatch of public business on Thursday, January 24th at 10 o'clock by Lieutenant Governor Duff.

His Honor, attended by a military band consisting of 150 men, will arrive at 10 o'clock under Lieutenant N. F. Harbottle will leave government house at 2:30 o'clock and proceed along Victoria avenue as far as First street, up First to Jasper, west on Jasper to Fourth street, and south on Fourth to McKay avenue where the sessions of the legislature are to be held as last year. This arrangement will be carried out if the day is not too hot.

The Lieutenant Governor will proceed directly to the place of meeting. Admission to the chamber will be by ticket. Tickets are only procurable through the members of the House. Seated in the chamber will be the officers of "B" and "C" squadrons and other officers of the militia will be present at the opening ceremonies of the chamber and will give a dash of color to the scene.

After the reading of the speech from the Throne the House will immediately adjourn until Friday, when the reply to the address will be moved by E. H. Rieu, the recently elected member for Glasten, and seconded by James B. Holden, the member for Vermilion.

The session promises to be a busy and important one. A large number of petitions for private bills have already received and many more are certain to be received before February 1st, the date upon which the reception of petitions for private bills closes. The government has a large amount of constructive legislation on the slate of an exceedingly important character. A bill will be introduced by the Attorney-General to divide the work of the supreme court and relieve that body of great amount of judicial duties.

The number of district courts the principal function of which will be the disposal of small debt cases. A better accommodation is promised for the reporters than was afforded last year. The new quarters for the press will be in the left wing of the legislature building. Mr. Speaker is expected to call Mr. Speaker will appear at all the sittings of the House in full robes of his office.

On the evening of the 24th His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will hold an At Home at Government House, to which invitations have been issued.

(Saturday's Daily)

—Frydberg, head of the high school will deliver the Burns oration at the Burns anniversary Jan 24th.

—Rev. C. H. Hildner, Mr. Dougall and Rev. A. S. Tuttle of Grace Methodist church exchange pulpits tomorrow morning.

—The Printers and High School hockey teams will play the second game in the city league this evening at 8:30 o'clock in the Thistle rink.

—D. J. McManara goes to Calgary on Monday in connection with his office business. He is probably in the southern city about a month.

—Rev. Father Hest, who has been throughout the west for his missionary labors, will preach at High Mass at 10 o'clock on Saturday at the late Mass at the Missionary House, 1000 Avenue, will celebrate an earlier mass at 8 o'clock.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

—F. A. Walker, M.P.P., was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. Justice Harvey of Macleod is in the city and registered at the Alberta.

—Miss W. W. Christie of the department of education, returned Thursday at the Alberta Hotel.—Herald.

Trusting that this will meet with your approval, I am Yours for a bunny. C. F. ANDERSON, Bar Co., Alta., Jan. 24, '07.

STAND BACK!

Mayor Griesbach has issued instructions to the Chief of Police that in the event of a fire the populace are to be kept on the opposite side of the street, and in case of a high building to stand back a distance twice as far as the height of the wall. The purpose is to give a free hand to the brigade and assure the safety of the crowd.

(Monday's daily)

—Williamson Bros. have opened their west end grocery store again in the Edmonton opera house.

—The building permits for the month to date give a very favorable picture as to the construction work in the city for the whole month of January, 1907.

—Members of the Canadian Club are requested to send their subscriptions, \$2.00, to the secretary, Mr. Edwards, 1111 St. James street, to the Edmonton Canadian Club.

—"Deacon" White manager of the Edmonton baseball team has gone to Calgary to attend the meeting of the Alberta Baseball League. The schedule for the season of 1907 will be drawn up.

—Mrs. Chester of St. Hermon, Quebec died last week at her home at the age of 38 years. Mrs. Chester was the mother of Mr. Joseph Chester, of this city.

—The Edmonton Operatic Society will hold their rehearsal for the production of "Panic" in All Saints school next Thursday evening. The membership fee also includes the cost of the piano score.

—At the next regular luncheon of the Edmonton Club, Mr. McCauley will deliver a talk on "Ups and Downs in Edmonton." Mr. McCauley should be of great interest to the members of the club. He has many interesting anecdotes of the "rebellion" and of the "Registry Office Rebellion" of 1905.

—A meeting of the officers of the Alberta Poultry and Pigeon Raising Association will be held on Tuesday evening to discuss arrangements for the Poultry Exhibition in Edmonton, which will be held on Friday evening owing to the illness of the secretary, Mr. Hest.

Some time ago the Board of Trade of Edmonton appointed a committee to gather information with a view to procuring better conditions for the farmers with respect to the local markets. The committee will hold a meeting on Monday in connection with the Council Chamber when the farmers of the district are invited to attend and give their views on the subject.

—The Postoffice concluded a very successful campaign at the Burns anniversary on Saturday afternoon and evening, playing to a crowd of about 1,000 people. The program was the best of the week. It consisted of the favorite selections from a wide variety of operas and shows the members of the company at their best. It was a splendid exercise of the memory, as shown by the absence of any error in the recitation of the appropriate composition. The company left this morning for two nights in Wetaskiwin on Tuesday afternoon. The children were driven around the city. The youthful players are assured of a warm welcome when they return to Edmonton.

MONDAY'S DAILY

—Mr. Fred. Rose, Edmonton is registered at the Alberta Hotel.—Herald.

—Dr. Reek who has been on the sick list for the past ten days is able to be out again and resume practice.

—Mrs. A. H. Knight of Eighth street has received word of the sudden death of her son, John, of the City of St. John's, N. S.

LADIES!

Beginning today and for a short time there will be given in the Alberta Hotel Parlors a series of Free Lessons in Art Needlework by the Misses Lockwood (of the Corticelli Decorative Art Staff.) This is a rare opportunity of receiving expert instruction absolutely free, the only condition being that the famous "Corticelli" silks and stamped goods be used exclusively. These ladies come very highly recommended and we would urge our friends and customers to take advantage of this offer at once.

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are to visit all elevator points and ascertain how far the elevators and warehouses are carrying out the law, on the terms of the Manitoba Grain Act. When the Royal Grain Commission held their session in Edmonton last December it was observed that a great many farmers did not know that such an officer existed. Mr. C. C. Casto is the chief commissioner with headquarters at Winnipeg. His deputy, Mr. Snow, is out on the road from time to time. Mr. Snow stated that either Mr. Castle or himself would be glad to receive any grievance from farmers and use their good offices in arriving at a settlement.

Observing the law in respect to buying grain, Mr. Snow said that he found that generally speaking the provisions of the grain act were being carried out. These elevator operators did not show the proper respect to the law. He can demand a special bin to preserve the identity of his grain. The farmer may demand a sample from every load he stores in the bin and a ticket properly filled for each load. The warehouseman at the same time must send a duplicate statement to the warehouse commissioner at Winnipeg. When the farmer ships the grain the warehouse must weigh out to him the same quantity that was weighed in, and if the grain grades lower a sample from every load that is recorded in the farmers' storage receipt. The elevator must make good the deficiency. In this respect many farmers are careless. They often do not ask for receipts for each load, but wait until they have the grain and get considerable receipts.

Complaints have reached the warehouse commissioner from the Alberta farmers that the elevator men have been weighing 95 lbs. per bushel for some time. Mr. Snow confirmed the statement and discussed the matter with the elevator men. The reason given for this procedure was that as the dockage was one pound a bushel it made a convenient method of reckoning the number of bushels. Mr. Snow said the law permitted dockage of 1 per cent. The grain act fixes no specific amount of dockage.

A DIRECT SERVICE.

Mr. John Howe, editor of the Bulletin, left for Ottawa yesterday, where he will act as special Ottawa correspondent to the Bulletin during the remainder of the session. The Bulletin is the first daily paper in Alberta or Saskatchewan to send a member of its staff to Ottawa to secure the news of the Dominion Parliament at first hand. Mr. Howe's letters will give the Bulletin readers an excellent report of the work of our Canadian law makers during the present session of the Commons.

HOBNOBS WITH BLUE-BLOODS.

The Twentieth Century Club of Boston is preparing the "Blue-Bloods" which is a list of all New England families of the character of its members, drawn as they are from among those who are especially interested in social and

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BURNS ANNIVERSARY.

The Scotchmen of the city under the auspices of the newly organized Canadian Society will celebrate the 15th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns by a supper in the Prince Arthur Cafe on Friday Jan. 25th. A splendid feast has been prepared. The Principal Sea of the High School will deliver the Burns' oration.

THE IMMORTAL MEMORY.

Response Principal Sea. Song "Rantin' Robin" W. R. Pearson. Alberta Our Government. Response, Hon. A. C. Rutherford. Song, "A'fyon Waters" Mr. A. G. Reid. Violin solo, Mr. T. Irving. Scotland, the land of our birth and our fathers. Response Rev. Dr. McCuen. Song "A Man's man for a' that" Mr. G. H. McLeod. Recitation "Tam o' Shanter," Wm. Wallace Howe. Canada, the Land we Live in. Response, Hon. C. W. Cross. Song, "O' a' the Alrik the wind can blow," Vice-President Wilson. Scotchmen in Canada. Response Mr. Duncan Marshall. Bagpipe selection, W. H. Laing. Recitation "Man was made to mourn" W. Wm. Craig. Our City. Response, Mayor Griesbach. Trio "Willie brewed a peck o' Maun" Messrs. McLeod, Reid and Pearson. The Ladies. Response, Mr. A. Balmier. Song, "Duncan Gray cam' here late" Mr. A. Mitchell. The Press. Response Mr. A. Cunningham.

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