

CONSTRUCTION OF CENTRAL RAILWAY URGED BY ORILLIA

Government Is Asked to Aid in the Building of a New Line From Montreal to Lake Huron Thru Northern Old Ontario—Running Rights For Intercolonial.

Orillia urges the Canadian Government to pass the bill now before Parliament asking for the right of the Central Railway of Canada to extend its railway thru the heart of the province from Montreal to Goderich on Lake Huron. At a large public meeting held in the flourishing town to be held in the morning at 10 o'clock, the Government to contribute aid to the construction of the road, and will be sent to Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways. It was the opinion of the meeting that the proposed railway would be of great benefit to the northern section of old Ontario, and it was also considered a good move if, upon the completion of the road, the intercolonial was given running rights over it to the Great Lakes. The following resolution was unanimously passed, moved by W. S. Frost, seconded by A. B. Thompson:

A Great Benefit.

Resolved—That this meeting is of opinion that the construction of the Central Railway of Canada as a high-class low-grade railway from Montreal to Midland via Hawkesbury, Carleton Place, Fenelon Falls and Orillia, and the extension to Toronto and Port Stanley, would be of great benefit to the Province of Ontario and the Dominion of Canada.

That, in view of the benefit to be derived by the Province of Ontario from the construction of the Central Railway of Canada, the Government of the province is requested to grant such assistance towards its construction as it has given in the case of other railways.

That, considering that the construction of the Central Railway of Canada between Midland and Mon-

triel, by way of Hawkesbury, Carleton Place, Fenelon Falls and Orillia will provide the shortest possible route between Montreal and the Great Lakes, and that it will also provide railway facilities to a large and important district in the Province of Ontario, and that it will also be a desirable additional transportation advantage to other districts, the Government of Canada should give the most liberal aid towards the construction of the line.

Extend Intercolonial.

That the extension of the Intercolonial Railway system into the Province of Ontario appears to us to be in the interest of both the country and the railway, and it is only fair to the ratepayers of the Province of Ontario, who, from the commencement of the construction of said line, have been the largest contributors to its cost.

That in the opinion of this meeting the proposal that the Government of Canada should obtain for the Intercolonial trains running rights over the Central Railway of Canada from Montreal to Midland, Toronto and Port Stanley, via Stratford and London, is one that should have immediate and serious consideration, as it would provide all the facilities required without any capital expenditure on the part of the government.

That in the opinion of this meeting the town of Orillia would be greatly benefited by the extension of the Central Railway of Canada to Goderich on Lake Huron, and the Dominion Government is requested to pass the bill now before Parliament asking for the right to the company to construct this extension.

SUPERINTENDENTS ARE APPOINTED

The Methodist Mission Board Finds Increased Work Too Much For Six Heads.

EIGHT NOW IN CANADA

Rev. W. H. Cross and Rev. F. L. Brown Associated With Others Already Appointed.

Two new additional home missionary superintendents were appointed by the Methodist mission board executive. The additions make a total of eight to cover the Dominion.

The new superintendents appointed were Rev. W. H. Cross of the Saskatchewan conference and Rev. Oliver Darwin, who required assistance owing to the great increase of the work entailed by the rapid settlement of that portion of the West.

Rev. F. L. Brown of Bracebridge was appointed superintendent for the Toronto, Bay of Quinte and Montreal conferences.

The executive met at the Wesley Building, Rev. Dr. Carman and Rev. Dr. Chown, general conference presidents, acted alternately as chairman.

The executive will meet again at a date to be decided upon in April.

RESENT INTERVENTION OF U. S. IN NICARAGUA

JUAN JUAN, 61 St. Nicaragua, Jan. 21.—(Can. Press.)—The minister of foreign affairs has submitted to the Nicaraguan Congress, the text of a vigorous note which was forwarded to the Salvadoran Government in December, in reply to the latter's criticism of Nicaragua for obtaining American intervention to crush the late resolution. Salvador's attitude during that period the note says, was unwarranted.

At the time of the revolution in Nicaragua last August, the central American court of justice at Cartago, Costa Rica, intervened and sent a commission to treat with the belligerents. At the same time Salvador instructed its minister in Managua to prefer his good offices to bring about a settlement. It was reported then that President Adolfo Diaz intended to accept the offer, but a few days later the U. S. landed troops.

LIBERALS HOLD FLINT

LONDON, Jan. 21.—(C.A.P.)—The result of the Flint-Boroughs by-election caused by the death of J. W. Summers, was Parry (Liberal) 2152; Hamlet Roberts (Unionist) 1941.

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ANGLICAN LAYMEN'S SUPPER

The fifth annual supper of the Toronto Committee of the Anglican Laymen's Missionary Movement will be held tomorrow evening at 6.15 in St. James' Parish House. It is expected that not less than 250 men from all parts of the city will be in attendance at this supper. The speaker of the evening will be the Very Rev. Dean Du Moulin of Cleveland, Ohio. Dean Du Moulin is a son of the late Bishop of Niagara, who was formerly rector of St. James' Cathedral, and known throughout Canada for his wonderful oratorical powers. The Dean of Cleveland has inherited in a very marked way many of his father's striking characteristics and wonderful abilities.

This supper is one of the features of the Annual Missionary Campaign now being carried out in the city by the Anglican Laymen's Missionary Movement. Some 20 or 24 parishes will be engaged next week upon a systematic canvass for gifts to missions. It is hoped that the objective for this year of \$100,000 will be reached.

RALPH BURGESS DIED YESTERDAY

Prominent Business, Financial and Scottish Society Man Died After a Short Illness.

In the death of Ralph Kerr Burgess, at St. George Apartments last evening, one of Toronto's foremost business men, passed away, Mr. Burgess was in his 73rd year.

It was some time late in the sixties that Ralph Kerr Burgess left Perthshire, Scotland. Shortly after coming to Toronto he formed a partnership with William Ramsay. The two rapidly built up a large grocery business. So successful were they that about 1880 they were able to retire. Mr. Burgess devoted a large amount of his time to Scottish societies, in fact, any Scottish association was very interesting to him and demanded his attention.

After he had retired Mr. Burgess became a director of the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, and was connected with many other financial institutions. He was elected president of the Granite Club, but resigned a few years ago, owing to ill-health.

In politics Mr. Burgess was a staunch Liberal and was a member of the Conservative in his views. He was an Anglican in religion and attended the Presbyterian Church.

Three sons and three daughters survive: Ralph K. of MoAdams & Burgess, Philadelphia; Arthur C. of Toronto; and W. O. Burgess of Auburn Nurseries, Queensboro. The daughters are: The Misses Jessie and Lillian; Mrs. T. A. Gibb of North Toronto.

The funeral will be private on Thursday.

MEAT MAY GO ON FREE LIST OF U.S.

Strong Trend Towards Free Cattle Also Shown by Democratic Majority.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(Can. Press.)—Free meat proposed by the house Democrats at the last session, but blocked by a presidential veto, was indicated as part of the extra session of congress tariff revision program, at the hearing before the house committee on ways and means today.

Members of the committee emphasized the majority sentiment in favor of free meat and a strong trend towards free cattle, in accord with the general policy of the Democrats last year to transfer the necessities of life to the free list, including free sugar and free lumber.

Protests against putting cattle and sheep on the free list was voiced by H. S. Cowan of Fort Worth, Texas, as spokesman for the cattle industry of the Mississippi River. Mr. Cowan said that such a plan, if adopted, would mean a flood of cheaper meat from the South American ranges, and pictured a ruin of the industry in Texas. He urged the committee to maintain a fair residential in the American markets, and said that any importations of foreign cattle would come from Mexico, Canada and the Argentine.

STUDENTS FINED FOR "RUSHING"

Thirteen Men From Veterinary College Were Assessed Five Dollars Each.

For "rushing" the Star Theatre during intermission last Tuesday night thirteen students of the Ontario Veterinary College were fined \$5 each and costs in the police court yesterday. The management complained that the students had broken up the theatre during intermission and laid a charge of trespass. The names of the students who were fined are: Frank Brestell, Wm. Carey, Allan Cameron, Edward Gibson, William H. Lawrence, William H. Fraser, Geo. Moore, Robert Fox, Matthew Carson, Thos. Childs, Frank Palmer and Herbert Thos.

TRAINS DELAYED BY A WASHOUT

Toronto-Ottawa Service Tied Up Several Hours and Passengers Were Delayed.

A serious delay in the C.P.R. service between Toronto and Ottawa, and Toronto and Montreal was experienced yesterday, owing to a washout of the tracks at Pontypool, near Peterboro, as a result of this and the breaking of the drawbar of a freight train near Smith Falls, Ottawa North Station, at 11.30 p.m. and north Toronto at 11.40 p.m. did not arrive at Ottawa until nearly noon yesterday. Its regular time for arriving there is 7.50 a.m.

Montreal train No. 22, which leaves here at 10 p.m., was delayed more than three hours. The Montreal train No. 24, which leaves North Toronto station at 10 p.m., was delayed out by leaving the main line at Burketon Junction, north of Lindsay and back to the main line again at Bethany Junction.

Train No. 21 from Montreal, which should have arrived here at 7.30 a.m., did not reach here until 9.40 a.m. Montreal train No. 23 was thirty minutes late in arriving here. Ottawa train No. 35, due at North Toronto at 6.40 a.m. at the union station at 7 a.m., was two and a half hours late.

DESKS WERE RIFLED. Electrician Charged With Stealing in Eaton's Store.

For some time past desks in the different departments of the Eaton's store have been broken into and articles taken. The store suspected that one of the night watchmen was responsible for the thefts. Last night they set a watch.

It is alleged that Denis McCartney, an electrician, living at 108 Boucher street, broke open a desk in the store and later placed under arrest by Detective Archibald.

No Ulterior Purpose

Referring to an item in Tuesday's World in regard to the C.N.R.'s application to the works committee of the city council for the conveyance of the city's lots in Leaside from the land titles office to the county registry office, L. C. Baulton, solicitor for the company, stated yesterday that the company had no ulterior purpose to serve in asking for the change. In the Leaside subdivision, he said, it would facilitate transfers if all the property were in one registry office, and that this was the sole reason for the company's application to the city.

County Registrar W. J. Hill told The World this morning that he knew of a transfer from the land titles office to the county office had taken place, however, from his office to the land titles office.

CHEER UP, SPRING WILL BE EARLY

Peculiar Weather Is Due to Planets and Early Break Is Prophesied.

MARS IS COMING NEARER

Eleven Million Miles Closer to Earth Than Usual at This Season.

According to a local weather expert the vagaries of the weather this season are controlled by the planets. His explanation is that the reason roses had been blooming all winter in Great Britain, and pansies have this week been in bloom in Toronto gardens, is owing to the unusual proximity of the planet Mars to the earth. He did not mean that Mars was doing anything out of its course, but that it was this season in the prescribed course of its cycle was due to be within a stellar and sufficiently near to affect the motion of the earth.

"You see," said he, "that while the sun, which is much further away, holds the earth in its place, the planet Mars is this year near enough to make our world wobble! That is why the Atlantic storms have been so terrific. As its influence is greater north of the equator than south of it, owing to its position the general tendency has been in the direction of higher temperatures."

Getting Close.

He also stated that Mars had for some time been approaching the earth at a marvelous speed, so that it was now eleven million miles nearer than in December, and would on account of the course it is taking, be another twelve million miles nearer the earth before the end of February.

The effect, he said, would harmonize with the early advent of Easter this year, as it would synchronize with the arrival of an early spring.

His other deduction was that the proximity of Mars would keep the price of coal and overcasts down, the price of corn in fresh eggs, stimulate an early opening of the spring real estate activities, affect a long summer and in practically all such respects atone for the atmospheric shortcomings of last year.

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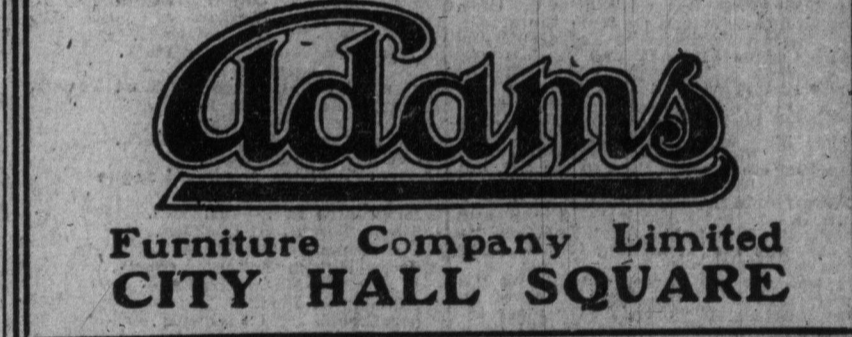
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