

COMMITTEE ADOPTS RADIAL PREAMBLE

Clarke's Motion Regarding Reasons Carried.

The Insurance Bill Up in Committee.

Big Delegation of Insurance Men Present.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 12.—(Special).—At the Railway Committee meeting to-day on the Radial Railway bill, Mr. Armand Lavergne opened the discussion with the contention that his "provincial rights" motion of yesterday was quite in order. The chairman, however, maintained his ruling against the motion.

Mr. Lennox pressed his motion to cut off what the opponents of the measure as drafted regarded as objectionable features of the preamble.

Mr. Clarke, who had charge of the bill, moved an amendment to the amendment.

This, Mr. Lennox contended, retained in another form the very matter which the committee should not be asked to settle, namely, questions of doubt which only a court could construe.

Mr. Lancaster expressed the opinion that Mr. Clarke's amendment removed more objections than the other, and he would vote for it.

Mr. Macdonnell thought the committee ought to realize that if they passed the preamble they would be construing the British North America Act, which, he argued, should only be done by the courts, establishing a precedent that would have to be extended to every company making similar application.

Mr. Clarke's amendment was carried, 36 voting for and 14 against.

Mr. Bristol moved another amendment to the preamble, which was declared out of order, and the preamble was adopted on the vote given in the foregoing.

When it came to the consideration of the bill in detail, Mr. Guthrie said Hon. Mr. Graham had suggested that part of clause 1 be cut out, namely, that conferring and continuing privileges and immunities which the company had been entitled to under the act of incorporation and amendments, and not inconsistent with the bill before the committee and the Railway Act. This was done in respect to the same clause.

Mr. Bristol moved an amendment which would have the effect of declaring the railway not to be for the general advantage of Canada.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson held as he had done, he said, for several years, that whenever a road connected with a road under Dominion jurisdiction, and there was exchange of transportation, it came under the control of the Dominion. The effect of the amendment would nullify the whole bill. The amendment was lost, as was also an amendment moved by Mr. Lennox that the words, "for the removal of all doubts" be struck out of the clause.

Mr. Macdonnell wanted the clause amended so as to provide that when the proposed railway reaches the Niagara and Detroit Rivers it should be declared for the general benefit of Canada.

The committee then adjourned.

THE INSURANCE BILL

Before the Committee on Banking and Commerce to-day.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 12.—(Special).—The Insurance bill came up at the Committee on Banking and Commerce to-day. The room was crowded with insurance men, representing all branches of the business. There were representatives of the loan companies, the Land Mortgage Association, the Fire Underwriters' Association, the Ontario Local Fire Insurance, the policy holders, the Provincial life companies, the Life Underwriters' Association, and the British Life doing business in Canada.

Mr. Campbell, of Arnprior, representing the Ontario Local Fire Insurance Association, was the first speaker. His first position was that rebating should be prevented. The second position was that a penalty should be provided against the agent, the insurer and the company. He wanted in the interest of the companies and the public that rebating should be entirely cut out, and the commissions to agents fixed at 15 cents. At present the commission was not definitely fixed, although the general commission was 15 per cent. He wanted foreign insurance cut out, but there were some instances in which certain parties

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FATAL METAL EXPLOSION; ONE MAN KILLED—MANY HURT.

Furnace Burst and Molten Metal Splashed Over the Workmen.

Pittsburg, Feb. 12.—A dozen men were burned in a terrific explosion of molten steel at the Monongahela blast furnace of the National Tube Co., Centre street, McKeesport, near here, early to-day. The huge steel-plate furnace, 100 feet in height, burst at the taphole, and 50 tons of liquid metal dropped to the floor, accompanied by explosions as it spread and splashed over the heads and bodies of the workmen nearby. Thomas O'Toole, aged 35, of South Ovens avenue, McKeesport, is dead, and Alex. Smith, a pipe fitter, aged 42, of Centre street, McKees-

port, burned all over the body and head, will likely die.

Two other Americans and one Hungarian were burned on the hands, arms and face, and sent to McKeesport hospital.

Seven other laborers employed about the furnace were attended by the company's physician at the emergency hospital in the works.

A slip in the furnace caused hundreds of tons of iron ore, coke and limestone to drop to the bottom, forcing the heavy metal plates apart. The men ran, but the steel splashed into the air when it struck the cold floor, and the detonations broke all the windows in the plant and for a radius of two squares, causing intense excitement in the town.

LIVING CHESS.

Daughters of Empire Will Give Unique Entertainments.

St. Hilda and Paardeburg Chapters, Daughters of the Empire, have arranged to give a unique entertainment in the Drill Hall on the evenings of Friday and Saturday of next week, February 21 and 22. It will take the form of living chess, in which a number of the leading people of the city will take part. Two games will be played each night, and between the games there will be music. The band of the Thirtieth Regiment will play the first night and the Ninety-First the second night. The proceeds are to go to the Sanitarium. The ladies expect to see large crowds present.

THE UNDERTAKERS

Want Embalmers to Pass an Examination For Diploma.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—(Special).—On Wednesday, Feb. 26, Hon. Mr. Whitney will receive a delegation composed of fifty undertakers from various cities and towns in the Province, which will ask that the Government pass legislation making radical changes in the undertaking field. This morning a deputation consisting of E. J. Humphrey, Toronto, President of the Canadian Embalming Association; T. Carscallen, Naperville; M. B. Morrison, Trenton; George Benson and J. C. VanCamp, Toronto, waited on the Premier, and made arrangements for the reception of the larger deputation, which will be heard in two weeks. The undertakers are asking that the Government pass a law which will compel undertakers, after the passage of the law, to serve an apprenticeship and pass examinations in embalming and disinfecting before becoming qualified as undertakers. They suggest that three examiners be appointed, one by the Embalmers' Council, one by the Government, and one by the Board of Health, and that diplomas be issued to successful embalmers who pass the examination. At present there is no examination, and no qualifications are necessary, and the result, it is claimed, is that many bodies are shipped without being properly embalmed, and contagion is spread.

The dismissal of the motion made on behalf of Mr. Siebert yesterday means that the appeal against Mr. Justice Teetzel's decision will be taken in the ordinary course, to the Divisional Court. This appeal will be made next week.

PROMPT POSTY.

DELIVERY OF FAREWELL LETTER SAVES WOMAN'S LIFE.

Grace Ewing, Tired of Life, Encloses Last Dollar to Friend; and Then Sits Down, With Gas Tube in Mouth, to Await Death's Coming.

New York, Feb. 12.—Grace Ewing is only 24 years old, but she is tired of it all. The only reason that she did not die to-day is that the mails were delivered promptly in the neighborhood in which she has lived.

She made all arrangements, tied her effects up in separate parcels, marked upon the parcels the names of persons to whom she wanted them to go, and E. Goring, made a capable chairman, and presided with becoming dignity. Those who contributed to the programme were W. Bros. Fred T. Smyre, E. F. Lazier, J. Smith, Y. W. Bro. Thos. Pedler, W. Bro. George H. Bull, and Bro. A. R. Summers, Fred Moore and A. Wagstaffe.

At the request of W. M. Gorz, who proposed the toast, "Absent Members," Bro. J. M. Eastwood replied on their behalf, and also upon their account made a suggestion that a special night be set apart in the near future for a return visit of the prodigals who had neglected to attend the summons of meetings, owing to circumstances controllable or otherwise. Incidentally Bro. Eastwood gave a resume of the origin and meaning of the time-honored custom of toasts, and at the conclusion of his address offered the gift of a loving cup for the acceptance of Temple Lodge, so that the toast to absentees might be well and truly honored at the forthcoming re-union.

BRYAN'S LAST WORDS

His Good-Bye to Toronto—Busy Day in Buffalo.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 12.—Mr. Wm. Jennings Bryan left Toronto at 9 o'clock this morning for Buffalo. He was up and dined at the National Club, where he had been a guest during his stay in Toronto. Mr. J. P. W. Mackie and Mr. J. A. Macdonald, of the Globe, accompanied Mr. Bryan to the train.

"Any farewell message to Toronto, Mr. Bryan?" asked a reporter.

"None beyond that I have enjoyed every minute of my stay here. It has been a delightful visit. You have a very beautiful city."

"No tips on the political situation?"

"None," laughed Mr. Bryan. "I am going back to the night, but I have nothing to say about it. Good-by, and be swinging himself on to the platform of his Pullman."

In Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 12.—William Jennings Bryan arrived here to-day from his Canadian tour. He was met at Niagara Falls, where he delivered an address this morning under the auspices of the Democratic committee, by the local committee of arrangements, headed by National Committeeman Norman E. Mack. Beginning this afternoon, Mr. Bryan will deliver five addresses on as many different subjects.

HURT HIS HEAD.

Henry Searles, 49 Clark avenue, was taken to the City Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering with a crack on the skull which rendered him unconscious, in a fall down the elevator shaft at the Gurney Scale Works. He was on the second floor when he fell and was quickly rushed to the hospital, where he soon regained consciousness. He is reported to be only slightly hurt, and will be around again in a short time.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

MUST TAKE USUAL COURSE.

Siebert's Motion in Local Option Case Dismissed.

And Appeal Will Go to the Divisional Court.

Mr. Justice Garrow handed out his decision yesterday upon the application of F. Morrison, representing Charles J. Siebert, the Stoney Creek hotelkeeper, for leave to appeal direct to the Court of Appeal from an order made by Teetzel, J., prohibiting the Judge of the County Court of Wentworth from certifying to the Council of the Township of Saltfleet the result of the scrutiny by him of the ballots cast on the occasion of the submission of a local option by-law in that township. By sec. 76 (a) of the Judicature Act, as amended by 4 Edw. VII, ch. 11, in any case in which an appeal would lie to the Supreme Court of Canada from the Court of Appeal, or a Judge thereof, appeal to the Court of Appeal, etc. The question must, therefore, be, is this a case in which an appeal from the judgment of the Court of Appeal would lie as of right to the Supreme Court. Held, that before 60 and 61 Vict., c. 33 (D), now R. S. C. 1906, ch. 139, sec. 48, such an appeal would apparently have lain; but, by that statute, passed for the express purpose of limiting appeals, the right was taken away, if it cannot be contended that prohibition falls within any of the definitions in the clauses (a), (b), (c) or (d); and (e) has no application to an appeal as of right. Application dismissed with costs. F. Morrison (Hamilton) for applicant. H. E. Irwin, K. C., for respondents.

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The Mayor wants the School Board to be economical. Does he want it to get rid of the fads?

If there are to be no increases of salaries at the City Hall this spring Mr. McMenemy will need to see that there will be no real distress in consequence.

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Now is the time to renew your subscription to the Times for your friend in the States. The postage has been reduced.

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GRIMSBY CHURCH.

Annual Meeting of the Presbyterians on Monday.

The annual meeting of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Grimsby, was held on Monday evening, Feb. 10, in the church, when reports were presented, showing the most successful year in its history. Rev. John Muir, M. A., was in the chair, and Mr. David Allen, was secretary. Reports were presented from the session by Mr. James Smith, elder, giving the membership as 180, also by the Board, Wm. Montgomery, chairman, David Allan, secretary-treasurer; Women's Aid Society, Mrs. Geo. Vanduzer, president, Mrs. R. S. Lockwood, secretary; Miss Lulu Simpson, treasurer; Mission Band, Miss Forbes, president, Louisa Flett, secretary; Gladys Gibson, treasurer; Women's Foreign Mission Society, Mrs. Wm. Montgomery, president, Miss L. B. Bertram, secretary, Miss Forbes, treasurer; Sunday School, Geo. Vanduzer, superintendent, Thos. J. Stephen, secretary-treasurer; the Maggie Muir Home Mission Band, Mrs. J. B. Walker, president; Mrs. R. S. Lockwood, secretary-treasurer. All these bodies were shown to be in successful operation. The total amount raised by the congregation for the year was about \$22,000. The reports being so encouraging it is contemplated making the yearly stipend \$1,000. This is a fine sum, speaks well for the congregation. Wm. Montgomery, David Allan and W. W. Beamer, were re-elected on the Board, and Mr. C. H. Rebeck to fill the unexpired term of the late W. P. Palmer.

Unanimous and hearty votes of commendation and thanks were passed to the pastor, the board and the lady workers, the ladies' choir, organist, Rev. Mr. Hamilton (for his instruction to the choir), and David Allan, secretary-treasurer.

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OFF TO NEW YORK.

R. McKay & Co.'s silk buyer, Mr. Foster, and Miss De Lanty, buyer for the ready-to-wear suits, etc., left last night for New York to meet Mr. Russell and Miss Spencer, the firm's European buyers, who are expected to arrive on the Baltic this week.

It is needless to say that the patrons of this progressive and up-to-date store will be well looked after for spring, 1908.

Grippe is Prevalent.

But Parke's Laxative Quinine Cold Cure Tablets have been found to be very beneficial for the cure of grippe. At the first sign take two tablets every two hours until the symptoms are broken. Laxative Quinine Cold Tablets will break up a cold in short order. 20c a box. Parke & Parke, druggists.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

If you want to see a specimen of how not to do it, look at the Tory constructors of the Hamilton Radial Railway bill at Ottawa.

If you know of anybody really suffering for want, phone Mr. McMenemy. He will attend to him.

Now, Mr. Mayor, it's worth while investigating Ottawa's plan of removing the snow. The newspapers down there say that it is O. K.

I can hardly believe that the plumbing done in this city is so bad. If it is, there must be an awful lot of poor or crooked plumbers in town.

This talk of taxing the incomes of civil servants has cast a gloom over the Custom House and Post-office.

Will Callaghan or Birrell be the real boss?

I am beginning to think that there must be something in this laymen's movement in the various churches. I will keep my eye on it.

I see the Camera Club is in the limelight again. Still there seems to be something shady about it, with a tendency to do it in the dark.

There should be a firemen's benefit fund. They are a class of men who never know the moment when they would need it.

Dominion and Provincial elections will both soon be here. My Liberal friends should lose no time in getting on a war footing.

Too many cooks spoil the broth. But there is only one Cook on the mountain top, and that is Adam, who proposes to cook Col. Ptolemy's goose. There is to be a grand rally of the Grit mountaineers to-morrow evening.

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ANOTHER SESSION ON POWER QUESTION.

Likely to Appoint An Engineer at Once.

No Need of Public Appeal for Charity.

Fire Department Shows Well at Inspection.

ORILLIA'S SEWAGE.

Town Wants to Dump It Into Lake Simcoe.

FOR AUTO MEN.

Monster Petition Wants Machines Off Country Roads.

STOLE MAN'S WIFE

And Some Other Articles and Got Two Years in Jail.

KICKED BY HORSE.

Captain Gilbert of Central Fire Station Injured.

HONEY IS SCARCE.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY SCHEME BEING REVIVED IN DUNDAS.

Col. Grafton Makes a Magnanimous Offer---To Build Isolation Cottages!

The special committee appointed by the City Council will have another Tuesday with the power question on Friday afternoon. A meeting has been called to consider the advisability of appointing an independent electrical expert to prepare specifications and also to deal with the letter from President Fryer, of the Western Ontario Power Union, inquiring as to the amount of power Hamilton will require. It is likely that the committee will recommend that the engineer be appointed at once. Mayor Stewart, who strongly opposed this course at first, has announced that the aldermen can do as they see fit now. Although some favor the appointment of Engineer Sothman, of the Hydro-Electric Commission, a number of the aldermen are opposed to this. They say it would be about the same thing as getting the engineer of the Cataract Company to act. Chairman Sweney explains that it is not the intention to ask the Government at once for power and he says the city will not be bound in any way by filling in the blank forwarded by the president of the power union.

Mayor Stewart to-day handed out for publication the following statement in connection with the letters that have been appearing in the newspapers about the destitution of the city: "While not questioning the motives of those who have been writing the letters, I think they have been let through the quickness of their sympathy to exaggerate conditions here, and I think they will agree with me that this sort of thing is not a good advertisement for the city. There is no need yet, I am thankful to say, to make an appeal to the public. The civic relief department has been able to cope with all cases that have been reported. If citizens, instead of writing letters to the papers, would report every case of destitution to the Relief Department, it would be better for the city and the unfortunate. "Conditions in Hamilton, I am thankful to say, are not to be compared with the state of poverty and suffering that exists in Toronto, Montreal and other cities. There is no necessity yet of resorting to such strenuous methods of relief as suggested in some of the letters. The Relief Department is quite able to look after all the cases in Hamilton. Every case of destitution should be promptly reported to that department. When the demands upon the city become too great to be attended to, I will let the public know. Any aid citizens may wish to give in the way of clothing or food will be promptly distributed where it will do the most good by the Relief Department."

The Fire and Water Committee made its annual report to the Fire Department yesterday afternoon and the members were quite pleased with what they saw. The alarm, which was turned in from the City Hall, was a genuine surprise, not even the chief having been tipped off about the inspection. He reached the municipal stone pile 45 seconds after the alarm was sounded. The King William Company made it in 50 seconds, the Central in one minute, and the others as follows: Hook and ladder No. 1, 1:40; hook and ladder No. 2, 3:17; Bay street, 2:35; John 3:20; Victoria avenue 3:22 and Park company, 4:30. Central Victoria avenue and King William did the collar hitch in 3 seconds; Bay and John in 4 1/2 each; hook and ladder No. 2 in 4; hook and ladder No. 1, 4 1/2, and Park street in 1 1/2. John street was slower than usual because the horses had run about twice the usual distance. The hitches last year were made with wagons and although the harness hangs much lower on the sleighs the time made in some of the tests was as fast this year as last. The aldermen agreed that a small repair shop was badly needed at the Central quarters, and that a lot of money could be saved in this way.

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