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THE RAILWAY PASS SCANDAL

DISCUSSED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Railways Should Carry Members Free. Mr. Oulmont would pay members their actual expenses home, three trips each session. He pointed out that many members held passes in consequence of positions occupied by them outside the House, and that it would be unfair to prevent them traveling to Parliament on these passes. He endorsed Mr. Maclean's suggestion that all members should travel free and so remove invidious distinctions between members receiving passes and others not.

Mr. Welton shared the views expressed by Mr. Oulmont. Parliament was free from reproach in the matter of being greedy and grasping. It was urged that the present indemnity was fixed at the existing figure. No legislation in any British colony during the length of time had kept the same figure. It showed a degree of public spirit, self-sacrifice and patriotism which Canada would do well to remember.

Mr. Oulmont also pointed out that there was a similar law. Free travel over the railroads had a tendency to break down provincial feeling by enabling them to see each other. Mr. Oulmont suggested that the Government was not to follow out Mr. Maclean's suggestion and divide the amount of the mileage as capitalised among the railways in the country.

Mr. Cocksburn's Views. Mr. Cocksburn said it seemed to him that the bill was lost already in the multitude of objections that had been raised against it. He believed that if legislation of this kind were enforced it would tend to lower the character of the House. (Hear, hear.) He thought Mr. Oulmont was really riding for a fall. Were it not for his strict and honest adherence to his well-known integrity, his strict adherence to facts—(laughter)—he might have been led to the conclusion that Mr. Oulmont wished to pose in his constituency as an over-privileged man, his constituents would be so.

Mr. Laurier expressed the hope that the bill would not be proceeded with until all the papers were down. The Senate Vacancies. Mr. Foster had written to Mr. Flint, saying that at present there were ten vacancies in the Senate. He did not intend to whom Senatorship had been promised. (Laughter.) The vacancies would be filled as soon as they could be filled. (Laughter.)

Mr. Haggart, replying to Mr. McDonald of Huron, said that the total cost of the project was \$608,232. There was at present six feet of water in the lake. The cost of maintenance in 1894 was \$8821 and receipts from the canal \$1298. Mr. Haggart said that the position of Postoffice Inspector for Montreal district had been vacant since the death of Mr. Howland. The position had been vacant since the death of Mr. Howland. The position had been vacant since the death of Mr. Howland.

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Mr. Maclean (East York) favored going into committee on the bill, to see what could be done in the way of improving the bill. He would not travel to and from his parliamentary duties free or at a less rate than paid by the general public.

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HUDSON BAY RAILWAY BONDS

THE PREMIER MAKES AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN THE SENATE.

The Arrangement is a Loan of \$10,000 Per Mile, the Company Surrendering the 30-Year \$80,000 Subsidy and the 6,000 Acres Per Mile—Parliament Must Ratify the Agreement. Ottawa, May 2.—The question of Government aid to the Hudson Bay Railway was discussed in the Senate, the Premier made an important statement as to the agreement entered into between the railway company and the Government a few months ago.

Senator Miller moved for a return of all orders in council, letters or other papers, relating to any subsidy, loan or guarantee, in connection with the Hudson Bay Railway within the last two years. Speaking in his motion, he urged the importance of the subject being placed before Parliament at the earliest possible moment.

Senator Longueville, in the absence of Senator Scott, said that he should like to ask whether this is to be made the subject of a question of order. He said that there had been occasions when a resolution passed by the Privy Council had been approved by Parliament and afterwards annulled by the Privy Council.

Senator Longueville said that the change in the contract or agreement with the Hudson Bay Railway was not the extension of the road as far as Saskatchewan. There had been a suggestion that the Government, as the Government was not in a position to enter into any agreement with the Hudson Bay Railway until the approval of Parliament had been obtained.

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SOILING THE WRONG MAN.

THE CROWN CASE TO BE COMPLETED THIS AFTERNOON—THE CONFESSION ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE, BUT A RESERVE CASE GRANTED—THE CASE WILL BE GIVEN TO THE JURY SATURDAY.

The confession of Clara Ford that she shot Frank Westwood was admitted in evidence by Chancellor Boyd yesterday, but a reserve case was allowed. There was a long argument before the evidence of Sergeant Reburn was accepted. Mr. Johnston quoted numerous authorities in support of his contention that the evidence was not admissible.

His Lordship stated, however, that owing to the conflicting rulings of the various judges as to the admissibility of statements made by a prisoner under duress in reply to questions, it would be better for the confession to be heard; the crown taking the responsibility as to its admissibility.

Mr. Johnston argued that the confession of Clara Ford was not true and voluntarily made, that Sergeant Reburn admitted having said to her that she had better not tell any lies. The nature of a threat and depraved character of the man whom she had been taken to the police office, kept there without advice from 4 o'clock until the afternoon till 8 o'clock might have had an effect on her mind.

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BRITISH BUDGET SPEECH.

MR WILLIAM HARCOURT ANNOUNCES A BUDGET.

The Tax on Beer To Be Continued To Cover a Prospective Deficit—Prosperity of the Country Shown by Savings Banks Deposits—Canadian Cattle Embargo Not Stand. London, May 2.—In the House of Commons to-day William P. Boyle, Liberal, asked the Chancellor if Niagara had been included in the Government's list of countries to which the tariff on cattle was to be extended.

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CHANCELLOR RAND RESIGNS

McMaster University Staff Disorganized—Three Chairs Now Vacant, With Rumors of More to Follow.

To the general public, and more especially to those who attended the commencement exercises of McMaster University a year ago and listened to the glowing eulogies passed by all the speakers upon the work of Chancellor Rand, the announcement of his resignation as Chancellor of McMaster University will come as a surprise.

Dr. Rand's resignation was placed in the hands of the Board of Management at their meeting yesterday. The Board will meet again in two days, when it is expected that the resignation will be formally accepted, and that Prof. Thomas Trotter, who was charged with a serious offense before the grand jury, will be appointed to the vacant chair of Homiletics.

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