

G. T. R. COUNSEL CONCLUDES CASE

Sir John Simon Speaks Before Privy Council On Shareholders' Appeal.

Canadian Government Explains Position of Dominion Regarding Road.

LONDON, July 11.—(By Canadian Press Cable.)—Sir John Simon, chief counsel for the Grand Trunk Railway, concluded his address early today when the hearing of the appeal of the shareholders of the railway against the award of the arbitration board was resumed before the privy council.

He was followed by one of the junior counsel, who elaborated some of the points made yesterday by his leader.

A. C. Clauson, K.C., in opening the case for the Dominion government, said the latter's standpoint was that the financial interest of the shareholders in the concern was now very trifling, but the government offered readily to provide 4 per cent on \$12,500,000, which, it claimed, was more than ample to repay the shareholders' equity of redemption. Counsel reminded their lordships that a dividend had never been declared on the common stock of the company.

"I don't think anyone was ever bold enough to prophesy that one ever could have been declared," added government counsel. "We have said all along that \$12,500,000 covers the whole thing, but if the tribunal gives you more we will pay it."

Mr. Clauson was proceeding rather rapidly to describe the details of the financial proposals when he was requested by their lordships to go more leisurely. He remarked that his learned opponents seemed to have dealt with them summarily. When the proposals had been explained more minutely Lord Carson said that the proposals seemed to put those stocks for which the government accepted responsibility in the position of debentures.

Coming to the arbitration proceedings, counsel for the government said that its position regarding the admissibility of evidence was that it was quite content to have evidence tendered concerning the selling value of any portion of the line, provided it was also shown that it was most advantageous to shareholders thus to sell. The government contended that such evidence was not tendered, and therefore, was not rejected.

Referring to evidence which was offered, objected to and rejected, Mr. Clauson said this was concerning what it might cost today to build the Grand Trunk and its various properties as if they never existed. He urged that such evidence was for all practical purposes, no index whatever of the selling value of the railway. Drawing a parallel, Mr. Clauson remarked that nobody would ever dream of ascertaining the present selling value of the great palace of the Duke of Buckingham on the basis of what it would cost to build it today.

Lord Birkenhead, the lord chancellor, remarked that such evidence might be relevant, but not decisive. In connection with Mr. Clauson's illustration Lord Carson suggested that in the valuation of a big house property values might hold there was a certain value in the bare bricks and mortar.

Mr. Clauson reiterated that the government had never objected to evidence concerning the selling value where it related to something which could be sold distinctly and separately. Replying to Lord Shaw, who asked what counsel would say regarding ships, Mr. Clauson replied that there was a market in these, but there was no demand for such a thing as the Grand Trunk Railway.

Never Offered Evidence. Lord Carson: "Supposing they had submitted evidence regarding the value of the Chateau Laurier, what would have been the effect?" Mr. Clauson: "I don't know because they never offered such evidence."

Counsel for the government declared that the arbitrators were quite conversant with the main propositions before them, and therefore might very well decline against time being spent in discussing matters which could have no effect. He contended that every material reference in the judgment of Sir Walter Casels on matters concerning which he referred to the Drayton-Acworth report, was supported by evidence which was properly before the arbitrators, and if he included matter from this report which was not before the tribunal he was merely including it as a part of the history of the arbitration. It was a historical fact, he claimed, that the Grand Trunk was in such a position that it was absolutely necessary that it should come to some arrangement.

Referring to the judgment handed down by Sir Thomas White, Mr. Clauson declared that not a word could be said about it, including anything outside of the actual arbitration.

Adjournment was taken until Thursday, when Mr. Tilley will support the government's case.

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STRIKE OF BERLIN PRINTERS AT END. BERLIN, July 11.—The strike of the Berlin printers, which has kept the German capital without most of its daily newspapers for several days, came to an end today. Work will be resumed tomorrow under a new wage agreement, under which the printers will receive increases in salary ranging from 150 to 300 marks weekly.

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Maria waited before Tejeda Llorca's home and as he stepped from the doorway fired four times at a few feet distance. All the bullets took effect and death was instantaneous.

The girl, who, since her father's death, has been almost deranged with grief, calmly surrendered to the police.

She expressed no regrets, saying she swore vengeance over her father's body and, now that his death had been expiated, she was prepared to pay the penalty.

A sensation was caused in Mexico by the killing of Editor Moreno by Deputy Tejeda Llorca, which took place at the entrance to the interior department building.

The motive for the killing was believed to have been the editor's attacks in the columns of his newspaper on what he called political evils.

Deputy Llorca was an uncle of Adalberto Tejeda, governor of Vera Cruz, and it was said that his resentment was directed more against Moreno's criticism of the state government at Vera Cruz than against any personal attacks.

FOUR INJURED AS TWO AUTOS CRASH

W. M. Grant Severely Cut Around Shoulder in Collision Near Blenheim.

SPECIAL TO LONDON ADVERTISER. BLENHEIM, July 11.—Walter Smith, district agricultural representative, with Mr. W. M. Grant of the Ridge road, Harwich, and two other young men, were pinned, last night about 7 o'clock, beneath a Ford car on the Ridge road west, in Harwich, at the junction of the three-quarter W. C. R. concession road.

They were on their way to a potato meeting. Just as they arrived at the three-quarter road Percy Stansfield drove onto the Ridge road in his auto. Walter Smith, who was driving the Ford, tried to avert a collision by swerving to the left side of the road, it is said, but the cars collided.

The Gray Ford banged into the Ford, completely upsetting it, and pinning the occupants underneath. Nearby residents came to the rescue and extricated the injured men.

Mr. Grant was cut on one hand and about the shoulder, one other man was cut severely. All were badly shaken up and bruised. The Ford was badly wrecked, the Gray Ford was battered considerably, but was able to come to town under its own power. Mr. Stansfield, when seen, stated that he blew his horn as he came up the hill, and was traveling at a slow rate of speed. He claims he had the right of way.

WOODSTOCK MAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Cecil Young Dies Despite Brave Deed of Young Woman.

SPECIAL TO LONDON ADVERTISER. WOODSTOCK, July 11.—Cecil Young of this city, both deaf and dumb, was almost instantly killed at 5 o'clock tonight when he walked into the path of an eastbound freight train while crossing the G. T. R. tracks five miles east of this city.

Young was thrown by the engine of the train into the second track, directly in the path of the Detroit express, only a few hundred yards away.

Miss Blanche Perry, a graduate of the Woodstock Hospital, spending her holidays at her home only a few yards from the track, witnessed the accident, rushed out, and with all her strength, pulled the unconscious man off the track just as the train pushed by.

Young was taken to the local hospital suffering from concussion of the brain and severed right leg. All efforts to save his life were of no avail, and he died two hours after entering the hospital.

TERRIFIC STORM RAGES ALONG THE ST. LAWRENCE

OTTAWA, July 11.—(By Canadian Press.)—One of the most severe electrical storms in years, accompanied by high winds and torrential rains, swept the Upper St. Lawrence River district tonight. While property damage caused by the lightning to barns and homes may be fairly heavy, so far only one life is reported lost.

Late advices from Prescott are to the effect that an unnamed resident of Ogdensburg, N.Y., is missing from his camp on the river shore. Barns near Kempsville were fire-swept, and several tons of new hay destroyed, trees were uprooted in towns from Pembroke to Carleton Place, and in Cornwall one residence was burned.

At Brockville many persons spending the evening on the river in canoes and motorboats were compelled to seek hurried shelter. Earlier fears for their safety were later dispelled.

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VANISHES FROM ONTARIO HOME

Superintendent of Government Bureau At Niagara Falls Missing.

Wife and Family Unable To Explain Departure of Breadwinner.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., July 11.—"Good-bye, all you people," were the farewell words spoken to his wife and family by William H. Race, war veteran and superintendent of the government employment bureau here, when he left his home at 8 o'clock on Monday morning, July 3, and has not been heard of since.

Although the provincial police have scoured the country and assistance has been given in the search by leading citizens, not a clue can be found of the government employee who so mysteriously disappeared.

Not a reason can be thought of for his sudden dropping out of sight. His home, which was purchased eight months ago at 195 Maple street, in one of the new sections of the city, was surrounded with comforts and kept beautifully neat and clean. His family consists of his wife and two daughters, Kathleen, 17 years old, and Dolly, 12 years of age.

In a predicament. "I can't make it out at all," stated his wife, bravely bearing up under the strain. "I put all the money I had into this home, and we were just getting on nicely, paying it off monthly with Bill's salary, and here I am left in this predicament, not knowing which way to turn. He never seemed dissatisfied nor ever hinted at wanting to make a change, and if he has not met with any play it is certainly a mystery to me. Little Dolly there, he thought the world of, and he was good to us all."

At the office he told his stenographer he had to go to Welland to one of the factories there on employment business, and he had to make out an expense item of return tickets to Welland. He left the office at 10:15 a.m. and that was the last seen or heard of him. He took the lunch with him. He only had the clothes he wore, which was his every-day suit.

"We never had any quarrels, and as there is no money involved in it, I cannot understand it," stated his wife. One feature which dispels any foul play theory, and looks as though his departure was premeditated, is the fact that he took all his military medals with him, which he was never known to do before. His wife discovered this fact after he had gone, when she was looking through his papers. He has \$100 in his possession, which was all the money he had, which represented his pay and pension.

RECENT VIOLENT WINDS DAMAGE EARLY APPLES. Over 50 Per Cent of Crop Said to be on Ground in Stratford District.

SPECIAL TO LONDON ADVERTISER. STRATFORD, July 11.—As a result of recent high winds, together with heavy rains, practically fifty per cent of the earlier apples in this district are now lying on the ground. Several farmers from different districts around the city stated that the loss had been exceedingly heavy, estimates running largely at not less than fifty per cent.

"If it had not been for the fact that the trees were abnormally heavily laden and that the later apple crop promises to be exceedingly fine, the damage wrought would have proven a serious monetary loss to the farmer," said the proprietor of a large fruit orchard Monday.

However, as it is the loss will be recompensed by the promise of a bumper crop later on.

READJUST SALARIES OF MERCHANT BANK STAFF. Officials to Bring Pay to Bank of Montreal Footing.

MONTREAL, July 11.—The last trace of the defunct Merchants Bank of Canada disappeared yesterday when the readjustment of salaries went into effect.

Rumors were current in the city this morning that some big cuts had been made in the salary list amounting in some cases as high as \$5,000 a year, but inquiries at the Bank of Montreal failed to get any confirmation of this.

"There has merely been effected an adjustment of salaries so as to bring the former Merchants Bank staff on the same footing as the existing staff of the Bank of Montreal," declared one of the chief officials of the latter bank this morning.

"Of course, there will be considerable reduction in the total salary list, because the former head office of the Merchants Bank has all been absorbed into the head office of the Bank of Montreal, and there is one general manager instead of two, while the various head office men of the old Merchants Bank have been absorbed into the same departments at the Bank of Montreal head office except those who have retired."

A GREAT LAKES CRUISE. Travelers to Sault Ste. Marie, Port Arthur, Fort William, Duluth, Winnipeg and points west will find the Great Lakes tour a delightful break in a comparatively long journey. The freedom, the clean, cool comfort, the fun on shipboard, the concerts, promenades and dances, the excellent meals appeal to all who travel on the palatial steamers "Noronic," "Huron" and "Huronic," that sail from Sarnia, Ont., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. You will enjoy the sail up beautiful St. Mary's River, the thrill of passing through the "Soo" Locks, and the visit to Canada's Twin Cities, Port Arthur and Fort William. For illustrated descriptive matter and all information apply to any Canadian National Grand Trunk ticket agent, or to C. E. Horning, D.P.A., Toronto, Ont.

BRITISH RAILWAYS MUST CUT COSTS

LONDON, Eng., July 11.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—Half-yearly traffic returns for British railways show that the companies must reduce expenditure over 40 per cent if the same dividends as were declared last year are to be maintained.

There is reason to hope that a great portion of the deficit will disappear in consequence of considerable reductions in wages which have already been made. Coal prices have also been lowered and there are prospects of a further reduction.

SIR GEORGE PROTHO DIES. LONDON, July 11.—Sir George Prothro, editor of the Quarterly Review, and well-known writer of historical subjects, died here today.

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