

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16,

I. C. R. MEN BACK UP PENSION SCHEME.

One Hundred and Forty Employees at Meeting in St. John.

DETAILS OF PROJECT.

The Plan Explained by L. R. Ross and Discussed by Those Present—Formal Resolution Endorsing It is Passed—Ald of M. P.'s and Senators Sought.

A meeting thoroughly representative of the different departments of the I. C. R. was held in a No. 2 freight shed office Saturday evening for the purpose of explaining in detail the pension scheme recently formulated by a committee appointed by the employees of the I. C. R. and P. E. I. railway.

Employees of station, track, mechanical and freight sections between Selsby and this city were present—about 140 in all—and with but little exception the plan as outlined, was heartily approved. On conclusion, a resolution endorsing the scheme was read.

The Pension Scheme.

Inasmuch as a total disability clause had been inaugurated, and while fairly satisfactory, the results wished for were not obtained. A few years ago the I. C. R. saw the need of other railway a satisfactory superannuation system was in vogue.

Since then the officials at Moncton have taken up the matter afresh. The present manager of railway, Hon. H. B. Emmerson, had promised to do his utmost to put the bill through the house.

The chairman then gave a synopsis of the plan. Short of legal technicalities it was as follows:

- 1—A man must be fifteen years in the service before he can get the superannuation allowance.
2—A man must be fifty-five years old to get superannuation and be totally disabled while on duty.
3—He must have twenty-five years service and be totally disabled while on duty to get pension at the age of forty.
4—It is compulsory at seventy years of age, and optional at sixty-five, that the minimum amount given any member be \$20 per month.
5—This applies only to those who are employees prior to creation of the pension fund.
6—The rate is to be one per cent on salary received.
7—The amount to be asked from the government is not to exceed \$100,000 annually.
8—The board of management to consist of nine members, the first five to be the general manager, the general traffic manager, chief engineer and general superintendent; the other four to be representative of station, mechanical, track and stores service, these five to be named by the general manager.
9—Pension not now employees must be twenty-five years or more actually at work to claim pension.
10—Superannuation to be granted between the ages of fifty-five and sixty-nine, both inclusive.
11—Length of service to count from time member has been employed on any railway that has since come under the control of the I. C. R.
12—If a member dies before being pensioned, after having paid in ten or more years to pension fund, fifty per cent of money paid in to be given to his beneficiary.
13—Members in the insurance feature of the I. C. R., if paid total disability allowance will not be entitled to superannuation, but may draw superannuation and continue life insurance payable to his beneficiary, at death.
14—Amount of pension to be based on 12 per cent for each year's service on final average salary of last ten years.
15—Maximum amount not to exceed two thirds of salary.
16—All pensions to be paid monthly during good conduct.
17—All permanent employees to be members of the pension fund.
18—The receiving of a pension will not debar the member from engaging in any other work outside the railway.
19—After fund is started no person will be taken into the railway service as a permanent employee and get the superannuation benefit, who is over thirty-five years of age.
20—No member can be dismissed from service and deprived of the benefits of the superannuation fund without cause.
Some Discussion.
Mr. Tapley wished more specific information as to issues 12 and after it had

THE MILLINERS IN TOWN THIS WEEK.

The Wholesale Millinery Openings on Wednesday and Thursday Next.

GREAT PREPARATIONS.

St. John a Very Large Distributing Centre—New Work Rooms—The Latest Ideas from New York, London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna—Something About This Year's Shapes, Materials and Ornaments.

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A DESTITUTE FAMILY.

A Sad Case on Erin Street—Parents and Children Without Food.

A particularly sad case of destitution has just come to light at 127 Erin street. The victim's real name is Robert Craton, although among his neighbors he goes by the name of Clayton. He is married and lives with his wife and five children, the eldest a bright looking lad between thirteen and fourteen years of age, and the youngest scarce three.

Mr. Craton is a stone mason by trade, but all winter he has not worked five weeks together at all, although when he did he earned \$2 a day. Some time ago he contracted a heavy cold, which since last Tuesday week he has been obliged to keep indoors altogether.

KINGS AND MCGILL.

Their Curriculum to be Identical for the First Two Years.

Among the matters settled at the meeting of governors of King's College, Windsor (N.S.), last Thursday night, was the question of a scheme of affiliation between King's College and McGill College, of Montreal, whereby the curriculum of the two colleges would be identical in each college, and the examinations, and studies, and studies at the end of the first two years may go into McGill as a third year course, or may remain and finish his course at King's.

BRIEF LOCALS.

- John Wood and Robert Robinson left Monday for Brandon, (Man.), where they will establish a boot and shoe store. Both young men bear with them the best wishes of numerous friends.
There is a movement on foot among the military men to have the camp at Sussex take place a month earlier this year than last, giving the country regiments a chance to turn out full strength.
Careton M. Killam died Monday at the residence of his father in Mount (Middletown, Kings county (N. B.). He had been ill but a short time and was thirty-three years old. His parents, five brothers and one sister survive.
The titles in Cornwallis (N.S.), are higher there than they have been known to be since the Sixty gale. Dikes at Pigeon, at the Victoria Hotel and left Monday for Lunenburg (N.S.). There he is to put up a new organ in the Methodist church. The instrument will be of type 250 registers and will cost in the vicinity of \$2,700. It will be blown by water motor. The case will be a handsome one of quartered oak, in a natural finish. The organ in design will follow the architecture of the church.
The death occurred at Wednesday, March 10, at his home at Cambridge, P. Q., Queens county (N. B.), of Rev. John Coad, a native of Halifax, but for the past fifteen or twenty years pasted in the Baptist church at the former place. He leaves two brothers and two sisters. Joseph, who resides in England; William, in Halifax; his wife Mrs. Frederick, and Mrs. B. E. Saunders, J. Sinclair Coads.
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LADY TEACHERS TO GET MORE PAY.

School Trustees Vote Favorably in Response to Petition.

DELEGATION HEARD.

Increase of \$3,500 to be Made in the Estimates So as to Provide Higher Pay for Lady Teachers in the City—General Business Transacted.

At a meeting of the school teachers Monday night it was resolved, after hearing a deputation from the lady teachers of the city, to increase the estimates \$3,500 and grant all lady teachers on the staff an increase of \$25 a year, to take effect after July 1. These teachers who are on the reserve staff and receive \$150 a year, will get an increase of \$50.

At the present time lady teachers on the staff get \$200 to start with and \$25 a year increase until \$300 is reached. The members of the board felt this is too little in view of the increased cost of living. The scale of yearly increase will be adjusted at a later meeting of the trustees.

There were present last night besides Chairman A. J. Trueman, Mayor White, Mrs. Dever, Mrs. Skinner, D. H. Nash, J. V. Russell, M. Coll and C. B. Lohbart. There was a large amount of business gone through, including the consideration of the estimates in committee. These will be submitted to the next board meeting.

OBITUARY.

William Robinson.

A telegram received on Thursday in Cornwallis announced the sudden death of William Robinson, formerly of Port Williams, who had been living in Nevada, Missouri, for some years. His death was caused by blood poisoning, following an injury received by his horse throwing him on some wire fencing. He was the youngest son of the late Charles Robinson, and grandson of the late Colonel Gester of Cornwallis. He was married a few years ago to Miss Agnes Cox of Canard. His body will probably be brought home for interment.

Richard B. Hanson.

Richard B. Hanson, a native of Beauce, Charlotte county, died recently in Boston where he had gone to undergo a surgical operation for some internal trouble. Deceased was very highly esteemed and leaves a widow and four sons—Rupert, principal of the Ballhurst grammar school, Clarence of Lowell (Mass.), Benjamin of Boston, and R. B. of Fredericton. Deceased was about 69 years old. His remains were brought home last night in charge of R. B. Hanson and his brother residents in Massachusetts.

Miss Besse Wilton.

The death occurred at St. Marys Thursday night after a lingering illness from consumption, of Miss Besse Wilton, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rishbrook. She was seventeen years of age.

Samuel C. Somers.

Samuel C. Somers died of Bright's disease at the residence of his son, Frank Somers, Upper Robinson street, Moncton, Friday morning, aged 70 years. The deceased, who lived at Lutz Mountain the greater part of his life, removed to this city about five weeks ago. He leaves a widow and four children. The daughters are Mrs. Harkness and Mrs. William Taylor, of Moncton, and Mrs. William Melish, of Lewisville. The son is Frank Somers, of the I. C. R.

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