

A LITTLE DEAL FOR SLEEPERS FOR THE VALLEY ROAD

Carleton Sentinel Publishes a Story of Interest to All in the St. John River District—This Is What is Called a Rake-off?

(Carleton Sentinel, Feb. 16.)
The inevitable has begun in the construction of the Valley Railway with reference to the sleepers for that part of the road to be built, or supposed to be built, during the coming year viz. from Centreville to Gagetown.

As soon as it became fairly certain that the road would be built, the contractors along the line thought they saw a chance to earn their wages in cutting sleepers for the road and, of course, many of the leaders thought they saw a chance to make some money by obtaining contracts and at once started after the Hon. Mr. Fleming at the time Mr. Gould to carry out their purposes.

Mr. Gould sent one Austen Adams over the line from Centreville to Woodstock in the month of December last, and with power to purchase but to obtain information as to how many sleepers could be obtained, and had no difficulty in obtaining promises for practically the full supply at 33 cents a piece, delivered along the right of way, 60 per cent. of which were to be seven inch face and the remainder six inch. Had this arrangement been carried out there would have been no "rake off" for any of the Tory heifers and there was trouble all the way.

Messrs. W. W. Wilson and Wilmet Anderson at Lakeville, were summoned to meet the Hon. Mr. Fleming at Hartland on the first of January to endeavor to patch up the trouble with them, if possible, but they were obstinate and would not be reconciled excepting by a contract, and of course, they got Mr. Adams over the line again and told the people they would only get 30 cents a piece and to compensate for the extra work the rate was altered so as to require nothing greater than sleepers with a six inch face.

It is now transpired that one George Burt, Jr. of York county, has received a contract for the whole line which practically means 375,000 sleepers at 40 cents each.

They are substituting that portion from Centreville to Lindsay to Messrs. Wilson and Anderson at 35 cents each, which, if carried out over the whole line gives a straight rake off of \$18,000. Messrs. Wilson and Anderson are compelling the farmers to furnish sleepers for 30 cents, which gives them between \$2,500 and \$3,000 and if carried out over the whole line, will amount to another \$18,000 to the middlemen.

The question naturally arises, who does this man Burt represent? He certainly does not occupy a sufficiently important position in the councils of the Tory party to be handed over \$9,000 for his own use, and while he certainly has been active in this particular branch of the subject, he is not, for the present time, the farmer and lumberman owing along the right of way will have the extreme satisfaction of knowing that Mr. Burt is taking from them this amount of money, and Messrs. Wilson and Anderson are receiving a large amount possibly for like reasons, and the road, when built, will be equipped with second rate sleepers such as would not be tolerated on any other road in Canada but, of course, we must expect this under Tory rule.

It will be interesting to watch further developments and to keep the public informed as time progresses.

MINOR PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS

John James Gillies, barrister, of Montreal, to be commissioner for taking affidavits in the Province of Quebec for use in the courts of this province under the provisions of Chapter 62 of the Consolidated Statutes, 1903.

Albert-Joseph M. Layden to be justice of the peace.

Charlotte-Dugald C. Rollins, to be a justice of the peace.

Gloicester—Clifford S. Roscoe, to be a justice of the peace.

Kings—Jack H. A. L. Fairweather, barrister, to be a master of the Supreme Court, in place of A. C. Fairweather, deceased.

Howard W. Snider, Beulah; Francis Reiker, Beulah Bay; William McKnight, Martletown; Charles Fawcett, Memorial Hall Hill; and Henry Grigg, Public Landing, to be justices of the peace.

Northumberland—Harry Stanley Tozer to be a justice of the peace.

St. John—A. McBeath to be a commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the Supreme Court.

Victoria—J. F. Johnston, Perth, to be a justice of the peace.

Westmorland—Truman Jones, River Glade, to be a justice of the peace.

York—Hiram H. Vowsey, North Lake, to be an issuer of marriage licenses.

MOUNT ALLISON MOCK PARLIAMENT IN LIVELY SESSION

Sackville, Feb. 18.—(Special)—At the session of the mock parliament last night, held in the Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall by members of the Eubotharian Society of Mount Allison University, the government under the leadership of Percy Fitzpatrick, Port Edgar, was defeated by a vote of 48 to 44, on a want of confidence motion. The proceedings were enlivened by the appearance of about twenty suffragettes who carrying banners on which was inscribed "Votes for Women," paraded through the hall making a demonstration. The leader made a speech which caused much amusement.

To clean white enamel furniture, remove all dirty marks with a flannel dipped in methylated spirits. Then wash at once with tepid water, to which has been added a little fine oatmeal. Never use soap or soda.

White of egg used instead of water in mixing a mustard-poultice prevents the skin from blistering. A little white of egg spread recently over a burn case, stops the pain and prevents the formation of blisters.

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NOVA SCOTIA TO WAR ON TUBERCULOSIS

Government to Aid in Campaign Speech from the Throne Promises Assistance to Towns

Will Enlarge Sanatorium at Kentville—Public Utilities Act to be Amended So That Grievances Can be Inquired into Easier—Legislation to Increase Provincial Revenue to be Introduced.

Special to The Telegraph.

Halifax, Feb. 22.—The thirty-fifth parliament of Nova Scotia was opened this afternoon by Governor MacGregor with an unusually long speech from the throne. It is the second session of this parliament. The supporters of the government number twenty-three, compared with thirteen in the conservative opposition. Dr. J. P. Ellis, of Guysboro, was elected speaker.

The speech from the throne began with congratulations on the safe return of their majesties from India, and in the appointment of the Duke of Connaught as governor-general.

The year, it said, had been a good one for Nova Scotia industry, and satisfaction was expressed that there had been some increase in the population of the province. The government promises legislation to add to the provincial sanatorium at Kentville and assistance will be given to any cities or towns which establish such institutions within their limits.

Legislation will be introduced extending the powers of the board of public utilities and simplifying the procedure necessary for bringing complaints before the board.

Measures to amend the workmen's compensation act and relating to various other matters will be presented for consideration.

The speech concluded by saying that the growing expenditure of the province in connection with the administration of the various services of the government necessitates provision being made for obtaining additional revenue to meet needed requirements and a measure dealing with this matter will be presented to the house.

Every member of the house was present.

GERMAN SENTRY ARRESTS AMERICAN TOURIST AS A SPY

Suspected Man Had a Hard Time Convincing Berlin Authorities That He is Innocent.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—The espionage craze, which is so prevalent throughout Germany tonight, in the arrest of an American tourist together with his German companion, by one of the sentries on guard at the fortress Shandau a few miles from Berlin.

The arrested men protested against the sentry's action, declaring that they were merely interested in the famous Julius Tower, where the imperial war chest containing \$30,000,000 in gold coin, is kept, so they may be ready for immediate use in case of a sudden mobilization of the German army.

The men were kept in the guard room for several hours during which they were put through a severe cross-examination by the officers on duty. They were then released and returned to Berlin.

NOVA SCOTIA CRUSADE CONTINUES AGAINST BEAM TRAWLING

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 22.—A campaign against beam trawling is going on by the fishermen of Lunenburg. The committee in charge of it has sent petitions to 500 towns and communities in Nova Scotia, Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island. These petitions are to be returned to Lunenburg by March 10. The committee will then select a deputation to take the petitions to Ottawa and press the matter before the government. Funds are being raised by taking the managing owners of fishing vessels \$10 each. Fifteen hundred dollars will be raised by this means.

NOVA SCOTIA SCHOONER SAHORE.

Halifax, Feb. 22.—(Special)—The tern schooner Bravo, of Isaac Harbor, is ashore at Liverpool and may prove a total loss. The vessel was bound from Halifax to New York with lumber and made harbor here a few days ago, waiting for a chance. Yesterday she sailed for her destination, met a terrific southerly gale, was driven against the harbor and became unmanageable.

ONTARIO ALARMED OVER SMALLPOX IN LUMBER CAMPS

Government to be Asked to Enforce Strict Inspection and Quarantine.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—It is probable that at an early date a strong petition representing the concrete opinion of all the towns of eastern Ontario and the Ottawa valley will be sent to Premier James Whitney demanding that the provincial board of health take immediate action to afford adequate protection against smallpox from the lumber camps, with a quarantine station at some central point near the lumbering regions.

Several cases have been detected in Ottawa and on trains coming down from the north woods, thus menacing not only the city but the traveling public. On Monday next the city council of Ottawa will consider a resolution asking the provincial board of health to establish efficient inspection of the lumber camps, with a quarantine station at some central point near the lumbering regions.

With only a few small polls to hear from, the Liberal majority stood at 291. In twenty-three polls Graham had a majority, while Maloney led in eleven. Dr. Maloney was strong in the town of Arnprior, where his majority was 122, but in Renfrew Mr. Graham had a large lead.

The total vote polled cannot be given yet as many polls simply returned majorities. The vote, however, was not trace as the weather was very bad, a furious blizzard sweeping across the country and making it difficult to reach the polls.

MANY INFANTS THOUGHT POISONED IN BROOKLYN

Death of Seven Suddenly Causes Authorities to Act and Autopsies Confirm Their Suspicions.

New York, Feb. 22.—Stirred to activity by the sudden death within the space of seven infants and the serious illness of five others in the hospital section of the Brooklyn Nursery and Infants Hospital, the police are working to find out what, perhaps, have begun a thorough investigation.

An autopsy performed by Coroner's physician Charles P. Wentz today disclosed traces of an irritant poison in the stomachs of two children, who died on Tuesday last. The theory on which the investigators are working is that the poison was administered in milk given to the infants, and their attention has been directed to a woman employed in the kitchen who has recently, according to fellow employees, shown signs of insanity.

The hospital authorities declared that the woman in question had nothing to do with the preparation or delivery of food to the infants.

ADAMS' EXPRESS CO. AND NATIONAL CASH REGISTER CO. INDICTED

Cincinnati Grand Jury Also Finds Bills Against Other Concerns for Violating Anti-Trust Law.

Cincinnati, Feb. 22.—Thirty officials and employees of the National Cash Register Company of Dayton, Ohio, were indicted on charges of criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law by a special federal grand jury here today.

The Adams Express Company was indicted on eleven counts charged with attempting to collect more than established rates. Seven Cincinnati manufacturing firms were also indicted, charged with attempting to secure transportation at lower rates than those established by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

MANITOBA HOUSE OPENED YESTERDAY

Winnipeg, Feb. 22.—The second session of the 13th legislature was opened this afternoon. The speech from the throne forecasts the many important subjects of railway extension, the Hudson Bay project, the boundary and separate school question. Those will probably make the session most important in Manitoba history.

LORD STRATHCONA'S CONDITION UNCHANGED

London, Feb. 22.—The condition of Lord Strathcona, who is suffering from the grippe, the development of a cold caught during the recent terribly severe weather, remains unchanged. Sir Thomas Barlow, the eminent physician who is attending him, says the strength of the patient is being maintained.

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GRAHAM ELECTED IN SOUTH RENFREW

Ex-Minister of Railways Defeats Dr. Maloney by Large Majority

Liberal Members in Parliament Exult Over Crushing Rebuke to Borden Government Who Had Loudly Boasted That They Would Defeat Laurier's Lieutenant, and Used Every Means in Their Power in Effort to Do So—Ministers Crestfallen at Their Great Reverse in First By- Election.

Renfrew, Ont., Feb. 22.—Hon. George P. Graham, ex-minister of railways and canals, who lost his seat in the house of commons in the election of September 21, when he was defeated in Brockville by John Webster, regained a place beside Sir Wilfrid Laurier today, when in the by-election in South Renfrew, necessitated by the resignation of T. A. Low, he scored a victory over Dr. Maloney, the Conservative candidate.

The total vote polled cannot be given yet as many polls simply returned majorities. The vote, however, was not trace as the weather was very bad, a furious blizzard sweeping across the country and making it difficult to reach the polls.

At the entrance of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, just as Mr. White rose to reply to Mr. Maloney, the Liberal benches broke into a storm of enthusiastic cheering which continued long after the Liberal chief had finally taken his seat. Premier Borden sat, evidently disappointed, with his eyes cast on his desk, while Mr. White resumed his seat and attempted to smile.

"Give us one in Quebec now," shouted Mr. Borden, but the applause was renewed.

"Give us one in Nova Scotia," supplemented Mr. Sinclair, of Guysboro, but Mr. Borden refused to raise his eyes from his desk.

The result is regarded on both sides here as a crushing blow to the government. It is the beginning of the end, according to the government's fight, and it had thrown itself into the battle to defeat Mr. Graham with every force at its disposal. Dr. Reid, the minister of customs, declared from his seat in the house that Mr. Graham would never be elected and his ministerial colleagues applauded the statement.

Before the reassembling of the house at 8 o'clock, the scene was unusual in character. Most of the ministers, who felt the situation apparently very keenly, sought their offices by the side entrance and so avoided the groups of cheering Liberals.

Premier Borden came in by the circuitous entrance, but the Liberals spotted Dr. Reid, who was hailed with jeers and laughter. The minister of customs was evidently out of temper and when Mr.

RAILWAY STARTS NEEDED REFORM

Long Island Line to Give Information Hereafter to Passengers When There's Railroad Troubles.

New York, Feb. 22.—The superintendent of the Long Island Railroad has issued an order requiring conductors, trainmen and station agents to make every effort to ascertain the cause of any sudden interruption of train service and answer freely and courteously all questions asked by intending passengers as to causes and probable duration of delays. Arrangements have been made to have the dispatcher's office in Long Island city send out such information to train men and station agents as early as possible.

SHAW'S WOMAN FRIEND FREED ON \$2,500 BAIL

Cash is Deposited That Mrs. Stewart Will Attend Court Hearing When Wanted.

Boston, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Georgia M. Stewart, asserted by the police to be the woman accomplice of Arthur Willis Shaw, the absconding freepoint (M.C.) shoe manufacturer under arrest at Los Angeles, was released from the Charles street jail under \$2,500 bonds for her appearance on Feb. 27. She is held on the charge of being an accessory before and after the fact to a larceny of \$10,000 by Shaw from the A. W. Shaw Company.

She had been incarcerated two days and her release came only after her attorneys had failed once. To accomplish their purpose they had to treat taxicabs, telephones and many other things into service. When she had left the gray portals of the jail behind and was comfortably ensconced once more in her apartment at Albemarle Chambers, in the Back Bay, Mrs. Stewart denied herself to newspaper men.

Through her counsel, Paul M. Lewis and Joseph W. Spaulding, she reiterated her protestations of innocence. She was heavily veiled when she left the jail, and, fearful that she might be photographed, she held her muff against her face when entering her taxicab at the jail door and when leaving it to enter her suite. She appeared calm, and she was profuse in her thanks to Mr. Lewis for securing her release.

HEBERT JUDGMENT WILL NOT AFFECT GOVERNMENT'S PLANS

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—The judgment in the Hebert case today will not affect the proposed reference by the government to the supreme court, and finally to the privy council in regard to the respective rights of dominion and provinces in the matter of marriage law in Canada.

BRANDT CASE HANGS FIRE.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Governor Dix tonight ordered the suspension of all proceedings before him in the case of Foulke Brandt until the legality of the writ of habeas corpus granted yesterday by justice Gerard shall have been decided by the court of appeals.

FLIGHT SPEED RECORD BROKEN

Pau, France, Feb. 22.—Jules Vadrines today broke the speed record for man-powered flying 100 kilometres in 37 minutes and 200 kilometres in one hour and fifteen minutes.

UNIONISTS TO PLAN A DEMONSTRATION IN BELFAST

Expect 100,000 Anti-Home Rulers to Parade—Bonar Law and Sir Edward Carson to Speak.

London, Feb. 22.—A counter demonstration on a vast scale in reply to the great home rule gathering presided over by Lord Parnell and addressed by Winston Churchill and John Redmond on the 8th instant, is being arranged for Easter Tuesday at Belfast.

The speakers are to be Bonar Law, the Unionist leader; Sir Edward Carson, the leader of the Ulster Unionists, and the Duke of Abercorn. There is to be a huge procession, in which over 100,000 Unionists and Orangemen will march to the meeting place.

WILL TRY FORCE ON CHINA'S PREMIER

Republicans Send Armed Escort to Peking to Bring Yuan to Nanking.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The Chinese republicans have forced an issue with Yuan Shi Kai and important developments are expected, according to the press, from Shanghai today. Because of Yuan's failure to comply with the request of the republicans for his attendance upon the assembly now in session at Nanking, that body today dispatched an armed escort from Shanghai to Peking to bring Yuan Shi Kai to the new capital.

The result of the move is awaited with interest in Shanghai.

SIX MEN DEAD AND 40 BURIED IN COAL MINE

Taft Against BUYING TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES

Coalgate, Okla., Feb. 22.—Six dead men have already been taken from Mine No. 5, of the Western Coal & Mining Company at Ishbel in which fire broke out, and it is believed that there are still from 30 to 40 men entombed in the lower shafts.

TO INTRODUCE THE HOME RULE BILL MARCH 20

Crew of Wrecked BARGE RESCUED IN BREECHES BUOY

Washington, Feb. 22.—President Taft today informed congress that he did not approve of Postmaster General Hitchcock's suggestion that the government buy and operate all telegraph lines as an adjunct of the postal system. Mr. Taft said that if it could be shown that the public would benefit by receiving a service at less price than is now paid, he might think differently of the plan, but that he was not convinced such would be the effect.

BLIZZARD RAGING IN NEW YORK STATE

Utica, N. Y., Feb. 22.—This section is in the grip of the worst storm of the season, rain early today changed to snow with a heavy fall. A drop in the temperature and high winds prevailing all day blocked all streets and country roads.

MONCTON MAN CAUGHT IN MACHINERY AND SEVERELY INJURED

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 22.—(Special)—A serious accident occurred at the I. C. R. shops here yesterday afternoon, when Hillman Lockhart, who was working on a boring machine, had his clothes caught in the machine whirling him around. Several of the employees hastened to the scene and stopped the machine. Lockhart was badly cut about the arms and back. He was conveyed to his home and medical attendance summoned. The latest report is that he is as well as could be expected.

MAY AVERT STRIKE OF BRITISH MINERS

MAN IS BLOWN TO SEA BY GALE IN OPEN BOAT

Captain Dobbins, of Schooner Samuel Sawyer, Feared Lost at Provincetown, Mass.

Provincetown, Mass., Feb. 22.—Set adrift in a small boat in the midst of a raging sea, Captain Dobbins, of the Rockland (Me.) schooner Samuel Sawyer, is believed to have been drowned in the harbor off here today.

The schooner, bound for Cuba, put in here yesterday afternoon for shelter and anchored. While a boat was being lowered this afternoon it became unhooked from the tackle and with the captain on it was quickly blown far out from the schooner. With a forty mile gale blowing, Captain Dobbins was helpless.

Another smaller boat was launched and the mate and two members of the crew put out to the rescue. They got to the leeward of the boat with the captain but when they attempted to row back and reach him they found the wind too strong and were driven into the surf at the east end of the harbor. They got ashore safely but great exhaustion. There was considerable drift ice between the captain's boat and the shore, and the chances of his escaping death appeared slight.

PLAN GALWAY- HALIFAX ROUTE

British Parliament to be Asked to Authorize Construction of Railway to Irish Port.

London, Feb. 22.—During the present year parliament will be asked to authorize the construction of a railway and harbor at Galway with a view to the establishment of a Galway-Halifax route, by which it is claimed that the Atlantic passage could be completed in from two and a half to three and three-quarter days. The bill is a non-contentious one and hopes are expressed that these works may be begun early next year.

200 CRIMINALS DRIVING AUTOS

New York Police Say It is Conservative Figure for City— Cases Cited.

New York, Feb. 22.—There are probably 200 licensed chauffeurs, every one of whom has a criminal record, operating taxicabs and other types of motor vehicles in the city of New York today. This is a substance of a statement made at police headquarters by one of the highest ranking officers in the department, who said that 200 was a very conservative estimate.

In an investigation of the murder of Adolph Stern, the clerk who was shot by three thieves who had robbed the Jacoby jewelry store at Thirteenth street and Sixth avenue, the police found no less than 20 licensed chauffeurs who had been in state's prison.

That the taxicab, as a means of "get-away," has made the detection of crimes such as holding of the East River National Bank messengers, in which the thieves got away with \$25,000 in cash, and the Stern murder case, more difficult than ever before, is the opinion of every man in the police department as well as the heads of the various private detective agencies.

The last report of William J. Burns to the American Bankers' Association, referring to the automobile as a means of escape, says that it has rendered the detection of crime so difficult as to furnish a subject worthy of the most careful consideration.

Within the last three weeks, the police of New York have been called upon to find down the men responsible for three of the most daring hold-ups in the history of the city. The first was the case in which several highwaymen held up Beckerman, the paymaster and after robbing him of nearly \$1,000 in cash escaped in an automobile of the touring car type. The second was the East River National Bank case, in which the booty was \$25,000, and the third, the holding up of George W. Horth, the John street jeweler, who was beaten and then robbed of diamonds worth \$10,000, after which the highwaymen, according to Mr. Horth, jumped into a taxicab and sped away.

TELEGRAPH COMPANIES FIGHT OVER RATES

Washington, Feb. 22.—The Postal Telegraph Cable Company has filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Western Union Telegraph Company alleging discrimination and unreasonable charges by the Western Union of messages transmitted part way by the Postal Company and then necessarily turned over to the Western Union for further transmission to points not reached by the Postal Company.

This involves the same question as to interstate messages that was decided recently by the public service commission of New York state in favor of the Postal in regard to interstate messages.

Conference Likely to Bear Fruit

Government is 'Anxious' to Prevent Industrial Calamity

Operators and Union Officials' Views Heard at Protracted Session, and a Joint Meeting Will Probably Be Arranged.

London, Feb. 22.—The coal owners have appointed a committee to hold further consultations with the premier and his colleagues, and the miners' representatives have been invited to have a committee meet the premier and his colleagues when the national miners conference opens in London on Feb. 27.

Such is the sum total of official information divulged concerning the momentous meetings held in the foreign office today, which mark the beginning of the government's efforts to avert the greatest industrial calamity ever threatened in this country.

What actually transpired in the conferences is shrouded in the most rigid secrecy. Three conferences were held during the day, two of them with the representatives of the miners, and the other with the coal owners' representatives. No meetings occurred between the disputants. It has not yet been determined whether the miners will accept the invitation, as the delegates are unable to give pledges until the meeting of the constituent body of Feb. 27.

It was noticeable, however, after the official summary of the proceedings was issued that a much more hopeful feeling with reference to the outcome prevailed in the parliamentary lobbies, as the delegates are unable to give pledges until the meeting of the constituent body of Feb. 27.

A prominent labor member of parliament said that he firmly believed a strike would be averted.

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CREW OF WRECKED BARGE RESCUED IN BREECHES BUOY

Providence, R.I., Feb. 22.—The three members of the crew of the barge Julia A. Dempsey, of the Scully line, were taken off in the Breeches buoy by the life-savers of the Sandy Point life saving station on Block Island today, after the barge went ashore half a mile south of the station. Tonight the barge was pounding heavily in the gale and probably will be a total loss. The men rescued were Capt. Fred Holmes, cook, John S. Mullen, and seaman Lewis Braun.

NOTED WEATHER FORECASTER DEAD.

Cape May, N. J., Feb. 22.—Captain Theodore F. Townsend, one of the most noted weather experts in this country, died today of his home here, aged 74 years. For more than twenty-five years he was the official forecaster at the Philadelphia station and was transferred to this point four years ago. He was the inventor of many of the delicate indicators and instruments now in use by the weather bureau.