

DEMURRAGE RULES WILL BE OPPOSED

Shippers and Consignees Ob-
ject to Changes Asked
by Carriers.

FREE TIME REDUCED

Two Days, Instead of Three,
for Unloading Coal and
Lumber.

The proposed Canadian car demurrage rules, which the Canadian car service bureau has asked the Dominion Railway Board to approve at an early date, will meet with strong opposition from shippers and consignees when they are considered by the commission.

Already the Canadian Manufacturers' Association is preparing to oppose certain clauses, the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada has sent the commission a statement of the modifications of the rules it intends to recommend, and the Canadian Coal Association, at a meeting in the King Edward Hotel on Thursday afternoon, decided to secure counsel to appear before the railway board in the interests of their members. The lumbermen will in all probability oppose the reduction by one day of the free time at present allowed for the unloading and loading of lumber, deals and sawtimber.

The proposed rules allow only 48 hours free time for the loading or unloading of all classes of material, including coal, coke, lime and lumber, while 72 hours were allowed by the board for such freight during last winter, when special changes were granted.

After the expiration of the free time allowance the bureau proposes a charge of three dollars per day for each day thereafter, while the shippers will ask for a charge not exceeding one dollar, with reciprocal of average demurrage. The matter of reciprocal or average demurrage is now before the board, and a ruling is requested upon it.

In computing the free time allowance the bureau's proposal excludes Sundays and legal holidays, but includes them after the expiration of the free time. When wet or inclement weather conditions render loading or unloading impossible the proposed rules include such periods in the free time allowance, but not if others similarly situated load or unload cars. This will, it is held, lead to endless contention and will be contested.

The proposed rule regarding bunching contains the following clause: "The consignee shall be allowed such free time as he would have been entitled to had the cars been delivered or tendered in the same number per day as were shipped per day. Claim must be presented in writing to carriers' agent within fifteen days, accompanied by written statement of all cars involved in bunching, with date and point of shipment of each as evidenced by bills of lading."

The payment of such charges with the necessity of asking for a subsequent refund is held to be outside the spirit of the act, and a request

will be made that where a consignee objects to the payment of demurrage on grounds for which the carrier may be responsible or on account of inclement weather, upon guarantee of payment being given the agent, the matter may be taken up with the car service bureau for final adjustment before payment is made.

The Retail Merchants' Association are asking the commission for an added rule to cover frozen shipments as follows: "When shipments are frozen while in transit, so as to prevent unloading during the prescribed free time, the consignee will be required to make diligent effort to unload such shipments, and shall not be entitled to additional time, unless within the prescribed free time he shall serve upon the carriers' agent a written statement that the shipment was frozen upon arrival."

Shippers and consignees have only begun to consider the proposed demurrage rules, and when they finally come before the board, changes will probably be an interesting time and further changes will doubtless be requested.

ON PECULIAR CHARGE.

Successor to Intermed Agent of New York Firm Appears in Court.

Arrested yesterday morning by Detective Maurer, Emil Feller, Toronto representative of the New York firm of E. C. Binder, manufacturer of women's mesh bags, later appeared in the police court on a charge of attempting to enter into negotiations with the enemy. He was remanded until May 11 on \$500 bail.

Feller had lately taken business premises at 8-10 Wellington street, as representative of Binder, whose last agent in Toronto, Gustav Aldorf Sommer, is in an internment camp at Fort Henry.

BARS HANDICAP FIREMEN.

MacLaren Imperial Cheese Co.'s Plant Damaged by Fire.

As in the case of the recent fire at the Channell Chemical Co., Sorauren avenue, iron bars and heavily grated windows badly handicapped the firemen in their efforts to extinguish a fire which broke out in the storerooms and offices of the MacLaren Imperial Cheese Co., Limited, 69 East Front street, yesterday morning. The firemen were compelled to break their way in with axes and crowbars. The damage is estimated at \$1000.

ASKED TO BE RELEASED.

Heater Forentino Held by Police For His Own Safety.

If the county judge at Welland does not grant Hector Forentino his release from jail Justice Middleton will hear again the application of Forentino at Osgoode Hall. Forentino has been kept in jail for two months as a material witness at the trial of Joseph Marabito, who is charged with murdering his wife and shooting at Forentino. The crown fears that friends of Marabito may injure him. He was for three years secretary to the Italian consul at Welland.

CAMP APPOINTMENTS.

Lieut. Russell G. Gordon, J. A. Stewart and J. E. McQuail, all of the 9th Algonquin Rifles Regiment, have been appointed to the Forestry Department. Lieut. Robert B. Harris has been appointed to A. M. C. Training Depot No. 2, and promoted to rank of captain.

CITY MAY LAY MANY PAVEMENTS

Works Committee Favors
Construction of Several
Road Pavements.

The works committee yesterday approved the construction of a permanent pavement on Davenport road west from Christie street at a cost of \$175,000 and on Silver Birch avenue north from Queen street for a distance of 1,100 feet at a cost of \$8,000 and the board of control will be asked to report funds. A deputation from the district asked that the pavement be put down as soon as possible.

Works Commissioner Harris said financial arrangements could not be made and it appeared to Ald. Graham that the commissioner and the city treasurer were opposed to doing anything. He thought that money could be used. Mr. Harris denied that he and Mr. Bradshaw were opposed to new works.

The commissioner was unable to say if water consumers would be allowed 10 per cent. discount off the new rate of 11 cents per 1,000 gallons and asked the committee to wait for a report on the matter.

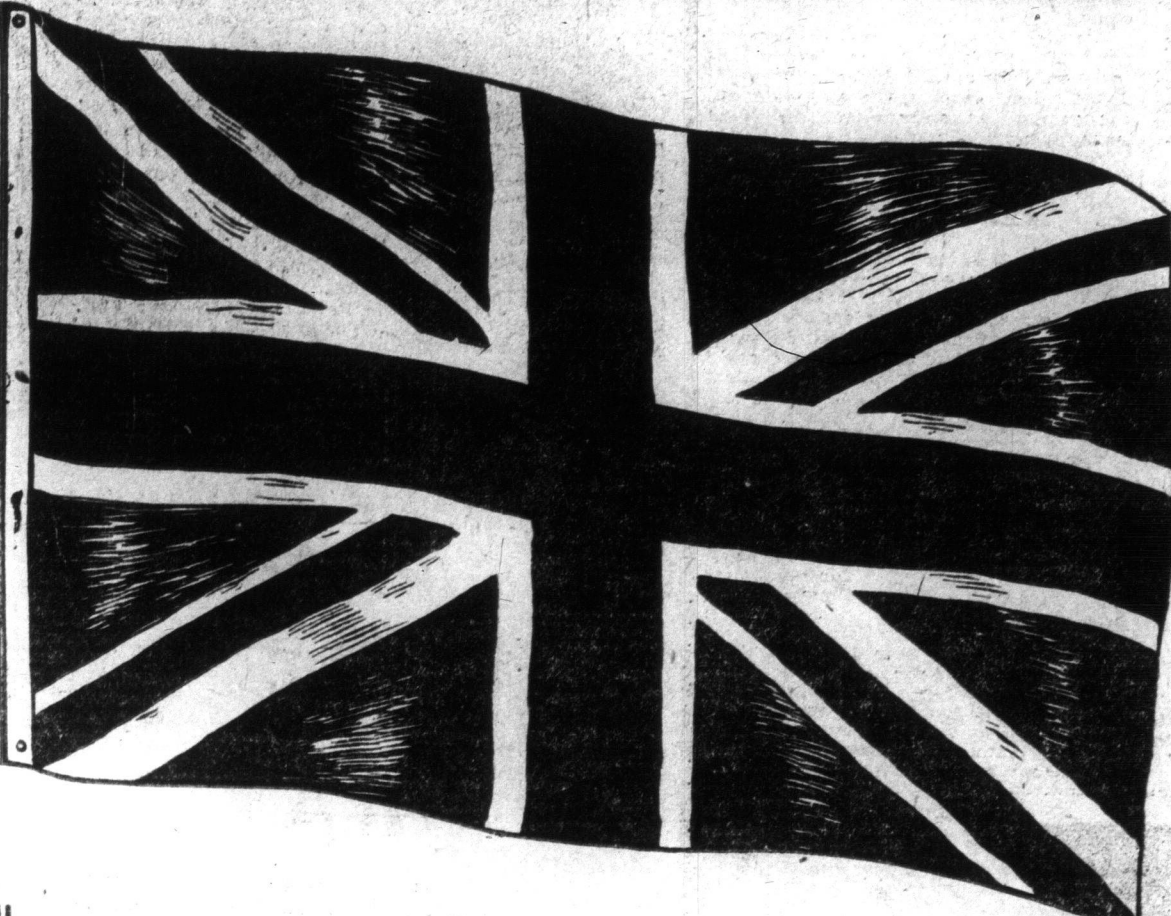
On the motion of Ald. Ryding the board of control was asked to provide funds for the construction of pavements on the following streets: St. Clair avenue from northern tracks to Runnymede road; Davenport road from Weston road to the northern tracks; Cooper avenue from the tracks to Davenport road; Prescott avenue from St. Clair avenue to Gillies Brick Factory; Keele street from Annette street to Dundas street; Annette street from Western avenue to Runnymede road; Woodvale avenue from Bloor street to Conduit street; Silverthorn avenue from St. Clair avenue north; Indian grove from Bloor street to Glenlake avenue; Pacific avenue from Bloor street to Vine avenue; and McMurray avenue from Dundas street to Vine avenue. The commissioner was instructed to advertise for tenders for the work.

Ald. Hitts declared that if the pavements were to be laid he would press for pavements to be laid in his ward. Mr. Harris told him the bylaws for new pavements in West Toronto at a cost of \$445,000 had gone thru and were ready to be advertised.

MOTION DISMISSED.

The motion to set aside substitution of service in the action brought by Marcel Hoehn, as executor of James Marshall, against Catherine Marshall of Detroit, W. S. Ryland, and Elizabeth Logie, was dismissed yesterday by Justice Middleton. Each party must, however, pay costs, for to award costs to the plaintiff, remarked his lordship, would be to reward laxity of practical and to give costs to defendant would be to encourage motions without substance.

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WORK ON PAPE AVE. LINE IS PROCEEDING RAPIDLY

According to Works Commissioner Harris and the Toronto Street Railway Company the work on the Pape avenue extension will be completed by July 1, the time ordered by the Ontario Railway Board. Mr. Harris and R. J. Fleming conferred on the matter after receiving the request from the railway board regarding the delay and state that they are satisfied with the manner in which the work is proceeding.

The railway company has, with the exception of two intersections on the route, placed the poles in position on each side of the street and the overhead wiring has been completed. The transmission wires will not be connected until the tracks are laid.

Mr. Harris states that he will start tearing up the roadbed when the railway company has finished its end of the work. If he tore up the road now he says the street would be blocked longer than necessary. The works committee yesterday, on the recommendation of Mr. Harris provided \$185,000 for the city's end of the extension.

FELL FROM BUILDING.

William Leininger, 942 West King street, had one of his arms injured when he fell from Smith and Company's building yesterday afternoon. He was removed to the Western Hospital.

DRUNK WHILE DRIVING.

William J. Parrett pleaded guilty in the police court yesterday, to being drunk while in charge of a motor car. He was fined \$50 and costs. A further charge of violating the Ontario Temperance Act was withdrawn.

WILLS PROBATED

John Hawley, a merchant of 255 Church street, who died on April 6, 1917, executed a will by which he bequeathed all his property, valued at \$48,998, to his wife, Mrs. Mary Jane Ogilby Hawley. On April 20, Mrs. Hawley died intestate, and yesterday her estate, valued at \$47,329, and her husband's, were filed for administration, with the will annexed by their children, John L. Hawley, and Mrs. Beale C. McKnight.

Chas. McKnight Stewart, a brakeman, who died in England from wounds received while serving as a private with the C.E.F., left an estate valued at \$2,000. His father, William Stewart, 32 West Lodge avenue, two sisters, Agnes and Margaret, and one brother, Norman, will share equally.

Mrs. Ann Ellen Holmes has applied for administration of the equity of \$1,600 in 49 Arundel avenue, which made up the estate of her husband, Reuben Holmes, who died Sept. 19, 1915. The widow and five children, inherit.

"Princess Pats" Will Attend St. Andrew's Church Service

Members of the famous Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, now in Toronto, have been requested to attend divine service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King and Simcoe streets, on Sunday evening. Rev. Dr. Eakin will preach. The great battle near Ypres, in which the men of the P.C.L.I. played such a noble part in keeping the Germans back from Calais, took place in the first week of May, 1915.

Higher Tax Required From Users of Amusement Places

All persons going to places of amusement on passes or complimentary tickets must pay their amusement tax at the maximum of admission charged by the place of amusement, according to an order-in-council recently passed. Another provision is that a discount of two and one-half per cent. will be made to purchasers of 25c amusement tax tickets in bulk. There was previously no provision for discount on 25c tickets.

The first provision will affect those attending races and boxing bouts, where the maximum rate calls for a tax of 25c and will force those using passes to inferior seats in the theatres, who now must pay at the same rate as those collected on the best seats in the house.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Chartered Accountants Students' Association Annual Meeting. At the annual meeting of the chartered accountants students' association of Ontario in the University of Toronto building, the following officers were elected for the season 1917-18: Past president, F. L. Kerr; president, Earl A. Belmont; vice-president, W. K. C. Campbell; secretary-treasurer, C. H. Pelling; asst. secretary-treasurer, J. V. Mapp; librarians, W. A. Tilly; asst. librarians, Geo. Claff, Jas. H. Hamilton; auditors, Chas. Jardine, Frank Bell; executive committee, J. D. McNabb, Geo. K. Archer, J. V. Mapp, R. D. Willmson.

APPOINTED ASSISTANT CURATE.

Rev. Sydney Childs, formerly in charge at New Toronto, was yesterday appointed assistant curate to Canon Plumtree at St. James' Cathedral.

ACTION MUST BE TAKEN TODAY OR NOT AT ALL

Disallowance Time Limit on Province's Electrical Development Legislation Expires Tonight.

The time limit for possible disallowance of the province's legislation regarding Niagara power development and control of power development plants there expires today. Application for such disallowances was made to the governor-in-council by the electrical development company.

The province's reply to the company's claim that the province has no right to interfere with international waters is believed to be a recital of the province's activities along the line of development, and insistence on the province's right to do this work independent of the Dominion. The government claims that no injustice has been done.

DID NOT REPORT FIRES.

So far the effort of the police to bring Maxwell, Limited, A. E. Res Limited, and T. H. Birmingham, Limited, to the police court to stand trial for neglecting to report fires has failed. Grace was given the force yesterday by Magistrate Denison, and the police hope to have the alleged defendants in the police court dock by May 9.

NEW ADJUTANT NAMED.

Lieut. M. G. Thompson is now acting adjutant of the 109th Regiment, succeeding Lieut. C. H. Fleming, who has new responsibilities as commander of "A" Company of the 109th Draft. All the members of the 109th Draft, including the officers, have just received their final inoculation against typhoid and have also been vaccinated. The unit has 70 members.

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