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SLAP AT CORPORATIONS

How Ontario Proposes To Maintain Provincial Rights

ULTIMATUM LAUNCHED

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Following the earnest and unequivocal declaration of the Prime Minister, Hon. J. P. Whitney, that Ontario would maintain the principles of Provincial Rights, the Government yesterday launched its ultimatum to the corporate interests, which, though operating under Provincial charters and privileges, sought to evade Provincial jurisdiction by the securing of blanket Dominion charters declaring them to be "for the general advantage of Canada."

Col. Hendrie's Bill. It came in the form of a Government bill introduced by Hon. Col. Hendrie, who has supervision of the railway branch of the Cabinet work, providing that in event of such efforts to evade Provincial jurisdiction, privileges and franchises granted would be cancelled and voided.

Retrospective—Received With Cheers. Mr. Graham asked if the statute would be retrospective, and the Prime Minister replied in the affirmative, adding that all innocent parties would be fully protected.

Whereupon both sides of the House vigorously applauded.

Gist of the Bill.

The bill sets forth: "In case the undertaking by any company or other corporation operating a public utility, and incorporated under a general or special act of the Province of Ontario is, by the Parliament of Canada, declared to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, or is absorbed by, or amalgamated with, or controlled or operated by, any company or other corporation whose undertaking has been declared a work for the general advantage of Canada, or which is not subject to the legislative control of this Province, then, unless the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has otherwise declared, all powers, and rights, privileges and franchises conferred upon such first-mentioned company by letters patent or by any general or special act of this Province, shall thereupon cease and determine, and every municipal bylaw passed and every agreement entered into with any municipal corporation authorizing such company to carry on business, or granting any franchise thereto, shall thereupon become void and be of no effect, and such company shall forfeit all claim to any bonus or other aid granted by any municipal corporation. Provided that nothing in this section contained shall affect the validity of any debentures issued by a municipal corporation for payment for any such bonus in the hands of a bona fide holder for valuable consideration."

As Affecting Municipal Bylaws. "Notwithstanding anything in any act contained, no municipal corporation shall hereafter enter into any contract with, or pass any bylaw in relation to any public utility company, which has been declared to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, or which is not within the legislative jurisdiction of this province, until the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council has approved of such bylaw or agreement, and every bylaw passed, or agreement entered into, in violation of this section shall be utterly void, and of no effect."

This important bill will be fully discussed by the House on its second reading next week.

Gets Increased Powers.

Another bill presented by Hon. Mr. Hendrie, amends the act respecting the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board by conferring on that body powers under certain acts now exercised only by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council in respect to specifications and plans of railways, or where information is required deriving the construction of the same. It empowers the Board to engage counsel at any time deemed necessary. The measure also clothes the Board with power to enquire into and report upon the rates charged by municipalities for service of utilities owned by them, in order that they may decide whether such are too high, or whether they are too low, and not sufficient in the latter case to meet the amounts required for operation, maintenance, indebtedness, etc. It further gives the Board the same powers in regard to arbitration under the municipal act of 1903 as are now held by county judges.

To Abolish Poll Tax.

Another practical reform which evidenced a large following in the House was inaugurated by the bill presented by Mr. P. H. Bowyer (East Kent), to abolish poll tax. Mr. Bowyer made an effective address, dealing with the optional character of the tax as at present, producing lack of uniformity, and in many cases injustice. While the son of the rich property owner was enabled to escape, the tax fell on the laborer and the mechanic. The bill passed its second reading with Government approval.

Dr. Currie's Attack.

Dr. Currie (Prince Edward), made an attack upon what he termed the spoils system of the Government, in dismissing James Gillespie, of Picton, the former sheriff of Prince Edward, which brought a crushing response from the Prime Minister. Dr. Currie alleged that certain local politicians, with the Speaker of the House, Hon. Mr. St. John, had "held up" the Prime Minister for the dismissal.

Premier's Vigorous Reply.

Hon. Mr. Whitney replied with vigor. The tale of the "hold up" was pure fiction, while the allusion to the Speaker was not only without foundation, but in poor taste. The removal in question, the Prime Minister pointed out, was made for cause. No less than two superior court judges had declined to have anything to do with

the sheriff, whose conduct, besides being unseemly, had been of a grossly partisan character.

A SEVERE 'QUAKE.

Buildings Trembled and Were in Danger for Two Minutes at St. George on the New Brunswick Coast.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 20.—A severe earthquake occurred at St. George, 40 miles down the coast, about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It lasted two minutes, and buildings trembled perceptibly.

It was feared they would be shaken down, but no serious damage was done. Residents of the town were greatly alarmed. A second but less severe trembling occurred 20 minutes later.

G. T. R. ENGINEER KILLED.

Carried Nearly a Mile in G. T. R. Yards At Harrisburg.

Harrisburg, Feb. 20.—J. L. Miller of Sarnia tunnel, lost his life here Monday night. He was engineer on No. 99 merchandise train from Toronto to London, and had pulled in on the siding to allow No. 84 from the west to pass. In jumping from his engine to make an inspection he fell against the other train, which picked him up and carried him a distance of about three-quarters of a mile, where the remains were picked up badly mangled. Miller was about 26 years old, and leaves a young wife and two small children, all now on beds of sickness at Sarnia tunnel.

Both Legs Frozen.

Kingston, Feb. 20.—Nicholas Babcock of Olden reached the hospital yesterday in a dangerous state from frost bites. Aged 60, he went home on Sunday night, took a fit, and was found on Monday badly frozen. His legs have to be amputated.

Two Children Cremated.

Quebec, Feb. 20.—Burned to death in their beds in a fire which consumed the residence and store of their father, two children, aged 2 and 7 years, of Mr. Sarack, general storekeeper, Valcartier, a few miles north of this city, met a horrible fate yesterday morning. The building and contents, the stock alone being valued at about \$5,000, were destroyed.

Fireman's Sad Fate.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Some time ago Joseph A. Mills, captain of No. 1 fire station, while at a fire had the base of his skull fractured along with other injuries. He is now insane. He has been 30 years connected with the department.

Killed by Train.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—At Lachine yesterday afternoon Louis Rauthier and Thomas Watson lost their lives by being struck by a Grand Trunk freight train. They were engaged in the employ of the Canadian Radiator Works.

One Dead in London Wreck.

London, Feb. 20.—As the result of a collision between the international limited express and an eastbound freight at 8 o'clock last night, the road foreman, George Renton of London, is dead, and Engineer Hardman and Fireman Barker are severely injured.

The 85-ton engine of the express "side-swiped" the 150-ton mogul's front works, jumped into the air and whirled completely around, landing with its nose turned towards its own train. Renton is a married man and has two young sons. Fireman Barker is scalded about the hands and face, and has a bad scalp wound. Hardman is scalded and is hurt about the abdomen.

Thirty Miners Killed.

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 20.—Telegrams from Monterey, Mexico, early yesterday told of a disastrous mine explosion which occurred Monday night in the Laconquista Mine No. 3, of the Las Esperanzas district, in which 30 miners are known to have lost their lives. The dead may be increased to 75 when full details are received.

Caused by Rail Spreading.

New York, Feb. 20.—The fact that a spreading rail caused the wreck of the White Plains express on the New York Central Railroad Saturday night in which 21 persons were killed, was developed at the coroner's inquest yesterday.

McGill's Work.

Kingston, Feb. 20.—Charles McGill, ex-Manager of the Ontario Bank, and now in the penitentiary, has been given a desk in the accountant's office.

DEALS IN HOTELS.

More Light Thrown by the Toronto Investigating Commission.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—The feature of the license enquiry yesterday was the story told by Lawyer John A. Ferguson, and his cross-examination by James Baird. Many of Mr. Baird's questions were so pointed and suggestive that Mr. Ferguson lost his temper under the fire.

Commissioner Starr stated when the session opened that he wanted it understood that the investigation was not into the work of the license board, but as a result of rumors which the board wanted investigated, of occurrences which were said to have taken place before the applications for licenses reached the board.

J. F. Hynes was first in the witness chair, and was questioned further about the mysterious cheque, without materially shaking his story. He added that in another hotel deal he was to supply the ingenuity, a man named Adahon the money (\$2,000), and Dr. Nesbitt the influence.

Mr. Ferguson reversed Hynes' account of the \$1,000 cheque and the retaining fee. He denied that he had participated in any "illegitimate transactions." He had trusted Hynes. Dr. Nesbitt characterized as an absolute lie the statement that he was in an agreement to divide the spoils with Hynes and Dr. Wilson. He had regarded the matter as a real estate venture.

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