

IMMEDIATE TRANSFER OF G. T. R. EFFECT OF NEW BILL

Premier Meighen Declares the
Time Come For Square
and Final Deal.

NO HARSH MEASURES

No Further Need For G. T. R.
To Remain in Possession.

OTTAWA, April 19. — (Canadian Press.)—The prime minister in the House this afternoon presented the Government bill for dealing with the Grand Trunk. "It is the opinion of the Government," he declared, "that there is no further need whatever of the Grand Trunk remaining in possession, and, further, that it is wholly unreasonable that the financing of the property is virtually placed on the shoulders of this country."

"By the present measure," he added, "the Government asks Parliament to support the stand taken by the administration. 'We believe that the shareholders should not be finally denied the reconstitution of the arbitration board until an opportunity is given to meet the condition required.' By the present measure Parliament will give them this opportunity in clear and definite language, and will give sufficient time to enable them to meet and decide. It seems to me clearly a case not for further negotiation with the company, but for a square and final statement of what must be done, with reasonable opportunity to accept or reject. This is the purpose of the bill which I now submit for the judgment of Parliament."

The bill, Mr. Meighen proceeded, enabled the Government and the Grand Trunk Railway Company to continue the arbitration on conditions laid down in the bill. "Should this legislation," he added, "meet with the approval of Parliament, and should the company decide to avail itself of the offer embodied therein, it will be enabled to have the board of arbitration reconstituted upon arranging definitely and effectively for immediate transfer, possession and control to the Government of the property purchased, the proceedings thereafter to follow the intent of the original agreement."

The premier opened his statement by a review of the circumstances which led up to the present impasse. He pointed out that the agreement of March, 1920, between the Government and the Grand Trunk provided for the completion of the arbitration by April 9, or "in such further time as might be approved by the governor in council."

No Harsh Dealing.
"The decision of the Government," Mr. Meighen went on, "not to extend the time of arbitration except upon terms of immediate possession and control, which terms are fairly translated into the present measure, has apparently been met on the part of certain shareholders and others in England, with some resentment. There seems to have been an effort made to spread the impression that this country, through its Government, is dealing harshly with investors in this, one of the first of our big Canadian enterprises. I am convinced, and I think the House is convinced, that no such spirit has animated or controlled the negotiations or legislation or the conduct of the Dominion generally in relation to the Grand Trunk, and that any impression that may have been put to the contrary is due to a failure to realize the facts."

In order to justify this statement, the premier reviewed the history of the relations between the Government and the Grand Trunk since the commencement of the Grand Trunk Pacific proposition in 1903-1904. Mr. Meighen maintained that the Dominion had scrupulously carried through the responsibility into which it had entered in the agreement of those years. The Dominion had done more and vastly more. In addition to the construction of the transcontinental railway, at a cost of about \$170,000,000, exclusive of interest, in addition to the guarantee of bonds of the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Government had "sought by every means in its power to make possible the success of the enterprise, and has from time to time rendered assistance on a generous basis, in the hope that the other party to the contract could ultimately make the venture pay."

A Regular Sponge.
The premier recited the various loans and other forms of aid given to the project, including: "A loan of \$10,000,000 to the Grand Trunk Pacific in 1900 and of \$15,000,000 in 1901; the purchase of bonds on the Grand Trunk Pacific with recourse to the Grand Trunk up to \$18,000,000; cash loans in 1916, 1917 and 1918 to the total amount of \$19,500,000; approximately \$10,000,000 of Grand Trunk Pacific had agreed, Mr. Meighen further pointed out, to operate the Transcontinental. It had failed to do so, and the Government had to operate the line."

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G. T. R. Arbitration Bill Provisions

OTTAWA, April 19. — (By Canadian Press.)—The main provisions of the Grand Trunk arbitration bill, introduced by the prime minister in the House of Commons today are as follows: Directors of the Grand Trunk and its subsidiary companies shall resign on request by the Dominion Government and be succeeded by directors appointed by the Government.

The substituted board of directors shall be complete, although it does not comprise more than five members. Directors appointed by the Government may exercise and carry on all the powers and business of the company without reference to or consultation with the shareholders of the company and not subject in any way to their vote, direction or control. Meetings of the board of directors may be held in Canada or elsewhere.

Directors appointed by the Government shall have all powers given to the committee of management provided for in last year's agreement between the Government and the company.

There shall be a committee, known as the Grand Trunk shareholders' committee which may be constituted by the present directors and the company. This committee will represent the shareholders in the continuance of the arbitration.

RETURNS IN REFERENDUM POLL ARE SLOW

Latest Figures Show An Approximate Majority For the Drys of 135,000.

TORONTO, April 12.—Incomplete returns on the referendum vote from seventy-two out of the eighty-one electoral districts in the province show a "dry" majority of approximately 135,000.

As first returns indicated the rural districts went overwhelmingly in favor of the prohibition of importation. Outside of the city ridings, only five electoral districts so far reported are in the "wet" column, and two of these—Port William and Rainy River, and Port Arthur and Kenora—have so far furnished but meagre returns from the rural sections, which are showing "dry" majorities. Algonia East, Temiskaming and Essex constitute the other three districts.

While South Essex went dry, a whole county, with four small polls to hear from, gives 605 "wet" majority. Dr. A. S. Grant, secretary of the Ontario Referendum Committee, still claims an ultimate majority of 200,000 against importation.

Returns of the vote are dribbling slowly, only about half the electorate having reported. The big snowstorm of Sunday last has caused delay in the returns being made, communication having been cut off in some places. Majority May Be 200,000.

Rev. Ben H. Spence, secretary of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, agrees with Dr. Grant, that the majority for the prohibition forces would probably be at least 200,000.

As the rural sections are the ones affected by the snowstorm the local prohibition leaders anticipate that the complete returns will be found to be largely "dry."

Conservative estimates would put the "dry" majority at about 160,000 or 175,000.

The official summing up of the vote throughout the province will take place on Wednesday, May 4. After that each side will have seven days in which to demand a recount.

11 Out of 25 Cities.
While 11 out of 25 cities went in favor of importation, the vote in the cities split almost even, with balance in favor of the prohibitionists. The strength of the anti-prohibitionists, outside of the cities, centered chiefly in Northern Ontario, in Waterloo North, and along the Windsor border. Frontenac was in doubt for a while, but reports from that county this evening indicated that it had gone "dry." Toronto's "wet" majority is still not definitely known, as a number of polls have not yet been heard from, but the guesses place the majority at between 5,000 and 6,000.

With reference to intimations made by prominent officers of the Citizens' Liberty League that the referendum vote would be attacked in the courts, Rev. Dr. A. S. Grant of the referendum committee said today that the people, who are the fountain of all law, had spoken. Fully 60 per cent of the total vote had been cast, Dr. Grant said, and this was a fair average of every election. He said he did not think any attack on the vote would result in an ultimate gain for the interests that went into the courts.

G. T. R. EARNINGS.
MONTREAL, April 19.—Grand Trunk Railway earnings for the week ending April 14 were \$1,670,960. Increase, \$211,813.

PASSENGERS HAVE A VERY NARROW ESCAPE AS CAR JUMPS RAILS

Guelph Street Car Left Tracks On Bridge Over River Speed.

GUELPH, April 18.—One of the largest street railway cars loaded with passengers, came within a hair's breadth of toppling into the Speed River shortly after 9 o'clock this morning, when after jumping the rails near Johnston's boathouse, it ran half way across the Dundas bridge on the ties before Motorman Edward Cann succeeded in bringing it to a standstill. Had the car plunged ahead any other foot there is little doubt it would have dropped into the river.

Will Make An Offer.
The city council will make an offer to Hon. Manning Doherty, provincial minister of agriculture, in writing of what Guelph is prepared to do to improve the accommodation at the Winter Fair. The offer includes a free site on Gordon street, adjacent to the present buildings if the Government is prepared to shoulder the cost of new buildings. The offer will be so worded that if the Government does not act at once it will be withdrawn.

Word was received here today to the effect that Dr. G. C. Creelman, former O. A. C. president, who recently returned from England, and who has not been in the best of health, has taken a sudden relapse and is lying critically ill at Wellesley Hospital, Toronto. His condition was regarded as very serious, and members of his family were summoned to his bedside from Ottawa and Guelph. Over the long distance phone this afternoon R. L. Torrance was informed that Dr. Creelman's condition was somewhat improved and that he was responding to treatment.

GALTONIAN DIES AT TERRITOL, ITALY

GALT, April 19.—Word has been received by friends in the city of the death at Territol, Italy, of William Arrindell Shearson, aged 59, a former resident of Galt, one of the early settlers. In 1871 the family moved to Wheaton, Ill., but for some years resided in Galt, where he was a member of the United States Steel Trust, which position he held until the formation of Shearson, Hammill & Company, of the financial district of New York.

Herbert G. Lash, who has been appointed managing editor of the Toronto Sunday World, recently taken over by the Mail and Empire, is a former Galtonian.

KITCHENER MAN FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL CELLAR

KITCHENER, April 19.—The body of John Freiburger, a well-known Kitchener man, was found in the cellar of the Ewald Hotel in Waterloo at 8 o'clock this morning. It appears that Freiburger, who is a well-known Kitchener contractor, visited the Ewald last night and when attempting to leave the hotel opened the door leading to the basement instead of the one leading to the hallway and plunged head foremost into the dark cellar, fracturing his skull. He lay in the cellar all night and was found dead there this morning.

The crown has ordered an inquest, as it is alleged the people of the hotel knew of Freiburger's accident at the time he fell, but failed to send for medical aid.

NELLES—WILLIAMSON.

SIMCOE, April 18.—The wedding was solemnized in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church today of Helen Marjorie Williamson, daughter of ex-Mayor George Williamson, and Douglas Nelles, youngest son of the late T. R. Nelles of Simcoe. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Duncan R. Foster. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a costume of grey and carried an armful of Columbia roses. The relatives and a few intimate friends were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Innes, at their home "Strathmore," following the ceremony, and after a buffet luncheon Mr. and Mrs. Nelles left for New York. On their return they will reside in Simcoe.

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