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Grand Trunk Loses Appeal In the Interswitching Case

Supreme Court Upholds the Railway Commission on Rulings Made by That Body—Other Appeals Dismissed.

In the supreme court at Ottawa today, the Grand Trunk Railway lost its appeal against the ruling of the railway commission in the London case. Some months ago the commission fixed the rates for the interchange of cars between the C. P. R. and the G. T. R., and while the rates were accepted as satisfactory, the Grand Trunk disputed the powers of the commission to make the regulations, and asked leave to appeal the case to the supreme court. The commission consented, and the G. T. R. then appealed on half a dozen different counts, the case being entered as against the C. P. R. and the city of London.

The Points in Dispute.

The points of appeal were as follows: (1) Had the board authority to make the order such terms? (2) Are sections 256 and 257 of the railway act, 1902, applicable to this case, where one and the same rate is charged to and from all points in the district in and about the city of London affected by the order? (3) Does the order involve the use of the tracks, station and grounds of the G. T. R. by the C. P. R. at London, for which the G. T. R. should be compensated?

4. Was the board bound to consider, in estimating the remuneration or compensation to be allowed to the G. T. R. Company (a) the magnitude of the G. T. R. business as compared with that of the C. P. R. Company at London; (b) their comparative advantages; (c) the loss to one company whereby the other might gain; (d) the cost of the G. T. R. terminals, etc., otherwise than as evidence of a fair value of the services to be rendered, and the use of the facilities; and (e) the further expense cast upon the G. T. R. Company in order to carry out the terms of the order?

The appellants also contended that the board exceeded its jurisdiction; that sections 256 and 257 of the railway act did not apply under the circumstances of this case, but that section 137 alone applied, and that all the matters enumerated should, as a matter of law, be taken into consideration in fixing the compensation to be allowed to the G. T. R. Company.

The appeal was dismissed with costs. Other Appeals Dismissed. The dispatch adds that the C. P. R. vs. the King appeal was dismissed with costs, and the Wabash Railway Company vs. the King was also dismissed with costs.

LOST HER JEWELS, THAT'S STRAIGHT

Even if She Is a Prima Donna—
But They've Come Home, and
Everybody's Happy.

Miss Elsie Moore, prima donna, leading lady, anyway, of "The Earl and the Girl" Company, which concludes its engagement at the Grand tonight, came to grief in London, despite the fact that she secured a victory at the Grand last night.

Miss Moore, brunette, slender, winsome, lost her jewels. It was a real loss.

Miss Moore, being an English lady, would not stoop to "lose" jewels in London for the sake of the advertising she would get. She'd "scorn" the haction. No, indeed, Miss Moore's father was no less a personage than the great Sir James Moore, whose lineage might, in a pinch, be traced to "Tom" of verse, and John, of soldier fame. Miss Moore's father was also governor of the Fiji Islands. This is no musical comedy joke, though the islands named certainly sound like the playground of a musical comedy governor.

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Liberal Club to Nominate Officers Thursday Evening

Brisk Contests Likely for Several Positions—President Rana- han to Retire.

Every member of the Liberal Club should be present at Hyman Hall on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

The nomination of officers for 1907 is to take place, and owing to the importance of having an energetic staff for the incoming year, all Liberals are urged to attend.

The election of officers will be held early in the new year.

There is considerable speculation regarding the presidency of the club for 1907. It is said that because of business pressure, Mr. Harry Ranshan, who fills the office with such satisfaction this year, will decline re-election. Several prominent members of the club are mentioned for the position. There is likely to be a brisk contest for several of the offices.

Tomorrow evening a progressive whist match is to take place at the club. Every Liberal is invited to compete for the prizes. A week ago, the attendance was so great that the match had to be played in two sections. Tomorrow evening it is hoped that the whistlers will be still more numerous.

Mr. Maurice Scarrow has donated a suitcase for competition in the bowling alley. The suitcase is to be awarded to the person making the highest individual score in any game played during December between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m.

MIDDLESEX MAN MAKES SWEEP AT CHICAGO LIVE STOCK SHOW

Mr. J. T. Gibson Carries Off Nearly All First Prizes for Lincoln Sheep.

Mr. J. T. Gibson, the well-known breeder, of Denfield, is being congratulated on all hands on his success at the recent International Live Stock Show at Chicago. He exhibited Lincoln sheep, both in the breeding and fat classes, and the followings are his winnings in what was said to be the best exhibit of sheep ever held in America. In the Lincoln breeding class Mr. Gibson won first on yearling ram, first on ram lamb, first on yearling ewe, and first on ewe lamb. He also took the champion ewe, and prize for flock, consisting of ram, two yearling ewes and two ewe lambs.

There was only one prize given in each section.

In the wether classes for fat sheep, Mr. Gibson won second on yearling wether, first, second and third on wether lambs; first on pen of five wether lambs, and champion Lincoln wether. In the classes for grades and crosses, long-wooled breeds—Cotswolds, Leicester and Lincoln—competing together, he won first and second on yearling wethers, first on yearling lamb, second on pen of five yearling wethers, first on pen of five wether lambs, and champion wether. He was also champion wether of the show, all grades competing, which stamped his wether as second best in the show. Out of a possible 19 firsts he won 14, a record seldom if ever equaled in such competition. One competitor had 40 sheep and another 22 on exhibition. Part of Mr. Gibson's sheep will be at the Guelph Winter Fair this week.

Her Body Alive With Reptiles

Omaha, Dec. 11.—As a result of swallowing a live chameleon as an advertisement, Louise Douglas, a well-known comic opera actress, died here yesterday. An hour before her death two little chameleons crawled from her woman's mouth, and physicians say her body is alive with the little reptiles. Two years ago Louise Douglas, whose real name was Mrs. Harry F. Lee, swallowed a chameleon, and received much advertising therefrom. But soon afterward she began failing and left the stage. She has been in a hospital in Omaha for more than a year.

FRANCE TO EXILE PAPAL ENVOY; BOND WITH CHURCH BROKEN

Weeping Worshipers in the Ca- thedrals and Churches of Paris.

Paris, Dec. 11.—After a meeting of the cabinet ministers today it was announced that on Dec. 14 Premier Clemenceau will ask Parliament to suppress the pensions of the clergy, to liquidate the public property of Catholics, and to distribute the presbyteries, seminaries, and so on.

1,000 Year Bond Broken

This is an historic day for France. The struggle which began in 1380 with the banishment of the Jesuits, ended today with the legal rupture of the bond which for practically a thousand years had united church and state. By refusing to make the required declaration under the public meeting law of 1881, public Catholic worship, except by schismatic organizations, tomorrow becomes illegal.

The scenes in some of the churches were touching. Not in years had there been such an attendance at mass. The number of women was especially conspicuous, indicating the religious indifference of the male population. Although seven-eighths of the inhabitants of this city nominally are Catholics, in no parts of the city were the churches crowded. Even at Notre Dame Cathedral, where a solemn high mass was celebrated, the edifice was only half-filled. The officiating clergy read the regulations for the week as usual, without referring to their illegal status tomorrow. Nevertheless, the depression of the Catholics was manifest.

Many women emerged from the cathedrals weeping, and gathered outside to discuss what to do, when the clergy are turned out of their churches.

Passive Resistance

It is becoming more apparent that both the Government officials and higher ecclesiastics are resisting the advice of intemperate-minded persons. Minister of Public Worship Briand announces that the Government "cannot be driven into the trap of closing the churches," and Cardinal Richard, archbishop of Paris, has strongly censured the placarding of appeals to the clericals to make violent resistance to the officers of the law.

"No violence," he says, "but passive resistance to the unjust law, after exhausting all protests every step." This is the disposition, so far as the higher ecclesiastics are concerned, but their followers are preparing to abandon the churches and organize private worship.

Prelates Leave Mansions

Cardinal Richard and many of the bishops already have begun the removal of their private effects from the episcopal mansions, and the clergy are preparing to leave their rectories and move into hired lodgings. It is announced that the parish priests have received many offers of places in which to hold religious services, but there is indication that they intend to take advantage of the sole remaining chance to retain their churches, namely, by making the declarations called for by the law.

The Government continues to present a calm front. Receivers have been indicated everywhere to assume charge of the sequestered property, and three policemen will be stationed tomorrow at the doors of all the churches to report law violations. But as such violations can only be tried in the police courts, and as the penalties are small, the Government is confident.

COMMONS REJECTS LORDS' AMENDMENT

Will Not Accept the Education Measure as Returned by the Upper House.

London, Dec. 10.—Minister of Education Burrell announced in the House of Commons today, that the Government had decided to reject all the House of Lords' amendments to the education bill.

The House of Lords tonight rejected the plural voting bill, which was passed by the House of Commons at the instance of the Government. The principle of the bill was one man one vote.

SHIPBUILDERS SEEK AID

Asks Government to Raise the Bounty to \$6 a Ton.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Frederick Nicholls, president of the Canadian Shipbuilding Company; Capt. McDougall and Thomas Long, of the Collingwood Shipbuilding Company; A. Armstrong, of the Canadian Shipbuilding Company; and P. P. O'Brien, president of the Police Iron Works, are in the city today, and interviewed the Government after-noon with a view of obtaining bounty on shipbuilding. Heretofore they asked for \$4 a ton, but it is understood that they have raised this to \$6. The Maritime Provinces delegation, with the same object, is expected here tomorrow.

ASK FOR HIGHER TARIFF

The Quebec Shoe Manufacturers Would Increase the Duty to 35 Per Cent.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Of the 21 manufacturers of boots and shoes in the city of Quebec, 17 waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier today and asked for higher protection. Mr. Ritchie introduced the bill. The duty on boots and shoes is now 25 per cent. The delegates ask for 35 per cent to keep out American-made shoes. The reason they give for the increase is the duties on hides, machines and articles used for tanneries, which increase the cost of leather. The resignation of C. M. Kittson, Canada's commercial agent in South Africa, has been received at the department. It is said that W. T. R. Preston, who is now at Cape Town, may take his place.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

From	Reported at	From
Cymric	Boston	Liverpool
Columbian	Boston	London
Astoria	Glasgow	New York
Columbia	Glasgow	New York
Corydon	Glasgow	New York
Batavia	Hamburg	New York
Laurentia	Halifax	Liverpool

INDEPENDENTS MAKE A SECOND BID FOR A LONDON FRANCHISE

Offer Reduced Phone Rates and Agree to Guard Against Frustrating Competition.

The Provincial Long Distance Telephone Company submitted an amended offer to the city council at its special meeting last evening.

The offer does not include a cash bonus to the city, but it provides for phones at rates considerably below those at present charged by the Bell Company. No. 1 committee will deal with the document at a special session to be held this evening. The offer is as follows:

"In regard to local telephone business, we will agree to give the city the following stipulations and privileges: 'The maximum annual rates of rental to be charged by the company for unlimited local exchange telephone service (in all cases instruments to have and include long distance transmitters, free of extra charge), shall be as follows: 'Business telephone, single or direct line, metallic circuit, \$36. 'For the same on a two-party line, selective ringing, \$30. 'For residence telephone, single or direct line, metallic circuit, \$18. 'For residence telephone, four-party line, selective ringing system, \$15. 'For one business and one residence phone to the same person, direct line, \$50. 'Rentals to be paid quarterly, with 5 per cent discount when paid in advance. 'We will also agree to furnish and maintain free to the city, at such places as the council directs, twelve exchange telephone connections, and for all other exchange services for municipal purposes wholly within the city, we shall furnish the city departments with telephones at one-half of the standard rates in paid city for similar services. 'We will also agree to provide one six-pin crossarm on our poles and two ducts in every subway constructed under the agreement, free of cost or rent, to carry the wires of the city used for the fire and police departments. 'The company will also agree to secure to the city proper and equitable provisions for the control and supervision of the construction by the municipal authorities, and to guard by special provisions against the possibility of competition being frustrated, without the consent of the council. 'The company will further give security to the city, binding it to begin construction and commence operating its telephone system within a reasonable time, to be specified in the agreement. 'We will also agree to any further reasonable and equitable provisions in such agreement which the council may desire to further secure to the city, and to our telephone subscribers, such protection as may be deemed advisable, in being our wish to work amicably with the city and to give a popular telephone service. 'All instruments and plant will be of the most modern and best type, and it will be our aim to furnish the quickest and most perfect telephone service and attendance it is possible to give. 'We will also do as much underground construction as possible, in order to assist in maintaining your streets in good order.'"

SAYS BENNY KISSED AND EMBRACED HER

Mrs. Matthews Objects to Marks of Affection Bestowed by a South-End.

Great was the wrath of Mrs. Harriet Matthews, when she called on Police Court Clerk Moule yesterday afternoon and asked to have an information drawn up, charging Benjamin Harris, a south end resident, with assault. Mrs. Matthews declared that Benjamin had actually embraced her, following up this evidence of affection with a kiss.

This morning the case was to have been heard at the police court, but Harris declared that he knew nothing of the offense of which he had been accused. The case was accordingly adjourned until Friday next, to enable Mrs. Matthews to produce witnesses. According to her story, Mrs. Matthews went to see Harris about a room which she wanted to rent. Harris was very courteous and showed her up stairs to the apartment, when she alleged, he "smiled a little and giggled some more," and finally caught her in his arms and embraced her. He also gave her a kiss.

There was no further talk of renting the room, Mrs. Matthews' indignation causing her to leave the place immediately and go straightway to the police station. Jacob Clayson, a vagrant, was fined \$1 or four months in jail. Jacob had not the wherewithal, and unless some good Samaritan furnishes the greenback, he will certainly not be bothered with cold feet this winter.

William George was remanded to jail for one week on a charge of being drunk. Fred Thompson was fined \$5 or ten days for being drunk.

NEW DRY DOCK FOR LAKES

A \$30,000 Carriage To Be Erected at Ogdensburg.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Dec. 11.—The contract was let yesterday for the erection in this city of a drydock and shipyard carriage large enough to handle any vessel that can pass through the Welland Canal. Boston parties secured the contract for the work at \$30,000. The shipyard will be of great advantage to marine interests on the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario. The nearest American drydock of such proportions as present is at Buffalo.

SHAH'S CASE HOPELESS

German Specialist Says the Persian Monarch Cannot Recover.

London, Dec. 11.—No news has been received here today tending to confirm the Shah of Persia is dead.

Constantinople, Dec. 11.—An official dispatch from Teheran, Persia, dated yesterday, says that the German specialist who is attending the Shah, has pronounced the latter's condition hopeless.

REBELLION IN VENEZUELA

Insurgents Defeat Government Troops and Are Marching on the Capital.

Fort-de-France, Martinique, Dec. 10.—Venezuelan advices state that a serious revolution has occurred there. Insurgents, under Gen. Montilla, have captured Barquisimeto, within 150 miles of Caracas. Gen. Parades is said to have defeated the Government troops at Coro.

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FIRST DIVISION OF THE SESSION

Government Upheld on Western Coal Lands Resolution— Grants for Veterans.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—On the first division of the session in a thin House the Government had a majority of 38 this debate lasting some hours, on an agenda resolution offered by Mr. John Herron, asking the House to affirm that the coal lands owned by the Government should only be alienated under conditions which would insure an immediate supply of coal, at a reasonable price, adequate at all times to the requirements of the people, and that legislation be passed providing for such control and regulation of coal lands already alienated as will in future prevent loss and suffering to the people of the western provinces through lack of coal supply.

Mr. Knowles, in relation to the supply of fuel did not arise from any defect in legislation, but from lack of transportation, and through conflict between employer and employee," was supported with unanimity by the Government. The debate developed into a contest by the Opposition to place upon the Government the responsibility for the recent coal famine which caused no little suffering in Saskatchewan and Alberta. The Minister of the Interior took the ground that there could be no monopoly in coal in the Northwest, from the fact that vast areas of coal lands had been alienated to the C. P. R. and the Calgary and Edmonton Railway, whose land grants, aggregating 27,000,000 acres, carried coal rights and a large part of these grants had been selected by the Government from the coal-bearing lands now owned by private corporations.

Mr. O'Brien pointed out that the Opposition were divided on the question of the imposition of restrictive conditions requiring the development of coal lands alienated in future, which he opined would have the effect of checking the development of the coal-mining industry. The solution of the difficulty was to be found in increased railway facilities and the distribution of coal from the mines. Mr. Herron, mover of the resolution, was strongly opposed to Government operation of coal mines. The debate was participated in by Messrs. Knowles, Tupper, Smith (Nanaimo), Sproule, Lake, R. Borden and the Minister of Labor, who suggested that the time had come when Parliament should consider the question whether compulsory arbitration or compulsory conciliation should be resorted to in the settlement of differences between capital and labor. That South Africa veterans who at the time of enlistment resided in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, or Alberta, will receive land grants was the tenor of a reply to Col. Sam Hughes by Sir Frederick Borden, who also intimated that greater encouragement to rifle-shooting will receive his careful consideration.

A bill to amend the Dominion lands act was introduced by the Minister of the Interior and read a first time.

WOULD BUILD CANALS

New Company May Construct System Superior to Hudson Bay.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The Canada Gazette contains notice of application for the incorporation of the Lake Superior and Hudson Bay Development and Canal Company, to construct a system of canals and to create a navigable waterway between Lake Superior, James Bay and Hudson Bay by way of the Nipigon River, Nipigon Lake, the water stretches between Nipigon Lake and the Albany River, the Albany River to James Bay, by the water stretches between the Albany River and the Severn River to Hudson Bay.

BIG LAKE LINER LOST IN STORM

The SS. Monarch Total Loss on Isle Royale.

PASSENGERS AND CREW SAFE

Suffer Terrible Privations for Two Days, Until Rescued by a Passing Steamer.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 11.—The steamer Monarch, of the Northern Navigation Company's fleet, is a total loss at Blake's Point, the extremity of Isle Royale. She left Port Arthur at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and went on the beach at 11 o'clock the same night, in a blinding snowstorm, then raging. The bow of the steamer was driven up on the shore, and the crew of 38 and 8 passengers were able to reach the land in safety by a rope, the end of which had been lashed over a rock. One of the crew—James Jacques, of Point Edward—perished, being carried away by a huge wave.

The unfortunate people built fires in the bush, and they were able to bring blankets and food from the steamer. They remained huddled over the fire, without shelter, and with the thermometer standing as low as 25 degrees below zero, for a night and two days before they were able to attract any notice. On Sunday evening they signaled a passing steamer, the Edmontonton, which came on to Port Arthur with news of the disaster.

The wrecking tug Whalen was dispatched to the scene yesterday morning, and she returned here with 41 persons, who were taken off the inhospitable shores.

Some of the crew, including Capt. Robertson, were badly frostbitten about the ears, hands, and feet, but it is not thought that the results will be serious with any. The steamer Monarch's last trip for the season. She was going down with a full cargo of wheat and flour.

The wrecker who examined her expressed the opinion that she will be a total loss, her bow and bottom being smashed far back and amidsides. Both steamer and cargo were fully insured.

The rescued passengers and crew will be sent east from here upon the Huronic. Manager Gildersleeve, who is here, is doing everything possible for their comfort, and the season. She was going down with a full cargo of wheat and flour.

News of the loss of the Monarch reached Toronto in the following dispatch received by H. C. Hammond, president of the Northern Navigation Company, from H. C. Gildersleeve, general manager of the company, who is at Port William:

"Capt. McMaster, of steamer Edmontonton, reported Monarch total wreck; only pilot house out of water now, at east end of Isle Royale, about three miles from Passageway Island. Passengers and crew, 40 in all, on Saturday reported safe on small island near wreck. Tugs Whalen and Grace gone to relief. If weather is quiet they should be back tonight. Will report then. Fully insured."

The Monarch was built 16 years ago. She recently plied between Collingwood, the "Soo," and Sault Ste. Marie, and was regarded as a staunch vessel. "They value her at \$85,000," said Mr. H. C. Hammond, president of the Northern Navigation Company, which owned the vessel, "and she was fully insured. Her tonnage was about 1,000 or 1,200."

Early Sunday there was a rumor that the Huronic was also lost, which, happily, was unfounded.

WOULDN'T SANCTION IT

British Govt. Rejects Scheme to Slaughter Imported Cattle at Alderney.

London, Dec. 11.—The British Government has refused its sanction to a scheme proposed by a powerful syndicate to bring cattle and sheep from South America, Canada and elsewhere, to the British island of Alderney, where it was planned to slaughter them, and distribute the carcasses in Great Britain. The hides and by-products were to be treated for the benefit of the British leather industry, with the view of combating the American beef and leather combines.

SHORT OF CARS

The Hamilton Street Railway Company Explains Discharge of 25 Men.

Hamilton, Dec. 10.—The trouble between the street railway company and its employees is not yet settled. The grievance committee of the union this afternoon had a conference with Traction Manager Green and Superintendent Miller over the discharge of 25 members of the union on Saturday. The excuse offered by the company's officials was that the men had merely been laid off because the company had no work for them on account of so many cars being put out of business during the recent strike riots. The representatives of the union left without saying whether or not they were satisfied with the explanation, but judging by the talk among the men tonight, they are anything but satisfied, and it is not unlikely that the Ontario railway and municipal board will be asked to decide whether or not the company is carrying out the terms of this award.