

SENATOR ELLIS ON THE LEVEL CROSSING BILL

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 1.—Discussing Lancaster's level crossing bill in the Senate this afternoon Senator Ellis said that he had been too recently and too closely in touch with public opinion to declare his own head for the question without regard to public opinion.

DEMANDS THAT SEARCHING INQUIRY BE MADE INTO ALL THE WORKINGS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 1.—In the Commons this afternoon motion to go into supply C. J. Doherty, (St. Ann's, Montreal) moved: "That the commission of 1907 in the course of their investigations into the conditions of the civil service, having made incidental inquiry into the workings of one of the departments at Ottawa, characterized that department as WANTING IN ORGANIZATION LACKING IN CONSCIENCE AND IN EFFICIENCY, AS SERVING TWO MASTERS, SCRIPTS AND METHODS, AND ALSO CRITICIZED OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

PUGSLEY CUTS VALUATION OF HARBOR TO \$1,500,000

Mayor Bullock received a despatch yesterday from Hon. Wm. Pugsley suggesting that the valuation of the harbor at \$3,000,000 could not be justified on a revenue basis but that about \$1,500,000 would appear to be more correct.

ing of the West Side berths with the purchase of the Carleton branch railway and the city contribution to the C. P. R. elevator. This leaves practically nothing for the East side wharves and harbor properties as well as the revenue which is collected as harbor master's fees and from vessels loading in the stream. It will undoubtedly be necessary to have a considerable revision of the minister's views if the city taxpayers are to feel any appreciable relief from the transfer of the harbor to a commission.

M'KENZIE-MANN THEIR LETTER TO MR. PUGSLEY

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 1.—The following are the extracts from McKenzie and Mann's letter of July 10, 1907, containing terms on which they would consider the construction of the St. John Valley Railway and read yesterday by the Premier.

MONCTON BILL CONSIDERED AT LENGTH

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 1.—After the House adjourned the municipalities committee met again and further considered the Moncton bill for commission to handle water, light and sewerage departments. As a compromise between the parties interested it was decided that the chairman of the commission be appointed at a salary not exceeding \$1800 per year for two years by the city council and that he be removable only by a two-thirds vote of the council.

LADIES HERE HAVE GIVEN NEARLY \$700

Rev. Dr. Falconer, of Halifax, who is here in the interest of the Ladies' Presbytery in College at Halifax met with the ladies of St. David's church yesterday afternoon and it was decided by them to devote one hundred and fifty dollars to furnish a room at Pine Hill College. It is understood that the ladies of St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's churches will each give one hundred and fifty dollars and also another one hundred and fifty dollars will be given by the other Presbyterian churches of St. John combined.

SALARIES BEFORE THE INCREASE

The following were the salaries of the letter carriers of St. John before the present increase: G. E. Withers, \$800; J. Beamish, \$517.25; H. T. Bridges, \$26.50; J. T. Brown, \$726.50; J. Butler, \$726.50; R. O. Canston, \$726.50; G. C. Cosman, \$726.50; W. T. G. Cosman, J. L. Driecoll, \$726.50; M. Macaulay, \$726.50; W. Macaulay, \$726.50; J. K. MacDonald, \$726.50; J. McMonagle, \$726.50; C. W. Magee, \$726.50; J. A. Mallman, \$600.00; H. A. Morrissey, \$495.00; W. J. Murphy, \$497.50; F. M. Perkins, \$726.50; I. H. Roberts, \$726.50; C. F. Rogers, \$395.25; J. E. Rosaiter, \$726.50; J. J. Ryan, \$726.50; H. J. Russell, \$569.50; J. Thompson, \$726.50; T. Killen, \$726.50; D. Kilhorn, \$726.50.

ALBERT CO. MAN GOT ARRESTED

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., April 1.—A serious affair is reported from Meadow Brook, Albert County, between two men named Garland and Steeves. Garland had been living in Steeves house and went there on purpose of settling accounts. After supper Garland, it is said, invited Steeves into a room the doors of which were barred. Garland brought up some old trouble and it is alleged, drew a revolver. He was seized by Steeves who compelled him to relinquish it. A second struggle occurred in which Garland struck Steeves with a chair and dislocated

his shoulder. Steeves seized an iron poker and dropped Garland unconscious on the floor. Garland was placed under arrest by Constable Ralph Steeves.

FACTORIES SHUT DOWN. Boston, Mass., April 1.—The factories of the Boston Rubber Shoe Company in Malden and Melrose were shut down for two weeks and possibly a longer period today. The closing affects 2,800 persons.

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS OF THE I. O. F.

Mr. J. V. Russell, and Mrs. Russell returned on last night's Boston train from Fredericton, where Mr. Russell was present at an executive meeting of the High Standing Committee of the Independent Order of Foresters, which met in the Queen Hotel yesterday afternoon, with Lieut. Col. Mersereau, High Chief Ranger, presiding. It was decided that the High Court for the province will meet in Fredericton on July 15th and 16th. Changes in by-laws were adopted for submission to the high court, one of the principal being that increasing the allowance for delegates to the High Court from \$1 to \$2 per diem. There was a slump in receipts during the first part of the order's year, it has been picking up strongly lately and it was stated that the order was never stronger financially than it is today.

MINERS OUT FOR UNIFORM AGREEMENT

Special to The Standard. McLeod, Alta., April 1.—The Miners' Union has refused to sign the agreement arrived at by representatives of the Western Coal Operators' Association and District 18, United Mine Workers. In an interview between the district officers of the union and

the operators, President Sherman said the union had received a more favorable agreement from the Crown's West Pass Company, but that they would not sign the ratified agreement until its terms were those of the Crown's West Pass Company. The operators refused to modify their terms and the president later informed them that he had ordered all the men out until a new agreement was arrived at.

STOCK ISSUE BY ONTARIO AT 102 POUNDS

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Ont., April 1.—A London cablegram says:—The Bank of Montreal has been authorized by the Government of Ontario to offer 820,000 pounds sterling worth of four per cent. registered stock, redeemable at par in 1947, the price issue being 102 pounds. This flotation is for the purpose of paying off a number of treasury bills which fall due shortly, and for building the Hydro-Electric Transmission lines from Niagara Falls. The price obtained is regarded here as good, in view of the present financial condition in London.

WOMAN WON PRIZE

London, April 1.—The Standard of Empire announced that the prize of \$400 offered by the navy league of Canada for the best essay on the ques-

CONFIDENT THAT THE ROAD WILL BE BUILT

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, N. B., April 1.—The following St. John Valley delegates arrived from Fredericton this afternoon: B. T. A. Dibblee, C. L. Smith, B. F. Smith, I. E. Sheagreen, Ald. Ketchum, McManus and Hagerman, Couns. Williams and Gillmore, Wilmet Anderson and W. W. Wilson, of Lakeville, Fred Tweedie, Ed. Savage, etc. The President of the Board of Trade, B. T. A. Dibblee, said tonight: "There is no question but that the road will be built. We have been in touch with Mr. Pugsley by wire and a committee from the three boards of trade, the county, town and city councils will leave for Ottawa inside a fortnight. A meeting of the town Board of Trade will be held on Tuesday night to receive the report of the sectional committee and name the Ottawa delegates. The fact that the Local and Federal Governments do not see eye to eye politically and that the Provincial Government is heartily in favor of the railway encourages the belief that the Federal Government will be equally anxious to meet the wishes of the people in this case."

LOBSTER FISHING INQUIRY

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 1.—On the orders of the day Dr. Daniel drew attention to a statement in the Standard as to the violation of the lobster fishing regulations. Brodeur said his attention had not been drawn but that he would make inquiries. Graham informed Perley that \$48,372.50 had been spent up to 25th February last on the building and equipment of the National Transcontinental from Winnipeg to Moncton. The Government estimate of the further amount required to finish it and put in working order ready to hand it over to the C. P. R. is \$66,021,206, exclusive of the Quebec and the Quebec terminals and line thereto, Winnipeg terminals or large shops in that vicinity. Fielding informed Perley that up to the end of 1913 the following loans will fall due: £1,763,678 sterling, May 1, 1911; £1,500,000 October 1, 1910; £1,700,000 October 1, 1913; £6,443,136 January 1, 1910; £1,380,900 October 1, 1912; £5,000,000 May 1, 1912. In addition there is a loan of £4,000,000 which the Government has the option of paying in 1910, but which does not become due till 1935.

MINE WORKERS TO BE TAKEN BACK AGAIN

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., April 1.—Owing to the great crowd that gathered in the court room at yesterday's session of the conciliation board, the floor gave way, and the evidence was taken in the police court today. Miners from No. 1 colliery were on the stand and said they were laid off because they joined the U. M. W. Manager Mitchell, who is in control of this colliery, said the reason for closing down in December was slack times. He was prepared to take back the men when work was ready without distinction as to what organization they belonged. There was no black list, as far as he knew, although there were some men who might not get back the official position they held before they joined the U. M. W. These latter men had broken the rule of the company which forbids officials from joining any labor organization, and if taken back would have to come as ordinary miners. General Manager Duggan made a lengthy statement setting forth coal company side of the case, and claiming that mine workers' control of labor would be a bad thing for Nova Scotia coal trade. The document was conciliatory in tone and it is generally believed that a good prospect now exists for a peaceful settlement.

EMPRESS DIDN'T SEE BIT OF ICE

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., April 1.—To cross the northerly route in March without sighting a piece of ice, is the unusual experience of Capt. Forester, of the C. P. R. liner Empress of Ireland, which arrived in port at seven o'clock this evening from Liverpool. The Empress had one of the finest passages this winter and on Wednesday steamed 443 miles, which is considered fast for this season. She brought 1450 passengers who were divided as follows: 92 saloon, 455 second and 883 third class. Among the passengers was A. J. Dawson, editor of the Standard of Empire, who is the guest of the Halifax Board of Trade at a luncheon tomorrow. After landing 28 first class, 9 second and 13 steerage passengers and 1391 bags and 335 parcels of mail the Empress sailed for St. John at sail past eight. Miss Edith Miller, the famous Canadian singer was a passenger on the Empress.

CRAZY SNAKE HAS NOT BEEN CAPTURED YET

Pierce, Okla., April 1. (by courier to Checotah).—What a Muskogee newspaper calls the "smoked beef rebellion," alleging the same to be considerable of a joke, is all but over. In a day or two the militia, it is expected will be withdrawn. McIntosh county will feed between eighty and a hundred prisoners, not one of whom resisted arrest and Chittl Harjo, otherwise known as Crazy Snake, will exercise all due caution about appearing in public. He was not captured today, neither did he respond to a widely distributed invitation to surrender. The picturesque posse quitted the hunt, leaving the field to the First Regiment, O. N. G. Colonel Hoffman sent squads through the river bottoms and provisionally explored the gulches in this vicinity, while Major Barrett, spreading him men, numbering 100, into extremely open order advanced like a comb through the Hickory Woods. Crazy Snake, however, was elsewhere. Meanwhile Colonel Hoffman held a long pow wow with the fugitive's sister but she knew nothing of her brother's whereabouts.

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