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RAILWAY TAXATION

P. H. Bowyer M. P. P. Takes
A Pronounced Stand In
Legislature

HE KEEPS HIS WORD

Toronto, March 14.—The session of to-day's session of the Legislature, which sat till a late hour to-night, was the remarkable and severe criticism of the Government failure to increase the taxation of the railways by Mr. Phillip Bowyer (East Kent).

In the course of a vigorous address, applauded alternately by both sides of the House, he expressed surprise at hearing the prime minister announce that there would be no increase in railway taxation. He was pleased to learn later that the prime minister's words only referred to this session and that there was no finality in the statement.

Mr. Bowyer said Hon. Col. Matheson must have been misinformed in his statements regarding the State of Michigan. Despite the heavy tax the construction of railways had not ceased there. On the contrary it had spent \$5,000,000 on 250 miles. Michigan's railways were taxed three times as high as those in Ontario, while the two-cent fares prevailed on many lines.

TAX CORPORATIONS.

Continuing, Mr. Bowyer recommended the taxation of all corporations to their fair share. The provincial treasurer, he declared, stated that such a tax would discourage construction of railways. The Government need not have the slightest hesitation in taxing the railways and if they undertook to say that the corporations should pay their fair share of taxation he would be satisfied.

No sooner did Mr. Bowyer sit down than Mr. McCoig, his Liberal colleague from West Kent, was on his feet. He complimented his fellow Kent representative, Mr. Bowyer, was declared by Mr. McCoig a man of worth. He was the only member of the Government side who was consistent with the views he had previously expressed on the railway question. He felt as sure that his earnest protest would have effect.

MR. McDIARMID REPLIES.

Mr. McDiarmid of West Elgin, followed. He stated that Mr. Bowyer had always held advanced views on the question of railway taxation. He was only taking a consistent stand. He believed in the taxation of corporations himself, but he would not go so far as Mr. Bowyer. He felt assured that the Government would meet Mr. Bowyer's views as far as they were able. The prime minister intimated that Mr. Bowyer's views should have the fullest consideration. It was the desire to have the corporations pay their just share of taxation. Other speakers on the debate were Messrs. C. Larke, Northumberland, and Col. Atkinson.

During the afternoon General Booth, of the Salvation Army, addressed the House.

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Once you were robust, bright and happy. To-day you are dull, worried, failing in vitality and appearance. Just when you should be at your best you're played out and need a cleansing, bracing tonic. Your blood will soon return, your vivacious spirit will again regulate the systems with Dr. Hamilton's Pills. A truly wonderful medicine. It searches out disease, positively drives away headache, weariness, and lack of vital force. Give yourself a chance. Use Dr. Hamilton's Pills and watch the result. Sold everywhere in 25c boxes.

SATURDAY MATINEE

There will be a special matinee tomorrow afternoon at the Brisco Opera House for ladies and children. New comic and instructive moving pictures and illustrated songs. Pictures start at three o'clock. Price of admission five cents.

Read The G. H. J.

Bylaw For A New School Is Discussed In Dresden

From Our Own Correspondent.

Dresden, March 15.—A meeting of the ratepayers was called for Tuesday evening to discuss the proposed by-law granting the School Board \$27,000 to build a new school. A large number of townspeople were present. A perspective of the new building was shown. Chairman F. H. Laird opened the meeting with an excellent address in which he showed how hard the trustees had planned trying to provide a suitable school building for the town, and also how necessary it was for the town to have one at once. Trustee Thornton in a short concise speech showed how much approximately, or rather how little each person would have to pay for taxation, and also

showed how much cheaper it was to provide for continuation work at home than send children out of town for the same. Inspector Colles gave an excellent address, in which he showed that the schools were responsible for the moral, intellectual and physical welfare of the pupils to a great extent, and that the present schools here were not conducive to the best results being obtained. The proposed building was explained by the chairman, and the trustees and some in the audience spoke along the same line, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks being tendered Mr. Colles for his kindness in addressing the meeting.

REVIVAL A SUCCESS

The marked success which is attending the revival services in the First Presbyterian church, is turning out to be much in excess of the greatest hopes of the pastor, Mr. MacGillivray, when he announced that a special series would be held. Large audiences are in attendance each night, which can only be accounted for by the fact that they find the services helpful and inspiring.

Last evening Mr. MacGillivray himself conducted the meeting and delivered a rousing address, which had its effect. The song service which is held every night for half an hour after the opening, was greatly enjoyed last evening, those present praising Mrs. MacGillivray very sweetly. "Ninety and Nine."

To-night Mr. MacGillivray will again conduct the service, and the First Church quartette will sing. The pastor particularly requests a good attendance for to-night.

MR. NEWKIRK CALLED

Ninian M. Newkirk died at the residence of his mother, Mrs. N. Newkirk, concession 4, Raleigh, on Thursday evening after an illness of some months from lung trouble. The deceased was a trustee in his section for some years and was a candidate for the council board on two occasions, and was highly respected. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

QUICK PROFITS

Mr. Leroy Tobey is in receipt of the following telegram:

North Battleford, Sask.
Dear Roy—Have offer of \$100 advance on your lots. Shall I sell? Answer quick.

E. R. TOBEY.

Mr. Tobey purchased the lots a few days ago at \$400 each, and they have since advanced \$100 each. Mr. Tobey wired back for him not to sell.

IS KELLY WELL PAYING OR IS IT A DRY HOLE?

Its Success Or Failure Is Being Kept A Dark Secret
—May Be Ruin Of Oil Men—Conflicting
Reports Are Received

News from the oil fields is rather indefinite to-day, and no fresh strikes are reported. A great deal of local interest has centered in the Kelly well in Romney. This is the first deep well drilled in the township, but the operators appear to be keeping its output a secret. It is known that pay sand was struck with good indications for big oil and gas, but that is all the information which has been given out so far.

A report reached the city this morning that the Kelly well had turned out to be a dry hole, and another oil man claimed that salt water had been met with. If either of these reports be true, they will prove damaging to Romney's reputation as an oil field.

There is still another theory to the effect that the oil men are anxious to keep the success of the Kelly well a secret, as if it became generally known that deep wells were paying propositions in Romney, oil leases would continue to soar in price. The generous amount of publicity which has been given to the Romney fields by the press, has already had a tendency to make the farmers realize that their leases are worth more than they have been getting. Thus it would be quite natural on the part of interested oil men to depreciate the glowing and encouraging reports coming from the fields.

NOTES FROM THE FIELDS.

No. 1 Gracy well, Tilbury, owned by Archie Campbell, was shot yesterday by the Ontario Torpedo Co. A light well.

During the month of February 144 cars of oil were shipped from Merlin. This is a decrease of 37 cars compared with January, but is equal to the production for the first 28 days of that month. A shortage of cars during February is also responsible to a considerable extent for the small shipments, so that there is no

actual falling off in the production of the Tilbury East field.

S. W. Gilbert, of Kansas City, Mo., arrived here this week from Cobalt. He has sent to the Oil Investor's Journal of Beaumont, Texas, an article on the Tilbury East field. On the basis of the last three months shipments from Merlin station, he figures that the present estimated 140 wells in the township will average five and one-tenth barrels each per day—a much lower estimate than the oil promoters are willing to concede.

The worst drawback to the Romney field is the lack of shipping facilities—the two-inch pipe-line being totally inadequate to handle the output. It is said, however, that the line is to be run nights, which will greatly relieve the situation by doubling its capacity. If the output increases at its present ratio, a four-inch line is to be put in.

John McCort, of Petrolia, arrived here last week to take charge of the interests of Bowly, Norton, Church and Benson in the Romney field, where they are drilling with three rigs—lots southeast corner 21, concession 5; southwest corner 21, concession 5; and northeast corner 20, concession 6.

The Acme Oil Co.'s well No. 7, on the John Kerr farm, north half lot 10, M. R. N., Tilbury East, is good for 15-barrels.

The Acme Oil Co.'s well No. 3, on the H. Cooper farm, south half lot 3, concession 8, Tilbury East, was brought in and made 100 barrels 24 hours after being shot.

Another string of tools will complete drilling the well on the Richardson farm, Middle Road, near Valetta, which was abandoned some time ago at a depth of 1,150 feet, owing to a disagreement between the contractors and the owner.

The Conner Oil Co., composed of Tilbury parties, have made two locations on the Dawson farm—lot 20, concession 5—and expect to start up this week.

BIG FLOODS IN STATES

Fourteen Persons Are
Drowned In City Of
Pittsburg

OUT OF EMPLOYMENT

Pittsburg, March 15.—The greatest flood in the history of Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Eastern Ohio, was experienced last night. At 7 o'clock the water reached a stage of 34.6 feet at Herr's Island, and 34.3 feet at Market street. The waters continue to rise steadily about two-tenths of an inch an hour.

At the head waters, the rivers are stationary. This crest of the flood is expected here. About midnight 35 feet was recorded, 13 feet above the danger mark.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the 30 miles ice gorge at Parker, Pa., broke, and it is moving toward the city. The immense gorge in the Clarion River also had started down stream. Both gorges, however, are old and the ice is soft. On this account their arrival is not expected to cause much damage.

The whole lower down-town district is under attack.

Fourteen Dead Already.

Within the last 36 hours, fourteen fatalities, directly due to the flood, have occurred.

The damage to perishable goods and property in the Pittsburg district alone will amount to \$1,000,000.

At Conneville, Pa., the damage to the coke region is estimated last night at \$2,000,000.

More than 100,000 persons are temporarily out of employment. The flood directly affects over 2,500,000 people.

All railroads entering Pittsburg are crippled.

In the suburbs of Aspinwall, Sharpsburg, Elma and Millville, more than 500 families are living in the second stories of their homes.

Hundreds of persons are marooned in Pittsburg. Restaurants have been besieged all evening by persons unable to reach their homes, and every room in the hotels and boarding-houses have been engaged. There are not sufficient accommodations to take care of the people compelled to remain here.

TWO FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Man Killed by Falling Tree—Fractious Colt Causes Fatal Injuries.

Kingston, March 15.—Ezra Palmatier, of Harlowe, is dead from internal injuries caused by fractious colt. His leg was crushed between his sleigh and the barn.

At Halleford, James T. Babcock, sawmill owner, was struck by a falling tree he had cut, and died a few hours later from his injuries, leaving a wife and ten children.

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