

average over nine miles a day. The food and fuel stored at each depot gave a full ration at this speed for a week. The best day's march of the southern party on the Barrier was approximately nine miles, falling at later stages of the march to as low as three miles. The failure to maintain a higher speed was undoubtedly due to the failing condition of Captain Oates, this being a constant tax on the energies of the party and rapidly weakening them at a time when they had to face persistent winds and frequent blizzards. But, despite the hopeless nature of the outlook forced on them, they never relinquished their gallant struggle, but fought on heroically to the bitter end.

As recorded in a previous despatch, the search party found their tent on Nov. 10, 1912. It was half-covered with snow, and the sledge with their gear was completely covered. The tent was well spread with an inner tent placed on poles.

**BODIES FOUND AND CROSS ERECTED**

The bodies having been identified, the inner tent was placed over them and a large cairn of snow was erected and a cross placed on the top bearing the following record:

"Left this cross and cairn erected over the remains of Captain R. F. Scott, C.V.O., R.N.; Dr. E. A. Wilson and Lient. H. R. Bowers, R.N., as a slight token to perpetuate their gallant and successful attempt to reach the pole. This they did on Jan. 17, 1912, after the Norwegians had already done so on Dec. 1, 1911.

"Also to commemorate their two gallant comrades, Captain R. E. G. Oates of the Inniskilling Dragoons, who walked to his death in a blizzard willing, about 20 miles south of this place, to try and save his comrades, beset by hardship, and Petty Officer Edgar Evans, who died at the foot of the Beardmore Glacier.

"The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the Name of the Lord."

**NO SYMPTOMS OF SCURVY EXISTED.**

This record was signed by all the members of the search party. Surgeon Atkinson states that no symptoms of scurvy existed. All the records of the southern party having been collected, the whole search party proceeded 23 miles south to search for the body of Captain Oates, but no trace of it was found. Near the spot of his departure from his comrades a cross and cairn were erected, and the following record left on the cairn:

"Hereabouts died a very gallant gentleman, Captain R. E. G. Oates, Inniskilling Dragoons, who on the return from the pole in March, 1912, willingly walked to his death in a blizzard to try to save his comrades beset by hardship."

**GOOD PROGRESS MADE BY SEARCHING PARTY**

Seven mules supplied by the Indian Government were used by the search party. Their rations consisted of 11 pounds of oil cake and oats in the proportion of one oil cake to two of oats. The speed of their march averaged better than that of the ponies of the previous year. From the start the daily marches averaged fourteen miles. The surfaces on the outward journey were exceptionally good, and the mules made good progress without sinking deeply. Deep snow was encountered on the return, and the going was much heavier. The chief difficulty in connection with the mules was that they would not eat anything except their rations. The food of some consisted of rope yarn, tea leaves, man's and dog's biscuits and tobacco ashes. The weights hauled by the mules were much heavier than by the ponies, the highest weight at one time being 760 pounds.

The gears supplied by the Indian Government showed great forthrightness, and only had to be altered in very slight ways. The snow goggles were specially useful and a great comfort to the animals. The harness was best harness. Two mules were shot on the Barrier and five returned after 350 miles of hard pulling in temperature falling to 29 below zero. There were two dog teams of 11 dogs each. Eighteen of the 22 which brought down in the first year all the stores were brought safely back to the depot at Hut Point. The care of the mules devolved upon Lashley. His constant attention kept them in good order. A detailed record was kept by him, showing the performance of each mule during the winter and also during the traveling season. This record will be sent to the supply transport department of the Indian Government, who trained the mules for the expedition. The health of the search party thruout was excellent.

(Signed) E. R. G. R. EVANS, Commander, Royal Navy, Commanding Expedition.

**POWER RATES CUT REVENUE ADVANCED**

Mackenzie and Mann's Winnipeg Plant Makes Rather Surprising Showing.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 13.—(Can. Press.)—Although the Winnipeg Electric Street Railway reduced its rate for light from 10 cents per kilowatt to 3 1-2 cents per kilowatt, in competition with the city power plant, its earnings for the year 1912 were \$1,850,410 in excess of one-half million dollars in excess of the figures for light, gas and power company show a slight decrease, the figures for 1912 being \$3,765,384, compared with \$3,829,749 in 1911. Of this \$2,114,974, leaving \$1,650,410 which was earned by the light, gas and power department, as compared with \$1,195,750 earned by the same department in 1911, the exact gain being \$454,961.

The statement is an interesting one because of the fact of the large reduction in rate. It might well have been expected that with a reduction of 66 per cent in the retailing price of electricity for lighting purposes the earning power of the company would have been considerably decreased. That this discrepancy has been more than made up by the larger number of consumers is shown by the figures.

**MORE MEDICAL INSPECTORS NOW**

Twelve Additional Nurses Also Needed For Public School Staff.

Three new medical public school inspectors are to be appointed and twelve additional nurses. In view of the lively contest over the appointments and the sequel last year a lively time for the board of education is looked for.

Dr. Hopkins, now a member of the board, advocates the appointment of qualified applicants from the parts of the city where they are to be assigned to work.

**SPILLED FROM BERTHS IN WRECK**

Pullmans Tossed About in a Smash-Up on G. T. R.—Passengers Hurt.

A broken rail on the G. T. R. line near Trout Creek, caused the wreck of the Cobalt express from Toronto about 6 a.m. yesterday.

The express was late and was running at full speed at the time. The accident occurred on a rocky cut only a few yards from a steep embankment. Three cars left the rails and many of the sleeping passengers were thrown from their berths to the floor. A Pullman almost turned upside down, but, strange to say, no one in it was seriously hurt.

Vincent McCabe, formerly of Toronto, proprietor of the Pacific Hotel North Bay, was badly shaken up but no bones were broken. Mrs. H. J. McAusland of North Bay was slightly injured.

The passengers were brought into North Bay by a special. P. J. Lynch of Allandale, divisional superintendent, left for the scene on a special and ordered auxiliaries from North Bay and Gravelhurst to clear up the wreck.

**ASK SUBSIDY FOR STEAMER SERVICE**

Big Deputation From Bruce County Appears at Ottawa—Consideration Promised.

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Col. Hugh Clark, M.P. for North Bruce, today introduced to the acting minister of trade and commerce and the minister of public works, a big deputation of his constituents from Southampton, Fort Elgin and Kincardine, which included John Tolmie, ex-M.P. The deputation asked for a subsidy to re-establish steamship service along the coast between Harris and Sault Ste. Marie. Some local harbor improvements were also asked by Southampton and Kincardine.

The requests were promised consideration.

**TAX REFORM AMENDMENT SWAMPED BY GOVERNMENT MAJORITY OF 53**

Motion by Opposition Which Implied Want of Confidence in Regard to Assessment Act Was Defeated—J. A. Ellis, Ottawa, Conservative, Disagreed With Administration, But Was Willing to Give Act Another Trial—Allan Studholme's Effective Speech.

After several more interesting tiffs in the legislature yesterday the opposition "tax reform" amendment to the government motion to adopt the speech from the throne, was defeated by a vote of 78 to 25. J. A. Ellis, member from West Ottawa, who introduced the tax reform bill last year, took objection to the amendment as an interference with confidence in the government and so opposed it. Allan Studholme voted with the opposition.

The debate is still unfinished. The house was adjourned last night with W. H. Proudfoot on his feet speaking to an amendment which he brought down to the floor in the morning. It should be enacted to prevent the treating habit, which no doubt, was an attack on the government's policy of forbidding in the speech that an anti-treating law would be passed. This amendment, as well as the government motion, will bring about a division today or next Tuesday.

Three speeches were heard during the afternoon from Allan Studholme, laborer for East Hamilton, Conservative for West Ottawa, and W. H. Proudfoot, Liberal for Centre Huron. The premier and Mr. Studholme had several lively encounters because of statements made by the Liberal member with reference to tax reform.

A Political Issue.

J. A. Ellis of Ottawa stated his position on tax reform. He said that although he had introduced a bill for a revised Assessment Act, bringing about the lowering of the tax on improvements, at the last session, he was indeed surprised at the opposition which implied a want of confidence in the government.

In referring to the finding of the tax committee by the Conservative majority he said that he was one who did not agree with it, and he had not changed his views.

"I do not understand why there should be a motion by the opposition for a straight want of confidence in the government because the tax reform was not mentioned in the speech from the throne," he said. "I am sorry that the other side of the house is using the reform as a political issue. I am not arguing single tax and I am not a disciple of Henry George. I never read his books. But I am in favor of a reasonable measure of tax reform."

"The government sending notices out to assessors, virtually telling them to shut their mouths, in my opinion, is an insult," he continued. "At this point the speaker clashed with Sir James. According to Mr. Proudfoot, if the act was right it would be necessary to instruct the assessors, because the law had been in force for years."

"The Assessment Act provides for everything you say we are opposed to," retorted the premier, who added that the act says that taxation on improvements should be assessed in relation to that on land.

"You are evading my statement," returned Mr. Proudfoot. "This was followed by some more pointed remarks of the premier and Liberal member, which brought the speaker to his feet. Mr. Proudfoot was told that he should be content to let the subject rest. Sir James arose and said: 'I did not wish to interrupt the hon. gentleman, but he seems to think that it is impossible for him to be mistaken.'"

Premier Rebukes.

"I am anxious to listen to a lecture from the hon. member of the government," retorted Mr. Proudfoot.

"I've got to show the hon. gentleman where he is wrong," said the premier. "If he continues to misrepresent the government I shall interrupt him. I will not submit to it. After being rebuked by the premier, Mr. Studholme coolly and placidly expects us to submit to them."

Mr. Proudfoot then rose to a point of order. "It should be a point of disorder," said the premier.

"On your part, yes," returned Mr. Proudfoot.

Then the speaker told Mr. Proudfoot, according to the rules of parliamentary debate, he was bound to accept the decision, which he had not done. Proudfoot asked the speaker to clarify that the sending out of notices to assessors was not a sufficient amendment to the act.

"Patching it up."

He then took exception to the premier's statement on Wednesday that Mr. Rowell had made detrimental remarks about Sir W. R. Meredith. "No one is guilty of saying anything detrimental," he said. "It was merely a question of policy. It is a matter in favor of local option in taxation. Despite his politics he has the confidence of the opposition as well as the government."

"Patching it up," interjected the premier. "Nothing to patch up," said Mr. Proudfoot. "Yes, there is, but we understand," said Sir James.

"I'm glad you understand sometimes," returned Mr. Proudfoot, who then pushed on the abolition-the-bar policy, which he said, was still the first plank in their platform. They would stand by this banner till the bars were wiped out and the hop licenses, too. The debate was then adjourned.

Tax on Automobiles.

The premier thinks that motor car owners should be taxed according to the horsepower of their machines, as part of a program to promote the construction of good roads through the province. Charles Bowman, Liberal member for North Grey, has given notice that he will move next Monday in the legislature that all federal grants should be paid over to the province and expended by it, and as such a policy such as the one proposed for the uplift of humanity. "If working for better social conditions is socialism, I thank God for socialism," he declared.

For Tax Reform.

He did not think that the premier understood the land question. He urged that tax reform, which he declares would be the most advanced step for the welfare of the masses. Referring to J. A. Ellis, Conservative member for West Ottawa, who introduced the tax reform measure last year, he said that this "good radical" would have to leave the house if the government were voted on because of the government's attitude. He dare not go against the government. He hoped that Mr. Rowell, with his "socialistic ideas," would

support his woman suffrage bill. "I have got the support of a government member. I certainly am getting along nicely. If I had been in this house fifteen years ago, I'm sure that I would have had all you fellows—hon. members—on my side. I have been working on the laws of the province for six years, he ordered to complete their report and submit it to the government by April 1.

Challenge Government.

In speaking on his amendment regarding anti-treating, W. H. Proudfoot, Liberal member for Centre Huron, challenged the government to cite one case where the funds of the people were misappropriated or handled improperly by the Ross Government, as stated by A. H. Muggrove, North Huron, who moved the adoption of the speech a week ago. The speaker got into hot water on several occasions and was interrupted and rebuked by the premier because of statements he made. He was always a supporter of the hydro-electric and the Liberals had not hindered its progress. Radial lines, he believed, should be built along the right of way of the transmission lines. He supposed that the government was not in accord with the commission which supported the scheme for which the municipalities had been agitating.

"So go on a constitutional lawyer as my hon. friend must surely remember that the commission was formed by members of the government, and it is utterly impossible to suppose that their policy is not in accord with ours."

"I am glad to suppose then that the government would back up the Hydro-Electric Commission in building radials," said Mr. Rowell.

"It is absurd to think that there is any cleavage in the line of action of the government and Hydro Commission," answered the premier.

Insult to Assessors.

Mr. Proudfoot then branched to tax reform and denied that this question was a political issue. He criticized Mr. Ellis, who, he declared, evidently did not want to vote for the amendment and against his party. It was partly of his kind that he dealt with.

"I don't know whether you would term 'real estate' an industry or profession," said he, "but this I know, there are a great many people employed in it. (Laughter.) But I want to tell you that if you think there is an habitual boom now raging out there, you are quite mistaken. True, there is a boom in real estate, but it is a boom in the building of houses, not in the ownership of land by absentee landlords."

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**ARCHBISHOP TALKS ON REAL ESTATE**

Pacific Coast Prices Never Boosted Too High, Said Archbishop McNeil.

**BEFORE EMPIRE CLUB**

Churches Affected by Improvement Exemption—Had to Move Out.

"I have come back from the west with this impression: Ontario is going to continue to be called the 'banister province,' it has got to hustle some," declared Archbishop McNeil of the Toronto, Roman Catholic Diocese to the members of the Empire Club at their weekly luncheon at McConkey's yesterday.

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**DUNHAM, N. Y., Square Piano**, in light rosewood case, octagon legs, 7 octaves, very bright tone piano and has been thoroughly overhauled. Special at...\$200.

**MATHUSEK Square**, in dark rosewood case, serpentine scale, 7 octaves, very fine tone. This piano has new key-board, and is in splendid shape. Special at...\$110.

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"GET BIG EYES" ADVICE GIVEN TO GALT PEOPLE

GALT, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The Galt Reporter says: "Galt has added a town to its population in the past three years. That is why, no part, is called upon to increase its expenditures for necessities. As the Toronto World would say, 'Get big eyes in your estimate of Galt's growth. Big eyes are needed to provide that will save the municipality thousands of dollars in the near future.'"

Own a Victoria.  
It's a pleasure at any time to visit the beautiful Victoria parlors of Euclid Avenue held a special meeting on Wednesday evening and arranged to send a wreath to place on the coffin of Miss Esme M. Lovell, one of the first members of the club. Miss Lovell died at the home of her parents, 84 Howard Park Avenue, on Tuesday. She was very popular in the Snocoizers Club, and general regret is felt at her early death.

**CANDIDATES FOR SEATS ON BOARD**

Names of Nominees of Different Sections of Exhibition Directorate.

The annual meeting of the Canadian National Exhibition Association will be held at the city hall on the 26th inst., when the following nominations for positions on the executive of the agricultural and manufacturers' sections will be submitted for election:

For the agricultural section, Wm. Dryden, sheep industry; John Gardner, draught horses; W. W. Ballantyne, dairy interests; Robert Miller, cattle interests; A. E. Dymont, light horse interests; John J. Dixon, thoroughbred horses; John G. Kent, kennel club; Robert Fleming, printing, and H. R. Frankland, curb service and farmers' section, George H.

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