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PUBLIC TEMPER DEMANDS RAILWAY RATES CONTROL

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U. S. Secretary Taft Dumfounds International Delegates—Says Legislation Must Come.

Washington May 10—Secretary Taft Wasington, May 10—Sec. Ttaft fairly members of the International Railway Congress, dining to-night, as the guests of the American Railway Association, when he emphatically declared that railway rate legislation must come, so that if the railway men of the country were wise they would aid and not hinder it; that the sentiment of the country is such that failure of proper regulation meant a campaign on the subject that would do no good to the railroads.

Absolute silence reigned as Secretary Taft spoke his mind on the subject of rates. He was positively against government ownership, he said, believing that nothing so deleterious could come to the country as this solution of the question. "But," he continued, "you cannot run railroads as you run a private business. You must respond to the public demand. If there is danger of discrimination, then you must allow the establishment of some tribunal that will remedy that discrimination."

The secretary saw no reason why a tribunal properly constituted should not be properly competent in every sense of the word to fix a maximum rate.

Same Old Vested Rights.

President Stuyvesant Fish of the American Railway Association, had introduced Secretary Taft. In his capacity as toast master, Mr. Fish was on his feet the instant the secretary concluded. He answered the secretary at length, taking the view that the law to prevent discrimination, double-dealing and secret rebates was ample, and he vigorously called for the enforcement of that law. Mr. Fish talked of the vested rights of the money tied up in railroads.

Secretary Taft replied to Mr. Fish, making himself even more positive as to his position. "The law now is," continued the secretary, "as decided by the supreme court of the United States, that first a commission and then the courts may decide whether a particular rate is reasonable or unreasonable. Now, in fixing that, one has got to fix a maximum rate."

A Deciding Body.

"As I understand it, what is proposed is only that ain litigated cases a commission shall be constituted that shall fix a maximum rate; in other words, to go thru the same process it now goes thru to determine what is a reasonable rate. What I am strongly in favor of, tho, is that we shall have a body that shall decide things and that shall fix things, and that those things shall be decided within a reasonable time finally by the courts."

rate. What I am strongly in favor of, ment contending it was the question of fixing the price of the seller of goods.

OUTSIDER WON'T GET PLUM AYLESWORTH'S NO CHANCE

Even E. W. Nesbitt, Who Now Leads, is Persona Non Grata to Many in Riding.

Woodstock, May 9.—(Special.)—a meeting of the North Oxford Liberal Association has been called for Saturday next to take action regarding calling a convention to nominate a candidate for the by-election. Woodstock Liberals will not stand for an outsider, and consequently A. B. Aylesworth, K.C., may be counted out of the list of candidates who will go before the convention. It is believed that the government would like to place Mr. Aylesworth in Oxford, where his chances would be better than in any other Ontario riding, owing to the overwhelming preponderance of Liberal votes. But there are several local men who have been asked to stand aside often enough. When George Smith withdrew from the field in the last provincial by-election, he was given to understand that his opportunity would come later. With ill-concealed disappointment he deferred to the wishes of the party and allowed Col. Munro, who desired the honor for only a few years to get the nomination, and now he is advocating his claims as strongly as he knows how, for the coming nomination.

The chances are he will again be disappointed. E. W. Nesbitt, it is said, will capture the convention. Things seem to be going his way, but if he is nominated there is every probability that Mr. Smith will oppose him. Mr. Smith denies that he said so, but he will not deny that it is so.

In the words of one of the Liberal campaigners, he has "no use for" Nesbitt, and to save a split in the party Malcolm Douglas may be nominated. He is a banker of considerable means and has been mayor and town finance minister. Mr. Douglas refuses to be interviewed until after Saturday's executive meeting, when he will state his intentions.

Hostility to Nesbitt.

With Nesbitt's chances improving every day, strange to say, there is a growing feeling of hostility to him. This can be traced to his recent conversion to Liberal principles. He was a Conservative in early life, but for personal reasons supported the late Mr. Sutherland. Now he says he is in favor of the "general policy of the Laurier government," with no particular re-

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OTTAWA ASKS ONLY WHAT IS FAIR.

oes before the private bills of the legislature to-day with a request that it be placed in a position to instal a municipal lighting plant. The city asks power to submit to the ratepayers a bylaw authorizing the expenditure of a sum sufficient to buy out the Consumers' Company, and a further sum to purchase power, plant, etc.

All that the city will be able to get from the Consumers' Company under its power of expropriation are the company's poles and wires. These it can only utilize with power privileges and plant for development purposes. It would be folly for the city to buy out the Consumers' plant only to find itself at the mercy of the existing power companies. But it is in just this position that the Ottawa Electric Company is endeavoring to place the city, and it is the Ottawa Electric Company which is fighting the application which comes before the private bills committee to-day. Typical corporation methods have been employed to defeat it. The Ottawa Electric Co. has retained Conservative lawyers to fight the application, and these lawyers will do their utmost to influence Conservative members.

It is important that the members of the private bills committee should know the history of the Ottawa company. This company only recently emerged from a fight with the City of Ottawa in the Dominion house. That it was successful is to the everlasting shame of the majority (largely composed of Quebec members) which supported it. Ottawa was at the mercy of the Ottawa Electric Company till the city gave a franchise to the Consumers' Company. In the franchise was a clause forbidding the company to amalgamate with any other company, thus ensuring, as Ottawa supposed, competition in lighting for all time. The competition reduced lighting rates, and the situation was satisfactory till a year ago when the Ottawa Electric Co. applied for legislation giving it the right to acquire the stock of the Consumers' Co. and TO DESTROY THE COMPETITION WHICH WAS SECURED TO THE CITY UNDER AGREEMENT WITH THE LATTER COMPANY.

In the face of the general elections the government did not dare grant the legislation, and after a hard fight the company withdrew its bill. This session the company renewed its operations in parliament, and WITH THE AID OF THE GOVERNMENT, ITS WHIPS AND AN ALMOST SOLID QUEBEC VOTE, IT SUCCEEDED IN FORCING THE BILL THRU THE HOUSE. Ottawa, in self-defence proceeded to take advantage of its right to expropriate the Consumers' Company plant, and it is legislation enabling it to carry out this scheme that comes before the private bills committee of the legislature to-day.

The Ottawa Electric Company, we understand, is appealing to members of the legislature on the ground that the city is trying to "squeeze" it. There is no truth in this claim. THE LEGISLATION WHICH THE OTTAWA ELECTRIC COMPANY IS FORCING THRU THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT, AND WHICH HAS ALREADY PASSED THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, HAS THE SINGLE OBJECT OF DESTROYING COMPETITION WHICH THE CITY ENJOYS BY VIRTUE OF A HARD AND FAST AGREEMENT, IT AIMS TO NULIFY THIS AGREEMENT AND TO MAKE THE OTTAWA ELECTRIC COMPANY MASTER OF THE SITUATION.

Every word urged against the Ottawa Electric Company's bill in the Dominion house is an argument in favor of granting Ottawa the powers it is asking from the Ontario legislature.

The Ontario legislature has now a chance to assist in the undoing of the great wrong which has been inflicted on the City of Ottawa by the Dominion house. All it is asked to do is to allow Ottawa to ask the ratepayers for a sum of money necessary to meet, by the installation of a municipal plant, the raid on public rights which the Dominion parliament is about to sanction.

The considerations which led the Laurier government to press its followers into the service of the Ottawa Electric Company are well known. The company was the friend of the Laurier government in the elections. THE GOVERNMENT PAID ITS DEBT TO THE COMPANY BY LEGISLATING OUT OF EXISTENCE THE COMPETITION WHICH OTTAWA ESTABLISHED UNDER CONRACT WITH A RIVAL COMPANY. The private bills committee of the legislature cannot refuse the application of the City of Ottawa without affirming the principle that an agreement guaranteeing competition to the people may be broken with impunity. The World does not believe that the committee will take any such position. IT RELIES ON THE COMMITTEE'S SENSE OF JUSTICE TO A MUNICIPALITY WHOSE CONTRACT RIGHTS HAVE BEEN LEGISLATED AWAY BY BRUTE MAJORITY AT OTTAWA.

PORT ARTHUR'S PHONE TROUBLES NOW LEFT WITH COMMISSIONERS

No Further Evidence or Argument by Counsel Necessary Under Arrangement From all Parties.

Ottawa, May 9.—(Special.)—In the application made by the Towns of Port Arthur and Fort William, to compel the Canadian Pacific Railway to admit the municipal telephone system of these towns to their stations, under the provisions of the Railway Act, the board of commissioners have got the consent of all the parties that the commissioners take up the case and settle it without the taking of further evidence or hearing other counsel.

It is expected that within a week the question will be considered by Judge Killam and his associates, Mills and Bernier, and that an early decision will be reached. There are those who are willing to predict that the decision will be in favor of the public and the independent companies, that is, against the Bell Company's exclusive monopoly.

Apparently the Canadian Pacific, as brought out in Mr. McNicoll's evidence to-day, is anxious to get rid of this burdensome contract, which excludes a lot of their best clients from telephone access to their stations and freight sheds.

The Port Arthur decision will settle a lot of other cases now pending the decision of the commission.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER DIE.

Latter Had Returned Home When Death Came Upon Her.

Niagara-on-the-Lake, May 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Ball Servos died this morning at Palatine Hill, Niagara Township, aged 77. She was a daughter of the late Capt. John C. Ball and granddaughter of the late Capt. Bernard Frey of Butler's Rangers.

Mrs. Servos is survived by two sons and two daughters, one of whom, Mrs. James Aikens, wife of ex-Mayor Aikens, also passed away only a few hours later. Mrs. Aikens had spent the day at her mother's residence, and, returning to her own home this evening, was suddenly seized with a paralytic attack, from which she expired about three hours afterwards. Her husband survives her and she also leaves three sons and one daughter.

The family have the deepest sympathy of the whole community in their double affliction.

LOOSES BOTH LEGS.

Young Man Endeavoring to Reach North Bay, Falls From Train.

Two young men asked the G.T.R. agent at Parkdale, early this morning, to check a grip for North Bay. They had no tickets and were refused.

Shortly after the train left one came running back and said his partner had been injured. He was found on the tracks just north of the Queen-street subway, with his right leg severed just below the knee and the other so injured as to necessitate its removal at the Emergency Hospital, to which Dr. Riordan promptly sent him.

The injured man was said to be Robert Newell, a fireman of Newfoundland, about 22 years old, and well dressed. It was thought that the pair intended to beat their way on the train.

Cigars—Oscar Amanda, Havana filled, 5c, worth 10c. Alive Bollard.

They'll Come Home Again.

Belleville, May 9.—Letters have been received in this city announcing that the kilties band, now touring the British Isles, will sail from Ireland for Canada on June 9.

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NEBOGATOFF TURNED BACK WAS HEADING FOR SAIGON

Russian Scout Stopped Him in Time to Avoid Another Neutrality Collision.

Paris, May 10.—A despatch from Saigon to The Petit Journal, says:

"Nebogatoff's squadron appeared at daybreak of May 9, twenty miles off Cape St. James, preparing to ascend the river to Saigon, where the commander expected to find the necessary orders for effecting a junction with Rojestvensky and revictualling his fleet.

He was hailed at sea by a scout belonging to the Russian second Pacific squadron, which communicated to him France's desire that the junction of the Russian squadrons should occur outside of Indo-Chinese waters. Nebogatoff then disappeared on the open sea, sailing towards the second squadron, which doubtless is waiting off the Annam coast."

FIFTY BURIED IN LANDSLIDE.

Earthquake in Persia and Part of Mountain Collapses.

Bombay, May 9.—An earthquake was experienced at Bender Abbass, Persia, April 25, and 50 persons are reported to have been buried by a land slide.

Two hundred yards of the mountain Kangando, behind the town, collapsed. In the town several towers and buildings fell, and there were a few casualties.

Seismic shocks have occurred daily since April 25, and the population is encamped outside the town. Neighboring villages are reported to have suffered severely.

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CANADIAN ALIEN LABOR LAW GOES BEYOND MANUAL CLASSES

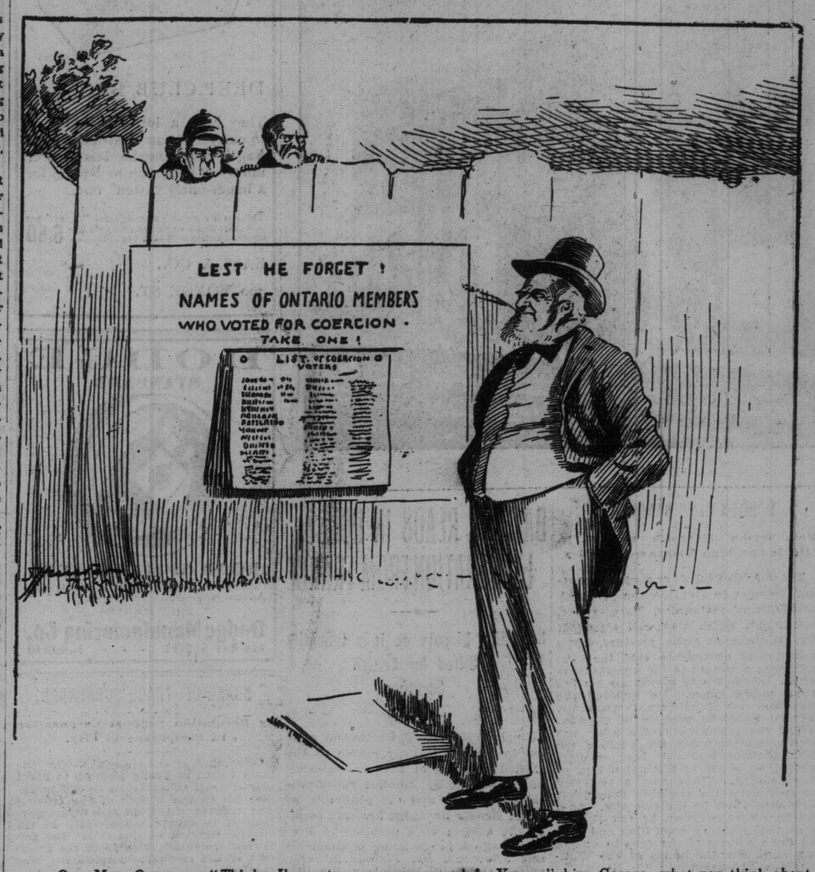
Ottawa Magistrate Says it Must be Respected, too—Offender Fined $100 and Costs.

Ottawa, May 9.—(Special.)—Magistrate O'Keefe this morning delivered judgment in the case of Frank E. Breckenridge, local agent of the International Harvester Company, who was accused by Geo. P. Spittal of committing a breach of the alien labor law by importing W. Gingrich, J. H. McCrostie, G. H. Miller, E. L. Dey and G. C. Clarke from American points into Canada. Magistrate O'Keefe fined Breckenridge $100 and $2 costs on the charge of importing E. L. Dey, and dismissed the four remaining charges on the grounds that Crostie and Gingrich were not proven aliens, and because over six months had elapsed when information was laid from the date of the coming to Canada of Miller and Clarke. Spittal is a former employe of the company, and furnished the inside information for the prosecution.

During his remarks Magistrate O'Keefe intimated that Americans often come to Canada to assume positions that Canadians should have. The alien labor law, he said, is a good one and should be respected. The alien labor law of Canada applies only to the countries having a similar enactment, and is in a measure retaliatory.

The chief defence was that the American act only applies to manual labor, which is not involved in this case. The magistrate held the Canadian enactment to be wider in its scope and to go beyond manual labor, and furthermore decided that judgments of American courts on similar cases do not rule in the cases on this side.

HE REMEMBERED ROSS.



OLD MAN ONTARIO: "Thinks I've got a poor memory, eh? You tell him, George, what you think about my memory."

"The elector has but a short memory."—SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL REMOVES A LANDMARK HOUSE WHERE WAS SOWN SEED OF '37 REBELLION

Property at Bay and Adelaide Streets is Secured by Builders' Exchange for Purposes Not Divulged.

The northwest corner of Bay and Adelaide-streets has been sold by W. R. Johnston, it is understood, to the Builders' Exchange, and Toronto will soon have another large building to replace an historical landmark. The property consists of 76 feet on Bay-street by 105 feet on Adelaide-street. The deal has been put thru by H. H. Williams, who for the present declines to give any information as to the details or the nature of the building to be erected. Mr. Johnston says he does not know much about it, except that the property is sold, and Mr. Phillips, secretary of the Builders' Exchange, says he is not yet in a position to discuss it at all.

The purchase price is said to be in the neighborhood of $50,000, and building operations will be commenced soon. The property is immediately below the contemplated new office building to be erected by Mr. Peterkin.

For some time past the location has been spoken of as a suitable place for a fire hall in connection with the present Bay-street hall, but this has been abandoned.

Rebels Met in Old House.

The old frame two-storey shop which is now an employment agency office on the corner is historical, for there it was that the seed of the 1837 rebellion was sown. Robertson's Landmarks gives some interesting facts regarding it.

In the year 1827 John Doel, who came from Somersetshire, England, in 1818, built the frame two-storey dwelling house which is still standing, but somewhat altered from its former condition. At the rear of the house Mr. Doel built a brewery, which was in operation till 1847. Mr. Doel died in 1871.

In the troubles of 1837 Mr. Doel's name was associated with the leaders of the party of reform. During the exciting times immediately preceding the Mackenzie rebellion, Mr. Doel's house and brewery were the principal rendezvous of the patriot agitators. The largely-attended meetings of the reformers were held in the brewery. The principal leaders of the movement met for private consultation in the house.

Declared Independence.

On Aug. 2, 1837, William Lyon Mackenzie published in his paper, The Constitution, a declaration to the reformers of Toronto and to their fellow reformers in Upper Canada, which was virtually a declaration of independence. It entered into a long recital of grievances, declaring that the time had come for their redress, and resolving to call

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Western Book Committee, Methodist Book Rooms, 10.
Presbyterian Synod, Knox Church, 10.
Princess Theatre, E. S. Willard in "The Professor's Love Story," 2 and 8.
Industrial School Board, city hall, 4.30.
Conservatory of Music, Hans Dressel recital, 8.15.
National Club, annual meeting, 8.
Queen's Own parade, armories, 8.
Baseball, Buffalo v. Toronto, 4.
Theatres—See public amusements.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN OVERDUE LIVERPOOL GETS ANXIOUS

C. P. R. Ocean Liner With 1200 Passengers, Left For Montreal on April 25 and is Since Unheard of—May Be Delayed by Ice.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, May 9.—Great anxiety, says The Daily Express' correspondent, is being felt in Liverpool for the safety of the C.P.R. liner Lake Champlain, which left for Montreal on April 25, carrying twelve first-class, sixty second and 1100 third-class passengers, in addition to the crew of 180.

The vessel is in command of Capt. Stewart. The Lake Champlain was due eight or nine days after sailing, but has neither arrived nor been reported during the voyage.

The Dominion liner Ottawa, which left Liverpool two days later, reached Montreal on May 7, and the Allan liner Victorian arrived on May 8, in spite of the accident to her turbines. Hope is entertained that the Lake Champlain may have been delayed by ice in the Atlantic. This was her first voyage of the season to Montreal, and there was on board a large party of London eastenders.

The Lake Champlain is generally regarded as one of the best boats of the C.P.R. line.

TARTE WANTS AGITATION FOR COTTON PROTECTION

Reminded of Gloomy State of Valleyefild, Explains the Cause of the Depression.

Montreal, May 9.—(Special.)—Hon. Mr. Tarte is so busily engaged helping Sir Wilfrid out of his troubles that he had almost forgotten his old hobby of protection. The following letter, however, signed by several cotton spinners at Valleyfield, has once more opened his eyes. "The situation," these men write, "is daily getting worse. The Montreal cotton mills have over 400 spindles idle and our population is rapidly growing less. From 12,000 a few years ago it has dropped to 7500, and since May 1 50 families have left the place. Is this caused by the tariff or by the stock-exchange?"

Hon. Mr. Tarte replies that it is caused by the insufficiency of the tariff and nothing else, and five cotton companies would be only too happy to increase the number of their hands if more protection were accorded. Three years ago, believing that the government would modify the tariff, Mr. Tarte says the company enlarged its mill, but unfortunately they have been deceived for foreign competition becomes more and more serious. The only remedy for this deplorable state of things is to increase the tariff and protect the cotton industry as it deserves.

Mr. Tarte asks the people to agitate and petition the government.

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BOY LEFT TORONTO ESTATE SEEKS 2 MISSING SISTERS

Was Unaware of Their Living Until Church Records Were Examined.

New York, May 9.—(Special.)—Having become heir to an estate left by his maternal grandmother, who died recently in Toronto, Canada, William Grier, 16 years old, of Hilton, N.J., now is looking for two sisters whom he never heard of until recently, in order that they may share the estate with him.

Recently he received a letter from a law firm in Toronto telling him the grandmother had left her estate to him and one other heir. He showed the letter to a Newark lawyer, who asked him if he had any brothers or sisters. Grier said he had not.

Something in the letter, however, led to the belief that he might be mistaken, and at the lawyer's suggestion he examined the records of St. Patrick's parish, in this city, with which the family had been affiliated. There he found his parents had two other children, a girl, now 15, and another girl, whose present age is 13.

Where they are is not known. It is believed they are alive, as a search of the records of the cemetery of the Holy Sepulchre, where the parents are buried, fails to reveal any trace of the death. It is thought they may have been placed in some asylum or other charitable institution.

The mother, Mary Hearn Grier, died in 1902, and the father, Wm. H. Grier, who was an inspector for the Newark board of health, in 1902.

POLICE RAID AT JUNCTION ARREST 11 OUT OF 170

Attorney-General's Department Makes Sensational 'Round-Up' of Frequenters of Well-Known Resort.

"Hully gee, der dopers' retreat is pinched," was the startling information handed out by one "piker" to another as they met on the street corners last night. Translated, this means that the headquarters of "The Canadian Fishing & Sporting Association," in Toronto Junction, was raided during the day by the police. This association, with the long and aristocratic name, has been known to the public as the "pool-room." Sure enough the "pool-room," as it is still known, notwithstanding its change of name from the "Recreation Club" was raided, much to the consternation of the 170 inmates.

As a result eleven men were arrested on a charge of keeping a common gaming house, and admitted to bail in $500 each. These men will appear before Magistrate Ellis at 11 o'clock this morning:

John Brennan
James Williams
Charles Pirie (secretary).
John Hare
Charles Phair
William Smart
William Osborne
William Hare
John Landers
Edward Hopkins
Frank Baby (president).

The Men Who Did It.

At precisely 3.45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Provincial Detective Greer, Chief of Police Mains of Niagara Falls, Chief of Police Royce of Toronto Junction, Detectives Duncan and Forrest, County Constable Burns, members of Noble's Detective Agency, and a number of city policemen paid a sudden and unexpected visit to the old "Coffin Block," which is located at the corner of Dundas-street and Weston-road, Toronto Junction. They arrived in cabs direct from the deputy attorney-general's offices, and got out near the Peacock Hotel. They lost no time in mounting the stairs and stood for no opposition from the "look-outs," who were too much taken by surprise to give the "tip" that the "cops had came." As soon as the officers entered the big room there was consternation on all sides. Some tried to give the officers a "garnison" finish in a wild endeavor to "brush by," but there was nothing doing in that direction. Others more frantic made for the windows, but the distance was too big for a leap. One lucky man found a piece of rope and got away. The next to try the same route was a heavier man. The rope broke and he reached the ground. Later on a man answering his description was seen limping across the vacant lots near the Western-avenue school. He is well-known in the Junction. These are the only two who escaped being rounded up.

Destroyed the Evidence.

While the frequenters were endeavoring to get away, the employes of the "association" were just as busy destroying everything that could be used as evidence. The blackboards, or rather cloths, upon which the names of the horses and odds are posted, were torn down, cards and sheets and other things which really made the room look as if one could place a bet on a horse there were quickly destroyed.

100 Names Were Taken.

The panic was soon over, however, and the raiders got down to business. Constable Burns acted as secretary, and Detectives Forrest and Duncan as supervisors of the impromptu registry office. The inmates were lined up and informed that they must give their correct names and addresses, those who did not would be placed under arrest. Then one at a time they marched up and told who they were and where they lived. A directory was

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ANOTHER SCHOOL QUESTION ERE THE SESSION CLOSES

Mr. Fitzpatrick Says New Territorial Act is to Be Introduced.

Ottawa, May 9.—(Special.)—One of the features of the discussion in the house to-day was the statement drawn from the minister of justice by Mr. Maclean, that there will be a new Northwest Territories bill to be introduced this session. There will be, in consequence, another "school question" before many weeks.

Mr. Maclean asked when Athabasca was taken into Alberta, what would become of the Territories of Mackenzie, Yukon, Keewatin and Franklin?

Mr. Fitzpatrick said the Yukon had territorial government, that Keewatin was provided for for the present, while the rest would be provided for by a new territorial act.

Mr. Maclean then said there would be a new territorial act this session, to which Mr. Fitzpatrick replied that the present act could be adopted or extended to meet the new conditions.

Mr. Maclean contended that Athabasca should be left out of the new province, as a foundation of a new province, and as a base of a new province, and be at present a territory with territorial government and council.

SEAL SKIN SITUATION HOW IT AFFECTS TORONTO

Small Catch Worries Fur Merchants All Over the Continent and Means High Prices.

With the sunshine getting so much warmer every day it would seem to be a rather unseasonable time to get anxious about furs, but there is a condition of affairs existing that is worrying fur dealers all over the continent just now, and the purchasing public will appreciate what it is next fall when they will find that sealskins will be held at almost prohibitive prices.

Associated Press despatches during the past few days announce that the catch of the sealskin vessels has been most surprisingly low, the whole being insufficient to supply the City of London alone, and that it has meant a paralysis of the trade in sealskins.

Effect in Toronto.

Toronto, however, is likely in a rather more fortunate position than any other city on the continent to meet the prospective famine, but it will be severely felt here in the fall. The World had a chat with Mr. Wm. Dineen, jr., yesterday afternoon about it.

Mr. Dineen said the small catch was a serious matter to the sealskin dealers and to the trade, and it would mean very high prices everywhere. His firm, however, has been particularly fortunate, for about a month ago he made a purchase in London at the old prices of the largest number of skins ever bought at one time by a Canadian firm.

"I bought an enormous quantity because I had learned that there was to be a scarcity, but nothing like so small a catch as it has turned out," said Mr. Dineen. "You see it is our custom in the spring to anticipate the trade for the fall. Times are generally prosperous now, and that makes all the difference in the world to the sale of sealskin garments. We knew the catch was small and that times were good, so we got all the sealskins we could.

"The bulk of the order arrived this morning and we have more sealskins in the house now than we ever had at one time before—about $30,000 worth of sealskins alone. They are the finest skins we ever had."

Can't Dye Them Here.

"How is it you have to go to London for them?" was asked.

"All on account of the dye," Mr. Dineen replied. "You see that although the seals are caught on this continent the skins have to be sent to London to be dyed. They can't do it anywhere else. They have tried to do it here with skilled workmen from over there, but it was not a success. There is something in the London atmosphere and London water that is necessary for perfection in dyeing of sealskins. Some years ago a company worth two or three millions capital tried it in Albany. They even brought over London water, but it failed to do what it was wanted to do. It must be the London atmosphere, and they couldn't bring that over very well. The dyeing was also tried in Brooklyn, but it wouldn't do and the failures over there discouraged attempts at it here. I never before saw as fine a lot of skins as those we received to-day."

Will Mean Big Advance.

"How big an advance in prices do you think the scarcity will mean?" was asked.

"That all depends," replied Mr. Dineen. "As far as we are concerned, we did not pay more than we would ordinarily have paid, and our prices will be the same for a month or so. At the present time we are prepared to take orders, basing them on the low prices we have been putting such goods at during the past season. In fact, we shall sell just as if the market was in its normal condition. It's our patrons' good luck as well as ours that we got the skins we did. Seal will be the fashionable fur next season, and all the new styles have been decided on. We are prepared to manufacture garments now, and those who contemplate seal for next fall would do well to make their arrangements pretty soon. They will save a lot of money by doing so, probably $75 on a garment.

"As it was a good investment for us to make the purchase when we did, it will be a good investment for them to make their purchase now," continued Mr. Dineen. "We will make up the garments right away and if requested to do so, store them for the purchaser. We will insure them against fire, moths and burglary, and keep them free of charge until the customer needs them."

The small catch of seals is being seriously felt by the large manufacturers in Canadian and American cities as well as in London and Paris, and Toronto people are in a far better position than other centres owing to Mr. Dineen's purchase.

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SHOWERY AGAIN.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, May 9.—(8 p.m.)—Rain has fallen to-day in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and showers are now setting in in the Northwest Territories. Elsewhere the weather has been fair. Another important disturbance is centred in Kansas, causing very unsettled conditions over the western portion of the continent.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 46—54; Edmonton, 36—68; Calgary 32—46; Qu'Appelle, 24—52; Winnipeg, 32—56; Port Arthur, 28—52; Parry Sound, 36—50; Toronto, 39—53; Ottawa, 42—56; Montreal, 46—54; Quebec, 40—50; St. John, 42—52; Halifax, 38—58.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Northerly to easterly winds, increasing to strong breezes or gales; fair to cloudy and cool, becoming showery more especially at night.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fine; not much change in temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Northwesterly to northerly winds; fresh to strong during the day; fair and cool.

Maritime—Fresh to strong westerly to northerly winds; fair and cool.

Lake Superior—Strong winds and gales, easterly to northeasterly, becoming unsettled and showery.

Manitoba—Strong easterly to northeasterly winds; unsettled and showery.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

May 9	At	From
K. Wilhelm II.	New York	Bremen
Minneapolis	New York	London
Montrose	Quebec	Antwerp
Finland	New York	Antwerp
Rotterdam	New York	Rotterdam
Furnessia	Glasgow	New York
Tunisian	Moville	St. John
Minnetonka	London	New York
Kroonland	Antwerp	New York
K. P. Wilhelm	Bremen	New York

DEATHS.

JOHNSTON—At the residence of his son, W. F. Johnston, 226 Claremont-street, on May 9, 1905, ex-Ald. Follis Johnston.

Funeral (private) on Thursday, 2.30 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

HILL—On May 7, at the Western Hospital, Elizabeth Hill, aged 66 years.

Funeral on Wednesday, at 2 p.m., from B. D. Humphrey's, 321 Yonge-street, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

WEBSTER—On Tuesday morning, May 9, 1905, Mary Ellen (Nellie) Webster, third daughter of Mary and Samuel Webster, at their residence, 226 Niagara-street.

Funeral Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, to Riverside Cemetery, Weston.

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