

POSITION WILL SEEK THE MAN

No Application for Railway Commissionerships to be Considered The Doukhobor Question.

Ottawa, March 13.—A government measure increasing the board of railway commissioners from three to six members, passed the House this afternoon. Mr. A. S. Egan, (Conservative, Lincoln), thought it also members were given power to constitute the board, they should be given absolute power to settle any case heard before them. He thought the proper powers of a deputy chairman to be nearly coincident with those of the chairman. Were these two to constitute the board they might disagree on a point of law and cause a deadlock. Hon. Mr. Graham, Minister of Railways, proposed a change that the assistant commissioner would only exercise full power in the absence of the chairman. The change was accepted. J. E. Armstrong (Conservative, East Lambton), wished to know if all the commissioners were to be named from one political party, pointing out that in the United States the minority was recognized in appointments to the bench, the interstate commission and public officers generally.

Position Seeking the Man.
Hon. Mr. Graham said there were no applications for the chief commissioner, and if so his being in the minority would end his chances there. The position is seeking the man and the government would be responsible for the appointments. Several members thought the time opportune for a reform in the criminal code regarding the prosecution of railway men. Hon. Mr. Graham said this was not the commissioners' work, but they would probably bring in some amendments this session. He did not believe in a double barreled statute being directed against one class. Hon. Mr. Lemieux read a telegram just received advising that the dispute between the Dominion Coal Company and its employees had been satisfactorily settled.

Department Has Secret Means.
Mr. R. L. Borden was informed by Hon. Mr. Oliver that Dr. Dickey, of the Dental Hospital, Halifax, who had been found acting in collusion with the certain Liverpool parties to secure the admission of undesirable had been dismissed. The department has no knowledge of Dickey, whose name was mentioned in this connection. He did not consider it advisable to make public the means which were taken by the department to detect the fraud.

Doukhobor Question Discussed.
At the evening session, Dr. Chisholm (Conservative, East Huron), called attention to the conditions in which the Doukhobors at Fort William are living, according to newspaper reports. He said it is evident that this is a moral plague spot in the country, from which immorality spreads far and wide. Declaring these people moral leprosy, he said that if they were not expelled, he would blame the government for not taking steps to stop such a source as was recently exhibited. He would blame them if these people should yet parade the city streets. Their presence tended to lower the moral tone.

Peter Elson (Conservative, East Middlesex), said the assimilation of these people with Canadians appeared impossible, and the only safe way was to deport them. It was a great folly in bringing them in, and worse, moreover, was the bonus of \$5 for each. They utterly disregarded Canadian laws and customs, and were probably spreading disease, as it was said several of those at Fort William were suffering from tuberculosis. Dr. Barr (Conservative, Dufferin), regretted that these people were placed in the best western lands, while Canadians were given second place. J. G. H. Ferguson (Conservative, Bechamoun), thought that Dr. Chisholm and James Connors should be heard, these people were among their constituents.

Dr. Cash said Doukhobors' moral compared very favorably with Ontario morals as reported in the daily papers, referring to the case of Mabel Allen, accused of burning barns. The greatest objection was that they would not become Canadian citizens, and he thought there was no people in Canada against whom less crime was charged than against them.

Ontario Government Responsible.
Hon. Frank Oliver said the Doukhobors on their arrival in Canada were universally welcomed, not only on account of their religious persecution in Russia. The trouble was that they had gone too far in the religious sect. He deplored the conditions in Port William, and thought the discussion of violence the attention of the responsible authorities to the matter. These people had been in Canada seven years and were subject to provincial laws. Therefore, the province of Ontario was responsible at Port William. The Dominion had no power to lay hands on them. Deportation was only possible within four years of their arrival. The government does not nor has never, except in the case of the Doukhobors, elected immigrants to come to Canada. Large sums are spent in publicity through agents or otherwise, but never in paying passages. The government is in no way responsible for the recently arrived class of undesirable. The charitable societies and institutions were responsible for these and the government has taken steps to bar these undesirable. He said a careful note has been taken of all such immigrants, and if they went to the United States the amount was deducted from the bounty. If the province was not responsible, then the destination officers at the point of entry were for permitting them in at all.

BATTLE RIVER BRIDGE WILL NOT DELAY G.T.P.

Entrance to Edmonton—Bridge Sub-structure Will Be Ready By Time Steel Is Laid to River—No Official Announcement of Changes in Plans to Reach Edmonton This Year.

(From Friday's Bulletin.)
The despatch emanating from Saskatoon to the effect that steel laying on the Grand Forks Pacific would proceed no further than the Battle River this year, and the action taken by the Battle Board of Trade and endorsed by the Edmonton Board of Trade, in forwarding a memorial to the national transcontinental railway commission, requesting that the G.T.P. Company be instructed to proceed with steel laying from Edmonton east, has given rise to the assumption that the G.T.P. will not reach Edmonton this year. There has been no official statement to that effect. Nor has there been an official denial. The attitude of the G.T.P. is described by Uncle Remus as "Keepin' on sayin' nuthin'."

President C. M. Hayes, of the G.T.P., when he was in Edmonton last summer, stated that the Company confidently expected steel would be laid into Edmonton before the end of 1908. Since then, no G.T.P. official of any prominence has stated publicly anything to the contrary, and General Manager Morse has persistently refused to express an opinion respecting the probability of the line reaching this city this year. To-day the Bulletin is in a position to authoritatively state that the completion of the Battle river bridge will not delay the line's entrance to Edmonton, and that there is no change in the plans to have the line of steel completed as far as this city this year. The Battle river bridge will be ready for the placing of the superstructure as soon as the rails are laid to the river, thus not risking the transportation over the completed one from Winnipeg of the heavy steel materials for the bridge spans.

This information is semi-official but is absolutely correct.

Mail Bags Mis-Sent, Not Stolen.

London, March 12.—An official of the American Mail Department of the British Post Office said today that he was confident that the fifteen registered mail packages which disappeared in January, supposedly while in transit between Liverpool and New York, had been mis-sent either from London or New York, and that they had not been stolen. Mails were dispatched for Japan and China on the same day as the missing ones, and there is a possibility that the mails were sent aboard the wrong steamer. It is said that the ship was heard from.

Salvation Army Method.
Toronto, March 12.—Before an audience of over eight hundred unemployed laborers at Labor Temple this morning, the Salvation Army was requested to give an explanation of its emigration policy. The speaking was called by the Socialist party for the purpose of discussing the question, "Can and Can't Canada take in the Middle of Plenty," and also to consider the best methods of securing relief. Major Morris stated on behalf of the Army, that they were misrepresented and the Army would prepare for those they brought over if they were appealed to for help.

Carried Miles on Hook.
Cincinnati, O., March 13.—Clinging to the mail hook on the outside of the car, an unknown boy was carried mile today while the C. & D. mail train was speeding toward Cincinnati. The peril of the youth, discovered when the mail clerk stepped to the door to raise the hook that it could snatch the mail pouch from the hook, was averted, and the boy, completely exhausted, was pulled to safety, took to give his name. He had been carried at fifteen miles, as the train had stopped at that distance.

Fine For Rabbits.

St. Louis, Mo., March 11.—The St. Louis & San Francisco Railway company was late today fined \$15,000 by Judge Dyer in the United States district court, the company through its attorney offering a plea to thirteen indictments charging that the road granted rebates to the Chapman & City. A fine of \$1,000 was imposed on each count, this being the minimum penalty under the law.

Eastern War-Clouds Vanish.

Tokyo, March 13.—The war clouds that lowered over Japan and China because of the Tatsu Maru incident, and the strained relations resulting therefrom, are being dissipated. The whole matter is virtually settled now. China will release the steamer Tatsu Maru with an apology and Japan agrees to be more vigilant in controlling the movements of war to China.

Fierce Blizzard in Sweden.

Stockholm, March 12.—A fierce blizzard is raging over Sweden. The snow in places is ten feet deep. Traffic is greatly impeded. Several cities are entirely isolated.

London Man in Trouble.

London, Ont., March 13.—Louis H. Bower, aged 38, the manager of the Grand Opera House here, has left the city suddenly. It is understood that complaints were made of his misbehavior with young girls. He came from Louisville, Ky., a year ago.

Fall From Roof and Was Killed.

Huntsville, March 13.—J. H. Jackson, jeweler, climbed on the roof of his house to remove the ice. He slipped and fell head first, striking an electric wire, and landing on his head was killed.

CHEAPER LAW FOR THE FARMER

Farmers Ordinance to be Amended to Expedite Settlement of Disputes by Law.

The next issue of the Alberta Gazette will contain an important amendment with respect to the rule in small debt proceedings. Recently there was published in the Bulletin a list of towns throughout the Province at which District Court Judges will in future hold sittings of that Court. Owing to the fact that the Court will hold sittings in other than district towns, it was found necessary, in order to facilitate the discharge of business in the Court in the simplest manner and at the smallest cost, to make certain changes in the rules regarding small debt procedure. Consequently, an order in council has been passed to take effect on March 20th, repealing the old rules, being rules 62 to 62 inclusive, of the Judicial Ordinance, and substituting new rules, forms and tariffs therefor.

This part of the Judicial Ordinance, has long been known as the Farmer's Ordinance, and the changes instituted by the Attorney General are primarily designed to give farmers cheap and expeditious means for settling disputes by law.

Process Issues Appointed.
Process issues are being appointed at various points throughout the Province in order that process may be obtained and issued at the home town, instead of at district towns only, and sheriff's bailiffs are being appointed in order that the fees payable for mileage may be reduced. Hitherto mileage has been paid for the distance travelled from the sheriff's office to the place of service, but now mileage will be counted from the place where the bailiff resides, being the bailiff nearest to the person to be served.

The following are some of the more important changes which have been made in the small debt rules:

The form of summons is simplified and contains notices and directions to the defendant as to how to proceed when served with a summons.

Particulars of the plaintiff's claim may now be endorsed upon the summons, thus doing away with what virtually amounted to a statement of claim.

In case of dispute or payment of the claim by the defendant, the Clerk of the Court is to advise the plaintiff of the same, giving particulars of the dispute, if one is filed, or if the claim is paid in full, sending the balance for the amount due, less the costs.

Plaintiff Names Place of Trial.
The plaintiff names in the summons the place of trial, which is to be the place where the sitting of the court is held nearest to where the defendant resides, or the cause of action arose.

Where the place of trial is so strongly laid, the judge may change it, or order the plaintiff to pay the extra costs occasioned by his failure to name the place of trial.

Judgment is signed in all cases by an endorsement on the summons. Provisions are made for the payment of monies out to the party entitled after judgment without order.

Examinations for discovery cannot be held in small debt cases. The fees payable to the clerks and sheriffs have been greatly reduced.

Shot Neighbor For Moose.

Rainy River, March 13.—Peter Larson, a homesteader, on the Rapid river in Itasca county, Minnesota, shot and killed on Sunday last by Charles Wingen, neighbor, who mistook him for a moose. No person criticised the shooting. Wingen came to Besette last night and gave himself up to the authorities. He will be taken to International Falls this afternoon, where an enquiry into the circumstances of the shooting will be made.

Montreal Man's Narrow Escape.

Montreal, March 13.—Major George Washington Stephens, M.L.A., now in Europe on an inspection trip of important ports, narrowly escaped death at Glasgow, Scotland, yesterday. A cable is progressing favorably. The boat in which Stephens was inspecting the harbor, was shot at by a hawser, which swept the deck, carrying Stephens and six others overboard. The escape from death was miraculous.

Lecturer in England Wanted.

Toronto, March 13.—The police have warrants out for the arrest of Alfred Ward, P., now touring England and lecturing on "Living Canada" and ostensibly collecting money for Indian missions. Ward is accused of procuring a hundred dollars from James Tobin, put up as security for the position as manager for Ward's show.

Jap Murdered Countryman.

Vancouver, B.C., March 12.—A Japanese murdered a countryman last Saturday at Swanson Bay, three hundred miles up the coast. The murderer escaped in a fishing boat, stole from the water front, and has not since been seen. The victim was discovered.

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"RIGHT TO WORK" BILL THROWN OUT OF HOUSE

Liberals and Socialists Clash in Parliament—Speeches Made by Mr. Burns and Mr. Borden.

London, March 14.—Liberals and Socialists clashed in the House of Commons today and were undoubtedly influenced to a certain extent by Lord Rosebery's speech yesterday against Socialism. The Liberals threw overboard the Unemployed Workmen's Bill of the Labor party.

The majority against the bill was 140. The measure has become known as the "right to work" bill, because it claims to make it the duty of local authorities to provide work for all unemployed persons, and failing this, provision of work for the unemployed and their families. The bill was frankly admitted to be a Socialistic character, and John Burns, the labor leader, mentioned it in the cabinet as such.

Protestants Discriminated Against.
Mount Forest, March 12.—At the Ontario Grand Orange Lodge to-night Dr. Sprague said that Protestants were discriminated against in the service of the House of Commons. In the printing department, he said, out of 267 employees, 225 were Catholics, and of the 78 pages, only 20 were Protestants.

Tobacco Growers at War.

Brookville, Ky., Mar. 11.—Fifty or more night riders came late town early today in buggies and on horseback and before they left fifteen thousand pounds of tobacco belonging to Robt. Stanton, one of the wealthiest planters in this section, had been burned. The men were heavily armed with shot guns and revolvers. A number of the men went to the exchange of the Bracken County Telephone company and kept guard over the operator, Miss Holton, so that no word could be sent for assistance. After seeing that it was all destroyed they departed as quietly as they came.

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Death of Ski Runner.

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CHAMBERLAIN TO RE-ENTER

His Health Has Improved Sufficiently To Allow Return To Politics.

Nice, March 13.—Joseph Chamberlain, regarding whose health alarming reports have been circulating during the past few days, has made such remarkable gains in health since arriving here, that he is seriously contemplating returning to active political life in view of the signs of collapse in the present Liberal ministry.

Action Against Italian Correspondent

Montreal, March 13.—Jerome Nicoscia, former acting consul for Italy here, has brought suit for \$50,000 damages against the Canadian Press, correspondent of Tribune, Rome, on the ground of libel. Cattapani wrote among other things that Italians were abandoned here, and that the consular agent at Winnipeg was a doer-keeper who had a royal coat of arms on a box. A writ of capias for Cattapani's arrest has been issued.

Robbery Near Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, March 13.—Nikolai Nakusynskan was held up by three armed men at St. Boniface last week and relieved of thirty dollars. Coming to the city yesterday he informed the police there was a robber in the city, and the police arrested the man whom the victim identified promptly.

Kingston Farmer Killed.

Kingston, Ont., March 12.—News boys today found two horses attached to a sleigh, and Michael Ryan, aged 46, lying in the bottom of the sleigh with a bad bruise on the head. He died two hours later. He had only thirty cents in his pocket, but it is understood that he had sold \$35 worth of hay during the day. An inquest will be held.

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ENGLISH LEAGUE RESULTS.

London, Mar. 12.—English league results:—

Woolwich 0, Chelsea 0.
Sunderland 7, Notts Forest 2.
Sheffield Wednesday 2, Sheffield United 0.

Preston North End 3, Burny 1.
Bristol City 0, Middlesbrough 1.
Manchester City 3, Aston Villa 2.
Notts County 2, Liverpool 2.

Birmingham 1, Blackburn Rovers 1.
Scottish league football results:—
Celtic 4, Hibernians 0.
Edinburgh 0, Glasgow Rangers 2.
Queen's Park 2, St. Mirren 0.
Heart of Midlothian 1, 3rd Lanark 2.

Greenock Morton 1, Clyde 1.
Hamilton Academical 2, Dundee 2.
Airdrieonians 2, Falkirk 1.
Partick Thistle 1, Port Glasgow 1.
Aberdeen 2, Motherwell 0.

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"No country has suffered such social upheavals as Ireland has. Way after wave of colonization and confiscation and plantation has passed over the country, with the result that scarcely a vestige of the original nobility and gentry of the country remains. Their descendants are scattered to the four winds of heaven, and scarcely possess an acre of their ancestral lands. It is a pathetic, even a tragic story, this scattering of the old chieftains held away. Ever since the time of the first English map is before me as I write. In a few defined territories over which the old chieftains held sway. Even now the country then was in the possession of the O's and Mac's. The gentry as well as the democracy the history of a race inherent classic nowadays but a handful of families bearing such patronymies are in positions of fashion and importance."

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The year has swung around to the Seventeenth, glorious in calendar of the hospital sons of Mother Erin. It is a national day, and on Tuesday glimmers of the green worn over hearts will set the blood singing old tunes of Irish love and rev and battle.

For the Irish ballads reflect country's history in a wonderfully preservative manner to that at all acquainted with the history of Ireland. It has been scenes of Ireland's troubled state "her people on from pillar to post" that since "Annals of the Four Masters" written back in the misty Middle Ages so few volumes of Irish history have been written.

Even these are not widely circulated, though they make fascinating reading. But instead the history of the country is spread broadcast in the ballads and the English critics truly that the Irish were a race of poets, there is no shade of merit and no self-doubt in this position that is lost on them.

Melodious, jaunty, frod with very soul of praise and courage—the poems are alive with the spirit of Erin. The laments for Owen Roe and other of the old-time chieftains who led their clansmen in uprising to regain Ireland's freedom; the ringing praise of Rory O'More's Rapparees; the grimly-determined ballad of Robert Emmet; the ballad of the past century—all of these are chapters of history to the Irish men.

Dion Boucicault's "Wearing of the Green" is a definitely reminiscent of days when the law forbade the Irish to wear their own national colors when of course they wore them in safety lighted by round the neck, when a man laid down his life for enough for a principle. Moore's long song of Sarah Curran, the betrothed of Robert Emmet, is another of the popular Irish ballads, and the less reference to the brilliant youth of the English invasion. The ballad of the "98" is as clear reading as page of history to Irishmen. They are but a handful of the scores of modern ballads.

Going further back the translation from the legends and myths of songs of triumph by the bards are historical. Moore's dainty ballad the Irish maid whose "maiden eyes in safety lighted by round the neck, with his father's sword girded on his and his own wild harp slung behind him, is a tale of the early days of English invasion. The ballad of the spirited boy dead on the field but the strings of his harp were to be played on his grave. Even they were not made for slavery.

"The Valley Lay Smiling Before" is the story of the false wife of O'Rourke, the prince of Breffni, the one woman whose name has sullied the pages of Irish history. The very heart of the "Harp of Tara" touches upon so much Irish history from the very day of the Milesians landing in 100 B.C., that it is impossible to outline even brief its significance. For Tara was the ancient seat of the Ard-Righ or High King, to whom all the princes of Ireland paid tribute. And it was here that St. Patrick brought Christian teachings to the very heart of the Irish race and kingdom.

So the "Harp of Tara" is the symbol of so much that the words of the ballad set to the ancient air of "D. Macchree" (Pulse of my heart) has become in a sense the national air of Ireland. "St. Patrick's Day" is a name to set Irish soldiers marching. "The Harp of Tara" is a song to make Irish hearts warm and to make them fight again in memory.

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