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TURNED LIGHT ON FINANCING OF N.T.R.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane Gives Starting Estimate That Eastern Section Alone Will Cost \$258,000,000 or \$143,000 a Mile — Can't Cut Rates, Says Ames.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—(Special).—Hon. Frank Cochrane this evening gave the house of commons some startling figures in regard to the cost of the eastern section of the National Transcontinental Railway, when the house went into committee on his bill to provide for the reduction of the N. T. R. Commission to one member. The capital cost of the line to 1924, he estimated at \$28,000,000, or at the rate of \$143,015 a mile for the 194 miles from Winnipeg to Montreal.

His statement, which follows, was based on the estimated cost submitted by the chief engineer at \$171,726,000, and on the supposition that it will be completed and handed over to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. on Jan. 1, 1914, and that the money could be borrowed at 3 per cent.

The Harrowing Details. Interest during construction at 3 per cent to Dec. 31, 1911, \$7,690,123.68. Interest on estimated expenditure at 3 per cent for one year at Dec. 31, 1912, \$3,720,000. Interest on estimated expenditure at 3 per cent to Dec. 31, 1913, \$3,720,000.

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GOVERNMENT TO BUY G.T.P. BONDS

So Hon. W. T. White Intimates But He Draws Attention to Certain Financial Difficulties — Five Millions Voted to Railway, But House Is Urged to Go Slow.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—(Special).—The public have been shocked by the announcement of this heavy liability, said Hon. W. T. White this afternoon, in moving the second reading of his bill to provide for the payment of the \$5,000,000 for the implementing of the bonds of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway under the recent decision of the privy council.

The responsibility for this very heavy obligation and for the further \$5,000,000 to which they might become liable, rested on the preceding government, and he called upon the leader of the opposition to declare what he had to say in explanation or extenuation of the action of his government.

Mr. White made the interesting statement in reply to a question by W. M. German (Welland) that the government was carefully considering the question of purchasing the bonds of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Sir Wilfrid declared that it had seemed to the late government in 1904, when the supplementary agreement was made with the railway company, that

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Anglo-German Relations Closer, Says Asquith

Premier in Opening Debate Declares Haldane Found Germany Strongly Desirous of Promoting Better Feeling — Refutes Warmly Rumors That British Navy Was Ready To Start Hostilities.

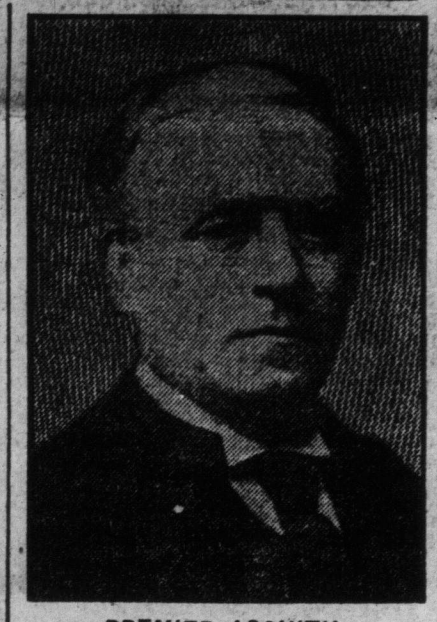
LONDON, Feb. 14.—(Thru Reuter's Agency).—The prime minister, Right Hon. Mr. Asquith, made a most important statement in regard to the visit to Germany of Lord Haldane, in the course of the opening debate in the house of commons this afternoon. He said that Mr. Bonar Law, the leader of the opposition, referring to Lord Haldane's visit to Germany had used the expression: "Lime-light." As a rule the charge against the government, and particularly against Sir Edward Grey, had been that of furtiveness, secrecy and subterranean diplomacy. It was, therefore, rather a relief to find that the government was now charged with carrying on diplomatic proceedings in what Bonar Law termed the "lime-light." This, however, continued the prime minister, was a most serious matter, and he desired to use the language of seriousness as well as of hope regarding it.

Undoubtedly, he went on, it was a most lamentable fact that the traditional feelings of Anglo-German friendship and good-will had been seriously overclouded during the last few months. When an atmosphere of suspicion had once been created, fiction readily replaced fact and legends, which at other times would be dismissed as incredible, were easily accepted and widely believed.

Didn't Prepare to Attack. "We have been told, for instance, that there were masses of the people of Germany who firmly believed that some thing during the last summer and autumn Great Britain meditated, indeed, had even prepared an aggressive attack upon Germany; also that Great Britain's armaments were carefully calculated with that object in view. I was almost ashamed to have to contradict such a wild and extravagant notion. It was a pure invention without a shadow of foundation, nor was there anything, anywhere, at any time of an aggressive or provocative character in the movements of our fleet.

"The very fact, however, that such rumors could find credence, not indeed with the German Government, but in the minds of many intelligent and far-sighted people in Germany, was surely in itself a significant and most regrettable symptom. Both the British and German governments had been, and were, animated with a sincere desire to bring about a better state of understanding. And, in the course of the last month, the government had received

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PREMIER ASQUITH.

BIG ELEVATOR FOR TORONTO

Land on West Market Street Is Secured and Total Cost With Building Will Be \$1,000,000.

Toronto is to have the finest grain elevator between Montreal and Port William. Plans have been prepared and construction will commence very soon. The building will consist of re-inforced concrete and together with the land, the cost will reach about \$1,000,000.

The location of the elevator will be at the foot of West Market-st., on a site 80 ft. by 840 ft. The capacity of the elevator will be 2,000,000 bushels of grain, most of which will come by boat from Port Arthur.

The site has splendid wharf facilities with a water depth of 20 feet, sufficient to accommodate any of the lake freighters. Incorporation of the enterprise has been obtained under the name of the Ontario Elevator Co., Ltd., with a capital of \$1,000,000. A syndicate consisting of five Toronto and Buffalo capitalists is responsible for the formation of the company, but it is not the present intention to ask for public subscriptions. The promoters claim that a big saving will be made in the cost of grain distribution throughout Ontario by the use of the elevator, and also that with modern cleaning machinery, much higher prices can be obtained for the grain passed thru it.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 14.—(Can. Press).—The United States Government to-day arrested almost all of the 54 men indicted in the dynamite conspiracy cases.

It took into custody within a few hours practically the entire official staff of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, including the chief officers, members of the executive board and about 20 business agents and former business agents. Those included Frank M. Ryan, the president; John T. Butler of Buffalo, N. Y., the first vice-president, and Herbert S. Hockin, the second vice-president and successor of John J. McNamara as secretary-treasurer, and each of these men was required to give \$10,000 bond for his appearance for arraignment here, with all the other defendants, on March 12.

More than 40 of the men, chiefly labor union officials, who are charged with conspiring to destroy by dynamite or nitroglycerine, the property of employers of non-union labor, were under arrest by to-night, and it was declared the apprehension of all the others would follow within 48 hours.

Ryan's Arrest Chief Sensation. The most prominent of those taken into custody is Frank Ryan, president of the International Ironworkers, this city. Vice-presidents Butler and Hockin—the latter also acting as secretary-treasurer since the arrest of John McNamara; Spurgeon Meadows, business agent of the district council of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners; and C. E. Dowd, representing the International Machinists Union.

These three unions are alleged to have been involved in the conspiracy. McNamara has charged that Hockin was the man that put him in the dynamite business. Mr. Ryan said: "I desire to say to the public and for the satisfaction of my friends, both in the union and outside of labor union circles, that I am innocent of knowingly having violated any law of the United States, or of

LIFE SENTENCE FOR JESSIMANE

Word Was Received From Ottawa Last Night That Murderer Will Not Be Hanged.

Joseph Jessimane will not be hanged a week from to-day.

Sheriff Mowat last night received an official communication from Ottawa saying that the death sentence had been changed to one of life imprisonment. Jessimane was found guilty of killing James Loughed last May.

RENEW NOMINATION TO-DAY. OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—(Special).—The nomination meeting of South Renfrew takes place to-morrow. Major John Currie of North Simcoe will speak for Dr. Maloney to-morrow.

May Be Anglo-German Agreement.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—(Can. Press).—Besides relieving the tension between the two countries, it is already apparent that Lord Haldane's visit to Berlin has been productive of an arrangement for diplomatic pourparlers, which may eventually lead to negotiations for a definite Anglo-German agreement, covering all questions that may arise between the two nations.

BRICK MAKERS IN CONVENTION

Three-Day Meeting Opened Yesterday, When Addresses on Clay and Products Were Given.

Prof. A. P. Coleman of the University of Toronto addressed the Canadian Clay Products Manufacturers' Association at the opening session of a three-day convention in the Prince George Hotel yesterday.

NORTHWEST RATEPAYERS. Owing to the small attendance the Northwest Ratepayers' Association decided at their meeting in Kent School last night to postpone their election of officers until Feb. 28. A progressive policy was outlined to increase the membership of the association, and it was decided to invite several city hall officials and controllers to address the future meetings on present civic problems. Jas. E. Stewart occupied the chair.

Winnipeg Railway Melon.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 14.—(Can. Press).—The shareholders of the Winnipeg Railway will receive a valentine of \$100,000 at last as a result of to-day's meeting of the board held in this city. The announcement was made that the profits of the year were \$1,200,000 and that \$200,000 would be placed to the credit of profit and loss.

TEMPERANCE PEOPLE WERE DISAPPOINTED

NO INDEPENDENT TEMPERANCE PARTY

Ontario Alliance Committee Talked Several Hours and Finally Decided to Revive the Old Electoral Union Policy and to Refuse to Support Candidates Who Will Not Adopt Temperance Platform.

All the third party threatnings and independent political action talk was abandoned by the action of the political policy committee of the Ontario Alliance last night.

F. S. Spence, whose eyes blazed on the previous night as he described the march to be made "over the ruins of both old parties," cooled like a dove at last night's committee. But it took him three hours of diplomatic engineering to get the dose of tempering down the committee's throat.

Controlled J. O. McCarthy presided. The doleful tidings that N. W. Rowell lacked the snap to take up their fight was given with all the best sugar coatings imaginable. Then the old electoral union scheme, which was attempted ten years ago by Duncan Marshall in the good old "Brother" Ross days, was trotted out.

After all the brave talk of the past two days of independent action, the committee was loth to again just mark time, but at 10.30 they were tired and agreed to the proposition.

It was that the delegates refuse to vote for any candidate or party which failed to adopt the alliance platform of the abolition of the tax and club licenses.

One delegate said to The World: "I'm sick of it. It's just the old bag of tricks thinly veneered, altho it may sound new to the same people."

TWO BACKRACK BOYS ARRESTED

They and John Willis Are Charged With Conspiring to Procure a Criminal Operation.

Charged with conspiring together to procure a criminal operation on a young woman 22 years old, Julius and Emmanuel Backrack, 237 St. Nicholas street, and John Willis, 144 Jarvis street, were arrested on a warrant last night by Detectives Tipton and Archibald. They were taken to Court-street station at 10.30 and a few minutes later were given their liberty.

Count von Aehrenthal's Dying. VIENNA, Feb. 14.—Count von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, is reported to be dying to-night. The physicians are using oxygen to sustain their patient's life.

PERSIAN LAMB COATS. Persian lamb is going up in price. The big annual sale of these pelts comes off in March in Leipzig. The furriers of the world are on their way to that point even now, and Toronto will be represented by William Dineen, president of the W. & D. Dineen Company, and the dean of Canadian furriers. Mr. Dineen arrives in Genoa on February the twentieth, and entrains at once for Berlin.

Mr. Rowell's Friends Will Have a Hard Time Appearing the Convention To-day—Far Will Fly Says President Gibson—Meeting Has Been a Success From a Provincial Standpoint.

Mr. Rowell's friends in the Ontario Alliance will have quite a time appearing the convention when the deputations report and the recommendations of the political action committee are presented this morning.

However plausible the Liberal leader's plea for more procrastination may have sounded to the delegation it was not relished at the convention when rumor carried it there.

"Unsatisfactory" was the adjective used by a prominent clergyman in giving his view of Mr. Rowell's falling to step upon the firing line.

President Gibson said "fur will fly" in the committee. "But President Gibson was not analyzing the personnel of the political action committee when he spoke of a probable hot time at the deliberations.

One of the most prominent delegates who would naturally be expected to be on it spoke almost in a tone of disgust. He pointed out that it was made up of a few of the most prominent Liberals in the gathering, with numerical dignity, contributed by a nice list of the names of wives of delegates.

This frank committee was emboldened by the most independent of the Liberals on it. Controller J. O. McCarthy being disposed of by being put in the chair.

The convention has been a double surprise. From a provincial standpoint it has fallen far short of the number of delegates expected and in that respect

WAKENING UP! Everybody is waking up to the great municipal and social problems of the day. The meeting last night was a revelation. Everybody seems friendly, but our laws seem to be lagging and the unprogressive element seems to be able to use law as a stop progress. There are 33,000 tenants in Toronto against 30,000 owners. Not a tenant had a vote in the recent by-law election. Why not? Why not get better terms by a ballot? And yet these tenants, pay on the average 30 per cent of their income for rent and taxes and most of the street car fares! Is Mayor Geary asking for a change in the law so to who shall vote for by-laws? Or is The Telegram or The Globe? Where are the Pynes and Foyes and Crawfords, and Gooderhams, and McPhersons, and all the rest on these needed reforms?

A TRAFFIC EXPERT. Toronto gets a percentage of \$100,000 a month from the street railways. Why will Mayor Geary and the council take \$100,000 a month out of that for the salary and incidentals of an expert to study local traction and to the laying out of our municipal lines? Such an expert, we are confident, would in six weeks be able to frame up a good case for asking the railway commission to compel the street railways to give a morning and evening service in and about the city that would relieve present congestion immediately. Why is the reason that this proposition can not get forward?

SIR JAMES JOINS THE BIG EYES. Sir James Whitney has got big eyes and consequently sees that \$500,000 for Northern Ontario \$500,000 for good roads is good policy for the province and its people. Toronto is the capital of this province that is to have this expenditure, and Toronto is on the quick road to a million population. But to see that coming in a few years you must have big eyes. Has Mayor Geary gone out yet to get a pair? Controller Hocken got a pair a while ago. But who is the smooth gentleman that has so quietly supplied a pair of small eyes to so many of Toronto's officials, aldermen and journalists? Sam McEldie ought to throw his away.

DOIN'S IN THE MENAGERIE.



Jeff: Patna are ye feedin' him up so much for, John? John: I'm goin' to put him after Joe Atkinson who's gettin' along with annexation and single fare fares. Jeff: I'm for single fare, mazel. John: So am I too. The Wild Man (from the cage): So's Joe. John: Did you hear him talk, then, eh?