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## Junction Council to Act Against "Be..."

Must Have Satisfactory Rates  
or a Municipal System Will  
Be Pushed Ahead.

The telephone question is still the live issue in rural districts. In East Toronto, and in Toronto Junction. The trial of President Sise has given zest to the advocates of independent lines, and municipal systems. The Junction Council will proceed against the Bell Company in order to smash the monopoly. No compromise in their cry, and it is echoed in East Toronto, where the question of a municipal exchange is being pressed to a head.

So Speaks Hon. Lomer Gouin

Question of Better Terms is one of Life and Death for Liberal Party.

Montreal, March 1.—There was a banquet at the Reform Club last evening in honor of Hon. Mr. Duff, treasurer of this province, which developed into a regular better terms demonstration. The guest of the evening told his hearers that the province has good ground for their demands, altho it had been called a raid on the Dominion. He said that Quebec had given up her customs and excise receipts when she went into confederation amounting to \$11,000,000, and had received \$70,000,000 for civil government, and 80 cents a head in the population, the same to be calculated on the number of people shown in the census of 1891.

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C.P.R. Official Leaves Canada on May 1 to Take a Re-nunciative Position.

Montreal, March 1.—(Special.)—Thomas Tait, general manager of the transportation of the C.P.R., will go to Australia on May 1 to become head of the railways of the Australian Commonwealth. Negotiations looking toward this end have been going on for three months, Mr. Tait being in cable communication with Premier Barton at frequent intervals. The negotiations have been conducted by Mr. Tait and Mr. J. G. Macdonald, the Canadian offering him the position of superintendent and making him a director of the company. Mr. Tait replied accepting the offer. It is understood that the salary attached to the position will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000 a year. The duties of the position will be to organize the whole system of state owned railways in Australia, which are owned by the Commonwealth and the States. Mr. Tait was born at Melbourne, P.E.I., not quite thirty-nine years ago, and entered the railway work in the office of the Grand Trunk at the age of 16. After two years' experience in several capacities he became private secretary to the vice-president and general manager of the Canadian Pacific.

## THEIR GOODS CARRIED FREE

Members of the Ontario Government Who Need Not Pay Express Charges.

ANOTHER PHASE OF THE PASS EVIL

Editor World: With reference to Mr. Patterson's letter and your editorial in regard to express charges in this country, perhaps the public would like to know that cabinet Ministers don't find them so very high; in fact, they find them even cheaper than a state owned service would be. It simply costs them nothing at all for the privilege of express charges under the present system, and they would probably have to pay the general rate under a state owned system. But the dear public get it in the neck by paying for these privileges in the end, as our esteemed postmaster has found out to his cost. The writer is in a position to know that Hon. Mr. Stratton and Hon. Mr. Gibson of the Ontario cabinet have their goods carried for nothing by the Dominion Express Company, and a late member of the Ontario cabinet enjoyed the same privilege.

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