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TWO CENTS A MILE PAYS.

One of the idiosyncrasies of officialdom is its extreme unwillingness to accept reforms coming from sources outside itself. In fact the natural instinct of the office-holder in authority is to summarily reject outside suggestions as unworthy of consideration. This habit is understandable, but not commendable and is characteristic of the small, not the large mind. And it is particularly strong in the case of improvements prompted by public considerations. Transportation companies, for instance, as a rule resent requests to act up to the conditions of their franchise grants or to consider on their merits schemes for meeting the public convenience even if they can be shown to involve no pecuniary loss. And it is this lack of receptiveness, this objection to acknowledgment that a public demand can be reasonable and even profitable, that has led to much of the regulatory legislation so widely in evidence thruout this continent.

To take a concrete case—the agitation for a two-cent fare had, to say the least of it, not a little in its favor. Reductions of rate in normal circumstances have invariably been followed by an increase in the number of passengers that more than compensated for the smaller individual payment. The principle runs thru all instances of excursion and commutation rates, and it has been abundantly justified itself. Lieut. Col. Boothby, general passenger agent of the Maine Central, now in Toronto in connection with the American Association of General Passenger and Ticket Agents, remarked to an interviewer that the reductions made by the Maine Central from 3 to 2-1/2 cents and by the Boston and Maine from 2-1/2 to 2 cents—both selling mileage tickets at 2 cents—involved no loss. "The revenue increased," he said. "It worked out all right and there has been no loss." But there has been gain to the public and that after all ought to be the determining factor in a public service. Besides the fixing of a minimum passenger rate is really a matter of national policy, which the railroads can work out in their own way. They assure the public when increases of freight rates are mooted that these can be adjusted so that they will not affect retail prices. If that can be done for the benefit of their revenues, why not for the benefit of the traveling public?

**TAX EXEMPTIONS.** Among the subjects which might with propriety and advantage be discussed at the second international conference on state and local taxation, to be held in Toronto in October, is the matter of exemptions. For example, in this city there is property immune from taxation for various causes amounting in assessed value to \$30,000,000 or \$35,000,000. Without entering into the reasons for favoring particular classes of property, The World would urge that the general principle held to justify exemptions is fundamentally wrong. Every exemption increases the burden of taxation on the properties that continue to be rated and it largely comes to this, that the classes least able to pay are penalized to provide for taxes that ought to be borne either by the general revenues or by voluntary subscriptions. In so far as insurance as church property is concerned exemption from taxation is in substance a grant in aid and is totally subversive of the rule that ought to prevail in a democratic state. The only sound principle is to tax all property without discrimination. Then the incidence of rating becomes fair and equal and the ultimate liability falls where it ought to rest without any call being made on those who are really not responsible and not in circumstances to make involuntary contributions to governments and wealthy communities and organizations.

**THE SALARY INCREASES.** The controllers have labored and brought forth a schedule of salary increases for civil employees which they themselves declare now will hardly pass council. They seem to have gone about their task not wisely, but with courage. A desire to reward a deserving official brings with it the necessity of advancing some "favorite son." It has been a case of everybody hustling for his own specially desired increases and knocking everybody else's, and the result is likely to prove disastrous to all the deserving and the undeserving alike.

That is, unless council take a sane view of the matter and go about the pruning process in a thorough, fair, non-partisan and businesslike way. This would take time, but it's better to do that than to roll up the whole list of increases and bundle it into the waste basket.

The special committee of the board of control didn't lay a good foundation, for one thing. One glaring inconsistency can be noted in the proposed schedule for the fire department, where an assistant engineer after four years will draw more wages than an engineer in his first year. In other words, to promote an assistant en-

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gineer will mean that he suffers a reduction in wage. There are inconsistencies all along the line. In trying to please all, the reverse has been accomplished. After all, it was a gigantic task to impose upon two men, who assumed the work that was supposedly left to the city's specially engaged accountants. If council would do the right thing by the clerical and expert city hall staffs they might do worse than appoint a commission to investigate the whole civic service system and prepare a report that could be regarded as authoritative and free entirely of suspicion of favoritism.

With the fire department, the situation is different. The nature of the work of the firemen is obvious. The salary schedules of other cities should form a fitting guide. Their present salaries are away out of harmony with those obtaining in other branches of the civic service, and as it is three years since anything was done for the department they at least seem entitled to consideration now.

## RAILWAY SIGNALS.

By accident a few words in type were "dropped" from the special from Ottawa, which appeared in yesterday's World. Since the paragraph contained the point of the special, it is repeated below as it should have read:

"There is now a consensus of opinion that the only way by which the disregard of signals and rules can be prevented is by some device which makes it physically or mechanically impossible."

## BYSTANDER'S TRIBUTE.

Goldwin Smith in Weekly Sun: The entrance of Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King into the political arena is another personal event of general interest. He, if anyone, will be likely to succeed in the arduous undertaking of combining patriotism with party. The constituency of North Waterloo County deserves our thanks.

## AT OSGOODE HALL

The following cases are set down for hearing before Chief Justice Meredith at Osgoode Hall, at 11 a.m.: Re Port Colborne M. Co. Vindusen v. Elliott. Dominion v. Berlin. Steele v. Genger. Cotes v. Davis. Peremptory list at 11 a.m.: McPhaden v. Brechin. Imperial v. Suckling. Frost & Wood v. Stoddart. Hobley v. G. T. Ry. Battle v. Wilcox. Brampton v. Henderson. Autumn Assizes, Justice Clute. Bull v. Toronto Railway. Giovinnazzo v. G.P.R. Hansford v. G.T.R. Armstrong v. Toronto Railway. McKee v. Toronto Railway.

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## POLITICAL NOTES.

Hon. M. E. Bernier, departmental chief of the railway commission, says there is no truth in the report that he intends retiring from the railway commission to become Independent Liberal candidate in his old constituency of St. Hyacinthe.

A Brockville special says: The Conservatives of Grenville, in convention at Spencerville, re-nominated Dr. J. D. Reid, ex-M.P. Many others were tendered the honor, but all declined in favor of Dr. Reid, who accepted amid great enthusiasm.

Hon. G. E. Foster will address meetings at the Soo (Sept. 28) and at North Bay (Sept. 29). The latter takes the place of the meeting at Sudbury, previously announced.

The meetings announced to be held by H. B. Ames, the great graft sleuth of Montreal, have been rearranged as follows: Port Perry, Sept. 28; Welland, 29th; Windsor, 30th; St. Thomas, Oct. 1; Cannington, 2; Newmarket, 3.

North Waterloo Conservative convention has been postponed for Friday next, the 26th, as Waterloo. Either Richard Reid, headmaster of the King Edward School at Berlin, who lives and manages a stock farm at Bridgeport, or George Bricker, merchant, of Waterloo, will be selected to oppose W. L. M. King.

East Kent Conservative convention has been adjourned till the 30th inst. at Dresden. The candidates spoken of are H. J. French, a well-known farmer of Dresden, Dr. Stewart and George Leverton.

East Huron Conservative nominating convention will be held at Brussels on the 28th inst. Dr. Chisholm, who is the anticipated candidate, was nominated for the riding in July, 1907, but at that time declined to run. Dr. Chisholm has recently spent several weeks in the riding, visiting the farmers, and he feels that the western air is good for growth and progress, and has taken an optimistic view of the political situation, with the result that he will accept the nomination of the coming convention.

The latest story is to the effect that an independent Conservative will run in South Toronto and take the cake from the regular party men.

R. L. Borden, Conservative leader, and Premier Roblin of Manitoba passed thru Toronto yesterday on their way to London, where they spoke last night. Provincial Secretary Hanna stopped over in Toronto for the day.

Mr. Hanna is much gratified by the reception given him in the city. The audiences were only bounded by the capacity of the halls and a deep impression was made by the speakers. Especially was this so in Quebec. The crowds were always large and enthusiastic. Mr. Hanna expresses the opinion that the Conservatives will make large gains in the maritime provinces and Quebec. The defeat of Sir Frederick Borden is practically conceded, while Mr. Fielding's defeat is one of the probabilities.

W. S. Brewster, K.C., M.L.A., W. A. Preston, M.L.A., Hon. Thomas Crawford, W. D. McPherson, M.L.A., were visitors at the parliament buildings yesterday.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster will speak at Chatham on Saturday evening, Oct. 3, and at Aymer on Monday evening, the 5th.

Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney-general of British Columbia, will speak at Saratoga on the 28th or 29th, the date not being finally settled.

Local opinion is very strong as to the probability of the election of O. E. Fleming, Windsor, for North Essex, in the Conservative interest.

Great crowds are expected at the Laurier meeting at Jackson's Point next Monday, 28th inst. A special train will leave Toronto at 6:30 a.m. and arrive in the evening. Steamers will run from Orillia and Barrie, and a train will probably run from Lindsay.

Prescott Liberal convention will be held on October 6.

R. L. Borden, K.C., will speak at Brantford on Oct. 6.

Public meetings in the interest of Richard Blain will be held at the following places in Peel County next week: Monday, Sept. 28, at Bolton; Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Clarkson; Wednesday, Sept. 30, at Brampton. All three meetings will be addressed by Houghton Lennox of South Simcoe. Discussion is invited.

The following nominations took place in Nova Scotia yesterday: Liberals, North Cape Breton, Atack Johnson, M.P. Conservatives, Colchester, John Stanfield, M.P.

Mr. Lemieux's private secretary, Captain H. B. Verret, is to be the Liberal candidate in Quebec County. His family is powerful there.

On October 2nd, the West Toronto Conservative Association will hold a convention.

Hon. William Hart, M.P., has informed the Liberal executive that owing to the condition of his health, he will be unable to contest the coming election for the commons.

It is probable that R. L. Borden will be present at the Carleton County convention at Stittsville on October 6, and that the same evening he will speak in North Lanark in the interests of William Thoburn, the Conservative candidate. Mr. Borden and Mr. Foster are both expected to speak in bazon, M.P.

That Mackenzie King will, in the course of time, enter the cabinet as minister of labor, should be succeeded in being elected in North Waterloo and the government be returned, is said to be reasonably certain.

## EAGLE SWOOPS ON CHILD.

Gives Hard Battle Before It is Finally Captured.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Hundreds of persons journeyed out to the physical culture camp near Helmetta, N.J., to see a large bald eagle which was captured last Thursday while attempting to carry away a three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cribler, who are spending the summer in the woods.

The child is small for her age, and several times had told her mother

# EATON'S DAILY STORE NEWS



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## SMOKY CHIMNEY COSTLY

A. J. H. Eckardt Fined \$50 and Costs—Grand Inspection Case.

In the afternoon court yesterday A. J. H. Eckardt was fined \$50 and costs for an infraction of the smoke bylaw on Sept. 10.

George Lawrence, baker, Denison avenue, pleaded not guilty to a breach of the new Bread Act, the first of its kind under the act. Inspector Robert Wilson of the health department charged that Mr. Lawrence had neglected to affix or attach to his loaves

a label which gave the weight and maker of the bread, together with the fact that it was fancy.

W. J. McWhinney, for Mr. Lawrence, exhibited the pans in which the bread was baked. The initials "G.L." and the weight were stamped in the pan, with the result that it appeared on the bottom of each loaf very distinctly.

"The system is to do away with sticking on of paper labels with glue," said Mr. McWhinney. "It is much cleaner and much more serviceable."

A week's adjournment was made.