

COAL STRIKE WILL COMPLETELY DEMORALIZE RAILWAY TRAFFIC

Serious Conditions Resulting From the Walk-out of Men in the Alberta Coal Mines--Freight Business Coming to a Stand Still, and Passenger Traffic will also be Stopped in a Day or two--Manufacturers in Calgary are Also Soon to Close.

Special to The Bulletin. Calgary, April 17.--The situation created by the action of miners in leaving work is demoralizing business throughout western Canada.

the most serious experienced in history of western Canada. As far as can be learned the boycott of work which has been more pronounced in Fernie and the Crow's Nest line, but has not reached Bankhead in the same proportions, though the mines have been partially deserted.

of 8 hours. The other employees are day laborers and are paid: Drivers, \$2.50 per shift of 8 hours, and \$2.75 if in wet. Men carrying timber receive \$2.75. Timbermen, trackmen and brattice men all get \$3. This scale is in the principal seam, No. 2. It is the same on No. 4 seam, except that the rate per ton is 50 cents.

Already the cement works in Calgary have closed down. This means the loss of many hundreds of dollars. The C. P. R. is handing no dead freight, and the C. P. R. officials announced that it is only a matter of a day or two when all freight and passenger trains must stop. Manufacturers in Calgary are soon to close.

The bill commences where the contending parties usually left off," said Mr. McNiven. "In the majority of labor controversies the contending parties usually fought it out among themselves, and then as a last resort decided to refer the points at issue to arbitration. Now the arbitrators will be at work in the first instance, and I hope that a great deal of time will be saved in the settlement of strikes and lock-outs."

The mines opened since then all started with a scale, including Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Cammore Coal Co., at Cammore, Pacific Coal Co., at Bankhead, Canada West Coal Co., at Lille and Bellevue and Canadian American Coal Co. at Frank.

Miners Resting. The domestic supply at present is not interfered with, and will not suffer for some time. There is no strike of miners, the miners say; they are merely leaving work. There is no law to prevent that, and there is no conciliation act ever framed which, can reach it. If a miner does not want to work, what is to prevent him from lying idle? He is not on a strike, he is merely resting.

This afternoon at a meeting of the board of trade, Mr. Jamieson stated that his railway had endeavored to get coal from Duluth, but without success. There is great alarm in this city over the probable result.

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Alarm in Calgary. The C.P.R., which usually has a good reserve of coal, had its supply depleted because of the coal famine during the past winter. At a meeting of the board of trade this afternoon, this resolution was passed: "That the following telegram be sent to the minister of labor, to M. S. McCarthy, M.P., to the boards of trade of Winnipeg, Nelson, Edmonton, Toronto, and other places. "Calgary board of trade strongly urges immediate action by the board of conciliation concerning the miners' disagreement. Freight traffic has ceased entirely. Passenger traffic may stop in a few days. Output of coal has practically ceased. Manufacturing plants are closing. Manufacturers in large bodies, though no strike officially declared. Situation is

From 350 to 400 men are employed, some of whom are at the coke ovens. The miners, who constitute half the total force, work under contract for the following scale: 75 cents per ton mined, 5 cents per lineal foot for standing props outside of chute; 10 cents per lineal foot for putting in chute, 5 cents per foot in height for lineal foot for brattice work; \$1 per yard for driving cross cuts.

The union at Coleman gave the 30 days' notice required by the recent act, but seems to have anticipated that period. The walk-out is presumably to secure the terms outlined by President Sherman, including the 10 per cent. increase. The Coleman property was opened in January, 1904, by E. E. Reynolds, the mine superintendent, and saw superintendent of the Diamond Coal Co. at Diamond City. Galier is general manager and Geo. L. Fraser mine superintendent.

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37 Reported Killed and 39 Injured in New Mexico Disaster.

Mexico City, April 16.--The extent of and the damage wrought by the earthquake are greater than hitherto reported. The first belated press telegrams to reach this city for twenty-four hours were received by the Associated Press at one o'clock this afternoon.

From them, it is learned, that the town of Ayutla to the east of Acapulco, and not far from the Pacific coast, and the town of Ometepe, about 70 miles to the east of Ayutla, have been practically destroyed.

The shocks continued at Chilpancingo, 125 miles south of here, all last night, and were quite severe. Many of the buildings that were left standing by the previous tremblings were levelled to the ground. The last shock at Chilpancingo, occurred at 4 o'clock this morning. The general command of the troops was severely injured. The jails, hospitals and school buildings at this town were destroyed. The prisoners are now being guarded by the rural guards. The federal government is extending aid, but it will be impossible to restore any until the shocks cease.

TOWN OF LLOYDMINSTER. Another New Alberta Town Elects Its First Mayor and Council-- Mayor is H. B. Hall.

Lloydminster, April 16.--The first municipal election for the town of Lloydminster were held here to-day and resulted as follows: Mayor, H. B. Hall; councillors, Dr. Hill, H. P. Lyle, N. C. Lyster, J. Whitebread, Geo. Scott and R. Adams.

SECOND BIG FIRE AT McGILL

Within two Weeks. Medical Buildings Destroyed, Loss \$350,000.

Montreal, April 16.--McGill university was visited by the second disastrous fire within two weeks to-day when the main part of the medical buildings was utterly destroyed and two wings badly damaged. The loss will exceed half a million dollars, and while there is considerable insurance, it is not expected that it will make up anything like the loss.

The loss, however, cannot be estimated in dollars and cents, as the medical museum was wiped out, and was celebrated in its class, and has been in process of collection for the best part of a century. Dr. Sheppard also lost his famous anatomical collection, which is known the world over in medical circles.

The valuable library was damaged, but to what extent is not definitely known. The amount of insurance on the medical buildings is \$900,000, of which \$250,000 is on the buildings and the balance on the contents. The amount is widely distributed among insurance companies. The loss is approximately put at \$350,000, but the college authorities are not prepared to subscribe to any particularly amount owing to the impossibility of placing a value on collections of many years' worth which have been wiped out.

Students and others connected with the university are seriously discussing the possibility of the recent fires, and the unusual hour at which they started, the first about 5 o'clock and the last one at one o'clock in the morning lead to the impression that they did not originate by accident. Unless due to disorder of the mind, the professors and students can hardly conceive of any one being so vindictive as to burn up two valuable buildings, entailing a loss of over a million of money, and the destruction of collections of models and specimens practically priceless in value.

WHY THE DELAY. Ald. Gariepy Wants to Know What is the Reason for Lack of Progress in Erection of Telephone Building.

There were several enquiries made at the meeting of the city council last night. One of them came from Ald. Gariepy. It was this: "How is it that the new telephone building is not progressing more rapidly?" Ald. Gariepy wanted to know what arrangement was in vogue in reference to the assessing for sidewalks and boulevards of the owner of a corner lot. In so far as sidewalks were concerned the mayor explained that the owner of a corner lot paid an assessment on half the total frontage. The other half was equally divided among the properties along the block.

Ald. Picard asked if it were the intention of the city engineer to allow gravel to be hauled on boulevards and streets. The mayor in answer to this stated that only one instance of this had come to his notice. This was on Sixth street, and by an arrangement with the residents of this street, whereby the city will undertake to grade the street at the general expense of the city the owners of the property on this street agreed to allow the city to haul gravel on to this street. The drainage to the boulevards would be very slight.

The next meeting of the Humane Society will be held on April 26th instead of April 24th, as previously announced on account of the engagement of the Amateur Operatic society to play "The Pirates of Penzance" on the 24th.

OBITUARY. John Smith, who was taken suddenly ill last week with an epileptic fit, from which he suffered chronically, died yesterday at the public hospital. The deceased, who was about 55 years of age, leaves one son at present in Edmonton. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 from the mortuary chambers of Moffatt, McOppen & Bull, Rice street, to Edmonton cemetery.

The death of A. Pauly, a foreigner about 60 years of age, occurred last night after a month's illness. The deceased, who has been here for the past seven years, had no relatives in the city. The funeral, which will be attended by representatives of the Laborers' Union, takes place on Friday morning from the Moffatt, McOppen & Bull mortuary, where the body now is, to the Roman Catholic church.

A serious operation was performed yesterday at the General hospital upon Mr. A. Ross, of Edmonton. The patient is doing well.

COUNCIL FINISHED WITH THE GAS AGREEMENT

It is now up to the People to Say if Exclusive Feature Shall be Endorsed--Mayor Presents Authority for his Ruling to Vote Twice--Two Appeals Taking Against his Rulings.

Wednesday's Daily. The exclusive natural gas franchise agreement between the Northwest Gas and Oil Co., and the city, was accepted by the council at its meeting last night, and will now be submitted to the people for endorsement. It will require a two-thirds majority of the city to make it effective.

For over two hours the council talked of gas. The same division as has characterized the debate since the committee reported was again recorded, namely, For the agreement: Ald. Gariepy, Manson, Picard, Smith and the mayor. Against the agreement: Ald. Anderson, Daly, Macaulay and Walker.

An appeal was made to the council by Mr. Grant, solicitor for the International Heating and Lighting Co., asking for the submission to the people at the same time as the other this company's application for a non-exclusive natural gas franchise. The council turned a deaf ear to this proposition.

The Point of Order. The mayor gave his authority for his ruling on the point raised by Ald. Walker and Daly at the last meeting questioning his right to vote twice in committee of the whole.

The authorities cited didn't satisfy Ald. Walker and Daly and they presented an argument which looked good, but which failed to convince the four advocates of the agreement, and when the appeal was taken from the ruling of the chair the appeal was lost and the chair sustained.

The Mayor's Authority. The mayor's authority for his ruling was read, and was as follows: "In the matter of a point of order raised by Alderman Daly, growing out of the following facts: On the evening of the 19th inst., the Council held an adjourned meeting, and upon motion the Council resolved itself into a committee for the purpose of discussing the proposed agreement with the North-West Gas & Oil company."

By motion the mayor was appointed chairman of the committee. The Council then proceeded to discuss this agreement clause by clause, and at the conclusion of the discussion, it was moved by Alderman Picard: "That this committee now rise and report to the Council the acceptance of this agreement with the exception of clauses 20, 21, 22 and 23, which clauses were referred to a special committee to consult with the city engineer and instruct the solicitor."

The vote was recorded as follows: Yeas--The chairman and Aldermen Manson, Gariepy and Picard. Nays--Aldermen Macaulay, Anderson, Walker and Daly. The chairman thereupon gave his second or casting vote in favor of the motion, and the committee thereupon rose and reported accordingly.

Alderman Daly then stated a point of order, which appears to be as follows: "That the chairman had the right to vote in the committee, but that he had not a further right to give a second or casting vote, and upon this point I now give ruling: By-law No. 41 of the city of Edmonton is a by-law to regulate the proceedings of the Council of the town of Edmonton and committees thereof, and by section 3 of title 11 of the city charter, this by-law was continued in force and has not since been repealed or amended by the municipal council of the city of Edmonton."

The city charter is silent upon the question of procedure in committee, nor is there anything in the by-law respecting the procedure in the council and committees thereof, having reference to the manner of voting or the breaking of dead-locks and ties, but section 10 states, that in giving a ruling the mayor shall state the rule or "authority" applicable to the case, and section 10 of the procedure by-law provides: "That in all cases unprovided for in the proceedings of the Council or in committee, the law of parliament shall be followed." I am therefore at liberty to quote parliamentary procedure and practice in connection with this case.

The first point to consider is, what was the committee considering? My ruling is that the committee was considering a private bill. In support I quote from page 729, Bourinot's Parliamentary Practice and Procedure, second edition: "Any person seeking to obtain any private bill giving any exclusive franchise or profit, etc., etc." I further rule that the committee was therefore a committee on private bills.

As to the manner of taking a vote in this committee see page 732 of the above-mentioned work, where it is there laid down: "All questions before committees on private bills are decided by a majority of voices, including the voice of the chairman, and whenever the voices are equal the chairman has a second or casting vote." See also Rule 86 of the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of the province of Alberta.

I therefore rule that the motion above referred to, moved by Alderman Picard, was properly put, and the properly carried, and that the same is now before the Council as the report of the committee, and as such is entitled to the consideration of the Council.

Not a Select Committee. The mayor's authority for his ruling hinged on the fact that a private bill was under discussion and the inference was that it must therefore have been before a private bills committee.

Ald. Daly quoted Bourinot to a finish to show that it was not a private bills committee, but a committee of the whole, and in a committee of the whole, according to Bourinot, the presiding officer had no vote except when an equality of votes existed. Ald. Daly also referred to the city charter, which stated that there was an equality vote on a motion, the motion was to be considered as negated.

Ald. Walker reviewed most of Ald. Daly's points putting them more concisely. Another Point of Order. I raised another point of order. This was a question as to the right of the council to reconsider the natural gas franchise, after a motion to the effect that the council favored the exclusive feature had been lost. The chair ruled that the action of the council, in reviving the question was in order, and Alderman Daly appealed against the ruling.

Alderman Walker quoted Bourinot to the effect that a motion once having been either affirmed or negated, it could not again be reconsidered. Otherwise, it would be taken as a reflection on the majority of the House.

The appeal against the ruling of the chair was not sustained. Moved For a Hoist. Alderman Daly made a further effort to block the passing of the agreement. He moved for a hoist until the first meeting of the council in December, but this was lost.

Alderman Picard claimed that it was absurd to further delay the passing of the agreement. The ratepayers were entitled to vote on the question. Alderman Walker declared it was not because he desired to keep the question from the people that he was opposing it, but because he considered that the council should not place itself in the position of submitting such an agreement to the ratepayers: Edmonton was an exponent of civic ownership, and the considering of such a thing as an exclusive franchise was diametrically opposed to the principles for which the city stood.

Alderman Walker declared it looked like an effort to railroad the agreement through the council, and he stated that he would strenuously oppose the agreement when it was being considered by the ratepayers.

The motion to pass the agreement and have a by-law prepared setting for the points therein for submission to the people was passed by the deciding vote of the mayor.

At 11:30 the council adjourned until Thursday.

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