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ORDERS RAILWAYS TO REDUCE RATES

Two Big Companies Brought to Book

Railway Commission Fixes Passenger Charges on C. P. R. and G. T. R. at Three Cents Per Mile in Ontario and Quebec; The West Affected, Too; Other Roads Must Fall in Line.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

OTTAWA, March 18.—The board of railway commissioners held a sitting today for the consideration of the question of reducing the passenger rates of the C. P. R. Company and the G. T. R. Company in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec to be reduced. Mr. Wainwright, general assistant and controller, and Mr. Davies, passenger traffic manager of the G. T. R., represented that company, and Mr. Drinkwater, assistant to the president, and Mr. Kerr, passenger traffic manager of the C. P. R., represented the latter company.

The question was taken up with these two railway companies some months ago and statements were promised to be furnished by the companies to the board for the purpose of justifying the rates in force, but these statements have not been furnished.

A short time ago the Kingston Board of Trade laid before the board a complaint respecting rates on the G. T. R., east of Toronto, and several municipal corporations have also recently passed resolutions concerning the passenger rates on the same line. The matter has been the subject of correspondence between the board and the railway companies and no satisfactory answer has, in the opinion of the board, been furnished to the proposition that the rates should be reduced to three cents per mile.

After hearing the representatives of the railway companies it was decided that the rates should be reduced to three cents per mile. As the board has previously received from the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta complaints against the charging of passenger rates in those provinces exceeding the rates prevailing in eastern Canada, it was suggested that these should be considered at the same time with the other applications, and the result has been that the rates have been ordered to be reduced in those provinces, as well, to three cents per mile on the lines of the C. P. R. Company east and including the Calgary and Edmonton railway.

Sixty days have been allowed for putting the new rates in force, a considerable time must necessarily be taken in preparing and printing the new tariffs and distributing them to all the points affected. The board proposes to immediately notify other railway companies of this action and to request them to inform the board whether they are willing to similarly reduce their rates and, if not, to inform the board of the grounds upon which they object to doing so.

BRONZE TABLET TO MARK CLEVELAND'S BIRTHPLACE

Unveiling in Room ex-President Was Born Seventy Years Ago Yesterday.

Caldwell, N. J., March 18.—A bronze tablet commemorating the birth of Grover Cleveland, was unveiled today in the room in which the former president was born. It is in the old parsonage of the First Presbyterian church. The tablet bears the inscription: "Grover Cleveland was born March 18, 1837."

SALVADOR JOINS HONDURAS IN WAR WITH NICARAGUA

Panama, March 18.—According to reliable information received here from Salvador that country has allied in sympathy with Honduras in the war with Nicaragua. On March 10th, 2,000 Salvadoran soldiers landed at Amapata and proceeded the next morning for Choluteca. This body of men came from San Miguel in Honduras and are under command of General Jose Dolores Pineda. It is further reported that General Bonilla, the president of Honduras, at the head of a body of troops has started for Segovia, Nicaragua. In this movement he is supported by two detachments of Nicaraguan revolutionists commanded by General Chamorro and Chavarria.

MCGILL'S MEDICAL COURSE FIVE YEARS IN FUTURE

Montreal, March 18.—McGill University has decided to extend the medical course from four to five years. This goes into effect next September. Medical science has increased to such an extent that it is now considered impossible to properly equip doctors within the present limits.

GOES FROM LUXURY TO LIFE IN A POORHOUSE



MADAME ELEANOR FLETCHER BISHOP NICHOLAS

Montpelier, Vt., March 17.—Countess Elinor-Lady Lucas Lathrop Nicholas as she styles herself—better known as Mme. Nicholas, mother of Washington Irving Bishop, a famous mind reader, who died fifteen years ago, whose life until a few years ago was surrounded by luxury and who was prominent in society in New York, Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia, was taken today to end her days in the county almshouse.

MONTREAL TO HAVE \$1,000,000 AMPHITHEATRE

Will Be so Arranged That Three Distinct Entertainments Can be Carried on at Same Time or be all One Apartment.

Montreal, March 18.—Montreal is to have a huge uptown amphitheatre to serve the purpose of a grand concert hall and to provide accommodation for all large public gatherings. The structure will cost about \$1,000,000.

WON BY RETURNING OFFICER'S VOTE

Attorney General Campbell of Manitoba Had Narrow Shave—Liberals Have Thirteen and Opponents Twenty-seven.

DR. McNAMARA JOINS UNITED IRISH LEAGUE

London, March 18.—Dr. Thomas J. McNamara, parliamentary secretary of the local government board, has been admitted to membership in the Dulwich branch of the United Irish League of Great Britain. This is the first instance of a member of the British ministry joining a militant Irish nationalist organization.



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FLAGS EXERCISES IN ONTARIO SCHOOLS

Government to Supply Every Rural District With Pole and Union Jack to Develop Patriotism.

LORD'S DAY ACT MAY STOP SUNDAY SCHOOL PAPERS

Government to be Queried Whether American Publications Can be Distributed on Sabbath.

CANADA EXPECTS 300,000 IMMIGRANTS DURING PRESENT YEAR

Ottawa, March 18.—The outlook for a large number of immigrants this year is exceedingly bright. The department of immigration says that they expect about 300,000 immigrants this year.

BOSTON PRINTER SUICIDES

Boston, March 18.—Falling in his first attempt to commit suicide by being restrained from jumping off the steamship Anglian, lying at the Hoose tunnel docks, Charlestown, today, Frank Hobbs, a printer, succeeded in killing himself about half an hour later by diving under a moving train on the adjoining pier.

LIBERAL WON IN MANITOBA

Gimli, Man., March 18.—The last election to the legislature took place on Saturday. Ten polls out of fifteen gave Johnson, Liberal, a majority of 208.

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