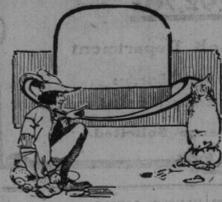


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CITY'S RIGHTS GUARDED IN TORONTO RAILWAY BILL

Nothing Will Prejudice Taking Over the Franchise at End of 30-Year Term.

Practically as amended by the sub-committee on Thursday the bill of the Toronto Railway Company passed the railway committee of the legislature yesterday morning. A clause was added protecting the interests of the city when the franchise of the company expires. It reads as follows:

"Neither this act nor anything authorized under it shall prejudice or affect the rights of the corporation of Toronto to take over the properties of the company, as provided by the act incorporating the company, and the agreement and other documents made schedule thereto."

With regard to the clause imposing a penalty of \$100 a day on the company for failure to give a satisfactory service, Mr. Bicknell wanted the word "wilfully" inserted before "neglect or refuse," but Mr. Downy objected. The present condition of the service was not due to the wilful act of the company. The company, however, was not to be penalized if the poor service be due to fires, strikes, civil commotions, the act of God or the King's enemies.

A clause was also inserted to the effect that the powers conferred on the company to invest in the stock of suburban railways should be exercised only after such investment had been sanctioned by a vote of not less than two-thirds in value of the shareholders present in person or by proxy at any annual or special meeting of the company.

The Niagara Railway Company's request for permission to operate a ferry on Lake Ontario and extend the line from the north terminal of the ferry northward to the Grand Trunk Pacific, was granted.

The St. Joe Railway bill, and the bill to incorporate the North Midland Railway Company, were enlarged until Tuesday.

The Southwestern Traction Company, which will build an electric railway to connect London with Port Stanley, is giving a holding privilege of \$25,000 a mile. They already had power to issue bonds for \$20,000 a mile, the added expense would be caused by the erection of two large bridges.

A charter was granted to the Mount McKay & Kakabeka Electric Railway, a short line running out of Port Arthur.

GRAVENETTE RAINCOATS

TRIALS OF CHILDREN.

London, March 25.—Irish children, as a rule, are bright and quick to understand. They have their trials, however, as appears from a report made by F. H. Dale, an English government school inspector, who recently paid an official visit to Ireland.

The children, he found, were taught in a very mechanical way, and the selection of subjects of instruction was in some cases very odd.

Thus, in one school, girls of 12 were set to copy the following chaotic specimen of English composition:

"Many a single word is itself a concentrated poem, having stores of poetical thought and imagery laid up in it. Examine it, and it will be found to rest on some deep analogy of things natural and things spiritual."

One wonders what the children thought of it all.

Some boys again were given the following passage to copy: "The brain of a true Caledonian, if I am not mistaken, is constituted on a quite different plan. His Minerva is born in pantofole."

When it came to composing a letter, these same boys produced these efforts: "Sir, I spent yesterday with the greatest of pleasures. The first thing that I done was to eat my breakfast."

"Dear Sir, I spent yesterday in the following way: First by going to mass, and when I came home and eat my breakfast."

They had evidently not profited by the study of the classical style of writing.

Mr. Dale's report is a condemnation of the whole system, or rather lack of system, in Ireland. There are too many small schools, and there is no organized central authority.

EVEN THE DAILY NEWS.

London News: We can scarcely hail as a sign of completely restored health the utterance of W. T. Stead at Cape Town, some account of which is given in a telegram we print to-day. It reads too much like the speech of a man who has not yet fully regained that sense of the fitness of things, to say nothing of political wisdom, with which public affairs should be treated. All that we know of the sound elements of the Bond party at the Cape leads us to believe that they will have regretted as much as anyone a speech, delivered under that party's auspices, in which so loud a note of anti-British feeling was sounded. Conciliation is, or should be, the aim of all parties in South Africa to-day. To seek to revive the bitterest feelings of the war in a speech would be a disastrous, if possibly an excusable, thing in a Dutch citizen of the colony. In an English visitor, we confess, we find it deplorable in the extreme. To put the war behind them in all political dealings is the only way of salvation and regeneration for South Africans. The difficulty of the task is not diminished by incidents such as Mr. Stead is reported to have uttered.

HOW LONDON TRAVELS.

London, March 25.—Colossal were the figures dealing with the traffic of London, which Edgar J. Harper of the London county council presented to the Royal Statistical Society last night. There are about 600 miles of railway in Great London, and some 400,000,000 train journeys are made in a year. The busiest hour is from 9 to 10 a.m., when 384 trains arrive at the London termini.

Between 1 and 2 p.m. there were counted in Piccadilly 366 omnibuses and 100 other vehicles. The day's toll of 12 hours was 15,284 vehicles, without counting barrows and cycles.

Mr. Harper came to the conclusion that the provision of new and cheap means of transit in any particular district tends to produce too rapid a growth of population, often followed by overcrowding, high rents and other evils.

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WITNESSES FROM THE 800 PAYMASTER AND CASHIER

Nothing Deducted From Salaries for Work Done on United States Side.

Two witnesses in the 800 enquiry were heard yesterday by the public accounts committee, Paymaster Thomas Williams and Cashier P. H. B. Davison of the Lake Superior Consolidated Company. Col. Matheson, as usual, was the chief counsel of the Conservative investigators. Mr. Williams said the company operated a street railway and a power house on the American side. The general staff controlled the work on both sides of the line. In paying the money guaranteed by the government, nothing had been deducted for the portion of the work done on the American side.

He did not think men who were not working during September and October were paid for the two months, but Col. Matheson thought otherwise as the lists showed. Mr. Williams said the steel plants caused operations in the autumn of 1902.

W. R. Smyth asked concerning the number of assignments of wages paid by hotel keepers at the 800, when A. G. McKay interrupted. Presently Mr. Smyth objected to G. A. Harcourt sitting behind the McKay and responding questions. Col. Matheson said Mr. Harcourt was practically on trial, as he had passed accounts that should not have been allowed.

Mr. Duncan, formerly cashier of the company, was examined with regard to the concern's receipts. He said they had been taking in about \$75,000 a month from pulp timber, and previous sales during the last two months. He did not know what the receipts of the Algoma Central or of the steamship line were.

Col. Matheson complained that his answers were unsatisfactory, and Mr. McKay retorted that it was absolutely unfair to make any such insinuation with regard to the McKay, who had appeared to be perfectly frank.

On motion of Mr. Smyth, the time checkers by O'Brien and others will be brought before the committee, which adjourned until Wednesday.

TWEEDIE GETS \$1025.

The jury in the assault court handed out a verdict of \$1025 in favor of Thomas Tweedie, a Scarborough Township farmer. Plaintiff sued the Toronto Railway Company for \$2000 damages for injuries he received by having been thrown from his wagon. While driving in King-street his wagon broke down while crossing the car tracks. A street car came along and struck the wagon, throwing him to the ground, breaking one of his hips.



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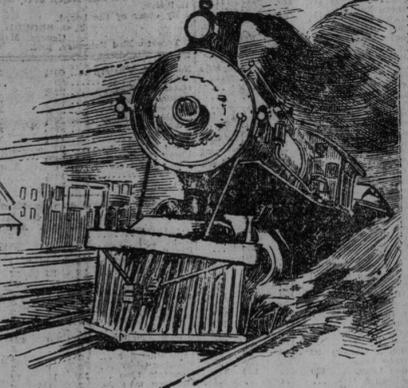
J. J. Keegan by mistake took a draught of carbolic acid yesterday morning early. He is dead. He lived at 23 Artye-street with his wife and infant child. Deceased it is supposed, arose to take some medicine. In the darkness he made a mistake and secured the wrong bottle. Medical men were called in, but they arrived too late.

Coroner Pickering, after investigating the case, decided an inquest was unnecessary. Deceased was 25 years of age and a glass blower by trade.

Go on Strike.

Halifax, March 25.—Sydney men employed at the Dominion Iron and Steel Works went on strike this morning, over the company's discharging a man without cause.

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NOT in years have things generally been as backward at this season as they are now. Half the country has been practically blockaded for weeks and half the city has been shut up indoors trying to keep warm. With the passing of the worst winter on record we've planned an "occasion" that will celebrate the coming of spring and start an avalanche of business all through the house.

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Men's Fashionable Long Loose Rain or Shine Spring Coats, made from a fine English covert cloth, in dark olive and Oxford grey shades, made up with vertical pockets and cuffs on sleeves, fine farmers' satin linings and trimmings, perfect fitting, sizes 35-44; special, Monday, 10.50

Men's Nobby Spring Rain Coats, made from a fine imported fancy worsted, in a dark heather stripe effect, made up in the new aw-gar Chesterfield style, with square pockets, unlined, with silk saddle-back and all seams piped with silk, tailored in the latest style and elegantly finished, sizes 35-44, special, Monday, 14.00

Men's Fine Imported West of England Venetian Worsted Frock Coat Suits, coat and vest of a cut black, made up in regulation style, silk lined throughout, first-class interlinings and silk sewn, trousers of grey and black, imported terms, sizes 35-44, special, Monday, 18.50

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