

WILL CONTROL TELEPHONE RATES

Bill Up in Parliament to Bring Companies Under Railway Commission

AMEND RAILWAY ACT

Hon. Mr. Emmerson's Proposed Legislation Will Make Radical Changes—W. F. McLean Wants Express Companies Taken in Hand and Two Cents a Mile Fared on All Canadian Roads—Other News of the House.

Ottawa, March 28.—(Special)—Hon. H. R. Emmerson introduced his bill in the house today to amend the railway act. In the first place it provides for an appeal from the railway commission to the supreme court on the question of jurisdiction but not unless it is first allowed by a judge of the supreme court. Then there is the appeal on questions of law.

Clause two provides for the taking of evidence. At present witnesses have to be brought to Ottawa at considerable expense to give testimony. Provision is made for the board accepting affidavits.

Clause three makes provision for railway directors declaring dividends. This is done at present but it is not legal without the consent of the shareholders.

Another clause makes it necessary for companies applying for the location of their lines to submit more details as to the route. At present they imagine that a red line drawn across a map is sufficient.

Authority is also given the railway commission to deal with water powers in respect to their development, etc.

Then the bill deals with the uniformity of rolling stock, and the rules in regard to the running and operation of trains and the use of coasters.

Provision is also made that when accidents occur, and anyone is personally injured, a report must be made at once to the board. More complete information as to railways must be supplied the railway department in future.

To Control Telephone Lines and Rates. The most important feature of the bill, as was fully explained by Mr. Emmerson, and also by Mr. Fitzpatrick, was that in respect to telephones. The government in the bill gives complete and effective control to the railway commission over telephones and telephone rates as it now has over railway passenger and freight rates.

In the present bill the commission can arrange for direct oral communication between two telephone companies, in doing so the question of exclusive contracts do not require to be considered and consequently the question of compensation for such will not arise.

Provision is made for the exchange of messages subject to the conditions to be imposed by the railway commission. But when one telephone company obtains connection with another, so that oral communications can be sent over both systems, there will be a condition that the company seeking connection must have its equipment up to a certain standard, so that business can effectively be done over both systems. The company seeking connection must not be a nuisance to the other.

The bill gives as effective and complete control over telephones as it is possible to do. As a result of the intention of the government and some further amendments will be made to the telephone clauses to make this certain.

W. F. McLean talked in government ownership and Mr. Brien wanted to see the railway commission get control of the rates on the I. C. R.

R. L. Boring wanted to see government control as effective as possible, seeing the government did not embark on government ownership.

It was thought that Sir William Mulock was traveling in the direction of government ownership and it was not known how much this question may have had to do with his retirement. The telephone company was a monopoly and such ought to be brought under efficient control.

Mr. Fitzpatrick said that this would be done. The railway commission was a great tribunal and was doing excellent work.

Mr. Brodeur informed Mr. Ledgar that the dominion government was aware that the speech of the lieutenant governor at the opening of the Prince Edward Island legislature contained certain references in regard to the inshore fisheries. The federal government now exercised the powers to which the speech referred. This and other matters would come up at the conference, which was to be held at all the provinces.

Mr. Foster was told that the cost for thirteen wireless stations in eastern Canada was \$118,342. The Canadian Fog Signal Company was paid \$434,221; George Z. Merwin was paid \$406,030; Thomas L.

MAY COMPANIES SEEK CHARTERS

St. John and Sussex Men Interested in a Patent Medicine Concern

OFFICIALS GAZETTED

Many Minor Appointments in Different Parts of the Province—Fredericton Boom Company Practically Decide to Carry On Their Own Work—Other News of the Capital.

Fredericton, N. B., March 28.—(Special)—This week's Royal Gazette contains the following appointments: Queens—John Donald to be a justice of the peace. Charlotte—H. Murray Lambert and Charles McCullough to be justices of the peace.

Madawaska—Joseph Cyr, Fred Nadeau, Xavier Martin and Fred Rivard, of St. Leonard's, to be justices of the peace. Joachim Theriault to be a labor act commissioner for the parish of St. Basile in place of Hon. J. Smith, resigned. Joynde Cormier to be labor act commissioner for the newly constituted parish of St. Andrew.

Victoria—Joseph B. Porter, Charles H. Elliott and Charles W. Cochrane to be justices of the peace. Wellington Sisson to be a justice of the peace. License commission in the place of Richard Tomlinson, retiring.

Kings—Edgar Sharp of Springfield to be a justice of the peace. Gloucester—Maxim M. Dugas to be commissioner for taking bail in the supreme court, also a commissioner for taking affidavits to be in the supreme court.

Edwardsburgh—Edward H. Dempsie, Clement E. Bayard, Usher Duguay, Phileas L. Duguay, George J. McConnel and William J. Hayden to be justices of the peace. John N. Perry to be commissioner for the parish of Inverness in place of Joseph Sewell, deceased. Thomas O. Alford to be a justice of the peace.

More complete information as to railways must be supplied the railway department in future. Kent—Edmond J. Cormier, John Mooney and S. L. Tilley Harrison to be justices of the peace. Leslie J. Watson to be commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the supreme court. Jean Baptiste Vouture to be labor act commissioner for the parish of St. Charles, St. Louis and Richibucto in place of J. Harry Stevenson, resigned.

Westmorland—Edgar Wilson, of Dorchester, to be commissioner for taking bail in the supreme court. Charlottetown—A. R. Merritt, of Bristol, and Aubrey B. Gaines, of East Florenville, to be justices of the peace. John N. Perry of Connell, to be parish court commissioner, in room of Russell Hatfield, resigned. Peter B. Milne, of Gasville, to be an assessor of the parish of St. John. Fred B. Thomas, removed from the province.

New Companies. Caloni Tompkins, Walter Tompkins, Rutledge T. Odell, of New York; C. J. O'man and Fred M. Tompkins, of New York, have been incorporated as New Brunswick Gypsum Company, Limited, with a capital stock of \$30,000. Object is to mine, quarry, manufacture and sell gypsum, limestone and plaster.

Frederick Edgert and F. Roy Sumner, of Moncton, and Joseph C. Mahon of Havelock are applying for incorporation as Havelock Mineral Springs Company, Limited, with capital stock of \$30,000. Moncton is to be the principal place of business.

Green Green, of Fredericton; J. William Smalby, of Upper Peel; D. W. Ross, of Florenville; Charles J. Smalby, of St. John; and William W. Melville of Florenville, are seeking incorporation as the Pease Lumber Company, Limited, with a capital stock of \$120,000.

The directors of the Fredericton Boom Company held a meeting this afternoon and practically decided not to award any contracts this season in connection with rafting or sailing. The directors think the work can be done about as cheaply under the old methods.

The body of the George Lee arrived at noon today from Boston, accompanied by Mrs. Lee and her sister, Mrs. Hebbitt. A number of beautiful pieces were also sent with the remains by Boston friends. The body was taken to the residence of D. Lee Babbit, and the funeral will take place from there tomorrow afternoon. The accident which caused Mr. Lee's death occurred on Monday. He fell from a steaming in the Boston subway car.

In Ireland more than eighty years ago, and when a young man came here with an artillery regiment.

Another of York county's oldest residents died at Kingsport last night, Mrs. Duell Myhrall, aged 94 years.

Contractors and builders, at a meeting last evening, decided to grant the demands of the carpenters in connection with a nine-hour day after April 1, from 7 a. m. until 5 p. m. The contractors decided, however, that the carpenters must work under a stricter set of rules. Smoking in buildings while at work is to be prohibited, and also leaving off work to talk to visitors.

Prominent contractors today said some of the poorer class of mechanics must suffer a reduction in pay. The average wage paid carpenters is about \$1.75 per day, while the best men make \$2.50 per day. Local carpenters have no union, but signed a statement that after April 1 they would work no longer than nine hours, and would have gone out on strike had not the contractors seen fit to give in.

Bluefield, Va., March 27.—Blooded and death was the ending of a social as the Methodist Episcopal church at Coaldale, near here, tonight. Benjamin Capay was killed instantly, his wife was fatally hurt by having part of her head torn away with a shotgun and several others received serious bullet wounds.

The tragedy grew out of bitter feelings between two factions striving for dominance in the church. Mrs. H. Harper was wounded in the side and Henry Gardner was shot in the leg. Two unknown men who fled after the fight were also slightly wounded. There had been ill-feeling of long standing over the management of funds.

PRESIDENT OF ACADIA RESIGNS

Dr. Trotter Notifies Board of Governors He Will Retire This Year

HIS DECISION FINAL

Wanted to Give Up Work Three Years Ago, But Was Persuaded to Stay and Carry Second Forward Movement Through—Overwork and Ill-health the Cause.

Wolfville, N. S., March 27.—(Special)—At the monthly meeting of the executive committee of the board of governors of Acadia University held today, Dr. Thomas Trotter intimated his intention to retire from the presidency of the university at the end of the present college year.

He would have preferred to retire three years ago at the close of the first forward movement and tendered his resignation at that time. The possibilities of a second forward movement, however, came in eight just then, and he consented to continue in office and promote that movement. Now that the first success of that important undertaking has been secured and the correspondence with Mr. Carnegie has also passed favorably he again desires to be released.

He has for some time past found the duties of the presidency too exacting for his physical strength. He is happy in the thought that his services have brought permanent advantage to the university, but for the future he will give himself to some less strenuous work.

His resignation has been placed in the hands of the secretary of the board, and he requests that it be regarded as final. After the close of the college year he will take an extended vacation before entering upon other duties. Dr. Trotter has been in the office nine years.

The executive committee has called a special meeting of the board for April 3. The Carnegie building will not be proceeded with before the summer of 1907 at the earliest, as the funds will not be available till the completion of the second forward movement.

SLOW PROGRESS PASSING SUPPLY

Opposition Object to Vote for Canada's Exhibit at Imperial Institute—Pretontaine's Funeral Cost \$8,000.

Ottawa, March 27.—(Special)—The whole assembly was held today in connection with the house took up concurrence in a few items for the current year, which were carried by a large majority. There were \$25,000 for Prince Arthur's fund, \$25,000 for foreign exhibitions, \$18,000 for the same, and \$400 for the purchase of \$8,000 for the late Mr. Pretontaine's funeral.

A decision took place on the \$18,000 for the Imperial Institute, the content of the opposition was that sufficient information did not accompany this vote. The minister of agriculture said that the money was wanted to arrange a new display of Canadian resources in the Imperial Institute. The discussion, covering a number of hours, was continued until an hour after midnight.

The opinion was expressed that the Imperial Institute was not a good location for the exhibit. Mr. Fisher read a report from Mr. Hutcheon, superintendent of exhibitions, on the Imperial Institute proposition, after which it passed and the items were embodied in a supply bill. Indian estimates were then taken up in supply.

\$75,000 to Fight Gypsy Moths.

Boston, March 27.—The bill in the Massachusetts legislature, which substitutes a special commission for the board of three commissioners which now has supervision of the banks in this state, was passed today. It is thought the governor will name the new commissioner tomorrow.

Stole 5,000 False Teeth.

Portland, Me., March 28.—During the night the contents of Dr. George E. Gow were broken into and false teeth to the value of 5,000 stolen, the value of the items being about \$400. The police have not yet found a clue to the thief.

DAMP SPRING WEATHER RUINOUS TO HEALTH

Causes Weakness, Headaches and Feeling of Unrest; the Cure is Simple. That peculiar weakness so common in the spring is demoralizing to body and mind alike.

Stupid, absent-minded and dull.—You feel the need of a stimulant and tonic. To impart quickness and great vitality to the entire system nothing acts like Ferronox.

MONCTON PASTOR'S FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

Presbyterian Church Congregation Held Social for Rev. D. Macdormum Last Night

Rev. Dr. MacRae the Principal Speaker—I. O. R. Mechanics Out of Work Being Picked Up by Other Railway Companies.

Moncton, March 27.—(Special)—The congregation of St. John's Presbyterian church tonight fittingly celebrated the fourth anniversary of Rev. D. Macdormum's pastorate in Moncton. The affair partook of the nature of a social under the auspices of the guild. There was a large attendance, the members of the men's union attending in a body. A programme of speeches, musical and literary numbers was carried out.

Rev. Dr. MacRae was the principal speaker. Reference was made to the great advancement the church had made the past four years, especial stress being laid on the recent accomplishment in freeing the church from debt. It was stated the congregation now owned \$50,000 worth of property in the city free of debt. The character of the celebration demonstrated that the relations existing between Pastor Macdormum and his congregation are very satisfactory and the hope was expressed that many more anniversaries of the present pastor here might be observed.

Geo. Mellich, who has been employed in the I. O. R. works for many years, but who has been thrown out of employment by the recent fire, has received an offer from a railway company to go to Chatham to work on car construction. The offer carries with it a wage of \$5 per day and all expenses from the time he leaves until his return. The offer is one of the most tempting ever made to an I. O. R. mechanic.

Quite a number of I. O. R. mechanics have been picked up by different railways and other concerns in the last week or two.

CLOSE BY-ELECTION IN YARMOUTH

One Majority Only for Winner, But All Ballot is Disputed, Which May Change the Result—Conservative Convention a Frost.

Yarmouth, March 27.—(Special)—A by-election, caused by the retirement of Councillor Lewis, who sold goods to the town while in office, was held today. Lewis offered for re-election, his opponent being Fraser Gavel, who was defeated by a narrow margin in the general election in February.

The result this time was Gavel, 405; Lewis, 404. There is one disputed ballot, which if allowed, will make it a tie, in which case it is assumed that the returning officer's vote will elect Mr. Lewis. A conservative convention was held this afternoon, but on account of the bad weather and the town being closed by the fire, the attendance was not representative enough to warrant the selection of a candidate for the local legislature. The convention therefore adjourned without electing a president. A committee was appointed to select gentlemen willing to enter upon a campaign.

ATE NO FOOD FOR TEN YEARS

Man Died at Kingstown Who Had Been Fed Through a Tube Let in His Side.

London, March 24.—For ten years before his death at Kingstown, another day a man named George Knight had not eaten any food. Eleven years ago, while on board the yacht Dilas at Gosport, he accidentally drank some detergent in mistake for porter, with the result that his gut and other internal organs were destroyed.

He was placed in the hands of an able surgeon, who not only saved his life, but also enabled him to live for more than ten years in comparative comfort by means of feeding through a tube in his side, leading directly to his stomach. It is remarkable that though unable to eat he could always enjoy a smoke. He was about forty years of age.

SENATE TAKES A LONG RECESS

Adjourns to April 18—Cartwright's Tart Reply About Rumor in Regard to Judge Fraser's Appointment.

Ottawa, March 28.—(Special)—Sir Macleanic Bowell asked in the senate today whether the report in the Conservative press was correct that Justice Fraser accepted the lieutenant governorship of Nova Scotia on the understanding that he would have a second term if the Liberals remained in power.

Sir Richard Cartwright said that the government did not communicate the views of the Conservative press. He added the report that Justice Fraser was appointed to the governorship was correct.

The senate adjourned until April 18.

The Bay Shore Lumber Company's Work.

Robert Connelly, manager of the Bay Shore Lumber Company, and George Drew, engineer of the company, drove from Great Salmon River to the city yesterday. They report the road in very bad condition. Mr. Drew is on his way to Brunswick (Me.) after having surveyed for extensive pulp carriers at the mill. It is his intention to extend the wharf at Great Salmon River 250 feet farther out in the bay.

TERRIBLE MURDER OF SIX ITALIANS

Bodies Found Horribly Hacked by Knives in a Minneapolis Shack—Victims Were Evidently Tortured to Death as None of the Wounds Were Deep—Much Money Found in the House—Thought to Be Work of the "Black Hand" Society.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 28.—The bodies of six Italians, covered with blood and terribly hacked with knives were found by the police in an old frame building on Tenth avenue, conducted as a laborers' lodging house. Four of the bodies were found in a first floor room and a bloody trail led into the cellar, where two more were discovered.

It is believed that the men were victims of a fight last night in which 12 men took part. The place was rented to nine Italians who, it is now believed constituted a "mafia" or "Black Hand" organization. They brought three others to the lodging house last night.

After midnight six men were seen to leave the house. The police had heard a noise but thought it was only a little fight and paid no attention to it, but this morning an investigation was started. The door was broken open and a horrible sight was revealed.

Blood lay in pools all about the room, and beside the four dead bodies were found three long knives with their blades bloody. The murderers had evidently let the injured men bleed to death, for the wounds were not deep but rather long slashes running lengthwise along the bodies. The faces were also frightfully cut and marked.

In a tin box on the floor of the room was found a check for \$333 made out to Nicola Demtri, the box also contained \$300 in Italian gold pieces and \$300 in American currency. Several watches were also found, one being marked Nicola Demtri. It contained a complete set of vestments of a Greek Catholic priest, even to the mitre. These watches were found passports in Turkish, Greek and French.

Another watch with similar vestments and garments was found at the Carson Demtri. Other watches were marked Ducon Caponi and Sami Yesami. The police believe that the victims were hired to do the work and they told that they must die. A fight was started but during the fight not only the three victims but three of the assailants were killed.

Apparently robbery was not the motive, for the money was left untouched and the victims all had small amounts on their persons. The nine men who rented the place were mysterious in all their movements during the two months of residence in Minneapolis.

MORE THAN \$380,000 PAID ON WATER EXTENSION TO DATE

The expenditures on the water extension from its inception to the present time has amounted to \$384,445.89, to meet which 4 per cent debentures to the amount of \$275,000 are deposited as collateral with the Bank of New Brunswick.

The question of a further issue was brought to the attention of the water and sewerage board last evening and the matter will be considered by the treasury board tonight.

In connection with the construction contracts the cost of the work already completed exceeds the original estimate by \$22,272.37. The extension into Lake Lamer from section 3 is being pushed forward by B. Mooney & Sons and it is expected that it will be completed next month.

The connection with section 2 on the other side of the lake has not yet been made by McArthur and MacVay but work will, it is understood, be resumed soon as the weather will permit. It is estimated that Loch Lomond water will be available for the use of the citizens here in July. The memorandum of expenditure on the extension is:

Table with columns: Year 1904, Year 1905, Year 1906. Rows include Labor pay rolls, Sundry supplies, Carriage, Printing, Sundry payments, etc.

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Percentage on progress estimates as certified by resident engineer: 20,890.42; 453,555.47.

The memorandum of the construction contracts as filed in the common clerk's office shows the payments to date, the percentage retained by the city and the estimate under the contract as follows:

GERMANY LOOKS AHEAD

By 1917 She Will Have 147 Warships in Her Navy

Berlin, March 28.—The German shipbuilding programme, of which the first part has been voted by the Reichstag, allows for the construction of eighteen 1,000-ton battleships, which are to be completed by 1917. In addition to these battleships and the six armored cruisers of the Navy Law (1900) Amendment Act, there are three destroyers to be built. The Budget Committee has agreed that the first should be of 15,000 tons, and it follows that the others must be either of the same size or larger. There will also be two small cruisers built every year, and two torpedo boat divisions, each of six boats.

This means, therefore, that by 1917 the German navy will be composed of, roughly speaking, fifty-four battleships, of which ten will be antiquated, thirty-three armored cruisers, and sixty small cruisers. The expenditure upon shipbuilding on the programme during the next twelve years will be \$271,100,000, this including the sum of \$2,350,000 for the cruisers of the Navy Law (1900) Amendment Act.

The total number of officers and men this year is 36,000. In 1920 it is expected to be 73,000.

BLOODSHED AND DEATH AT CHURCH SOCIAL

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FEARS FOR SAFETY OF SCHR. SAM SLICK

Galus, Me., March 28.—The British schooner Sam Slick, which cleared from Wentworth (N. S.), on March 9, was the object of a plaster bomb for Red Beach. Master has not since been reported, and her owners fear for her safety.

Soft Coal Price Higher.

Boston, March 28.—The price of soft coal was advanced fifty cents a ton by retail dealers here today. The new price is \$4.75 a ton. The wholesale price was advanced from \$2.25 to \$2.

Story About General Grant.

(Chicago Journal.) "While I was in Denver last month Maj. John Davidson told me a story about Gen. Grant's service as a deputy sheriff at Prairie du Chien (Wis.) in 1840. Davidson lived in Prairie du Chien at that time. He is now a resident of Junction City (Kan.), says Lt. Gen. A. Watson.

A merchant named Ammen encountered financial troubles and was about to be sold. He was placed in the hands of an able surgeon, who not only saved his life, but also enabled him to live for more than ten years in comparative comfort by means of feeding through a tube in his side, leading directly to his stomach. It is remarkable that though unable to eat he could always enjoy a smoke. He was about forty years of age.

"Everybody in town was excited over the situation, and when Captain Grant arrived he was greeted with a great deal of interest in an attempt to enter the place of business.

"A lot of us young fellows decided to see what would happen. We stood in the street in front of the law office of St. Thomas (afterward a captain in a Wisconsin regiment, and later a congressman when he had been four or five years), while the former regular captain reformed himself with the required legal papers. That done, we followed him to the sheriff's office and when the sheriff, Lawyer Thomas and Capt. Grant started for the store where we were sure somebody would be killed, we followed at respectful distance and closed in when the store was reached.

"The sheriff commanded Ammen to open the door. "I will not open the door, and I will kill you or any of your crowd if you force your way into the building," was Ammen's reply. "The sheriff said the old man was desperate."

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STOLEN MONEY

Police Recovered \$1,000 Stolen from a Merchant's Office

St. John, N. B., March 28.—The police recovered \$1,000 stolen from a merchant's office in St. John, N. B., last night.

The money was found in a tin box hidden in a closet in the office of a merchant on Water Street. The thief is believed to be a local man.

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