RIGHTS OF PROVINCES.

Mr. James Conmee, M. P., Raises a Very Serious Question.

Commons Gives a Second Reading to O. & M. Bill.

Senate Did Not Take Trouble to Understand It.

Ottawa, Feb. 15 .- The old controversy as to the conflict of Federal and Pro vincial rights in the matter of chartering private companies and as to what should and what should not come under that vaguely defined category of enterprises, "for the general advantage of Canada," was raised in the Commons today in connection with an old friend of the order paper, to wit, Mr. James Conincorporate the Ontario & Michigan Power Company. In the past the blanket phrase, "for the general advantage of Canada," has been thrown over many pieces of legislation which require a lively imagination to classify as more than of local or purely Provin as more than of local or purely Provin-tial scope. During the past two years are so the Senate has been roused to a lively sense of respect for Provincial rights, and last year Mr. Commer's bill was thrown out by the upper House on the ground that the company should be made amenable to Provincial rather than to Federal control. In the Com-mons there have been of late years sev-eral spasmodic debates on the general question. To-day the Commoners showquestion. To day the Commoners showed a general desire to have the whole question settled once for all, and the second reading of the bill was made the occasion of a preliminary marshal-ing of arguments on the vital constituonal point at issue.

The bill itself seeks the incorporation

The bill itself seeks the incorporation of a power company with right to develop some 35,000 horse power on the Pigeon River, an international stream, and on the Nepigon River, said to be a navigable stream. The company also seeks the right to export 50 per cent, of the power developed. The bill is presented on the ground that the Dominion Parliament alone has jurisdiction over these two classes of rivers, and hence the bill must come within the purview of the Federal House.

ISSUES OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE But the large issues raised to-day ere first as to whether the chartering of the company would necessarily involve Federal legislation, or whether the Federal control could be amply exercised under a Provincial charter by the simple requirement that any dam of other works affecting the flow of waters in these rivers must be sanctioned by the Federal Department of Public Works. Linked with this question was also raised another vitally important is sue as to the general wisdom of conserv-ing and retaining water powers general-ly for the future welfare of the whole Dominion. The discussion on the latter point was, however, of a comparatively desultory character, and the Premier and the leader of the Opposition and the other speakers did not commit them-selves as to the wisdom of the present bill in this regard. On the main issue, after a general statement of basic prinafter a general statement of basic prin-ciples by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Bor-den and a half dozen others, the House decided to pass the second reading, leav-ing the whole question to be further fought out in the Private Bills Commitbught out in the rrivate ball the interests affected will

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Mr. Conmee then in moving the second reading of the bill explained that it was practically the same bill as that rejected by the Senate last session, with the exception that the provision for the storage of water and the Sturgeon River proposal were dropped. In his view it did not differ materially from a large number of bills which had been passed by the Dominion Parliament. The Ontario Legislature had pussed bills of a similar nature which did not provide so many safeguards of the public interesta. He suggested that the bill be allowed to go to the committee, where it could be fully discussed.

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Hon, Mr. Graham asked whether the
rivera referred to in the bill were boundary waters.
Mr. Commee replied that the Pigeon
River was an international stream and
the Nepigon River was a navigable
stream and therefore in his opinion also
international. A company developing
power at Duluth had undertaken to divert a portion of the water from the
watershed of the Rainy River and the
St. Louis River, and had been prevented
from doing so by the Waterways Commission. This clearly proved that there
must be some regulating power over
navigable streams, and he claimed that
the question of the control over international rivers was as much an issue in
the case of the Nepigon River as in that
of the Pigeon River.
Dr. Sproule pointed out that there
were a number of water powers over
which the Ontario Government had
rights, and the bill would take away
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Mr. Conmee assured Dr. Sproule that be was entirely wrong; the bill would take away no rights. The Nepigon River was navigable throughout except where the falls were, and there were seven or eight points where power could be developed, so that the promoters of the bill were not seeking a monopoly. Did the Province of Ontario own the stream? He had been told by a very eminent legal authority that there was no ownership in water. If the Province of Ontario owned any land or water which the bill proposed to take away they would be paid for it, but he had been unable to find anything in the British North America Act which assigned to the Legislature of Ontario the power to grant a company such a charter as that asked for. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick and the present Minister of Justice had expressed the view that when the objects of a company were interprovincial the Dominion Parliament was the only body that could give them a charter.

Mr. Borden—Why did the Senate reject the bill last year?

Mr. Connee Some of the senators id not take the trouble to understand he bill —(laughter)— some of them here absent and some held the opinion hat the bill was an invasion of provin-

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Hon. John Haggart took the ground that Parliament had no right to give a company power to dam a navigable river, nor had it right to grant a charter to a company that was not for the general advantage of Canada.

Mr. Conmec—The bill declares that the works are for the general advantage of Canada.

Mr. Hazgart—That makes it all the more objectionable. It was time, he added, an end was put to that sort of thing, to local companies declaring that they were for the general advantage of Canada. The Dominion Parliament had not the right to give a local company powers of expropriation of property belonging to the crown in a province simply by declaring it was for the general advantage of Canada.

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Mr. Borden made the point that the
chartering of the company by the Provincial Legislature would not in any
way abrogate the right of the Federal
authorities to give or withhold consent to the erection of any works that
might interfere with the flow of water
in either of the rivers affected. Parliament, he said, had been altogether too
lax in making the easy declaration
that a company seeking a Federal charlax in making the easy declaration that a company seeking a Federal char-ter was "for the general advantage of Canada," and Provincial rights had been too frequently invaded. That de-claration should be made only after claration should be made only after thorough investigation in every case, and after the Provincial authorities should have been given a chance to present any objections. In respect to the general question of the wisdom of granting characters such as the one in question, he repeated the warning given in the States by Dr. Pinchot, head of the American Forestry Department, that there was danger of all water powthat there was danger of all water pow-ers of the country falling into the hands of monopoly. "Why should we al-

committing himself in any way to endorsement of the bill, thought the best way to thrash the whole matter out would be to send the bill to committee. He emphasized committee. He emphasized the care which Parliament should take in dealing with any question affecting the reservation or conserving of the water powers of the country. That question, he believed, was the most important one that Parliament could deal with.

SIR WILFRID'S VIEW Sir Wilfrid Laurier expressed his be-lief that inasmuch as an international stream and a navigable river were con-cerned in the bill jurisdiction to char-ter the company lay primarily with the Federal Parliament. The Provincial Government might have power to create the corporate entity, but the power to grant the right to the use of the riv-fers must remain vested in the Domin-ion. He quoted from section three of the act respecting the protection of act respecting the protection navigable waters, providing that the power to deal with navigable streams is therein provided that any w is therein provided that any work af-fecting these streams must first be au-thorized by the Public Works Depart-ment: "Unless the context otherwise re-quires, 'work' includes any bridge, boom, dam, aboiteau, wharf, dock, pier or other structure and the approaches or other works necessary or annuate. or other works necessary or appu nant thereto Except so much of section as relates to rebuilding or pairing any lawful work, nothing here inafter in this part contained shall ap paring any tawtil work, nothing here-imafter in this part contained shall ap-ply to any work constructed under the authority of any act of the Parliament of Canada, or of the Legislature of the late Province of Canada, or of the Legislature of any Province now form-ing part of Canada, passed before such Province became a part there-of."

As to the question of the policy of granting the powers asked for in this bill," said Sir Wilfrid, "I have very serious doubts of the wisdom of doing

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PREVENTIBLE DISEASES. He suggested that the bill be to go to the committee, where to be fully discussed.

Boyce pointed out that the bill ally the same as that which had net with a reverse. The object it were of no small order; the Government had laid down a spiler for the development and custom the spiler for the spiler sower poncy of power in that province which and been unanimously approved by the seeple, and that policy involved the very principle of control and regulation which man ills, or whether their interest in the and is that the dent spread over time thousands seens to be seen to be seen the second with the seen and ills, or whether their interest in the and is that the dark spread over time thousands seens to be seen the second with the second wi subject is not sufficiently keen, fact that the annual plea for thorough-going campaign against pre-ventible diseases does not prove attrac-



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of Dr. Black's resolution calling for a more perfect organization for the sup-pression of preventible diseases, not more than a score of members were pre-sent, the majority of whom belonged to the medical profession. It was Dr Black, of Hants, who moved the resolu tion, and his speech was an earnest and eloquent plea for the establishment of a Bureau of Public Health for the instruction of the people. The statis s with which he buttressed his case re certainly startling. Every year said Canada was losing 81,200 ople by death, and it was estimated at one-third of the deaths were used by preventible diseases.

AN ENORMOUS ECONOMIC LOSS. AN ENORMOUS ECONOMIC LOSS.

In other words, Canada was being depopulated to the extent of 27,036 people by deaths which could be prevented, representing in value to. the State \$26,066,000. Worse still was the slaughter of children. Every year 31,347 children died, and it was estimated! that half that number could be saved. He declared that not a drop of milk came to any Canadian city. of milk came to any Canadian city which was not dangerous for infants un-til it had been sterilized or pasteur-

Dr. McAllister, of Kings-Albert, thought that when the Government was spending thousands of dollars a year to bring immigrants to add to the population, they should do something to keep valuable citizens from the grave. He rather startled the House by picturing the evil that might result from a lady in the gallery of the House who was suffering from tuberculosis expectorating on the members. Why, he said, there might be millions of bacilla thus distributed.

Drs. Chisholm, Edwards, Barr and Sproule strongly supported the resolution. McAllister, of Kings-Albert,

PROVINCES HAVE RIGHTS HERE. Hon. Mr. Fisher epyressed his entire sympathy with the resolution, bu pointed out that there were difficulties connected with the question, particular-ly in the matter of Provincial rights. In view of the small attendance he moved

Replying the Mr. Meighen, Hon. Mr. Graham stated that 861,567 had bee the survey for the Hudson's sons employed on the survey, which would be completed next month. Pending the report no decision had been reached by the Government as to the construction of the road.

The Minister of Railways informed Mr. Ames that from Moneton to Winnipeg the cost of the Transcontinental Railway was on an average \$63,347 per mile.

Borden said his attention had been called to Sir Percy Lake's address in Teronto to the members of Toronto University Rifle Association by Sir who explained that the press reports of the speech were so condensed, and omitted so much that

RINK COLLAPSED.

A Boy Caught in Debris, But He Was Rescued.

snow, the roof of the Quebec roller skating rink collapsed this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, but fortunately no loss of life resulted. The roller rink in question was built on the ruins of the old Academy of Music, St. Louis street, next to the St. Louis Hotel, three years ago, and ever since has been a popular place of recreation. The roof, a wooden construction was suread over the old walls. ned, and approved of by the build

ruins, vailed, soon laid at rest, after a hundred willing men volunteered to remove the
timbers, and found Aube unconscious.
He was carried into the St. Louis Hotel,
where he received medical aid that soon
restored him to consciousness, but he
had to be removed to the hospital on
account of the severe nervous shock he
sustained.

THIEF CAUGHT

Arrested Aboard a United States Bat-tleship 500 Miles at Sea.

New York, Feb. 15 .- As a result of a wireless telegraph message sent by the District Attorney of Westchester county to the captain of the battleship New Hampshire, 500 miles at sea, word came to White Plains yesterday that John Ryan, a sailor, had been arrested aboard that vessel and was held at 'Newport News, a prisoner in irons, awaiting ex-News, a prisoner in irons, awaiting ex-tradition on a charge of burglary in the

first degrée,
According to the District Attorney, According to the District Attorney, Ryan was one of four men who in last May broke into the home of William Kane, at Ossining, and, drawing pistols on the inmates, succeeded in getting off with jewels and silverware. His mates, who were captured, turned State's evidence and betrayed Ryan. Then it was discovered that he had enlisted and had been sent aboard the New Hampshire.

G. T. P. ROLLING STOCK

Fifty New Passenger Coaches to be

Placed in Commission This Summer Placed in Commission This Summer

Montreal, Feb. 15.—The Grand Trunk
Paeific has so far this year placed orders for additional equipment as follows: Ten colonist cars, five parlor cate
cars, sixteen first-class coaches, eightsleeping cars, eight-second-class coaches
and three dining cars. This makes an
aggregate of fifty new ears that will be
placed in service in the coming summer on the new transcontinental line
between Port Arthur and Edmonton.

Dr. W. T. Parry has been appointed
Toronto jail surgeon.

STRONG TESTIMONY

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mix them yourself.

Virgin Oil of Pine is put up only in half-onnee vials, each vial securely sealed in a round wooden case, with an engraved wrapper, showing plainly the name—Virgin Oil of Pine. Prepared only by Leach Chemical Co., Windsor, Out.

MERRITT SETTLEMENT

A quiet but pretty wedding was solomized on February 10th at the parsonage in Smithville, when Miss Delia M. Merritt, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Merritt, of this place, was united in marriage to Mr. Ernest N. Teeft, a prosperous young farmer of Caistor, and eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Teeft, of Smithville. Rev. J.
M. Haith performed the ceremony in
the presence of a small circle of friends.
The bride was becomingly attired in a e bride was becomingly attired in a lor-made suit of navy blue Panama The happy couple took the H oclock train to Fort Erie, Black Rock, Buffalo and Colden, N. Y. On their return they will reside on his farm in Caistor.

McCallum's Settlement.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lampman, of Chippewa, spent Thursday of last week with

Rumor says Master Dennis Merritt is thinking of taking a trip south, the

Mr. and Mrs. N. Bartlett called on r. and Mrs. W. Merritt on Sunday

rient. Wedding bells are still ringing.
n by Mrs. Arthur Lampman spent a few days last week with Mr. O. Tallman,

KELVIN

pleasant birthday party was the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A very enjoyable time was

at present with grip.

Ir. J. Sparrow, who has been spend a few weeks with relatives in this grave danger to life. ft on Saturday for Texas, McCoombs and family have

TAPLEYTOWN

At first it was rumored that a numer of young people were buried in the uins, and the wildest excitement preailed. All fears were, however, oon haid at rest, after a hundred willing men volunteered to remove the imbers, and found Aube unconscious fe was carried into the St. Louis Hotel, there he received medical aid that soon settored him to consciousness, but he sectored him to consciousness, but he core among the medical part of the overarume.

place, provided the musical part of the programme. The Tapleytown branch of the Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Delbert Horning on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 16, to reorganize. A cordial invitation is extended to the ladies from the neighboring communities to attend. Miss Mary Freel is at home again.

Mrs. Freel Laidman and daughter, Miss Laura, of Binbrook, spent Sunday last with Mrs. Wm. Norton.

Mrs. M. Moffatt and sister, Miss Jessie Jamieson, were guests of Mrs. Wm.

sie Jamieson, were guests of Mrs. Wm. McCallum, of Fulton, on Friday last. CHINESE HEADED OFF.

Walked From Canada to Ogdensburg

Across the Ice on St. Lawrence. Ogdensburg, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Eight hinese were exptured here to-day, aving walked across the St. Lawrence River on the ice from Canada. They prived at the border from Montreal on arrived at the border from Montreal on the midnight train, and were piloted here by an Indian. All the Chinege had their queues cut off and wore American cloth-ing. They will be charged with unlaw-fully entering the United States.

WATERWAYS TREATY.

Senator Smith Before Foreign Relations Committee.

Washington. Feb. 15.—Senator Smith, of Michigan, was given a hearing to-day by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations in opposition to the Canadian boundary waterways treaty. He spoke in favor of more adequate protection of territorial rights in the waters of the St. Mary's River, but did not conclude.

Another meeting of the committee will be held Wednesday, when it is expected that Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, will suggest some amendments.

Dr. W. W. Ogden, of Toronto, is critically ill.

TO TEST SHIP BRAKE.

U. S. S. Indiana to be Loaned For the Purpose.

Montreal, Feb. 15 .- The Lacoste brake for ships is to have a trial very soon. A npany of Montreal business men has ast been formed to exploit the ship brake invention of Mr. Louis Lacoste of this city, son of Sir Alexander La-coste. The invention is designed to stop swift swift vessels in a remarkably short space of time. President Roosevelt has space of time. President Roosevelt has loaned the \$5,000,000 battleship Indiana, 15,000 tons, for the tee. Trails will take place at the mouth of the Delaware River on March 20, before a gathering of naval experts. Mr. Louis Lacoste conceived the idea of a brake for an ocean vessel years ago. Since then he has worked hard at his project, and is now near the goal of his ambition. Gold fish first started the train of thought 'that led up to the finished model.' Some ten years ago Mr. Lacoste heard of a great accident at sea. Then he gazed at a pot of gold fish. He saw the fish stop instantly with only a slight forward movement of the fins on their sides. This principle was applied to stopping ships at short notice.

DROPPED DEAD.

Mayor W. E. Stevens Expired Suddenly at Alymer.

Aylmer, Feb. 15 .- Mayor W. E. tevens dropped dead this evening while opening a tea meeting in the Methodist Church here. His Worship, who was to preside, had just begun congratulatory address when he w and was to preside, nag list begin a congratulatory address when he was seen to stagger and fall on the platform. Friends rushed to his assistance, and he was carried to the lecture-room, where Dr. Clark pronounced him dead. Death was due to heart failure. Mrs. Stevens and her daughters were in the audience, and the sudden death of Mayor Stevens occasioned a good deal of excitement. The audience was dismissed immediately. Mayor Stevens, who was 55 years old, was a barrister, and one of the most prominent Liberals in East Elgin. This was his first year in the office of Mayor. Deceased leaves a widow, two sons and a

Deceased leaves a widow, two sons and daughter. His mother, who lives in Da Stevens, who was a District Deput Grand Master of the I. O. O. F., wa overcome while taking part in an I. C.O. F. parade last Good Friday at Lor

BACK OF HANDS.

Claimed to be Best System of Identifying Criminals.

London, Feb. 15.-Criminal investiga tion departments which have pinned their faith to the finger print system for the identification of suspected per sons have often found themselves bat

sons have often found themselves baffled by clever malefactori intentionally searring their finger tips so as to defy recognition. The Bertillon measurement system used in France and elsewhere has the disadvantage of lacking simplicity and quickness in its application.

Prof. Tamassia in the Italian Hospital Gazette, now comes forward with a new idea, that of keeping photographic records of the back of the hands, Identification is infallible, he declares, by noting and comparing the configuration of the venous network which may be made clearly visible by compressing the pulse for a few instants, or if the hand be allowed to hang or swing freely for a short time.

W. Robertson spent Saturday in swing freely for a short time.

The back of the hand, on accomplishing the same of The back of the hand, on account of number from here attended the all of the late Duncan W. Malcolm, and, on Wednesday afternoon last, and Mrs. J. E. Smith, of this centertained a few of their friends with the profesor, the venous network is different in every person and it would still be considered to the constraints. acteristics; added to which, says profesor, the venous network is rent in every person and it would impossible to interfere with it by

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centrate attention on things that should be done.

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C. P. R. Secret Service.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—The C, P. R. has decided to abolish its secret service department, retaining only two men for the entire western system, one of whom will have charge of criminal work and the other assorting claims.



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