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THURSDAY

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FARMERS AND TAXATION.

THEIR VIEWS ON THE NEW ASSESSMENT BILL.

Railway Representations Corrected.—Some Examples of Present Light Taxation — Franchise-holding Companies.

Toronto, May 20.—The farmers had their turn yesterday before the new tax bill committee of the Legislature. Those present were representatives of the Farmers' Association, and were under the guidance of Mr. W. L. Smith of The Farmers' Sun. After the farmers, the representatives of franchise companies were heard regarding the proposed taxation of franchises.

L. E. Annis, a farmer of Scarborough, questioned the accuracy of the figures submitted in behalf of the railways on Friday. It has been stated that outside of six large cities the railways were paying \$30 a mile in taxes to rural municipalities, and that the average rate of taxation was 15 mills. He was satisfied that the railways did not pay to the rural municipalities more than \$3 a mile, and the average rate of taxation was not over 10 mills. The railways in Canada as much per mile as in the United States, where they pay large taxes.

James Bowles of the Township of Sombra stated that in his township there were twelve miles of railway. The township bonus was \$14,000, and the Government bonus \$36,000, a total of \$50,000 for the twelve miles. The total amount of taxes paid to the municipality was \$4,602. That was at the rate of 71 cents an acre.

J. Lockie Wilson, Alexandria, put forward a plea for even-handed justice. Cecil Swale of North Bruce stated the position of Amabel Township, where the railway lands are assessed at \$15 an acre and the farm lands on either side \$30. The taxes of the railway are \$6 a mile, and their bonuses amount to \$43,000. He claimed that to charge the railways a fair share of taxation would help to keep the young men on the farm.

Mr. McEwing of West Wellington declared that in the three townships of West Wellington there were 10 miles of railway that had been assessed at the amount of \$131,000, of their taxes last year were \$18,600, 30 cents an acre.

Mr. Slater of North Waterloo pointed out that the railways on their own showing were earning over and above expenses \$2 a mile, or \$40 an acre on their land, and stated that the net earnings of farm land was not over \$1.50 an acre.

Mr. Hyatt of Prince Edward said the people of that riding would not support a Government that took ten years to right the present unfair conditions. The question of taxing franchises was then taken up. G. Lynch Stanton, K.C., of Hamilton spoke for the telephone company and contended that the franchise was personality, the taxation of which it was an object of the bill to abolish. He further claimed that when a company had been taxed on its realty it had been taxed on its franchise, because realty was assessed at what it was worth to its owners; that was, at its earning power. Mr. Hugh Baker, manager of the telephone company for Ontario, pointed out that the company was assessed now for its municipalities and for the Province, and that the shareholders' dividends were taxed, and said this would be a fourth tax.

SHANNON TIMBER LIMIT.

"Cap." Sullivan Not Yet Definitely Located. Toronto, May 20.—Further light was shed on the Shannon timber transactions in the Township of Rutherford by several witnesses before the Public Accounts Committee yesterday. Mr. H. H. Groff, manager of the Molsons Bank at Imcoe, testified briefly to the transfer of the license to his bank in February last as collateral for the amount of J. & T. Charlton. At the time of the transfer it had been partly cut over, and the estimate was that there was between \$5,000 and \$7,000 worth of timber standing.

Mr. Thos. Charlton of North Tawanda, N.Y., of the firm of J. & T. Charlton, testified that his firm had bought the limit in question, the negotiations having been carried on with Capt. John Sullivan. The price was \$9,000. He had not received returns yet, but understood the cutting had been completed. The estimate of the pine upon which it had been bought was 2,100,000 feet, so that it had not turned out so well as expected, according to the ranger's returns. In reply to Mr. Hugh Clark of Bruce he said part of the purchase money to Sullivan was a cheque for \$4,500 which Sullivan asked him to send, but he did not send it.

Capt. Sullivan was not present, and Col. Matheson further manifested anxiety to have him brought here, producing a telegram stating that Sullivan was at Depot Harbor last night. At his suggestion, Frank Halliday, a Government officer at Parry Sound, will be wired to notify him to be present. The Clerk of the Committee announced that two telegrams sent after him were returned undelivered.

They say that the girl you broke your engagement with was engaged with several other men. I guess she was; when I requested her to return the ring she asked me to call and identify it.

CONFIRMATION

His Lordship Bishop Baldwin visited St. Stephen's church, Mitchell's Bay, on Thursday last, and administered the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation to eight candidates presented by Rev. T. Higley, rector.

The church was filled with earnest worshippers and the Bishop delivered one of his eloquent and impressive addresses; Rural Dean McCosh assisted in the service. The Bishop congratulated the church people on the prosperous condition of the church and spoke of their zeal and liberality. A new church will soon be erected at Mitchell's Bay, the estimated cost of which is almost provided for. The rector and church people are earnest and active and deserve to succeed.

St. Thomas church, Dover.—The Bishop visited this church Sunday afternoon last and confirmed eleven candidates presented by the rector, Rev. T. Higley. The church was crowded to the doors; Rev. Rural Dean McCosh took part in the services. The Bishop was much impressed with the prosperous condition of the church in Dover and warmly congratulated rector and people. He addressed the candidates in a very impressive way and all present were deeply interested.

PETROLEA MAN KILLED.

BY AN EXPLOSION OF NITRO-GLYCERINE.

An Old Box That Was Being Converted into a Water Trough Exploded When Struck With a Hammer.—Mr. William Hare Killed and Mr. Leonard Beadle Injured.

Petrolia, May 20.—William Hare of Petrolia was instantly killed as a result of a nitro-glycerine explosion, which occurred here yesterday afternoon, and Leonard Beadle is suffering from a severe shock. These two men were the only ones present when the explosion occurred. A square box, which had been used some years ago in the manufacture of nitro-glycerine, was being filled up for a water trough, when Mr. Hare met his death through the explosion of some of the remaining glycerine. A hammer was found broken off in the hand of the deceased, who evidently had struck a nail in the box, causing the explosion which followed. Mr. Leonard Beadle, who was standing about fifty feet away at the time, was stricken down with the shock, and upon regaining consciousness discovered that Hare was killed, that the side of the pumping rig near by had been blown in and the fire in the boiler driven out upon the floor, setting fire to the engine-house and wood pile. Mr. Beadle was blown into the air about thirty feet, and is in a very bad condition. Mr. Hare was about 45 years of age, and leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss. An inquest will be held.

PUBLIC WORKS ESTIMATES.

All But One Item Passed by the House of Commons.

Ottawa, May 20.—Public Works main estimates were concluded yesterday, except one item, the appropriation for Sorel wharf, on which Mr. Borden wanted some further information. Mr. Sutherland has worked hard and patiently to get his appropriations through the House, unaided by the weather, which has been delightful until now. With the approach of really warm weather there may be a tendency to allow the estimates of other Ministers to go through with less delay. Before going into supply Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir William Mulock made announcements, indicating that the Treadgold commission, which will issue shortly, will be wide in its scope. Sir William Mulock's conciliatory bill received its third reading. Mr. Prefontaine introduced a bill to amend the act respecting the safety of ships. He explained that it is intended to make the Canadian law exactly the same as the English law in reference to deck loads.

THE DEXTER HOLOCAUST.

Verdict of the Coroner's Jury at Fort William.

Fort William, May 20.—The jury in the Dexter holocaust took about two hours to reach a verdict, which was as follows:—"We, the jury appointed to inquire into the death of twelve unknown men, find that the said twelve unknown men came to their deaths by burning in a box car fitted up for a sleeping car on the Canadian Pacific Railway, said car being derailed by the accidental breaking of two wheels on the car immediately in front of the said car containing the said men, while running from English River to Dexter, on the morning of May 7, and, further, find that the means of exit from said car was not sufficient for their escape. We recommend that the said Canadian Pacific Railway furnish better facilities for their laborers while travelling or being moved from one point to another on their road."

Earnest moral principle is the balance wheel of character. It regulates and keeps the whole man in order.

QUESTION OF DEFENCE.

COL. DENISON LAYS IT BEFORE EMPIRE LEAGUE.

Sir Wm. Mulock's View—The Nations Should Disarm—Preferential Trade Resolution.

Ottawa, May 20.—The attendance at the annual meeting of the British Empire League meeting held yesterday was disappointingly small, but this was perhaps due to the fact that a number of committees of the House were in session at the same time. The address of the President, Lieut.-Col. George T. Denison, was trenchant and optimistic in character and dealt largely with the question of Imperial defence. The meeting was also favored with speeches by Hon. J. Israel Tarte, Sir William Mulock and Sir Sandford Fleming. Mr. Tarte caused applause by dwelling upon the success with which King Edward played the role of a peacemaker among the nations. Sir William Mulock's attitude was rather one of protest against any union of the empire for military purposes. He laid stress on the fact that Canada should spend its available resources in populating its lands and developing the country. Sir Sandford Fleming proposed the appointment of a Government Commissioner to go out to Australia and endeavor to clear up the misunderstanding on the Pacific cable question. Colonel Denison presided, and among those present were: Sir Wm. Mulock, H. Logan, M.P., Hon. J. P. A. Morrison, M.P., Sir Sandford Fleming, W. M. German, M.P., Mr. J. M. Clark, Mr. J. F. Fullerton, Archibald McEwan, Geo. Evans, J. A. Gemmill and W. D. Hogg.

MR. SIFTON'S SPEECH.

Canada Will Not Be Absorbed by the United States.

London, May 20.—The London Chamber of Commerce last night gave a complimentary banquet to the Canadian Minister of the Interior, the Hon. Clifford Sifton, the guests including the High Commissioner for Canada, Lord Strathcona. Mr. Sifton devoted his speech mainly to refuting the idea that Canada was likely to be absorbed by the United States. He declared that Canada had successfully waged a fight against geography for 30 years, and it would continue in the same course. There was more pro-American feeling, he said, in London than in Canada.

WOMAN'S NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Committee Work To-day—Reception in the Evening.

Toronto, May 20.—The National Council of Women of Canada have a long and important programme for their tenth annual meeting, beginning to-day in Victoria University. This morning and afternoon will be taken up with the meetings of the different standing committees and a conference with the Humane Society. In the evening a reception will be tendered the council by the Toronto City Council and the Local Council of Women in Victoria University.

CAPTAIN ROBBED

Capt. Fred Stone, of "C" Company, reported to the police this morning that 80 feet of hose and a lawn sprinkler had been stolen from his lawn. Last night the Captain turned off the water at nine o'clock. The sprinkler and the hose were there then. This morning, at five o'clock, Mr. Stone discovered that both were missing. The police were much struck with the early hour a. m. at which military men evidently reach home after their arduous night drills.

ADDITION TO MIMICO ASYLUM

Seventy-three Acres Purchased by the Government.

Toronto, May 20.—The Provincial Secretary purchased for the Ontario Government on Saturday by public auction, held pursuant to the direction of the Master-in-Ordinary of the Supreme Court of Judicature, the McNeil farm of 73 acres, lying west of the Mimico Asylum property, for the sum of \$7,100. The reserve bid fixed by the court was \$7,000. This 73 acres will be added to the Mimico Asylum property for additional farming purposes, and will be of much advantage to the institution, furnishing employment for a number of patients, whom it is desirable to keep employed, and at the same time providing a larger area of farm land upon which to raise supplies for the institution. The farm and grounds now comprise 298 acres.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Alex. Campbell, Chief of Police of Port William, is dead.

Farmers report that rain would be too late to save the hay crop.

The C. P. R. crop report indicates a bountiful harvest in the west.

Mrs. Harriet Moon of Cobleskill, N.Y., died while placing flowers on her husband's grave.

Premier Ross announced that no large schemes are under way for a new Government House.

The Austria-Hungarian Consul at Manila draws a gloomy picture of conditions in the Philippines.

At Ufa, European Russia, Governor Bogdanovich was instantly killed by two men in the town park.

Mr. Isaac Rodman's barn in Little Britain was struck by lightning and burned, with seven horses and a quantity of other stock.

Mr. A. J. Small of Toronto has secured a five years' lease to the new Auditorium Theatre at Quebec, which will be ready by the end of August.

There is a strong probability of a strike among the Toronto and Montreal Street Railway employees. The demands of the Toronto men have been refused by the company, and Senator Forget says the Montreal company will not grant their men's demands.

Arrangements have been made for the annual June excursions of the Farmers' Institutes to the Agricultural College and Model Farm at Guelph.

Every day from June 8th to 20th is taken up with two or more institutes, making 46 in all. Last year 35,000 people participated in these trips, and it is expected that this will be exceeded.

Girl's Strap Slippers.

A large variety of Girl's Strap Slippers has been put into stock at prices from

50c. to \$1.00, sizes 3 to 7½

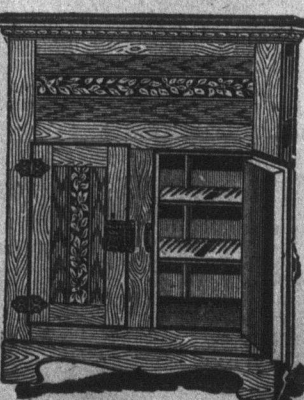
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