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CHAIRMAN DRAYTON WAS GREAT HUSTLER YESTERDAY

Decision of Dominion Railway Board Was Not Announced Yesterday, But it is Believed Application of Company Will be Granted With Some Minor Changes--Details of Session.

When the members of the Railway Commission opened proceedings in the Court House yesterday morning with reference to the Lake Erie & Northern route, the array of lawyers, and engineers, and people with personal protests, and maps and profiles, made it look as if there would be a three or four-day session. But Chairman Drayton is some hustler. He handled matters like a keen knife going through a piece of butter, and that, too, without stirring anything. Maps and routes were keenly discussed, and invariably when any interest or complaint deviated there would be the remark at the close, "Anything more to say?" or "Anybody else want to be heard on this?"

The hearing was resumed at 2.15. Mr. Watts asked that after the road crossed Kerr's Lane that the highway continue along south of the highway until it reached Britton's farm and then cross over to the north. This would do away with two crossings of the highway. In the event of this not being done that the highway should not be deviated as proposed as the highway at present is perfectly straight. The two proposed deviations were nearly at right angles and would make the proposition dangerous to the highway. If the railroad should be permitted to cross, the highway it should be carried either over or under the road on the line of the present highway. He also on behalf of the Township strenuously objected to the proposed crossing of the Paris Road at the Paris Hill. It was asked that Curtis avenue should be diverted to the south of the railway, and enter the Government Road at the head of Walnut street, going away with a level crossing on Curtis avenue, also affording a way out in case of a rig meeting a train. Also that the subway should be made 30 feet instead of 20 feet, and some protection should be afforded in reference to the proposed crossing of the subway, by the Grand Valley Railway.

Paris and Dumfries. Mr. Smoke followed on behalf of Paris. He asked that some approach should be provided for the railway company to the gravel pits of the town which the proposed route would cut off. Also he objected to the way in which the industrial spur would come into Paris.

Mr. Brewster for the Lake Erie and Northern announced that they would abandon this end of the application for the present.

Mr. Smoke also brought up some matters regarding the Township. Galt Satisfied. Representatives from Galt asked for one small change at that point. For the rest they announced that they were satisfied with the proposed route.

Closure Announced At Ottawa By Premier Borden Yesterday

A Notable Day In The Canadian House of Commons ---Plans of Liberals Were Shattered By Announcement From The Premier Which Means Business.

OTTAWA, April 8.—The Prime Minister last night gave notice of the closure. This action was taken promptly upon the refusal of the Opposition to agree to a date for the termination of the debate on the Naval Bill. The proposed changes in the rules are on the lines adopted in nearly all other legislative assemblies, but are not so drastic as the closure rules in force in most other countries. The single resolution to be moved by Premier Borden on Wednesday provides for the amendment of rule 17 of the House. The first change which the Government proposes provides that all motions standing on the orders of the day, as well as all other motions of a substantial character, shall be debatable in the future as in the past, but that other motions of a more or less formal character shall not be debatable, and, therefore, cannot be used for purposes of obstruction.

The second amendment provides that after the debate upon the question under consideration has been adjourned in the House, either with the Speaker in the chair, or when the House is sitting in Committee of the Whole, a Minister of the Crown may give notice that such motion or proceeding shall not be adjourned beyond the next sitting. If at the next sitting the debate shall not have been resumed and concluded before two o'clock in the morning all questions necessary to determine the action of the House upon the measure under consideration shall be put and decided without further debate. The rule also provides that upon such further adjourned debate no member shall speak more than once or for a longer period than twenty minutes.

The amendments now proposed will never be called into effect so long as the Opposition engages only in reasonable debate and is willing to bring discussion to a conclusion within a reasonable period. In other countries it has been found that the mere existence of closure rules very often obviates any necessity to invoke them. It has also been observed that the restriction upon the time limit of speeches raises the character of the debate by inducing members to prepare and condense their speeches, and to direct their remarks to the exact point under consideration.

The debate on the amendment to the rules will probably begin on Wednesday and will last for probably ten days. The Opposition will fight against the adoption of the resolution with every weapon of obstruction they can devise. Proceedings in the House. Believing that Conservative and Liberal members alike had ample opportunity to express their views (Continued from Page 1)

VERDICT AT INQUEST INTO DEATH OF JOHN P. PITCHER

Evidence Last Night Threw Considerable Light On Sad Fatality--Was Grand Valley Car Properly Equipped? Fender Was Too High and No Air Brakes on Car.

"That this jury is of the opinion that John P. Pitcher came to his death by shock caused by the losing of his two legs in an accident in which he was thrown out of a buggy near the corner of Brant Avenue and Palace Sts., in front of a Grand Valley work car, and that this jury is of the opinion that the accident would not have been so serious if the work car had been equipped with a proper cow-catcher or fender. We further recommend that the City Engineer should examine all cow-catchers or fenders on the cars of the Grand Valley Railway, and determine whether they are safe and proper cars to run on the streets of Brantford." The jury empanelled by Coroner Ashton to enquire into the circumstances surrounding the accident which eventually cost the late J. P. Pitcher his life, after being out for about forty-five minutes arrived at the above verdict.

Mr. K. V. Bunnell. Mr. K. V. Bunnell, who was driving with Mr. J. P. Pitcher on the night of the accident, was the first witness called. He stated he met deceased on the corner of Colborne and Market on the night of April 1st. He drove up Colborne to Kings. King-ness stated he met the work car beyond Palace street. He said the car was in front of W. T. Henderson's house coming down. Mr. Bunnell stated the horse jumped first to the right and then jumped to the left and then turned around. Witness was thrown out clear of the car. He didn't remember what happened, but he got up without assistance. The car, stated the witness, was just at Palace street, and the front of the

car was just a little in front of him. He got up and told the motorman to back up. Mr. Bunnell stated that he saw one of Mr. Pitcher's legs was under the car and he then ran to call the ambulance, while the car was backing up. Witness stated he heard Mr. Pitcher say "My God, my father, he's gone," but witness was of the opinion that it must have been run over first. Witness stated that the horse became frightened at the flapping of the curtains. He said that the passing of an ordinary car, did not bother the horse in any way. Witness said that the horse was not hard to drive and fairly quiet. He did not believe the car was going very fast. Mr. Bunnell stated that the horse ran away once about a year and a half ago, but the runaway was the result of a driver not following instructions. Dr. Pearson. Dr. Pearson stated he saw the deceased a very few minutes after the accident when he was in Mr. Wade's house, with both legs severely crushed. He found it necessary later to remove the legs, the right leg below the knee, the left above the knee. The doctor stated deceased died about thirty hours after the death resulted from nerve shock from the accident. Mr. Pitcher was not operated on, but did not rally from the original shock of the accident. Mr. T. Wade. Mr. Wade stated he saw the accident, also saw the horse rear and turn to the left, upsetting the buggy when both were thrown out. Mr. Wade said that he thought it would not have been possible to have stopped the car to have avoided the accident. Witness stated he found deceased under the front of the car and (Continued on Page 4)

THOUSANDS HAD TO WALK

Strike Breakers in Buffalo Not Successful in Running Cars.

[Canadian Press Despatch] BUFFALO, N.Y., April 8.—The attempt made by the International Railway Company to-day to break the strike of motormen and conductors on the city and interurban lines by the use of imported strikebreakers, was only partially successful, and thousands of people were again compelled to walk from their homes to the business section of the city. Less than 25 per cent. of the normal amount of traffic was handled, and only one out of the six east side lines was in operation. The Niagara Falls and Lockport branches were tied up. P. J. Downey, of the Board of Mediation and Arbitration, State Department of Labor, conferred with the railway officials early to-day and will meet the strike leaders this afternoon in an effort to bring about a settlement of the trouble. The strikers are said to be in a conciliatory mood, but the railway officials are uncompromising. When asked as to his attitude on arbitration, R. P. Connette said: "The present need of the situation is adequate service for the comfort and convenience of the public. The International Railway Company is prepared to give that service if law and order shall prevail."

BLOWING UP OLD CASTLE

Suffragettes Fired Off a Crimean Cannon at Dudley Castle.

[Canadian Press Despatch] DUDLEY, Eng., April 8.—Militant suffragettes in the course of last night attempted to blow up the ruins of the ancient and historic Dudley Castle, the keep of which dates back to the eighth century, when the original stronghold was built by a Saxon prince. The whole of the inhabitants of the town were awakened by a loud explosion at 11 o'clock, which was followed by the firing of a crimean cannon, and in honor of Mr. Pankhurst, on another, while a quantity of suffrage literature was scattered about. The police found no clue of the perpetrators. "Votes for women and damn the consequences" was printed on one of the old cannon, and "In honor of Mrs. Pankhurst" on another, while a quantity of suffrage literature was scattered about. The police found no clue of the perpetrators. One account of the explosion says that the militant suffragettes loaded and fired one of the big guns, which was a relic of the Crimean war. It was a Russian cannon captured at the siege of Sebastopol, and with others had been placed in the castle as a memento. More Destruction. LONDON, April 8.—Another campaign of destruction was started by the militant suffragettes of London and its suburbs against the mail boxes to-day. In widely separated districts many of the pillar boxes were rendered useless and much mail was destroyed by the insertion of corrosive fluids, ink and burning rags saturated with oil.

POPE PIUS HAS RELAPSE

His Condition Such as to Cause Alarm--Complete Rest Advised.

[Canadian Press Despatch] ROME, April 8.—Pope Pius suffered a severe relapse in the course of last night. He was very feverish, his temperature rising to 100 degrees. Prof. Ettore Marchisaglia was with him for an hour. After a thorough examination he insisted that the Pope should take complete repose, and forbade him even to receive the usual daily report on Vatican affairs. Although the Pope's temperature had diminished somewhat during the forenoon his holiness remained in bed, the doctors in attendance insisting that he must not rise to-day. The only persons besides the physicians who were permitted to see the Pope were Cardinal Merry Del Val, Papal Secretary of State, and the sisters and a niece of the Pontiff. No official bulletin has been issued to-day concerning his condition, but a report is in circulation that the relapse he suffered last night was due to an affection of the kidneys. In connection with the relapse suffered by the Pope it is reported here that in consequence of the two lengthy receptions of pilgrims given on Colborne street leading up to the Pontiff to remain for several hours without moving, he was overcome with fatigue. In the course of the evening he suffered a slight fainting fit and Dr. Andrea Amici, who was in attendance with him put to bed and injected a strengthening remedy. After a few minutes the Pope recovered and spoke to those surrounding him. By the doctor's instructions the Pope will remain in bed, suspending all his habitual occupations until further orders. FORECASTS. Fine and cool to-day. Wednesday--Increasing easterly winds and becoming unsettled.

GAS SUPPLY WILL BE INCREASED IN THIS CITY

Mr. Powell, general manager of the Brantford Gas Company, when questioned by a Courier man, stated that natural gas in the eastern field was reaching its limit. And for that reason a movement had taken place to tap the Western Ontario field, in which region the demands were not equal to the possibilities of supply. For this cause men were now employed laying from the Essexes and Kent prolific fields 20, 16, 12 and 10-inch mains to Brantford. In connection with this two more so-called "boosting stations" have had contracts let. Up to Brantford and two miles north there is at present an eight-inch pipe, and six-inch pipe to the two last-named places is being replaced by an eight-inch pipe. As far as Brantford is concerned, it means two eight-inch supplies (one from the east and one from the west) for Brantford.

Bank of Hamilton Will Be Much Enlarged

Expositor Denial Amply Refuted By Announcement To-Day--This Journal Supreme in Everything.

One day last week the Brantford Courier made this announcement: "The architects of the Bank of Hamilton were in town yesterday and it is understood will make a report in reference to the improvement of the building next to the bank on Colborne street recently purchased by the bank from Major R. W. Robertson. The Wiles and Quinlan store will be enlarged by closing up the five foot stairway on Colborne street leading up to the offices above the store. Approach to these offices will be secured by making an entrance from the present bank building on the corner of Market and Colborne. That was true; every word of it. But our esteemed contemporary on the capitol corner came back next day with a denial of the whole statement. Well this "Supreme in Everything" journal is not in the habit of stating things unless it knows. The Confirmation. That which it told the public in the respect named was quite correct and The Courier is authorized to-day to make the statement that the present bank building will be extended thirty feet in the rear of the present end wall. When this is accomplished the office counter, instead of at the side as now, will be under the centre beam, and will afford much more accommodation to the general public and also the staff. Furthermore it has been decided to re-model the first floor over Wiles and Quinlan's store, and to install an up-to-date system of offices. Furthermore as The Courier stated, in the first place, and The Expositor denied next day, there will be a central entrance. These improvements which are to be started immediately will involve the outlay of several thousand dollars. AN INSPECTION MADE YESTERDAY. Railway Commissioners Saw Things For Themselves In Connection With Railway.

After the adjournment of the meeting of the Dominion Railway Board yesterday afternoon, Chairman Drayton, in company with Mr. G. S. Matthews, Engineers Jones, Somerville and Mountain, made an auto trip of inspection over the proposed railway route which was caused all the flight yesterday. Of course Mr. Drayton was non-committal to the members of the party. The other commissioners were also taken over the route, and looked things over thoroughly. It may be mentioned that Engineer Mountain of the Railway Board has been commissioned to spend some time in Brantford verifying all the levels submitted in the application and it will be some days before the decision of the board will be announced.

MUST INDIAN PAY JUDGMENT

Interesting Case At Toronto To-Day Over Six Nation Indian's Bank Account.

[Canadian Press Despatch] TORONTO, April 8.—The question as to whether an Indian's deposit in a bank is liable to execution under a judgment is raised by Jesse Cayuga, a member of the Six Nations, living near Brantford, on an appeal to the Appellate Division from an adverse judgment by the local judge at Brantford. Samuel Avery has a claim for \$135 against Jesse Cayuga and received judgment for that amount. He sought to garnish Cayuga's deposit in the Union Bank at Hagersville. George Heyd of Brantford, for appellant, argued that the statutes exempt the property of Indians from judgment unless the property is subject to taxation. Bank deposits are not taxed. Harrison Arrell of Hamilton appeared for the respondent. Judgment was reserved.

VOTING BILL WAS PASSED

[Canadian Press Despatch] LONDON, April 8.—A bill to abolish plural voting at elections in the British Isles was introduced in the House of Commons by the government to-day and passed its first reading by a vote of 203 against 107. Joseph A. Pease, president of the Board of Education, who presented the measure explained that it would only apply to the United Kingdom. The principle of "one man one vote." It was he said, a reform of the franchise which was long overdue. The bill provides that a penalty shall be inflicted for infringement consisting of a fine of \$100 or two years imprisonment and disfranchisement for seven years.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE BRANTFORD

Friday, April 11, with special children's matinee at 3.30—Kibble & Martin's stupendous production of the old yet ever new "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN." This is the big city company, carrying forty people, all special scenery and equipment. 20 colored dancers and singers—20 15-donkeys, ponies and bloodhounds—15. Special band and orchestra. Watch for the big street parade at noon. Prices: Matinee, Children 15c, Adults 25c; Night, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c. Seats Wednesday.

THE PROBS

TORONTO, April 8.—The cool wave remains centered to the north of Lake Superior, while the depression is stationary in the southwest states. Fair, cool weather prevails generally over the Dominion. FORECASTS. Fine and cool to-day. Wednesday—Increasing easterly winds and becoming unsettled.

One Minute Interviews

Mr. James Nightingale, Brantford Ice Company—"We don't expect that the price of ice will be any higher this summer, but a very hot summer may cause a jump." SEE OUR WINDOWS. For extraordinary value in all grades of footwear. The Roberts and Van-Laue Shoe Co.