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# ADVOCATES EXTENSION OF THE STREET RAILWAY

### Hon. J. D. Hazen Tells Federal House of Need of Lines to Rothesay and Millidgeville in Able Speech.

### Company Has Displayed Little Anxiety to Secure Permission to Cross I. C. R. Tracks at Haymarket Square.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—In the House today Mr. Pugsley moved for copies of all correspondence between the Department of Railways and Canals and the St. John Railway Company or the Municipality of the City and County of St. John on the subject of the granting of permission to the St. John Railway Company to lay its rails across the track of the Intercolonial railway at or near the Haymarket square, in the City of St. John, N. B. In moving this he contended that the department had imposed onerous terms on the Street Railway.

Mr. Hazen spoke as follows:—"It seems particularly strange that the Street Railway Company, if it was really in earnest and desirous of meeting the wishes of the citizens of St. John, should have allowed a year to elapse without getting this matter settled in some way or other. I can not believe that the officials of the department either in the past or present, would be so unreasonable as to place in the way insurmountable difficulties.

"I see statements in the press giving as the reason why this extension was not made, that the county parish councillors of the Parish of Simonds were not disposed to give the Street Railway the permission it required, unless the company would agree to terms which it was impossible for them to accept. I would be sorry to see anything thrown in the way of the Street Railway Company extending its lines, because the universal opinion in the City of St. John is that it has not been progressive, as have other municipalities in the way of giving the people an opportunity to go out to the suburbs in the summer and in the winter as well, which would have been given if the management of the Street Railway were progressive and had the interest of the community at heart.

"I therefore sincerely hope that my hon. friend, the Minister of Railways and Canals will take this matter up with the view of having an arrangement made which will fair to the department, which will be fair to the Street Railway Company, so that this matter may be expedited, while the Street Railway Company is in the mind to extend its line out to the Marsh Road in the Parish of Simonds, which is very much desired by the citizens of St. John.

"It would seem to me, my attention having now for the first time been called to the matter, that all that the railway department should in principle demand, is that conditions similar to those which the Railway Commission of Canada could impose in case the street railway wanted to cross the tracks of the I. C. R. or other railway, subject to the control of that commission. I sincerely hope that the Minister of Railways will do what he can to see that this work is expedited and that reasonable terms are imposed on the Street Railway Company.

Mr. McLean (Sunbury Queens)—"Will the Hon. Minister kindly state what extensions he thinks the Street Railway Company should make?"

Several Lines Needed.

Mr. Hazen—"I think they should extend it in the first place to Millidgeville, which is a great resort for our people. I also think it should extend its line out to the Marsh Road in the Parish of Simonds, and the Little River. I think also that it should have an extension to the town of Rothesay so that people would have means to reach that popular summer resort.

Mr. McLean said that all agree that the extension to Millidgeville should be made, but the men who controlled the entire block of land there refused to sell.

Mr. Hazen—"Has not the railway company by its charter, the absolute right to run through Millidgeville, just as it has through the streets of the city without acquiring lots from anybody?"

Mr. McLean (Sunbury and Queens)—"My hon. friend knows as a practical man that to make the extension to Millidgeville simply to carry people out on a few fine afternoons, is not a project that would command itself to any practical railway man. You must have permanent residents at the place to which the extension is made in order to make it financially successful.

Mr. Cochrane stated that the case which was prepared and offered to the railway company was according to the terms laid down in an order in council passed on the 9th of July, 1911 so that Mr. Pugsley must have had a hand in framing that order in council. If the company wanted to cross the tracks of the Intercolonial, he did not see that the Intercolonial should be put to any expense in the matter. He did not want to be onerous, but would go into the question and try to work it out on its merits.

Mr. Pugsley said that he never had the matter brought to his attention and did not know where the order in council was passed. He did know that the railway company for the past year had adhered to the view that these conditions should be complied with.

The motion passed.

# MAY PROVE RICHESON VICTIM OF INSANITY

### Defence Claims Was Not Responsible for Murder of Avis Linnell—"Spasmodic Insanity" Alleged, Destroyed Former Pastor's Perception of Right and Wrong—Several Instances Cited by Lawyers.

Boston, Jan. 17.—"Spasmodic insanity," it was learned today will be the defence for Clarence V. T. Richeson. The lawyers will try to have Richeson committed in an asylum as Harry Thaw was.

Their contention will be that Richeson did not know what he was doing when he gave cyanide of potassium to Avis Linnell last October.

A man connected with the defence in the Richeson case said today: "In criminal law spasmodic insanity means such mental defect as destroys the perception of right or wrong. It is a form of insanity which renders the mind incapable of realizing 'criminal intent.' Richeson was suffering with spasmodic insanity when he gave pot-

son to Miss Linnell. He did not realize what he was doing.

"His life shows that he had been subject to attacks of spasmodic insanity. In Hyannis when he first met Miss Linnell he had fits of insanity which frightened him so that he had to tell Miss Linnell's mother he was afraid to marry her.

"In Liberty, Missouri, he once proposed to a girl and fell to the floor in a fit when she rejected him. This was another attack of spasmodic insanity."

Sentiment here is overwhelmingly in favor of the death penalty for Richeson, but it is believed this sentiment would change if it could be shown that he was subject to attacks of mental aberration and was suffering with one when he gave the cyanide to Miss Linnell.

# LADY LAURIER GOES ON ROCKS; WATER IS RISING IN THE HOLD

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, Jan. 17.—The steamer Lady Laurier belonging to the Dominion government and used by the Department of Marine for lighthouse service struck a rock this afternoon near Cape Negro, twenty miles from Barrington on the Nova Scotia coast. She was on her way to Halifax from Barrington after having visited a number of lighthouses in the Bay of Fundy and western shore.

It wasn't long after leaving Barrington that the Laurier struck bottom and immediately water came into the engine room. It was decided that the steamer must be beached and a fast run was made for Perry Point where she now lies with six feet of water in the hold. Captain Travis and the crew are still aboard.

Assistance has been sent from Halifax and it is thought the steamer can be saved.

A later message from the Lady Laurier states that she has 24 feet of water in her after hold and engine room, but the forward hold is dry. The Aberdeen will be sent down in the morning with additional pumps and divers.

# ROYAL EDWARD AT HALIFAX AFTER STORMY TRIP

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, Jan. 17.—The Canadian Northern steamer Royal Edward from Bristol arrived this afternoon. She had five hundred and fifty packages of mail, three hundred and thirty-six passengers and a large cargo. D. B. Hanna, of the Canada Northern was a passenger, and left for Montreal in a private car attached to the Maritime express, immediately after the arrival of the steamer.

The Royal Edward experienced strong gales with squalls of hurricane force from the time she sailed until she reached Halifax. On Sunday last the barometer fell to 27.72 which was the lowest the captain ever saw. The seas were mountains high with fierce squalls. On Tuesday large fields of ice were met in lat 47.10, long 51.10, the ship's course was changed four miles south, then she passed through patches of slob ice in lat 46.50, long 52 west. She also passed through thin ice three hundred miles from Halifax.

# AUTHORITIES AND STRIKERS CLASH IN STREETS OF CITY

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 17.—The first severe clash between the strikers and the authorities that has occurred since Monday came at noon today, when the militiamen on duty in the mill district endeavored to prevent a parade of 3,000 strikers. The militiamen drew their clubs and roundly belabored the strikers over the heads and shoulders, while the officers used the flat blades of their sabres. No one was seriously hurt in the conflict, although many were badly bruised and several children were trampled upon. The crowd armed itself with stones and pieces of ice which they hurled at the militiamen. Several of the soldiers were struck with the missiles, but no one was badly hurt.

Mediation is not immediately in prospect and arbitration of the strike difficulties is not in sight.

# MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MET AT GAGETOWN

Special to The Standard.

Gagetown, Jan. 17.—The meeting of the municipal council of Queens Co. was held at Gagetown yesterday. Joseph Beach, of Brunswick was elected warden. A vote was passed to install sanitary appliances in the jail also heating apparatus and to establish a recording office. Considerable routine business was transacted.

The following committees were appointed:

Bills and accounts—Councillors Perry, Barton, Machum and J. R. Dunn.

Parish accounts—The councillors for each parish.

Land and buildings—Councillors Weston, Nickerson and R. Williams.

By-laws—Councillors Moore, Queen and Robinson.

Mileage—Councillors Thurrott, Mott and Case.

Assessment—Councillors Snodgrass, Corey and King.

Finance—Councillors Slipp, Barton and McKay.

Auditors' committee—Councillors Robinson, Camp and Thorne.

H. H. Gilbert, of Gagetown, was elected secretary-treasurer and John R. Dunn auditor.

The sum of \$2,900 was voted for the contingent fund and \$3,400 for the school fund.

# FROZEN TO DEATH ON SHORE OF ISLAND

Special to The Standard.

Charlottetown, Jan. 17.—John J. Sutherland, of Blackpool was frozen to death on the shore at Chepouty.

Mr. Sutherland was in Souris, yesterday and left for home with a load of sleigh. Anxious about his non-appearance, his friends instituted a search today.

Afternoon his brother found Sutherland's pipe, then his hat and finally the lifeless body at some distance from the sleigh. The horse had broken loose and returned home.

Mr. Sutherland was 45 years of age.

# OBJECT OF BILL IS TO LESSEN NUMBER OF GAMBLING MEETS

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—Race meets held by associations that do not boast incorporation by acts of parliament, are to be no more. The Minister of Justice will bring in a bill to amend the criminal code making the holding of such meets illegal. A racing association hereafter will have to get its authority by act of the federal or provincial legislature instead of merely obtaining letters patent. The object of the amendment is to lessen the number of gambling meets.

# LOBSTERS SCARCER THAN IN MANY MONTHS

Portland, Me., Jan. 17.—Not for many months have lobsters been as scarce as at the present time. Many lobster fishermen have become discouraged and have given up the work for the present. The storms of the past six months have played havoc with traps and boats.

# DESCRIBES GROWTH OF FRUIT IN CANADA

Albany, N.Y., Jan. 17.—The stimulus which fruit growing in Canada has received during recent years resulted largely from the passage of a satisfactorily working fruit marks act, ac-

# PROPOSES DRASTIC CHANGES

### Majority Candidate in Mon- treal Has Decidedly Advanced Platform—Would Make City Improved Edition of Paris.

# ADVOCATES SALE OF LIQUOR ON SUNDAY.

Montreal, Jan. 17.—An element of brightness and joyousness has been sadly lacking in the majority contest this year; a suddenly introduced into this morning, when Dr. Gustave Tasse, of 13 Phillips Square, promulgated the most novel and "advanced" platform that has been seen in such a contest for a generation.

It elected to the mayoralty, Dr. Tasse undertakes to change the statute law of both Dominion and province in several important particulars, and it necessary to amend the British North America Act. He proposed to run the city upon the lines of a revised and improved edition of Paris, (France). He will get after the "liberalists" and they howl for mercy, and half a score of cherished institutions of the city of Montreal will be decapitated.

The platform includes: Abolition of the city council; the municipality to be administered and governed solely by the board of control; compulsory education.

The abolition of the property qualification for all civic offices.

The establishment of a segregated district and a license system for social vice.

The establishment of civic music halls for light entertainments of good quality, in which light alcoholic liquors will be served.

The opening of all licensed places for the sale of liquor on Sunday with a considerable increase in their tax.

The opening of theatres and all places of amusement on Sunday.

The opening of all departmental stores from eight to twelve on Sunday in order to give the workman a chance to do his own buying.

Full taxation of all church property.

Municipal ownership of all public utilities.

# MUNICIPALITY OF WESTMORLAND NOW FREE OF DEBT

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Jan. 17.—At today's meeting of the Westmorland County Council the gratifying announcement was made that the municipality is now free of bonded indebtedness, with only a small amount owing the bank on current account. There are few counties in New Brunswick in this fortunate position.

During the discussion of Scott Act matters several councillors complained that Moncton city officials entered complaints against offenders in outside parishes, and that fines imposed by the city court in such cases were appropriated by the city. It was suggested that if this was continued the county inspector would prosecute city offenders.

Previous to her departure for her home in Chatham, Miss Sophie G. MacDonald, the retiring superintendent of the Moncton hospital was presented by the medical staff with a highly appreciative address, accompanied by a solid leather suit case.

# TO SECURE MORE RIGID INSPECTION OF PACKED MEATS

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture and Dr. G. H. Rutherford, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner were in conference today with representatives of various large packing establishments in Ontario and Quebec, including the William Davies Co. of Montreal and Bleckhall & Company of Montreal.

The conference was held with a view to securing the co-operation of the packers toward the more effective administration of the law for the inspection of can food products, and the packers' representatives were here at the invitation of the Minister.

The law as it now stands, and as amended five years ago, was put under general review, and a satisfactory understanding arrived at by tightening up of the administration with the assistance of the packers themselves.

# IMPERIAL PALACES ARE BARED OF TREASURES

# WILL INVESTIGATE NEED OF OLD AGE PENSIONS

### Introduction of Social Legislation in Dominion Seems Likely —Movement of Population Towards Cities Makes Care of Old Problem—Employers Dismiss Men When Faculties Fail—Lively Debate in House.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—The House debated old age pensions today, and net results of the discussion are:

Mr. White gave an excellent exhibition of careful parliamentary works. W. F. Nickle, M. P., for Kingston, stepped into a front rank place among debaters of the House.

The conservatives as a whole showed marked sympathy with the idea of social legislation.

The liberals, while divided, were rather opposed to it.

The subject came up in the form of a resolution moved by Mr. J. H. Burnham, M. P., for East Peterborough, calling for a committee to investigate the subject.

Mr. Burnham said that the old age pensions system was in force in Britain, France, Germany and about to be introduced into the United States. In all cases it was found it worked perfectly and was worthy of consideration in Canada. The basis of old age pensions, he said, was the doing away with indiscriminate and 'promiscuous charity and the raising of old people of small means to the status of independent citizenship. With this system in force old people instead of being at the beck and call of charitable and uncharitable people as the case might be, would be their own masters. In Canada there were about 39,000 old people who would come within the scope of the pension.

The minister of finance said the subject was one which naturally engenders sympathy. There are few more pathetic spectacles in life than old age confronted with privation and poverty. The real question for Canada is whether conditions here are such as to require what is admitted to be advanced legislation of this sort, and whether public opinion is yet ripe for it. So far as he was aware there had been no public agitation in Canada for legislation on the subject.

In Great Britain legislation was preceded by an agitation extending over almost a generation. An agitation of that kind was necessary before legislation involving such an expenditure could be or should be brought up. The minister compared British un-

employment with Canadian prosperity and was inclined to think that such relief as was needed could be obtained from provincial and municipal charities and from the filial piety of sons and daughters.

"Do we wish," he added, "to announce to the world that we have reached the stage when it is necessary to enact an old age pension?"

The minister, however, acceded to the request for a committee to investigate.

Mr. Verville was for old age pensions and said that labor men favored them.

Mr. Pardee wished to see the rural districts canvassed on behalf of the existing system of annuities.

Mr. Nickle followed and unhesitatingly favored old age pensions. He doubted the accuracy of Mr. White's opinion that there has been no agitation, and he declared that Canada has reached the point where more social legislation is needed. Population floods from the country to the city. The small factory has been swept away, to be replaced by great concerns which dismiss men the moment their powers begin to fail. The change in the cost of living makes the care of old a greater burden than heretofore. The day of socialism has come, not the socialism which would rob man of the fruits of his labor, but the socialism which will give to every man a chance, which will make sure that a man who is down will not be kept down by want of opportunity.

Dr. Clark, Red Deer, resented the statement that the poverty in Britain was increasing. He believed that the percentage of poverty in Britain was lower than that of any other country in Europe. There was, he admitted, a danger that this measure before the House would tend to a possible production of human failures. He believed that if charity is not wisely administered it produces the evil it is intended to remedy. After some further discussion the debate was adjourned.

Some other motions were passed and House adjourned at six o'clock.

# ASK SANITORIUM FOR WAR AGAINST THE WHITE PLAGUE

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Jan. 17.—The York county council this afternoon heard a delegation from the York county anti tuberculosis association who asked that the council vote an annual grant to the Dominion hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis cases as provided for in legislation passed at the last session of the legislature. An alternative proposition to have the council appoint a committee to inquire into the question was also put forward and it was that proposition which the council finally adopted.

The committee will report at the July session of the council when it is expected that some definite action in the matter will be taken. The rest of the afternoon was taken up in listening to the semi-annual report of the Scott Act Inspector, W. L. McFarlane, and carrying on the usual routine business.

# FLOOR OF OPERA HOUSE COLLAPSES IN ST. PETERSBURG

St. Petersburg, Jan. 17.—A serious accident occurred at the Imperial Opera House this afternoon. During the rehearsal of the opera Tristan and Isolde, the floor collapsed and twenty female members of the chorus were taken from the wreckage badly hurt.

The Russian basso Sibirakoff was more severely injured than any of the other performers. He is suffering from concussion of the brain and a fracture of the leg.

# ONTARIO HOUSE WILL MEET SOON

Toronto, Jan. 17.—The provincial legislature will meet for the despatch of business on Wednesday February 7th, just three weeks hence. Announcement to this effect was made tonight by Sir James Whitney. It is probable that this session will be several weeks longer than last year's on account of the new business to be considered. One of the most important bills to come before the House will be the Workmen's Compensation Act, upon which Sir William Meredith is now gathering data.

# ARRANGING DETAILS OF ST. JOHN VALLEY RAILWAY CONTRACT

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—Hon. J. K. Plummer, premier of New Brunswick, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, attorney general and Hon. Robert Maxwell, president of the council, are in town conferring with the government on the details of the contract for the St. John Valley Railway and also with regard to certain fishery claims of the province dating back to the period of Confederation.

The conferences, which have been of a satisfactory nature, will be continued through the week and on Saturday an interview will take place between the New Brunswick delegation and the Dominion cabinet on these subjects.

Tonight Hon. Mr. Hazen entertained the New Brunswick ministers and the Maritime Province members at dinner in the parliamentary restaurant.

# NO LACK OF FORCE TO PREVENT BELFAST DEMONSTRATION

Belfast, Ireland, Jan. 17.—The arrangements made by the Unionists to freeze out Winston Spencer Church III, First Lord of the Admiralty, at his intended demonstration in favor of Home Rule, which is to take place on February 8, included the bivouacking of 5,000 stalwarts inside Uster Hall some days in advance of the meeting. They will have orders to hold the hall against all comers.

Anti-Home Rulers are to be brought into the city in special trains on the day of the meeting, and it is anticipated that 75,000 men will be available for picket duty in order to block all the approaches to Uster Hall or any other possible meeting place.

# OLYMPIC HAD A ROUGH PASSAGE

New York, Jan. 17.—Rough weather during practically her entire passage was reported by the steamer Olympic, which arrived today from Europe. During a heavy gale last Sunday one enormous sea curl over the bows, hit the big forward hatch, weighing four tons, about ten feet above deck and carried it against a ventilator which it demolished. The hatch then fell into the well forming the foredeck.

### Contents of Households of Chinese Royal Family to Value of Millions Being Offered for Sale.

### Abdication to be Considered at Conference on Friday— Terms of Revolutionists May Shortly be Accepted.

Peking, Jan. 17.—No definite action was taken at the conference of princes of the Imperial family with the Empress Dowager today. The discussion of the subject of abdication was postponed until Friday owing to the slight indisposition of Premier Yuan Shi Kai. Certain of the princes declared that the abdication of the throne is pending.

At its next gathering the conference of the princes of the Imperial family and the Empress Dowager will call into consultation the members of the cabinet.

Many of the treasures of the Peking and Mukden palaces are being offered for sale. Their value amounts to several millions of dollars. A number of American and European agents are here negotiating for their acquisition. The minor palaces and also the Forbidden City are being depleted in a similar way and art works from their masterpieces are being disposed of.

Mukden was the former Manchurian capital and the palace there is a museum of historic and sentimental relics of the intrinsic value of many million dollars.

Many arrests have been made today of persons suspected of complicity in the attempted assassination of Premier Yuan Shi Kai. This has caused the foreign office, in which the officials are being questioned to protest to Premier Yuan Shi Kai who has ordered discrimination to be used in making these arrests.

### Two Fatalities.

One officer and another soldier have died from wounds they sustained when the bomb was thrown and six other soldiers are in a dangerous condition. The chamber of commerce at Shanghai has appealed to the ex-regent Prince Ching and to Yuan Shi Kai to induce the court to devise speedily measures of conciliation which will satisfy the bulk of the nation and restore peace and order pending the decision of the representative assembly to be convened on the question of the future government of China.

In some of the districts they say, few women survive, while the towns and villages are being despoiled and the people are hiding in caves in the mountains. At Si-an Fu horrible murders were committed. A mob surrounded the school established by the Scandinavian missionaries, the Rev. Mr. Berman, who was injured severely but escaped later to Hankow. His wife was killed. The school was fired on three sides and the mob butchered the fleeing children with axes, spades and spears. The majority of the children were lost for a day while the mobs murdered 100,000 Manchu.

### WASHINGTON WILL NOT BE VISITED BY GOVERNOR GENERAL

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—It is announced tonight that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will not visit Washington next week and will not see President Taft.

His Royal Highness leaves Ottawa for New York on Monday for a private visit of four days, returning on Thursday. It is understood that he will be accompanied by the Duchess and the Princess Patricia and will be the guest of Whiteley Reid, former U. S. ambassador to the Court of St. James. The Duke will not leave New York.

This is the first visit of His Royal Highness to the republic since coming to Canada as governor general, and the expectation in New York has been that he would utilize the opportunity to go down to the United States capital for an exchange of civilities with President Taft. The information obtained at Rideau Hall tonight by your correspondent, puts an end to that expectation.

# PUEBLO FIREMAN GETS ANOTHER SCALP

Toronto, Jan. 17.—Fireman Jim Flynn, of Pueblo, Jack Johnson's next opponent for the championship of the world, added another to his long list of victories tonight when he made short work of Al Williams, a Cleveland boxer, knocking him out in the second round of a scheduled ten-round battle under the auspices of the National Sporting Association. The bout was fought under Marquis of Queensberry Rules and Flynn went right after his man from the sound of the bell.