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Subsidies To Be Largely Increased

Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan Will Get \$130,000 a Year More

McBride of British Columbia Withdraws in a Huff

Ottawa, Oct. 14.—After a week's stay in Ottawa the provincial premiers have returned to their homes with increased financial aid and a better understanding between themselves and the Dominion on a variety of subjects which in the past have created more or less friction. The result of the conference will mean an additional expenditure to the Dominion of a little over two and a quarter millions a year. On the whole the proceedings outside of the attitude assumed by the British Columbia premier were so satisfactory that a resolution was passed thanking Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues for their attention and efforts to facilitate the work of the conference, and declaring that there should be annual meetings of the provincial premiers to be convened by the premier of Ontario and Quebec. Sir Wilfrid informed the premiers that he would not be able to give them all they asked but he would give them what was asked at the conference of 1887. The difference was that in the latter there was no amount asked for criminal justice, while the resolution of 1902 asked for twenty cents per head.

The new grants make an increase for the old provinces of \$1,107,000 in the per capita subsidies and of \$905,000 on the specific subsidies, or a total of \$2,012,000. To this will have to be added the one hundred thousand special grant to British Columbia and also the increases for the two new provinces of \$2,374,018. Manitoba and the new provinces do not profit as yet by the increased per capita subsidy because they have not reached the minimum figure fixed, but hereafter they will receive a specific grant of \$180,000 annually for legislation in place of \$50,000 received

Northern News

WILL OPEN NEW ROAD.

From Athabasca Landing to Moose Portage.

Athabasca Landing, Oct. 17.—Tom Kelly, who is in charge of the H. B. transport, in the McKenzie District arrived here yesterday from Peace River, having come by boat from Lesser Slave Lake. He was accompanied by constables McCulloch, McDonald, Derby, Bury and Manson of the R. N. W. P. force from Fort Graham, B. C., where they have been stationed for the last two years. Rev. Mr. White of Lesser Slave Lake was also with the party.

Capt. Barber left for Lesser Slave Lake Monday with a large party of men in the Grand Prairie District. Dr. Beauger of Montreal, has now taken up practice here and intends residing here. It is his intention to open a drug store in connection with his practice.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Vance of St. Albert, arrived in the landing last evening and intend staying a few days. Mr. Wood, of the H. B. Co., is now busy having the building which is to be occupied by the Imperial Bank, fitted up for the winter. It is the intention of the Bank to be open for business here on the first of November.

Mr. Hugh Hunter left yesterday to locate the road on the north side of the Athabasca River from here to Moose Portage, a distance of about 50 miles. It is the intention of the Provincial Government, to have this road open at once so that parties wishing to go to Lesser Slave Lake can drive through without any delay. All traffic heretofore has been delayed at this point during the fall and spring for a month or more when the ice is forming on the river and breaking up in the spring.

Mr. J. Keith accountant for Revillon Brothers of this place arrived from Edmonton today.

heretofore. They will thus get \$130,000 a year more each from the Dominion treasury. Sir Wilfrid Laurier arranged with the premiers of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario that he would take up the matter of the extension of the boundaries on November 12th at Ottawa.

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Council Adopts

LARGE CIVIC UNDERTAKING.

Estimates Which Indicate the Large Problems Now Being Racked by the City Council.

(Thursday's Daily)
Some idea of the stupendous proposition confronting the city council in the proposals for street grading and the construction of a street car line may be gathered from an estimate of items for which the city would have to place orders to carry out the work. An estimate of these follows:—

Seven hundred cars, more or less, of gravel, sand, crushed limestone and crushed granite.
One hundred cars of cement.
Forty cars of paving blocks.
Twenty cars of sleepers and ties.
Twenty cars of steel rails.
Twenty cars of poles, ornamental iron posts, copper wire, guy wires and incidentals of equipment.
Twenty cars of electrical machinery for power plant.
Trolley cars, repair cars, snow plow, several gondolas, and the usual assortment of span trucks, axes and spare parts usually kept in store.
All told about 240 or 250 cars of material.

If this order were all placed on the cars at once and headed on to the city it would make a string of cars 7,350 feet long; or 48 twenty-car trains, including engines and cabooses, would make a continuous string of trains six and one half miles long.

This will give some idea of the magnitude of the proposition. The opinion of the city council last night seemed to be that the paving should be carried out as a local improvement. Nothing was said as to the probable cost of paving the car line. Providing, however, that the city assume the cost of the 18 feet which would be required by the car line, does this work and charges it against the street railway enterprise, the cost per running foot on each side of the car line on Jasper would be \$9.50 per front foot.

As First and Namayo are only 80 feet wide, whereas Jasper is 100, the cost per front foot on First and Namayo would be, approximately, \$3. Assuming that the city undertook the cost of the crossings and that the paving, less the 18-foot street car strip, were charged up as a local improvement, with the \$9.50 and \$3 on Jasper, and on First and Namayo respectively, is all that could be assessed against the property.

The life of the block is assumed to be 25 years. The six-inch concrete base is practically indestructible. Considering that the base is the largest item of expense the debentures issued against the pavement would probably be for not less than 40 years.

On this basis the ratepayer on Jasper avenue would have \$9.50 per front foot, payable in 40 year debentures, charged against his property, while the First street property would have \$8 on the same terms.

The city commissioners' report does not indicate what class of an electric plant would be required to operate the street railway system provided for in his estimate. However, it is conceded that a new plant would be required.

At the present moment the city plant is working practically to its load limit, but in a month or so, when the Strathcona plant is complete and working, and Edmonton loses the Strathcona business, the city will have a surplus of electrical energy with its present plant. How long this surplus will be available, however, is very problematical. Speaking in round numbers, the city's electrical business has increased 100 per cent in the last year and there is every indication that it will make another great upward bound within the next twelve months. If it increases at anything like the ratio at which it has increased during the past year, the present equipment will not be sufficient for lighting alone, to say nothing of being dependable for tramway power.

Would Increase

NUMBER OF COUNCILMEN.

Alderman Griesbach Gives Notice of Motion Calling for Twelve Members on Civic Board.

(Thursday's Daily)
At Tuesday night's meeting of the city council Alderman Griesbach gave notice of a motion which he intends to make at the next regular meeting of the city council calling for a re-organization of 12 members on the council board in place of eight, as now constituted.

Alderman Griesbach's motion is in conformity with a clause of the charter which provides that the council may at any time by a majority vote increase its numerical proportions to any number up to 24.

The charter also provides for the inauguration of the ward system by majority vote, but this is not contemplated in Alderman Griesbach's motion. Should Alderman Griesbach's motion carry it will be necessary for the electors to select eight new aldermen at the forthcoming municipal elections, two of whom would be for the short term of one year and six for the long term of two years.

Phenomenal Time

MADE ON SEWER CONSTRUCTION

Taylor and Bouchier Shatter All Previous Records with Big Machine on Fifth Street Work.

(Thursday's Daily)

The Taylor Construction Co.'s big trenching machine is working on the Fifth street sewer and is breaking all previous records for sewer construction in Edmonton at least if not in Canada.

Yesterday they trenched and laid 116 feet of sewer and today the machine was put over the high speed and made 339 feet, notwithstanding that over two hours was lost in the morning half of the shift on account of a delay waiting for fuel. In the five hours from 1 o'clock until 6 p.m. 200 feet of sewer was laid. This figures out to 40 feet an hour, or one foot in every 90 seconds. The ground on Second street is standing up beautifully and that part of the contract will be finished by Friday afternoon.

The Taylor Company intends to move the machine over to the First street section of the contract and commence work there on Monday. According to the work that the machine is now doing they figure that they will do 100 feet of work a day, making a trench five feet wide and 20 feet deep. Two shifts will be kept at work on the concreting in order to keep up with the machine. Sixty men will be employed on the machine and concrete work.

AGED COUPLE SUICIDE

Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 16.—A pathetic case of suicide was brought to light by the finding of Andras Elewaldzen and his wife at 11 Keith St. Elewaldzen was a Dane and he and his wife drank a fatal dose of carbolic acid because of their poverty and inability to secure work. The man was repeatedly disappointed in his search for work and was refused several places because he was too old. The bodies were found in bed. Empty bottles and glasses were on the table at the side. The husband left a note to his friends desiring the bodies to be buried in the clothes which were all laid out for the funeral.

INSOLVENT TEN YEARS AGO.

Toronto, Oct. 16.—Charles McGill says that the Ontario bank was insolvent when he took it over eleven years ago. He was then manager of the Peterboro branch and he was anxious to run the bank through as his friends had over \$1,000,000 in it. If it had been wound up then their capital would have been wiped out and suffering would have been caused, as it was hard times. He acknowledges that he concealed his losses from the directors to make a good showing. His plan was to carry securities and wait for a rise.

A Great Success

CHARITY BALL.

Annual Event Held Tuesday Evening Was a Great Success.

(Thursday's Daily)
The most brilliant social affair of the season took place Tuesday evening at the Thistle Theatre, the occasion being the Charity Ball. The hall, strung with many lights and beautifully and artistically decorated by willing volunteers, showed to advantage the many beautiful toilets worn.

About midnight, supper was daintily served by the ladies of the Hospital Aid Society, and many appreciative remarks were evoked by the toothsome viands.

About three hundred people were present, and from all indications the hospital funds should be greatly augmented.

The patronesses were Mrs. John Ross, Mrs. R. C. Robertson, Mrs. Edminson, and Mrs. Sommerville. Mrs. Ross wore a black lace over rich black satin; Mrs. Edminson a violet organdie with valenciennes lace, and Mrs. Robertson, a handsome black voile with touches of white.

Some handsome gowns noticed were: Mrs. Swaisland, in white embroidered chiffon; Mrs. Smith, a white lace creation, over silk. Mrs. Pardee, an imported all-over lace gown; Mrs. Braithwaite, a pretty black silk; Mrs. Morris, a handsome toilette of cream lace made on a foundation of satin; Mrs. Hislop, a dainty yellow organdie, with black girde; Mrs. Jellet, an attractive black colienne; Mrs. Scoble, an exquisite point d'esprit; Mrs. Norquay, pale blue voile; Mrs. Balmor Watt, Dresden blue muslin; Mrs. Sturt, handsome black lace over butternut satin; Mrs. Barford, white point d'esprit; Mrs. Saunders, Dresden.

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From Regina North

C. P. R. NEW LINE.

To Rival the Prince, Albert Road Secured by the C. N. R.

(Bulletin Special)
Regina, Sask., Oct. 17.—The immediate construction of the Regina, Kirkeville branch, paralleling the Canadian Northern line from Regina north, is the plan of the Canadian Pacific and a survey party has started out on a route from this city to connect with the Kirkeville branch. The party is running its first line into the city. From Strassburg there is already a line graded northward to Saskatoon.

STEAMER BURNED.

(Bulletin Special.)

Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 15.—News has been received from Dawson to the effect that the steamer Columbian en route from White Horse to Dawson, suffered an explosion near Tantalus, was run ashore and burned to the water's edge. She had three tons of black powder aboard. Five men were burned so as to be unrecognizable. They are supposed to have been deck hands. The purser was badly burned and one of the crew, named Murray was seriously injured. Welsh, the mate fell into the water after being burned and was not seen again. One fireman is also missing.

VESUVIUS AGAIN ACTIVE.

(Bulletin Special.)

Naples, Oct. 16.—A terrific storm has caused an inundation of mud from Mount Vesuvius and the country round about is flooded. Two women have been killed and twenty-six persons injured. Travel on the railway up Mount Vesuvius has been interrupted and the line is partially destroyed.

Former Manger

McGILL ARRESTED.

Late Manager of the Ontario Bank in the Toils.

(Bulletin Special)
Toronto, Oct. 17.—C. McGill, late manager of the Ontario Bank was arrested this morning on a charge of making false returns to the receiver general's department. A summons has been issued for President Cockburn, charging him with making false returns. Crown Attorney Terry states he will not accept bail for either of them.

FORMER CANADIAN IN TROUBLE.

(Bulletin Special.)

Minneapolis, Oct. 16.—Charged with manslaughter in the first degree Alexander McEwan, a Canadian formerly of Montreal, where he has well-to-do relatives faced the court. McEwan in company with Julius Hoefner, kicked and beat to death Frank O. Grain, in a disreputable resort in this city last May. They were indicted on separate counts, hence must stand trial separately. The prisoner has secured able attorneys and his eastern relatives seem to have guaranteed all necessary funds to permit of a strong defence. His sister is here and is a prominent figure in the court room.

TO UNTANGLY MATTERS.

(Bulletin Special.)

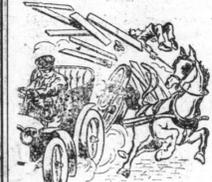
Toronto, Oct. 16.—The Canadian Bankers' Association, under the Banking act, have appointed W. E. Stavert of the Bank of Montreal as Curator; Byron Walker of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, D. R. Wilkie of Imperial Bank, and Duncan Coulson of the Bank of Toronto as an advisory board to work with the Ontario bank directors.



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