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THIRTEEN BILLS, MOST OF THEM DEALING WITH RAILROADS, PROSPECTIVE, PUT THROUGH HOUSE

An Act Respecting the Alberta Interurban Railway Is Put Through, as Was Also One Incorporating the Athabasca and Grand Prairie Railway Company.

Ottawa, April 25.—For one hour after the dinner recess the house considered private bills, and practically cleaned up the order paper so far as that portion of it was concerned. Thirteen bills of various kinds received third reading and were passed. These were as follows:

An act respecting the British Columbia and White River railway company, (without amendment).

An act respecting the Pacific and Peace River Railway company, (without amendment).

An act respecting the Hudson Bay, Peace River and Pacific Railway company (without amendment).

An act respecting the Nipissing Central Railway company, (as amended).

An act respecting the Buc Touche railway and transportation company and to change its name to the Moncton and Northumberland Strait railway company (as amended).

An act respecting the Alberta Interurban Railway company (as amended).

An act respecting the Brantford and Hamilton Electric Railway company (as amended).

An act respecting the Manitoba Radial Railway company (as amended).

An act to incorporate the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the Dominion of Canada, (without amendment).

An act to incorporate the Athabasca and Grande Prairie Railway company.

An act to incorporate Beaver Fire Insurance company.

An act to incorporate the Pacific and Eastern Mortgage company.

The highways bill was again under discussion in the evening and passed through the committee stage.

HOSPITAL BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL PAVE WAY FOR NEW BUILDING

Following a meeting of the joint committee of the hospital board and the city council, held yesterday afternoon, steps will be taken at once to have two acres of the present hospital grounds staked off for the city, which land is to be used for increased hospital accommodation. For this two acres of land, which will lie just west of the present general hospital, the city will pay over to the hospital board $20,000, to be used to pay off the cost of past and present improvements to the old buildings.

The resolution covering this agreement came at the close of a long meeting of the joint committee, held on yesterday afternoon, and was moved by E. H. Riley and seconded by Ald. Costello.

It reads as follows:

"That, in view of the urgent demand for immediate increased hospital accommodation, this committee would recommend that the hospital board transfer to the city of Calgary a portion of their present property to the extent of two acres, more or less, to be selected by the city, upon which the city of Calgary shall erect additional hospital buildings from money to be raised by by-law and further, that the city of Calgary grant the said hospital board the sum of $20,000 when the hospital gives title to the land, to pay off the cost of past and present improvement to the old building, and the whole of the agreement entered into between the city of Calgary and the Calgary general hospital to be ratified at the next session of the legislature."

The meeting of the committee was opened by the apparent desire of all [illegible] to get something done to relieve the situation at the hospital, and the [illegible] the next meeting of the council and also to a special meeting of the subscribers to the general hospital.

It is the intention to have work on the new building start as early as possible, and an agreement has also been reached whereby the present hospital board until the validating legislation has been passed creating a joint board. As soon as this legislation is passed all the holdings of both the city and the present hospital board will be turned over to the joint board for their administration, and the trouble over hospital matters will be at an end.

The composition of the new joint board as at present planned is as follows: Three members to be elected by the hospital subscribers, four doctors to be elected by the medical profession, and six members to be elected by the city, with the mayor having a regular and a casting vote. Whether the representatives for the city shall be appointed or elected will be decided by a plebiscite taken at the same time as the hospital by-law is to be submitted. The $20,000 to be paid over on the receipt of the deed to the two acres of land is to be part of the $300,000 mentioned in the original agreement reached by the city and the hospital board three weeks ago.

FRENCH PORTIA IN U. S. TO STUDY YOUNG WOMEN

Mm. de la Ruelle Says Poverty Is Not the Usual Cause of Girls' Downfall.

New York, April 25.—Mme. Alice de la Ruelle, the fifth woman permitted to practice law in France, arrived by the French line La Provence and went to the Henry street settlement house, which will be her base in the study of conditions among the working girls in this borough.

Mme. Ruelle said she was inclined to think that poverty is not usually the cause of the downfall of working girls. She said that in Paris a working girl could live well on about 60 cents a day, providing there were no strikes. Poverty, caused only a small number to go wrong, and the number was not so large proportionately, according to the information she had received, as in American cities. French working girls were able to take care of themselves and were, as a rule, better housekeepers than American girls, being experts in the art of sewing and cooking.

Mme. Ruelle will study social conditions in other cities of America. She will make a specialty of the servant girl question. She said that many French girls preferred domestic service to work in the shops. She admitted that women were taking the places of men in certain unskilled labor. She hinted that it might be good for the men to marry the girls when they found the competition growing too strong.

Prof. Hetherington Resigns.

Vancouver, April 25.—Proessor A. E. Hetherington, principal of Columbian Methodist college, has reigned.

MANY CALGARIANS LOCATED IN VICTORIA, SAYS VICTORIA CARNIVAL COMMISSIONER

"If a Calgarian who has been in this city any length of time and has got to know anybody were to walk along the streets of Victoria today he could imagine himself back in Calgary," said Cecil Rhodes, former resident of this city, but now of Victoria, B. C. Mr. Rhodes is here as a publicity commissioner for the big Victoria carnival week, which is to be held in the British Columbian capital from August 4 to August 8 next. As proof of his statement that the coast city is filled with Calgarians, Mr. Rhodes quoted the names of ex-Building Inspector Dick Harrison; ex-Chief of Police Tom Mackie, Ed. Hume, ex-Magistrate Crispin Smith, E. J. Runions, F. F. Higgs, of the Calgary Furniture company, M. Tomlinson, J. B. Watson J, Hart and N. Hearn, together with numbers of others.

"We have a Calgary colony there," said Mr. Rhodes, "and almost every night there is a regular Calgary talkfest in Victoria, when the former residents of this city meet to talk over old times on the prairies."

This is the first visit made to Calgary by Mr. Rhodes in over three years, and he is delighted with the changes that have taken place and the growth generally since that time.

"Victoria is growing rapidly at the present time," he said, "but I don't believe it has any edge on Calgary. This city is certainly spring[illegible]

The big carnival week in Victoria is the result of a public subscription of $50,000 raised by the people of the coast city. It is primarily a water carnival, as Victoria is known as "The Western Venice," but in addition to the water sports, yacht and boat races, Marathon swimming events and illuminated boat processions, there will be athletic events of all kinds, several pageants, a naval and military tournament, polo tournament, flower show, natural history exhibit, arts exhibit, aquarium, natural resources exhibit, and other events without number.

"It is to outclass any other event of its kind yet held on the Pacific coast," said Mr. Rhodes, "and the people of the city, together with city and government officials, are cooperating to make the carnival the biggest event yet held in Canada."

OFFER SUFFRAGETTE INSURANCE

London Company Has Novel Clause in Householder's Policy.

London, April 25.—While much has been said of damage to property attributed to suffragettes an enterprising insurance company has seized the occasion to issue a new householders' comprehensive policy covering, among many risks, that of injury done by suffragettes.

The policy also covers the risk of riots, strikes and civil commotions and of thunderbolt and subterranean fire, the last named being a distinctly unusual risk to be specified in an insurance policy.

The risks which are covered by the policy are specified as follows:

"Any loss or damage he or she may sustain in respect of the whole contents or any part thereof of the private dwelling house, including outhouses and stables (but excluding live stock other than horses and motor cars, etc.), if any; also property belonging to the assured's servants and permanent members of his or her household or visitors, including cash and banknotes up to £25 sterling, by fire, lightning, thunderbolt, subterranean fire, explosion, bursting of pipes or hot water heating apparatus (but only to pay the excess of £3 for each and every accident), earthquake, burglary, theft, housebreaking or larceny, insurrection, riots, strikes, civil commotions or suffragists or by aeroplanes, airships, or other serial craft, or any one or more of the afresaid perils.

"Including the risk of damage done to the premises, as above, by burglars or thieves, or by aerial craft, and loss of rent (should the damage by fire render the buildings uninhabitable) up to, but not exceeding, 10 per cent of the total value of this policy."

RUNAWAY CALGARY BOY FOUND

Regina, Sask., April 23.—R. Milton, a 13-year-old boy from Calgary, who had run away from home, was captured by the police today on a telegraphed request from his parents and will be sent back home.

Seeding in Full Swing; This Will Be Best Agricultural Year Says Duncan Marshall

With the advent of the fine weather of the past two weeks, seeding is now in full swing all over the province, and for the next week or ten days the farmers will all be kept busy.

"The weather is ideal for the farmers at the present time," said Hon. Duncan Marshall, who was in Calgary yesterday. Mr. Marshall came down from his farm at Olds and left for Edmonton again last night. He stated that a great deal of work would be done on the provincial government demonstration farms again this year, and that the buildings for the agricultural colleges on the farms at Claresholm, Olds and Vermilion would be gone ahead with as rapidly as possible.

"We look for this to be a big year agriculturally in Alberta," he said, "and while it is impossible to say at the present time what the increase in acreage under cultivation over the acreage broken last year will be, there is no doubt but what it will be away up."

DARING ESCAPE FROM VANCOUVER JAIL

Vancouver, April 25.—Albert Var's escape from jail today was exceedingly clever. Working as a barber he managed to get an impression of a jailor's key on a piece of soap. Taking as a model he filed down an aluminum comb until it make as good a key as the jailer's. It is thought that he at first planned a wholesale jail delivery.

Woodstock Man Killed.

Woodstock, Ont., April 25.—Alfred Laycrek, a resident of Woodstock, was instantly killed on the Wilson street crossing of the Grand Trunk railway by the newspaper train this morning.

FRATERNAL SOCIETIES MAY INCREASE RATES

In Case Contribution of Members Is Not Sufficient to Pay Death and Disability Claims

Toronto, April 25.—The most important report at the Canadian Fraternal association this morning was that of a special committee which was appointed to look into advisability of having a uniform bill for the regulation and control of fraternal benefit societies. The laws of each society shall provide that if the stated periodical contribution of the members are insufficient to pay all matured death and disability claims in full and to provide for the creation and maintenance of the funds, additional increased or extra rates of contribution shall be collected from the members to meet such deficiency and such laws may provide that upon the written application or consent of the member, his certificate may be charged with its proportion of any deficiency.

Dr. W. S. Harrison, in his report on the medical section, strongly recommended that the association and the individual societies take better care of their members. He also recommended that the members be subjected to medical examination at stated periods.

S. R. Whiting to Coast.

S. R. Whiting, of Bassano, ex-mayor of that town, left Calgary for Seattle on Friday. He will be gone for some days, and will bring his family back to reside in Bassano again

New Hotel Opens.

The new Berkeley Hotel at Bassano will be oficially opened some time next week. The hotel is one of the best hotel buildings in the province, and is owned by the Berkeley Hotel Co., Ltd.

BOW RIVER GIVES UP THE BODY OF W. H. C. HOOLEY

Badly Decomposed and Cut By the Action of Ice, But Recognizable; Remains attired in Dress Suit in which Hooley Left Hotel

Washed up on the beach at St. George's Island park, the body of W. H. G. Hooley, the Calgary contractor who disappeared from a fashionable hotel here over a month ago, was found by a number of workmen yesterday morning. Although badly decomposed and gashed by the action of the ice and water, the body was easily identified by the fragments of the evening dress suit still adhering to it and by other marks.

The remains were first sighted a week ago, but were thought by the workmen to be a bundle of rags caught in the ice. When they went down to work yesterday however, the body had been caught in an eddy and washed up on the beach, and were at once identified as those of the missing contrator.

The police were called and the body was removed to the undertaking parlors where an inquest will be held.

The disappearance of Hooley created a sensation here some weeks ago. Leaving the hotel after a card game with friends, and still dressed in evening clothes, the missing man was never seen alive again. It was at first reported that he had been seen at the Sherman Grand on the following evening, and later when a man registering from Calgary and named Hooley died in Ontario, it was thought by his friends that he had been located. Subsequent to that time another report was received here to the effect that he had been seen alive and well in England, but the finding of the body now proves that the other people were not Hooley, but people bearing a remarkable likeness to him.

Following his disappearance a rumor was circulated to the effect that the missing man had been traced to a hole in the ice on the Bow river, but this rumor was never substantiated. Apparently Hooley wandered to the right after leaving the hotel and either walked or fell into the hole in the ice, his body being carried away by the undertow and held until the breakup of a few days ago.

The relatives of the missing man have been notified of the finding of the remains, but according to the police there is no suspicion of foul play adn it is doubtful if anything further than the usual inquest will be held. The remains will probably be buried here.

BAD STORM IN ONTARIO

London, Ont., April 23.—The first severe electrical storm of the season and perhaps the worst that has swept the district in a great many years, killed horses and battle and uprooted trees, burned barns, damaged houses and other buildings in Biddulph early this morning. The path of the rainfall, which at times approached the proportions of a cloudburst, extended southward to Lake Erie, but later the northern end of London Township and Biddulph suffered.

THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Valetta, Malta, April 23.—The 14th International Eucharistic Congress was inaugurated today in the Rotunda Church, where 4,000 people assembled. The papal delegate, Cardinal Dominic Feretta, delivered a stirring address, in which he reviewed the religious history of Malta.

MISS MURRAY WEDS ROBERT L. BACON, SON OF FORMER AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE

MRS. ROBERT L. BACON

Miss Virginia Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alexander Murray, was married recently to Mr. Robert L. Bacon, son of Mr. Robert Bacon

BANKS WILL BE ASKED TO ADOPT MEASURES WHICH WILL PREVENT RAISING OF CHECKS

The retail merchants of Calgary are out to stop the phony check, so far as is in their power. They have been suffering greatly of late both from forged and worthless checks, and others which were raised far beyond their original value. An attempt will now be made to get the various banks of the city to adopt some system of protectograph or perforated stamps which will make such uttering and raising of checks impossible.

The matter was gone into fully at a meeting of the retail section of the Board of Trade yesterday afternoon, and it was agreed to recommend to a full meeting of the board to be held on Wednesday afternoon next some system similar to those mentioned above. Merchants said they were taken in not only by plain checks but even by checks marked in the proper form by the bank and subsequently raised to any value far above that originally intended by the check. This, it was felt, could be obviated by a scheme of protectograph, by which it could be indicated how much the real and original value of the check was.

The resolution adopted at the meeting of the retail section yesterday afternoon was to the effect that the banks should have on checks a protectograph which would indicate within 100 cents the actual value of the cheque, or adopt a perforated system of stamping, which would show the same thing on the face of the check. If the banks could not see their way to adopting such a system they should take the responsibility for the circulation of the check to any value, whether raised or not. This should be done in the case of both marked and unmarked checks. It was felt that the present open system of checks was but a temptation to fraud, which should be taken away from the public.

APPOINTMENT OF BERNIER TO APPEASE CATHOLICS

Archbishop Langevin Issues Pronouncement in English and French re Manitoba Action

St Boniface, Man., April 25.—His Grace Archbishop Langevin has issued in French and English the following pronouncement on the entrance into the Manitoba cabinet of Hon. Joseph Bernier:

"The nomination of a Catholic as a member of the "Roblin cabinet" is an act of justice due to the Catholics of this province, who have a right to be represented in the cabinet as well as other groups less numerous who have many representatives; and this is the reason why His Grace the Archbishop has not made it his duty to oppose this appointment.

"However, it must be clearly admitted that under the present circumstances this nomination seems to be a gift rather fatal and embarrassing, made to appease Catholics who, in spite of the Coldwell school amendments, which are only a soothing draught, are dissatisfied because nothing has been done to relieve the situation so painful in mixed centres, particularly since the transfer of the territory of Keewatin to Manitoba; therefore His Grace the Archbishop has not intended by his abstention to approve the present nomination which will not be either a consolation or a compensation for the Catholics, who have always been victims of politics.

"Nevertheless, party spirit must not make us forget what has already been done to ameliorate the condition of Catholics in the country districts and to protect their menaced rights, nor permit that a sentiment adverse to the Honorable Mr. Bernier or to those whom he represents, should diminish the merit of a just reprobation of all that can appear as an abandonment of our school rights Catholics will continue more than ever to claim with vigor and dignity that justice which is their due according to the constitution of the country."

"THE LIGHT, FANTASTIC TOE."

Lovely Russian Countess Says, She Attended 782 Balls.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—Widespread interest has been created in society circles by the publication of the "Memoirs" of Countess Lambsdorff. The writer, who in her youth was an enthusiastic dancer, states that prior to her marriage she attended 225 balls and after her wedding 557 more. At the different dances she received 18 offers of marriage.

After her marriage 272 men sent her love letters and a hundred of her admirers threatened to shoot themselves in despair. The number of dances which the countess takes to her credit is stupendous. Altogether she says she took part in 2,934 square dances, 4,500 waltzes and 600 polkas and she estimates the total distance danced by her at not less than 16,000 miles.

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS HEARS POPE IS BETTER

His Holiness Will Be Able to Say Mass by May 1—News Is Greeted by Cheers

Malta, April 25.—Opn air services were held here today in connection with the fourtenth international eucharistic congress of the Roman Catholic church.

Services were conducted by Monsignor Heilen, Bishop of Namur. The most impressive part of the service was the singing of "O, Salutaris Hostie" by a congregation of 10,000 voices.

Adresses were delivered this afternoon in The Cathedral of Musta, where the sessions of the congress are being held.

Cardinal Ferrata, papal legate, received a telegram from Cardinal Merry Del Val, papal secretary of state, stating that Pope Pius X is so greatly improved that he may be able to say mass before the first of May.. This news was greeted by the delegates with joyous acclamation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE PASSES FAVORABLY ON APPLICATION OF DR. BLOW FOR LOAN

At a meeting of the finance commitee held yesterday afternoon it was decided to recommend to the council at the next regular session that the application of Dr. Blow for the loan of $43,375 on the property owned by him on Seventh avenue west of First street west, be favorably considered.

The committee also took up the complaint of the Brent-Noxon Co., of Toronto regarding the selling of $125,000 worth of local improvement bonds to Stimson & Co., when the first named company believed itself to be in possession of an option on all the city bonds which has not yet run out.

As the bonds sold to Stimson & Co., were sold before the Brent-Noxon company received any option the transaction could not be nullified, and this information will be wired to Toronto in answer to the complaint.

M. P.'S MUST EARN SALARIES NOW

Ottawa, April 25.—Premier Borden gave notice today that next Tuesday he will move that from Wednesday, April 30, until the end of the session the house shall meet in the morning as well as afternoon and evening. This means that business would be rushed and there are predictions that the house may finish June 1

SCHOONER IS DESTROYED; CREW IS SAFE

Vancouver, April 25. — The fine auxiliary fishing schooner Rosine, was destroyed by an exposion off Dundas Island this morning and as far as is known, is a total loss. The crew is safe in Prince Rupert, according to news received by the owner, Harry West, but another report from Prince Rupert says three men are injured. The Rocine was originally the G. R. Hughes and came here last year from Seattle. She was purchased by Mr. West, head of the Deep Seas Fishing Co., and was thoroughly overhouled. She is equipped with a 100-horse power auxiliary gasoline engine. They fished from Prince Rupert, carrying a crew of 12 under Capt. Jas. Batt. The Rosine is 75 feet in length.

WOULD LIMIT POWER OF BANK DIRECTORS

Halifax Financier Fights for Shareholders Regulating Loans to Bankers.

Ottawa, April 25.—F. B. McCurdy, the Halifax financier, put up a stubborn fight in the banking and commerce committee today for an amendment that shareholders of a bank "shall," not "may" regulate bylaws the internal managements of banks including the extent of discounts or loans to directors or shareholders.

Mr. McCurdy claimed that all failures were traceable to excessive loans and usually made to or through a bank director.

W. F. Cockshutt opposed the amendment and objected to the shareholders sitting on every industrial concern with which the bank was dealing.

Mr. Cockshutt also objected to fixing the amount which could be loaned to a firm. As the clause stood, he was opposed to it, but might be willing to support a proposal to limit the maximum amount to be loaned to directors. Mr. McCurdy's amendment was finally beaten by a vote of 13 to 7.

Mr. McCurdy had another amendment by which the sareholders should fix the salary of the general manager. A. K. McLean, Halifax, protested against the proposal; it was unsound legislation. Mr. McCurdy finally withdrew his amendment.

Mr. McCurdy also had another amendment, to make certain that the shareholders received proper notification of new bylaws.

Hon. Mr. White thought that this amendment was reasonable and could see no objection.

A. McLean could not see the proposition. It was finally decided to hold the clause over for a day.

After a long discussion a short loan was defined as one not exceeding more than thirty days.

FONBERG, SWEDE WHO KILLED DETECTIVE BAILEY, IS CAPTURED

Shot in Chest and Leg, is Unconscious When Taken; Prisoner is Taken to Edmonton

Tofield, April 25.—Oscar Fonberg, the Swede who shot and killed Detective Maxwell Bailey and wounded Constables Whitley and Stead on Wednesday, was taken unconscious after a long chase early this morning. Fonberg had been shot in the leg and chest during the chase, and his condition was serious when he was finally captured. He was at once rushed to Edmonton, where he will be taken to the hospital and every care taken of his wounds.

It was just before dawn that Fonberg was seen by the posse out in search for him, about 100 yards in front. A number of shots were fired at his rapidly disappearing figure, and one appeared to have taken effect, for the man was seen to stagger before he disappeared into the bush. The whole party rushed forward, but no tracks could be seen of the man, and nothing further was known till he was arrested by Constable McPhail near Chipman, a station on the C. N. R. main line.

By that time the man was very weak, and quite unconscious from loss of blood. He made no effort to resist arrest, and meekly submitted to McPhail. The latter was on his way from Chipman to join the rest of the party when he fell in with the wounded man. The man was at once taken to Fort Saskatchewan, on his way to the hospital in Edmonton. He was too weak to speak, and no questions were asked of him for the time being, and the only thing he was heard to say was once, when he shouted angrily: "I'll get them yet!"

Immediately after the arrest the posses were disbanded, and the whole neighborhood assumed the peaceful calm which usually characterizes the place.

Increased Acreage in the North.

Edmonton, Alta, April 25.—Nearly all the wheat in Edmonton district is now in, and seding of barley and oats being rapidly proceeded with. The ground is in fine condition and all branches of farm work are well advanced. Owing to the favorable weather conditions, teams are able to put in a long days' work.

A large acreage of new land, acquired by settlers recently, is under cultivation this year, while many of the old farmers have increased their acreage by breaking new ground. There is ample moisture in the ground and every indication points to a heavy crop.

Miller Must Answer Questions.

Ottawa, Ont., April 25.—W. S. Middleboro, chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, denies the statement that R. C. Miller would be released if he answered a greatly modified question to the one previously asked.

"If" he said, "Miller will answer the original query he will be released today, if not then he stays in jail till the House closes."

$100,000 for Picture.

London, April 25.—Thomas Gainsborough's painting "The Market" of Sir Lionel Phillip's collection was sold by auction today for $100,800, a record price for a Gainsboro.

SWEEPING RESOLUTION IS PASSED WHICH MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, THE RAILROAD AUTOCRAT OF DOMINION OF CANADA, CAN BUY, LEASE OR BUILD

Subject to the Authority of the Governor-in-Council; Members of the Opposition Protest Against the Sweeping Nature of the Resolution.

Graham Contends That It Gives Minister Power to Lease, Canadian Pacific Railway System or Build Railway Anywhere He Pleases.

Premier Insists That as the Bill Does Not Appropriate Any Money the Rights of Parliament Are Properly Safeguarded.

Ottawa, April 25.—The House of Commons was again on government bills today and substantial progress was made. The first taken up was the resolution of Hon Frank Cochrane, providing for the acquiring by the minister of railways "subject to the authority of the governor-in-council" in whole or part of any railway, railway bridge, station, terminal, ferry or other railway work and providing for it becoming a part of the government railway system.

The members of the opposition criticised the sweeping nature of the resolution, Hon George P. Graham contending that it would leave the minister free to lease the C.N.R. through to Vancouver or to start building a railway anywhere he liked. He thought it robbed parliament entirely of the control of expenditure.

Mr. Graham said that in 1910 the opposition of that day had placed very great restrictions upon him in this same respect. He declared that he was anxious to see the present minister given considerable leeway in fact he could do nothing unless he were given considerable lee-way, but the government was going too far in leaving out every restriction.

Premier Borden said that there had been very many cases where contracts had been drawn up and an order in council passed before they were brought to parliament to be ratified. The Gand Trunk Pacific contract was an example of this. Nothing of this character was valid until it had been submitted to and approved by parliament. The bill would not appropriate any public money and the rights of parliament were properly safeguarded.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux urged that that railways in the Gaspe Peninsula should be linked up with the I.C.R., as was the original intention of Sir Charles Tupper in the early eighties.

Opposed Government Ownership.

W. M. German, of Welland, struck off on an entirely new tack by declaring that he was absolutely and positively opposed to the government acquiring any new railway lines or keeping those they now owned. He thought the best thing that could be done with the Intercolonial was to get rid of it at the earliest possible moment and on the best possible terms. He had heard that the C.N.R. was after it but did not know how much truth there was in that.

Hon. Frank Cochrane: "I never heard of it."

Mr. German said that, in his opinion, it would not be many years before the whole people of Canada would be opposed to the government owning any railways and he believed that the I.C. would eventually be handed over to some company that would take it on reasonable terms. Every minister of railways since he had been in the house had tried to figure out a surplus for the Intercolonial. They figured it out in words and figures, but that was all, for the railway had been a losing game for Canada ever since it was started.

In conclusion he expressed the opinion once again that the government might better get rid of the I.C.R. instead of buying branch lines to add to it.

The bill providing for the amending of the Quebec harbor commissioners' bill was put through committee and given third reading and the bill to provd e for further advances to the Quebec harbor commissioners was given a second reading It will be discussed in the committee stage.

Hon. Mr. Doherty moved the second reading of the act to amend the Dominion police act, the design of which is to provide for the various commissioners reporting regularly to the chief of the Dominion police at Ottawa, who is the chief commissioner.

Discusses Saskatoon Election

Hon. Frank Oliver said that, in the provincial election in Saskatchewan last summer, one Marshall Jackson was arrested under provincial authority charged with attempting to unduly effect the elections. This man at the time of his arrest carried a badge bearing the words "Dominion Detective Service" and represented himself as an officer under the direction and control of the Dominion government. Mr. Oliver asked if there was room under the act as it now stands or amended for such officers.

Hon. Mr. Doherty said that the commissioners upon the authority of the minister and by order in council may appoint constables where they are required, but he thought he was correct in saying that there was no man of that name employed.

Hon. Mr. Oliver said he would like to have it settled whether this person was appointed under the police act. He said he was informed that during the progress of Saskatchewan election at a certain poll in one of the larger constituencies one or more men were present wearing badges crediting them with being Dominion police and carrying hand cuffs. It was alleged that they had threatened voters with arrest if they did not vote according to the wishes of these officers and it was important to know if this was done with authority.

Hon. Mr. Doherty said it was absolutely certain that no such conduct was authorized by any officer appointed under this act. If it were possible it would be a most serious matter. He declared that it would be a straight abuse of the statutes if such a thing were authorized.

Mr. Oliver asked if there was a detective service in connection with the Dominion police service.

Mr. Doherty replied that there was no regular service of such a kind. The bill was reported and received its third reading. The house then went into the committee of the whole to consider an act to amend the supreme court act of Canada. One of the chief purposes of the act was to further define the meaning of the words "Final Judgment." The discussion was of a highly technical nature.

C. N. R. Would Amalgamate.

Ottawa, April 25.—An application will be made on behalf of the Canadian Northern Railway and the Northern branch lines company to the board of railway commissioners on June 2 for a recommendation to the governor-general-in-council for the sanction of an agreement amalgamating these companies.

Bankers Assn. to Handle Charge.

Ottawa, April 25.—Joseph F. Rainville, M.P., was informed today by Hon. W. T. White, that he would forward to the Canadian Bankers' Association, the charge made by Mr Rainville that the association arbitrarily closed the bank of St. Hyacinthe when its condition was solvent. Upon the receipt of reply the minister will consider the necessity of inquiry.

PROCTOR WITHDRAWS; CONSIDERABLE BEHIND

Ottawa, April 25—Mr. Frank B. Proctor, solicitor, has withdrawn from the Miller case. For the last two months Mr. Proctor has been representing Mr. R. C. Miller, the house of commons' prisoner, now in the care of Carleton jail. Behind his retirement, according to the story of men on the Hill, is considerable of a secret not altogether revealed yet.

Asked about this alleged withdrawal yesterday, Mr. Proctor declared:

"Owing to the fact that Mr. Miller has not accepted the advice I gave him, I have withdrawn from the case."

Further than that Mr. Proctor would say nothing.

GETS HOSPITAL CONTRACT.

Doyle, Thomas & Christiansen have been awarded the contract for the new construction of the addition to the Holy Cross hospital. The work will cost in the neighborhood of $45,000.

FIRST TRAINLOAD OF IMMIGRANTS ARRIVES IN CALGARY DIRECT FROM GREAT BRITAIN

Two Hundred Disembark at Calgary for Various Alberta Points; 75 Will Remain in Calgary; the Remainder Booked Through to British Columbia

Travelling from Great Britain, the first trainload of immigrants to arrive in Calgary this spring reached here yesterday. On the five special cars which pulled into the depot early on Friday there were 450 immigrants, all of whom reached Canadaby the steamship Virginian. Nearly 200 of these disembarked at Calgary for points in Albtrta, about 75 of them being met here by friends who, in the majortiy of cases, already have work waiting for their friends. The balance of the 450 were booked through to points in British Columbia, but many of them after waiting around in the Calgary yards for a few hours decided that Calgary was good enough for them as a stopping place, and as a result a number of the cars left the G.P.R. yards yesterday evening minus passengers who previous to seeing this city had determined to go on to the coast.

Carl S. Hodgson, a contractor from Birmingham, England, was the headliner of a batch of immigrants who will make Calgary their home. He was met by his son, John Hodgson of Sunnyside, and when the whole family was lined up on the platform they numbered, beside Mr. Hodgson and his wife, seven daughters and five sons, the youngest being twelve years of age and the eldest being 27.

"The immigration to Canada this year will be bigger than ever before," said Mr. Hodgson. "On our boat the accommodations were all taken and we had to wait over three boats in order to secure our pasage on the same steamer. It is the same in every part of Great Britain, and steamers are booked up months in advance in many cases."

All the immigrants who arrived in Calgary are from Great Britain, and are a mixed lot of farmers, laborers, tradesmen, and a fair sprinkling of professional men.

"The cream of Great Britain is coming to Canada in my opinion," said the new Canadian. "All the young men and women with any get and go to them are striking out for themselves, and the flood of immigration has reached such a stage that it is seriously alarming the authorities of England. However they need have no fear, as I for one, am confident that no matter how many Britishers come to Canada they will be found as loyal to the old flag and the old traditions as any of those left behind in England. We are all going to make our homes here and be good Canadians, but we will still be loyal Britishers."

Mr. Hodgson intends to go into the contracting business with some of his sons.

A striking feature of yesterday's trainload of immigrants was the number of youngsters wearing boy scout uniforms. Nearly every family on the train had a boy scout as one of its members, and the youngsters were exceedingly anxious to find out if the boy scout movement in Canada had reached any size and whether they would be able to join any troop in the West.