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THE SCHOOL LANDS SHOULD BE LEASED

Such is the Proposition Made By Senator Davis.

REVENUE NOT MORE THAN 50 CENTS ON ACRE

An Important Suggestion Respecting Railway Charters.

Ottawa, April 6.—The Senate met today, after a few weeks' adjournment. Senator Davis moved a bill to provide for the incorporation of railway charters by the railway commission, instead of by act of parliament, as at present. That was similar to the best practice, in the United States. He saw no reason why the time of parliament should be taken up solemnly passing charters for the authorization of railways which never would be built, and which the promoters knew would never be built. Statistics showed that from 1900 to 1909, parliament had authorized 65 companies, outside of the C.P.R. and the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern to build 37,862 miles of railroad. Of this there had been only 463 miles built, and that by only four companies. This showed charter mongering. Under this bill, before a body of men could get a charter from the railway commission, they would have to do preliminary surveying, which would cost about $250 a mile.

That expenditure would discourage charter-mongering. His bill would apply to the big companies, and would prevent the holding of routes against rivals by only chartering them. They would have to build or let some one else do so. It would prevent over bonding of lines for the surveys and would show the approximate cost of the road and guide the commission authorizing bonds to an amount only which could be paid. This would prevent people buying and work to keep down the traffic rates.

Change in The School Lands

Senator Davis moved: That in view of the rapid increase of land values in the western provinces this senate is of the opinion that the school lands in these provinces should be withdrawn from sale and leased only such time as they can be sold to the best advantage in the interest of the schools of the provinces in which they are situated.

Sir Richard Cartwright said that he had no objection to the discussion going on, but he could not consent to the motion which was a bald proposition to deprive the government of the control of their own lands. He was not prepared to agree to that at present. Senator Davis said that he did not seek to take the lands from the interior department, but wanted to lay before them facts which would show that it would be better to lease than to sell these school lands.

Extent of The Lands

The previous government had set aside a portion of the public domain for the benefit of the schools. That plan had worked well to the present and it was the duty of the present and future governments to see that these lands were wisely administered.

He estimated that there had been 2,267,182 acres of school lands in Manitoba; 439,883 in Saskatchewan, and 8,258,679 in Alberta. The amount remaining was therefore large. The amount sold, 1,169,000 acres for which there had been realized $11,955,000, or an average per acre of $10.27. Senator Davis believed the government would get more revenue at present and for the future by withdrawing these lands from sale, and leasing them on twenty-five year leases. Ten dollars an acre would be a fair average price at the present for school lands and that amount invested at 5 per cent. for the benefit of the schools would yield only 50 cents an acre a year. And the leasing plan he proposed Senator Davis said that much of the school lands could be leased for at an increased profit per acre. That would probably increase the income for the schools and would give them the benefit of the great increase in value of lands which would take place in the next twenty-five years. It was agreed that the rents would not be paid but his observation was that rents were paid to the government when no one else could collect rents.

Sir Richard Cartwright said he would call the attention of the interior department to this matter. The meeting was adjourned by Senator Devres. The following bills were given third reading: To incorporate the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Co.; to incorporate the Saskatchewan Central Railway Co.; granting divorce to James Thornton Brownridge; granting divorce to John Dreen.

THE OIL PROPERTIES IN FORT McMURRAY DISTRICT

Winnipeg Capitalists Expect to Proceed With Development This Year

Edmonton, April 6.—E. F. Hutchings of Winnipeg who is president of a company of Winnipeg capitalists organized with capitalization of five millions to take over holdings of five syndicates in Athabasca oil fields near Fort McMurray is in the city today. He stated the company expects to proceed with the development of their claims and may put in a large amount of machinery this year. The company was organized by Alfred Von Haumerstein who has worked oil claims in McMurray district for six years. Mr. Hutchings says he believes the company have a great thing in the north.

Subway of 60 Millions.

New York, April 6.—New York city is about to spend $60,000,000 on new subway construction. The special committee of the board of estimate appointed for the purpose, decided today, that this amount be set aside, and a resolution to that effect, will be introduced at Friday's meeting of the board. The money will, it is believed, assure construction of the Broadway-Lexington subway, a new route from lower Manhattan to the Bronx, and the Broadway-Lafayette avenue subway in Brooklyn. Ground for the construction of both routes will presumably be broken this year, and the work pushed rapidly forward.

POLICE BATTLE WITH MONTREAL STUDENTS

A Small Sized Riot in Which Laval Students Assail The Police.—One Policeman Very Badly Hurt

Montreal, April 6.—There was a small sized riot at the corner of St. Denis and St. Catharine streets this evening in which a couple of hundred Laval students and about twenty policemen were engaged. The trouble started when the constable on the beat warned a student standing with a number of others on the corner to refrain from spitting on the sidewalk. The student's response was an attack on the policeman. Another policeman on a passing car saw the tumult and jumped off and went to his fellow officer's assistance. In a minute there was a free-for-all fight. Another constable arrived, at once saw that reinforcements were required and telephoned for them. They came in a hurry. By this time the policemen originally in the row were badly beaten up, while some of the students were also hors de combat.

The number of the students had greatly increased and they had also armed themselves with eggs. They greeted the reinforcements with a fusillade, but the policemen stood to their ground and finally ousted the students. Some arrests were made. During the melee a big crowd of citizens were attracted, and some of them paid the toll for their curiosity by egg-bedecked garments. The fire brigade was also called out, but their services were not required, the police having gained the upper hand. One of the constables was injured quite seriously.

Winnipeg's Good Arrangement

Winnipeg, April 6.—H. C. Thompson, city treasurer, today reported to the Board of Control, having received the first instalment of 25 per cent. of the 1910 stock issue, which amounts to £125,000. This amount at par would be $608,333.32, but owing to the favorable rate of exchange, the city has been able to transfer this money to Winnipeg at a profit of $694.45, the actual amount received being $609,627.77, which amount has been placed to the credit of the "Capital Account."

LONDON WILL TAKE NO CHANCES AT ALL

And The Money For The Bonds Will Not be on Hand For Some Weeks Yet

It will be one week from next Saturday at least before the city gets any money from the sale of its recent bond issue. The London stock exchange is not going to take a chance with Calgary again, and the bonds will have to be inspected there before the local branch of the Bank of Montreal will be advised by cablegram to give the city the money it wants so badly.

City Clerk Gillis said yesterday afternoon that he did not know anything about that "last curb in the bond bungle, but Mayor Jamieso admitted that this is the case. He said he had no official advices but that he had received "intimations." He did not say where the intimations came from but, judging from the manner in which he used the word "intimation" it was a very strong one.

C. P. R. Builds No More Ships.

Montreal, April 6.—The announcement was made this afternoon that the C.P.R. would not proceed with the construction of the two new ships at the present time. Mr. Arthur Piers, steamship manager of the company, was in a conference with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and Mr. Bosworth this afternoon, at which it is understood that the plans prepared for two new Empresses was gone over, with the result that they were found unsuitable and new ones will be prepared.

PAYNE DECLINES TO CHANGE THE TARIFF

Refuses to Open Act to Change the Duty on Live Stock.

REPUBLICANS AFRAID THAT IT WOULD SPREAD

And in That Way Business Would Become Unsettled.

Washington, D.C., April 6.—Flatly declining to precipitate a "tariff disturbance" by calling a meeting of the ways and means committee of the house to consider placing cattle and meats on the free list for one year to relieve the high price of food, Chairman Payne, in an open letter to Representative Foelker of New York, declares that a majority of the committee opposes any amendment to the new tariff law.

Mr. Foelker in a reply asks the committee to reconsider, and if it will not grant a hearing, and is opposed to the bill, that it will report the bill adversely, and thus give the members of the whole house a chance to say whether they are in favor of or against this measure.

Mr. Payne says in his letter that he canvassed the Republicans of the committee and that they opposed the Foelker bill because they did not believe the tariff amendments it proposes would improve the law and that if the committee brought in such a bill and it came up in the house for consideration, "the tariff law would be open to amendment in every paragraph, and would disturb business so long as the result was attained and a halt would not delay business after its enactment. I cannot think of anything that would be more disastrous."

Mr. Payne credits the great demand for foodstuffs to increase in business and wages and almost universal employment of labor, and says: "All the people have plenty of money, which tends often to extravagance and waste."

What Upper Chambers Can Do

London, April 6.—A white paper has been published pointing out that nowhere is an upper chamber of parliament debarred from rejecting finance bills.

All Records Broken at The Provincial Horse Show

The Rink was Too Small to Accommodate All Who Desired to Attend--Some Very Excellent Competitions---Judging Continued During the Morning---Bull Sale in the Afternoon

With all the reserved seats sold out, only standing room available, and a large crowd struggling to gain admission shortly after the show began, the second night of the Calgary Indoors Horse Show broke all records in the matter of attendance, beating any event that has been held in the history of Calgary.

Patrons of the show crowded into every conceivable nook and corner and considered themselves well repaid for standing for three or four hours at a stretch, if they could get a good view of the ring. In places they were crowded into the ring and were evidently prepared to take chances of being struck by a passing horse, as long as they could see the big show.

Great in quantity, if not in wisdom, was the horsey eloquence poured forth from the rows of seats during the many events.

One enthusiastic gentleman created quite a sensation in his particular crowd when, he remarked "That horse has a crooked leg." This was in the Hackney stallion event, and every person was trying to pick a flaw in one of the entries. His friends looked at the horse hard and could see no turning point or corner in any particular leg. He was finally asked to name the leg and came back with. "Well, it was crooked, but the horse has straightened it out."

The first appearance of the New York importations of Mr. F. C. Lowes was one of the events of the evening, and the two horses shown, fully justify all that has been said about them, so much so that they are in a distinct class by themselves.

The largest class of hunters that has been shown at any horse show in the Dominion, was that which concluded the program last night.

In this one could pick out as many as seven or eight types of horse, and the judge had a strenuous time culling them out.

"Thelma," which took second, is a magnificent jumper and showed great form over the timber, but in Mr. Lawson's opinion it fell off on other points.

The Hackney stallions exhibited were the finest that have been seen in Calgary and would be a credit to any country, the only point where they fell down being on education, which goes a long way when in the ring.

Though there were no delays in bringing on the events the performance did not conclude until about 12.30 and at times two events were pulled together.

People Turned Away.

Perhaps the greatest boost that the Alberta Provincial Horse Show could have is the fact that the management were last night forced to turn away people at the door, owing to lack of seating capacity, and this is only the second show that has been held in Alberta of this nature.

A correct estimate of the attendance could not be arrived at, but Manager E. L. Richardson stated that there were at least 2,500 people out for the second night's performance.

Owing to a misunderstanding one of the best Hackney stallions in the country was not shown in either the class for "Hackney stallions in harness," or the class for "Hackney champion stallions." This was the horse "Scanton Electricity," owned by the Calgary Hackney Association. Mr. Kinniburgh, who has control of the horse, through a misunderstanding, thought that both the above contests would be held last night in place of which that for "Hackney stallions in harness," was held on Tuesday night, the various entries being notified. Mr. Kinniburgh spoke to the management about the matter, and that is where the misunderstanding occurred. He was not aware on Tuesday night that the contest was to be held until the horses entered the ring, and of course, it was then too late. Cut out of one class he refused to show in the class for the championship held last night.

Another unfortunate mistake occurred when "Whistler," though not shown, was entered. As the horse was better than the others shown and the mistake was one that could not be laid to the owner, the management announced from the ring the circumstances, and stated that they had decided to make two first prizes for the event, giving one to the horse in question, "Whistler," owned by Mr. G. E. Goddard, of Cochrane. This was the class for Grade carriage mare or gelding, 15.2 and over, shown in harness.

The first class on the program was the ladies' saddle horses, mare or gelding, 14-3 hands and over. There were 13 competing in this class and the competition was very keen, and the riding excellent. Miss Ruby Gardiner on Count G. de Roalde's "Stoney" a big boned sorrel gelding, took first. Miss Jenette Sparrow, riding Cottentail, took second, while Mrs. Atkinson on "Journalist" the winner of Tuesday night's large saddle class was placed third.

Trotting Stallions

The second event was trotting stallions, 3 years old and over, to be shown to an appropriate vehicle. There were ten competing and the event brought out some very high class stock. The red ribbon was awarded to Wm. Parslow's "General H" on a close decision. Jas. F. Moodie's "Monnie Musk" was awarded second, while Geo. T. Haag's "Klein Ream" was placed third.

For Military Remounts

In the class for military remounts there were three entries. Lt. Bruce on "Kid"; G. McCaul on "Slivers" and G. Delbusk on a sorrel. Judge Lawson put them through their paces and finally made the awards as follows: Lt. Bruce's "Kid" 1; G. McCaul's "Slivers" 2; G. Delbeck's "Sorrel" 3.

Best Decorated Turn Out

There was only one entry in the best decorated turnout, that of the Pacific Cartage Co. Ltd., and the exhibit well merited the prize. It was one of the heavy draught teams with a model of the company's 11th Avenue buildings on the dray, the horses being suitably decorated for the occasion.

The Combination Horse

Out of 18 entries for the combination horse, mare or gelding, 15-1 and under, there were 11 shown, all the turnouts being very nifty. They were judged first harnessed to an appropriate vehicle and then under saddle. Each driver showing them in two styles. The awards were as follows:

1, "Grey Boots" owned by C. R. de la Vergue, Glenbow, driven and ridden by H. Saunders.

2, "Rowdy" owner G. F. Laing, Calgary, ridden and driven by G. McCaul.

3, "Modesty" owner M. J. Carr, ridden and driven by Capt. Clifford.

The Hackney Stallions

Registered Hackney Stallion, 4 years or over, brought out a splendid bunch of high class stallions, and the event was one of the most popular of the evening. Several of those shown lost not a few points owing to lack of education in the ring.

1, "Devondale" owned by W. E. Butler, Ingersoll, Ont.

2, "Terrington Flashlight" owned by The Baxter Reed Ranch Co.

3, "Seaham Mason" owned by John A. Turner, Calgary.

Grade Carriage Class

"Florzel" owned by D. P. McDonald of Cochrane, won the grade carriage mare or gelding, 15-2 and over, shown in harness, while the same owner took the blue ribbon with "Nigeer."

Heavy Mare or Gelding

The heavy mare or gelding class, shown to a single lorrie or cart, was won by the W. Stuart & Co.'s entry, "Rowdy."

Second place went to "Ben" owned by the Pacific Cartage Co. Ltd., the same firm taking third with "Major."

Light Four-in-Hand

A good exhibition of handling the ribbons was given in the class for light four-in-hand, 15 hands and over. There were two four-in-hand teams shown and the appointment was excellent in each case.

The team driven by John H. Wilson, and owned by Chas. Riddock, took first while the same owner with another team driven by J. Graham took the second place.

The High Steppers

There were seven shown in the class for high steppers mare or gelding, and they were all stepping some. In the seven there were at least seven distinct types of horses. Among them being two of the string imported from New York by Mr. F. C. Lowes. Outside of the Lowes entry the competition was very close.

"Going Some" a horse with beautiful action, owned by Mr. Lowes, took first. "Crispian" another of the Lowes string took second, while "Spec" owned by Ward T. Stewart of Priddis, was awarded third. The Lowes entry is in a class by itself and the owner is to be congratulated on bringing into the country such excellent horseflesh.

Team of Pacers

In the class for a pair of pacing mares or geldings, 3 year old and over, there were two entries, those of T. G. Ruttles, "Hazel and Mona" and "Queen and Bill." Both teams trotted and paced and gave a splendid exhibition of the two gaits. On a close decision the judges made their award in the above order.

Team of Trotters

Six teams were shown in the class for a pair of trotting mares or geldings 3 years old and over. The red ribbon went to "Lady Lightfoot and Daisy" owned by Wm. Stewart & Co., Calgary, and driven by Geo. Haag.

2nd prize went to Chas Riddock's entry, "King and Aggie," while "Penny and Dina" of the same entry took third place.

Big Class Hunters

Twenty-eight hunters were shown in the class for hunters, mares or gelding, over 14.2 and the jumping was good. Mr. Lawson the judge, had considerable difficulty in weeding out in this class, but finally got it down to eight.

The horses were put over the jumps first and then gone over by the judge.

During the jumping there was only one spill, when "Plastic" ridden by Mr. Thomas, struck the timber heavily and threw his rider, who was not injured and continued over the jumps. The awards were made as follows:

1, "Whistler" owner G. E. Goddard, Cochrane.

2, "Thelma" owner F. H. Abell, Cochrane.

3, "Kelowna," owner Miss A. E. Hutchinson, Calgary.

The Morning Events.

There was a large crowd out yesterday morning at Victoria park to watch the judging of the seven classes of heavy horses at the Provincial Horse show. There was keen competition in every class excepting those for teams in harness, each horse to weigh under 1,500 pounds, but over 1,300, and in the class for a pair of grade horses, mares or geldings, 4 years old and not over 7.

The first class was that of team in harness, each horse to weigh 1,500 lbs. or over—1, Bob and Jim, Clydes, owners, J. Hallman & Son, Airdrie, winners of first prize in this class last year; 2, Jewel and Turline, E. J. Wigley, Calgary; 3, Lou and Babe, P. Burns, Calgary.

Heavydraught Grade Team—To be shown in harness—1, Bob and Jim, J. Hallman & Son, Airdrie; 2, Lou and Babe, P. Burns & Co., Calgary; 3, Chief and Silver, Burt Cook, Calgary.

Team in Harness—Each horse to weigh under 1,500 lbs., but not less than 1,300—1, Her Majesty and Her Ladyship, Clydes, John Clark, Gleichen; 2, Breeta and Daisy, Percherons, W. Hooper, Calgary.

Draught Horses—Mares or geldings, 1,500 lbs. or over—1, Jim, J. Hallnan & Son, Airdrie; 2, Bob, J. Hallman & Son, Airdrie; 3, Jewel, E. J. Wigle, Calgary.

Draught Horses—Mares or geldings, under 1,500 lbs., but not less than 1,300 lbs.—1, Black Beauty, H. C. McDermid, Springbank; 2, Her Majesty, John Clark, Gleichen; 3, Vera, E. G. Wigle, Calgary.

Pair Grade Horses—Mares or geldings, 4 years old, not over 7—1, Bob and Jim, J. Hallman & Son, Airdrie.

Heavydraught Grade Mares or Gelding—1, Jim, J. Hallman & Son, Airdrie; 2, Bob, J. Hallman & Son, Airdrie; 3, Babe, P. Burns & Co., Calgary.

The Stock Judging.

The stock judging competition which was held yesterday morning in connection with the Provincial Horse show, caused considerable interest to the stock breeders from all over the province.

The results were as follows:

Heavydraft Horses—1, T. O. Clark, Gilleston, Alta.; 2, L. Y. Evarts, Wetaskiwin; 3, G. A. Stauffer, Lacombe.

Light Horses—1, W. T. McClure, Innisfail; 2, T. O. Clark, Gilleston; 3, A. B. Parks, Calgary.

Beef Cattle—1, L. Y. Evarts; 2, T. O. Clark; 3, J. B. Parks.

Sheep—1, G. A. Stauffer; 2, W. T. McClure; 3, T. O. Clark.

Swine—1, T. O. Clark; 2, G. R. Stauffer; 3, W. T. McClure.

Shorthorn Bulls

Property of A. H. Bolton, Gladys: Red Robin, $75; Kilbride Lad, $65; October Lad, $100; Roan Duke, $120; Red Rufus, $65; Red Prince, $50.

Property of Alex. Davidson, Innisfail: Bonnie Laddie, $100.

Property of John Duncan, Innisfail: Willow Bank Prince, $85.

Property of S. R. English, Lanuke: Indian Sailor, $50; Duke of Mundare $55; Red Rover, $55; Red Bird, $55; Guy Fawkes, $70; Roan Lad, $50; Roan Chief, $55; Red Star, $50.

Property of A. S. Fowler, High River: Jumbo, $70; Luck, $85; Bruce, $105; Jake, $90; Victor, $50; Ventry Chief, $70; Red Kid, $60; Cook, $50.

Property of James A. Hogge, Okotoks: Carnation's Hero, $205. (Sold to A. Sullivan, Olds.)

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FRANCHISE BETTER THAN AN AGREEMENT

Such is the Opinion of Ex-Alderman, J. G. Watson, About Power.

PRICES ARE TOO HIGH FOR MANUFACTURERS

He Has Some Ideas Also About An Auxiliary Plant.

"The tentative agreement reached between the city officials and the Calgary Power Co. to furnish power to the city for $29 per h.p. is so unsatisfactory that it will be turned down by the ratepayers when submitted to them," is the opinion of ex-Ald. John G. Watson. He thinks the deal is in worse shape as far as the city is concerned than it was last fall, and that the ratepayers should be given an opportunity to vote on an alternative proposition to vote on the franchise agreement formerly proposed.

"The price that has been agreed upon is so high," said Mr. Watson yesterday afternoon, "that I don't believe the current can be disposed of in any large quantity. Manufacturers won't use it at that price. It will be impossible to invite industries here on the strength of cheap power. I think the proposition was in better shape three or four months ago. As it is now, the company does not even have competition.

"The city proposes a 15-year contract. For the sake of having a contract of this kind instead of a 15-year franchise it is going to pay $5 per h.p. more for the current. I cannot see the consistency of this. I don't see much difference between such a long contract and a franchise. In either case it means that the company will furnish all the power, the only difference being that in one case the city will distribute it and in the other that the company will do so.

"I do not agree with the plan to erect an auxiliary power plant in the city, either. If it is built at all it should be built out at a coal mine to save expense in handling the required fuel. There are deposits of coal in plenty, available for purchase within 50 miles of the city. The city could erect its plant at such a place and manufacture coke, also. It could also use the mine for furnishing fuel to the people of the city. It would be a good investment."

MR. NIBLOCK LEAVES FOR HIS FRUIT FARM

Prominent Citizen Leaves for Naramata—Many Friends See Him Off at C. P. R. Station Yesterday

Mr. John Niblock, for many years district superintendent of the C. P. R. and one of the best known men in the city, left yesterday afternoon for Naramata, B. C., where he goes to make his future home on a 35 acre fruit ranch he owns there. He was accompanied by Mrs. Niblock.

About twenty of Mr. Niblock's most intimate friends in the Y.M.C.A., the Central Methodist church and railroad work, gathered to wish him a pleasant journey.

Both Lines Are on the Way

Edmonton, April 6.—Grading was commenced yesterday on the Vegreville-Calgary C. N. from Camrose into Calgary. This line will be finished this year. Work is also started on R. branch. By the end of the week there will be 1,000 men working on the railway construction in this end of the province. Several hundred more are needed.

A BETTER LOOK OUT FOR AUTOMOBILES

Calgary People Are Too Slow And Careless About Crossing The Street, Complains a Chauffeur

Calgary people are too slow and careless about crossing the streets and don't give automobiles a fair chance in the opinion of C. T. Tremholme, who drives a car for one of the local real estate companies.

"Auto drivers are always blamed for every accident that happens," he said yesterday, "but I tell you they are not always at fault. People here take no precautions at all when crossing the street. They do not think of looking to see if any vehicle is approaching. They don't seem to realize that an auto moves faster than a horse and buggy.

"At times I have found it impossible to attract the attention of persons who have been in my way. The other day I saw an auto knock a man down at the corner of Eighth avenue and Second street east and tear one of his shoes off and cut his head, but it was not the fault of the auto driver. I nearly ran over a man a week ago myself, but it certainly was not my fault. The number of autos in the city is increasing at a rapid arte, and unless there are to be accidents, the people on the streets as well as the auto drivers will have to be more careful. You can't expect the drivers to carry firecrackers and sky rockets to warn the public. When we're selling real estate we're in a hurry, and we don't want to be interfered with too much."

Honors From McGill University.

Montreal, April 6.—The governors of McGill decided at the coming convention to confer the degree of doctor of laws upon Senator Dandurand and Ex-Mayor Laporte for their assistance in municipal reforms, upon Rev. Dr. Symonds of Christ church cathedral for his interest in education and upon E. B. Greenshields, treasurer of the university, for his valuable assistance, and upon Admiral Sir Archibald Douglas for his assistance to the cause of empire.

WINNIPEG TAILORS ARE OUT ON STRIKE

Four Hundred Men Are Affected By The Labor Trouble—A Case of Increased Wages

Winnipeg, Man., April 6.—The journeyman tailors all over the city walked out on strike at noon today. They are demanding an increase in pay of ten per cent. for their ordinary work, and an increase of nearly fifteen per cent. for what is technically known as "extras."

It is estimated that over 400 men are affected by the strike. The negotiations that have culminated today, have been proceeding for some months, but it was not until three days ago, that the merchant tailors received any indication that the men were likely to strike.

PENSIONS TO BE GIVEN TO WIDOWS OF EX-PRESIDENTS

But United States Declines to Grant Pensions to Ex-Presidents

Washington, April 6.—A bill designed originally to grant pensions of $10,000 a year to ex-presidents, as retired commanders-in-chief of the army and navy, and $5,000 each to widows of ex-presidents, after being amended so as to deny the intended relief for ex-presidents, was favorably reported to the senate today, by Senator Shrivley. The provisions for widows of ex-presidents was re-drafted, so as to make it apply especitly to Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. Harrison.

QUARTER OF MILLION IN NEW BUILDINGS

Sir John Langham is Preparing to Build Three Big Ones.

VACANT BLOCK ON 8TH AVE. TO BE COVERED

The New Buildings to be Used for Offices and Stores.

Plans for buildings, which will aggregate in cost approximately $235,000, are being drawn by Hodgson and Bates, architects, for Sir John Langham, the wealthy Englishman, who has been investing so heavily in Calgary property. One of the buildings will have the whole frontage on Eighth avenue on the north side between Third and Fourth streets west, and the foundation will be heavy enough for six stories.

At first, however, it will be either two or three stories high. The ground floor will be devoted to stores equipped in the most up-to-date manner possible. The fronts, instead of being of woodwork, will be of copper or burnished brass, giving a far more elegant appearance and also leaving more room for the plate glass windows. In the upper stories will be either living rooms or offices. The total cost of the building will be about $120,000. It will be of reinforced concrete construction, the exterior walls being of brick and stone.

On the northwest corner of Third street and Eighth avenue Sir John Langham intends to build a store and office building from two to four stories high and with 75 feet frontage costing about $80,000. The architects are also drawing plans for doubling the size of the Fairbanks building, owned by Sir John Langham, which is four stories high. This will give the building 100 feet frontage. The work will cost $35,000.

Hodgson and Bates are drawing plans for a brick and stone office building, which H. A. Sinnott of this city will erect at Lethbridge. It will cost about $65,000. Tenders will be called for in a few days. The same architects are drawing plans for a brick schoolhouse of four rooms to be erected at Crossfield at a cost of $15,000.

SIFTON OPPOSES THE MILLER BILL

The Much Debated Racing Legislation Up In Parliament.

MAKES A CRIME OF WHAT GOOD MEN ARE DOING

An Amendment Has Been Proposed and it May be Accepted.

Ottawa, April 6.—Mr. Millers anti-race track gambling bill got off to a fair start in the house, and at the hour of adjournment was still running. It did not have any too enthusiastic a reception. The greatest blow the bill got came late tonight when Hon. Clifford Sifton, in an able speech, opposed it as being unwise legislation to take away the liberty of the subject, and framed to make it a criminal act to do what some of the most able citizens of the country were doing every day.

Mr. Sifton, whose voice is rearely heard in parliament now-a-days, spoke effectively and with the old-time vigor which brands his utterances as having thought behind them and he had an attentive audience while he dilated on the reasons why the measure in its present form should not pass.

An amendment, which was moved by Mr. Monk, in the special committee, which spent some weeks in hearing evidence was moved by Mr. J. B. McColl. This, which is intended by those who support it, to be an alternative to the Miller law, strengthens the present law against pool rooms, hand books and tip-stocks advertisements, limits the length of race meetings to eight days and not more than two in a year and does not extend the pains and penalties of the Miller legislation. "To any person, by reason of his becoming the custodian or depository of any money stated to be paid to the winner of any lawful race, sport, game or exercise or to the owner of any horse engaged in any lawful race or to bets between races ran or to bets made on the race course of an incorporated association during the actual progress of a race meeting.

Mr. McColl moved that amendment and Mr. Sifton seconded it.

When the house got into committee at 11 o'clock, after the supporters of the bill had made lengthy speeches in its favor, Mr. McColl moved the amendment which it is intended to substitute for the bill and the committee rose without further discussion thereon, the matter again being taken up tomorrow. The amendment forbids all bookmaking, except in the saving clause mentioned. The bill comes on again tomorrow when the house will vote on the amendment.

EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES DEPLETING THE SCHOOLS

There Were 160 Cases in The City—Many of Them Adults

Health Officer Macdonald said last night that the epidemic of measles is well under control and should soon be over. Last week there were 160 cases in the city, a number of them adults. Some of the school rooms have been depleted, and in one instance only 12 pupils out of twenty are still at their desks.

Dr. Macdonald says that quarantining and fumigating is not a very satisfactory method of stamping out measles, because it is most infectious in its early stages, before the rash appears, and often before the patient knows he is afflicted.

LEE STATUE SHOULD BE THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Massachusetts Members of The S. A. R. Raise a Protest

Boston, Mass, April 5.—Massachusetts members of the G.A.R. assembled here today for their forty-fourth encampment, unanimously adopted a resolution asking congress to remove the statue of Gen. Robt. E. Lee from the statuary hall in the National Capital. Vice Commander J. W. Brown, of East Boston, who introduced the resolution, said that General Lee never accepted General Grant's terms of amnesty and died not a resident of the United States.

Retiring Departmental Commander Parker was warmly applauded when he said: "It would be an insult to the memory of the men who gave their lives for the country, and the Union veterans who have survived the war, and who still cherish a love for the flag they fought under, to place the statue of Robert Lee in the full uniform of rebel general in the hall of fame as it would teach the coming generations that the man who fought to destroy his country deserves the highest honors the nation can bestow.

"Virginia has passed over men like Jefferson, Marshall, Monroe and Scott and set up in the statuary hall the figure of Lee, not as a citizen but in the uniform of a Confederate general."

BIG MEETING ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN'S AID

Mayor Jamieson, R. B. Bennett, Dr. Macrae And Others Will Speak

A public meeting in behalf of the Children's Aid society will be held tonight in Knox Presbyterian church, and it is expected to be the largest of the kind ever held here. Mayor Jamieson, Mr. R. B. Bennett, M.P.P., and Dr. MacRae, president of Western Canada college, are among those who will make addresses. There will be a musical entertainment.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the annual business meeting of the Children's Aid Society will be held at the Y.M.C.A.

GREAT WEST MAY START BIG BUSINESS IN NORTH

The Trade in the North Demands New Quarters There

Edmonton, April 6.—R. J. Hutchings and E. J. Hutchings of the Great West Saddlery, Winnipeg and Calgary, are here today to consider plans for the erection of a huge factory and warehouse on recently acquired property in the city. The building will be erected next year. The business of the Edmonton branch has been so great as to demand new quarters.