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TWO CENT SERVICE FOR EAST ONTARIO.

Municipalities east of Toronto united in support of the demand that the discrimination in passenger rates, which compelled payment of 3 1/2 cents per mile as against the 3 cents charged west of Toronto, be abolished.

Public endeavor in a matter plainly unfair and unjustifiable has now been successful, and hereafter the least rate will uniformly apply.

This proof of the efficacy of organized and persistent effort should be taken to heart in pursuing other important lines of transportation reform.

The citizens of Canada have got to realize that the real force behind the political situation lies with them.

When circumstances are disclosed showing that real grievances exist that statutes and agreements are being ignored or contravened, and that the convenience and interests of travelers and shippers are being sacrificed by franchise-holding corporations for their own profit and advantage, the people themselves must be active in calling for a remedy.

Publicity is of little avail unless strong and constant pressure is brought to bear on governments and legislatures.

The same municipalities that supported the removal of the rate discrimination between the districts east and west of Toronto are concerned in the call upon the Grand Trunk Railway to live up to its charter in the matter of providing transportation between Toronto and Montreal at the rate of two cents a mile.

Here is a patent and flagrant case of persistent breach of a binding obligation—admitted to be so by the very fact that the company has gone to parliament to have it canceled.

Yet legislation and the administration of the law inclines so greatly to the side of the great franchise-holding companies that no instant and effectual remedy can or will be applied.

This condition must be altered if the people of Canada are ever to get their rights. And in this particular instance the municipalities of Ontario entitled to this service must get to work.

The organization that helped to get the rate discrimination removed should be continued and work still more vigorously for the provision of the two-cent train service, which the Grand Trunk Railway Company is legally bound to supply.

Strong and united effort will in this case also bring its own reward.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT QUESTION.

Early this week it is understood the intentions of the government with regard to the electric light situation in Toronto will have been formulated and the public will know how far their interests have been conserved.

Undoubtedly the most satisfactory decision for the city would be the withholding of assent to the proposed increase in the capitalization of the light company until the matter of expropriation has been considered and submitted to the electors.

But should the government take the view that the company's and the city's propositions are not necessarily alternative and that the new stock issue must be dealt with independently and immediately, the question of terms becomes of paramount importance.

About these the government should have no doubt. Not the slightest shred of valid argument has been offered in support of the demand that the shareholders be authorized to place the difference between the par and market value of the new stock in their own pockets.

This, permissible possibly in the case of an ordinary competitive trading company, is manifestly a gross breach of the duty a corporation entrusted with a public franchise monopoly owes to the citizens.

The government has already distinctly acknowledged this distinction in the special clauses of the new Companies Act relating to public services, and they can hardly stultify themselves by assisting the light com-

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pany to evade regulations deemed necessary in the general interest of the community. In this connection the minimum that can be expected from the government is absolute protection against the introduction of more "water" into the capitalization of the Toronto Electric Light Company.

But confirmation on proper conditions of the company's bylaw ought not to prejudice the right of the city to obtain justice of expropriation on fair and just terms, or delay its concession.

PROFESSOR BRYCE AS BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

Prof. James Bryce made his first official appearance in the capacity of ambassador from the United Kingdom to the United States, as the guest of the Pilgrim Society at New York.

Unusual interest attached to the appointment of the late chief secretary for Ireland to an embassy which, within recent years, has increased rapidly in world importance and now stands at the head of British diplomatic positions.

Save for a brief experience in 1886 as under secretary of state for foreign affairs he had no connection with a department of state service regarded traditionally as requiring special training and aptitude.

The departure, too, from precedent, involved in the appointment of a distinguished publicist, historian and constitutional student was the first advance made by Britain towards the practice prevailing in the United States, which had given its ambassador to the old land a place in public and social life attained by no other foreign government representative. Then, and not least, the appearance of Prof. Bryce at Washington was universally

accepted as a signal mark of the approximation between the two great divisions of the English-speaking peoples, and as involving a serious attempt to settle once and forever all outstanding questions which might in the future tend to disturb the growing sentiment of friendship and sympathy.

This prevailing belief will do more of its strengthening, now that Prof. Bryce has spoken with full recognition of the weight of responsibility he carries. His speech at the Pilgrim's Society was not only happy in form and temper, but was a contribution to international and constitutional politics such as could only come from a man who had studied deeply and considered closely the points of similarity and divergence between the parallel developments in the United Kingdom and the United States.

For the same convictions that were vindicated by the founders of the republic were present in the island kingdom, and contrived to operate more slowly but with a revolutionary power as marked and insistent as that which framed the American constitution. Indeed, in not a few essential aspects, the British constitution in its latest phase more fully embodies democratic principles than does the constitution of the United States.

The British ambassador did not directly touch upon any of the diplomatic controversies which are understood to be engaging the close attention of the governments interested. He said enough, however, to indicate that in his belief they are not only capable of arrangement, but that the present is a supreme opportunity for ensuring that the future history of the English-speaking nations shall be one of mutual help and joint service for the uplifting of the world.

With this inspiration, and with Mr. Bryce's invocation, that God will avert anything which may divert them from the task of making their own people prosperous, tranquil and happy, Canadians will not quarrel.

What concerns Canada is that none of the outstanding disputes which concern her interests shall be arranged without the approval and assent of her own responsible government. And with whatever determination the new ambassador enters upon his task, his intimate knowledge of constitutional developments in the outer Britain cannot but make him alive to the necessity of conciliating a public opinion which is yearly becoming more inclined to resent arbitrary sacrifices of their rights, made for ulterior considerations. But indications have been given that representative men in the United States have become more alive to the Canadian situation and recognize that Canada intends to work out her own destiny.

Prof. Bryce will soon visit Ottawa in pursuance of his mission, and will no doubt be prepared to lend an attentive ear to the representations which may be made to him. His responsibility is

great, and if he succeeds in negotiating a settlement acceptable to Canada, in no country will his labors be accorded more cordial recognition.

PAWNSHOP REGULATION.

By a bill now before the legislature certain amendments are proposed to the statutes regulating pawnbroking.

At present it is the police practice to visit the pawnshops and examine the books with the view of ascertaining the number and nature of the previous day's transactions. What is now suggested is that brokers should deposit a statement of the business done, for the information of the authorities.

An alteration is also included providing that in the licensed premises, there does not appear to be any public demand for amendments of the nature indicated, and so far as cases of recent date are concerned, it is urged that not the licensed pawnshops, but the unlicensed second-hand stores, are chiefly implicated.

While it is quite right brokers should be placed under proper supervision, the business is a legitimate one and serves a need found in all communities. Unless urgent reasons are offered for the proposed changes in the law, and as the brokers can afford these things somewhat, unduly upon them, no harm could arise from postponing the bill to next session, in order to allow time for further consideration.

Sunday's Free Breakfast.

The number of men who gather each Sunday morning at Yonge-street Mission to enjoy a good, free breakfast is still on the increase, as was shown yesterday morning when 215 men responded to the invitation, and listened to an address by Rev. D. McElwain of Central Presbyterian Church.

After this address forty men raised their hands for prayer and ten took the stand. The breakfast next Sunday morning will probably be the closing one of the season.

The annual dinner of the "Canadian Watsons Club" will be held on Saturday, April 6, at 8 o'clock p.m. in the St. Charles Hotel, and it is hoped will be attended by all past pupils of Geo. Watson's College, Edinburgh, resident in or near Toronto. Mr. A. R. Muir, 219 Brock-avenue, has charge of the arrangements.

DIARRHOEA AND DYSENTERY NOT CONFINED TO SUMMER

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SABRE, SWORD AND RAPIER DEMONSTRATED BY EXPERT

Splendid Exhibition of Art of Defence by Sergt. McMahon in St. George's Hall.

The various scientific tactics and carefully-trained skill employed in the use of the sword, as demonstrated Saturday night at St. George's Hall by Sergt. McMahon and his pupils, was an exhibition of unique interest and instructive importance.

In the different assaults-at-arms the sabre, sword and rapier all came under review, and the marvelous attack and defence that each weapon is capable of in the hands of an expert were fully manifested to the pleasure and admiration of a large and appreciative assembly.

Perhaps the most dramatic item in the evening's program was the five point contest, with foils between Sergt. McMahon and one of his pupils, an expert fencer of the highest order.

The splendid manner in which he handled his weapon, that, to her, like the blade of Fitzgibbon, which every movement harmonious and suggestive of the litheness of a panther, revealed new beauties in the female form divine which would appear to be singularly developed by this specially beautiful pastime in the added graces it imparts.

Withy Bobo at Kandahar. Sergt. McMahon, who was with Lord Roberts in the celebrated march to Kandahar, and knew Kipling well, at the time and distinguished writer of the Indian military life, was obtaining his experience and the local coloring which made his works famous, was also one of eight survivors in eight hundred who formed a forlorn hope and charged at the fatal field of Majuba Hill.

Saturday night, in full costume, he demonstrated how he defended himself in a hand-to-hand encounter against Havelock Major of the Afghan army on the battlefield of Chingai, the character of the Afghan being taken by G. A. G. McKenzie, who is a skilful swordsman and acted the part of the hill soldier to the life.

Sabre Contest. The terrible possibilities of the sabre in trained hands were powerfully illustrated by Sergt. McMahon and L. M. Blundell in a contest for points, and the proverbial mightiness of the sword was manifestly confirmed in the fine passage between G. A. G. McKenzie and L. M. Blundell.

The highly-finished and truly artistic exposition of the roll between Sergt. McMahon and L. M. Blundell made clear the reason why our forefathers of the eighteenth century were usually so punctiliously polite, as the danger and death that lurked in that gentlemanly weapon of the Indian empire, he has been in the mimic duels of Saturday night in the deadly thrusts in three and riposte, when each combatant endeavored to land his rapier as if his blade was made of glass, but with that watchfulness and precision which in real warfare, would have meant life or death.

Sergt. McMahon's pupils, in their fine point development and mastery of management of the different weapons, in which they have been trained, presented fine examples of the value and advantages of advanced physical culture.

The Art of Fence.

The art of fence is older than civilization and was always among the noblest of the sciences deemed an indispensable accomplishment. The native grace of movement and characteristic of the savage was largely attained by the free use of arms.

The Emperor Nero had trained fencers in his army, and in real contests for his special diversion.

The revival of the science as a pastime in the modern world, is due to the fact that no other physical reaction imparts such department of motion, and, at the same time, gives such assistive exercises, training every part of the body to accurate obedience of the mind.

Besides the object lessons of Saturday night, the regular physical training, efficiency as an instructor in all branches of physical culture, Sergt. McMahon has a record of ability and excellence in the various sports of athletic tuition, he is without a peer in this country.

King Edward's Instructor.

In addition to his skill as a swordsman, for which he holds the championship of the British Empire, he has been instructor at Aldershot, and fencing-master at the Royal College, where the present King received his military instruction.

In the several battles in which he fought, with the hill tribes of India and the Boers in Africa, he has had many serious opportunities of testing the value of his skill in more than one duel, and Saturday night his extraordinarily agile performance on the horizontal bar would have been considered a supple exhibition for one less than half his age, but the regular physical training which has always been a part of his daily life has prevented any of the consequences of advancing age or diminished strength.

The age of chivalry has not passed, and while it is obvious that a knowledge and skill of the art of defence against attack is one that makes for peace rather than disorder, in the body politic, the beautiful advantages accruing from the exercises in connection with fencing and other forms of physical culture, are in themselves, their own reward, and do much to establish and perpetuate a sound and healthy people.

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Slater Shoe Stores All Ready for the Easter Shopping Week.

Case after case of fine new Slater shoes have come to Toronto this week for the Slater Shoe Stores.

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Engineers Get Increase.

The engineers employed in the city breweries have received an increase of 10 to 25 per cent in their pay.

Representatives of the union held four conferences with the employers and little difficulty was experienced in securing a settlement. About 20 men are concerned in the agreement.

SAVE ON SHIRTS



Shirt material has been advancing so rapidly lately that at the rate it's going a line of shirts that sells now at 75c cannot possibly sell at less than \$1.00 by next fall. So it's "up to you" to avail yourself of this opportunity to get a supply at a saving price:

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AT OSGOODE HALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MONDAY. Cartwright master, at 11 a.m. Single Court.

Cases set down for hearing before the Hon. Chief Justice Meredith at 11 a.m.: 1. Re Thomas Loftus, a lunatic.

2. Loring v. Cole. 3. McIntyre v. Newton. 4. Reambottom v. Campbell. Divisional Court.

The Hon. Chief Justice Mutch; Anglin, J.; Clute, J. Peremptory list for 11 a.m.: 1. Dixon v. Garbutt.

2. Kingswell v. McKnight. 3. Bruno v. City of Toronto. 4. Union Bank v. Brigham. 5. Latta v. Fargy. Toronto Non-Jury Sittings.

City Hall. Peremptory list for 11 a.m.: 1. Dreany v. New Ontario. 2. Gossell v. Begatsky. 3. Copeland v. Lyman. 4. O'Brien v. Wilson. 5. Travis v. Wilson (two actions). Spring Assizes, 1907.

City Hall. Peremptory list for 11 a.m.: Martin v. Cronker. Hill v. Toronto Railway. Bank of Hamilton v. Distributors Co. Widdis v. Toronto Railway. Deeds v. Consumers' Gas Co. Suing the City.

Isabella Wilson is claiming \$2000 damages from the City of Toronto for injuries received by reason of the negligence of the corporation's servants.

Tax Deeds. James Richard Code is asking the court to set aside certain tax deeds conveying certain property from the City to David C. Chambers. He has issued a writ in the matter.

Wanted Cheque Paid. The Queen City Mining and Development Co. have issued a writ against Arthur W. Draper claiming \$4000 on a certain cheque made by Draper payable to the company.

Action for Damages. John Wood has begun an action against the Corporation of the City of Toronto claiming unstated damages for injuries caused thru the negligence of the city's servants.

Due on a Bond. Louise Henry has issued a writ against Thomas Peach Whittam of Toronto claiming \$748.95 for principal and interest due upon a certain bond made by Whittam to her.

Want Subscription Cancelled. Pauline V. Meyer of Toronto has begun an action against the Farmers' Bank of Canada to have a certain subscription for stock cancelled on the

ground of misrepresentation, and also for the return of all moneys paid. John Pfister has also begun a similar action against the bank.

Keeping the Engine. William Nurse is suing T. L. Southam for the return of a cylinder gasolene engine and attachments which he claims Southam is not entitled to retain.

To Set Aside Tax Deed. Horace Thorne has issued a writ against the City of Toronto claiming to set aside a tax deed conveying certain lands on the south side of Gerrard-street.

Promissory Note. George J. Foy, Limited, have brought an action against H. W. Layton and Florence J. Layton as makers of a certain promissory note for \$1800.

EX-PROCURATOR-GENERAL DEAD. St. Petersburg, March 23.—M. Pobodomostoff, ex-procurator-general of the Holy Synod, died at 7 o'clock this evening.

TO HANG APRIL 9. London, March 23.—The high sheriff has fixed April 9 for the execution by hanging of Horace George Baynor, convicted of the murder of William Whitley.

\$9 to New York and Return. Erie R.R., April 5, tickets good ten days, returning. For Pullman accommodations write J. B. Carhart, 309 Main-street, Buffalo, N.Y.

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