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## Sir Wilfrid Halts In Railway Plans For Waiting West

Government Has No Policy to  
Announce Regarding Another  
Transcontinental Line.

NO LAND GRANT TO BE GIVEN.

Ottawa, May 26. — (Special) — For five hours today the House debated the transportation question, with no better practical result than to elicit from the government the confession that its mind is not yet made up as to the policy to be pursued in regard to the assistance which should be given to a second transcontinental railway. After two months' chattering with the rival champions for Federal aid, the administration has got no farther than to decide, what public opinion has already determined, that aid, if any, shall not take the shape of a land grant. That was all the opposition was able to get out of the government.

For the rest, Sir Wilfrid Laurier calmly informed the House that the field was still open to the three companies—the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Canadian Northern and the Trans-Canada—with the point still undecided whether the government itself ought to build and, possibly, operate, a thru line from Quebec to Port Simpson, traversing Eastern Canada, between the height of land and Hudson Bay. Never was there a worse exhibition of indecision in parliament, and it was fittingly crowned with the confession that, instead of having a policy laid before the House, the government would shift the burden of its constitutional responsibility upon the shoulders of a party of private citizens.

Knowing the active lobby that has been kept up all season among its followers, the government cannot be unexpected to expect that the caucus that will certainly not make for a decision wholly in the interests of the country. It was expected that the government would go into supply that the matter was brought up by the leader of the opposition.

Let Policy Be Known.

Mr. Borden brought to the attention of the government a matter, on which he thought there should be an announcement of policy, viz., the reference in the speech from the throne to transportation. He pointed out that the speech was delivered 11 weeks ago, and yet no commission had been appointed to inquire into the matter. He pointed out that six weeks ago, Mr. Prefontaine announced a set of names in Montreal. Since then he has been told the draft of the commission was prepared by Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson that the government intended to give aid to the company. He pointed out that the settlement of the output of the government was increasing, and more than one scheme was before parliament for supplying the facilities desired. One of the schemes was the Grand Trunk Pacific, was before the Railway Committee of the House. It had been announced by the government by Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson that the government intended to give aid to the company. He pointed out that the settlement of the output of the government was increasing, and more than one scheme was before parliament for supplying the facilities desired. One of the schemes was the Grand Trunk Pacific, was before the Railway Committee of the House. It had been announced by the government by Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson that the government intended to give aid to the company.

## ONE INCH OF RAIN FELL GLADDENS FARMERS' HEARTS

Storm Was General Over Western  
Ontario and It is Likely to  
Continue Wet.

"Water, water, everywhere," and, oh, didn't the farmers of Western Ontario feel glad! The parched earth drank with avidity the cool, refreshing, welcome rain that fell yesterday. Even in the cities and towns the downpour was hailed with satisfaction, and to-day trees and lawns and the city generally will look the better and the brighter for the deluge.

According to Mr. Stupart, of the Observatory, about one inch of rain fell over this part of the province. General rains extending as far East as Montreal are expected to follow this opening up of the rain clouds.

Farmers' Feet Happy.

Every farmer in the western section of Ontario went to bed last night to dream happier dreams than has been his wont for some time past. How his heart was gladdened as he watched the rolling, threatening clouds discharge their volumes of moisture upon the drooping fields, reviving as it by magic the dying vegetation!

Not since the early part of the month has rain fallen to any extent in Western Ontario, and many were the prayers offered up from many a rural pulpit that Saturday day that the drought might soon be ended and the crops saved by a rainfall.

The weather officials state that there is every probability of general rains and unsettled weather for the next ten days. It will affect the greater part of Ontario, and will gradually extend westward.

Fruit Crop Needed Rain.

In the Niagara fruit gardens the rain has done a most desirable work. The dry spell continued unabated the fruit would have been of a very inferior nature this year. As it is, it is feared that some damage to the size of fruit has already been sustained. The rain has brought relief to the hay crop, and in all other respects the farmer should be believed to him every prospect pleases.

## WORK FOR HIS AX.



JACK CANUCK: Well, as Joseph is trying to fall them in my direction I'm to build a permanent bridge between us, it certainly is up to me to do all I can to help him.

## KEEP GOVERNMENT ROAD IS PURPOSE OF PREMIER

No Intention of Handing Over Temiskaming Railway to  
Grand Trunk.

Mr. Ross made the announcement in the House last night that it was no part of the government railway program to hand over to the Grand Trunk Pacific the railway into the Temiskaming country, which the people are building for the opening up of that immense tract of sparsely settled territory. What the Premier's intentions are with regard to the G.T.P. will probably be announced to-day.

The opinion prevails on the opposition side of the House that the bill will consist of a guarantee of the bonds for that portion of the road passing thru the northern wilds of the province, and a liberal grant of land.

Mr. Leese Road.

The Premier's intention that the Temiskaming Railway shall remain a government road was given to the house on the discussion of the bill to amend the Temiskaming and Northern Railway Act. He hinted that the government might consider the advisability of leasing the road for a sum sufficient to pay the bonds issued for its construction, but the government was not going to give the road away. He did not seem to wish to pay for the road out of the present resources of the province. There was money in banks, but the province had not got thru with works of importance.

For instance, \$500,000 was the sum he had expended this year on public buildings, but the Premier thought that, in a few years, the province should have got thru with the expenditures, and would be in a better position to undertake such works without the issue of bonds.

Mr. Latchford offered a brief explanation of the bill, which provides for the issue of bonds, instead of the issue of the railway for about \$2,750,000 for the construction of the road and its extensions. It was proposed to dispose of timber lands for the payment of the bonds.

Prime Minister's Plan.

Col. Matheson argued that the road would pass thru the most valuable pine lands in the province, and the sale of the pine would pay for the construction. The colonel had been told that there were lumbermen who would build the road for the pine.

Mr. Ross: The pine is worth more than the road.

Col. Matheson argued that the pine was being frittered away.

Mr. St. John objected to the proposal that the government, by order-in-council, should give away 20,000 acres of land for 110 miles of road. The time was coming when these lands would be sold for 100 cents per acre.

The second reading of the bill was carried without further objection.

## Next an Ice Trust To Harass Citizens During Hot Season

Promoters Have Options Term-  
Inable on July 1st on Every  
City Ice Company.

Montreal, May 26. — The Montreal Street Railway Company operated about 70 cars today. There was no opposition. They expect to put more cars on again tomorrow, and to give the citizens a full service by Friday. The men are returning to work gradually, and it is now believed that the strike will dwindle down.

The men arrested on Sunday for lawlessness are not receiving mercy in the courts. Today seventeen were fined from \$5 to \$10 each for such offences as shouting "Scab!" and unlawful assembly, and Joseph Limoges, a striker, who was once a policeman, got six months at hard labor for hitting an officer with a sign which bore the name of a passing car. Ten others were remanded for investigation, and warrants were issued for further arrests.

Such measures are having a decided effect in cooling the temper of the strikers. Chief of Police Legault says that his men have instructions to shoot anyone in the streets who persists in endangering the peace or disturbing property.

BROKERS AID INJURED.

Montreal, May 27.—Stock brokers today subscribed \$500 in aid of the men who were injured in the street car riots on Sunday.

SWORN THRU. COMRADE'S BACK.

Naval Ensign Sentenced to 4 Years' Imprisonment and Degradation.

Berlin, May 26.—The States Attorney today moved that a sentence of six years' imprisonment in a penitentiary and expulsion from the navy be imposed on Navy Ensign Hummer, who, at Eesen, on Good Friday, killed a friend and townsman, Artilleryman Hartmann with his sword for not saluting him properly. Hummer was sentenced to four years' imprisonment and degradation.

KEPT TO HER BED 30 YEARS.

Indiana Woman Dies After Puzling Doctors for 3 Decades.

South Bend, Ind., May 26.—Mrs. Alice Barth of this city, who died yesterday, had not left her bed for 30 years. Three decades ago she was handsome, accomplished, and a leader in South Bend society. One day, when apparently in good health, she took to her bed, and for thirty years never left it. It was in 1870 that time physicians could not discover anything that would lead her to the day of her death she kept fully informed of all local and public events.

MUST HAVE PRIVATE TRACK.

Paris, May 26.—Premier Combes, replying in the Chamber of Deputies today to an interpellation on the automobile race, said permission to race had been granted, owing to solicitations in behalf of the industry of green industry. The accidents were not due to lack of precaution. The government was not disposed to grant further permission. If automobilists want more speed trials, they must make a private track.

CIGAR MAKERS MAY STRIKE.

Winnipeg, May 26.—Demands were made this morning by the cigarmakers for 10 to 15 per cent. increase upon their present schedule of wages. Until Monday next was given the employers to consider the demands, when in behalf of the cause of the men, a strike would be declared. Should the demand not be considered, it will mean the closing down of seven factories and the going out of 120 employees.

SEIZED LAUNCH IS RELEASED.

Port Colborne, May 26.—The naphtha launch owned by Buffalo fishermen, which was seized by the Canadian revenue cutter *Patrol* some weeks ago for illegal fishing in Canadian waters, was released today after the payment of a fine of \$200 and costs.

CANNON FORTY FEET LONG.

Halifax, N.S., May 26.—The steamer *Danara* has landed here 140 tons of fittings, including carriages, rollers and cylinders belonging to four big guns which are coming for Spion Kop and York redoubt forts. The guns are quick firing, disappearing ones, and nearly 40 feet in length.

WILL EXPULS THE JEWS.

St. Petersburg, May 26.—The chief of police of Kiev has ordered the police commissaries within his jurisdiction to institute a fresh inquiry into the legal status of the Jews and to forcefully expel those who have no legal right of residence, and who refuse to leave.

WITHDRAWS HIS REQUEST.

Montreal, May 26.—His Grace Archbishop Bruchac has written a letter to Mayor Cochrane, withdrawing his request, made to the Council a few weeks ago, for a donation of \$2000 for the Bourget monument, now being erected near St. James' Cathedral. Several of the English and French aldermen objected, hence Mr. A. action.

ANOTHER OTTAWA FIRE.

Ottawa, May 26.—Fire in J. R. Booth's lumber piles today did \$3000 damage.

Did you ever try the top barrel?

The World, delivered to any address on the Island, 25c a month.

DEATHS.

MITTON—At 174 Queen-st. east, on May 26, 1903, John R. eldest son of the late John and Emma Mitton, aged 41 years.

## AGAINST LOUGHEED'S BILL.

Railway Engineers Are Greatly Opposed to Its Going Thru.

Ottawa, May 26. — Representatives of the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers are here, lobbying against Senator Lougheed's bill, which is aimed against alien labor agitators. The bill seeks to amend the Criminal Code, by adding to Section 524 A: "Every-one is guilty of an indictable offence, and liable to two years' imprisonment, who, being a person not a British subject, whether residing in or out of Canada, does in Canada incite, urge or induce workmen, by any act or means whatsoever, to quit any employment, or to enter upon any strike, with the object of enforcing additional wages or a blow at the industrial peace of the country." The object of the bill is to prevent the employment of alien labor agitators.

## WESTERN CROPS O.K.

Rain Has Assured Their Success, Says C.P.R. Reports.

Winnipeg, May 26.—The crop reports of the C.P.R. land department indicate that the country has received enough rain to assure the success of the crops all over. In some places too much rain has fallen, but the areas so affected are not large, and a little weather will make all well. Indications are good right thru to Moose Jaw and west.

## Raced to Prevent a Suicide But Villagers Held at Bay

Failed to locate the missing man, and the search was carried to the cemetery. There they beheld the old man, blood dripping from one hand, kneeling beside the grave of his son, who was drowned a number of years ago, which had been buried in the cemetery. He threatened his followers, he threatened to shoot, and before they could grapple with him, he had pointed his revolver at them, with the evident intention of making good his threat. He then started to run, and a number of pursuers were called to his aid. He would turn and hold them at bay with his revolver. It was noticed that, while he ran, he appeared to be working with the revolver, and the opinion now is that he did not shoot, but was merely cursing a chase near the barns of Mr. Joseph Couch, about 11 o'clock in the morning.

Carefully Planned It.

The circumstances go to show that the old man had carefully planned to take his own life. A letter addressed to his wife was found on the work bench in Bennett's wagon shop. In this letter he stated that his body would be found in the basement of the church. The old man had probably only disappeared about five minutes when the letter was picked up. As soon as his contents became known, a police force was organized to go in search of him.

On entering the church, they found the door knobs covered with blood, and there was a pool of blood on the church steps. A thro' search of the church.

## PASTOR FOR BOWMANVILLE.

Rev. Hugh Monroe Has Accepted a  
Presbytery Call.

Bowmanville, May 26.—The Presbyterian congregation in this town has extended a call to Rev. Hugh Monroe, B.A., of Woodstock, who has been supplied for a year in Winnipeg, and is now at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Cobourg. He has accepted the call, and will be installed on Monday, June 8. This is a quick decision for the pastorate, which was declared vacant only on May 10.

## 350 RENDERED HOMELESS.

Big Fire in New Hampshire Destroys  
\$100,000 Worth of Property.

Laconia, N.H., May 26.—A city in darkness tonight, nearly 100 buildings burned, 300 persons made homeless, and a loss of \$100,000 and \$400,000 in the story in short of the greatest fire this city ever experienced. If not the state of New Hampshire, the fire was the greatest since the burning of the city of Laconia, N.H., in 1850. The fire caught from an independent blaze in the boiler room of the H. H. Wood factory mill in 10 minutes the flames were beyond control.

## ATTEMPTED SEVERAL TIMES.

One of the proprietors of a leading city ice company, who has recently been consolidated with another, has been attempting several times to get out of the city, but has been prevented by the various companies. If they should succeed in getting out of the city, it would be a great loss to the city, as the ice company is a leading industry.

## BOARD OF TRADE OPPOSES.

Does Not Like the Anti-Lumber  
Piling Bylaw.

Ottawa, May 26.—The Board of Trade, at a meeting not very largely attended, to-night, took a rather antagonistic attitude to the Anti-Lumber-Piling Bylaw, passed by the City Council. A resolution was passed, urging further consideration, and suggesting a joint committee of the City Council and the Board of Trade Underwriters' Association. Mayor Cook today signed the bylaw, which will be in force in a few days. A copy of the bylaw will be sent to each of the big mill owners.

## LOST 12 DURING STORM.

Great Damage Done to Fishing  
Craft on Grand Banks.

St. John's, Nfld., May 26.—A severe gale, which swept the coast last Sunday, did much damage to the fishing vessels on the Grand Banks. One vessel, the *Peerless* of Lunenburg, N.S., has run into this port, and reports having lost 12 men in the storm. Other fishing boats report smaller losses. It is feared that the fatalities will reach a large total.

## HAS 3000 ON BOARD.

Steamer Heading for Halifax Is  
Disabled at Sea.

Halifax, May 26.—Word was received here tonight by William Roche, agent of the Hamburg-American Line, that the steamer *Bulgarian* had been disabled at sea, on May 26. The steamer is from the port of Halifax, and has nearly 3000 passengers on board.

## MURDERER COULDN'T SLEEP.

New York, May 26.—James Sorahan, a burglar, shot and killed his brother Henry on the night of Sept. 29, 1902. He fled to Europe and on his return recently joined a gang of burglars. He was arrested on suspicion Sunday night, but was discharged in the Yorkville Police Court yesterday for lack of evidence. As he was leaving the court, Sorahan was recognized by Detective Sergeant McMillen and arrested. Sorahan said he was glad to be caught, as he had his murdered brother's face haunt him and he would have given himself up before long if he had not been recognized.

## ADJOURNS FOR 3 WEEKS.

Victoria, B. C., May 26.—The British Columbia legislature, which has been adjourned three weeks, to investigate the Columbia and Western railways, will resume its session today. The session will be held in the city of Victoria.

## WILL LOSE BOTH EYES.

Detroit, May 26.—A pitiable accident occurred Monday in Windsor, when Gordon Boug, the 7-year-old son of William Boug, the Sandeche-avenue clothing merchant, lost the sight of both eyes, by the explosion of a firecracker, with which he was celebrating Victoria Day. The lad is resting easily at his home on Victoria-avenue, but it is feared he will never gain the sight of his eyes.

## TRIN JUMPS THE TRACK.

Richmond, Va., May 26.—A Charlotteville, Va., special says that an eastbound passenger train on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad jumped the track this afternoon near Woolden Mills. The engine and three coaches went down a steep embankment, killing Engineer Thomas Hill of Richmond, and badly injuring Fireman Snyder, and slightly injuring several passengers.

## BRITAIN TO AID DISCOVERY.

But Balfour Criticizes Royal Geographical Society for Its Action.

London, May 26.—Premier Balfour announced in the house of Commons today that the government was prepared to contribute to the relief of the officers and men of the Antarctic expedition, now leeward in the Antarctic regions. At the same time the Premier criticized the action of the Royal Geographical Society and the Royal Society in sending out the expedition without being fully prepared to safeguard it.

## NAVIGATION ON ASSINIBOINE.

Winnipeg, May 26.—A boat will start this week to sound the Assiniboine River, from Winnipeg, as far west as Brandon. It is believed that the river can be put in excellent condition for freight steamers at little cost. This would mean the employment of a big fleet of vessels and barges in the carrying of grain, cattle and farm produce to the Winnipeg market for consumption or shipment to outside points, for the freight gates from Winnipeg, where there is competition, are much better than in the small country towns.

## PETERBORO BUSINESS MAN MISSING AND SUPPOSED TO BE DROWNED.

Victoria, B.C., May 26.—While shooting at Parkville yesterday, Richard Christmas was accidentally shot and killed by W. J. Walker, mistaking him for a panther. The men, the best of friends, went out to hunt panthers, and separated. Walker heard a rustle among the bushes, and upon looking around saw a black object, which he at once took for a panther, crouching between the logs. Without further hesitation, he raised his rifle and fired. He was horror-stricken upon investigation to find he had shot Christmas just above the head.

## PETERBORO MAN MISSING.

Peterboro, May 26.—Word has been received in town of the supposed drowning yesterday of W. A. Sanderson, who was spending the holiday at his cottage at Stony Lake. Mr. Sanderson was seen by a boatman on the afternoon, and as he did not return in the evening, a search was made. The boatman reported that the man was seen on the shore, but no trace of him was found until daybreak this morning, when his empty canoe was picked up. Mr. Sanderson was one of Peterboro's most successful business men.

## KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

W. R. Smyth, M.L.A. for Alcona, has received particulars of a sad fatality which occurred in his branch store, at Rock Lake, one day last week. A son of Frank Clark of Ophir Mine was standing in the store during an electrical storm, when a bolt entered the building and killed him instantly, and knocked insensible Mrs. John S. McKay. The boy was standing by a group of seven or eight persons, none of whom was injured.

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## PROBABILITIES.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Frost to strong southerly in south-western winds; showers and thunderstorms; fair intervals and showers. Thursday and Friday—Thunderstorms; showers; local thunderstorms. Saturday—Thunderstorms; showers; local thunderstorms. Sunday—Thunderstorms; showers; local thunderstorms.

## ASK FOR WHY? Mackay's Scotch.

It is the only Scotch whisky that has been analyzed and found to be pure. It is the only Scotch whisky that has been analyzed and found to be pure. It is the only Scotch whisky that has been analyzed and found to be pure.

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