

The Credit Valley Railway Acts.

Among the host of railway bills which have come before the Legislature this session for its sanction, is one amending the acts previously passed relating to the Credit Valley Railway. It contains one or two clauses which should not be overlooked by the people in this and other Counties who have either granted, or are about to grant, bonuses to aid in the construction of the road. The legislation in connection with this railway has never been of a very honest or straightforward character, but the bill which was read the third time on Saturday night last caps the climax for audacity, inconsistency, and total disregard of the rights of the people whose money has been granted to aid the enterprise.

We notice that the first clause in this bill confirms and makes valid and binding the power of attorney granted by the Company to Mr. George Laidlaw, the President of it. This power of attorney gives Mr. Laidlaw authority to make such agreement as to him may seem proper in regard to the construction and completion of the road. In other words it gives him power to do what he likes in the name of the Directors, without asking their sanction, or without consulting them. He is the autocrat of the Company, and all power which Stockholders and Directors usually have in controlling the affairs of a Company is vested in one person—the President of the road. We venture to say that such extraordinary powers were never before granted to the temporary head of any railway or other Company.

But though bad enough, this is not the most iniquitous part of the bill, as our readers will see. Mr. Laidlaw in the plenitude of his power has done even worse than concentrate all that power in himself—he has broken faith with the Municipalities which have given bonuses to the Credit Valley Railway, and by a most wanton act of injustice deprived the Directors representing these Municipalities of the powers which he conferred on them in the bill amending the Act which was passed in the session of 1873. In order that our readers may be convinced that this is no trumped-up charge, we refer them to the sixth section of the Act passed in that year, in which it is provided that if any Municipality or section of it grant a bonus of not less than \$65,000 in aid of the road, the Council of the said municipality shall have power to name a Director in said Company, as the representative of such Municipality, who shall be appointed yearly by the Council. But Mr. Laidlaw, after having thrown out this bait, and received all the bonuses he expected to obtain, comes down this session with another bill, which he manages to get introduced and passed. Section six of this bill provides that "no such Director (those appointed by Municipalities) shall in any way be responsible or liable for the financial affairs of the said company, but the exclusive right to deal with these affairs shall belong to and rest with the Directors elected by the shareholders."

When this bill came before the Railway Committee, we are informed that Mr. Gow fought hard to get this clause expunged, and strongly condemned it as unjust to the Municipalities, as well as a breach of faith. Mr. Laidlaw, through Toronto and other influence as stoutly fought to have it retained, but finding that the majority in the Committee were a little squeamish about swallowing it in its entirety, they consented to add a clause giving to Municipal Directors the supervision over the expenditure of the money raised in their Municipalities, and a voice in determining the rates to be charged for passengers and freight. When the bill as amended came up for a third reading late on Saturday night (it had been purposely kept back till the house was thin, and most of those who were likely to oppose it had left), Mr. Gow moved an amendment that the section should be inoperative, unless within six months after the passing of the Act these Municipalities interested signify their assent to its provisions by resolution of the Council of the Municipality which granted aid to the railway. There were only twenty-seven members in the House, the amendment was thrown out, and the bill read a third time.

Comment on such dishonest and dishonourable work is unnecessary. Mr. Laidlaw through Toronto influence, by continuous lobbying for weeks beforehand, by a constant attendance in the saloon of the House, and an unlimited supply of champagne, has succeeded in accomplishing his purpose. He has triumphed for the time, but we warn those municipalities who have trusted in his word, or who may be inclined to put faith in his specious promises, that he is unreliable, unprincipled, and unscrupulous. To gain his object he will promise anything, but that object once accomplished, he will without scruple and without compunction ignore the rights of everyone who may come in his way, or who may be likely to thwart him in his schemes. And we ask no stronger proof of our assertion than his action in giving one session Municipal Directors a voice in the management of the Credit Valley Railway, and in another session coolly depriving them of that right.

Domino Parliament.
Parliament meets on Thursday, when the Speaker will be elected. The Speech from the Throne will be read on Friday, and it is rumoured that the House will probably adjourn over Passion week and Easter.

The Ontario supplementary estimates this year only amount to about \$65,000. More than half the sum is on account of the Agricultural College and for the settlement of the boundary dispute between Ontario and Quebec.

THE INCOME FRANCHISE.—The Bill giving votes to those having an income of \$400 a year passed its third reading on Saturday, after the introduction of a clause providing that it is not to come into effect until January of next year. The reason for the postponement is that nearly all the assessments for the present year have been completed, and that to make the law come into operation at once would be to make the franchise differ widely in different constituencies. By delaying it, it will come into operation over the whole Province at once, and be impartial in its effects. While at the same time, it will be law quite early enough to be bases of voting at the next general election.

A MOVEMENT is afoot in the United States and Canada for the organization of a "Liberal Baptist Union." The object of this organization is the promotion within the bonds of the Baptist denomination of the doctrine of Christian liberty in relation to the Lord's supper.

On the evening of Tuesday, the 17th of March, the Rev. George Bell, LL.D., late of Clifton, was settled in Walkerton over the congregation of the Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland.

BIRTHS.

RICHARDSON—At Rockwood, on the 23rd inst., the wife of Mr. Ralph Richardson, carriage-maker, of a son.
CURRY—At Rockwood, on the 18th inst., the wife of Mr. Anson L. A. E. Curry, of a daughter.
PARKER—In Brussels, on the 15th inst., the wife of Mr. John Parker, of the North American Hotel, of a son.
HATCH—At Elora, on the 10th inst., the wife of Mr. Hatch, of a daughter.
CURRIE—At Elora, on the 6th inst., the wife of Mr. Currie, of a son.
BUSHMAN—In Pilkington, on the 28th inst., the wife of Mr. J. L. Brothman, of a daughter.
WATSON—Near Wintarburg, on 12th inst., the wife of Mr. Wm. Watson, of a daughter.
BUCHAN—In Pilkington, on the 14th inst., the wife of Mr. James Buchan, of a son.
DAVIDSON—In Pilkington, on 12th inst., the wife of Mr. A. Davidson, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

LANG—HOBSON—On the 18th inst. at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. A. Thomson, Mr. John Lang, to Miss Catharine, third daughter of Mr. Wm. Houston, Caledon.

DIED.

MOLTON—At Guelph, on Monday, the 23rd inst., Jackson Molton, aged 61 years. The funeral will take place from his late residence on Nottingham street, at two o'clock to-morrow (Wednesday) afternoon. Friends are requested to attend without further notice.

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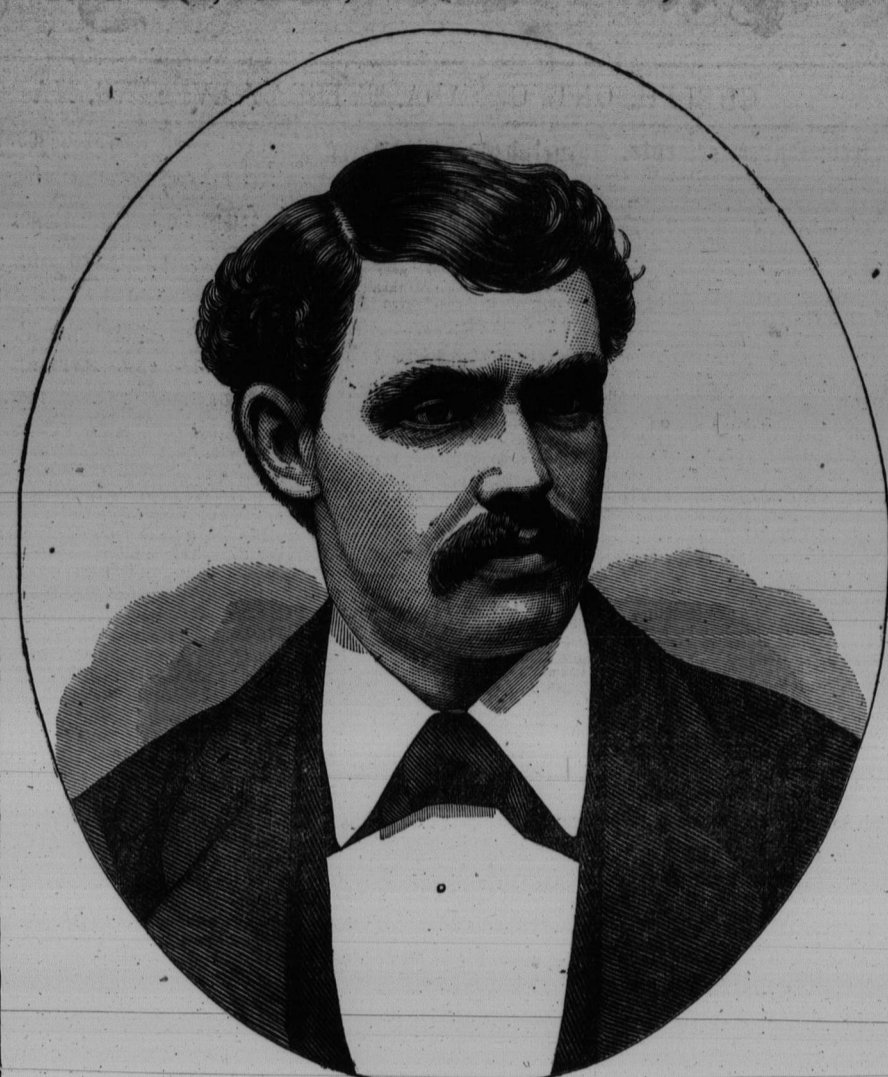
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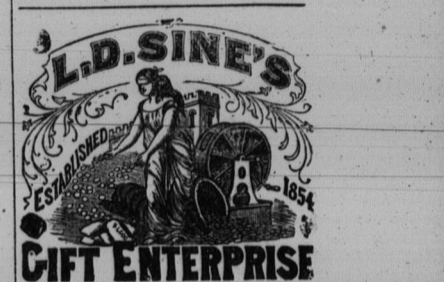
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