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## RADIAL BILL IS HOTLY OPPOSED BY LANCASTER

Chairman of Railway Committee Declared He Would Not Report Bill Amended So as to Protect Toronto's Interests—Debate Was Stormy.

OTTAWA, March 10.—"I won't report this bill; I can't report it, and I won't report it." Thus Chairman Lancaster, with no uncertain sound, notified the railway committee as the members were dispersing at one o'clock after having passed some important amendments to a bill renewing the charter of the Toronto, Niagara and Western Railway Company. The announcement came at the close of a stormy session when the committee at the earnest request of A. Claude Macdonell (South Toronto), Mr. W. F. Maclean (South York), and Corporation Counsel Geary passed certain amendments to the bill which made it impossible for the road to be used as a street railway within the corporate limits of the City of Toronto. These amendments followed the standard clauses adopted in the case of the Toronto and Eastern and the Hamilton, Guelph and Waterloo charters which forbid taking on and discharging passengers within the city limits except at stations to be agreed upon and forbid the carriage of passengers from one point to another within the city limits.

To Authorize Construction. The bill before the committee, authorizes the construction of a railway from the City of Toronto to the City of Hamilton, and thence to Niagara Falls and the international boundary line. Mr. Macdonell said the company was authorized to cross the streets of the city and would cross no less than twenty-five streets. W. F. Maclean said it was of first importance that all the radial railways be brought under uniform regulation. Hon. H. R. Emmerson said the street car franchise in a city like Toronto was a valuable one, and the Dominion government should not practically grant a charter for a street railway within the city limits. Mr. Maclean reminded the committee that several charters to electric railways desiring to enter Toronto had been so amended as to make it impossible for the roads to do an intrurban business, and Mr. Macdonell thereupon offered as an amendment to the bill the clauses above referred to, which appear in the Toronto and Eastern charter. Difficult to Finance. Mr. Henderson, attorney for the C. N. R., thought the amendments would make it difficult for the company to finance the road, but Mr. Geary, on behalf of the city, pointed out that all the other Mackenzie and Mann

## H. C. OF L. INVESTIGATION IS CALLED TO A HALT

Owing to Pressure of Other Work Sittings Have Been Suspended.

OTTAWA, March 10.—The cost of living commission is at present in Ottawa, but there will be no sitting for two or three weeks, the members of it having departmental business to undertake. R. H. Coats returned from Winnipeg by way of Chicago, where he made some special inquiries relative to the question of food and food prices which obtain there, as well as the chief sources of supply of the city. When the commissioners are able to proceed with their investigation they will resume at Winnipeg, where they left off.

## AUTOMOBILE BANDITS ROBBED BORDER BANK

Seven Armed Men Escaped and Were Later Surrounded by Posses.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., March 10.—Seven armed men robbed a branch of the Royal Bank at Abbotsford, B.C., on the international boundary line today and escaped in an automobile with \$2000. Three of the men waited outside the bank while four entered. The cashier and a clerk were cowed with revolvers while the robbers seized a tray containing gold and currency. A posse recovered about a thousand dollars dropped by the men in their flight. The posse surrounded the bandits not far from Abbotsford and sent for reinforcements from Vancouver.

## GOVERNMENT RAILWAY IS APPROVED BY SENATE

Big Project of Alaska Line Now Awaiting Wilson's Signature.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The Alaska railway bill, providing for the construction of a thousand miles of government railroad and the expenditure of \$35,000,000, was ready for the president's signature late today when the senate adopted the conference report already adopted by the house. President Wilson has indicated his intention of signing the bill as soon as it reaches the White House and tentative plans for constructing the first government railroad already have been considered at the interior department.

## CEDARVALE WOMAN ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Husband Found Her Lying With Throat Gashed—Despondency Cause of Action.

In a fit of despondency, brought on by continued ill-health, Mrs. Moore, 31 years of age, of 24 Guestholme avenue, Cedarvale, attempted suicide by cutting her throat with her husband's razor, in her bedroom yesterday afternoon. When Moore came home for supper, about 8:30, he found his wife lying on the floor with a deep gash in her throat. He stopped the flow of blood and summoned a physician, who ordered her removal to the General Hospital, to which she was conveyed in Shields' ambulance. It is expected she will recover.

## THE FUNERAL OF SIR GEORGE ROSS



At 10.30 yesterday morning the body of the late Sir George Ross was taken from his former residence on Eimsley place and interred at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The photograph shows the flower-laden casket being borne to the hearse. (See Page 12).

## Must Make Senate Responsible By Means of Sweeping Reforms Action by Parliament is Urged

Vigorous Applause Greeted Demand of W. F. Maclean, M.P., for Measures That Will Convert Irresponsible Upper Chamber Into One Really Representative of the People—Discussion Arose Over the Bill to Increase Senatorial Representation of Western Provinces.

OTTAWA, March 10.—Amid enthusiastic applause from the government benches, in which even some members of the opposition were seen to join, W. F. Maclean, M.P. for South York, made a vigorous plea in the house of commons this afternoon for a sweeping reform in the senate which would entirely do away with an undemocratic, unrepresentative and irresponsible upper chamber. The lawyers of the house had been debating the power of parliament to increase the senatorial representation of Manitoba when the South York member arose and proposed that the plain people of this country wanted no more senatorships created or even more senators appointed, but desired and demanded that the upper chamber be brought under house opinion and made responsible to the people. The views of the country as clearly expressed at a general election, Mr. Maclean said, should be crystallized into legislation, and if we were to have a senate it should consist of ex-members elected for short terms by the people, or by the provincial legislatures representing the people.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Democracy. Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked if the member for South York intended to move in the matter, and was somewhat disconcerted by the enquiry as to whether he would join in carrying out this progressive reform. Sir Wilfrid replied that he was a democrat and Mr. Maclean asked: "Is the right test that the plain people of this country wanted no more senatorships created or even more senators appointed, but desired and demanded that the upper chamber be brought under house opinion and made responsible to the people. The views of the country as clearly expressed at a general election, Mr. Maclean said, should be crystallized into legislation, and if we were to have a senate it should consist of ex-members elected for short terms by the people, or by the provincial legislatures representing the people."

Constitutional Point. Sir Wilfrid Laurier made the point that such increase could not be made without the assent of the imperial parliament. By the B. N. A. Act, as amended in 1871, parliament was empowered to create new provinces and in creating such provinces to fix their representation in the senate. When Saskatchewan and Alberta were created in 1905, the autonomy acts gave to each of them four senators, with the right to an increase of two.

## HANNA DECLARES HIS FIRM HAS NO STANDARD OIL CONNECTION BUT REPRESENTS CANADIAN FIRM

Company in Sarnia for Which He is Solicitor Has Never Had Dealings With the Government in Any Matter—Declaration of Provincial Secretary.

The suggestion that Hon. W. J. Hanna was at the same time holding a retainer from the Standard Oil Co. was quashed in spectacular fashion by the minister himself yesterday afternoon at the legislature. The denial was downright. In reply to speak on a point of privilege immediately following the announcement of Evanturel's resignation, the provincial secretary referred to statements which had appeared in newspaper columns within the last two or three days, once in the course of a Prescott meeting report, and once editorially. It had been stated that he was under retainer drawn off from oil wells. Never a Dollar. "Ten years ago this month, if my memory serves me right," began Mr. Hanna, "I made a statement in this house, a statement similar to the one that I find it my duty to repeat today. Never at any time did I or my

## BELIEVE KARLUK HAS BEEN LOST

Stefansson's Report Indicates That Vessel Probably Was Crushed by Ice Floes.

OTTAWA, March 10.—The opinion seems to be growing that Stefansson's ship the Karluk has been crushed by ice and has been lost. The correspondence which the naval service department has received from the explorer was tabled in the commons today and it contains two statements which increase the doubts regarding her safety. Stefansson says: "Most of the strongest whalers that have ever come to the Beaufort sea have been crushed by ice. It seems, therefore, to depend more upon the character of the ice the vessel encounters than upon the vessel's own construction, whether she survives a season in the ice." Another statement is that the Karluk "is not so strong as other vessels." Stefansson considers that "her men are in no grave danger." He thinks that if the vessel was crushed the crew would be able to find their way ashore.

"The Importance of Being Earnest." This afternoon local theatre-goers will have their only opportunity of seeing Mr. Laurence Irving and his London company in the delightful comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest" at the Princess Theatre, as this play will be presented here but once during the local engagement.

## NEED BOUNTY TO REVIVE STEEL INDUSTRIES

Deplorable Condition of Plants in Canada Urged Upon Finance Minister, Who Replied That Step Would Probably Involve General Tariff Readjustment.

OTTAWA, March 10.—A vigorous demand for the development of the national policy by smelting the Canadian manufacturers of iron and steel to use the iron ores of Canada, instead of ores imported from Newfoundland, the United States and other countries was voiced in the house this afternoon by J. A. Carrick, the Conservative member for Thunder Bay and Rainy River. Mr. Carrick, who lives in Port Arthur, where a million-dollar blast furnace is out of commission, pleaded for additional aid to the iron and steel industry, which he declared to be the basic fibre of our industrial life. He proposed a bounty equivalent to one dollar a ton upon pig iron smelted from Canadian ore. He pointed out that there were vast deposits of low grade ores in Canada which required an expenditure of from 75c to \$1.10 per ton to bring them up to the efficiency of the higher grades of one which abounded in the United States.

## FEDERAL AID TO RADIAL LINES IS LIKELY

Hon. J. D. Reid's Reply to Deputation Which Asked for Subsidy to Line in Grenville is Regarded as of Wide Significance.

OTTAWA, March 10.—A significant answer was given by Hon. J. D. Reid, acting minister of railways and canals, to a deputation from the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley, which asked him this afternoon for a subsidy for the Morrisburg and Ottawa Electric Co., which projects an electric line from the St. Lawrence to the capital. "I did not know until a few minutes ago," said Hon. Dr. Reid, "that the proposed line was to go thru my County of Grenville. I am in deep sympathy with anything that can be done for the improvement and betterment of Eastern Ontario. The request, if granted, would be a new departure from the established custom. A few years ago it would not have been considered at all, but on account of the ever-increasing use of electricity it may be necessary for the government to change the policy which has been in force since confederation of granting subsidies only to steam railways. "I have been in charge of the department only a few days myself, but I understand that there will be no subsidies brought down this year. If there are, I shall be very glad to recommend to my colleagues serious consideration of the request for a subsidy. In any event I will lay before them the great importance of this undertaking and the great good it will do."

## IGNORANT THAT GIRL HAS DIED

Estrene Hopes to Die, and Offers to Wager He Will Not Stand Trial—New Evidence Found.

Isaac Estrene, the murderer of Annie Garlock, still lies in the General Hospital, but his condition is very critical. According to physicians he may die at any moment. Estrene is not yet aware that his victim is dead, although police officials informed him of this fact as soon as he was conscious. Yesterday, while conversing with a police official he repeatedly asked how Annie was. Estrene stated he did not wish to recover, as there was nothing now to live for; he believes his own death will occur within three days, and in one of his brighter moods yesterday offered to bet \$10 that he will never stand trial. Attempted Double Murder. Beyond accounting for the whole of the six bullets discharged from the revolver, the only new point in the case unearthed by the police is that just after the murderer had put two bullets into his stomach, and just before he collapsed on the roadway, he attempted to shoot down the girl's brother before he grappled with him. An eye-witness of the affair stated that Estrene pointed the gun and emptied the trigger at least twice on the empty cartridges. The brother then knocked the revolver from his hand.

## FIELDING IS REPORTED BEHIND MONTREAL'S NEW DAILY PAPER

MONTREAL, March 10.—It is now stated that Hon. W. S. Fielding and other prominent Liberals are behind the new Montreal evening paper, The Daily News, a publishing company for which has been registered and a franchise from the Canadian Press applied for. The name of J. C. Ross, editor of The Journal of Commerce, is also mentioned in connection with the new daily, which, it is added, will be printed by The Financial Times Company, of which Messrs. T. K. Dickinson and Edward Beck are directors. It is believed that The Daily News, which will be an anti-Graham organ, will appear about the end of this month. Mr. Fielding was said tonight to be in Ottawa.

## SHOULD BE LAYING SOON



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