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R. L. Borden Declares It is the Issue Upon Which the Opposition Will Appeal to the Country.

Ottawa, May 26.—(Special.)—R. L. Borden today put the opposition fairly and squarely on record as in favor of government ownership and control of a transcontinental railway. Public ownership of the transcontinental railway is the issue upon which the opposition will appeal to the country. The bold statement, printed on this page, Mr. Borden qualified with the admission that the sanctity of contract demands the protection of the legitimate rights of the promoters of the undertaking. There would be no repudiation. The promoters would not be put to any loss, but at the same time the country would not be required to pay to them any prospective or speculative or unreasonable profits.

GRAND TRUNK WILL GET ORDER TO EXPROPRIATE IN ESPLANADE

Chairman Blair of the Railway Commission intimates How He Views the Request.

Ottawa, May 26.—(Special.)—From the brief comments made by Chairman Blair at the meeting of the Railway Commission it is reasonably certain that the Grand Trunk Railway Company's application to expropriate property on the Esplanade, Toronto, will be granted. Mr. Blair's remarks were clearly in the nature of a warning to the applicants, with the suggestion that the application was not properly filed, a point that George H. Watson, K.C., and George Spey, K.C., pressed with considerable persistence. He finally advised the railway companies and the City of Toronto to talk the matter over at the earliest possible date and endeavor to reach an agreement mutually satisfactory.

BYLAW DEFEATED.

Improvements to Strathroy's Municipal Plant Not Favored.

Strathroy, May 26.—(Special.)—The vote on the \$30,000 by-law was taken today and resulted in a defeat for it by a majority of 130. The result was in direct opposition to the apparent previous opinion in general, as it was thought by many that this by-law would have a good chance of meeting the approval of the majority of the ratepayers on account of the extreme necessity of the requirements for which the grant was asked by the electric light and waterworks commissioners for the purpose of making much-needed improvements, and the installation of new machinery in order to supply the greatly increased demands upon the present plant for power and lighting.

JUSTICE FERGUSON DYING.

Illness From Which He Has Been Suffering Developed Acutely.

Intimation of the critical state of illness of Justice Ferguson was announced yesterday morning, and was received with surprise and sorrow by the legal profession as represented by both bench and bar. Last night his condition was unchanged, but the end, it is feared, is but the matter of the next few days. Justice Ferguson has been suffering for some time from Bright's disease, and his heart is also affected. His birth is in his 64th year, having been born at Rockdale, Township of London, Oct. 31, 1838. He returned from California, where he spent some years, to Toronto, and was called to the bar in 1863, and became head of the firm of Ferguson, Bain, Gordon and Shepley, having an extensive provincial practice. In 1876 the Ontario government created him a Q.C., and in 1888 he was appointed to the bench as a judge of the chancery division of the high court. He declined a seat in the supreme court in 1896. He was elected to the position of chief justice of the Ontario statutes in 1896.

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ULTIMATUM TO HUTTON.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, May 26.—The Australian government is considering the possibility of bonusing its iron works in imitation of Canada. The Australian government has informed General Hutton he must either give the contents of the secret message to the public or the British authorities or retire. Fireproof Metal Windows, Skylights, Etc., by Blair & Co., 1275 Dundas St. W., Toronto. Q.O.R. Band, Armories, Sat. eve. next. Inset on Having Club's Dollar Mixture. When your tobacco tells you he cannot get "Club's Dollar Mixture" he is deceiving you. Refuse all substitutes. There is no tobacco just like "Club's Dollar Mixture" will positively burn the tongue. Sold at a popular price: 1 lb. tin \$1.00, 1/2 lb. tin 50c, 4 oz. tin 25c. Wholesale packages \$2.50. To be had from live tobacconists or direct from A. Clubb & Sons, 49 King West.

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THE IMPERIAL LIFE.

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CYCLONE AT AMHERSTBURG.

ROOF BLOWN FROM HOTEL. Trees Uprooted, Wire Broken, Lake Lights Destroyed, But No One Killed and No One Hurt.

Amherstburg, May 26.—A roaring cyclone struck this town shortly after 1 o'clock noon today. It raged for nearly an hour and left a trail of ruin in its wake. No one was killed, so far as can be ascertained, and it is announced that no one has been injured to any serious extent.

POOR LUCK WITH HER PARROTS.

MISS WILFRID: The first one was clever, but when we tried to teach him, "The G. T. P. is all right, all right," his language was so shocking that we had to get rid of him. This one stays on the perch but doesn't talk.

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