

Much indignation has been aroused by the order which, while literally permissive, is really prohibitive. If the applicants are required to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars compensation it is obvious that their application might as well have been peremptorily thrown out. The only satisfactory feature of the decision was the exception taken to it by the other two commissioners, Bernier and Mills. The two latter, tho they admitted the agreement between the C. P. R. and Bell Telephone Company to be a legal and binding document as between the two contracting parties, yet insisted that it deliberately aimed to create a monopoly, that it was contrary to the public interest and should therefore be disregarded. The only compensation Bernier and Mills were prepared to allow was the expense put upon the C. P. R., thru the railway premises and for extra attention required of C. P. R. officials.

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Unfortunately the weight of opinion did not govern the decision. Section 10 of the railway act states that in a case which, in the opinion of the commissioners, involves a question of law, the decision of the chairman shall be final This section Chairman Blair invoked, with the result that the minority ruled. Mr. Blair's deliverance was pro-corporation from start to finish. He resorted liberally to cases to establish precedents Port Arthur, March 15.—(Special.)— The decision of the railway commission is looked upon by citizens of the two towns as a direct slap in the face to municipal ownership, and that in award-ing compensation to the Bell Company the commission is fostering monopothe commission is fostering monopo-lies. Citizens of both towns look upon disappointed, keenly. We had a right to expect a more favorable result. This

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company thru lack of connections with town phones, as these are now univer-sally used. At present also the C.P.R. has no connection with either the fire depart-ment or the police station. The Bell is the only convenience to a few of the Caucus Shunts Liquor Bili the only convenience to a few of the company's patrons, and not to the gen-eral public of the two towns. The people, therefore, do not see justifica-MUNICIPALIZATION OF PUBLIC <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text>

OLD MAN ONTARIO: Blamed if he don't appear to be gittin' bigger an "Banish the Bars" Killed

tracts. During the discussion, a strong sentiment in favor of public ownership and operation developed. Mr. Pettypiece said the experiment in state ownership was needed by Ontario, that it would prove successful, and that as far

Let Province Operate Road. Another notable speech was that of Dr. R. A. Pyne, who wants the gov-Dr. R. A. Pyne, who wants the gov-ernment to operate the railway for ten years as an experiment. He proposes to introduce an amendment when the bill is taken up in committee. Along that line, Dr. Pyne said he believed in the civilizing and developing power of railways and looked for the opening up of the great clay belt by means of this and other railways. He agreed with Mr. Pettypiece in regard to state-owned railways, and pointed out the

with Mr. Pettypiece in regard to state-owned railways, and pointed out the success of the system in Birmingham. Manchester and Glasgow. It was said that it was the intention of the govern-ment to lease the road, and if that was so how was Mr. Pettypiece going to square himself? Mr. Whitney: Wait and see. Continuing. Dr. Pyne said the pre-sent was an opportune time to build the road and help to open up the clas-belt by giving settlers the benefit of cheap rates. cheap rates.

Murphy Opens Debate. The debate was opened by Mr. Mur-phy, junior member for the City of Ot-tawa. He criticized generally the policy of the government in respect to the construction of the railwax. Speaking for the Ottawa Valley, he said if he had been in the legislature when the road been in the legislature when the road had been projected (he would have voted against the bill. The province had not been supplied with informa-tion concerning the expenditures on the tion concerning the expenditures on the railway. The government should not have entrusted the building of the rail-way to a commission, and if Mr. Mur-phy had been in the place of the com-

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DEATHS. SHAPMAN-In Scarboro, on March 14, Mrs. John Chapmau, in her 62nd year. Funetal will leave the residence of her son-in-law, W. P. Cowan, Pickering, at 1 J.J., on Wednesday, to St. Margaret's Cemetery.

CHAPMAN-At ber late residence, High-land Creek, Scarboro, on Monday, March 14, 1994, at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Mary Chap-

man,
Funeral Wednesday at 1 o'clock,
English papers please copy.
HODSKINS-At Grace Hospital, on March 15, 1904, Harriett (Hattle), widow of the late Charles Hodskins, in her 45th vear.
Faneral from H. Ellis' undertaking rooms, 353 College-street, Thursday, March 16, at 2 p.m., to St. James' Cemercery. Edwards.Morgan & Co., 26 Wellington Street East, Toronto. Edwards & Konald, 48 Canada Life Building Winnipog, Chartered Accountants.

northerly to northwesterly winds; a few light local snowfalls, but for the most jart fair; not much change in temperature.

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