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A LENGTHY DISCUSSION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OVER THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY BILL

HON. MR. FIELDING TAKES A HAND

Moved an Amendment Which was Defeated by a Large Majority—Mr. T. W. Caldwell, Member for Carleton-Victoria, Gives Expression to His Views—More Railways to be Added.

Ottawa, April 16—An amendment by Hon. W. S. Fielding to strike out clause two of the Grand Trunk Bill, now before the House, to correct any errors which might have been made in drawing up the schedule of the bill without any provision for ratification of the agreement with the Grand Trunk shareholders, as proposed in the bill, was before the commons tonight. The House had spent all afternoon and part of the evening on the government bill, giving it second reading and reaching the committee stage where Mr. Fielding moved his amendment which was defeated without division.

It had been represented by the government Mr. Fielding said, that the matter would not have come before parliament, except for the necessity of adding the names of two railways to the schedule of the bill. If that was the case he was agreeable to adding those names but he did not propose to agree to any ratification such as was asked in the second clause of the government measure.

While the Fielding amendment was under discussion A. R. McMaster (Brome) was reading excerpts from the Grand Trunk shareholders' meeting when he clashed with E. W. Nesbitt who was in the chair.

Mr. McMaster was adding side comments as to some of the statements against the government, made by the Grand Trunk shareholders at their meeting when he was called to order by the chair. He attempted to resume reading from the newspaper item, but the chairman ruled that it was not relevant to the clause or to the amendment.

The deputy speaker was called in and a vote taken on the appeal. Mr. McMaster lost by 72 to 29, a majority of 43 votes.

Farmer Member

T. W. Caldwell, Victoria and Carleton, N. B., was not sure the government was getting full value for its money under the agreement with the G. T. R. He explained that at last session he was not able to sit on the floor of the house and take part in the railway discussion but had to sit in the gallery. He desired to explain his position on the important subject. He quoted extensively from the Drayton-Askwith report, pointing out that it had cost \$98,000,000 more to build the Transcontinental than had been estimated by government engineers. If the engineers were not competent he desired that some of the old guard of the Liberal party whom he supported at the time should tell the house what became of the \$98,000,000 Mr. Caldwell did not think that the N. T. R. had been acquired in a proper manner.

The farmer member declared that neither of the old parties had a monopoly of extravagance in railway construction and operation. "I have no great fault to find with the acquisition of the G. T. R." said Mr. Caldwell, "providing we acquire it right. It is how you acquire it that counts. What I do object to is the limit which parliament has set as the amount within which the arbitrators shall find the

MORE EVIDENCE IN "PER" FORGERY CASE GIVEN

England, the Accused, Took No Money for "Pers" and Aroused Suspicions of Witness.

The trial of Albert W. England, who is charged with unlawfully forging prescriptions for intoxicating liquor was continued yesterday afternoon before Police Magistrate Limerick. P. J. Hughes appeared for the prosecution and J. J. Hayes Doone appeared in place of R. B. Hanson, K. C. for the defence.

Took No Money.

Mr. Hughes first called Judson Hinchey, one of the men mentioned by Ernest MacKay in his evidence on Tuesday, as having been at the Waverly Hotel at the time of the alleged forging. Hinchey, whose home is at Parker's Ridge admitted that he had been in Fredericton on the days mentioned, 17th and 18th of March last, and said that he had seen MacKay at the hotel and had been introduced to the prisoner. This was on the seventeenth of the month and Mr. Doone entered an objection that the evidence was not pertinent as previously the 18th only was mentioned. His objection was overruled and the case proceeded. Hinchey told of seeing three others, John Urquhart, Scott MacPherson and Clyde Forbes on the same day at the hotel. He said that he had been told that England was a doctor and so had asked him for a "per". Though he did not see the defendant write the paper he received it from him and gave it to John Urquhart, who took it out and returned with forty-eight ounces of whiskey two bottles. England did not ask for any remuneration for his services and this aroused the suspicions of the witness, who, to use his own words "Never did know a doctor that never took money, before." Later on he said that he was told that England was not a doctor at all. His two bottles cost him \$9.50. Witness said that he did not see Ray Munn, who, according to MacKay's evidence, was one of the party.

Did Not Know MacKay.

Defendant's counsel did not wish to cross-examine the witness, and Mr. Hughes then called Jack Belyea, a druggist employed in the store of C. A. Burchill, in this city. He swore that Mr. Burchill is a licensed vendor under the Intoxicating Liquor Act, and then proceeded to look over several prescriptions which were offered by Sub-Inspector Saunders. He found that five of them had been filled at his place of employment and that four of them had been filled by himself. The other, he thought, had been filled by Mr. Burchill.

One of the "pers" offered as evidence had been for forty-eight ounces of whiskey but witness did not remember to whom it had been given. He did not remember seeing MacKay before the day when he had been brought into the store by Inspector Saunders to be identified. The prescriptions carried the signature of Dr. George A. Bailey, and the signature had been accepted by the witness. When asked regarding the filling of prescriptions Mr. Belyea said that the signature of all the Fredericton doctors were well known and a forgery would be easily detected; but that it was usual to question the bearer of one from an out of town doctor.

Mr. Doone again declined to cross-examine the witness, and Mr. Hughes

shareholders are to be paid that is \$64,666,666."

ATTEMPT OF OPPOSITION TO HOLD UP SUPPLY IN THE HOUSE WAS FRUSTRATED

Amendment was Defeated by a Vote of 19 to 15—Long Drawn Out Debate on the Budget Brought to a Close—Opposition Members Preach Economy, but Fail to Practice It—More Pay for School Inspectors.

Acting Leader Baxter's amendment to the motion to go into supply was defeated in the House yesterday by a straight party vote of 19 to 15. The absentees were Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, Mr. Murray and Mr. Magee, and several other members were paired. No time was lost in debating the amendment and the vote was taken soon after the routine business was disposed of.

Hon. Mr. Robinson made a few remarks in which he called attention to the fact that the City of Moncton did not have the representation in the House to which it was entitled, but he did not propose to hold up the granting of supply on that account.

The House in Supply.

The amendment having been disposed of, the motion to go into supply was adopted and the debate, which had lasted twenty-three days, was at an end.

A rather unusual feature was that Mr. Potts, on Wednesday last, began a speech and adjourned the debate. He will probably not get a chance to finish what he had to say until next session. Mr. B. F. Smith had prepared a lengthy speech in reply to Hon. Mr. Veniot, but at the last moment he concluded it would be unwise to prolong the debate, and laid his notes away in his desk.

The House went into Committee of Supply with Deputy Speaker Leger in the chair, and passed a large number of items. There was considerable discussion and, surprising as it may seem, members of the opposition who have been preaching economy, criticized the government for making too lavish use of the pruning knife.

After passing some forty-five items, the House went into Committee and disposed of quite a number of bills, both private and public. A bill to amend the election law brought about quite a lively tiff between the Attorney General and Mr. Baxter. The latter became enraged over the thought that the bill might open the door for wrong doing, but finally cooled down when a suggestion by Premier Foster that the bill be held over for further consideration was adopted.

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HIS OWN DOG KILLED SHEEP; GOT DAMAGES

Toronto, April 16—Some rather drastic action must be taken against the increasing destruction of sheep by prowling dogs according to discussion at the Agricultural Committee of the Legislature yesterday. The revenue from dog taxes in most townships according to members is away below the value of the sheep killed. Last year more sheep were killed than in any previous year.

J. W. McLeod of Stormont introduced the question to the committee. In his township the value of sheep killed was \$2,200 while the dog tax revenue was \$954. To get the benefit of the dog taxes to the townships in which the sheep are killed Hon. Manning Doherty suggested that the law be changed to permit dog tax money to be paid into the county treasury and the damages for sheep killed be paid out of that. The idea was favorable and Mr. Doherty promised to bring an amendment before the committee at a later meeting.

Some strange incidents came to light. One member told of a farmer having sheep killed by his own dog, and yet he collected damages. It was suggested that all dogs be tagged. Hon. Geo. Henry thought this should be optional with municipalities.

Is Critically Ill.

Friends of Mrs. E. G. Hoben, formerly of this city, will regret to learn that she is seriously ill at the family homestead, Swan Creek, Sunbury, and there is no hope of her recovery.

who has other evidence which he wishes to produce, asked for an adjournment. The preliminary hearing was thereupon adjourned until next Tuesday at 10 o'clock, unless other arrangements are made by Magistrate and Counsel.

U. S. SOLDIERS TO GET BONUS OF \$1 PER DAY

Washington, April 16—More than 3,000,000 United States ex-service men of the world war will be given bonuses of \$1 a day under the terms of a bill tentatively agreed to by the Ways and Means Committee's sub-committee considering bonus legislation. To raise the necessary money estimated at \$1,000,000,000, a general sales tax of one-half of one per cent. will be imposed upon all business men who do an annual business of \$2,500.

The bonuses proposed in the bill are limited to those who had a service of more than sixty days. Regular army enlisted men, officers and others who had special financial advantages during their term of service are eliminated from the provisions of the bill. While approximately 4,800,000 men were in the American service abroad or under colors when the armistice was signed, about 1,800,000 will not obtain bonus payments by the limitations imposed by the bill.

TRICK SALOON NEW FEATURE

New York, April 17—A "trick saloon" was discovered in Brooklyn today. Revenue agents charge that Peter Muller of 1033 Gale avenue had an arrangement where a pitcher of "spirits" held in the air by a string would crash to the floor with a pull of the string destroying possible evidence. The agents also charge the saloon had a springboard contrivance which enabled the proprietor to make sixteen glasses of whiskey do the disappearing act. Muller and his bartenders were held in \$1,000 bail for further examination by U. S. Commissioner Hennessy.

FREDERICTON AND DEVON BILLS DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPALITIES TODAY

DIOCESAN SYNOD WILL MEET HERE ON TUESDAY

One Hundred and Fifty Delegates Expected—Sessions Will be Held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall.

The annual meeting of the Diocesan Synod of the Church of England will be held in this city next week. At the last annual meeting held in St. John over one hundred and fifty were present and it is expected that that many at least will attend this one. The session will open with a service in the Cathedral at 10 a. m. Tuesday. A meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall of the Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday afternoon and in the evening there will be another service in the Cathedral at which Very Rev. Dean Lloyd of Nova Scotia will address the members who will attend in their robes. Holy Communion will be celebrated every morning at 7.30 in Christchurch Cathedral during the meeting of the Synod, which is expected to last for three days.

Many reports will be submitted and quite a large amount of business will be transacted.

Potato Embargo

The embargo which has been placed on shipments of potatoes from Canada to the United States, was today lifted insofar as Bridgeport, Conn., is concerned. It still remains in Boston and several other places and is causing considerable unrest in the market. Shippers are today paying \$8 per barrel at the car, while the price obtained in the retail market was \$9.50. Some of the dealers have made handsome profits on the recent rise in price.

Baseball League.

Last night a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Athletic Association was to promote a baseball league for the coming season. A committee was appointed to arrange for an in-door meet to be held in the Armoury some time in the near future. The committee was as follows, Chairmen Roland Murray, Wm. Keenan, Burton Davis. A meeting is to be held next Friday night at 7.30 in the Assembly Hall of the "Y" and representatives are invited from Marysville and Devon, to talk over the forming of a league for the summer. A four team league is wanted, one team from each of adjacent towns and two from Fredericton. A good representative team will be picked from the local league to be entered in the Provincial Y. M. C. A. Baseball League.

Bringing Up Father

Last night in the Fraser Memorial Hall was presented under the direction of Mr. Glen Mowatt to the public of our city, the musical comedy "Bringing Up Father" drawn from the world renowned comic cartoons. Many of the scenes and situations were taken from the original, but the majority were written by Mr. Mowatt himself and reflect great credit on his imagination and ability. His efforts have been untiring in the preparation and coaching of the different players for their parts and the manner in which he filled one of the leading roles showed that it is not only as a writer that he will achieve fame. The receipts were \$300. After the performance the players of the cast presented Mr. Mowatt with a beautiful bloodstone ring in appreciation of his services. Refreshments were served by the Ladies Aid to those taking part.

AN AMENDMENT MADE TO ASSESSMENT BILL

City Will Not be Allowed to Assess on Personal Property of Deceased Residents, No Matter Where Situated—Many Other Bills Were Disposed of—Moncton School Board to Issue Debentures.

The Municipalities Committee met at 10 o'clock. The bill relating to the water supply of the Town of Devon, for the purpose of extending the system was considered and reported with amendments.

The Bill relating to assessment in the Town of Woodstock requiring all persons liable to assessment to file sworn statements of property and income and granting exemptions on \$600 of all incomes was reported.

The bill to authorize the City of Moncton to issue debentures to an amount not exceeding \$307,500 to be used as follows: \$116,000 for permanent streets, \$14,000 for permanent sidewalks, \$118,000 for additional water facilities, \$35,000 for construction of sewers, \$6,000 for fire department building extension, \$6,000 for balance due on construction of Children's Aid Home, was agreed to.

The bill to establish a Municipal Home in Carleton was agreed to.

The bill authorizing the City of Moncton to purchase and take over the electric lighting plant and electric tramways in the City of Moncton from the Moncton Tramways, Electricity & Gas Co. Ltd. was reported.

The bill to amend the City of Fredericton Assessment Act was considered. The first section, providing for the assessment of personal estate wherever situated of deceased residents during the year in which death occurred was struck out and the bill agreed to as amended.

The bill authorizing the Moncton Board of School Trustees to issue debentures not exceeding \$200,000 and a bill relating to sewers and marshlands in the Parish of Moncton were agreed to.

The Bill relating to assessing of taxes in the City of St. John was considered. It increases the exemption on widow's property from \$200 to \$500, requires notice to the assessors of the winding up of the estate of a deceased person; makes a person or company taking over business liable for taxation on the income received during that year and limits the provision for taking over leasehold lands, by the lessee, to land leased for not less than \$1 per foot frontage.

Mr. Campbell explained that the latter section was to relieve the City of the duty of selling at nominal amounts. City leasehold property on which the rental is nominal.

The bill was reported.

Mr. Tilley and Mr. Sweeney voted against the last mentioned section.

The bill relating to sidewalks in the Town of Woodstock, providing among other sections for assessments of 35 and 15 per cent on property on respective sides of a street in which a sidewalk is laid on only one side was agreed to.

COUNTRY MARKET

Large Market Today—Potatoes Still Firm in Price.

There was a very large country market this morning, the largest in fact for some months. Despite this fact prices remained just about the same. Large quantities of maple honey were offered, but the scarcity of beef was remarkable. The prices were as follows:

Eggs, 60 cents.
Butter, 60 cents.
Veal, 10 to 20 cents.
Potatoes, \$9.50.
Maple Honey, 75 cents.
Pork, 25 cents by the carcass.
Smoked Ham, 34 cents.
Turnips, \$2.50.
Apples, \$4 to \$5.00.
As high as \$10 per barrel was asked for potatoes but the general price paid was \$9.50.

GERMAN BATTLESHIPS WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE FRENCH GOVT.

(Special to the Mail.)

LONDOS, April 17.—One German battleship and six torpedo boats allotted to France under the peace treaty, will leave Kiel today to be delivered to the French Government. The battleships Oldenburg and Posen will be delivered on April 28th at Scotland.

FLYING SQUAD OF PRINTERS MAY HELP PUBLISH MONTREAL STAR

(Special to the Mail.)

MONTREAL, April 17.—The Montreal Star printers are still out on strike. With the assistance of the job printers a smaller edition will be issued today, as was done yesterday. Reports are prevalent that the international union is sending a flying squad to take places of strikers, who quit work against the orders both of the local and international unions.