

HOUSE WILL RUSH BUSINESS AND RISE SATURDAY

Mr. Hazen Made the Announcement at Noon Today--Lively Times Ahead for the Members.

When the house will prorogue was still an open question at noon today the only certain thing being that there will be no prorogation today. The corporations and accounts committee met this morning. In the former the Gibson and Minto railway bill was considered but no changes calculated to safeguard the interest of the province were added to the bill and it will be presented to the committee of the whole in about its original form. The accounts committee completed its labors and passed a resolution white washing Structural Superintendent Hoar whose expenditure for bridges in Albert County have taken up considerable time in committee during the past week.

In the house a number of bills were put through committee including the Fredericton street railway bill. A clause fixing a minimum rate of fare was stricken out. Otherwise the bill was not touched in any important particular and was passed about as it left the committee's hands. The bill incorporating the St. John and Quebec railway also came up for consideration. Mr. Sweeney pointed out that while the title of the bill showed that it was to incorporate a railway company it also incorporated an express company, an electric light company and a steamboat company. Some of these later things appeared in the published notice relating to the bill. It was the duty of the legislature to protect the public interests.

The Valley railway bill will come up for a third reading some time today and the Opposition will move some amendments along the line of their objections to the bill.

Last night, Mr. Hazen introduced an amendment to the public health act. He did not explain the measure. There is but one copy of the bill in the hands of the clerk and that had been sent to the printer this morning and was not available. There are rumors that other government measures will be presented this afternoon and rushed through the house.

TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS

The house met at 11 a. m.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer in reply to Mr. Robinson's enquiry said that the crown had no land adjoining Beulah camp grounds.

Hon. Mr. Morrissy in reply to Hon. Mr. LaBillois' enquiry said the erection of Cove bridge in the southern part of Kent county was under consideration.

The house went into committee of the whole, Mr. Young in the chair.

The bill relating to the Imperial Dry Dock Company of St. John to extend the time of commencing operations was agreed to.

The bill to amend the town's incorporation act so far as it relates to the town of Milltown was also agreed to. The bill gives the town authority to make a temporary loan up to \$12,000.

The bill to incorporate the Fredericton Street Railway Company was next taken up.

The clause placing 5 cents as the minimum fare was stricken out. With some slight amendments the bill was agreed to.

The bill relating to the town of Elgin was also agreed to.

After these bills were reported the house went into committee again with Mr. Leger (West.) in the chair.

The amended bill relating to St. Paul's church, Fredericton, as agreed to by the sub-committee of the corporation committee and agreeable to the interested parties, was agreed to.

The bill relating to wharves and piers in the harbor of St. John was next taken up.

Mr. Wilson explained that the original bill gave the city the right to expropriate property between high and low water and was considered too powerful a measure and had been modified.

The bill to revive and continue the powers of the Madawaska Log Driving Company was agreed to and taken up.

The Tobique & Campbellton Railway bill was next considered. The charter of this company is about to expire and a renewal was sought. Agreed to.

The bill to incorporate the St. John & Quebec Railway Company was then taken up. Some amendments were brought down and in the discussion which ensued, some criticisms were passed on the way in which amendments to bills before the house were brought down, members complaining that frequently they had no means of obtaining a knowledge of what matters these amendments referred to.

Mr. Sweeney called attention to the fact that the bill seemed to cover a good many different kinds of business; it was to be not only a railway company, an express company, a ferry company and some others, and each of these should form the subject of a separate application, otherwise the province would be the loser of some fees which should otherwise be received.

Hon. Mr. Hazen said nothing more than the powers usually given in such cases was contained in the bill, and that such powers were adjuncts of a railway business and necessary.

Mr. Bentley said what had been said by the premier was satisfactory so far as the Company itself was concerned, but it would be different if the company was allowed to supply power, light and heat to outside consumers. There should be separate applications and the company should in this respect be put upon the same basis as ordinary commercial corporations. Ultimately the bill was agreed to.

Mr. Copp called the attention of the Chief Commissioner to the fact that all the papers which he had asked for with reference to certain bridge payments in Albert County had not been brought down and he would like to know when he might expect to have them.

Hon. Mr. Morrissy said all the papers he had were laid on the table and any not so laid were with the public accounts committee.

Hon. Mr. Hazen said it had been arranged that prorogation should if possible take place on Saturday afternoon.

House took recess at 1.20.

WESTERN RY. FIREMEN ARRANGE COMPROMISE

Demand for Increase of Pay to be Arbitrated--Both Sides Will Abide by Decision.

Chicago, Ill., March 24.—Terms of agreement in the federal mediation of the controversy between the 27,000 firemen on western railroads and the railroad managers were reached at an early hour this morning. The demands of the firemen for a 12½ per cent. increase in pay will be arbitrated under the Erdman Act. Any fireman temporarily promoted to be an engineer, after having had the position for sixty days establishes his seniority and must not be reduced irrespective of which union of which he is a member.

The agreement in all except the wage question, was a compromise by both sides. On the wage question, both sides agreed to abide by the decision of the arbitration board, which is to be selected later.

The terms were agreed to by W. C. Nixon, general manager of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, on behalf of the managers' committee, and by W. S. Carter, president of the brotherhood of locomotive firemen and engineers. United States Commissioner of Labor C. P. Neill, the federal mediator, announced that he would return to Washington today.

ITALIANS PLEADED GUILTY ON ONE COUNT

John Jamieson yesterday afternoon was found guilty in the county court of stealing from George R. Thompson, of St. Mary's. He was declared not guilty of breaking and entering the premises of Thompson.

This morning the three Italians Jamieson, Thomas Boyle and Mike Booker, pleaded guilty of stealing from Douglass Bros., of Stanley. The charge of breaking and entering in this case was withdrawn.

The charge of stealing from McManus & Co. of this city was taken up immediately afterward. Several witnesses were called. They included Miss McManus, Mr. Harry Cox and others.

The case is still going on.

B. C. VESSEL FOUNDERS; SIX LIVES WERE LOST

(Special to The Mail.)

Vancouver, March 24.—The gasoline freighter Arthur B., of Tacoma, bound to Vancouver with plaster, foundered Tuesday night off Sandheads at the mouth of the Fraser River, all hands being lost. The men on the Sandheads light-ship witnessed the foundering, but were unable to lend assistance. The say the vessel went over so quickly it was impossible to get a boat out. The vessel left Tacoma on March 19th, in charge of Captain McGranaghan, and crew of five men.

MANITOBA'S PREMIER TO ABANDON POLITICS

(Special to The Mail.)

Winnipeg, March 24.—Premier Roblin has, it is understood, practically decided, owing to failing health, to retire from active politics in the immediate future. Should he retire, the premiership will devolve on Hon. Robert Rogers. No definite announcement on the subject is expected until the eve of the general elections.

BRIEF SPORTING DESPATCHES

Oakland, Calif., March 24.—Cyclone Johnny Thompson was given the decision last night over Charlie Norvall of Butte, Montana, in their fight here. Thompson brought Norvall to his knees twice in the third, and fourth rounds, but could not land the knockout punch.

San Francisco, March 24.—Willie Hoppe won the first block of his 18.2 billiard match with Ora Morningstar here last night, 500 to 406.

CARNIVAL OF CRIME AT WILMINGTON

Murders and Violent Shooting Assaults Follow One Another Closely in Delaware City.

Wilmington, Del., March 24.—Never before yesterday have the crime annals of Wilmington made such a ghastly showing. Three murders, violent shooting assaults that may result in three more deaths, a half dozen persons slightly wounded and record.

The most sensational occurrence was the tragedy on the Baltimore and Ohio express, which, starting when the train had just passed Newark, 12 miles below Wilmington, continued until its arrival at the Delaware avenue station in this city and culminated in the tragic death of J. H. Bethea of Dillon, N. C. The double murderer after he had held a crowd of more than a thousand persons and nearly all of the police at bay for more than an hour. It is not yet known to a certainty who fired the shot which ended the life of Bethea and probably never will be.

The only person, save Bethea, the murderer of Conductor O. E. Wellman and of Samuel Williams, porter of the train on which the tragedy started to be wounded beyond a light extent was park guard John L. Wiley of this city who was struck twice by Bethea's quick fire, one bullet penetrating his left hand and the other striking him in the left groin. The latter wound may prove serious. Conductor Wellman's body was sent to his home in Philadelphia today. The body of Williams will be sent to his home in Baltimore this afternoon. The body of the murderer will be held to await word from his home friends and probably will be claimed in due time. If not it will be interred in the common burial ground for the county poor.

The guards of the workhouse tragedy are in a precarious condition, the negro who tried to escape is at the prison hospital. His death is expected at any time. The other tragedies, the suicide of Mrs. Hattie Rommel and the suicide of Charles Randall after he had shot and killed Mrs. Clara Newcomb, because she refused to elope with him are without further incident, death having brought them to a speedy close.

GIBSON AND MINTO BILL PASSED COMMITTEE

The corporations committee met this morning, Mr. Slipp in the chair, and agreed to the bills to incorporate the Gibson & Minto Railway Co. with amendments which placed the matter of municipalities' taxes with the municipalities and confined the expropriation powers of the company to the purposes of the railway.

A resolution was moved by Mr. Burchill and seconded by Mr. Sweeney expressing the thanks of the committee to the chairman for the fair and impartial manner in which he had acted as chairman. The resolution passed unanimously, and Mr. Slipp replied, thanking the committee.

CONCILIATION BOARD TO ADJUST DIFFERENCES

(Special to The Mail.)

Toronto, March 24.—The differences existing between trainmen and the Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk and Wabash Railways (Canadian division), will be adjusted by a conciliation board in which J. G. Odonhoe of this city will represent the men. The other members of the commission have not been appointed as yet. The board's first meeting will take place in Montreal, within a few weeks. The men are asking for an increase in wages, better hours and better conditions generally.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Gale, of Quebec, who lately returned from a European tour, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. L. W. Bailey, Miss E. A. Harris, of Fredericton, was at the Royal yesterday.—St. John Telegraph.

Mrs. J. A. Sproul and her niece, Miss Dorothy Currie, of Fredericton, are the guests of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Neil McLaughlan, 23 High street.—St. John Telegraph.

MOTORMEN AND CONDUCTORS STANDING ALMOST ALONE

Disintegration of Sympathetic Strike in Philadelphia Continues--Traction Company Increasing Its Service.

Philadelphia, March 24.—The disintegration of the general sympathetic strike called to aid the trolley men of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company continued today. Hundreds of mill hands employed in the textile industries returned to work and building operations, which were tied up by the general walk-out, were resumed in many parts of the city. Workmen in other industries are also slowly going back to their places. The one conspicuous exception is the amalgamated society of carpenters and joiners, which is still holding its men out and expects to keep them out until the car strike is ended. The members of the Associated Carpenters of Philadelphia and vicinity, a rival carpenters' organization have returned to

work, having made a new agreement with their employers, which is to the advantage of both sides.

With the state-wide strike only a remote possibility and the Federal sympathetic strike in this city breaking up, the striking motormen and conductors are standing almost alone. They have decided to continue their fight until the traction company comes to terms. The carmen expect to receive financial aid from all union men that have returned to work and if these expectations are realized they hope to keep up the strike almost indefinitely. The traction company continues to increase its car service. All lines are now in operation, but the service is limited in some sections.

THE HOLY CITY MAY NOT BE SEEN HERE

St. John and Woodstock Protest Against Play--Object to Salome Dance.

It is not likely that The Holy City which is booked at the Opera House for March 29, will be seen by Fredericton theatre-goers. Certain features of the show have proved to be so little to the liking of the Moral and Social Reform Association of St. John that the members of that body have threatened to apply for an injunction to prevent the play being put on at the Winter Port. His Lordship Bishop Casey also protested against the play. In view of these protests the manager of the St. John Opera House advised the company to cancel the dates. In Woodstock also the churches have protested against the play.

His Worship Mayor Thomas said this morning that what was not good enough for St. John and Woodstock was not good enough for Fredericton. However, the local authorities will take no action until more definite word is received from St. John.

The feature of The Holy City to which objection is taken is a "Salome Dance." Clergymen also object to the use of a sacred subject for dramatic purposes.

ST. JOHN SOAP COS. ARE AMALGAMATING

(Special to The Mail)

St. John, N.B., March 24.—Three soap manufacturing concerns in St. John are amalgamating in a \$150,000 company. They are the Asepto Soap Co., Colls Soaps, Ltd., and The Welcome Soap Co. The joint concern will be known as the Asepto Soaps, Ltd. They plan to invade West India market.

\$200,000 DAMAGE FROM PRAIRIE FIRES

Omaha, Neb., March 24.—High winds and dry weather caused fires in Nebraska towns and on the prairies yesterday, entailing losses of more than \$200,000. The worst fire occurred at North Bend, where a lumber yard and elevator and several other buildings were destroyed, causing a loss of \$60,000. Near Cairo a prairie fire burned over 20 square miles, destroying many farm buildings. At Beaver City a railroad bridge was burned, and at Perry, Iowa, twelve buildings were destroyed, causing a loss of \$20,000.

BLAZE AT ST. JOHN

St. John, March 24.—Fire, which burned for an hour, from 11.15 a. m., destroyed a frame house in process of building for Douglas McArthur on Harris Street, off Paradise Row. It caught from tar boiling over. The loss is estimated at \$1,200. No insurance.

TO PAVE ANOTHER BLOCK ON QUEEN STREET

Permanent Paving Between Westmorland and York Streets--Settlement Of Mitchell Maxwell Suit.

It has been practically settled that that portion of Queen street between York and Westmorland streets will be laid with permanent pavement during the coming summer. There was a meeting of the Roads and Streets Committee last night at which the general question of repairing the streets and laying permanent pavement was discussed. Nothing definite was decided upon however.

The committee took up the matter of the claim of Mitchell and Maxwell against the city. For the benefit of the new aldermen the matter was thoroughly discussed. A sub-committee consisting of Ald. Mitchell, Ald. Jewett and Ald. Harrison was appointed to confer with the contractors and attempt to reach a settlement. It is the general feeling that a settlement should be made at once and it is expected that the sub-committee will arrange the matter satisfactorily. The conference with the contractors, will be held this evening.

With regard to permanent paving, the committee decided to wait until it can learn how the Hassam pavement laid last summer has stood the winter weather. The committee will take steps to ascertain what other kind of pavement would be suitable for this city and will use it in the event of the Hassam pavement not proving to be satisfactory.

The committee decided to experiment with concrete as material for making street crossings. In the past asphalt has been used exclusively. Four concrete crossings are to be laid at the corner of York and King streets by the civic employes. If they prove satisfactory others will be laid.

The Roads Committee also took up the matter of drainage. It was thought advisable to enlarge the drains at the back of the city, but nothing definite was decided upon.

KLING'S CASE TO COME UP ON FRIDAY NEXT

New York, March 24.—President Lynch of the National League, has received a telegram from Garry Herrmann, chairman of the National commission, calling a meeting of that body for next Friday morning at 11 o'clock in Cincinnati, to consider the question of the re-instatement of Catcher John Kling. Lynch will attend this meeting and after Kling's case is passed on, he will urge the adoption of a uniform rule by the commission regarding the player limit, which will be in force in the major leagues this season. It is Lynch's idea that a manager should not be considered as a player.

FIFTEEN PERISH

Cuxhaven, March 24.—The Norwegian freight steamer Dixie, bound for a Scottish port, capsized in the mouth of the Elbe during a severe storm today. The crew of 15 persons were drowned.

NIGHT WATCHMAN BURNED TO DEATH

New York, March 24.—John O'Connell, an aged night watchman at the factory building of the New York Asbestos Company at Hunter's Point L. I., is believed to have been burned to death last night in a fire which destroyed the plant. Three firemen were injured in fighting the flames, which spread rapidly through the plant. The loss is about \$45,000.

EASTER LILIES.

New York, March 24.—Easter lilies are the latest commodity to join the swelling list of things "scarce and high." The steamer Oceania, which arrived today from Bermuda brought a consignment far below the average for an arriving steamer in the week preceding Easter. Other recent shipments have also been small. The earliness of the date on which Easter falls this year and the shortness of the Bermuda crop are responsible for the small supply.

BLOWN TO PIECES BY UNKNOWN COMPOUND

Cleveland, Ohio, March 24.—Patrick Doud, a sampler in the laboratory of a local chemical works, was blown to pieces last night while stirring an unknown compound which is believed to have been a new explosive. The man was still alive when help reached him and he explained before he died that the mixture had been given him by a friend. He did not live long enough to give the friend's name but the police are searching for the unknown chemist.

THE DISCOUNT RATE

London, March 24.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged at 4 per cent. today.

His Honor Lieutenant Governor Tweedie, went to St. John this morning.