

GOVERNMENT WILL OPERATE ST. JOHN VALLEY RAILWAY

Hon. Mr. Graham, Minister of Railways Gives Notice of Important Resolution in Parliament—First Section Between Fredericton and Woodstock Will be Operated as Soon as Completed—Government to Pay a Rental Equal to Forty Per Cent of Gross Earnings.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The Dominion government is making good its promise to have the St. John Valley railroad operated by the Intercolonial as soon as the record is constructed up to the general standard of the National Transcontinental through the Province of New Brunswick.

The promoters of the project have given the government assurance that they can carry through the undertaking with this pledge from Ottawa, and Mr. Hazen is committed to give the aid of the province to the undertaking as soon as the federal government promised Intercolonial operation.

Hon. Mr. Graham, the minister of railways, has given notice that the government at Ottawa has supplemented its promise by an order-in-council, which the House of Commons is asked by the government to confirm. The following notice of motion was given by the minister of railways tonight:

THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL

"Resolved, That whereas by legislation enacted at the session thereof held in the year A. D. 1910, by the legislature of the Province of New Brunswick authorized and empowered the lieutenant-governor-in-council for the said province to guarantee the principal and interest of the bonds of any railway from a point on the line of the National Transcontinental Railway at Grand Falls in the County of Victoria to the city of St. John, in the said province of New Brunswick, a distance of about 220 miles, to the extent of \$25,000 per mile, upon certain conditions therein set forth, one of such conditions, being that no such agreement should be entered into with any company or corporation for the construction of the said line of railway, or for the guaranteeing of the said bonds, unless and until the parliament of Canada should enact legislation authorizing the entering by the government of Canada into an agreement with such company, or with the government of the province of New Brunswick, for the leasing of the said line of railway when completed, with its appurtenances and rolling stock, and for the operation, maintenance, upkeep and repair by the said government of Canada, as a part of the government railway system of Canada, for a period of ninety-nine years, and for the payment by the government of Canada to the said province of New Brunswick, or the government thereof, of each year during the said term of ninety-nine years, of forty per centum per annum of the gross earnings of the said railway, as or in the nature of rental therefor; the amount of such rental to be applied in payment of the interest on the bonds so to be guaranteed, and the surplus, if any, to be paid to the said company:

WOULD LEASE THE LINE

"Now, therefore, it is expedient that his excellency the governor-in-council, be authorized to enter into a contract with any such railroad company and the government of the province of New Brunswick as aforesaid, for the leasing of the said line of railway with its appurtenances and rolling stock, when completed, and equipped with rolling stock and for the operation, maintenance, upkeep and repair by the said government of Canada as a part of the government railway system of Canada, for a period of ninety-nine years, and for the payment by the government of Canada to the said province of New Brunswick or the said company each year during the said term of ninety-nine years, of forty per centum per annum of the gross earnings of the said railway, as or in the nature of rental therefor.

"Provided, however, that the said contract shall be entered into only upon the condition that the said railway be constructed upon plans and specifications to be approved of by the governor-in-council, upon the recommendation of the minister of railways and canals, and shall be up to the general standard of the said National Transcontinental Railway through the said province.

"Provided further, that his excellency the governor-in-council shall be authorized to enter into a contract as aforesaid for the operation of the said road in sections when completed and equipped as follows:

"(1) From Fredericton to Woodstock.

"(2) From Fredericton south, a distance of fifty miles.

"(3) Each twenty-five miles thereafter until the line be completed and equipped from Grand Falls to St. John."

N. S. TRAVELLER UNDER ARREST FOR FORGERY

(Canadian Press)

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 7.—Wanted on the charge of the forgery of cheques amounting to \$700. Herbert J. Strothard, with various aliases, was arrested in Cambridge last night by United States Marshall Ruhl and a Canadian detective for the Dominion authorities.

Strothard hails from Bermuda and went from Worcester to Halifax last December to become a commercial traveller for Gunn & Co. flour merchants. It is charged that he passed small cheques on various banks and hotels in Nova Scotia, made out in the names of Halifax merchants.

Late in December he was married to a young woman in Sussex, N. B. Strothard will resist extradition and a hearing on the case will be held today.

CATTLE STEAMER LOST WITH ALL ON BOARD

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—The cattle steamer Sturman, is ten days overdue at this port and is believed to have been lost with all on board including a crew of twenty-two, three cattle men and five women.

RUMORED TARIFF CHANGES IN GREAT BRITAIN

(Canadian Press)

London, Feb. 7.—The Morning Post gives currency to a rumor that the government is considering important taxation changes in the next budget in the direction of large remissions of import duties on tea, coffee, cocoa, dried fruits and similar products, and the imposition of a general ad valorem of 6 per cent on all manufactured goods for revenue purposes not for protection.

The rumor appears to be exceedingly improbable, but the Post asserts that efforts are being made to ascertain how the country would be likely to receive such a proposal.

A WIFE BEATER GOT HIS DESERTS

(Canadian Press)

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 7.—Five lashes on his bare back and two months in jail was the sentence imposed by Judge Duffy in the Criminal Court here today on George E. Wood for assaulting his wife and terribly mutilating her face with a knife. The last time the whipping post was in the jail here was in 1808.

THE DECIES-GOULD WEDDING



MISS VIVIEN GOULD.

LORD DECIES.

New York, Feb. 7.—Gifts which Miss Vivien Gould received on the eve of her marriage to Lord Decies form the most costly collection of any New York wedding of recent years. Many of the presents have come from England and many more await the arrival of the couple on their return from their bridal trip through Egypt.

Each of the five bridesmaids will receive a gold vanity box, inside of which is engraved the words "From Vivien." The engraving is the facsimile of Miss Gould's hand writing. On the outside appears the monogram Gould colors with the initials "G. D." in diamonds.

Lord Decies' gifts to his best man and ushers were scarfpins shaped like a crown and set with diamonds.

SIR DONALD MANN ENDORSES THE RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

Sir Donald Mann, vice President of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, and one of the leading railway men of the continent, evidently does not take much stock in the argument against reciprocity put forward by the "special interests" that it will injure Canadian railways by diverting traffic north and south instead of east and west. Here is what Sir Donald says on the subject of reciprocity in an interview published in the Financial Post:

"I do not say that the people who are engaged in producing are the greatest in the country, but they are certainly engaged in the work of greatest benefit to the nation—the creation of wealth.

"It is an important point. Remember I do not place the individual first. The work, if worth anything at all, is greater than the man always. Mackenzie and I have built a railroad. Its beginnings were small, but now that railroad is a national, yes an international and Imperial factor. And yet we personally are international and Imperial factors only in as much as we control the operation of the road. When we are dead and forgotten, the Canadian Northern will be carrying western grain to the mills and timber to the factories.

"The products of the farm, of the sea, and of the mine are entitled to especial consideration. Nor should the lumberman be overlooked. Timber is a crop which ripens, and should be reaped. If it is not, it deteriorates. He who cuts down one ripe tree and plants one or more in its place is a producer of wealth.

"If we have 7 or 8 millions of people in Canada, with a free market for the producer, and to that number we add the 95 millions of the United States, we are assisting the most important industries in Canada.

"Next in importance to the producer comes the manufacturer and it is the duty of the government to provide increased market facilities for both. The United States has ceased to export cattle, and may soon cease to export wheat. The balance between production and consumption is drawing nearer adjustment. If it were possible to prevent grain from going south, without injury to the producer, I would say avoid a treaty or other reciprocal arrangement, but it is beyond our power to hold our wheat within British territory. THE UNITED STATES CAN REMOVE THE TARIFF WHENEVER IT SUITS HER CONVENIENCE SO TO DO, WITHOUT CONSULTING US.

"With regard to the export of wheat, Canada will have her own lines of railway across the continent as well as ships upon the sea. This will enable them to take grain for export from the producer to the consumer, without any division of rates, and, in the same way, manufactured goods as return cargoes from the producer to the consumer in the West. On the other hand, going south through the United States, wheat for export would have to pass over three or four lines of railways, and thence by independent vessels to European markets. This through rate, which is necessarily low, would be divided among three or four transportation companies, making it impossible to compete with Canadian through lines. DEPEND UPON IT CANADIAN RAILWAYS HANDLING NATURAL PRODUCTS OF THE WEST FOR EXPORT WILL RETAIN THE TRAFFIC ON THEIR OWN TRACKS AND IN THEIR OWN VESSELS TO DESTINATION."

PREMIER MURRAY WILL REMAIN

Will Not Retire From Leadership of N.S. Government as Intended

Mr. H. J. Logan, Ex-M. P., Slated For Vacant Seat in the Senate—Conference at Montreal.

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, Feb. 7.—Following a lengthy interview which he had here with Hon. Mr. Fielding it is learned that Hon. George Murray has decided to reconsider his decision to retire from the premiership of Nova Scotia. It is stated that he will stay in the arena, and may appeal to the people early in May.

Premier Murray was to have been succeeded by Hon. A. K. MacLean, attorney general of Nova Scotia and formerly M. P. for the County of Lunenburg. It is understood that a great deal of pressure was brought to bear both in Halifax and Ottawa to persuade Premier Murray to retain the leadership.

Hon. Mr. Fielding asked for a personal interview and it was for that reason that Mr. Murray came to Montreal. He was accompanied by a number of Nova Scotia politicians including Mr. H. J. Logan, ex-M. P. The latter, it is understood, was slated for the vacant senatorship for the province, but declared his willingness to give the appointment over to Mr. Murray, provided the latter wished to retire from the provincial arena. Persuaded by Mr. Fielding to remain in office, Mr. Murray, it is understood will keep the reins of government and the senatorship will go to Mr. Hance J. Logan.

ALLEGED PLOT TO MURDER THE MIKADO

London, Feb. 7.—Rumors of a conspiracy against the life of the Japanese Mikado were circulated today in the wake of a report that a number of anarchists had arrived at Yokohama on board the S. S. Tenyo. It is known that the Japanese police have redoubled their vigilance in the past forty eight hours and that a number of secret arrests have been made.

According to the rumor in circulation, foreign anarchists have joined hands with the Japanese radicals to do away with the emperor. The second plot is alleged to have been hatched in the United States.

TWENTY-TWO INJURED BY AN EXPLOSION

New York, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Twenty-two men were badly hurt today when a can of hydro carbon suddenly exploded enveloping in flames while they were engaged in thawing out the third rail of the Long Island Railroad two miles south of Jamaica L. I. Three ambulances rushed them to St. Mary's Hospital and Jamaica Hospital. Five are in a serious condition from their burns.

TERRY MCGOVERN AT DEATH'S DOOR

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 7.—Terry McGovern, one of the rings greatest little fighters, is dying at the Arlington Hotel here and physicians say he cannot last through the day. The nature of the ailment is being kept a close secret.

GOTCH ON DECK AGAIN

Sioux City, Iowa Feb. 7.—Frank Gotch returned to the mat last night in a finish match for the first time since his retirement a year ago. In a bout with Kara Osman, he made quick work of the Turk, throwing him twice in 25 minutes. He displayed his old time skill and alertness.

BIG BLIZZARD IN NEW YORK

American Metropolis in the Grip of Worst Storm in Years

Many Persons in Hospitals From Injuries—Railway Traffic Almost Paralyzed by Snowfall.

(Canadian Press)

New York, Feb. 7.—With one dead, two dying and 73 other persons in hospitals as the results of injuries received in falls, the blizzard which struck this city yesterday at noon, was still raging today.

Patrick Gleason, overcome by exposure died suddenly while seeking employment at the street cleaning bureau. Stanley Giermack, run down by a delivery automobile and Francisco Maylo—run down by a street which he failed to see while blinded by snow, are dying.

More than 1500 were cared for at the municipal lodging houses during the night. There were 300 women and children among them. The weather bureau declares the storm to be the first section of what will become a triple blizzard if the two other violent storms coming from the west are not switched off in their sweep towards the east. A 20 mile gale blew this morning, carrying upon its crest a snow fall of hard sleet and half snow while traffic was almost completely paralyzed by the five inches of snow which had fallen late yesterday and last night.

Telegraph and telephone communication was interrupted. Street cars, elevated and railroad traffic is tied up and shipping badly crippled. Ten thousand street cleaners were set to work attempting to get the streets clear before the second storm strikes the city.

Steamships approaching this port felt the full fury of the storm. Outside Sandy Hook the wind was a gale sweeping the decks with sleet and frozen spray. Capt. J. B. Ransom of the White Star Line Baltic declared that the gale off Sandy Hook early today was the worst he had encountered on the voyage across the Atlantic.

WILL TEST AEROPLANES IN ACTUAL WARFARE

New York, Feb. 7.—Alfred J. Moissant, brother of the late John B. Moissant received word yesterday from San Antonio Texas that Roland C. Carros, Rene Simon and Rene Barrier, have volunteered to fly over the Mexican insurgent field at Juarez to test the worth of aeroplanes in actual warfare. There is to be an aviation meet at El Paso, Texas, this week, just across the border from Juarez and Mr. Moissant, who will conduct it, left here last night to superintend arrangement on the spot. His plan is to observe the strictest neutrality. All observations will be reported to him and the United States Army officers stationed along the border and to nobody else. On the strength of this guarantee, he says, he has received assurances that neither side will fire on the aviators.

ENGINEER TO BLAME FOR GRAND TRUNK WRECK

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 7.—Grand Trunk Superintendent Gillen, who returned today from investigating the Paris wreck, stated that the blame for the disaster rested upon the engineer of the light engine. He had orders to run as extra 29 from Stratford to Paris Junction, keeping clear of all other regular trains. This order he did not carry out, admitting he cannot last through the day. "I forgot all about the passenger train." If he had even obeyed the signal code, says Supt. Gillen, there would have been no accident. In the 3 1/2 mile run from Stratford to Paris Junction, he would not meet more than three trains.

ONTARIO HEAVY WEIGHTS DEATH

Smiths Falls, Ont., Feb. 7.—Colonel Louckes, who weighed 360 pounds, died here Sunday aged 62.

QUEBEC'S NEW ROAD POLICY

Its Provisions Explained in the Legislative by Hon. Mr. Caron

Liberal Assistance Will be Granted to Municipalities and Villages For Road Work.

(Canadian Press)

Quebec, Feb. 7.—Hon. Mr. Caron, minister of agriculture, explained in detail in the legislature yesterday, the government's measure looking to the improvements of Quebec highways. The bill authorizes the government to grant each year to any rural municipality a subsidy equal to one half the expense involved by it during the year for the making, improving or maintenance of, provided that such sums shall not exceed \$400 and the minister may also grant to any village or municipality a subsidy equal to 40 per cent. of the expenses incurred in making and improving roads, the sum not to exceed \$200.

Municipalities with macadamized roads without having passed the by-law, may obtain one half the expense up to \$1,000 and \$500 for graveling. Quebec, Feb. 7.—Mr. Francoeur of Lotbiniere yesterday afternoon introduced in the legislature his bill providing regulations governing the quality and weight of bread in rural municipalities. A license for each municipality is provided for by the measure, which also authorizes six, four, three, two and one pound loaves, which must be labelled showing weight. Each municipality under the bill, is held responsible for the enforcement of the law.

GREEK COAL MINERS IN FATAL UPRISING

Salt Lake City, Utah Feb. 7.—An armed uprising of Greek coal miners, at Kerilworth, Utah, was suppressed yesterday after four men had been killed, one fatally wounded and several others slightly hurt by flying bullets.

THE LEGISLATURE LIKELY TO MEET ON MARCH 2ND

All the members of the Local Government are in the city and are holding a meeting to arrange the program for the approaching session. While members of the executive had no announcement to make on the subject at noon, it is understood that it has been decided to summon the Legislature to meet for the despatch of business on March 2nd. It was intended to hold an election before another session, but the scheme was blocked by Messrs. Morrissey and Flemming. As Premier Hazen is anxious to attend the coronation, there will be no election now until after his return.

KILLED BY A FALL

St. Johns Que. Feb. 7.—Henri Biron was instantly killed by falling 100 feet to a cement floor in an elevator fracturing his skull.

WANT YEAR'S LEASE

The Park Booking Circuit Inc., of New York have applied for a year's lease of the City Opera House for three nights a week for vaudeville. Special rates have been asked on account of the length of lease.

TO BE BURIED THURSDAY. The remains of the late Mrs. H. M. Jewett will arrive from Providence, R.I., tomorrow at noon. The funeral will take place on Thursday at three p. m., from the residence of Mr. E. A. McKay, Brunswick street. The funeral service will be conducted by Rev. J. H. MacDonald. Interment will be made at the Rural cemetery.