

RUNNING RIGHTS.

Ottawa, April 11.—Hon. Mr. Emmerson, minister of railways, introduced in the house yesterday a bill providing for I. C. R. running rights over the Grand Trunk from Montreal to Coteau, and over the Canada Atlantic system and its branches from Coteau to Georgian Bay.

Mr. Emmerson said that he introduced the bill at the present time so that the Grand Trunk would know before their bill passed under what terms parliament was passing such legislation. The Intercolonial would have the right to run their trains, passengers and freight right through from Montreal to Georgian Bay. The government would have a right to do through and local passenger business and through freight.

The terms upon which this shall be done shall be left to the railway commission and the decisions of the railway commission shall be subject to an appeal to the supreme court. There will be no appeal from the railway commission to the governor in council.

Tariff rates along the line of the Canada Atlantic would be subject to the commission, also on traffic originating on the I. C. R. for points on the C. A. R.

Mr. Borden made some criticism of the bill stating that if it were wise to take running rights, then the government ought to have purchased the whole system.

Mr. Haggart said that he was opposed to the granting of running rights because they would be of no use. As to the purchase of the Canada Atlantic by the government, he was also opposed to it on any kind of terms.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that what the bill did was to take the power for running rights. It was not the intention of the government to run their trains over the Canada Atlantic system, but the power to do so would be theirs.

Mr. Fielding said that the speech of Mr. Haggart, the railway critic of the opposition, relieved the public mind of there being any idea on the part of the opposition to have purchased the Canada Atlantic system and attached it to the Intercolonial, notwithstanding that it was held out at one time as being the policy of the opposition to do so. That matter was now disposed of by Mr. Haggart. As for the present bill, power was taken for running rights, and the government could utilize these rights if it were considered advisable to do so. The statement of Mr. Haggart made it clear that the Conservative party never had any intention of extending the Intercolonial to Georgian Bay.

Mr. Speaker announced the vacancy in Edmonton, through the appointment of Mr. Oliver to an office of emolument under the crown and Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that this was an answer to the question which was put to him on Friday by the leader of the opposition.

Mr. Borden did not know if he could congratulate the premier on his courage, as he took some six or seven weeks to reach this decision. He said that the programme was to give the portfolio to Walter Scott, and make Mr. Oliver premier of Alberta. He wanted to know why the change was made.

Mr. Armand Lavergne asked if Mr. McLean (South York) was going to follow up his challenge and run against Mr. Oliver.

The house discussed the Canada Atlantic bill until midnight, after which it was read a third time and passed.

BRAVE GIRLS KILL LYNX.

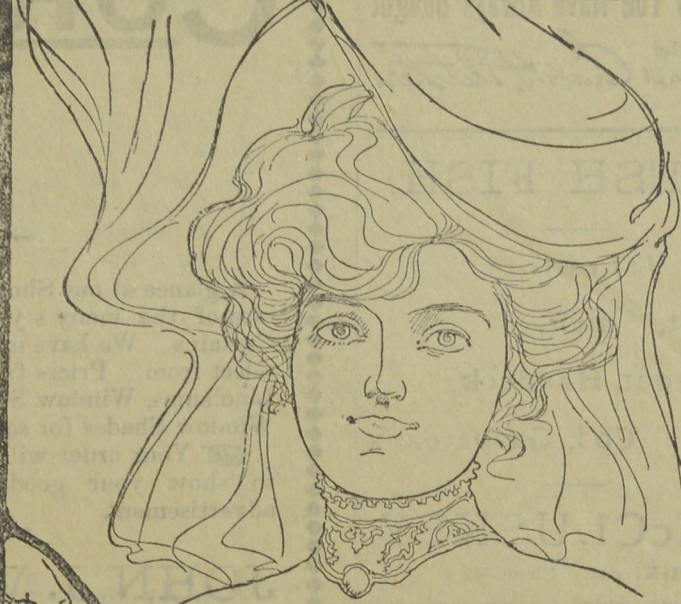
And So Save Their Pet Dog from the Animal.

ONE WRESTED THE DOG FROM THE JAWS OF THE LYNX WHILE THE OTHER KILLED IT WITH A SHOT.

Northport, Wash., April 11.—While a maddened lynx was worrying the life out of their pet dog, the Phillips sisters wrested the dog from the claws of the lynx, while the other killed the animal with a shot through the head.

Faye and Florence Phillips, aged seventeen and nineteen respectively, live with their father, Fred. S. Phillips, on the reservation side of the Columbia, near the mouth of Big Sheep Creek, two miles from Northport. The hired man, who had been chopping wood near the creek, ran home the other day to tell that the dog had treed a large cougar. Mr. Phillips was not at home, but his daughters seized rifles

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from the wall and went along. The dog had the beast freed on one of the higher limbs. The wild animal glared down at the young women. Both girls fired. The wounded beast shrieked with rage, bounded into the air and landed on the ground a few feet from the girls, who were coolly reloading their weapons.

The moment the beast struck the ground it was attacked by the dog. The animals rolled over and over in a savage struggle, but the lynx was too much for the dog, who began emitting yelps of distress. So rapid were the movements of the animals that the girls feared to shoot, because they might hit their pet dog. Finally the dog emitted a howl of mortal agony. It was too much for the girls. They rushed to the rescue. One grasped the dog's hind legs and pulled the combatants apart, while the other sent a bullet through the head of the lynx.

St. Petersburg, April 11.—The revolt against the tyranny of the Church administration is attracting immense attention. The clergy are now speaking their sentiments quite as openly on religion as are the Liberals in the political field. The intimate connection between the movement for the regeneration of the Church and the re-organization of the State is set forth in a strong letter printed this morning and ascribed to "a high ecclesiastic" in which the writer says:—

"The Church as a living idea is inextricably bound up with Russian life, and when the Russian public realized that they could not any longer exist without breaking the shackles of the bureaucracy the Church awoke from two hundred years of lethargy, and its first murmur was that it was the universal right of every thinking Russian to do his task with freedom."

The letter further declares that for years the clergy were held so closely in the vice of obedience, not to an idea, but to the dictates of one man, who virtually said, "I am the Church," that they had become automatons to register his decrees, and now with the prospect of liberty before them they are hardly capable of raising their voices. In the cities, it is added, there have been many instances where the Church has been used as a political machine to stir up hatred and strife between the various classes of the population, referring especially to the recent incitement of the ignorant against the intelligent. The writer hails the day when the Church freed from State control, will devote itself to religion and not to politics.

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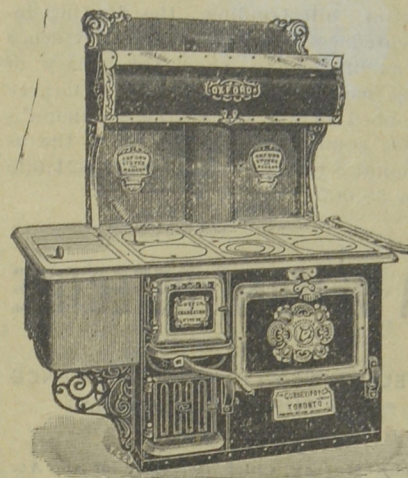
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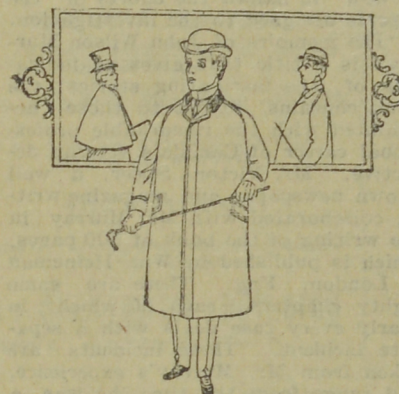
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