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MINNESOTA PROTESTS AGAINST HILL SCHEME

Attorney General Will Take Action Against Great Northern Attempt to Over-Capitalize --- The Company Has a State Charter.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 14. — Attorney-General Young of Minnesota yesterday made a ruling that under the state law the proposed increase in the capital stock of the Great Northern Railway Co. recently announced from New York, amounting to $60,000,000, is invalid and that as soon as the issue is actually begun the state will take action.

The attorney-general holds that before a railroad can increase its capital stock it must serve notice of such intention on the state railway and warehouse commission for a review and public hearing to determine the necessity for the increase.

This has not been done, and, furthermore, the increase of $25,000,000 made last spring might also be explained before either the present proposed issue or that of last spring will become legal.

The Great Northern operates under a Minnesota charter and the original company was incorporated under the territorial laws.

When the new code of laws was enacted by the legislature two years ago, James J. Hill's counsel overlooked an important section, which now promises to affect the Great Northern Railway's issue of stock. Attorney-General Young was asked by the St. Paul Dispatch to render an opinion on the legality of the issue of $60,000,000 of stock, authorized by the directors at their meeting in New York on Tuesday.

Mr. Young today issued a formal statement. He says he has been asked whether, under the state law, "A domestic company can go on indefinitely increasing its capital stock, thereby increasing the burdens of the public, by reason of the dividends they must pay?"

Mr. Young says:

"No new stock can be issued by a domestic railroad company without obtaining the consent of the state through the railroad commission."

He continues:

"This proposed issue would increase the stock of the Great Northern Co. to $210,000,000. With the bonds, this would make the capitalization of the 6,000 miles of road $425 000,000, which exceeds $70,000 a mile for both main line and branches, where much of the road, especially the branch lines, cost not to exceed $20,000 a mile.

"The dividends on this excess capitalization is an unwarranted tax on the patrons of the road, and instead of increasing its stock, which is now about $60,000 a mile, the company ought to show some justification for its present capitalization.

"Railroad regulation and rate regulation would be but a farce if our law should be so constructed as to permit a domestic railway company to increase its capital stock at will to an unlimited amount, especially as in this case, for the alleged purpose of buying the stock of other subsidy companies composed of the same stockholders, where the stock to be purchased was issued under other jurisdictions and sold at arbitrary prices to be fixed by the buyer, who is also the seller.

"If there is any vitality in our law on the subject, the proposed stock will not be issued unless the necessity therefor is shown, and unless the consent of the proper officers of this state is legally secured."

Attorney-General Young, when seen tonight, said:

"The issue of stock is, to my mind, in clear violation of the law. This law has been in force only 18 months. No issue of stock has been made by the Great Northern since this law went into effect. It seems now clear to me that the state must take action."

The news telegraphed from St. Paul had, together, with other influences, the effect of sending that stock down from 225 1-2 to 209, and Northern Pacific from 219 3-8 to 208 1-2. The directors of the latter company practically have decided to issue about $100,000,000 of new stock, but Wall street evidently does not take kindly to the idea.

The selling of both Great Northern and Northern Pacific was so general that it had the appearance of diffuse liquidation. Houses with western connections were large sellers.

The latest decision of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific Railway Co. is to give the stockholders the privilege of subscribing to the new issue at the rate of 40 per cent. of their present holdings. Instead of interest being paid on the subscriptions at the rate of 5 per cent., which will cover a period of nearly two years, as in the case of the Great Northern, it is understood that interest at the rate of 7 per cent. will be allowed, which is the rate of dividend now being paid on the stock of the Northern Pacific Co.

FATHER LAVERY HONORED BY HIS CONGREGATION

An Address and Purse of $450 Given to St. Stephen Priest to Celebrate His Twenty-five Years in the Priesthood.

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 16—The Church of the Holy Rosary this evening was the scene of an interesting event. Monday being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of the pastor, Rev. Father Lavery sang a solemn high vespers in honor of the event, Father Doyle, of Milltown, assisting. Father Lavery being averse to any public demonstration in his honor and being an impromptu affair, so far as he was concerned, no outside clergymen were invited. A committee of the congregation with his knowledge had taken the matter in their own hands and concluded, with his consent, to present him with an address, as well as a testimonial. After the services this evening D. T. Dwyer, on behalf of the congregation, presented the following address:



To the Reverend Thomas Lavery, pastor of the Holy Rosary, St. Stephen, (N.B.):

Beloved Pastor,—On this, the eve of the twenty-fifth anniversary of your ordination to the sublime dignity of the priesthood we, the people of your parish, feel that a great honor has fallen to our lot, and we esteem it a privilege to extend to you our most sincere congratulations.

Individually we are deeply thankful that God has showered His choicest blessings upon you during the last quarter of a century, and that he has given to you the opportunity, the grace and the strength to fulfil in so worthy a manner as you have done, the sacred duties of your holy calling, through sunshine and shadow, in joy and in sorrow. Each day has brought more care, and greater responsibility, but also we trust its well-earned consolation.

Divine Providence has indeed been kind to us in sending one to preside over us who is so zealous in dispensing the sacraments, so assiduous in visiting the sick, and so faithful in preaching the Word of God. We can bear evidence to your kindness and zeal for our spiritual welfare. You have indeed oftentimes overtaxed your strength with instructions, exhortations and good advice.

As a small token of our appreciation, we beg of you, dear father, to accept, together with this address, the accompanying testimonial of our esteem and love, and we earnestly hope that you will be spared for many years to administer our parish.

The committee appointed to arrange this testimonial seize this opportunity to thank in a public manner each and every member of the parish for the courtesies extended, and good will shown to them.

They found all eager to contribute, and the general feeling was regret that they could not do more.

Signed on behalf of the congregation, by the following committee:

P. F. McKENNA.
M. J. O'DONNELL,
DAVID LIVINGSTONE MACKAY,

He then invited one of the Sunday school girls, Kathleen Trainor, to present a beautiful basket of flowers enclosed in which was a purse containing $450 in gold.

The worthy pastor was visibly affected during his appropriate reply of thanks to his congregation, which, although few in numbers, are generous to a fault in their love for their beloved pastor.

Rev. Father Lavery was born in Boston forty-eight years ago, receiving his preliminary education in the public schools of that city. He also attended the Boston Latin School and Boston College, afterwards completing a course of five and a half years at the Grand Seminary, Montreal. On December 17, 1881, he was ordained priest by the late Archbishop Fabre at Montreal. Arriving at St. John (N. B.) on Jan. 5, 1882, he was stationed at the cathedral for one year, and with Mgr. Connolly in Carleton for four years. He was then given charge of St. George, where he labored fifteen years. Five years ago he took charge of St. Stephen parish, where he is very popular with all classes. He is without doubt one of the most zealous and active as well as eloquent of the priests in the diocese of Bishop Casey. All the citizens of St. Stephen join with his congregation in extending congratulations on this occasion and trust that he may be spared for many years to labor in the vineyard of his Lord attending especially to the spiritual welfare of the parish of St. Stephen.

Besides the testimonial presented this evening Father Lavery is receiving many letters of congratulation and tokens of esteem from his numerous friends outside the parish.

LOST ANOTHER DAY AT HALIFAX

C. P. R. Says Empress of Britain Lost Twelve Hours by Calling There.

Halifax, Dec. 16—The C. P. R. steamer Empress of Britain, from St. John, steamed into Halifax harbor and anchored at 5.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the face of one of the worst snow storms of the season, which during the night turned to rain.

The storm kept back the Maritime express and she was two and a half hours behind her time when she, at 7.50 o'clock, pulled up on the railway wharf with the mails. The work of transferring these to the lighter at once began and at 9.30 the first lighter started for the Empress. Another followed afterwards and at 11.30 the last bag was transferred from it to the steamer and at 11.45 she was under way for Liverpool.

Two passengers, who came from Montreal on the Maritime express bound for London, were allowed to board the steamer at Halifax.

(C. P. R. Press).

Montreal, Dec. 16—The Empress of Britain, carrying the overseas mail, lost 12 hours by her call at Halifax. She arrived at that port from St. John at 4.30 p. m. Saturday and mails sent over the Intercolonial did not reach there until 8 o'clock, which was two hours and forty-five minutes later than schedule time and 32 hours from Montreal. The Empress sailed at midnight.

Mrs. Jas. H. Gordon, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. B. Paterson, Germain street, left for her home in Winnipeg Saturday evening.

The Christmas examinations in the High School commenced today.

REV. E. B. HOOPER SAYS FAREWELL

New Rector of St. Paul's Preaches Last Sermon in Moncton---Sudden Death of George Keith.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 16—That Moncton departs with Rev. E. Bertram Hooper with widespread regret was very emphatically evidenced by the large congregations which attended the farewell services in St. George's church today. This evening the church was crowded to the doors. At the morning service the retiring rector reviewed the work at St. George's during the sixteen years he has been here. During that time there were 146 burials, 276 baptisms, 207 confirmed, and 108 marriages. While the church population has increased less than twenty-five per cent., the communicants had increased from 110 to 240.

At the evening service, Rev. Mr. Hooper spoke feelingly of the separation from those he had so long been associated with, and said he left Moncton feeling that no one in the city felt unfriendly towards him. Mr. Hooper will go to St. John on Thursday.

At a meeting of the Moncton Golf Club Saturday night, Rev. E. B. Hooper resigned the position of president, and A. E. Williams, manager of the Bank of New Brunswick, was elected in his place.

Geo. Keith of Butternut Ridge, died very suddenly while on his way to Moncton Saturday morning. Mr. Keith sold considerable produce in the Moncton market and was here much of his time. Saturday morning he started from home in company with his son, with a load of produce. The sleigh upset and, after being picked up, Mr. Keith complained of feeling unwell, and asked to be driven back home. He had only gone a short distance when he fell back dead. Heart disease is the supposed cause of death. Deceased was seventy-four years old, and was well known in Salisbury parish, where he was born. Mrs. Amsley Mollins, of this city, is a daughter.

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What's the result—dyspepsia, headache, sick all over.

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It's the people who feel half-sick—sort of tired and depressed, for those who have any ailment of the stomach, kidneys or liver that Dr. Hamiltons' Pills are sure to benefit at once. Try them, 25c. per box at all dealers, and insist on having only Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut. In yellow boxes only.

KEITH'S OPENING ON CHRISTMAS EVE

The interior of the York Theatre, now "Keith's," has a busy look these days getting ready for the opening on Monday next which bespeaks an abundance of confidence on the part of the Keith management which has undertaken to give St. John theatregoers high-class vaudeville at popular prices.

Each week's bill will include eight or more "turns" while the Bioscope animated pictures will be new each week, not alone new to Keith's but new to St. John as well. The opening will occur Christmas eve and there will be a matinee every day thereafter excepting Monday.

Manager J. E. Moore says: "There's your money's worth at Keith's both in theatre, performance and deportment. Our performances will be of the better sort, especially adapted to the likes of ladies and children; children may come unescorted and I'll guarantee them as much protection as they would have in their own homes."

The opening bill is a strong one, including Mr. Milton and Mrs. Dolly Nobles in their remarkable sketch entitled "Why Walker Reformed;" Dill and Ward, singers and dancers; Therese Dorgoval, Harry Brown, Caron & Herbert, comedy acrobats; George LeBrun, the famous bioscope animated pictures and others; popular prices.

OBITUARY

Timothy Daly

The death of Timothy Daly, aged fifty-two years, of 260 Main street, took place about 9 o'clock last evening. About three months ago Mr. Daly was stricken with a peculiar nervous disease and had been gradually sinking. On Sunday he was taken suddenly worse and never rallied.

He was a well known figure in the North End, having conducted a dry goods business there for more than twenty years.

Mr. Daly was quietly interested in all that tended to uplift the community. His geniality made him a favorite with all, and much sympathy is expressed for the sorrowing relatives.

He was well known in musical circles, being an accomplished tenor singer, and was a prominent member of St. Peter's church choir a number of years ago.

Mr. Daly leaves his wife, two daughters, Mary and Claire, both at home, and two sons, James and Thomas, also at home. James B. Daly, customs appraiser, and Michael, of the North End, are brothers.

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Edward H. Smith

Chipman, N. B., Dec. 14—Edward H. Smith passed peacefully away at his home Sunday, Dec. 9, after an illness of three months, aged 61 years. He was born at Springfield, Kings county, and when a young man came to Queens county, where he engaged in the lumbering business. Being straightforward and upright in all his dealings he gained the confidence of all who knew him. Besides a large circle of friends, he leaves a wife and six daughters to mourn the loss of a kind and loving husband and father.

Reynolds Kindred

Reynolds Kindred, a well known Carleton carpenter, died yesterday after illness of some months. He was in his 66th year and is survived by his wife, four sons and three daughters. The funeral will be from 127 St. James street, West End, at 8.30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Miss Clara J. Shaw

Miss Clara J. Shaw, of Victoria, Carleton Co. died at the residence of Mrs. Boyer, 98 Princess St. last night. Being ill with heart trouble Miss Shaw came to this city last year from Washington, D. C., but last September took a relapse after having improved considerably. Miss Shaw was a graduate of the Newport Training School for nurses and practised her profession in Washington for ten years prior to her illness. The deceased is survived by her father, by two sisters, Pauline and Bessie, and by four brothers, E. J. and James R. Shaw, of British Columbia, Paul J. of Salmon, Idaho, and Dr. Roy McLeod Shaw, of Two Harbors, Minnesota.

A. Stanway, of Warrington, Eng., went west last March and he left on the Empress of Britain Friday. He is returning to the old country to get 1500 laborers to come to Canada to work on the Grand Trunk Pacific construction.

A meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in their rooms, Germain street.

BISHOP RICHARDSON COMMENCES HIS WORK

He Ordained a Minister and a Deacon at the Fredericton Cathedral Yesterday.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 16—Coadjutor Bishop Richardson held the first ordination service at the Cathedral this morning in the presence of a large congregation. Rev. Roy L. Carson, curate of the Cathedral, was raised to the priesthood and Richard Bolt, the newly appointed curate of the parish church, was ordained a deacon. The ordination sermon was preached by his lordship and was a very able effort. He chose his text from First Corinthians iv, 1, and discussed at some length the relations of pastor and people and the duty one owed to the other. He closed with words of sound advice to the two young men seeking holy orders.

Rev. Mr. Carson was presented for ordination by Sub-Dean Street while Rector Cowie presented Mr. Bolt. Rev. Mr. Cowie read the litany service, Rev. Mr. Street the epistle and the bishop the gospel. The choir rendered appropriate music during the ceremony. Communion was held at the close of the ordination service, the bishop being celebrant, assisted by Messrs. Cowie and Street. This afternoon the bishop held his first confirmation service, two candidates being confirmed.

Bishop Richardson occupied the pulpit in the Cathedral this evening and preached a powerful sermon to a large congregation.

Dr. Inch, who has been in Montreal attending a meeting of the general committee on church union, returned home yesterday afternoon. He says the committee got through with a lot of hard work and have the business in good shape for the final meeting next September.

Miss Nellie Matthews left for Winnipeg Saturday. She will be married on her arrival in that city to Fred. J. McConaghey, formerly of St. John.