

CANADIAN RATE LAW IS DRASTIC

Dominion's Railroad Commissioner Has Great Power Over the Roads.

Journal Special Service.

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—In the current issue of the Railway World, Professor S. J. McLean, Canada's former special commissioner for the department of railways and canals, presents an exhaustive exposition of the Dominion's new railway rate law.

The law—barring, perhaps, some provisions of the English statutes—is the most drastic measure in existence. It gives to the commission, composed of three members holding office for a term of ten years, the following general powers:

First—Complete jurisdiction over railway location, railway construction, railway improvement, and the physical conditions of railways and over their equipment.

Second—Complete control over railway operation, safety appliances, railway crossings.

Third—The authority to compel railways to obey the laws, general and special under which they operate, thereby making the commission the general supervisor and enforcer of railway laws.

Authority Over Rates.

Fourth—Complete authority over the actual rates, including the power to disallow tariffs, say what is a reasonable and just rate and compel the substitution of one of the commission's rate for that of the railway.

Fifth—The commission is constituted the sole judge of facts.

Sixth—The commission is constituted as a court and is not amenable to the courts.

Seventh—Practically the only appeal is to the cabinet, which, as a part of the commission, or an appeal to the supreme court direct on a question which the commission deems a question of law, or upon a question of jurisdiction.

Eighth—The commission must prevent pooling of traffic.

Like English Board.

In scope the powers granted to the Canadian railway commission resemble those possessed by the English board of trade. The broadness of this scope is illustrated by the following things which the commission may do:

Make regulations governing the speed of trains in cities and towns.

Make regulations pertaining to safety appliances.

Pass upon disputes in respect to all railway crossings and junctions.

Determine disputes between the railroads and the farmers with respect to drainage.

Pass upon railway location plans and inspection to see that railways and railroads are kept in safe condition.

The commission may allow any tariff that violates this provision must substitute a satisfactory rate or the commission may prescribe one.

BACON DELEGATES SEE ROOSEVELT

Rate Reform Conference Committee Discusses Legislation at the White House.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A committee of the interstate commerce law convention, recently held in Chicago to consider the subject of railroad rate legislation, called on the president today to present to him the resolutions adopted by the convention regarding his attitude on the rate question and to discuss with him informally the general subject of railroad rates.

The committee consisted of E. P. Bacon, Milwaukee; Murdo MacKenzie, Trinidad, Tex.; S. W. Gardner, Clinton, Iowa; S. B. Burnett and S. H. Cowan, Fort Worth, Tex.

The resolution congratulated the president on his wise attitude on the railroad-rate question and on his support of the legislation by which the rate of the proposed legislation by at least four-fifths of the public press of the country, without regard to section or locality.

The president expressed to the committee his appreciation of the indorsement of the convention and chatted with the members briefly about the rate question.

COURT SAYS RAILROAD MUST DEFEND TITLE

Des Moines, Dec. 9.—The Des Moines City Railway company must defend its title to its \$2,000,000 property in the courts, according to the joint decision rendered today by Judge Howe and Judge Brennan in the district court. The judge held that the Civic league was barred from bringing suit, but that the entrance of the state of Iowa into the case made the attack on the railway franchise legal.

There will be no appeal and the courts will now be called upon to decide whether or not the franchise is good. In the meantime, it is probable the entire question may be settled by a compromise, giving the railway a 25-year contract at the expiration of which the city will purchase the system.

Liver and Kidney

It is highly important that these organs should properly perform their functions. When they don't, what lameness of the side and back, what yellowness of the skin what constipation, bad taste in the mouth sick headache, pimples and blotches, and loss of courage, tell the story.

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Gives these organs vigor and tone for their proper performance of their functions, an cures all their ordinary ailments. Take a

BADGER GOVERNOR DEFIES FACTION

La Follette Says if More Candidates Appear They Will Be Regarded as Traitors.

Special to The Journal.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 9.—The governor has issued a defiance to those of his faction of the republican party in Wisconsin, in reference to the coming campaign.

Wallace W. Andrew of Superior, speaking of the Lenroot candidacy, declared yesterday after a conference with the governor that any future La Follette supporter who comes out as a candidate for the governorship will be regarded as a traitor, as too many candidates will imperil the chances of a La Follette man securing the office.

This is regarded as a threat to W. D. Connor and J. O. Davidson, both of whom want the office.

The extra session of the Wisconsin legislature will terminate on Saturday, Dec. 16, according to a resolution introduced by Senator Hatten and adopted. All business except messages from the governor or from one house to the other will stop on Wednesday.

Election Bills Considered.

The committee on privileges and elections introduced two bills—one to provide for the expression of second choices in the primary election and one to abolish the straight ticket arrangement on voting machines used in this state.

The committee on railway recommended the passage of the Hagen bill to give the railway rate commissioner power to compel the furnishing of cars and prevent discriminations in switching charges.

On account of the social democratic eight-hour amendment to the capitol building bill, that measure was referred to the committee on capitol and grounds, or motion of Assemblyman Andrews.

The joint resolution providing for an investigation into the state of Wisconsin legislature was referred to the committee on judiciary for their opinion as to its advisability under the call of the extra session.

Investigation Measure.

Two bills aimed at the railroads came into the assembly today. One is to enact a joint resolution providing for a legislative investigation of insurance companies and service corporations. The other bill is to impose a tax of 15 per cent on unpaid railroad taxes of 1904 in case the court should hold the present law invalid.

The senate did not meet today.

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CANADIAN COURT FINES PLUMBERS

\$5,000 Penalties Imposed Upon Two Organizations for Conspiring to Restrain Trade.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 9.—The charges preferred against the Master Plumbers' association and the Central Supply company of conspiracy in restraint of trade, laid by Justice Clute, who has imposed a fine of \$5,000 each on the two organizations.

There are over one hundred indictments pending against the individual members of the association, and six of those indicted in view of the decision of the judge yesterday pleaded guilty of conspiracy. Sentence will be imposed at once. The others, it is intimated, will follow suit.

In 1902 the plumbers' association was formed in this city, and arrangements fixed for the sale of certain wholesale firms whereby they were to sell supplies to members of the association only.

In 1905 the Central Supply company, comprising the leading wholesale supply houses, was formed to work in conjunction with the plumbers' association. Non-members of this association could not obtain supplies, except through the route of the Central Supply company.

In addition, the master plumbers' association entered into an arrangement with the journeymen's union whereby union men were not to work for non-members of the association. In tendering for contracts the association fixed the price, and the firm that was to obtain it was indicated, the other firms bidding much higher. In return, the successful contractor had to give the best price to the firm that was to be used.

The judges characterized as plunder and robbery.

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NO LABEL WRIT IN THE LAWSON CASE

Boston, Dec. 9.—The Suffolk county grand jury called today to return an indictment against Thomas W. Lawson, who had been held for that body by the municipal court on the charge of criminal libel. The indictment preferred by Clarence W. Barron, the proprietor of the Boston News Bureau. A "no" bill was reported by the juror.

The grand jury returned no indictment against Mr. Barron, against whom it was understood Mr. Lawson had offered evidence before the grand jury in connection with a criminal libel complaint.

The action of the jury puts an end to the controversy between Lawson and Barron so far as the criminal courts are concerned. Mr. Barron's charges were based upon an article referring to him published in a magazine and alleged to have been written by Mr. Lawson.

Mr. Lawson's complaint was founded upon statements in Mr. Barron's newspaper.

HOUSE TO IGNORE MAN FROM ISLE OF PINES

Journal Special Service.

Washington, Dec. 9.—When Edward C. Ryan, chosen by some of the American residents of the Isle of Pines as a territorial delegate to congress, presents himself and his credentials at the capitol he will find that the house leaders will ignore him.

From what authorized source, "said Speaker Cannon, "could Mr. Ryan have obtained his credentials? As well might the wild man of Borneo approach the American congress on a similar mission. Of course someone can drop a resolution in the market, providing for the recognition of this so-called delegate. But someone can just as readily present a resolution providing for the resurrection of St. Paul. There is no limit to the possibilities as far as the introduction of bills and resolutions is concerned."

CLEAR'S MYSTERY BY A CONFESSION

Police Learn of Des Moines Man's Dual Life and Find Reason for Tragic Death.

Special to The Journal.

Des Moines, Dec. 9.—The mystery surrounding the tragic death of George R. Griswold, Iowa agent for the Massachusetts Insurance company of Worcester, Mass., has been solved by the revelation that he had been discovered by his colleagues as the head of two families in Des Moines had driven him to suicide.

As George R. Griswold he was maintaining a wife and four children on Targersoll avenue, while Arthur Stockman he supported two women in a home on Ridge street, posing as their brother.

The denouement came when John Bassett, a drover, announced that Griswold and Stockman were one and the same. He told of the two women, and finally broke down and confessed.

The development had caused almost as much sensation as did the discovery of Griswold's body in the Coon river two months ago. Griswold was a leading business man. The identity of the two women is unknown. Both are good looking and they profess to be sisters.

Woman Tells the Story.

The one giving her name as Grace Stockman says she is the one wronged by Griswold. She is now a mother, a child having been born to her.

"I met George in the union depot at Chicago about fifteen months ago," she said. "We were waiting for a train and he was sitting beside me and I began to talk to him. Later he called on me and finally got me and my sister to come to Des Moines, where he established a home for us and supported us."

For several months I did not know of his wife and family.

"Just a few months prior to the birth of my child he came to me and confessed to me that he had a wife and four children. He said that he was unhappy with his wife and told me that he would get a divorce and marry me about Christmas."

"He was very kind always and had some insurance transferred to protect me. He seemed happy the day before his death must have occurred. I was at the hospital then."

The Stockman girls are about 20 and 25 respectively. He said that he was born and raised near Elyria, Ohio, and his father lives. The Stockman girls refuse to tell of their past except that their home is in Chicago.

MERCHANTS CLAIM DISCRIMINATION

Sioux City Wholesale Men Discover Discrepancy in Railroad Rates on Fruit Shipments.

Special to The Journal.

Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 9.—The entire middle west is interested in a protest that will be made by the Sioux City wholesale merchants against what they claim to be the most flagrant case of railroad rate discrimination that has come to their attention.

The announcement that the freight rate on oranges from California points, thru Omaha, Kansas City or other Missouri river points, to the Atlantic seaboard, will be 12 cents a hundred to London, will in future be 11 cents a hundred, while the rate on the same fruit to Sioux City will be 12.25 cents a hundred.

"It is one of the 'reasonable rates' we have heard about," declared a fruit jobber. "Across the American continent by rail, across an ocean nearly as wide, and up the Thames river to London, the rate is less than the rate on fruit to be shipped half way across the continent to Sioux City! We certainly will make a protest."

SLEW CHINAMAN FOR BOOK 'AD'; MUST DIE

Journal Special Service.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—Advice from Auckland, N. Z., announce that Lionel Terry, an Englishman, residing at Etom, was sentenced to death at Wellington, having shot a Chinaman in order to call attention to the yellow peril and his book, "The Shadow."

Mr. Terry is a well known author and at Oxford, served against the Marabale and has traveled a great deal.

Terry has for some time been one of the most vehement protesters against alien immigration to the house of lords, that most coveted goal of Englishmen.

Other great newspaper proprietors, like the London Morning Post and Lord Burnham of the Daily Telegraph, only got peevages in the second generation after decades of loyal party service. But Harmsworth, a man of yesterday, compared with them, now ranks with them in the hereditary chamber. Unfortunately, he has no son to carry down his honors to posterity, but after a few years another party premier may extend his patent of nobility so that the title may descend thru his elder brother's family.

ANOTHER CHARGE FILED AGAINST PAT CROWE

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 9.—Information has been filed in the district court at Council Bluffs charging Pat Crowe, the alleged kidnapper of Eddie Cudahy, with highway robbery. He is charged with being implicated in the robbery, last July, of a streetcar crew and two passengers.

Application has been forwarded to Governor Cummins for a requisition for Crowe, and when granted, action will be taken on it as soon as Crowe's trial in this city on the charge of highway robbery in connection with the Cudahy kidnaping is concluded.

INTEREST PAYMENT IS ANNOUNCED BY SHAW

Washington, Dec. 9.—The secretary of the treasury today announced that he has authorized the payment of the interest on United States government bonds due Jan. 1, 1906, on Dec. 15, 1905.

Coupons due Jan. 1 will be paid on presentation on and after Dec. 15. Checks for the interest on registered bonds will be mailed on the same date. The total interest payment anticipated will aggregate about \$40,200,000.

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BRITISH LIBERALS ONE IN EVERY 83

Balfour Forces the Home Rule Issue on the New Premier.

Special to The Journal.

London, Dec. 9.—The ultimatum issued by the nationalist convention at Dublin demanding home rule has been promptly answered by an announcement from the Spectator. This publication, altho a unionist organ, has thruout strongly opposed Chamberlainism and the incoming government as the only sure means of upholding free trade.

In an evidently inspired paragraph the Spectator declares:

"The new cabinet, if it commands a majority in the next parliament, has no intention to introduce a home rule bill. It will not even appeal to the country for a mandate to endow Ireland with a separate legislature. The essential issue to be placed before the electors will be the maintenance of free trade, and the opposition will be given no excuse to evade that question or to pretend that the home rule issue has taken its place."

Grey to Have Place.

The Spectator further expresses the belief that Sir Edward Grey will be appointed secretary for foreign affairs, and says that this is a foreign post which could not be placed in better hands.

If, as it is presumed, the Spectator is well informed, this would imply that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has succeeded in ending the divisions of the liberal party, including the partisans of Lord Rosebery, in the new government.

It gives assurances that no attempt will be made to tamper with the union and that no pro-union pledges will be given to John Redmond.

It appears to be certain, however, that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has practically completed his cabinet, and that King Edward will be in London in readiness to hold a council on Monday next for an exchange of seals between the outgoing and incoming secretaries. The indications, therefore, are that Mr. Redmond has succeeded in some form of compromise so as to avert the danger of the general election which would be another unionist victory, and that Mr. Redmond's hopes are again into the distant future.

Sir Henry's Position Difficult.

The unionists are entering the campaign with the best of zest and are utilizing to the full Mr. Balfour's lead to attack the liberals on the question of the maintenance of the union.

Mr. Balfour's tactical position on the question of a defensive position on the question of the maintenance of the union is daily becoming more and more apparent. It is under the circumstances that he has decided to remain in the house of commons.

The Daily Chronicle announces that David Lloyd George and John Burns, representatives of the Liberal Unionist and labor parties, will be included in the new government.

Home Rule by Installments.

Joseph Chamberlain, speaking at Oxford Thursday night, said the country had now passed into the hands of the home rulers and "Little Englanders."

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, it was reported, intended to give Ireland home rule by installments on the fire system. Mr. Chamberlain charged Sir Henry with having done this.

Mr. Chamberlain said that Sir Henry had asked what would be thought when a British premier took his orders from the enemies of his country.

Dr. Osler in the Fight.

Among those present at the meeting was Dr. William Osler, formerly of the Hopkins University, Baltimore, and now regius professor of medicine at Oxford, who moved a resolution calling for tariff reform as the best means of consolidating the empire. The resolution was carried with only one dissenting vote.

Cabinet Announcement Sunday.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, having completed his cabinet, the king will return to London tomorrow and receive the liberal premier in audience at Buckingham Palace.

The composition of the new ministry will be officially given out on Sunday evening.

HARMSWORTH'S RISE TO PEERAGE RAPID

Journal Special Service.

London, Dec. 9.—Sir Alfred Harmsworth's peerage is the most noteworthy feature of the new cabinet.

He has been overruled with congratulations. There is nothing approaching a parallel in rapidity with which the proprietor of the Daily Mail and other prominent newspapers has risen to the peerage.

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BARONESS WILL NOT RE-ENTER THE CHURCH

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She called upon the bishop at his residence and was closeted with him for an hour or more. The Catholic clergyman corroborated her statement that the visit was purely a social one.

\$13.50 Chicago and Return via Northwestern.

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ONE IN EVERY 83

Secretary Hitchcock's Annual Report Shows Lower Total Than Last Year.

Special to The Journal.

Washington, Dec. 9.—One person in every eighty-three in the United States is a pensioner, according to the secretary of the interior, in his annual report. The pension roll this year reached its highest mark, 1,064,196, as against 1,001,494 in 1902, the lowest year.

The number remaining on the roll at the close of the fiscal year was 998,441, a net gain of 3,679 over 1904. Of the Indian wars there are 2,269 survivors, and of the Mexican, 4,540. The pensioners survivors of the civil war number 688,808, not including 603 army nurses.

The war with Spain leaves the government with more than 29,000 pensioners, of whom 27,714 are invalids, 1,068 widows, 272 minor children, 2,957 mothers and 473 fathers, and nine brothers and sisters of dead soldiers.

In the Army and Navy.

There are 13,000 pensioners in the army and navy, of whom 10,030 are invalids.

Of the 998,441 pensioners on the roll, 717,153 are men and 281,288 were females and dependents. A total of 81,853 new pension claims were rejected during the year and 220,822 claims are pending; 85,499 are original claims.

The amount paid in pensions is less than last year: 1902, \$137,504,300; 1903, \$137,750,600; 1904, \$141,698,600; 1905, \$141,142,900.

The Land Frauds.

Secretary Hitchcock reviews the land frauds which resulted in the conviction of the late Senator Mitchell of Oregon and other recent land law violations to prevent future crimes of that kind.

The value of the mineral products of this country for the year was \$1,289,045,286.

There were 16,256,038 enrolled pupils in the public schools, not including 45,201 in Porto Rico.

The secretary recommends stopping the killing of bears, eagles or other birds in Alaska, he says, is destined to become a great agricultural country.

Of Interest in Northwest.

Secretary Hitchcock takes up many subjects of interest to the northwest and deals with them in a vigorous manner. The secretary does not see the necessity for continuing receivers of public moneys at land offices, and he has accordingly recommended that these offices be abolished.

The aggregate of the salaries of these officials is approximately \$200,000. The secretary believes that with an appropriation of \$25,000, clerks could be employed to do the necessary work of receiving and receiving for money for public lands.

Indorsement to the policy of requiring able-bodied Indians to earn their living and of withholding rations to all but the sick and indigent. It is believed that the more popular among the Indians, the secretary says, since they realize that it provides direct and tangible benefits to all who will avail themselves of the opportunities afforded for self-help.

The report indicates that the opening of Rosebud and Devils Lake Indian lands in South Dakota and North Dakota, respectively, has been successful.

In the former reservation about 132,129 acres are still undisposed of, about 300,000 acres having been disposed of at from \$4 down to \$10 an acre. The price now obtaining, as provided in the act opening the reservation.

About half the Devils Lake reservation has been sold to settlers, 5,570 acres being undisposed of on Sept. 1.

Logging Operations.

Logging operations on the ceded Chippewa reservation cost the Indians less than 31 per cent of the gross receipts last year, against a charge of 5 per cent in the preceding year. The average price paid for the timber cut was 84 cents per cord, or \$6.70 a thousand feet, which the contractors paid \$815,961.

The recommendation of last year for better facilities for detecting violations of the law against selling Marquette Indians is renewed. The secretary asks for the appropriation of an adequate fund for the employment of special agents, detectives, etc., to investigate and enforce the law.

In this connection he calls attention to the decision of the supreme court in the Heff case, in which an Indian holding an allotment was declared to be a citizen, and says the effect of this decision will prove a serious drawback to the efforts of the department in suppressing the liquor traffic with Indians.

To mention is made of the recent attempt to make contracts for the sale of timber on allotments on the White Earth reservation, but the report says that the secretary has refused to approve operations netted the Indians \$4,100 for stumpage and \$2,900 for wages. The net proceeds of timber operations on the Red Lake reservation were \$71,458, and the net proceeds of timber operations on the Leech Lake reservation were \$71,458.

It is also stated that dead and down operations on the White Earth reservation yielded \$24,858 of timber on tribal lands, and \$48,831 for timber on allotted lands.

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