

MAY GRIDIRON PROVINCE

Government Bill Empowers Municipalities to Construct and Operate Hydro Radial Lines

A despatch from Toronto says: Just before the Legislature rose on Wednesday evening Hon. Adam Beck introduced an Act for the public construction and operation of electric railways that provides the machinery by which municipalities throughout the province can secure for themselves either independently or by co-operation the transportation service so many of them have urgently needed. Under the new legislation they will be able to proceed in three ways. They can go to the Hydro-Electric Commission and have that body construct, operate, and maintain a line; they can have the commission construct it and operate and maintain it themselves, or they can both construct and operate under the supervision and with the assistance of the commission.

The idea back of the whole bill is that the municipalities must meet the whole burden. The province assumes no financial liability. It is not the intention to use the credit of the province, the method provided being similar to that by which the municipalities undertake the local distribution of power, meeting the cost by issuing debentures. The right-of-way of the Hydro-Electric transmission system will, of course, be used to advantage, and this will be rented to the municipalities by the commission.

In moving the first reading of the bill Hon. Mr. Beck referred to the fact that the Government and commission had been waiting upon and urged to adopt a plan of electric railways along the right-of-way of the commission, used for the transmission of power.

"In my construction and operation," he said, "has not been considered a money-making proposition. Consequently we feel that the matter should receive careful consideration and the fullest investigation before such an enterprise is gone into." He added that the construction of radial lines that had been considered impossible might be possible under the conditions made by the new legislation.

The bill provides, first, that the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, whenever required by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council so to do,

may enquire into, examine, investigate and report upon the cost of constructing and operating electric railways in any locality where power is supplied by the commission, with an estimate of the probable revenue, the practicability of the enterprise, and the economic value to the locality served by it.

Two or more municipal corporations may be authorized by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to enter into an agreement with the commission (1) for the construction, equipment and operation of an electric railway, to be operated by power supplied by the commission; or (2) for its construction by the commission; and for its operation by the corporation; or (3) for its construction and operation by the corporation or corporations, and in either case for supply of electric power by the commission.

The agreement with the commission shall include the location of the line of railway, the character of the equipment and the service, and the maximum tolls and fares to be chargeable thereon; the proportion in which the cost of construction, equipment and operation of the line shall be borne by each of the corporations interested; the proportion of the revenue to be distributed to the corporation after deducting the charges for rental of right-of-way power, etc.

The entire undertaking will be municipally owned, and the province will not be liable for a dollar of expenditure. To meet the cost of the railways the municipalities shall have power to issue forty-year debentures, but these debentures will not be protected by a provincial guarantee.

The Act requires the Council of every municipality entering into a contract with the commission to annually raise and pay over to the commission such sums as may be required by it in the construction, equipment, maintenance and operation of the railway, including the costs of the supply of electrical power to the extent fixed in the agreement, and provides that debentures may be issued, payable in not more than forty years, for that purpose.

The Act makes it unnecessary to secure the assent of the electors to any by-law to raise such monies.

THREE MINERS KILLED.

Five Others Injured in Two Accidents at Alberta Collieries.

A despatch from Lethbridge says: One man was killed and five were hurt in the mines north of the river here on Monday morning, at the Cheong collieries, by an explosion of gas. Four of the injured men are in the Diamond City Hospital, while one was sent to his home. The accident happened shortly after the men went down into the mine. The dead man was Edward Radford. An accident in the mines at Beaver Creek on Saturday afternoon resulted in the death of two miners. No details can be learned other than that a fall of rock came unexpectedly, pinning them underneath.

GOES TO INSANE PRISON.

Bateman Transferred from Kingston Penitentiary.

A despatch from Kingston says: John Bateman, the octogenarian, who was sentenced to death at Oshawa in December last for the murder of his wife, and whose sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, has been transferred from the penitentiary to Rockwood Hospital for the insane.

HUGE FLEET SAILS.

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OUR LETTER FROM TORONTO

INTERESTING BITS OF GOSSIP FROM THE QUEEN CITY.

Sir Henry Pellatt's Gift to the Queen's Own Regiment—The City's Food Bill for a Year—Boiling Water Again.

The gift by Sir Henry Pellatt of a large plot of land in a populous section of the city, to be used for drill purposes exclusively by the Queen's Own Regiment, calls attention once more to this worthy Knight, who is in many respects a Canadian figure in Canadian finance.

Sir Henry believes in doing things in a big way, and in all ranks from private to colonel he has distinguished himself on a number of occasions. His gift of drill grounds estimated in cash value at something like \$120,000.

Sir Henry Pellatt's career on the sea, his long and successful career in the ups and downs, but chiefly upon the business of Canadian business during the past few years, has been a remarkable one. While he has not yet been regarded as one of the most wealthy men in the country, he has certainly been a man of very large fortune, and that a number of his ventures have been attended with remarkable success.

ZAM-BUK FOR THE CHILDREN.

Mrs. J. Quiding, of Ninette, Man., says: "My little boy was suffering very badly from a form of skin disease over his eye. I applied Zam-Buk to the affected part, and in a very short time the sores were healed."

IMMIGRATION FOR LAST YEAR

150,000 Came From Britain and 130,000 From the States.

A despatch from Ottawa says: During the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1913, 402,432 immigrants arrived in Canada. This total is made up of 130,829 British, 139,009 from the United States, and 131,594 from all other countries combined.

FIGHT FOR REG. OF WHISKY.

Fines at Fort William Stab Each Other, and One May Die.

A despatch from Fort William says: Gustav Swawerie and Steve Gory, two Finlanders, fought a desperate duel over possession of a keg of whiskey at Tolu on Wednesday at noon, from which both emerged covered with wounds.

THE SQUARE DEAL PAYS.

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APPEALS TO CHRISTIANS

Chinese Republican Government Formally Asks Day of Prayer for Nation

A despatch from Peking says: An appeal made by the Chinese Government to all the Christians in China to observe April 27 as a day of prayer for the Chinese Republic, has been widely publicized. The appeal was signed by the Chinese Republic and was addressed to the Christians of all denominations. It was a plea for the Chinese Republic and for the Chinese people. It was a plea for the Chinese Republic and for the Chinese people. It was a plea for the Chinese Republic and for the Chinese people.

NEVER GOT THE CHICK?

Worker at Cobalt, Ont., Spired When About to Receive His Wages.

A despatch from Cobalt, Ont., says: Just as he was receiving his money at the Cobalt bank, William Hawkins, aged 62, fell dead. Hawkins had been a veteran of the Zulu War and the Malaya campaign.

POPULATION OF NEW YORK

City Contains 5,322,000 Persons According to 1910 Census.

A despatch from New York says: The population of New York City today is 5,322,000 persons, according to the latest figures compiled by the New York City Health Department. The official census of 1910 recorded a population of 4,866,883.

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