

SOLVE DANGER

A Fund to Help Protect Level Crossings

ON CANADIAN ROADS

A PRACTICAL SOLUTION OF HARD PROBLEM.

Hon. G. P. Graham outlined the provisions of a Bill he introduced to create a special fund—the Railway Board will be given necessary authority to act.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, March 12.—Level crossings legislation occupied the attention of the commons, yesterday afternoon. Hon. George P. Graham moved the following resolution:

"That it is expedient to provide that the sum of \$200,000 each year for five consecutive years from the first day of April, 1909, be appropriated and set apart from the consolidated revenue fund of Canada for the purpose of aiding in the providing of protection, safety and convenience of the public in respect of existing highway crossings of railways at rail level, and that the said sums be placed to the credit of a special account to be known as 'The Railway Grades Crossing Fund,' and be applied under the authority of the board of railway commissioners for Canada."

Mr. Graham said that in view of the general discussion which has already taken place on the question of level crossings it would not be necessary for him to advance arguments to establish the necessity of some action being taken. The problem exists and what is required is a practical solution. The crux of the bill which would be based upon the resolution is the enlargement of the powers of the board of railway commissioners and the contribution out of the federal treasury of a sum of money for the accomplishment of the object in view. Some objections had been taken to the proposal outlined in the resolution on the ground that all the expense connected with the protection of level crossings should be borne by the railways and the municipalities affected. The bill would leave the railway commission free to adopt that view whenever it thinks that it is proper to do so. With respect to the granting of any railway legislation, said the minister, the problem of the protection of level crossings would not be difficult. The railways in the past, however, have received aid from the federal and provincial governments and have, in the rush of construction, been allowed to have practically their own way in the matter of crossings. The time has now come when it is necessary to undo what we have done. The only practical course to pursue is for the house to assent to a contribution to eliminate this evil.

Proceeding, Mr. Graham dealt with his proposals in detail, summarizing the most important as follows:

- (1) Not more than twenty per cent. of the cost of any crossing will be contributed from the federal fund, and in no case will a sum in excess of five thousand dollars be given;
- (2) The power of apportioning the cost will rest with the railway board;
- (3) No limit is fixed as to the amount which any municipality may be called upon to contribute;
- (4) A "crossing" will be defined as a work not including more than four

tracks, the bill not applying to terminals or railway yards where there are a large number of tracks;

(5) The act will apply only to crossings now in existence; crossings constructed hereafter shall be protected at the expense of the railways;

(6) In the case of highways constructed hereafter the railway board will have the power to apportion the cost as between the municipalities and the railways.

Next Mr. Graham outlined some provisions which his bill will contain apart from those in respect to level crossings. The existing act, he said, provides that when bonds are pledged as collateral security they are considered as issued and cannot be reissued. A provision borrowed from the British act would be introduced covering this matter. There would be, he said, some features of the bill of special interest to the Canadian west.

One was in respect to fire guards in respect to which he had been commended by more than the western member. They had pointed out that the railways have power to plough fire guards outside the right-of-way and that they considered in many cases that they should be allowed to do this without being liable to damage. The act would give the railway board authority to prescribe the conditions under which the railways may invade the property of others in order to provide proper protection.

Another clause of the bill will deal with the matter of expropriation of property by railways. Under the present act once a plan is filed the property through which it runs remains in value, even if possession is not taken of it for ten years. This is hardly fair to property owners. The bill will give the railway two years after filing its plans to obtain its titles and during this period only the value of the property remain unchanged. This clause of the bill, Mr. Graham explained, will not affect any present litigation as to the value of property.

In reply to a question by Mr. Lennox, the minister expressed the opinion that the railway board has the power to compel municipalities to pay a share of the cost of protecting a crossing. He also informed Mr. Lennox that he had addressed a letter to the premiers of all the provinces, asking for their co-operation and suggesting that they might contribute something. He had also pointed out to the provinces that it would help the municipalities any necessary powers in reference to raising money. Premier Whitney, of Ontario, had sent a sympathetic reply. The other provincial premiers had not yet had time to reply.

In reply to Dr. Edwards and Mr. Blair, Mr. Graham said that when there were more than four tracks as in the case of Kingston, the case would be like two crossings.

AVERY IS OFF

He is Accused of Committing Bigamy.

HE IS KNOWN IN PERTH

A CHEESEMAN WHO IS BADLY WANTED.

The First Wife, it is Alleged, is Living in the United States—In January Last He Married Miss Neelon a Resident of Carleton County.

Perth, Ont., March 12.—An officer from Carleton county is in this place with a warrant for William B. Avery, a prominent cheesemaker, charging bigamy. So far, he has been unable to locate Avery.

The officer is accompanied by Mr. Neelon, a prominent resident of Carleton county, whose daughter, Miss Neelon, is said to have been victimized by an unlawful marriage with Avery. The marriage, it is alleged, took place in January last.

Mrs. Avery No. 1 is living in the United States, and there are said to be two married sons by this union. The husband, who is about forty-five years old, has lived in this vicinity for some time, and is held in esteem. Last year he made cheese at the Cedar Bridge factory, on the Perth-Westport Road. In January last he married Miss Neelon, and the couple spent two or three weeks in Ottawa, returning to the bride's home, where they have since been until last Saturday. On that day Mr. Avery left presumably to visit his brother, who lives on the Scotch Line, near Perth.

In the meantime, it is said, a member of the first family had been shown a notice of the recent marriage, in a newspaper, and communicated with Mrs. Avery No. 2.

Mr. Neelon at once secured the assistance of an officer and came to Perth. In company with Chief of Police White, of Perth, they drove to the home of the accused's brother on the Scotch Line, but they failed to get in touch with their man. Evidently, the accused had received some intimation of coming trouble and had given the aggrieved one a false clue. He is said to have another brother living at Marlborough, and Mr. Neelon will try to find him there.

MUST SERVE SENTENCES.

Unless They Are Pardoned by the President.

NOTHING NEW

Has Developed at the Kinarade Inquest.

Washington, D.C., March 12.—Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, the labor leaders sentenced to imprisonment for contempt of court committed by publishing matter hostile to the Buck Stove and Range company, of St. Louis, after the injunction forbidding it, must serve their sentences, unless pardoned by the president. The district court of appeal has handed down a decision, sustaining the order of Judge Gould, but with one change in the form of the Gould decree.

FOR QUEBEC EAST. Ottawa, March 12.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced to-day that he will sit for Quebec East.

Wants A Paper. Berlin, Ont., March 12.—It is stated that William Lyon Mackenzie King, M.P., will have a new evening paper here, backed by \$100,000 capital provided by three or four prominent manufacturers anxious to establish a new daily.

OUT OF POLITICS.

To Marry Daughter of the Governor Family.



MISS DOROTHY GROSVENOR

London, March 12.—This is an eventful year for Lord Dalmeys, both in politics and domestic affairs. Only a few weeks ago he announced his intention of not standing for parliament again at the next election, owing to certain matters in which he found himself unable to keep pace with the liberal party, in whose interest he at present represents Middlesbrough. Now comes the still more interesting announcement that he is engaged to be married to Miss Dorothy Grosvenor, younger daughter of Lord Henry Grosvenor.

Both are to be heartily congratulated, and Lord Dalmeys has set a good example in choosing his bride from the British aristocracy. His fiancée is in her nineteenth year, and is very popular and accomplished. Her father is an uncle of the present duke of Westminster, and son of the first duke. Through her mother, who died in 1894, she is related to the Earl of Wemyss.

Lord Dalmeys, it is hardly necessary to state, is the elder son of the Earl of Rosebery. He is twenty-seven, a keen sportsman and cricketer (for three seasons he captained the Surrey team), and universally popular. He is vice chairman of the Buckinghamshire Territorials, and is in the reserve of officers.

ARE TO MAKE FIGHT

LATEST MOVE IN ONTARIO BANK CASE.

Large Shareholders Take Steps to Contest Agreement With Bank of Montreal.

Toronto, March 12.—A number of Ontario Bank shareholders have filed a notice with the Registrar of Companies, contesting the agreement between the Bank of Montreal and the Ontario Bank, holding that the Ontario Bank directors had no power to enter into such an agreement.

This action arises from the list of contributors in connection with the double liability likely to be exacted from the Ontario Bank shareholders. Others may follow the example set by the larger shareholders, and the next few days may see numerous objections raised.

Among the holders to serve the notice with this notification to expect a fight are the Canada Life Assurance company with \$10,000 at stake; the Northern American Life, \$34,800; the Confederation Life, \$13,566.66; A. E. Ames, \$63,000; and E. R. Wood, \$55,000.

The objection, which Referee Kapteke will hear, hinges on the contention that the Bank of Montreal had no right to pay out \$1,000,000 to satisfy depositors, and other promissory creditors, and that the Ontario Bank is not liable for that amount.

Waldron's are selling \$4 and \$5 shirts on Saturday at \$1.95. See Campbell Bros, new hats and you see the best. Bibby's new shirts have arrived.

THE NEWS OF WORLD

OCCURRENCES RECORDED IN BRIEF FORM.

Matters That Interest Everybody—Notes from All Over—Little of Remembering Easily Read and Remembered.

The Cuban House of Representatives passed a bill legalizing cock fighting.

It is probable that Sir Thomas Lipton will offer a cup for aeroplane races.

The Patriotic Fund Association has made an additional grant of \$4,000 to Trooper Mulloy.

The provincial budget debate closed, on Thursday afternoon, with addresses by the leaders.

Serious charges were made in the senate against Chief Justice Hunter, of British Columbia.

By a treaty with Siam, signed on Thursday, three states were added to the British empire.

Oliver Bray, an American medical student at Vienna, committed suicide on account of a nervous affection.

Hugh McCree, one of the wealthiest and best known pioneers of Vancouver, B.C., is dead, aged eighty-eight years.

It is said that a ten-storey office building will be erected on the site of the S. Carsley company's store, Montreal.

Though Serbia has given the powers assurances that she does not want war, she is continuing her military preparations.

A conference to arrange permanent peace for Central America is to be held on a warship of the American Pacific squadron.

Convict Clark, who escaped from penitentiary, with "Bill" Miner, has been brought back to New Westminster from Mount Vernon.

The people of Pie du Midi, in the Pyrenees, are living in terror because of an earthquake which has been predicted for March 20th.

William Proudfoot, M.P. (liberal central Huron), will introduce a bill asking for the repeal of the three-fifths clause in local option votes.

Mrs. Frederick Huntley, Sherbrooke, Que., died to death. A pill which she was taking lodged in her throat, and her violent coughing to dislodge it ruptured a blood vessel.

The members of the Kinarade family, the police officers and Coconer McNichol were examined at Hamilton, on Thursday night, but very little light was shed on the murder mystery.

A bill to incorporate the Belleville Radial Railway company, with a capital stock of \$250,000, to be operated from Belleville to eastern points, was reported in the legislature with several amendments.

It is rumored that a test case may be held to decide the religious points raised by the Carman-Jackson controversy, and that a charge will be laid against Rev. Dr. Crammy, Bathurst Street Methodist church, Toronto, at the next meeting of the conference in June.

THERE MAY BE A STRIKE.

Operators Refused to Accede to Men's Demands.

Philadelphia, March 12.—The anthracite coal operators met the committee of miners here, yesterday, and flatly refused to grant the men any of the demands laid before them, and at the same time proposed to the mine workers that the present agreement, which expires March 21st, be renewed for another term of three years.

The chief reason offered for the rejection was the increase in the cost of production, would necessitate an advance in the price of coal. Wages, it was declared, were already at a high level and could not be increased.

The operators declared their willingness to reopen the eight-hour question and other questions passed on by the anthracite committee of 1902, but opposed the proposition for a one-year agreement and declined to recognize the United Mine Workers of America.

IMMORALITY IN WEST.

Rev. Dr. Chown Says it is Rampant.

Toronto, March 12.—Immorality is rampant in the west, according to Rev. Dr. Chown, who has just returned from a tour to the Pacific coast. He states that in most of the western towns and cities there were many houses of ill-repute. In one town especially, of 2,500 population, there were no fewer than ninety dissolute women. In some cases, the doctor stated, even the daughters of ministers had accepted the life of shame.

In some of the new towns 'bus lines are run to the red light districts, and are publicly called "the all-red route." Methodist and Presbyterian ministers will unite in a crusade in some of these centres, and try to stem the tide of evil.

ROOMED IN JAIL.

Looked Upon Montreal's Prison As His Home.

Montreal, March 12.—After spending more than twenty years in Montreal jail, James Brennan, a native of Ireland, forty-seven years of age, died in the prison hospital of heart disease.

Brennan during the last twenty years was convicted about sixty times, which according to court officials breaks all records. It frequently occurred that Brennan was back in prison within twenty-four hours after having been discharged. He had a room which he called his own, and he was very particular as to who occupied it while he might be at liberty for a day or two. Drunk was the cause of his frequent sessions in jail.

One Of Lincoln's Body Guard.

Washington, March 12.—Thomas F. Pendel, one of President Lincoln's body guard during his term of office, died here. He was eighty-six years of age and had held his position in the White House for forty-five years.

Montreal asks for a royal commission to investigate her government.

Red, black or white cherries, 10c a tin, at Gilbert's.

PROBABILITIES.

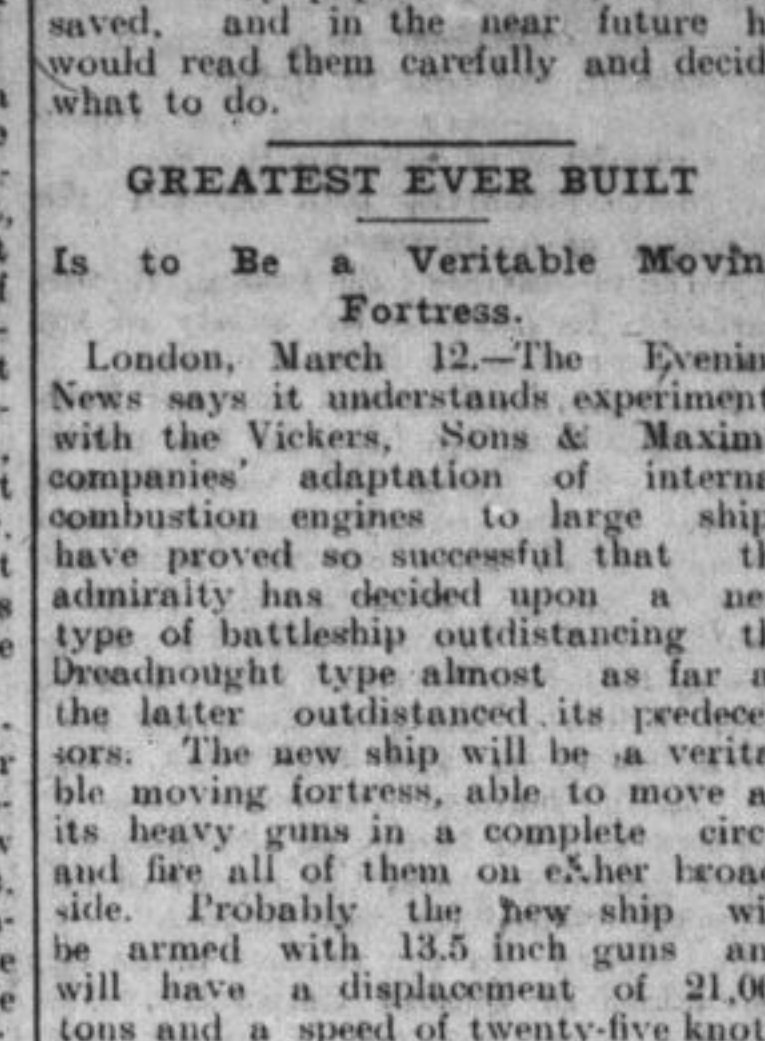
Toronto, Ont., March 12.—Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence, 13 a.m.—The weather said on Saturday will change in temperature.

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GREATEST EVER BUILT

Is to Be a Veritable Moving Fortress.

London, March 12.—The Evening News says it understands experiments with the Vickers, Stems & Max's company's adaptation of internal combustion engine to large ship, have proved so successful that the admiralty has decided upon a new type of battleship outdistancing the Dreadnought type almost as far as the latter outdistanced its predecessor.

The new ship will be a veritable moving fortress, able to move all its heavy guns in a complete circle and fire all of them on either broadside. Probably the new ship will be armed with 13.5 inch guns and will have a displacement of 21,000 tons and a speed of twenty-five knots.

WAS PREACHER A SWINDLER?

Pastor at Kenora is Missing With Funds.

Kenora, Ont., March 12.—Rev. Carl Regnell, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church, here, is said to have absconded with various sums of money which he has borrowed from time to time from his parishioners. The missing clergyman left here some weeks ago in order to attend a conference of his church at Minneapolis. Inquiries by his creditors have elicited the statement that Mr. Regnell was a clever swindler and had obtained entrance into the church under false representations.

MADE AN ENGAGEMENT

HERE IS AN AMERICAN JAPC ALLIANCE.

Archdeacon Emery's Daughter Engaged to Son of the Late Gen. Aoki.

San Francisco, March 12.—The engagement of Miss Helen Gladys Emery, daughter of Rev. John A. Emery, archdeacon of the Episcopal diocese of California, to Gungiro Aoki, son of the late Gen. Aoki, of Japan, has been announced.

No date as yet has been given for the wedding, which will have to be held outside of this state, where the marriage of Orientals and Caucasians is forbidden. Aoki is a member of one of the most distinguished Japanese families and is said to be a relative of Viscount Aoki, who represented his country at Washington. He is a brother of Rev. C. Aoki, who has charge of the Episcopal Japanese mission here.

Through the efforts of the latter, Gungiro Aoki was taken into the country home of the Emerys at Cortez, to learn Christianity, and it was then that he met Miss Emery. The prospective bridegroom is in the commission business.

A BROKEN HEART.

Widow Succumbs While Preparing For Funeral.

Stroudsburg, Pa., March 12.—Grieved over the death of her husband, proved too much for Mrs. Samuel Bossard to bear, and she died suddenly, yesterday, of heart failure while preparing for the funeral. Bossard, who was a civil war veteran, died on Tuesday at Hester, Pa., and his body was brought here to be buried at night. He was to have been buried, yesterday, but now the children of deceased couple have decided that father and mother shall be interred together, in one grave, on Friday.

AN UNFORTUNATE FAMILY.

Mrs. Weir and Child Ill—Husband Dead.

Hastings, Ont., March 12.—A sad death was that of Thomas Weir, day sprayer for the C.P.R., at Central Ontario Junction, which took place a few days ago. The young child of Mr. and Mrs. Weir was taken sick a week or so previous. With the extra work and worry both Mr. and Mrs. Weir were taken ill, and their sickness was pronounced to be typhoid fever. They were taken to a hospital at Peterboro, where Mr. Weir died a few days later. The funeral took place at Hastings.

Picked Up A Fortune.

San Francisco, March 12.—J. L. Samuels, two days ago picked up a package in the dry goods store with which he is connected, containing a small fortune in negotiable securities. Just as the store was about to close last Monday night, Samuels' attention was called to a large envelope which has been left on the hostry counter. The contents of the envelope consisted mainly of mining shares in paying concerns to the extent of some \$25,000, and as most of them are unregistered they could be easily negotiated.

SEASONABLE GOODS

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British Annex Oeno Island.

Victoria, B.C., March 12.—News was brought by the steamer Makura, which arrived to-day, of the annexation of Oeno Island, in the Paumotu or Low Archipelago, by Great Britain. R. T. Simons, British consul at Tahiti, annexed the island, whether acting under authority of the British government did not transpire. French papers published at Tahiti complain bitterly of the annexation.

Spring Announcement.

Campbell Bros. new hats are in. Two pounds Evaporated peaches or pears, 25c, at Gilbert's. Ready-to-wear shirt sale at Waldron's at \$1.95.

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