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THE GOVERNMENT RAILWAY PEOPLE

Heard by Delegation at Ottawa—Mr. Hodgson one of Speakers in Behalf of Pension Bill—Sir Wilfrid Laurier Holds out Hope to the Delegates.

OTTAWA, April 13.—(Special.)—A large delegation of intercolonial employes met Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the cabinet today and asked that the pension fund bill which Mr. Blair had proposed some years ago be put through this session. They claimed that the pension system would secure better efficiency on the road and cost the Government less in the end. Mr. Hodgson for Prince Edward Island spoke along these lines as did Mr. Minavin of Truro and Conductor Fisher. Mr. Power, General Secretary of the As-

sociation said all the employes were in favor of the scheme. Premier Laurier in reply said that the subject was not a new one. Mr. Blair and Mr. Emmerson had given some time to it and the latter now has the Bill ready to be submitted. Unfortunately the railroad is not in the best position possible but if the Autonomy Bill be pushed through in good time the Pension Bill may be dealt with this session. If not they might leave Mr. Emmerson to deal with it with reasonable prospects of success.

PLAIN SPEAKING BY MINISTERS

In Moncton Baptist Church—City Council Denounced—Children Given Liquor.

MONCTON, April 13.—(Special.)—There was some plain talk at a mass meeting in the Baptist church here last night. Rev. W. A. Ross, said that he believed that children in Moncton were being given liquor for nothing for the purpose of creating an appetite so there would be no falling-off in the liquor business. Rev. McDermid had heard of this being done. Rev. D. Hutchinson, speaking of City Council said that of all the weak-kneed men he had met the Aldermen were the weakest. At the last business meeting of his church ten members had been expelled for drunkenness.

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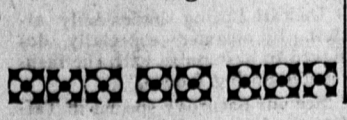
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LOCAL LEGISLATURE WILL UNITEDLY URGE A TUNNEL

And in the Meantime a Powerful Winter Steamer to give Better Winter Communication—Liberals and Conservatives Stand on Common Ground for the Good of the Province—Memorial Passed.

[See also Page Two.]
AFTERNOON SESSION.
House met at 3.30. Mr. Prowse referred to the good work of the past delegation and reviewed the history of the agitation for continuous communication in past years. He was sure the resolution would meet with approval of the country at large. Mr. Agnew endorsed what former speakers had said. The loss during the present winter could not be estimated and this he could testify to some extent from his own experience. If there be no improvement in winter communication the few industries that we have will be wiped out. The delegates to Ottawa have done a great deal of good. Mr. Agnew speaking for the Liberal members condemned the article quoted from the Ottawa Free Press in The Patriot of Wednesday. The newspapers here should have one object and that should be to have better communication for Prince Edward Island by a Tunnel or otherwise.

Hon. Mr. Simpson gave credit to past Governments for what they had done in keeping up communication but showed that such had not been done yet. The Dominion Government have admitted that all has not been done that could be done to maintain efficient winter communication. This was the first time that a memorial was passed by the Legislature taking such strong ground as the present one takes. We are asking for better communication in the interest not alone of P. E. I. but of the whole Dominion. He was happy to add his word of praise for the work of the recent delegation to Ottawa. That their work has resulted and will result in great good throughout the Dominion he had no doubt. The time he thought was not far distant when we would have a better steamer and later the complete fulfilment of the terms by direct steam communication with the railways of Canada.

Hon. Mr. Hughes reviewed the losses last year and thought the claim should be put in for the past four years along with our claim for the Tunnel. When we succeed in getting the Tunnel good times will be restored and we will get our representation back again by an increased population. He believed the Tunnel was practicable and it will come in a short time, while in the meantime a powerful steamer will assist in giving us better communication. Mr. McDonald eulogised the earnestness with which Capt. Read had worked and spoken. He was not so sanguine as some of the members that the Tunnel would be constructed shortly. Thirty years ago however, efficient steam communication was thought impossible here. If the Island shows the same earnestness that the Ottawa delegation did, the Tunnel however may shortly come. We have a good illustration in the agitation of British Columbia years ago for the building of the C. P. R. which was pronounced an impossible feat. With the same earnestness displayed the present people of the province may soon be crossing to the mainland by means of the Tunnel. He discussed the probability of a more powerful steamer and acknowledged the good work of the Ottawa delegation.

Hon. Mr. McNutt spoke of the excessive winter and summer freight rates and in answer to the statement that the Tunnel would cost too much for this province showed that if we had the Tunnel the revenue which would result would more than be a full justification for its cost.

Dr. Warburton said the delegation must be prepared to meet "snags" and "objections" and, it would be much better to meet them here than at Ottawa. If we were drawing up the resolution he would put the steamer—powerful and built regardless of expense—first and the Tunnel second. If we get a sufficiently powerful steamer we don't need the Tunnel. Let us next get all the estimates etc. on the Tunnel.

Mr. Morson felt he could hardly agree with all the last speaker had said. There was no time to experiment with boats which had proved almost a total failure. By the time the experimenting was over all the people will have left the province. This year the whole Island has been directly affected while in other years it was only the urban population that was affected. The influence was felt also in the other provinces and now we have a united people on our behalf.

[To be Concluded.]
REV. DR. DOYLE, Vernon River, proceeded from Kinkora to Vernon River yesterday.

THE McKINLEY property did not sell by auction Wednesday. Highest bid was \$1800.

A. L. and Mrs. Beer and Miss Vaniders (sister of the latter, left last night for Calgary.

MISS SADIE L. HAMPTON, St. John, has accepted a position with D. G. Cameron, Montague, as milliner.

PRINCIPAL FALCONER, Halifax, has declined the invitation to the Professorship of Knox College, Toronto.

HARRY P. DUCHEMIN read an interesting paper on Development of the English Novel before the Epworth League of Sydney Methodist church recently.

JOHN and James McFarlane, John McLaughlin and John Symonds all of Marshallfield; Leslie Bryenton, Union Road, and Elliot Bain, Cornwall left last night for the Northwest.

STANLEY G. PERRY, son of the late S. F. Perry, M. P. who left here on the fifth for a visit to Ottawa is now in Boston on his way home to Tignish where he spent the winter. Mr. Perry has been a resident of Boston for the past twenty years.

A VERY enjoyable social was held by the K. O. P.'s in Castle Hall last night. The program included remarks by the chairman, J. H. Williams; Scotch songs, C. P. Fullerton; reading, Mrs. T. A. McLean; music, Master Atwood; solo, Miss Stewart; solo, Mrs. Moore; reading, T. A. McLean; solo, Miss Down; reading, Miss Rattray; reading, W. T. Wellner. Coffee, cake and ice cream were also served.

The ice-bridge at Cape Rouge, which usually delays the opening of navigation on the St. Lawrence River gave way today and the river will be opened to Montreal on Sunday instead of early in May as is usually the case. This is due to the work of the Steamer Montcalm which kept the river open later than usual last fall and prevented such a heavy formation of ice.

ROME, April 13.—(Special.)—Bishop Cameron of Antigonish was received in special audience by the Pope today. Later he introduced Sir. Chas. Tupper to the Pope, recalling his constant defence of the rights of Canadian Catholic church. The Pope said he knew of the struggles sustained by Mr. Tupper, praised him warmly and gave him his special blessing.

YARMOUTH, April 13.—(Special.)—Cashier Johns of the Bank of Yarmouth was arraigned to-day on a charge of making false Bank returns to the Finance Department.

T. P. Stavert swore that Johns in his statement had placed in the current loan columns several large sums which should have been in the overdue columns and that had the statement been correct the Bank's insolvency would have been shown.

At a very large and enthusiastic meeting of the Golf Club last night the following officers were elected:

President—A. E. Ings.
Secy.—Dr. Blanchard.
Treas.—D. B. Stewart.
Executive—H. W. Longworth, Percy Pope, W. K. Rogers, W. A. Weeks, jr.
Tea Committee—Mrs. F. W. Hyndman, Mrs. A. A. McLean, Mrs. H. W. Longworth, Mrs. W. W. Clarke, Mrs. B. Rogers.

THE ST. LAWRENCE IS NOW OPENING

The Ice Bridge Gone—Good Work of Steamer Montcalm is Noticed.

NEW YORK, April 13.—(Special.)—The little New Brunswick schooner Leocadia arrived here today from Battisford's Hole, N. B., after being five months on a passage which should have taken five days. She had been blown half way across the Atlantic and later had to make repairs at Barbados.

FOR FIVE MONTHS ON THE ATLANTIC

IRON-Ox Tablets are for sale at the Apothecaries Hall.

AUTONOMY BILL YET UNFINISHED

Long Discussion on Contract at Fort William—Conservatives Trying to Make Capital out of it—Minister Hyman Offers to Extend Time.

OTTAWA, April 13.—(Special.)—A lot of time was spent to-day over the discussion of the dredging contract at Fort William. The Conservatives tried to make capital out of the fact that tenders were only called for April 21st and that the contractor must own the plant and have it at Fort William on the 25th, that Comtee of Simcoe owns the entire dredge which

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE GRAND TRUNK

QUEEN HOTEL—W. Conway, Toronto; George A. Blewett, George W. Parsons, Toronto; J. W. Jones, Charlottetown; G. S. Lee, Somerville; James McDougall, Somerville; H. D. McEwen; Morell, J. H. Irving, Mount Albion; G. O. Rocks, Worcester; W. Honeywell, Hunter River; L. C. Stewart, R. J. Matheson, Stellarton.

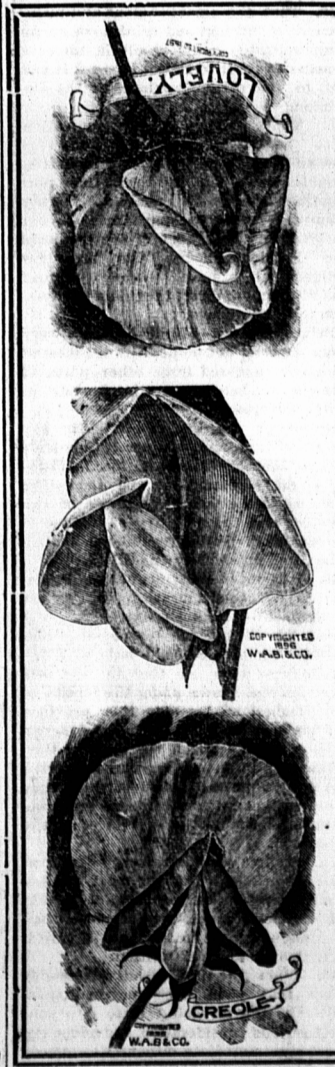
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ETNA. Brownish-crimson and violet. Pkt 5 cents
GOLDEN GATE. Pink, lavender and mauve blended. Pkt 5 cents
GAIETY GLEAM. Primrose. Pkt 5 cents
HER MAJESTY. Soft rosy-pink. Pkt 5 cents
IMPERIAL BLUE. Purple-blue. Pkt 5 cents
INDIGO KING. Purple and indigo. Pkt 5 cents
LADY BEACONSFIELD. Salmon, rose tinted, and pale yellow. Pkt 5 cents
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