

FIVE CENT FARES MAY BE BASIS OF SETTLEMENT

Proposal of Council Also Includes 7 Tickets for a Quarter.

BOOST INCOME \$146,423

Estimated Bonded Debt and Paving Program Would Be Provided For.

Five-cent cash fares and seven limited tickets for a quarter is the settlement in sight for the London street railway situation as the result of an informal meeting of the council last night. This would add \$146,423 to the income of the company and would give the city an increase of 7.07 cents an hour after providing \$35,000 for bonded indebtedness and \$35,000 for paving.

Ald. Cameron, Wilson, Drake, and Wheatcroft were appointed a committee to see if this basis would be acceptable to the street railway employees. They will report at a meeting of the council Tuesday night, and the necessary bylaw will be passed.

Draw Agreement. If this basis is accepted, arrangements will be made to have the men continue work until an agreement can be formally drawn up. It will take some time. Several important clauses will be added to protect the city.

Another basis of settlement for which three aldermen voted was a five-cent fare and six tickets for a quarter.

Ald. Ashton, who is also a member of the street railwaymen's executive, said: "I don't think that you'll settle with the men for any less than a being paid in other cities. Fifty-two cents an hour is the lowest they are getting in any other place. The men were receiving 44 cents an hour when they struck."

The report made by the railway board and the auditors was read from beginning to end. Opening the discussion Mayor Little said that they could not depend on the railway board to enter into any negotiations with the company and the men, and it was, therefore, necessary for the city to do it.

Bonded Indebtedness. Ald. Bridge pointed out that the company would retire over \$100,000 in the next five years and this will take the city out of the picture. If they were thus reducing their liabilities out of earnings provision should be made to cover it in the event of the road being taken over by the city.

Ald. Cameron Wilson said that all the increase should take care of bonded indebtedness and wages.

"Let the city go on with paving and

charge it up against the franchise," he said.

The Paving Problem. Mayor Little said there was no means of raising money for doing the paving. Commenting further on the situation he stated that the road was in such a condition that it could not be operated without increased fares. He expressed the opinion that the men would receive 44 cents an hour for the period during which the road was operated by the railway board, and that possibly another two cents an hour might be scraped together. The men would not return to work for the company for 44 cents an hour, and in the event of their striking again, the railway board would refuse to take charge once more, because it knew the road could not be operated except at a loss.

"It is therefore strictly between the city and the employees that settlement must be made," Mayor Little said. "The company and the men, but I was convinced by the acting manager, Mr. Ingram, that this would be impossible."

Would Be Forced. Ald. Wheatcroft said that guarantee there was that the company would do the paving if an increase in fares was granted. He said that the city would be cancelling until the company carried out its contract. He said that the present bylaw governing the street railway was that the penalties were not heavy enough. Ald. Wheatcroft said that he had two sets of books. Mayor Little said that the fact that the report was made by the acting manager, Mr. Ingram, that this would be impossible.

Pay in Installments. Ald. Bridge suggested that provision could be made to have the company's paving account paid in monthly installments. He said that the city would be cancelling until the company carried out its contract. He said that the present bylaw governing the street railway was that the penalties were not heavy enough.

Mayor Little suggested that five-cent cash fares and seven limited tickets for a quarter might be an acceptable settlement. Ald. Drake and Ald. Wilson objected to this on the ground that it gave the workman a very little advantage of special rates. They said that the five-cent cash fare and seven limited tickets would be more acceptable to the men as a whole.

Ald. Ashton claimed that the workmen got little benefit from the special rates. He said that the cars during limited hours were crowded by shoppers in the downtown district and the workmen were left without transportation.

Ald. Cunningham suggested that a five-cent cash fare might be charged, and six tickets for a quarter without limited hours. This was not thought to be feasible, however.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

MAJOR WEEKS ON DIVORCE. To the Editor of The Advertiser: Ordinarily when a pastor speaks to his flock it is a purely domestic concern, and if the sheep don't like the food served to them it is for them to complain. But in this matter of divorce, Bishop Fallon, if correctly reported, addresses his remarks to the public at large, as well as to his own congregation. I find fault with his pretence that the object of his aversion is easy divorce, a mere cloak to cover his objection to all divorce. That is all very well for his church. So it is for all church members or others who don't wish for or need divorce. But if couples are happily married why should they or their church try to keep tied together, like Kilkenny cats, if those who are unhappily married. They quote with greatunction, "Whom God hath joined together, let man put asunder."

I agree, but I add, as Rev. Sam Jones did: "But whom the devil hath joined together let them go to Chicago."

"Which of these clergy will have the hardihood to maintain the divorce of legally married are joined together of God? However, I am not surprised at Bishop Fallon. He is merely trying to spread the doctrine of his church. But I am surprised at a Methodist like Dr. Manning of Windsor. It would seem that, without being forced to it by his church's dogma, he is willing to keep innocent men, women and children in the hell of an unhappy home, or to look with unconcern at the sufferings and privations of a man or woman, deserted by his or her spouse, and condemned, often without fault, to live the rest of his loneliness and isolation. Something may be said for the Roman Catholic priest who argues against divorce. He could equally well argue against marriage, for he has no family life of his own. But what about the Methodist or Anglican, snug and happy with his wife and family, who would deny that bliss to others less fortunately wedlocked?

Will Make Conditions Worse. "But what about the divorce evil in the States?" asked the reporter. Who says there is a divorce evil in the States? The very people, and no one else, who think that all divorce is evil and have said so all along. They have talked so much and so loudly that the public let them keep the floor. But do you hear of any bills being brought into the state legislatures to abolish divorce? Never one. They would be laughed out of the House. They have a great many friends and relatives living in the States, not one of whom has been divorced, and I venture to say that not one of them, indeed not one person in a hundred of all the undivorced, would vote to abolish divorce there.

I can tell these ultra righteous opponents that, if they have their way they will greatly aggravate the divorce of legal marriage which they affect to deplore. Do you think that the poor, who see divorce in Canada, a luxury reserved for the rich, will be driven to prostitution or to form natural marriages outside the law. The horror of the case is that these antis know that this is true.

A lot of smug stay-at-homes, when they hear of soldiers' homes being destroyed in their absence, say, "Oh, these soldiers were not so very good themselves when overseas," meaning that they ought to divorce their wives who went wrong. And this sort of remark comes from men who were never divorced, and whose wives were never destroyed in their absence. I tell you, there are twenty times more contented, once amongst our overseas soldiers than amongst these critics at home. Besides this, nearly all these soldiers, with a generosity of soul unknown to those slackers, were in nearly every case willing to forgive the erring wife and restore the home to its old basis, but in most cases the wife prefers the paramour and sticks to him. What a pretty return, then, to the critics who to the soldier who lost his own home in fighting for theirs. Their word of cheer to him is: "True, you lost your home while fighting for ours. Well, put up with it. If you must have female companionship there is plenty to be had." This word of cheer does not cheer the soldier nor the soldier's wife who lost her husband, and there are few such cases, to some old country siren. These people wish to have homes where they can keep their children and live like their neighbors and not as outcasts. What right have these clergy to deny them this privilege?

MAJOR G. N. WEEKES.

Home Route O. K. For Black Bottle

TORONTO, May 19.—The only "short-circuiting" which will not be stopped by the Sandhill bill is that from one person to another. The bill was arranged tonight so that a person taking liquor from one home to another home for consumption is not doing an illegal act. This followed an argument by members that in cases of sickness it was very necessary to get liquor, and the quick way was to get it from a neighbor.

FIVE HUNDRED BABIES IS EXPECTED TOTAL OF WELFARE CLINIC

Nine Additional Doctors Were Pressed Into Service on Wednesday.

INFANT MORTALITY

Iniquity That Rate Is Double What It Might Be, Says Rev. G. Agar.

The second day of the big baby welfare week came to a close on Wednesday night with a splendidly attended meeting in the lecture room at the Technical School. Yesterday saw the 307th baby examined for the prize competition, and it is estimated that by tomorrow noon between four and five hundred will have entered, the biggest record yet in the city of London.

The final examination will be made by Dr. Allan Brown of Toronto, this afternoon, and the prizes awarded tonight.

Yesterday morning babies arrived in such alarming numbers that Dr. S. O. S. call had to be sent out for more doctors with the result that nine local physicians were busy all morning at the clinics. The waiting mothers themselves were relieved with ice cream, and the babies were fed by the board is supplying the food.

Last night Miss Lillian Smith of the Children's Department, Toronto Public Library, gave an excellent talk on what the library is doing to conserve the boys and girls of Canada and develop in them higher ideals of citizenship.

Children Exposed. "Nowadays children are exposed almost from infancy to pernicious influences, moving pictures and so forth," said the speaker. "They must read something, and what the library is trying to do is to place the best kind of literature in their hands. For instance, I said that the stories which boys and girls read before they are 16 years old do more to develop their character than all the school books in the world."

The second speaker of the evening was Rev. Gilbert Agar, general secretary of the social service council for Ontario. In his address he pointed out the effect on child welfare of such new laws appearing on the statute books, or shortly to appear there, as women's compensations, mothers' allowances, minimum wage for women, venereal disease prevention act, and laws relating to moving pictures and vaudeville. He spoke with concern about the high infant mortality rate in Canada, and especially in London.

Mortality Rate. "It seems an outstanding iniquity that in this fair and our infant mortality rate is nearly double what it might be, and I am sorry to learn that London, in spite of the good work done here, still stands with a rate much higher than the average for Canada."

The Rev. S. T. Ferguson occupied the chair last evening. A vocal solo was rendered by Miss Bray, accompanied by Mrs. A. D. Jordan. In the afternoon three very fine addresses were given before many mothers assembled in the lecture room at the school. Dr. E. Spence, who was one of the speakers, made some very interesting statements in regard to communicable diseases.

"I believe that in the future medicine will reach such a state," he said, "that acute infectious diseases will be removed from the earth. There will be a time when the bacillus of such diseases as syphilis and typhoid will be shown on the future screen, and the people failed to report the presence of such diseases in their homes. I believe the time will come when infectious germs will be as extinct as the mastodon is today."

Disease Placards. The speaker emphasized the necessity of citizens being honest about having their houses placarded when one of the members is suffering from an infectious disease. His subject was "The Early Recognition of Communicable Diseases." He advised the close watching of children suffering from nasal discharge or cold in the head, coughing, bronchitis, croup, convulsions and rashes.

Dr. John Lindsay was another speaker of the afternoon, his subject being "Rickets—Symptoms, Prevention and Treatment." He pointed out that in this disease the fault was in too much starched food.

Dr. Anne Young, a Dominion Y. W. C. A. secretary, completed the afternoon's program by a very interesting and helpful talk to mothers on the education of their children along sex lines.

PREMIUM PRICES STILL IN EVIDENCE

In its summary of the iron, steel, metal and machinery markets this week Canadian Machinery and Manufacturing News, Toronto, makes the following comment:

The extent to which conditions in United States transportation systems are interfering with the steel and machinery business in Canada is becoming more evident daily. The supply of coal is vitally necessary to the steel industry, and that is running dangerously low. One firm that needs 2,000 tons per month is getting about three or four hundred tons. There is a tremendous tonnage on the books of the steel mills and of the jobbers in Canada, but the big business is to make it or get it for shipment to the consumer.

Old country representatives are reporting better service from their home offices in the way of deliveries of some goods are reported as arriving in three weeks from the placing of the order.

Premium prices are still to the front. Toronto interests wanted plate within a short time, and had to pay 4.75 per pound at the mill. When extras or size, freight, duty, war tax and exchange were added to the price, as well as yardage and profit, it had to sell at \$2.25 per pound. The United States manufacturer is getting the same material, if he is on the books of the Steel Corporation, at 2.65 per pound.

Another firm, anxious about boiler tubes that had been ordered for weeks, was informed by the mills that there were some 50,000 tons piled in the yards, and that the order wanted was probably in that pile. When that pile gets moved the Canadian customer will get his supplies, and there is not much indication of the movement taking place under present conditions.

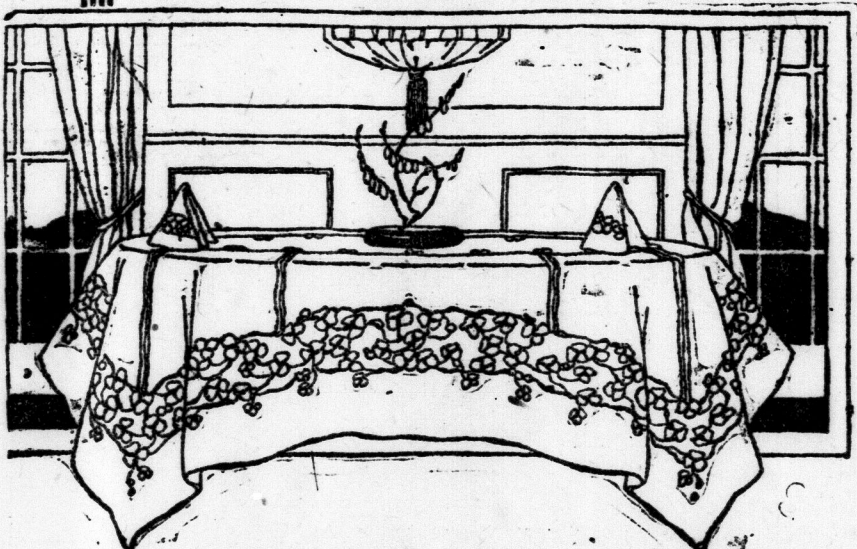
New York machine tool market reports a falling off in inquiry that is quite noticeable. One explanation is that there is a very well-defined feeling that there must be an end to rising costs and increasing prices, and until there is some sign of a definite move downward in many essentials, buyers will persist in staying out of the market.

Steel mills and large metal works largely withdrawn from the scrap market in Canada, with the result that prices are flat and demand very small.

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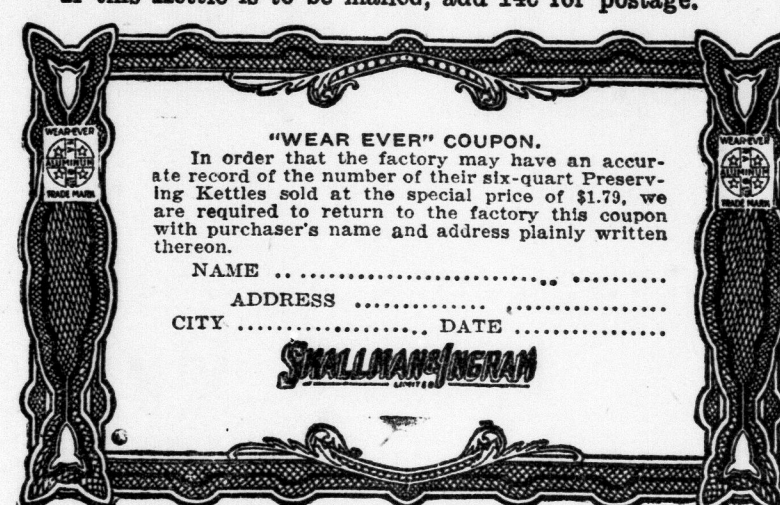
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Opportunity Friday In the Men's Shop

For your holiday needs this sale list affords a great opportunity to equip yourself with seasonable apparel at a considerable saving on most desirable merchandise for both men and boys. Mothers who are fortunate to have boys to clothe will do well to read carefully every item listed for Opportunity Friday—tomorrow.



Boys' Suits \$13.95

Boys require clothes that will give good, honest wear as well as looking smart and stylish. This lot for Opportunity Day will fill all the requirements; tailored in the best models, waist-line, plain box back, with or without belt, browns and greys, all sizes. The price also is very attractive.

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WILL NOT ERECT STATION AT HOSPITAL.

The Dominion Railway Board has withdrawn its demand for a station on the London and Port Stanley Railway in the vicinity of the Westminster Hospital.

The railway was ordered to build the station without being consulted on the matter. The railway commission protested on the ground that the proposed site of the station was on a switch point, and its establishment would be contrary to good railroad practice. There are two stops sufficiently close to this point to obviate the necessity of a station there, they claimed.

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