

S. O. P. CHARTER TO BE USED BY C. P. R.

Bill Was Given Third Reading Yesterday.

Police Given Instructions About Snow Cases.

More Pruning of Estimates Will be Needed

It was reported to-day that the South Ontario Pacific Railway Company's bill which was given a third reading in the Senate at Ottawa yesterday would probably be used by the Canadian Pacific Railway in getting favorable terms for the charter of the Hamilton & Guelph Junction Railway, held by Ex-Mayor Biggar, J. W. Lamoreaux and other local promoters.

Charges of Favoritism against the Health Department in the case of Ald. Howard, whose daughter is a small-pox patient, have been hinted at.

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MORE AMENDMENTS TO THE INSURANCE BILL.

Mr. MacDonald Has Many Suggestions for Committee's Consideration.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—J. K. MacDonald, of the Canadian Life Officers' Association, was heard again to-day at the Banking and Commerce Committee on the Government insurance bill. He spoke against the limitations in the bill to investments, which would be detrimental to the profits of the policy holders.

In answer to a question from Mr. Fielding, Mr. MacDonald admitted that industrial stocks would be a difficult choice to make. To this the Finance Minister made the comment that it would be more difficult in a three-year than in a seven-year stock. Mr. Fielding expressed a doubt of the wisdom of including common stocks on any terms.

Wants to See Them

London, Feb. 14.—In a personal letter to J. Pierpont Morgan, thanking him for his gift of the three first volumes of his illustrated catalogue of his collection of pictures, miniatures, books and manuscripts, Queen Alexandra has expressed a wish to visit Mr. Morgan's residence in Prince's Gate, S. W., in order to view the originals. It is expected that the visit will be made in March, when the Dowager Empress of Russia will be here. It is likely that Mr. Morgan will be present personally to show the collection to her majesty.

THIRTY YEARS.

J. W. Gerrie Celebrating an Anniversary To-day.

Mr. J. W. Gerrie, the well-known James street druggist, is to-day celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of his starting business in the Lister block, which was one day after he arrived in this city from Stratford—Feb. 13, 1878. Mr. Gerrie was in a reminiscent mood this morning, and pointed out that not one other business in that block is now conducted by the person or persons who owned it when he started.

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WOMAN SCALPED

By Long Fall to Cement Walk in Buffalo.

Buffalo, Feb. 14.—With her scalp completely torn off, three ribs broken and her left arm fractured, Mrs. Emma Foster, 50 years old, was picked up in front of her home, 40 Goembel avenue, yesterday afternoon.

CITY OF SAINTS.

THE NIAGARA DISTRICT METHODIST SOCIAL UNION

Want Welland Canal Enlarged in Preference to Constructing Georgian Bay Canal—Technical Education in St. Catharines Schools.

St. Catharines, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—A movement is on foot to form a Methodist social union, to include the three Methodist churches of this city and the Thorold, Merriton and Louth and Grantham Churches. The new organization will be called The Niagara District Methodist Social Union.

LOTION IGNITES.

Cream Used For Chapped Face Direct Cause of Death.

New York, Feb. 14.—One of the strangest causes of death ever reported in this city developed to-day in the case of Louis Lowenstein, a wealthy importer, who died at his home, 140 West 18th street.

On January 27 Mr. Lowenstein had been exposed to the severe cold all day and his face was badly chapped. He procured a healing lotion the following day and anointed his face with it several times during the night.

RECEIVED BAD NEWS

Father of Mrs. Geo. MacDonald Killed Yesterday.

Mrs. MacDonald, wife of Mr. George MacDonald, of the reportorial staff of the Herald, received word yesterday afternoon of the unexpected death of her father, Mr. Curtis Bishop, of Marquette, Quebec. He was a lumber merchant, and while no particulars have been received regarding his death, it is believed that Mr. Bishop was killed while out in the bush.

TO RETIRE.

Rev. Mr. Scott, of Merriton, to Quit Ministry.

St. Catharines, Ont., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—At the February meeting of the Quarterly Official Board of the Elm Street Methodist Church, Merriton, held on Tuesday evening last, the pastor, Rev. John G. Scott, M. A., informed the board of his intention to retire from the active work of the ministry next June, owing to ill health. Mr. Scott will reside in Ingersoll.

A CONSTANT NECESSITY.

George F. Johnson, of Glanford, for thirty-five years a constant reader of the Times, renewed for another year to-day. "One of the best I have ever seen" was his remark. He would not be without it.

Ripe Strawberries.

Ripe strawberries, Boston head lettuce, cucumbers, crisp lettuce, sweet green peppers, new potatoes, radishes, Malaga grapes, bananas, mushrooms, Bermuda onions, radishes, green sprouts, muffins, crumpets, maple syrup, old-fashioned buckwheat flour, Saratoga cheese, Neufchatel and square cream cheese, strictly fresh eggs, grape fruit, sweet seedless oranges.—Bain & Adams, 89-91 King street east.

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TWO PEOPLE

ASPHYXIATED.

Tragedy at Home on Hughson Street North

About 2.30 o'clock this afternoon the police were notified that the family of Mr. Martin, 336 Hughson street north, corner of Strachan street, had been asphyxiated, and that Mrs. Martin and two of the children were dead. All the other members of the family were found in a bad way when the discovery was made.

The trouble was caused by gas from a self-feeder stove, which had been left open all night. The mother and one child were dead, and had evidently been so for two or three hours, when the discovery was made. One other child was said to be at the point of death, and a third one in a critical condition.

OLD FIREMAN

MEETS DEATH.

New York's Deputy Chief Killed in Cellar. Fell Through a Trap Door to His Death.

New York, Feb. 14.—Deputy Chief Charles W. Kruger, known for many years as "The Grand Old Man of the Fire Department," lost his life to-day while leading his men in a desperate fight against flames in Canal street. While working his way cautiously through a cellar filled with smoke and gases, Kruger plunged through a trap door into a sub-basement filled with water.

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THE MAN

IN OVERALLS

Gibson won in the ninth round. Now see the dirt fly.

The death of Thomas Bell may land this city in a bill of costs.

If the milkmen live up to the specifications laid down by the Provincial Board of Health there will need to be a revolution in the milk business, good as it is at present.

To ask the Government to pay for knocking holes in the pavement will not be a very good way to get it to extend the wall.

If there are to be elections this season, my friends better get on a war footing. The enemy is relentless and treacherous.

No doubt it is high time the Napier street police station was raffled off. The whole place is moth eaten, and no fit place for policemen or anybody else.

If Mayor Stewart is to attempt to force controllers on the people, I prophesy that he will fail. The people want to have a say in the matter.

I told you Mr. Zimmerman would insist upon Hamilton's interests being protected when the Radial bill came up for discussion. He was right on deck every time.

The automobile owners may find it necessary to sell their machines if the Legislature rules them off the town lines and concession roads.

They tell me that it is no sure thing for Allan Studholme next election. Well, Allan wouldn't take my advice and come down among us and say what he had been doing and what he was to do. Too busy shaking hands with the big fellows.

The Salvation people might send a plate or two of soup round to the Con. Club. They may save a life.

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RAIN STORM.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 14.—For the past 24 hours Western New York has been in the grip of a rain storm that has melted the snow so that many streams are overflowing. Trains in all directions are late as the rain has been accompanied by thick fog at times.

LEASE HAS BEEN SIGNED AND FIRST PAYMENT MADE.

Hamilton Now Assured of Professional Baseball For the Coming Season.

Mr. Fred Paige, the promoter of the new International Baseball League, has made good, and Hamilton is now assured of professional ball for next summer. Yesterday afternoon the treasurer of the Britannia Athletic Association received from Mr. Paige the lease of the Britannia Park property, duly signed, and accompanied by a draft for the first payment of rent.

TORONTO MAN SHOOTS WIFE AND COMMITS SUICIDE.

Wife Refused to Live with Him Because He Was Too Tired to Work.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 14.—Jas. Feehely, 62 Euclid ave., shot his wife this morning and then committed suicide by shooting himself in the brain. The woman is expected to recover. Feehely and his wife have not been on good terms for some time, owing to the man's dislike for work, and a week ago the woman, who has been running a grocery store at the Euclid avenue address, ordered Feehely away from the place. Feehely made several attempts to be taken back, but his wife refused to have anything more to do with him. This morning he came into the house about 9 o'clock and made a final request to be allowed to come back, but his wife again refused. There upon he whipped out a revolver, shot the woman and then turned the weapon on himself. The woman has four children, all by a first husband. Feehely's parents reside at 27 Edward street here.

ORATORIO OF THE "CREATION."

All parties who have not made their returns for the sale of tickets are requested to do so at once at Anderson's music store, James street. The final statement of receipts and expenses will be submitted by the committee on Tuesday evening next at Anderson's, at 7.45. All interested are invited to attend.

H. G. & B. MINORITY AND EXPRESS CO.

Went to Jail.

London, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Parkhurst, the well-known leader of the women suffragists, and the other delegates of the organization who were arrested yesterday when they attempted to make a demonstration in the House of Commons, all went to jail to-day for a term of six weeks rather than give sureties for their good behavior.

MADE LOVE IN HIS STREET CAR.

MARRIED CONDUCTOR AND A LOCKE STREET MAID.

They Were Caught by the Superintendent, and the Conductor Has Had Holidays Ever Since.

The street railwaymen have something more than the troubles of the union to talk about these days. This spiced morsel for the gossips was supplied when Superintendent Miller the other day suspended one of the conductors for a week. The curiosity of the other employees was whetted and the story leaked out by degrees.

When the superintendent got over the shock he said things. The conductor is a married man and the girl, aged about 22, lives on Locke street south. The conductor admitted he had no excuse. The girl pleaded with the superintendent to let her go. "It will never happen again," she said. "Mr. Miller rode as far as Locke street on the car, to see that she was telling the truth as to where she lived."

The young lady must have spent a rather uncomforable night. "Oh, I am not going to do anything," said Mr. Miller, "only tell this man's wife. She will do the rest."

But the superintendent did not carry out his threat. The conductor must have had a busy time explaining how he came to get a week's holidays and he has had to stand a good deal of jostling from the fellows who heard of the story.

It is understood that negotiations have already been under way with officials of the Dominion Express Company, at the headquarters in Toronto, for it to purchase the stock of the minority shareholders in the H. G. & B. The minority men have expressed themselves willing to sell out at the same figure paid the other shareholders at the time of the celebrated coup. It is believed that the taking over of the freight privileges by the Canadian Express may hasten action on the part of the Dominion Express Company.

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Crazy Action of a Woman Who Kidnapped Her Children.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 14.—Mrs. Bessie Rumble, who kidnapped her two children Hazel, aged 7, and Winifred, aged 5, from the Children's Aid Society, in Chatham, Ont., last Friday, and drove from Chatham to Robert's Landing, nearly twenty miles, in an open wagon with the thermometer around the zero mark, and then drove across the St. Clair River on the ice to the Michigan side, was arrested last night and locked up at the Central Station by two immigration inspectors. With Mrs. Rumble were found her husband Albert, who arrived in Detroit last night, and Miss Louise Siddle, aged 21, who landed in Detroit about three months ago. The inspectors say all will be deported.

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Rumor of Combination of These Forces

To Get Control of the Electric Road.

Important Move Said to be on Hand.

An echo of the famous coup by which the Canadian Express Company secured control of the Hamilton, Grimsby & Beamsville Railway, and the minority stockholders were frozen out, was heard to-day when it was reported on good authority that the Dominion Express Company would probably unite with the minority men in opposing the Cataract Power Company, which now practically owns the road. The Dominion Express Company's contract for the freight privileges on the line expired on Jan. 1 of this year, and the Canadian Express Company now has charge. The latter company, it is said, will have practically a monopoly of the freight business in the rich fruit district, and especially of freight destined for Montreal, Winnipeg and western points unless the Dominion company is successful in the move, which, it is said, will be made.

One of the minority shareholders of the H. G. & B. stated to-day that the Dominion company could prevent the Canadian company from having a monopoly of the business if it so desired. Several years ago the Dominion company was given the exclusive right to handle freight on the line. It was to secure these privileges that the Canadian Express Company purchased, through agents, 1,134 shares of H. G. & B. stock in 1904, and two years later sold out to the Cataract Company under an agreement which gave it a contract for 25 years, after the first of this year, to handle the freight with an option for another 25 years.

This was opposed by the minority shareholders, but the contract was not affected by the judgment delivered at Osogood Hall in the Martin suit, declaring illegal the issue of the 350 shares of stock in dispute.

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