

CITY'S MOVE IN TRACK ELEVATION MUST PAY SHARE OF THE COST G. T. R. OFFICIALS STATE CASE

Mayor Stevely Returns From Montreal, Where He Saw Messrs Fitzhugh and Brownlee. on Very Important Matter.

COMPANY HAS NO OBJECTION

To Allowing the Council To Say What They Are Prepared To Do—Anxious That the Matter of Track Elevation in London Should Be Taken to the Railway Commission of Canada.

It is up to the city on track elevation!

The council must either take the matter to the railway commission or come through with a handsome offer to bear a portion of the cost, or the whole situation must remain as it is.

That is the result of the interview between Mayor Stevely and Third Vice-President Fitzhugh and Master of Transportation Brownlee in Montreal yesterday.

OLD TERMS NO GOOD.

His worship was also informed that there must be an improvement on the old terms offered by the city, or they would not be considered one moment.

It was also definitely impressed upon him that the company would not make such a handsome offer as on the occasion when Mr. McGuigan discussed the question with the council.

"When in Montreal, I had a talk with Mr. Fitzhugh and Mr. Brownlee," said his worship at noon today. "Practically the same story was told me as has been told before. They again stated that they were quite willing for the council to take the matter to the Dominion railway commission. That would mean, judging from former orders of the board, that the city would contribute to the cost of the improvement."

City Must Share Cost.

"They also informed me that they would consider a bone fide offer from the council to bear part of the expense. Nothing definite was stated as to the amount, but they declared that they would be willing to listen to an offer that would bring the city to bear part of the cost of elevation and a new depot."

No Joint Depot.

"As for a joint depot, they are opposed to that unalterably. They claim that they have no more ground now than they need, and they consider it out of the question to allow another railway to come in and utilize it."

"They realize the need of a new depot, but the great expenditure that had to be made at Toronto and Montreal prevented the company taking any notice of the needs of London in this matter."

Mr. McGuigan's Opinion.

"I also had a chat with Mr. McGuigan, and he stated that the city made a mistake when they turned down the offer he made. He said, however, Mr. Fitzhugh promised to come to the city of London, perhaps in a month's time, and it is probable that some discussion as to terms might be considered."

WILL FIRST HEAR DELEGATES' REPORT

Sir Wilfrid to Postpone Any Statement as to Naval Defense Arrangement.

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, when asked as to Premier Asquith's statement of Canada's share in naval defence programme, said that the Canadian Government was still awaiting a report from Sir Frederick Borden and Hon. Mr. Brodeur, who represented Canada at the defence conference, and until that had been received, he had nothing to add to the announcement made by Premier Asquith in London.

MONTREAL CRAFTERS MAY GO TO PRISON

Six To Be Arrested Following Disclosures Before the Commission.

Montreal, Aug. 28.—As the result of testimony before the royal commission, which is holding daily sessions to investigate the graft which has cost Montreal millions of dollars, five arrests have been determined on. The names of those who will be taken into custody are being carefully guarded, but no intimation may reach the accused men in advance of official action.

Already it has been shown that in the fire and police departments appointments were openly dealt in at a price of \$200 each and that promotions were likewise open to purchase. In the public works department contracts were awarded through a go-between, who conducted negotiations for the aldermen and the contractors. On contracts let this year and totalling \$660,000 it was shown that the excess price amounted to \$130,000.



NATHANIEL LINDER, Well-Known Dorchester Hotelman, Who Explains the "Romance" Sent Out From New York.

DEPT. IS ON A BRAND NEW TACK

Alleged That the "Plucking" of Students Is Designed to Increase Teachers' Salaries.

A BLOW AT FARMERS

Who Compelled the Government to Withdraw Its Salary Legislation Enacted Some Time Ago.

There is a great deal of criticism among teachers and parents of the action of the department of education in the wholesale "plucking" of candidates for teachers' certificates. As announced some time ago, less than 35 per cent of the candidates passed, and if some of the candidates in other places did not secure sufficient marks for a certificate, were as well qualified for teachers, as many in London, a rank injustice apparently has been done.

Some time ago, the department introduced legislation to compel the farmers, to increase the salaries of teachers in the rural schools.

There was a great deal of opposition to this, and it was to all intents and purposes dropped. The farmers insisted that they knew local conditions better than the Legislature, and that they should be allowed to manage their own local affairs.

A New Tack.

The department, according to the statement made to The Advertiser, today has started on a new tack to accomplish the same end, and that was to "pluck" a very large percentage of the students applying for certificates. There is a very serious shortage of teachers throughout the Province, and in the face of this shortage the department continues to "pluck" students right and left.

A PROPOSITION TO DREDGE THE THAMES

Gentleman Is Prepared To Do the Work for the Gravel He Will Get and \$1,000

The city council will shortly deal with a proposition to dredge the river. There is a gentleman in the city who is prepared to make the city an offer, and it will have to be considered within a few weeks.

He proposes to put a dredge on the river, and remove all the gravel in the river from Dundas street bridge to the Coves.

He will deepen the channel eight or ten feet, practically the full width of the river, for \$1,000 and the gravel.

This would make it possible to run boats up and down the river without any trouble whatever, giving lots of room and plenty of water for all such purposes.

FARMAN'S VICTORY HAS BEEN PROTESTED

Betheny, Aug. 28.—Henry Farman's great victory of yesterday, when he drew 180 kilometres (111.75 miles), in 3 hours, 4 minutes, 56.2 seconds, has been officially protested, on the ground that he entered with a Vivamus motor, but substituted a Gnome motor, and that he violated article 8 of the regulations, which provides that all material employed on the ground be approved by the committee Aug. 20, two days before the contest opened.

NEWS TO LONDON.

London, Aug. 27.—Regarding the Ottawa cablegram to London newspapers that a movement is on foot in influential circles in London to persuade Sir Wilfrid Laurier to accept the governor-generalship of South Africa, the colonial office authorities declare that the cable referred to is the first they have heard of such a movement.

HON. CHARLES MURPHY COMING

Word was received today by the secretary of the Trades and Labor Council from Hon. Charles Murphy, secretary of state, announcing that he will be in London on Labor Day, and will address the trades unionists at the demonstration.

The details as to when he will arrive have not been received, but he will be met by a number of leading Trades and Labor Council members who will make arrangements for his entertainment while here.

Hon. Mr. Murphy is one of the younger members of the cabinet, but is a fluent and ready speaker, and will deliver a fine address.

CONFERENCE IS NOW ADMITTED REGARDING THE P. M. LEASE

At Informal Meeting Many Important Matters Were Discussed But There Appears To Be a Mystery as to What Really Took Place Between City and Company.

It is now admitted in city hall circles that a conference regarding the extension of the lease of the London and Port Stanley Railroad has taken place. It was of an informal nature, it is said, and nothing of the shape of a definite offer was made. Nevertheless the city officials are taking the judgment of the company as to what really took place.

One matter that was apparently definitely settled was the fact that the company wanted a straight bargain, with no percentages. The city officials thought this was the proper thing, and they for the time being at least, agreed to that suggestion.

They declared that percentages were not satisfactory, and would not be of any advantage to the city.

Informal, Says the Mayor.

Mayor Stevely stated today that the matter had come up in an informal talk, but nothing of a definite nature transpired. There was no proposition submitted.

He also admitted that there was a possibility that this year's council would take up the question definitely. "There is a possibility that the ques-

tion will be taken up this year," said his worship.

"We talked the matter over informally with some of the city officials some time ago, but no definite proposition was the outcome of this talk."

"The impression was that the deal must be a straight one, with percentages eliminated. It was the judgment of those talking it over that it would be better for all concerned to eliminate the percentages. However, nothing has been decided upon."

Rental of \$20,000.

"Would a yearly rental of \$20,000 be too much or too little?" was asked. "It would not be too much," answered his worship. "That figure was named, perhaps, in the discussion, but there was nothing definite mentioned."

This price is the same as the city received when the road was leased to the Grand Trunk in 1873. This company gave it up in 1893, and after much negotiation the road was taken over by the L. E. and D. R., and when that company was absorbed by the P. M. (Continued on Page Ten.)

ENGLISH ENGINEERS WILL BE ENTERTAINED

Will Arrive in This City at 6:25 This Evening and Will Be Met by the Council.

The party of English engineering students at present touring Canada will arrive in the city at 6:25 from Toronto, and will be entertained by the city. They are now en route out of the city, and are now en route out of the city, and are now en route out of the city.

SUGAR IS ALLEGED TO BE UNFIT FOR USE

Lady Brought Bag of Sweet Stuff to Inspector Which She Alleges She Bought.

Inspector McCallum has a ticklish case to deal with this morning. A widow, with five children to support, brought to him a large bag of sugar, which she said she had paid \$1 for at a local store. On opening it the stuff was found to contain much dirt and other deleterious matter.

The sugar was totally unfit for domestic use, it is alleged.

"I do not know what to do about it," said Inspector McCallum. "The woman certainly did not get value for her money, but I do not know whether I can confiscate the goods or not. If I can, somebody will have to foot the bill."

DR. MILLIGAN BETTER

Pastor of St. Andrew's, Toronto, Will Return Next Month.

Toronto, Aug. 28.—Mr. Robt. Weir, of Pringle & Weir, has had a letter from the Rev. Dr. G. M. Milligan, of Old St. Andrew's Church, who is at present in the Island of Orkney, North of Scotland, which says that the pastor is greatly improved in health, and will leave for Canada next month. About four months ago Dr. Milligan obtained leave of absence and went abroad.

WANT CITY'S POPULATION

Inspector Hughes Is Preparing a Book in Toronto.

Mayor Stevely this morning received a letter from Chief Inspector James L. Hughes, of Toronto, asking for the exact figures of the population of the city of London, for use in an encyclopedia. The communication was forwarded to Assessment Commissioner Grant, who will supply the necessary information.

Looking For News.

Secretary A. E. Chamberlain of Farmers' Institute of Brookings, South Dakota, has written Mayor Stevely, asking for information as to the population of the city, methods of disposing of street sweepings, manure, sewage and other information on the same line. The communication was referred to City Engineer Graydon, who will send a report on the question.

NATHANIEL LINDER TELLS STORY WHICH EXPLODES THE ROMANCE

Was in Constant Communication With His Family and Cannot Understand How the New York Story Was Started on Its Rounds—Interviewed by Advertiser.

An illustration of the way a story grows with careful fostering is shown in the report of the long 20 years' search of August Linder for his missing father, and of the final successful culmination of the search in the little village of Dorchester, a few miles east of London.

Mr. Nathaniel Linder, one of the principals in the story, certainly does reside in the village as the proprietor of the Linder House. And his son did come to visit him for a week a short time ago; but there the facts of the story end, and the graphic flow of fiction begins.

When seen by an Advertiser reporter yesterday afternoon Mr. Linder expressed himself very strongly on the matter of the report, which had only then been brought to his attention. "Why there isn't a word of truth in it," he said. "I can't imagine how such a story ever started. My son

was with my father, till he was old enough to come to this country to work for himself. And I have always known of his whereabouts, and he has had letters from me constantly, so I cannot think of anything that would give rise to this absurd story."

An Emphatic Denial.

"I don't want to say any more than is necessary on the matter," he continued, "but I think that in justice to me, after the false impression the report might leave in the minds of some people, the story ought to be most emphatically denied."

"My son was visiting me for a week and left last Saturday for New York, but he has known of my whereabouts as long as he has been old enough to read and write, and we have corresponded regularly."

Mr. Linder, though a Russian by birth, has been in this country nearly 40 years.

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MAYOR STEVELY AT MONTREAL CONVENTION

Was Introduced on Friday—Some Brainy Men There, Says His Worship.

Mayor Stevely has returned from Montreal where he attended a day's session of the convention of American municipalities.

"It is a most successful convention," said his worship. Over six hundred delegates from San Francisco to New York were in attendance, and some splendid addresses were given. "I attended Friday morning, and was introduced. I met many of the delegates and found them on the whole, bright, capable men."

"One of the most interesting features of the convention was the fight for next year's session. St. Paul, Atlanta, Ga., Kansas City and Milwaukee were all out for it, and the advertising they did for the convention was surprising. It was a revelation to most Canadians, and showed that the Americans spare no expense in boosting their native city and making people in other cities envious."

"I had not been noticed when it was found on the roof near the track. The blaze was put out with the chemical engine, with a loss of perhaps \$50."

The fire originated beneath the platform, and the blaze worked its way up, the weight box operating one of the doors to the roof. It is thought it was caused by a cigar or cigarette.

Had it not been noticed when it was there, there would have been much difficulty in checking the blaze.

STREET CAR BULLY WAS PROPERLY MULCTED

Man Who Accumulated a "Jag" and Became Ugly Was Before P. M. Love Today.

There was a good deal of variety in the list of cases that figured on the police court roster this morning.

Bernard Coppemith, a peddler, it seems, has a proclivity for leaving his horse and wagon wandering around the streets. As a result he appeared this morning, charged with obstructing the street, and was fined \$1, with the option of three days. He paid his fine.

A young man appeared on the charge of breaking into and entering a store. He was remanded for a week, being allowed on his own bond of \$1,000 and two other sureties of \$500 each.

Wm. Adams, charged by his wife, Anne Adams, with being drunk, was remanded till the 30th inst.

A man who made his first appearance as a drunk was allowed to go with a warning.

An Indian Lister. Joseph Bertram, an Indian lister, had the misfortune to look upon the cup when it was red, yesterday, and as he had not the necessary \$10 with which to procure his freedom, he will spend the next 21 days in the useful task of keeping the county buildings in a sparkling condition.

The case of George Foster, accused of depicting refuse on the street, was adjourned for a week.

A Bully Rewarded. Francis Mitchell, who made himself very disagreeable to a number of passengers in a car going south on Richmond street, last night, at 8 o'clock, appeared on a charge of assault preferred by Gordon Breden, and he was fined \$10 and costs or one month in jail.

Breden entered the car at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, and blacked further down Mitchell also boarded the car. Without any provocation Mitchell, who was somewhat the worse for liquor, began abusing Breden in the most profane language, despite the fact that there were half a dozen ladies in the car at the time.

Mitchell followed Mr. Breden inside and continued to abuse him there. To spare the people in the car Mr. Breden went to the rear platform, where he asked the conductor to see that the man was not permitted inside. When Mr. Breden came to leave the car, however, Mitchell struck him a heavy blow in the eye, the marks of which are still visible.

As a result Mitchell appeared in the police court this morning, and will learn wisdom and decency at the expense of some hard-earned dollars.

PREMIERS AT NEW YORK. New York, Aug. 28.—Returning from the Imperial defence conference, which closed recently in London, Sir Joseph G. Ward, premier of New Zealand, and Sir Edward Morris, premier of Newfoundland, arrived here today on the steamer Campania from England, on their way home.

THE WEATHER. TOMORROW—COOL. FORECASTS.

Toronto, Aug. 28.—8 a.m. Fresh to strong southerly shifting to westerly and northwesterly winds; showery, local thunderstorms. Tomorrow—Fresh to strong northwesterly winds; fine and cooler.

TEMPERATURES. Today. Yesterday. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Low. High. London. 67. 46. 59. 68. Victoria. 62. 46. 59. 68. Calgary. 54. 32. 40. 62. Winnipeg. 50. 45. 58. 60. Port Arthur. 62. 60. 62. 76. Parry Sound. 66. 60. 62. 80. Toronto. 67. 55. 67. 75. Ottawa. 66. 50. 56. 74. Montreal. 66. 58. 62. 72. Quebec. 62. 56. 60. 70. Father Point. 56. 48. 50. 60. Dawson. 30. 20. 22. 32. Alton. 58. 48. 50. 60. Port Simpson. 50. 40. 42. 50. Vancouver. 60. 40. 42. 50. Kamloops. 47. 37. 39. 47. Edmonton. 40. 30. 32. 40. Point Albert. 42. 32. 34. 42. Moose Jaw. 54. 44. 46. 54. Qu'Appelle. 50. 40. 42. 50. Regina. 54. 44. 46. 54. Halifax. 60. 50. 52. 60.

WEATHER NOTES. A depression is spreading over Ontario, attended by numerous heavy thunderstorms. Frost was recorded in Alberta and Saskatchewan during the night, and it is likely to occur in Manitoba tonight.