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MONDAY	6,992
TUESDAY	7,165
WEDNESDAY	6,908
THURSDAY	7,143
FRIDAY	7,055
SATURDAY	7,361
TOTAL	42,624
Daily Average	7,104
Average Daily Sworn Circulation Last Three Months, 1905	6,553

## PROPERTY AND CANDIDATES

The statement which the Times printed yesterday, showing the amount on which each of the civic candidates is assessed, and the amount of taxes each paid last year, is interesting because it shows that it would be possible to select from the group a city council representing very little property.

It does not follow because a man does not own much property that he would be a poorer alderman than the man with a large amount of property. The latter might be in many ways a much less desirable man to have at the council board. There are many who cannot boast of wealth, who are nevertheless intelligent, progressive and honorable men. If the only test to be applied were that of worldly wealth, a most undesirable and unpopular city council might easily be the result. It is well to have all classes represented, however, and a larger representation of the greater tax-paying interests and business enterprises of the city than it is now possible to get this year would certainly be an advantage. As the case stands the electors must simply choose the men they believe to be most capable of dealing intelligently and fairly with the important issues to command their attention during the current year.

## BOOMING THE TOWN

The board of trade of Lehigh, Alberta, has asked the town council for a larger grant than it has been receiving to advertise the town and attract industries and people. Moosejaw and Medicine Hat, Edmonton, Calgary and Saskatoon were quoted as towns that gave big grants to their boards of trade to aid them in giving publicity to those towns, with a view to attracting industries and settlers.

The city council of Toronto this week finally adopted the by-law creating the new department of industries and publicity, and voted \$5,000 to be spent in the first year. The sum of \$10,000 was asked for, but it was thought that this sum would be too much to spend at the outset of the new scheme.

In directing attention to these evidences of enterprise in other cities, we can hardly expect the hope that St. John will experience a vigorous awakening and an active forward movement along somewhat similar lines.

## STREET SPRINKLING

In Victoria, B. C., the question of an electric street sprinkler is under consideration, and it seems likely the system will be adopted, as it has been in Vancouver. A deputaion went over to the latter city last week to see such a car in use. It is a sort of large boiler on wheels, and is thus described—

"The car is fitted with a motor, which is used to generate compressed air, and it is by the use of this that the stream is regulated. The air is forced into the tank in such quantities that the force the water is subjected to regulates the distance which will be sprinkled. The car will have four outlets, one at either corner, either of which may be shut off as desired without in any way interfering with the others. It is expected that the streets of the city will only require that the outlets at the diagonal corners be used. The tank will hold in the neighborhood of 1,200 gallons, in comparison with the 600 held by the water car now in use by this city. The water car now in use will be quite heavy, and will take a great deal of power to move it along, and for this the company will have to make special provision at the Goldstream power house. The car will make at least two trips per day over the lines traversed within the city limits, and it is expected that it will entirely do away with the dust nuisance on the streets traversed."

The question of an electric sprinkler has been several times debated by the aldermen of St. John, but nothing has come of it. Whether it would pay to adopt such a system on the street car lines in this city is perhaps worthy of more consideration than has yet been given to the subject. The dust nuisance is very much in evidence here, during the summer and fall of the year.

## LABOR AND POLITICS

The effect upon existing political parties of the active entry of labor and socialist organizations into the politics of the United States is exciting much attention in that country, especially since the labor party has come so prominently to the front in the English arena.

The New York Journal of Commerce refers to "The certainty that the probable appearance of the federated labor unions as a distinct element in the field

of politics will result in the crystallization of all the forces of American socialism into a party organization which will enter into active rivalry with republicans and democrats alike."

The well informed Washington correspondent of the Boston Transcript goes quite fully into details of the plans of the labor men, in the following very interesting letter—

"Evidence is accumulating that the labor leaders were in earnest when they announced a couple of weeks ago that they proposed to go into practical politics. Word is coming from western and northern states that labor candidates for congress are to be placed in the field this fall. Politicians have noted the political storm signals and are preparing to get under cover. President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor is directing the movement to elect labor candidates to congress. It will be remembered that the executive council of this organization was quick to act after the unsatisfactory interviews with the president and Speaker Cannon on the subject of the bill of grievances which President Gompers has prepared. Instructions were sent to local unions throughout the country to take a more active interest in politics, with particular reference to the election of members of congress."

"Already results of this policy are to be seen. Members of congress are hearing reports from their districts which cause them much uneasiness. There is talk of nominating independent candidates on the labor ticket unless the sitting member should come out in favor of the legislative program advocated by President Gompers. In the twelfth Indiana district, which was represented by Mr. Newton W. Gilbert, whom the president the other day appointed a judge for the Philippine courts, the labor men have already nominated their candidate. He is William J. Keith, the head of the legislative council of the Order of Trainmen of Indiana."

"President Gompers says that the extent to which the labor party will nominate candidates for congress will depend upon the replies made by present members to the questions which the federation will soon put to them. President Gompers is preparing a list of questions drafted for the purpose of putting on record all members of congress concerning their attitude toward the anti-trust legislation, the conspiracy bill and other measures in which organized labor is interested. This question will be submitted to both democratic and republican candidates for congress, and the men making the most satisfactory replies will receive the support of labor, irrespective of party. When both candidates in a district show unfriendliness toward the labor bills the Gompers men will then nominate opposing candidates."

"Representative Charles A. Towne, the Tammany congressman, made a very strong speech in the house on Thursday of this week. He incorporated in it President Gompers' complete bill of grievances and severely rapped the administration and the republican bowers for their failure to give favorable consideration to the complaint. This speech will figure prominently in the distribution of documents during the coming congressional campaign."

It may be hoped that the habit of nominating civic candidates without their knowledge or consent will not become prevalent. While in some cases it might produce good results, in others it might have an unexpected effect.

Certain civic officials must explain certain matters relative to conditions at Sand Point, or stand convicted of utter incompetence.

The city council may have to take still further action before it gets a wharf inspector. It is to laugh.

The board of health inspectors should have little difficulty in finding something to do.

Mrs. Partington's broom and the city dredge are said to belong to the same class of effective implements.

## TO ELECTRIFY C. P. R.

Ottawa, April 10.—It is learned that the Canadian Pacific Company has decided to await the outcome of experiments by the New York Central and New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Companies before taking steps for the electrification of any part of its system. Both the latter railways are spending enormous sums upon experiments, the former with a direct current and the latter with a single phase alternating current. The alternating current has, perhaps, the advantage of cheaper installation. It does not yet seem to be clear which system is preferable, and while there is so much doubt and uncertainty the C. P. R. prefers to let electricity alone. Once the electrification of steam railways on a large scale has passed beyond the experimental stage, however, there is little doubt that the C. P. R. will be prepared to adopt the system. They have accumulated a lot of data on the subject, and will be prepared to act at the earliest possible moment. The line from Montreal to Quebec will in all probability witness the first installation. All the electric power necessary can be obtained from Shawinigan Falls, providing the price is satisfactory. That, however, it is presumed, can easily be arranged.

Beverly Schofield, of Fairville, left last night for Edmononton. Mr. Schofield returned last fall from South Africa, where he had been on consular duty for several years, and is planning to enter the ranks of the Northwest Mounted Police in the prairie country. C. Campbell, of the city accompanied him.

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A. B. WETMORE, - - - 59 Garden Street.

## J. J. HILL AND THE C. P. R.

(Montreal Witness)

In the absence of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy in England, the officials of the C. P. R. are rather chary of making an authoritative announcement on the project of J. J. Hill to build a trunk line through the Canadian North-West. Unofficially, however, they are quite prepared to discuss it, and an official holding a high position on the executive of the company said, in an interview with a Witness representative this morning, that the matter was one of the utmost seriousness.

"In fact," he remarked, "I look on this invasion of Canadian territory by an American railway magnate as the first wedge towards the annexation of the Canadian North-West by the United States."

"Do you seriously think such a thing possible?"

"Most undoubtedly I do. You must remember that Americans are going into the North-West now literally by thousands. They would be only too glad to support an American railway, and they certainly at present support American manufacturers in preference to Canadian ones. Though they have to pay a higher price for them. With their produce carried to market by American Railways via American ports, and with American manufactures brought to their doors by American railways, you can easily see how the American sentiment will be fostered in the North-West."

"Will the result of Mr. Hill's project be inevitably to divert the grain traffic from the North-West to American ports?"

"Of course it will. Just look at this map. You will see that Mr. Hill's present trunk line in the United States stretches from Duluth to Seattle. You will also see that he has fewer than sixteen branch lines running up from this trunk line to the Canadian border. His project is to build another trunk line in Canada parallel to his present one in the United States, and connect the two by numerous branches. In this way he will drain the whole of the richest portion of western Canada to feed his trunk lines in the United States."

"Yes, his project is not to build a trans continental through to Canadian ports, but to transport the grain to Duluth, and ship through the great lakes to Buffalo. Thereafter it is a comparatively short distance to Boston, New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and other American ports."

"If such a project be permitted, Eastern Canada will be divided from her west by something more than distance, and it is quite possible that it will find its western trade lost to it altogether."

"Can you tell me this is a very serious thing not only for Canadian railways, but also for the Canadian nation. The country is just waking up to the meaning of the thing, and the government is taking the matter up. It ought to have taken it up long ago."

"The Canadian Pacific taking any action in order to protect itself?"

"I think the government may be trusted to look after the interest of the country."

"Is it true that the C. P. R. is retreating on the Hill invasion by extending the Soo line through Great Northern territory?"

"The Soo line is constantly being extended," was the reply.

## SURE THEY HAVE CHILD SLAYER

Montreal, April 11.—(Special)—Another link in the chain of circumstantial evidence against James Hackett, held on suspicion of the murder of four-year-old Ida Ahearn was found today when the detectives brought to headquarters a French Canadian carter, who identified the suspected man as the one he saw near the Ahearn home on the afternoon the child was intercepted on her way home from school. A Europe has also been found that Hackett had been drinking around the locality that afternoon.

As matters stand now four people have positively identified Hackett as the man who was seen along the canal bank Tuesday afternoon. They are the two Nelson boys, the Nelsons, and the Nelsons. The balance of the evidence against him is the circumstance of his absence from work on Tuesday, his general bad record, as shown by the police records.

On the other hand there are stubborn statements by Hackett's wife and by Mrs. Mooney, who rooms in the same house on Grand Trunk street, that the suspected man could not possibly have had anything to do with the deed.

Most of those who saw the murderer lost the child two miles along the canal bank to the woods at Cote St. Paul, where the body was found, were children, who also suffer from fright and tall conflicting stories when brought to police headquarters, but an eight-year-old boy, a son of one of the men who saw Hackett returning from St. Paul on the afternoon of the child's disappearance, identifies the suspect as the man he saw disappear into the woods with a little girl.

The boy's attention was first attracted by the man starting to take the child, and the child near the canal bank, but stopped and led the girl along to the woods.

The detectives are satisfied that they have the right man and have practically abandoned their eight-days' man hunt.

## McGILL UNIVERSITY TO HONOR CARNEGIE

Montreal, April 11.—(Special)—The governors of McGill University have decided to confer the degree of LL. D. on Andrew Carnegie, in person, at a special convocation on May 1, the honor being a recognition of that gentleman's public liberality and service for the advancement of education.

## British House Takes Long Race

London, April 11.—The House of commons this evening adjourned until April 24.

Following the custom of previous years, T. M. Nairn, superintendent of the Dominion line, gave a dinner yesterday on the Athenia to a few friends to celebrate the closing season of the winter port season. The function was a very pleasant affair, and was thoroughly enjoyed by those privileged to be present.

## WALL PAPERS

We have secured another lot of Wall Paper that we will sell at about half regular price. Our prices are 25c., 30c., 40c., 50c., 60c., 70c., 80c., 90c., 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00. Regular prices—25c. to 10c. roll. Don't fail to get our prices before buying.

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