

COMPANY OUTLINES ITS PROPOSITION.

Details to be Worked Out Later. Concession to City on Deering Business.

Will go Before Council Next Monday.

The new proposition under which it is hoped a settlement will be effected with the Street Railway Company will be dealt with by the Conference committee at a meeting on Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

It is believed that the members of the Conference committee, with probably one or two exceptions, will endorse the new proposition and consent to the matter going before the Council on Monday night.

Having reference to the conversation which took place at the City Hall last evening between Mr. Hawkins and myself, and the members of the sub-committee on street railway negotiations, and in accordance with the understanding that I should do so, I now send this letter by way of modified proposals which appeared to be favorably considered by the sub-committee, though subject to the threshing out of details, if the general idea of the proposals is adopted.

The city to guarantee the street railway bonds as heretofore proposed, and to accept 6 per cent. on the gross receipts over and above the amount of same for 1907.

Fixed assessment on the street Railway and Cataract properties, having special reference to plant, machinery, etc., and to existing undertakings, etc.

No mileage rental on the extensions, and use, in connection with the construction of extensions, of such rails as are in reasonably good condition for the purpose, which may be taken up in those portions of the system where the service, payment of the streets, etc., would make a heavier rail desirable.

Adoption of the five-foot belt strip. The company to allow the receipts of the Deering traffic to go in with the general Street Railway receipts for the purpose of percentage.

The extensions to be the subject of negotiation as well as the conditions of the bond issue and the plan under which the scheme will be carried out, in the consideration of which further suggestions of a detail nature may occur either to us or the representatives of the city, this letter being intended as merely an outline.

If any further negotiations are to take place with reference to the foregoing proposals, I think it should be after Council has expressed itself in the matter.

WORST STORM IN 25 YEARS.

Much Damage to Boat House and Wharf Property.

Water Over G. T. R. Track on the Beach.

Many Houses on North Side Were Damaged.

Yesterday's disastrous storm presented a scene along the bay front and at the Beach that almost beggars description. Never in the last twenty-five years, people along the bay front say, has such a storm raged, and never has the water been so high. This morning the bay was quite calm, but along the shores could be seen wreckage of all descriptions. The damage suffered by some of the boat builders and house owners along the Beach and bay has been heavy.

ATLANTA BLAZE.

Half a Dozen Business Blocks Burned Down.

Million and a Quarter Damage Done, But Now Under Control.

Atlanta, Ga., May 8.—Half a dozen business blocks lie in ruins this morning as a result of a fire which started near the terminal station about 3.30, and at 7 o'clock is sweeping through the business section of Atlanta.

The loss at present will reach \$500,000 with the prospect that before the fire is controlled this amount will be doubled. Several small hotels and one large one have been reduced to heaps of brick and mortar. Four business blocks are wrecked and the fire is eating its way in all directions.

LIBERAL FOR SOUTH BRANT.

Martin W. McEwen Nominated For That Constituency.

Investigation Into the Cause of a Sudden Death. (Special Despatch to the Times.) Brantford, May 8.—Martin W. McEwen, a prominent young barrister of this city, was nominated last night by the Liberals of South Brant to contest the riding in the Liberal interests at the coming Provincial elections.

IN COLLISION.

British Steamer Collides With Hamburg Steamer.

Portland, Eng., May 8.—The British steamer Matiana from London for Calcutta has been in collision with a steamer of the Hamburg-American line bound for Portland, Me., at a point twenty miles south of here. The name of the Hamburg liner has not yet been ascertained.

STREETS FLOODED.

People Using Boats in Belleville to Get to Their Houses.

Belleville, Ont., May 8.—A serious flood prevails in the lower portion of this city, owing to the heavy rains of the past few days. People are using boats to enter their houses. Leaven's ice house caved in owing to the high water, causing a heavy loss. There is two feet of water in some of the boat houses with much loss and inconvenience.

CANADIAN DELEGATE.

Rev. Dr. Henderson Goes to Baltimore to General Conference.

Ottawa, Ont., May 8.—Rev. Dr. Henderson, pastor of the Dominion Methodist Church, the largest in the city, leaves on Monday for Baltimore, Md., as a representative of Canadian Methodism, to the General Conference of the Methodist Church throughout the world. This convention meets every four years and delegates from all countries attend.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS.

Mind, there is no such word as fail. McCleom and Wardroppe must be elected. Take a hold.

Whitney must be a Cataract man when he buys its power for the asylum.

Of course, Mr. Duff may oppose the annexation altogether. But whose loss will that be?

Now, who would have thought that Mr. Whitney would have misrepresented the guarantee that way? No. He can't blame the reporter.

Don't forget the grocers' picnic and daylight excursion to Niagara Falls this summer.

To tell the truth, I will be glad when all the mowers get back to work. Street & Walker is a poor paying boss.

This is certainly fine growing weather. Get the Times and get the truth about the election situation.

The city can hardly refuse that ten per cent. below anybody else power offer of the Cataract people.

I wonder what kind of a demonstration Mr. Zimmermann is to hold at the formal opening of the Drill Hall. It should be a good one.

Honest now, it must have been terrible over at the Beach yesterday. But still nobody was washed away.

If Toronto would try to save its money when it is working in the summer months, there would be fewer unemployed processionists to the Parliament buildings when the snow is on the ground.

Ham. Regan would write a nice letter to the temperance people if he only knew what to say.

When the aldermen are passing votes of thanks to Mr. Gibson and to Mr. Hawkins, the millennium must be near at hand.

Chairman Sweeney should see that the Jolley Cut is made a good job of, though it cost \$5,000 instead of \$500.

The Herald appears broken-hearted over these offers of the Cataract Company.

I don't quite like the look of that over-draft, Ald. Jutten.

Another growl about the revetment wall. That's because Whitney didn't build it.

I mostly generally always agree with the Magistrate's judgments. But I certainly object to being pulled out of bed in the morning by the boss. It looks to me like taking the law into your own hands. Some morning I may try it on the cook.

Whitney makes the money fly.

In fixing up the Wentworth street steps, would it be possible to make the top tier a little less perpendicular. It is like climbing up a ladder.

Get ready to register.

It's a good sign to see the large number of young fellows who are rallying around the Liberal candidates in this city. I never saw anything like it before. It looks like the swing of victory.

The increased Dominion subsidy is no credit to the Ontario Government. It just means that the people had to cough up more money to Whitney to spend.

WILL SUPPLY THE ASYLUM.

"THEY ARE OUR CUSTOMERS," SAYS MANAGER HAWKINS.

He Declines to Make Any Statement About Recent Contract or Denials From Toronto.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, May 8.—From Mr. Thomas Mulvey, Assistant Provincial Secretary, comes a denial of the rumor that the Ontario Government has entered into a three-year contract with the Cataract Power Co. for the electric lighting of the Hamilton Asylum for the Insane.

Hon. Mr. Hanna, the Provincial Secretary, will not return to the city until Monday, hence no statement could be obtained from him.

HAVE FOUND ELEVEN BODIES.

Further Discoveries In Mrs. Gunness' Private Graveyard.

Conjectures as to the Fate of Men Who Are Missing.

The Murderess Not Among the Dead Found on the Farm.

Laporte, Ind., May 8.—Calling to their aid skilled detectives, the authorities of Laporte county to-day redoubled their efforts in the task of unravelling the tangled skein of murder and arson in the Gunness case.

With the world wide publicity given to Laporte during the last few days queries as to the whereabouts of men who are said to have started for the town from different points of the country have begun to pour in, but Sheriff Smutzer declines to disclose their names.

Two rumors are current, one that a man from Providence, R. I., was among the dead, and another that a man living in Ohio is said to have visited Mrs. Gunness, and that a few days later she explained the possession of his horse and carriage after he had disappeared by the explanation that she had "traded with him."

At the same time suspicion has been aroused as to the fate of several hired men formerly employed by Mrs. Gunness. These have been given expression by the several neighbors who assert their belief that more of them met death at her hands.

About seven years ago, it is said, Olaf Limbo was in her service and when, upon her looking for another to take his place, she was asked where he was, she reported that he had gone to Norway to witness the coronation of the king.

Amel Green, who is said to have told his friends that he frequently was aroused by Mrs. Gunness at night with an exclamation that guests had arrived and that he would have to sleep in the barn, is supposed to be somewhere in the west, but his whereabouts are unknown.

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POLITICS ARE WARMING UP.

Liberals Had Three Fine Meetings Last Evening.

R. A. Thompson Announces List of Meetings.

Hamilton Liberals had three fine ward meetings last night at headquarters. The workers of wards 5, 6 and 7 gathered in large numbers to complete organization. A number of the local leaders were present and were delighted with the large number of new faces, particularly young men, who were there ready to go into the contest.

Work on the registration list is in progress, and the general work is going on satisfactorily in every respect.

Mr. W. H. Wardroppe, K. C., who has been indisposed for some days, is keeping to the house to-day, but expects to be in the thick of the campaign from this out. Mr. W. M. McCleom, in the east, is meeting with great encouragement. He is carrying on a vigorous personal campaign.

It appears to be about as good as settled that George Lynch-Staunton will get the nomination of the Conservative party at the candidate for West Hamilton in the Dominion election. Mayor Stewart has an eye on this, but some of those in the know say the Mayor will not have a look in when the convention is held. The machine succeeded in outwitting him over the East Hamilton nomination, and practically got him to nominate J. J. Scott against his will. It is said that it was intimated to the Mayor he would be supported in West Hamilton, but it is no secret that the clique which has been fighting him in the east is out to give him the double cross in the west.

That the Tories in North Wentworth feel that they are beaten already is shown by the dirty tricks that some of their supporters are guilty of. The Hamilton Spectator is one of these. Yesterday the Spectator made this statement: "The other day the Times published a statement in an endeavor to help out the cause of the Grit candidate in North Wentworth that Reeve William Lawson, of Dundas, a prominent Conservative, was going to support the incumbent."

A HAMILTON MAN

Appointed to Faculty of Victoria University.

Prof. J. Norman Dewitt, who has been appointed to the Faculty of Arts and Classics at Victoria University, is a native of this city, and a graduate of Victoria. After leaving here he studied in Chicago for a while, later going to the University in Richmond, Indiana, where he now is. He is, though a comparatively young man, having just turned thirty, an authority on several classical subjects, and his thesis on the fourth book of Virgil's Aeneid has been very favorably received.

Saturday's List.

Mushrooms, strawberries, pineapples, grape fruit, chinkoo oranges, limes, new potatoes, butter beans, new cabbage, cucumbers, lettuce, radishes, asparagus, beans, California celery, oyster plant, rhubarb, Grimby tomatoe, new Brazil nuts, cocoanuts, pure maple sugar, maple syrup, muffins, duck eggs, etc. Bain & Adams, 89-91 King street east.

BAIRD VS. TIMES; JAMES VS. TIMES.

The Thaw Case.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 8.—The habeas corpus proceedings of Harry K. Thaw to procure his release from the Matteawan State Hospital will be begun next Wednesday before Justice Herchauer, in this city, instead of next Monday, the date heretofore set.

This arrangement was made by District Attorney Mack, of Dutchess county, and James G. Graham, counsel for Thaw. The postponement was made to suit the convenience of District Attorney Jerome. Although District Attorney Mack is legally in charge of the people's side of the case, the action having been brought in Dutchess county, Mr. Jerome will practically have charge of the examination of witnesses.

GOT FOUR YEARS.

Captain Harbottle Sent to Penitentiary For Theft.

Was a Soldier and Must Take What Was Coming to Him.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, May 8.—Capt. Colin Harbottle this morning pleaded guilty to the theft of \$14,895.55 from the Toronto Club, and was sentenced by Col. Denison to four years in Kingston Penitentiary. There were four indictments against Harbottle, but three were withdrawn. Harbottle, through his counsel, denied thefts charged in 1905, but admitted thefts in 1906 and 1907.

Mr. Robinson, his counsel, made an eloquent plea for leniency, urging that Harbottle had not taken any money away with him, and that he had returned without fighting extradition.

Crown Attorney Corley joined in Mr. Robinson's plea.

The colonel, in pronouncing sentence, said: "It is a very painful case. I wish it had not been my lot to punish you, Harbottle, you are a soldier, and you must take what I must give you. You will go to the penitentiary for four years to be with the company."

Friends of the woman have made efforts to see her since Saturday's occurrence, but she declined to see them. They were referred to her solicitor, Mr. W. L. Ross, who is also Mr. Baird's lawyer.

Chief Smith announced to-day as soon as he heard the cause of the trouble that he would not give the M. & M. special police protection as he had done for some days.

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SHIP OWNERS

Cannot Contract Themselves Out of Liability.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Ottawa, May 8.—The Banking Committee of the Senate this morning decided not to grant the request of the Canadian steamship owners to kill the Campbell bill, which provides that steamships cannot contract themselves out of liability for damages to goods while in their custody. It was decided that the principle of the bill would be favorably reported to the Senate, and the measure was taken up clause by clause and a beginning made with the revision of the bill.

ONE WEEK IN THREE.

Demand Made by Junior Street Car Crews.

There was a meeting of the special committee of the Street Railway Company last night, to discuss the question of giving the junior crews relief. The matter was discussed at length. The younger men asked that the senior hands take one week each of night work in three weeks, instead of taking all day runs. The older men offered to take two nights a week, but it is likely that they will comply with the request. The committee will meet again this evening and try to agree on a report to be presented at the next meeting of the union. It is almost a certainty that the report will be adopted.

EMPIRE DAY.

Hoist Flags on School House on Friday, May 22.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., May 8.—Empire Day will be celebrated in all the public schools of Ontario on Friday, May 22, the last school day before Victoria Day. Instructions to this effect are given in a circular issued by Hon. Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education, to-day. The notice says: "As every rural school in this Province will have received a Union Jack from this department by the 22nd of May and as doubtless all urban schools have one, that flag should be flown on Empire Day from every school building or displayed prominently on the school. The Canadian ensign should also be used, if one is obtainable."

The morning of Empire Day is to be spent in the school in the study of British history. In the afternoon patriotic recitations and addresses are to be heard from pupils, trustees and others.

WHITNEY'S PLANS.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, May 8.—During the coming week Premier Whitney will visit several places in the Province. He will speak first at Simcoe, in Norfolk county. The arrangements will be announced later.

—Mr. Geo. S. Kerr, K. C., presided over the Ninth Division Court this morning. There were about a dozen cases on the list.

Notices of Two Libel Suits In One Day

Over the M. & M. Hotel Trouble.

Times Has Nothing to Retract.

It is not often that a newspaper is distinguished by receiving notice of two libel suits in one day, but the Times had that honor yesterday. Both came from the same lawyer, one W. L. Ross, K. C., one on behalf of Richard Baird, the present proprietor of the M. & M. hotel, and the other on behalf of Minnie James, wife of Harry James, former proprietor of the same hotel. The article complained of appeared in last Monday's Times, and was as follows:

"A complaint has been made to the License Commissioners in regard to Mr. Richard Baird, the new proprietor of the M. & M. Hotel. The trouble arises from the fact that Mrs. James is still at the hotel, though James is not. Two Police Court cases have arisen in connection with the matter in two days and it is feared that if the landlord continues to allow the woman to remain in his hotel there will be blood shed. Mr. Baird is a single man and was the victim in a pepper-throwing case a year or two ago, and came near losing his sight. Inspector Birrell last week advised the woman to leave the hotel and the host against allowing her to remain, but both disregarded his friendly offices."

"Mr. J. Orr Callaghan, chairman of the Board, stated this afternoon that he would call the members together to see what could be done in the matter."

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That there is anything libelous in the article we totally deny, and we are willing to leave it to any twelve good men and true.

In a letter which Mr. Ross sent with the notice in the Minnie James case the solicitor said, among other things: "This article conveys a charge of misconduct in my client, and is libelous, and on the face of it appears to have been written with actual malice."

Does it, now? We think not. It simply states facts. It makes no accusation, and no insinuation against either Mrs. James or Mr. Baird. It states that trouble has arisen because "Mrs. James is still at the hotel, though James is not." That does not mean that Mrs. James is responsible for the trouble. A person may be absolutely free from any wrong doing and still take such a course as may lead to trouble—and police court cases.

Further on in his letter Mr. Ross says that Mrs. James has "no alternative but to live separate and apart from him, and this she is legally entitled, and has decided to do." The Times does not question her right or the propriety of her decision to live at the M. & M. Hotel or any other place where she sees fit. The fact that she exercises that right may, however, lead to trouble and police court cases—and she may still be guilty of no wrongdoing and no misconduct. The Times certainly imputed no misconduct to her, and that she should take that meaning out of the article is her misfortune, but not our fault.

In regard to the Baird case, the facts are about the same. The Times accused Mr. Baird of nothing; imputed no wrongdoing to him, and made no insinuations against him.

As to the trouble itself, it is not over yet. Mr. A. M. Lewis, acting for Mr. Harry James, has the matter in hand, and it is certain there will be further developments.

LICENSE MUDDLE.

Hotels Still Doing Business In West Flamboro.

The license muddle in West Flamboro remains as it was. It seems that the license reduction ordered by the Council will not go into effect until the three months for which all four licenses were renewed expires. The temperance people claim that the license-reducers have acted in this matter in a high-handed and unfair manner, and have had the assistance in so doing of the department in Toronto. The commissioners, it is declared, have acted on the principle that they are at liberty to defy the people's mandate until they (the people) have been sustained by the courts. Were commissioners throughout the Province to act on the same principle, it is contended, a serious state of affairs would soon prevail.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

ALFRED EAST DEAD.

Was a Temperance Worker and Military Man.

Many friends in this city will learn with surprise of the death of Mr. Alfred H. S. East, which took place at Sherbrooke, Quebec, on April 27. Deceased made his home in this city for a number of years and was married here. He was connected with the militia in Hamilton, and had also seen service in many parts of the world. He was connected with some of the temperance organizations here and did some speaking at their public meetings.

TO LECTURE IN DETROIT.

Windsor, Ont., May 8.—Hon. R. F. Sutherland is to lecture on "Canada and its Transportation Facilities" before the Aderast Club at the Hotel Tuller, in Detroit, May 16.