

TWO ATTEMPTS TO WRECK TRAIN PLOT AGAINST C. P. R. EXPRESS

Freight Crashed Through
First Barrier Placed
on Line.

CHAIN WAS TIED
ACROSS THE RAILS

Next Time a Rail Was Placed
on the Tracks, But It Was
Noticed in Time.

Two unsuccessful attempts have lately been made to wreck the C. P. R. express, which leaves here at 4:40 a.m. This is the through eastbound passenger train, one of the best on the road.

Both attempts were discovered by a fortunate chance, or serious indeed would have been the consequences. Both occurred at Quebec street. The police are working on the case.

Chain Across Tracks.

The first attempt was made a few days ago.

A heavy chain, about three-quarters of an inch in thickness, was thrown about the rail on each side and fastened.

It was made as secure as possible. Merchandise freight train No. 56, from the east, however, came along first, and crashed into the chain.

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The Latest in Suicides

San Antonio, Texas, March 18.—A dispatch to the Express from Guadalajara, Mexico, says: Reports here state that Jose Maria Moreno, owner of the San Pedro ranch in Compostela, yesterday committed suicide before 300 people by going into the cattle pen and allowing a bull to gore him to death. He had issued invitations to the exhibition.

PAY A VISIT TO ST. ELMO PRECEPTORY

Londoners Go To Stratford on Important Mission This Evening.

Very Eminent Sir Knight A. A. Campbell, Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada, and Provincial Prior, Rt. Eminent Sir Knight C. W. McGuire, accompanied by Very Eminent Sir Knight John Graham, and Rt. Eminent Sir Knight Jos. Dambra, and Eminent Knight Thomas Rowe and others, will pay their first official visit to St. Elmo Preceptory, Stratford, this evening.

WOMAN WAS ALLOWED TO GO

The woman charged with taking a diamond ring some weeks ago from a local jeweler, was allowed to go on suspended sentence this morning by Magistrate Love.

She has spent nearly a month in jail, and the court thought she had been punished enough under the circumstances.

ODDFELLOWS MAKE READY FOR THEIR BIG RECEPTION

Will Tender Enthusiastic Welcome to Grand Sire Conway of
Toronto on Good Friday—Affair Will Be Memorable
in Fraternal Order History.

Local Oddfellows have been for some time at work upon arrangements for a grand reception which is to be tendered Grand Sire Conway, of Chicago, by the members of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, of the London district, No. 12, on Good Friday, April 17.

The affair is looked forward to with much pleasure, and it is prophesied that it will be one of the finest receptions ever tendered an officer of a fraternal order in this city.

The Programme.

The programme has been partially prepared.

In the afternoon, the members of the different city lodges, headed by a brass band, will march from the Odd-

fellows' Hall to the Auditorium, where a meeting will take place.

At night a banquet will be held in the Oddfellows' Hall.

The chairman will be Past Grand Sire Dr. C. L. Campbell, postoffice inspector of London.

Past Grand Master R. K. Cowan is secretary.

Among the distinguished guests who will be present are Senator Derbyshire, Brockville; W. H. Hoyle, M. P. P.; J. Oliver, mayor of Toronto; J. Donagh, Toronto; all past grand masters; Grand Master Brett, Deputy Grand Master McBride; Grand Patriarch Jennings; and the honored guests of the occasion, Grand Sire Conway.

Magistrate Love intends to make an example of all persons caught, and will do all in his power to aid those who try to keep their lawns nice from being annoyed by persons who would make footpaths across them.

Summons have also been issued against a number of persons for driving heavy wagons across stone sidewalks at points where no special roadway has been laid down.

Complaints have been received from a number of residents on Queen's avenue regarding people who cut across their lawns and spoil them by so doing.

Chief Williams has instructed the officers to arrest all persons found doing this sort of thing, and already summons have been issued against several persons.

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LONDON WILL HAVE MUCH NIAGARA POWER TO SELL

Controller Harrison of Toronto Throws Some Light on the Power
Contracts—Explains What Was Done In His Own City,
and Why—Some Interesting Statements.

Controller Harrison, of Toronto, one of the delegates to the W. O. W. convention was a visitor at the city hall today and met several of the aldermen, including Ald. Saunders, acting mayor; Ald. Ferguson, Ald. Beattie and others.

"What about Niagara power?" was asked.

"We have put in our application for 10,000-horsepower," he declared, "and we expect to have to use it. You see, when the contract is signed, we are liable for 6,000-horsepower in any event, which is three-fourths of the amount of our application. We need

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BRAHAM, MINN., A PREY TO FLAMES

St. Paul, Minn., March 18.—Reports received at the Northwestern telephone headquarters here indicate that the entire business portion of the town of Braham, Minn., was destroyed by fire today. The telephone exchange was destroyed, and information obtained is meager. There was no loss of life.

IMPROVEMENTS TO LONDON INSTITUTIONS

Both Governments Set Aside Sums for the Purpose.

The estimates of the Ontario department of education include an item of \$14,500 for improvements to the London Normal School, as follows:

General repairs \$500, Improvements to classroom, lavatory, etc., \$5,000; ventilation, \$5,000; painting outside, \$400; heating, \$500.

The Dominion Government has also set aside the sum of \$6,600 for improvements to the London postoffice.

LONDON SCHOOLS WILL SECURE AN INCREASE

In Their Government Grant—Public and Separate Schools Included.

Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education, yesterday announced that the sum of \$60,000 extra for city schools of the Province, public and separate, is included in his estimates for the department of education.

"London will get a piece of this money," Chairman Graham, of the public school board, said, "I do not know just how much it will amount to, but it will be considerable. It will be apportioned by the number of rooms."

It will be remembered that Dr. Pyne bungled matters re rural education, and that when the people of the country districts rebelled, an effort to remedy the error of the Government was made by increasing rural school grants.

When this was done urban school boards also demanded an increase, and this Dr. Pyne and Mr. Whitney have agreed to.

The act which caused the trouble last which set a minimum salary for teachers in rural schools.

SHOT A SUSPECT

Toronto Officer Fatally Shoots a Man
Who Refuses To Surrender.

Toronto, March 18.—James Sullivan was shot by Patrol Sergeant Peters early this morning. An attempt had been made to enter Stainer's jewelry store at Toronto Junction. J. Riley and Sullivan were suspected and ordered to surrender themselves. Sullivan was shot and killed.

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DOMINION BUDGET PRESENTED SHOWS SURPLUS OF \$19,000,000

Revenue Shows a Large Increase Over That of
1905-6 and Finances Generally In
Satisfactory State.

SURPLUS BIGGEST SINCE CONFEDERATION

Results of the Fiscal Year Prove More Favorable Than Was
Expected—Finance Minister Tells of Arrangement With
Banks To Help Move the Western Crops.

THE DOMINION BUDGET.

Estimated ordinary revenue for year ending March 31, 1908, \$96,500,000
Estimated ordinary expenditure for year ending March 31, 1908, 77,500,000
Surplus, \$19,000,000

Transcontinental Railway and other capital expenditures, \$33,000,000
Deduct surplus, 19,000,000

Gross addition to debt, \$14,000,000
Deduct sinking fund, 2,000,000

Net addition to debt, \$12,000,000

Ottawa, March 17.—Hon. W. S. Fielding held the attention of the House for an hour and a half this afternoon in presentation of the budget. It is hardly necessary to say that the Finance Minister's statement was alike able and brilliant.

House and the press, have come to expect this of him, and have never been disappointed. There was no balm for the cooers on the Opposition side, who, desirous of making political capital out of the temporary depression, had predicted a budget over which the Government could not exult.

On the contrary, Mr. Fielding's speech was surprisingly optimistic, in view of the prevailing world conditions of trade, and full of encouragement for the ensuing fiscal year.

Mr. Fielding's Budget.

Mr. Fielding, who on rising was greeted with prolonged cheers, noted the fact, generally understood now, that the public accounts in possession of the House were for the fiscal year of nine months ending March 31. This broken period, brought about by the change in the fiscal year, made it somewhat difficult to make comparisons between nine months and the former fiscal year of twelve months.

He was glad to say, however, that the results of the fiscal period were somewhat more favorable than he had anticipated. The estimated revenue on consolidated fund had been \$65,000,000—it was actually \$67,969,328—an excess over the estimate of \$2,969,328.

He had estimated the expenditure at \$52,000,000, and it had proven to be \$51,542,169, or \$457,838 less than the estimates. The surplus he had estimated would be \$13,000,000, but he had to report an actual cash surplus for the nine months of nearly sixteen and one-half millions—cheers—or to be exact, \$16,427,167. In other words, the surplus for nine months was larger than the surplus of any fiscal year in the history of Canada since Confederation. (Renewed cheers.)

The main sources of income were customs, excise, postoffice, Dominion lands, railways and miscellaneous. The customs proved very buoyant, the revenue totaling \$29,769,172, showing a large proportionate increase over that of the fiscal year 1905-06. The same might be said of the excise.

For the fiscal year ending March 31, 1908, Mr. Fielding repeated, he estimated that the revenue would amount to \$96,500,000, and the amount chargeable to consolidated fund to \$77,500,000.

"Turning now to the fiscal year of 1908 and 1909," said Mr. Fielding, "I think I am correct when I say that the general feeling of our businessmen is one of hopeful confidence, united with much caution. We are just emerging from a period of worldwide financial stringency. Financial systems and institutions of all countries have been severely tried and it should be gratifying that none have stood the test better than those of Canada. I do not look for a continued period of depression. Conditions should improve in the early summer, and if we are blessed with a good harvest confidence will be fully restored."

"On the part of the Government it is time for caution and yet time for courage. Large new enterprises which would call for great outlays may well be laid aside for a little while, but the work which we already have in hand must not be neglected. Particularly must we not fail to push forward the great enterprise of the Transcontinental Railway."

"As to the probable revenue for the coming year, I would wish to speak

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