

C.N.R. MEN WENT OVER THE CITY WITH MAYOR GRAHAM LAST NIGHT

Sir William Mackenzie and Vice-President Hanna Were Here and Took a Drive With the Mayor.

HIS WORSHIP REFUSES TO TELL THE SUBJECT OF THE CONFERENCE

Railwaymen Will Be Here Later—Mayor Says It Is Assured That the C. N. R. Will Come Into This City With a Steam Line.

Sir William Mackenzie, of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, and Mr. D. B. Hanna, vice-president, spent an hour in the city last evening as the guests of Mayor Graham. The party took a tour of the city, and discussed the possibilities for securing an entrance here later.

Sir William will return in a couple of weeks time and discuss the matter still further. What took place at the conference is shrouded in mystery, his worship declining to go into detail. According to the mayor, he alone saw the distinguished visitors. Their coming was kept a profound secret.

"The Canadian Northern will come into London with their lines," Mayor Graham stated to The Advertiser when questioned as to what took place. "Whether it will be over their own road, or over the London and Port Stanley Railway has not yet been determined. That question will be decided later. You can say for a certainty that the C. N. R. are coming into London."

DROVE ABOUT CITY.

"I met Sir William and Mr. Hanna at 6:35 o'clock with a motor. In conversation with them over the telephone earlier in the day it was explicitly stated that they did not wish to be interviewed, nor did they wish to meet strangers. They wanted to be shown about the city, and to discuss the situation with me."

"On their arrival we drove all over London, paying particular attention to the manufacturing district. Sir William was greatly surprised at the growth of the city, and particularly in the manufacturing line. While he has passed through London many times, he had not gone over the city for nearly thirty years, and he noted a vast improvement. The possibilities of the city were not lost to him."

Later we went through South London, and the residential district, looking at everything. We got back a few minutes before the train left."

SITUATION DISCUSSED.

"You discussed the coming of the C. N. R. to London?" his worship was asked.

"Yes, we talked over the situation," answered Mayor Graham. "There is absolutely nothing for publication. Sir William did not wish anything said as yet. As I mentioned before, the C. N. R. are coming to London. Just how they will come into London is a matter yet to be settled. Sir William will return shortly and will go further into the question. I found him a most affable man, one who was keenly alive to London's possibilities. Mr. Hanna is an extremely fine man also."

Further than this his worship would not discuss the situation, declaring that there was nothing whatever for publication further than he had announced.

The party left on No. 5 last night for the west. Sir William will inspect the western lines before coming east.

AN INTERESTING VISIT.

The visit of the railway magnates created much interest in the city, and there was much discussion regarding what was really in the wind.

The company some time ago were after the London and Port Stanley Railway, it was announced, but for some time no information has leaked out regarding that project.

A well-defined rumor was in circulation, however, that Sir William had decided to abandon his efforts to secure a lease of the line as he had been informed that opposition would come from a certain quarter that would probably result in the defeat of his idea. Since that time, the rumor goes on to relate, the company have been figuring on coming into London by their own right of way. In addition to a direct steam line, there would be electrical feeders in two or three directions. These electric lines would furnish power to the London Electric, and the battle for the power market in the city would be waged.

NO POWER TALK.

Mayor Graham stated that he had not discussed the power situation with Sir William Mackenzie at all, railway matters alone engrossing their attentions.

THIEF CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS STOLEN TEAM TO BE RETURNED

Arthur Johnson, of Chicago, Was Caught at Agincourt, Near Toronto, With Animals Taken From Field of Andrew Empey, of North Dorchester.

High Constable Pughes returned from Agincourt, a village fourteen miles east of Toronto, last night having in his custody Arthur Johnson, who claims to hail from Chicago, and who was arrested at Agincourt charged with stealing a team of horses from Andrew Empey, of North Dorchester, and a buggy from Mr. Campbell, of Niles town.

Johnson was brought before Squire Chittick last night, and was remanded for a week without being asked to plead.

The theft of the horses was a most daring piece of work, and the police are inclined to the belief that more than one man had a hand in it. Recently a buggy, equipped with shafts for a single horse, was stolen from Mr. Campbell, of Niles town, who promptly reported his loss. A thorough search was instituted, but no trace of the missing vehicle could be obtained.

A Team Stolen.

On the following night a fine pair of sorrel Suffolk Punches, valued at between \$600 and \$700, were taken from a field on the farm of Mr. Andrew Empey, of North Dorchester Township, and since then the efforts of High Constable Pughes and his men have been devoted to the recovery of the outfit, and the discovery of the thief or thieves.

The two thefts were linked, and in searching through North Dorchester it was found that the Campbell buggy had been taken across to near Mr. Empey's farm, and had been hidden in a bush over night. The tracks were plainly visible in the mud after several days' rain. The shafts were there replaced by a pole and the stolen team was driven eastward, possibly to Tillsonburg.

Tracing the Thief.

Hundreds of postcards, bearing descriptions of the horses, and offering the usual county reward of from \$20 to \$50, were circulated throughout the county, and along the border towns. A few days later it was reported that the team had been seen in the vicinity of Tillsonburg, and that district was immediately flooded with the cards. The thief then apparently turned to get into different territory, for he made his way back toward Woodstock and was last heard of driving northeast from that town.

Johnson Arrested.

The circulation of the postcards and the publication of the descriptions in the newspapers had the desired effect, however, for Johnson was arrested at Agincourt on Monday night with the horses and buggy in his possession. The animals were in very fair condition despite their long drive, and are to be shipped back.

Johnson, who is a man of 30 years, but would tell nothing more about himself. The county police refused to make any further statement as to what they have learned until the time of the trial.

The county police were rather proud of their record of suppressing horse-stealing, as the last offence of this nature was committed in the county about three years ago.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, Aug. 14.—Arrived: Steamers Kingstonian, from Antwerp; Oruba, from Kingston.

Sacoconet, Mass., Aug. 14.—Steamer Olympic, from Southampton, for New York, reported by wireless communication with the Marconi station here when 223 miles east of Sandy Hook at 5 a.m. Will dock late tonight at 8 a.m. Thursday.

CORSICAN PROCEEDS TO LIVERPOOL

Company Say Absolutely No Grounds for Alarm as to Safety.

DELAYED BY THE FOG

Presence of C. P. R. Boat, Lake Champlain, Probably Due to Same Reason.

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, Aug. 14.—That the Corsican had proceeded on her way to Liverpool, that there was absolutely no ground for alarm as to her safety and that her failure to move after she collided with the iceberg on Monday afternoon was due entirely to the fog, was the statement given out by George Hanna, general passenger agent here, of the Allan Line, which owns the steamship, when he was told that rumors were circulating from the spot where the accident occurred by her injuries. The announcement that the Corsican was still in the position where she struck the berg "night" from the Government signal station at Belle Isle.

Mr. Hanna said that he had received word that the Corsican moved on this morning. She was at noon today, when the inquiries were made, out of touch with the wireless stations of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Fog was undoubtedly the cause of her delay.

No further particulars were obtainable from Mr. Hanna. The Gulf signal station reports, which last night gave the position of the Corsican as 120 miles east of Belle Isle, in company with the Lake Champlain, the boats reporting that they were near either steamer, though dense fog at nearly all gulf points is announced.

The explanation given here of the presence of the Lake Champlain near the Corsican is that after making her way to the Allan liner when she first heard that the accident had occurred, she was unable to continue on her trip, when she found her services were not required because of the fog.

The shipping offices of the C. P. R. have received no word in addition to the message announcing that the vessels were in no danger.

LATER.

Montreal, Aug. 14.—This afternoon the Allan Line offices here received the following message from Captain Cook of the Corsican, dated this morning: "The weather has cleared, Corsican proceeding about half-speed. Absolutely no cause for alarm. She is in stem five feet. Above the water line."

The dimension of the hole in the Corsican will be wired to Liverpool, so that plates can be prepared and fitted into her when she arrives.

GENERAL BOOTH RAPIDLY FAILING

Returned Salvation Army Officer Tells of Seeing Grand Old Man.

BELIEVES DEATH NEAR

Declares He Will Still Come to Canada in the Cause of His Organization.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, Aug. 14.—An old man resolved to go on with his work, blind or not blind. It's a great loss, but I'm not going to moan about it. The work must go on, and I must work too. The poor must not be deprived of their help, and I must give them what I can. I may be declining strength and declining years, but I have to do a little less, you'll have to do a little more. The work must not suffer.

These were the last words spoken by General Booth, now lying at the point of death, to Commissioner Dees, who arrived in Toronto from England on Sunday last.

"Alas, what is contained in the dispatch this morning is, we are afraid, correct," declared the commissioner this morning. "I was nearly the first to see him after his operation. It was one of his good days, and I had a long conversation with him. I don't think there can be any doubt but that the substance of the telegram is correct. We who have been nearest him have been convinced of it for the past two months."

The doctors have doctors' bulletins daily for the past six or seven weeks, and have said that his heart is normal, and for a man of 81 splendid, that his pulse was good, that his breathing was good, and that there was everything to give hope. Unfortunately, while delighted with these reports, our own actual observation gave us grounds for very serious anxiety as to the operation.

The trouble is that for the operation the general has tried to discipline himself to do with little sleep. In his palmy days it was very seldom that he had more than five or six hours' sleep, even when he was conducting three meetings a day. Now I should say, it's a very rare thing when he gets more than one hour's sleep a day.

"Yet his brain and his heart are as full of plans for the aid of the poor as ever. He talked kindly, as he always does, about Canada. He talked with me at length about the work in Canada. He vowed he would come to Canada, and he discussed with me the work, the prisoners, the children and down-and-outs. And even since that I have received several long letters from him all about the work."

Prayers will go up for the general wherever there is a Salvation Army home and family today. He is regarded by his people not only as a general, but as a parent. Letters sent by the commissioners to officers throughout Canada today all command the general to their prayers.

JOKE PAVEMENT ON KING STREET IS AT LAST BEING REPAIRED

Roadway Will Be Torn Up and Rolled Smooth Again.

The King street pavement is being scarified, gravelled, rolled and oiled, and it is expected that within a week's time, this thoroughfare will bear some resemblance to a city roadway. The change is most welcome, and the residents on the street are more than pleased that something is at last being done.

The pavement which will now disappear was laid in 1906. It was composed of Kentucky rock asphalt, and was guaranteed for ten years. The pavement was cheap. In fact this was its most potent recommendation, but it did not prove satisfactory. In a few weeks' time, the road was full of holes, and in a year's time the street was in worse condition than before it was paved.

The contractor had \$800 held as a guarantee, and it was decided by a council a year or so ago to give him his money back provided that he put

the road in repair. This was done, and the contractor was relieved of all responsibility.

The city is as a result to keep the street in repair during the lifetime of the debentures. There are still four more payments to be made on the debentures, and during that period the city is bound to keep the street passable.

People Were Flummoxed. According to the schedule prepared by the board of works, the property-owners are to be charged eight cents a foot for oiling and repairing a road, such as is being done on King street. There is much objection to this on the part of the ratepayers, who have come to the conclusion that they have paid enough for the little they have received.

They are willing to pay 4 cents a foot for oiling the street, but will object to paying the extra four cents a foot for repairing the alleged pavement, as they are still paying a frontage tax for the huge flummox.

"We have paid enough now, and have received nothing," said one property-owner. "I do not object to contributing my share towards oiling the street, but I object to a tax for repairs."

City Clerk Baker when questioned about the matter declared that so far as he was aware, the corporation could not collect for the repairs.

PUBLIC DUTIES REQUIRE MR. BECK TO RESIDE IN THE QUEEN CITY

Change Will Not Be Made Before the Next Session of the Ontario Legislature—Business Affairs Are Now Being Arranged in London and Elsewhere.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Aug. 14.—Hon. Adam Beck has found that his public duties require him to be so much in Toronto that he has decided to give up his home in London and move to this city or near it. He may not be able to so arrange his business affairs that he can make the change before the next session of the Legislature, but by next summer he will have removed from London. His scheme to extend cheap power to the farmer, upon which he is about to embark, will be given his undivided attention. In connection with this he is reported to be considering a proposal which has long appealed to him, that of acquiring a farm for himself. He is said to be looking for two or three hundred acres upon which to live, and to demonstrate the possibilities of electricity in connection with agriculture.

It is not his intention to sever his political connection with London, where he was returned by acclamation last election.

Mr. Beck was spoken to over long-distance phone this morning and he confirmed the report of the merger. About his leaving London he would say nothing. He admitted, however, that some important changes are contemplated in the local factory, and it is possible that in the future no cutting of timber will be done here. At present several teams are kept busy hauling logs to the factory, where they are converted into lumber, but it may be that in the future all this work will be done in Montreal or Toronto. For years Mr. Beck has had a mill in New York, which has cut up lumber for cigar boxes, and it is now his intention to have this work done entirely in Canada. The box factory will remain here, it is understood.

The Toronto Telegram last evening also published a story to the effect that Mr. Beck will in the near future reside in Toronto.

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COLORED BOY'S CRIES BROUGHT INSPECTOR LUTMAN TO RESCUE

Lad in Detention Ward of the Children's Shelter Aroused Neighborhood.

The screaming of a young lad in the vicinity of the Children's Shelter on the Wharfedale road this morning attracted the attention of the neighbors, who came to the conclusion that something serious was wrong.

Inspector James Lutman happened along at this time, and also hearing the screams, he investigated. It was found that a young colored lad, residing in East London, had been sent to the shelter for detention on a charge of chicken stealing. He was confined to the room kept for the purpose, and was screaming to be let out.

Inspector Lutman, thought the boy was being ill-treated, and reported the case to Mayor Graham, who investigated.

Miss Turnbull, the matron in charge, and Inspector Sanders, both denied emphatically that the lad was badly treated.

"He is simply confined to the room kept for the purpose," said Miss Turnbull. "He is kept there, according to law, rather than being sent to the common jail, and I suppose a great deal as he wanted to get out. We had no authority to release him, as he is charged with a criminal offence. He was treated as well as could be otherwise."

"The lad is just detained," said Inspector Sanders. "He was sent to us from the police court, and must be kept in confinement. I presume he cannot allow him to go."

"The case was reported to me," said his worship. "We have nothing to do with it. The lad had to be disciplined, and I suppose he objects to it. He is under the authority of the police and the Children's Aid Society."

STEEL BILL VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT

Not Enough Protection for American Industries, Says Mr. Taft.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, Aug. 14.—President Taft today vetoed the steel bill. In a message to Congress, the President said he disapproved the measure, because it provided for protection only, and took no account of protection for American industries. He condemned the ways and means committee for refusing public hearings of the bill. His veto was expected.

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MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

Sent by Salvation Army to General Booth.

The London branch of the Salvation Army have dispatched a message of sympathy to General Booth, who is seriously ill and may not recover.

No official direct news has been received at the local headquarters concerning the general's illness. Major Morris says, beyond that the fact that the aged leader cannot sleep, there is no cause for fear.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW COOLER.

Forecast, Aug. 14—8 a.m. Today—Moderate to fresh northerly winds; fine and warm.

Thursday—Northwest winds; fine and a little cooler.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m.

Station	High	Low	Weather
LONDON	84.5	60	Fair
Victoria	80	50	Clear
Calgary	68	42	Clear
Winnipeg	70	46	Clear
Port Arthur	78	45	Cloudy
Port Sound	80	42	Clear
Toronto	82	66	Clear
Ottawa	76	62	Fair
Montreal	80	64	Cloudy
Quebec	78	60	Rain
Father Point	84	54	Rain

Notes.

The shallow low area which was west of the Great Lakes yesterday has passed quickly eastward to the gulf and an important high area is now spreading south-eastward from the western provinces.

The weather is fine throughout the Dominion. The temperature is fairly high in low in the west.

PINNED UNDER BLAZING AUTO SARNIA MERCHANT MAY DIE

Car of William Dillon Rolled Down Embankment Near Arkona as He Was on His Way Home From Grand Bend—Heroic Work of Young Boy.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Arkona, Aug. 14.—William Dillon, a prominent Sarnia businessman, was so horribly burned near here last evening, when his big touring car caught fire after overturning, that grave fears are entertained for his recovery.

Dillon with a boy of 15, named Lucas, was on his way into Arkona from Grand Bend, and about 9:15 attempted to pass a buggy on a narrow piece of roadway on the town line. When he turned out his car went over the edge of the road, and overturned twice before it came to a stand, bottom up, at the foot of the embankment.

FIERCE FIRE STARTS.

Lucas was thrown out, but Mr. Dillon, who was driving, was pinned under the steering wheel. In a few seconds a fire started, and as the gasoline leaked out in various places, burned fiercely. Lucas, although badly shaken up, realized Mr. Dillon's position, and made frantic efforts to release him. He worked desperately right in among the flames, which were rapidly enveloping the big Cadillac touring car. When he finally succeeded in getting Mr. Dillon out not a particle of the latter's clothing remained, and he was horribly scorched from his neck to his feet. Lucas was badly burned also. So fiercely did the fire rage that in a few minutes nothing remained of the car except the engine and steel work.

A FORTUNATE CHANCE.

The two burned men were carried into the house of Mr. Dingley, a farmer who resided close by. Fortunately Miss Leggat, a trained nurse, and a gold medalist, when she graduated recently, was staying at Mr. Dingley's, and the injured men were given prompt care until the arrival of Dr. Copeland from Arkona. Everything possible was done to relieve Mr. Dillon's intense pain. He was taken home to Sarnia on the midnight train. The young man's burns, while very painful, are not serious.

CONDITION VERY CRITICAL.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Aug. 14.—William Dillon, the victim of the auto accident near Arkona last evening, is in a very critical condition in Sarnia Hospital. With the exception of his head, his whole body was burned, and the attending physicians fear that he will not recover.

WILL LOSE BOTH HANDS.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Aug. 14.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon Wm. Dillon is still in a precarious condition. The physicians state that even if he ever recovers at times of general elections, both hands have been so badly burned that they must be amputated. Dillon is suffering terribly from shock, and if any complications develop there is little chance of his recovering.

SNAKES LOOSE IN CUSTOM HOUSE CAUSE THE STAFF TO VACATE HORROR IS NOW ENTHRONED

SARNIA ELECTRICIAN INSTANTLY KILLED

Terribly Sudden Death of Father of a Colborne Street Lady.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Aug. 14.—Frank Scabell, an electrician, was instantly killed last evening in the G. T. R. roundhouse, when his arm came in contact with one of the high voltage wires, and the shock threw him backward into the car pit, and his neck was broken. Scabell's home is in Port Huron. He is quite a young man and had been with the G. T. R. for only a short time. An inquest will be held at Scabell's father of Mrs. J. Burns, of 935 Colborne street, London, Ont., who was notified by wire of the accident.

CANCER A PARASITE SAYS PARIS SAVANT

Claims to Have Isolated the Microbe and Has Serum to Destroy It.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Aug. 14.—Dr. Gaston Odin, a Paris physician, announces that he has discovered the microbe of cancer, and that he has succeeded in isolating and cultivating it. He also declared that he has found an anti-cancer serum, which, whether or not it leads to a permanent prevention or a cure, will show with certainty if the cancer parasite is present in the blood.

Dr. Odin, who has been conducting his research for a decade, claims that Professor Metchnikoff, of the Faculty of Science, and Professor Lannois, of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Paris, have verified his discovery, which, he asserts, has definitely proved the correctness of the theory of the parasitical nature of cancer.

HARVESTER KILLED

Run Down by Train During a Stop at Smith's Falls.

[Canadian Press.]

Smith's Falls, Ont., Aug. 14.—W. A. Reynolds, of St. John, N. B., was almost instantly killed at Franktown, about nine miles from here, last night.

Reynolds had a ticket for Vancouver on the harvesters' excursion train, which had the siding at Franktown to wait for the local train from Ottawa. The young fellow stepped off the train and was presumably felled by a notice to look out for him. The train was slowing down at the time and rolled him under the tender. He was put in the baggage car of the local, and the body was taken to the local station.

Here, but Reynolds died almost with the stopping of the train at this station. His head was badly smashed, one leg off and an arm broken. The body was taken charge of by Undertaker Marsh, and is now at his establishment. The C. P. R. officials here notified the authorities at St. John last night, and an inquest will be held this afternoon by Coroner McCallum. The young fellow was about 23 years of age, well dressed, and wore an Odd-fellows' lock.

One of the snakes took up his home in a large pigeon hole in the appraiser's office, and winding in a ball watched interestedly the work of the staff, who hustled about at times half-forgotten, a sharp rattle came from a bunch of excelsior and the room was vacant.

Mr. Walter Bartlett was warned of the occurrence, but being naturally forgetful, he did not take any precautions.

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