

MADE OFFER BELIEVING CITY HAD DECIDED TO OPERATE LINE

Frank K. Alfred, of Pere Marquette, Pleased to Learn That He Had Erroneous Impression, as His Desire Is to Lease L. and P. S. Line.

LOSS OF ST. THOMAS CONNECTION HEAVY EXPENDITURE TO HIS ROAD

Construction of Bridge To Cost \$100,000 Would Be Necessary if the Railway Was Shut Out From the City's Line.

THE FACTS IN A NUTSHELL.

- 1. The Pere Marquette sealed tender was submitted on the assumption of the Pere Marquette that the people of London were already committed to the municipal operation of the Port Stanley railroad.
2. The Pere Marquette would insist on a minimum length of lease of running rights before assuming responsibility for the rebuilding or maintenance of the road in whole or part.
3. The Pere Marquette would not agree to contribute towards the rebuilding of the road to be done by the city, if the cost exceeded what the Pere Marquette itself could rebuild the road for.
4. The offer was made on behalf of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway, at present leased by the Pere Marquette Railway, which latter corporation is now in the hands of a receiver in the United States court.
5. The offer was for freight running rights only, with the use of London and St. Thomas terminals only. The Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway has a lake port at Rondeau, where bulk coal is now unloaded, and where a ferry connection would enable the Pere Marquette to compete with a municipally operated railway in Ohio, Pennsylvania and lake trade.
6. The Pere Marquette operates east of St. Thomas over the M. C. R. lines, and has at present no means of inter-switching onto the M. C. R. eastern lines except over the Port Stanley Railway tracks in St. Thomas.
7. Without running rights over the Port Stanley Railroad the Pere Marquette could not continue its Buffalo and eastern traffic without bridging the St. Thomas ravine and purchasing a new right-of-way, at a probable cost of \$200,000.
8. If the Port Stanley Railroad were electrified, the Pere Marquette would not operate over it, as the electrical equipment permitted the operation of steam trains, with complete safety to steam traffic and the lives of Pere Marquette trainmen and construction crews.
9. The city would be required to maintain the right-of-way.
10. The Pere Marquette, on the authority of General Manager Alfred, would prefer to lease the road and operate it as a steam road, as at present.

An offer based on the assumption that the people of London were already committed to the municipal operation of the London and Port Stanley Railway was made Monday at a closed session of the Port Stanley Railway Board on behalf of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway by Frank K. Alfred, general manager of the Pere Marquette, for running rights over the Port Stanley road. It is understood that the offer was made with a tentative agreement between the Pere Marquette and the M. C. R., to the effect that the latter railway should also have running rights over the city's railway, because the present lease of the Michigan Central for running rights from the Pere Marquette does not expire until the end of 1913, necessarily linking the two railways together till the end of the present year.

KEPT UNCLE FIVE YEARS; NOW ASKS \$1,200 PAYMENT

Jeremiah Collins Issues a Write Against Executor of Deceased's Estate.

Wife Also Asks \$300 for Services Rendered, So It Is Rumored.

Jeremiah Collins, of this city, has issued a writ against Mr. Martin O'Sullivan, the executor of the estate of the late Jeremiah Collins, uncle of the plaintiff. The plaintiff claims \$1,200 for services rendered to the deceased and his estate. The services mentioned in the plaintiff's claim are for taking care of the deceased for five or six years preceding his death. Graydon & Graydon are representing Mr. Collins.

It is stated that Mrs. Jeremiah Collins will also issue a writ, claiming \$300 for services rendered.

CARPET MANUFACTURER MAY LOCATE IN CITY

Has Written Industrial Commissioner and Proposes to Spend \$100,000

Industrial Commissioner J. Grant Henderson received a letter this morning from an experienced carpet maker, who is now in Toronto, and who wants to erect a \$100,000 plant in this city. In his letter the man points out the many thousands of dollars expended every year on carpets in Canada, and also the fact that the most of the carpet used in this country is brought in from Great Britain and the United States, with a duty of 25 and 35 per cent on it, respectively. The man has worked in a number of carpet factories in the United States and Great Britain, as superintendent, and is anxious to save citizens' take stock in the company.

DEATH OF GIRL UNDER 14 RESULTS IN FARMER'S ARREST

Thomas C. Scudmore, of Blenheim, Held On a Very Serious Charge and Remanded to Woodstock Jail for a Week.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Woodstock, Feb. 25.—As a result of the activities of Provincial Detective Miller and the local county police, Thomas C. Scudmore, of Blenheim Township, was today charged before Magistrate Ball with having on or about Oct. 11, 1911, carnally known Edith Duncan, who at the time was under 14 years of age. The prisoner was remanded to jail for a week. This girl died at childbirth towards the end of the summer

of 1912, being at that time about 14. Since then efforts have been made to discover her betrayer, but great difficulty was found in securing any evidence. Eventually the provincial police were put on the trail, and the present case is the result. At the time of the Duncan girl's death great indignation was felt in and around Drumbo Village, and many scathing criticisms of the police's work have gone forth from time to time as no arrest was made.

HUNDREDS SHOCKED WHEN DOG AND HORSE WITH BROKEN LIMBS SUFFER FOR HOURS

Women Run Into Stores When Teamster's Animal Is Dispatched Publicly—Collie Pup Has Leg Severed, Then Two Rigs Run Over It—Animal Ambulance To Be Secured.

The crying need of some apparatus to care for "our dumb animals" which injured was given demonstration Monday afternoon, when a horse with a broken leg and a collie puppy that had been run over by a street car suffered for long periods on Richmond street. Women, among the hundreds who saw the animals, were horrified by the manner in which, through some misunderstanding, for which no particular official could be held responsible, the poor brutes were left in agony, in one case for two hours, and in the other for nearly an hour.

Suffers Two Hours. A team of horses driven by a teamster was near Maple street, when one of the horses kicked the other, and broke its leg. Mr. Harry Rannahan, the grocer, whose store is near by, says this occurred near 1 o'clock, and the horse was not out of its misery until 3 o'clock. Some orders were given for a wagon from the rendering works, but a response was not received for some time. Requests were made of policemen to put the animal out of its misery, but no response was received, the officer not being supplied with a revolver.

When the wagon arrived the horse was executed by means of placing a bag over its head and hitting it with an axe. It was not moved from the street to be dispatched, and there were few who were not disgusted with the exhibition. Women rushed into nearby stores, shocked.

Women Rushed Into Stores. "It was an awful thing to do in front of women and children," said Mr. Rannahan. "Several ladies rushed into my store, horrified at the sight. The horse could have been taken into a yard and killed. As it was, the poor beast suffered for two hours. And it would have been easy to secure a revolver or a bottle of chloroform. This is a case where the Humane Society should be able to act, and where there should be apparatus to attend to the case. It was a revolting sight for women and children, and for men, too, as far as that goes. I will be among the first to subscribe to a fund to secure proper apparatus for the care of similar cases."

The Fate of a Puppy. The case of the collie puppy was regarded as even more pitiful than that of the horse. The collie was struck by a car near Albert street, and had one of its legs severed. Whining and looking into the faces of those who came along, with the strange appeal of a dog, it seemed to plead for help. Though scores of people saw the animal, none seemed to think it his duty to take it to a veterinarian.

INVESTIGATING SOURCES OF LONDON'S ICE SUPPLY

Dr. Amyot, Provincial Analyst, and Medical Health Officer Go On Tours of Inspection to Ascertain Sources of Water Supply.

Dr. Amyot, Provincial analyst, accompanied by Dr. Hutchinson, medical health officer, visited the different ponds in the vicinity of the city, from which ice is taken, Monday afternoon, to obtain samples of the ice, according to Dr. Hutchinson, but to learn the source of the water in the ponds.

Six ponds in all were visited and Dr. Amyot will make a report on their location and the source of their supply to the Provincial board of health. Complaints have been made that much of the ice being harvested this year is filled with green fungus growth.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC WILL PAY \$1,000 IN RENT

Plans for Water Commissioners' New Building Are Now Completed.

The water commissioners have decided to rent a quarter of the new building they plan to the hydro-electric commission as a workshop and storehouse for its men and equipment. London is to be made the centre for the commission's work as soon as the line to Windsor is completed, according to Mr. Gault, and the commission's men will be allowed to use the machinery, etc., at a yearly rental of \$1,000.

NEW MEX. RULERS APPEAR SINCERE

Feeling of Washington Towards the Huerta Government Is Now Less Harsh.

SLAYING OF MADERO

United States Authorities Believe It Was Not the Result of a Deliberate Plot.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, Feb. 25.—The first shock of the tragic deaths of Madero and Suarez has passed over, officials here are beginning to accept the official version of the affair. Unquestionably they believe great carelessness was exhibited in failing properly to protect the prisoners, but that offence, it is pointed out, is less than a deliberate murder plot. Ambassador Wilson "will be permitted" to continue to exercise his own discretion in dealing with the new Government, and some satisfaction is derived from his report that not only is the new Government very friendly toward the United States, but that it has shown a disposition to meet reasonable requests for the protection of foreign interests in Mexico, which were to a large degree ignored by the Madero administration.

PEACE STILL DISTANT

Official do not expect immediate restoration of peace throughout Mexico. It is recalled that the dominant party in that country now practically is a new one, unless, indeed, it can be considered a reformation of the old party of Porfirio Diaz. There is nothing in common between it and the rest of the revolutionists, who for more than a year have been warring upon the Madero regime. Already President Huerta has been offering terms to the Orozco followers in the north with some degree of success. In Canada, are that similar negotiations with the Zapatistas in the south have failed, wherefore the decision to begin a most active military campaign against that party.

SMOKER PLANNED BY LIBERAL CLUB

Entertainment is Planned—Usual Prize For Winner at Euchre. Another of the popular smokers of the Liberal Club will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) evening, when an excellent entertainment will be provided by the officers. As usual, a prize will be offered for the winner at euchre. All those who have attended the recent weekly euchres are being asked to bring along a friend, and in addition to this a general invitation to all Liberals is extended by the executive, so that there should be a record crowd tomorrow night.

CONNAUGHTS TO RETURN TO OTTAWA

Royal Patient is Now Strong Enough to Undertake the Journey. [Canadian Press.] Ottawa, Feb. 25.—H. E. H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, with Princess Patricia, will return to Ottawa from Montreal tomorrow afternoon. The physicians attending her royal highness have agreed that she is now strong enough to undertake the journey. The date when the royal party will return to England has not yet been fixed, but it will be some time towards the end of March.

ANOTHER ADDED TO THE LIST OF ANTARCTIC TRAGEDIES

An English Officer and a Swiss Physician of Mawson's Expedition Are the Victims. Several of Party Must Spend Another Year Amongst Ice Barrens Near South Pole.



GUSTAVO MADERO, brother of the late president of Mexico, Gustavo was executed by the victorious revolutionists the day after he was captured.

[Canadian Press.] Sydney, N. Z., Feb. 25.—Two members of the Mawson Antarctic expedition, Lieutenant Ninnis, an Englishman, and Dr. Merz, Swiss, have died. Dr. Mawson and six of his companions have been left for the winter on Adelle land, a barren tract in the Antarctic, because they were unable to reach the expedition's ship Aurora before she was compelled to leave. This news is received here by wireless from Adelle Land via Macquarie Island.

INSPECTOR EDWARDS INDORSES FARM SCHEME

Says Its Value in Solution of Farming Problems Is Proven.

Public School Inspector C. B. Edwards thinks the scheme outlined by Trust Officer Weir, for handling children who refuse to attend school, a good one. He claims that it has been tried in larger cities than London and has proven a success. "Something should be done with children who refuse to go to school," said he, "and I think Mr. Weir's idea of a farm, where they could be placed, is a good one. I am, however, dubious about it being a success in London, for the reason that the city is not large enough."

STRONG PLEA FOR OLD AGE PENSION

Commons Committee Asked to Recommend the Lloyd George System.

ASK HELP FOR THE AGED

Worker Amongst Poor of Montreal Tells of Deplorable Conditions.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Feb. 25.—"With wages as low as they are at present, and with the cost of living what it is in Canada, it is impossible for wage-earners to provide for old age," stated Mrs. Rose Henderson on the Commons special committee this morning.

"Mrs. Henderson is inspector for the juvenile delinquents court at Montreal. She strongly favored the adoption of an old-age pension plan, and said that under the present economic conditions, Canada required it. She gave the committee pathetic descriptions of conditions she encountered in homes of the poor of Montreal. In addition to the regular old-age pension plan, there should be state aid for widowed mothers. In her opinion the Lloyd George pension plan was admirable, and she thought it could be successfully established in Canada. The present system of dealing with distressed aged was terrible. Men who had toiled for the state all their lives, who had raised children for the state, were segregated in institutions and practically deprived of their civil rights. Louis Giron, prison inspector of Montreal and Mrs. Taft, secretary of the Old Folks' Home at Winnipeg, were heard in favor of the pension plan.

BETTER THAN USUAL

With favorable weather and no further trouble, the company will no doubt be able to provide a better service than the public often receives during a hard winter. The passengers might imagine that one of the serious blizzards they usually have to contend with is on, and that they are getting a better service than usual.

THE WEATHER

Table with columns: Forecasts, Today, Wednesday, Temperatures, Stations, High, Low, Weather. Includes data for Toronto, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, and Minus.

MEXICAN SOLDIERS EXECUTED BY SCORE

Ninety-Five Who Remained Faithful to Madero Stood Against Wall and One by One Were Shot to Death, Refusing to Wear Death Mask.

[Canadian Press.] El Paso, Texas, Feb. 25.—Ninety-five federal volunteer soldiers were executed last evening at Sause, below Juarez. They composed part of the garrison which revolted yesterday, angered at the killing of ex-President Madero, their former leader. One at a time, advices received here relate, the soldiers were stood against an adobe wall. Ninety-five times the firing squad aimed and

fired. Most of the men are said to have displayed much courage, declining the execution mask. More than 50 of the garrison escaped before the arrival of a strong detachment of federal regular troops from Chihuahua City. The rebels of a day had cut the Mexican Central Railway, which was repaired a few hours later. Five of the volunteer officers escaped death and will be sent to Juarez.