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## Expected Boomerang Drops Today in Form of an Eleventh Hour Letter to the Press-Says He Represented Interests Friendly to C.P.R. in His Offer

The following communications are interest, and very little enlightenment the maze of figures published by the planatory editors of the Courier and Expositor. Brantford, March 20, 1914. the Mayor and the several aldermen Ratepayers of the City of who are attempting to inform the essentia

ratepayers on these very A copy of the following article was points me to Mayor Spence yes-For instance, in the editorial of the

fternoon, so that he might Brantford Courier of March 14th icient time to fully considefind the following inswer any statements contain-"The debt which it is proposed to

with which he does no create is \$270,000. This includes the Yours very truly first mortgage bonds of \$125,000, and WM. P. KELLETT.

the balance is to be paid in the matter Brantford, March 19th, 1914. of improvements and needed extenof the Courier: sions. The debentures to be issued are for thirty years, and during that period the sum of \$4,814 will have to publis. be raised per annum for sinking fund ws of any one opposed to the and \$12,150 for interest, or \$16,940 i e of the Grand Valley and the all." rd Street Railways by

In an editorial published in th lity I therefore purpose to Brantford Expositor of March 16th, self of this opportunity by before the ratepayers of this the editor of the Courier is corrected as follows facts and figures which

"THE STREET RAILWAY PURCHASE. first be clearly understoo

"On Saturday last, dealing with the opposing the purchase street Railway by-law, the Courie irand Valley and Brantford St ave by the municipality sole

The debt which it is proposed to standpoint of a ratepave reate is \$270,000. This includes the the financial interests whi irst mortgage bonds of \$125,000, and presented in making my offer fo railways, the Lake I rie and the balance is to be paid in the mat hern Railway Company, nor any ter of improvements and needed ex railway has ever requested m

"As a matter of fact, the \$270,000 ose this purchase. which the ratepayers are being asked m opposed to the purchase f reason that I think I am inti to vote does not include the first mortgage of \$125,000, which will reately acquainted with the facts and main as a charge against the road and igures of the case, and for the reathe city. Therefore, while the cash that I do not believe that this ution the part of the off ill is n within the next fifterre ovoperate these railways only \$270,000, the actual cost of the oad to the city will be \$395,000, for g like a paying basis. can lay claim rom the earnings of the railway th vledge of the affairs of the Brant iterest on the first mortgage wil Street and Grand Valley Rai we to be met, and eventually the equal at least to that of th ortgage will have to be paid off b Aldermen and other gentl who are advocating this put

As a matter ourier nor the Expositor stated the most natural question ask

BRANTFORD, CANADA, FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1914



H H ASQUITH

The possibility of a settlement of the Irish home rule controversy is again in the forefront of popular interest The opinions of the various parties as to the effect of the concessions offered in the House of Commons by Premier Asquith differed widely. The unionists, as a rule, expressed themselves quite dissatisfied with the suggested method of voting by counties on the exclusion of Ulster or portions of it from the operation of the Home Rule bill. National-

ists declared that the Cabinet had gone to the most extreme limit in its movement toward conciliation. The independent opinion of the country seems inclined is the feeling that the concessions really offer an oppor-funity for conciliation, and this feeling is strengthened by Sir Edward Carson's counter offer on behalf of the Uster unionists to submit the suggested concessions to an Ulster conference, provided the limitation on the exclusion of the northern counties to a period of six years be stricken out.

nd the Irish nationalist leader, said his party was willing to make great sacrifices for peace Mr John Redu but the Premier had gone to the extreme limit of conces



RAILWAY PURCHASE BY-LAW Mr. W. P. Kellett Has Repeatedly Made Offer to Take Railway From City at City's Price, Providing, of Course, That Franchise Was Thrown in.

HOUR ATTEMPT TO BEAT THE

**98 COLUMNS** 

ONE CENT

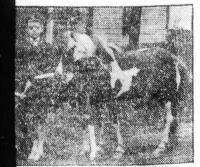
Mayor Spence, when seen this morning regarding the eleventh-hour letter from Mr. W. P. Kellett, which he received last night, and which is published to-day, made the observation that no one would be stampeded by any declaration or maze of figures from Mr. Kellett in the last hour of act. "Why," said the Mayor, "since the city got the option on the road, outbidding Mr. Kellett by a small margin, Mr. Kellett has repeatedly told me that the interests he represents will take the road at the very figure which Brantford is paying for it, and assume all the obligations due the city by the old company besides. Of course, that would mean the continuation of the 38-year franchise rights to Mr. Kellett's company, and ratepayers will have a chance on Monday to say whether such privileges will continue to be given away or not. I am decidedly of the opinion that the ratepayers will wipe out the franchise in no uncertain way."

Continuing, the Mayor said :- "All the figures in Mr. Kellett's letter are based on the past income of the railway -an income derived from a crippled management, cheesebox traps on square wheels, and an uncertain service. If the city spends a reasonable amount on improvements and extension, making the railway one on which citizens can depend for a better service, will anybody in their sane senses not have sufficient reason to expect an increase in the revenue? Mr. Kellett's figures are those of a bankrupt concern, a bankrupt caused by a species of high finance and bond-selling, the proceeds from which never went into the road, but in some promoter's pocket. There isn't a ratepayer who does not believe that the street railway revenue can be largely increased if people are given some sort of a service and a value for their money.

"Moreover," continued the Mayor, "Mr. Kellett figures on a deficit of \$15,000 from civic operation. He says in his letter that he figured 3,000 cars of freight could be hauled annually from local factories over city lines to the L. E. & N. railway, thence to the C.P.R. The haulage of this freight is worth from \$5 to \$8 per car at this end. If Mr. Kellett proposed to have the freight hauled over Brantford streets, why can't the city do the same thing? The revenue therefrom will wipe out Mr. Kellett's alleged deficit at once.

"The deal cannot be such a terribly bad one, anyway, judging by Mr. Kellett's anxiety to get hold of the road,' concluded the Mayor.

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the fact that I was prepare as follows: First Mortgage bonds....\$125,000.00 chase the street railway at very close to the successful bid By-law to purchase..... 270,000.00 city. I am now opposing it Frontage charges to mature chase. This is a very reasonable

in connection with street uiry, and one which I propose paving ..... nswer, I hope, to your entire satis

\$435,849.43 Total of ..... The Brantford Street Railway, to The above figures were furnished gether with the proposed extension: ne by Mr. A. K. Bunnell, City Treas-Brantford having an in-bound and urer, and should, therefore, unless contradicted by Mr. Bunnell, be acout-bound tonnage of from 9,000 to cepted by the ratepayers as an au-10.000 cars per annum. hentic statement of the exact indebt-It is a well-known fact that Brantdness to be assumed. ford is one of the principal centres for

How Money is to be Expended. the manufacture of agricultural im-I understand that the \$270,000.00 plements, which are marketed princioally in the Canadian Northwest. If to be voted by the ratepayrs is to be expended as the Canadian Pacific Railway, for instance, could secure access to 'this ollows tonnage via the Lake Erie & North- The city's offer for the railway.\$90,100.00 ern Railway and the Brantford Street

Railway, it should obtain at least one-Street Railway's third of this tonnage, or say 3000 cars indebtedness to the city ..... 27,079.00 er annum

In offering to purchase the Brant-Mortgage on ord Street Railway I represented fin-Brant Ave. car ncial interests friendly both to the 900.00 barn .... Lake Erie & Northern Railway and Mortgage on the Canadian Pacific Raliway. power house .. 1,500.00 It requires no very acute business Accrued interest ntelligence to realize that if this tonon first mortnage could be secured, the interests

gage bonds ... 3,125.00 controlling the Brantford Street Railway could well afford to absorb a very nsiderable loss in the operation of eaving a balance of .....\$147,296.00

that company Debt Proposed to be Assumed by the City.

have read with very considerabl Hear Mr. Ames On

British Navy Much interest is being taken n the lecture to be given on Friday night, in Victoria Hall,

areful estimate of the reconstruction by Mr. R. B. Ames, M.P., of Montreal. His subject will be and the extensions required to be Why Three Dreadnoughts," and the event is under the auspices of the Borden Club. Mr. Ames not long ago made special study of British shipyards and enquired on the spot into the naval needs of the Old Land. The address will be ilustrated by photographic slides.

Admission will be free and

ladies are cordially invited.

made by the Brantford Street Raildicating early and momentous action way among which were the extensions o Terrace Hill and Eagle Place eoether with new single truck P. A. . E. cars. The extension to Terrace Hill ave laid out as a stub line along the following streets Beginning at the orner of St. Paul's avenue and Dundas street, along Dundas street t Clarence street, thence down Clar-

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Government Action.

nors abound.

40,849.45

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This balance, I understand, is to be

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10 single truck P.A.Y.E. cars, and

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No accurate figures have yet been

iven as to what this reconstruction

f old line, purchase of cars and ex-

ensions to Eagle Place and Terrace

Prior to putting in my offer to pur-

hase the Brantford Street and Grand

Valley Railways I prepared a very

of the old portions of existing tracks

Place and Terrace Hill.

Hill will cost.

A VFRY HOSTIIF

Danger of An Outbreak, According to Dispatches Received To-day, is Both Apparent and Real-Debate in the House of Commons on Thursday Was Most Acrimonious---Fighting Spirit of Both Sides is Aroused---Civil War May Eventuate --- Eyes of the World Watch With Grave Interest the Outcome of Greatest Crisis in the History of the British Empire in Many Years.

NEW YORK, March 20-A cable usual activity among the Ulster vol- | for the formulation of the Prime Min-The Tribune from London says; unteers. Forty members of the motor ister's recent suggestions as to Ulste With startling suddenness the outlook cyclist corps left Belfast yesterday before the resumption of the debate under secret orders. Rule bill, but by common consent the

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#### Some Coup Planned.

gravity, and predictions are freely Unionists are convinced that the made that the long threatened 'way is now only a matter of days. A authorities are contemplating some rumor was current last night that the coup. It is stated in military circles British Government is preparing for that the government has a comprehensive scheme of pouring extra the military occupation of the proince. The atmosphere in Ulster it- troops into the province within 24

hours and for holding all strategical Infportant revelopments 'may occur points by an overwhelming force. there at any moment and sinister ru- The officers commanding in the dif- is to consult with the other Ulster ferent districts received their instructions a month ago.

#### A Dramatic Debate.

There are several signs and portents on the part of the government. The in the House of Commons was largely able excitement among the people of guards have been doubled and the responsible for precipitating the acute Belfast who for cays past have been garrisons strengthened at the military situation which now undoubtedly ex- momentarily expecting some decisive baracks, in accordance with the in- ists. Unionist disappointment in move on the part of the Unionist entions announced early in the week, failing to detach a portion of the gov- chiefs or on that of the government. vith a view of preventing possible ernment's parliamentary support, was Officers of Army.

raids for munitions of war by the also a perceptible factor, Before landing this morning Sid covenanters," and it is persistent'y A more dramatic debate has not eported that the arrest of the lest- been heard there in recent times. The steamer on which he made the pasers of the Ulster volunteer force 1, topic nominally under discussion was (Continued on Page 5)

imminent. Meanwhile there is un- the demand made by the opposition

**BIGAMIST GETS** In the Commons

[By Special Wire to The Courier] MONTREAL, March 20 .-The London correspondent of the Daily Mail says an extraordinary incident happened in the ladies' gallery of the House of Commons during the debate yesterday on the Home Rule

Another Incident

Bill. In the select section of the gallery there were, among others, the Marchioness of Londonderry and Miss Violet Asquith, daughter of the Prime Minister. The Marchioness indulged in running comments on the speeches. After a time Miss Asquith asked the Marchioness to be quiet, as her remarks made it impossible to hear properly, but the Marchioness only became the more demonstrative. Miss Asquith then called the gallery attendant to enforce the silence rule, and finally left her place and wrote a complaint to the Speaker.

#### Navy League is **Dissatisfied**

#### vital issue of peace or war in Ireland Three Ships More Should formed the burden of the speeches. be Laid Down-Canada's Failure. BELFAST, Ireland, March 20-Si

Edward Carson, the leader of th [By Special Wire to The Courier] Unionists of Ulster made a dramatic MONTREAL, March 20-A Lon- previously married was living, but unentry into the capital of the province lon cable to The Gazette says: The der the circumstances she had no idea to-day. His purpose in coming here that she was breaking the law when Navy League is dissatisfied with the she married him. He himself did not proposals of the admiralty, contained expect any trouble under the circum mander of the Ulster volunteer forces.

out providing these ships, is futile,

says the league.

The great activity displayed at in the construction programme cut- stances. Unionist/headquarters and in the lined by Mr Churchill, the Furst "What circumstances?" asked the The acrimony of yesterday's debate army barracks have caused consider- Lord, in the House of Commons this magistrate. "Well," answered the defendant, "the circumstance that I was under age when I married Miss week. Since the failure of Canadian aid, Lane." There were reasons why he the league has persistently urged the had left his first wife, but as they laying down of three ships to fill the would cause a long trial, and as many gap caused by Canada's failure to- of his friends would be brought into wards the Imperial fleet. The govern the affair he could not give them. He ment's scheme to fill the gap in the would remain silent rather than prove Edward Carson received on board the general defence of the Empire with-long the trial, and take sentence

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Gordon Booth May Was Sentenced in Police Court Today. Prisoner Makes a Statement Exonerating His Second Wife.

> After very brief proceedings Gorlon Booth May, was sentenced to six months imprisonment. No witnesses were called and the principal happenings this morning was a statement by prisoner, which revealed nothing that was new. The interest the case had aroused was evidenced by the crowded court room which has not been so filled for many a day. May was cynosure of every eye as he stood up to answer the Magistrate's voice.

BY MAGISIKATE

His Statement.

May evidently regarded his second vife as his legal wife, for opening is remarks he said his wife did not now she was committing any offence when she married. "She" did not break the law" commented the Magistrate. He then said he meant his second wife. She knew when she married him that the woman he had