

MAY COMPEL THE COMPANIES TO PUT WIRES UNDERGROUND

City Is Said to Have Power Under New Bill Recently Passed by the Legislature—A Big Plan to Improve the Business District.

The telegraph and power companies doing business in the city may be compelled to place their wires underground, if the city decides on that work, by the operation of the new act recently passed placing power companies under the control of the commission.

City Solicitor Meredith will be asked to give his interpretation of this act, and it was stated by a legal man this afternoon, that in all probability this power rests with the commission. That being the case a long step has been taken towards solving the problem of lighting the downtown section.

The State of Affairs.
The C. P. R. Telegraph Company appear willing to agree to that if the city will compensate them for any damages that might accrue from underground work.

According to the statement of Engineer Roberts there is no danger from that source, not nearly so much as the

present pole system, as the power wires are liable to break any time causing much damage.

This will be taken up with the company, and it is quite probable that their consent will be obtained to place the wires underground.

The matter will also be taken up with the G. N. W. Company direct, and some businessmen will see the company officials and try and convince them of the advantages to be derived from underground work.

City Has Power.
It has been learned that the city has power to issue debentures for the cost of the project, to be levied from the property-owners. Mr. Meredith's opinion as to whether or not the commission or the city council should issue the debentures will be obtained, as that point is not altogether clear.

"We are going ahead rapidly with this matter," said Commissioner Pocock. "I have hopes that we will solve it very soon."

TRAVELLER FOUND DEAD IN BED GRIP PACKED WITH PRESENTS FOR CHILDREN IN HESPELER

J. W. Cristman Met a Pathetic End in a Room in the Dominion House—Was Well-Known Temperance Man—Represented a Button Factory—No Inquest Necessary.

J. W. Cristman, Hespeler, a traveller, representing the Commercial Button Company, of Waterloo, Ont., was found dead in bed at the Dominion House Sunday morning about 9 o'clock. Cristman had evidently been dead some hours when found.

Dr. Macdonald was notified, and ordered a post-mortem. It revealed that he had died from hemorrhage of the stomach, and an inquest was decided to be unnecessary. He is survived by a widow and four children.

Christman had registered at the Dominion House on Thursday, but paid his bill on Friday, intending to leave for home. In the evening he came back, saying that he had missed the train. He left a call for 6:30 a.m., and retired. He was then in the best of health.

On Saturday morning, the porter called him and got a response. No more attention was paid to him until about 2 o'clock, when the maid came, and asked the clerk, Mr. Eugene Dickinson, for the key of the room.

MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONSECRATION

Ceremony of Induction of New Bishop Will Be Memorable One.

Arrangements are now being made at St. Peter's Palace for the consecration of Bishop Fallon, which will take place in this city on Monday, April 25. The ceremony will be performed at a mass at 9:30 in the morning, and pontifical vespers will be sung in the evening. The priests who will assist at the mass and vespers will be named in a few days.

Invitations have been sent out to several hundred clergymen in all parts of Canada and the United States, and every bishop and archbishop in Canada has been requested to be in attendance.

The acceptances will be sent to Father Fallon at Buffalo, and to the local palace, and the names of the most prominent men who will be in the city will be made known shortly.

GIRLS INJURED IN CHICAGO FIRE

[Associated Press.]
Chicago, April 4.—A dozen girls were injured, several seriously, in a fire in the Central Steam Laundry today. Several girls jumped from windows, and others were injured in an explosion. Four are in a serious condition at a hospital.

ESTIMABLE LADY DEAD

Mrs. Rowland, Wife of Mr. Malcolm H. Rowland, Passed Away on Sunday.

At an early hour Sunday morning, at her late residence, 486 Queen's avenue, Mrs. Malcolm H. Rowland passed peacefully away. The end came very unexpectedly even to those in closest relationship to her, notwithstanding the fact that she had been in failing health for some time.

Of a quiet and retiring disposition, she had endeared herself to very many, and the notice of her death will be received with profound sorrow by her many friends.

Mrs. Rowland for many years was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and was actively identified with the several movements of that body in this city until failing health confined her to her home.

Mrs. Rowland was the youngest daughter of the late George and Susanah Webster, and is survived by her husband, by two daughters, Misses Florence and Elinor; one brother, Robert L. Webster, and two sisters, Mrs. Arch. Scereton and Miss Belle Webster, all of this city. The funeral will be to Woodland Cemetery and will be private.

CROTHERS IS FAVORITE FOR OPPOSITION WHIP

Four Names Mentioned From Which to Select Successor to George Taylor.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, April 4.—For the position of chief whip of the Opposition in the Commons, which will shortly be rendered vacant by the retirement of Mr. George Taylor, four names are mentioned, namely, Mr. A. S. Godeve, of Kootenays; Major Currie, North Simcoe; Mr. T. W. Crothers, East Elgin; and Mr. George Perley, of Argenteuil. It is understood that the majority of the Ontario Conservative members are in favor of the appointment of Mr. Crothers.

The final decision in the matter will rest with Mr. Borden.

COMMONS TO CLOSE BY END OF APRIL

Government to Hasten Prorogation by Holding Morning Sessions Henceforth.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Ont., April 4.—The Commons assembled at 11 o'clock for the first morning sitting of the session, a fair margin over a quorum facing the speaker for prayers. The morning gatherings is taken as an indication that the session is drawing to a close, and it is expected that prorogation will be achieved by the end of the month.

As the end approaches the chance for private legislation to get through diminishes, and all men who had bills standing in their names were on hand to see that they were forward in their turn, as this is one of the few private bill days remaining.

CHEAPER BUTTER FOR AMERICANS

[Associated Press.]
New York, April 4.—Dealers on the wholesale butter market here predicted today that on account of reductions on the tariff on cream from 11 cents to 5 cents a gallon, there would shortly be large quantities of cheaper butter offered to consumers in New York, Chicago, and other cities within reasonable distance of the Canadian border. A chain of creameries, it is said, is to be built along the Canadian frontier, which will make butter from Canadian cream, and will be able to market their product at a reduction of 15 per cent from the current price.



COLBORNE STREET SCHOOL TODAY.

The only remnant left of the old Union School, where the late Nicholas Wilson taught for so many years, and where many prominent Londoners received their early education. Steps are on foot to replace it with a modern and up-to-date structure. It is probable that Nicholas Wilson will be remembered in some manner in the new structure.

FIRE HORSE FELL IN A TEST RUN ACCIDENT TO THE STEAMER

Men of the Central Station Had an Exciting Experience at Maitland and Dundas Streets This Morning—Horse Was Skidded Along on the Asphalt, But Escaped Serious Injury.

Jerry, the big bay on the steamer train, narrowly escaped being crushed to death beneath the 8,000-pound engine, when he fell going on the full gallop on a test run to East London at 11 o'clock this morning.

The firemen were called out to test the pressure at the corner of Adelaide and Dundas streets, and the men exerted every bit of energy to make the run a success.

The heavy steamer shot down the pavement to Maitland street at a terrific gait, and as the horses galloped over the crossing there, Jerry's forefeet struck the street cap of a telephone machine. Before the apparatus could be stopped by Driver Allan Webber, the horse had gone in between the front wheels and was skidded along for 20 feet.

It was found impossible to extricate him until the supply wagon arrived, and jacked up the huge boiler. His sides were bruised, and it was thought for a time that his ribs were broken, but was able to return to the Central station.

Dundas car No. 102 was directly in front of the engine when the accident occurred, and the crew had slowed up to allow the firemen to pass. The splendid work of Driver Webber alone prevented a collision, as the pole swung to within a few inches of the street car.

A number of the aldermen who were going out to witness the test were on the scene shortly after the accident. Jerry is one of the best horses on the department, and will be out of service for a couple of weeks.

LONDON ELECTRIC CO. SEEKS LONG TERM CONTRACTS NOW

Management Is Out Hot Foot After Business and Is Preparing to Meet the Rates of the Niagara Power Commission in London.

Long-term contracts, to furnish domestic lighting at 3 cents per kilowatt hour, are being sought by the London Electric Company.

A large number of users of lighting have been approached, and while not all of them have made contracts, it is stated that some have done so.

Others are holding off, waiting to see what competition will do for them in this regard.

They are confident that when competition becomes keen, they are quite likely to get it at a lower figure.

Rate for C. P. R.

The C. P. R. Company wanted to make a contract with the city for a lower rate, and would have signed up immediately had the city agreed to reimburse them for the difference. This the commissioners refused to do, but they will furnish power at a cheaper rate.

The present price for domestic lighting is 3 cents a kilowatt hour, so that at 5 cents the cost is being practically cut in half.

The maximum price the city will charge is said to be 4 1/2 cents a kilowatt hour. Hopes are entertained that it will be less than that within a year or two.

Niagara Power Promises.
"We can give lighting to everybody at less than 3 cents a kilowatt hour," said Mr. Phil. Pocock. "We can meet that price easily enough, and I think we can hold the business."

The commissioners also declare that they are ready to meet the fact that the London Electric are hustling for long-term contracts, and declare that the citizens will wait until they see what price city lighting is going to be.

"DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE MISSIN'," SAID MAN TO SINNERS

Members of Horton Street Colored Baptist Church Dipped in the Thames at the Foot of Maitland Street on Sunday—An Interesting Scene on the River's Brink.

About a dozen colored brethren and sisters of Horton Street Baptist Church were baptized in the Thames at the foot of Maitland street on Sunday morning just before noon.

The event attracted an audience of probably a thousand people, and it was a cosmopolitan crowd. The wind was decidedly chilly, and the river flowed with a sullen, swift movement. The ruffled water had a cold, steely appearance, and many who were not of the faith of those about to be baptized frequently remarked that they knew easier roads to salvation than the river route.

An Impressive Scene.

The scene was weird and impressive. For several hundred yards the crowds

fringed the bank of the river. There were Canadians, English, Irish, Scotch, Jews, Russians, Chinese, Greeks, Poles, Italians, Swedes and Africans, all paid a profound and reverent attention.

The candidates had been prepared for baptism in the home of Deacon Hodgkin Duncan, which is located on the hill above. When all had been made ready they marched to the river bank, chanting hymns.

They were led by Rev. Mr. Addison and Deacon Crumley, in flowing cassocks of black. Each candidate also wore a black garment.

Parade to the River.

As the party wended their way down continued on Page Eight.

SOCIETY WEDDING AT THE CAPITAL

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Ont., April 4.—The marriage of Miss Dorothy Fletcher, daughter of Dr. Fletcher, of the Central Experimental Farm, to Mr. R. S. Lake, M. P. for Qu'Appelle, was solemnized this afternoon in St. Barnabas' Church by Archbishop Hamilton, assisted by Rev. T. R. Jones.

Mr. A. C. McDonnell, M. P. of Toronto, was groomsmen, and Miss Mary Davies, daughter of Sir Louis Davies, was bridesmaid.

Mr. and Mrs. Lake left for Washington and other southern points, and will return to the capital about three weeks hence.

OTTAWA MAN KILLED IN CRASH

San Jose, Cal., April 4.—John Anson Howard, said to be the son of an Ottawa millionaire, was killed last night, when an automobile, which he was driving, plunged from a mountain road sixteen miles from Delmonte and lodged in the top of a tree.

Howard was pinned in the branches and lived only long enough to bid good-bye to his companion, former Mayor Robert F. Johnson, of Monterey, who escaped unhurt.

EASTER HAT TEMPTED HER

Frail Woman Could Not Withstand the Allurement of Gorgeously Decorated "Lid."

NOW IN A POLICE CELL

Mrs. Fry Got a Ticket for Toronto From Inspector Sanders, Sold It and Bought the Hat.

Because she could not withstand the temptation to buy a pretty Easter hat, Mrs. Mary Fry finds herself in jail on a charge of fraud laid against her by Inspector Sanders, of the Children's Aid Society.

When she appeared before Magistrate Love this morning she was remanded until April 9 for trial.

Mrs. Fry is the woman who for some weeks successfully sheltered Stanley Shaw, when he deserted from Wolseley Barracks.

Since his capture by the police she has been roaming the streets. On Saturday Inspector Sanders gave the woman a ticket to go to Toronto, and she promised to go right away and stay with some friends there.

On her way to the station, however, Mrs. Fry happened to look in a store window, and there, trimmed with gorgeous red flowers, lay a new Easter hat, which aroused in her soul the most intense longing.

"Oh, You Charming!" said Mrs. Fry, and immediately began to think out ways and means of procuring it. It was not long until she hit upon the idea of selling the railway ticket to Toronto and getting the hat with the money.

She found a purchaser, and soon had the "lid," and, according to the police, she did nothing else all day Saturday except walk about the streets with the hat on.

It was an immense affair of white straw, and the red flowers gave it quite a dashing effect.

Mrs. Fry was enjoying the attention she was attracting, and Inspector Sanders "got wise" to what had happened, and in less time than it takes to tell it there was a big policeman heading down the street, and Mrs. Fry was brought to the station and charged with fraud, and will stand trial next Saturday.

LOCAL OPTION VOTE IS LONG WAY OFF

Report on the Matter Brought in at a Meeting of Ministerial Alliance.

It does not look as though there will be any move made to ask for a vote on local option in London for some time at least. Rev. H. A. Graham, at a well attended meeting of the London Ministerial Association this morning, brought in a report, stating that when the temperance organization recommend the advisability of commencing a campaign, the Methodist ministers of the city will support it to their utmost. The report was received and filed.

A paper by Rev. W. Quance, of Lambton, "Jesus, Our Christ," was well received. In it Mr. Quance defended the doctrines of the Christian Church in regard to the Savior, against the attacks of the higher critics, and quoted freely from authorities on both sides. A good deal of discussion followed the paper, but it was all of a complimentary nature and in support of the contentions of Mr. Quance.

MICHIGAN IN THROES OF LICENSE BATTLE

Fate of Nearly Fifteen Hundred Saloons in the Balance Today.

[Associated Press.]
Detroit, April 4.—With a vote said to be the heaviest ever pulled on this issue in Michigan, the fate of more than 1,355 saloons is being decided today in 26 counties. Up to the last minute before the voting began the campaign was a strenuous one, and the latest reports told of efforts being made in Kent and Shiawassee counties by the "dry" to secure arrests in the former county for fraudulent registration, and in the latter for alleged "colonization" by the "wets."

The Kent County "drys" announced last night that they will ask for a grand jury Tuesday, no matter what may be the outcome of today's struggle. The Shiawassee County "drys" say they will ask for the arrest before night of fifteen persons in connection with the alleged colonization.

Both sides are particularly interested today in the outcome of the election in the ten counties where the local option question is being resubmitted after the counties have been "dry" for two years.

KILLED HUSBAND WHEN ATTACKED

Rochester, N. Y., April 4.—A special from Hiram Allen, of Rochester, says that Mrs. Dell Allen did not shoot her husband and little son in cold blood or in an insane passion on Sunday, as is evident from the investigation made by Coroner Williamson.

In a statement this morning he says that it is evident that the woman acted in self-defence, and that she was protecting herself and babies from an attack when she killed her husband. One shot went wild and struck the little boy, Lloyd, inflicting injuries that caused his death also.

Mrs. Allen says that her husband deserted her last September, and that since then he had been trying to get the children away from her. On Saturday another child was born to her, and Saturday afternoon, she says, her husband came to the house and started to take the older children away.

ARMORIES A BOWER OF BEAUTY FOR MADE-IN-LONDON SHOW

A Scene of Magnificent Focal Splendor Greets the Eye of the Visitor—Miniature Theatre Filled Up—Goods Manufactured Here Will Be Sold in Handsomely Decorated Booths.

There is but one requisite necessary for an adequate appreciation of the beauties of the "Made-in-London" Exhibition, and that is a vocabulary of superlatives that would make Webster's dictionary appear just as much of a hollow mockery as an echo.

The exhibition has not yet been whipped into the shape it will be by tomorrow morning, but there is sufficient today to satisfy the most ardent admirer of beautiful pageants.

The Armories have never appeared quite so pretty, and the exhibition will establish a reputation hard indeed to excel.

When Earl Grey starts the exhibition on its way, there will be scores of very tired, but really happy women by whose energies the exhibition has been brought about.

A Fairland.
Stepping into the Armories, a veritable bower of flowers of the most gorgeous hue, arranged in a manner that would appeal to the most critical admirer. Down each side and across the ends are pillars draped in burling, and are crowned with baskets of beautiful flowers. Booths are placed at regular intervals, and in these the manufacturers and merchants of London will display their goods.

At each corner of the buildings are the booths exhibiting the goods of the season. It would be folly to pick out one as being more handsome than the other. All are remarkably cleverly conceived, and very original. Not a detail has been omitted to add to the attractiveness of the whole.

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NIAGARA POWER AGAIN DELAYED WILL BE HERE BY SEPTEMBER

Engineer Roberts Made This Plain at a Meeting of the Commissioners On Saturday—London Electric Will Sell Inadequate Light at Five Cents a Kilowatt Hour.

According to information given by Engineer Roberts at a meeting of the water commissioners on Saturday afternoon, there will be no Niagara power in London before Sept. 1 at the earliest. Engineer Roberts pointed out that the companies who are making the transformers and switchboards require between sixteen and twenty weeks to complete their orders, and that after that the goods will have to be shipped here and put in place.

Listen to This.

The matter came up when a letter was read from the C. P. R., asking for information in regard to obtaining lights for their roundhouse and other buildings. The company wanted to know what rate the city can offer, and also if in case they entered into

a three-year contract with the city the latter would intensify the company in case that for any reason the contract was not carried out, or they could get lights cheaper from other sources than from the city.

Commissioner Pocock pointed out that this class of trade was most desirable for the city, and suggested that the C. P. R. people be communicated with and urged to take the power, and offered the best rate possible when it is known what the power will cost.

The company stated that they could get a rate of 5 cents a kilowatt hour. It is thought the commission can sell power for 4 1/2 cents.

Using Bell Poles.

The question of using the Bell poles (Continued on Page Eight.)

NEW HOSPITAL LAW HAS GONE INTO EFFECT

It Is Said It Will Mean a Saving of \$250 a Month.

The bylaw compelling non-paying patients at Victoria Hospital to be attended by staff doctors went into effect on April 1, and so far is working out most satisfactorily.

A physician stated to The Advertiser today that a number of the "star boarders," who have for some time been making the hospital their place of residence at the city's expense were cleaned out, and will not be allowed to come back unless they are really sick.

Some of the doctors who were opposed to the measure are showing their displeasure by sending what patients they can to St. Joseph's Hospital, but as these patients are admitted without exception of the non-paying class it does not affect the hospital. It is stated that a saving of fully \$250 a month will be effected when all the "star boarders" and other patients who have been taking advantage of conditions are dealt with by the authorities.

GREAT FIRE AT OMAHA

Omaha, Neb., Fire last night destroyed the 10,000,000-bushel central grain elevator owned by the Nebraska Elevator Company, the Mayfield Milling Company plant and nearly 100 houses. The total loss is \$500,000.

The independent elevator, the property of the Great Western Railroad Company, was a fine structure, but the frame of steel construction withstood the flames.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—SHOWERS.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, April 4-5 a.m.
Fresh to strong southeast to southwest winds; showers and local thunderstorms; clearing during the night and on Tuesday.

TEMPERATURES			
Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Low High.
London, Saturday	42	38	45
London, Sunday	42	38	45
London, Monday	42	38	45
Calgary	42	38	45
Winnipeg	42	38	45
Port Arthur	42	38	45
Perry Sound	42	38	45
Toronto	42	38	45
Ottawa	42	38	45
Montreal	42	38	45
Quebec	42	38	45
Father Point	42	38	45
Dawson City	42	38	45
Port Simpson	42	38	45
Vancouver	42	38	45
Moos Jaw	42	38	45
Qu'Appelle	42	38	45
Halifax	42	38	45

WEATHER NOTES.

A depression now centred in Minnesota is moving eastward, attended by numerous showers and a few storms.

Sleet or snow have occurred locally in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and a few scattered showers are reported in the lake region.

SUNDAY'S WEATHER

Toronto, April 3-8 p.m.—Fair weather prevailed generally throughout Canada yesterday, but a few local showers occurred in Saskatchewan and British Columbia. A widespread depression was centred over the Western States last evening, and was drifting towards the lake region.

DISTRIBUTING PLANT NOT READY UNTIL FALL

But Hydro-Electric Will Be Able to Supply Some Customers Before That Time.

The city distribution plant for hydro-electric power will not be ready before Sept. 1. However, temporary arrangements for the distribution of power will be made, and certain large consumers can be supplied if the hydro-electric commission get it here before that time.

The East End sub-station will be ready by July 1, and motors can be installed there to handle power for certain customers before that time.

The city can handle power just as soon as it comes," said Engineer Roberts. "Motors can be installed temporarily in the East End sub-station, and we can supply certain customers with power."

"Our own station will not be complete until September perhaps." The London Asylum will be supplied direct from the transformer station. This will take 600-horsepower from the city, and a margin of profit will accrue from that.

It is more than likely that a deal will be closed with the London Street Railway Company.

Advertiser, a new system has been evolved for taking care of such customers, and a price fixed.

The exact price could not be learned, but it is less than \$10 per horsepower, probably \$7.50, and is said to be satisfactory to the company.

They could be furnished with power as soon as it arrives at the outskirts of the city.

Some other companies using large quantities of power can also be supplied.

HYMAN HALL DOINGS

Eucler on Tuesday and Address by Leader MacKay Saturday.

The Liberal Club eucler evening will be held Tuesday, not Wednesday, as formerly. Special prizes will be donated, and a large crowd is anticipated.

Practices for the Liberal Minstrels will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. The minstrels are in fine shape, and the entertainment on April 14 and 15, promises to be one of the finest ever given in the city.

Hon. A. G. MacKay will deliver an address on Saturday evening next in Hyman Hall.

1,000 LOOMS IDLE.

New Bedford, Mass., April 4.—About 5,000 weavers employed in the Gosnell cotton mills left their looms shortly after going to work today, and 1,000 looms are idle. The grievances of the weavers is that they are compelled to run an extra number of looms for less pay than they were formerly receiving for a smaller number of looms. The mill agents claim that the weavers have been receiving the same wages as weavers in other mills, about \$13 a week.