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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23.

## THE RADIAL RAILWAY PROPOSALS.

The ratepayers may be asked to adopt a policy of electrical radial railway development. Two proposals are before the council. The promoters of the London and Northwestern Railway ask the city to guarantee their bonds to the extent of \$150,000 as an aid to the construction of a road from Sarnia to London, via Forest and Arkona. The promoters of the North Midland Company ask for aid on a similar plan to the extent of \$200,000 for a road from Stratford into London, via Lucan and St. Marys. A third line is talked of from Ingersoll to London, but so far no application in its behalf has been made.

It will be admitted that each of these lines would be a great advantage to London, and widen the circle of its citizenship for commercial purposes. The merchants would be the first to feel the benefit, because the new roads would bring thousands of purchasers to London.

The first duty of the mayor and council is to ascertain the facts necessary to form a correct judgment, and to submit these facts to the people. Regarding each of the lines, they should ascertain the number of miles proposed to be built, the route, the cost, the intended equipment and operation, the financial strength of those behind the scheme, the likelihood of its being carried to a successful finish, and the ability to operate it if built.

The wisdom of a guarantee on the part of the city of a proportion of the bond issue of a radial electric railway is after all one of proportion. What risk are the guarantors likely to take? What benefit is the city likely to receive? In the early days, when London was less than 10,000 population, it built the London and Port Stanley Railway, and incurred a liability of over a million dollars. Later it gave \$100,000 of bonus outright to the London, Huron and Bruce. Times have changed. London is already a great steam railway centre, and more railways are projected. Other steam railway centres like London are also radial electric railway centres, and it is found that the latter help, and do not hurt, the steam railways. They promote local traffic and bring the people in a wide area closer together.

There is one very important difference between the building of the Port Stanley Railway and the bonus to the Huron and Bruce by the city, and what the city is asked to do to secure the electric railways. In the case of the Port Stanley, the city became proprietor, and in the case of the Huron and Bruce it made a cash payment as a gift. In the present application, it is asked only to guarantee a certain proportion of the bonds. If the enterprises are justifiable, there should be no loss to the city. If the proposals are examined on behalf of the city by competent men, this can be ascertained beforehand with reasonable certainty. The guarantee by the city would enable the promoters to sell the bonds for a better price, and to build the road at the lowest cost consistent with the best workmanship. This would reduce the risk to the lowest point. The city, of course, would have the right to demand guarantees that the money raised by the bonds would be put into actual construction, and that the work would be economically done. There should be the strictest safeguards in this respect. In any event the loss could not be total. If disaster overtook the road the city would receive its share of the lessened value.

The council and the Board of Trade should get all the facts, strike a sum they think justified in each case, and submit the question to the people, with the facts necessary to decide. If it paid London to make a gift of \$100,000 to get the London, Huron and Bruce, would it pay to risk a guarantee of \$150,000 of first mortgage bonds to secure a line from Sarnia through Forest to London, or to risk a guarantee of \$200,000 of first mortgage bonds to secure a line from Stratford through St. Marys to London?

There are rumors that important interests are behind these enterprises, and if the rumors are true, the risk of the city would be minimized, and a high-class service assured. The projects may be in a nature of a great opportunity for London. Meantime, let the citizens have all the information available.

## NOT VERY AGGRESSIVE.

We are told that this is to be a fighting session at Ottawa. The debate on the address is a skirmish preliminary to the main engagement. There was much feinting and manoeuvring on Monday by the Opposition leader, but his plan of battle was not disclosed. Mr. Borden glided over several highly controversial subjects, but at a pace which suggested that he knew he was on thin ice. He complained of "the vague and contradictory deliverances" of the Prime Minister in the west, but he was vagueness personified in his references to western demands. He admitted that the western people wished a reduction of the duties on agricultural implements. "If the duty is not necessary," was his comment, "it should be reduced or removed." All parties can subscribe to very cautious generalities, but does Mr. Borden himself think the duty is necessary? Does the Government know the facts, and what policy has it to offer? Does Mr. Borden know the facts, and what policy has he to offer? May be asked just as pertinently. One of his supporters has given notice of a motion calling for the reduction of the tariff on implements to 10 per cent. If the motion is pressed, Mr. Borden will not be able to talk around the question as he did on Monday.

As to reciprocity Mr. Borden was equally nebulous. He asked if it were advisable, in view of Canada's prosperity, to alter existing conditions, but he gave no answer to his own question. He declared that before negotiations were resumed the Canadian people should know that duties would be likely to be reduced and whether there was to be reciprocity. This is equivalent to saying that the Canadian negotiators should throw their cards on the table, face upwards, before playing the game. Equally fatuous was his suggestion that "if a treaty were made there was a danger that it would be pushed through the House because upon its fate would largely depend the fate of the Administration." The Government would be in honor bound to recommend to parliament a treaty of its own framing. It would be constitutionally obliged to stake its own existence on the acceptance or rejection of the treaty by parliament. Parliament later on would have to reckon with the country. These things are matters of course. Mr. Borden knows they are. Why then does he talk nonsense?

Equally lacking in definiteness were Mr. Borden's remarks on the naval problem. He said the Opposition stood where it was a year ago. Eighteen months ago it stood with the Government for a Canadian navy. It has shifted its ground, but why recall the discreditable fact? The Government's policy Mr. Borden described as dangerous, expensive and practically useless. Yet his chief Ontario organ, the Toronto News, assails the Government because its project is not expensive enough. The News wants two Dreadnoughts added to the proposed Canadian navy, which costs too much without them according to the leader of the Opposition. Eighteen months ago the Opposition urged that the construction of the fleet be begun immediately. Now it professes to be anxious for an appeal to the people.

If this is to be a fighting session Mr. Borden has not begun well. A fighting leader should not be afraid of a frontal attack. Mere lying in ambush, and flanking operations, are not the tactics that show courage or conviction in a political party.

The Canadian tariff question has again become a difficult one for the politicians, but it will be as difficult for the Opposition as for the Government.

The marvellous assurance which carried Crippen through the ordeal of the courtroom failed him at the gallows. It is to be hoped it was conscience more than the approach of death that caused his nerve to fail him.

As usual, Mr. Lloyd George hits the bullseye and rings the bell. While the Unionists are crying against American dollars, he reminds them that needy and marriageable aristocrats find American dollars very useful. "A palpable hit!"

A young Montreal millionaire has accepted a Unionist nomination in Lancashire. A Canadian imbued with the real Canadian spirit could not consistently carry the banner of the party of privilege and class domination. But it is a short-cut to British "society."

The militant suffragettes have given their cause another setback. In view of the Premier's pledge to give facilities in the next parliament for the adoption of a suffrage bill, their conduct is inexplicable. It will rejoice every enemy of woman suffrage, and dishearten its true friends.

The suffragettes show no mercy. They laid violent hands on the gentle and genial Augustine Birrell, at an unfeminine hour this morning. As a result, he is laid up for repairs, and the election oratory may not be seasoned by his wit and humor—unless, indeed, he can still "Birrell" from his sick-room.

The Hamilton papers lose no opportunity of sneering at the Western University. They cannot forgive London the possession of so important an institution. Railing at Toronto in everything else, they support Toronto's claim to an educational monopoly, not that they envy Toronto less, but that they envy London more.

The Duke of Sutherland has instructed the C. P. R. to divide 10,000 acres into ready-made farms for the

eldest sons of his tenants. It is creditable to the duke's head and heart if he purposes giving the young men an opportunity to own their farms. If he intends to reproduce the British tenant system in this country, his plan will be viewed by Canadians in a different light. The memory of the Sutherland clearances has not died away.

GETTING AT THE TRUTH.  
[Chicago News.]  
"Have you written all the invitations to my party, mamma?" queried little Eva.  
"Yes, dear," answered her mother.  
"They are all written and mailed."  
"And how soon will the acceptations and deceptions begin to come in?"

QUEER.  
[Cleveland Plaindealer.]  
"I understand that D'Auber showed you all his pictures the other day."  
"Yes, I saw them all."  
"They say his best pictures are very good."  
"He didn't show me those."

HAD TO.  
[Puck.]  
Uncle Eben—Looks like me as if that express train's goin' faster than usual today.  
Uncle Ezra—Course it is. Squire Hoskins sent a special delivery letter to his son in New York this morning, and this was the train it was going out on.

PATRONIZING.  
[Washington Star.]  
"Yes," said the somewhat severe lady, "my ancestors came over in the Mayflower."  
"From what I have heard," replied Mrs. Cummins, "accounting for the Mayflower didn't compare with those of a modern liner; but, of course, the rates were lower."

INHERITED.  
[Cleveland Leader.]  
"Does the De Payers' new baby show his aristocratic origin?"  
"Sure does. He tries to put his teething ring in his eye—thinks it's a monocle."

## ONE WAY OF KILLING THEM.

[Answers.]  
He had besought the pharmaceutical chemist to give him something with which he might kill moths, and the pharmaceutical chemist had supplied him with camphor balls, but the next day he was back again, holding some of the fragments of the balls in his hand.  
"Are you the same young man who sold them things to me yesterday?" he asked.  
"I am," replied the pharmaceutical chemist, composedly. "What's wrong with them?"  
"Phew! wrong with them?" repeated the irate purchaser. "The idea of selling them things to kill moths or anything else! See here! If you can show me the man that can hit a moth with a single ball as sure as I can hit a nail with the ornamental iron 'killing' glass me an' the missus broke."

THE RULING PASSION.  
[Pittsburgh Courier.]  
Banker to new tutor—Always bear in mind that in my children I am entrusting to you my most precious possessions, and give them your best. And what is your lowest price?

FASHIONABLE.  
[Life.]  
"How is your wife this fall?"  
"Just able to hobble around."

YES, WE'VE NOTICED THEM.  
[Caledonia Banner.]  
Did you ever notice the late comers? In every church, at performance in opera house or elsewhere, yes, even at social functions, there are the late comers—people who come in just as things are nicely started, and distract attention while they are being seated, besides spoiling the particular number on which they interrupt the proceedings?

## THE CHILD AND THE LIGHT.

[Sir Oliver.]  
If a child for a time dislikes going to sleep in the dark, or wishes its door ajar—yield to it. The dread will soon pass. If not artificially fostered or made much of. A child ought not to have to confess in words to his fear—that only tends to make it more real and lasting. He will grow out of it. And, after all, this feeling of helplessness in an unknown and mysterious universe is very natural. The universe is big and mysterious and most alarming. Custom gradually makes its ordinarily friendly aspects familiar, while its more portentous and threatening aspects are found to be exceptional; but there, behind the scenes, and it is just the exceptional and portentous of which we are instinctively afraid.

DO IT EARLY.  
[Chicago Record-Herald.]  
Remember that if you get your Christmas shopping done early you will have a better chance than you would otherwise to gain enjoyment in just looking around.

## THE PENALTIES OF GREATNESS.

[Toronto Press.]  
The penalties of genius have often been paid by the genius' wife. There is, for example, the Countess Tolstoy. There was, in times past, Xanthippe; and if Xanthippe was a woman, she had doubtless some excuse for her eccentricities of Socrates, who insisted upon going barefoot during an Athenian winter. How the idiosyncrasies of Lord Lytton, Lord Byron and Carlyle reacted upon their family life may be judged from their biographies.

## THE VETO THE STICKLER.

[Ottawa Press.]  
The House of Lords is actually reforming itself, but internal reform will not end the crisis. Social progress in Britain is impossible until the veto of the Upper House is eliminated.

## A CURE FOR "NERVES."

[Manchester Guardian.]  
Father Bernard Vaughan, speaking at Preston last night, said he found that those who did nothing generally required the rest cure. When a lady told him the other day that she wanted a rest cure he told her to do her own washing and she would not need it. If they had a trial more than they could bear, let them seek some fever ward or slum garret, some poor child in distress, some poor widow without a roof over her head, and let them seek, and they would not only see but would conquer more finely than Napoleon or Caesar conquered, for they would conquer not others but themselves.

## NORTHCLIFFE'S EVIL INFLUENCE.

[Ottawa Free Press.]  
Mr. Balfour talks heretics of "a revolution financed by American gold." What is to be said of a party financed by brewers and moneylenders, and controlled by a press that is nothing if not "American" in its methods? The man who runs the thinking machine for the Tory party sees blood-red danger in the collection of a few thousands of dollars in Canada and a United States on behalf of the home rule cause, is the man who introduced that American product "yellow journalism" into the old country, and bought from New York at a heavy price Ameri-

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## Women's Winter Coats Clearing This Week

Every coat of our immense stock is concerned in this sale, and remember, as this is our first season in the ready-to-wears we can only show you this season's newest productions. Coats cut after the latest fashion hints, in all the favored cloths, hopsacks, diagonals, chevviots, broadcloths, beavers, etc., in every wanted shade and black. A chance for you to save enough to buy many Christmas gifts. Come tomorrow.

ANY \$25.00 COAT	To clear this week	\$15.87
ANY \$17.00 COAT	To clear this week	\$11.34
ANY \$15.00 COAT	To clear this week	\$9.98
ANY \$14.00 COAT	To clear this week	\$9.52
ANY \$10.00 COAT	To clear this week	\$7.70

The above advertised sale offers a CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION for Mother, Sister and Wife. Nothing could be more welcome than a New Coat.

## Sale of Tapestry Carpets and Tapestry Curtains

THE CARPETS.—Tapestry Carpets for hard wear, every yard of which must come fully up to the Kingsmill high standard of perfection. The designs are very pleasing. We have Stair Carpets to match each of the hall and room designs. Come expecting Carpets of unusual value at anything like this SALE PRICE, YARD ..... 59c

THE CURTAINS.—Every pair actually and honestly worth \$5.00 at the least estimate. Beautiful shades of greens and reds, all 50 inches wide, in pretty well-wearing designs. The values will create a great selling stir in our large Curtain Department. SALE PRICE, PAIR ..... \$3.75

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## LAND TAX SALE WAS VERY SMALL

Few Parcels Offered and the Prices Generally Low.  
City Treasurer Bell conducted a tax sale in the city hall this morning, and the sum of \$706.59 was realized on the property. Few parcels were put up, and the prices were small.  
The most important transaction was the purchase of 66 feet on Becher street by Mr. Duke Steel for \$620.15. This land has been gathering taxes for some years, and while it was quite valuable, the owner decided to allow them to accumulate until there was sufficient to secure a tax title. Up to this time there has been a dispute as to the validity of the title. At the sale today, Mr. Steel paid in the amount of back taxes, amounting to \$620.15, and was given a clear right to the land.  
Mr. R. A. Bayly purchased two parcels on Adelaide street, paying \$12.26. Mr. Henry Macklin bought three small pieces on Duchess avenue, Maitland street, and Oak street, paying \$21.10 for them. They were small parcels. Andrew Elliott bought a lot on the Hamilton road for \$26.63, while Henry Strangeman purchased a small strip next to his property on South street for \$18.95.

## FOUND MINERALS.

Perth, Nov. 22.—A valuable discovery of molybdenum, a valuable mineral used in the dyeing of silks and in chemical works, has been reported from Bagot Township. Mr. J. J. Church, while partridge shooting, discovered the deposit on James Warren's farm, six miles from Renfrew, and secured an option on the mineral rights.

## SPRAGGE VS. TORONTO SYNOD.

Ottawa, Nov. 22.—The supreme court today judgment was reserved in the case of Spragge vs. the Synod of Toronto, an action over the construction of the will of the late Joseph Spragge in 1866, regarding a lot left to the church.

## MIDDLESEX REGIMENT RAISED FOR INDIA

Historical Society Hears Paper on Story of the One Hundredth Regiment.

The London and Middlesex Historical Society met in the law offices of McKillop & Murphy last night. The president of the society, Mr. A. W. Fraser, read two excellent papers of deep historic interest, being the "Personal Reminiscences of Harry Salter and Robert Allan, of the One Hundredth Royal Canadian Regiment of 1838." This regiment was created by order of the Imperial Government, and Capt. Bruce, of London Township, was commissioned with its organization. The regiment left Montreal in November, landing first at the Isle of Wight. Mr. Allan's paper described in interesting detail the experience of the soldiers in drill at Aldershot, and afterwards in their ten years of service in England, Gibraltar and Malta, for the regiment, although raised purposely for the Indian mutiny, was not in time to take an active part.

Mr. Chauncey G. Jarvis read a strong and carefully-prepared paper on the life of William Pitt the Younger. A communication was read from the American Historical Society, which meets in Indianapolis, Dec. 27-30, asking that a report of the work of the local society, and if possible delegates, be sent to the convention. The president was empowered to authorize any members who may wish to attend at their own expense to go as regular delegates.

The question of securing a new room for future meetings of the society was left with the committee for further consideration. The members appeared in favor of meeting in one of the rooms of

## LOGICAL REMEDY FOR ECZEMA

Many different remedies have been tried for Eczema and other skin diseases. But it is now known that the only possible cure is a mild, soothing liquid made up of Oil of Wintergreen, Thymol, Glycerine, and other ingredients so carefully compounded that each ingredient has its proper effect. This compound is now made up in the D.D.D. Prescription. Ten years of success and thousands of cures show the merit of this wonderful compound, but the most convincing proof is a trial of the remedy by any eczema sufferer.

D.D.D. will prove to you that you can be cured. The very first drops will give you instant relief. Write the D.D.D. Laboratories, Dept. L.A., 49 Colborne street, Toronto, for a free trial bottle, and prove its wonderful effectiveness. Anderson & Seibles, and W. T. Strong, druggists.

## Children's Coats Are Also Greatly Reduced

Even when they were sold at our regular prices they cost less here than elsewhere, so when we make the announcement "great reductions" you may bank on getting great bargains. Come tomorrow.

## Tomorrow We Will Sell Children's Bearcloth Coats at \$3.89

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Miss Zimmerman's school in the public library, which she has kindly offered to the society for the purpose, since the public library has always been regarded as the home of the Historical Society.

President Fraser tendered his resignation, as he does not expect to be able to attend regularly, but the society declined to accept it without further consideration.

The announcement was made by Dr. Cl. T. Campbell that Mr. S. Frank Glass has recently presented the society with a collection of photographs of Middlesex pioneers and early settlers, which collection was made by his father, the late Sheriff Glass.

On the motion of Dr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Henry Macklin, thanks were tendered to those taking part in the programme.

## Queries Answered.

MARRIAGE.—Can a priest or clergyman resident in Michigan come over and solemnize a marriage in Ontario, and if he does so, are the parties legally married? **ANS.**—A minister or clergyman of any church who resides in Canada is authorized to solemnize a marriage in Ontario. If he does not reside in Canada he is not authorized, and this ceremony is null. The marriage is therefore void.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.  
Queentown, Nov. 22.—Zealand.  
Liverpool—Lusitania.  
London—Minnahaha.  
Bremen—Kron Princessin Cecilie.  
Copenhagen—United States.  
Gibraltar—Koenig Luise.  
New York—C. F. Tiesgen, Kron Prinz Wilhelm, Chicago, Kronland.  
Philadelphia—Mongolian.

The birthday candles will burn longer and with less dripping of grease if they are kept on the ice for twelve hours before using and not removed until just ready to be lighted.

## CITIZENS PROTESTING OVER THE CROSSINGS

Board of Works Say They Have Not Enough Men to Do Work.

The crossings of the city are in a disgraceful condition, particularly those downtown. The attention of the board of works has been called to the matter, but they are handicapped by a lack of men. If the department would string a few lines of hose, and wash off part of the mud and slime it would be a great improvement. The staff will have to be increased, and the crossings, at least, kept clear.

"What do I think of the streets?" asked a businessman today. "They are simply awful. I never saw anything like them in my life. They are worse than the 14th concession of London Township, and that road was said to be the worst ever discovered. The crossings, at least, could be kept clean. It is awful."

The board of works will meet on Thursday night, and it is probable that more men will be put to work cleaning up the down-town section.

Owing to the chalking of pavements by suffragists, and the painting of other advertisements with stencil plates, Croydon, England Borough Council has resolved on a new bylaw to punish such offenders with a fine not exceeding \$25.

Committed for trial at Bristol on charge of housebreaking, Harry Chapman, aged 21, asked the magistrates to discharge him and he would swear and find the real thief within fourteen days and hand him over to justice.