

CONFERENCE TO SOLVE QUESTION OF CONTINUED CROSSING DELAYS CAUSED BY FREIGHT BLOCKADES

City, Street Railway and Grand Trunk To Get Together To Prevent Disorganization of Street Car Schedules by Blocking of Richmond Street.

THE RIDOUT STREET SUBWAY PLAN MAY BE ADOPTED

Street railway traffic blockades at the Richmond street crossing of the Grand Trunk are blamed for the inability of the company to maintain the prescribed schedules as laid down by the city engineer. This fact and the practical ultimatum delivered by the board of control yesterday that the city will force the company to add fifteen cars to its present service in order that the schedule may be maintained, has brought the crossing situation to a head.

This morning it was declared that the city, Street Railway Company and Grand Trunk would get together on the question in the immediate future in order that some solution of the blockades and consequent tieing up of traffic over the entire street railway system can be avoided.

That the Advertiser's scheme for a subway at Ridout street may be the solution effected is probable. It is only a few days ago that General Superintendent Whittenberger, of the Grand Trunk, admitted its feasibility and announced that the company would consider it.

Dozen Delays a Day. According to the street railway inspectors, the average delays have averaged more than a dozen a day for the past two weeks and more, with a total delay of from three to fifteen minutes on each occasion.

Richmond street crossing is the bugbear of the Street Railway Company and all its patrons. Ten, twenty, forty minutes, or even longer delays to cars are caused by the blockade of the street by passing and standing freight trains. As a direct result the entire system is

thrown out of schedule. Only two lines are not directly affected by the crossing—the Dundas and the "Short" lines. These, however, are indirectly affected by the missing of connections with the other city lines at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets.

Twelve Cars Stalled. Yesterday afternoon, shortly after 5 o'clock, twelve cars were stalled on Richmond street, north and south of the tracks. A passing freight effectively held them all up. Several of the south-bound cars were Normal and "Short" cars, but it was impossible for them to reach York street and turn west because of the southbound cars ahead—Ridouts, Oxfords, Wellingtons and Ottawas.

The fact that the crossing is but a single track adds materially to the blockades. South or north bound cars have to wait till all cars running in the opposite direction have used the single track. By the time this is accomplished there is a possibility that another freight may have passed across the street, holding them up still longer.

Present Diamond Useless. Some time ago the question of providing double-track accommodation across the tracks was referred to at a conference of the street railway and council. At that time the statement was made by the company that the present "diamond" would be useless in the event of double tracks being ordered. The angle in the Grand Trunk tracks would make it impossible for its use in another position. The company objected to incurring further expense and as the present diamonds are expensive and the present one had only been in for a short time.

There will be no street car service on Sunday next. On Wednesday afternoon, City Clerk Samuel Baker sent C. H. Ivey, solicitor for the London Street Railway Company, the long-delayed proposed agreement between the city and the company, and Mr. Ivey has since been going over the document. There are several points in it that are unsatisfactory to the company, and they will be pointed out in a communication which will be given to the board of control on Friday morning.

The result will probably be a conference between the controllers and the street railway representatives to discuss further amendment and as President H. A. Everett and Director Moore, of Cleveland, will be here for the regular meeting next Wednesday afternoon, the conference may be delayed until the meeting in view of this date of affairs there is no possibility of the service being given next Sunday.

Man Dropped Dead in New York Street Car. New York, Jan. 28.—Although dressed in layman's clothes, a man who dropped dead on a trolley car at Broadway and Seventh avenue tonight, was the police think, L'Abbe Napoleon Leclerc, chaplain of St. Anne's Church at Woonsocket, R. I. Cards indicating this identity were found in his pockets.

Abbe Leclerc was born and educated in the Province of Quebec.

PROPERTY FOR NEW RIDGEWAY SCHOOL TO DISCUSS THE FORCIBLE FEEDING

\$50,000 Project Is Now Under Consideration by Board of Education.

Relieve Other Schools Accommodation Inadequate at Present—Several Projects Under Way.

A new eight-room school to relieve the crowded conditions in Victoria and West London schools, and accommodate the pupils in the present two-room White House school, is a likely possibility this year. It has been estimated that the project will cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

May Expropriate Property. The city owns considerable land at the present time upon which the White house is situated, but it is desired to purchase the Back property at the corner of the Ridgeway and Wharncliffe road, in order to provide suitable playgrounds. As the price asked for the property, \$8,000, is considered too excessive by \$2,000, there is a possibility that the board may take steps to expropriate the land, which now provides a site for two houses.

The plan of those interested in the project is to erect an eight-room school, but to make such provisions in plumbing and other details as will suffice for a fourteen-room school, the additional rooms being added as the need arises.

Board Meets Tuesday. A meeting of the board will be held next Tuesday, and it is likely that some report will be presented then in connection with the proposed school building committee has not officially taken it up.

It is felt that a large and modern school at the point mentioned is fast becoming an absolute necessity. The attendance from that section of the city is constantly increasing, and the rooms now provided are sadly overcrowded, with consequent detriment to the work of both teachers and pupils.

Many Proposed Expenditures. L. H. Martyn, of the building committee, stated some weeks ago that between three and four hundred thousand dollars' expenditure was necessary to provide adequate public school accommodation in London, and if the proposition now in hand, another proposition to purchase the Macbeth property on Princess avenue, and other proposals of a similar nature are consummated, the year's board will have taken a big step towards reaching the figure named.

The officials of the hydro department are being besieged by inquiries regarding the new floor space charges recently put into effect by the water commission. The new system of charging is somewhat perplexing at first glance, but amounts simply to a service charge for the privilege of having hydro at one's constant disposal, according to the hydro men.

It is pointed out that the new system of charging is not compulsory for old users of hydro. They may use it or continue the old system. Manager H. J. Glanville claims that London's new rates are 15 per cent lower than Toronto, the rate here now being four cents floor space and three cents per kilowatt hour, with 25 per cent off for prompt payment, as against the same rate, but only a ten per cent discount in Toronto.

It is claimed that the introduction of the floor space here means a reduction averaging 12 per cent. New customers must use the floor space charges, this being a rule of the Ontario hydro commission, and in force in all the municipalities using the Niagara energy.

THE WEATHER. LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 12 hours preceding and are today: Highest, 42; lowest, 41.

The official temperature for today: Highest, 43; lowest, 36.

TOMORROW—COLDER. Toronto, Jan. 29—8 a.m. Forecasts. Today—Southerly winds and very mild; showers tonight. Friday—Strong northwesterly winds, and becoming much colder. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours preceding and are today: Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria..... 33 34 Cloudy. Winnipeg..... 26 12 Cloudy. Port Arthur..... 24 29 Cloudy. Parry Sound..... 38 35 Cloudy. Toronto..... 42 34 Cloudy. Ottawa..... 42 34 Cloudy. Montreal..... 32 22 Cloudy. Quebec..... 28 10 Cloudy. Easter Point..... 35 16 Cloudy. Minus (—) means below zero. Weather Notes. The disturbance which was in the Missouri Valley yesterday is now moving eastward across the Great Lakes, followed by the western cold wave, which has reached Wisconsin. The weather continues very cold in the Western Provinces, and quite mild in Ontario and Western Quebec.

Militants Besiege Lambeth Palace Until Primate Agrees.

MRS. DACRE-FOX TALKS Says He Cannot Be Christian and Believe in Torture—Promises Consideration.

[Canadian Press.] London, Jan. 29.—A band of militant suffragettes today besieged the Archbishop of Canterbury, the English primate, in Lambeth Palace, and eventually forced him to capitulate and receive one of their number in order to discuss the question of the forcible feeding of their comrades undergoing jail sentences.

Had to Capitulate. The women were headed by Mrs. Dacre-Fox, and it took them upwards of an hour to secure admission to the old palace on the banks of the Thames. They declined to listen to any attempt on the part of the inmates to temporize, and finally, seeing the futility of trying to escape from his obdurate would-be interviewers, the archbishop bade Mrs. Dacre-Fox to enter, but he refused definitely to commit himself.

He Has the Power. Mrs. Dacre-Fox told the prelate that if he believed torture was ever justifiable he could not be a real Christian. She said he had only to use his personal influence to put an end to the system of forcible feeding.

Not Satisfied. The archbishop admitted that he received many protests from all sections of the community against forcible feeding, but declared that he could not give a definite answer to the suffragettes' appeal until he had heard the other side of the question. He continued: "All I can do is to promise you my very earnest consideration of the matter."

Mrs. Dacre-Fox then informed Archbishop Davidson that she was profoundly dissatisfied with his reply. She presented him with a copy of the suffragette newspaper, and also with Miss Christabel Pankhurst's book, and said she hoped his refusal of them would open his eyes to the necessity of action.

TEMPERANCE FIGHT CENTERED IN WINGHAM

Interest at Fever Height in Today's Voting in Huron County.

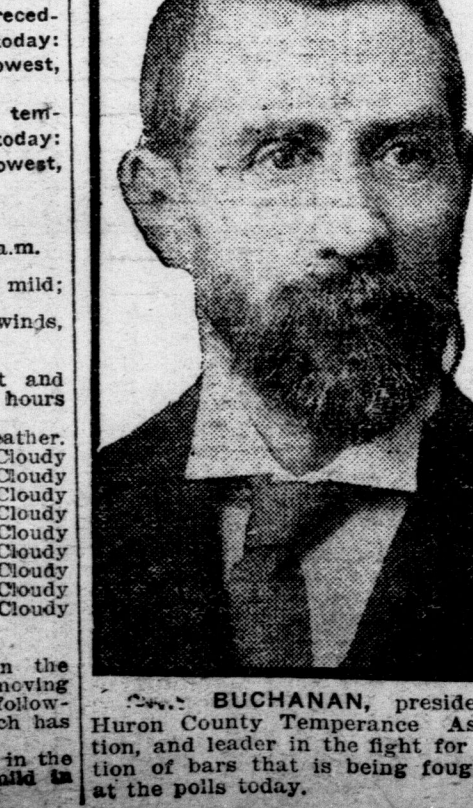
[By Staff Reporter.] Wingham, Jan. 29.—The peaceful town of Wingham is today in a state of feverish excitement. The 26 municipalities of Huron County are today voting on the Canada temperance act, and the fight between the drys and wets seem to be centred in Wingham.

Both sides are working hard; there have been meetings throughout the district at which speakers on both sides of the question expounded their views, or the views that they put forward as their own.

In view of the fact that every municipality in the county, with one exception, has given a majority for local option, although several have lacked the necessary three-fifths, is a strong indication of what the result will be when the ballots are counted tonight.

The exception referred to is the town of Exeter, and there the temperance measure has not been tried. The temperance interests are absolutely confident of success, while the liquor dealers are feeling doubtful as to the outcome of today's voting.

LEADING TEMPERANCE FORCES IN HURON COUNTY CAMPAIGN



Mr. Buchanan, president of Huron County Temperance Association, and leader in the fight for abolition of bars that is being fought out at the polls today.

REPORTER FINDS WORK IS NOT SCARCE HERE AFTER DAY'S SEARCHING

PLEBIAN CANINES RESENT BLUE RIBBON ARISTOCRACY RULINGS AS TO DOG SHOW

After Heated Interview They Declare That They Will Wreak Vengeance on "Sanitary" Gathering of Classy Pups in Old City Hall By Introduction of Genus Pulux.

A tramp collie dog came into the store of W. J. Clarke last night. He had been "carrying the banner" at the main corner for some time and has incurred the displeasure of every butcher for a mile around. He just walked into the store and made himself at home. He looked like a gentleman out of a job, no doubt hit by tight money and unkind boots. "Are you mixed up in this dog show I have been reading about?" he asked. "That's me," replied Mr. Clarke. "Well, count me in if you can. I'm out of work and I think I can clean up on all these parlor dogs and children's pets," he said. "If you could stage a little fight on the side, why I'd win all the liver and neck beef you want to put up, and I won't draw the color line."

Class for Tramps. "We'll have to have a class for tramps," said Mr. Clarke. "Not on your life!" returned the collie. "I'm no tramp. A slight embarrassment, perhaps, but still in the ring and hoping to get back when the market strengthens. I want in too strong. I've been temporarily on the back door route. But I can show my class if you'll let me in the show." Just then a yellow-green-black-tan-brindle-crimson-tan sort of 57 varieties dog slipped in the door.

Original Conglomeration. "Want to get in on this city hall show, too?" he said, after a pause. "Not strong on pedigree, but have a little of all the best blood in me. I'm the original canine conglomeration, and if you want to start a class for the most straine, why I'm your star entry. I can bark like a bulldog, run like a greyhound, bring home the cows like a collie, get under a gate like a dachshund, guard an automobile like a coach dog, and do an axle-top snow at a pinch. My friend here knows me pretty well. He's got the class, but I have the variety. Why not get some real dogs of the world in this show? Tie a can to these poodles and radiator wraps! Why, say, mister, I ain't eat a thing but a doughnut and a piece of cheese for three days. My works are full of mud from drinking from those little gurgling rivulets that flow along our best avenues. But I can lick my weight in Boston bull any time, and there was a time I could draw a coon in three minutes. Why don't you get me and my partner here in your show?"

But One Objection. "There is only one objection that I can offer," replied Mr. Clarke, somewhat disturbed at the unusual turn of affairs. "Could you guarantee that—that none of the other dogs—or—that is—would be perplexed by having to associate with dogs which, while undoubtedly of good reputation, might introduce into their midst that small, well-known blood-sucking insect of the genus Pulux?" Both of the visitors gasped at once. (Continued on page 11.)

POWER MINISTER BACK FROM TRIP ABROAD

Mr. Beck Says He Has Nothing Particular Under Way.

Hon. Adam Beck, Ontario minister of power, arrived in the city at noon today after spending the Christmas holidays in England. Mr. Beck, who is in excellent health, came over on the Olympic, and stated to The Advertiser that he had a pleasant voyage. Mr. Beck stated that he had nothing in particular under way at the present time.

MAY LOSE PENSION AS RESULT OF "FAKE" REPORT

Its Temporary Withdrawal Likely to Follow Publication of Death Notice.

That the nonsensical circulating of a rumor and the sending of obituary notices to local newspapers to the effect that Archibald Capon, of 1 Inkerman street, had died, may result in the temporary withdrawal of his pension from the Government for services rendered in the Boer war, was the statement made to an Advertiser reporter yesterday by Mrs. Capon.

"Fortunately, your paper did not publish the statement," she said. "But unfortunately the story has been made public through another source. There have been many inquiries from friends and acquaintances through the thoughtlessness of some practical joker. Papers are sent broadcast, and if that particular issue in which the report was published reached the hands of those in charge of the pension department of the Government, there is a possibility that a suspension of the grant would follow. It has led to unpleasant complications. We certainly do not appreciate this kind of lark on the part of friends."

THREE KILLED AND ANOTHER INJURED IN A TRAIN WRECK

Pennsylvania Passenger Ran Into a Freight Caboose Near Conemaugh.

[Canadian Press.] Pittsburgh, Jan. 29.—Pennsylvania passenger train No. 19, New York to Pittsburgh, was wrecked near Conemaugh, Pa., today, when it ran into a freight going west. Three members of the crew were killed.

NO PASSENGERS INJURED

Heavy Fog Prevented Engineer Seeing Signal Lights of Block System.

The passenger train was running at a high rate of speed when, as it rounded a curve, the engineer saw the lights of the freight train directly in front of him. He applied the emergency brakes, but the heavy engine crashed into the caboose, killing A. L. Ritchie, conductor, of Youngwood, Pa.; A. Leichter, brakeman, of Youngwood, Pa.; and H. C. Parnell, flagman, Altoona, Pa., and injuring H. W. Todd, brakeman, of Youngwood, Pa.

Three Tracked Blocked. The engine and the mail car on the passenger train were derailed, blocking the three tracks. Passengers were tossed about by the force of the collision, but none was seriously hurt.

Heavy Fog the Cause. A heavy fog hung over the valley and the engineer of the passenger train was unable to see the signals at the advance stop, which had which the division is equipped.

POLICE TO INVESTIGATE BOYS' LIQUOR SUPPLY

Police Start Inquiry As To Where Minors Secure Their Booze.

The local police, as the result of the rapid increase in drunkenness among minors, have commenced an investigation to ascertain just where the young men secure the tingly stuff.

During the past month a large number of minors have been appearing in court charged with being drunk, or with buying the "wet goods." As each week goes by more young men are being haled into court. On Wednesday night, Frank Steele, a 17-year-old boy, was arrested on a charge of being drunk. In court this morning he gave the name of a local hotelman that sold him the stuff.

Inspector Galpin has received information lately that may lead to a couple of hotelmen being called into court. Hotelmen must obey the license law as to minors to the letter is the latest word sent out from police headquarters.

STATESMEN PATIENTS LIE IN SAME HOSPITAL

Sir George Ross and Sir James Whitney Near Each Other.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, Jan. 29.—Premier Sir James Whitney and Ex-Premier Sir George Ross occupy adjoining wards in the private ward pavilion of the Toronto General Hospital this morning. Senator Sir George Ross arrived on the Ottawa train and was conveyed in an ambulance to a suite which had been chosen for him near his political opponent.

DENIES 17,000 MEN IDLE IN VANCOUVER

Mr. Tisdale Says Number of Unemployed Is Nearer 2,000.

[Canadian Press.] Victoria, Jan. 29.—Mr. Tisdale, of Vancouver, strongly deprecated Hon. R. Lemieux's statement that 17,000 men are unemployed in Vancouver. "How ridiculous it is," he said, "may be gathered from the fact that only 28,000 adult males are on the voters' list, and Hon. Mr. Lemieux would have us believe that of that number 17,000 are out of work. He would have been much nearer to the truth had he said 2,000."

Lands Job With Street Railway, Jewelry Store and a Grocery After Few Hours' Attempt to Find Employment.

WANT SKILLED MECHANICS

Foundries Do Not Want Mere Laborers at This Time—"Clean Cuff" Jobs Are More Plentiful.

"Go look for a job," said the city editor. The reporter sighed. He had hoped that the unhappy moment might be postponed.

"Look for several jobs," continued the editor, and a light began to dawn on the reporter's troubled horizon. It was an assignment that was being given. The reporter was to get on intimate terms with the job situation in London by scouring the city and demanding work at every likely place.

It was morning when, arrayed in the garb of an average citizen, he sauntered out of the office and boarded an eastbound car. He was to prosecute his investigations in the East End first.

Tries Street Railway. Having entertained a liking for motion of various kinds, he entered the office building of the London Street Railway and rapped on the door marked "Manager." Being a reporter, he did not know that managers do not always hire help.

"Come in," said a voice. The reporter entered. "Well?" interrogated the man at the desk.

"I am looking for a job," said the scribe. "See the Superintendent," answered the manager. Around the corner in front of the barns the reporter ran, across much-sought-after "sup."

"I am looking for a job," he reiterated. "What can you do?" was the query. "Anything," hopefully suggested the pavement runner.

"Well," said the superintendent, "we always have openings for men of good character and intelligence. (The reporter elevated his chest). "You might come around and try out for motor-man, some of these days," he concluded.

Tries a Jewelry. Near the corner of Lyle street on the north side of Dundas, the reporter entered a likely-looking jewelry store. Again the question was repeated. The man in charge looked the would-be diamond handler over carefully.

"You look all right," he said. "Would you like to learn the business? We always have an opening for anyone willing to learn."

Boss Is Perplexed. "I will give you a definite answer later," said the rep., and the man gazed at him in a state of bewilderment behind his hand to an assistant. Feeling that there was nothing like variety, the newspaperman ambled east, visiting grocery stores, cigar stands, candy kitchens, and bakeries, always with the same query and receiving several types of answers.

At one little store, the proprietor regarded the young man with serious gaze, when he made known his request.

"There are lots of you fellows shuffling about, and there ain't no that's worth a drat. Twasnt' so in my younger days. I had to work for our money then. I tell you, there werent no theatres and pool parlors where you could squander your money and then go beggin' for work. No I ain't got nothing to offer."

Tries Driving. Having an uncle who bred race-horses as a side line, the scribe decided that driving a grocery rig might appeal to his pocketbook, even if it did (Continued on page 11.)

WILL BE NO REWARDS

London Men, Who Assisted in Counterfeiters' Arrest Will Receive Nothing From Department

The Dominion police department has sent notices to Lester James and Roy Hamby that there will be no rewards given for the arrest of Valentine Phillips and Frederick Sutherland, the two convicted counterfeiters, arrested and sentenced here some weeks ago. Hamby and James were the young men who pointed out the counterfeiters to the local detectives and the local officers gave them full credit for the arrest of the two makers of the "queer."

It was thought that the counterfeiters were men that had been wanted by the police for some time, and that Phillips was a member of an international gang. The Dominion authorities, after investigating this story, are satisfied that the convicted men were never in the business before their counterfeiting debut in London.

Sutherland and Phillips are still occupying cells in the county jail waiting for their trip to Kingston, where they have been sentenced to spend the next two years and a half.

SIR JAMES IMPROVING

Toronto, Jan. 28.—The condition of Sir James Whitney tonight is reported as showing improvement. He slept better during the day, and took more nourishment after his suffering slightly from influenza. One of the knees, however, he complained as of little importance.

SEVEN YEARS FOR OFFICER WHO HELPED KRAFCHENKO

Ex-Constable Is Told by Magistrate That He Disgraced Force and Was Absolutely Reckless.

[Canadian Press.] Winnipeg, Jan. 29.—"I consider your fence exactly on a par with that of a terry who deserts his post in the face of the enemy," said Sir Hugh Macdonald, police magistrate, this morning, in sentencing to the maximum penalty of seven years in the penitentiary, Robert G. Reid, who, as city police constable and guard of Jack Krafchenko, accused of murder and bank robbery, assisted Krafchenko to escape.

Reid stood at attention and said not a word during the proceedings, showing no emotion on his countenance, except when counsel mentioned his aged parents, whom he might never see again if given maximum sentence. "By your actions," said Magistrate Macdonald, "you have brought disgrace on the whole force with which you were connected. You have disgraced the uniform you wore, and violated the oath you took. You perjured yourself before the police commission and before the royal commission investigating this affair. You aided in

turning loose upon society a most dangerous criminal, and you deliberately furnished him with a deadly automatic revolver, knowing his desperate character and that chances were those most likely to fall victims to it were your fellow members of the force. I will not say you had murder in your heart when you did this, but I will say that you were absolutely reckless of consequences." The magistrate intimated he would have imposed a longer term had that been possible.

R. W. Craig, Reid's counsel, made a long plea for leniency, and presented on the prisoner's behalf a petition signed by nearly five hundred residents of the vicinity of Auburn, Ont., where Reid lived until five years ago, when, at the age of 21, he joined the Toronto police force. The petition, which was brought to Winnipeg yesterday by Reid's brother, set out he had always carried a good name there and that he and his family were highly respected.