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GRAND TRUNK ENGINEER M'HARG HURT IN CRASH NEAR TORONTO

A Fast Freight Plunges
Into Standing One
During Fog.

LONDON CREW
JUMPS FOR LIFE

McHarg's Foot Badly Crushed
and He Is Taken to a
Toronto Hospital.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Sept. 23.—A fast freight wreck took place at Clarkson, 15 miles west of here, in a heavy fog at 6:30 this morning, when a Grand Trunk freight crashed into the rear of another.

Driver McHarg, of London, of the second freight, had his foot crushed and was quite badly hurt. His fireman had his knee sprained. The first freight was just about at the depot, its end being some distance west of the station as it was going east. It is said that the first freight was slowing down because of fog signals on the track, when the second came along. The crew could see nothing because of the mist until they were close to the van of the freight in front. The driver and fireman jumped, but were hurt.

Traffic Blocked.

Half a dozen cars were smashed by the engine, which was itself thrown across the track, thus completely blocking traffic. Fortunately the country at this point is fairly flat. The scene presented a moment afterwards was one of chaos. The cars were terribly broken up by the impact, and at a late hour this morning the auxiliaries were still at work clearing the track, the injured hauled in the meantime been taken to Toronto. Passengers on early trains were transferred at Clarkson to a train ahead. One car of fruit from the Niagara district was destroyed, and one car of pigs suffered severely. Many pigs were killed.

Taken to Hospital.

Driver McHarg arrived at Toronto about 9 o'clock this morning, and was taken to Grace Hospital, where he was put under chloroform. It was at first thought that amputation would be necessary, but later it was announced that his foot could likely be saved.

A Popular Railroad Man.

Local railroad men have heard with general regret of the accident to Engineer Henry G. McHarg, who was injured in the wreck at Clarkson this morning. Mr. McHarg is one of the best-known and most popular engineers on the road. He is a married man and lives at 75 Hamilton road. It is expected that he will be brought to his home in this city shortly.

James Hartford Shown Leniency Allowed Out on Suspended Sentence

Is the Young Man Who Did Ben
Hur Stunts on City Streets
Some Time Ago.

The love affairs of two young men caused them to get into a quarrel last night and as a result they appeared in court this morning. One was fined \$3 and the other \$2.

Andrew Verneet, a young man from Detroit, got drunk yesterday afternoon and started to talk to all the ladies he met. He was arrested and charged with being disorderly. Magistrate Love said such conduct must be stopped, and fined Verneet \$10.

Case of Robbery.

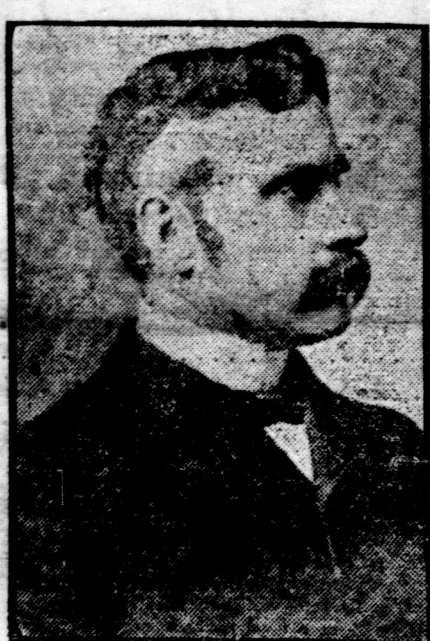
Mike Birrell, the young man who some weeks ago robbed a fellow-boarder, Mike Vengati, of \$37 and hid it in the garden was allowed to go on suspended sentence this morning on condition that he goes to Campbellford, where he has relatives.

Birrell has been in jail six weeks and as he has repaid much of the money fine court thought he had been sufficiently punished.

William Cody, 23 years old, charged with being drunk, pleaded guilty, and as he has been before was fined \$3.

An Indian Lister.

Thomas Sullivan, an Indian lister, was fined \$10 and \$2 costs for being drunk. "I am going to send you down to the Central for a long term, if you ever come before me again," said the court.



MR. R. L. BORDEN,

Leader of the Dominion Opposition,
Who Addressed a Large Audience
in Princess Rink Last Night.

BRIDGE SPAN COLLAPSES

A B. and O. Freight Drops Into the
Susquehanna River.

Ogdensburg, Sept. 23.—The monster peat dredge built by the International Power Peat and Fuel Company for dredging peat from the Black Lake marshes and converting it into briquettes for fuel, was burned yesterday on Black Lake. The dredge was built three years ago and taken to Black Lake where a large force of workmen has since been perfecting its machinery. It was considered completed, but had never been actually operated except in an experimental way. The fire started in the boiler room and completely wiped out the dredging plant in which considerable money had been invested. The insurance on the burned property is given as \$150,000, with loss not stated.

A \$20,000 BURGLAR

A Former Sunday School Teacher Con-
fesses to Big Steal.

Leicester, England, Sept. 23.—John F. Spencer, a former Sunday school teacher, who recently was sentenced to a year's imprisonment for a series of robberies, has confessed to the burglary of Brooke Hall, the country residence of Capt. David Beatty, whose wife was the daughter of the late Marshall Field, of Chicago. The burglary was committed last December, and jewelry to the value of \$20,000 was stolen.

As a result of Spencer's confession three of his confederates and the receiver of the stolen jewelry have been arrested. Spencer told the police that the diamonds and pearls were taken from their settings and sent to the United States for disposal.

FOUGHT OVER TRINKETS

Grandsons of Woman Just Buried in
a Pitched Battle.

Windsor, Sept. 23.—The funeral of Mrs. Emma Henier, who died at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Cavanaugh, was no sooner finished on Tuesday afternoon than a hand-to-hand fight occurred between Cavanaugh and another grandson named Forbes, who lives in Detroit, over a little jewelry and a few trinkets that the woman left. Forbes demanded the stuff, but Cavanaugh refused to give it up, as he had taken care of Mrs. Henier for the past four years, and had defrayed all of the funeral expenses. Forbes tried to carry away the stuff, but Cavanaugh threw him out of the house, and called the police. By the time these arrived Forbes was well on his way to Detroit.

The case of I think the province might as well bear the expense as the distribution of hand bills was laid over as neither of the lawyers have submitted any evidence yet in regard to the meaning of the statute over which they disagreed. As the case is a test case, and of some importance as a precedent it was again adjourned to give the meaning of the statute.

Suspended Sentence.

James Hartford, the young man who some weeks ago got drunk and drove furiously about the streets, injuring several people, was allowed to go on suspended sentence on condition that he make full restitution to all the injured persons as soon as possible. He was bailed in the sum of \$200 to appear on Oct. 7, to see if he is doing this.

Gus Gustin, a popcorn vendor who persists in selling on forbidden streets, was fined \$1 and \$3 costs.

Died in Port Huron.

A well-known former resident of this city died in Port Huron yesterday after a long illness in the person of Mrs. Charles Nicol. Mrs. Nicol was 91 years old and had resided in Port Huron for some time. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

ALMOST RUN DOWN BY FAST EXPRESS

A Chatham Trolley, Filled With Pass-
engers, Has Narrow Escape.

Chatham, Sept. 23.—Visions of mutilated limbs and rows of corpses frightened the people on an electric trolley which slipped on the Canadian Pacific tracks at Raleigh street yesterday afternoon. The pole could not be placed quickly, and an express came around the bend. People jumped from windows and scrambled out of the car. The train was stopped just in time.

MR. HAROLD LITTLE DISTINGUISHES HIMSELF

Passed His Examinations in McGill
University at Montreal.

Mr. Harold Little, son of ex-Mayor J. W. Little, has distinguished himself at Montreal. He is attending McGill University. He was, owing to circumstances over which he had no control, somewhat behind in his studies this term, and he started out with a will to catch up. How well he succeeded may be inferred from the fact that he passed seven out of eight of his examinations, coming through with flying colors. And he was unconditionally accepted for his third year.

FIFTH GENERAL SYNOD

Gathered at the Capital Under the
Primate Bishop Sweatman.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—The fifth general synod of the Church of England in Canada, was opened this morning with service in Christ Church Cathedral, at which the sermon was preached by Bishop Esmond, of Minnesota.

The first business meeting was held this afternoon, but was preceded, by an address of welcome, presented by Mayor Scott, and replied to by the Primate of Canada, Bishop Sweatman, of Toronto.

The chief business of the day will be the appointment of a general secretary and a prolocutor. It is expected that Rev. Dean Farthing, of Kingston, will be selected for the latter post.

THE MANISTIQUE SOLD

The Grand Trunk Give \$300,000 for
Big Marquette Ferry.

Detroit, Sept. 23.—A deal is about closed for the sale of the big steel car ferry Manistique, owned by the Manistique, Marquette and Northern Road, to the Grand Trunk, Milwaukee Car Ferry Company. It is understood the Grand Trunk pays about \$300,000 for the ferry. It is proposed to place the Manistique in service between Grand Haven and Milwaukee about Oct. 15, as companion to the ferry Grand Haven, now in operation.

COLLIDE IN A FOG

Many Workmen Injured in Car Crash
Near Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Sept. 23.—Fog was responsible today for a head-on collision between two cars on the South western Traction Company's line between this city and Chester, in which about fifty persons were injured, several probably fatally.

A car leaving Philadelphia with Locomotive Company at its out of town plant, and known as the "Baldwin Tripper," was speeding along the single track with 72 men on board, when suddenly a car coming from Chester loomed up in the fog. Before brakes could be applied, there was an awful crash. Men were hurled in every direction, and both cars were wrecked. Among the most seriously injured were:

Edward Smith, leg off, and shock; may die.

William Mullen, ribs crushed; may die.

Philip Hanagan, George A. Caffrey, Harry Potter and N. Poscovitch, hurt internally.

In addition, a score or more are in various hospitals with broken legs and arms and other injuries.

Fenwick post-office was robbed by burglars.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.
FORECASTS.

Toronto, Sept. 23—8 a.m. Today and Thursday—Moderate winds; a few scattered showers, but mostly fair and warm.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary 34 34 Cloudy
Winnipeg 28 26 Clear
Port Arthur 66 62 Clear
Perry Sound 64 62 Fair
Toronto 60 56 Fair
Ottawa 52 50 Cloudy
Montreal 60 56 Cloudy
Quebec 56 52 Cloudy
Father Point 56 54 Fair

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather is cold this morning in the Western Provinces; elsewhere fine and warm.

The depression which was in Manitoba yesterday has since diminished in energy.

NO RAIN FOR THREE WEEKS MANY SERIOUSLY AFFECTED

Grass Is Burnt Up in Fields and Cattle Suffer—Roads in City and
Country Are in Terrible Condition—Farmers Are
Complaining of the Drought.

Not for many years has this portion of Ontario experienced a dry spell which has so seriously affected so large a number of people.

To farmers the want of rain is beginning to be seriously felt, as in many districts pasturage is becoming so scarce that the cattle have to be fed on grain and chopped stuff.

If this continues for any length of time it will mean a general rise in the prices of cattle, grain and dairy produce.

In many districts where a few weeks ago excellent pasture was to be had, nothing is left but patches of burned earth.

People whose houses are near the roads have seldom experienced such inconvenience from dust as they are doing at the present time. Those who have gardens have to keep them well

watered, or in a few hours the flowers and plants become white with dust. Trees along the roads are literally laden with dust, and every time the branches are stirred it falls from them in clouds.

No Rain in Three Weeks.

It is now just 22 days since rain has fallen in the vicinity, making the longest dry spell in many years.

On Sept. 1 there was a heavy shower and at that time it was much needed. Many of the streams and creeks throughout the country which the farmers depend upon for watering their cattle, are dangerously near drying up, and not a few farmers have resorted to the expedient of building little dams across the streams so that the cattle can drink with more ease.

A few drops of rain fell Friday night last, but it did not amount to anything, and was scarcely noticeable.

Several has been hovering about for some days, and it is confidently expected that the present hot weather will be followed by several days of refreshing showers.

Sunday last prayers were offered up in many rural churches for rain.

Clinton Town Crowded Today To Hear Sir Wilfrid Laurier

Thousands From Surrounding
Country to Meet the
Premier.

Clinton, Sept. 23.—The streets are crowded today with thousands from the surrounding country who came to see and cheer Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister of Canada. Special trains brought a crowd of strangers from Wingham, Listowel, Stratford, London and other points. A large

crowd greeted Sir Wilfrid at the depot, where he was presented with an address of welcome by Mayor Wiltsie on behalf of the municipality. The parade took place at 1 o'clock, the following bands being in line:

Twenty-eighth Regiment, Mitchell Band, Wingham Band, Zurich Band, White Dyke Band, and Clinton Band. Many carriages and district Liberal Associations were in line. Hon. G. P. Graham, Holmes and MacIntyre, Federal members, will be among the speakers at the park.

G. T. R. Comes to Assistance of City Will Give Water for Street Sprinkling

Cart in East End Could Not Be
Filled Today, Owing to Lack
of Pressure.

Supt. Nixon, of the Grand Trunk Railway, has come to the assistance of the city and has allowed City Engineer Graydon to take water from a hydrant at the Waterloo street crossing of the company for the purposes of street watering.

and is used by the company at the roundhouse in East London to supply locomotive boilers.

Of course, it will only mean that one cart will be supplied, but this is a great deal at this time.

The water in the reservoir continues very low. At a hydrant on English street this morning the water would not flow into a watering cart. Thus there was practically no pressure.

The people are daily observing object lessons in regard to the need for the increasing of the water supply.

High pressure appears most popular and would undoubtedly carry it placed before the people at present.

Thirteen Men of Turret Gun Crew Meet Swift Death by Explosion

Awful Accident Aboard French
Cruiser Latoche at
Toulon.

Toulon, France, Sept. 22.—During gunnery drill today one of the turret guns on the French cruiser Latoche Treville exploded with terrific violence, killing outright the entire gun crew of thirteen.

A number of men were seriously injured, some of them probably fatally.

The accident was similar to that aboard the gunnery school ship Couronne, off Les Sables d'Oleron, on Aug. 12 last, when by the bursting of the breech of one of the guns six men were killed and eighteen injured.

The drill today had been proceeding for a considerable time, when, without warning, the whole turret seemed to blow out. Disembodied bodies were thrown in all directions, and several of them were hurled into the sea through the great breach caused by the explosion. The spectacle was horrible, the dead and wounded together littering the deck.

Hamilton Will Keep Mr. Aitchison

Mayor Stevely this morning received a letter from Assistant Chief Robert Aitchison, of Hamilton, stating that he desires to withdraw his application for the position of chief of the London fire department.

Mr. Aitchison points out that certain things have occurred since he was in London, which necessitates his remaining in Hamilton. It is hinted that Hamilton will not part with him, and will make it worth his while to remain in that city.

Berlin Promises a Warm Welcome

Berlin, Sept. 22.—The best town in Canada will accord to Premier Laurier on Thursday next the greatest reception he has had during his Ontario tour. The town council has declared a half holiday, and the work-

shops as well as the schools will close and pay honor to Canada's first citizen. In Waterloo they are doing the same and all will join here in the reception.

Mayor Huber will present the civic address of welcome.

Must Increase Accommodation at Once

The board of education will meet at the Collegiate Institute at 4:30 this afternoon for the purpose of ascertaining what can be done to increase the accommodation.

The number of new students this fall is very great, while the number who passed out of the school was quite small. Something has to be done toward increasing the accommodation, and it must be done at once.

ROLLING MILLS FIRE.
Belleville, Sept. 23.—The fire in the Belleville rolling mills last night was not so serious as at first reported. The fire was confined to the horseshoe de-

partment, which was gutted. There is an insurance of \$6,000 on the horseshoe plant, which will cover the loss. The building may not be rebuilt at present.

WRECKED ON ALASKAN COAST; 110 ABOARD HAVE PERISHED

Cannery Steamer Star of Bengal Dashed on the Rocks During
Great Tempest and Breaks in Three Pieces, Nearly
All Passengers Perishing.

Wrangel, Alaska, Sept. 23.—One hundred and ten out of a total of one hundred and thirty-seven persons aboard the cannery ship Star of Bengal were drowned last Sunday afternoon when the vessel was torn from her hold of the protecting tugs and dashed ashore at Helm Point at the southeast end of Coronation Island. The news was brought by the tug Hattie Gage, Captain Farrer, which carried the survivors, 27 in all. The survivors, before leaving Coronation Island, buried the bodies of fifteen white men on the beach.

The cable ship Burnside, which left for the scene of the wreck at midnight Monday as soon as the news was received, returned last evening with the news that the Star of Bengal was a total loss, only the ends of the masts showing above water.

Driven Ashore.

The ship was being towed to sea from Wrangel cannery by the tugs Hattie Gage and Kayak. Captain Farrer, of the Hattie Gage, gives the following account of the disaster: "As we came within reach of the gale we could see we were making leeway and drifting toward Coronation Island. The Kayak was light and could do nothing.

The Hattie Gage could not handle the ship alone. At 4 o'clock the Star of Bengal drifted into a narrow inlet and we could see land on both sides abreast. We sounded and found eight fathoms. We could see the vessel dimly by the phosphorescent rocks which were all around. We cut the tow line and steamed out into open water, but could not see anything in the driving rain except one blue light burning on the ship. The storm increased and the tugs steamed away to Shipley Bay, 26 miles away."

Broke in Three Pieces.

Survivors Muir and Olsen said the ship sank about 9 o'clock, after breaking into three pieces. The surf was full of salmon cases and gasoline drums. Muir says he and Olsen got a boat off and went ashore through the wreckage. They helped several ashore and pulled Captain Wagner out of the wreckage. He could not speak. The breeches buoy was rigged to a tree, but the ship was swaying so that the line was alternately loose and tight, making it impossible to use. The ship's books and papers were found on the beach. One man had matches and a fire was built with kerosene from the wreck. The fire kept the survivors from freezing.

Large Audience Greeted Mr. Borden And Other Leaders in Princess Rink

Head of the Conservative Opposi-
tion Addressed Big Crowd
Last Night.

There was a good attendance at the Conservative rally in the Princess Rink last night, at which Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Dominion Opposition, Premier Roblin, of Manitoba, Hon. J. W. Bower, attorney-general in Premier McBride's cabinet in British Columbia, Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary of Ontario, and Major Beattie, the Conservative candidate for the city of London, delivered speeches. The rink was well filled.

Mr. A. T. McMahon, president of the Conservative Association, presided.

The leader of the Conservative Opposition was not in as good form as on his previous visit. He looked very

tired, and lacked the power to enthrall his audience. However, he was given a cordial reception.

His speech was entirely on alleged graft, and nothing new was said. The speech was a rather poor campaign effort.

Mr. Bower is a new member of the Conservative leader's party, and made his first appearance here. He is a young man of good appearance, a rapid talker and quite effective. He spoke at some length on local issues principally.

Premier Roblin.

Premier Roblin devoted several minutes to an advertisement editorial of yesterday in which he was asked to explain many transactions. He did not make any attempt to explain the charges. He merely invited The Advertiser to go to Manitoba and discuss the question there. It was a characteristic piece of "bluff" of Mr. Roblin's and

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One Clause Struck Out Statement Made by Plaintiff Re Niagara Power

Case Must Yet Come to Trial—
Judgment Yesterday Only
Affects Preliminaries.

Toronto, Sept. 22.—The appeal of the defendants in the case of Richard Henry Smith against the municipal corporation of the City of London against the judgment of the master-in-chambers refusing to strike out certain paragraphs in the statement of claim as embarrassing was argued before Chief Justice Meredith this afternoon, and the judgment of the master was confirmed except so far as relates to one paragraph, No. 14, which was struck out by the chief justice as entirely irrelevant and tending to embarrass the defendants.

Paragraph 14 reads thus: "At the voting upon the aforesaid bylaw it was ascertained that the council had no power to enter into a contract with the ratepayers for the purchase of power at a price not limited by a maximum sum, and that that contract was said to have been made without authority, the only authority the council had being to enter into a contract to take power from the commission at from \$17.50 to \$22.50 per horsepower per annum. It was sought to set aside that contract as having been entered into without authority. The defendant, said his lordship, the authority of the ratepayers was essential to enable the corporation to enter into a valid contract.

The contract was also attacked on the ground that the council and ratepayers were induced to agree to the terms by fraud and misrepresentation on the part of the commission. He supposed that in a properly framed record these were grounds upon which the plaintiff hoped to succeed, after establishing them, in having the contract set aside.

The statement of claim went further, and in paragraph eight set out that the requirement of the statute was not observed, which provided that the terms and conditions and the form of contract should be furnished to the corporation or the electors before the bylaw was submitted. That seemed to the chief justice a paragraph which had no relevancy to the matter in question. That bylaw, as the statement of claim showed, had been validated by the Legislature and was no longer open to objection.

Other Grounds.

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No Special Sitting of County Council

There will be no special sitting of the county council this year.

A few days ago it was thought advisable to call a special sitting to discuss the damage action which had been entered against the county in connection with a runaway accident on the Pipe Line road, but it has been learned that under a motion made and

carried at the January session a committee of three was empowered to deal with all such matters.

The motion was made by Councillors Gillies and Ronald, and provided that the warden, the county engineer and the county solicitor be a committee to deal with all damage actions against the county.