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A GHOULISH ATTACK.

The pro-electrification campaign
stoops to indecency which does not
spare the dead.

The Free Press make a callous at-
tack on the memory of the late Col.
Little, accusing him of betraying the
city's interests in his dealings with
the Michigan Central when that com-
pany was on the point of severing its
London connection.

The accusation is as ungrateful as
it is unjust and unfeeling. The man-
ufacturers, wholesalers and other
shippers will vividly recollect their
alarm at the prospect of losing the
Michigan Central seventeen years
ago, and the heroic efforts that were
put forth to persuade the company to
change its mind. Col. Little and a
number of prominent businessmen in-
corporated as the London and South-
eastern Railway Company, conducted
the negotiations with the company,
and succeeded in their object after
strenuous exertions. There was a
shout of approval from the shipping
interests. At the time not a whisper
of objection was made to the terms
of the agreement, by which the com-
pany, in return for continuing its Lon-
don business, was given a seventeen
years' option upon the terminals, at a
price of \$700,000—exactly their cost.

But for the public spirit of Col.
Little and those associated with him,
the Michigan Central would have as-
suredly left London, as its local
business was then much more profit-
able to the city than to itself. It was
a splendid bargain for London; no
one has expressed a contrary opinion
until this moment. Now the mouth-
piece of the electrificationists, in its
wrath at the Michigan Central for op-
posing its scheme, spews its venom
at the late Col. Little. The memory
of that great and useful citizen of
London is secure against such attacks
from such a source. These are worthy
of notice only as an illustration of
the tactics employed to carry the
\$700,000 bylaw. Truth and decency
are flung to the winds.

THE RUSSIAN MURDER TRIAL.

The trial of a Jew at Kiev for ritual
murder of a Christian child reveals in
a striking way the medieval darkness
of Russia. In Western Europe it was
once fashionable to believe that Jews
killed Christian children at the pas-
s-over as a religious rite and made use
of their blood for ceremonial or medi-
cinal purposes. But since the thirteenth
century no official countenance has
been given to charges on this score. To
any educated intelligence such a prac-
tice as blood-drinking appears at once
as absurdly contrary to the written
law of the Hebrews. All partaking of
blood is prohibited from the Penta-
teuch down.

It is an interesting fact of history
that the Christians themselves in the
early centuries were accused by
Greeks and Romans of this very mur-
dering of children. Says Justin the
Martyr (about 150 A.D.): "They drag
our slaves, children or wives to the or-
deal, and by means of horrible tortures
force them to confess to these
mythical rites." Possibly a confused
rumor as to the Christian rite of re-
ceiving the body and blood of the Lord
in holy communion may have been the
basis of the charge.

In the present Russian trial the evi-
dence shows that the body of a boy
was found in a cave covered with 47
wounds inflicted in the forms of pricks
and slits. The boy had been made to
suffer torture before being finally killed
by a wound piercing his heart. The
body is said to have been almost whol-
ly devoid of blood, and very little blood
was found in the neighborhood of the
corpse. Hence the cry of ritual mur-
der raised by the reactionaries (re-
ligious and political). Bishops are men-
tioned as leading the hue and cry
against the Jews as authors of the
crime.

The idea of Jews having a pick on
Christian children or a partiality for
their blood is about on a par with the
witch-hunting of 200 years ago. Up to
the early part of the eighteenth cen-
tury burnings went on and long after
official persecution ceased popular ill-
will stigmatized numbers of old women
as having commerce with Satan.
Christian champions said that to dis-
believe in witches was to disbelieve
in the Bible. Evidently some of the Rus-
sian clergy would tend to regard dis-
believers in Judaic devilry as disbe-
lievers in the church.

It seems possible that in some cases
of murder, where suspicion has fallen
upon the Jews, the crime may have
been committed deliberately in a way

calculated to suggest a diabolical
ritual and by seeming to implicate the
Jews to divert suspicion from the real
guilty. The 47 blood-letting wounds
in the present instance are suggestive
of such an intent. Perhaps the pub-
licity of the case and of the flimsy
character of the evidence may do
something at last to kill a superstition
responsible for much cruelty in Russia.
That a whole race should be charged
with peculiar malice and out-and-out
devilry because Judas Iscariot went
wrong, is against common sense and
common profit let alone Christian
charity.

THE CHIEF BENEFICIARY.

While St. Thomas papers are dis-
crepantly saying very little about the
electrification of the L. and P. S. R.,
there comes an occasional chuckle
from that quarter showing the interest
felt in the proposition. And there is
reason for it. St. Thomas loses nothing
if electrification is defeated; its
position remains as it has been. But
it stands to win if the project carries.
It will win, no matter what the re-
sult may be, so far as London is
concerned.

If the scheme should prove as ben-
eficial to London as its advocates
claim, St. Thomas will get its share
of the benefits. If it puts London near-
er the lake, it will put St. Thomas
still nearer. If London gets better
arrangements with the trunk lines, St.
Thomas will get the same. If London
gets better connections with the lake,
and better shipping facilities by water,
St. Thomas will have the same, plus
the natural advantage of being fifteen
miles nearer the Port.

On the other hand, if London loses
by the transaction, as it will, St.
Thomas will gain all the more. If the
steam roads refuse to run over an elec-
trified line, they will still run into
St. Thomas. If London excludes the
Canadian Northern, St. Thomas will
be on its main line. If our wholesale
houses cannot have as prompt ship-
ping facilities as they have now, many
of them will be disposed to move to
St. Thomas, much to that city's satis-
faction. Whatever injury may accrue
to London through electrification will
mean a corresponding advantage to
St. Thomas.

In fact, our southern neighbor is in
this very pleasant position: it can-
not lose anything, but it will be a
gainer whether we lose or win. And
it will pay nothing for all it gains. It
will not be required to spend a dollar
of money, or incur a dollar of debt.
It is bound to gain something for nothing.
If we gain anything, we pay a
large sum for it. If we lose, we pay
the money anyway. If a vote could be
taken in St. Thomas it would be unani-
mous for electrification. That city
will be the chief beneficiary.

MISGUIDED REFORMERS.

The superintendent of a protective
association in New York has organ-
ized some 500 school girls into an am-
ateur police force. Their work is to
hunt up and expose "vice, crime, ig-
norance and disease." The author says
he expects that his scheme will not
only be of great direct benefit to the
community, but that their police
duties will teach the little girls to
escape "the pitfalls set for unwary
feet."

The newspaper reports do not give
as full particulars of this new move-
ment as we should like. But there is
enough told to condemn it. The girls
are supposed among other duties to
keep a watchful eye on dance halls
and such places and report what they
see to the superintendent. He may be
a well-intentioned person, but any
man who would set young girls to ex-
plore questionable places of public re-
sort ought to be locked up before he
goes on with his plans. The less
personal knowledge school girls have
of the vice and folly of large cities,
like New York, the better for them.
To send them to places where vice
abounds in order to get evidence for
the prosecution of offenders is one of
the craziest schemes we have heard of
for some time.

The idea of having young girls
taught sexual hygiene by their teach-
ers may have something to be said for
it, but to send these little girls into
the haunts of vice to gather infor-
mation is indefensible.

With St. Thomas this electrifica-
tion scheme is "heads I win, tails you
lose."

The electrification "experts" have
allowed nothing for depreciation. Will
there not be enough business to cause
wear and tear?

The \$700,000 bylaw will yield an
annual deficit. The sewer and breakwater
bylaw will yield an annual surplus in
improved conditions of life.

Wireless telegraphy's latest ocean
feat has saved over 500 lives.
If Marconi is making money out of
his invention he has earned it.

The story that The Advertiser left
the union label off the experts' reports
would be more plausible but for the
fact that the experts' reports have not
been printed yet. Next!

"Liberals Now Seek to Oust Old
Chief," says a headline in a contem-
porary. The man who inspired the
story knew it to be false, the men
who printed it knew it to be false, and
those who read it know it to be false.
As Mr. Dooley would say, cui bono?

In Toronto Mr. Beck and his organ
there, the Telegram, are fighting mu-
nicipal ownership on the ground that
it would be too expensive. Then why

reproach those who are opposing, not
municipal ownership, but municipal
operation of the L. and P. S. R. on
the same ground?

WOULD MISS HIM.

[Toronto Star.]

Postal delivery may have to be
abolished in rebellious Ulster. This
would be a dread calamity in a
place like Toronto, where postal calls
regularly with the tax bill, the assess-
ment notice, the electric light re-
minder, the gas news, and other semi-
lar literature supplied by the chief
users of His Majesty's mails.

CANADA'S CREDIT.

[Monetary Times.]

It is in the best interests of Canada
to adopt a far more conservative at-
titude in regard to its company pro-
motions. Why not try capitalization
in hundreds of thousands rather than
in millions. It is time that some of
our financiers examined their methods
for the benefit of Canadian credit and
investors everywhere in our securi-
ties.

BUILDING VS. LAND TAXES.

[Ottawa Evening Journal.]

Anyone who goes fair-mindedly into the
arguments for the single tax is not likely
to feel surprise at the adoption of that
tax in any sort of community whatever.
When you tax land you tax the man
who provides. When you tax buildings you
tax the labor of man.

SOMETIMES.

[Birmingham Age-Herald.]

"I wonder why it is that so many
circus men look like statesmen?"
"Maybe that's because it takes the
same kind of buncombe to make a
circus a success that it takes to make
the business of statesmanship a suc-
cess."

THE GREAT GAME.

[S. E. Klier.]

Life's a game that all must play.
The rich, the poor, the meek, the
proud.

The great are those who learn the way
To gain the plaudits of the crowd.

Life's a game that each and all
Who win must practice well to
learn.

The ones who fail and those who fall
The world regards with small con-
cern.

Life's a game begun at birth
And only ended at the grave;
Their prizes are of little worth
Who are not tireless and brave.

Life's a game that low and high
Must play with skill of brain or
brawn;
But most men wish to occupy
Seats in the stands and just look
on.

THE PATH OF GLORY.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]

In the opinion of a large percentage
of the noisiest people of this country,
the path of glory is that which leads
from third base to the home plate.

LAURIER ON THE TARIFF.

[Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Chateaufort.]

The Government should not take
from the pockets of the people so much
money when the cost of living is so
high. For this money does come from
your pockets. Surpluses do not come
from heaven. The Government has no
magic hand. I say on behalf of Mr.
Fisher and the Liberal party this state
of things must not last. We must re-
vise the tariff. We are told that the
tariff is our own, that it was passed
by Mr. Fielding in 1897. That is true,
but that tariff was not for all eternity,
it is not like the laws of the Medes
and Persians. The people now in office
do not appreciate this or understand
it. It is an instrument which should
be used to supply the Government with
revenue, and then to provide for the
comfort and prosperity of the people.
To revise a tariff is a delicate opera-
tion, and it must be done so as not
to hurt any of the industries of the
country.

WAKE UP, CANADA!

[Montreal Herald.]

Canadian exporters are said to be
apathetic with regard to the United
States tariff. Canadian exports to
the United Kingdom in some im-
portant lines have been falling off
steadily for some time. Wake up,
Canada! would be a pretty good
motto for us to adopt just about
now.

A BOY'S REASON.

[Boston Record.]

A Boston man has a son who has just
entered school. He was supposed to be
enjoying it, but one morning this last
week he walked into the dining-room
where his father was having breakfast
and remarked:
"I'm tired of going to school, pa. I
think I'll stop."
"Why? asked the father: "What is
your objection to going to school?"
"Oh," answered the boy, "it breaks up
the day so."

THE HAUNTED FREIGHT TRAIN.

[Philadelphia Record.]

"Who pulled that cord and cut off
the air?" asked the conductor of
freight train No. 48, on the Pennsylv-
ania Railroad, when the train sud-
denly came to a stop two miles east
of Johnston station yesterday after-
noon. All the brakemen denied bring-
ing the train to a stop. The train
started again, and when it had gone
about a mile the air was cut off again
and the train came to a second stop.

A search of the train was made. Not
finding any trespassers, the conductor
ordered the engineer to start the train
again. Before the train had gone a
half-mile the air was mysteriously cut
off again and the train came to a
sharp stop for a third time.

Again the crew made an investiga-
tion and the conductor became angry.
Everything was found to be intact on
the train, and the crew took up posi-
tions along the top of the freight cars.
The train had gone about a mile
when the air cord was pulled again in
some mysterious manner and the train
brought to another stop. The crew re-
ported that they had been unable to
observe anything wrong.

"That train must be haunted,"
said the conductor. "We must find out
what is wrong."

A brakeman in passing a car in which
was a horse observed its head over the
emergency cord. The emergency
cord was adjusted so that the horse
could not get its head over it, and the
train proceeded.

The schedule on the western divi-
sion was thrown out of order for
nearly two hours by the "spook" horse.

INDORSED.

Hobson—Are you in favor of that
curfew law?
Dobson—Yes; I'm in favor of any
law that reduces the number of dogs.

WOULD ABOLISH
THE CIGARETTE
IN THE DOMINION

Suppression of Use of Tobacco
Is Under Discussion by the
W.C.T.U. Convention

BILL FOR PARLIAMENT

Prison Reform and Help For the
Sailors and Fishermen Are
Subjects of Debate.

Fine weather continues to greet the
Dominion W. C. T. U. convention, now
in session at Dundas Centre Methodist
Church, and this morning's meeting
was largely attended by visiting dele-
gates and members of the local W. C.
T. U.

Among a number of highly interest-
ing papers given, perhaps the report of
the anti-narcotic superintendent, Mrs.
Jennie Waters, of Muskoka, was of
most importance. Mrs. Waters pointed
out the difficulties that lay in sup-
pressing the use of tobacco. In its
various forms, and emphasized es-
pecially the evils of the cigarette. It
contains, so the report stated, not
only nicotine, which is harmful to the
human system, but also a product of
combustion called furfural, composed
of two ingredients, salt petre and
glycerine. Medical journals every-
where were strong in their protest
against the cigarette.

The following suggestions were em-
bodied in the report: "That everything
possible be done along educational
lines to prevent the use of all kinds
of narcotics."

Would Bar Cigarettes.

"That all the provinces heartily co-
operate with the Dominion W. C. T. U.
in their endeavors to secure the
abolition of the cigarette from Can-
ada, the bill to be presented at the
opening of Parliament."

"That each province appoint a su-
perintendent of this department, who
shall energetically further the interest
and work along all lines."

"That a systematic record be kept
and forwarded each year to the Do-
minion superintendent, that the man-
agement of the cigarette from Can-
ada, the bill to be presented at the
opening of Parliament."

"That a committee composed of
Mrs. Scott, Quebec, Mrs. Grey,
Ontario, and Mrs. Bullock, of New
Brunswick, was appointed to look af-
ter the matter of suitable Canadian
posters of a temperance character."
Miss E. E. Smith, of Windsor, N. S.,
seconded the motion, and later the
name of Mrs. McKinnay was also ad-
ded to the committee. A motion was
also passed calling for the issuing of
Canadian temperance postal cards for
use by the members.

A report on work of the Bands of
Mercy was also presented during the
morning by Mrs. S. E. McKee, of Bar-
rie, Ont.

At 11:30 the business of the session
was suspended and Mrs. Asa Gordon
gave an interesting Bible reading on
"The Ideal Woman."

THANKSGIVING SPECIALS

Our Ready-to-Wear Section is making an unusually interest-
display of garments which are in the height of demand.

COATS AND SUITS

Specially
Priced This
Week at.... \$16



The Coats are made in the popular one-piece Johnny style, of heavy astrachan
curl cloth in black and blue, black and brown and black and red, yoke lined with
the same material. The large collar turns back in reverse style, and may be closed up
to the throat in stormy weather. Shown in Misses' and Women's \$16.00
sizes. Price

The same style as the above only this coat is made of a very
handsome brown and white striped boucle. Price \$16.00

The Suits are made of cheviot serge, fine French serge or basket cloth, in navy
blue and black. The finest suits we have seen this season at this price, perfectly
tailored for fall and winter wear. The coat, cut in semi-fitting style, are 38 inches
long, showing the new cutaway style, and are lined with silk serge. Some have a
belt in the back. The skirts are gathered and slashed or plain tailor-
ed for more conservative wearers. All sizes, 32 to 42. Price \$16.00

Girls' Winter Coats Just In

Heavy and warm winter coats for
girls of 8, 10 and 12 years, made of gray
diagonal tweed, trimmed with plain
gray broadcloth, deep belt
effect. Splendid value at.... \$4.75

Girls' Beaver Coats, plum-blue shade,
with collar and piping of velvet, belt
effect in the back. Sizes to fit girls of
8, 10 and 12 years. Special
value at.... \$6.00

Women's Stylish Skirts Moderately Priced

Women's Tailored Skirts in a new model, made of all wool diagonal serge, de-
signed after a two-piece style, with belt set in the front and back
panel, slashed front and back. Black only. Price \$6.00

Women's Tailored Skirts, made of fine all-wool French serge,
shaped panel back and front, trimmed with buttons. Blue or black. Price \$4.00

Women's Heavy Winter Skirts, made of a splendid quality cheviot
serge, plain-
ly tailored, but very stylish and serviceable, finished with but-
tons. Black only. Price \$3.00

CHAPMAN'S 239, 241, 243
Dundas StreetROBERT G. FISHER AND S. F. GLASS
FORMALLY NOMINATED TODAY

Mr. Robert Fisher, barrister, of this
city, was formally nominated as the
Liberal standard-bearer in the East
Middlesex by-election at a meeting held
in the Barnes Hotel, Epsom, at noon
today. Mr. S. Frank Glass was the Con-

IN THE POLICE COURT

James Crusafulli, keeper of a board-
inghouse in East London, paid the
highest price for coal this morning
that has ever been paid in London. He
settled for 600 pounds at the rate of
\$73.25 a ton, and considered it cheap.
James did not purchase the coal
from any coal dealer, neither did he
pay over the money to any trust. He
was arrested Monday night by Grand
Trunk Constable Hughes while carry-
ing away 300 pounds of coal in a
wagon from the Grand Trunk storage
pile in East London. He took a like
amount on the night of Sept. 30, and
admitted taking it on other occasions
when questioned by the magistrate in
police court this morning.

In order to get to the pile with a
wagon, the man had to drive across the
property of George White & Sons, but
he told the court that he was deliv-
ering foodstuffs to Italians who work
in that vicinity. He also admitted that
he knew he was doing wrong in taking
the coal, but said he did not think it
was a serious offence.

A local merchant gave the man a
good reputation, and it was on this
account that the magistrate imposed
fines amounting to \$16 with \$6 costs
instead of sending him to jail.

Drove On Wrong Side.
James Johnston appeared charged
with a breach of the traffic bylaw. He
admitted the offence, which was driv-
ing down the wrong side of Adelaide
street, south of Oxford, but said that
the road in that section on the right
side was impassable. He also told the
court that three days ago while going
along the same street only on the right
side, one of the wheels of his wagon
was broken in a pitch hole. After
hearing the explanation, the magis-
trate dismissed the charge against
Johnston.

Law Gets Them All.
The law is no respecter of persons
or jobs, and when Assistant City En-
gineer Brazier left the city's automo-
bile standing in front of his office on
Dundas street longer than the law al-
lows a police constable took the num-
ber of the car, and had a summons
issued for Mr. Brazier. When the lat-
ter appeared in the police court this
morning, he explained he had been de-
tained in the office for a few minutes
over the half-hour, but that he moved
the car as quickly as possible, he was
allowed to go.

Death of Hilda Saunders.
Hilda Margaret Saunders, 8-months-
old daughter of John and Mary Sau-
nders, of 340 Maitland street, died on
Monday. The funeral will be held on
Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock to Wood-
land, Rev. Mr. Hazen will conduct the
services at 2 o'clock.

Infant Daughter Dead.
The death occurred this morning of
the infant daughter of Richard and
Margaret Edwards, of 688 Elias street.
The funeral will take place tomorrow
afternoon.

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Funeral of Natal Maiorana.
Natal (Guy) Maiorana, the popular
young Italian, was buried this morn-
ing from the family residence, 121 Ful-
marion street. Requiem high mass was
sung by Rev. Father Harding at St.
Peter's Cathedral at 8:45.

The funeral was very largely at-
tended, it being one of the largest
seen in London for some time. There
were flowers in profusion, and two
open hacks were required for their con-
veyance.

Among those showing their respect
in this appropriate manner, were:
Gaele's, a crescent; Marconi Club,
gates ajar; I. A. T. S. E. Local 105, a
large wreath, and employees of the
Grand Opera House, a wreath.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. B.
Fenech, Mr. Hockin, V. Cusolite, D.
Cortese, J. Lechard and R. Wallace.

Funeral of John Proctor.
The funeral of John Proctor, 167
Wellington street, took place this after-
noon at 2:30 to Mount Pleasant Cem-
tery. Rev. Mr. Hazen will conduct the
services at 2 o'clock.

Funeral of Amos Harris.
The funeral of Amos Harris took
place today. Requiem high mass was
sung in St. Mary's Church at eight
o'clock. Interment took place at St.
Peter's Cemetery.

Sold Cigars on Sunday.
William Leakey, waiter in a local
cafe, sold cigars to two youths last
Sunday morning about 3 o'clock. A
police constable happened along, saw
him doing it, and laid an information
against him. It cost William \$5 and
costs when he appeared this morning.

Free Treatment for
Skin Sufferers!

Although Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment
are sold by druggists and dealers every-
where, a liberal sample of each, with 32-page
booklet on the care and treatment of skin
and hair, will be sent, post-free, on applica-
tion to "Cuticura," Dept. 32, Boston, U.S.A.

A CHILD'S LAXATIVE
IS "SYRUP OF FIGS"

Made From Fruit—Can't Harm
Tender Stomach, Liver
and Bowels.

If your little one's tongue is coated, it
is a sure sign the stomach, liver and
bowels need a gentle, thorough cleans-
ing at once. When your child is cross,
peevish, listless, doesn't sleep, eat
or act naturally; if breath is bad,
stomach sour, system full of cold,
throat sore, or if feverish, give a tea-
spoonful of "California Syrup of Figs."
and in a few hours all the clogged-up,
constipated waste, sour bile and undi-
gested food will gently move out of
the bowels, and you have a well, play-
ful child again.

Sick children needn't be coerced to
take this harmless "fruit laxative."
Millions of mothers keep it handy be-
cause they know its action on the
stomach, liver and bowels is prompt
and sure. They also know a little
given today saves a sick child tomor-
row.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bot-
tle of "California Syrup of Figs," which
contains directions for babies, children
and all ages and for grown-ups plainly
on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits
sold here. Get the genuine, made by
"California Fig Syrup Company."
Don't be fooled!