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HUGE LAND GRANT TO CAN. NORTHERN

Whitney's Policy Toward the Sudbury-Ft. William Line.

NO GUARANTEE FOR THE BONDS

Defends Salvation Army in Attack by Labor Member—Yesterday in the Legislature.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 19.—Fifteen minutes before the Legislature adjourned yesterday afternoon Sir James Whitney arose and stated that he had an important announcement to make regarding the application of the Canadian Northern Railway for Government aid to that portion of its line which remains to be constructed between Selwood, just north of Sudbury, and Fort William. The railway's application had, as he understood it,been of an alternative nature, being a request that the province should either guarantee the bonds to be issued for the purpose of building the section around the north of Lake Superior, or else that extensive grants of land and a cash subsidy be made.

The Government had decided to decline to assent to any proposition whatever involving the guaranteeing of bonds. The application for a combined land grant and cash subsidy would also be refused, but Sir James said he proposed to give reasons why the company should be offered a portion of the lands through which the line would run.

Premier Explains Map.

Sir James produced a large colored map, showing the proposed route of the section to be built by the Canadian Northern. In order that the members of the House should be able to follow his explanation the may was held aloft by two pages standing on chairs placed at the lower end of the chamber beside the desk occupied by the sergeant-at-arms. Taking his stand at one side of the map, much in the manner of a school teacher giving a geography lesson, or a lecturer describing a lantern slide, Sir James proceeded to finish his speech.

Big Land Grant.

He was not sure, he said, what reply the Canadian Northern Railway heads would make to the Government's proposition, which was, in brief, that provided the construction was begun at once along the route indicated in the map, passing through the lower portion of the clay belt, the Government would give the railway 4,000 acres of land per mile. As the proposed section of the railway was approximately 500 miles in length, this would mean a land grant of nearly 2,000,000 acres, or about one-eighth the entrie estimated extent of the clay belt.

Retains Minerals.

The Government was retaining all minerals for the province, and was retaining also the right to say, not only when and how the company should place the lands on the market, but also at what prices the land should be sold.

The objection might be offered that the railway would, in order to connect its eastern and western lines, be obliged to build the section in question whether it received Government aid or not. Sir James admitted that undoubtedly the line would be built some day under these conditions, but in the meantime what would the province do with the influx of immigrants. There was the great clay belt, and it was the bounden duty of the Government to bring about quickly a condition which would allow immigrants, as well as farmers from older Ontario, to go in and become dwellers and citizens in New Ontario.

Sir James believed that the Government's proposal needed no defense in the eyes of the province, when it was understood that the Government at present was paying thousands of dollars yearly to bring in immigrants, although there was no place to put them. The Government regarded as its duty to open up, not only the agricultural, but the mineral resources of New Ontario.

The Premier believed that the people of Ontario, would indorse the position taken by the Government. Today the land was absolutely worthless. By giving one-eighth of it to the railway company the whole was made valuable, and the province would reap a rich reward. If the railway agreed to the conditions a bill would be prepared at once containing ample checks on the company, and guarantees that they would fulfill their contract.

Sir James said he was making the statement in order that the members of the House and the people of the province should have the fullest opportunity of knowing the Government's intention. No opening was left for opponents of the Government to complain that they had been kept in the dark or that the announcement had been delayed until a late moment in the session in order to forestall full discussion.

In answer to a question, the Premier stated that the pine timber as well as the minerals was retained by the province. The company got only the bare land. The provisions regarding sales of the company's lands were a guarantee that there would be no monopoly and no retention of the land for a generation in order that settlers might be made to pay exorbitant prices.

"Couldn't this Government build a road itself?" asked Mr. Studholme.

"Yes, it could," answered Sir James, "but we considered it better to give two million acres of land than to spend $25,000,000 in building our own road."

In Supply.

Good progress was made with the agricultural department's estimates.

When the $1,250 vote for forestry was taken up in supply Mr. McDougal

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MR. HENRY STRONG DIED THIS MORNING

Esteemed Resident Passed Away After Long Illness—Lived Here 75 Years.

Henry Strong, one of London's oldest and most esteemed residents, died at his home, 283 Dufferin avenue, this morning, after an illness extending over many months.

Mr. Strong was 86 years old, and had lived for 75 years continuously in this city.

He was born in Westminster Township, and came to London when it was a mere hamlet.

Just 65 years ago last Sunday Mr and Mrs. Strong were married by the Rev. Mr. Cronyn, afterwards Bishop Cronyn.

Mrs. Strong is still living, and besides her, Mr. Strong is survived by two sons, Frank, of Chicago, and Charles, in San Francisco.

Mr. Strong was a cousin of School Trustee W. T. Strong.

The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. J. G. Inkster.

1,000,000 GALLONS OF WATER NOW

Sixth Artesian Well Is a Big Success.

SUPPLY OF 4,000,000 GALLONS LOOKED FOR

Water Commissioners Are Still Waiting to Hear From Hon. Adam Beck.

The sixth well of the artesian scheme is an unqualified success, In fact, it is the second best of the series, and is easily good for from 250,000 to 300,000 gallons of water a day. It is a regular gusher, and when the test was being made this morning it was seen that another fine addition had been made to the list of successful tests. Six good wells out of six attempts constitutes a real record.

The new well is situated directly behind the London street railway powerhouse, and is on the bank of the river.

The depth is about 60 feet at the same level as the other wells, and is of the same quality of water as the others.

It is very palatable, and clear and cold.

A Million Gallons Now.

There are easily a million gallons of water to be obtained from the six wells at the most conservative calculation. Well No. 2, the best of the series will easily yield 350,000 gallons.

The one tested today is good for at least 250,000, probably a great deal more, leaving 400,000 gallons to be supplied by the other four wells. That they will yield much more than this is the opinion of almost every citizen who has seen them in operation.

Tests Satisfactory.

The tests of the water made by Dr. J. A. Amyot, provincial analyst, taken from the five wells on Saturday last, shows most satisfactory results. He states that the water is pure, that there is not a trace of sulphur, and no iron in the water, nor, in fact, anything deleterious.

Mix All Right.

Dr. Amyot took some city water also, and mixed the two together, as it was thought by some that the two different waters would not mix, but would show a chemical reaction, somewhat harmful.

This is not the case, according to Dr. Amyot. The waters were mixed, and on being analyzed showed no chemical reaction, nor was there anything in the taste to show that they had been mixed.

An Unlimited Supply.

This demonstrates that the water is pure and palatable. Mr. Beck is highly pleased with the results, and is of the opinion that an unlimited supply of water can be obtained from this source.

"I am positive we can get four million gallons of water in this district," he stated to The Advertiser. "I can get that quantity of water, and put in a reservoir and pumping station for $100,000 The citizens can get that amount of water, build a first-class consumption hospital, and equip a distribution plant for Niagara power for the money that would have been expended had that scheme submitted by the water commissioners carried last January. I am positive I can solve the water question by this method. Dr. Amyot stated to me last night that the tests of the water show that it is perfectly pure, and is soft and palatable. This last well is a very fine one. I will continue to sink wells for some time yet."

No Move as Yet.

The water commissioners are still sitting tight, and have not made any move yet to adopt the well scheme.

"As I stated before, when Mr. Beck has a scheme to submit to us, we will consider it," said Mayor Stevely. "We will not likely do anything until he does submit a scheme."

BATTLE WITH BANDITS.

Little Rock, Ark., March 19.—A dispatch from Bald Knob, Ark., says that two bank buildings were dynamited and the town of Bald Knob terrorized early this morning by a small band of men. Citizens who ventured from their houses were met by the sound of bullets, and in the running fight which followed, one citizen was wounded. The robbers escaped. Posses are in pursuit.

THE WINDSOR STATION WRECK.

The scene in Donegana street after the tender and baggage car had plunged down from the floor above into the basement, forcing out the wall of the lower part of the station. It shows the Telephone Exchange booth driven through the wall by the train, suspended by wires.

FORMER PUPIL'S TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS WILSON

Mr. Fred W. Browne Writes The Advertiser His Appreciation of Grand Old Man.

Mr. Fred W. Browne, a London Old Boy, who is a resident of New York City, writes as follows:

New York, March 18, 1909.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Permit me to add my grateful tribute of love to the memory of my old teacher, Nicholas Wilson. Of those of us who have attended the various reunions in the old town, I venture to say, there were very few, who, at some time in their school careers, did not sit under the grand old man.

It gave additional interest to these "state visits" to look forward to shaking his hand and to have him call us by name.

His marvellous memory for names and faces placed the grey beard on equal terms with the stripling in the esteem he held his many pupils.

I am sure I voice the feeling of all New York Londoners when I say that we are indeed proud to know that we were able to demonstrate to our old teacher the sincere affection he was held in, particularly during the evening of his career. London has given to posterity a shining example of faithfulness and trust as embodied in the life record of this devoted servant of education.

The heading of your column announcing Mr. Wilson's death seemed very appropriate to me, and recalled those exquisitely beautiful lines of Tennyson:

"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me,
And may there be no moaning at the bar
When I put out to sea.

"Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark,
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark."

Thanking you for your space,

FRED W. BROWNE.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, March 19—8 a.m.

Today—Light snowfalls.

Saturday—Generally fair; stationary or a little lower temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
London	32		Cloudy
Calgary	26	26	Cloudy
Winnipeg	6	4	Cloudy
Port Arthur	22	20	Clear
Parry Sound	24	16	Snow
Toronto	30	28	Snow
Ottawa	14	10	Fair
Montreal	24	18	Clear
Quebec	16	12	Clear
Father Point	20	14	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

The pressure is low from the Southwest States to the lake region, in the Maritime Provinces, in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and nowhere high.

Light snow is falling in the lake region.

Elsewhere the weather is fair, and in Manitoba still decidedly cold.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Toronto, March 18—8 p.m.—Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 24—34; Victoria, 36—46; Kamloops, 30—50; Edmonton, 12—40; Battleford, 8—34; Calgary, 16—40; Moosejaw, 10—37; Qu'Appelle, 16—32; Winnipeg, 18—30; Port Arthur, 6—28; Parry Sound, zero—28; Toronto, 16—34; Ottawa, 12—30; Montreal, 20—32; Quebec, 20—30; St. John, 22—26; Halifax, 22—36.

DETECTIVES ARE HOT ON TRAIL

Of Brass Thieves Who Steal From Railways.

LONDON IS SAID TO BE A CENTRE

For the Disposal of the Plunder—Carload Shipped From Buffalo Here.

Seven detectives, specially employed by large American railroads, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from New York, Boston and Baltimore, and there is every reason to believe that as a result of their investigations a gang of thieves, that have for months been stealing immense quantities of brass and iron from cars and engines, will be located and brought to justice.

Wholesale Thefts.

The detectives centred their investigations in London yesterday, having traced a car from Buffalo consigned to Jacob Harris, a local junk dealer, and when it was opened several barrels of brass finishings taken from American railway cars and engines were discovered.

At present the goods are being held subject to advices from across the line, and it is not yet known what will be done with it.

Organized Gang.

To the local police the detectives reported that stealing of this kind has become so daring and frequent across the line, that there is no doubt that a regularly organized gang of professional thieves is doing the stealing. By means of the goods discovered here and at other Canadian points, the hope to succeed in making a number o arrests and breaking up the gang.

Stratford Also.

Local railroads have suffered to some extent from the same class of thieving, and only two days ago Detective Rider and Constable Logan were in Stratford giving evidence in regard to a large quantity of brass and iron that had been stolen from the Grand Trunk and was found in a local yard.

WILL ASK FOR STEEL PLANT FOR PT. STANLEY

Aldermen of London Will "Make a Stab" at It Anyway.

There is a possibility, somewhat remote, it is true, that the immense steel plant to be established in Canada will be built at Port Stanley, and not at Sarnia.

The latter place has the call at the present moment, and from appearances it would seem certain that the plant would go there.

One of the aldermen of London, who knows the Pittsburg capitalists, and who will be in Pittsburg shortly, will see Corey, Schwab and other steel men, and, if possible, lay the claims of Port Stanley before them.

It is certain that the plant will be located on a waterfront, so that the ore can be handled readily.

There is no possibility, it was stated, of London getting the plant, because it was too far inland.

MANY MASONS HERE FOR THE FIELD DAY

Of the Knights Templar—Grand Lodge Officers Present—Banquet Tonight.

The annual field day of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, Knights Templar, is being held today. There is a large representation of the members of the order, including many candidates both from the city and surrounding points.

Among the grand lodge officers present are Supreme Grand Master Most Eminent Sir Knight A. A. Campbell; the Grand Chancellor, M. E. Sir Knight Will H. White, Montreal, and Provincial Prior, R. E. Sir Knight A. Leach, St. Thomas.

The preceptory opened this morning at 10:30, after which the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was conferred by Right Eminent Sir Knight F. A. Andrews.

This afternoon a number of degrees will be conferred, including the Order of the Novice, under the direction of Et. Sir Knight J. A. Tancock; the Order of Installation by V. Et. Sir Knight T. Rowe; the Order of Consecration by V. Et, Sir Knight John Graham, and the Order of Knights of Malta by R. E. Sir Knight C. W. McGuire.

Banquet Tonight.

In the evening there will be a banquet, followed by a dance. The officers having in charge the reunion and field day are: E. Sir Knight James A. Tancock, presiding preceptor; E. Sir Knight H. W. Lind, constable; E. Sir Knight Geo. E. Winterbottom, marshal; E. Sir Knight R. W. Shaw, chaplain; E. Sir Knight S. Baker, registrar; E. Sir Knight B. Noble, treasurer; E. Sir Knight W. H. Abbott, sub-marshal; E. Sir Knight T. F. Kingsmill, jun., captain of guard; E. Sir Knight J. Clunis, almoner; E. Sir Knight A. L. Simmie, first standard bearer; E. Sir Knight J. Argue, second standard bearer; E. Sir Knight A. J. McGuffin, sword bearer; E. Sir Knight E. S. Crawford, organist; E. Sir Knight A. D. Holman, guard; E. Sir Knight John Footitt and T. F. Kingsmill, jun., auditors.

Among the candidates are Jas. A. Ferrier, George Carswell, Edmund Crawford, Richard Wright, Aaron Childs, J. H. C. Woodward, James A. Hillen, W. C. Richardson, John Porteous, George A. Dowling, Stanford Zavitz and R. H. Smith.

WINDSOR'S BIG DAY.

Windsor, Ont., March 19.—Victoria Day will be observed this year by a big military and athletic celebration, with a Marathon as one of the special events. The executive of the Old Boys' reunion in August has taken up the idea of a Victoria Day celebration as a means of providing funds for the homecoming week. One plan is to secure the presence of either Shrubb or Longboat, or both. It is also proposed to put on an exhibition run against time by one of the topnatchers, and it is probably there may be a matched race between some two professionals. A visit from some crack Canadian regiment will provide the military feature.

IZALEO ACTIVE.

San Salvador, Republic of Salvador, March 19.—Izaleo, in Salvador, known as the "Lighthouse of the Pacific," is reported to be in violent eruption. Izaleo is 10 miles north of Sonsonat. The volcano of Izaleo, which first appeared in 1770, has been active during long periods. The last eruption occurred in 1902.

SERIOUS CHARGE IS LAID AGAINST MAN

On Behalf of a Girl of West Nissouri.

Alexander Sangster, of West Nissouri, appeared before Squire Chittick this morning on a very serious charge. He is accused of in October last seducing the young daughter of Thomas McConnell, of West Nissouri, what at the time was under 16 years of age. The information was laid by Thomas McConnell, of West Nissouri, who as Constable Hughes sent out Constable McLeod, who arrested Sangster. He was remanded for one week and is confined to jail, pending the securing of bail which is likely to be allowed this afternoon.

MEMORIES OF MANY TRAGEDIES

In Halls of Palais de Justice at French Capital.

TO BE VISITED BY ADVERTISER GUESTS

Scenes of Rich Historic Interest That Cluster Around the River Seine.

Around the River Seine at Paris cluster many, perhaps most, of the associations that have made the city famous. As The Advertiser's guests drop down the river in one of the little steamers, on one side will be seen the grim bulk of the Palais de Justice The halls of justice have stood on this spot for centuries. Even the present building, which is by no means the first, can date back to the fire of 1617. Entering the main doorway, the traveller stands in the Salle des Pas Perdus (the hall of the last footsteps), so called because so many of the unfortunates who entered it in its treacherous past went through its portals to vanish from human eyes forever.

The hall has witnessed many striking scenes. Here England's warrior king, Henry V., was married to Catherine of France, the daughter of the great Charles VI., and at its marble table sat Edward II. of England as a vassal of Phillippe le Bel.

It has its bloody memories, too. During France's dark days, when King John was held a captive in England, Prevost Marcel had the throats cut of Robert le Clermont and Jean de Conflaus, under the very eyes of the Dauphin, who hated the Palais de Justice ever after, and hastened to build the Hotel St. Paul for his future residence. During the administration of Cardinal Mazarin, when the councillors of the realm met here, they were wont to appear with poniards under their robes, fearing a repetition of Prevost Marcel's treachery.

Revolutionary Days.

Here during the bloody days of the revolution there sat that blasphemy of justice, the revolutionary tribunal, and here, with rude jibes, a queen of France was condemned to death. And it was from the prison adjoining that this same queen, Marie Antoinette, rode through the jeering crowds on her way to execution, without the faintest shadow of fear showing in her face.

Here, too, the beautiful, young, mistaken patriot, Charlotte Corday, who murdered Marat, "the friend of the people," was condemned to death. Here also Madame Du Barry in a passion of fear, and Madame Roland, the great Girondin, with lofty contempt, heard the sentences of the court, and were hurried off to the Place de la Guillotine, where the knitting-women counted the daily score of Monsieur de Peris.

BISHOP GILLESPIE DEAD.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 19.—Bishop George D. Gillespie, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Western Hichigan, died today, after a long illness.

A Runaway.

A team of horses belonging to Reuben Allway, of Hyde Park, took fright at an express train while going under the C. P. R. bridge at Oxford street yesterday and dumped the load down a fifteen-foot embankment. The driver went down with it, but was not hurt. The farmer righted the wagon and reloaded the hay, when the horses again bolted and upset the rig. Nothing daunted, the man again got the hay on the wagon, and drove to the market.

MRS. W. NIXON,

Who with her two children, was crushed to death in the Montreal Windsor street station accident.

MARION ELLIOTT REALLY EXISTED

Kinrade Lawyers Prove It by Virginian Paper.

FLORENCE'S STORY WAS CORRECT

Mr. Staunton Refuses to Divulge the Name of Witness Who Saw Man Leave House.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, March 19. — Ever since the first session of the jurors in the Kinrade murder mystery various people, and even some of the officials, have been wondering as to Miss Marion Elliott. Miss Elliott was the mysterious person whom Florence Kinrade said accompanied her on her singing tour, and to Richmond and other points in Virginia. To clear up some false impressions, Thomas Hobson, the family's solicitor, this morning handed out some information, which proves that Miss Elliott and Col. Warburton, whom Florence stated her mysterious friend later married, were living personalities. The lawyer produced a clipping from the Ledger-Dispatch of Norfolk, Va., published on May 14, 1908, in which, in the society news, appears an item, stating that Mrs. J. Wells, of Fairfax avenue, gave a charming reception "in honor of Miss Florence Kinrade, a charming Canadian girl." There were 57 guests present, and Miss Marion Elliott and Col. Fred C. Warburton, the paper says, were two of the guests.

George Lynch Staunton, K. C., the other solicitor for the family, refuses to divulge the names of the two witnesses who, he claims, saw the murderer leaving the Kinrade home. He does not want them interviewed by the newspapermen.

Tonight's Session.

Tonight's session of the Kinrade murder inquest, it is believed, will be as replete with dramatic incidents as any of the previous sittings. Florence Kinrade and her mother will probably go on the stand again to clear up a number of points. The crown counsel today offered to call any witnesses Mr. Lynch Staunton might suggest, particularly the people who are said to have seen a man leaving the house after the crime. Mr. Staunton says the police have this information and are at liberty to investigate it. He declares that people who could give important evidence were afraid to speak because they were terrified to an extent by the way people in this case had their past laid bare.

Many Conferences.

Hamilton, March 18.—"Dear Sir,—You needn't bother looking any more for the murderer of Ethel Kinrade. I done it, and you can't catch me. I fired eight shots at her, and got away."

This is the startling letter received by Detective Miller, of the provincial force, who has charge of the investigation into the murder of Ethel Kinrade. There is no signature to the letter, and it is postmarked Montreal, so if the officers were inclined to take the matter seriously, they would have some difficulty in locating the writer.

But, of course, they do not take it seriously, for one very good reason, that this is the twelfth letter confessing to the murder of Ethel Kinrade which has been received by those working on the case at Hamilton. All of these letters have been anonymous and have come from as many different points in Canada and the United States. There is one postmarked Toronto, one from Detroit, one from Buffalo, one from New York, and others from smaller places. This constitutes one of the most curious features to date of the great mystery tragedy of Feb. 25. It indicates in some measure the hold the murder has taken on the public mind.

The receipt of these letters helps to lighten the leisure hours of the detectives and others who are working on the case, relieving the tension under which they are working in their so far vain efforts to unravel the mystery.

It is little use speculating as to the identity of the writers of the letters. They are probably a little out of their minds, or it may be that the letters are in some cases sent with the deliberate purpose of mystifying the crown officers. There are some people who always want to mystify detectives. If there is any such object it is unsuccessful, because they are simply ignored, so far as having any possible bearing on the case is concerned.

In line with this feature of the case is the vast number of letters which are being sent to the crown officers offering suggestions, theories, and solutions of the case. These are pouring in from all sorts and conditions of men and women. There are not less than a dozen of them every morning, and sometimes a great many more. They are coming from all over the country, indicating again, if any further indication were necessary, the very widespread interest in the case. Some of the suggestions as to where evidence might be found are good, but in every case they had already been acted upon. Others are simply foolish. As to the theories, nearly every writer has a new one. One Toronto correspondent illustrated his suggestions with sketches, and after he had indicated his mind on the subject ended up with one suggestive phrase: "You are too slow." The writing in this and in many others was so illiterate as to be almost unintelligible.

Another interesting feature is that several clairvoyants have written to the crown officers asking to be put on the case, and giving assurances that they could clear it up immediately. There are several reports of private individuals having already consulted these seers.

Obstructed the Walk.

In the police court this morning Thomas Cluff and Henry Kellyle, two young men who obstructed the sidewalk were each fined $1. The case of C. Allsopp, charged with [illegible] port was adjourned [illegible]