

LONDON ST. RAILWAY REFUSES POWER AT \$31 PER HORSEPOWER

Peak Load Is Objectionable to the Board of Directors.

NIAGARA POWER GIVEN SETBACK

Important Meeting Held On Wednesday at Which the Matter Was Decided.

The London Street Railway Company have officially refused to accept the offer of the hydro-electric commission to supply them power at \$31 per horsepower.

It has been known for some time that the management did not look with favor upon the proposition, but nothing official was done until yesterday, when a meeting of the directors was held.

Mr. H. A. Everett, of Cleveland, the president, and Mr. Moore, also of Cleveland, one of the directors, were present, and the situation was thoroughly canvassed with the local directors.

As a result of the deliberations, it was decided that the offer was not suitable to the company's conditions. Today a letter was sent to the hydro-electric commission, notifying them that the company had refused to do business on the basis suggested.

Manager Speaks.

"We had a meeting of the board of directors yesterday, and we decided that it would be impossible to accept the offer of power at \$31 per horsepower on the peak-load basis," said Manager C. B. King. "We went into the question very thoroughly. We have the experience of experts, and every possible bit of information on the subject. With all these facts before us, there was only one conclusion, and that was that the power at the figure quoted would cost us too much."

"Consequently, we could not see our way clear to pay the price, and have so informed the hydro-electric commission. It is a straight matter of business, and we must purchase our power at the best market."

No Peak-Load.

"We have always contended that to purchase power on the peak-load basis would be unfair. It puts a premium on good business. For instance, between 5 and 6 o'clock at night, especially on a rainy night, we would have to increase our cars, and they would be heavily loaded. Consequently our peak-load would be run up. For that hour only we would have a very heavy lot of business to handle. If we bought power on the peak-load basis we would have to pay for the amount we used at that time when perhaps we would not use half the power or a little more the rest of the day. The same would hold true of holidays."

On Meter Basis.

"Power should be sold on the meter basis. That would be fair to all parties concerned, and every customer would pay for what he got. I think that is a fair proposition."

"If the hydro-electric commission will not offer power on better terms, will you secure power elsewhere?" was asked.

"Most assuredly," answered Mr. King. "We will have to get more power somewhere, and if we cannot make an agreement with the commission we will have to get energy where we can."

While Mr. King would not discuss any further plans, it is understood that an increase of the company's plant, either by steam or producer gas, is contemplated.

There is a great deal of discussion regarding the failure of the company and the commission to agree on a price.

The London street railway was looked upon as one of the largest customers the city would have, and it was consequently expected that we would have a very short time after power arrived in the city they would be taking from 500 to 1,000 horsepower.

The hitch in which the negotiations makes it possible that the company will get power elsewhere, and the city will lose one of its best customers.

Mr. Beck Silent.

Hon. Adam Beck, chairman of the hydro-electric commission, would not discuss the situation at all.

When asked whether or not the commission would revise their schedule, he mentioned the fact that the weather was clear and bright, but he would not make a statement one way or the other regarding the street railway.

"We have received no word as yet," said Mr. Beck. "I know nothing about it whatever."

Commissioner Talks.

"I presume that the company will try and make the best terms possible," said Chairman Philip Pocock, of the water commissioners. "However, this is a matter in which the hydro-electric commission are altogether interested, as they make the contracts. It is quite likely that some arrangement will be made between them."

So far as can be learned, no street railway or traction company have accepted the contracts of the hydro-electric commission. It was stated that the Galt, Hespeler and Berlin road had made a contract, but this is denied.

There is some talk that the hydro-electric commission will submit an alternative plan to the companies that will be more to their liking, and will guarantee to the municipalities the custom of these great users of power.

HEAR PARDEE TELL OF LAURIER'S TRIP!

Liberal Club Will Be Opened For the Season On Friday Night.

The Liberal Club will inaugurate its winter programme on Friday night, when Mr. F. F. Pardee, Liberal member for West Lambton, and chief Liberal whip in the House of Commons, will deliver an address on Laurier's trip to the west.

The occasion will be of special interest to club members, and they will undoubtedly turn out in large numbers.

The bowling alleys, billiard room, reading room, etc., will be opened on this occasion also. Entertainment of more than ordinary interest will follow.

All are invited.

MEETING CALLED TO SETTLE BIG STRIKE

New York Express Drivers and Employers Get Together.

New York, Nov. 3.—The movement for a settlement of the strike of express company drivers and helpers, which has practically tied up express business in and around New York city for a week past, took more definite form today, with the announcement that representatives of the companies would meet representatives of the men this afternoon to discuss plans for ending the strike.

The meeting is scheduled to be held in Jersey City this afternoon. Indications are that the men will enter the conference with a willingness to concede something, and prospects for a settlement, possibly before night-fall, looked bright. Earnest effort to adjust grievances and resort to arbitration, if the joint conference failed of agreement, seemed to be the programme.

Pending the proposed meeting this afternoon no developments are looked for in the arbitration proposition made by the men through the National Civic Federation and Mayor Gaynor.

STREET RAILWAY WILL DO NO MORE WORK

Approach of Winter Makes It Impossible to Go On With Paving.

The first meeting of the board of directors of the London Street Railway Company for more than a year, at which the president, Mr. H. A. Everett, of Cleveland, was in attendance, was held yesterday afternoon. Mr. Everett made a flying trip. He was accompanied by Director Moore, of Cleveland. The most important matter under discussion was the purchase of Niagara power. There were many other points taken up.

It is not likely that anything further will be done this year towards relaying the company's tracks on the abandoned and Richmond streets. The south track is nearly completed, and when that is finished no further work will be done on account of the approach of winter.

"We will have to wait until the trenches settle," said Manager King. "In many places the tracks have been undermined, and consequently it will be necessary for the ground to become firm. We will make temporary arrangements to protect vehicular traffic on the streets. When spring opens up we go ahead with our work, and hurry it through as rapidly as possible."

Mr. Everett has just returned from a trip around the world, and his health is much improved.

DOGS WILL BE FREE AFTER MONDAY NIGHT

City Council Will Repeal the Muzzling Bylaw.

After the council meeting of Monday night, next, dogs may roam the streets legally without muzzles.

They are enjoying a certain amount of privilege at the present time, owing to the fact that the bylaw is not being enforced.

On Monday night the bylaw will be amended in such a way as to strike out the clauses regarding muzzling, and the penalties for violating it.

Ald. Ashplant is in communication with City Solicitor Meredith, and the new bylaw will be ready in time for the council meeting.

There is no doubt that it will pass. The aldermen are nearly all in favor of the amendment.

BAPTIST CHANGES.

Toronto, Nov. 3.—Rev. J. C. Bowen, pastor of the church at Stratford, has been called by the board of governors of Brandon College as field secretary of that institution. Rev. C. P. McFarlane, of Tavistock, has accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of Rodney, West Lorne and Alldreda Plains on the field, Nov. 27.

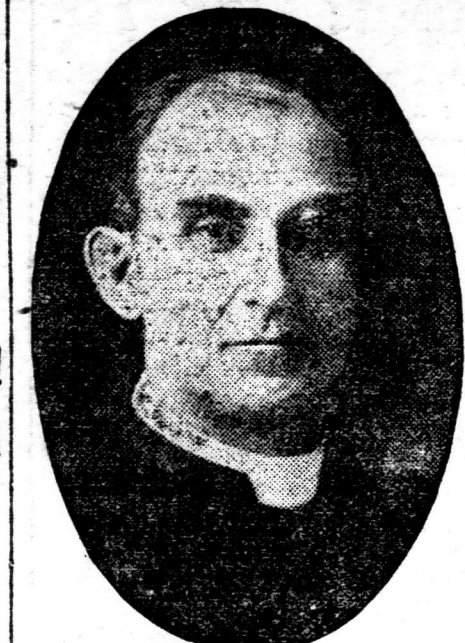
OLD ACTOR DEAD.

Philadelphia, Nov. 3.—Charles S. Fyfe, an actor of distinction more than a quarter of a century ago, is dead at the Edwin Forrest Home for Actors in this city. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Fyfe supported Booth, Barrett, William E. Sheridan and other great actors for a period of about 40 years.

POPULAR HILL.

The Coldstream Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Emerson Neff Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 3. All are cordially invited to attend.



REV. GEO. W. HENDERSON, Of Peterboro, former London pastor who has been extended a call by the Askin Street Methodist Church.

RECIPROCITY WILL BE DISCUSSED SOON

First Conference Expected at Ottawa On Saturday Next.

SOME BIG MEN COMING

Americans Are Very Anxious to Conclude an Arrangement With Canada.

Ottawa, Nov. 2.—Hon. Mr. Fleiding announced this afternoon that the trade negotiation between the United States and Canada, as left in abeyance since last spring, following the conference of Mr. Fleiding with Secretary Knox at Albany, would be resumed in Ottawa on Saturday next. Formal announcement was received today from the state department at Washington that Mr. C. M. Pepper, who was one of the United States representatives in the tariff negotiations of last spring, would again act.

Will Not Sacrifice.

Ottawa, Nov. 2.—In the coming conference, the Canadian Government has no intention of sacrificing any Canadian interest or of restricting in any way the Liberal policy of preference to Great Britain. At the same time it is recognized that there are many anomalies in the present international tariff situation, the removal of which would place trade on a much more economic and profitable basis. The freer exchange of raw materials and natural products needed by each country would be, in many lines, an admitted mutual benefit both to consumers and exporters in Canada and the United States, without involving any injury to vested interests in either country. This is the general principle underlying the negotiations. (Continued on Page Eight.)

INSTANTLY KILLED

Hamilton Man Struck by Piece of Wood From Saw.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]

Hamilton, Nov. 3.—John H. Brown, employed at a local factory, met with a fatal accident this morning while operating a circular saw. A piece of wood he was sawing snapped off and struck him a severe blow on the abdomen, resulting in his death shortly afterwards.

ANOTHER REVOLUTION.

New Orleans, Nov. 3.—Martial law has been declared in Honduras as a direct result of the revolt of General Jose Valladares, the deposed commander of Amapala, against the Government, according to cable advices to the state department today from Minister McCrery at Tegucigalpa. The port of Amapala has been closed and the island is in a state of siege.

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MT. BRYDGES MILL BURNED ORIGIN OF FIRE A MYSTERY

Serious Blaze at an Early Hour This Morning—Loss Will Run Into Thousands—Property Was Owned by Joseph Clark.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Mount Brydges, Nov. 3.—A mysterious fire, discovered at 2 o'clock this morning in the three-story flour mill about a mile and a half south of the village, owned by Mr. Joseph Clark, proprietor of a temperance hotel of this place, and operated by a Mr. Campbell, who came here recently from Inwood, burned the building to the ground, while a handful of neighbors aroused by the reflection, gathered unable to do anything to check the flames.

Only the brick walls are standing today, and it is figured that the loss will run into several thousand dollars. It is reported that the building was insured, but only for a nominal amount.

The fire originated in the southeast corner of the building in a spot far removed from the boilerhouse, and what caused the blaze is a mystery. When Mr. Campbell, who resides about two or three hundred yards from the mill, was awakened by the reflection, the brick building was a seething furnace, the flames having gained great headway on every floor.

Mr. Harry Norris and other residents of the district arrived shortly after, attracted by the flames, which could be seen for several miles around, but nothing could be done to cope with the conflagration.

A Total Loss.

Until a short time ago Mr. Clark operated the mill himself, but he recently rented it to Mr. Campbell, who worked it, together with a couple of men. The machinery was operated by waterpower, but an engine was installed for use during the dry seasons.

The building is almost a total loss, the bare walls alone standing today. Wednesday Mr. Campbell locked up, and everything was left as usual, no fire of any kind being kindled in any part of the building as far as is known.

Whether or not the owner will rebuild has not as yet been definitely decided upon.

SENSATIONAL ATTEMPTS MADE TO ASSASSINATE FATHER AND SON

Lighthouse Keeper, in St. Clair River, Fired at First, and Last Evening a Bullet Grazed His Son's Head—Detectives at Sarnia Investigating.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Nov. 3.—Detective Acton is here searching for the person or persons fired shots from a rifle from the Canadian shore below Coruna and wounded John Allan, of Marysville, Mich., on Monday evening.

Allan has charge of the Government range lights in the St. Clair River near Sarnia. Monday afternoon about 4 o'clock he was lighting the lantern at the lower end of the island when he was fired at and the bullet passed through his leg above the knee. He hastened to Marysville for medical assistance, and a search of the island was made for the assassin.

Last evening Allan's son was fired upon at the same place, and the bullet passed close by his head. Another search was made but to no avail. It is thought some evil person has a grudge against the allens, and is endeavoring to kill them. Allan says he has no enemies that he knows of. Officers are keeping a close guard in the vicinity.

MINNIE SMITH A LOVING MAID!

Picked New Found Friend's Pocket of \$65 as She Caressed Him.

FOUND GUILTY IN COURT

Buffalo Woman Remanded a Week for Sentence by Police Magistrate Love.

Mrs. Minnie Smith, of 53 Union street, Buffalo, was found guilty in the police court today of stealing \$65 from the pockets of a citizen of a nearby town on the night of Oct. 26. Magistrate Love remanded her one week for sentence. Her travelling companion, Walter Smith, whom she claims as her husband, was arrested on her on a charge of vagrancy. He was also remanded one week to be tried on this charge.

The plaintiff, who was relieved of the money, according to his own testimony, was walking on Richmond street when he was first accosted by the lady, who afterwards stopped him on Fullerton street and, enticing him into a lane which runs in the rear of the Grand Opera house, picked his pockets under the pretence of embracing him. Then she asked him to step to the street to see if they were watched, and promptly seizing the opportunity offered made her escape, leaving him to discover the loss of the money and a roll of paper left in place of the bank notes.

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DELEGATES NAMED TO ASK BETTER TRAIN SERVICE FOR CITY

Mayor Beattie and Water Commissioner Pocock Will Represent City Council and Board of Trade Before the Eastern Passenger Association.

Better train connection for the city of London, particularly from the north, and more favorable rates during the summer season into the city, will be asked by Londoners from the Eastern Passenger Association at their meeting in Toronto on Tuesday next. Some time ago the city named Mayor Beattie and Col. Gartshore a committee to interview the association regarding more favorable rates.

In the meantime, the question of better railway service from the north, from such places as St. Marys, Parkhill, Forest and a score of other places developed, and the board of trade at the meeting of the city council yesterday took this feature of the matter up.

Mayor Beattie was present, and outlined what the city council had been doing towards securing better rates, and the board of trade decided to assist in this work.

Delegates Named.

His worship promised to deal with better accommodation and more favorable rates, and the board of trade nominated Mr. Philip Pocock as their representative to attend the association. Mr. Pocock will go down with Mayor Beattie and Col. Gartshore on Tuesday.

HOUSE OF LORDS IS ROOTED VERY DEEPLY

Londoner Does Not Think It Will Be Got Rid of This Century.

Mr. Alexander Fraser, of 232 Central avenue, returned to the city on Wednesday with his wife and two daughters, after a six months' tour of the British Isles and the continent.

Mr. Fraser was in London at the time of the death of King Edward VII, and also at the commencement of the Crippen trial, the result of which reached Mr. Fraser by wireless on board the steamer Minneapolis.

While Mr. Fraser did not go across to the continent himself, his two daughters arrived in Paris the day the great railway strike commenced. Business was at a standstill completely, and had the ladies desired they could not have returned owing to the tie-up. However, the French Government speedily arranged a settlement and within ten days everything was running as usual again.

Political Matters.

Political matters were lost sight of entirely at the commencement of the Crippen case. The verdict appeared to be very popular among the passengers of the Minneapolis, who followed the trial with the greatest interest. Other matters of interest were also reported by wireless.

The Lloyd George land bill, in its present shape, which appears rather complicated and radical, is not as greatly well received among Englishmen generally. Mr. Fraser claims, although the Britishers are inclined to favor it, that the bill is a compromise. However, the Englishman is not as greatly interested in the House of Lords as the average Canadian or American, says Mr. Fraser, and although reform seems to obtain the most rabid radical can hardly hope to see the abolition of that institution, at least in this generation.

The recent revolution in Portugal was not discussed very seriously in England. Mr. Fraser and his family arrived in England some six months ago, and during the past eight weeks conditions have been ideal.

MILLIONAIRE HOBO

Makes Unwelcome Suggestions to the Members of Busted Brotherhood.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—Several of the oldest traditions of trampdom were shattered last night by James O. Di How, the "millionaire hobo," and national organizer of the Brotherhood Welfare Association. In an address before the members of the local branch of the association he advocated shower baths, fumigation, work for the unemployed, and "cushions" to ride on.

He reported the association to be flourishing in St. Louis, Kansas City, Cincinnati, and New York. He secured a unanimous vote to a resolution to appoint a committee to confer with railroad presidents regarding free transportation in passenger coaches to hobos en route to points where labor is in demand.

The committee also was empowered to start a movement toward a national free employment bureau.

ELECTION IS KEEN

Contest in Drummondville and Arthabaska Will Be Close.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]

Drummondville, Que., Nov. 3.—This is by-election day in Drummondville and Arthabaska. The weather is fair, the roads are in good condition in town but very bad in the country. The vote will be large. The contest appears to be very close, both parties are confident, but opponents of the navy claim a big surprise is in store for the Government. It is not known whether Sir Wilfrid will vote in this county or not.

MONTREAL MYSTERY

Further Evidence Secured in Death of Little Cecil Michaud.

Montreal, Nov. 2.—Claiming that she recognized Bernadette Dagenais at the inquest last night as one of two girls who engaged a room in her house on the last Monday in August and spent the night there, Rose Beaulieu, 116 St. Andre street, has told to the detectives a tale which, if true, would throw an entirely new light on the mystery. In any event the police are looking carefully for the man whom Mrs. Beaulieu describes as passing by the name of "Jim Crow," and who, she says, came to her house while the girls in question were there. Today's evidence and the examination of various prisoners held in connection with the Michaud case failed to reveal any special news. The police seem to be baffled.

KENTUCKY TOWN BURNED.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 2.—Most of the business section of Millersburg, Ky., sixteen miles from here, was burned today, the loss being close to \$100,000. The fire originated in a commission house from sparks from a railroad engine.

TOOK OVERCOAT WHILE INTOXICATED

This Is the Plea of a Man Who Is Charged With Theft.

Frank Williams was charged in the police court this morning with stealing an overcoat, the property of David Ross, from the parcel room of the Bank Hotel, Williams is commonly known as an umbrella mender, but he told the court he was an electrical engineer. He claimed he took the overcoat in mistake for his own, while he was under the influence of intoxicants. Magistrate Love remanded him one week for sentence.

Frank O'Hallahan, from Guelph, who poses as an old bailiway, appeared in court for the second time this week on a charge of drunkenness. He was fined \$10, with the option of twenty-one days.

HAVE ANY LONDON SPORTS SEEN THIS

Express Company at Strathroy Misses a Keg of Liquid.

Strathroy, Nov. 3.—The express company missed a keg of beer on Wednesday. It had been left at the depot for shipment, and it is supposed a football team going to Petrolia, got their eye on the lonely-looking keg and a few of the boys thought it a good joke to take the keg along with them. After a vain search for the keg by the express people it was learned it had disappeared with the boys