

History Repeats Itself Even in Railway Matters

People of Early London Had
Difficulty With the G. W. R.
Over Proposed Route.

There's nothing new under the sun. Study the history of peoples and nations and you'll find that the troubles and differences which agitated those of early days are very often repeated in the history of our own day. It's the same with the history of cities, and London is no exception to the rule.

London is and has been for years, beset with the track-elevation question, the location of the depot and other railway matters.

And on Friday, at the board of trade meeting, Sir John Carling told of how as far back as 1850, when the Great Western Railway was projected, the people of London were divided as to the route the road should take through the city, and the agitation against the route chosen by the company became so powerful, that in order to avoid trouble with the city officials, the line was changed and was run through London on the present survey.

As is known to most residents of this city, what is now the Grand Trunk Railway was in the olden days the Great Western Railway. It was a line projected from Hamilton to Windsor.

Promises of Financial Aid.
The men behind the scheme came to the different places the line would touch and secured promises of financial assistance. London gave a huge bonus to the concern, and at the time the council was satisfied with the route proposed.

The survey showed that the railway was to run on what is now the route of the C. P. T. north of Pall Mall street, and running out of the city north of Oxford street and across the old Stiles farm.

Large gangs of men started work on the route. The forest of the district was primeval at the time, and an engineering party went through the woods and blazed the way as far as Detroit.

At the time there was no wharf at Windsor, and boats simply tied up as near as they could get to the bank. Detroit, it is said, boasted of about 25,000 people, and Jefferson avenue, not Woodward avenue, was the main thoroughfare.

London was a little place of about 6,000 at the time, but the rival interests of the people of the different sections of the town were as keen as they are today.

FIVE FOUNTAINS HAVE DISAPPEARED

Moved From the City Streets,
and Temperance People
Will Ask Why.

What has become of the drinking fountains which formerly stood at a number of the street corners of London?

This is the question being asked by the local W. C. T. U., and also by very many temperance men of London.

The city council and the water commissioners are to be asked to answer the question forthwith.

Some years ago the W. C. T. U. bought, out of its own funds, seven drinking fountains, and placed them in different parts of the city.

They had a small trough at the base for dogs to drink from, a large trough in the center for horses, and at the top a couple of small streams flowed to furnish drink for humanity.

It is alleged that the fountains were looked upon by hotelmen with disfavor, because they felt they affected the bar trade.

Gradually the fountains disappeared.

Once, several of them were found to be out of repair and the city, instead of attempting to have them fixed, sent them to a junk dealer.

The W. C. T. U. protested, however, and the city was compelled to bring back the fountains and place them in the old positions in the streets.

Now, however, only two fountains are in the city streets. One is at the corner of Dundas and Rectory streets and the other is at the corner of Rectory street and the Hamilton road. The other five have disappeared.

Formerly a drinking fountain stood at the G. T. R. depot on Richmond street; another was at the postoffice; another was at the corner of Dundas and Adelaide; and another at the corner of Dundas and Wellington.

"We intend to see that the thirsty man will be able to secure a drink without buying beer," a prominent temperance worker said Saturday. "We want to know why the fountains have been done away with."

BUILDING PERMIT FARCE

Record at City Hall Shows Only Eighteen Issued During Month.

According to the record at the city hall, only eighteen building permits were taken out during the month of June.

As the present system of keeping a record of the building in London is a farce, the figures do not tell anything. There were probably 100 new houses commenced in London during the month. A permit was issued today to A. Dickenson for two 1½-story houses on Inkerman street.

GIVE HOLLOWAY'S CORN CURE a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has done once it will do again.

Protest Against Route.

A great hue and cry was raised that if the railway was run on the route proposed by the G. W. R., the city of London would be injured. The postoffice, banks, and chief business houses were at the time centered about the court house, on the corner of Dundas and Ridout streets, and there were rail fences around what is now the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets. It is not known to many people that what was known as lot 1, east of the Wharncliffe road, began at the corner of Dundas and the Wharncliffe and had its eastern terminal at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets. This was a farm lot surveyed by Governor Simcoe, and a lot took in the river Thames north of where the bridge now stands, the people to this day on either side own deeds which run to the center of the river.

The outcry against the route of the railway became so general that meetings were held and the city finally informed the company that unless the line was diverted south, there would be no bonus forthcoming from London.

Company Met People's Wishes.
As the company was anything but strong financially, and as it could not afford to have the city give the project a black eye by withdrawing from the scheme, the line was diverted, and the present route was adopted.

The change meant hundreds of thousands of dollars to the company, and delayed the opening of the line for six months.

Instead of crossing the Thames but once, as would have been the case if the old route had been adhered to, the company was compelled to build a bridge over the Thames south of York street, and another bridge at the coves.

Then the huge hill this side of Hyde Park, on the Sifton farm was encountered, and what was known as Sifton's Cut, and one of the mightiest pieces of engineering work of that day resulted.

The change was so deep it kept back the opening of the railway, as stated, for six months, and at this late date the Grand Trunk has found it necessary to spend \$1,000,000 to reduce the grade which was ruinous to locomotives and a great consumption of coal.

It is said that every time an engine crossed the old grade it cost the company \$5. This is why Mr. F. H. McGuigan was so anxious to wipe out the grade.

Thus, it is seen that the people of London were then as hard to please in regard to railway matters as they are today.

BIG FALLING OFF IN MARRIAGES

Only Seventy Recorded in June,
36 Less Than Year Ago—
Births Also Fewer.

Vital statistics for June, compiled by City Clerk Baker, show some peculiar phases.

The number of marriages, as compared with the returns for June, 1906, is very small. Last month there were 70 marriages, against 106 in the same month of 1906.

Perhaps all the marriages that have taken place in London in June have not been registered, and perhaps a few young men of this city have formed resolutions to steer clear of matrimony.

There was also a serious falling off in the number of births this year, there being 77 during the month, as compared with 93 in June a year ago. Deaths this year show a big increase. Last June there were but 37, while this year 51 were registered.

The returns for the six months ending with the last of June of 1906 and 1907 are as follows:

	1906	1907
Births	492	459
Marriages	238	289
Deaths	315	368

Thus it is seen that during the first six months of 1907, there were 23 less births, 61 more marriages, and 51 more deaths than during the same period of 1906.

During the month about to close, there were 6 deaths from tuberculosis, 2 from Bright's disease, 3 from paralysis, 3 from pneumonia, 3 from erysipelas, 1 from cancer, 5 from heart disease, and 7 were still-born.

ASSAULTED POLICEMAN, ARE HEAVILY FINED

Two South London Young Men Deservedly Punished by Magistrate.

Two young men living in South London were on Saturday convicted by Magistrate Love of assaulting P. C. Harry Green. The chief offender was fined \$15 and costs, while his companion had to pay a \$5 fine.

From the evidence taken in the case it was brought out that the young men had been enjoying a fast and furious drive about daybreak the other morning. They had procured a rig, and the necessary liquor, and were proceeding to make merry.

First one policeman and then another started out from the shadows of some building or laneway, just a little too late to connect with the rig.

At last so many complaints were finding their way to the police station that Acting Sgt. Green started out on a call hunt for the rig, and the first he found it near the corner of York and Richmond streets, and hiding behind a building.

He was thrown from the rig, and eventually succeeded in bringing the much-driven horse to a standstill. At the meantime one of the occupants of the rig lashed the policeman on the head and shoulders. Fortunately for Green he had a helmet on, and was protected from the blows.

After a little trouble three of the offenders were landed in the lockup.

CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY ST. GEORGE'S

Deciding Game in the Public
School League Series Played
Yesterday.

The Public School Baseball League season closed on Friday afternoon, when the St. George's nine met and defeated the Princess avenue school team by a score of 7 to 5.

A rather remarkable feature of the contest was that while the losing team made three hits more than the victors they made two runs less.

The season as a whole has been very successful, and the boys have had abundance of sport out of the seven contests played.

Yesterday's game by innings:

St. George's—
Runs 1 0 3 0 1 2 x—7
Hits 2 0 2 1 2 3 x—10

Princess Avenue—
Runs 2 0 1 0 1 0—5
Hits 3 1 3 2 3 0 1—13

Umpire—C. M. R. Graham.

Owing to the fact that one of the teams violated an important bylaw of the league it was decided to transfer one of their games to the Victoria school team under protest.

The correct standing of the league is as follows:

	Won	Lost
St. George's	15	2
Victoria	14	3
Lorne	12	5
West London	8	7
Colborne	8	8
Princess	7	10
Victoria	4	11
Simcoe	4	14
Talbot	3	14
Aberdeen	3	6

QUESTION OF A LICENSE

Can It Be Transferred From One Person to Another.

Can an auctioneer's license be transferred from one person to another? This is the question which is agitating the members of No. 3 committee now.

It is said that Ald. Cooper is anxious to purchase at a 50-per-cent reduction the license secured by Auctioneer Harris, of Chicago, before he could sell the stock of W. J. Reid & Co., on Dundas street. Mr. Harris has practically concluded his task, and as he must return to Chicago the license to sell for a year, and for which he paid \$40, will be of no value to him.

Ald. Cooper wants to buy it for \$20, but the members of No. 3 committee do not know whether a license can be transferred from one man to another.

HOUSES REEK WITH FILTH
Dr. George Wilson Says Many in London Should Be Wiped Out.

Dr. Geo. D. Wilson called at city hall Saturday and made two pointed statements. One was that the city has passed foolish bylaws until now there is not a post left in the city to which to tie a horse, and the numbers of runaways are increasing right along.

A city bylaw says that horses shall not be left tied to a post.

Dr. Wilson also stated that there are so many houses in London reeking with filth that they are a danger to the community, and it is up to the board of health to show that it is alive and do something to wipe out such places.

DOMINION DAY CELEBRATION.
Dominion Day will be celebrated at Beachville in a manner never before attempted in that village.

A triumphal procession is scheduled for the morning at 9 o'clock, prizes amounting to \$25 being offered. The procession will be followed by a lengthy programme of sports, no less than 37 events being on the card. Liberal prizes being hung up in each of the four former residents of the village now in this city, and it is likely that they will join in the celebration.

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CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. A. Westman and family, of London, have taken Chilcopee Cottage at the Eau for the season.

—Mr. V. E. Kerrigan, accountant at the Dominion Bank, Quebec, has been transferred to a similar position here. He enters on his new duties on Tuesday.

—Miss Clara McNaughton, King street, is leaving for a three weeks' vacation, which she will spend visiting friends in Charlotte, Mich., and Chicago.

—Miss A. R. Coe, official court stenographer of Middlesex County, and Miss McIntosh, of the Collegiate Institute, left Saturday for a trip to Portland, Me.

—Rev. R. C. Evans, of the Latter Day Saints' Church, accompanied by his wife, left on Saturday for San Francisco and other points on the Pacific coast.

—The name of Mr. Fred Reid, of Orillia, was inadvertently omitted from the list of Western Medical College graduates who passed the medical council examinations.

HOLIDAY AT THE POSTOFFICE.
There will be a morning delivery only by carriers. General delivery will be open from 8 to 10 a.m., and from 6 to 7 p.m.

HYMANS TAKE ANOTHER.
C. S. Hyman & Co. added another to their list of victories in the Commercial League Thursday night by defeating Smallman & Ingram in a closely contested game with a score of 7 to 6.

Batteries—Hyman & Co.: H. Gibson and S. Rogers. Smallman & Ingram: A. Trick and J. Kelland.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.
The firemen had a run to the Southam Printing Company's plant, corner of Richmond and Bathurst streets, at 1:30 a.m. Saturday. A shed in the rear had caught fire, and as it was in close proximity to an oil shed, there was great danger of a serious fire. The firemen conquered the blaze with one line of the hose, and with but small damage to property.

JUNE WITH THE FIREMEN.
Fifteen alarms were sent into the fire department during June. There were also two chimney alarms, and one false alarm. Ten were by phone, 6 by box, and two were verbal. There were no serious losses during the month.

HALL FOUND GUILTY.
Edward Hall, the Muncey Indian, who was recently tried on a charge of having stolen a buggy, was on Saturday found guilty by Judge Macbeth and remanded for one week for sentence. It is understood that at least one additional charge of theft will be laid against Hall in a day or so.

CHOIR PICNIC.
The choir of Askin Street Church gave a picnic at Springbank Friday in honor of their departing organist, Mr. Clarence Gilmour, and a most enjoyable time was spent in baseball, tennis and boating. Mr. Gilmour's resignation has been accepted by the quarterly board, and it is with deep regret that the choir take leave of him. Tomorrow is his last Sunday with the Askin Street congregation.

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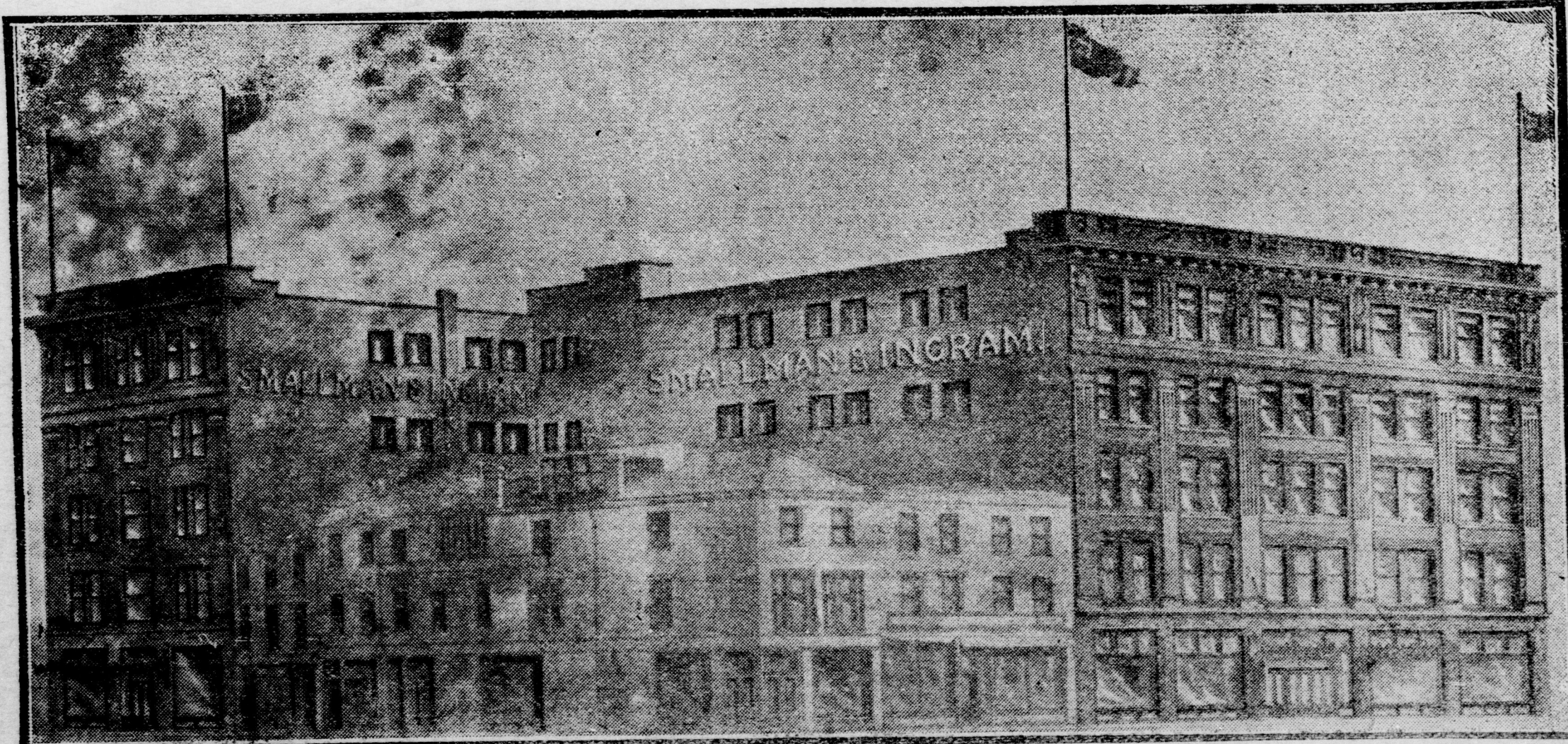
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Smallman & Ingram's Mammoth Business House, as It Will Appear When Completed.



FROM DRAWINGS PREPARED BY WILLIAM G. MURRAY, ARCHITECT, OF LONDON.

Work is now well under way on the handsome new store to be erected for Messrs. Smallman & Ingram, on Dundas and Richmond streets. A portion of the old store on Dundas street has been torn down while the buildings purchased for the Richmond street front have pretty well disappeared.

When completed the new home of the firm will be among the largest and most up-to-date business houses in Canada. It will have a frontage of 94 feet on Dundas street, with a depth of 142 feet, extending through to the market square, the frontage on Richmond street being 44 feet, this section of the store running back 56 feet to

meet the Dundas street building. The fronts on both Dundas and Richmond streets will be most attractive, polished granite being used for the first floor, with red brick and stone trimmings for the four remaining stories. Immense plate glass windows are to be provided for display purposes.

The building throughout is to be strictly fireproof, nothing being omitted to meet every requirement of the underwriters to make it a first-class risk in every respect. Steel is to be used throughout the structure, with concrete and cinders between the floors. In addition, an automatic sprinkler

system is to be provided, with two 15,000-gallon tanks 20 feet above the roof, both to be connected with the city waterworks system.

The ground floor of the store will be devoted to the general drygoods business, while the second floor will be set apart for millinery, ladies' ready-to-wear goods, whitewear, curtains, etc., ladies' waiting-rooms and a reading-room. Dressmaking, fitting-rooms, waiting-rooms and a tearoom will be on the third floor. Every part of the store will be well lighted and easy of access.

Under the entire store will be a basement, with a 10-foot 6-inch ceiling, extending under the sidewalk on both Dundas and Richmond streets.

The most up-to-date fixtures only will be adopted for the store. Fine hardwood will be used for the shelving and counters, while a pneumatic tube system will be adopted for the carrying of cash from the various parts of the store to the cashiers. Two passenger elevators and one freight are to be constructed, with provision for two more. A feature of the first floor will be the erection of a massive stairway, half-way up which will be a gallery for observation purposes.

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The basement will be constructed in such a manner that at any time it can be fitted up for salesrooms. It will also contain dining and reading rooms for employees.

Work on the store will be pushed with all possible haste, in order that the first section on both Richmond and Dundas streets will be ready for the early spring trade.

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