

WIDOWS WILL BRING ACTION AGAINST THE COMMISSION

Alleged Misrepresentation of Power Agents Along Line on Hamilton Rd.

A BLUFF GAME ON THE PEOPLE

Told All Sorts of Fairy Tales. It Is Said and Then Threatened By the Officials.

Widows apparently did not get any the best of the agents of the hydro-electric commission, and as a result there are liable to be many lawsuits over easements on land for the transmission line along the Hamilton road and as well as other places throughout the province.

It was learned this afternoon that several lawsuits are now pending, and the list is swelling every day, so that within a short time it will reach somewhat formidable proportions.

The Advertiser published a list of settlements made recently, in which it was very plain that in the first instances the owners of property were not given their rights—that they were not fairly dealt with.

Alleged Misrepresentation. The suits now pending are due to the same cause—alleged misrepresentation, and practically bulldozing.

One case in particular along the Hamilton road is cited, and it is characteristic of the rest.

The lady who owns the property was approached by the agent of the commission, explaining that there will be any number of residents to take up property in the neighborhood, and that her land will increase enormously in value, because of the fact that the lines are crossing her premises. She is told that 40 families will take up residence there, and that the men will be employed in the power station.

She is also impressed with the fact, that if the land is not turned over willingly, the Government can step in and take the land.

As a result of this method of dealing, the woman signed an agreement, allowing the commission to erect a line across her premises for \$1 a year for 30 years.

Property is Useless. After a time, the plans come along, and she discovered upon examination, that the lines cross her property in an angular fashion, rendering every part of it useless for building purposes, as no building can be erected within 70 feet of the line.

It does not take the party long to discover that she has been unfairly dealt with, and as a result a suit will be filed within a few days asking for a disavowance of the agreement.

The case quoted is typical of many such, and from one end of the line to the other there will be suits without number before the question is settled.

Commission Settings. The commission's agents are everywhere throughout the country trying to settle with the aggrieved parties for sums much larger than the first offers, but some of those who have been given the first offers, and who will go to law to prevent the commission acting in so high-handed a manner.

The residents of Gainsboro' Township and Pelham Township and others are trying a different method of dealing with the commission.

One man named Shaw took a shotgun to chase some of the agents off his property. Now the farmers in those districts adopt different tactics and are carrying the towers and other necessary equipment off their farms, and in the meantime are circulating petitions asking the Dominion Government to disallow the legislation.

Several local lawyers have briefs in hand for clients along the Hamilton road, and in other parts of London Township, and more are to follow.

CITY THROWING BUSINESS IN CITY ROAD'S WAY

The Michigan Central Files a Protest Regarding Shipments Over the Pere Marquette.

The Michigan Central Railroad filed objections at the meeting of the special power committee last evening to the routing of all the goods ordered by the city over the Pere Marquette. "This road should be dealt fairly with," said Ald. Beattie. "We receive a rental of \$5,000 per annum from them, and they should be given some of the business."

"When the question of routing came up," said Engineer Sifton, "I was informed that the Pere Marquette paid the city a percentage on their earnings over a certain figure, and I thought we would benefit by shipping our goods that way. However, it is too late now to do anything, as most of the stuff has been shipped. I will bear this in mind when there is anything else to be shipped." This closed the incident.

1,000 SHEEP BURNED. Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 4.—A section of the new sheep sheds at the East Buffalo Stock Yard burned last night. Nearly 1,000 sheep were burned to death. The loss is about \$50,000.

THE LYALL COMPANY. Ottawa, Sept. 4.—The Canada Gazette contains notice of the incorporation of the Lyall Company, Limited, with a capital stock of \$500,000 and chief place of business at Montreal.

NEW YORKER DIED SUDDENLY IN LONDON

Unexpected Death of Mr. James M. Twiss in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mr. James M. Twiss, of 360 Union street, Brooklyn, died very suddenly in St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday afternoon from heart trouble.

Some weeks ago Mr. Twiss underwent an operation in New York and came to London to visit with relatives and recuperate his strength.

About a month ago he went to St. Joseph's Hospital and seemed to be recovering, when yesterday he was stricken very unexpectedly with heart trouble and died soon afterwards.

Mr. Twiss was 64 years old and was in charge of one of New York's largest office buildings at 29 Broadway. His wife died some years ago, and is buried in Biddulph. He is survived by two sons, William and Frank, of New York, two daughters, Misses Anna and Clara also of that city, and a sister, Miss Ella and one brother, Edward, who live in Brooklyn.

Michael Quigley, and Mrs. William Flannery of this city, and Mrs. Robert O'Keefe, of Biddulph, are relatives. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, pending the arrival of relatives from New York.

INSTANTLY KILLED WHILE CLIMBING FENCE

Downie Township Farmer Accidentally Kills Himself While Out Shooting Dogs.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Stratford, Sept. 4.—Mr. Robert Packham, a prominent and well-to-do farmer of Downie Township, met with a tragic death here early this morning. He had gone into the fields to shoot some dogs that had been worrying his sheep, and in climbing over a barb-wire fence, his weapon, a double-barrelled shotgun, was discharged, and the unfortunate man received the full charge in his head, the top of which was blown completely off. The coroner was summoned, but the evidences of an accident were so plain that an inquest was deemed unnecessary. The dead man was 43 years of age, and leaves a wife and three boys, the eldest being 12 years old.

GROUP PHOTOS AT CITY'S EXPENSE

Members of No. 3 Committee Apparently Think They Look Well on Paper.

BILL BEING HELD UP

Finance Committee Could Not See Why the People Should Pay for This Bit of Luxury.

The artistic temperament of an alderman or two is liable to cause some fun at the council meeting on Tuesday evening.

Last night at the finance committee a cute little bill was presented, calling for the payment of \$30 for six group photographs of members of No. 3 committee.

"What is this for?" asked Ald. Ferguson, chairman of the committee. "I do not know," said Ald. Beattie. "Who ordered photos?" asked Ald. Parsons.

But nobody knew what the bill was for or anything about it. They sat and wondered.

It was suggested that the account lay over until some information was received on the subject.

The account was passed in No. 3 committee subsequently. It was signed by the chairman, but no person apparently paid much attention to it, and none of those present worried themselves about looking the accounts over. It has been discovered that the bill was for six group photos furnished the members of the committee and the fire chief and some others. The photos were taken in Cooper's studio.

Account Held Up. In due course, the members received the pictures, and it is claimed that they knew not whence they came, or where the coin came from for the groups.

So the account is now held up. The pictures are very good, and the poses are very fine, but no person apparently has authorized the expenditure of the money, and so the trouble has come.

The cute little bill was turned down for the time being, and so the transaction will have to be explained. The council will deal with it on Tuesday evening, perhaps.

SINGER DEAD.

Watchill, Sept. 4.—Wm. H. Singer, the Pittsburg steel manufacturer who was injured in an automobile accident at Matamoras on Aug. 25, died here today. He had been unconscious practically all the time since the accident. His family were at his bedside when the end came.

ENGINEER SIFTON NAMES APPOINTEES

Several Recommendations Were Made by Him Last Night at Power Meeting.

A BIG LIST SELECTED

Niagara Power Staff in London Will Be No Little One. Power Meeting Last Night.

Several recommendations for appointments to the electric staff were made last night by the special power committee.

Engineer Sifton named his assistants and his recommendations were accepted with the exception of the appointment of a store clerk. The names of seven applicants will be submitted to the council. Few of them mentioned the salary they expect, and this and other information will be obtained in the meantime.

The Recommendations. Mr. Sifton's recommendations were as follows:

Assistant engineer, Mr. D. P. Roberts, 301 Wolfe street, salary \$100 a month.

Store clerk and draughtsman, N. S. Linton, 33 Beaufort street, \$50 a month.

Line superintendent, W. C. Alford, 22 Walnut street.

Linemen as follows: Geo. Hunt, J. W. Easton, F. McMillan, E. H. Stewart, W. McIntyre, P. J. Butler, W. S. Albertson, Jas. Hamilton and others.

These latter will, of course, be employed by the day only.

Ald. Ferguson moved that the recommendations of Engineer Sifton be accepted with the exception of a clerk, that to be left over until it was found out what salary the different applicants expect.

This was agreed upon.

Ald. Saunders moved the appointment of Mr. D. P. Roberts as assistant engineer and power solicitor.

Ald. Beattie moved that Mr. D. P. Roberts be appointed, declaring that he was a young man of experience, who would work for less than Mr. Roberts. The latter was recommended by a vote of 3 to 2.

The appointment of a clerk will be made by the council. Information as to salaries, etc., will be collected in the meantime by Engineer Sifton. The following names will be voted on—R. H. Routledge, Ed. Harrison, N. S. Linton, W. A. Tane, J. A. Gilman, W. A. Fottit, W. N. Dickson.

The contract for teaming was awarded to Homer Smith for teams at \$4 a day, or 60 cents an hour and for single rigs to P. Gray, for \$3 a day.

The recommendations of Engineer Sifton for his superintendent and linemen were accepted on motion of Ald. Ferguson.

Those present were Ald. Stewart, chairman, Ald. Beattie, Ald. Parsons, Ald. Moorehead, Engineer Sifton and Secretary Baker.

\$123,000 FOR WATER EXTENSION

Commissioners Make Demand for This Amount From the City of London.

\$5,000 FOR UNIVERSITY

And a Similar Amount for the Tuberculosis Sanatorium—Meeting of No. 1 Committee Last Night.

At last night's meeting of No. 1 committee, Secretary Ellwood, of the water commission, wrote, stating that he had been instructed to ask the committee to provide \$123,000 to purchase the Beck wells and provide an artesian wells scheme according to the bylaw carried by the citizens on July 26 last.

On motion of Ald. Beattie it was decided to ask the council to validate a bylaw for the required amount of debentures.

Five Thousand Dollars for Sanatorium. H. E. Gates, secretary-treasurer of the London Health Association, notified the committee that site had been secured, and asked them to provide \$5,000 to aid in establishing the hospital according to the bylaws. The request was granted.

Superintendent Heard, of Victoria Hospital, requested that the county judge be asked how the endowment fund made through the London Savings Bank shall be applied towards the maintenance of city and county patients, as the matter is in dispute. The request was granted.

Five Thousand for University. Secretary Baker notified the committee that \$5,000 is due the Western University for teachers' salaries, and it was decided to look after the matter immediately.

The question of asking the Grand Trunk and other parties to abate the smoke nuisance, was left over until some local firms make further experiments with smoke consumers.

An application to change the name of Railway street to Beaconsfield avenue west was laid over.

There were present: Chairman Ferguson, Ald. Beattie and Ald. Parsons, and City Clerk Baker.

MORNING PAPER MONDAY

Monday being a holiday, all subscribers will be supplied with an early morning edition of The Advertiser, published at four o'clock.

TRAIN WRECKERS DITCH FLYER

MIDNIGHT CRASH KILLS FOUR

Fiends Removed the Fish Plates on the B. and O. Near Town of Chewton, Pa., and Road's Crack Limited Is Wrecked. Engine Crew and Two Passengers Being Killed.

Pittsburg, Sept. 4.—Four persons were killed and 35 others injured, several perhaps fatally, at midnight, last night, when train No. 5, westbound, on the Baltimore and Ohio, known as the Royal Blue Limited, running between New York and Chicago, was wrecked at Chewton, Pa., 48 miles from this city. The train ran into a broken rail, supposed to have been caused by train wreckers, and the engine, two Pullmans and two day coaches, were thrown from the track.

The cars immediately took fire. Reheating was sent to the scene from this city and Newcastle, Pa., and the dead and injured removed to a hospital at the latter place. The engineer and fireman of the train were instantly killed, two passengers dying

on the way to the hospital.

Among the dead are: Engineer John Dill, aged 45, of Chicago Junction; Baggage-master John Wheatcroft, of Chicago Junction.

C. Cavanaugh, boiler inspector, was crushed, probably fatally.

The train was westbound from Pittsburg to Chicago. It was whirling along at 50 miles an hour, when the engine suddenly jumped the track and in a second the whole train had turned turtle into a deep ditch.

The railroad officials claim the wreck was caused by fiends who removed two fish-plates, moved the north rail inside and removed the spikes for a rail's length. An investigation after the wreck showed that the fish-plates and spikes were missing.

POWER BUILDING IS TO COST \$14,600

Offer Made to the City in Connection With the Artesian Wells Proposition.

MUST MOVE WITHIN WEEK

Ald. Beattie Does Not Appear to Like the Way Things Are Going, and He Asks Many Questions.

The power committee's share of the joint distribution plant and power station will amount to \$14,600, provided the tender of Hon. Adam Beck is accepted.

At a meeting last night Mr. Beck offered to build the additions noted in the plans, approved by the committee for the above sum. His offer must be accepted or rejected within a week.

Some of the members of the committee considered that they should be given some information as to tenders and prices, and a sub-committee will be appointed at the council meeting to obtain this information before the offer is finally accepted.

Ald. Beattie speaks. "Have any information at all, save the bare offer to do this work for so much money?" asked Ald. Beattie. "That is all we have," said Ald. Stewart. "We have not yet received any tenders, and he says that he will turn over all his vouchers to the committee for their examination when the tender is accepted." "I think this committee or a sub-committee should have been taken into Mr. Beck's confidence. It does not look like business to me. We simply do not know what we are doing."

"The question is simply this," said Ald. Saunders, "if we are to accept and erect a suitable building for the power station, will the tender be accepted, and the tender will be accepted."

"We certainly cannot erect a building suitable for our purposes for that price," said Ald. Stewart.

"We simply have to take so many things for granted," said Ald. Beattie. "I move that we recommend that the tender be accepted," said Ald. Saunders, "provided we are allowed to examine the contracts, vouchers, etc., after the deal is closed."

"The tender is only open for a week, and we had better do something immediately," suggested Ald. Stewart.

"Would it not be possible to have the tender accepted?" asked Ald. Beattie. "If this committee was satisfied we could go ahead. We could have it pass the council in that form, and then everything was satisfactory we could go ahead with the work."

This was agreeable to the committee, and the tender will be accepted, provided it is found satisfactory to a sub-committee to be named by the council.

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THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COOLER. TEMPERATURES.

Toronto, Sept. 4-8 a.m. Today—Winds shifting to west and north, and increasing to strong breezes and moderate gales; showers today, with local thundershowers.

Sunday—Strong northerly winds; clearing and cooler.

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HENDRIE'S BODY WAS EXHUMED

Crown Authorities Ordered a Postmortem Examination.

"JIM" McVETTY AS A WITNESS

Will Give Evidence at the Resumption of the Inquest Next Thursday.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Samia, Sept. 3.—James McVetty, the man who was referred to as "Jim," the porter, at the inquest on the death of Wm. Hendrie, the hotelman who was found with his throat gashed on Monday night, and whose presence here to give evidence at the inquest on Thursday night was desired by the authorities, arrived in town last evening.

McVetty had been at St. Clair, Mich., visiting his sister. When the inquest is resumed on Sept. 9, McVetty will be present to give evidence.

Yesterday afternoon County Crown Attorney J. P. Bucke gave orders to have the body of Hendrie exhumed and postmortem examination was made by Drs. Wilkinson and McDonald. Their finding will not be made public at this time. The inquest is resumed next Thursday evening.

The exhuming of the remains of Hendrie came as a great and startling surprise, and tends to strengthen the murder theory held by many. Neither the doctors nor the prosecutor would give any information as to the result of the examination.

SMOKE NUISANCE IS BITTERLY COMPLAINED OF

Richmond Street Firm Had to Close Down Plant Because of the Trouble.

The smoke nuisance is very bad in the Richmond street district, south of the track, about Bathurst, Horton and adjoining streets.

Many complaints have been made by City Engineer Graydon, but he is powerless in the matter, as there is no city bylaw governing the nuisance complained of. Strange to say, the G. T. R. is not blamed for the trouble. Factory stacks are blamed.

The Cook-Pittzgerald Shoe Company have made a complaint, and state that the prevalence of smoke in this section is a menace to their business, and very uncomfortable. One day the company had to send its lady employees home, so bad was the smoke.

Other businessmen in the same section utter the same complaint, and declare that it is up to the city to do something.

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At Liverpool—Cymric, from Boston.

At Rotterdam—New Amsterdam, from New York.

At Naples—Pannonia, from New York.

At Liverpool—Corsecan, from Montreal.

At Father Point—Monmouth, from Bristol.

VESSEL THAT SANK WAS NOT GRENFELL'S

The Doctor Sends Word That His Boats Are All Safe.

St. John's, Nfld., Sept. 3.—W. H. Peters, secretary of the Deep Sea Mission, has just received a wireless from Dr. Grenfell, on the steamer Strathcona, stating that the auxiliary boat McCosh, reported missing, is alongside, all well. Consequently it was not the vessel reported to have been sunk with all on board.

Premier Sir Edward Morris arrived here yesterday afternoon from England via New York.

WILL ASK PEOPLE TO VOTE \$70,000

To Put the Wires for the Niagara Power Scheme Under the Ground in London.

PROPOSITION FAVORED

By the Special Power Committee—Other Companies to be Asked to Join in the Cost.

The ratepayers will likely be asked to vote on a distribution plant at the next municipal election.

It is not known as this morning what the amount will be, but it will probably range in the neighborhood of \$70,000.

This money will be used for an underground wire system in the downtown districts, for we will have to dig up the streets to lay the wires, which was not provided for in the original estimates of \$235,000.

At the meeting of the special power committee last night the matter was brought up by Ald. Saunders, who moved that the engineer prepare plans and specifications and call for tenders for the underground work, the same to be submitted to the people in the form of a bylaw.

Let People Say. "The action will not delay matters at all," said Ald. Saunders. "We will be just as far ahead in the end, and by submitting a bylaw we will be able to find out the opinion of the citizens on this question. I have had a large number speak to me on the subject, and in this way we can give an opportunity of saying what they want, to say, I am convinced that the underground service is inevitable. If we do not do it now, we will have to do it later on. I think all the telegraph and telephone companies, and the London Electric would come in and help us pay for it. The cost would be distributed over four or five companies and would not be very heavy."

It's Feasible. "Is such a thing feasible?" asked Ald. Beattie.

"Yes, it is," answered Engineer Sifton. "We will not be able to do much downtown work this fall in any event. We will have our hands full with outside work, and if the people vote favorably next January we can get the underground work done in two months. If power comes in March we might be delayed a little, but if it comes in May we will be all right."

"I think the scheme a good one," said Ald. Ferguson. "We should allow the people to vote on it. We will have to come to it sooner or later. We can get to work early in the spring on the underground work if necessary."

The motion carried without dissent.

CANNERIES COMPLAIN OF TOMATO SHORTAGE

Factory Inspector Clark Has Just Returned From Trip of Inspection.

Factory Inspector Clarke returned home this morning after having completed a tour of inspection in the canneries in Western Ontario.

He states that they are all very busy, but are complaining of a great shortage of tomatoes and cucumbers. Beans, corn and fruit will be a splendid crop though this year, and the canners expect to make up in these what they lose in the tomatoes and cucumbers.

Inspector Clark says he is rigidly enforcing the child labor law, and states that in some districts he has experienced quite a lot of trouble, as women who are employed in the canneries try to work the children in by giving the excuse that they cannot be left at home. However, they are very anxious to have the little ones do all kinds of work and earn money, and this the inspector insists upon stopping, as the children are too small.

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