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OPPOSITION TO SWITCH SEEMS TO BE GROWING.

Sub-Committee Met Yesterday Afternoon and Considered the Report as Drafted.

Rev. Father Mahoney Gives the Reason for Opposition of the Catholic Church.

There is Talk To-day That the Application May be Withdrawn on Account of Fuss it Has Made.

It did not take the Board of Works sub-committee on the G.T.R. switch long after Mr. MacKeehan had drafted a report on the subject to get together and consider the report and tear it pretty much to pieces. The committee, consisting of Ald. Stewart, Kerr, Findlay and Howard, City Solicitor MacKeehan, City Engineer Barrow and Secretary Brennan met at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and spent an hour and a half over the report. Ald. Birrell was also present, as were Messrs. Geo. E. Bristol, Wm. Sumerville, John E. Brown and J. J. Scott, who are among the promoters of the project.

The very preamble of the report, which was published in yesterday's Times, lead to a long discussion. It referred to the proposed switch as running along the east side of Caroline street, etc.

This, Mr. Bristol did not like. Those he represented had nothing to do with the track west of Bay street and they did not want to have.

Mr. MacKeehan thought the whole switch should be considered as a Grand Trunk extension and treated as such.

Mr. Bristol said, very emphatically, that it was not. The Grand Trunk had nothing to do with the extension petitioned for. Those who represented had bought the right of way and would own it and the track too, east of Bay street.

Mr. MacKeehan replied that the part east of Bay street would be used without the part west of Bay street.

"That has already been provided for," said Mr. Bristol, and built along Caroline street. We have nothing to do with that, and don't want to get mixed up with it."

Mr. MacKeehan repeated what he had said the other night, that the G. T. R. had built it without the authority of the Railway Committee at Ottawa, and, therefore without any authority. He contended that the Railway Committee's authority was necessary.

This point had been raised so often that Mayor Morien asked for the 1903 proceedings of the Council, and looked up the cause on the subject. It said very plainly that the city would offer no opposition to the switch on Caroline street, to a point across Cannon, Mayor Morien held that the Council could not go back on that, and under it the G. T. R. had laid the switch.

Still Mr. MacKeehan insisted that without the Railway Committee's order the G. T. R. had no right to build.

Mr. Bristol asked the committee not to get the Canada Grocers' switch mixed up with the other.

The committee members seemed unanimous that the switch should be treated as a whole, and as a G. T. R. proposition.

Then there was some discussion as to who should have the use of the switch. Mr. Bristol said that the city contributing to the cost, which would be \$20,000. Any others wanting to get on it afterwards should pay their proportion.

The committee decided to make free use of the switch a condition. Secretary Brennan thought the words "G. T. R. branch line" should not be used, because railways have the right to do passenger business over "branch lines." The words were struck out.

Referring to the legality of the switch already laid on Caroline street, Ald. Birrell said that the Council might rescind the resolution of last year. For his part, he was sure that the Grand Trunk had not already built it the extension. It would be just like them, he said, to do so. He also said that the north end had

must go to and from the church every day. About ten per cent. of all which take place in Hamilton go to St. Mary's Cathedral and all must cross the switch once, some of them twice, just at switching time.

"Experience teaches that the worst sort of switch is the freight switch. It drives residents away from the vicinity." Concluding, Rev. Father Mahoney said: "I am a citizen of Hamilton, and have been for 40 years. I was baptized here and my interests are in the city's progress, advancement and beautification, but it is neither progress nor beautification, to choke our people with smoke or to ruin their eyes by the glare of lighting and shrieking of a locomotive at their very doors. The promoters of the switch and its opponents may all be gone 25 years hence, but the city will remain and its people's comfort should be safeguarded now. It is the ounce of prevention which we desire rather than the pound of cure."

There is a feeling, Ald. Sweeney said to-day, that rather than suffer defeat in the Council, the promoters of the switch, the Grand Trunk Railway, shall have extended its Caroline street switch to a point south of Cannon street, the extension to MacNab street may be proceeded with.

Next came a long talk on the use of electric motor cars, so as to do away with all smoke and noise. Mr. Mackie, I can state that Mr. John Patterson had told him that day that electricity could be employed.

Mr. Bristol stated that he had had a talk with Mr. Jones, Divisional Superintendent, only an hour before, and Mr. Jones assured him that it could not be. The company had no electrical motors and was not in a position to do business with electric power. As a last resort he had got Mr. Jones to call on Mr. McGuigan, General Manager, and ask him. An answer would be received in a short time, but Mr. Jones held out no hope.

Ald. Stewart said that electricity was used in other places, and the only reason for not using it here was that Hamilton was not a big enough city. It would come in time. It was finally agreed not to make electricity an essential feature until after Mr. McGuigan is heard from.

The speed on the switch was restricted to four miles an hour, and business to be done except between 7 and 9 a. m. and 4 and 6 p. m. and no business at all on Sundays. Only the one track shall be allowed across any city street. If switches are built off it they must be entirely on private property.

The city will have the right to allow electric lines to cross the switch and the company must keep all crossings and sidewalks in repair, construct necessary drains, etc.

When the committee got through with the conditions the members seemed to be far from a unit as to what they would stick to at the Council meeting on Monday night.

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"The switch," said he, "will depreciate the value of our property, will endanger the lives of many people, and will cause discomfort and annoyance to many more. During the past two winter months or so we have spent over \$100,000 improving our church, school and convent property, which are the headquarters of the diocese and of the Sisterhood of St. Joseph, and now they are materially helped to build up Hamilton, and particularly to improve that section which it is now proposed to cut off by the switch."

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BLIZZARD AT OTTAWA.

Conference About the G. T. P. Modifications.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—(Special).—Ottawa was visited by a blizzard this morning. All the trains are running many hours late. The Toronto train, due at Hull this morning, did not arrive until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

A. M. Willeg, collector of customs, Port Arthur, has resigned, and J. Hodder, has been appointed in his place.

Mr. C. M. Hays, and Mr. Wm. Walbridge, are in the city to-day, conferring with the Government in regard to the modifications asked for by the Grand Trunk Railway, in connection with the contract of last session. There will be a meeting of the Cabinet this afternoon.

BECHTEL TRIAL.

Mrs. Bechtel's Testimony Unshaken by Counsel.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 22.—Mrs. Catherine Bechtel again occupied the stand to-day, when her trial on the charge of being an accessory after the fact to the murder of her daughter, Mabel, was resumed. Attorney Lutz, assisting the District Attorney, took up the cross-examination of the witness. He failed to shake her direct testimony.

A FATAL ROW.

Man Will be Tried on the Charge of Murder.

Campbellton, N. B., Jan. 22.—On Thursday evening, July 23, Richard Mann, the father of a large family, as the result of a row on Cross Point Beach, breathed his last. Richard Murray will be tried on a charge of murder.

BRANTFORD'S FLIGHT.

Brantford, Jan. 22.—A very wet snow storm set in from the north-east on Wednesday evening until night, when the weather got colder, with higher winds and continued to snow and drift until last night, when rain started and still continues. All traffic is suspended. No railway trains are moving and there has been no street car service for two days.

KILLED BY THE CARS.

Barrie, Ont., Jan. 22.—James McPherson died last night, as the result of injuries received near Pelham on Wednesday morning. He was foreman of a G. T. R. snow plough.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Donald M. Cameron, of this city, is in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCoy, of Alton, have taken up residence in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Greening and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moodie, of this city, have returned from New York, where they attended the automobile show.

APOPLEPTIC STROKE.

Montreal, Jan. 22.—Mr. Jas. Manson, formerly superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Winnipeg, and later on at Toronto, last night, suffering from a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Manson had just arrived home from a trip to England.

Cod Liver Oil is Very High.

But we have decided to continue selling Parke's Emulsion at 25c. and 50c. Pure cod liver oil at the same price. Wampole's at 85c. Parke's tasteless cod liver oil at 75c. Parke's curative quinine tablets, 30c. Parke's syrup of white pine and tar, 25c. Parke & White, druggists.

Turkeys, Chickens, Spring Lamb, Etc.

The market will be poorly attended to-morrow. We have secured a large supply of young, plump turkeys, chickens and geese, Spring lamb, cauliflowers, all sizes. Head lettuce, rhubarb, Spanish onions, 2 lbs. pure charged honey, 25c. 2 sections backwatered honey, 25c. ripe pears, lemons, Cambridge sausage, 4 lbs. Lima beans for 25c. Spanish chestnuts 10c. per lb. Hazel & Son, King and MacNab, Main and Wentworth.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

But there are lots of handy men making more than \$12 a week, Mr. Engineer.

Has the Spectator no opinion on the wardenship? It pretends to be a newspaper. But it is silent. What's the matter?

That's right, Tom. Investigate all fires.

This is the kind of weather we read about.

Tom Taylor deserved that raise just as much as does the Engineer deserve his. Tom is a smart man, and a steady one, too.

Here is a big fight going on over in the Court House as to who will be the Warden, and the Spec. has never a word to say. What's the matter? It pretends to be a newspaper, too.

Who is this Gordon who wants to be a school trustee? I don't believe more than half a dozen people know him.

The Kilties must feel flattered to have the Earl of Darnley as their honorary colonel. It is quite an honor.

I suppose this man Gordon is a Mason.

I regret to report that I had twice to shovel the snow off the sidewalk yesterday.

Ald. Sullivan is apparently one of those men who vote first and think afterwards.

Did you clean the snow off your sidewalk? Never mind the crossings.

Is this mica roofing man in favor of fire drill?

Yes; Thomas Taylor is a handy man—a very handy one—but he is also a carpenter, and a first-class one at that. But he has one great fault in Ald. Birrell's eyes: He is a Grit and a Good one, too.

The snow that I shoveled this morning was as heavy as lead.

This would have been a great day for the Herald road race.

I wasn't far wrong when I said Gamey would have the time of his life in North Oxford. The farmers made it pretty hot for him at Embro, and the spectators on the sidelines.

And this is Violet Day. Isn't it lovely?

Some of these days I will move that the lines of the Street Railway be extended.

City Engineer Barrow assures me that notwithstanding the heavy frosts, the bottom has not fallen out of the new reservoir.

Are you thinking of applying for a place on the police force?

As wheat and flour have gone up, I suppose the bakers will want to boost the bread again.

In a day or two we may see the Japs and Russians passing votes of thanks to each other.

I generally notice that those independent newspapers are generally found there or thereabouts when an election is on.

It's only a question of a few days when Col. Munro will take his seat in the Legislature.

Those Toronto Tory pluggers would persecute were they voting for a pound-keeper. They can't help it.

Foster is looking for a soft seat, but Tarte will take the first one that comes along.

Now that there is to be another session of Parliament, the Con. Club will have had of time to find a substitute for Mr. Bruce, who is no doubt anxious to retire.

There is no getting over Mr. Ross' big surplus. But this what the dandy crowd would do if they got a hold of it? They wouldn't do a thing to it. I guess not.

The Bear that walks like a man has got his tail between his legs. The little Jap scared him.

So the Knox Church boys talked the Toronto men to a standstill. I thought they would.

As a trustee, Mr. Waugh is a man to be trusted.

An energetic, up-to-date public spirited business man, Mr. Waugh will make the kind of school trustee needed in No. 6 Ward.

CLIPPED.

The high roller gathers no moss. Trouble cannot always be measured by its sighs.

Many a man's future is overshadowed by his past.

A man may have low tastes and still live in high halls.

All the world loves a lover except the fellow who has been jilted.

Life is either a comedy or a tragedy, just as you choose to make it.

The freckle may not be as pretty as the blush, but it is more genuine.

You never realize how ill you have been until you get the doctor's bill.

The Tramp—Can you oblige me with a little help, madam? Mrs. Suburban—I'm afraid not. My help all left this morning.

Blobs—Bones and his wife both look as though they have been disappointed in love. Slobs—They have. Each thought the other had money.

"Oh, conscience is a still, small voice." Remarks the favored boarder;

"That tells a man not to rejoice whose liver's out of order."

The boy stood in the slush and mud. Whence all but him had fled.

"Oh, give me every time," he cried, "The burning deck instead."

ALEXIS BROKE THE BANK AT MONTE CARLO.

Ice Gorge on the Alleghany River Broke and Pittsburg Threatened With a Disastrous Flood.

Nearly Sixty Chinamen From Boston and Buffalo Being Sent Home by the United States Government.

New York and London Pilgrim Societies Will Exchange Messages by Atlantic Cable While They Dine.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 22.—On board the Baltimore bound steamer

Dorchester, when she sailed last night, were 56 Chinamen from Boston and Buffalo, listed for transportation to their native country. They are in charge of a United States

marshal, and have been convicted of being illegally in the United States.

Pilgrim Societies Fraternize.

New York, Jan. 22.—The World says, the Pilgrim Society will unite in England and America, for an hour at its dinner at Delmonico's on Jan. 26, and so put in practical effect the principle of the club. For the first time in the history of the club in this city a trans-Atlantic cable has been

leased for an hour, and while the New York Pilgrims will have charge of this end of it, the organization in London, at which Earl Roberts is to

be the guest of honor, will have charge of the other. The guests at the two dinners, will exchange messages of good will, and sentiments of the kind which prompted the formation of the Pilgrim Society three years ago. The dinner in this city will be given to Sir Henry Mortimer

Burnard, the British Ambassador. All of the members of the Cabinet and many prominent Americans have been invited.

Floods Expected.

Pittsburg, Jan. 22.—Forecaster Edgewood has received a telegram stating that the ice gorge at Freeport, forty miles north of this city, on the Alleghany River, started with a rush early to-day. It is expected to reach this city about 10 o'clock.

The weather continues warm and everything indicates one of the worst floods in the city's history. The police department has

patrols out, warning the residents and business houses in the threatened district. The largest ice gorge in years at Springdale, 16 miles north of this city, on the Alleghany River, began to move at 7.45 this morning, causing great excitement and apprehension. Flat boats along

the river side were caught and crushed.

So far no damage has been done to the Springdale, and it was thought by experienced observers that the water was too high for any to be wrought.

Great Flood Feared.

Reports received by the weather bureau up to 10 o'clock indicate a general break-up in the rivers. The ice gorges are letting go at different points and the water is rising at the head waters of both rivers. The weather is mild and rain is reported from all sections of western Pennsylvania. All conditions favor a great flood, but it will probably be late this afternoon before any definite report can be made. A Greensboro, Pa., despatch states that the ice broke in the Cheat River at 8.30 a. m. and is coming out with 30 feet of water back of it. The ice is running over dam 7 on the Monongahela River.

Broke the Bank.

New York, Jan. 22.—A despatch to the Sun from Nice says: The Russian Grand Duke Alexis has broken the bank at Monte Carlo, winning about \$50,000 in half an hour playing roulette.

Shot and Killed Himself.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 22.—Ned Howard Fowler, leading man of the Empire Theatre Stock Company, shot and killed himself to-day in the presence of his wife, Laura Nelson Hall, and Dr. Starling Wilcox, his physician. Nervousness is assigned as the cause, due to overwork.

Three Steamers Carried Away.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 22.—A gorge broke above the city, and a flood of water swept down the Cuyahoga River, tearing away three big steamers from their moorings. The vessels were carried down the stream, and crashed into the drawbridge of the Superior street viaduct. The boats went all badly damaged by the collision, and it is believed the foundation of the big bridge has been seriously damaged. The river is completely blocked by the vessels jammed about the piers of the viaduct. The fireboat Cleveland was run ashore to avoid collision with the steamers.

BONIER TO BE ELECTROCUTED.

Buffalo Murderer Goes to the Electric Chair February 29th.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 22.—Without so much as changing his expression, Charles Bonier, the 75-year-old murderer of Franz and Johanna Frehr, stood before Justice Lambert in criminal term of the Supreme Court to-day, and was sentenced to be electrocuted in the week beginning Feb. 29.

Attorney Philip V. Fennelly made a motion for a new trial, but it was denied. That was the one chance for Bonier, and when the denial came from Justice Lambert, the murderer never wavered.

ENTIRE TOWN SWEEP AWAY.