

C. N. R. NOT NOTIFIED AS TO BIDS FOR L. & P. S. R. DECLARES COL. DAVIDSON

Says He Learned of Council's Special Meeting by Private Sources, Despite Promise That Company Would Be Informed on Matter.

NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED AS TO THE SYSTEM COMING HERE

Col. A. D. Davidson, land commissioner of the Canadian Northern Railway, accompanied by his wife, son-in-law and grandchild, passed through London at noon today on his way to Toronto from Duluth, where he has been since the death of his only daughter, which occurred some time ago.

Col. Davidson has been in England for some time, and as he has not been in touch with C. N. R. matters in this country, he was not prepared to make any statement as to what the company had in mind for London.

Not Notified.

Asked if he had received information from the city of the time set for receiving bids for the leasing or purchasing of the London and Port Stanley Railroad, he replied that he had not. When informed by an Advertiser reporter that the London and Port Stanley board at a special meeting had decided to give every company wishing to tender for the road a month in which to put in its bid, and that every company was to be notified to this effect, he expressed surprise.

"I certainly received no notification," said he. "Of course, the president of the road might have received it." "If the president received it it would naturally be turned over to you, would it not?" asked the reporter.

"Yes, I think it would."

TARIFF VIOLATES TWENTY TREATIES, DECLARE FRENCH

American Tactics, Especially at Panama, Warmly Scored by Leading Manufacturers.

National Association Condemns the Underwood Bill as Absolutely Unfair.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, May 17. — The Underwood tariff bill, as far as it relates to French industry, was energetically condemned today at the monthly luncheon of the National Association of Industry and Commerce. The chair was taken by Andre Lebon, a former minister of commerce, and among the distinguished company were Gabriel Hanotaux, former foreign minister, and Paul Delombre, former minister of commerce.

Objected Strongly.

Deputy Georges Gerard in reviewing the tariff bill expressed his objection to its administration clauses, which instead of relieving the great handicaps, which he declared existed in trading in the United States increased them arbitrarily. When Mr. Underwood and his friends say they are only applying to professional shippers, said M. Gerard, this affirmation is not sufficient for our exporters, who already know too much about the administration of the American tariff.

Scored American.

Deputy Gerard said the world had seen how the United States, by its Panama Canal Act had violated the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and how the state of California had violated the United States treaty with Japan.

The projected tariff he said, which seemed intended to subsidize American shipping, violated twenty treaties made by the United States with Great Britain, Spain, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Denmark, Belgium, etc.—yet, M. Gerard declared, he still hoped that France and the United States would be able to arrange a practicable agreement.

M. Lebon commended the remarks of Deputy Gerard.

MILITIA CALLED OUT TO KEEP ORDER AT CINCINNATI

Strikers Pulled Motormen Off Cars and Nearly Killed Them—Stone Throwing and General Disorders Occurred.

[Canadian Press.]

Cincinnati, May 17.—The street car strike situation, having apparently gotten beyond control of the local police, Mayor Hunt today sent a request to Governor Cox and Adjutant-General Wood for militia.

Serious trouble occurred today, when an attempt was made to start the cars from the Brighton barns. Two cars had just left the barns when a large crowd surrounded them, pulled the cars from the cars and beat and kicked them. Missions of every description were hurled at the cars. One of the imported men is believed to have been seriously injured.

Another serious disturbance took place at the corner of Fourth and Vine streets, where men employed on the local Union Life Insurance

May Not Come Here.

"If the president received it it would not want to electrify the London and Port Stanley will your company make an offer for it?"

"I cannot say now, I am not in touch with the situation at present. We were given to understand that the people of London do not want our line, and of course if that is the sentiment it would be foolish for us to entertain any thought of coming to London."

On being assured that such was not the sentiment in the city, the colonel said that he could not say what would be doing until he held a conference with the officials of his company.

Promise Not Kept.

"You know when I came to London to be present at the council meeting the night the proposition to put the question to the people without any information was voted down, I was told that I would receive notification of any subsequent meetings to be held or of any decision on the part of the council. Well, I never received such notice; in fact, I was never notified officially about the council meeting, but learned of it through private channels."

Mr. Davidson's party stepped from the private car for a few moments in this city, and while one of them was waiting, the train pulled out, leaving the party on the station platform.

The attendant on Mr. Davidson's car signalled for the train to stop, but as it was late and had gained considerable speed before the signal was received, it travelled east of Clarence street before the party could get aboard.

New Story Begins Tuesday

On Tuesday The Advertiser will begin the publication of a new story, "One Wonderful Night," by Louis Tracy, author of "The King of Diamonds," and other popular novels.

In "One Wonderful Night," Mr. Tracy has given free rein to his invention. It is breathlessly interesting from the first to the last page, and absolutely clean.

Bell Co. Offer Probably \$4,000

The Bell Telephone Company offer for a new franchise rental in London has been received by City Clerk Butler, who passed it along to Mayor Graham this morning. The latter would not disclose the amount of the offer, but it is expected that it will be in the neighborhood of \$4,000 a year. The offer will come before the city council on Monday night.

John Mitchell To Be Labor Commissioner

[Canadian Press.]

Albany, N. Y., May 17.—John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, has decided to accept a so-called appointment as state labor commissioner. Mr. Mitchell was nominated twice for this office by Governor Sulzer, but was rejected by the senate. The governor holds the power to name Mr. Mitchell for a term to expire twenty days after the convening of the Legislature next January.

With a view to reorganizing the Labor Department, in accord with the provisions of a law passed this year, Mr. Mitchell today conferred with the governor.

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[Canadian Press.]

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The little gray-haired woman, who is now 61 years of age, was the only child of Henry Courant, a wealthy oil refiner in Lille, France, when she fell in love with her father's coachman, Adolph Gruson, 18 years old. They ran away to Brussels to marry, but their happiness lasted only a few days, for the enraged father succeeded in separating the couple. The broken-hearted girl succeeded later in escaping from her home, but she was then unable to find her husband, and in desperation she came to America to seek her living.

The letter, which she has just received from a friend in France, informs her that the courts have been looking for her for the past four years since her husband died, leaving her about 500,000 francs in money, a cross of the Legion of Honor, and certain sealed papers addressed to her. The woman had heard during the past 40 years only reports to the effect that her lost husband had gone to Algiers in the foreign legion and that he had died 15 years ago. Supposing him dead, she married John Rousseau in this country, but he died a few months after the wedding. Mme. Rousseau is planning to return to France and spend the remainder of her days there.

Two Hurt When Auto Ran Into Ditch Near Thedford

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A PHOTOGRAPH taken this morning by The Advertiser showing the first gasoline car to operate over Grand Trunk tracks. The claim is made that by use of these cars all cost of overhead construction and bonding would be eliminated in the operation of the London and Port Stanley road.



Why Were Tenders Not Called For?

CITY OF CALGARY FOR \$50,000 SECURED PLANT OF 106 TONS CAPACITY FROM SAME FIRM THAT PROVIDED LONDON INCINERATOR AT \$39,750

Medical Health Officer Mahood Said Plant Gives Satisfaction, and That It Costs Fifty Cents Per Ton to Burn Garbage—This Would Mean That London Would Have to Pay \$7,500 a Year for Upkeep of Destructor.

London may have the best incinerator in the land for the money, that is yet to be ascertained. When it has been discovered whether or not this device will be "self-supporting," and will not require so many tons of coal a day to burn up the city's odds and ends, that will be time enough to speak of its performance. There are those who say it will help to treat the hospital, and that it will practically pay its way in the savings derived; there are also those who maintain that the incinerator, while an excellent piece of municipal equipment, will cost as much as a second-year automobile to maintain.

Calgary Gives Information. Among other cities communicated with by The Advertiser in an effort to ascertain what has been their experience in the purchase of an incinerator was Calgary. Calgary, it proves from a letter received from the medical health officer, Dr. S. Mahood, has secured an incinerator of 106 tons capacity from the same firm from which London's was purchased for the sum of \$50,000.

It may be that a 50-ton costs more per ton than one of 106 tons, but it is the fact that the price doubles with the capacity. London paid a good deal more in proportion for its 50-ton plant than Calgary did for its 106-ton plant. Figuring it that way, Calgary should have paid more than \$80,000 for its 106-ton plant.

Dr. Mahood's Letter. The letter received from Dr. Mahood is as follows:

Dear Sir:—In reply to your favor of the 29th ult., I herewith give you information re our new waste incinerator. Purchased from Heenan & Froude, Europe.

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Primary cost of installation, three fires, \$50,000.

Capacity of each fire about 60 pounds per square foot grate area. Cost of operation about 50 cents per ton.

Gives satisfaction. Consumes about 106 tons per 24 hours. Amount of garbage collected per 1,000 of population is 2 1/2 tons per day of manure, garbage and trade refuse.

Trusting this is the information desired, Yours truly, S. MAHOOD, Medical Health Officer.

"Gives Satisfaction."

Citizens will be gratified to note the "Gives Satisfaction" item in this incinerator information. But how will they like this other item of "Cost of operation, 50 cents per ton?" This would mean that the city will pay \$7,500 a year to upkeep the incinerator, and no doubt since they have to, the citizens will be ready to pay it, since there was no opportunity of discovering what other incinerators would have cost.

It is expected further information will be given concerning the matter.

RUSSIAN BADLY BEATEN IN FIGHT WITH NEGRO

Stones, Fists and Strong Language Feature Disturbance Between Foreigner and Colored Citizen—Former Unable to Work as Result of His Injuries.

A fight, which may have serious results, occurred on Friday evening at the corner of William and South streets. A Russian, who cannot speak English, in some way got into a scrap with a negro living in the same vicinity, and for a time they mixed things up pretty lively. The colored man, it is said, had no provocation from the Russian, who is a harmless old fellow, and does not seem capable of doing much fighting. Stones, fists and abusive language soon drew a crowd to the scene. The police were called and quelled the disturbance. That the Russian was injured is apparent from his condition this morning. When seen by the reporter he was lying on his bed suffering intense pain. This morning he tried to go to work at the Rolling Mills, but was sent home, being unable to work. He was cut about the head and appeared to have some internal injuries.

ARRESTED ON STEAMER.

[Canadian Press.] Quebec, May 16. — Eli Lalumiere, for whom a warrant was issued in connection with the Hochelaga by-election scandal, was arrested here today upon leaving the Allan liner Scotia, which had carried him from Europe.

CHURCH MARCH OF SEVENTH

Local Corps, With Cadets and Veterans, Will Attend Divine Service.

ROUTE OF THE PARADE

The Seventh Regiment, accompanied by the London Collegiate Institute Cadets and the veterans of '66 and '85, will parade at the Armories at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon to attend divine service at Cronyn Memorial Church at 3 o'clock. The divisional commander and staff will accompany the regiment.

The route going will be Dundas street east to William, and thence to the church; returning, Queen's avenue to Waterloo, north to Dufferin avenue, Dufferin avenue to Richmond street, south on Richmond to Dundas street, and thence to the Armories.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—WARMER.

Forecasts. Toronto, May 17.—8 a.m. Winds, becoming fresh, southerly, shifting to westerly; fair today, showers and local thunderstorms tonight and for a part of Sunday.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	56	37	Clear
Victoria	60	40	Cloudy
Ottawa	48	32	Clear
Winnipeg	56	40	Rain
Port Arthur	54	36	Rain
Perry Sound	46	36	Cloudy
Toronto	46	38	Cloudy
Ottawa	44	44	Cloudy
Montreal	50	42	Cloudy
Quebec	54	38	Clear
Father Point	48	28	Cloudy

An important disturbance covers Newfoundland, and a moderate depression is situated over the upper lake region. Light showers have occurred in many portions of the Western Provinces, and rain has fallen generally over Lake Superior.

GASOLINE OPERATION SAFER AND CHEAPER THAN ELECTRIFICATION

Demonstration Made This Morning on Grand Trunk Tracks Shows Self-Propelling Car Smooth Running, Rapid and Powerful—Builders Claim It Would Perform Excellent Service on L. & P. S. R.

A party composed of two newspapermen, Superintendent W. R. Davidson and Chief Dispatcher Fred Rutherford, of the Grand Trunk, and Mr. J. C. Duffield, made a trip this morning in the first self-propelled car to run over the Grand Trunk tracks from Hyde Park to London and return.

The car was a gasoline-operated coach, owned and built by the International Electric Company, of Detroit, and was in charge of Mr. William M. Bennett, the vice-president. After having been in the United States for some time demonstrating on various railroads the car was brought to Canada, and came from Preston to London under its own power last night. It is to be manufactured in Canada by the Preston Car Company, of Preston.

The car was inspected with interest by a large number of citizens, and its abilities explained by Mr. Bennett.

Carries Forty Passengers.

It has a capacity of 40 passengers, and is run by a gasoline engine of six cylinders, which develops more than 60 horsepower. While the car shown here was large as most radial coaches, it was built for purposes of demonstration. The cars would cost \$5,000 apiece, which is not much more than the cost of a street car of modern type and appliances. Anyone able to operate an automobile would be able to run the gasoline car, aside from its mechanical features. It has levers at either end and will attain any speed required up to 40 miles.

Mr. Bennett is a friend of Mr. Duffield, and wired him that he was coming to demonstrate the car. To The Advertiser the former stated that he was going to give demonstrations to Pere Marquette officials, but he did not know whether the car would be operated over the London and Port Stanley road.

Better Than Electrification.

On the question of electrification, Mr. Bennett had some information that should prove interesting to the citizens of London.

"The placing of these cars on your London and Port Stanley Railway would do away with all overhead construction and bonding of tracks," he stated, "this would mean that there would be no danger to trunks through dual operation and the stringing of wires. Then this car excels the storage battery car because it is never laid up for charging. All that is required is to fill the tanks with gasoline and take enough oil along. The cost of operation for power

PROBE INCINERATOR CASE SAY REAL ESTATE OWNERS

"Resolved, that in view of the statements published in the local press relating to the incinerator transactions, and that tenders were not called for, and the fact that it is not yet ready for operation, shows a terrible lack in the executive of the council, and we feel that they are deserving of very great censure, and in view of these disclosures, we think the citizens are entitled to an investigation, and if any wrongdoing has taken place the ratepayers should be relieved from paying the tax levied for this civic blunder."

The above resolution was passed unanimously by the Real Estate Owners' Association last night. In addition a resolution was passed approving the grant of \$10,000 to the university by the city.

No Decision Yet As To the Camp

Some Possibility of the Attrill Estate at Goderich Being Selected.

There is a possibility that the Attrill estate at Goderich will be the site of this year's militia camp. The local military authorities have not as yet received a definite announcement as to whether the camp is to be held at London or Goderich, but one of the officers engaged in surveying the proposed site at Goderich stated that there was a possibility of the Attrill estate being selected. The great difficulty has been to find an adequate supply of good water for the use of the men.

PAYMENT OF SPECIE.

[Canadian Press.] Athens, Greece, May 17. — The Greek Government has decided to prolong for another month the moratorium or suspension of the payment of specie by the state banks, despite the protests of the committee of the bourse.

CALIFORNIA TROUBLE TOUCHES BRITISH EMPIRE VERY NEARLY

Many Reasons Why Japan May Force the Issue at the Present Time Says the Pall Mall Gazette—Western Canadians Would Support Americans.

[Canadian Press.]

London, May 17.—"Should war break out," the sympathies of Australia, New Zealand and Western Canada would be violently on the side of the United States," says the Pall Mall Gazette today in discussing the Californian alien landownership controversy. It would be a grave mistake to underestimate the chances of a conflict between the United States and Japan. It says:

"The opinion that the Japanese will never go to war to enforce their treaty rights in California, is one of those dangerous generalities which lead nations blindfolded to the brink of the pit."

The Pall Mall Gazette expresses the opinion that there are several reasons why Japan may be desirous of forcing the issue at the present moment. The most obvious of these is the pending opening of the Panama Canal, while a more remote one is connection with the condition of her internal politics.

The article continues: "The point at issue, the exclusion of Asiatics from permanent settlement touches the British Empire very nearly."

WAR TALK CONDEMNED.

[Canadian Press.]

Tokio, May 17.—Irresponsible war talk was condemned by most of the speakers at a mass meeting today, organized by an association representing purely business and partly educational interests at which some parliamentary representatives were present. The speeches made by the majority of the students were, in contrast to other addresses, generally sober and conservative. They gave expression to their confidence that the Americans will side with the Japanese if the latter steadfastly point out the unfairness of discrimination.

It was, however, declared that the time had arrived when the Japanese must be given equal treatment with other peoples, and the speakers condemned the aggressions of the whites in the world against the colored races, the instance being given of the lynching of negroes in the Southern States.

Professor Nagai, of Waseda University, in the course of his address said: "God made the white and the colored peoples equal. Unless we claim equality we shall fail to carry out God's wishes."

This was received with cheering.