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MONTREAL AND FIRE UNDERWRITERS.

Unsatisfactory Conditions to be Discussed Next Week
—Fifty Year Franchise for a Street Railway—
Important Legal Decision Reversed.

Monetary Times' Office,
Montreal, August 15th.

I asked the representative of the Fire Underwriters' Association what action the Association proposed taking in view of the recent breakdown in the big Worthington pump at the Montreal city waterworks last week. "We have called a meeting," he said, "for next week. Then the whole subject will be discussed, it is impossible to say in advance what the result of the meeting will be."

"Do you intend taking up the matter of the question concerning water tanks on buildings in view of the recent and the preceding shortcomings, and the report that others are in a more or less doubtful state of security?"

Underwriters Will Discuss Water Supply.

"I do not think so," was the reply. "The Underwriters will discuss the condition of the city with respect to the water supply, and try to arrive at some practical conclusion regarding what should be done. The water pressure is reported to be none too certain at the moment, and it will be some time yet before the new pump is delivered."

"Then will come the question of the sufficiency of the boilers, which is now occupying the attention of the water committee. While this new equipment is being manufactured and placed in position to become effective, no one can tell what may happen, and the consideration of this will occupy the attention of the Underwriters next week."

Fifty-Year Franchise for Railway.

For two days, voting in Notre Dame de Grace was carried on for the purpose of ascertaining whether the town was in favor of giving the Park and Island Railway a fifty-year franchise. The result was an overwhelming majority in favor of the franchise.

The chief advantage the citizens will derive, is that, whereas they now pay a double fare into the city, they will in future pay but a single five-cent fare, such as charged in the city.

The directors of the International Coal Mining Company, Limited, have declared a half-yearly dividend of 3½ per cent. on the preferred stock and 3 per cent. on the common, payable September 2nd.

C. P. R. Hopes to Well Handle Crops.

The C. P. R. has received reports at Winnipeg, in reply to inquiries sent out, which show that it would require some 15,000 box cars, with a sufficient equipment of locomotives, to handle the wheat crop of the West. The company now has almost this number of cars in the West, the movement of freight from East to West having been very active of late. It is the intention to keep these cars moving constantly and the company looks for good results in crop-handling this season.

Now that it has been decided the poles and wires of the Montreal Street Railway Company are subject to the tax on immovables, imposed by the Montreal city, a very considerable addition to the income of the city may be expected from other companies having wires and poles. The city attorney recently announced that in consequence of the decision referred to, actions would be commenced against the following companies, and for the following amounts:—

Montreal, Light, Heat & Power Co.	\$27,383
M. L. H. & P. Co. and Royal Electric Co.	17,580
Royal Electric Co.	1,480
M. L. H. & P. Co. and Lachine Rapids Hydraulic, jointly	4,413
M. L. H. & P. Co. and Imperial Electric Co., jointly	1,771

Montreal Street Railway	\$52,645
	\$39,691

Total

Four Legal Decisions on One Case.

While the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company's share of this total contribution would be a large one, the company has had a decision given in its favor recently, which will mean much to it. While a building contractor

was erecting a derrick, it came into contact with an overhead electric wire belonging to the M. L., H. & P. Co.

The current was thus diverted and a man killed. Suit was brought against the M. L., H. & P. Co. The case hinged on claims of negligence, including the fact that the wires were overhead instead of underground, in view of the statute authorizing wires to be laid "over or under" the streets. The decision went against the company on the ground that, having the alternative of putting them either over or under, they were bound to adopt the method which would afford the public most protection. The case then went before the Court of Review, which affirmed the decision. The Court of King's Bench reversed the decision and dismissed the action, the decision of this court having now been affirmed by the Privy Council.

The following letter has been received by a number of business firms in the city of Montreal, from the Secretary of the Assessors' Department:

"In conformity with By-law 362, Section 3, your company is hereby required to produce to the Assessors' Department at once, the list of your employees residing outside the city of Montreal and drawing a salary, wages, or commission over \$1,200 per annum, and the amount paid to each as such."

FACTORY LOCATIONS.

The following Canadian municipalities are offering inducements to secure manufacturing enterprises. Those interested should correspond with the parties named below. In order to facilitate the bringing together of manufacturing firms with municipalities ready to make special concessions, we are charging a very nominal rate for cards in this column. It will be furnished for the asking.

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WHEAT CROPS AND P

Satisfactory News from the West—E
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Not since twenty-five years has Winnipeg a storm during the month of August to which passed over the city on Saturday night started on the Great Lakes, and spent its power. Considerable damage was done to hail and wind. Sir William Van Horne struck, and it is estimated that several hundred crop damage was done.

The lightning struck the Winnipeg Electric ways transmission towers between Molokai causing a stoppage of current and necessitating the use of steam power plant for electric energy.

Crop Reports are Satisfactory.

Reports on the wheat crop from all the provinces are much brighter than a few weeks ago. Yield increases in the estimate, even in the Province, and advices from Saskatchewan better conditions than were at first expected. Conditions in the three Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are favourable.

The continued good weather has resulted wonderfully, and with the continuance of it is looked forward to to begin in a general harvest. It is early yet to say, but from what is seen from the various parts of Manitoba, and to the acre would not be surprising, and Saskatchewan will go over 20.

What is of nearly as much importance as the crop in Western Canada is an adequate harvest it. The demand has begun, and giving orders to employment offices in the hands.

Labour Needed for Harvest.

The wages offered are in keeping with the demand. Unless the Eastern Provinces send us a large number of harvesters, as is the usual custom at this time, there will be a serious shortage for harvest. Consider that the farmers will have an advantage in certain districts where the crop is better than in others, and they will be able to harvest about the same amount at a less cost.

As we are nearing another winter, the fuel supply is causing considerable anxiety. Railways put forth a greater effort than they have in the way of providing transportation for the grain season commences, the shortage of the car shortage will be much in evidence. That there are 20,000 cords of wood awaiting transportation, it would relieve the city of the shortage of coal at the head of the former years, sufficient for present demand. It remains whether a sufficient supply will be available before the winter begins. Nearly all the mines in Alberta and Saskatchewan are closed, which is seriously handicapping them. These difficulties can be offset by a mild winter, and are looking forward.

Million Dollar Bridge for C.P.R.
The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is working for the building of one of the largest bridges in Canada. The bridge will be more than a mile long, with an elevation of 300 feet. It will cross the Red River and join two of the largest coal fields in Western Canada. The Galt Coal Company, whose mines have been closed for a considerable period on the near shore, will begin work on their property on the other side of the river. The construction work of the bridge is completed, and will be accomplished early in 1908. The work alone will require some 20,000 yards, and the tenderers are: John Gunn & Sons, of Winnipeg.