

MOVEMENTS IN PERE MARQUETTE ARE BEING CLOSELY WATCHED

No New Developments Today, and the Mayor Sees No Cause for Worry.

There is nothing new from a local standpoint in the Pere Marquette controversy today. Mayor Campbell and City Solicitor Meredith are watching the developments, so that London's interests will be sure to be properly looked after.

The present turn of events is somewhat of a blow to the mayor and aldermen, as for some time it has been expected that the Pere Marquette would shortly ask the city to extend the lease of the London and Port Stanley Railway for some years.

The lease, by the way, was never transferred to the Pere Marquette, so that in case anything unforeseen at present should happen, the city would look to the Walkers, and not to the Pere Marquette, to maintain the terms of the lease.

It is understood, too, that the Pere Marquette had contemplated extensive improvements to Port Stanley in case the city should extend the lease, which has but nine years to run, and transfer it from the Walkers to the Pere Marquette. The P. M. talked of taking over the Fraser House and running it in an up-to-date manner, and also of putting a short-cut, scenic railway and the like, on the grounds. Now all these improvements are endangered, since it is hoped only temporarily. Since the P. M. took hold of the road the city's percentage on all earnings over \$50,000 per annum has increased at the rate of about \$2,000 a year, and the city consequently has

no desire to see the present agreement of the Pere Marquette change.

No Cause for Worry.

Mayor Campbell does not see anything to worry about.

"The row between the bondholders is not liable to seriously affect the integrity of either the Pere Marquette or the C. H. and D." said his worship today. "Both roads are paying commissions, and they are not liable to be anything else for some time. But the city solicitor has full charge of the matter, and he is keeping posted on the different turns of events."

There are quite a few Pere Marquette men in this city, and the statements of General Superintendent Trump, as published in last night's Advertiser, greatly reassured them. There was a little uncertainty, for a time, as to whether the men would be compelled to wait for their pay, but this uncertainty has now disappeared.

The local officials of the Pere Marquette were notified by Receiver Harmon today that they will continue to attend to their duties as formerly, the road to be operated as a going concern. All trains will be run as usual, all obligations will be met, and all work will be made out as in the past.

The Molsons Bank at St. Thomas has announced that it will cash all checks payable to the Pere Marquette, and the local officials say that this, too, holds good in London. The following is the statement issued in St. Thomas and published in both papers:

"In order to restore confidence and for the benefit of the employees of the Pere Marquette, and the money to be put themselves in communication with the bankers of the Pere Marquette, and they are prepared to pay checks on the road as usual at either branch without charge."

NEW NAMES FOR COUNCIL

Several Prominent Citizens Were Mentioned Today.

The name of Mr. Hume Cronyn is now mentioned for water commissioner. Mr. Cronyn is one of London's best known citizens, and has had experience on the aldermanic board. He is also the popular major of the Seventh Regiment.

Alderman candidates continue to come in slowly. Today the following names were mentioned around the city hall: Alex Stuart, K.C., C. W. Smith, George Armstrong, Joseph Brown, Charles Moorehead and Thomas Scandrett.

It was said today that a number of Ald. Garratt's friends are trying to persuade him to run for water commissioner. It is said that if left to himself he would prefer to drop out of the council this year, but that his friends will not permit, unless he chooses to run for the water commission.

LANG-WYCKOFF

London Young Lady Becomes Bride of Toronto Merchant.

The residence of Mrs. S. Wyckoff, of 609 York street, was the scene of an interesting event at 4:30 yesterday afternoon, when Mrs. Wyckoff's youngest daughter, Miss Evelyn, became the bride of Mr. Robert S. Lang, merchant of Toronto, formerly of Exeter. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. B. Lancelotti, pastor of the Dundas Street Methodist Church, in the presence of a company, which included the immediate relatives of the bride and groom. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion with palms.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Dr. A. J. Wyckoff, had as bridesmaid, Miss Fanny Donald, while Mr. Peter Wyckoff, brother of the bride, was groomsmen. The wedding march was played by Miss Lillian Jackson, of Exeter.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a family wedding was given as served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Lang left on the G. T. R. Flyer for Toronto and Montreal, where they will remain for a short time. On the 11th they sail from Halifax, on the Virginian, and will spend three months touring Europe before taking up their home at 687 Shaw street.

The bride received many handsome gifts, including a solid silver service from her brothers, and a seal sack from the groom.

DENIAL COST \$3

Had Jas. Chisholm Admitted Being Drunk, He Would Have Gone Free.

James Chisholm, in the police court this morning, was very loquacious. He was fined \$3 or 10 days for being drunk, not so much because of his offense in taking too much liquor, but because of his denying the fact that he had been drunk.

"Had you admitted that you were drunk yesterday," said the court, "you would have let you go free, as this was only your second offense and you are up in years. But as it is, I must fine you."

Chisholm was the only person before the court.

IS STILL CRITICAL

Condition of Fireman Mason Reported So—Recovery Yet in Doubt.

The condition of Fireman Mason is reported by Dr. Clark to be still critical. It is hoped Mason will recover, but his physician cannot say positively that he will.

Mason is still being fed through a silver tube, as he cannot use his lower jaw, and is consequently unable to eat. It is said he is very dependent on his friends, and fears that he will not pull through.

Dr. James D. Wilson found it necessary to put a couple of stitches in Fireman Mason's leg, a cut two inches long having been inflicted when the fireman struck the pavement this morning.

looking forward to many pleasant times in the near future.

CLAN'S NEW OFFICERS.

At the last regular meeting of Clan Fraser, No. 1, Order of Scottish Clans, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chief—James Taylor.
Treasurer—Robert Fraser.
Senior Warden—James T. Falgout.
Chaplain—Rev. D. S. Hamilton.
Treasurer—Thomas D. Gray.
Junior Warden—John Munnoch.
Senechal—Robert Donaldson.
Warden—Charles Alford.
Senechal—John Munnoch.
Physician—Dr. H. A. Stevenson.
Trustees—Messrs. D. Fraser, A. J. McRae, A. McCallum.
Auditors—George E. Taylor, George Cairncross.
Pipers—Messrs. J. T. Falconer, Chas. Alford, Thomas McDonald.
Secretary—W. L. Johnston.

Advertiser Correspondence

MR. HISCOX ON THE WATER QUESTION.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I see advertised in your widely-circulated journal that the city of London is playing the same old trick, i.e., asking the people to further mortgage their homes by voting for a bylaw to expend the modest sum of one hundred and forty-five thousand dollars (\$145,000) for a new water main, and you may be sure that that amount won't near cover the cost. That has been our experience in the past, to wit, in the hospital bazaar and the present work on the breakwater, which will pay one-third the estimated cost, and the balance I can remember. Now, sir, who ever heard of any person whose service from the main to his premises is all right, would ever think of putting another along side of it for fear it might break? Now, that is just what the city of London is asking the people to do. A couple of years ago the cry was "more water," but when it was plain the people would not stand for it, they (the promoters) thought, perhaps, "the weather being favorable (wet) we might manage for another year," and I have not heard of any shortage of water since. I think the suggestion of Mr. Henry Taylor a good one, of that metering the city. I know of many, many, of our citizens who pay five times as much for water at present as if they paid by meter at the commissioners' highest price now charged, say 15 cents per thousand gallons. I know of one citizen whose rate is 40 cents per thousand, and he paid the highest rate, 15 cents per 1,000 gallons, he is paying for 28,000 gallons, and I know he does not use one-fifth of the amount of water for which he is charged. If he had a meter both he and the commissioners would be getting British fair play. Get what you pay for and pay for what you get. More anon. Yours truly,
GEORGE T. HISCOX.

MARAUDERS ROB SAFE OF POLICE

Remarkable Series of Burglaries That is Mystifying Vancouver Authorities.

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—The vault of the city police station has been entered and property stolen during the last few days. The vault, which is situated in the rear of the station, is a small room, and is used for storing the property of the police. It is a vault of iron, and is supposed to be invulnerable. It has been entered on three occasions, and the property stolen on each occasion. The first time was on Dec. 1st, when the property stolen was valued at \$1,000. The second time was on Dec. 3rd, when the property stolen was valued at \$2,000. The third time was on Dec. 5th, when the property stolen was valued at \$3,000. The authorities are at a loss to know how the vault is entered, and are making every effort to discover the means by which it is entered.

Two days ago these thieves entered the vault in the morning. Presumably the police, plain clothes as well as uniformed, were on duty at the time. The thieves were unsuccessful in their attempt to enter the vault, and were driven away by the police.

There is a suspicion as to class of thieves implicated, and a guess can be made as to how they entered, there is no definite clue. If the chief of police is right in his conjectures they are only a part of a larger band. He says that while the entrances and depredations have not been reported to him, he is positive that many private residences have suffered from their work. This he has learned from the fact that they could get into vaults. Stone and metal constructions of this character have in the past been more or less tabooed by them.

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EDUCATION OF THE TRANSVAAL

Race Antagonism Is in Evidence Over Question of the Public Schools.

LONDON, Dec. 7. — Negotiations have commenced between Het Volk and the British Government with a view of taking over the Dutch schools founded by the National Christian organization in the Transvaal. Proposals for the amendment of the Government instructions under an ordinance granting certain concessions in return were submitted to Het Volk, whose counter-proposals were received by the executive before the proposition of the Legislative Council. The Government declares that nothing has yet got beyond the stage of negotiations.

The Boers maintain that the points conceded are the following: Committees with the power to appoint teachers and regulate the teaching given shall consist of four members, two of the members to be elected locally and the remaining three to be Government nominees; the medium of teaching Dutch or English, shall be as decided by the committee.

The appointment of the committees obtaining in Cape Colony. There the Government has the sole control of the appointment or removal of teachers. In Orange River Colony, where the parents pay one-third the cost of the representation is only one-third. They would naturally be aggrieved if the Transvaal, where the parents contribute nothing, were to be granted fuller representation.

Objections to the colony complain of the methods and the moment chosen to open so contentious a matter. Firstly, it is said that the Bond representatives from the Cape forced the hands of the Transvaal, threatening to finance Het Volk's political campaign, for which money is very short. Secondly, that it was agreed that all contentious matters should be deferred until a Representative Council were elected. Thirdly, why, it is asked, was the Legislative Council not taken into the confidence of the Government regarding the progress of the negotiations before the present state of affairs was made public? The Government authorities deny the accuracy of the above reported concessions. They say that what were proposed were insignificant when compared with the advantage of abolishing the dual system, and they urge the benefit of getting thoroughly into touch with the people through these committees. They affirm that the latter are not contributing to the expenses, it is not proposed, they add, to grant more than advisory powers regarding whether Dutch or English shall be the medium of instruction, and they assert that the anxiety of the Boers that their children should be educated in their own language should be grounded thoroughly in English would insure that no harm would arise through this concession.

Their reply to this is that unless the advice of committees elected under Government sanction is supported by the Government, the whole thing will be a farce. The prevalence of the racial question throughout the schools in Cape Colony is held to be a danger to the country school there becomes a nursery for keeping alive the race antagonism.

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Reported by F. H. Butler, stock broker, for The Advertiser.

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Amalg. Copper..... 91 91 1/2 91 1/2
American Sugar..... 143 143 1/2 143 1/2
American Locomotive..... 70 70 1/2 70 1/2
American Express..... 152 152 1/2 152 1/2
Aetna, com..... 80 80 1/2 80 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio..... 80 80 1/2 80 1/2
C. P. R..... 112 112 1/2 112 1/2
Ches. & Ohio..... 112 112 1/2 112 1/2
Col. Fuel & Iron..... 40 40 1/2 40 1/2
Erie..... 30 30 1/2 30 1/2
Illinois Central..... 112 112 1/2 112 1/2
Kan. & Tex. com..... 60 60 1/2 60 1/2
Louisville & Nash..... 150 150 1/2 150 1/2
Metropolitan St. Ry..... 72 72 1/2 72 1/2
Mexican Central..... 23 23 1/2 23 1/2
Missouri Pacific..... 101 101 1/2 101 1/2
N. Y. Central..... 112 112 1/2 112 1/2
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