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COMPANY LIKELY TO
ACCEPT CITY OFFER.

Such is Information
Given Out To-day.

Cemetery Board Looking
to the Future.

Engineer Barrow Said
to be Stronger.

It looks as if the city and the Street Railway Company are within reaching distance of a settlement at last. Yesterday afternoon Chairman Sweeney, of the Board of Works, Ald. McLaren and Allen, on behalf of the conference committee, submitted to Hon. J. M. Gibson and General Manager Hawkins the city's proposition to have the percentage remain at 8 per cent. for the entire franchise period on a sum equal to the earnings of the company in 1907, or \$316,739, the company to pay 5 per cent. on the increased earnings. The company's officials thought the city had overestimated the increase in receipts for the balance of the contract. They promised to consider the matter and give an answer by to-morrow. Although the remarks of Colonel Gibson and Mr. Hawkins yesterday did not indicate that the company would accept, there was a general impression in well informed circles today that a deal would be made on this basis. Chairman Sweeney told the company's representatives that when an arrangement was reached it would be submitted to the vote of the people. Colonel Gibson expressed himself as being quite satisfied to let the people give their verdict on it. The matter of extension was discussed again. The company is said to be quite agreeable to the extensions already suggested, making four loops, one in each corner of the city, with the exception that it does not care to build the Ferris street line, at present, over the Ferris street bridge, as suggested. Its idea is to build this line from James street to Victoria avenue and then south to Barton street. Mayor Stewart, discussing the matter to-day, said he had no further comment to make than that he was satisfied to leave it to the people.

The advance of ten per cent. which the Cemetery Board members propose making in the price of lots is with a view to establishing a fund which will provide for the care of the present cemetery when it is filled, which is expected to be in about fifteen years. By that time it is hoped to have a fund of about \$15,000, which would yield over \$700 a year for the care of the cemetery. Secretary Rutherford says that all the cemeteries in the leading United States cities have funds of this kind. In the past, he declares, the rates were always too low for the care fund. Some of the aldermen say that the Robinson section has been increased to \$82 a lot, the highest price before was \$65. They think this is making a distinction, providing a section for the rich and another for the poor. The Cemetery Board officials claim that in the past, although the rates were sufficient to provide for the proper care of the lot, there was not enough for the general care of the cemetery.

Nothing new developed to-day in the (Continued on page 12.)

VAUDEVILLE MAGNATE IS
FRAMING GREAT CIRCUIT.

Which Will Include Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa,
Montreal and Big U. S. Cities.

William Morris, the New York vaudeville magnate, who is preparing to wage war next season against united booking offices by organizing what it is declared will be the most formidable opposition in the history of the American variety stage, was in Hamilton for a short time this morning. He is making a flying trip through Canada in connection with the new Canadian circuit, booked by the United Offices, and which will form a part of the big Morris circuit next season. At noon Mr. Morris, accompanied by Manager John G. Appleton, of the Savoy Theatre, left for Toronto to make arrangements for a house there in opposition to Shea's Theatre. It is said that a deal has been practically closed for the new Royal Alexandra Theatre, one of the finest playhouses on the continent, and that it will play the Morris bookings next season. From Toronto Mr. Morris will go to Montreal where he expects to close a deal to-morrow for the new theatre in course of construction there. "It is practically settled that there will be a Canadian circuit," said Mr. Morris in an interview to-day. "We expect to have four houses at the opening of next season, the Savoy, which we are booking now, Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. Quebec is under consideration." When asked how many houses he expected to have on his circuit at the opening of the season Mr. Morris said

Horrible Lynching.

Hawkinsville, Ga., March 6.—Curry Robinson and John Henry, negroes accused of the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hart, were put to death by a mob of 500 persons near here about 3 o'clock this morning. The victims were hanged until unconscious, and then the bodies were cut down, soaked in oil and burned, one of the negroes reviving when fire touched him, and his contortions and screams were frightful, while the other negro was killed by the hanging. The negroes were arrested at Empire late yesterday. To save them from the mob they were hurried here and placed in jail. At 3 o'clock this morning 500 unmasked men went to the jail and demanded the negroes, no resistance being made, and the mob soon had the negroes. They were taken to a grove on the edge of the town and the rope and torch applied. The mob used the fire effectively, for this morning there was not a trace of anything human at the place of the cremation. All the bones were reduced to ashes.

FIRE AT SEA.

Steamer With 400 Passengers Races
For Land.

Marseilles, March 6.—The Peninsula and Oriental line steamship Mongolia, outward bound with 400 passengers, put in here last night with a fire in her baggage hold. The fire was discovered yesterday morning while the steamer was off the coast of Spain. The crew was unable to extinguish it, and the hatches were sealed up. She came here at full speed and stopped at Barton street. Mayor Stewart, discussing the matter to-day, said he had no further comment to make than that he was satisfied to leave it to the people.

VETERANS' LAND.

Extension of Time For Grants Until
End of July.

Toronto, March 6.—(Special)—Veterans will be given an extension of time in which to take advantage of the opportunity to secure free grants of land in New Ontario. The time mentioned in the veterans' land grants act for receiving such applications for homesteads expired at the close of last year. Hon. Frank Cochrane, the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, will therefore introduce a bill in the Legislature extending the time during which veterans may make their requests for land until July 31 next. This will be absolutely the last extension of time the Government will grant.

THE MAN
IN OVERALLS

There must be no chances taken with
the lives of the Hamilton school children.

Kingston Tories are playing right in
to the hands of the Liberals.

Engineer Barrow is still holding the
middle of the stage.

CAXTON CHAPTER

Members Busy Preparing For the
Feast of Blossoms.

At the regular monthly meeting of Caxton Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, the Regent, Mrs. R. G. Sutherland, was in the chair. There was a large attendance of members. A communication was read from the National Chapter with regard to the preservation of the old fort in Toronto. The Regent was authorized to sign a resolution on behalf of the members of this chapter in favor of its preservation. During the past month meetings have

BURIAL OF THE BURNED DEAD.

Arrangements for the Funerals of the Ohio Fire Victims—Digging in the Ruins for Bodies
—Thirty Mutilated Beyond Chance of Identification.

Cleveland, O., March 6.—Twenty-four hours after the disaster which swept into eternity approximately one-third of the school children of North Collinwood, the death roll numbers 161. Of these 131 had been identified at the Lake Shore morgue, while 30 bodies remain there in a condition of mutilation, beyond the chance of recognition. The work of digging in the ruins of the school house in further search for remnants of children still missing, began with the break of dawn. Dawn found mothers and fathers waiting about the fire-ravaged building after having spent the night in an effort to find their children's remains at the extemporized morgue. But little was brought forth during the day that would satisfy their longings, and it is believed to-night that all the bodies that can be removed from the ruins have been taken out. Burial of the dead is the burden now confronting those in authority in the little village. Arrangements for the funerals of the victims were discussed to-night at a meeting attended by the Mayor of Collinwood, members of the Board of Education, the clergy and the undertakers. The idea of having a public funeral of all the dead has been abandoned, though it is probable that where it can be done, bodies will be grouped in one church. To-night the work of removing the identified bodies to their former homes is being completed and the undertakers set to work to prepare for the interments to-morrow. In the homes of the afflicted citizens of the village the weeping parents were sustained by the presence of visiting nurses and women who volunteered to lend such comfort as lay within their power. The appointment of a relief committee by the Collinwood Board of Trade and Town Council to-day, also is designed to care for the bodies of the unidentified dead as well as assisting the

bereaved parents. Should any parent desire to undertake the interment of one of the unrecognizable bundles of human flesh and bones, believing it may be his or her child, they will be permitted to do so. The remainder of the bodies will be laid side by side in the cemetery. In an effort to fix the cause and responsibility for the holocaust, various investigations were set under way to-day. Coroner Burke issued subpoenas for the seven surviving teachers of the school. The inquest was begun this morning, when a number of witnesses were examined without, however, developing any testimony that was beyond mere opinion. An investigation conducted by the Collinwood School Board, which lasted far into the night, at which a number of survivors of the horror told their stories, brought forth these facts: That one of the inner doors at the west entrance of the school was closed and fastened while children were playing in play in the closet earlier in the morning; that there was but one fire escape and its use never taught as part of the fire drill. Survivors among the teachers estimate that only two or three minutes passed from the time of the alarm until all escape was cut off. The building was a fair sample of the kind of school construction in use in small towns. The halls and stairways were enclosed between interior brick walls, forming a maze, through which the flames shot up with great rapidity. On the question, much discussed, whether the doors opened inward or outward, Fire Marshal Brocton and the Firemen examined the doorways to-day and stated later that they were convinced that they opened outward. Whether they were locked they have

A DEADLY EMBRACE.

Negro Says Woman Helped Him to
Kill Her Husband.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 6.—John Grubbs, colored, who was charged with the murder of William Colman, near Reshville, Ind., confessed yesterday that Mrs. Colman assisted him in the crime. He said she threw her arms around her husband's neck while he struck Colman with a hatchet. Another mob formed yesterday, and Grubbs was brought to Indianapolis for safe keeping.

THEAKER CASE NOW
OPEN TO THE PRESS.

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Stove Explosion.

Gowanda, March 6. Mrs. W. J. Wilber was seriously injured by an explosion of gas in the kitchen of her home here yesterday afternoon. Her condition is critical, but it is expected that she will recover. Mrs. Wilber was baking potatoes in the oven of a natural gas range. When she opened the oven door a terrific explosion occurred, which threw her to the other side of the room, tore the doors off the oven, and badly damaged the interior of the kitchen. Mrs. Wilber's maid came to her assistance and succeeded in beating out the flames, which had ignited the woman's clothing. Mrs. Wilber was unconscious for some time after the accident. Her face, hands and arms were badly burned, and it was necessary to resort to hypodermic injections of cocaine to relieve her agony. The cause of the accident cannot be definitely ascertained, but it is supposed that all of the burners in the oven were not lit, and that the unburned gas accumulated in the oven. When the doors were opened the flames were communicated to it and the explosion followed.

A DESERVING CASE.

St. George's Society Asks Help For
Unfortunate Family.

St. George's Society has a case in hand just now which will surely appeal to the good people of Hamilton. The city relief department has been co-operating with the society in the matter, and has given assistance. The case is an exceptional one. In the dead of winter a family at Kenilworth was burnt out—lost everything, and had no insurance. The man has been out of work, and has a wife and little family. They are in sore need of furniture, bedding and clothing, and any citizen who has anything of that sort to spare can be assured of its being put to good use by dropping a card to Mr. C. A. Munton, Secretary of St. George's Society, Times building. Any such articles will be called for and delivered.

WELCOME NEWS.

The R. McKay Company will make a special display of all their new spring styles to-morrow, many of which go on sale at astonishingly low prices, such as the three big sales now in progress—the sale of silks, sale of black dress goods, manufacturers' ends of fine embroideries—wonderfully reduced; 82-25 new suits for \$1.49; women's \$1 black ribbons for 75c; a big Saturday sale of children's ribbed hosiery, worth regularly 45c, for 25c a pair; and here's a dress good—bargain in new crepe de chine, worth regular \$1, for to-morrow 50c the yard; fine black voile was 85c, for 25c; fine cashmere gloves for 19c pair, regular 25c value; also a big Saturday sale of new spring coats, made of fine fawn covert cloth. The right price of these coats is \$6, sale price \$4.98. Well-made Panama skirts, worth regular \$4.25, sale price \$2.98.

THE BANK OF HAMILTON
PENSION FUND ADOPTED.

By Banking and Commerce Committee—Timber
Leases Before Public Accounts Committee.

Ottawa, Ont., March 6.—(Special)—An act to incorporate the Bank of Hamilton pension fund was adopted at the Banking and Commerce Committee to-day. The incorporators are Hon. Wm. Gibson, Hon. J. S. Hendrie, J. T. Cameron and C. Bartlett, of Hamilton, and H. H. O'Reilly, of Wainipic. The property of the corporation is held in trust to provide pensions for the employees or ex-employees of the Bank of Hamilton or their widows or children. The head offices will be in Hamilton. There were two bank bills before the committee. One was an act to incorporate the chartered Bank of British Columbia and the other to incorporate the Bank of Vancouver. Both bills were amalgamated under the name of the Bank of Vancouver and adopted.

Toronto Berth Leases.

At the Public Accounts Committee to-day, G. A. Eyley, Land Commissioner of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, was examined by Mr. Ames in reference to timber berth leases. Witness was previously at the head of the Land and Timber Branch of the Interior Department. Being examined by Mr. Ames, he said that from 1882 up to 1902 he and another person, the Deputy Minister or the Secretary of the Department, always opened the tenders. There were two of them present when opened. After 1902 he always sent the tenders to the

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MADE A HAUL
OF JEWELRY.

Large Quantity of Valuables Stolen
From Imperial Hotel.

One of the most daring jewel robberies that has come to the attention of the police in this city for some time was perpetrated at the Imperial Hotel, Hunter and Highwood streets, last evening. William Hunter is the proprietor, and with his wife and family, occupies several rooms in the hotel. This morning he made the startling discovery that the entire room had been entered by some one who had picked the lock, as used a skeleton key, and that several hundred dollars' worth of jewelry was missing. After a thorough search it was found that two diamond rings, a woman's and a man's, were missing, also a hand ring, a gold watch, a long chain and a moonstone ring. The two diamond rings were the most valuable. This is the first theft of any kind that has taken place in the hotel, and the police know of no suspicious moves amongst the "regulars" who frequent the hotel, although they suspect that some one who knew the place well stole the jewelry. Several plain clothes men and some detectives are working on the case. No sound was heard at any time during the night that was in any way suspicious and none of the night men saw any prowlers around.

THE LEVY ROBBERY.

Last evening Mrs. Levy and her daughter left Buffalo to appear against Roy and Ed Jones, arrested there on a charge of stealing watches and jewelry from Levy's store. John street south, on Tuesday night while the family were away at a wedding. The charge against the two hoodlums is taking stolen goods into the States. The case was slated to go on in Buffalo this morning.

OUR SATURDAY LIST.

Strawberries, fresh cut mushrooms, sweet potatoes, spinach, new potatoes, Bermuda onions, Boston head lettuce, radishes, beans, cucumbers, sweet green peppers, Grimsby tomatoes, shub, green onions, cantaloupes, celery, fancy grape fruit, navel oranges, coconuts, bananas, turkeys, chickens, comb and extract honey, haddis, kippers, bladders, oysters, smelts, etc.—Bain & Adams, 89 and 91 King street east.

A Large Import

Of the finest French toilet goods to be had. Java rice powder, 35c per box; La Seduisante face powder, 25c per box. Some of the latest perfume are also in this order, including Prima Violetta, Prima Rosa, Royal Gals, La Marguerite des Pres, etc.—Parke & Pank, druggists.

SAD DEATH

Suicide of Wife of Superintendent of Power Plant
At Power Glen.

St. Catharines, Ont., March 6.—The news that came from Power Glen this morning that Mrs. Joshua Sangster, wife of the superintendent of the Cataract Power Co. plant at Deew Falls, had committed suicide, created a sensation in the city, where Mrs. Sangster was well known and highly esteemed. It seems that Mrs. Sangster had not been in the best of health for some time, and worried considerably over domestic matters. Her condition, however, was never considered alarming, and when Mr. Sangster left home for the works at 1 o'clock his wife seemed to be as well as his had been for some time. About 3 o'clock her two daughters, becoming alarmed at their mother's usual long stay in her room, went there, only to find her dead, hanging by the neck from the bed-post. Mrs. Sangster was a native of Scotland, and with her husband came to Power Glen from Sherbrooke, Quebec, at the opening of the Cataract Power Company's plant at Deew Falls. She was held in high esteem wherever she was known. Besides her husband, she leaves one son and two daughters, whose ages range from ten to seventeen years.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.