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Tomorrow's Weather—Not Much Change.

65 PETITIONERS FORM IMPORTANT SECTION OF BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Property Owned by Those Who Want Investigation Before Electrification Runs Into Millions—Employ Nearly 5,000 Persons.

The petition presented by sixty-five manufacturers, wholesale and retail merchants and jobbers, was one of the most important documents of the kind that ever found their way into the city archives. It represents a very large proportion of the business community, and a large proportion of the taxes annually paid into the treasury.

About 5,000 men and women are employed by those who signed the petition asking for further investigation into the electrification scheme.

A Right to Consideration.
A large proportion of the \$500,000 required would be paid by them and their employees, and they think they have the right to appeal for and to secure a reasonable consideration of their claims. They ask that investigation be made into the situation as it concerns the Michigan Central and Pere Marquette, and also the cost of operating the London and Port Stanley Railway as a steam proposition. They seek to impress upon the council the necessity for definite information, and wish to have the facts into which they have been thrust cleared away.

Some of the petitioners may favor electrification if it can be proved feasible, but they first want facts. While the M. C. R. maintains that it will not operate over an electrified line, they claim the proposal is against their vital interests. They want the L. and P. S. R. to be kept in such a condition that not only the M. C. R. and Pere Marquette, but other steam roads seeking admittance to the city, may use the L. and P. S. R. tracks if desirable.

The city council will no doubt give the petitioners the consideration their importance in the community deserves.

Millions Interested.
An assessment of nearly two millions was represented in the petition. The figures as secured from the office of Assessment Commissioner Grant are \$1,730,160.

This sum indicates, of course, only a proportion of the value of the business represented. In the first place the total assessment for lands and buildings owned by the citizens on the petition was \$1,168,350. This would not be more than about 60 per cent. of the actual value of the land and buildings.

ALLEGED SAFE "BLOWER" BACK FOR A NEW TRIAL
Peter Fairburn Will Appear Before Judge Macbeth To Elect on Thursday—Man Claims He Is Innocent of the Crime For Which He Was Convicted.

Peter Fairburn, who was sentenced to a term of three years in the Kingston penitentiary by County Judge Elliott on a charge of assisting in the blowing of the safe in Hawkins' Flour Mills at Arva, was brought back to London last night, and will appear before Judge Macbeth tomorrow morning to make his election for the new trial that was ordered by the court of appeal.

The safe was blown on the night of March 27, and the work showed that it had been done by experts. A hole was drilled in the door of the safe and nitroglycerine was poured in and the explosion muffled by means of a number of flour bags. The next day Fairburn and John Murray, a well-known crackman, were arrested in a local hotel while both were under the influence of liquor. Attention was drawn to the men on account of Fairburn attempting to extract \$130 from Murray's pocket. The men were first arrested on a charge of vagrancy, but when discovered by High Constable Hughes on a charge of safe-blowing and theft.

A number of witnesses were produced by the crown at the trial, who stated that they had seen both men in the vicinity of the crime the next morning. When the men were sentenced, both declared that they were innocent, and Fairburn in particular claimed that he knew nothing of the crime. The trial was continued for three months, and on Nov. 19 the court of appeal, composed of Judges Meredith, Lennox, MacLaren, Garrow and Macgillivray, made an appeal, and on Nov. 19 the court of appeal, composed of Judges Meredith, Lennox, MacLaren, Garrow and Macgillivray, made an appeal, and on Nov. 19 the court of appeal, composed of Judges Meredith, Lennox, MacLaren, Garrow and Macgillivray, made an appeal.

DETECTIVES EMPLOYED TO STOP ABUSES OF TRANSFERS
London Street Railway Are of the Opinion That People Are Abusing Privilege.

It has been learned that the London Street Railway Company has employed private detectives to ferret out the misuse of transfers by their patrons, a suspicion of which they have evidently had for some time, and it is learned that some fairly prominent citizens have been detected at this game, and if good cases can be made out against them there will likely be some actions in the police court.

Mr. King Speaks
Manager C. B. King, when questioned on the subject, admitted that such was the case, but he hoped such action would be unnecessary to stop the practice, which is certainly wrong.

The provision in the bylaw relative to transfers is quite plain, to the effect that a transfer is provided for the purpose of enabling as near as possible a continuous ride for one fare from one part of the city to another where a transfer is not to be considered as either a return-trip ticket nor a stop-off ticket. Likewise, any people giving away transfers so that one person gets a ride to the centre of the city, and another one gets a ride in some other direction, are doing wrong by the company.

Two Rides for One Fare.
"In this case would be the effect of getting two rides for one fare, which is certainly objectionable on our part, and which our patrons surely could not expect to continue if they would bear in mind that our fare here is cheaper than those of any other city of its size in the country."

ALTERATIONS TO S. A. CHATEL TO COST FIFTEEN THOUSAND
Army Workers Will Ask the Citizens of London to Help the Work.

The Salvation Army in this city contemplates some extensive alterations to their building on Clarence street to cost between ten and fifteen thousand dollars. The amount will be regulated by the generosity of the friends of the army. The work has developed to the extent that the building needs remodeling to meet the requirements of various branches. Captain Martin has been asked to take



MR. WALTER WHITE, Chief dispatcher of the Grand Trunk at London, who has been promoted to the position of trainmaster at Palmerston.

WILL DOUBLE TRACK C.P.R. NEXT YEAR

Big Railway Contemplates Making Some Important Changes.

MANY DISTRICT WORKS

New Stations Are To Be Put Up at Milton, St. Marys and Tillsonburg—Freight Shed at Windsor.

The Canadian Pacific is planning for another big expenditure in this district this summer, and among the work which will be started at as early a date as possible is the double-tracking of the line from Islington to Woodstock. It was officially stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that as soon as this is completed the work of double-tracking between London and Woodstock will be commenced. This will probably be in the spring of 1914.

The company contemplates making all its station platforms and the approaches of cement. This will be started early in the spring. New stations are to be erected at Milton, St. Marys and Tillsonburg. The company contemplates building a big new freight shed at Windsor, but it was stated that owing to the attitude of the city the work may not be proceeded with.

DR. F. L. BURDON WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN
Inaugural Meeting of the Board of Health Held on Tuesday Afternoon.

The inaugural meeting of the board of health, held yesterday afternoon, Dr. F. L. Burdon was elected chairman for the year. The meeting was presided over by Mayor Graham, and was attended by the members of the board, and a number of guests.

MILK BYLAW AMENDED
Ontario Minister of Agriculture Was of Opinion That London's Standard Was Too High.

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DISMISSED WITH COSTS
Action Was Against Hamilton For an Alleged Libel.

Hamilton, Jan. 22.—The action of Lumsden Brothers against the Spectator for \$75,000 damages for alleged libel was dismissed with costs. The plaintiffs asked for the usual 30 days' stay.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—NOT MUCH CHANGE.

Forecast.
Toronto, Jan. 22-8 a.m. Moderate to fresh winds; fair; not much change in temperature.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	25	20	Clear
Victoria	40	28	Clear
Calgary	28	—4	Clear
Winnipeg	—16	—22	Fair
Port Arthur	2	—20	Cloudy
Perry Sound	28	20	Fair
Toronto	28	24	Clear
Ottawa	29	14	Snow
Montreal	24	14	Snow
Quebec	26	4	Snow
Father Point	28	0	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

GRAND TRUNK AND CITY DISCUSS THE L. AND P.S.R.

Vice-President Wainwright and Party Met Mayor Graham and the L. & P. S. R. Board To Consider Important Matters Affecting the City's Line to the Lake.

The conference between Mayor Graham and the London and Port Stanley Board with the representatives of the Grand Trunk Railway regarding the future of the London and Port Stanley Railway and other matters affecting track elevation, is still in progress, the press being excluded from the meeting.

Mr. Wainwright, Mr. H. H. Kelly and Mr. Dalrymple, of the company, arrived shortly after noon today from the east, and were met by Mayor Graham, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Spittal, Ald. Moore and City Clerk Baker.

They were directed at once to the private car of Mr. Wainwright, where they talked matters over until nearly 2 o'clock, when they adjourned to the London Club. Later they will meet at Mayor Graham's office, and will continue the conference.

The press representatives were rigidly excluded. Mr. Wainwright informed them that under no consideration would they be admitted to the gathering.

A Pleasant Chat.
"We simply came to have a pleasant chat with the mayor and aldermen," he declared. "We have absolutely nothing to say at the present time. If, after the conference, Mayor Graham wishes to give anything out, all well and good, but we will say nothing at this time."

After being closeted some hours with the Grand Trunk officials, Mayor Graham was called from the meeting by The Advertiser and was asked what was being discussed. His worship was non-committal as Mr. Wainwright.

\$6,750 A YEAR SALARIES FOR NEW SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Annexation Adds This Sum to the City's Already Large List.

The annexation of the suburbs has added somewhat to the expense account of the board of education, and produced other problems of importance. The salaries of the teachers alone, the schools will add \$6,750 to the annual expenditure of the city, or about one-fourth of a mill on the tax rate. The salaries were raised from the standard to that of the city, the increases amounting to about \$800 annually. This will eat up a considerable portion of the taxes raised in the new district. In some places it is thought that this will mean fully one-half.

A Sharp Move.
The board of education will probably enter a protest against the school board at the meeting of the board of city council, for an accounting of the money in the hands of the latter on Dec. 31, 1912.

When annexation was consummated, about \$2,300 was in the hands of the treasurer of the school board. On Dec. 31, the board expended \$1,400 for a piece of land adjoining the school. The board of education are of the opinion that this money should have been handed over to the city, and not expended for any purpose whatever. The question will come up at the next meeting of the board.

ANOTHER TUMULT IN BRITISH HOUSE
Asquith Called "Traitor" Because He Puts a Time Limit on Woman's Suffrage Debate—Precincts of Commons Seething With Intrigue.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Jan. 22.—A small sample of the passions which will be kindled when the House of Commons begins on the debate on the amendments to the franchise reform bill, was given this afternoon during question time, immediately after the session opened at 4 o'clock.

Shouts of "Traitor! Traitor!" were hurled across the floor of the House because Premier Asquith refused to lock up the Government "guillotine" and to allow the suffrage amendment to be debated without any restrictions as to time. Many of the legislators exchanged angry gibes, and the noisy scene was brought to an end only by the Speaker rising and publicly reprimanding the member who had started the storm.

Seething With Intrigue.
The lobbies and precincts of the House of Parliament, as well as the political clubs and drawing-rooms, are seething with intrigue. Forecasts vary from hour to hour as to the probable fate of the amendment brought forward by Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, which eliminates the word "male" from the first clause of the bill, and which, if carried, opens the way to the enactment of amendments which will enfranchise a numerically varying army of women. All the members of the House are left to vote as they please on this amendment, and the "division" is calculated to leave the issue to be decided by a bare majority of votes.

M'BRIDE DEMANDS FLEET ON PACIFIC
Believes Growing Strength of China and Japan Constitute a Menace.

[Canadian Press.]
Victoria, B. C., Jan. 22.—Vigorous support of Borden's naval policy by Sir Richard McBride was the feature of the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne in the Legislature Tuesday. The need of naval protection on Canada's Pacific coast line was particularly emphasized by the Premier. It had been to him a matter of deep regret that the question of the Canadian navy had developed into a subject of partisan controversy. Borden's policy adequately expressed the staunch imperial sentiment of all Canada. Dealing with the question of ample protection for the Canadian Pacific coast, he said:

"Every day is pointing out to the world the rich variety of our resources and the magnitude of our potentialities as a great nation of the future, while across the sea that wonderful people, the Japanese and Chinese, as well as the Americans, are engaged in nation building. They cannot but note the conditions which obtain in this province. They are not to be blamed if they take more than a healthy interest in this part of Canada, and if, in an unguarded hour, the navy of these countries, or either of them, should cross the seas and take possession of some of our so-desirable territory, we in Canada have ourselves to blame."

PLAN TO MOVE BIG MONTREAL CATHEDRAL
The Feat Will Constitute a New Record in the Moving of Buildings.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Jan. 22.—St. James' Methodist Church will not be sold after all. This was decided by the trustee board last night after receiving a favorable report from a Cleveland firm as to the feasibility of moving the building. The idea that the church, with most of the trustees, was to shift the big structure to one corner of the land it stands on, about an acre, and lease the section left for commercial purposes for a long term, the money thus obtained to be devoted to maintaining St. James as an institutional church.

If the building is successfully moved it will constitute the biggest feat of this kind ever attempted.

GOES TO WINNIPEG
Rev. John Morris Was Formerly in Memorial Church Here.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Leamington, Jan. 22.—Rev. John Morris, pastor of St. John's Church, has tendered his resignation, as he has received and accepted an offer of the rectorship of a church in Winnipeg. Mr. Morris came here from London three years ago. He was formerly curate at the Grange Memorial Church.

SUFFRAGE BILL FIGHT MAY WRECK ASQUITH CABINET

Grave Crisis Believed To Be at Hand in the British Commons—Fierce and Furious Campaign Being Waged by Suffragettes and Agents.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Jan. 22.—A cable to the Tribune from London says:

The woman suffrage agitation has developed to a seriously grave aspect. The following statement was made on high authority last night:

"If the suffrage amendment is defeated and Sir Edward Grey feels that the decision has not been arrived at on the pure merits of the case and without consideration of any possible danger to the Government he will feel compelled to vote against the franchise bill on third reading and resign."

"It is on the understanding that no consideration except that of suffrage should be allowed to enter into the division that Sir Edward Grey agreed to the course adopted by the Cabinet on this question, and Mr. Asquith will probably make it plain this week that that is the attitude adopted by the cabinet."

How House May Divide.
With regard to the general question of suffrage the House of Commons may be divided roughly into four great parties, namely:

First—Those opposing woman suffrage.

Second—Those supporting woman suffrage in a limited degree.

Third—Those supporting woman suffrage before anything else.

Fourth—Those who support Premier Asquith before anything else.

There are three possible main developments. In the first place, Sir Edward Grey's amendment, to omit the word "male," may be defeated.

In the second place, it may be passed, and then all the definite woman suffrage amendments may be defeated. In the third place, one or other of the woman suffrage amendments may be passed in committee.

Three Alternatives.
Of the three alternatives, the defeat of Sir Edward Grey's amendment would

cause the Government the least embarrassment. Its acceptance, followed by the defeat of all the definite suffrage amendments, would cause the Government the most serious embarrassment, since the course taken by the House would then have been most illogical. The acceptance, on the other hand, of one of the three suffrage amendments would probably involve the Government ultimately in the greatest embarrassment of all. If Sir Edward Grey carries out his threat and votes against the third reading of the franchise bill a cabinet crisis of the greatest gravity, reaching beyond his own resignation, can hardly be avoided. In such case the position of the other cabinet ministers who had voted for his amendment—David Lloyd George, John Burns, Augustine Birrell and Sir Rufus Isaacs, to mention only the more prominent—would be extremely delicate, and it is more than probable that his resignation would be accompanied by that of one or more of his suffragist colleagues.

Furious Campaign.
Meanwhile the campaign is growing daily more fast and more furious. Paid canvassers in the outer lobby of the House of Commons are now supplementing the efforts of members within the House to secure a victory in next Friday's division. In the meantime, the rival sandwich women add to the rigor of the game.

Within the recollection of the oldest parliamentarian there has never been such activity as now prevails in Westminster. Even the House of Commons' postoffice is feeling the burden of the crusade, and great quantities of literature for and against the enfranchisement of women than has ever been the case in connection with any parliamentary proposal.

HELEN GOULD WEDS FINLEY SHEPARD
Jay Gould's Daughter, Noted for Good Works, Bride of Railway Man.

IS WORTH \$10,000,000
Pair United at Lyndhurst, the Beautiful Country Residence of the Bride.

[Canadian Press.]
Tarrytown, N. Y., Jan. 22.—Miss Helen Miller Gould was married at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon at Lyndhurst, her country estate, to Finley Johnson Shepard, a railroadman, who has risen from the ranks.

The bride went to an altar half-hidden by roses, trailing asparagus ferns and great bunches of palms. George G. Gould gave her in marriage. The Rev. Daniel D. Russell, pastor of the Irvington Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony.

Dorothy Gould, niece of Miss Gould, stood with her. Garbed in pale pink satin, they acted as flower girls, and were her only attendants.

The couple stood during the ceremony beneath a bowery of American Beauty roses, with trestons of gray-white asparagus reaching almost to the ground. The bride carried a modest bouquet of lilies of the valley, her favorite flower.

Pearls for Bride.
A group of exquisite pearls, said to have once adorned the Empress Josephine, Napoleon's wife, and a pearl-shaped diamond pendant, the latter the bridegroom's gift, were the bride's jewelry worn by the bride. The pearls were a bequest from Miss Gould's mother. The wedding gown was of duchess ivory satin, with a sweeping train three and a half yards long, trimmed with duchess and rose point lace, and with seed pearl embroidery. The lace and veil were the gifts of the Duchess de Talleyrand, formerly Miss Anna Gould, the bride's sister.

The veil was held in the upper of orange blossoms and fell in flowing lines to the end of the long train. Orange blossoms also caught up the lace at the sides of the skirt. The bride's slippers corresponded with the gown, and were inlaid with small rosettes of orange blossoms.

Each of the little flower girls carried a basket of pink roses, which matched their gowns. Their stockings were of "white silk," their slippers white, and mounted with golden butterfly buckles. The bride handed to Dorothy her bouquet of lilies of the valley while the bridegroom placed the ring upon her finger.

Less than 100 persons were bidden to the ceremony. They included close relatives of the bride and the bridegroom and friends of long standing.

TURKEY ACCEPTS ADVICE OF POWERS
Constantinople, Jan. 22.—The grand council of the Ottoman Empire decided today in favor of accepting the proposals put forward by the European powers for the purpose of bringing about the conclusion of peace.

CRASH AT BLACK ROCK TEN ARE INJURED
[Canadian Press.]
Buffalo, Jan. 22.—Ten persons were injured today when a passenger train No. 3, for the west, collided with a Michigan Central freight train at Black Rock this morning. No one was seriously injured, and the passengers continued on their way after being attended by physicians.

The case taken up was that of the Canadian Dredging Company, of Midland, which had been paid \$105,000 for work in 1906. Mr. Pringle, representing the company, said that the committee's authority did not go back that far.

Mr. Gorman, of Welland, said that, in his opinion, the Rogers' organization should have full liberty to look over the whole Liberal record for scandal. They would find nothing. The investigation proceeded without disclosing anything of interest.