

DOES CITY SOLICITOR MAINTAIN  
ILLEGAL BOULEVARD HEDGE IN  
DEFIANCE OF LONDON'S BYLAW?

The parks commissioners did not decide on Wednesday afternoon whether or not they would ask the opinion of City Solicitor T. G. Meredith as to their power to force citizens to remove or keep in proper condition boulevard fences and hedges on city property.

The reason for the commissioners' decision in the matter consists in the peculiar phenomenon or concomitant of circumstances that, in the opinion of the commissioners, the boulevard or hedge in front of the city solicitor's residence opposite Victoria Park, is one of the most flagrant violations of the bylaw to be found in the city.

Seen There Many Years.

In the case of the city solicitor, the hedge and boulevard in question, although on city property, has, according to the memory of one or two of the commissioners, been planted, or erected, for a score or more of years.

Whether the lapse of years affects the power of the city in this matter is no doubt known to the city solicitor, but the parks commissioners are not quite sure about it.

Attention was called to another hedge and boulevard on Queen's avenue, said to be improperly maintained, but the opinion of the commissioners varied as to whether it was on city property.

The entire matter was laid over until the next meeting of the board, and pending the preparation of a report by General Manager Glaubitz on similar conditions existing throughout the city.

General Manager Glaubitz was instructed to report on the extent to which throughout the city, beginning with No. 1 ward, the citizens are keeping the bylaw governing the construction and maintenance of boulevards on public property. Citizens will also be required to re-

pair fences and keep hedges in proper condition. Fifteen days are allowed by the bylaw for the repair of unsightly fences, after which they can be removed by the parks board. An East London lady asked the parks department to plant trees on her property. Mr. Glaubitz thought it would be well for the department to plant trees for private individuals as uniformly on each street would in this way be made possible.

Questioned Its Power.

Chairman Wyatt and others of the commissioners thought the board had not the power. It was decided that it would only be done at the expense of the individual.

Applications from the C. S. Hyman baseball club, the Methodist Athletic League, and other societies, were laid over until May 1, by which time all clubs desiring to use Queen's Park or Springbank ball diamonds must have their requests before the parks board.

Commissioner Saunders proposed that steps should be taken to acquire additional properties for park purposes. He suggested that a small sum be set apart each year to purchase properties available at low figures.

An Island Park.

The island in the Thames, opposite Victoria Hospital, was pointed out as suitable for athletic, park and playground purposes. The board will see if the property can be readily acquired.

The "Belmont Sisters Famous" will not be an attraction in the city parks this summer. The board wrote to General Manager Glaubitz, pointing out that they were available for balloon ascensions as park attractions, but the board filed their communication.

The present Chairman Wyatt, Commissioners Marr, Saunders and Hamilton, General Manager Glaubitz and Secretary Miss Newsum.

PONTIFF'S DAYS  
ARE NUMBERED

He May Recover From Present  
Illness, But Cannot Live  
Much Longer.

## DISOBEYS THE ORDERS

Feels Much Better Today and Insists  
Upon Leaving His Bed.

[Canadian Press.]

Rome, April 17.—Dr. Amici again visited the pontiff this afternoon, and found little alteration in his condition since this morning. The temperature of the Pope was inclining to increase, but as a whole the general condition of the patient was almost stationary.

Rome, April 17, 11:45 a.m. — The Italian Government, desiring to be absolutely sure of the real condition of Pope Pius X., today summoned those directly responsible for the care of his holiness' health. The Pope's physicians replied to the appeal for a direct statement with the frank declaration that it was extremely difficult to say that the pontiff's constitution would overcome the present crisis, but even if it did so, it was explained, the remainder of the pontiff's days would still be considered as precarious and the end might be expected any time.

Prof. Marchisava compiled this morning's bulletin in Cardinal Merry Del Val's apartment, which he visited after his usual morning call at the pontiff's bedside. Upon leaving the Vatican Prof. Marchisava said that his patient's conditions were much more satisfactory today. Besides the diminution of the cough the general weakness was not so accentuated and the pulse not so frequent and was more regular. The Pope enjoyed easier breathing, and the local conditions of the bronchial trouble seemed improved.

Breaks Doctors' Orders.

Prof. Marchisava and Dr. Amici today again impressed on the Pope the necessity of complete rest, informing him that any activity would create obstacles to his recovery.

"Your commands shall be obeyed," said the Pope, smilingly, with an air of resignation. Shortly after the doctors had left, however, the sun broke through the clouds and inundated the Pope's bedchamber with its rays. The pontiff, thereupon, declared that he could endure his bed no longer. His restlessness increased and he said he would feel more comfortable in an armchair. He then insisted on rising, and his attendants felt obliged to give way to his will. They proceeded to help him raise, but the Pope refused assistance, saying that he was not yet incapable of helping himself.

Had a Calm Night.

Rome, April 17, 9:10 a.m. — The Pope's condition as set forth in the bulletin issued by Drs. Ettore Marchisava and Andrea Amici this morning was as follows:

"The pontiff spent a calm night. A diminution of his cough has relieved the holy father considerably. His temperature was 97 this morning. Slight amelioration in the bronchial symptoms was again noted."

(Signed) MARCHISAVA.

Feels Relieved.

Rome, April 17.—The Pope himself says he is better. When Dr. Andrea Amici visited him at noon today and asked him how he felt the pontiff replied:

"This is the first day since my first release that I feel really relieved."

Rome, April 17.—The Pope is so much better, according to reports from the Vatican, that if present conditions continue the last bulletin about his health will be published by the physicians tomorrow. In this the doctors will declare that all fear for the existence of the pontiff is excluded.

BIG STRIKE MAY  
REACH LONDON

Hamilton Garment Workers  
Threaten to Call a  
Walkout Here.

LOCAL UNION SAYS  
IT IS UNLIKELY

Sixteen Hundred Are Out at  
Hamilton, and Daily Loss  
to Firms Is Heavy.

Hamilton, Ont., April 17.—The only new development in the strike of the garment workers and allied trades here today was the threat to enforce a sympathetic strike in Toronto and London.

A. H. Carroll, general Canadian organizer, who is in charge of the local situation, yesterday went to Toronto and succeeded in closing up two of the Randall & Johnson's shops, which were turning out work for Hamilton firms. Mr. Carroll declared that unless a settlement was reached by tonight there would be a general sympathetic walk-out of all the shops in Toronto at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The Greene-Swift Company, of London, was conferred with, and agreed to abide by the new wage scale.

It also promised not to do any work for Hamilton firms.

Send Work to Toronto.

The Sanford Company, one of Canada's largest clothing firms, which is probably hardest hit by the strike, sent a large quantity of work to Toronto, but the strikers say they succeeded in heading this off.

Margaret Daley, a prominent New York labor leader, is in charge of the women on strike here, who number over 600.

With over 1,600 employees on strike here, a wage loss of \$5,000 daily and a daily loss of thousands of dollars in the clothing firms, who are filled up with orders, the situation is becoming serious. The bosses are still standing pat and have so far refused to meet a committee of the unions.

Members of the Garment Workers' Union in London seen by The Advertiser this morning denied that there was any likelihood of a sympathetic strike here.

REV. B. H. HAYDEN  
HAS MANY BOOKS  
OF ANCIENT ORIGIN

Possesses Volume 412 Years  
Old—Contains Useful  
Information.

Another 223 Years Old By  
Locke On "Human  
Understanding."

Rev. B. H. Hayden, M.A., pastor of the Christian Church, this city, has written The Advertiser telling of some exceedingly old books that he has in his library. As he explains in his letter, which is printed below, he is a book-lover of long years' experience and at one time made systematic search for ancient volumes around which interest centred. Wherever he happened to be he visited second-hand book stores, and from their most remote shelves procured old volumes.

Mr. Hayden's Letter.

Editor, Advertiser: During and enduring my long bachelor years I have been a book-lover, and so remained till I could do better. In that time my craving led me through many old musty book stalls in New York and Boston, and in Liverpool, London and dear old Chester, England, and my "treasure" may have cost me hours have been spent in my "den."

I was with interest, therefore, that I read the article "Many Old Books" in your issue of Monday, and it may be others will find interest in the mention of some of the old books I yet own. One book, 412 years old, contains has been sought in vain from any other work. Rawhide binding and old black letter. Another 223 years old, viz., "Locke on Human Understanding." Another 208 years old, rare binding, printed at "Red Lion," St. Paul's Churchyard, London. Another work of seven volumes, entitled "The Travels of Anacharsis, the Younger, in Greece, in the 4th Century, B. C." Good binding and print, 107 years old. I have never seen but two other sets of this work. Would be pleased to discover another in this city. A rather unique work is "The Feriplus of Hannon," extracts from writings near the beginning of the Christian era. Not so old, but a rare work is "The Catacombs of Rome," by Dr. Maillard. Also five other books over 100 years old. May I mention also Dr. Samuel Johnson's Dictionary, two large volumes, the edition published the year the author died 1784. (Signed) B. H. HAYDEN, 711 Lorne avenue.

Thirty More Join  
Teamsters, Strike

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, April 17.—The situation in the teamsters' strike is unchanged from yesterday, except that about 30 teamsters employed by the Canadian Northern have joined the strikers. The strikers held a meeting this morning, and efforts are being made to enlist the employees of local cartage companies and inaugurate a general transportation tie-up.

ALL WHEELS IN BELGIUM STOOD STILL WHEN  
NATION-WIDE STRIKE STARTED ON MONDAY.

PROF. EMILE VANDERVELDE.

Never since the world began has there been a strike exactly like the one that threatens to paralyze every business institution in Belgium. Only when the Egyptian laborers struck did the world see a strike that even remotely resembled it.

When the Belgian business concerns closed up Sunday, April 13, every kind of business, every factory, every shop, every store, every public work—everything that called for human, manual labor stopped. The plumbers, the carpenters, the bricklayers, the stevedores, the shop clerks, the waiters, the railway men, the street cleaners, the street cleaners—every man who held himself a laboring man quit his work.

That would be remarkable in itself—the fact that the industries of an entire nation are shut up. But this strike is different from any other strike. The leaders of the laboring men have been preparing for this move for months. They have exhausted every means to prevent it. In February, they set the date for the beginning in March. They announced at the very outset that this strike was to be entirely without violence. That they would assist the Government in putting down any rioting. The Government took council and decided it could not prepare for such a nation-wide demonstration in such a short time. The labor leaders then announced that they would postpone the strike until the Government was all prepared and set the date ahead a month. Every woman and child who would serve as a drain on a strike's resources has been sent out of the country as fast

as places to send them could be found. The laboring people of Holland, France, and Germany threw open their homes to this peculiar type of refugees.

It's really an industrial and political revolution combined. It's against the "plurality" vote.

The Belgian election laws are peculiar. There are three classes of voters. Every male Belgian of legal age is entitled to at least one vote. Every male Belgian who is 35 years old, has a legitimate family of children and pays as little as five francs (\$1.20) house tax, and every man who owns \$400 worth of real estate is entitled to two votes. All professional men and men who hold diplomas from institutions of learning are entitled to three votes.

The laboring men of Belgium want this law changed so that every man shall have equal voice in the Government. They desire that every man shall have exactly the same voting privilege, rich and poor, educated and ignorant.

The Socialist party is behind the strike. The Socialists have the second strongest party in Belgium, and if this strike accomplishes anything they will likely be in control. The directing genius of the strike is Prof. Emile Vandervelde, the leader of the Socialists in Parliament. He organized a strike of 150,000 workmen a few years ago in connection with this same matter—but merely as a protest against the present form of election law and as a demonstration of what his organization could do. No heed was paid to the demonstration at that time—hence the present strike.

Strikes Wife With  
Pitcher and Gets  
Three Months' Term

For throwing a pitcher, which struck his wife on the head, injuring her severely, Saturday last, Joseph Lizott was sentenced to three months in jail by Magistrate Judd this morning. Asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him, Lizott contended that he did not mean to strike his wife, and offered to leave town on the next train if allowed to go.

The court told him that he did not believe the assault was unintentional. There had been trouble before between husband and wife, and three months ago Lizott appeared to answer to a charge of assault against his wife.

Three of their children had been sent to the Children's Shelter, and the father had never contributed towards their support since they had been there. In view of the circumstances the magistrate said he could not feed the pangs of his wife to let him off.

Strikes Boy in Face  
With Whip and Pays  
Two-Dollar Penalty

For striking a young lad in the face with his whip, because he believed him to be one of a gang of boys who two days previously had thrown stones at his wagon, William Snowden, driver of a mail wagon, was fined \$2 in police court this morning.

The boy, Stuart Macpherson, testified that he had never at any time given Snowden provocation to strike him as he did. The boy's eye was blackened by the blow. The magistrate warned Snowden against taking the law into his own hands. If a gang of boys had been annoying him, as he said they had, he should have reported the matter to the police.

## THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—WARMER.

Toronto, April 17, 3 a.m.

Today—Fine.

Friday—Moderate to fresh southerly winds, fair, stationary or higher temperature.

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

Station.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	62	36	Clear
Winnipeg	74	46	Cloudy
Calgary	60	36	Cloudy
Port Arthur	58	36	Cloudy
Parry Sound	58	28	Clear
Toronto	65	40	Clear
Ottawa	60	30	Clear
Montreal	60	34	Clear
Quebec	54	30	Clear
Father Point	46	28	Cloudy

BELGIUM SUFFRAGE STRIKE  
EXTENDING TO ALL PARTS

Men Are Settling Down to Long Test of Endurance in Fight to  
Secure Equal Rights—Fresh Recruits Are Hourly  
Joining the Movement.

[Canadian Press.]

Brussels, Belgium, April 17.—The Belgian workers' strike for manhood suffrage continues to extend slowly in every part of the country. Small numbers of men have returned to their work here, but these are unimportant as compared with the figures of the fresh recruits who have joined the movement. The men, as a rule, appear to be settling down to a long test of endurance and are determined to achieve victory in the cause for which they are fighting—that of equality.

Just Like Holiday.

The Socialist organizations have opened dining halls in convenient locations for the provision of meals to necessitous workmen. The strikers and their families generally are employing their time in working their gardens or making walking tours to neighboring places of interest, while the strike managers are organizing concerts, dramatic performances, moving picture shows and magic lantern lectures to amuse and instruct the strikers and keep them from becoming tired of idleness and returning to work.

A few arrests of strikers have been made for interfering with men who remained at work, but investigation of the charges shows that the accused were only standing at the factory gates and shouting: "Hurrah for the strike!"

The photo engravers of Brussels have voted to join the strike tomorrow.

Some Rowdiness.

Seraing, Belgium, April 17.—Gangs of rowdy youths passed through the workmen's residential district of this

city last night, breaking windows in the houses of non-strikers on their way. Other parties occupied the roads leading to the city and stopped non-strikers from outlying villages coming in to work. Cavalry patrols have been placed on duty, but the gangs have hitherto managed to elude them.

Strikers Parade.

Liege, April 17.—Strong columns of strikers without music, flags or insignia of any kind this morning marched along the country roads uniting the towns and villages in this part of Belgium, as a demonstration in favor of equal suffrage.

The dingy, silent columns of men now and then met detachments of cavalry in glittering uniforms, but no collision took place as the strikers were quite peaceable.

Situation at Antwerp.

Antwerp, April 17.—The mayor of this city has forbidden a socialist meeting arranged to be held tomorrow in the cemetery where are buried seven men shot by soldiers on April 4, 1893, during the agitation for revision of the suffrage.

The strike today is extending among the factory hands, but the situation on the wharves and docks has not changed, and the strike there is only partial.

Many of the strikers' children were sent away today and the strike leaders are preparing for a long contest.

Huy, Belgium, April 17.—This is the most idle city of Belgium today. Only 34 men out of a total of 3,082 are working.

GOOD MONEY AFTER  
BAD TO ELECTRIFY  
CITY'S RAILROAD

Ald. Bennett's Position Falsely  
Placed Before Citizens by  
Free Press.

He Cannot See Where Road  
Can Possibly Be Made Pay-  
ing Proposition.

Ald. B. W. Bennett, who resigned his position as conductor on the Pere Marquette after twenty years of service, to thoroughly investigate the proposition to electrify the city's roads, emphatically denies a statement credited to him in Adam Beck's mouthpiece Wednesday night.

The statement was to the effect that Ald. Bennett from the beginning was opposed to electrification of the road. "The stand I took last year was that the council and the people had not the necessary information to vote on so large a question," he said today. "We have not got it yet, and I as a practical railroadman, cannot see where the road, which has been losing money for the taxpayer every day, can be made a paying proposition by electrifying it."

Long on Road's Service.

"I have had many years' experience on that line, and I should know whether the city of London can ever make it pay. There are things in this electrification question that the people never hear of, and I propose to spend all the time that I can get away from my business in delving into these things in order that I may be able to vote intelligently on the question when it comes up in council."

"I am opposed to electrification as I see it now, but if I can be shown where it can be made a paying proposition for the city of London, I will not be, and they will have to advance considerably better ideas than they are putting forth at present to convince me."

SEVEN PERISH IN  
MALONE, N. Y., FIRE

Explosion Starts Blaze in Hotel and Guests Are Cut  
Off From Escape as Flames Rush Up  
the Stairways.

[Canadian Press.]

Syracuse, N. Y., April 17.—A special to the Herald says: Seven persons were burned to death and fifteen or more injured when fire destroyed the De Wilson Hotel on Catherine street in Malone, N. Y., early this morning.

The known dead are: Albert Robideaux, Malone; John Timmon, Bangor, N. Y.; Fred Trushaw, bartender; — Pedro, a traveling physician; — O'Connor, Malone. Caught in their beds, 30 or more guests were shut off from escape as flames shot up the stairways. Women jumped from the third floor and suffered serious injury. Some of the injured may die.

The fire started from an explosion, the cause of which is unknown. It ate up the old wooden building almost like paper. Guests had no time to get out. Some of the guests were overcome in hallways, and came in their rooms.

Firemen managed to save a few by getting them out of windows, but there was little time for rescue work. One woman, whose home is in Montreal, jumped from a third story window and struck a jumber pole. Her shoulder was fractured and she was otherwise injured. She may die.

The building was of wood and three stories high. It was an old structure, and the fire started from the basement. It is believed to be others dead, but all the bodies had not been recovered or identified this morning.

PALMERSTON MAN KILLED  
IN CRASH AT TORONTO

Freight Trains in Collision in  
the Grand Trunk  
Yards.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, April 17.—One Palmerston man was killed and two severely injured early this morning, when a freight train from that town in charge of Conductor Shea and Engineer F. W. Neil, collided with another freight in the Grand Trunk yards near Soudana

FRENCH GYPSIES ON  
OUTSKIRTS OF CITY  
WITH BIG CARAVAN

Camp Is Visited by Advertiser  
Reporters—Say They Trade  
Horses.

Suggest That Splendid Glimpse  
Into Future Can Be  
Obtained.

With a dozen vans, fifteen or twenty horses, a band of about sixty French gypsies are encamped in a meadow on the north side of the Thames at the Meadow Lily Bridge. They are not, they assert, here to tell fortunes or to practice other black arts.

One of them approached reporters for The Advertiser who, who visited the camp. He was tall and swarthy, and had heavy earrings.

"Eef you say we tell the fortune, we tell the chief in Chacog, and he make it pay," said he to the reporter. "We are copper-smooth and horse trade. We do not tell fortune."

Just then one of the gaily-dressed women came up. "Come here," one said, "I give you little good luck. No tella fortune."

The Old Story.

"You be reech and have plenty money—you have enemy," she continued.

Then another reporter came along. "You be reech and have plenty money—you have enemy," she told him, too.

For the small piece of paper money one could have a lucky knot tied in his handkerchief.

There are at least forty children in the party, all of them sturdy, and all of them dirty; dirty only in the sense that they roll in the mud and have a perfect filthy existence from morning till night.

No Restraint.

Restraint for them there is none. Infants and larger girls and boys toddle beneath horses and fall against their heels, and although one moth-eaten gray puts his ears back when a stranger comes near, he never seems to mind the children.

One of the little girls wears a large Union Jack as a skirt; others are not so patriotic either to Great Britain or to the ordinary laws of dress.

The women of the party are as healthy looking as the whole of the other members of the oldest outdoor cult. Some of them have a wild sort of beauty, and there are prophesies among them, who are ready to prophesy, or profit, on the slightest provocation.

They are reluctant about receiving money for their small services, so reluctant that they will tell one which pocket the money is in, and suggest how wonderful a future can be bestowed for a small sum.

The party is on its way to Chicago, and will be in the vicinity for a few days.

Offers Black Fox Skins;  
Police Are Suspicious;  
Held for Investigation

The police are investigating an alleged attempt to dispose of some black fox skins to a dealer in this city. William Creak, alias William Shain, is understood to have opened negotiations with a dealer in his own York street, for the sale of some of the valuable pelts. He had none of the black beauties with him at the time, and it is not known whether he really possesses any or not.

In police court this morning two breaches of the liquor license act were registered against his name. He was summoned to appear this morning to answer to a charge of having taken a drink while on the prohibitory list and in the interval was arrested for being drunk. Hence the two charges.

He denied all knowledge of the fox deal. He was released Saturday to admit of investigation of the circumstances.

THOMAS J. ASHMAN,  
who was elected president of the new North London  
Progressive Association Wednesday night at the inaugural  
meeting.HEAVY POLLING  
IN ALBERTA

Little Doubt But That Liberal  
Government Will Be  
Returned.

## SIFTON NOT TO RESIGN

[Canadian Press.]

Edmonton, Alta., April 17.—Reports from all parts of the province this morning state that a heavy vote is being polled, and intense interest exists over the result of today's elections. In most quarters there is little doubt that the Government will be returned, though the Opposition leader claims his party will have a small majority, and there have been some predictions of a landslide towards Conservative candidates.

Premier Sifton has issued a denial of the story that he would resign shortly after the election in favor of Cross. The polls in the cities close at 6 o'clock, and in rural constituencies at 5 o'clock, and the results in some places will not be known till tomorrow. The weather is fine.

Large Bags Placed  
in City Schools to  
Hold Old Newspapers

A number of large bags have been placed in all the public schools as receptacles for old newspapers. The bags which it is expected the children will bring and deposit there will be collected at regular intervals, weighed and sold to augment the prevention fund. The Women's Sanatorium Aid is superintending the collection, which is to be a continuation of the recent old papers campaign that realized a considerable amount of money for the cause.