

LOCAL MEN MAY PURCHASE SOUTHWESTERN TRACTION AND FORM NEW COMPANY

Concern Is in Splendid Shape and If Relieved of Certain Indebtedness Would Prove a Good Paying Investment—Mackenzie & Mann May Take Stock in It.

The date of the sale of the Southwestern Traction Company has not been settled yet, but it will likely be within a short time. A number of inquiries have been received, and it is possible that there will be some spirited bidding for the line.

It was rumored that Mackenzie & Mann would bid for the road, as it would be a feeder for their proposed road from Hamilton to Windsor. However, it is not now considered likely that they would take it over, and the latest in connection with the sale is that a company formed of local capitalists will purchase the concern.

At the present time, the deal is being financed, and it is meeting with success.

Local Men in It.

A few prominent citizens are said to have looked into the whole proposition, and they have come to the conclusion that with the same capable management that has characterized the present running of the company's affairs, it can be made pay, if purchased at a reasonable figure.

Mackenzie & Mann.

If the local people go after it—and it is more than probable that they will—the story is that the Mackenzie & Mann interests will not make an offer, but will take a share of the stock, so that the different interests in the companies may be managed jointly.

The outcome of the situation is watched with interest by the citizens generally, as it is thought the Southwestern is a fine proposition, and can be made to pay its way with considerable to the good in addition.

A BIG BANQUET FOR SUPT. NIXON

Popular Railway Man To Be Honored by Mocha Temple Tonight.

A complimentary banquet will be tendered Mr. J. Nixon, assistant superintendent of the Grand Trunk, this evening in the City Hotel by the nobles of Mocha Temple, with which organization Mr. Nixon has been quite actively connected.

A large number of the leading citizens of London will be in attendance, and a number of prominent speakers will deliver addresses.

Mr. A. L. Davis, illustrious potentate of Mocha Temple, will preside.

SIXTY-FOUR OPERATIONS AT VICTORIA IN JULY

Largest Number in the History of the Institution—Trust Met Yesterday.

The report of Superintendent Heard of Victoria Hospital, presented at the meeting of the trust yesterday afternoon, showed that during the month of July no less than 64 operations had been performed. This was the largest number in this month since the hospital was opened.

The report shows that on July 31 there were 105 patients receiving treatment at the hospital. July showed a total of 16 births and 8 deaths at the institution. Sixty-four patients were admitted—Males, 55 females, 75; children, 41; total, 172. Number of patients discharged—Males, 66; females, 77; children, 46; total, 189. The total receipts for the month were \$2,626.50.

The question of a walk at the rear of the new isolation hospital, which will cost \$267, was discussed and referred to Chairman Sreaton and Mayor Stevely, who will consult with the hospital committee regarding it. Tenders will soon be called for the completion and furnishing of the new laundry.

Tenders will also be called for general supplies before the next meeting of the trust.

The matter of having insurance placed on the hospital was left in the hands of Chairman Sreaton and Superintendent Heard.

Those present at the meeting were as follows: S. Sreaton (chairman), Mr. J. C. Judd, George B. Harris, T. G. Turnbull and Superintendent Heard.

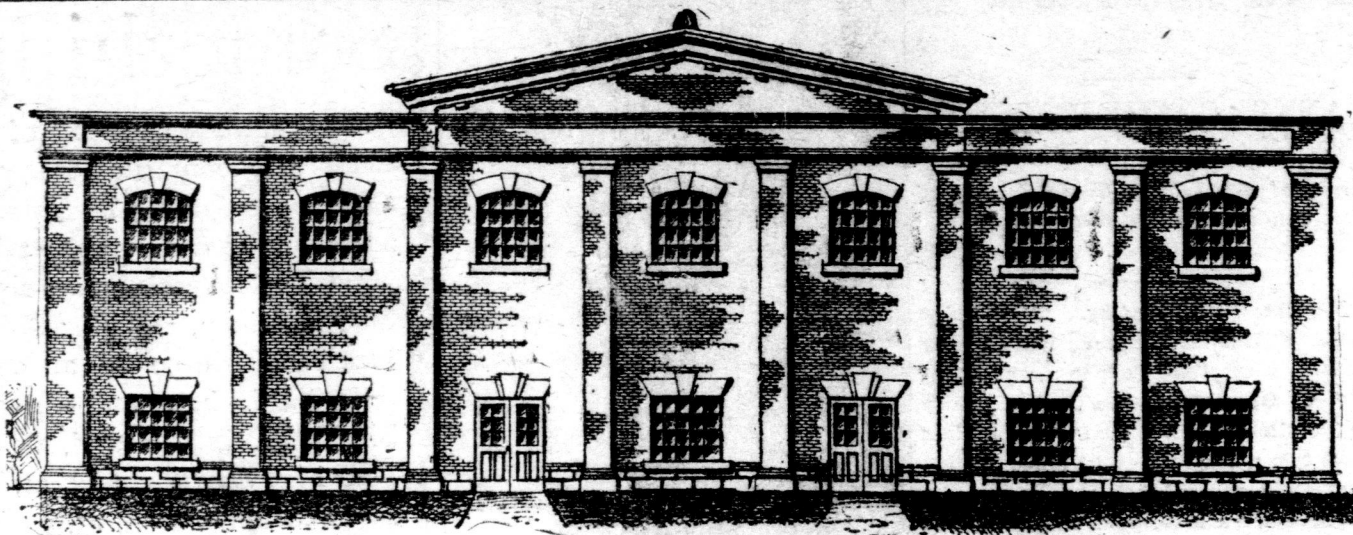
STRATHCONA AT 89 IS HALE AND HEARTY

Arrives at New York on His Way to the Pacific Coast.

New York, Aug. 20.—Lord Strathcona, high commissioner for Canada, was a passenger on the Mauretania which arrived here today from Liverpool and Queenstown. He is 89 years old, but still active and apparently in good health. Lord Strathcona is on his way to the Pacific Coast and expects to spend some time in and near Vancouver.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

At New York—Roma, from Marseilles; Mauretania, from Liverpool; America, from Genoa.
At Boston—Ivernia, from Liverpool; Lancastrian, from London.
At Liverpool—Saxonia, from Boston.
At Southampton—Teusonic, from New York.
At Quebec—Empress of Ireland, from Liverpool.
At Father Point—Corsican, from Liverpool.
At Cape Magdalen—Pomeranian, from London.
At London—Ontarian, from Montreal.
At Rotterdam—Rotterdam, from New York.



PUMPING STATION AND POWER HOUSE.

The above cut shows the front elevation, or west facade, of the proposed combined pumping station and powerhouse to be erected at the corner of Horton and Ridout streets. The plans were drawn by Mr. H. J. Glau-biz, engineer, of Toronto, and have been approved both by the water commissioners and the power committee.

Conscience Money

In spite of the cynical statements of some people consciences still continue to do business in London. This morning Secretary-Treasurer Benson, of the London street railway, in opening his mail came upon a letter with a little bundle of paper in one corner.

"This is a funny sort of a letter," Mr. Benson remarked to himself, and began unwrapping it.

After removing several layers of papers he came upon a five-cent piece. On the last sheet of paper the words were written—"Conscience money." Of course this was marked up to the receipts of the day, and Mr. Benson continues to wonder who sent him the nickel.

WALL STREET HAS BAD SPASM PRICES BROKE MANY POINTS

The Rumors Regarding Health of Harriman Starts Sensational Decline and Enormous Dealings in Stocks, Causing Great Excitement on Exchange.

New York, Aug. 20.—Another spasm of liquidation came over the stock market in the first hour today by enormous dealings. Prices of the more active issues, such as the Harriman stocks, Reading, Illinois Central, U. S. Steel and American Smelting declined from 2 to 3 points or more. Excitement on the floor of the exchange was intense at times and the stocks were thrown over at whatever price they would bring.

Aside from further rumors regarding the health of Mr. Harriman, no news was offered in explanation of the sensational decline. Low prices of the morning effected losses ranging from 8 to 15 points below the high level of last Monday morning.

GIVE POOR "KIDDIES" CHANCE BY REDUCING THE DOG TAX

Mayor Stevely Receives a Unique Letter on the Subject and His Worship Will Give Consideration to the Plea—The Correspondent Wants an Answer in The Advertiser.

The poor youngster, who loves a to buy a tag, and keep a dog for his dog, has a champion who spoke his mind in a letter to Mayor Stevely today. He has a solution of the question, and suggests that the dog tax be reduced from \$2 to \$1 during one week in the year, so that the poor man who loves a dog for his children to play with may have an opportunity of purchasing a tag for \$1. His letter is as follows:

The Mayor Speaks.
"I will certainly give the matter attention," said his worship today. "There is some reason in his contention, no doubt, and I would not like to see the children of the poor man legislated against. The matter is in the hands of the council, and they will be acquainted with the facts. The plan outlined by my correspondent might work out satisfactorily."

READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY AT ANY POINT IN THE EMPIRE

The General Principles Established by the Imperial Defence Conference Which Concluded Its Sessions Yesterday Calls for One Organization at Home and in Colonies Without Any Sacrifice of Autonomy.

London, Aug. 19.—The imperial defence conference held its concluding meeting yesterday and the results of the conference must now be submitted for ratification to the various colonial governments.

The broad principle agreed upon is that all the forces of the empire, both naval and military, shall be so organized as to be in a position to render efficient services in an emergency in any part of the empire, fully conserving at the same time the local autonomy of the overseas dominions.

The conference was the most important yet held within the empire, and marks a great advance in the welding together of the colonies and the motherland.

In army matters the delegates were well agreed from the first, and on Thursday it was announced that plans for this branch of the service were complete, and that one great homogeneous imperial army, uniformly trained and equipped, would be organized.

In general terms it was provided that all troops of self-governing colonies shall undergo precisely the same training as the home regulars in order to be ready to take their places besides the latter whenever and wherever necessity may arise. Military training colleges along the lines of the staff college at Camberley are to be established in the overseas dominions, and there is to be a continuous interchange of officers from all parts of the empire, so as to insure absolute uniformity of organization and training.

The naval question was not entirely settled until Wednesday when the colonial delegates won their contention that each colony would control its own navy.

MAYOR DEALS OUT STERN JUSTICE

His Worship Samuel Stevely Distributed Fines Like P. M. Love in Court Today.

MANY CASES WERE TRIED

Horse Racing, Waste Paper Nuisance, Drunkenness and Other Offences Were Disposed Of.

There were quite a number of cases entered at the police court this morning, but they were soon disposed of by Mayor Stevely, who again presided.

Lorne Stoneburg, who was arrested the other day on a charge of trespass, appeared again today to answer to another charge, that of having entered a bonded car. His case was remanded till the 26th.

A local theatrical man who erected some signs without the necessary permission, was remanded till the 27th.

S. L. Taylor, who was charged with riding a bicycle along a footpath, pleaded that he was a stranger in the city and not conversant with its laws. His worship finally decided to permit him to go and the case was discharged.

Archibald Sergeant, however, had no such plea to meet the charge that he had ridden on the sidewalk, so he was fined \$1.

Thomas Mascari and Jos. Catalano were engaged in a friendly contest, racing their horses on the street, when they were observed by an officer. Each was charged \$1 for his amusement.

Too Much Paper.
Abraham Rosenfeld and Samuel Silverstein, who were carting away loads of paper, and did not take proper precaution to prevent stray fragments from distributing themselves over the street, were also each fined \$1.

The case of Mrs. Halliday, against whom two charges are laid, one of using abusive language and one for breach of the liquor law, was adjourned for one week.

Harry Westen, who had imbibed too freely, was charged \$1, while Walter Brennan and James Whitehead, who had fallen in the same way, were discharged, as it was their first appearance, with a solemn warning.

Edgar Fletcher, who was not only drunk but disorderly as well, was fined \$2.

THREE CANADIAN GIRLS KILLED AT SEATTLE

Automobile Party From Vancouver Plunges Into Water, Causing Death of Four.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 20.—Three young women and one man, the driver of the automobile, met death, and two young women narrowly escaped a similar fate here late last night, when a large touring car, going at a high speed, crashed through the railing of the long trestle of the tide flats.

All the members of the party were from Vancouver, B. C., except the driver of the car, who was a Seattle man.

The tide was at flood when the automobile crashed through the railing, and the victims were hurled into several feet of water.

Miss Mary Paul, a sister of one of the dead, and Miss Kate Hiseock were rescued by a boatman who heard their cries, and found them clinging to the wrecked car. All of the young women are said to belong to prominent families in Vancouver.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Aug. 20.—8 a.m. Moderate to fresh northwest to north winds; fine and slightly cooler today and on Saturday.

TEMPERATURES.
Yesterday.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Low. High.

London. 68. 72. 83.
Toronto. 68. 72. 83.
Winnipeg. 52. 46. 52.
Port Arthur. 52. 46. 52.
Sarnia. 52. 46. 52.
Ottawa. 52. 46. 52.
Quebec. 52. 46. 52.
Pater Point. 52. 46. 52.
Vancouver. 52. 46. 52.
Kamloops. 52. 46. 52.
Edmonton. 52. 46. 52.
Calgary. 52. 46. 52.
Point Albert. 52. 46. 52.
Mooselaw. 52. 46. 52.
McAppelle. 52. 46. 52.
St. John. 52. 46. 52.
Halifax. 52. 46. 52.

Fine weather now prevails in all portions of the Dominion attended by high pressure in the Upper Lake region, and by low in the Western Provinces.

G. T. R. BRAKEMAN KILLED AT WORK COUPLING CARS

AT OPEN VERDICT
IN NORFOLK CASE

Jury Says Does Not Know Who Caused Death of Aged Michael Hall.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Simcoe, Aug. 20.—An open verdict was brought in by the coroner's jury enigmatically to inquire into the death of aged Michael Hall, the blind farmer who was mysteriously shot to death last Sunday.

After weighing the evidence, the jury decided that Hall had come to his death from shot wounds inflicted by party or parties unknown to the jury.

Young Shelley was remanded for eight days for his preliminary hearing. The verdict is regarded as somewhat peculiar in that Shelley is remanded for eight days for a crime of which the coroner's jury was unable to decide who caused it.

The verdict was rendered at 1 o'clock today.

CITY AND COMPANY ARE JOCKEYING

The Former Will Not Give Out Power Prices Till London Electric Show Hand.

SCHEDULE IS PREPARED

But It Will Be Kept Dark for Present—Niagara Power Matter Is Coming to a Head.

No actual prices of power have been submitted to consumers in the city as yet, although it is known that Engineer Sifton has prepared a schedule for the consideration of probable power users.

It is understood that the city is waiting to see what the London Electric Company will do. If the price of power were given to consumers at this time it would give the company the advantage of position and would enable them, if possible, to cut under the city's figures.

The prices will not be made public for some time to come, and at present it is only guesswork as to what Engineer Sifton's schedule contains.

ELECTRIFY CITY'S LINE TO THE LAKE

Matter Is Now Being Given Close Attention by Certain Prominent Men in City.

FIGURES AS TO THE COST

Are Now Being Secured for the Electrification and Double-Tracking of the Road.

The electrification of the London and Port Stanley line may not be so distant a prospect as some people imagine, but it is bound to be one of the questions up for solution within a short time, perhaps within a year or two.

At the present time, there are more than one citizen looking into the matter and much information and data are being gathered to be presented to the citizens, should the question of a lease extension come up in a short time.

Cost Will Be Great.
It will of course take a considerable sum to electrify the road and obtain the proper equipment for it.

In conversation with a man versed in a problem of this kind, it was stated that the road could be electrified, and equipped for \$300,000.

This, he stated, would provide for two electrical freight engines, twelve cars for passengers, and the installing of a system for wires, etc.

Others, however, place the figures at a higher estimate than that sum, declaring that it would cost about \$500,000 to put the road in the condition to do useful service.

Double Tracks.
The question of double-tracking it would have to be considered, as no line would be profitable that was not double tracked between London and the Port.

This would add considerably to the expense, so that with double tracking the expense would be about \$750,000.

Yield Large Revenue.
"This will be done, and within the next five years," stated a well-known public man this afternoon. "If it cost \$750,000 to electrify the road, the city would be in a good position to make a large revenue from it, and reduce the taxation in the city. Make no mistake, the problem is nearer the citizens than they imagine, and will have to be grappled with in a very short time."

SMALL BOY DROWNED.

Iroquois, Aug. 20.—Allan Shaver, 12 years of age, son of Mr. Alex. Shaver, of Iroquois, was drowned yesterday while bathing in the river. Whether he took a cramp or strangled his companion did not know. His heart was still beating when he was pulled out of the water, but before medical help was secured life was extinct.

Howard Shirley Mangled as He Was Making Air Coupling.

ONLY SUPPORT OF HIS MOTHER

And Little Brothers and Sister—Unfortunate Accident Last Night.

While attempting to make an air-brake coupling in the Grand Trunk yards last night, about 10:45, near Waterloo street, Howard Shirley, a young brakeman, living at 368, Eva street, was knocked down, when yard engine No. 48 shunted into the car, which passed over both his legs.

The limbs were badly crushed and mangled, and Shirley died from his injuries at 1:30 this morning in Victoria Hospital.

How It Happened.
Train No. 418 was being made ready to go east. Brakemen Pritchett and Shirley were getting the train ready to go out.

Shirley stooped down between two cars to make a coupling with the air brakes, and as he did so, engine No. 48, in charge of Engineer Bowles, backed into the train.

The impact threw Shirley under the trucks, and the front wheels of a heavy freight car passed over his legs.

Terribly injured.
One was crushed above the knee, and the other above the ankle. Pritchett, his chum, rushed to his aid, and with all possible speed his injuries were bound up.

He was taken in the ambulance to the hospital, and Dr. W. J. Stevenson was summoned.

The limbs were removed, but the patient did not rally, and succumbed to his injuries at 1:30 this morning.

The Grand Trunk officials are conducting an investigation into the accident.

A Pitiable Feature.
A pitiable feature of the accident is that Shirley was the only support of his mother, brothers and little sister, the latter being as crippled as he.

He was a member of the Foresters for some time, but recently dropped out. He was also in the Seventh Regiment.

He survived by his mother, and brothers, Maurice, George and Lawrence, and sister, Luella.

Shirley was working with Conductor John Atkinson, and Archie Pritchett, his mate, at the time of the accident, the latter being on the opposite side of the train making couplings with him.

He remained conscious for some time after being run over, and spoke to the other members of the crew.

The Last Call.
"Well, I guess I won't brake for you any more, Jack," he said to Mr. Atkinson after being taken from beneath the car, and asked were his legs off. Shortly afterward he lost consciousness.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The Inquest.
The inquest into the death of Howard Shirley, who was injured in the G. T. R. East End yards last night and who died in the hospital, was held at the undertaking establishment of Smith, Son & Clarke.

Coroner McLaren presided, and the following jury were empanelled: John McCall (foreman), Leonard Weaver, Samuel Henderson, Morris Searrow, Wm. Taylor, Alfred Cave, James Dean, W. C. Maker, James Clarke, Alex. Ferguson, Joseph Morley, Jas. Pickett, Thomas Egerton, Wm. Colby.

After viewing the body, the jury adjourned to meet again on Thursday evening, Aug. 26.

A FAKE MESSAGE

Wabash Superintendent's Name Used by Nervy Individual.

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 20.—Since the water board decided to buy an additional engine for the plant there has been a good deal of open competition among Canadian and American firms to secure the contract. A few days ago S. K. Peck, a member of the water board, who is in the employ of the Wabash railroad, of which C. S. Cunningham, of St. Thomas, is division superintendent, received an alleged telegram from Detroit, signed "Cunningham," saying the interest of the company would be best served by the purchase of a Canadian-made engine.

Mr. Peck, who it was understood, leaned toward an American-made engine, regards the message as a fake, and communicated with Superintendent Cunningham. The latter came here at once, and with the aid of the police, is trying to locate the sender.

CHOPPED OFF HEADS

Awful Dead of Mother Recently Liberated From Insane Asylum.

East Grand Forks, Minn., Aug. 20.—Mrs. Anton Strause, mother of six children, residing at Tabor, 10 miles northeast of this city, killed her 15-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son yesterday by chopping off their heads with an axe. She then ran to the nearest neighbor to borrow a gun to shoot her other four children, who were working with their father in a field. The woman was released from the state asylum three months ago.

Gas For West London.

The City Gas Company are laying mains in West London to furnish gas to the residents of that section of the city. A large amount of pipe is already on the ground ready for laying.