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## Montreal Strike is Over Men Get Wages Increased

### After Twenty-Four Hours Without a Wheel Turning the Company Gives in—Recognition of the Union is Granted—Story of the End.

Montreal, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—It looks as if it will have been a twenty-four hours' strike, for after hours of negotiations between the company and the men it was announced at midnight that the Montreal Street Railway had conceded the demands of the men, which are as follows:

Employes, under five years, per hour, 18c.

Employes, over five years, per hour, 20c.

Increase in the number of employes.

Recognition of the union.

No dismissals without reason.

Reinstatement of employes dismissed this year without assigned cause.

Payment of salary when under suspension, if charges are unfounded.

This is indeed a surprise to the friends of the company, whose officials announced this morning that they would fight the matter to the bitter end.

**Correspondence on Strike.**

Early in the day the following correspondence was exchanged between the president of the company and the Mayor of the city:

The office of the president,
Montreal, Feb. 6, 1903.

His Worship the Mayor of the City of Montreal, City Hall, City:

Sir,—I beg to notify you that the motormen and conductors of the Montreal Street Railway Company have declared a strike, and that none of our cars are circulating to-day. As Chief Magistrate of the City of Montreal, we would respectfully ask you to take the necessary steps to properly protect our movable and immovable property.

Yours truly,
(Signed) L. J. Forget,
President.

**Mayor's Reply.**

L. J. Forget, Esq., president Montreal Street Railway Company:

Dear Sir,—In reply to yours, received at 11 o'clock to-day, in which you call upon me as Chief Magistrate of the City of Montreal to take the necessary steps to properly protect the movable and immoveable property of your company, I beg to inform you that I gave distinct instructions to the Chief of Police to have the entire police force at his disposal in order that the public peace may be preserved and public property effectively preserved. At the same time the citizens of Montreal expect that the present difficulty will be settled with the shortest possible delay, and that the public service shall not suffer therefrom any longer.

(Signed) James Cochrane,
Mayor, Montreal.

**Would Wait Till Monday.**

It was then understood that the company had no intention of attempting to run the cars either on Saturday or Sunday, but that they would do so on Monday, backed up by an armed force of local troops, arrangements having already been made to call out the different city regiments.

It was added that 350 of the men had signified their willingness to run cars as soon as the company desired it, and the story was that an attempt to run half of the cars would be made. In the meantime the above correspondence brought about a conference between Senator Forget and Manager Wanklyn, Mayor Cochrane and Ald. Lapointe and Ames. When this meeting had been concluded the civic people stated that there was every probability of the strike being declared off at midnight.

**Strikers and Officials.**

After this a meeting was called between the strikers and the company's officials, this being the first time that the opposing forces had been brought face to face. It was announced at a little before midnight that all the differences had been settled, except the question of recognizing the union, but half an hour later a statement was handed out to the effect that the company would not object to the union clauses.

This had the effect of sending delegations east and west to confer with the men, who had become scattered, and now the officials are awaiting their return.

In a word, the company gives an increase of 10 per cent. and practically recognizes the union.

### MASS MEETING TO-NIGHT.

**Street Railway Employes to Discuss Important Business.**

A strike of Toronto street railway employes may be next in order. A mass meeting has been called for to-night. Every employe has been earnestly requested to be at the Star Theatre at midnight, as "matters of importance will be presented which will require your most serious consideration," so reads the official announcement. If the union or the company do not recede from their present position a strike seems inevitable.

The seriousness of the situation is evidenced by the calling of the mass meeting to-night, when the regular monthly meeting occurs to-morrow. Any business but that relating to an ultimatum would be handled at the regular meeting to-morrow. An ultimatum is the last resort before a strike is declared. Hence a full attendance is necessary. As a majority of the men would be on their cars when the regular meeting is held to-morrow, the Executive Committee has arranged the midnight mass meeting.

A strike has been forecasted for some time by those familiar with both sides of the case. In fact the strike last summer was scarcely settled until there was evidence of restlessness in the union ranks. Apparently neither the company nor the men were satisfied with the compromise settlement.

The main object of the strike last summer was to secure recognition of the union. This was not attained. Between the Board of Trade Committee and the officials the main point was avoided. The company sidestepped the recognition feature by offering an increase to 18 cents for the first year and 20 cents thereafter, while the old schedule was a sliding scale, beginning at 15 cents an hour. Many predicted at the time that both sides were laying up trouble by such a compromise and that the fight for recognition, in spirit and letter, was inevitable.

The men see an advantage to them in the big strike at Montreal. The same company owns both systems. The union claims that the Montreal officials are trying to secure men in Toronto to help them out there. In this event, if a strike is inaugurated here help from that direction will be impossible. The union has pickets out here to see that men do not go to Montreal under false pretenses. None has been detected yet, but the trains and labor agencies are being closely watched. Montreal sends word of the arrival there of a secret delegation of Toronto street car employes to lend what aid in the way of advice they may. The union here says no men have gone, but that the union here will aid the strikers in every possible way.

The following is the notice handed to each member of the union Friday morning for to-night's meeting:

—Notice of Meeting—

Dear Sir and Bro.—A mass meeting under the auspices of the Toronto Railway Employes' Union and Benefit Society will be held in the Star Theatre, Temperance-street, on Saturday night, Feb. 7, 1903. You are earnestly requested to be present at this meeting, as matters of importance will be presented which will require your most serious consideration. Arrangements have been made for cars to convey you to and from the meeting. Members will be admitted only by a paid-up working card. Doors will be opened to admit members at 11:30 p.m. Meeting will be called to order at 12:30 a.m.

By order of the Executive Board.

James McDonald, business agent of the union, to The World last night was very uncommunicative. He denied that a strike was contemplated. When asked what the call meant by referring to matters that demanded the most serious consideration of the union, which could not be attended to at Sunday's regular meeting, Mr. McDonald did declined to say. He observed that there was nothing unusual in the situation and that the company was not violating the letter of the contract with the union.

## GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC MAY RUN THRU THE U.S.

### Charles M. Hays Makes a Bid for the Wisconsin Central in Connection With Scheme.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—The Post to-day says: Reports from apparently reliable sources are to the effect that the Grand Trunk road has made a bid for the control of the Wisconsin Central in connection with its transcontinental scheme.

**RAILWAY MEN SEE PREMIER.**

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—C. M. Hays, General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, and William Wainwright, assistant, had an interview with Sir Richard Cartwright this morning. Subsequently Sir Thomas Shaughnessy called upon the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Hays said he had nothing to give out for publication.

Sir Thomas stated that his visit was purely a social one. It is stated here that a recommendation from the Minister of Agriculture in favor of the removal of the Canadian embargo on the shipments of cattle thru Maine has been made to the government.

The matter is now before Council, and may be acted upon shortly. It is supposed that if the C.P.R. is allowed to ship to St. John, the Grand Trunk will also be permitted to ship to Portland, Me.

**A SHOCK IS COMING.**

Saturday Night: Tho the politicians may not be aware of the fact, the public are doing a heap of thinking these days. The utter disregard of popular rights, the subserviency of men in high places to influences which dare not be publicly avowed, the wretched expedients resorted to to acquire or hold office, the pitiful presence of small men in large places and the lack of any refreshing impulse amongst those assuming to be leaders of the people—these things are impressing themselves to a painful degree on the best elements in that very complex and indefinite thing we call public opinion. It is unpleasant and unprofitable to speak or write in a pessimistic strain. Yet there can be no doubt that the feeling of the keenest observers in this Province of Ontario as to the portents on the political horizon is at the present moment strongly tinged with foreboding. Party leaders and partisan voters on both sides must sooner or later face the situation they have created. It is of no use to deny what is evident to the intellect and conscience of every man with brains to think and a sense of right not wholly obliterated. Were the politics of any province, state or country ever more degraded, mean and entirely contemptible than the politics of Ontario are to-day? Was there ever anywhere under representative government a cooler display of indifference to popular rights and the interests of oncoming generations? In the midst of questions large enough to consume the energies of statesmen, the breed of small politicians with which we are afflicted wrangle over the husks of office and spend their little force in the effort to outplay each other for some tactical vantage of small importance. That there are men in both the government and the opposition with generous ambitions and right impulses it would be unjust to deny. That these men submit to be hobbled and hamstrung by conditions above which they have perhaps not the wisdom or the force of will to rise, is an equally true proposition. Both parties are looking for popular enthusiasm, which they have done next to nothing to earn. How can any man with an inkling of the actual conditions that obtain in Ontario's politics be asked to enthuse over the outworn and hypocritical shibboleths that do duty merely to avert attention from rampant political immorality and rank disloyalty to popular rights? It is idle to pretend that one party is either much worse or much better than the other. Either party could, within the last couple of years, have created issues which would have imported into the public arena something of sincerity and of vital reality. On the contrary, every great question in turn has been juggled with by triflers for supposed party advantage. There are indications that people who are accustomed to do their own thinking are growing tired of the game and indifferent to its results. They may still vote Grit or Tory—they do that from habit, and habit is hard to break; but men cannot be induced to continue forever doing something which neither ministers to their pleasure nor serves their interests. There is every indication that party lines as at present drawn in provincial matters are ready to dissolve and recast themselves at the first shock. That shock may come sooner than expected. There are those who think that it has already come.

**Receipt for a Delicious Drink.**

A very delicious drink can be easily made without the aid of an expert bartender, as follows:

Take a lemon, and with a very sharp knife cut a few of the thinnest slices possible of the yellow rind, taking care not to cut into the white portion.

Put this into a glass of rye whisky, and let stand for a few minutes, then fill up with Radnor Water.

No other Water produces the same delicious blend as Radnor used in this manner.

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**"The World" is Rich.**

M. J. Mallaney, the real estate agent, says The World is rich as a medium for all classes of real estate. "In particular," Mr. Mallaney says, "I have found The World a splendid paper in which to advertise market gardens, farms, business properties, and for the better grade of house properties." Real estate brokers will find that in a list of 6000 farm subscribers on The World's books, there are always some who want to buy good farms, market gardens or fruit farms.

SANDERSON'S MOUNTAIN DEW SCOTCH. Has both strength and flavor.

**A Young Man.**

The World has an opening for a stenographer and typewriter. It is an opportunity for any young man who is ambitious of advancement. Application may be made to the Business Manager on Monday.

EDWARDS & COMPANY, Chartered Accountants, 26 Wellington St. East. Geo. Edwards F. C. A., A. H. Edwards.

**MAY GO TO LINDSAY.**

Kingston, Feb. 6.—The Rev. James Wallace, M.A., of Queen's, has been invited to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church, Lindsay. He is considering the call.

**THE OLD, OLD GAME.**

While the Country gets the talk the Monopolist and Grafter grab everything else.

## SHOOTING AFFRAY AT MIDNIGHT LIKELY TO BECOME A MURDER

### Two Colored Men Have an Altercation and Isaac Walter Romaine is Charged With Attempting to Kill Louis Goldsmith—Before Wounded Man Prisoner Tells His Story.

A shooting affray that will probably result in the death of Louis Goldsmith, colored, proprietor of the New Process Company, at 102 Victoria-street, occurred about midnight. Isaac Walter Romaine, also colored, is under arrest at No. 2 Station, charged with shooting with intent. If Goldsmith dies, as it is expected he will, the charge will be changed to murder.

The trouble occurred at 102-104 Victoria-street, where both parties live, and is just south of Richmond-street. It was the result of a quarrel over women coming into the house. Goldsmith was removed to the Emergency Hospital in the police ambulance.

**Goldsmith Has Three Wounds.**

There are three bullet wounds. The most serious one, and from which fatal results will almost surely follow, is in the chest, and Dr. N. A. Powell, who, with four other doctors, took charge of the injured man, states that it is identical with the wound which caused the death of President McKinley. Another bullet imbedded itself higher up in his body, and the third hit his left hand.

**The Story of Romaine.**

According to the story of Romaine, he did not fire the shots, but was merely defending himself from an attack made upon him by Goldsmith, who had the revolver, and in the struggle the cartridges were exploded in some way.

This is Romaine's version of the affair, as related to County Crown Attorney Curry an hour afterwards:

**All Over a Woman.**

"The shooting occurred at 102 Victoria-street, and concerned a woman. Goldsmith is my partner. For three or four weeks he had been bringing women into our place. I did not and never would approve of having women come into the shop, and Goldsmith using it in an improper way. To night when I came home there was this white woman there. I was undressing to go to bed. It was about 11 o'clock, or probably a little after. I complained to him about the woman, and he said: 'You're a —— liar.' I naturally told him that he was another.

**Goldsmith Sprang on His Back.**

"I had my back to him, making up my bed, or cot, at the time. I did not know that he would spring on me like a tiger, but he did, with a heavy pair of tailor's shears, about 18 inches long. His wife was there and the white woman. They call her Marie, and I don't know her other name. His wife shouted, and I half turned, but when he sprang on me I fell over the cot. I grappled with him and held the arm that had the shears, and so did his wife. I begged him to save myself. I said: 'Now, Louie, I am perfectly satisfied to let it go at this.' But he had a grip around my neck and he put his hand under my pillow, for he knew that I kept a revolver there under my pillow all the time. I have had it for twelve years and never used it in my life. It was just there to use in case of burglars or something like that.

**Revolver Went Off Twice.**

"He got it out and when I saw the gun flash in the light of course I grappled with him still harder for my life. He had the revolver, and in the struggle it went off, twice I think. It went off twice in the scrimmage inside and once at the door. The places, 102 and 104, are divided by a partition and entrance is from the one door. The scrimmage first took place in 104. When I got to the door I hollered, and a crowd began to come. I told them to go for a policeman, but nobody went. Goldsmith still had the revolver. As a last chance I grabbed hold of one of the crowd and ran around and around and around him, all the time hollering murder and police and everything else. Then I ran down the street, and the crowd followed me to the Arcade, where I met a policeman. Then some man asked who was doing the shooting, and I thought Goldsmith was still behind me. I gave myself up to the policeman."

**Did Not Have the Weapon.**

"When did you get the gun?" asked Mr. Curry.

"I never had it at all. He got it from under the pillow. I've told you exactly how it occurred. I was leaning over the bed when he sprang at me with the scissors. His wife shouted 'Louie don't.' I turned and grappled with him. He was bigger and stronger than me, and had an advantage because of this—and he showed his right hand, with two fingers gone. "The revolver went off twice in the scrimmage. How it went off I don't know," he asserted again. "I never had the revolver in my hand. The trigger caught my finger here and hurt it," and he displayed an injured forefinger on the right hand.

**Narratives Don't Jibe.**

Questioned by Mr. Curry, Romaine said he had spent the night at a restaurant. He had had a couple of glasses of beer and some cigars and had been playing cards. He then made a statement at variance with his first narrative, saying that he had come home with the Goldsmiths, man and woman, and that a little while later the "white woman" had come in after being to the theatre. She had been there several times. He had objected to Romaine using his house.

"I will say this," he concluded, "that I think Louis was worried about the rent. That might give a reason for his jumping at me the way he did. He might not have been feeling in good temper. He had been talking wild for some days about killing the landlord and everybody around."

**Gave Himself Up.**

When Romaine and Goldsmith had struggled to the door the noise of the shooting had atracted attention, and a crowd was beginning to gather. Romaine ran down the street to the Arcade and gave himself up, as he himself says. He was taken to No. 2 station and searched. There was a wound on his shoulder and bloodmarks on his shirt. His cheek was also cut and bruised, and he said his teeth had been loosened as well by a blow from a lamp thrown in his face by the Goldsmith woman when he had gone back to the house after the shooting to await the arrival of the patrol.

**Will Be Charged With Murder.**

Goldsmith was at once removed to the Emergency Hospital, where his grave condition was made known, and County Crown Attorney summoned to take his ante-mortem statement. Romaine was also brought down to the hospital by Detective Slemin, and in the presence of Inspector Hall, Detective Slemin, P. C's Crowe and Sockett and other officials, made the statement given above. He was given the customary caution and told plainly that Goldsmith was likely to die, in which event he would be charged with murder. He was in a nervous condition, but gave his version of the affair readily, answering all questions freely and without hesitation. Alex. Downey took his statement verbatim.

**Three Discharged Chambers.**

The weapon with which the shooting was done was a cheap make of 32 calibre. It was picked up by one of the crowd and handed over to the police. The cylinder showed an empty top chamber, the two chambers to the left containing discharged cartridges and those to the right one discharged and the other not.

Goldsmith is a man of perhaps 35 years, and is light colored. He is proprietor of the New Process Co., which is a tailoring and cleaning establishment. Romaine is about 30, altho already slightly bald.

At 4 o'clock this morning the victim of the shooting was still living. He was under anaesthetics and no statement could be obtained by the authorities from him. Both women left the house after the shooting and could not be located.

**Rosedale Lots For Sale.**
300 feet frontage, vacant lots, best part of Rosedale. Will be sold at a sacrifice for quick sale. Lots divided to suit purchaser. J. L. Troy, 52 Adelaide. 6

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## VALUE OF THE OFFICER BASIS OF A PROMOTION

### French Minister of Marine Declares He is No Respecter of Persons.

Paris, Feb. 6.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day M. Pelletan, the Radical Socialist Minister of Marine, explaining and defending his policy, said: "I have always kept in mind the naval reserve of 1870, when the German ships were able to station themselves at the mouth of the Gironde. I have wondered what was the use of the millions France previously spent on the navy. I will struggle unceasingly against the tendency to separate the military portion of our people from the mass of the nation and to create a detestable military particularism. I respect all men's convictions and ask of none what are his political ideas. I will not tolerate that an officer, because he is a Republican, be barred from promotion. I have sought to distribute promotion equally between officers who have risen from the ranks and those who have issued from the naval school. There exists in the navy not only a distinction of rank, but a distinction of caste. I have sought to suppress this state of affairs. There should be no superiority, except that of rank, due to the value of the officer."

At the close of M. Pelletan's speech the naval budget was adopted and the Chamber adjourned.

### 15-OUNCE BABY WILL LIVE.

**Little Fellow Begins to Thrive in Bellevue Incubator.**

New York, Feb. 6.—In the downiest of couches in one of the incubators in Bellevue Hospital children's ward, a cunning mite of humanity is bravely kicking and fighting its way to health and strength. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goldstein of No. 13 One Hundred and Eighth-street, and weighs a fraction less than one pound.

Tho he has been there only twenty-four hours, the living doll is attracting much attention. He was almost inanimate when first brought there because of cold, but in a temperature of 95 degrees soon began to take some interest in life and show a determination to be big some day. Both physicians and nurses sympathize with the pink dot with his bright beady eyes, and watch pealously thru the glass sides of his gilded nest how his first feeble kicks are growing stronger and stronger.

Dr. D. S. Moore, who has the case in charge, says young Goldstein will live.

### QUICK LUNCH IS WICKED.

**Lancet Warns Englishmen Against the Yankee Innovation.**

London, Feb. 6.—The Lancet to-day publishes a warning framed in the most solemn terms against the American quick-lunch system which is about to be inaugurated in London. It says:

"We do not hesitate to ask all our readers to impress upon their patients that the adoption of this proposal would be a wicked physiological step. The demands of business may be pressing, but the demands of the body are a reality and are more serious."

The article continues in the same vein and predicts that if the people of London take favorably to the quick-lunch system there will be a breakdown of the maltreated human machine.

### UPROAR ADJOURNED HOUSE.

**German Language for Words of Command in Hungarian House.**

Buda Pesth, Feb. 6.—The debate to-day on the military recruit bill in the Lower House of the Hungarian parliament was enlivened by one of the tumultuous scenes so common of late. The opposition objected to the exclusive use of the German language in words of command, and the Premier maintained the necessity for such uniformity. The uproar finally became so great that the House adjourned.

**CHILD CIGAR SMOKERS.**

Wiesbaden, Feb. 6.—Herr A. Boer, a well-known German schoolmaster, has just published some interesting statistics regarding the practice of smoking among German school children.

Taking his school as a general example, he finds that in the lowest classes, consisting of boys from five to seven years old, nine pupils smoke pipes and cigars.

In the two following classes—boys from seven to ten years of age—eleven were found; and in the two highest classes—nine to thirteen years old—nine boys. Total, twenty-nine smokers, or 50 per cent. of the pupils.

Cigars 10c, Gatos and La Arrow, clear Havana, 5c each - Alive Bollard, 128 and 99 Yonge St.

**POISONOUS PEPPER.**

London, Feb. 6.—The symptoms of poisoning shown by the convicts in Maryborough Prison, Queen's County, have been traced to the use in the prisoners' soup of a poison named hellebore, in mistake for pepper, which it resembles.

Pipes—Brier, silver mounted, 34c each worth 1.00—Alive Bollard, 128 Yonge St.

**WILL BE FILED TO-DAY.**

Owen Sound, Feb. 6.—The document of protest in the North Grey election will be signed to-morrow in Toronto. Mr. G. M. Boyd will be in Toronto ready to take whatever steps are necessary to set the wheels of law in motion.

If you want the newest, we have it. All the modern designs in wrought iron fences, fancy grills, fire dogs. The Canada Foundry Co., Limited, 14-16 King Street East.

**Up-to-Date.**
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The High-Grade Beresford Cigar Saturday at Wilbur's 5c. All package tobaccos 8c at 448 Queen West 6

To Commercial Travelers and Others
See Walter H. Blight, Medical Building. 'Phone 2770 before placing your accident policy. 136

## Sold for Mess of Pottage Shaughnessy as an Esau

### Refuses Request of Independent Telephone Syndicate to Place a 'Phone in Locust Hill Station Unless Bell Co. Consents—Cure is Coming.

Some weeks ago about twenty storekeepers, farmers and millers of Markham and Pickering townships (twenty odd miles east of Toronto) formed an independent telephone syndicate, known as the Markham and Pickering Farmers' Telephone Company. For less than $50 each they have built and equipped one of the latest and best automatic telephone services. All the cost they will be at hereafter will be the maintenance of the line and the repair of the instruments—not $5 a year. Any one of the twenty subscribers can call up any other under a code of plain signals. Hundreds of systems similar to this, but not so modern, are now in use in the United States, and hundreds of these independent lines are being built across the border at the present time.

**Locust Hill Centre.**

The centre of this Markham and Pickering system is at Locust Hill, a station on the Canadian Pacific, 20 miles east of Toronto. It is a thriving station, the best the C.P.R. has between Toronto and Peterboro. All of the subscribers to the new line are good customers of the railway. They wished to put one of their instruments in the station so as to communicate with the agent as to whether their goods had arrived, whether trains were on time, etc., all to facilitate their doing business with the C. P. R.

The system is now equipped and serving its subscribers. But when they came to put the service into the Locust Hill station the agent had to ask permission from his chief. A desultory correspondence resulted. It was learned that the Bell Telephone Company was obstructing their good customers of the Canadian Pacific from getting telephone connection with the station. Thereupon Mr. Alfred Hoover, miller of Green River, and one of the subscribers, took the bull by the horns and wired as follows over the Canadian Pacific wires:

**Story by Wire.**

"Locust Hill, Feb. 5, 1903.

"Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Montreal:

"Myself and twenty co-subscribers have installed a farmers' telephone system. We are shippers and customers of your road at Locust Hill station. We ask the privilege of placing a telephone in that station for our convenience. Kindly wire reply at once.

"Paid 56 cents. A. Hoover."

[Reply.]

"Montreal, Feb. 5, 1903.

"A. Hoover, Locust Hill:

"Very sorry that we cannot comply with your request unless it be with the consent of the Bell Telephone Co. with whom we have a contract for privileges in our stations.

T. G. Shaughnessy."

[DH ac. Co.]

That was the d.h. answer that Mr. Hoover got for his 56-cent message to the president of the big road—in other words, that the Canadian Pacific had sold its birthright and its freedom and its desire to aid and facilitate the business of its clients at Locust Hill for a mess of pottage. And what is the mess of pottage? That the railways get free telephones for free transportation of the men and supplies of the Bell Telephone Co., and for an undertaking that no other companies or any individuals be allowed telephonic access to C.P.R. stations.

**Threaten to Spread.**

As a matter of fact, private lines are run to many C. P. R. stations, and the Bell Company have not kicked. But these independent lines threaten to spread all over Ontario, and a fight has been instituted to cut them out of existence. The other big companies like the C. P. R. are being asked to assist.

It is said that two other systems extending north and south from Locust Hill are already signed for.

The Locust Hill business men are indignant at Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's subservience to the Bell Telephone Co., and some of them threaten to take their business to the Grand Trunk.

A number of the subscribers of the new company waited on W. F. Maclean, M.P., yesterday. He told them that his telephone bill would cure all these evils if parliament would pass it. He said he would introduce it at the next session. He stated also that he would offer an amendment to the Railway Act forbidding any railway from giving any preference to any one telephone company.

**Robert With Us.**

Robert Beith, M.P. of West Durham, was also seen and said he would support Mr. Maclean's efforts.

The biggest telephone fight in the history of Canada is now on. Watch Sir Thomas Shaughnessy cancel within a few days his refusal to the modest request of the Locust Hill patrons of his road.

### KILLED AT A CROSSING.

**Retired Butcher Fatally Injured by a G.T.R. Train.**

Montreal, Feb. 6.—A retired butcher, named Joseph Giroux, was driving this evening with his two daughters near where the Grand Trunk crosses at Water-avenue, when they were run down by a train. The father sustained injuries which proved fatal shortly after.

**KILLED BY A TRAIN.**

St. Thomas, Feb. 6.—Duncan Ferguson was struck and killed by a M.C.R. express at Elgin-street crossing this morning. He was hauled 50 feet. He was 76.

### BOLIVIA REJECTED OFFER.

**Brazil Was Willing to Arbitrate the Acre Difficulty.**

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 6.—The correspondence on the subject of Acre, published here, consisting of letters exchanged between the Brazilian Foreign Minister and the Brazilian Minister to Bolivia, indicates that an offer of arbitration was made by Brazil to Bolivia, but President Pando of the latter country declared that the only arbitration possible was the marching of troops to Acre. Brazil therefore determined to send a strong force of troops southward and occupy the disputed region, after first notifying Peru, which also claims a part of Acre.

### ICE IN OCEAN LANES.

**St. John's is Blockaded and Floe Drifts Into Danger.**

St. John, N.F., Feb. 6.—Arctic ice covers the ocean as far as can be seen and is driving south, with the Labrador current toward the Grand Banks and the ocean-shipping. This port is blockaded by ice floes. The Red Cross Line steamer Rosalind, from New York, and the British steamer Glenoce, from Halifax, could not enter, and a whole fleet of sailing vessels cannot leave the port. A furious southeast gale is raging and packing floes are found along the whole coast.

**FED THRU WOUND.**

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 6.—John J. McMannis, complaining witness in a trial in Judge Horton's Court this morning, proved an interesting subject from a surgical point of view. Since he was shot in Harvey, last August, he has been fed entirely thru the wound in his side, made by the bullet. The bullet went clear thru his body, piercing the stomach, kidneys and intestines.

The High Grade Beresford Cigar Saturday at Wilbur's 5c. All package tobaccos 8c at 448 Queen St. West. 6

**Monuments.**

The McIntosh Granite & Marble Company, Limited, 1119 and 1121 Yonge-street. Tel. 4249. Terminal Yonge-street car route.

**BIRTHS.**

VALENTINE—Feb. 6, 1903, at No. 247 Ossington-avenue, the wife of George Valentine, of a daughter.

**MARRIAGES.**

ROBINSON—SCHOLES—On Feb. 5, 1903, at Grace Church, by Rev. Mr. Kenrick, Annie Eliza, eldest daughter of John J. Scholes, to Herbert A. Robinson. 67

HICKINGBOTTOM—LANE—By the Rev. G. W. Stevenson, on Wednesday, Feb. 4, in Newtonbrook, at the home of Mrs. G. H. Husband, aunt of the bride, Mr. Thomas S. Hickingbottom, to Miss Winnifred M. Lane, both of Toronto.

**DEATHS.**

MAXWELL—On Friday morning, Feb. 6, 1903, Robert Maxwell, aged 73 years.

Funeral from his late residence, 13 First-avenue, this afternoon, 7th inst., at 3 o'clock.

SAMPSON—In loving memory of Alexander Sampson, Feb. 7, 1902.

### ROYAL NAVY RESERVE.

**Maritime Provinces to Be Brought Into the Scheme.**

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 6.—Captain Spain of the Royal Navy commanding the Canadian cruiser fleet for the protection of the fisheries arrived here today on board the training ship Calypso to study the working of the royal navy reserve. The Canadian government intends to establish a similar force among the fishermen of the Canadian Maritime Provinces, and will adopt the Newfoundland scheme as a model. It is now admitted by the British admiralty that the Newfoundland reserve is a complete success.

### NOT A HOPELESS TASK.

**Senator Lodge's Opinion of Passing Alaskan Boundary Treaty.**

Washington, Feb. 6.—Senator Lodge, Massachusetts, member of the Foreign Relations Committee, had a conference with the President to-day, during which they discussed the status of the Alaskan boundary treaty. The Senator informed the President that he does not regard the ratification of the treaty as a hopeless task. It is said to be the purpose of the friends of the measure to press its consideration in the Senate, because some of the opposition is based on misunderstanding.

**COW'S GREAT SWALLOW.**

Ingersoll, Feb. 6.—Joe Thornton of the Sweaborg-road, three or four miles out of Woodstock, had a cow which became sick from having eaten more chaff than it could digest. There was only one way of saving the animal's life, and Mr. Thornton cut open its paunch and relieved the suffering beast of its load. Besides the chaff, he took out a piece of hoe handle, 16 inches long.

**TO GO OVER THE FALLS.**

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 6.—Blake Briton says he has a boat, with which he intends to go over Niagara Falls.

**Felt Hats $2—See Display Window.**

Its possible to get a nobby hat of good quality and very latest design, either in stiff or soft felt for two dollars. The Dineen Co., corner Yonge and Temperance streets, have twenty cases of these popular priced Derby and Alpine hats now on sale. Every one guaranteed the best that is everyway. Look at the Yonge-street window display and satisfy yourself. Store open to-night.

**FAIR.**

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Feb. 6.—(8 p.m.)—Fine weather prevails thruout the greater portion of Canada, with very mild conditions in Alberta and no extreme cold anywhere. Another southwest disturbance, now situated in Texas, promises to travel towards the lake region.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 32—40; Kamloops, 8—30; Calgary, 8—38; Qu'Appelle, 2 below—16; Winnipeg, 14 below—16; Port Arthur, 4 below—18; Parry Sound, 10—28; Toronto, 24—34; Ottawa, 4—24, Montreal, 8—18; Quebec, 10—18; Halifax, 22—28.

**Probabilities.**

**Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fair, not much change in temperature.**

Ottawa, St. Lawrence and Gulf—Fine and moderately cold.

Maritime — Northwesterly to westerly winds; fresh during the day; fair and moderately cold.

Superior—Fair and moderately cold.

Manitoba—Fine; a little higher temperature.

**STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.**

| Feb. 6. | At. | From. |
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| Pennsylvania | Hamburg | New York |

### GIRON IS A MARTYR.

**Does Not Impede Princess' Reunion With Her Children.**

Geneva, Feb. 6.—The legal adviser of the former Crown Princess of Saxony has made the following announcement: "M. Giron will leave Geneva this evening for Brussels to join his family. He has broken off all relations with the Princess in order not to impede the reunion of the Princess with her children."

### OFFER TO SELL BU HAMARA.

**Pretender in the Hands of Mercenary Tribesmen.**

Paris, Feb. 6.—A despatch from Tangier says the Moorish pretender Bu Hamara is a prisoner in the hands of the Riata tribesmen, who have offered to sell him to the Sultan. El Menbhi, the Moorish Minister of War, is now negotiating with the Riata tribe, and it is believed that the pretender will be brought to Fez.

Did you ever try the top barrel?

**Honest Roulet**

Said a veteran gambler recently: "All this rot about brace games in big gambling houses is good enough in its way, because it scares out a lot of suckers, but you know very well that so far as roulet is concerned it ain't necessary to cheat, the percentage in favor of the house being very large when run honestly. There are thirty-eight compartments in the wheel and thirty-eight divisions on the board, including the 0 and 00. The bank pays 35 to 1. The chances against the ball rolling into your compartment are exactly 37 to 1. The 0 and 00 run for the bank, and they equal 2-37, or exactly 5.40 per cent. in its favor. If $100,000 is bet every night in Canfield's at roulet, the bank in the long run will earn, without cheating, $5400. No professional gambler ever thinks of playing the wheel. The percentage against him is too big. It's a sucker's play."

Oil paintings, water colors, photo groups framed at Geddes', 431 Spadina.

**She Died Yesterday.**

St. Thomas, Feb. 6.—Miss Ida Mackenzie, who mistook carbolic acid for medicine, died this morning.

Smoking mixture, "Perfection," cool and sweet, best you ever smoked—Alive Bollard, New Store, 128 Yonge St.

**BIG FIRE IN BUFFALO.**

Buffalo, Feb. 6.—The McKinnon Dash and Hardware Company's factory, in Black Rock, was destroyed by fire to-night. Four firemen were injured, one of them seriously, in a collision between an engine and a chemical while en route to the fire.

Six o'clock dinner at New Carlton Hotel

### ROOSEVELT WON'T ACT.

**Venezuela Trouble Now Goes to The Hague Tribunal.**

Washington, Feb. 6.—President Roosevelt has declined the invitation of the allied powers to arbitrate the question as to whether they shall receive preferential treatment in the settlement of their claims against Venezuela over the other nations. He reached this decision shortly before 4 o'clock today and instructed Secretary Hay to despatch a note to the British Embassy at once advising the British Ambassador to that effect. The matter, therefore, now will be referred to The Hague tribunal. This will result in the immediate raising of the blockade.

**STEAMER SCOUT GETS END.**

Kingston, Feb. 6.—A unique sight is to be witnessed at Davis' dry dock. The government steamer Scout was ordered to be lengthened, but as ice had formed at the entrance to the dock it was impossible. Davis & Sons had to stand the Scout on its stern in order to put an addition to the bow.

**UNIONS TO AMALGAMATE.**

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 6.—A proposition for the union of two large national labor organizations—the Iron Moulders' Union of North America and the International Core Makers' Union—has been submitted to the various locals of both unions. A vote will be taken thruout the country to-morrow, and will probably result in an amalgamation.

**Gallantry of Kubelik.**

On the evening of Kubelik's last visit to Glasgow he drove to the concert hall in a cab, accompanied by Mme. Bertha Marx and Otto Goldschmidt. It was a cold and wet night, but, opening the door, the famous violinist jumped out and gaiantly laid his music books on the top of the snow and ice in order that his fair partner might get into the hall without damaging her dainty shoes. The famous story of Sir Walter Raleigh was instantly recalled to the minds of the onlookers, who heartily cheered the chivalrous action of the violinist.

**MINISTER'S BAD FALL.**

St. Thomas, Feb. 6.—Rev. J. R. Phillips fell from a haymow this morning and was seriously hurt. He is over 70 years of age.

Try the Decanter at Thomas'.

**THE SENATE VACANCIES.**

It is probable that the Senate appointments will not be announced until the second week in March. This information was given to the men who are working for the several candidates for the vacancies.