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**WINDSOR - LONDON - ST. THOMAS
SARNIA.**

Street Railway Sets Price On Road That Will Enable City To Operate At Profit From Outset

President Currie Explains Basis
of Offer Made To Mayor
Wenig—Price Is Something
Like 75 Cents On the Dollar
of the Assets.

The price at which the London Street Railway has just offered its line to the city would permit operation at a profit from the outset, according to Charles Currie, president of the company. President Currie has had a number of conferences with Mayor Wenig, who was authorized by the council to secure a price from the company. A price was named, and the mayor will now present it to the council. In an interview following the negotiations, which he believes will now be taken to acquire the street railway property, and stated why he regarded the offer of the company as not only fair, but decidedly low.

To Go To People.
"We have submitted a price to Mayor Wenig," said Mr. Currie, "which we think the city would be unwise not to accept. If the council sees fit the people will vote on the purchase at the municipal election in December."
"Why do you think the offer you have made to the city is fair?" Mr. Currie was asked.
"Because it is less than the actual cost of the road without any capitalization of earning power," replied Mr. Currie. "It is less than the actual cost less depreciation, which leaves it something like 75 cents on the dollar of the assets. I am not here to exact one cent from the people of London beyond what would be a decidedly fair price for this property, and I think that would be fair."
"If the people do not think it is fair," he continued, "it could be arbitrated. Provision might be made on the ballot for the people to express their opinion of the arbitration plan."

Arbitration Final.
"In the case of arbitration could the people, as Mayor Wenig has suggested, ratify the arbitration finding by a vote, or would the city be bound to buy at the arbitration figure?" Mr. Currie was asked.
"The people would vote first and arbitration is final," he replied.
"Suppose a figure is reached by agreement and the people vote against purchase?"
"Our franchise is automatically extended for five years by the five-year extension clause. This became operative when the city failed to give one year's notice of intention to purchase. Therefore, unless there is purchase by agreement in the meantime, we will have the right to continue to operate the street railway for five years, beginning next March."
"Would this be satisfactory?"
"No, it would be unsatisfactory to all concerned. The company could not get additional capital for a five-

Cache of Bombs Found In Lisbon

Associated Press Despatch.
Lisbon, May 13.—The Lisbon police discovered a large deposit of bombs and other explosives in a room in the center of the city yesterday and arrested the tenant, a notorious Communist agitator, who has been connected with various bomb outrages.
Two powerful bombs were exploded at Coimbra yesterday, one in the doorway of the residence of the president of Coimbra Institute.

year franchise. Investors like 20 or 25-year terms. Without money we could not give improved service. Furthermore, the Ontario Legislature has just passed a bill which requires the street railway company to revert to seven tickets for a quarter at the expiration of the present franchise. That is to say, if the franchise is extended five years, this new law says we must reduce the fares from five cents to three cents. It is impossible to operate under those conditions without cutting the men's wages 32 1-3 per cent and cutting down the service as well. It might easily happen that the street railway would be compelled to cease operation altogether."

Would Pay the City.
"Would there be any such difficulties if the city were to buy the road?"
"No. The road is offered at a low price, so that it could be operated by the city at a profit to the ratepayers from the beginning at the present rate of fare. Even after rehabilitation, it could be operated at an initial profit. A moderate expenditure would put the property in 100 per cent operation and 85 per cent physical condition, where it would earn money and carry all charges and give the city real service."

"Could not the street railway company retain control and do this itself?"
"Not with a five-year franchise and a fare lower than the present fare. But if a new deal were negotiated with a long-term franchise and a continuation of the present fare, the street railway company could spend the necessary money and give a street railway service unequalled in any city of the size of London."

The Windsor Purchase.
"When hydro acquired the street railway at Windsor, what was the basis of purchase?"

"Well," replied Mr. Currie, "the price if I remember rightly was over two million dollars, but this included an electric light plant. If the City of London were to pay on the same basis per mile for the London Street Railway, the London property would cost the City of London \$1,750,000. But the figure at which the property is available is far below that, and the London property is in a far better condition than the Windsor line was, too."

"The street railway is willing to sell?"
"We are quite content to sell if the city wants to buy," said Mr. Currie in conclusion, "and we appreciate that the price must be the lowest possible. We are perfectly frank. Our books have always been and are now open to inspection. We are making an absolutely fair offer and we are sure we will get fair treatment in return."—Adv.

JAMES GRAY IS NEW PRESIDENT OF Y.M.C.A. BOARD

Successful Year Reflected in
Reports Given by Various
Departments.

DINNER IS HELD

James Gray was unanimously elected president of the board of directors of the Y.M.C.A. at the annual meeting and dinner held in the committee rooms at the "Y" last night. A. E. Silverwood is the new first vice-president. Col. W. J. Brown the second vice-president. F. J. McAllister, the secretary for the board, and Arthur Ford is the treasurer for another year. Mr. Gray succeeds E. E. Reid. Following the dinner at 7 o'clock E. Reid, president of the board, read a letter from E. J. Jenkins, who through illness was unable to attend. The chief speaker of the evening, Harry Ballantyne, chief secretary of the national council, Y. M. C. A., spoke on the outlook of the Y.M.C.A. in Canada.

Leon Adams sang a solo and by special request rendered "Mother of Mine." A community sing-song followed, led by Frank Adams.

The dinner arrangements were under the direction of Mrs. A. J. McTavish and members of the Women's Auxiliary.

Reports were read by department heads covering military service activities, membership, standings, Y. M. C. A. clubs, employment, service to community organizations, religious and educational matters, physical and sport.

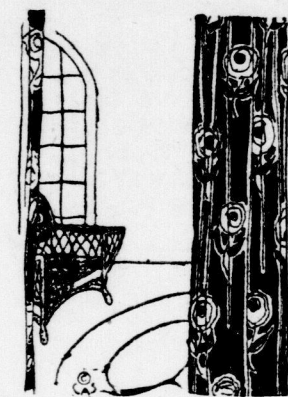
During the year, 282 complete moving picture programs were presented before the patients at Westminster and Queen Alexandra Hospitals. The total attendance was 23,980, and 582 books were added to the hospital libraries.

The report of the Kawi-a-Weke Klub showed that membership campaigns had been carried out with success and calls had been made upon members who were away.

The social report showed over 7,000 people had attended the various social evenings, suppers and parties during the year.

The educational program showed that 23 members attended a twelve weeks course in public speaking under the instruction of Dr. H. W. Hill. The total attendance of the Y's men's club was 308 for 22 sessions.

New Madras To Glorify Spring and Summer Homes



The furniture show this week at the Winter Garden suggests many new ideas for the tasteful housekeeper already planning the summer beauties and comforts of the home. And what lends so many possibilities for colorful beauty work in adorning the summer home as does the rightly-selected madras. And what a delight to choose from this collection which left nothing worthy behind when the picking was done.

Colored Glos (Artificial Silk) Madras
\$1.25 Yard

A beautiful fabric for side curtains and valances, suitable for any room. Colors are fast, excellent designs; has that rich sheen which makes it so popular for effective draperies. Comes in colors of gold, tan, blue and rose; 36 inches wide, at.....\$1.25 yard

Colored Glos (Artificial Silk) Madras
\$1.75 Yard

A popular assortment of rich colors, in sunfast shades of blue, brown, rose, gold, tan and coral; a real value; is wide enough to cut in half for draperies, which makes it very popular as a handsome drape fabric; 50 inches wide, only.....\$1.75 yard

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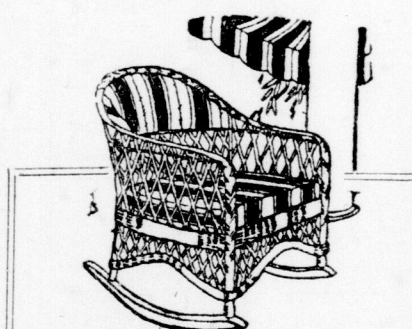
50 inches wide, in new color combinations, made for sunroom, living-room, den, dining-room, hall or bedroom. Very attractive shades, in blue, rose shot with blue, gold shot with blue, rose shot with tan, orange shot with red, and copen blue. You will admire this cloth for its richness and serviceable qualities; all colors guaranteed; 50 inches wide.....\$3.00 yard

Fourth Floor.



SEE GRASS CHAIRS

Just received from China, a complete line of Chairs, Rockers, Settees and Tables. Chairs priced at \$6.00, \$8.00, \$9.00, \$11.00 and \$12.00; Tables priced at \$8.50, \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$17.50; Settees priced at \$17.50, and Chaise Lounges at \$25.00.



BETTER HOMES

It is a subject of absorbing interest to every home-maker. For if the home is to fulfill her ideal of it as the vital center of family life, it must be cheerful, comfortable and individual.

Many effective ways of achieving this harmonious whole are suggested by an exhibition of unusual interest which is staged at the Winter Garden this week, by the furniture manufacturers of Canada.

The furnishings of the model rooms which we have arranged there have been selected from our regular stock, so these charming interiors may be readily reproduced in your own home. Do come in and let us talk over your home-making problems with you. You will find each department ready with a variety of clever ideas.

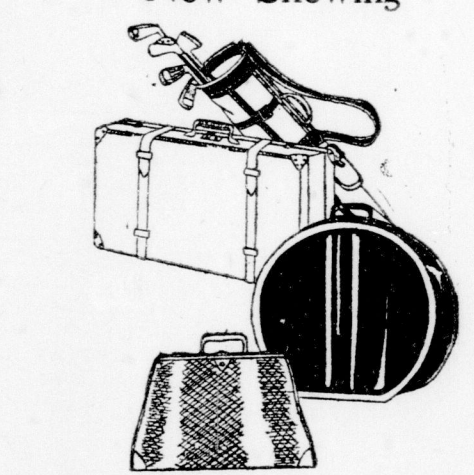
There's an irresistible appeal in the deep, luxurious softness of overstuffed furniture, the graceful lines and dark, satiny finish of polished woods, the clever color schemes developed in curtains and draperies, and the bright bits of color which add the last touch of beauty—lamps and cushions, pottery and gleaming silver.

"A small thing may make beauty, Yet beauty is no small thing."

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Four favorite types for the traveller of today is the pullman case or the overnight bag to hold her toilet articles. This small case is the favorite choice, in fitted pieces, fitted with amber and shell articles. Price.....\$17.50



"While the Incense Is Burning"

Vantive's delightful Specialty Shop in New York has sent us an alluring variety of incense and incense burners. There's a subtle enchantment, a bit of Oriental witchery in the thin column of incense which curls upward so dreamily—so gracefully—so fragrantly.

Vantive's Incense in powder or cone form in fragrances of rose, sandalwood, pine, violet, wistaria or lotus.....35c and 75c tin

Vantive Sets consisting of Burner and Powder.....85c set

Air Fragrance in different odors,.....\$2.00

Incense in a wicker container, tasselled and beaded in the Japanese manner.....\$2.00

Diamond-shaped Container of metal.....40c

Iridescent lustreware, in a hexagonal shape.....\$1.25

Incense Burners in the shape of Buddha, the sacred elephant, or a Japanese figure.....\$2.50

Massive Container in the rose-gold finish.....\$5.00

Main Floor.

Next comes the Hat Box, because first of all it is big enough to hold her favorite cloche, and wide enough in these days of brimless hats to hold many other things, too. These Hat Boxes are covered with black enamel duck, which is very popular, and bound in black and russet leathers, with beautiful brocaded linings and pockets. Prices.....\$9.50, \$10.00, \$13.50

Then the Suitcase, of course, is the logical piece of luggage to hold her new frocks. These cases also come in the black enamel trimmed with the different colors to match your hat box. Prices.....\$6.50 to \$15.00

Then comes the roomy Bag to hold articles of irregular shapes, such as shoes and other miscellaneous necessities. These come in black and brown, with different trimmings, \$17.50, \$23.50, \$25.00, \$35.00

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POSTAL EMPLOYEES IRRITATED BY DELAYS

Say Government Should Have
Referred Salary Decision
To Audit Board.

Ottawa, May 13.—Postal employees, who expected their long wage struggle

would have ended today with an announcement of their salary schedules by the prime minister in the House, have been called to appear before the audit board tomorrow afternoon. The officers of the Dominion Postal Employees' Association are returning from Toronto for the audit board meeting.

They expressed great dissatisfaction over the many delays in an official decision on the schedules and at the fact that the government, with all salaries in its hands, should have referred the decision to the audit board, which is not yet greatly informed on civil service affairs.

Man 104, Wife 103 Taken By Death

Only One Day Separates Passing of Aged Couple.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Sydney, N.S., May 13.—Surviving her 104-year-old husband by one day, Mrs. Malcolm MacLean, 103, died this morning at her home in French Vale, near North Sydney.