

## MR. TOM LAWSON FAST ON SNAG

Holds Vain Conference Over Insurance Problem.

### MEETING IN PALMER HOUSE

Leaves for Iowa, Where He Will Have a Talk With the Governor.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—After a continuous conference of nine hours, Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, author of "Frenzied Finance," was coaxed out of parlor N in the Palmer House last night long enough to confess that the mission which had brought him to Chicago had failed to develop sufficiently for the general public to be taken into his confidence. In another 24 hours, he said, he might be in a position to make an announcement of interest.

This will depend greatly, however, on the result of a conference which he will have with Governor Cummins, of Iowa, at Des Moines tomorrow. Lawson left for Iowa at 10:30 o'clock last night, will return to Chicago to-night and expects to leave almost immediately on the return trip to Boston.

Mr. Lawson admitted that yesterday's long conference concerned insurance problems, but refused to give even an inkling of the details of the deal which he is evolving. Those who were crowded with the Boston financier during the entire afternoon and evening were Governor N. B. Broward, of Florida, former Attorney-General Monett, of Ohio; Fremont Older, managing editor of the San Francisco Bulletin; E. J. Ridgeway, publisher of Everybody's; and Mr. Lawson's counsel, Homer Alden, of New York.

It was whispered that Governor Cummins, of Iowa, Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, and Governor Beckham, of Kentucky, had been invited to the conference, but none of them had accepted the invitation. With regard to the former, Lawson adopted Mr. Cummins' plan, and when Cummins refused to come to Lawson, Lawson decided to go to Cummins, which explains today's visit to Des Moines.

Lawson was asked to direct question whether the conference was in furtherance of a plan to get the governors of various states to aid him in the task of collecting proxies in order to secure control of the Mutual and New York Life Insurance Companies. Mr. Lawson said:

"Well, hardly. I control the Mutual and the New York Life now."

The conference in the Palmer House began at 12:30 o'clock, half a dozen parlor having been reserved by the Bostonian for himself and his guests. Secretary McSweeney, who was located in parlor I, was kept busy during the afternoon foiling intruders and steering away men with money-making schemes and advice who were sure Lawson would be glad to receive them.

Telegrams came by the score, many of them from eastern newspapers, asking what the conference was about. At 4 o'clock there was a break in the conference while a lunch was served to the sextet behind closed doors in a parlor adjoining the conference chamber. Then the meeting was resumed and continued until close on train time last night.

"I am sorry," said Mr. Lawson to the newspapermen who crowded about him, "that matters have not developed sufficiently to warrant me in making a public statement. Tomorrow night I may be able to give you something definite. Yes, the matter concerns insurance, but beyond that I can say nothing at this time."

Coincidentally with Mr. Lawson's visit to Chicago, the New York firm of Hooley, Leonard & Co., personal brokers for the Bostonian, opened a branch office in the Rookery building in this city.

### CHANCE FOR ANGLERS

London Ponds May Be Well Stocked and Permits Issued.

London, Feb. 7.—There is every probability that "fishing in the parks" will soon be added to the recreations of London workmen.

Representations were made to the London County Council some time ago by enthusiastic anglers, who urged that the available waters in London's open spaces should be stocked with fish, and it was said this week that the matter is now under consideration.

Battersea Park waters are so well stocked that fish can be transferred to other lakes in the metropolis. A move in this direction will probably be made.

The office of works is to be approached with a view to stocking the Serpentine with coarse fish. Anglers point out that the London County Council would not quite a respectable revenue if the example of Liverpool were followed.

There all the park lakes have been well stocked with fish and anyone is permitted to angle there on payment of 3d per day.

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## C. P. R.'S REMOVAL NOT FOR LONG

Change to Quebec Temporary, Says Montreal.

### ADMIT STEP WAS NECESSARY

Channel Must Be Greatly Widened and Deepened to Accommodate New Liners.

Montreal, Feb. 7.—The decision of the Canadian Pacific Railway not to operate their Empress steamships further up the St. Lawrence than Quebec until such time as the ship channel below Montreal is deepened and otherwise bettered, has naturally created a great deal of discussion in the circles in this city, the great majority being of the opinion that under the present conditions the company could do nothing else.

Shipping men generally are of the opinion that both the Empress of Ireland and Empress of Britain with their 14,500 tons gross measurement, and with their length of 560 feet have passed the limit of safety so far as utilizing the present ship channel between this port and Quebec is concerned.

During last season the largest vessels running to this port were the Allan liners Virginian and Victorian, the largest of which is 10,754 tons gross, or nearly 4,000 tons smaller than the new Canadian Pacific Railway boats claim to be, while the length of the Empresses will be 565 feet, as compared with 520 feet for the Allan liners. In breadth there is also the proportionate difference, the Empress steamers being 5½ feet wider than the turbines.

All these matters, according to uninterested shipping men, tend to make the operation of the dredged stretches of Lake St. Peter and at other points next to impossible during the period of low water, or at least make it so difficult that it would hardly be worth the risk, particularly in view of the fact that the new steamships are worth probably \$5,000,000 for the pair.

Temporary Arrangement.

That the arrangement whereby Quebec will be the Canadian summer terminal will be any more than temporary the Montreal shipping men refuse to believe, for they point out that the disadvantages encountered in both freight and passenger business from that point are such that it would be almost suicidal for any company less fortunately situated than the Canadian Pacific Railway to even attempt it.

For the passenger traffic it means the operation of heavy and luxurious special trains from Montreal to Quebec to take care of both the first and second class traffic, while the carrying of freight the additional 170 miles is an item of no small consequence. Of course, there is some freight and passenger business which has its origin within the section commanded by the city of Quebec, but this, it is pointed out, is very small indeed when the whole cargo of goods, coal, lumber, human and merchandise, are taken into consideration.

Aside from lumber, wood pulp and some hay, the port of Quebec furnishes practically no staple products to be shipped abroad, whereas the cheese, butter, and, indeed, all farm products, together with manufactured goods, will be obliged to pass on through Montreal from their places of growth and manufacture in order to reach the port of Quebec. This will at mean additional expense, and place a steamship at a disadvantage, as compared with the railroads at the port of Montreal. With the Canadian Pacific Railway, however, the disadvantage would not be nearly so marked, owing to the railway's connection.

Additional Dredging.

The question of how much additional dredging must be accomplished in order to give the ship canal the necessary 30 feet of water, and make it comparatively safe for vessels of the Empress class, is a matter which is engaging the attention of local shipping men, and the chances are that the various public bodies, such as the Montreal Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce will address the Dominion Government upon the subject.

The distance between Montreal and Quebec, via the ship channel, is 160 statute miles, and of this distance 62½ miles originally required dredging. So far about 45 miles have been dredged out to the required feet, with a minimum width of 450 feet, leaving about 17 miles yet to be dredged. In the year 1904 the amount dredged was just a trifle under five miles, and in 1905 the amount of work accomplished was about the same.

Harbor officials in Montreal, who have had a great deal of experience in dredging, state that with the addition of the new suction dredge, which is now building at Sorel, and which will be ready for service this coming season, the work of completing the channel to a full 30 feet, as well as straightening where necessary, should be accomplished by the autumn of 1907, or two full seasons of work.

Complete in 1908

Therefore it can be set down as almost conclusive that Montreal will not see the large C. P. R. steamers in this port before the opening of 1908, for work as hard as they may, the Government will not be likely to complete the task before the time named.

The cost of dredging the shallows of the St. Lawrence between Quebec and Montreal has so far cost about \$5,500,000, exclusive of the plants, surveys, etc., which have cost about \$2,000,000, a total of \$7,500,000.

That when the channel is dredged to 30 feet throughout it will be by no means the last of it can be readily assumed by the steady growth of the ships which are being built. For instance, the larger vessels now plying between New York and Liverpool are twice the tonnage of the new C.P.R. vessels, thus if Montreal is to keep up with the procession, the channel must be continually deepened and broadened for many years to come, if ships of the larger class are to come to this port.

### FEAR ACCIDENT IN TUBES

People Say Yorkers Did Things "On the Cheap."

London, Feb. 7.—A cry has gone up in London regarding the poor character of the rolling stock on the Metropolitan lines. Even the general public has become alarmed by the discussion among the engineers—couched in general terms, of course—regarding the "jerry-built" rolling stock of the underground lines. Over and over again the assertion is being made that the railway magnates "hold human lives cheap," that horrors may be anticipated at any time beside which all former accidents will pale into insignificance.

It is difficult for even the experts to tell whether these discussions are spontaneous or whether they constitute a part of an engineering and expert attack upon the works of the late Mr. Yerkes. Mr. Yerkes, it is recalled, had a natural partiality for American-made goods, but the claim is made that he was accustomed to reinforce his arguments in favor of materials from the other side of the water with statements showing great savings in the matter of expense. And the theory is now advanced that the item of expense should be one of the last things to be considered, and that the safety of the public is the first thing, the one thing in fact, which should be uppermost in the minds of the management.

## TOPICS OF TALK IN THAMESFORD

Number of Notable Gatherings—Oddfellows Entertained at Ingersoll.

Thamesford, Feb. 6.—The I. O. O. F. lodge will hold their annual "At Home" in the town hall on Wednesday evening, Feb. 14. The Italian harpers have been engaged for the occasion and as usual an excellent time is expected.

Mrs. Bolton and Mr. Taylor, who were operated on in London hospital last week, are both doing nicely, and both expect to be able to return home in two or three weeks.

Dr. Hixon, who has been assisting Drs. McWilliam and Babb for the past few months, will leave in a few days for Chicago, where he will take a post-graduate course in one of the hospitals there. We are sorry to lose him, as he is a right good fellow and has made many friends here. May he have success in his studies!

Mr. Wm. McKay, Deloitte street, has offered his house and lot for sale. It is Mr. McKay's intention to move to London.

A week of special revival services will be held in the Presbyterian Church, beginning Monday evening, Feb. 26, to be conducted by the Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Toronto.

Seldom has the town hall accommodated a larger crowd than that which assembled on Wednesday night, at the annual system of support and entertainment given by the East Nisour Agricultural Society. A jolly crowd it was. The officers of the society and others in charge spared no pains in their endeavor to make the event a success, and the satisfaction manifested by those present amply repaid them for their trouble. When all had done themselves justice at the table, the floor was cleared, and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. The music was supplied by the original Italian harpers of London. Nearly 500 were present.

Mr. D. Lawrence, president of North Oxford Farmers' Institute is in attendance at the meetings being held this week at Ingersoll, C. W. Hixson and Embro. The meeting here will be held on Friday, Feb. 9, in the afternoon at 1:30 and in the evening at 7:30, and will be addressed by Mr. John Campbell, Woodville; Mr. J. N. Paget, Canboro; A. E. Herrington, Walkerton; and Miss Isabella Rice, Ingersoll.

The annual meeting of the patrons of the Thamesford cheese factory will be held on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 13. When a Mr. Srope has been appointed caretaker of the gas plant for the current year.

Mr. John Newton gave an address at the Oxford Bookkeepers' Association, of which he is secretary, at Woodstock, on Saturday. Mr. Newton is one of the best-known and most successful aparlars in the Province.

Mr. and Mrs. Vosburgh and children, of Chatham, are visiting friends in the village. Mr. Vosburgh has just recovered from an attack of typhoid fever. His many friends here are glad to learn of his restoration to health.

About 30 members of the local lodge I. O. O. F. were the guests of the Ingersoll Samaritan Lodge on Thursday night. In the first part of the evening the visitors administered the Initiatory Degree to a number of candidates for Oddfellowship in an efficient manner.

At the conclusion of business, those present to the number of about 100 adjourned to Fred Dutton's, where a choice lunch was served. After this part of the programme had been fully appreciated, a further programme of songs and toasts was carried out. Short addresses were given by E. B. Morrey and Bro. McIntyre, of the Ingersoll Lodge. A toast "Our Country" was responded to by Bros. Pearson and Gibson, of Ingersoll; "Our Brothers," by Bro. Hamilton, of Woodstock, and Bro. E. R. Morrey, of Ingersoll; "Our Guests," by Bro. B. B. McCarty and John Smith, Thamesford. The proceedings were interspersed by instrumental, vocal and elocutionary numbers. With a hearty rendition of "God Save the King" by the whole company the gathering came to an end, being pronounced a decided success by everyone present.

Mr. R. McKone, of London, has

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moved into Mr. T. H. McCarty's house just vacated by Mr. H. B. Lutz. The regular meeting of King Solomon Lodge will be held tonight, Feb. 7.

The Young Bachelor Club have issued invitations for a series of four hops to be given this month and next. A good time is assured.

The annual meeting of the East Nisour Telephone Association was held on Friday at Kintore. A substantial dividend was declared. It was decided to extend the line at the north end, and to make some changes at the south end.

Reeve B. B. McCarty attended the meeting of the East Nisour Council at Kintore on Friday.

N. C. McCarty and son are having a special clearing sale this month. In response to a request from the Thamesford School Board, the county council decided to make Thamesford a center for entrance examination in June, 1906, and thereafter.

Miss Ella Nichol, who underwent an operation for appendicitis a few months ago, visited friends here over Sunday. He feels almost as good as ever again.

The stage mill will begin operations in a few days.

Miss Ella Nichol, of Toronto, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Nichol.

A number of the Rebecca Lodge will visit the Ingersoll Lodge tonight.

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A London coroner remarked recently that a law should be passed against the use of old medical prescriptions. Prescriptions useful at one time, he said, may be deadly when used again by people whose physical condition has wholly changed.

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A German statistician has been calculating what part of a woman's life is spent before her mirror. He begins with six years and ends with sixty, and makes the time consumed in all the intervening periods 7,000 hours, or about ten months of life.

Canon Newbolt preached the annual "lon" sermon before the lord mayor of London and the sheriffs recently. Two hundreds and fifty years ago Sir Wotton Gayer, afterward lord mayor, was pursued by a lion in an Arabian desert, but was delivered by prayer. In his well left funds for an annual service as a thank offering.

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