

A CONSULTING ENGINEER TO CHECK THE FIGURES OF POWER CONTRACTS

Engineer Sifton and Several of the Aldermen Will
Ask That a Man Be Secured So as to Protect
the City in the Matter—Looks Like Good Move.

A consulting engineer will be asked to check over the figures of the power contracts recommended to be awarded by the power committee last evening to the Canadian Westinghouse Company.

Engineer Sifton himself will probably send in a written report on this before the meeting of the committee on Monday. This action will be supported by several members of the council who had intended in any case to ask that this be done.

Big Contracts Let.
At the meeting of the committee the contracts were awarded on the recommendations of Engineer Sifton. He had tabulated the tenders, a task of some magnitude, and had reported to the committee which he had suggested that the contracts for the Westinghouse Company be accepted.

The request for a consulting engineer will mean, of course, that the awarding of contracts will be over for two weeks, at least, probably more. In fact, it looks very much as if the contracts will be awarded by next year's council or rather utilities board.

No Delay in Construction.
This will not cause any delay in the construction of the power plant, as the power station itself will not be finished until May. It may be a little longer, but it will be impossible to much longer. The installation of the equipment until the building is finished. A month's delay in awarding the tenders will not make any difference.

It is just as well to state that the council will not have the awarding of contracts, if the request of Engineer Sifton is granted.

LIQUOR LAWS ARE NOW BEING OBEYED

According to the Statistics Compiled by Police Court Clerk.

Police Court Clerk Moule has completed the quarterly returns of the summary convictions that have been made in the police court during the last three months, and the figures show that there has been a much closer observance of the liquor laws than at any time during the year or during last year. There is quite a substantial reduction in the number of Indian liquor cases that have appeared. A very large number of cases that might be police court cases come to the notice of both Magistrate Love and Mr. Moule and through their good offices many men and women, who want to lay information over disputes, are persuaded to settle their troubles amicably among themselves and escape the publicity which a public hearing involves. London has been a very orderly city during the last three months, and no cases of a serious nature have appeared on the blotter at all. Quite a number of important cases, such as riding bicycles on the sidewalk, not complying with the building bylaws, and infractions of various other bylaws, have been heard, but there have been no serious assault cases or crimes of a violent character.

A HIGH HONOR FOR DELAWARE MAN

Elected First Vice-President of the International Live Stock Association.

Mr. Richard Gibson, of Delaware Township, has been elected first vice-president of the International Live Stock Association, at present holding the big show at Chicago. Mr. Gibson has been on the executive of the association for the last seven years.

TORONTO MOULDER MANGLED BY TRAIN

Weston, Dec. 4.—John Huggill, moulder, employed at the Moffatt stove works, was run down by a train while on his way home last night, his mangled body being found this morning. He leaves a family.

BRANTFORD MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH

Brantford, Dec. 4.—Joseph Hurley was caught between the elevator gate and the third floor of the Massey-Harris works here this morning, and instantly killed.

C. P. R. CONDUCTORS TO ASK BIG INCREASE

Will Petition Company to Boost
Their Salaries by Twenty
Per Cent.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—Conductors on the Canadian Pacific Railway have prepared a petition for presentation to the company, asking for an increase in wages amounting to 20 per cent. In case of trouble the conductors are likely to be supported by the Brotherhood of Trainmen and Engineers.

Wages of an engineer run all the way from \$100 to \$200 per month, and wages of conductors average about 25 per cent less.

LAW SOCIETY SECRETARY.
Toronto, Dec. 3.—Mr. W. A. Cameron, of Marsh & Cameron, barristers, has been appointed secretary of the Law Society of Upper Canada, in succession to Mr. McBeth, resigned.

Mr. Arthur Cohan will be an examiner of the society, in succession to Mr. McKinnon, of Guelph.

BRITISH ELECTION JANUARY 13

London, Dec. 3.—It was announced tonight that pollings will begin Jan. 13 and extend through to Jan. 24, and the new Parliament will assemble about the middle of February.

Although Premier Asquith has made no formal arrangements to meet the situation created by the House of Lords of the budget, the commissioners of customs, acting under instructions by the treasury, have issued a notice that taxes on tea, tobacco, spirits, etc., will continue to be collected, pending the assembling of the new Parliament.

The trades which are affected by this order all practically agreed to this course being pursued in order to avoid disturbance to business.

Any deficiency in the Government's services, pending the assembling of Parliament, will be met by an issue of treasury bills.

MINISTERS DAUGHTER KILLED BY EXPRESS AT BEACHVILLE

Tragic Death of Little Lela Draper, Whose Father Is a Well-Known Methodist Divine—Locomotive Was Spattered With Blood.

Lela Draper, the seven-year-old daughter of Rev. C. Draper, of the Methodist Church at Beachville, this side of Woodstock, was killed by G. T. R. express, No. 3, which arrives in this city at 11:18 this morning, while on an errand at that place.

A tunnel crew was in charge of the train. The men were not aware that an accident had occurred until London was reached, and a pan which she was carrying and her hat were found on the blood-smeared pilot.

The train, which is one of the fastest on the road, does not stop at parents and two sisters.

MR. BECK WAS INTERVIEWED ON THE "SLATE" QUESTION

Refused to Make Any Statement for Publication—Mr. Joseph Lawrence Says He Told Him He Would Not Run for the Mayors Chair.

Hon. Adam Beck today refused to make a statement regarding his attitude to the petition of the Real Estate Association that he be the candidate of the fusion slate for mayor, or for some other civic office.

They are confident that he will consent to be their candidate, but those who are close to Mr. Beck say that he will not run for mayor.

The Real Estate.
The R. E. O. P. A. took up the question of a slate last evening, and it was stated that there was a great debate.

Mr. Joseph Lawrence led the belligerents who were opposed to the fusion

scheme, and declared that all their work had come to naught because they had not to a slate of their own in the field, and allowed all other organizations to go by the board.

Mr. Beck interviewed, Mr. Beck maintained that Mr. Beck would not run, and this morning, just to show that he knew, he interviewed Hon. Adam Beck. Mr. Lawrence stated that Mr. Beck had informed him that he had no intention of running for the mayoralty, but on this subject Mr. Beck himself was silent.

Mr. Lawrence is now slate-building. It is said, on his own account.

THE UNITED STATES FACING A GIGANTIC RAILROAD STRIKE

The Chicago Tribune Says That Every Line East and West of Chicago Will Be Tied Up Within a Month

—A Million Men Going Out.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The Tribune this morning says: "The United States is threatened with the greatest railroad strike in the history of the nation."

"Practically every railroad line in the country, east and west, is in imminent danger of being completely tied up by a walk-out this month."

To Demand Increase.
"Officers of the organizations of engineers, firemen, trainmen and switchmen have agreed upon a uniform demand of a 10 per cent increase without deviation or compromise."

"Both the railroads and the leaders of the organized labor among the railroads are preparing for the struggle which, when it once begins, will without doubt develop into one of the greatest industrial battles that has ever been fought in this or any other land."

MAN FROM CHATHAM KILLED AT INGERSOLL

Cut in Two While Attempting to Board a Moving Train.

Ingersoll, Dec. 3.—Between 11 and 12 o'clock this morning an unknown man about 30 years of age was killed on the Grand Trunk tracks just east of this town. While in the act of boarding a moving train he lost his hold and fell under the wheels.

The unfortunate man's body was cut in two. He had recommended to his pockets in the name of James Brown. Some of these were given by Chatham people.

Woodstock, Dec. 4.—The unknown man who was killed by falling from a G. T. R. train near Ingersoll yesterday was James Brown, a Barnado boy, 22 years old, who had been living near Chatham. He was apparently stealing a ride, when in some way he fell under the wheels. The body was cut in two. An inquest was commenced yesterday and adjourned until next Thursday.

Sacred Concert Sunday Night.
The sacred concert to be given to-morrow evening at Bennett's theatre on behalf of Mrs. A. O. Geiger promises to be a great success. A very fine program has been prepared and much interest has been aroused in the affair. A very large audience is expected. Silver collection of 25 cents at the door.

BABY TAMPERED WITH ELEVATOR

Young Son of George H. O'Neil,
of Tecumseh House, Had
Close Call.

CARRIAGE WAS SMASHED

When the Elevator Shot to the Roof
—Father Found Little Fellow
Laughing at the Huge Joke.

Little Geo. H. O'Neil, Jr., the two-year-old son of Mr. Geo. H. O'Neil, proprietor of the Tecumseh House, had a narrow escape from death last evening, and incidentally caused more excitement in the hotel than has been witnessed for a long time.

The youngster had been taken for a walk by his nurse, and they were getting ready to go upstairs, to their apartments. He went into the elevator ahead of the nurse, and she followed after with the baby carriage.

The elevator was busy with some parcels, and had stepped out for a moment.

Seized the Lever.
George seized the lever, and in a second the car shot up. The nurse was just stepping into the elevator when the machine shot past, narrowly missing her.

The child was very badly cut up, and the pilot of the engine presented a gruesome appearance on the arrival of the train here. The little "tam" which she was wearing and the pan were lying where she was struck on the left side of the engine.

The little girl is survived by her mother and two sisters.

GEORGE O'NEIL.
This George Before He Began Running the Elevator at the Tecumseh.

In a second there was a great uproar. The carriage caught in the side of the elevator, and it was smashed to pieces. Part of the elevator was smashed, and the crashing of the iron and timber made a great racket.

Mr. O'Neil ran swiftly up the stairs, beating all records. All feared the kid would be killed or at least fearfully injured.

The elevator ran to the top floor where it stopped. When Mr. O'Neil arrived there he found his son at the door smiling broadly.

Oh, You Kid!
Pieces of the baby carriage were scattered everywhere, and it was hard indeed to see how the child escaped injury.

In the meantime there was a ferment of excitement on the ground floor and all were greatly relieved when the elevator came down with the boy unharmed.

But the kid was not content with the elevator, and of course the carriage was smashed to bits. Had the baby been in the carriage it would have been tragical.

A Fearful Shock.
"We got a fearful shock," said Mr. O'Neil. "No one ever suspected the youngster of knowing anything about the elevator or levers, and never for a moment suspected that he would touch the lever as we had warned him about it. He's only a baby, but he scared me cold. You cannot be too careful with children. I know now."

WAS DAVID KIDD "KIDDING" TORONTONIANS

Arabian Nights Story of a Lame Evangelist Badly Punctured.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Dec. 4.—For over a year the case of David Kidd has been a mystery to people of the city.

A month ago Kidd, who changed his name to David Burn, left here for Vancouver, thence to sail on a C. P. R. steamer for Australia, where he said W. G. Burn, a millionaire, had died and in return for Kidd's having saved his daughter, Lucy Burn, from the downward path, had left \$125,000 to build a large Burn memorial home; \$400,000 to endow it, and \$1,500,000 to Kidd personally. Kidd was a lame evangelist and itinerant lecturer. Kidd wrote here that he had missed his first boat and would sail Dec. 3.

Today a solicited cablegram was received by the Evening Telegram from the attorney-general of Australia denying the authenticity of a letter from him read by Kidd to a group of friends outlining the size of the \$8,000,000 estate and confirming the fact that he was left a fortune. If Kidd, now Burn, sailed yesterday for Australia the case becomes more of a puzzle than ever. Plans had actually been drawn by local architects for the building.

SAME OLD WAR.

Manila, Dec. 5.—Fanatical Moore and Sanaos forced a fight upon a detachment of the constabulary under Lieut. Elhart near Mount Malindang.

Six members of the constabulary, four porters and one policeman were killed, and one of the constabulary was wounded. The aggressiveness of Moore and his followers when they finally scattered.

Some four thousand fanatics gathered near the constabulary two weeks ago, and further trouble is expected as the tribesmen are reported to be returning to their homes.

PRINCESS WALDEMAR DEAD.

Copenhagen, Dec. 4.—Princess Waldemar died today. She had suffered for some time with influenza, her illness taking a critical turn on Wednesday last.

The princess was the wife of the youngest son of the late King Christian, and before her marriage, in 1885, was Marie, Princess of Orleans.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN HOME CORONER IS INVESTIGATING

Milkman Discovered Mrs. Annie Hopkins Lifeless in Her Home at
318 Thames Street—It Is Thought She Succumbed to an
Attack of Asthma During the Night.

A woman, whose name is believed to be Mrs. Annie Haskett, was found dead in the house at 318 Thames street, this morning shortly after 10:30 by D. G. Wheeler, a milkman.

When Mr. Wheeler went to the house he got no answer to his knocks, and on going in, found the woman lying on the floor beside a chair quite dead.

He at once notified the police, and the ambulance went to the house.

Coroner Investigating.
Coroner MacLaren was notified, and is making an investigation. Neighbors were taken away from her and the woman came there to live about six weeks ago, and that since that time a man named Edson has been living there.

Mrs. Haskett's husband is employed on the farm of Mr. William Westby. From what can be learned the woman has been several times married.

Had Several Husbands?
One of her husbands was a man named Bone, and it is said that a daughter resides in the town of Staples. Some years ago, owing to Mrs. Haskett's conduct some of her children were taken away from her and placed in the care of the Children's Aid Society.

The woman was apparently about 50 years of age.

Suffered From Asthma.
It is stated that she had been suffering from very bad attacks of asthma lately, and had several times fainted, and it is thought likely that she was overcome some time during the night. She was 50 years old.

Location of the Body.
Mrs. Haskett's hat and coat were placed on a chair in one corner of the room, and she was lying on the floor close beside the head stove, in which there was a fire. The detectives visited the house this afternoon and after making an investigation came to the conclusion that the woman had died of heart failure.

Sensational Stories.
A bruise on her forehead gave rise to some sensational rumors this morning, but the police state that the mark is an old one.

Heart Failure.
Dr. Tensfeldt, who was summoned at once to the house, was forthwith stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that he thought she had died from heart failure. The pump on her forehead, which was caused by Mrs. Haskett, falling against the head stove, and upon its result being made known, Coroner Ferguson will decide whether or not an inquest is necessary.

It is unlikely that there will be any inquest, as the authorities, after investigating the case thoroughly, are convinced that the woman died of heart failure.

COLBORNE MERCHANT SUES A PROMOTER

Says That He Did Not Get Company Stock as Agreed Upon.

Another case has been entered for hearing at the January assizes, J. T. Goldhorpe, a merchant of Colborne Township, Huron County, is entering action against J. W. Moyes, a railway promoter, of Toronto. Under the authority of legislation of the Provincial Government, the defendant organized a railway company in 1902, to be known as the Huron and Bruce, which was to connect the town of Colborne and Goderich. Later the defendant, in February, 1906, incorporated the Midland River Power Company. The plaintiff, it is said, entered into agreement with the defendant, whereby he purchased the rights, franchises and assets, along with \$50,000 paid-up stock, and \$40,000 paid-up stock in the said company. In pursuance with the agreement the plaintiff paid over \$5,884.09 for the first, and \$10,317.91 for the second company. But in neither case, he claims, did he receive the additional stock as agreed upon. He asks for the fulfillment of the agreement as specified, or in the alternative, \$100,000.

The defendant, on the other hand, claims that he is under a misapprehension as to the reading of the terms of the agreement.

The case was first entered for the assizes of Huron County, but on the request of the defendant's solicitor, it was transferred to the Middlesex assizes.

County Court.
Two cases have also been entered for hearing at the county court, which opens on the 14th of this month.

William R. Denham, a farmer of Blenheim Township, has entered action against James Patrick, of London Township. Some time ago, it is alleged, the defendant entered into an agreement to pay the plaintiff \$500 for a year's work, and give him a house rent free. The plaintiff claims that he complied with all the conditions, but that on July 13 he was wrongfully discharged, and in October, wrongfully took possession of the house which the plaintiff claims as his under the agreement. The plaintiff thereby claims that the defendant has committed a breach of the agreement, and he therefore, claims \$250 for the labor performed by him, and \$500 for the loss sustained by the breach of contract. The defendant claims that the plaintiff was discharged for good reasons, and that previous to the entry of the action he had offered the plaintiff \$200, which was sufficient to meet all his just claims. The defendant also stated that he brought into court \$210 to satisfy the first claim, and asks that the second claim be dismissed. Mr. T. W. Seaman, for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons for the defendant.

Action for Injuries.
Richard John Starkey, a carpenter, has entered action against Louis Henry Martyn and George Hammett, builders. The plaintiff was employed on a building under erection by Martyn, and he claims that through the negligence of Hammett, some bricks fell on him inflicting severe injuries. He claims that protection against falling bricks should have been provided, and asks for \$500 damages and the costs of the action.

The defendants claim that the injuries, if any, were not due to negligence on the part of the defendants, but to the plaintiff's own carelessness. Mr. T. H. Luskcombe for the plaintiff; Messrs. Jarvis & Vining for L. H. Martyn; and Mr. J. M. McEvoy for the defendant, George Hammett.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—UNSETTLED.
FORECAST.
Toronto, Dec. 4.—4-8 a.m. Today—Variable winds; cloudy. Sunday—Insettled, with occasional rain, followed Sunday night and Monday by a change to colder weather.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. Wind. Weather. London. 35. 25. Cloudy. Calgary. 25. 12. Clear. Winnipeg. 40. 24. Clear. Port Arthur. 40. 22. Cloudy. Parry Sound. 38. 24. Fair. Toronto. 40. 22. Cloudy. Ottawa. 32. 22. Cloudy. Montreal. 32. 28. Fair. Quebec. 32. 28. Fair. Father Point. 36. 24. Rain.

Minus (—) means below zero.

AVANTHER NEWS.
The weather this morning is cloudy and mild in Ontario and Quebec, and showery in the Maritime Provinces, while from Manitoba westward it is extremely cold. There is still barometric disturbance in the Mississippi Valley, and conditions appear favorable for the development of a storm.

FRIDAY'S WEATHER.
Toronto, Dec. 3.—5 p.m.—The Atlantic disturbance remains off the Nova Scotia coast, and cold, showery weather continues throughout. The Maritime Provinces, while in Quebec and Ontario the skies are overcast. Local snowfalls have occurred in Manitoba, and snow furries in Saskatchewan, with very cold weather throughout the Western Provinces.

EYE KNOCKED OUT IN ROW IN HOUSE

East End Man Now in Victoria Hospital—A Fight Alleged.

A man named David Gilmore, living on Ann street, is in Victoria Hospital suffering from an eye so badly injured that it will probably have to be removed.

The fight was out and caused the eye to be injured. The man was removed to the hospital about 12:30 a.m., and it is alleged that he received his injuries in a mix-up in the East End.

One story is to the effect that the man's wife was in the house, and a fight was in progress, and it is said.

C. P. R. EXPRESS STRUCK FARMER AT MELROSE

Donald Campbell, of Komoka
Was Seriously Injured in
Accident.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Komoka, Dec. 4.—Donald Campbell, a farmer living near here, was very seriously injured on Thursday evening near Melrose by being thrown from his wagon, which was struck by C. P. R. Express No. 6, en route from Windsor to London. Mr. Campbell was crossing the C. P. R. line near Melrose and apparently did not see the express coming, for he drove across right in front of it.

The engine struck the rear wheel of the wagon, and Mr. Campbell was hurled across the roadway. He was picked up in a dazed condition, and removed to his home, where Dr. Graham, of Lake, found that he had a number of very serious cuts about the head and was badly shaken up. He will be confined to his home for some time. The horse escaped unhurt. The express, which is the fastest on the line, was driven by one of the big engines in charge of Engineer Upthegrove, of London.

Hockey Practices.
The London hockey team will commence practice on Monday evening at the St. John's A. C. gymnasium. Arrangements have been made for the use of the rink on Wednesday and Thursday evenings until ice comes. All the boys are requested to turn out Monday evening at 8 o'clock. There are many of them taking road work at the present time, and an effort will be made to get the team in prime condition for the first game.