

CITY WANTS TO KNOW PRICE ELECTRIC CO. WILL SELL FOR BEFORE MAKING ANY MOVE

Special Committee of the Council and the Board of Water Commissioners Held Important Conference at Noon Today.

ALD. RICHTER SAYS PURCHASE IS MATTER FOR COMMISSIONERS

City Council Should Know From That Body Just What Buying of Existing Private Plant Would Mean to the Corporation Now That Niagara Power Plant Has Been Built

"The London Electric Company are the sellers. Let them furnish us with the price they want for their plant. When that is received we can put our engineers and experts at work, and they will tell us what the plant is worth to us. I do not see what we can do until we get that information."

The above statement was made by Mr. Philip Pocock, chairman of the water commissioners, at a conference between the special committee named to consider the purchase of the company's plant, and the commissioners, held at noon today in Mayor Beattie's office.

In the absence of Ald. Saunders, Ald. Richter was chairman.

"The meeting is called to consult with the water commissioners on this matter," said Ald. Richter. "It is their duty to look after this end of the business, and we, as a council, have no right to put any impediment in their way as to the cost or sale of the power. Consequently we have called them to meet with us, to obtain their co-operation and their advice. The statement has been made that the company has not been given an opportunity of disposing of their plant, but my own impression is that they were given a chance, but the price asked was so outrageously high that the council would not consider it."

MR. POCKOCK'S POSITION.

"As for the water commissioners, we have not met nor discussed the question," said Chairman Pocock. "This is purely a business proposition, and must be looked upon in that light. If you want our opinion, you should send to us a number of questions in writing, and we would consult with our engineers, and obtain information on the subject. I cannot go into values, but our engineers can. Our own plant is nearing completion. All the material needed has been ordered, and the most of it has been delivered."

"The company are the sellers—the city are the purchasers. It is the duty of the former to submit a price to us. Then we can consider it, going into all the matters in connection with it. We could get our engineers to submit to us a report as to what the plant is worth to us, and what benefit we would receive by taking it over. My own idea is that the company should make a price so attractive that the citizens will purchase, or else the negotiations are under taking will be a loss of time. When our figures are submitted, they will represent what the real value of the plant is to us."

ABOUT A MONOPOLY.

"There has been an argument advanced that I take exception to, and that is that the city, if it buys the plant, will be creating a monopoly for itself in the distribution of power. It is hinted that on that account the price of power would soar. That is the reverse. The intention is to furnish power as near cost as is consistent with good business. If a private corporation had the monopoly, they would charge to the last cent all that they possibly could. A monopoly for the city plant would not mean exorbitant rates, but power and light at cost price."

Ald. Richter asked the chairman when the figures would be submitted, and Mr. Pocock declared that they would be ready at the earliest possible moment.

AS TO THE PRICE.

"We want the water commissioners to meet with us when the matter is taken up with the company on Nov. 1," said Ald. Richter. "Some of the head officials of the company from Toronto will be present, and they will submit their offer. I doubt that they will give us their price before the meeting. If they did we could obtain much information, regarding that feature that would be of value when we meet. We do not want the discussion all one-sided."

"We will be present," said Chairman Pocock.

"We should consult with the commission," Mayor Beattie remarked.

"Their advice should be given full weight, but we do not want to shirk our duty in the matter."

"Of course not," answered Ald. Richter. "My own impression is that we should not submit any offer to the people that we did not agree with. I think that if we asked the people to vote on any proposition we should see that it was such that we could support it. There would be no use sending it to the people to be killed off."

UP TO THE PEOPLE.

"I do not agree with you," said Mayor Beattie. "Let them vote on it. We need not support it. Let it go without our indorsement."

"That would kill it," said Ald. Pocock.

"Of course," answered his worship. "Still, it would allow the citizens to express their opinion on the question."

Nothing further was done, the meeting arriving at no conclusion, save that the commissioners would meet with the committee of the council on Nov. 1, and will prepare information as soon as they could.

Those present were Ald. Richter (chairman), Ald. Eckert, Ald. Ashplant, Ald. Pocock, Mayor Beattie, Commissioners Philip Pocock, William Wyatt, John H. Chapman and Secretary Miss Nora Toll.

BOARD OF TRADE TO BANQUET CITY'S BIGGEST MANUFACTURER

A complimentary banquet will be tendered Mr. John McClary by the board of trade and prominent citizens in the near future.

For some time this question has been mooted, and already plans are under way to insure its success. His long years of business activity has built up the largest business of its kind in the British Empire, and the board of trade are of the opinion that some recognition should be given his work by Londoners.

"We have been considering this matter for some time," said Dr. Harry T. Reason, president of the board. "Mr. McClary has done great things for London, and we are proud of him. We want to show him that we appreciate his services, and I think that in this way we can do something towards it. We will make the arrangements as soon as we have this Ottawa matter disposed of."

"I think the idea a proper one," said Mayor Beattie, M. P., who brought the matter up at a banquet on Saturday night. "A man who has done so much for the city of London deserves some recognition, and I am heartily in accord with it. Let us get together and do what we can to show our appreciation of his long services."

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

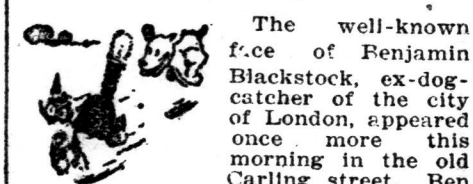
Montreal, Oct. 24.—C. P. R. steamer Lake Champlain arrived at Quebec at noon Sunday.
Father Point, Oct. 24.—Steamship Montrose, C. P. R. Line, from Antwerp, passed inward at 8:35 a.m., with 41 second cabin and 201 steerage passengers.
Montreal, Oct. 24.—The Allan Line steamer Hesperian, from Montreal and Quebec, for Glasgow, was reported 130 miles west of Malin Head at 7 a.m. on Saturday.

SOCIAL EVENING ON RICHMOND ST.

Ben Blackstock Undertook to Entertain On a Large Scale.

INVITED THE POLICE

Result Was That Everybody Present Landed in the Court—A Long Society List.



The well-known face of Benjamin Blackstock, ex-dog-catcher of the city of London, appeared once more this morning in the old Carling street. Ben only came to London on a short visit, but tarried to pass the afternoon for Mrs. Blackstock in anticipation of the approach of winter, and so the virtuous erstwhile city official was unavoidably at home when Estelma Snyder, in answer to a telephone call, happened along to interrupt a rather boisterous gathering at Ben's hospitable home.

Blackstock said that he himself sent in the telephone call, but however that may be, Ben formed one of the party of six who enjoyed the ride in the patrol down Richmond street to the Carling street clubhouses.

BISHOP FALLON'S TORONTO SERMON

The R. C. Church Never Allows Students to Tear Pages Out of Bible.

BILINGUALISM ESCHEWED

His Lordship Did Not Refer to the Recent Hanna-Reame Controversy—Over French Schools.

In the presence of a gathering well representative of the Roman Catholic clergy and laity of the Archdiocese of Toronto, the elaborate ceremonial of laying the corner stone of St. Augustine's Seminary, Scarborough Heights, was carried out by his Grace Archbishop McEvay yesterday afternoon. The sermon was one of double thankfulness, in that it marked the founding of an institution which will undoubtedly be potent in augmenting the ranks of the priesthood, but it signified the return of the archbishop to official activity after a long illness, which has caused no slight anxiety.

There were two outstanding figures at the ceremonies in addition to his grace, Bishop Fallon, of London, was there, a stately and impressive personage in his robes, but easy of poise and of genial aspect with all. It was he who preached the dedicatory sermon, but he made no reference to bilingual schools. Then there was the venerable O'Connell, private chamberlain to his Holiness Pope Plus X. It was his magnificent liberality which made possible the purchase of the \$300,000 seminary. The circumstance to which Archbishop McEvay, in his official message, read by Rev. Father Kidd, chancellor of the Archdiocese of Toronto, and Bishop Fallon made grateful reference.

Controversial Ground. Bishop Fallon, as before said, did not allude to a matter of recent contention, but, in the course of a vigorous assertion of the right of the church to bilingual schools.

THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Warmer

Today—Fresh to strong southwest

Wind—Fresh to strong southwest

Temperature—50 to 55

Humidity—60 to 70

Clouds—Partly cloudy

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TRAGIC END OF P. M. ENGINEER KILLED BY FALL FROM ENGINE

Mr. Bernard McAteer, Formerly of the G. T. R., London, Met an Instant Death Between Ruthven and Leamington on Sunday.

Mr. Bernard McAteer, a Pere Marquette engineer, running out of St. Thomas, and a former Londoner, was killed yesterday afternoon between Ruthven and Leamington, while running his engine with a train of freight.

McAteer decided to look at the water tank after passing Leamington, and climbed up on the coal tender. As he was walking along, he slipped, and fell on to the tracks. He alighted on his head, breaking his neck. The train was stopped, and the crew rushed back to render him assistance. When they found him he was beside the track dead.

The body was removed to Leamington, and later taken to his home in St. Thomas. The late Bernard McAteer was well known in London. He was an engineer on the Grand Trunk for ten years, prior to going to the Pere Marquette, with whom he has been employed a little over 10 years.

TWO LITTLE CHILDREN POISONED ATE PARIS GREEN THEY FOUND

Poison Was Put in a Corn Crib to Poison Rats and Little Tot Played About Found It—Sad Accident in West Williams.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Parkhill, Oct. 24.—Donald, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McCormick, of West Williams, and his little 2-year-old sister, Matilda, are both dead as a result of finding a package of paris green in a corn crib in their father's barn on Thursday afternoon and eating it.

The corn crib is seven feet above the ground, and just how the little tot managed to get at it is somewhat of a puzzle. It is supposed though that while playing around the crib they found the package which had been placed there and ate it.

Dr. Wilson was at once summoned and worked with the children for some time, but all efforts proved fruitless.

The little girl died in great pain on Friday night, and her brother's death followed on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

The funerals were held to Bornish Cemetery, and the services were conducted by Rev. Father O'Neil.

MAYOR BEATTIE STILL DUBIOUS AS TO THE ARRIVAL OF POWER

Chairman Pocock Claims It Will Be Here by December 1—His Worship Says He Has Heard Frequent Promises Made On This Score.

Will Niagara power be here by Dec. 1? There were some diverse opinions on the subject at noon, when the water commissioners and the committee from the city council met to discuss the purchase of the London Electric plant. "Will the power be here by Dec. 1, when our lighting contract expires?" asked Ald. Richter. "Why, certainly," answered Chairman Pocock. "I see nothing whatever to prevent it."

"No injunction could hold us up, or anything like that," continued Ald. Richter. "Nothing at all that I can see," retorted Chairman Pocock.

"I doubt that power will be here by that time," said Mayor Beattie. "I have asked that question on more than one occasion, and power has been promised us for a long time. It has been hinted that I had ulterior motives in asking that question, but I still want to know when Niagara power will be here."

"It has been promised to be here in November," said Chairman Pocock. Mayor is Dubious.

"We have been promised the power very often," said Mayor Beattie. "I am sure that it can be here last March. What I am anxious about is that we shall be given a chance of lighting the streets after our contracts expire. We do not want to ask the London Electric for favors when we are negotiating with them."

"I do not consider that there is any need to worry," said Chairman Pocock. "Our plant will be ready in a month's time. We have nearly all the street lighting system completed. The downtown section may be delayed, but we can make temporary arrangements for that work."

In the absence of Hon. Adam Beck, no definite answer could be received, but there is every probability that power will be here before Dec. 1, it was stated.

CHURCHES ASK ASSISTANCE FOR THE LONDON SANATORIUM

Reports of the Institution Were Placed Before Congregations in Many Edifices On Sunday—A Noble Work Is Being Done.

On Sunday illustrated reports of the Byron Sanatorium were distributed in all the city churches, and they were eagerly accepted by the citizens at large.

The report is a very complete one, and contains a great deal of information regarding this noble charity. Excellent views of the different buildings, the administration, the infirmary, recreation hall, women's cottage, men's cottage, etc., are shown.

The report shows the progress of the work, and much information is given as to the size of the buildings, etc. The financial statement is also appended, showing a deficit of about \$11,000 on the Sanatorium.

The Patients. Since it opened 22 patients have been admitted, 11 males and 11 females. Two have been discharged. Of the 22 accepted, 15 were from London, 2 from St. Thomas, and 2 from the county of Elgin. Three were sent from the county of Middlesex, although there is no agreement as yet with the county.

Of the patients 13 were Canadians, 6 were from England and 1 each from Scotland, Cuba and Germany. Five cases were incipient, 9 were advanced and 8 were far advanced. Dr. Mahood

CRIPPEN TO HANG NOVEMBER 8 WILL MAKE A STRONG APPEAL

A Rumor That Jury May Have Already Recommended Such a Course to British Authorities—Feeling Against Executing on Circumstantial Evidence Is Strong.

[Associated Press.] London, Oct. 24.—Dr. Crippen, it is officially announced, will be hanged on Nov. 8, instead of on Nov. 15, as was stated at first by the judge. He will appeal.

There is, it is said, the strongest prejudice in England against executing a man on purely circumstantial evidence and an incident at the close of the Crippen trial has caused the impression that the jury may have recommended a life sentence. After Crippen was sentenced the foreman of the

WM. E. MULLINS ON FLYING VISIT

Former London Railwayman Home Again From Costa Rica.

TENDERED A BANQUET

Very Pleasant Affair at the Tecumseh House on Saturday Evening.

"Often while away in a far-off foreign country, no matter how well one may be treated, or how numerous are the new friends one has made there, one will sit and ponder on old times, old stories and old friends, and sigh for the hours that have long fled and the town that has been left behind."

With this sentiment, Mr. William E. Mullins, a London old boy, and now general manager of the Northern Railway of Costa Rica, began his speech in reply to the toast to his health at a banquet tendered him by Mr. Philip Pocock, chairman of the board of water commissioners, in the Tecumseh House on Saturday night.

Mr. Mullins has been in New York for some days, and he paid a flying visit to his old home town before going to Montreal on his way back to Central America.

Just the Same. It is two years since Mr. Mullins was home, but he has aged none. He is still the same big, resourceful railwayman, full of vim and vigor, and with a hearty handshake for his old friends. Those who met him Saturday

evening, Mayor Beattie, M.P.; Capt. T. J. Murphy; Percy Moore, Dr. W. J. Tillmann, John Townsend, John O. Dromgole, John Loughlin, John M. Daly, John P. Forristal, E. J. Carly, and host of the evening, Mr. Pocock.

Some very nice things were said of Mr. Mullins, who has climbed rapidly to the top in the railway business, and is at present regarded as one of the foremost of managers in North or South America.

Commissioner Pocock also came in for some kind words in regard to the manner in which he and the other commissioners are conducting the city's business.

A Suggestion. Mayor Beattie, in speaking of the successful men London had turned out, congratulated Mr. Mullins, and Mr. Pocock, and suggested that it would be a fitting tribute to Mr. John McClary, the city's greatest businessman, and one of the greatest manufacturers in the British Empire, to tender him a banquet at some near date.

The idea proved very popular at the dinner, and more will be heard of it later on.

Speeches were also made by several other guests.

MEN PLEADED GUILTY TO THEFT OF OATS

Geo. Maloney and Oliver Martin Were Allowed to Go On Suspended Sentence.

George Maloney and Oliver Martin, two young men residing in Westminster township, south of the city limits, were allowed to go on suspended sentence this morning on pleading guilty to a charge of stealing fifteen bags of oats from Alvin Dickinson, of Ingle-side street, who owns a farm at the south end of Ridout street.

Maloney, who is 17 years of age, and Martin, who is 18, were given a hearing before Squire Chittick, who heard the evidence in a very short session and sent the men for trial before Judge Elliott, who disposed of the case finally.

In Squire Chittick's court High Constable Hughes and Constable Alex. Shaver were put in the witness box. They told of executing the search warrant and finding part of the stolen grain at Maloney's home. He admitted the theft.

They were bound over in \$200 each and allowed to go on suspended sentence. R. K. Cowan appeared for Maloney, and G. N. Weekes for Martin.

WAGON WAS BACKED OVER A BICYCLE

The Driver Refused to Give His Name Until a Policeman Was Called.

While turning around in the alley in the rear of Wray's jewelry shop today, a driver for a local grocery store backed his wagon over a bicycle belonging to an employee of the jewelry store, and then endeavored to get away without giving his name. Mr. Wray, however, was too quick for him.

and succeeded in getting hold of the horse at King street. The boy still refused to give his name, and tried to free his horse and drive on. But the jewelry store firm, and called a policeman, who was more successful in inducing the young man to reveal his identity. In the meantime a large crowd had gathered, which almost entirely blocked up the street. It is probable that the broken bicycle will be paid for out of court.

ANDREW EATON WAS LET OUT ON BAIL

Man Accused of Robbing William Mooney Elects Trial by a Jury.

Andrew Eaton, of Westminster, who was committed for trial by Squire Chittick on a charge of robbing William Mooney, who resides in the same district, of \$50, a few days ago, as they separated on Hamilton road, near Nilestown, elected to be tried before a jury in December at the court house this morning, and was allowed bail by Judge Elliott. He will give his own surety for \$500, and will try to get others of \$250 each. Mr. E. W. Scatchard appeared for Eaton.