

**PERE MARQUETTE FAVORS
PRICE APPLICATION**

For Lease of Port Stanley Lots for Elevator Purposes—Freight Agent Youngs Says the Development of the Freight Business Will Greatly Increase Value of Lease of L. and P. S. R.

That the Pere Marquette Railway considers the granting of the application of Mr. N. R. Price for a 99-year lease of certain lots owned by the city of London at Port Stanley, for elevator privileges, as being very important to the extension of the business of the London and Port Stanley Railway, is evidenced by the statement made to The Advertiser by Freight Agent R. W. Youngs, of the Pere Marquette.

"There can be no question that when the renewal of the lease of the Port Stanley Railroad to the Pere Marquette, of to any other road, comes up for consideration, as it must in a very few years, the amount of freight known to be carried annually will have a great influence on the negotiations," said Mr. Youngs.

DEVELOP PORT STANLEY.

"If the London and Port Stanley board can show that a large amount of freight has been carried, the lease will be more valuable than if it were shown that practically no freight were carried over the road.

"If the freight business is increased during the next few years, the lease will certainly increase in value.

"The object of the city, I take it, is to develop Port Stanley. That was the original intention, as it would mean a great deal of business for the city of London.

"It would give London a water route. The elevator company handled 750,000 bushels of wheat last year, all of which was carried by the Pere Marquette.

"It was distributed from Essex to Ayr.

"Out of this, of course, the Pere Marquette, the lessees of the London and Port Stanley Railroad, made considerable money, and the city got its percentage. You see the point.

FREIGHT AN INDUCEMENT.

"If the capacity of the elevator were increased to twice or three times its present capacity, the amount of freight carried would be much greater, and would be worth while for a railway going after.

"I know very well that Mr. Price has been offered inducements by other roads to locate at other points.

"There was no wheat brought to Port Stanley until Mr. Price and his company located there.

OTHER LINES INTERESTED.

"Some of the larger railway lines do not want Port Stanley developed, as it would eventually give them serious competition with a water line, and that would not be to their advantage.

"Last year 136 cars of water freight were brought to Port Stanley, direct from ocean steamers, on account of the cheap rates. That could be increased a great deal.

THE COAL BUSINESS.

"The development of the coal business during the past few years has been very great.

"From last March until the end of January we averaged forty cars a day."

Mr. Youngs also spoke of the great development in the carrying trade since the Lake Erie took charge of it. When the lease was made there was no railroad that wanted it—in fact, it could not be given to some roads.

THINKS WELL OF REQUEST.

"I think the request of Mr. Price would mean a great deal for the city," said Mr. Youngs.

Whether the Pere Marquette would seek for a renewal of the lease when the present agreement expired could not be learned from Mr. Youngs.

At a recent meeting with Pere Marquette officials it was hinted that the Pere Marquette might ask for a renewal of the lease, but the terms would be somewhat different from those now in force.

The company, it is understood, is anxious to get rid of all responsibility for the hill at the Port, as it is always a source of trouble. It is possible that the city, when the new lease is negotiated, will have to look after Fraser Heights itself.

Mr. Youngs would not commit himself on the subject at all.

LOOKING INTO IT.

"We are just looking into the matter," said Mayor Stevely in reference to the request of Mr. Price for the lease of the lots at Port Stanley.

"If it is not in the interests of the city to grant the lease, we will not grant it. That's all. We must be careful not to do anything that will prejudice the new lease when it has to be made four years from now."

**Six Deputies On the Black Books
Certain Clerks Are Also On the List**

**Will Not Be Asked To Act in the
Municipal Elections Next
Year.**

There are six deputies who will not be asked to act in that capacity next year, said City Clerk Baker this morning. "I have found several errors in each man's work, though nothing that will affect the count, but the work was done so poorly that I cannot ask them to act as deputies next year. The work of the others was most satisfactory."

**Temperance League Is Not Satisfied
With Barroom Conditions in London**

**Charges That Local Option Has
Injured Travelers' Accom-
modation Denied.**

The London Temperance League has issued the following statement: "The London Temperance League was organized and exists for the promotion and furtherance of all legitimate movements tending to the betterment of moral conditions in the community. Its executive is composed of the same business men, who are guided by

their intelligence and not by prejudice, and their actions have thus far won the confidence of the best citizens.

No Connection.

"The league refuses to admit or believe that there is any necessary connection between the hotel and the barroom, or that there is any valid connection other than custom. The hotel is a necessity and there will always be hotel accommodation sufficient to meet the demand. The barroom is not a necessity, but is first, last and all the time, an evil. "Viewing the barroom as it does, the same business men, who are guided by

Badly Scalded By Bursting Steam Pipe

Mr. Ernest Robertson, of 663 Grey street, was very painfully scalded at the London Soap Works yesterday morning while attempting to thaw out some frozen steampipes.

One of the pipes unexpectedly burst and before Mr. Robertson could escape his hands were badly scalded by the steam. He was taken to his home, where he will be confined for some time.

The Water Problem in London

An effort has been made this week to get the water commission together to discuss the water situation, but so far without avail. A further effort will be made to get the members together this week, but the programme of each is so full that it will hardly be accomplished.

So far nothing has been done towards a solution of the difficulty.

The regular meetings of the commission have been held, but nothing further than routine business has been transacted.

STILL IN THE DARK.

"I don't know what scheme will be submitted," said Mayor Stevely this morning.

"We have not discussed the matter yet, but we expect to do so shortly."

A meeting will be held early next week, it is said.

**West London Now Absolutely Safe
Breakwater Proof Against Floods**

**City Engineer Graydon and
Engineer Simmie Are
Well Satisfied.**

"The thoughts of a flood do not worry me," said City Engineer Graydon this morning.

"This mild weather has made some people nervous, but there is no reason for alarm."

"The breakwater is there, and it will withstand the floods, no matter how great."

"If the breakwater were just built I might be afraid of it, but it is there."

"There is no danger of a flood," said Engineer Simmie, of the waterworks department.

"The present fall of snow is not nearly so bad as it was four years ago, and with the protection afforded by the breakwater, I see no cause for alarm."

"Some West London residents are worrying for fear of a sudden thaw, but I see no reason for it."

**Left Wife Dressing for the Opera
W. Abbott Killed Ten Minutes Later**

**Particulars of the Death of a
Well-Known Former Lon-
doner in Los Angeles.**

A Los Angeles, Cal., paper, contains the following account of the death of Mr. William Abbott, a well-known former Londoner. In that city, last Wednesday, relatives here have been informed that the body was shipped to London on Saturday night last, and that the funeral will be held on Saturday next.

The Los Angeles paper says:

The Accident.

Leaving his wife to dress for the opera while he went across the street to get shaved, William Abbott, a young broker, with offices in the Hillman building, was struck last night by an automobile, receiving injuries from which he died almost immediately.

His wife, prostrated by the tragedy, is dangerously ill, and is under the care of physicians.

Abbott's skill was crushed by the impact of the machine.

The automobile was driven by Edward R. Maier, of the Maier Brewing Company, and, according to witnesses, whose statements have been taken by

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**Police Pension Fund Over \$100,000
London Scheme Hasn't Slipped a Cog**

**Chief Williams Thinks a Similar
Scheme Would Be Good for
the Firemen.**

"This week marks the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the police pension fund in this city," said Chief Williams to The Advertiser this morning.

"There is not a city in Canada now that has so strong a fund in proportion to its size."

"We have now well over \$100,000 on credit and are strong in every way."

"Each man on the force contributes one-sixth of his pay, and at the end of ten years, if he leaves the force, he gets a neat sum."

"In case of death, his wife or heirs come in for the money."

"If after 25 years of continuous service, an officer retires, he receives half pay for the rest of his life."

The Finances.

"The finances are administered by a committee whom the men elect themselves, and there has never been the slightest dissatisfaction or trouble of any kind."

"It would, in my opinion, be a most advantageous thing for the members of the local fire department if they were to establish a fund similar to that of the police."

"The trouble so far with the firemen has been that they do not want to give any portion of their pay."

"They say something for nothing."

"In the long run, though, they would be the gainers."

"It is not generally known that Chief Williams is the father of the pension scheme in Canada, introducing it into Toronto shortly after his arrival here from England."

All the other cities saw that the scheme was a good one and adopted it.

**The Hartwick Inquest Opened Today
Crowds Attended Gruesome Case**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Torndale, Feb. 11.—The inquest into the death of the late Mrs. Hartwick, whose body was found a week ago Monday horribly mutilated, began this afternoon at 1:30. The jury chosen to sit on the case consists of Foreman Robert Kennedy and Messrs. W. F. McGuffin, John Taylor, A. Weston, Thos. Hogg, Robt. Wright, Wm. McMartin, Wm. Lee, jun., Jos. Harding, Jos. Laird, J. W. Evans and Geo. Dean.

The inquest is being held in the town hall, which was packed to suffocation.

Hugh Day, a farmer, was the first witness. He told of hearing of something wrong at the Hartwick home, and with the constables had gone to investigate.

Stanley Birks, a farm laborer, another witness, said that he called at the Hartwick home on Sunday evening. He found Mrs. Hartwick in bed and complaining of being very ill. He said that Hartwick admitted having twice attacked her during the day.

Other witnesses to be called in the case are Constable Faircloth, Sidney Faircloth, Constable Stanyer, Mike O'Mitchell and Wm. Aikens.

Many persons of this neighborhood, who have known Hartwick for years, think that he is suffering insanity. Since his incarceration, when apprehended with food, he apparently falls into fits. According to many here this is an old trick. They say that on many occasions he has hoaxed those about him in this way. On the night of his arrest he fell on the platform apparently overcome by an epileptic attack.

The orchestra will be augmented to 26 pieces, and many well-known London musicians will take part in the programme.

The concerts will be held on March 1 and 8, and will commence at 8:30 o'clock, in order not to conflict with the management of the playhouse, which will give the theater free of all the churches.

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**FIRM WENT INTO
VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION**

**Pandora Hat and Cap Company Credit-
ors Called to Meet on 25th.**

The Pandora Hat and Cap Company went into voluntary liquidation on Saturday night.

A meeting of the creditors will be held on the 25th, when the business will be sold.

Mr. Henry Macklin has been appointed liquidator.

It is understood that this outcome is the result of difficulties within the company.

The company is in good condition financially. One of the leading shareholders declared that the assets are considerably in excess of the liabilities.

**ONTARIO CASES
IN DIVORCE COURT**

**Many Unhappy Couples Tell Their
Troubles in the Detroit Mill.**

Detroit, Feb. 11.—Fourteen stories of unhappy marital relation filled the programme of the divorce matinee in the Wayne circuit court yesterday, Judge Donovan hearing eight of them and Judge Murphy six.

Caroline Larch said she married Peter Larch in Ontario and came to Detroit fourteen years ago. She said he was a lumber inspector, got drunk and beat her. A daughter, Lena, also testified and said she was a vaudeville singer and dancer.

Mrs. Mary Weakley testified that her husband, Charles Weakley, left her three years after their marriage in 1897, at Brantford, Ont. She testified that after he went she journeyed to Chicago, heard where her husband was living, went to the house and was confronted by another woman, who said she was Mrs. Weakley. She said the Chicago woman confessed that she knew Weakley had another wife. She said that she saw a picture of herself and child on the wall of the house where the other woman was living. Devers will be granted in all these cases in the customary 30 days.

Little Murray Hartman, a very prepossessing young woman, testified that she married Arthur Hartman, a well-known musician, while she was in London, studying music in 1903. Miss Murray was a Detroit girl and when her husband left her uncared for in 1905 she continued to make her home here. With her in the courtroom yesterday was her boy 22 months old. She testified that her husband made \$400 a night out of his concerts and the court granted her \$50 a month alimony for herself and child. It is said she will soon return to Europe to continue her own musical studies.

Frank Shayercraft Found Guilty of Theft by Judge Elliott.

Frank Shayercraft, the French-Canadian from Montreal, who was arrested recently by county police and charged with theft, was found guilty by Judge Elliott this morning and sentenced to three months in the Central Prison.

COUNT BONI FINED.

Paris, Feb. 11.—Count Boni de Castellane, the divorced husband of Anna Gould, of New York, was today found guilty by the correctional court of criminal assault and battery on Prince Hoile de Sagan, his cousin, and fined \$20. The prince was awarded 20 cents damages.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 11.—Charles Cyrane, a journeyman baker, was burned to death here early today in a fire which destroyed the bakery of William H. Bahries. He slept in the building, and his charred remains were found in the ruins.

COLD HELPS COAL.

Shenandoah, Pa., Feb. 11.—The cold weather of the past three weeks had the effect of strengthening the coal trade so much that all the Reading and Lehigh Valley companies' collieries have been ordered to work six days a week until further notice, instead of four.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—MILD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Feb. 11—8 a.m.

Today—Fair and milder.

Wednesday—Mild.

Local Temperatures.

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory yesterday were: Highest, 32.5°; lowest, 3.5° above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary 36 22 Clear

Winnipeg 36 24 Clear

Port Arthur 28 22 Cloudy

Perry Sound 18 12 Fair

Toronto 16 12 Clear

Ottawa 18 12 Cloudy

Montreal 22 14 Cloudy

Quebec 12 6 Cloudy

Father Point 18 6 Cloudy

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The pressure still remains very high from the lake region to the Atlantic, and it continues low over the western portion of the continent.

Mild weather now prevails in most localities, and there is still no indication of a return to cold.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Dawson, 14 below—2 below; Atlin, 20—28; Victoria, 32—46; Vancouver, 32—41; Edmonton, 8—34; Calgary, 20—30; Battleford, 8 below—20; Prince Albert, 4 below—24; Regina, 6—25; Winnipeg, 18—32; Port Arthur, 16—24; Perry Sound, 18 below—20; Toronto, 14—22; Ottawa, 6 below—14; Montreal, zero—14; Quebec, 4 below—8; St. John, 2 below—10; Halifax, 2 below—12.

**MUNICIPALITIES PROTECTED
NO MATTER WHICH RULES**

**Minister of Railways Makes Statement To Committee
Handling the Hamilton Radial Bill.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—This was the day for the Hamilton radial bill before the railway committee. Mr. MacDonnell, of Toronto, at the opening of the proceedings today said that he was glad to see the minister of railways present, and he hoped to hear from him something which would remove the deadlock over the bill. The result of the conference with the Provincial authorities might be communicated by the minister. He hoped that something would be reached between the Dominion and the provinces to solve the difficulty of jurisdiction.

Mr. Lennox said that his amendment to the preamble should be forced on the matter, and the announcement was, W. F. McLean thought the committee was entitled to the opinion of

the law officers of the crown on the preamble.

Minister of Railways.

Mr. Graham said that whatever jurisdiction the bill came under the committee could rely upon it that the municipalities would be protected. The only question between the Provincial and Dominion authorities was as to how would it be best to do this. He could only make an explanation, as no definite arrangement had been reached, but in the first place he wanted to deny that any discourtesy was shown by him to the Province as was stated in some Conservative newspapers. He showed that the committee had adjourned on a moment's notice at the request of the solicitor for the Province. Again, the committee was entitled to the opinion of

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**C. P. R. Engines Freed From Drifts
Grand Trunk's Troubles Also Ended**

**For the Present at Least—An
Official Speaks of Great
Difficulties Met.**

The last three miles of the blockaded Guelph and Goderich branch of the C. P. R. was cleared at 10 o'clock this morning, and the six snowplows and ten engines which have been dead for nearly a week in the drifts, were freed.

All the lines are now open and the trains are running again on schedule time.

The ice in the river at Detroit is still so heavy that one of the passenger ferries are being used to carry passengers across.

The Grand Trunk.

The Grand Trunk report that things are running again much as usual.

One of the officials said: "The individual can hardly appreciate the difficulties that have to be overcome by a large transportation company."

**Hamilton Thief Pleaded Not Guilty
To Charge of Stealing a Gold Watch**

**He Was Arraigned in the Local
Police Court This
Morning.**

Harry Donnelly was an extremely fortunate man to get off as lightly as he did at the police court this morning, and had it not been for the withdrawal of certain charges of assault which were laid against him, he would in all probability have been heavily sentenced.

Donnelly had three charges against him—one of breaking the liquor act, one of theft and one of assault.

The two last were withdrawn by the lady by whom they were laid.

But Donnelly was fined \$10 and costs for going into an hotel when he had been placed on the Indian list.

Pleaded Not Guilty.

Alfred Roach, the young man from Hamilton who was arrested for stealing, appeared to answer to a charge of stealing a gold watch, a chateleine bag and \$250 from Miss Fanny Gilles, of Hamilton.

Roach pleaded not guilty, on the ground that the boy who was with him had snatched the articles.

He was remanded for another week, and will likely be sentenced on the two charges to which he has already pleaded guilty—those of stealing in this city.

Two persons charged with driving without bells on their sleighs were allowed to go, as they have purchased tinklers.

Work Will Shortly Be Commenced
Addition To Colborne St. Methodist

**\$15,000 To Be Spent in Improv-
ing and Enlarging Present
Edifice.**

"Work will be commenced shortly upon a \$15,000 addition to Colborne Street Methodist Church," Rev. F. W. Malott told The Advertiser this morning.

"The seating capacity of the church

will be more than doubled, and the interior completely renovated and rendered up-to-date in every respect."

"A handsome new Sunday school, capable of accommodating several hundred scholars, will also be erected close to the church."

"It is expected the work will be completed during the summer."

Colborne Street Church has grown very rapidly of late, under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Malott, and the new church was rendered positively necessary by the crowding that has been going on for some time past.

No License Increase Looked for Here

The city council of Toronto last night voted to petition the Ontario Government to increase the license fees of hotels in that city.

"There was a rumor to the effect that the London council would do the same here, but there seems to be no foundation for the rumor so far as could be learned."

"I have heard of no such movement," declared Ald. Beattie, chairman of No. 1 committee, this morning.

Clarence St. People Object To Dump

The residents of the south end of Clarence street intend petitioning the council shortly in regard to the dump which is being formed along the river bank behind the old electric light station.

"Something will have to be done right away in the matter," a resident of the vicinity told The Advertiser, this morning.

"Refuse is being brought and dumped there which even in weather like this is a menace to health, and which in the hot weather would be intolerable."

"We are starting a petition and will ask the council to deal with the mat-

ter as soon as possible.

"The people of West London now are free from all such nuisances because of the bylaw prohibiting the dumping of refuse on the breakwater."

"The consequence is that all the merchants up-town bring all their rotten fruit and stuff of that sort down here."

Annual Dinner.

The sergeants of the Seventh Regiment are giving their annual dinner on Friday evening, Feb. 21, at the Tecumseh House. It will be a splendid affair.