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COMPLETE REVISION OF ST. CAR SYSTEM NECESSARY, SAYS HYDRO REPORT MADE TO CITY COUNCIL

G. T. R. Crossings At Richmond and Rectory Streets Worst Features of System—Seventy-Five Per Cent of Rolling Stock Considered Obsolete.

Complete revision of the existing street car system is necessary, according to the supplementary report of the Hydro-Electric Commission recently submitted to the city council.

Its chief suggestions are that efforts should be made to get the heaviest traffic running along Dundas street instead of Richmond; to reduce car mileage where it will serve the same purpose; to rearrange service so that a proper two-way service can be given; to bring radiating lines into the centre of the business part of city, and allowing passengers to transfer instead of providing belts.

One of the first impressions hydro engineers got of the road under existing conditions was the general low schedule speed and a slow acceleration. They urge an average regular speed of eight or nine miles an hour.

Worst Features.

The G. T. R. crossings at Richmond and Rectory streets are the worst features of the system, they state, making it impossible at times to maintain close schedules and resulting in bunching of cars.

Without going into the question of the necessity of subways, from observation, it would seem that conditions could be much better here if it could be arranged to have the G. T. R. gateman favor the street railway a little more instead of the opposite, the report states.

"It is also probable that traffic policemen, especially at Richmond and Dundas, could be of great assistance in shortening delays. The matter of stopping points should also be gone into thoroughly, and adjusted, not only where short blocks occur, but where stops come too close to passing points. With signs showing plainly, and strict adherence to them, much unnecessary slowing up of schedule could be avoided.

Obsolete.

"About 75 per cent of the rolling stock is obsolete as regards trucks and motors, and at least 50 per cent is old enough to have been written off altogether, though still capable of giving service as at present with most cars changed to "Pay as You Enter." For a

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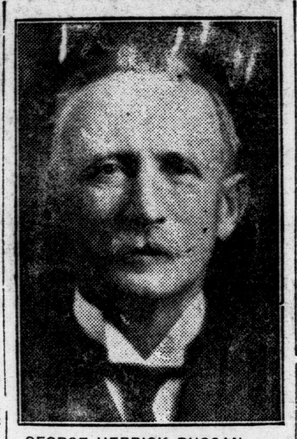

GEORGE HERRICK DUGGAN, president of the Dominion Bridge Company of Montreal, who graduated with the class of '83 from the University of Toronto, and is to receive the degree of D. Sc. from his alma mater on Thursday.

MONTH OF JUNE POPULAR AS EVER WITH PRETTY, BLUSHING BRIDES

Cupid Foretells Busy Time For Local Clergymen — One Minister Has Many Prospects.

Cupid foretells a busy time for local clergymen during the month of June this year. His advance notices are appearing in large numbers on the engagement books of the London ministers and the society columns of the newspapers are being deluged with 'announcement' copy. June, ever the favorite month for brides, will be still more popular this year if events measure up to present-time indications. Telephone calls on but a very few of the city clergymen gained the information that at least fifteen young couples are contemplating June weddings.

One minister said: "I know of two brides that are being married in my church, and there are four prospects, but it really does not do to count on prospects these days, as the young men and women of today are quite fickle."

Almost every minister spoken to by The Advertiser today has one or more fair maidens in his congregation who will become June brides. Another minister said: "I think that June will be a pretty busy month for the ministers of the city. Cupid seems to be dodging all over the city. Of course, a great many of the marriages that are to take place this June may be the culmination of war romances, and the romantic young couples are all choosing June, which has ever been the favorite month for marriages."

THOMAS BRADSHAW, formerly Toronto's city treasurer, who will safeguard the consumers' interests on the permanent commission which the Ontario minister of agriculture has appointed to investigate and keep in touch with the cost of milk production.

SUPREME COURT JUDGES EQUALLY DIVIDED IN OPINIONS CONCERNING BOARD OF COMMERCE AUTHORITY

Three Uphold Jurisdiction of Board, While the Remaining Three Maintain Specially Appointed Government Body Did Not Have Power It Claimed—Fate of the Board Depends On Whether or Not New Legislation Defining Its Status Is Brought Down—In Meantime the Reconstruction Planned Must Be Deferred.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, June 1.—The findings of the Supreme Court of Canada in the reference regarding the jurisdiction of the board of commerce leave the whole vexed question unsettled. The court has divided equally on the matter at issue, Chief Justice Sir Louis Davies and Messrs. Justices Anglin and Migneault upholding the jurisdiction and authority of the board, while Messrs. Justices Iddington, Duff and Bordeur are on the other side.

The situation is now quite uncertain, and it will be for the Government to decide what is next to be done. It had been anticipated that the court would clear the matter up once and for all, and that the Government would be in a position to act accordingly. The board at the present time lacks a head, and reconstruction has been postponed pending the bringing down of the court's ruling. Now confusion once more reigns supreme.

Specific Cases Submitted.

It is pointed out that the question submitted was merely a reference with regard to whether the court was requested to give an opinion. A distinction must be drawn between a finding on such a reference and a ruling with regard to a question arising out of a suit at law.

The court, however, was requested to give a ruling also on certain specific cases. It was asked for instance to give a ruling as to whether the board had authority in law to restrain certain Ottawa clothiers from offering for sale clothing by the addition of 50 per cent or of profits on the cost price; and as to whether it had lawful authority to require the registrar or other authority of the Supreme Court of Ontario to cause the order so restraining them to be made a ruling of the court.

Justices Anglin and Migneault answer "Yes" to the questions. On the question one, Justices Iddington, Duff and Bordeur answer "No," and consider that, having done so, question two does not require an answer. The justice department hesitates at present to express an opinion as to the effect of the judgment, merely contenting itself with drawing a distinction between a reference and an actual case at law.

What Will Be Board's Fate?

The whole judgment will be carefully gone into before any further action is taken, and in the meantime the fate of the board of commerce is heavily clouded in mystery, as it ever was. The reference was submitted at a time when the jurisdiction of the board was challenged from every quarter and when Chairman Robson had resigned in ostensible protest against the workability of the legislation under which the board operated. There is a feeling, however, that all the story of the event has not been told, but meagre correspondence so far brought down. Whether there will be new legislation designed to clear up doubts which still remain as to the powers of the board or whether the board will be permitted to go out of existence altogether, leaving only that part of it which is engaged in the compilation of statistics is not known.

QUESTION MAY BE NOW REFERRED TO PRIVY COUNCIL

Ottawa, June 1.—Canadian Press.—The supreme court divided in its opinion today on the jurisdiction of the board of commerce of Canada as a profit-fixing tribunal. An order which the board proposed to serve on retail clothiers in Ottawa limiting the profit which any retailer may take on men's suits and overcoats to a net of 15 per cent was upheld by the chief justice Sir Louis Davies, Justices Anglin and Migneault. Justices Idington, Duff and Brodeur refused to uphold the order. It is understood that the reference will be taken to the privy council of England.

The report of the judgment is that the status quo remains unchanged as regards the powers of the board of commerce.

The order which the board referred for ruling to the supreme court sought to apply the powers which the board ostensibly derives from the combines and fair prices act to a particular commodity in a specified community. The offer of the board to investigate alleged combines and price-fixing arrangements is specific in the act and has never really been called in question. The recent reference tested only the power of the board to particularize and to regulate profit-taking in a limited area, instead of through an order which affected the whole Dominion.

The argument preceding the ruling was lengthy. Commencing in March, two days were spent by the counsel for the attorney-general of Canada on behalf of the board and counsel for the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and several similar institutions, as well for the attorney-general of Alberta, in the matter of provincial rights. At the end of this argument it was decided that the argument had been too general, and the reference in April of the particular order referred to was made to permit the supreme court to judge of the propriety of the exercise by the board of commerce of such powers as profit-fixing in particular instances. Argument was presented in both cases by W. F. O'Connor, K. C., for the attorney-general of Canada, and by N. Tilley, K. C., and Eugene Lafleur, K. C., for the opposing interests.

Many phases of the board's activities have remained undeveloped during the past few months, pending the ruling of the supreme court. The appointment of a permanent chief commissioner, to succeed the resignation of Judge Robson, from that post last March, also has been proposed by the Government for the same reason. The board has been carrying on under the direction of W. F. O'Connor, with James Murdock, labor representative on the board, as assistant commissioner.

REAL ESTATE RECORD SMASHED

Million Dollars in Property Changes Hands in May.

All local real estate records were surpassed again by sales in the past month. Three hundred and ninety-eight pieces of property changed hands, the money paid for them being considerably more than a million dollars.

April held the record previously with 366 real estate transactions, and it was not considered probable that this mark would be passed. However, the "boom" apparently continued into the next month, and more sales than ever were made. In normal times there are usually only about seventy transfers of property during the month.

This immense increase is providing an enormous amount of work for the assessment department, which has to record the details of each sale. There has been no increase in the staff dealing with this part of the work, and as a result it has been impossible to keep the returns up-to-date. Records of the month of April have not been completed, so that it is not yet definitely known how much property changed hands in that month.

DR. J. H. MULLIN, Hamilton, who was last week elected president of the Ontario Medical Association.

HUNDREDS OF DEAD FISH IN THAMES

Farmers of Lobo Township in the vicinity of the River Thames, report that during the past week hundreds of dead fish of all species have been seen floating down the stream. The fish vary in size, and one resident stated today that there were "bushels of minnows."

The spectators of this unusual occurrence claim that the fish were likely poisoned, and although the authorities have been notified, so far as is known no Government inspector has investigated the numerous deaths.

TO SPEND MILLIONS TO DEVELOP PAPER AND PULP INDUSTRY

New Mill Will Be Erected in Gatineau Valley District.

Ottawa, June 1.—An expenditure of $30,000,000 is to be made in developing the pulp and paper industry in the Gatineau Valley as a result of the merger by which the properties of the W. C. Edwards & Co., Gilmour & Hugheson, the Kipawa Company, and the Ticonderoga Pulp and Paper Company are linked up under the ownership of the Riordon Pulp and Paper Company. An announcement to this effect was made last night by one of the officials in the merger. It is stated that the company which takes over these holdings will be known as the Gatineau Company, Limited, and will be a subsidiary of the Riordon Company. A pulp and paper mill will, according to present plans, be erected either at Cascades or Chelsea for the primary purpose of manufacturing pulp. The scheme of developing the Gatineau Valley is in keeping with the operations of three other pulp mills operated by the Riordon Company, which are located at Hawkesbury, Kipawa and Merritton, Ont.

Lumbering and logging operations in the Gatineau Valley district are to be carried on as in the past.

CANADIAN GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION CONVENES IN MANITOBA CAPITAL

Hon. F. C. Biggs Among those Present at Gathering.

Winnipeg, June 1.—With delegates present from Eastern and Western Canada, the convention of the Canadian Good Roads Association opened here this morning. Sir James Aikins, lieut.-governor of Manitoba, and Premier Norris welcomed the delegates on behalf of the provincial secretary.

Among those participating are: Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works of Ontario; Hon. S. G. Latta, minister of highways, Saskatchewan; J. H. Churchill, deputy minister of highways, Newfoundland, the delegate who has traveled the longest distance; Lucius E. Allen, president of the Ontario association.

What's Doing Tonight?

Grand—"The P. B. I."

Allen—Alice Joyce, in "Dollars and the Woman."

Loew's—Enid Bennett, in "The Woman in the Suitcase," and vaudeville.

Patricia—Gladys Brockwell, in "The Mother of His Children."

OTHER EVENTS.

A., F. and A. M.—Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, 7:30 p.m.

L. O. F.—St. Andrew's Society, 8 p.m.

Originals' Organization at Armories, 8 p.m.

Organization meeting, 12th Battery, Armories, 8 p.m.

Carpenters' Union at 8 p.m.

Dying Baby Calls For Her Daddy

Toronto Woman Sends Out a Pathetic Appeal For Husband.

New York, June 1.—A pathetic appeal has been received by the New York postoffice from Mrs. Lily Lavis, of 508 Parliament street, Toronto, who is trying to locate her husband, the father of her baby, who deserted her on May 5. The letter was addressed to "New York's Biggest Newspaper," and details were published in a morning edition today.

"He left my baby and me," wrote Mrs. Lavis, "in a strange city, without a cent, after bringing us to Canada from England. Now my baby lies at death's door and calls for her daddy. Nothing will soothe her."

Mrs. Lavis says that she has heard and believes that her husband, John Alexander Lavis, alias Jimmy Doyle, is somewhere in the United States, and she wants anybody who may come across him to notify her as soon as possible. He served in the 1st Canadian Infantry Battalion, and has a discharge dated July 28, 1918, she says.

MARINES AND NEGROES CLASH AT WAUKEGAN

Riot Is Subdued After the Reserves Are Rushed To Scene.

Chicago, June 1.—Rioting between sailors and marines from the Great Lakes Training Station and negroes at Waukegan, a suburb, which for a time threatened to reach serious proportions was brought under control early after 200 addition provost guards were hurried to Waukegan in motor trucks. A number of shots were fired, but it is believed no one was hit. The trouble began, according to police reports, when negro boys who had been stoning automobiles hit the windshield of a training station officer's car, showering his wife with glass.

The men charged a negro hotel, drove out the guests, and damaged the building. Five sailors were arrested by Waukegan policemen.

WILHELM EXPECTS TO REGAIN THRONE.

LONDON, May 31.—Rumors of an impending revolt are steadily growing in Berlin, and there are indicattions the headquarters of the new revolutionary movement are at Potsdam, where Prince August William, son of former Emperor Wilhelm is staying. He is regarded as the leader of the military party, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. Advices from Doorn, where the former emperor is now living, declare William Hohenzollern is high hopes of a successful coup, and believes he will once more become ruler of the German Empire, the dispatch says.

PRESIDENT LA HUERTA PROMISES IMPROVED GOVT. FOR MEXICANS

Head of Revolutionary Administration To Aid All Parties.

STRENGTHEN RELATIONS

Gives Assurance That Carranza's Death Will Be Fully Investigated.

Mexico City, June 1. — (Associated Press dispatch).—Guarantees to all political candidates, efforts to improve the conditions of the workers and to aid capitalists in developing the national resources, and an intention to strengthen Mexico's relations with "all the free peoples of the earth," were pledged yesterday by Adolfo De la Huerta, the provisional president, in a statement given the Associated Press.

Senor De la Huerta made his statement while lying on a sickbed. He said that Ygnacio Bonnillas, former ambassador to the United States, who is now under arrest, would be liberated, but if an investigation showed him to be a foreigner he would be expelled from the country for having mixed in Mexican politics. The provisional president said he would name a commission to investigate the death of President Carranza. On this commission he would invite members of the diplomatic corps and members of the press to aid.

Senor De la Huerta declared that he had members for the cabinet in mind, but that he had made no appointments. He added that a secretary of the interior would not be named for some weeks.

DRY LAW PREVAILS IN MEXICAN CAPITAL

Mexico City, June 1.—This city is virtually "dry" during night hours, as a result of orders from the new Government, which were given for the purpose of eliminating all chances of untoward happenings during the days when large bodies of troops are concentrated here. Under orders issued by the governor of the federal district and the mayor of the city, saloons must close at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and second-class cafes at 7 o'clock in the evening. First-class cafes in the downtown district may remain open until the hour specified in their licenses, but public dances and cabarets are prohibited. The orders became effective last evening and will remain in force until further notice.

DIAZ READY TO QUIT.

Mexico City, June 1.—General Felix Diaz, who has been carrying on a revolutionary movement in the state of Vera Cruz for some time, is willing to return to private life, now that the overthrow of the Carranza regime has been accomplished, according to General Luis M. Barron, who arrived here yesterday as envoy of General Diaz to confer with General Obregon and Adolfo De Lafont, provisional president

BOLSHEVIKI RETIRE TO NEW POSITIONS

Russian Reds Claim Superior Forces Are Opposing Them.

London, June 1.—Russian Bolshevik forces fighting against the Poles and Ukrainians in the Tarashtza region, south of Kiev, have retired to new positions after "fighting with superior enemy forces," says an official statement issued in Moscow yesterday and received here by wireless.

Several villages in the neighborhood of Molodechno, northwest of Minsk, which were abandoned by the soviet troops on Saturday have been reoccupied after heavy fighting, the statement says. In this sector the battle continues. In the Zhlotsin-Mozir district, in the centre of the active front, fighting continues near the railroad running west from Retchitsa, and is favorable to the Bolsheviki, the statement declares.

DOG DIES AFTER 5-YEAR VIGIL ON MASTER'S GRAVE

Lancaster, Ohio, June 1.—Jack, a homeless yellow cur, known as the graveyard dog, was found dead on his master's grave near Hamburg, having perished in the recent blizzard.

For five years he had kept a lonely vigil over the grave of John Dindore, leaving it only long enough to obtain food in the neighborhood each day.

County ministers have preached sermons on the love, devotion and grief shown by this dog.

FARMERS TO DECIDE WHETHER BOARD IS TO REMAIN ACTIVE

Calgary, June 1.—Whether the wheat board will be continued or not depends on the desire of the farmers, according to H. W. Wood, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, and a member of the board, who returned yesterday from the east. If the farmers desire the board, it will be continued, he said.

PEOPLE CANNOT VOTE ON HIGHER FARES BEFORE MONTH OF JULY

Adverse Result Would Mean City Without Car Service All Summer, Says Ald. O. I. Cunningham.

"An adverse vote on higher fares would leave the city without car service during the whole summer," Ald. O. I. Cunningham, chairman of No. 1 committee of the city council, said today in discussing the possibility of a vote during the summer.

If an immediate vote is decided upon at the next meeting of the city council it will be at least July before it can be taken. The law requires that notice of an election must be published not less than three weeks and not more than five weeks. As the council does not meet until June 7, this would place the date of election some time next month if it is decided that one can be financed.

Ald. Cunningham said today that if the people were to refuse higher fares, it was certain that the men would strike the following day, as the company would no longer pay them the increased rate of wages. The only other course of settlement then open would be to purchase the road. No definite proposals along this line have been made, and the tentative offers which have been advanced have not been satisfactory.

The alderman declared that it would take at least two months to arrive at a basis of sale which would be agreeable to both the company and the city. During the whole period of negotiations the road would be closed down and the city would be without car service.

"Even if we did purchase the road, I do not see what we would gain. The reports of both the railway board and the hydro-electric commission show that we would have to pay five-cent fares, and in addition, the tax rate would likely be increased by the purchase of the road, so that the citizens would be really paying more than if they were to pay the new rate of fares."

FOREST FIRES ARE UNDER CONTROL IN MATTEWA VALLEY

Numerous Blazes Reported Along Transcontinental Line.

Quebec, June 1.—Reports from the Mattawa Valley this morning concerning the forest fires in that region show an improvement. The fires at St. Andre, Kamouraska, are extinguished and those of Nelgette and St. Mariellin are under control. Other important fires have broken out in the limits belonging to Price Brothers at Lac Des Isles, along the Red River. For the past ten days no colonists have been permitted to burn any brush. In Bonaventure County the fire at River Caplin is well under control.

Numerous fires are breaking out along the Transcontinental line west of this city. Around Lac Albeuce and MacCarthy much of the forest is afire. The fire at Parent keeps approaching the village. It was learned today at the provincial department of forestry that the inhabitants have been advised to leave the place. St. Appoline, in the Edmunston division, is surrounded by blazing forests.

FAMILIES IN NORTH ONTARIO FORCED TO FLEE FROM HOMES

Cobalt, June 1.—Families have been compelled to leave their homes in Hudson Township, west of New Liskeard, because of bush fire reports received here today. They were in danger of being cut off by the fire and were moved out in safety. The situation in this township is serious, but reports available from other sections of the north show little change in conditions over night.

The wind has fallen and the smoke clouds are not so heavy, but the sky remains clear, with no evidence of rain

FRANCE IS AWARDING MEDALS TO MOTHERS OF LARGE FAMILIES

Prizes To Be Given Under Order of Minister of Health.

Paris, June 1.—Announcement by the Government that medals would be awarded to mothers of large families has resulted in a large number of applications being received. The medals will be given under an order issued by the minister of public health, and will be tokens of the nation's gratitude to mothers who have raised families of healthy children.

To mothers having five children, the youngest of whom is not less than 5 years of age, a bronze medal will be given. The mother of a family of eight will receive a silver medal, while one who has ten children will be awarded a gold medal.

1,200 BARBERS ORDERED OUT.

New York, June 1.—Twelve hundred barbers in Brooklyn were ordered to strike today to enforce demands for a weekly salary of $35 and 50 per cent of all collections over $40 a chair. Strikers said they hoped to extend the movement throughout the 4,500 shops in Brooklyn if their demands were not met.

GRACE LARUE WEDS.

Chicago, June 1.—Grace Larue, the actress, and Hale Hamilton, author of a play in which they were starring here, were married Saturday in the Chicago marriage court between performances, it became known today.

CIRCUS EMPLOYEE DROWNS.

Guelph, June 1.—Joseph Maher, aged 24, of Hamilton, Ont., one of the men with a circus which exhibited here yesterday, was drowned in a small pond while in bathing with some others. He had served with the 102nd Battalion overseas.

JOHN A. EARLY.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Early, of Green Bay, Wis., will regret to learn of the death of their only son, John A. Early, aged 11 years. Mrs. Early is a daughter of Mrs. A. McAlpine, 86 Byron avenue.

WHAT PARLIAMENT HAS DONE DURING THE PAST MONTH

Ottawa, June 1.—(By the Canadian Press).—Parliament has completed its third month of session, and there is still much important business to be done. The last four weeks, however, have seen important developments. The Grand Trunk bill, keenly fought in its passage through the House, has received the royal assent and the temporary board of management has been appointed. The franchise bill, after a total of seventeen days' consideration in committee, has not yet been reported, although it is not expected that the bill will now occupy the House for more than a couple of days or so. But of chief interest during the last month has been the return of the prime minister after a five months' holiday, and the presentation of the budget.

Chief criticism of the budget has centred on the "luxury" taxes, a new tax, ranging from 10 to 50 per cent of the purchase price levied on certain articles when sold over a specified figure. Since the budget proposals were laid before the House a fortnight ago, communications and delegations have invaded the finance department like a flood; and the budget debate, with its alternating criticism and praise, still wanders along in the House. The aim of the luxury taxes, as Sir Henry Drayton has explained, is to achieve one of two objects—either to bring down the cost of living or to produce revenue. The luxury taxes are already in force, but how far they have reduced prices, if at all, is not yet apparent.

In his speech also Sir Henry announced a "thorough revision of the tariff," and laid down the general lines which the revision would follow. The Opposition wished to go further. Hon. W. S. Fielding submitted an amendment, still under consideration by the House, that pending a wider revision of the tariff substantial reductions should be made in the customs taxation, with a view to reduction in the high cost of living, and, secondly, to reduce the cost of the instruments of production. No doubt is felt that the amendment will be defeated.

Close Divisions.

The month was marked by a remarkably close division on an important question of Government policy. Announcement had been made of an agreement with the governments of the United Kingdom and of the United States for the appointment of a Canadian minister plenipotentiary at Washington. Mr. Fielding had raised the whole question on an amendment to a motion to go into supply, an amendment requiring production of all correspondence before arrangements for the appointment of a Canadian representative were consummated. Debate came on a Monday. Many members were away. The Government carried its motion on a mere majority of five. It was a "snap" vote, but the Opposition were jubilant, and there has been heart-burning on the Government side since.

Practically no supply was voted during the month. The great bulk of the estimates still remain to be passed. Third reading was given to the bill extending the time limit for manufacture and sale of oleomargarine and a bill to amend the industrial disputes investigation act. Both bills aroused considerable debate. Among legislation still to be considered is a bill introduced by the minister of justice on Friday last. It seeks to amend the criminal code, and among other things deals with racetrack betting.

Taken altogether, there is every indication that the session will last until the end of June.

FRENCH ACE WILL MAKE LONG FLIGHT

Paris, June 1.—Lieut. Roget, the French ace, who recently made a round-trip flight across the Mediterranean, will soon start on a flight from this city to Warsaw, Bucharest, Constantinople, Athens, Rome, and then back to Paris. On this trip of more than 4,000 miles he will take two passengers.

NOTED BRITISHERS DEAD.

London, June 1.—By Canadian Associated Press.—The deaths are reported of Lieut.-Col. Stowell Jones, a Mutiny veteran; Admiral Sir Robert Loury, Sir Frank Mappin of Sheffield; Sir Henry Sutton, former treasury counsel, and Judge John William Anderson, assistant secretary to the admiralty.

BIG REWARD IS OUT FOR DISCOVERY OF AMBROSE J. SMALL

The Toronto Police Make Announcement of Amounts.

MAY BE KIDNAPPED

Wife Authorizes Big Increase of Amounts Originally Offered.

Toronto, June 1.—Fifty thousand dollars reward will be paid by the Toronto police for the discovery of the missing theatrical man, Ambrose Small, or $15,000 will be paid for the location and recovery of the dead body, according to an announcement by the Toronto police today.

Mrs. Small has not given up hopes of finding her husband, and is of the firm belief that he has been kidnapped, and is being held for ransom. These views have led her to offer an appreciable reward for his discovery. Yesterday permission was granted by the courts to increase the reward originally $15,000 to $50,000, and this afternoon, commenting upon the increased reward, Mrs. Small said in part:

"Up to the present time, the belief of all is that Mr. Small is kidnapped, and is held for ransom. For some time my solicitors have been receiving letters asking ransom, and we have been waiting for the letter writers to ask for a reward. Up to a month ago many letters were received, but since then we have heard nothing and we think that the large reward will give the kidnappers a chance to come out instead of risking a chance of capture by asking a ransom.

"The kidnappers, of course, have continually signed fictitious names, but the letters were all written in the same handwriting. The letters came from a solicitor in New York, and were written from another American city, being forwarded to New York. The New York solicitors think the man mentioned is Mr. Small, but they are in the dark, as the letters are signed anonymously, and it has been in the hope that a sum would be mentioned that the delay in offering the reward was made.

Many Victims Are Found In Chicago River

Coroner Will Ask Police Chief To Patrol District With Greater Care.

Chicago, June 1.—Belief that the Chicago River, which runs through the heart of Chicago, lately has become a sinister element in crime, was expressed today by P. W. Hoffman, county coroner. He made a survey of recent deaths of unidentified persons, and said he would consult with John J. Garrity, chief of police, to devise means for either ending an epidemic of suicide drownings, or a departure in the method of disposal of murder victims.

During the last few weeks an unusual number of bodies have been taken from the river, Mr. Hoffman said. In several instances the bodies bore evidences of foul play, while in others the action of the water had rendered definite conclusions impossible.

NATIONAL LIBERAL PARTY IS TO MEET IN OTTAWA SHORTLY

Vancouver Representatives To Leave For Capital On Thursday.

Vancouver, B. C., June 1.—Anticipating a general election before next spring, the national council of 54, the governing body of the National Liberal party, has been summoned to meet in Ottawa June 8, 9 and 10, according to the announcement here of Charles E. Campbell, executive secretary for the British Columbia representatives, who will leave for the capital Thursday.

SAILING FOR CANADA.

London, June 1.—(Canadian Associated Press).—Sailing on the Empress of France tomorrow are: Lord Atholstan, Sir Herbert Ames, Lady Shaughnessy, C. G. Henshaw, Senator Smeaton White, W. F. Angus and Sir William Priestly.

THOUSANDS WAIT FOR PHONES

New York, June 1.—A waiting list of 64,484 applications for telephones in New York was reported today by J. S. McCullough, president of the New York Telephone Company. He said 35,418 new telephones were installed during the first four months of this year, an unprecedented large number.

HUDSON RIVER ESTATE SOLD.

Irvington, N. Y., June 1.—The famous Alexander Hamilton estate, "Nevia," on the bank of the Hudson River here, has been purchased by James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, for a client, it was announced here today. The estate includes 68 acres of land and a large colonial mansion.

VERSCHOYLE CRONYN SUCCUMBED AT NOON

Well-Known Londoner Was in Eighty-Eighth Year.

FIRST NATIVE BORN

Was Founder of Huron & Erie Mortgage Corporation.

Verschoyle Cronyn, father of Major Hume V. Cronyn, member of Parliament for London, died at his home, "Firleigh," Dundas street, at noon today. He was in his 88th year, and had been ill for some time. He was a son of the late Bishop Benjamin Cronyn, first bishop of Huron, and in whose memory the Cronyn Memorial Church was erected.

Verschoyle Cronyn was born in this city. He was prominent in legal circles, becoming a King's counselor. He was a member of the Historical Society and chancellor of the Diocese of Huron.

He is survived by two daughters and four sons: Mrs. G. T. Brown, Mrs. F. P. Betts, Major Hume V. Cronyn, V. F. Cronyn, Edward Cronyn, B. B. Cronyn and Dr. W. H. Cronyn.

Mr. Cronyn was the oldest native-born citizen of London. He was the founder of the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Corporation, which he organized in 1862.

He commenced practicing law in 1857, and later became a king's counsel. He was in partnership with his brother, Benjamin Cronyn, this firm later being joined by John Martin.

Mr. Cronyn's son, Major Hume Cronyn, was a member of the firm for some years, and the firm is known as Cronyn, Betts & Coleridge. Mr. Cronyn was the organizer and chief owner for many years of the original London street railway, when horses supplied the motive power. When the present company was formed he sold out to it.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed as yet.

JOHN COTTAM HEADS ADVERTISING CLUB

D. G. Clarke Elected Vice-President At Annual Meeting.

The London Advertising Club, which Monday evening elected John Cottam president by a very large majority of votes, may withdraw from the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, and devote its efforts to promoting the formation of Canadian clubs and a Canadian association of advertising clubs. A motion to this effect was moved by D. G. Clarke, and seconded by Mr. Cottam, at the close of the meeting. T. H. Yull counseled remaining in the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World for another year, during which an effort should be made to secure greater prominence for Canada in association matters. The matter was discussed also by H. B. Muir, W. H. Biggs and D. McEachern.

T. B. Parkinson and George Wenige were defeated candidates for the presidency. D. G. Clarke was elected first vice-president, defeating Messrs. Par-

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LORD OF SLIGO FORCED TO GIVE UP HIS LAND

Westport People Seize Acres For Grazing Purposes.

Dublin, June 1.—After making a futile appeal to the Lord of Sligo to surrender part of his estate to them for tillage and grazing, townspeople of Westport, County Mayo, forced the gates to the property yesterday, drove away the owner's cattle, and drove in their own cows. Altogether, about 56 acres of land were seized by the people.

HAMILTON'S LABOR DISPUTES SETTLED

Electrical Workers Accept the Board of Conciliation Award.

Hamilton, June 1.—Hamilton's labor troubles are practically over. The electrical workers decided today to accept the award of the board, which they had first threatened to reject. The hoisting engineers have a conference this afternoon with the employees, when it is expected a settlement will be reached. This will dispose of all of the city's labor disputes for the present.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 82; lowest, 52.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 69; lowest, 61.

TOMORROW—THUNDERSTORMS.

Toronto, June 1—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Moderate to fresh southeast to south winds; warm, with showers and local thunderstorms, chiefly tonight and on Wednesday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	58	42	Clear
Calgary	54	34	Clear
Winnipeg	62	46	Rain
Port Arthur	58	48	Cloudy
Parry Sound	78	60	Fair
Port Stanley	68	60	Cloudy
Buffalo	68	66	Clear
Toronto	83	61	Cloudy
Kingston	70	54	Fair
Ottawa	82	55	Fair
Montreal	82	64	Clear
Quebec	80	56	Clear
Father Point	62	46	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

Pressure is high in the northwestern portion of the continent and over the Atlantic States, while a trough of low pressure stretches from the Southwest States to Lake Superior.

Showers have occurred locally in the Western Provinces, also in a few localities in Ontario, as well as in Eastern Quebec and in Northern New Brunswick.