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Elevated Tracks Used for First Time; Passenger Trains Over Them Today

Grand Trunk's Immense Undertaking Is Nearing Completion.

Wharnciffe Road Subway About Ready for Use by Street Railway.

"It would mean a million dollars to the city of London, to have all its streets crossed by overhead tracks the same as here."

So said Assistant Superintendent Nixon, of the Grand Trunk Railway, this morning as he gazed at the subway at the Wharnciffe road.

Chief Engineer Mitchell, of the G. T. R.; Manager King, of the London Street Railway, and Engineer Kirkpatrick, of the city, were present, and they agreed that Mr. Nixon was right.

The improvement in the roadway is so remarkable that many of the people who bitterly opposed the construction of the subway are now the loudest in their praise of the work.

Trains Over the New Level.

This morning at six o'clock, the first train passed over the new level, and since that hour all trains east and west, save freight trains, have been run over the new tracks. The freights are being sent around by way of Paris and St. Thomas and this route will be continued until such time as the new embankment has been completed.

The passenger trains using the new grade are sent over very cautiously, for the tremendous fill is not as yet very solid, though apparently any slide which may occur would not jeopardize a train, as under the rails are the huge trestles constructed before the embankment was made.

Clearing the Wharnciffe. A large gang of men have been at work on the Wharnciffe subway since seven o'clock this morning, cutting away the old tracks which are situated to the north of the new level.

The huge piles were sawn off as close to the ground as possible with crosscut saws, and then the rails were unbolted, and the structure was taken down piece by piece, a team of horses being used to haul the big timbers away.

It is expected that some time today the cars of the London Street Railway will be able to go through the subway, as the old tracks will shortly disappear and the street railway have had a gang of men engaged for some time stringing wires under the elevated tracks.

Manager King stated to The Advertiser today that as it appears to be the wish of the people of South London to have the Edward street cars run at present, there will be no change in this regard. Some of the people, however, desire the cars to be operated the other way when the subway is ready for use.

A Monster Work. The task of elevating the tracks from Ridout street to the coves, and of cutting the big fill from the cove to Hyde Park, is now practically completed by the Grand Trunk.

It is said the company estimated the cost of the work at about \$900,000, but that it has actually cost over \$1,000,000. At the Wharnciffe road the present tracks of the London street railway are exactly nine feet higher than the level of the old tracks of the Grand Trunk Railway, which formerly ran underneath the old wooden bridge.

And the present high level tracks are exactly 27 feet 6 inches higher than the old level of the Grand Trunk.

Formerly the trains ran in a deep cut, and people were in the habit of standing on the overhead bridge and looking down upon the engines and cars as they passed beneath.

Now the cars run nearly 30 feet above the level of the street.

A Huge Embankment. The new embankment is an imposing piece of engineering. It rises to a height of fully 50 feet above the level of the adjoining lands, and is composed of blue clay and red sand. The clay was secured from Sifton's Cut, but nearly all the sand was carried (Continued on page eight.)

CZAR DISMISSES TROUBLEMAKER SETBACK FOR THE REACTIONISTS

St. Petersburg, June 27.—The Emperor has accepted the resignation of Charles Von Schwaenbach, controller of the Empire, and leader of the reactionary wing of the cabinet in the campaign for the dissolution of the Parliament. The retirement of the controller marks the culmination of Premier Stolypin's protracted struggle for the control of his own ministry. M. Von Schwaenbach, who has spent his entire life in state service, is unlikely ever to return to an influential position. It is understood that his resignation will be followed by the resignation of other reactionary ministers.

SWALLOWED PARIS GREEN, THEN TOLD WIFE SHE COULD BURY HIM

Charles Johnson, a Laborer, Attempts Suicide at His Home in the North End.

"If I kill myself will you bury me?" This was the question which Charles Johnson, of 905 William street, asked his wife when he arose yesterday morning.

When her husband addressed her in this manner, Mrs. Johnson thought he was joking, but a moment later he went to the kitchen, where he procured a quantity of paris green, which he mixed with water and drank.

Returning to the room where his wife was sewing Johnson exhibited a glass in which were the dregs of the poison.

"You can bury me now," he remarked.

Mrs. Johnson saw at a glance what had happened, and she immediately summoned Dr. Lindsay, who arrived in time to save the man's life.

Johnson was suffering from a condition, when he arrived, but he is now past all danger and is recovering rapidly.

It is alleged that Johnson, who is middle-aged and has a wife and three little children depending upon him, committed the rash act because of domestic troubles. He is a laborer and has been working in the brickyards for some time.

HAD TO CLOSE MATERNITY WARD

Appearance of Erysipelas Caused Victoria Hospital Trust to Take This Step.

As a result of a case of erysipelas having broken out in the maternity ward at Victoria Hospital, known as ward 14, and situated on the top floor of the private wing at the east end of the institution, the entire section has been cleared out, and mothers with babes a few days old have been sent to their homes in the ambulance.

It is said that a baby was born a week or so ago, and that it died a couple of days since from erysipelas. Immediately the fact became known, the trust considered the matter and decided to close the ward until it is thoroughly disinfected, so as to remove all possibility of contagion.

Fortunately, the hospital is anything but crowded at present, and there was ample room in the institution for all the maternity patients, but several of them, it is said, preferred to go home, when they found they had to be removed.

The disease, it is claimed by the trust and the staff, was carried into the hospital by visitors, who, it is said, visited the institution out of idle curiosity.

In many instances, people who have no relatives or friends in the hospital, are found wandering around the corridors, and especially do they find their way into the maternity ward, where the babies appear to have an especial attraction for them.

There is a possibility that as the result of the present trouble, a rule will be put into effect which will greatly lessen the visiting nuisance.

It has long been admitted that the people of London abuse their privilege at the hospital, but how to stop them has been a puzzle. However, things have now reached the stage where something has to be done, and the trust may be expected to grapple with the situation in earnest.

A SLICK FORGER

Norwich, June 26.—Yesterday a man entered the Traders' Bank and presented a check for \$200, bearing the names of two well-known citizens. Soon afterwards it was discovered to be a forgery, but the man had disappeared with the cash.

NEW BREWERY COMBINE.

St. Louis, June 27.—It has been officially announced that a combination of nine independent breweries in St. Louis, Mo., East St. Louis, Ill., and Granite City, Ill., has been formed. The capital stock of the concern is \$8,000,000. Henry Grisdick, of St. Louis, is to be president of the new company.

NEW U. S.-JAP TREATY 1909

Meantime No Serious Difficulty Between Nations Is Feared.

London, June 27.—The Daily Mail's Tokyo correspondent says that apparently Japan and the United States have agreed that the existing treaty should be replaced by a new treaty in 1909, when, the correspondent says, Japan will fight hard to place her subjects on an equal footing with Europeans. Until then no serious difficulty is dreaded.

THREE DEATH TRAPS SPRUNG TOGETHER

Jefferson City, Mo., June 27.—Harry Vaughan and Edward Raymond, sentenced to the penitentiary from St. Louis, and George Ryan, sentenced from Kansas City, were hanged here today for the killing of Prison Guard John Clay during a concerted attempt to escape from the penitentiary. The three traps were sprung at the same moment.

\$40,000 OFF NO. 1 WARD ASSESSMENT

Result of the Deliberations of Court of Revision This Week.

The following are the results of the appeals lodged against the assessment of No. 1 ward by the 27 appellants. In all, the sum of \$40,998 was struck from the assessment, and \$1,210 was added. Of the amount struck off, \$18,845 was off real estate; \$17,510 was off business assessment; \$4,642 was off income, and \$1 was off statute labor.

The increases were made on business assessment.

The following list gives the amounts struck off in each case:

What Was Done.
D. W. Bole, income, \$40.
J. H. Campbell, business, \$100.
G. S. Cramp, income, \$120.
Elliott-Millman Company, \$60.
Alf A. Fitzsimmons, income, \$100.
F. T. Fallon, \$400.
S. F. Glass, \$60.
Greene-Swift Company, \$1,500.
Thomas C. A. Hall, against income, \$90.
Canada Spice and Grocery Company, \$3,600.
J. L. Johnston, \$2,000.
Margaret Johnstone, against real, \$200.
Levi Lewis, against real, \$85.
John H. G. Macfie, statute labor, \$1.
Arch McPherson, \$250.
John Nicholson, business, \$750.
T. H. Purdon, income, \$3,032.
H. M. Peterman, \$1,750.
Robinson Corset Company, \$600.
S. M. Scraton, income, \$500.
J. B. Smallman, real and business, \$23,600.
United Typewriter Company, \$360.
Wm. Walker, income, \$180.
Charles Ward, income, \$180.
W. A. Young, business, \$1,500.

The sum of \$100 was added to the assessment of E. Dore, \$360 to the assessment of John Goodge, and \$750 to the assessment of P. Mandus.

Other Appeals.
The following appeals were also dealt with, as stated below:
Wm. F. Bradt, statute labor tax, confirmed.
Canadian Packing Company, reassessed.
Wm. Flannigan, business, confirmed.
R. S. Foster, income, confirmed.
Theresa Fox, over assessment on real, confirmed.
Thomas C. A. Hall, real, confirmed.
C. H. Lee, business, reassessed.
Levi Lewis, real, reassessed.
McDonough estate, real, confirmed.
Joseph Ryan, income, confirmed.
James M. Shaw, real and business, reassessed.

BOOM SPRINGBANK BUSINESS

Street Railway May Adopt a New Form of Ticket.

There is a probability that a new ticket for use on the Springbank line will be adopted shortly by the London Street Railway Company.

Manager King has been considering the advisability of issuing a 15-cent ticket which will entitle the holder to a ride to and from Springbank and also a seat in the theater at the river park.

If a better seat than the 5-cent section is wanted the holder of a 15-cent ticket will receive credit for 5 cents on any ticket he purchases.

Business on the Springbank line and at the theater has not been very good at the theater has not been very good owing to the cold season, and perhaps somewhat to the fares put in force by the company a year ago. It is a fact, too, that hundreds of people now stand up for a couple of hours outside the fence rather than pay 5 cents to see the show, and Mr. King would like to be able to induce such people to go into the theater.

WINDFALL FROM THE WATERS.

Detroit, June 27.—Visitors to Isle Royal report that the decks and sides of the Canadian steamer Monarch wrecked on the island last fall, have been burst asunder by the swelling of the cargo of oats and wheat. The furniture and small effects of the steamer are said to be scattered through the homes of the residents of the island. Deputy Customs Collector McCallum, of the Soo, was at Isle Royal last week to confiscate these goods.



QUEEN WILHELMINA. The Young Ruler of Holland, Where the Great Peace Conference Is in Session.

THE FANS TO THE RESCUE

Will Ask the Minister of Justice to Release Tim Flood.

Toronto, June 27.—A petition will go today to Hon. Mr. Aylesworth, minister of justice, bearing probably some thousands of signatures, praying for the release of Tim Flood, the Toronto second baseman, who was yesterday sentenced to fifteen days in jail for assaulting Empire Conway. The latter himself has signed an affidavit, stating that he believes the sentence to be severe, and that in the past Flood has protected umpires who were in danger of assault. Conway says he was not hurt. Hon. Mr. Aylesworth is in the city today, and a deputation probably will wait upon him. Flood is enjoying the ordinary jail fare, the jail governor having refused to allow special meals to be sent in to him.

Mother and Children Perish in the Flames

Ottawa, June 27.—Mrs. W. P. Armstrong and four children were burned to death in a fire which took place early this morning in Almonte, near Ottawa. Armstrong, with his wife and four children, were sleeping over a laundry when fire broke out. Armstrong rushed down stairs to see where the fire was and could not return, as at that moment a gasoline tank exploded and it was impossible to rescue the family.

The bodies of the unfortunate victims were recovered this morning, charred beyond recognition. The loss on the building and stock cannot be estimated at present, but it is believed to be fairly well covered by insurance.

\$5 FINES THE RULE

Three of Them Were Imposed by Magistrate at One Session.

Nearly \$20 found its way into the city treasury as a result of the police court session this morning.

William Smith, alias Jones, formerly of Toronto, contributed \$5 for being drunk. John MacDonald, another drunk, contributed another \$5, with \$2 extra for a few lights of glass which he destroyed.

A young man, Joseph Meyer, who had been disorderly on the street, paid a \$5 fine.

A case arising from a family quarrel was dropped. Another case, in which a citizen was charged with keeping a vicious dog, was also settled.

CUT TO PIECES.

Brockville, June 27.—A young Englishman named Witt, who came to Canada a few weeks ago, was killed directly in front of the station here last night by a light engine. Witt was employed as fireman on the Grand Trunk between Brockville and Montreal. He was crossing the tracks in company with Car Inspector Hannah, and both men failed to notice the approach of the engine No. 5 passenger train, which was backing towards her train. Witt was literally cut to pieces. His companion was picked up unconscious.

THE WEATHER TOMORROW—A LITTLE WARMER.

FORECASTS.
For June 27-8 a.m.
Today—Westerly winds; fine and cool.
Friday—Fresh southwesterly winds; fine and a little warmer.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Max.
Calais. 52 54 58
Winnipeg. 52 54 58
Port Arthur. 52 54 58
Perry Sound. 52 54 58
Toronto. 52 54 58
Ottawa. 52 54 58
Quebec. 52 54 58
Father Point. 41 42 43
The first column records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second during the 24 hours preceding.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.
Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 54-75; Dawson, 44-64; Atlin, 36-70; Winnipeg, 52-72; Kamloops, 52-94; Calgary, 50-69; Edmonton, 54-80; Battleford, 56-88; Prince Albert, 52-83; Qu'Appelle, 50-78; Wainwright, 48-84; Fort Arthur, 46-74; Perry Sound, 56-72; Ottawa, 66-73; St. John, 66-74; Montreal, 64-78; Quebec, 50-58; St. John, 52-62; Halifax, 52-56.

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance is now centered in New Brunswick, and rain is still falling in Quebec and parts of the Maritime Provinces. The weather is fine and decidedly warm in the Western Provinces, and fine and cool in Ontario.

Our Capital.

Ottawa, June 27.—The census and statistics department issued a bulletin today on the capital employed in manufacturing establishments in Canada. In 1905 the amount of capital in manufacturing industries was \$843,931,178, as compared with \$446,916,487 in 1900. This shows an increase for the five years of \$397,000,000, or about 90 per cent, while production increased by \$234,000,000 or about 50 per cent. The disparity in the ratio of increase is said to be due to the inability of recently established works to produce to their full capacity. In car and car works, for example, the ratio of production to capital in 1900 was 151, and in 1905 it was 101; on Portland cement works it was 86 and 65, in smelting works it was 67 and 32 and on electric light works it was 17 and 9 for each respectively. The five year period have been a growing period in industrial investment, and the full results are not yet realized.

HIT BY WABASH FREIGHT

A Sandwich East Lady Run Down and Almost Killed.

Walkerville, June 27.—Mrs. Michael Levy, of Sandwich East Township, was almost killed by a Wabash freight train yesterday at Maisonsville road. She was hurled to the side of the track and rolled into the ditch. Mrs. Levy sustained several fractured ribs, besides cuts and bruises on the body. She was also hurt internally.

HALL THEFT CASE HEARD BY JUDGE

Indian Tried on Charge of Stealing a Buggy on the Reserve.

Should or should not a criminal court judge convict on circumstantial evidence? Is the question which Judge Macbeth faced today in the trial of Edward Hall, the young Muncie Indian charged with the theft of a buggy, from Julia Waucaush, of the Muncie reserve.

After hearing the evidence on both sides, his honor remarked that the entire case was a most inconsistent one from every point.

Little, if any, direct evidence was presented by the prosecution.

Crown Attorney McKillop's case in a nutshell was that Julia Waucaush had missed a top-buggy on the morning of the 23rd of October last, that on the same morning about 4 o'clock Hall and a companion had been seen by an Elgin County Indian constable to hide a top-buggy in a group of trees near the Waucaush residence, and to turn a horse into a nearby field, and that about six months later, that that about six months later, the top, shafts and box of the Waucaush rig had been found in Hall's possession.

The defense, which was conducted by Mr. E. Meredith, K.C., produced evidence to show that Hall had purchased the rig in question from a gypsy a week after it had been stolen; that Hall and his uncle had traded gearings for a monetary consideration; that the buggy Hall hid on the morning of the alleged theft had been the property of an Indian named Dan Jack, and that after purchasing the rig from the gypsy Hall had driven it in it and about the Muncie reserve and even had passed the Waucaush house on one or more occasions.

Mr. Meredith contended that no theft had been proven, or at least brought home to Hall, and he, therefore, asked for an acquittal.

His honor stated that Mr. Meredith's argument had made considerable impression upon him, and decided to reserve decision until tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

RAILWAY DEPOT BURNED

Wabash-G. T. R. Structure at Thamesville Completely Destroyed.

Thamesville, June 26.—Fire last night consumed the depot of the Wabash and Grand Trunk roads. The pump-house was also destroyed. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$5,000. The erection of new buildings will commence at once.

MANITOBA'S CROPS

A Falling Off in Wheat, But Oats and Barley Gain.

Winnipeg, Man., June 27.—A bulletin dealing with the condition of crops, live stock, etc., in Manitoba, has been issued by the local department of agriculture and immigration. Reports of correspondents indicate promising conditions in every section of the province. A slight falling off is reported in the acreage of wheat, but there is a substantial increase in the acreage of oats and barley. The wheat acreage reported in last year's June bulletin was 3,141,537 acres, as against 2,789,553 acres this year. Last year there were 1,155,961 acres of oats; this year 1,213,596 acres. The barley acreage last year was 640,570.

TERRIFIC ELECTRICAL STORM PLAYS HAVOC WITH NEW YORK

Thirteen Persons Killed by Bolts, Church Steeple Ripped Off and Many Fires Started.

New York, June 27.—A death-dealing electric storm yesterday afternoon followed a day of sweltering heat, soaked with humidity, swept over the city and surrounding territory, killing thirteen persons, injuring several, causing many fires and doing considerable damage. In this city two of the places struck were churches. The steeple of both were torn into fragments by the lightning bolts.

J. A. McKenna, of Newark, N. J., and his two young daughters were caught in the storm near Union, N. J. They took refuge under a tree, which a few minutes later was struck by a lightning bolt. The younger girl was killed outright and the father and elder daughter severely shocked.

At Fishkill, on the Hudson, Walter Dixonna, a negro, was struck by lightning and killed. A woman who accompanied him was stunned and burned. A lightning bolt hit John Lawless while he was at work on a canal-boat, and instantly killed him.

A bolt struck one of four small steeples on St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church and sent it hurtling through the air to the sidewalk. It landed, pinnacle foremost, within a short distance of a group of children, but while they were covered with dirt from the debris, none was hurt.

Many more deaths are reported from districts surrounding Greater New York.

ALLEGED ILLEGAL FISHING AT PORT

Overseer Weldon, of This City, Seizes Several Hundred Feet of Gill Nets.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Port Stanley, June 26.—Fisheries Overseer Weldon, of London, paid Port Stanley a visit this evening, hired a rowboat and with two companions went up the river and took possession of several hundred feet of gill nets. Some of the latter were burned and some were left in charge of the manager of the beachouse. The seizure was the cause of considerable excitement amongst the fishermen, being the first of the kind ever made at Port.

PRESENTED WITH CHALICE

Friends of Rev. Father Stanley Pleasantly Surprise Him.

Rev. Father Stanley, formerly attached to St. Peter's Palace here, and who has been appointed parish priest of Woodstock, was in this city yesterday, when he was surprised by a number of his friends of St. Peter's Cathedral congregation, who presented him with a very beautiful silver chalice, lined with gold.

Father Stanley heartily thanked all for their mark of esteem, and assured them that he appreciated their kindly feelings toward him.

Father Stanley has made many friends in London amongst the clergy, and all of whom are very sorry to lose him, but who wish him the success they know he will achieve in Woodstock.

But One Bill of Lading for Shipper and Carrier

The American Commerce Decides Upon Long Wanted Reform.

Chicago, June 27.—A binding agreement between shippers and the railroads, the dream of American commerce in the form of a uniform bill of lading, has been agreed upon. Representatives of commercial interests, and all the trunk lines have settled upon the form of the new bill, and the Interstate commerce commission has concurred. It will be submitted for the ratification of the railroads and commercial interests of the country early in July.

The effect of the ratification will be to make the new bill of lading a part of the interstate commerce law. The shippers then will have the thing for which they have clamored for the last decade—a railroad receipt, binding on the carriers. The negotiations have been thus far carried on by railroad representatives and members of the board of directors of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association and the American Shippers' Association.

The new bill will hold international roads and connections liable for a shipment from the time it is delivered to the company until it is delivered to the consignee at its destination.

The Illinois Manufacturers' Association and the American shippers have pressed the matter before the interstate commission for three years. The conditions were agreed upon at a conference May 24 and 25 in Chicago. The conditions were placed before the interstate commerce commission with the view of having them incorporated into a law that would be mutually protective, and it was agreed that a draft of the bill of lading and conditions would be submitted to the railroads and commercial interests of the country early in July.

ORDERED TO QUIT WORK

Barber Asphalt Gang Will Leave Before Finishing Pavement Repairs.

The pavement repair gang of the Barber Asphalt Company has orders to quit London on Saturday and go to Buffalo. This means that the repairs will not be completed, and that the gang will have to return at a later date.

It is understood the Barber Company will commence work on the Clarence street pavement, from Dundas to the G. T. R., some day next week, and it is probable the repairs to the old asphalt pavements will then be resumed.

Up till last night, 500 yards of patches had been laid, for which the city has to pay. The city can yet put down about 800 yards without exceeding its appropriation.