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GRAND TRUNK STRIKES SNAG IN PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Two Blocks Much Needed Which It Cannot Secure Without Aid of City—Plans of the Railroads.

General Manager McGuigan, of the Grand Trunk Railway, has written the city of London that it is the intention of the company to ask for a conference shortly to arrange a settlement in regard to the changes which the company is contemplating making in this city next year. It is probable that the conference will be held just as soon as the council of 1906 can get down to a working basis, so that the mayor and aldermen of next year will have their hands full in dealing with the most important railway matters which have come since the steam roads first made their way into London.

What the changes will be have already been alluded to in the newspapers. A depot is to be built, a new freight house is to be erected, and arrangements must be reached regarding the running of the company's trains through the city on overhead tracks. The company also desires that it shall be given the option of closing Clarence street, as it may be found that the company will need to do this, even though overhead tracks are used for through trains.

Strikes a Snag.
The Grand Trunk has also struck a snag in the purchasing of the property which lies between the company's tracks and the north side of Bathurst street. The G. T. R. has gone ahead and purchased all the property east and west of the Pere Marquette roundhouse, between Burwell and Colborne streets and the Pere Marquette freight sheds, between Colborne and Waterloo streets. It is the intention of the company to shift the main line tracks, which will be carried overhead, it is understood, south of the present tracks. But the Pere Marquette roundhouse and freight sheds are in the way.

The city owns this property, but it is leased to the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway, who have leased their lines to the Pere Marquette. Thus it is altogether likely that the city will be called upon to exercise its good offices to straighten out the tangle. It is said that the scheme at present favored by the railway companies to settle the matter is for the city to agree to the purchase by the Grand Trunk of the Pere Marquette roundhouse and freight sheds. Then the city could purchase the property on the V bounded, by the Hamilton road, Maitland street and Bathurst street. On this property could be erected a roundhouse and offices for the Pere

Marquette, as well as a freight house, if necessary.
But the scheme calls for a mammoth freight shed for the Pere Marquette on Maitland street, probably between South and Hill streets, where there is now a large vacant lot, and where other houses on the property could be secured at a nominal price. It is said further, that the Pere Marquette has had an eye for some time on the entire east face of Maitland street, between Horton street and the river.

Whatever happens the city of London will be one of the parties to the deal. The Grand Trunk must get the Pere Marquette out of its present situation on Bathurst street, or else give up its intentions of taking the curve out of the main line in the city, and of running the trains on overhead tracks.

The P. M.'s Position.

On the other hand, the Pere Marquette, with its constantly increasing business, has been for a long time suffering in need of more room. It is short of siding facilities, and is cramped in the freight house. Thus, it is thought the company, or any other company which may control the L. and P. S. R., will be the people—will be ready to meet the Grand Trunk's wishes on a business basis if the P. M. is not going to lose by the deal.

The city of London realizes that it will not be to its interests to quarrel with the Grand Trunk. So long as the city and the citizens are to benefit, the people will demand that the company be treated right, and it is altogether probable that next year's council will be called upon to use its efforts to straighten out this matter.

It is suggested that the Grand Trunk be asked to allow the Pere Marquette trains, as at present, to enter the new depot, which, it is understood, will be built on the old site, and also to allow M. C. R. trains to enter and depart from the same depot. In this way, the new depot would prove a union station, and the public convenience would be facilitated, while the appearance of the city would be much improved, and the ground now occupied by the Michigan Central depot could be used for other purposes. Of course, all this is subject to the wishes of the other parties.

At all events, present developments point to next year as being a most important one for the city, as far as railway matters are concerned, and the feeling that only the very best men on this property could be elected, a who offer themselves should be elected, is growing steadily.

LONDONER IN LOCKUP

Charles Eede Arrested in Toronto on Charge of Theft.

A system of petty thieving unearched yesterday in the wholesale druggists warehouse of John Macdonald & Co., Toronto, led to the arrest of Charles Eede, 20 years old; Norman Boyd, 18 years; Archibald Galbraith, 19 years; Donald McLeod, 16 years; Harry Holmes, 15 years, and Harry Herbert, 18 years.

The prisoners were employees of the firm and were taken into custody by the police. Eede, Boyd and Galbraith were arrested about 1 o'clock, and suspicion first centered on Galbraith in regard to the pair of socks, and after a little questioning in the office, it is said, the admissions implicating other employees were made. The four men were arrested as a result of a further investigation. Eede refused to consent to bail for any of the young men.

The home of each of the prisoners was visited by the detective and searched. Nearly a trunk full of goods were removed from Eede's room, and some socks and socks from Galbraith's. The former had a few of \$25 in the bottom of his trunk.

Eede formerly resided in this city, where he was employed in a wholesale house. He went to Toronto about eight months ago.

GUNBOAT WASP SAFE

Little U. S. Vessel Had a Terrific Battle With a Hurricane.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 12.—The little gunboat Wasp, formerly the yacht Columbia, came into port this afternoon under one boiler and several sails, after a terrific battle with a North Atlantic hurricane, during which she sprung a leak, and was kept afloat, after her pumps choked, through hand-bailing by her entire crew.

The little vessel was blown nearly to the Gulf Stream by Sunday's storm, and was nearly two days getting back to port. At one time the water, which came in through a leak in the stern, flooded her engine-room, and for ten hours on Sunday the Wasp was at the mercy of the waves, the crew of 20 men, a third of whom were naval apprentices, and unused to such boisterous conditions, bailed for nearly hours with buckets and succeeded in freeing the engine-room.

Kiddies in Fatal Dual.

Mexico City, Mex., Dec. 12.—Louis Gavillo and Gonzalo Rubelava, each 14 years old, belonging to prominent families of Aguas Calientes, quarreled over a little matter of honor, and Gavillo challenged his rival to a duel with knives. The challenge was accepted, and the affair, which was fought in the presence of boy seconds, Gavillo received four stab wounds and is fatally injured. Rubelava has been arrested.

The Latest and Best of Winter Fairs Is On

**Excellent Exhibits at the Big
Guelph Show—Dairy Tests,
Cattle Prizes.**

Guelph, Dec. 12.—A more settled appearance was assumed by the Winter Fair today, when packing boxes gave place to hundreds of visitors, who thronged in to secure the first glimpse of the great collection of prize stock. Judges in various classes were hard at work all day, and tonight their work is nearly completed. With the opening of the lecture course this evening the fair is in full running order, and from now till Friday afternoon there need not be an unoccupied moment for any visitor, and certainly there will be none for the officials, whose quiet, unobtrusive work has so often carried the fair to success. The exhibit of cattle is pronounced to be all round the best in the history of the fair. Though there is little of a sensational character, the quality is pronounced to be more evenly than in any previous year. The thorough classes are especially fine.

And Hereford and Polled Angus are better animals and are better fitted up. On the other hand, Devons and Galloways are not quite up to the standard in flesh. Gradus, the strongest class, will arrive tomorrow. A noteworthy Shorthorn animal is Mossie Liddle, a 2-year-old white steer, exhibited by James Rennie & Sons, Blackwater, who pluckily return after two years' absence through differences with the management. This steer was first and attracted a great deal of attention today. A rival for the championship will be a fine yearling exhibited by Grouff, of Alma.

Lectures this evening were devoted to poultry. Mr. F. W. Hodson, Dominion live stock commissioner, presided. The feature was an address by Mr. E. W. Rice, of Bridgeton, N. J., on "Squab Raising." Squabs are a variety of plover, and they were recommended as a profitable bird for table use. Mr. W. J. Bell, Angus, on "Raising Turkeys for Market," and Mr. W. R. Grahame, O. A. C., on "Experiments Conducted During 1905 with Special Reference to Artificial Incubation and Brooding."

Mr. Lawrence Baldwin, Toronto, (Continued on Page Three.)



GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS.

WORKED FOR OTHER COMPANIES, WAS PAID BY THE YORK LOAN

**Serious Charges Are Made by
W. H. Hunt, a Former Londoner,
in an Interview.**

One of the most serious charges so far made against the management of the York County Loan has been made by a former Londoner, Mr. W. H. Hunt, who was for a time in the office of the company in this city.

Mr. Hunt states that while nominally working for the York County Loan Company, he was really only working for the Toronto Life Insurance Company. He had received \$30 a week expenses, as well as \$20 salary, he stated. Employees of the allied companies, he says, were paid by the York County Loan.

An interview with Mr. Hunt was published by the Toronto Star last evening, and it created quite a sensation. It was as follows:

"Did you ever do any business for the Toronto Life while you were in the

employment of the York Loan?" he was asked.

"I should say I did. Let me see, the Toronto Life was started in the fall of 1903, wasn't it? Well, from November of that year until June of the following year I was writing Toronto Life business all the time."

"Did you write any York Loan contracts at all?"

"Oh, an occasional one, but very rarely. I was not after York Loan business at all. Phillips used to say: 'Boys, that's the business for the Toronto Life, that's where you will all make your fortunes.' And naturally, in the face of instructions like that, we went after the Toronto Life business."

"And all the time you were drawing your salary from the York Loan?"

"Yes, about \$20 a week more."

"How much?"

"Twenty dollars a week."

"Any expenses?"

"Yes, about \$20 a week more."

"And this came from the York Loan, too?"

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THE YORK LOAN MERGER MAY DROP

**Rumor Says That Negotiations
for Proposed Transfer
May Terminate.**

Toronto, Dec. 12.—A petition was filed in the county court yesterday by Messrs. Bicknell & Bain, on behalf of Lucius Sutherland and other shareholders, to wind up the York County Loan and Savings Company, on the ground that it cannot go on longer in its present condition. The petition asks that the control be taken out of the hands of the directors and transferred to a body of inspectors, chosen from the shareholders.

It is reported that a discussion took place yesterday in regard to the transfer of the assets of the York Loan and Savings Company, to the Dominion Permanent Company, and it is understood that, as a result, it was practically decided not to take any further action looking to this end. It was felt that with 70,000 shareholders in the York Loan it would be impossible to get them to agree upon concerted action, and as the Dominion Permanent would only accept the business if it was the will of the York Loan shareholders, the opinion was that the matter might as well be dropped at once.

Mr. F. M. Holland, manager of the Dominion Permanent, was telephoned today, and asked for confirmation of the above, and his reply was "I cannot say anything as to that at present."

If the above is the final decision, it is suggested that there is nothing before the York Loan but liquidation at the request of the shareholders.

Masked Men at St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 13.—The house of Joseph Hubert, an old man who lives alone on Manitoba street, was entered by two men at midnight who demanded his money and threatened him. So he gave up his pocket-book, which contained only \$2. The men were masked, and Hubert was unable to recognize either of them. Mr. Hubert is the owner of a good deal of property, and it is supposed that the parties were familiar with the fact and expected a greater haul than they got.

KOREA'S EMPEROR IS VERY ANGRY

**Declares He Will Never Sign
That So-Called Agreement
With Japan.**

Washington, Dec. 13.—Homer B. Hulbert, the special messenger from the Emperor of Korea, is in receipt of a cablegram from Korea, in which the Emperor declares that the agreement between Korea and Japan is null and void because it was obtained by force. He also declares that he will never sign this agreement in its present form, and that the disturbances which attended the "outrage" of Nov. 17 are likely to occur again.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair and Cold.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 13.
Sun rises, 7:42 a.m. Moon rises, 6:23 p.m.
Sun sets, 4:41 p.m. Moon sets, 3:40 a.m.
Toronto, Dec. 12—E-8 p.m.

The weather today has been moderately cold throughout Canada, except in Southwestern Ontario, where there has been little change for some days. Light snow-falls have occurred in parts of Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson, 16 below—4 below; Victoria, 46—47; Vancouver, 35—35; Kamloops, 23—24; Calgary, 20—24; Winnipeg, 12—16; Port Arthur, 6—22; Parry Sound, 8—22; Toronto, 22—28; Ottawa, 2 below—12; Montreal, 6—28; Quebec, 2—32; St. John, 2—28; Halifax, 14—30.

FORECASTS.

Wednesday, Dec. 13—E-8 a.m.

Today—Fresh west to northwest winds; a few snowfalls; considerable colder to-night.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Weather.
Calgary	26	18	34	Fair
Winnipeg	17	10	24	Rain
Parry Sound	26	14	30	Rain
Toronto	30	20	40	Rain
Ottawa	12	12	22	Rain
Montreal	18	10	26	Rain
Quebec	18	12	26	Rain
Father Point	18	12	26	Snow

WEATHER NOTES.

A disturbance which promises to be important is now developing over the Gulf of Mexico, and will sensibly affect Canadian weather on Friday. The weather is becoming milder again in the North-west Provinces.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 27°; lowest, 25.5° above.

THE LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE ASKS FOR OBSERVANCE BILL

Delegation Representing All Creeds Waits on Premier, Who Will Place Matter Before the Cabinet.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Rev. Dr. Potts, president, Rev. J. E. Shearer, field secretary, and R. W. Macpherson, counsel, of the Lord's Day Alliance, waited on the Premier and Minister of Justice today in the Premier's office, and asked for a Sunday observance bill next session of Parliament.

Dr. Potts introduced the delegation, and explained the subject. He said that the alliance were advised by counsel that the supreme court held that the Dominion must legislate, which was contrary to the view held by the Government when an application of this kind was made two years ago.

The alliance represented a varied constituency. It represented all the

churches, Protestant and Catholic. Recently an archbishop presented a statement to the Minister of Justice, which gave their views, and which were embodied in the draft bill handed to the Government some ten years ago. The question of jurisdiction being decided in favor of the Dominion, the delegation was there to ask for legislation on the lines of the draft bill.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that it was an important matter and would have to be referred to the cabinet. He could not give a definite answer. He would invite them to an interview later on. As there was not likely to be an early session of Parliament they would have time to fully consider the whole question.

TRUE BILLS RETURNED

**Grand Jury Finds in the Case of
Piper, Winslow and Jennings.**

The grand jury at the December sessions of the peace has not been losing any time since receiving its instructions from Judge Macbeth yesterday afternoon.

It has taken up a number of the cases already, and will dispose of the others with all possible speed. This morning the jury returned true bills against

James Piper, county constable, of Lucan, charged with shooting with intent, and

William Winslow and Garfield Jennings, charged with robbing a Chinaman.

Jennings was before the court only a few days ago and pleaded guilty to robbing a Westminster farm hand named Shaver, of \$18.

PRINCE ARTHUR COMING

**Will Go Home via Canada After
Decorating the Mikado.**

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Prince Arthur of Connaught, who is on his way to Japan to bestow a decoration upon the Emperor, will return from that country by way of Canada. His royal highness was invited to do so by the Dominion Government, and has accepted the invitation. He wishes to travel incognito, but as he is accompanied by a numerous suite it is difficult to see how he can do so. Those traveling in the prince's suite are: Lord Redesdale, representing the King; Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour, Gen. Sir T. Kelly-Kenny, Col. Arthur Davidson, equestrian to the King; Capt. Wyndham, equestrian to the prince, and Mr. W. Lamson, of the foreign office. It is not known when the prince will arrive in Canada, but a special train will be provided for his journey eastward on landing at Vancouver. The opportunity will also be afforded him of visiting the leading centers of Canada at the Government's expense.

FURTHER REMANDED

**Actor Who Attempted Suicide to
Spend Another Week in Jail.**

The young actor, who was arrested over a week ago on a charge of insanity, has been remanded till 18th inst. by Magistrate Love. He is a fine looking young fellow with a splendid physique. While ill some time ago he became addicted to the morphine habit, with the result that at times he becomes most violent. At his boarding house a little over a week ago he attempted to cut his throat with a razor. His mother was forced for his own good to place him in confinement, but he will in all likelihood be allowed to go when he comes up again. He is said to be a nephew of McKee Rankin, the actor, and had himself displayed much dramatic ability.

The case against James Proctor for non-support was adjourned till Tuesday morning. His wife claims that he is not providing for her as he should. Mary Brooks was remanded for a week on a charge of drunkenness, and William McCafferty was remanded till Tuesday on a similar charge.

Courts Workingmen.

M. Krustaleff is understood to be imprisoned in the St. Peter and St. Paul fortress, in order, it is explained, to prevent any possible attempt at rescue, which would only lead to bloodshed.

The disappearance of the danger of a general strike seems to insure the Government a certain period in which to vindicate itself, and demonstrate that it is striving to release the new order of things, and if, as its friends hope, it will be able to show this by deeds it will cut away public sympathy from the proletariat and place the workmen's organizations, when the time comes for a strike, in the attitude of deliberately provoking a struggle to overthrow the Government and establish a democratic republic.

The members of Count Witte's cabinet distinctly deny that the Government

NOT A VACANT STORE

**I. B. S. Committee Could Not Find
One in Hours' Walk.**

"For the first time in the history of the I. B. S. we have been unable to secure a store of any kind from which to distribute Christmas cheer to the poor," said Assessment Commissioner Grant to The Advertiser today. Mr. Grant with Mr. Martin O'Sullivan, were named a committee to secure the necessary premises by the society at its meeting last night.

"We walked the streets for hours, but we saw no vacant stores," Mr. Grant continued, "and we have been compelled to rent a vacant lumber office on York street, near Clarence, from the McClary Manufacturing Company. Stores are certainly scarce in London."

It is said, however, that quite a few houses, large ones especially, are now vacant in London.

UNEMPLOYED PARADE

**London Socialists Invade Belgrave
Square to See Bannerman.**

London, Dec. 13.—Another demonstration of the unemployed occurred today, but the diminished number of the participants and the absence of spectators indicated waning interest in these operations of the Social Democratic League. The parade traversed Belgrave Square in order to show themselves to Premier Campbell-Bannerman and a couple of representatives were admitted to interview the Premier who had invited John Burns, the president of the local government board, to be present.

A SERIOUS RUNAWAY

**Well-Known Resident of Exeter
Severely Injured.**

An Exeter Special to The Advertiser today says:
Messrs. L. H. Dickson, T. B. Carling, A. J. McDonald and W. G. Bissett, of Exeter, had a narrow escape while driving home from Hensall last evening.

When almost home, the team took fright at an obstruction in the road and started to run away. Mr. Carling succeeded in jumping from the rig, but the others were not so fortunate. They were upset in a ditch, caught in the cover of the buggy and dragged some distance. Mr. Dickson had his shoulder dislocated and arm fractured. How the others escaped serious injury is a mystery, for the rig was demolished.

The doctors in attendance said that though Mr. Dickson's injuries are painful, serious results are not anticipated.

Bennett Dies Friday.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—Joseph Bennett, the Grand River Indian, will be hanged at Brantford on Friday for the murder of Susan Jacobs, a squaw. The cabinet held a short meeting today to consider the case, at which it was decided that the law should take its course.

Six Children Die.

Dubers, Pa., Dec. 12.—Six children were buried to death at Lindsay, near Punxsutawney, early today, and Wm. Morgan and wife, the parents, with two remaining children, barely escaped with their lives. The dead: Thomas, aged 11; Pearl, aged 6; Grace and Ethel, aged 3; Rachel, aged 18 months, and an infant aged 3 months.

WOULDN'T SERVE UNDER LONDONER

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The members of the Forty-third Duke of Cornwall's Own Rifles military band refuse to serve under Bandmaster Hiscott, of London, who has just been appointed head of the Forty-third Band. They have no objection to Hiscott personally, but against the step taken to force Bandmaster William McGillicuddy out. The latter had had charge of the Forty-third musicians for thirteen or four-

teen years. He was asked to resign, and the Londoner was appointed in his place. McGillicuddy has just handed his resignation to Lieut.-Col. Rogers, and along with it practically goes that of the 31 members of the band. They said they would resign if he was forced out and will keep their word. The man just appointed will probably have to pick up a new aggregation unless the men return to the fold and there is evidently no hope of that.