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MAYOR STEVELY JOINS IN PROTEST

Against the Increase in Fares on the Pere Marquette.

MATTER LAID BEFORE SUPT. PYEATT

The protest of the residents Westminster Township against the increase in the rates on the Marquette, is being backed up by Mayor Stevely.

Yesterday afternoon a deputation from Westminster, including Rev. Dr. McCrae, Mr. J. Laidlaw and Mr. J. G. Elliott, waited on his worship and protested against the in-

Mayor Stevely immediately wrote to Superintendent Pyeatt at Detroit, calling his attention to the increase in the fares, and asking that the former SAYS THEFT CHARGE tariff be resumed. The matter will also be brought up before the board of trade at the next meeting if it is not settled in the interim.

The Railway Commission. There is no likelihood, it is said, of the protest coming up before the railway commission at its session here tomorrow. The Pere Marquette would have to be notified, and no such regular proceedings have been taken. The best legal opinion states that under no circumstances will the commission deal with the case unless Police Chief Malone, when he stated sion of the commission may result in to his lordship that no defence would although indirectly. Superintendent Pyeatt has been summoned to attend the commission in onnection with the level crossings at Rodney and elsewhere, and a confer-

The Cause of the Trouble.

been increased.

throughout the Pere Marquette system in Canada. There have been several different rates in vogue on road, and the company have levelled it all up to 3 cents a mile.

The company figures that the mileage from the Grand Trunk depot to Westminster is 5.37. Three cents a would make the fare 18 cents, and as the company has the privilege of raising it to obviate the necessity of making change to 20 cents, the return fare on that would be 35 cents.

The Other Side. folder, which is used the company matter of convicting a man on an acclaims for trainmen's purposes only. | complice's evidence. corroborate the Pere Marquette's fig- eleven. ures as to the measurements from the Grand Trunk to Westminster, making it something over five miles.

street, the terminal of the London and Port Stanley proper, is 4.97 miles as the figures of the Pere Marquette What Is Being Done.

The argument, in brief, then is that residents of Westminster 5 cents each way for the ride between the Grand Trunk denote the local Real Estate Association Is Backed Real Estate Re Grand Trunk depot and Waterloo street, the terminal of their line, This Mayor Stevely and the resi dents of Westminster think manifest. ly unfair, and that will be the argument used when the company and the BREAK-UP OCCURED residents of Westminster come to

gether this week. Wrote to Mr. Pyeatt.

"I wrote to Mr. Pyeatt as soon as Mayor Stevely. "I do not think the increase is at all justified. We have a folder showing that the distance is 4.97 miles, and if that is the case, and I believe it is, then the company should way for a third of a mile, which is go- sult. ing somewhat beyond even their legal | The first jump was of two feet. Then when they receive the protest, and I am thoroughly convinced that it will together. I don't think the railway commission will touch the matter. All business to be taken up by the commission must be taken up in a regular Pyeatt will be in the city and we will satisfaction of all. I have talked with enticing. some of the officials and they appear

ASSESSORS WILL

All Ready to Start Assessing City First of March.

The assessors will commence their rounds next week. Assessment Com- Burgman and Alexander Plead Guilty missioner Grant has practically everything in order, and expects to start on ward 4 by the beginning of March. His staff will be identical with last

men, we should get along first rate." assizes,

TRAIN DROPS OVER A CLIFF

Twenty-Five Persons Killed in a Railway Accident in Ecuador.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Feb. 24.-A pasenger train on the main line bound north, was today thrown over a cliff 100 feet high at a point near Rio Bama, and crashed to the bottom of the Not Likely to Come Formally Before ravine. All the cars were practically demolished. Twenty-five persons were killed, and forty were wounded. A relef train was at once dispatched to the The accident was caused by

Malone's Counsel States No Defence To Be Offered.

WAS NOT PROVED

Also Declares That Alleged Shooting of Wilkins Lacked a

[Special to The Advertiser.] Simcoe, Feb. 24.-A wholly unex pected move was made this morning on the part of Mr. Kelly, counsel for exbe offered.

He claimed he had the right to address the jury after the crown counsel, but his lordship ruled otherwise, ence will be arranged between him and Mr. Kelly at once began his adresidents of Westminster, dress to the jury. He declared that as sleged with telephone calls. looking toward an amicable arrange- Malone had not been tried nor con- early morning he has been busy. His victed on the charge of theft, therefore sewers and doing everything possible theft had not been proved against him. to relieve the situation. lies in the mileage Also that as there was no motive for between here and Westminster. The the shooting, Malone did not do the fare has been 15 cents single and 25 shooting. Wilkins, when he thought telephone started at a quarter of 4 cents return, and now it is 20 cents he was about to die, had solemnly deurday rate to London market has also clared he knew of no reason why Ma- office. And with all the burden of lone should have shot rim. Hence, Mr. complaint is the same. Water? This new tariff is the result of a Kelly contended, Malone was not im- rivers of it. Make London a veritable levelling up that has been going on plicated. The motive was lacking. It duck pond. Let us go into poultry

menced. In presenting his case Mr. Kelly laid great emphasis on the feeling of pre- can to relieve the situation. indice which had been created against the prisoner claiming certain sections of the press had adjudged his client guilty before the evidence was heard. He sarcastically referred to ex-Constable Wilkins as a man convicted of receiving stolen property, turned into an angel and barked up by the town. Wilkins, he declared, had spent hours while in bed at the sanatorium plan-The residents of Westminster claim ning how he could connect Malone that the distance is only 4.97 miles, with the crime of arson and robbery. and show that from a Pere Marquette Mr. Kelly then urged on the jury the

Engineer Graydon's figures For yesterday's evidence see page

something over five miles. But the distance from Waterloo treet, the terminal of the bonden

Cause of the Trouble,

AND RIVER IS FREE

the deputation waited on me," said People of Front Street Were Worried Places Which Bid for the Casket Comfor a Time by the Flood.

The water in the Thames rose to charge not more than the former rate. alarming proportions during the night, Even granting that the disance is 5.37 and for a time great fears were entermiles, they are charging 5 cents each tained that serious damage would re-

rights, if I am any judge. The Pere the ice jammed at Wonderland, and Marquette will be reasonable, I think, caused a rise of four feet, which made a total of six feet in 24 hours. This morning the jam gave way, and be satisfactorily arranged when we get the water immediately began to fall.

Front Street Worried. The south branch caused the residents in that section some uneasiness way, and this has not been done. Mr. this morning, especially those who occupied houses on Front street. These London. talk the situation over with him, and had their backyards filled with water,

I think we can arrange matters, to and for a time things were not at all However, as soon as the ice was iberated, all signs of a flood disap-In the north branch the water was very high for a time, but there never

ular West London.

THE TRAINMEN'S TRIAL

and Sentence Suspended.

Guelph, Feb. 24.-The three Grand year. Mr. Martin O'Sullivan and Mr. Trunk trainmen against whom a true Alf. McCoubrey will be assistant assessors as usual, and the clerks will with the Harriston wreck, was rebe as in 1908—James Gillean, Geo. C. turned by the grand jury at the as-Doble, Arch Black, sen., and Mr. Alf. sizes here, were tried this morning. urwell.
"We are about ready to begin," said and were released on suspended sent-Mr. Grant. "We have the same staff ence. Jackson pleaded not guilty, and last night, as last year, and with all experienced his case was laid over for the next was passed:

MANY CELLARS ARE FLOODED

Poolroom in East End Is Partially Submerged.

PEOPLE REGISTERING STRONG OBJECTIONS

Engineer Graydon Has Large Gang of Men at Work Opening the Sewers.

This is not one of City Engine draydon's good days.

As a matter of fact, it is about one of the worst he has had in a long ime. It is owing to the fact that there past day or two, with melting snow, have filled the roads and streets full. Sewers have backed up owing to the olume of water. Cellars are flooded. Some houses in the east end, particularly stand out in miniature lakes, and everywhere there is trouble.

One man wrote that his house surrounded by two feet of water, and he could scarcely get out of it. His cellar was full, and there was no relief in sight. He asked for a boat.

Carling's Creek. are complaining of flooded cellars. Dufferin avenue east is a veritable river, and the houses in many instances are completely surrounded with water. The same is true only more so in the south and east sections. Water, water everywhere, and not a moment of peace, says the city engineer.

A Real Poolroom Now. There is a poolroom in the east end where the water is up to the tops of the billiard tables. It's a real pool- To the Drawer in Which the Will Be Dealt With by the

room now.

"Worry?" asked Mr. Graydon. "The ing ever since, both at home and in the was only after Wilkins came on the raising. Let us do anything to get police force that the depredations com- away from the complaints. Let us organize a fishing club on every street. It's awful. We have been doing all we

> Building Philosophy. "Some people build down in a hole. and when the spring freshests come, we are in constant trouble with them. They would build there rather than on lock the drawer. high ground. One man built two feet below the sewer, and it backed up on him, and he's got all the water wants for some time. I have handled a million complaints, and made promises at fearful length. We hope have the most of the water drained off Pond about four years ago, and nearly today. I have all my men out. Some cellars will have to be pumped out. It is at a time like this that a storm Rev. D. S. Hamilton, of the First Consewer would be of great value.

ALL HANDS ARE ROSE SIX FEET AGAINST LONDON

by Rival Cities.

IN ATTITUDE AGAINST

FREE FACTORY SITES

pany Now Hold Up Hands in Horror.

A number of cities and towns in Western Ontario are enthusiastically backing up the campaign of the Real Estate Owners' Association against the Legislature granting power to the city council of London to issue debentures for \$100,000 for the purpose of purchasing sites for factories here. the campaign is that every one of these places, it is alleged made offers to the Globe Casket Company, to leave

Against London. This applies particularly to Brantford, which corporation is taking the lead among the municipalities against stated to The Advertiser that his patients in London at present. city made the best offer to the Globe was any chance of it getting inside the Casket Company. From what he perfect safeguard for growing and pop. exemption from taxation, not for ten years, but for all time; power at less than \$10 per horsepower per annum, and bricks at \$5 per thousand, whereas in London they would cost \$8. as in London they would cost \$8. carelessness. A warm day comes Now, however, Brantford is out against along and they throw off their heavy giving London any right to protect clothes, regardless of the month or its industries. The Globe Casket Com- what risks they are subjecting themoffers made them.

Woodstock, Too. Woodstock also made a bid for the exercise caution. Globe Casket Company, but has now joined the municipalities and the Real Estate Owners' Association against the city. At a meeting of the council last night, the following resolution

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MAILED SUFFRAGETTES TO MR. ASQUITH

London, Feb. 24.-Two "human letters" were dispatched to Premier Asquith yesterday afternoon by the inventive militant suffragettes. Mrs. Drummond and Miss Cristobel Pankhurst were the senders of this novel mail. Entering the Strand postoffice the two women inquired if it were a possible thing to send two "human letters" by express. On being answered in the affirmative, they brought in two of their colleagues, Mrs. McLellan and Miss Solomon, and addressed them to the premier's residence prepaid. The two women were at once dispatched in the care of a telegraph messenger. The servants at the premier's residence, however, refused to accept delivery of this suffragette mail, and the police appeared and quickly cleared the women out of Downing street.

Collecting Funds in Canada to Arm Bengalese Against British

Preparations Are Under Way for Indian Revolt.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 23.-Sensational statements regarding the collection of funds with which rifles and ammunition are purchased by a Bengalese in here yesterday afternoon by Narain munition to India.

It was alleged that a local teacher

to Bengal. Investigation is being made by the attorney-general's department.

Seattle to arm disaffected natives in of paying money to lawyers the dis-The residents along Carling's Creek Bengal against the British Govern- putants should settle, and give the this morning Mrs. Peters was unable ment, were made in the police court money to him to send rifles and am-

LOST THE KEY

Revolver Was Kept. LITTLE THING LED

TO FEARFUL ACCIDENT SOME OF THE

Body of the Lad Was Sent to Vermont Today, Where It Will Be interred.

Additional sadness is lent to the shooting accident in which little Hugo Stott lost his life yesterday afternoon at his parents' residence, 134 William this reason his parents were unable to

The Funeral. The funeral was held this afternoon all interested, and it is thought that mains being taken to Island Pond, Vt., by counsel. where interment will be made. family moved to the city from Island all their relatives live there. The funeral services were conducted by

gregational Church. A Sad Message. Mr. Homer Stott, father of the boy who was killed, is a Grand Trunk engineer, and was on his engine at Mimico yesterday, when the telegram advising him of the sad accident was handed to him. Mr. Stott learned of the shooting owing to the good work of the Grand Trunk, within twenty

carrying the revolver with him, as several times when coming home early in the morning he has been followed through the yards, and he feared that an attempt might be made to rob him.

The revolver has always been locked, and in a place where the little ones could not get at it. Hugo knew that his father had the revolver, and yesterday when he found the drawer open be. London Township her better the control of the list to be examined. "The company will spend at least the crossing on Dundas street \$100,000 on enlarging the docks at Point Edward," an official told The Adherence of the little ones been added to the list to be examined. "The company will spend at least the street that the crossing on Dundas street the little ones been added to the list to be examined. "The company will spend at least the crossing on Dundas street the little ones been added to the list to be examined. "The company will spend at least the crossing on Dundas street the little ones been added to the list to be examined. "The company will spend at least the crossing on Dundas street the little ones been added to the list to be examined. "The company will spend at least the crossing on Dundas street the little ones been added to the list to be examined. "The company will spend at least the crossing on Dundas street the little ones been added to the list to be examined. "The company will spend at least the crossing on Dundas street the little ones been added to the list to be examined. "The company will spend at least the crossing on Dundas street the little ones been added to the list to be examined. "The company will spend at least the crossing of the little ones been added to the list to be examined." he at once took the weapon out, and, while pointed directly at his chest, it

Dr. MacLaren made a thorough in-

vestigation and concluded that an in-

quest was unnecessary. PEOPLE TO BLAME FOR PNEUMONIA

one of the noticeable features in Throw Off Heavy Garments should bear part of the burden of the noticeable features in throw Off Heavy Garments should bear part of the burden of the summer in plenty of time to handle a that the companies should be made When a Nice Day Comes Around.

Local physicians report that pneumonia is more prevalent now than for London. A citizen from Brantford some years, there being many such mayor of Ottawa, will preside. One doctor claims that the increase is due to the sudden changes COMMENCE WORK was any chance of it getting inside the breakwater, which is now solid, and a stated, Brantford offered a free site, in temperature, that Londoners have experienced so frequently this winter.

People to Blame. Another doctor said: 'In nine cases out of ten, the affliction was due to the patient's own rany refused to give any details of selves to, and inevitably sickness follows." People should remember that by the police magistrate this morning. pneumonia is but a forerunner of the Robinson was assigned to report a deadly white plague, and therefore

> Ankle Injured.
> Miss E. Keys, of the firm of J. H. Chapman & Co., met with a painful accident yesterday. While on her way to work she slipped on the icy sidetwisting her ankle badly

s too much water. The rains of the Evidence in Court Indicates That Singh, a Sikh, giving evidence in an

and a Vancouver priest are collecting the moneys to send munitions of war Very Sudden End of Well-Known

The witness stated that after the assault a mass meeting was held, at which the local priest said that instead some time during the night. Mr.

LEVEL CROSSINGS THIS DISTRICT

Dominion Railway Commission.

CASES IN POINT

Lendon Will Not Be Represented at Sitting in the Court House on Thursday.

The Dominion railway commission others are filled up. will open its sessions in the city tothe revolver, the boy lost it, and for crossings both in the city and in the surrounding country. The Grand Trunk, the C. P. R., the M. C. R., and the Pere Marquette, are

to the Grand Trunk station, the re- all the companies will be represented Several corporations will also Aldboro. Mayor Stevely states that there may be another harvest this London will not be represented, as the

city is only indirectly interested in the

question. The railways come first in this matter.

Level Crossings. The whole question of level crossings as they effect London will be traversed. The Adelaide street crossing of the C. P. R. is a dangerous one, and was brought to the notice of the commission owing to a suit over the death of Patrick O'Leary killed there. One session was held in Toronto on the case, and the present one is an adjournment to look at the situation locally.

Bad Accidents.

bad accidents at Rectory street and trade is evidenced by the fact that a Miss Edna Calhoun, 318 Grey Egerton street, and also at Richmond couple of days ago work was com-London Junction crossing has also Point Edward. be. London Township has had some was brought to the crossing.

Vitally Interested. Marquette are vitally interested in ments of grain will be sent through the Rodney crossing. This is a very London." dangerous one, and has a toll of many that the companies should be made to protect it, owing to the fact that danger comes largely from

through American traffic. The Session. The session will last all day it is work to be considered. It is under-

ROBINSON DISCHARGED

Magistrate Dismisses Case Against a Hamilton Sporting Editor.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 24. against M. M. Robinson, sporting editor of the Spectator, by F. C. Mills, sporting editor of the Times, was dismissed wrestling match on Friday night, and leged that Robinson created a disturb on Dundas street and fell, for the two papers to quit their unpleasantness.

BAD FLOOD AT ST. THOMAS FLATS

Ice in the Creek Causes the Water to Rise With Great Rapidity This Morning.

[Special to The Advertiser.] St. Thomas, Feb. 24. - Owing to the ice in the creek the outskirts of St. Thomas are today badly flooded. The "flats" are three feet deep at some points. Cellars and basements are be high. Jimmy Alexander, a youth of twenty,

went to the barn to feed the stock, and was cut off from returning by the rapidly rising water. He was waistdeep in it for several hours, and be came almost helpless through the cold, but was finally rescued and given restoratives. Reports from Port Stanley say there is no trouble there.

CHARLES PETERS DIED IN BED

South Londoner.

Mr. Charles Peters, of 8 Wortley road, died very suddenly at his home, stantial gains have been made. In some Peters was apparently in his usual health when he retired last night, but to arouse him. She at once hurried to the power

ouse and Dr. James D. Wilson was He found that Mr. Peters neart failure. esided in London for some time. He

s survived by his wife only. The funeral will be held from Anderson, of the Richmond Street

MILD WEATHER IS BAD FOR THE ICE

But Prices Will Likely Remain take not to take advantage of the offer. the Same This Summer.

Local ice dealers are somewhat dis- limits, north of and including both appointed as a result of the thaw and sides of Dundas street, and west of the breaking up of the river. It is said and including both sides of Wellingthat a number of them have not been ton street. able to get in a full supply, while Miss Katie McLaughlin, 226 Hy-

street, by the fact that only a few days before, while playing with the morrow morning in the court house, fair stock, and who has harvested Miss E. Ball, 664 Talbot street 14,142 One gentleman, who has secured a key of the drawer in which he found and will take up the question of level enough ice to look after his custom- Miss Maude Underwood, 209 ers, said that as far as he was concerned there would be no change in Mrs. Norman Roberts, Richmond

prices. Preparations were being made to cut ice this week, as it had reached a thickness of about seven or eight inches vesterday. Ice is generally harvested when about ten inches thick. epresented, especially the council of Four days of hard freezing will cover Rodney and the township council of the river with a coat of good ice, and

season. GRAND TRUNK RY. AFTER GRAIN TRADE

Work of Improving Docks at Point Edward Has Begun.

That the Grand Trunk Railway Com-The Grand Trunk has had several pany are going right after the grain das street, and east of, but not includbad accidents at Rectory street and trade is evidenced by the fact that a ing Wellington street.

vertiser this afternoon. "We are out difficulty over this, and it is thought to get the grain trade that comes by that it was at the instance of that way of the great lakes. At present the historical docks at Point Edward will not acbody that the commission's attention docks at Point Edward will not accommodate the large new vessels of the Northern Navigation Company. The Michigan Central and the Pere and it will mean that very large ship-The company intends to get this trade,

Superintendents Brownlee and Giller A considerable number of left this morning in Mr. Brownlee's through trains pass over this cross- private car "Algonquin" for Point Eding, and as there is no protection, ward, and will inspect the work that many lives have been snuffed out. The is being done. It is thought that the companies claim that the corporations improvements will be completed this

THE WEATHER.

Today-Northwest gales and change to expected, as there is considerable much colder with snow flurries tonight. Tomorrow-Strong northwest winds: stood that Mr. D'Arcy Scott, formerly much colder with snow flurries. TEMPERATURES. Lowest and highest temperatures

vesterday follow: London ... Calgary dmonton Moosejaw disorderly conduct laid Winning ort Arthur Parry Sound Ottawa Montreal

leged that Robinson created a disturb. The disturbance which was in the Upance at the door, but he did not get per Mississippi Valley yesterday has deinside. The magistrate discharged veloped into a more important storm Robinson, after hearing part of the which is centred north of Lake Huron. evidence, and said it was about time Rain has fallen in both Ontario and Quebec, while in the western provinces weather has turned quite cold.

STANDING IN THE TRIP TO EUROPE

PRICE TWO CENTS.

The Total Ballots Up To Last Monday Evening.

SEVERAL CANDIDATES MAKE GOOD GAINS

filled with water, and the damage will And a Large Increase Is Shown in Votes All Around-The Pin-

Money Contest. Contrary to expectations, The Adveriser is able today to publish the

count in the Trip-to-Europe contest

up to Monday night. Again a very decided increase is to be noticed in the aggregate number of The candidates are dently working hard in the pin-money contest, and its influence on the vote

In one instance there were thirteen thousand, and in another nearly twelve thousand added, while increases of from three to five thousand are quite numerous. In most cases very subinstances a candidate who was over two thousand votes behind the nearest competitor, has gone up several places in the list, showing what a little sys-

tematic work will do. There are a number of cases where contestants have gone up two, three, or and been dead for some hours, from even four places, and one candidate who was third on the list, now stands

first, with a comfortable majority. These changes only go to show that the contest is not yet by any means family residence to Mount Pleasant decided, that changes are taking place Cemetery on Thursday afternoon, the with every publication of the standing, services being conducted by Rev. Mr. and that so far all the contestants and that so far all the contestants have an even chance to win out. Some have quite a large lead, but nothing that it is impossible to overcome.

Then there is the pin-money to be onsidered, and there is yet time to make a strong bid for this before the competition closes at 10 o'clock Saturday night. Here is an absolutely even chance for all, and it is a mis-The list of votes up to Monday night

last is as follows: DISTRICT NUMBER ONE. All that territory within the city

Queen's avenue ..

and John streets 2,842

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO. All that territory inside the city limits, east of, but not including Wellington street, and north of and including both sides of Dundas street.

Miss Velma Hayes, 574 Adelaide Miss Ella Dickie, 860 Hellmuth Miss Annie Fitzpatrick, 763 Mait-Miss Mabel Connor, 474 Princess avenue Miss Nellie Weston, 868 Dundas street

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE. All that territory inside the city limits, south of, but not including Dun-

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR. All that territory inside the city sides of Wellington street, and south of, but not including Dundas street. Miss Edith Glanville, 153 Wharn-

mond street Miss Maude Wheatcroft, 254 Bruce street

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE. The County of Middlesex outside city limits. Miss Rosa Longfield, Mossley .. 28,515 Miss Margaret Simmie, Byron.. 26,882 Miss Rosa Fraser, Poplar Hill .. 22,381 Miss Ethel Earl, Egerton street. 19,430 Miss Grace Shepherd, Lambeth. 17,357 Miss Lily Arthur, Lambeth 9,947 Miss Sylvia Oliver, Kilworth Bridge Miss Margaret J. Kennedy, Ilder-Miss Ethel Grant, Chelsea Green 9,057 Miss Rebecca A. Wilkins, Adel-

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX. The Counties of Lambton, Kent and

Miss Rebecca Robinson, Lucan...

Miss Mabel Anderson, Wyoming 16,270 Miss Aggie St. Clair, Brigden .. 8,685 Miss Irene Marriot, Sarnia 8,040 Miss Clara Kipp, Chatham 4,732 Miss Velva E. Myers, Florence. 2,254 Miss Blanche Little, Wallaceburg 2,105 Mrs. Joseph Simpson, Ouvry ...

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