

OWNERS ARE OPPOSING IT.

Big Deputation Protests Against Lake & Bailey Switch.

Overdraft of Over \$15,000 for the Board of Works.

Would Not Listen to Colonial Engineering Company's Plan.

Bitter opposition on the part of Main street residents has developed against the proposal to grant Lake & Bailey permission to construct a switch from the Brantford & Hamilton tracks to its premises...

Mr. A. C. Beasley was the first speaker, and he condemned the principle as wrong. Every one he had spoken to about the matter was opposed to the city permitting the switch to be built.

"If you grant it to one you cannot refuse another and there is no telling where it will end. That is the whole thing in a nut shell," he said.

"You dare not grant this and give us justice," declared Mr. Newton D. Galbreath, who recounted what the Main street residents had put up with from the railways, and how their property had suffered.

Other members of the deputation who spoke were equally emphatic in their objections.

Alderman Bailey defended the application of his firm by explaining that there was not another street running parallel to bring grain to the mill with the number of cars on the street now.

It might be a good time, suggested Ald. Baird, "to take all the switches on every street in the city leading to private property. They are only down at the will of the council, anyway."

The Board of Works' overdraft for the year has now grown to over \$15,000, made up as follows:

Estimated overdraft \$15,714.28
The aldermen dropped the proposition of the Colonial Engineering Company of Montreal to establish a gas pipeline...

The American Street Lamp & Supply Company which has been requested to put up further lights up all the switches on every street in the city leading to private property.

The old car, which was formerly used for advertising a local theatre, but now carries sand for the slippery rails, was under fire again. The company wrote saying it had taken the advertising off, but that it proposed using the car for its own purpose.

The T. H. & B. Ry.'s application for authority to proceed with the construction of its new switch in East Hamilton was referred to Secretary Brennan.

The petition for the extension and the opening up of King William street from Arthur to Sanford avenue was referred to the City Engineer and solicitor to report on.

The committee agreed to recommend the Council to widen Aurora street on condition that the property owners paid fifty per cent. of the cost.

CAUGHT THE ITCH. Two Students at Queen's Have Strange Experience.

Kingston, Dec. 3.—Two of Queen's students passing along a street the other day had their attention arrested by an appeal from two children for help. The students stopped at the little ones, and found that their mittens were off and they could not pull them on. Their hands were apparently freezing. The students pulled the mittens on and went away.

A few days after the good Samaritans found they had the itch, and had communicated to some of their fellow-boarders. The further result is that the young men have to leave college till such time as they are cured of the disease.

C. P. R. Agent Shoots Himself. Glencoe, Dec. 2.—Mr. Robert Duggan, C. P. R. agent at North Glencoe, shot himself in his room today with a small rifle. He had been stationed here about four years. Recently he went away on a short holiday, but since his return he seems to have relapsed to his former ill-health and depression of spirits. He was 35 years of age and leaves a wife, a son and daughter.

The Grand Trunk shops at Port Huron will be enlarged. The staff will be increased from 1,000 to 1,600 men.

ONTARIO CROPS.

DECREASES SHOWN IN EVERY CLASS EXCEPTING POTATOES.

Out Crop Nearly Twenty-five Million Bushels Less Than Last Year—Department of Agriculture Gets Returns From Correspondents.

Ontario's out crop this year was nearly 25,000,000 bushels less than it was in 1906. The figures quoted are the result of compilation made by the Provincial Agricultural Department from returns of 2,000 correspondents and are embodied in the fall crop report for the Province. The report, with one exception, that of potatoes, shows decreases in every class of crop of an extent which makes it clear that but for the enhanced prices of the present season, the farmer would have suffered tremendously. Speaking of fall wheat, the report says that the yield is a little below 1906, but up to the average of new fall wheat. It says: "The average of new fall wheat will be somewhat increased in the Lake Erie and Georgian Bay counties, but will be about the usual extent in the other parts of the Province. Seeding was done a little later than usual, owing to the late harvest, but while operations ranged from the end of August to the third or fourth week of September, most of the crop was got in during the second week of September. It has an excellent start, but is green and healthy-looking, there is hardly as much top as was desirable to ensure its taking the risk of an open winter. About forty varieties are reported as being grown, Dawson's golden chaff still being by far the favorite."

Of the labor situation the report says that for the greater part of the Province there was a scarcity of labor, especially of the right quality. There was much outspokenness as to the unfitness of many old country men offering for farm labor.

The following is a statement of areas and yields of crops for 1907 and 1906 respectively:

Fall Wheat—15,545,491 bushels, against 18,941,771.
Spring Wheat—2,473,651 bushels, against 3,267,000.
Oats—83,524,301 bushels, against 108,341,455.
Barley—21,718,232 bushels, against 25,233,011.
Rye—1,081,706 bushels, against 1,397,583.
Buckwheat—2,546,468 bushels, against 1,792,903.
Beans—790,260 bushels, against 950,312.
Peas—7,365,036, against 7,388,987.
Potatoes—20,907,803 bushels, against 15,600,151.
Corn for husking (bushels in the ear)—22,907,930 bushels against 23,988,692.
Corn for forage (green)—2,029,547 tons, against 2,149,413.
Hay and clover—3,891,863 tons, against 4,694,625.

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DENTALS HAVE A FIGHT. Fire Hose and Plaster of Paris in Fierce Fray at Toronto College.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—Fighting with two lines of fire hose up and down four flights of stairs at the Dental College yesterday, over one hundred and fifty students engaged in a battle royal for an hour and a half. Considerable damage was done to the college property. Fifteen students were put under the taps and tanked. One suffered a serious injury by having his head cut open, and several were more or less hurt.

The affair came as the climax to a series of minor disputes between the first and second year men, which have resulted in several small rows during the last few days. It appears that the freshmen objected to the presence of the sophomores in their technical laboratory, while the sophomores retaliated by ejecting some of the freshmen from their chemistry lecture. In any event the freshmen found some of the second year men in their laboratory yesterday afternoon, and these were quickly nuzzled out.

The sophomores soon heard of the fate of their fellow students with the plaster of Paris, which is used for dental purposes, and prepared to give battle. The freshmen meanwhile held a position at the head of a winding stair. The fighting was proceeding in lively fashion along the stair when the hose was first brought into play, and though the water made the plaster of Paris soft, it seemed to be no check. Plaster of Paris, which is used for dental purposes, also entered into the fray. The "scrap" was stopped by Prof. J. B. Willmot.

A large number of spectators saw the battle and appeared to enjoy the fun. Much of the plaster on the walls and ceilings of the building has been damaged by water. The railing on the stairs was also smashed.

WILL FIX RESPONSIBILITY. Report on Quebec Bridge Disaster Will Be Definite on Point.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—The report of the commission appointed to enquire into the collapse of the Quebec bridge will fix definitely the responsibility of it up on whose shoulders it rests. Mr. H. Holgate, C. E., of Montreal, is in the city, and said: "Our report will soon be ready. I might say the evidence is now complete in all phases, but in connection with the enquiry at Phoenixville, some new points arose, and upon the aspect of the case we wish to further examine Mr. Cooper. In consequence the commission will again go to New York. I think I can safely say that in the report we will not hesitate to place the responsibility definitely."

Boy's Injuries Proved Fatal. Belleville, Dec. 3.—A fatal accident occurred at the Deseronto box factory, whereby Frederick Pratt, a young English lad, received injuries which resulted in his death. He fell against a circular saw. The teeth of the saw struck him in the right side of the abdomen, inflicting a serious wound. At first it was thought his chances of recovery were good, but a relapse set in on Sunday and he died on Monday.

Steamer Cuban Wrecked. Sydney, N. S., Dec. 3.—During the height of last night's fierce blow, and in a thick snow squall, which prevailed about 7 o'clock, the Dominion Coal Company's steamer, the Cuban, Captain McNeil, ran hard on the rocks at Black Point. It is believed from the dangerous position in which the steamer is resting on the rocks that she will become a total loss. It is said the Cuban is uninsured, and should she become a wreck will cause a loss to her owners of about \$25,000.

Canada's New Position. London, Dec. 3.—The Morning Post, commenting on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech on the address, says it is significant of the new position Canada is to occupy in the twentieth century. Never before has any Premier of the Dominion, speaking on a similar occasion, devoted attention to the question of international affairs.

The King Edward Hotel Company of London, Ont., will build a fine new hotel.

CROWNING HONOR.

CANADA CARRIES OFF GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP AT CHICAGO SHOW.

An Ontario Breeder's Success—Shorthorn Calf Best Animal in Whole Show—Sheep Honors Also Go to Dominion.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Canada has captured the crowning honor of the International Live Stock exposition, defeating the American breeders on their own ground. The grand championship in the over class went to a Canadian exhibitioner, to the surprise and disappointment of those entered in the class. A Shorthorn calf, was selected as the best of the huge herd of cattle assembled at the stockyards. He is owned by James Leask, of Greenbank, Ontario, weighs 1918 pounds, and was fed on a diet of peas and hay, instead of the corn which is the staple diet of American exhibition cattle. The Canadian contingent at the show was jubilant over the victory.

The class was limited to the champions in the various events. The honor carried with it a prize of \$100, offered by the management of the show, and an additional premium of \$500, offered by the American Shorthorn breeders' association. It is a noteworthy fact that this is the first time a Shorthorn has carried off this biggest of all the blue ribbons.

The Dominion also scored heavily in the sheep department, though this contest had been conceded by the Americans from the first. The grand championship for wethers went to Sir George Drummond, of Boscawenfield, Que., for a pure bred Southdown. It is the highest honor that can be won by a sheep breeder in the United States.

The grand champion steer, bedecked with ribbons, led the parade of animals with which the evening ring events were opened, and was greeted with the cheers of the crowd that packed the pavilion. In spite of the snow storm the public turned out in thousands, the excitement being the heaviest of any day thus far.

An exhibition of draft horses, shown to wagon and without harness was followed with much interest by the spectators.

Manoeuvres by the teams of six draft horses to wagons, in which the drivers vied in skill with the drivers of the evening. Friday and Saturday evenings these teams will compete for the championship.

STRATEGIC GIRDLE.

THE IMPERIAL VALUE OF THE ALL-RED ROUTE.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, Addressing Liberal Colonial Club at London, Declares Scheme Justified on Commercial and Political Grounds.

London, Dec. 3.—Hon. Clifford Sifton addressed the Liberal Colonial Club at Prince's restaurant on the all-red route today. He said the scheme justified itself on commercial and high political grounds. He pointed out that twenty-four-knot steamers of 20,000 tons were quite feasible for the Atlantic section, and showed that there was considerably less fog than on the New York route. The ice was not dangerous and the navigation of the St. Lawrence was not difficult and was constantly being improved.

He dwelt emphatically upon the imperial value of the route as a strategic girdle for the empire, and an easily protected food route. Here, too, he undoubtedly proved a considerable success from the trade view point. All the Governments were committed to the principle, and he anticipated an early and favorable reply respecting the feasibility of the scheme from the home Government. Even if it would be materialized now, it would be in the near future.

Hon. William Pember Reeves committed New Zealand to the proposal, which was also favored by Lord Brassey, H. J. Tennant, M. P., R. C. Munro-Ferguson, M. P., and R. W. Perks, M. P.

NO "FORCED" LITERATURE. Woodstock Public Library Board on Intellectual Preference.

Woodstock, Dec. 3.—The Public Library Board today adopted unanimously a resolution moved by Mayor Butler, seconded by Mr. John Hall, declaring the recent increase in postage on United States periodicals to be a mistake, and adding that "the attempt to force on the Canadian people a preference for literature belonging to another and far distant continent was unwise and calculated to defeat its own purpose. The Canadian people are naturally more interested in the affairs of the American continent than in the affairs of any other part of the world, and they most naturally depend on the literature of the North American continent for both their enlightenment and their entertainment. More than that, there is danger that the very attempt to force British periodicals on a free people will have the very opposite effect from that intended."

FOUND DROWNED IN HIS WELL. Shelburne, Ont., Dec. 3.—W. J. Ferguson, a prominent farmer, living about two miles from here, was accidentally drowned this morning in his well. How the accident occurred is a mystery. A neighbor called to see Mr. Ferguson, and his wife sent him to the barn. As he was not there a search was instituted, and the well found uncovered. The dead man was discovered in about 14 feet of water.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT TO FARMER RESIDING NEAR SHELBURNE. An advance in wages has been granted the employees of the Temiskaming Railway.

Hiram Perrin, brakeman, was killed at Erie, being crushed between the cars. Dr. Sheard has asked for \$25,000 additional to keep Toronto streets clean.

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THE CURRENT OF LIFE. "On the steep summit of a high mountain near Canton were two ever-gushing springs, one of a bright pure diamond fluid, but of ruby red; this ruby water no human means have power to warm; moreover, put the two waters into the self same vessel, and make together with the utmost rapidity and strength, yet no human power can make them mingle. So it is with natural and supernatural life; nothing may make them mingle; through one channel of our soul will gush all our human passions, virtues, vices, talents, and gifts; warm from their springs which however muddy and earthy at the source, yet if not utterly poisoned, purify in their downward course, till they lose themselves in the vast ocean of eternity, while in another channel, parallel with the first, will stagnate the reverse side or end of all these things. Here will lie the high hopes so impetuously rushing onward; at the other side, tangled and perishing amid the rank weeds of obstruction and disappointment, the friends whose smiles played like sunbeams, above the bright waters of our life's youthful promise here, will cloud their turbid depths of their own selfishness. And above all, love, best household god of every heart, shall here lie trampled beneath his own dust, when selfishness, he destroys himself, because selfishness, he riddles himself. Here, too, the most glowing beauty that ever cast its angel halo over the soul, and lit up earth with Heaven, shall look like some lifeless faded form in one of history's "Knave's" traced upon the wall of time, and pointing to Heaven's vault one can say: "Oh! that we would wait till we got there, where all shall be equal in knowledge that are equal in virtue; and in the belief that seeing God is to know all, and who can do that on earth?" —George Haynesworth Armstrong, Hamilton, Dec. 2, 1907.

CASTORIA. Bears the Signature of Dr. H. P. Plummer. The St. Thomas City Council has decided to submit a by-law to raise \$42,000 for a Niagara power distribution plant to the people.

UNEEMPLOYED IN GERMANY. Fear That Returning Hordes of Emigrants Will Glut Labor Market.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—There is some alarm lest the hordes of returning emigrants without money will critically glut the already overworked labor market in Germany. It has been unofficially suggested that the Government imitate the American plan of subsidizing undesirable labor organizations are greatly troubled over the prospect of an influx at a time when the question of employment is acutely difficult. Commodities, even the bare necessities, are rising to almost famine prices.

It was stated at a meeting of the Municipal Council of Scherzau, a suburb of Berlin, to-night, that there were 30,000 skilled and 35,000 unskilled workmen idle in Berlin alone. A proportionate number are idle in other industrial centres and in the farming regions. Similar conditions prevail in Austria, to which country more American emigrants have returned in a fortnight than departed.

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