

A TRACTION LINE MERGER WITH LONDON ST. RAILWAY IS TALKED OF FOR LONDON

Said That a Scheme Is On Foot to Take in All Lines Now Operating and Prospective and Form One Giant Concern.

SELLING OF THE SOUTHWESTERN LINE

It Is Said the Reserve Bid Fixed by the Master-in-Chancery Is \$600,000—If That Amount Is Not Realized the Line Will Be Operated by the Directors.

The traction situation in London seems to be attracting not a little attention of late.

The prospective sale of the Southwestern Traction Company has led outsiders to take an interest in local conditions, and there is as a result much speculation as to the future of more than one road.

As mentioned some time ago, there is a local syndicate ready to take over the Southwestern Traction Company next month.

Local Men Want Road.

The members are at the present time framing their offer, and it will be made on the day of the sale.

It now appears that several other local capitalists are looking into the situation, and it is possible that they may make an offer for the concern.

Last week a gentleman from the United States visited the city, and made inquiries regarding the Southwestern Traction Company, the Midland Counties Railway, the London and Western Railway, and the London Street Railway.

Centre in London.

These roads all run out of London in different ways, and would centre here. The gentleman was the representative of a large American financial house, it was stated, and it is understood that he was looking into the situation as a possible field for investment of American money.

The idea is to amalgamate all the lines running out of the city under one management, and run them in conjunction with the London street railway.

Many Inquiries.

Several gentlemen interested in traction matters admitted today that the number of inquiries regarding the local traction situation had been many and had been diversified. The inquiries came not only from many parts of Canada, but also from the United States. The sale of the Southwestern will attract great interest.

\$600,000 Is Reserve Price.

The up-set price has not been made public, but it is understood that it will reach the sum of \$600,000.

If that sum is not bid for the road, the bondholders will take hold of the proposition and run it themselves.

It is thought by competent railroad men that at that figure the concern is a fine prospect and should pay well.

There are also persistent rumors to the effect that the company taking over the Southwestern would also take over the London street railway.

However, little information can be obtained on that score, and it is not likely that anything of a definite nature will be learned for some time yet.

MAJOR BOYNTON GOES UNDER KNIFE

Father of the Maccabees Operated On in Detroit for Cancer of the Face.

IS A FORMER LONDONER

Passes Restful Night and Attending Physicians Say He Has Good Chance for Recovery.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Detroit, Sept. 23.—Major Nathan S. Boynton, father of the Maccabees, was operated on in Detroit for cancer of the face.

Major Boynton is one of the most widely known men in Michigan, coming from London, Ont., where the first lodge was inaugurated, he founded the reorganized Knights of the Maccabees, from which body he was elected in 1891. It was shortly after this occurrence that his great executive ability came to light. Gathering his forces together he organized the Modern Maccabees, and today they are considered as strong as the older fraternal societies. He held the grand mastership of this order until 1908, when he was forced to give it up owing to his physical inability. George E. Lovelace, of Michigan, Mich., succeeded him. The fact that he had to give up active work in the organization which he founded cut deeply, and the decline in his health has been noticeable since that time.

Several of Mr. Boynton's family are at his bedside.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL LEAVES FOR EUROPE

Will Attend the International Postal Conference at Bern.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—The West Indian commissioners are being dined at the Country Club by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and they leave tonight for Toronto.

Saturday will be spent at Niagara.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux and Mrs. Lemieux left for Europe on the steamer for Quebec, whence they sail tomorrow for England. The postmaster-general will represent Canada at the international postal convention which opens at Bern on Oct. 4. At the conclusion of the convention he will spend some time in London, and will again confer with the imperial authorities relative to the question of cheaper cable rates.

Mr. Lemieux will return to Ottawa in time for the opening of Parliament on November 11.

DESTRUCTIVE STORMS.

Constantinople, Sept. 23.—Terrible rains have caused the loss of 100 lives and the destruction of five hundred houses at Hama, a town of northern Syria.

STORM SYSTEM BADLY NEEDED TO ASSIST PRESENT SEWERS

Ald. Gerry, Chairman of Board of Works, Says One Should Be Constructed—Outlet Is Too Small, Declares the Alderman to the Advertiser.

"The sewer system of London will not be right until a storm system is constructed throughout the city," was the opinion of Ald. Gerry, who was acting mayor today.

He admitted that the system had been causing a great deal of concern lately, and that there was still cause for worry.

With an adequate outlet, the present sewer system, he declared, was large enough, but there were large quantities of storm water going through the drains and this caused much annoyance and inconvenience.

Outlet Too Small.

"The outlet is not large enough in the first place," said Ald. Gerry. "When there is a big rush of water into the drains, the outlet is choked, and then there is trouble. If that were enlarged, there would be no trouble with ordinary sewage."

No word as to the probable date of the arrival of Engineer Chipman has been received, but it is certain that he will not come this week.

It is thought that he will be engaged several days on the proposition, and then his report will be submitted to the council.

When that is done, the question of employing an independent expert will be considered by the council.

ESCAPE FROM BURNING VESSEL JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME

Captain and Crew of Steamer Montague Have Thrilling Time Near Soo—Were Asleep When Blaze Broke Out—Craft Is Towed to Port by Tug.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Sept. 22.—The steamer Montague, which diverted from its course while entering the upper end of Mud Lake late Sunday afternoon in sixteen feet of water, and sank near the Pilot ranges after puncturing her port side on a submerged crib, burned to the water's edge about 1 o'clock Tuesday night.

Awakening from his sleep, Capt. S. M. Murphy discovered the fire, and hastily gathering a few of his possessions together, summoned the crew of fourteen men, and all made their escape from the burning vessel in small boats, the blaze having assumed such alarming proportions that the idea of remaining and attempting to extinguish the flames was deemed imprudent.

Owing to the fact that the entire crew was sleeping, all that was saved was a small amount of clothing. About noon Wednesday they were picked up by the tug Russell Stevenson and brought to this city. A small boat containing all that was saved from the wreck, which was being towed in the wake of the rescue tug was capsized, and sank before the eyes of the sailors.

After the lighter Reliance completed removing the cargo of 4,700 bushels of wheat, the Montague will be raised sufficiently so that she could proceed to Detroit where repairs will be made.

Capt. Murphy nor the crew can give any information as to what caused the blaze, the engineer being below placing the machinery in condition. It is thought, however, that the blaze started in the kitchen, but this is not definitely known.

"TO REVIVE THE CHURCHES"

Object of the Evangelistic Campaign Being Conducted in St. Andrew's Church.

DISUNION AND JEALOUSY

Says Rev. Jonathan Goforth, the Famous China Missionary, to The Advertiser.

When the Rev. Jonathan Goforth, of the Canadian China Mission at Honan, China, was seen this morning by an Advertiser reporter regarding the evangelistic campaign he is at present carrying on there, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, backed by all the churches of this city, and the larger work with which he was so closely associated in China, he spoke very earnestly of the idea that was behind the movement.

Mr. Goforth is a man of average height, with a quiet, unassuming, almost nervous, movement of hands and face, and eyes alight with enthusiasm. No one who sees him, but must be convinced of the sincerity of his devotion and consecration to the cause he is serving. And this is the spirit that is being called for in this campaign; an increased consecration, an increased enthusiasm, that the work of Christ may go forward through the agencies already provided.

Purposes of Movement.

To quote Mr. Goforth's own explanation of the purposes of the movement: "It is simply to revive the churches. We are making no definite attempt to appeal to the unconverted. We are simply trying to imbue the churches with the enthusiasm and passionate consecration that will enable them to do this work without the instrumentality of any outward force."

"That was the plan I used in China. The churches were not able to do the work because there was a flaw in their own life, and so we appealed to them for a larger consecration. In thirty different places and six different provinces the work was continued there, with results that could only be attributed to some great spiritual movement, and these churches became filled with new spirit of service. But the work did not stop there, for through different channels the word of the change in life was carried to other provinces, till in no less than sixteen years there was the evidence of this renewed power in the church."

Not Stereotyped.

Mr. Goforth is not a strong believer in any stereotyped method. He makes no tests after the manner of so many evangelists. His only method is to preach straight to his hearers, without any modification to suit the particular prejudices of his hearers. The opening meetings are always given over to the telling of the story of what God has done in other lands and places, of the revival in Wales, in India, in Korea, and last in China. It is the impetus of the example of these movements that has been such a mighty power in other places that has done so much for the minds of men on the face of this greater consecration in the churches.

Great Need in China.

"I had thought," continued Mr. Goforth, "that I should have been able to show slight improvement."

A RECEPTION FOR "MOONEY" GIBSON

Hero of the Baseball Field Will Be Fittingly Honored by Londoners.

A CREDIT TO LONDON

Young Athlete Has Set a High Standard, Both in Morals and Good Playing in the States.

A civic reception will be tendered "Mooney" Gibson when he returns at the end of the baseball season, if present plans do not miscarry.

At the last council meeting, the matter was considered informally, and it was learned that a majority of the members were in favor of doing something for the London boy, who has been doing such brilliant playing in the National League.

Motion Is Ready.

A motion was prepared at the last meeting of the council, but for some reason or other it was not taken up.

It will be presented at the next meeting, Ald. Moonbeam at the present time having the matter in his hands.

That it will pass, goes without saying, and it is expected that a grant towards a suitable testimonial to "Mooney" will be made.

In addition, many private citizens are considering taking up a subscription for a presentation to him, and it is understood that something is being done to that end.

A Good Suggestion.

"The suggestion to give a reception to 'Mooney' Gibson is a good one, and I think the council will deal generously with such an undertaking," said Ald. Ferguson, chairman of the finance committee. "He has kept London's name well to the front during the year, and that helps considerably."

The majority of the aldermen are of the same opinion.

PITIFUL CASE OF A RUINED FIRESIDE

A Young Woman of Thames Street Has Little Regard for Her Three Children.

There was only one case before Magistrate Love this morning, and it looks like the breaking up of a home.

The prisoner was Mrs. Zephrenne Lezotte, a good-looking young French woman from Montreal. She was arrested last night for being drunk, and prior to being taken in had been engaged in the gentle occupation of breaking up the furniture in her home on Thames street.

Her husband told the police that he could do nothing with her, and claims that she showed him money last night to get her out of the house.

He was most firm this morning in stating that he will never live with her again after what has happened, and he has offered to sell all his household effects in order to give his wife money to go back to her parents in Montreal.

There are three little children to be looked after, and it is likely that he will undertake their care also.

"You don't need to go and sell your things yet," said the court to Mr. Lezotte. "I will send her down to jail for a week. It will do her good and give her a chance to get the whiskey out of her system. I feel very sorry for you. She seems to have gone very far astray."

ROBINETTE OBJECTS

Objects to Police Giving Out Evidence in the Turner Case.

Toronto, Sept. 23.—"Before this court adjourns, I wish to ask your worship as a police commissioner, to make an order forbidding the police giving out any evidence they have in regard to the murder of the infant for which Mrs. Turner is under arrest."

This statement was made by T. C. Robinette, K.C., who is defending the woman, before he left the police court this morning.

"This woman is charged with murder," said he. "Last night one of the evening papers issued an extra purporting to give a complete chain of evidence given to the police of people hearing the cries of an infant being choked, and saying there would be other cases."

The magistrate admitted the grievance, and promised to take it up at a meeting of the police commissioners.

THE WEATHER TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Sept. 23—S. a. m.

Today—Fresh to strong southwest to northwest winds; occasional showers to Friday—Fair and cool.

TEMPERATURES.

Today.

Stations. 2 a. m. Min. Low. High.

London. 36 34 63 73

Calgary. 36 34 62 72

Winnipeg. 38 38 62 72

Edmonton. 36 36 60 70

Farm Sound. 34 34 58 68

Toronto. 66 62 60 74

Quebec. 68 66 62 74

Montreal. 68 66 62 74

Quebec. 68 66 62 74

Father Point. 64 46 66 72

Dawson. 28 24 40 48

Victoria. 52 48 60 68

Vancouver. 52 48 60 68

Edmonton. 36 36 60 70

Battleford. 36 36 60 70

Swift Current. 36 36 60 70

St. John. 48 42 60 68

Halifax. 42 42 60 68

Since yesterday morning rain has fallen heavily locally in the lower lake region, and light showers have occurred in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys.

LEGISLATURE HAS NOT POWER TO INTERFERE IN P. M. LEASE

Charter of the London and Port Stanley Railway Is a Federal One and Does Not Come Under the Jurisdiction of the Ontario Act.

The Ontario Legislature will not have power to confirm or deny confirmation to any agreement to be entered into between the city and the Pere Marquette regarding the extension of the lease of the London and Port Stanley Railway.

As pointed out some days ago, the charter is a federal one, and the confirmation will have to be made by the Federal House, as it was in 1898.

Consequently, the Ontario Legislature will have any effect upon the extension of the lease of the railroad to the Pere Marquette or any other road, and for that reason it will not be necessary to take a vote of the people on the question as provided by the Beck bill governing franchises.

May Make Agreement.

The London and Port Stanley Railway board can make an agreement, and the council can confirm it without reference to the people if they so desire.

There appears no doubt that Hon. Adam Beck is opposed to the extension of the lease at this time, and that he will endeavor to prevent an agreement being arrived at. It is also known that he had in mind the London and Port Stanley Railway when his bill was drafted, but it now appears positive that it does not apply.

Other Bids, Too.

It was his intention also, it is said, at the city hall, to oppose the confirmation of the lease in the Legislature, providing the act did not apply, but that will be impossible as the confirmation is not a question for the Legislature to deal with.

No word has been received from the P. M., but it is expected that a communication will be received shortly. Bids from other railway companies are likely also to be received, as it is known that several companies will make offers.

VERY FEW SERIOUS CRIMES IN LONDON

One Murder Charge During the Year and Scarcely Any Other Bad Offences.

JAGS FOR INDIAN LISTERS

Are Accumulated for the Most Part Outside the City—A Falling Off in Such Cases.

So far this year Magistrate Love has taken in in fines at the police court \$1,995.

Of this amount \$246 has been received from fines inflicted for breaches of the liquor by-laws.

The fines collected from Indian listers have been few and far between, and Chief Williams, when the statistics are completed at the end of the year it will be found that the number of Indian listers who have appeared in court this year, and districts with those who came up last year.

This would indicate that the provisions of the law in regard to the liquor traffic are being lived up to rigidly.

Red Men's Jags.

Indian listers who want to drink have to go out of town for their jags now, and districts that were formerly haunts of the thirsty ones are now conspicuously free from such people.

This condition of affairs has been brought about by the splendid efforts of the police, backed by Magistrate Love and Inspector Galt.

All the authorities have been untiring in their efforts to prevent those who would drink to excess from drinking at all.

Hotelmen realize this fact, and also that the Indian lister, is, as a rule, an undesirable customer to have around a hotel, and have given their aid to the police whenever possible, and no small percentage of the arrests made might be indirectly traced to hotelmen.

Bicyclists Pay Cash.

Bicyclists who insisted upon taking the sidewalks have contributed no less than \$157 towards the total fines for this year. Automobiles rode the city without their lights properly lit or else exceeded the speed limit or else exceeded the speed limit.

paid in \$82. The total amount really received was \$132, but \$50 of this was extracted from Jack Johnston, the famous pugilist and had to be paid over to the Woodstock authorities.

Few Serious Crimes.

"There have been no really serious crimes committed in the city for a long time," said Chief Williams this afternoon. "We have the usual run of small cases right along, but we have not had a big robbery or a serious murder case for many months."

The only charge of murder is that against Joseph Ward, and comes up at the fall sessions.

Vagrancy and Trespass.

Vagrancy and trespassing on the railway appears to have been unusually common this year, and the number of convictions on both of these charges is considerably above the average. The railroads seem to have suffered particularly from tramps and notwithstanding that practically every hobo who has been caught stealing a ride has been given a stiff sentence, they still continue to appear.

MICKY IONS GUILTY

Toronto, Sept. 23.—"Mickey" Ions, the Tecumseh lacrosse player who assaulted Kalls, of Toronto, in an exhibition game on Civic Holiday, was convicted before Judge Winchester today on a charge of common assault. Evidence was given proving that Ions deliberately kicked Kalls in the face. He will be sentenced later.

Lobo Boy Dead.

The death took place at the home of his parents in Lobo this morning of Wroyst Stanley Tunks, third eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tunks. Deceased was in his 12th year. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at Komoka Cemetery.

There are two cases of diphtheria and two of scarlet fever in the contagious wards at Victoria Hospital just now. All the patients are doing well and will be discharged shortly.

HORTON ST. CURBLESS FOR TWO YEARS—PERHAPS

No Chance of It Being Laid This Year and Possibly Not Next.

The Horton street curb and gutter may lie over for a year.

It is certain that it will not be laid this year, and there is also a strong probability that it will not be laid next year.

The bylaw will take some time to prepare, and even if it is ready now, the curb would not be laid.

"We have petitions for curbs over a year old, and they are not laid yet," said City Engineer Craythorn. "We could not lay it now if the bylaw were passed, as we have quit work for the season. We may lay it next year, but that is far from being a certainty."

"Where will you lay it?" was asked. "That will depend altogether upon circumstances when it is laid," he answered. "It is too far distant to speak with authority."

The condition of Mrs. Scott, who is at present awaiting trial at the coming sessions on the charge of murder, remains unchanged. She is eating and sleeping somewhat better, but otherwise there is no change whatever in her condition. She seems to care absolutely nothing about her surroundings, and to be utterly oblivious of the fact that within a little over a week she is to be tried for her life. She seems to be absolutely dead to all feeling and is content to pay no attention to the future.

**DOG ON THE TRACK
CAUSES BAD SMASH UP**

Valuable Horse Had To Be Destroyed at Chatham Fair Races.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Chatham, Ont., Sept. 23.—Sidney R., a racing horse belonging to George McGarvin, of this city, had to be killed as the result of a big smash-up during the Chatham Fair races yesterday afternoon.

During the third heat of the 230 class, a dog ran across the track in front of the horses, causing Sidney R. to fall, while George McGarvin, jun., the driver, was thrown upwards an incredible distance, but landed on his feet. A jumble of ribs and horses ensued, resulting in Sidney R. having its leg broken. The horse was killed.

Mr. McGarvin was offered over \$2,000 for the animal last week.

Kicked by a Horse.

Mr. Howard McLean, assistant district manager for a local life insurance company, met with a painful accident at Stratford on Tuesday last, when he was kicked in the stomach by a horse belonging to Mr. Collis Macdonald of that place. Mr. McLean was very severely cut and bruised, and will be confined to his bed for some weeks. It is expected, however, that within a week he will be able to be removed to his home at Napier.