

MALICIOUS CUTTING OF WIRES COMPLETELY TIES UP SERVICE ON PORT STANLEY RAILWAY

Commission Offers Reward of \$500 For Arrest of Guilty Parties—Special Constables Now Guarding Line—
Rumored Detachment of Dominion Police May Be Sent To City Shortly.

Wire maliciously cut in three places on the London and Port Stanley Railway, between London and St. Thomas, at the last car to leave city, on Saturday night. Cutting the wires prevented a resumption of the service, and no cars ran on Sunday. A reward of \$500 has been offered by the L. and P. S. commission for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties, and a guard of special constables has been secured to guard against further destruction of property.

It is rumored that a detachment of Dominion police may be sent to the city to guard the line.

No trouble had been experienced by the commission in operating the cars after the broken wire had been repaired on Friday morning. Starting at noon on Friday, a two-hour passenger, as well as the mail and express, service was kept up until 10:30 Saturday night. The car which left the city at 10:30 ran into broken wires in Westminster Township and was stranded.

Made Three Cuts. According to J. E. Richards, manager and treasurer of the railway, the cuts were made in the wires at different points. Besides the damage, the telephone wires had been put out of commission.

The train which was due to leave London on Saturday night at 10:20 left ten minutes late, and when at the top of the hill between Westminster and Stop 7 ran into a broken wire in such a position that it was not shown by the headlight until too late to stop. The car ran into the broken wire in such a position that it was not shown by the headlight until too late to stop. The car ran into the broken wire in such a position that it was not shown by the headlight until too late to stop.

Investigation showed that the trouble wire and the messenger or feed wire had been cut at the pole. The car running through the pendant wires dragged both of them down for about three pole lengths, effectively preventing any attempt at bringing the car back to London.

There were 25 for St. Thomas and two for Glenora. Attempts were made to get the car back to London, but this was found impossible, and one of the men had to go to a farm house about a quarter of a mile away to get word into the city.

Immediately it was known there was trouble arrangements were made with St. Thomas for sending out taxis to fetch the passengers for that city. Taxis reached the stalled car about 12:15 a.m.

Owing to the amount of wire down nothing could be done toward repairs until daylight Sunday morning. But even when completed it was found that the wire was still not available. A systematic patrol of the line became necessary, with the result that it was discovered that the wire had been cut in two places by the breaking of the messenger wire.

Between Yarmouth and St. Thomas a guy wire was found to be broken, and after being connected with the live wire, laid upon the rail, so that it had become energized by the current generated by the short-circuiting.

With the events of Saturday night it was brought to the attention of the city council that the operation of the railway on Friday, following the walk-out of the men on Thursday night, what was said to be a break in the wire was discovered between stops 1 and 2. In answer to a question, Manager Richards stated definitely

that it was "no break; the wire had been cut."

Sir Adam Beck told The Advertiser Sunday night that there was no doubt the wires had been maliciously cut, and he believed the damage had been wrought by some person familiar with things electrical. He believed that if such vandalism had been done by sympathizers of the strike it would only result in hurting the cause.

To prevent further damage Sir Adam asked Chief Constable B. Watterworth to swear in two special constables to control the lines between London and St. Thomas. Mr. Watterworth experienced great difficulty in last night and were posted along the line. It was reported that the constables were fully armed and were under orders to shoot on sight anyone cutting the wires.

One of the directors, in pointing out the folly of such actions on the part of those guilty of cutting the wires, said that no thinking persons would do such a thing. Dangling wires carrying high voltage currents would prove a great danger to anyone passing them in the dark. If any person or persons were caught cutting the wires, they would be treated as criminals.

That the men had anything to do with damaging the wires, or other property of the railway was hotly and indignantly denied by President E. Williams of the men's organization.

"There is not a man of us who would do such a thing," he said, "and we regret that the trouble should have occurred, for it will put us in a bad light with the public, and we don't want that."

He asserted further that the only way he could account for the breaks was through accident, resulting from the driving of cars by men who did not understand them.

He alleged that the men running the cars were ignorant of practical operating, although they were mostly officials. Some clerks were assisting in the running of the cars, and he knew that the officials were busy training some outsiders.

The men did not mind the cars being operated by the employees of the road so much, but they would not stand to see strike-breakers used.

EMPLOYEES MEET AT ST. THOMAS. ST. THOMAS, May 16.—Other than the return of the aged watchman to the Talbot street crossing today, there was no change in the local situation of the L. and P. S. R. The tearing down of a couple of rods of overhead wires by the pantograph of a south-bound car, north of the city last night, held up traffic during the entire day. Passengers arriving in the city on return tickets from London and Port Stanley were taken home in taxis at the expense of the company.

A meeting was held behind closed doors in a local hotel tonight by the employees resident in St. Thomas. The entire situation was discussed, but nothing definite was reached. The men agreed that if the men were called for at the Liberal Club rooms tomorrow.

HEADS REVISION COURT

JARED VINING IS NEW CHAIRMAN OF COURT OF REVISION

Ex-Ald. John G. Richter Resigns and Will Help Revise Assessment.

J. G. Richter has resigned the chairmanship of the court of revision and Jared Vining has been appointed to the vacancy by Mayor Little.

Mr. Richter has resigned in order that he may co-operate with Assessment Commissioner Grant in revision of the city's assessment. Provision for this step was made some time ago, when the council authorized the mayor to make further appointments to this department.

Mr. Richter could not undertake the work while he was chairman of the revision court.

His successor is a well-known London lawyer. He has been a member of the public utilities commission for three years, being re-elected last January for another two-year term.

FEARS YOUNG PEOPLE WILL WANT DIVORCE IF IT IS MADE EASY

Bishop Fallon Against Legislation That Is Now Pending.

WOODSTOCK, May 16.—Bishop Fallon of London conducted confirmation sacrament in St. Mary's Church here tonight. In the course of his sermon he referred in no uncertain terms to the attitude of the church toward divorce.

"I abominate divorce," he said. "The sacred sacrament of marriage has today, outside of the Catholic Church, become a scrap of paper. We are threatened in Ontario with legislation to establish divorce courts within the province. One reason given is that it will place divorce within the reach, not only of the rich as heretofore, but of the poor man also. They are becoming very considerate of the poor man, although they do not care if they take other things within his reach or not. But the Catholic Church holds that a lawful Christian marriage can never be broken. This is her glory. It is almost too much to hope that the Christian people of the province will rise up against this iniquitous legislation which threatens to be enacted. Let a young couple start life, knowing that they have divorce within their reach, and they will start looking for it, and at the first quarrel they will start thinking of obtaining it."

The bishop's sermon was listened to by a large congregation.

WEDDING BELLS

McINROY—GRAHAM.

Maplehurst, the home of Mr. Donald L. Graham, Lobo, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, when his daughter, Ethel Margaret, became the bride of Henry Murray McInroy, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. McInroy of the same township. The bride, gowned in a charming creation of silk lace and embroidery, with filmy marriage veil, carried a handsome bouquet of roses, with pendant white blossoms, and was attended by her little niece, Gladys Graham, as flower girl, dressed in white, with white silk bow, and carrying a basket of roses and sweet pea blossoms. The bride was led to the waiting groom by her father, while Mrs. P. Graham, sister-in-law of the bride, played the wedding march. Bride and groom stood embowered in banks of fern and evergreen embellished with golden blooms and daffodils, while the marriage ceremony was read by Rev. N. A. Campbell, pastor of Ivan and Vaneck. After a wedding dinner, Mr. and Mrs. McInroy left for a trip. They will reside in London Township.

TELLS OF AFRICAN MISSIONARY FIELDS

Rev. J. E. Hatch Speaks At
Empress Avenue Methodist Church.

In his sermon on Sunday morning at the Empress Avenue Methodist Church, Rev. J. E. Hatch severely criticized the highly-organized church of today. "The church," he said, "have the ladies' auxiliaries and men's clubs, and yet the people have not the truth of the Holy Ghost within them."

During his sermon, Mr. Hatch spoke on his work in Africa among the natives of Beuto, to whom he has been preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ for past twenty years. Mr. Hatch stated that his mission station on the border of Portuguese East Africa had many converts to its credit. A great many of the converted people who have been christianized live hundreds of miles from the station. This is due to the converted natives, who accompany Mr. Hatch on his tours through the wilds. "In the wilds of Africa," Mr. Hatch stated, "you can see the true light of the Holy Ghost in the form of large numbers of the natives who have been converted, while here with the high state of Christianity you very seldom do. To have the true spirit within you should give one-tenth of your wealth to the church for the preaching of the Gospel, and for the carrying out of the work of the church."

Mr. Hatch illustrated the giving of wealth to the church by telling the story of a native who made him his banker. The native, Marni, by name, had

May Sales of White

Suitings, Cottons and Beautiful Lingerie in the May Sale of White

Just at the beginning of summer, when one's stock of underclothes, etc., needs replenishing and the new suit calls for a dainty blouse collar, etc., and new frocks are needed for the girls, the White Sale comes as an opportunity to save on real necessities. There is not a doubt about the advantage being all in your favor in any purchases made in the May White Sales. The lingere cottons, longcloths, bridal cloths, etc., listed below are very specially priced compared with today's quotations. Mail order customers are requested to write for samples.

Suggestions For the June Bride

NIGHTGOWNS, made of lovely quality flesh or white habutai silk, crepe de chine and wash satin, trimmed with hemstitching, georgette crepe and dainty laces. Prices ranging from\$6.75 to \$25.00

PETTICOATS, made of heavy flesh or white habutai silk, wash satin and crepe de chine flounces, trimmed with tucks, hemstitching and pretty laces. Prices ranging from\$5.00 to \$12.50

ENVELOPE CHEMISE of good quality pink and white crepe de chine, habutai silk and wash satin, trimmed with tucked georgette, pretty embroidered designs, tucks and dainty laces. Prices ranging from\$3.75 to \$15.00

STEP-INS, made of heavy flesh and white wash satin trimmed with fine laces and georgette crepe. Prices ranging from\$8.50 to \$10.50

KNICKERS, made of heavy quality flesh and white wash satin, crepe de chine and habutai silk, trimmed with hemstitching and filet lace. Prices\$6.00, \$6.50 and \$6.75

CAMISOLES, in the newest and prettiest styles, made of crepe de chine, habutai silk, wash satin and georgette crepe, trimmed with tucks, hemstitching, lace and pretty embroidered designs, made in white, flesh, sky, orchid, navy, brown and black. Prices ranging from \$4.50 to \$7.50

"RIBBON-KRAFT NOVELTIES"—Dainty Little Bows, Tiny Flowers, Camisole Straps, French Garters, Sachets and Vanity Bags, made of plain or tinted ribbon. Prices ranging from12½¢ to 25¢

Suitings and Cottons

WHITE VESTINGS AND SHIRTINGS for either ladies' or men's wear; the values here are most exceptional and cannot be replaced; 27 and 32 inches65¢ to 90¢ yard

WHITE LINENE SUITING, an Indian Head weave, very much like linen. We anticipate a big sale of this great value for boys' suits, rompers, girls' middies' ladies' skirts or dresses, and a very attractive line for graduation uniforms; 36 inches65¢ yard

FINE WHITE POPLIN of extra quality, very nice finish, 36 inches\$1.00 yard

WHITE INDIAN HEAD, our best quality, extra firm and strong, 36 inches75¢ yard

ENGLISH DRILL, in white, a much wanted cloth for boys' suits, sailor collars, men's tennis trousers, chef's coats, etc., 28 inches85¢ yard

WHITE GABARDINE of superior finish, the season's popular whitewear for separate skirts, suits, etc., 36 inches\$1.25 and \$1.50 yard

WHITE BEDFORD, so firm yet soft, and drapes so beautifully it is difficult to realize it is not wool, 42 inches\$1.65 yard

PIQUES, best English and Canadian in the line, lovely fine cords, our values here are extra good, 27 and 36 inches85¢ and \$1.00 yard

SPECIAL PIQUE in white, a good thing here for girls' dresses or skirts, boys' suits or children's rompers; you will like this line; 36 inches; great value55¢ yard

SPECIAL BATISTE, very fine and in great demand for underwear, princess slips, baby dresses, etc., 40 inches50¢ yard

Samples mailed on request.

English Longcloths

ENGLISH LONGCLOTHS of clear, fine weave, a perfect bleach; you have a very big value here in both these lines for underwear, pillow cases, etc.; yard wide, 45¢, 50¢ yard

FINE LONGCLOTH, a soft, silky cloth, is much favored for gowns and has a nice appearance combined with great durability; 36 inches60¢ yard

HORROCKSES' COTTON, in longcloth weave but of extra weight, used widely for pillow cases, aprons and nurses' uniforms; this is a very special value; 36 inches60¢ yard

HORROCKSES' SUPERFINE LONGCLOTHS. Many use these grades for sheets, pillow slips, men's pyjamas, as well as underwear; they class with the best cottons made; two finishes; 36 inches80¢ and 85¢ yard

HORROCKSES' DOUBLE WARP COTTON is an old friend of many of our customers, its durability is wonderful, for nurses' uniforms, children's middies, chef's coats or aprons; 36 inches\$1.00 yard

Samples mailed on request.

If this Kettle is to be mailed, add 14¢ for postage.

OUT TO REORGANIZE AMATEUR GARDENERS

Ex-Ald. S. Manness Wants To See Backyard Gardens Flourish.

Because he thinks that there is just as much need for "greater production" now as any time during the war, ex-Ald. S. R. Manness is endeavoring to re-organize the amateur gardening association, which did valiant work during the last two years of struggle. Last year \$100 was granted to this association to be awarded as prizes for the best garden plots.

The influenza epidemic made it impossible to carry out the judging as planned, and the money remained in the city coffers. Ex-Ald. Manness thinks that this could be used to good advantage this year to encourage the work.

He claims that there are a large number of gardening enthusiasts in the city who made a real success of the work, which they undertook in the face of this is found in the fact that many of them have already made application for the use of the lots which they had during the previous two years.

THOUGHT POLICEMAN JUMPED FROM ROOF

Fred Fuller Gets Surprise in Early Hours of Sunday.

Fred Fuller, Albert Wilson and Harold Vandace each paid \$5 and costs in police court this morning for being disorderly in a Clarence street house early this morning. Lottie Vandace was dismissed on a similar charge. The three men had an altercation regarding \$60 which Harold Vandace had. Wilson wanted the money, but could not get it. So he said the talking became that the neighbors in the block had put their heads out the windows.

Fred Fuller denied that he had anything to do with the affair. He said the three men were in the house, and a policeman jumped right in front of him. Fuller thought that the officer came from the roof.

Harry White and Alden G. McGee each paid \$25 to Police Court. Clerk John Moulie because they had violated the motor vehicles act by driving while intoxicated.

Fred C. Doherty was charged with being disorderly, but was dismissed. He was going across L. and P. S. R. property when he met a man who had held a personal grievance against him for many months. After a quarrel the other man asked a policeman to arrest Doherty. The accused then called him a "scab."

NOT HUNTING FOR CHEAP POTATOES

Secretary John Cunliffe of the G. W. V. A. Has More Pressing Business On Hand.

The quest for potatoes at \$4.50 per bag will not be under way this week, according to Secretary John Cunliffe of the local command, G. W. V. A. The secretary stated today that the potatoes could be obtained at once at the above price, but other business was too pressing with him at present.

The important work was not mentioned, but it may be an investigation of the Westminster Hospital personnel, which is being conducted by a G. W. V. A. committee.

BIRD NOTES

(Contributed by McIlwraith Ornithological Club.)

There are no new species of birds to report this morning. The golden-winged woodpecker, usually about warblers this time of year, seemed almost deserted. But these woods have much oak, and the oak buds have not yet awakened from their winter sleep. It is well, too, for the hard frost of the last two nights would surely have injured the tender young leaves.

The birdmen are anxiously awaiting the big warbler wave which is the great migration event of each year. It comes somewhere around apple-blossom time. It may happen any time from before the middle of May to well after the 24th. Some seasons it is more conspicuous than others. For a few days the woods and trees of the city are full of warblers. Gorgeous many-hued birds that seem rather to belong to the tropics flit about from twig to twig, snapping up tiny insects and giving vent to their happiness by high-pitched songs. It is a regular carnival of color and song. A few days only it lasts; then the woods are strangely silent. Only the summer residents are left. The great event has passed.

J. F. CALVERT.

COMMANDS 26TH

Lieut.-Col. H. L. Milligan Receives Appointment.

The command of the 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, will now be in the hands of Lieut.-Col. H. L. Milligan, a local officer. Lieut.-Col. McKay being retired to the reserve list.

Lieut.-Col. C. Robinson will be in command of the Essex Regiment under the new militia arrangements. Lieut.-Col. Robinson was chosen by took a Border City men at a recent meeting.

QUEBEC COMPANY INCORPORATED.

Quebec, May 17.—With a capital stock of \$5,000,000 the Quebec Petroleum and Natural Gas Company, Limited, has been incorporated under provincial letters patent on Saturday.

"HOW IS YOUR LIVER?"

No question is more important. As your liver is, so are you. Take Hood's pills—best for a sick, torpid, miserable liver, biliousness, constipation, bad taste in the mouth, etc. Sugar-coated, easily swallowed. Do not gripe. Sold by all druggists.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

although he had attended regularly for about ten years."