

## CITY'S BONDS MUST TAKE CHANGE THE SAME AS ALL THE OTHERS!

North Midland People Object to Giving London a First Mortgage on the Proposed Railway—Company Also Object to Clause Which States City Engineer Must Pass Contracts.

The North Midland Railway Company strongly object to the city demanding a first mortgage on the road between here and St. Marys as security for the guarantee of \$200,000 worth of bonds.

At a conference this morning between the company's directors and the finance committee of the city council, they made strenuous objections to that clause, and declared that the city's debentures would have to take a chance with the others.

There were other clauses that did not meet with their approval, but this one caused the most serious break. The finance committee decided to take cognizance of their objections, and a meeting will be held later to consider the matter.

The first clause objected to by Mr. P. G. Rumball, who conducted the negotiations on behalf of the company, was that where it stated that the city engineer should pass on the contracts and the road.

**A Strong Objection.**

"We object being put into the power of one man," declared Mr. Rumball. "I think the fact that the road shall pass the Ontario railway and municipal board should be sufficient guarantee. If the road was not satisfactory to this body, then the city could refuse to pay the money. If we are held up by one man's great difficulties we will be placed in our way."

"The railway board only pass on the question whether or not the road is safe to travel on," declared A. H. Richter. "Our object goes farther than that. We want our engineer to say whether or not the specifications are right, whether or not the contract prices are fair both to the company and the men; in a word, we want him to protect us in the expenditure of the money."

"We would like to have some machinery so that we could appeal to an other body, in case your engineer failed to pass the road," said Mr. Rumball.

"There is always recourse to law,"

## SENATE COMMITTEE HAS TRADE BILL

Hearing on the McCall Measure Began Today.

**PAPER MAKER OPPOSES**

Says United States is Not Dependent on Canadian Pulpwood.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, Feb. 20.—Hearings on the McCall bill, to carry out the provisions of the Canadian reciprocity agreement were begun today by the Senate committee on finance. During the forenoon the only witness was John Strang, of Nevada, a paper manufacturer and former lieutenant-governor of his state. Mr. Strang opposed the bill in vigorous language, charging that false sentiment in favor of it had been manufactured by a league of newspapers.

Stiffed of its attacks upon newspapers and other organizations which favor the agreement, Mr. Strang's statement contained the following arguments:

"That the United States has no more need for Canadian pulp wood than it has for Canadian disease germs; that spruce is not necessary to papermaking, as any wood which has a fibre wall surface, and there are many woods which are better than spruce; that the forests of the northwest make excellent paper, and that there is nothing better than the soft woods of the north."

## CONDUCTOR APPEARED IN POLICE COURT

John FitzPatrick, of This City Surrendered to Woodstock Officials.

[Canadian Press.]

Woodstock, Feb. 20.—Conductor John FitzPatrick, of London, who was captured by a coroner's jury at Thamesford for neglect of duty in unlawfully allowing the rear of train No. 35 to be impounded on Jan. 26, thus causing the death of Brudenell R. A. Lane by burning, appeared in police court today. A warrant was issued Saturday by FitzPatrick was not arrested until he was taken up in court today. The charge was that he unlawfully allowed the rear of train No. 35 to be impounded with intent to obstruct the course of justice, and that he was guilty of manslaughter by neglecting to stop the train in time to prevent the accident.

## NARROW ESCAPE FROM TERRIBLE DISASTER

Three Sticks of Dynamite Found on Floor of Montreal Theatre.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Feb. 20.—Three sticks of dynamite, enough to blow the place to pieces and probably kill hundreds of people, were found in the Theatre Francaise here Sunday afternoon. The sticks were found in a room on the second floor, and were found by a man who was cleaning the room. The sticks were found in a room which was used for the storage of dynamite. The sticks were found in a room which was used for the storage of dynamite. The sticks were found in a room which was used for the storage of dynamite.

## WOODSTOCK MAN CHARGED WITH FRAUD

Woodstock, Feb. 18.—C. A. McDonald, salesman for the National Manufacturing Company, Ottawa, was arrested here today charged with fraud. He is alleged to have sold a stove to Edwin Phillips, of Woodstock, taking a note for \$15, and then raised the note to \$25. McDonald lives at Woodstock.

## WAR CLAIMS BILL PASSES THE SENATE

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, Feb. 20.—The war claims bill passed the Senate today after having been under consideration since last Friday because of a filibuster waged against it.

## WARDEN TO SUCCEED MR. OLIVER ELLWOOD

Vestry Meeting of St. John's Church Will Be Held Tonight.

There will be a vestry meeting at the Church of St. John the Evangelist this evening at 7:45 o'clock, for the purpose of accepting Rev. W. T. Ellis as warden to succeed Mr. Oliver Ellwood, who resigned some time ago, owing to the difficulty over the resignation of Prof. Jenkins.

## SEN. CLARK'S WIFE ILL

New York, Feb. 20.—Mrs. William A. Clarke, wife of former United States Senator, who has been ill several days, is reported to be improving. It was proposed to operate on her yesterday, but she was too weak. She returned to her home in France in 1901, and until a few weeks ago lived a major part of her time in the senator's \$5,000,000 mansion in Fifth Avenue. She was married to Mr. Clarke before her marriage, was Miss Anna La Chapelle, daughter of a Canadian physician.

## SNOW LEOPARD DEAD

New York, Feb. 20.—"Friday" said to be the only snow-white leopard in captivity in the world, died in the Bronx Zoo here during the night. The "snow" leopard said it died of homelickness. It was brought here from China last November when it was six months old. The animal was valued at \$5,000.

## CITY BUSINESS IS WANTED BY CITY HALL PURCHASER!

Royal Bank Is After It as a Recompense for Price of Land Behind the Hall Which the City Cannot Sell to Anyone.

The Royal Bank is after the city banking business.

At the present time, the Montreal Bank does the city banking, while the Bank of Toronto has taken care of the funds of the water commissioners.

As a recompense for the failure of the city to carry over to the Royal the piece of property at the rear of the hall, 110 feet by 32, it has been suggested by those leasing the land that the bank be given the banking business of the city.

Several of the aldermen are being urged in reference to this proposition, and it is understood that some of them have agreed to the change.

Mayor Beattie has been conducting an investigation of this question during the past few days, and has figured out that the Montreal Bank pays to the city, and in addition the fees secured by other particulars of value when the question is put for discussion as it undoubtedly will.

## LONDON VENICE OF NEW WORLD ROWBOATS USED ON TALBOT ST.

Rowboats were used in the Talbot street subway on Saturday.

During the thaw of the past week, the drains at this point were clogged up, and a great quantity of water came rushing down the hills and lodged under the bridge.

As a result there was a miniature lake there.

So deep was the water that it was impossible for pedestrians to get across. Many horses refused to wade through the water.

The city engineer's department had some men out today, and cleaned the drain.

Residents of the north end were loud in their complaints.

## TRAGIC SEQUEL TO MYSTERY WOULDNT ACCEPT REAL GOLD BRICK

Suspect in Coffee Murder Case Commits Suicide.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Feb. 20.—The coffee poisoning mystery at Dulworth had a tragic sequel today in the suicide of John Hutchinson, a son of one of the victims, who swallowed a fatal dose in the presence of officers sent to arrest him.

The suicide was a chemist and was charged with having played possum in the coffee poisoning case. He was found at his father's home, resulting in two deaths and the serious illness of several other persons.

## FOURTEEN POISONED WAITER WAS TOO SMART

Two Died as Result of Act at Dinner Party in Dead Man's Home.

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## PAPUANS MASSACRE A PARTY OF WHITES

British Administrator and Commissioners Killed While Exploring New Guinea.

[Canadian Press.]

Brisbane, Australia, Feb. 20.—Word was received today from Papua, a division of the island of New Guinea, of the massacre of Stanbury Smith, the British administrator of Papua, two white officers and a party of natives by inhabitants of the interior.

Smith, accompanied by the officers, twelve native police and fourteen carriers, left Port Moresby, the capital of Papua, on Nov. 18, to explore the interior country. The party was last heard of Dec. 1. Subsequently searchers were sent out, and these have failed to return.

## ICE EMBARGO RAISED

Sydney, C. B. Feb. 20.—The ice embargo along the coast of Cape Breton and North Sydney, reached by the steamer Bruce, which maintains communication between Port aux Basques, N.B., and North Sydney, reached Louisbourg Friday night after a week's imprisonment in the ice off Low Point.

## PLAGUE AT GLASGOW

London, Feb. 20.—The Morning Post says there are isolated cases of plague at Glasgow and East Anglia.

## PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ASKED TO EXPLAIN TRAVERS MATTER

Leading Conservative Journal of Toronto Exonerates the Federal Government of All Blame and Censures Ontario Attorney-General's Department.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Feb. 20.—The impression is very strong today that the sudden departure of W. R. Travers for Kingston on Saturday cannot be looked up to the Provincial Government, either directly or indirectly. The Telegram editorially explicitly exonerates Sheriff Mowat from all blame in the matter, and calls on the Provincial Government for an explanation. From the very beginning the attorney-general's department and the officials who owe allegiance to the department have been censured for their lack of aggressiveness in pushing the case.

"They can't make political question out of this case," said a well-known lawyer today. "The attempt to blame the Provincial Government for failing to have justice perfectly served, and to put a herring down across the track. The finance department may not have been as astute as they might have been, but nobody seriously believes that their course has been other than perfectly honest and straightforward."

Toronto, Feb. 20.—The Star publishes a letter today from Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, minister of justice, in which he says in part:

Your telegram of Saturday, asking the reason of the omission authorities for transferring prisoner Travers from the Toronto Jail to the penitentiary, without notifying the Ontario authorities, was the first intimation which had come to me that Travers was being taken to Kingston.

I replied at once that I knew nothing about the matter, except what I saw in the newspapers, and that the Dominion authorities had nothing to do with the case, and that they reached the penitentiary under the law it is the business of the staff of any court from which a convict has been sentenced to the penitentiary to convey such convict to the penitentiary. The penitentiary authorities take no responsibility for a prisoner until he is taken to the institution, and until then Dominion authorities have, in fact, no official knowledge of the case.

## ARCADE MAY CAUSE TROUBLE

Council of 1853 Enacted That Passageway Was to Remain Open for All Time.

Legislature Has the Power to Allow the City to Dispose of the Site, But This Means Delay.

Still further difficulties are in the way of the sale of the city hall. For the past few days there has been a close scrutiny of the council proceedings of 1853.

This was the year in which the city hall was first erected, and arrangements were made for the purchase of the land, and the erection of the building.

It has been discovered that the council at that time passed a motion to the effect that the arcade should forever be left as a passageway or passageway to the market.

It further provided that it could not be disposed of for any purpose whatever.

It is feared that this will hold up the sale of the hall, for the time being at least.

The discovery of this clause was not made until Saturday, and since then the minutes have been diligently searched for any other clause that may have a bearing on the sale of the property.

However, the Legislature could give the city power to dispose of this piece of land, if the council so petitioned.

The nature of the property, the reasons for the sale, and a very great deal of other information, not at the present time in the hands of the council, would have to be brought down before the Legislature would act.

In addition it is understood that the time limit has expired, in which it had to be brought up at the present session of the Legislature, and nothing can be done this year.

Mayor Beattie fears that the clause will tie up the whole transaction at this time, and prevent the disposal of the building.

## UNIONISTS HECKLE PREMIER ASQUITH

Launch Multiplicity of Questions Regarding Reciprocity.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Feb. 20.—Again today in the House of Commons the Government was made the target for a multiplicity of questions regarding Canada's United Kingdom trade agreement. In most instances the repetition of the questions was a deliberate effort to embarrass the Government, which the Unionist members sought to do.

The Unionists were especially active in regarding that Ambassador Bryce had failed in his duty of watching over British interests, but Premier Asquith stoutly defended the diplomat. He said that the negotiations between Ottawa and Washington had been of such a complicated and complicated nature that it was impossible for the ambassador to follow their various stages closely, but the Canadian delegates had furnished him from time to time with a resume of the situation.

As to Champ Clark.

The ambassador, the Premier said, had kept his eye on the special interests of British trade and his questions could form their own opinion of how far their representative at Washington had been successful in preventing a humiliating of British preference.

Regarding the extension by Congressman Champ Clark, who told the House of Representatives that he hoped to see the status and stipules flying over the British North American possessions, Mr. Asquith remarked:

"I consider it unnecessary to give a flat denial to the alleged statement by sending official instructions to the ambassador to inquire whether the statement was made. I am quite ready to believe that it was made, but I have no official knowledge thereof."

## ASSESSORS WILL START OUT MARCH FIRST

Already Considerable Preliminary Work Has Been Done in the City.

Assessment Commissioner Grant and his men are preparing to start their work on March 1.

The assessors have been out on several occasions of late, mapping out their work, preparatory to making a regular start.

The assessor's clerk, as named by No. 1 committee, will be finally appointed at the meeting of the council at this evening, and within a week all will be at work.

"We are everything practically in readiness," declared Assessment Commissioner Grant. "We will begin the assessing on March 1. The assessors have already done considerable preliminary work, and the date mentioned will be ready to start in earnest."

## TO CUT A MELON FOR MAIL CLERKS

Promised an Increase by the Dominion Postoffice Department.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Feb. 20.—A meeting of the Toronto mail clerks was held Sunday evening, when they received the report of the delegates to Ottawa to interview the department with a view to getting salary increases. They report that the honorable minister expressed his intention of "cutting a melon for the boys" in the near future.

Family meals—to all the coffee and children. Also full of those of digestion.

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