

Important Matter In Realty Sales Is In Hands of Police

Button-Holing of Passersby on Rosser Avenue is to be Stopped—Numerous Complaints Received by Chief of Curb Agents Selling Outside Realty in Manner Which Has Caused Annoyance.

The absence of the real estate tout, or bird-dog as he is called across the line, from Rosser avenue the beginning of the week was much commented upon at the time, and enquiries elicited the fact that the police had warned them to discontinue the practice of stopping people on the street and attempting to sell real estate.

Almost daily complaints have been received at the police station, during the past few months, from citizens who have been molested by these curb workers and invited to go upstairs where a nice little money-making proposition was awaiting their consideration, and repeated warnings have been issued that the practice must stop. On Monday these curb artists received a final intimation that prosecution would follow if they did not desist, and during the whole of Tuesday not one of them could be found attempting to do

business on Rosser, but yesterday they were back again as if nothing had happened. A member of one of the firms which employs a number of these outside men declares that he has had legal advice to the effect that there is no law prohibiting real estate touting on the street and advising him to go ahead in defiance of the police.

It is generally expected that in the course of a short time a prosecution will be instituted by way of a test case under the Vagrancy Act, section 235 of which act is said to cover the situation.

It was stated by a prominent realty man Thursday that only two firms, these with no headquarters here, are employing these curb-men and that the firms with offices here have long been smarting under the obvious injustice which arises from such working. It is further stated that no Brandon realty is being handled in the manner complained of.

Will Prince of Wales Wed Princess Tatiana of Russia?



The Prince of Wales in Coronation Robes.



PRINCESSES OLGA AND TATIANA ELDEST DAUGHTERS OF THE CZAR.

The Prince of Wales, heir to the throne of Great Britain, has fallen in love with the Princess Tatiana, according to reports in court circles. Gossip has it that the young son of King George has been captivated by the beauty of the princess, the second daughter of Tsar, and regarded as one of the most beautiful girls in Europe.

It is known that King George and Queen Mary will visit St. Petersburg next Easter, and that the prince will accompany them. The engagement, according to the reports, will be announced at that time.

Diplomats are certain that such an alliance would vastly strengthen the Anglo-Russian entente, none too popular in either country at the present time.

GRAND JURY REFERS TO INADEQUACY OF BRANDON HOSPITAL

Think that Too Much Praise Cannot be Given for the Way in Which the Institution is Conducted and Commend it to Government and Municipalities as Being Worthy of Liberal Grants.

The outstanding feature of the provincial government and surrounding municipalities as deserving of liberal grants for building purposes. Our thanks are due to the acting lady superintendent, Nurse McGowan, for the assistance and information given us during the inspection. Your grand jury made a very thorough inspection of the hospital for the insane; a visit to this institution was indeed a revelation to us. It is the municipalities surrounding the city for liberal grants for building purposes.

The usual cleanliness and good order were observed at the provincial jail and in reference to the new asylum the jurymen found it a revelation to them.

The judge thanked the grand jury for their presentment and promised that a copy would be sent to each of the institutions and to members of the provincial government. He was heartily in accord with what was said about the boys who were confined in the jail and that he would see that something was done in this respect.

Following is a full copy of the report:

To the Honorable Chief Justice Mather.

May it please your Lordship: Your grand jury in making their report desire to congratulate your lordship upon the continued absence of crime in the district, only one case having come before us at this assize.

Following your lordship's instructions we visited the following public institutions: Provincial goal, general hospital, and the hospital for the insane, and beg to report as follows: At the provincial goal we found twenty-nine prisoners confined, twenty-six male and three female, all of whom appeared to be healthy and well treated, no complaints having been preferred by them. We found the building to be scrupulously clean and well kept, reflecting great credit on the governor and staff.

Among the male prisoners we found two youths of sixteen years of age, each serving a term of three months; these boys were confined in cells next to older and hardened criminals. We consider that boys of this age should be sent direct to the reformatory, as such surroundings and companions are not conducive to their reformation.

We next visited the Brandon General Hospital. At the present time there are eighty patients being treated, thirty-nine from the city and forty-one from outside points. During the past eleven months 1760 patients have been admitted as against 1680 for the same period last year.

The accommodation at the hospital is totally inadequate for the requirements, but we understand that the directors are at present considering additions and alterations which when made should provide ample accommodation for some time to come. Too much praise cannot be given for the way in which this institution is conducted and we commend it to the



LIEUT.-COL. A. L. YOUNG Who is foreman of the Grand Jury at the assizes now in progress....

a magnificent building and well constructed for the purpose for which it was intended. Every accommodation seems to have been provided for the comfort and convenience of the inmates. The whole building, from basement to the upper story, is kept spotlessly clean, the ventilation is excellent and the dormitories comfortable; in fact everything seemed so perfect to us that we are unable to offer any criticism. There are at present 725 patients, about 280 of whom are female and with the accommodation and facilities now available these have been classified, which enables the staff to more efficiently deal with the various cases and will, no doubt, be conducive to the improvement if not the cure of a large number of cases. We examined carefully the food provided and found it abundant in quantity and excellent in quality and well served; indeed, nothing seems to be left undone by Dr. McFadden and his staff for the comfort and well being of those in their charge.

We found the outbuildings of the institution to be up-to-date in every particular, the stock healthy and well cared for, the farm operations well conducted and reflecting credit upon the farm superintendent Mr. Lawson. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. L. YOUNG, Foreman.
Brandon, Manitoba, Nov. 13, 1913.

STORIES HARDSHIP, PERIL, AND BITTER SUFFERING TOLD BY SAILORS ON GREAT LAKES

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Nov. 11.—

Stories of hardship, peril, bitter suffering and experiences on the waters of Lake Superior, which for four days past have been whipped into a fury by what was probably the worst storm that ever visited this section of the country, are coming today from the white lips of hoary haired mariners who have sailed the lakes season after season, men who have battled with the ice, snow and mountainous seas of this greatest and most dreaded of freshwater bodies, for generations, were glad when their charges slid through the smooth waters of this port, for to them it meant a rest from a fight which lasted since last Friday, a fight which at times seemed to be against overwhelming odds. Today the storm has subsided. The decks of the huge freighters, ice-covered, are deserted. It is a scene of complete rest; of thankfulness and of trials which for the time being at least are ended! It is the calm after the storm.

Definite reports confirm the news that three steamers are stranded. The J. T. Hutchinson is still off Whitefish point; the Huronic, the big Northern Navigation passenger steamer with 60 passengers, is still aground off Shell Drake and the steamer Hartwell of the Tomlinson Line is on off Gross Cape. The tugs Sabin and Schenk have gone to their assistance. It is not thought that the boats which have left Detroit and Duluth are reported passing simply because they have not arrived at the Soo yet. The Maricopa, Captain William E. J. Story, was in

the storm when it was at its worst. The upper works of the Maricopa, the davits and riggings are completely covered with ice and snow, and the pilot house and main cabin are entirely hidden from view so thick is the ice that coats them. The Maricopa left Duluth Friday.

"I know the storm signals were out," said Captain Story. "But I had no report from the weather station. I called the station on the telephone and asked for a report, but the observer replied that he was too busy to give it to me."

"The wind was howling when I left Duluth, but I thought I could run to the Soo and be that much ahead of the game. The weather was cold—bitter cold—and there was snow in the air, but we made good progress. The wind kept freshening, the seas grew higher and higher. At first they broke over the stern and then they began to wash our decks. The snow increased until I could see but a few feet in front of me. Darkness came. We found ourselves in one of the fiercest storms of my experience on the lakes. The Maricopa was plowing along in good shape, but the tension was awful. The storm came the hardest when we were about 35 miles off Otter Island and we were forced to lay to near the Rock of Ages for five hours, then I decided we could weather it through. We weighed anchor, but I couldn't pick up the rock owing to the blinding snow. The seas, too, were awful and I decided to use oil, which broke their force to some extent. Then we just came along. We just came along, and that is all there is to it."

Captain Campbell of the Sarnian took his boat out of Port Arthur last Tuesday, and he says he has never experienced such a storm. "My barometer was falling when we left and the wind was fresh. When we got on Thunder Bay, we got it good and plenty," said the captain. "I made up my mind that the Sarnian could not weather the gale, and we put in behind the cape. I tried five times to get out but each time it was the same story. We could not make it. On Thursday we had reached Jackfish and remained in shelter until Friday. Sunday we anchored at Michipicoten, and then came down today."

With battered bow, both anchors and chains gone, crew's quarters completely wrecked, rats and cabins torn off, the Pittsburgh Steamship Company's steamer Cornell tied up at the west end of the south pier American canal this morning. She left the Soo Friday morning for Duluth. Since then has made a fierce fight with the storm, Captain Noble said: "It was while we were working our way out of the White Fish Bay that we first felt the severity of the wind. Seeing there was no use endangering our steamer and lives more, we came to anchor, but for the last three days it has been a terrific struggle to keep afloat. The wind would change and the huge waves threw us around with a jerk. We held our anchoring ground until Monday, when suddenly one of the anchors snapped off. We held her in too, and the only thing to do was to tow in the teeth of the gale with the other for several hours, but it went right out and put back to the Soo as the nearest port. We will have to make some repairs. My men worked faithfully all the time, and we are all glad to lie up, and get a much needed rest."

Up bound steamers from Lake Michigan add to the harrowing story of the struggle and battle with the waves. The steamer Geo. L. Craig, arrived at the Soo this morning, both anchors gone and cabin windows smashed. The steamer Crawford, upbound from South Chicago, arrived at Detour this morning with deck plates loosened in Sunday's storm. Last night's blow caused one grounding in the St. Mary's River, when the steamer Scottish Hero, was driven ashore in Mud Lake. Seven or eight lights near the West Nebis cut were put out and washed away.

The United States revenue cutter Mackinac left the Soo this morning to go to the assistance of the stranded steamers. She returned to the Soo at noon. Lieut. Wheeler said: "We found both the Hutchinson and the Hartwell hard aground near Point Iroquois. Both steamers had their bottoms badly torn off by the big boulders which lay along the shores. The Hutchinson was above the point, while the Hartwell lay below. The first thing they asked for was, 'Have you anything to eat, we are all out.'"

"The Hartwell's crew were worn and tired. Their boat lay on her side, with a heavy list to port. I am returning to the steamers as soon as I can get supplies. The upbound fleet are moving out slowly. The wind has gone down, but the seas are still rolling mountains high."

Citrus Growers Meet.

Houston, Tex., Nov. 13.—The annual meeting of the Texas Citrus Growers' Association opened here today. The feature of the convention is an exhibition of citrus fruit grown in the

JAPS HOPING FOR IMPROVEMENT IN MEXICAN AFFAIRS

Think Reports Show Lives of People in Troubled Area to be Insecure

Tokio, Nov. 13.—Officials of the Japanese foreign office declare that the despatch of the Izumo to Mexico was merely a precautionary measure in case the situation there becomes critical. The following statement was made public.

"The Japanese government is sincerely desirous that the situation in Mexico should improve, and that natives and foreigners in the country should be safe, but judging from reports the lives and property of the Japanese residents there cannot be said to be secure."

ALBERTA GOVT. IS SEEKING TO OWN TELEGRAPH LINES

Said to be Preparing For Deal With Western Union Company.— Tentative Agreement Mooted

Calgary, Nov. 13.—That it is the intention of the government of the province of Alberta to go into the telegraph business in competition with the companies now operating in this province, is the latest report in well informed circles here. It is stated that the government is preparing to make a deal with the Western Union Telegraph company of the United States whereby that corporation will operate lines in Alberta.

Until a short time ago the Western Union maintained an office at Lethbridge through which all business between Western Canada and the United States, handled by the Western Union, was routed. Some time ago the Canadian Pacific Railway took over the company whose lines the Western Union was operating over between Lethbridge and the boundary and now all this traffic has to be routed via Fernie, B.C.

U. G. Life, manager of the Western Union at Salt Lake City, visited Calgary a short time ago and it is believed he made a tentative agreement with the Alberta government providing for the extension of the wires of his company into this province.

Is Remanded On Charge of Theft

William Gorst appeared in the police court Wednesday charged with stealing a hundred dollars from Alexander Marshall, of Tresebank. The prisoner pleaded guilty. When questioned, he said he had only \$8 of the money left but his brother, who was homesteading at Plunket, Sask., would be prepared to make restitution. Prisoner, who has only one leg, stated that he had been farming at Tresebank up to a short time ago but had spent a lot of money on a trip to Winnipeg to have the cork leg he wears attended to. It appears from the evidence that accused had been doing odd jobs for Marshall in Tresebank during the last three or four days and on Monday he stole the money from a suit case. The police found in Gorst's possession a

watch, a concertina and a new cap, and he also stated that he had spent some of the money on underwear. He said he used \$20 to pay a hotel bill. Asked why he had committed the theft, Gorst said he was troubled with pains in his head proceeding from the heart and was also subject to epileptic fits. Magistrate Bates did not think this was any excuse, but remanded the case for seven days in order that the brother of prisoner might be corresponded with, with a view to restitution of the stolen money.

G.N.R. ANXIOUS TO HASTEN CLOSE OF LORNE AVENUE

But By-Law Passed by City Must be Sanctioned by Lieut-Governor in Council Before Action Taken

While its counsel has been engaged at various times for several months past in preparing a defence to the case which terminated at the assizes today, the Canadian Northern Railway officials in Winnipeg have been urging upon the city council the matter of closing Lorne avenue at the junction between Ninth and Tenth streets. Everything has been done, plans and specifications taken out and the city has passed a by-law agreeing to close the avenue but before the city has passed a by-law must be signed by the Lieut-Governor in Council. On his approval being granted it is probable that the work will be begun immediately.

Senior Partners Were Suspended For Five Years

Drastic Action of London Stock Exchange Committee in Regard to Marconi Scandal

London, Nov. 12.—The committee of the London stock exchange which has been considering the scandal in American Marconi shares, yesterday suspended for five years the senior partners of the stock brokerage firm of Heybourn and Croft. The committee found that the firm adopted improper methods of placing the shares on the market.

Heybourn visited the United States with Godfrey C. Isaacs, managing director of the Marconi wireless company and brother of Sir Rufus Isaacs now lord chief justice. This visit occurred when the deal between the American and British Marconi companies was consummated. Heybourn was later an important witness before the parliamentary committee which considered the action of several British cabinet ministers who bought American Marconi shares. The report of the committee of the stock exchange was posted this morning. It acquits the other brokers connected with the deal including Grenfell and Company, brokers of the American Marconi Company, and expresses the belief that they acted in good faith.

The summer girl who can keep half a dozen young men up in the air at one time is the real thing in jugglers.

If you think the average woman is weaker minded than the average man you are entitled to another think.



LORD ROSEBERY

It is understood that King George is so dissatisfied with the biographies of his father, King Edward, which have appeared, that he has consented to the preparation of an authorized biography from state papers and recollections of intimate friends under the general supervision of Viscount Knollys, the late King's secretary. It is said Lord Rosebery will be invited to write the biography.

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