

## Day's Doings in YORK COUNTY

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## SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICER IS LATEST PROPOSAL

Trustee Hunter Willing to Take it  
at \$3600 a Year—Another Edu-  
cational Problem.

Should the board of education view with favor yesterday's recommendation of the management committee that a medical health officer be appointed to inspect the school children at a salary of \$3600 per year, Trustee Dr. John Hunter says he will resign to make application for the position. The committee left it to the board to define the new officer's duties.

Trustee Dr. Ogden opposed the appointment of a special officer, saying that Dr. Sheard, the city medical health officer, could look after the work as he has done in the past, and it was a needless expense to tag on to the board of education. A year's trial, it might involve an item of \$10,000.

Trustee Levee, who favored the proposition, said that Dr. Sheard couldn't visit every school, and he was led to understand that two students were deputed by Dr. Sheard last year to make a medical inspection of a dozen of them if they wished, but should an epidemic or any contagious disease break out, it would be the duty of the health department that would have to deal with it, and the decision of the civil medical health officer would override that of any other official except the provincial officer.

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Montreal Opinion is Also Strong  
That Some New Arrangement  
Will be Made.

OTTAWA, Oct. 8.—(Special.)—The World's despatch from New York conveying the information that in London it was reported that the English board of managers of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company were planning to ship out of its Grand Trunk Pacific projection, caused a sensation in the capital to-day.

In the absence of Hon. Geo. P. Graham, minister of railways, there was nothing specific to be gathered from his department.

However, it was learned by The World that this is not the first that has been heard in official circles of uneasiness on the part of the English directors, owing to the fact that under the present terms the railroad will never be able to pay its way.

It is stated on good authority that a demand has been made upon the Canadian Government for better terms, and that if the Liberals are returned to power, at the coming elections, the demand will be taken up.

The report is also current in Ottawa that owing to pressure by the English part of the management, the Grand Trunk has ceased to act as bankers for the Grand Trunk Pacific, whereupon there is much difficulty in raising money in the London market.

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Furness Shipbuilding Concern  
Makes a Drastic Proposal to  
the Unionists.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—A memorable conference between capital and labor, summoned by Sir Christopher Furness, head of the shipbuilding firm of Furness, Withy & Co., and also of the Furness Line of steamers, has been held at West Hartlepool. Sir Christopher told the delegates that it was impossible to carry on the shipbuilding business of the firm, unless the incessant friction with the employees be stopped. He, therefore, invited the representatives of all the trades unions connected with the industry to meet him to hear certain proposals.

These, briefly condensed, were: First, that strikes must cease or the works would be closed.

Second, if the trades unions thought they could carry on the business themselves the firm was willing to sell out at a price to be fixed by assessors.

Third, if the unions would not buy the firm was willing to admit its workmen as partners on a profit sharing basis.

Fourth, that a council be formed to settle all disputes, or refer them to accredited arbitrators.

Sir Christopher's address embodying the foregoing proposals was a lucid and able defence of the capitalist and an attack on socialism. His hearers were attentive. They declared that they must examine the proposals in detail before expressing an opinion. The meeting then adjourned.

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## WATERWAYS TO ASSIST NOT INJURE RAILWAYS

James J. Hill Declares That No En-  
mity Should Exist Between Rival  
Routes of Transportation.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—At the deep waterways conference to-day, which is considering the deepening of waterways which will connect Chicago with the Mexican Gulf and the sea, a letter from J. J. Hill was read by Congressman Rainey of Illinois.

Mr. Hill declared that the assertion that the railroad interests are hostile to the development of the country's waterways is one of many cheap slanders by which a political campaign against railroad interests has been promoted in the past. Said he:

"I am glad to emphasize right here the fact that the relation of railroad and water transportation is one of harmony, helpfulness and co-operation."

Mr. Hill cited the failure of certain waterways as competitors of railway lines and said that up to this time the river has been unable to compete with the railroad, notwithstanding its lower charges, because of the rapidly and certainly with which the latter carries and delivers freight.

He continued: "I have for years been urging that the building up of a transportation machine, composed of the growth of the country should not only be permitted but encouraged in the only two possible ways: First, by encouraging capital to invest in railroad construction instead of scattering it away by hostile and unjust legislation; second, by a comprehensive and national system of waterway improvement. There if no other way, now, nor will there ever be, by which the business of the country can be done."

The speaker complained of what he termed restriction by legislation of the legitimate powers and profits of railroad enterprises, which he said has been checked, investment, but brought about a year ago a business reaction from which the country is still suffering, while the multitude of hostile laws, increasing expenses and cutting down income of railroads make this year's showing the worst since the years of national railroad disaster.

Mr. Hill declared that the future of the waterway is assured, not so much as a competitor, but as a helper of the railroad.

OTTAWA, Oct. 8.—(Special.)—A formal notice was to-day issued by the department of the interior in the form of a public notice, which is being sent to all agents of the government throughout the country, with regard to the assignment of South African volunteer land grants.

Under sub-section 3 of section 5 of the Volunteer Bounty Act of last session, it is provided that no assignment of right of a volunteer shall be made of a substitute shall be accepted or recognized by the department of the interior until such assignment has been executed and endorsed by the minister of the warrant for the land grant has been issued by the minister of militia and defence in favor of the volunteer.

Some question has arisen as to the proper interpretation of section 4 of the act as regards the time within which the grantee is required to perfect his entry by going into actual residence upon the land. In order to avoid any confusion in this respect, it has been decided that the volunteer or his substitute shall be given six months of date of entry, and thus prescribed by the home-stated provisions of the Dominion Lands Act, to which all volunteers shall be made subject.

Section 4 of the Volunteer Bounty Act.

MISBEHAVED ON TRAIN.  
Poss. of Police Meet Excursionists  
From Markham and Take Two.

A whole posse of police met the G. T. R. train from the east last night, which brought in those who had been to the Markham fair. This was done at the request of a letter from John Twinn.

Upon the arrival of the train at the Ryerdale station James H. Johnston, 522 Yonge-street, a clerk in his father's shoe store at that address, who had regaled the women in the train with a stream of profane and obscene language, were taken to the Wilton-avenue station, where they were held as disorderly.

RAILWAYMEN SEE DEUCE.  
Practical Demonstration of Automatic  
Signal is Given.

Before the members of the Engineers Club and several representatives of the different railways of Canada, including C. W. Price of the G.T.R., H. W. Price, chief electrical engineer of the Universal Signal Company, gave a practical demonstration of their system for preventing wrecks, at the railway in the demonstrating room of the company, Norwich Union Building, last night. About fifty members of the Engineers Club were present, and they were well satisfied that Mr. Price has got about the right thing for the prevention of head on collisions, pitch ins and other accidents of a like nature.