

WHO OWNS THE PORT STANLEY PICNIC GROUNDS? PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST BY WM. BOWMAN

Who Was Once President
and Manager of
L. & P. S. R.

A PECULIAR STATE OF AFFAIRS

Brought to Light By a Threaten-
ed Suit for Damages Against
the City of London.

Who owns the 35 acres or more of land which form the picnic grounds at Port Stanley? Since 1856, Londoners have been going to the Port every summer, and those of them who took the trouble to think of the ownership of the land, tried it as belonging to the city of London.

But at a meeting of the London and Port Stanley Railway board today, years of gross neglect on the part of the many boards which have conducted the business of the railways, was revealed, and the fact was demonstrated that the city of London is not the undisputed owner of the land, and that instead it is all in the hands of Mr. Wm. Bowman, of Dundas street.

An Old Story.
The story is an old one. The line was opened to the Port about 1856. It was owned by the city of London, and the city of St. Thomas also had a share in it. Other places also contributed to the cost, but this city was the controlling power.

Mr. Wm. Bowman, it is understood, was president, and manager of the L. & P. S. R., and as such the land purchased for a picnic grounds some years later, was deeded to him in trust.

In 1873, the line passed out of the management of the city, because on an unlucky day the only locomotive owned by the city was smashed in a collision just south of the road leading to Chelsea Green. Then the Grand Trunk Railway leased the line, and held it until 1890, when it passed into the hands of the famous Miller syndicate, of Cleveland. The syndicate paid \$20,000 of a deposit, but never operated a train, and lost its fortune. Then the M. C. R. operated the road a while, and finally the L. E. and D. R. R. secured the line, and later handing the lease over to the Pere Marquette.

City Doesn't Own It.
Time and again the city has exercised sovereignty over the lands used as picnic grounds at the Port, and no one disputed the right. But one day last summer someone was hurt, and a suit against the city was threatened. A firm of St. Thomas lawyers took up the case, but finally decided, it is said, to give it up, from the fact that the city was not responsible, as it did not appear to own the land. There is a claim that the property, but it is in Mr. Bowman's name.

Mr. Bowman is now about 84 years of age, and while he might be the most alarming complications if he should die without settling the matter, it appears that the matter came up some time ago, but did not get into the papers.

Up to City Solicitor.
City Solicitor Meredith was asked then to take the necessary legal steps to have the property placed in the hands of the city beyond dispute, but as yet the matter has not been settled. The L. & P. S. R. board gave orders to Secretary Baker to instruct City Solicitor Meredith to have the proper registrations made at once.

LATE LADY CARLING

Funeral Was Held Today to Mount Pleasant.

The funeral of Lady Carling was held this morning at 10:30 o'clock from the family residence, Mount Pleasant cemetery, and was of a strictly private nature. The services were conducted at the house by Bishop Wood, assisted by Canon Dunn. The pallbearers were Messrs. T. H. Carling, Fred Carling (Ottawa), J. A. Carling, James Carling, Charles C. Dalton (Toronto), and T. G. Meredith, K.C.

SAYS CANADA APPROVES

Will Agree to Amended Waterways Treaty, Detroit Hears.

Detroit, Mich., April 17.—A Washington dispatch says the state department has unofficial information that the Canadian Parliament will give its approval to the amendment made by the United States Senate to the treaty between the United States and Great Britain concerning waterways. The clause which the Senate has added to the treaty refers to the St. Mary's River. The British Government referred the matter to the Canadians. When a decision is reached London will be informed and the matter will come officially to the state department through the British ambassador.

MRS. BARR'S BIRTHDAY.

Windsor, April 16.—Mrs. Robert Barr, mother of Robert Barr, the novelist, who now resides in the old country, is today observing her 83rd birthday anniversary, her husband, Robert Barr, sen., is of the same age, his birthday also coming this month.

MONTREALER MISSING.

Portland, Ore., April 17.—Raymond Lorraine, who is said to be the son of Fred Lorraine, a capitalist, of Montreal, Que., is missing, and it is feared some harm may have overtaken him. He came here a few days ago with friends, into whose employ he expected to enter, and is described as having been melancholy.

PATTEN'S BIG PROFITS

Chicago, April 17.—The "Patten Pool" has cleaned up between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 on the May wheat deal, says the Tribune in a news article today. "Of this amount," says the Tribune, "Patten has pocketed fully two-thirds." Market experts estimated that the broker and his coterie have sold to the public 20,000,000 bushels of May wheat, at an average profit of 20 cents, giving them a profit of \$4,000,000, and besides this he has made a substantial profit on July wheat, to say nothing of the September and December quotations which he has scalped in the market for a profit of from 2 to 5 cents, making his total winnings not much under \$5,000,000.

CITY WILL LOSE \$100 IN RENTAL IF APPLICATION IS GRANTED

Michigan Central Again Puts Forth Its Claim to the Right to
Connect With the G. T. R.—Pere Marquette Will Lose
\$100,000 a Year by the Move.

The London and Port Stanley railway board met today and heard an application from the Michigan Central Railway to connect its line with the lines of the G. T. R. The company's object is to get over the payment of interest charges to the Pere Marquette Railway, which now amounts to \$100,000 per annum. If the connection is made the Pere Marquette will lose this amount per year, and the city also loses its percentage of ten per cent, or about \$100 per year.

Ald. Saunders proposed that the M. C. R. build the connection at its own expense, and that at the expiration of its lease of the London and Southeastern Railway, which runs from Burwell to Lawrence street, through the spur become the property of the city, the M. C. R. should not be permitted to connect with the city line. Mr. Kingmill, the company's solicitor, went on to say that the company would not commit itself on the matter. The point was then raised that the Pere Marquette and the Michigan Central are both lessees of the city, and that if any move was made to take away any part of the earnings of the Pere Marquette, the city might find itself in hot water.

Solicitor's Opinion.
A letter was read from City Solicitor Meredith, saying that the city had no power to grant any authority to the Michigan Central Railway to make the connection. The city has no jurisdiction over steam lines. It has no jurisdiction over the railway commission of Canada. Mr. Kingmill, however, pointed out that the city had no jurisdiction over the railway commission, and that the city has no jurisdiction over the railway commission, and that the city has no jurisdiction over the railway commission.

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There is a great deal of discontent among those who frequent the local market over the conditions that are being imposed to exist there. The square is not properly paved and the mud is inches deep, while great puddles of water are everywhere.

The closest accommodation is a disgrace to a city that is supposed to be one of the best markets, at least, in this part of Ontario. The city is in the habit of voting \$500 for keeping the market in repair, but this year a considerable expenditure is entailed. A new cement floor must be placed under the meat shed, and the roof of this shed must be painted. This work should have been done two or three years ago, as its neglect has permitted the mud to become leaky. The market house roof, too, suffered severely in the late storm, and it will need to be practically re-shingled, as it is leaking in a dozen different places. To meet these heavy extra expenses the city has been forced to ask for an extra grant, which will mean that a large part of the money primarily intended for other purposes will have to be diverted to meet these other expenses.

There are a very large number of people who have to suffer great inconvenience and discomfort owing to the neglect of the authorities in seeing that the market is kept in a proper condition under these circumstances. Several important changes in the Passenger Traffic Department.

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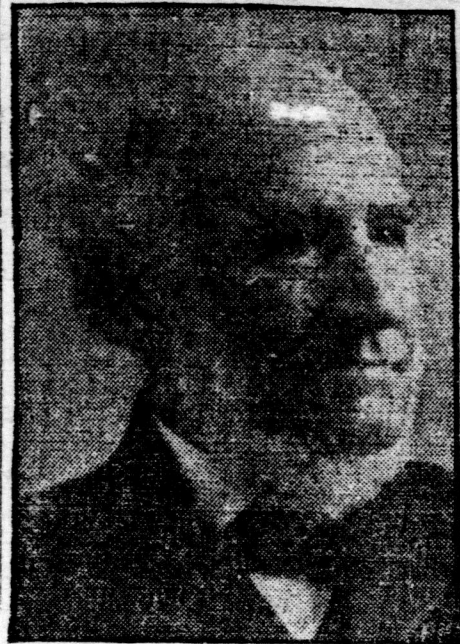
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The Moslems Overwhelm and
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VILLAGES PUT TO TORCH
Armed Mohammedans March to Attack
the Christians of Tarsus, Asia
Minor.

Alexandria, Asiatic Turkey, April 17.—The Christians on the Taurus coast have been attacked by Mussulmans. Two Christian villages have been burned, and the Lazarist mission is in grave danger.

Alarming News.
Constantinople, April 17.—The news received here this morning from Asia Minor is distinctly alarming. There is trouble among the Mussulmans at Beirut and Erzerum and massacres are feared.

British Official Wounded.
Constantinople, April 17.—No confirmation yet has been received here of the reported killing of two American missionaries in Adana. The latest intelligence sets forth that several prominent Armenians and Moslems were killed in Adana in the rioting, and that the Armenian quarter of the town was finally overwhelmed and destroyed by flames.

It appears that the Armenians made a good fight and defended their quarter of the town well against the fanatical Mohammedans, but in spite of their brave resistance they were driven back and their opponents sacked their homes.

Three hundred Mohammedans armed with rifles left Adana by train for Tarsus, about 20 miles away. Since the departure of these men communication with Tarsus had been interrupted.

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The task was found to be not very difficult, and the long line of steamers soon fell behind as a result. They were: The North Wind, Northern King, Northern Light, Northern Wave, William Castle Rhodes, Huron, known Northern, Oswego and Chemung. When the worst of the ice was passed there was a pretty race between the big fellows for open water.

The Northern King was leading the fleet by a narrow margin when the tug Mason put back late this evening, but all were making good time.

SEES TIMBER FAMINE.
Toronto, April 16.—A big rush of Canadian lumber to the United States at higher prices, which will practically clear out this country's supply in one generation, will be the result of the revised United States tariff, in the opinion of Mr. R. Jupp, the well-known Northern Ontario lumberman, who is in the city.

Mr. Jupp thinks that the next generation will have a serious lumber famine on its hands as a result. "If the truth were known," he said, "we have not a quarter of the timber we are credited with, and with an increased demand from the United States that there is will be quickly depleted."

GOES TO VICTORIA.
Toronto, April 17.—Thomas Davis, captain of the Portland street section of the Toronto fire brigade, received word today of his appointment as chief of the fire brigade of Victoria, B. C. Davis' father and grandfather were both members of the Portland street section of the fire brigade, and both died in the service.

FELL INTO PAN.
Douro, Ont., April 16.—Evelyn, the little daughter of Walter Poy, of East City, Peterboro, is dead as the result of falling into a pan containing boiling water.

CONSTANT RISE IN WHEAT PRODUCTS

Jim Hill Says Increase Does Not
Keep Pace With Popu-
lation.

SEES SHORTAGE IN U. S.
Declares That That Country Will Soon
Have to Import Large Quantities
of Grain.

New York, April 17.—A dispatch from London says: James H. Hill, in discussing the wheat situation, with a prominent representative, declared that the price of wheat would be substantially lower, and that in the near future the United States will be forced to import larger quantities of grain to supply its own needs. He pointed out that the population increases at the rate of 45 per cent, while the yield of wheat and other staple products increase only 25 per cent. From these figures he drew the deduction that, sooner or later, the demand for wheat would far exceed the supply, and that the price of its products would constantly rise. He gave as an example the large importations of barley every year from the Argentine Republic, although a few years ago the United States raised all the barley it consumed. This same condition would, he said, apply to wheat in the not far distant future.

He said that Patten and his associates had merely taken advantage of a normal situation which was apparent to them by their business foresight. He declared that Patten knew there was a corresponding increase in the demand for it, and in his blind movement he was merely taking advantage of the situation.

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MISSIONARIES CABLE
OF AN EARTHQUAKE
Seismic Shock in Formosa, But
Presbyterian Missionaries
Are All Safe.

Toronto, April 17.—Rev. Dr. MacKay, general secretary of the Presbyterian Foreign Missions, received this morning a cablegram from Tamsui, North Formosa, saying: "Earthquake, all safe."

As yet no report of any earthquake has come through the regular press channels. There are sixty missions in North Formosa, and engaged in them are a large number of Canadian missionaries. The Presbyterian established their work in the island in 1872, the late noted G. L. MacKay being the pioneer missionary.

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When the Entire Scheme of 15
Wells Is in Operation—The
Cost of Pumping.

The tenth well of the artesian scheme was tested today, and it showed a yield of between 215,000 and 230,000 gallons per day.

The success of this well is very significant, as it demonstrates that the supply of good spring water is practically inexhaustible.

Hon. Adam Beck spent the morning at the wells, and made a test of five of them, pumping along at an easy rate, they showed an actual flow of over 1,000,000 gallons per day.

A large engine has been placed in position by George White & Sons at the rear of the powerhouse of the London Street Railway Company, and this afternoon the other five wells will be put to a test.

It is expected that these will show a flow of another million gallons per day, so that the ten wells will give the people of London about two million gallons of water every 24 hours.

Three Million Gallons.
In fact, it is confidently expected that when the other five wells, which will be sunk at once, are ready, the combined flow of good, potable spring water will total over 3,000,000 gallons per day.

The Springbank supply is now only about 4,000,000 gallons per day. All the drilling is being done by Mr. Harvey, an expert, who says but little, and "saves words."

Mr. Peat, of Petrolia, has not been in the employ of Mr. Beck for some time, but he has been superintending the work. He is a man of wide experience. He put down the wells, 21 in number, at Berlin, and the city officials there ought to recommend him. He certainly is "delivering the goods."

Cost of Pumping.
It was stated today that the engineers have figured out the cost of pumping the water for the citizens when the wells are ready, and a surprise appears to be in store for those who have all along predicted that the pumping cost would be very high.

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