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JUDGE BARRON TO INVESTIGATE

Accepts President Hays' Request Regarding Strikers Not Yet Reinstated By Company.

BEGINS WORK NEW YEAR'S

Evidence Will Be Secured From the Men and the Grand Trunk Railway Company.

[Special to The Advertiser.]—Stratford, Dec. 24.—Judge Barron today sent a letter to President Charles M. Hays, accepting his request to conduct a full investigation into the cases of the G. T. R. strikers not yet reinstated at Toronto, London, Stratford, Sarnia, Brockville and other points, provided he is given a free hand in the matter. His honor expects to begin his work about New Year's, and will take evidence both from the men and the company's officials, and will report in each individual case to the president.

Local Grand Trunk strikers are keenly interested in the announcement that Judge Barron has accepted the request of President Charles M. Hays to conduct an investigation into the case of the men. The men expected that they rather expected that Judge Barron or some other legal gentleman would be asked to look into the matter. They also stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that so far they had taken no steps to present their case for consideration. There are seven men yet to be reinstated in London.

THE GRAFT INQUIRY SWITCHED TO HAMILTON

The Sawyer-Massey Company's Books Examined by Commission.

[Special to The Advertiser.]—Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Judge Snider continued the Oxford County graft inquiry this morning. The proceedings centre around an investigation into sales made by the Sawyer-Massey Company to the county, while M. I. Buchanan was chairman of the property committee. Since 1906 over \$11,000 worth of machinery had been sold by an agent named Alexander Calder, a bookkeeper of the company, testified. Following the year 1906, \$742 was granted to Calder in bonuses. The company's books did not show any bonuses to Calder in 1909 or 1910.

PEOPLE BOUGHT CANDY FOR THIS LITTLE GIRL

Annie Sullivan, of East London, Struck by a Sleigh.

Annie Sullivan, a 10-year-old girl living on Charlotte street, was struck by a sleigh driven by Ernest Hicks, 26 Dundas street, shortly after noon today in front of Smallman & Ingram's, and painfully bruised. She was taken to a nearby store, but was able to be removed to her home in a few minutes. The little girl had been into a store nearby and had purchased some candy. As she was crossing the street a sleigh in charge of Mr. Hicks, who was driving a horse and sleigh, struck her. She was knocked down and barely escaped being run over. It was found that other than being painfully bruised she was not badly injured. Her bag of candy was spilled over the road, and sympathetic passersby got her plenty to take home for Christmas.

NINE DRUNKS APPEAR IN THE POLICE COURT

Christmas Season Appears To Be Causing a Crop of Inebriates.

Nine drunks and one drunk and disorderly appeared for their names in the police court this morning. Michael White, an Indian-lister, was fined \$5 or ten days. Jeremiah Brown, who told the court last Saturday that he had been in the hospital, was brought in again, and was fined \$10 or 21 days. Patrick Ryan, of West London, while intoxicated, used unseemly language on a street car, and in consequence had to pay \$2 or do ten days. "I am a little unsteady on my legs," said Ryan to Mayor Beattie and Chief Williams, and I want you to give me protection from the police, who arrest me because I don't walk steady."

Chief Williams was of the opinion, however, that Ryan was arrested for other reasons. A real Indian. Nelson Brach, a husky-looking young redskin from Southwell, was allowed to go after he pleaded guilty to a charge of intoxication. George Able pleaded not guilty to the same charge, and claimed that an officer had arrested him on his way to the police station, where he was going to lay a charge against his son, who had assaulted him while intoxicated. On the evidence of the constable who arrested him, Able was found guilty but allowed to go without bond for two months. Before leaving the court he asked to have his son's name added to the prohibitory list. Robert McKee, who had already spent a week in jail, was discharged this morning.

Isaac Good (colored), wanted the privilege of fixing his own punishment. "Let me go," he said to the magistrate, "and if I come back within two months, send me to the Central Prison for six months." Mayor Beattie thought otherwise and called for \$2 or 10 days. Several other drunks were dismissed with a warning.

STEAMERS ARRIVED. Baltimore, Dec. 23.—Pretoria. Liverpool—Mauretania. Leave today. Ammouth—Royal George. Plymouth—Philadelphia. Naples—Princess Irene. New York—Lusitania. St. John—Empress of Ireland. Sandy Hook—St. Louis (dock today). Cape Race—Tunian (for Halifax).

A SINGLE SURVIVOR OF MARINE DISASTER

French Ship Goes to Bottom Off the Coast of Algeria.

Valencia, Spain, Dec. 24.—The steamer Yau has landed here the sole survivor of the French steamer Jean Concel. The man says his vessel was run down by an unknown craft off Oran, Algeria, and sank in a few minutes, carrying down all hands except himself. Available maritime registers have no record of the steamer Jean Concel. There is, however, a French steamer, Jean Concelle, owned by the sons of Jean Concel, according to last reports she was engaged in the Mediterranean coast trade.

CATHOLIC MISSIONARY MURDERED BY CHINESE

Father Merigot Put to Death By Natives of Yunnan.

Hong Kong, Dec. 24.—Father Merigot, who had been a French missionary in China, since 1903, was murdered Thursday by natives at Yungpeh, in the Province of Yunnan. An investigation into the cause of the murder is proceeding. The district about Yungpeh is quiet.

SIX PEOPLE KILLED IN AN OHIO WRECK

Train of Pullmans on the Penn System Hits an Express.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Pennsylvania train No. 15 ran into an express train eight miles west of Upper Sandusky at Nevada, Ohio, at 2 o'clock this morning and six people were killed and twelve seriously injured. The engineers of both trains were killed. Three of the dead are said to be passengers. The train consisted of all Pullman cars and was running from New York to Chicago.

ANOTHER RAILWAYMAN KILLED AT TORONTO

C. P. R. Yardman Falls Beneath Engine Wheels.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Geo. Armstrong, aged 22 years, was the third railway employee killed in Toronto this week while engaged in his duties. Armstrong was a C. P. R. yardman, who lived at 38 Oak avenue. At 6:29 this morning, while he was trying to climb on a freight car being shunted by an engine, he fell and his head was crushed by the engine wheels. The accident happened at the yards in King street west.

THE BARREL MYSTERY HAS BEEN SOLVED

Matthew Johnson's Body Identified by His Son at Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Matthew Johnson, jun., living identified Matthew Johnson, sen., deceased, at the morgue today and the barrel mystery was officially cleared up. Mr. Johnson arrived in Montreal this morning from Toronto, having been sent down by the Provincial Government of Ontario to identify his father. He came from Jarvis to Toronto yesterday morning with Inspector Reburn, who has been working on the case, had a long talk with Chief Rogers, and took the train last night for Montreal. As soon as Mr. Johnson has sworn to the identity of the body the coroner will issue an order to Chief McGaskill to have this turned over to the Provincial authorities of Ontario, the crime, if any, having been committed there.

MR. FIELDING BACK AND LOOKING WELL

Health of the Minister of Finance Has Greatly Improved.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, who returned to Ottawa last night after a month's complete rest in the Southern Atlantic States, arrived here this afternoon. The Minister of Finance looks and feels greatly improved in health as a result of his holiday. There is but a slight trace left of the facial paralysis which attacked him last September, and this is gradually disappearing.

Mr. Fielding had a long conference with the Minister of Customs this afternoon, and the resumption of the trade negotiations with the United States in Washington next month. The exact date of the coming conference of Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Peterson with President Taft and Secretary Knox and their tariff advisers has not yet been fixed, but it will probably begin during the second week in January.

WHITE STAR LINERS FOR ST. LAWRENCE

The Teutonic and the Majestic To Run Next Summer.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—It is announced that next summer in recognition of the growing importance of transatlantic passenger business by the St. Lawrence route, the White Star Steamship Company will withdraw the steamship Teutonic from the New York service, and put her on the route to Montreal. This will be the largest and best boat yet placed on the route by this company. She will be followed later by the steamship Majestic.

THE SCOTCH EXPRESS WRECKED AND EIGHT PERSONS KILLED

Famous English Railway Flyer Collides With Engine and Fire Which Follows Destroys the Entire Train.

Kirby Stephen, England, Dec. 24.—Eight passengers were killed, some of them instantly, and twenty-five more injured, in the wreck of the Scotch express near Hawes Junction today. The express carried 500 persons, the locomotive and baggage car, was bound for their homes in Scotland, reduced to ashes.

CITY COUNCIL'S SURPLUS \$11,000 RECEIPTS EXCEEDED ESTIMATES!

The city council will quit this year with a surplus of approximately \$11,000.

This is practically the same as last year and will give the incoming council a good start. It is due to the fact that the receipts have been much above the estimates. For instance, the water commissioners will give to the council about \$8,500 more than was estimated. This board has done exceedingly well in this regard during the past year.

WOMAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE PLUCKED FROM BEFORE CAR

The prompt action of Mr. James Gillean this morning shortly after eleven o'clock saved an unknown woman from death, or at best very serious injuries, at the corner of Maitland and Dundas streets. He pulled her from before a street car just in time to prevent her being run over.

EIGHTY YEARS IN FOREST CITY

Interesting Story of Mr. Finlay Perrin, London's Oldest Native Born Citizen.

WORKED WITH 1st MAYOR

Was an Apprentice With Late Murray Anderson—Some McClary History.

Mr. Finlay E. Perrin, of 317 King street, is today celebrating his 80th birthday, and is receiving the congratulations of a host of friends all through the city. For 73 years and six months Mr. Perrin has made his home in London, and may truly be said to be one of London's pioneer residents. It is a far cry back to 1831 the year in which Mr. Perrin came to London, a baby six months old, and there are only a few citizens living here now who can go back with him to those early days and trace the growth of the city from that time to the thriving city it is today.

THINKS HYDRO LINE IS DANGEROUS

Toronto Resident Complains That It Is Weakly Constructed.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Alleging that the hydro-electric power line passing his property in South Parkdale is weakly constructed, and a source of danger to himself and family, Mr. G. P. Morgann has entered a complaint with the department of public works at Ottawa. The result will be a delay in the approval of the power line plans, and will prevent the turning on of the new current on New Year's night. On Dec. 30, Mr. H. H. Dewar, K.C., counsel for Mr. Morgann, will appear in court. Mr. Win. Pugsley, minister of public works, and ask that the plan be not approved, and that a special commission be appointed to investigate the stability of the wire towers. The fact that the power line runs along the shore of the lake, a navigable territory, is said to place the matter within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Very Cold. Forecast.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—8 a.m. to strong west wind, but some light snowfalls or flurries, and becoming much colder. Sunday—Fine and decidedly cold.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations	Max.	Min.	Weather
Calgary	42	18	Cloudy
Winnipeg	32	8	Clear
Port Arthur	22	6	Clear
Park Sound	22	6	Cloudy
Toronto	28	28	Cloudy
Ottawa	24	20	Cloudy
Montreal	20	20	Rain
Quebec	26	24	Rain
Pointe St. Charles	24	20	Rain
Minus	—	—	—

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance mentioned yesterday is now centred over Northern Quebec, and has been accompanied by mild weather, with snow and rain throughout Ontario. Low temperatures prevail in Northern Ontario and Manitoba, while further west mild conditions obtain.

CAUTIONARY signals are displayed at Atlantic ports.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

A disturbance centred at Lake Huron last evening was accompanied by mild weather, with rain and snow in Ontario, and promises to give stormy conditions in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Temperatures were considerably below zero in Manitoba yesterday, but further west they are more general, and in Southern Alberta it was mild. Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 32-25; Dawson, 18 below-8 below; Atlin, 8-4; Edmonton, 8-25; Battleford, 2 below-12; Prince Albert, zero-16; Calgary, 18-42; Moose Jaw, 7 below-7; Qu'Appelle, 10 below-8; Winnipeg, 14 below-6 below; Park Sound, 22-32; Toronto, 28-24; Ottawa, 24-20; Montreal, 20-20; Quebec, 26-24; St. John, 10-28; Halifax, 10-24.

HUNT FOR VOTES IN FULL SWING

Municipal Candidates Deep in the Election Campaign.

THE RACE AN OPEN ONE

Few Rush Enough to Make Predictions But New Faces May Adorn Council.

The election campaign is now in full swing. The busy candidate is making the most of his opportunities, and today the air is filled with exclamations of goodwill for the voter and his family. There is going to be much canvassing done, if today's proceedings are any criterion, and it looks like a still hunt for ballots by all parties concerned.

The election will be an open one, so far as the council is concerned. With twice as many candidates as there are positions to fill, almost anything is liable to happen.

Few are willing to prophesy as to the results. A number of the new men running are undoubtedly strong, and it is likely that next year's council will see some new faces. The water commissioners will have an interesting contest. Messrs. Wright and Marr have been brought out against their will by the members of the present board, and are certain to poll many votes. Dr. H. A. Stevenson is running independently, and as he has had much municipal experience he will poll a considerable vote, it is claimed.

In any event, with the multiplicity of candidates in the field, the average elector will not be allowed to forget that there is an election on. There will be much excitement, but there are many under the impression that they will have their bearing on the final results.

EXPRESS RATES ORDERED REDUCED

The Railway Commission Orders a New Set of Tariffs.

THE FORM WIPED OUT

Present One Which Shippers Are Compelled to Sign Is Declared Unreasonable.

[Special to The Advertiser.]—Ottawa, Dec. 24.—A judgment has been given by the railway commission on express rates, which declares that the rates are too high, and orders the companies to file lower tariffs within three months. It also states that the express companies are owned by the railway companies, and there is no occasion for the existence of separate companies to handle the express business of Canada, but that it could be done by the railway companies, as has been being done now.

Railways Overpay. The judgment declares that the express companies overpay the railways for accommodation in stations, and intimates that this is a convenient way of disposing of profits which otherwise might be so conspicuously large as to be inconvenient.

It declares that the form of contract which express shippers are compelled to sign are unreasonable, and are designed to enable the companies to escape responsibilities for shipments lost or damaged, in spite of the fact that the railway companies are supposed to provide for this hazard. The form of contract is abolished. For through express business a rate reduced at least ten per cent is ordered. Local rates are to be reduced accordingly.

What They Earn. It is noted that the Canadian Express Company, which is owned by the Grand Trunk Railroad, was bought in 1882 for \$600,000, though it had only \$80,000 assets, and the \$500,000 is found to be for franchise. The assets are now placed at \$212,719, while the capital stock in the hands of trustees for the Grand Trunk amounts to \$5,000,000, and on this a dividend is paid.

The Dominion Express, owned by the C. P. R., is capitalized and pays dividends on \$2,000, though the railway board could find only \$24,500 cash, which had never been put into capital. In seven years the Dominion Express Company earned \$21,473,656, and paid the Grand Trunk \$3,467,307. Dealing with the proposal of the fruit growers that an order should be issued in respect to the rough handling of fruit, the judgment says that nothing would be accomplished by this. An order of the board would not prevent an employee from damaging or pilfering.

WALTER MARCHUM ALLOWED TO GO

Gave Personal Bail in Sum of \$100 to Be Good.

Walter Marchum, the man who has figured in a court of exciting incidents in county magistrates' courts during the past couple of months, and who has been confined in the county jail for the past three weeks for want of sureties to keep the peace, was disposed of at noon today by Judge Macdonald. He was allowed to go. He supplied personal sureties for \$100 to be "a perfect gentleman" for one year to come. Marchum was committed by Squire Chittick, who found him guilty of threatening Leonard Hughes, of Iderton, who employed him. He told the judge today that he is a Socialist, but not an anarchist, and that his doctrine is "do unto others as you would be done by."

MR. FINLEY PERRIN

Who Has Lived Eighty Years in London.

GREAT SCARCITY OF TURKEYS

Very Few On the Market Today and Prices High.

MR. FARMER WAS WARY

Did Not Intend To Be Caught as Was the Case Last Year.

"The farmers cannot be fooled two years in succession," was the reply of one of them on the market this morning when asked why turkeys were so scarce. He explained that last year the farmers had held back the birds until the last day in order to get the high price, but the supply was so great that the price dropped, and consequently they lost money. This year it was different. In the fall the country was full of buyers who offered the farmers 20 and 21 cents per pound for all the turkeys they could supply. Many farmers accepted the offers, with the result that they had none to bring in to the city for Christmas. Another thing that has caused a scarcity is the fact that the high prices of the young turkeys died in the spring.

Turkeys were very scarce today; in fact, they have been pretty scarce for the last week or so, and consequently high prices were asked. The prices this morning were 22 to 24 cents per pound, and there was little demand. There were no lower prices, many of the farmers declaring they would take the birds home and eat them themselves rather than sell at a sacrifice. There were many people on the market looking for turkeys with the expectation that the high prices of the week would be reduced, but when they learned the figure they preferred roast beef or something less expensive. The demand for geese and chickens is exceedingly good, and these birds will no doubt occupy the position on the tables of many families that turkey has hitherto held.

SHOOTS POLICEMAN IS SHOT HIMSELF

Burglar at Bay in Detroit House Fires at Patrolman.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—Lack of money to buy Christmas gifts, caused by the loss of his position and by gambling, led Louis A. Krauss, alias George White, aged 20, formerly of Bellefleur, to turn burglar early yesterday morning. In the battle with the police, when he was captured, he and Patrolman William B. McAlonan were seriously, perhaps fatally, wounded. The officer, who was shot through the breast, is at Grace Hospital, where it is said he has a chance of recovery. Krauss was shot through the left lung and there is little hope of saving his life.

TWO MEETINGS WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEK

One in the City Hall and One in the East End Hall.

There will be two public meetings this coming week to discuss city matters. This morning Mayor Beattie received requisitions to hold a meeting in the city hall on Thursday, Dec. 29, for these meetings, and it is expected that large crowds will attend both.

ROBERT HUGHES GAVE HIMSELF UP

Surrendered to the Police On An Old Charge.

Robert Hughes, charged with seducing a young girl of 15 years, was bailed out by the police court this morning to appear again on Dec. 30. A warrant has been standing for his arrest for some time, but he has been able to keep himself out of the way. He was apprehended until he came back and gave himself up voluntarily. Magistrate Gault issued a warrant for his arrest, the amount of \$1,000, in two securities, given by himself and his mother for \$500 each.

NEW ELECTRIC LINE.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—Toronto may have a second electric railway running towards Lake Simcoe. A company was incorporated last session to build a line from Toronto to Orillia. Now it is announced a company, which Messrs. Ritchie, Ludwig and Ballantyne are solicitors, propose to apply to the Legislature next session for an act to incorporate a company to build a lone, either electric or steam, from this city through the northern townships to the town of Barrie.

BIG FIELD WILL GO TO PEOPLE!

New Blood Is Out For Municipal Positions of Importance.

FIGHT ALL ALONG LINE

Col. Gartshore, Manager of McClary Manufacturing Company, Is Out For Hospital Trustee.

FOR WATER COMMISSIONERS.

John Marr, of Elliott, Marr & Co., wholesale grocers. William Wright, of Jas. Wright & Co., wholesale hardware. Dr. H. A. Stevenson, physician.

FOR HOSPITAL TRUST.

Col. W. M. Gartshore, manager McClary Manufacturing Company. Richard Booth, painter. Geo. T. Hiscox, gentleman.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

W. W. Gammage, florist. C. M. R. Graham, merchant. John M. Gunn, barrister. Dr. A. J. Wyckoff, dentist. W. T. Strong, druggist. H. B. Archer, printer.

FOR ALDERMEN.

Hubert Ashplant, merchant. Burley W. Bennett, railway conductor. Richard C. Eckert, manufacturer. Fred J. Fitzgerald, painter. James Fitzgerald, gentleman. Robert Fraser, gentleman. William Hayman, contractor. James Jeffries, clerk. William J. Lashbrook, blacksmith. James Luney, contractor. Fred G. Mitchell, merchant. Charles G. Moorhead, checker. Andrew J. Morgan, merchant. Henry Pocock, manufacturer. John G. Richter, insurance manager. George E. Rose, liveryman. John H. Saunders, carriage-maker. William Scarrow, real estate. James A. Tancock, veterinary surgeon. W. J. Underwood, insurance agent. W. H. Ward, contractor. William A. Wilson, traveller. Dr. W. J. Stevenson, physician.

There will be contests for the board of education, the hospital trust, the council, and the water commission of 1911.

Six candidates are running for the board of education of whom five have to be elected. The old members whose terms have just expired are again in the field. They are Messrs. Gammage, Gunn, Graham, Strong and Wyckoff. Mr. H. B. Archer, the Labor man, makes the only new candidate. There are three aspirants for the water commission. Yesterday afternoon it was announced that Mr. John Marr and Mr. William Wright would not run. Mr. Marr had officially withdrawn, and Mr. Wright stated positively that he would not be a candidate. However, later in the afternoon, much influence was brought to bear upon the gentlemen by those interested in the success of this commission, and they consented.

New Men in Field. "I had no intention of running—I did not want to run," said Mr. Marr. "I had withdrawn my name, but they kept after me until at last I consented. I am in the field now."

Mr. Wright was practically of the same mind. Ald. Fitzgerald and John M. Parsons had qualified for this position, but as soon as the above-named gentlemen were nominated, they withdrew. Two of the three nominees will be elected.

There will be a contest for the hospital trust vacancy. Last night, Col. W. M. Gartshore qualified, and will remain in the field. Mr. Richard Booth qualified earlier in the day. Later Mr. Geo. T. Hiscox decided to run, making a three-cornered fight. There is an unusually large field—four more than last year.

The whole council of 1910 are in the field again. Some of them had aspirations for other boards, but they decided to take one more chance at this council.

The Aldermanic Field. Among the candidates are several ex-aldermen. They are Mr. F. J. Fitzgerald, of the Hamilton road; Neil Cooper, Charles G. Moorhead, and James Luney. This quartette have all had considerable municipal experience. W. A. Wilson has been a candidate on other occasions, and was a member of the council of Petrolia at one time. Some of the slates have made their appearance. The Citizens' League have at least saved William Scarrow, William Hayman, F. J. Fitzgerald, Robert Fraser, and also Ald. Richter, Ald. Tancock and Ald. Ashplant. They will also support Geo. T. Hiscox for hospital trustee.

The Labor Slate. The Labor slate for the council consists of Ald. G. E. Rose, Burley Bennett and James Donnelly, while they are endorsed H. B. Archer as school trustee.

All the others are free lances, and are running without the indorsement of any organization.

CAN'T FIND GRACE.

London, Dec. 24.—The search for Cecil Grace, the amateur aviator, who lost his way in a fog while attempting to return over the English Channel to Dover Thursday, was continued today without success.