

BY TROLLEY TO PORT STANLEY

London and Port Stanley Gravel Road Company Applies for a Charter.

Expected That the Road Will Be Completed From the Lake to St. Thomas by May 24.

[From the St. Thomas Times.]

An electric railroad with a ten cent fare to Port Stanley by the 24th of May next is the latest project on foot, to place St. Thomas at the front of Canadian cities in this far end of the 19th century.

For some months the London and Port Stanley gravel road company have had under consideration the construction of an electric railroad from Port Stanley to St. Thomas and on to London over their road. Much thought has been given to the matter, and the result is that the London and Port Stanley Gravel Road Company (Limited) has applied to the Ontario Government for a charter and incorporation, and on Friday last the company applied to the council of the village of Port Stanley for a resolution endorsing the scheme, which was passed at a special meeting of the council held on that date.

In event of securing the charter it is proposed to commence on the construction of the road at once from Port Stanley, and it is expected that a 20-minute service between St. Thomas and Port Stanley will be in operation by the 24th of May.

The track will be laid on the east side of the gravel road, which the company own within the county of Elgin, leaving only the short distance between the county line and the city of London, over which they must secure a franchise.

The road is remarkably well adapted for an electric railroad. There are no grades that trolleys could not easily take, and the bridges over the pond at Union and Kettle Creek at St. Thomas offer but little difficulty. The road, it is thought, could be constructed at an outlay of a quarter of a million dollars.

The road would be a great boon to Port Stanley, and since the facts of the project have leaked out several real estate deals have been called off, as everyone holding property in Port Stanley and along the proposed route of the road anticipate a boom in real estate. With a radial electric road such as is proposed, nothing but the most business men of the city indulging in suburban residences, where a horse, a cow and a pig or two could be kept without incurring the cost of a sanitary inspector. It would also bring considerable business to the city, and would be a great convenience in shipping light freight. This road should be a success, in which event it would not doubt be followed by radial roads to Aylmer and possibly to the western villages.

TORONTO'S BIG SHOW

Results of the Races and the Firemen's Contests.

Toronto, Aug. 31.—The special features of the day at the exhibition were the firemen's competitions, in which representatives from various parts of the province took part, and a somewhat sensational balloon ascension by Miss Ida Le Roy, of Dayton, Ohio, who went up inside a specially prepared cannon, from which she ejected herself in mid-air by firing the cannon. The parachute she carried worked well, and except for a heavy coating of powder, the lady was none the worse for the adventure, which was regarded with apprehension by many of the spectators. The result of the horse races was as follows:

2:27 trot, purse \$250, divided—Alecynon, Boy, Burns and Shepard, Toronto, 2 1 1 1 Vito, McCarthy, Thamesford, 1 4 2 2 Post Master, J. W. Hill, Port Rowan, 3 2 4 3 Tommy Crow, J. Moxon, Toronto, 4 3 4 4 Lepants, J. V. Holmes, Selkirk, 5 2 2 2 Time—2:29, 2:30, 2:28, 2:27.

In this race the judges took the driver from McCarthy's Vito and put Tom Noble, their own driver, in his place, the previously prepared cannon acted to their satisfaction. When the final was called it was found that Vito's weights had been removed, and it was thought intentionally. These were ordered to be replaced and this being done, the race proceeded. Vito's first driver was fined \$25.

The following were the winners in the firemen's contests:

Competition for uniform and band, St. Catharines.

Drill, with apparatus, Stratford.

Real race, Stratford.

The fire departments taking part in the contests were Caledonia, Niagara Falls, Stratford, Renfrew, Merriton, St. Catharines.

During the afternoon the competition between light-weight green hunters took place. The horses carried not less than 154 pounds. The prize for the best performance over four successive jumps, about four feet in, three feet six inches out, and twenty feet apart. The prizes were won by the following horses: Warwick, Geo. Pepper, Toronto; 1, Pearl, Geo. Pepper, Toronto; 2, Netty, Harris Reynolds, Oakville, 3.

A Plain Talk To Women

Almost all the sufferings that women endure can be traced to irregularities of the delicate and sensitive feminine organism. A healthy woman is never irregular. It is the pale, weak, nervous woman who suffers with headaches, backaches, bearing-down feelings and gloomy forebodings when the monthly action comes on.

Set the nerves right and the pains and aches will disappear. There will be no more irregularities when the whole body is under control of healthy nerves.

The most successful restorative that science has ever devised for exhausted nerves is

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and it has proven so wonderfully beneficial to women that it is now considered specific for ailments peculiar to women.

Besides restoring and revitalizing the nerves, Dr. Chase's Nerve Food makes new red corpuscles in the blood, sends out the form, and gives new vitality and elasticity to every movement. 50 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmundson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

Miss Annie Ashwell, B.A., of Stratford, has secured the position of modern language teacher at the Kincardine High School.

Reeve Neely, of Dorchester Station, states that a strange honing racket came into the back of F. Neely, of that place, on Monday last with an aluminum band on its leg with the letters H. B. and H. C. also numbers 66 and 186. The band died in four or five hours afterwards from exhaustion.

GLADSTONE

Gladstone, Aug. 31.—A missionary meeting, under the auspices of the Baptist Church, was held on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. C. Newcomb, of New Sarnia, presided. Miss Baskerville, returned missionary from India, where she has labored assiduously for the last 18 years, gave stirring addresses during the afternoon and evening sessions. Miss McEldan, school teacher of Derwent, read a capital paper. Mrs. C. Newcomb, of New Sarnia, gave an inspiring address. The Salford quartet gave a number of beautiful songs, and the church choir sang a number of choice pieces, with Miss Edith Brown at the organ. A silver collection was taken up at the close.

Messrs. James Brodie, James McMurray and Miss Mary Brodie left on Tuesday for Manitoba.

Mrs. A. McCallum left for Watertown on Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. William McKennie.

Miss Lottie Brodie arrived at her paternal home after an absence of several months in the lower provinces.

The output of the cheese factory for July shows: Pounds of milk to make a pound of cheese, 11.76; average price, 3.76.

Miss Flora Watcher, of Alvinston, has returned to her paternal home.

Mrs. Alexander Monk leaves for Detroit on Sept. 1.

Mrs. D. McVicar realized 254 bushels of oats from 34 acres. They are the best yet raised here.

A water famine prevails here.

Miss Mary Ritchie, of Aberdeen, Scotland, is residing at the home of Mrs. William McNiven.

WOODHAM

Woodham Aug. 31.—Tabernacle meetings are being held in connection with the Woodham circuit of the Methodist Church in Mr. B. Beaver's grove just west of the village. Evangelist A. H. Viner and Mr. J. Bunting, the sweet gospel singer, of Toronto, are assisting the pastor of the circuit, Rev. Stephen Knott. Large congregations are attending, and the interest in the services is increasing. There seems to be a prospect of much good being done.

The evangelists are earnest, devoted workers for Jesus, and the seed sown in sermon and song must bring good to those who hear it. The tabernacle will seat 500 people, and it was pleasant to listen to the gospel preached in it on Sunday, when it was so hot in the churches. Meetings commenced last Sunday morning at 10:30, when A. H. Viner preached a good sermon on the privilege of the believer. Rev. T. E. Sawyer preached at 2:30 and the evangelist at 7 o'clock to large crowds. Services next Sunday at the same time, and each day in the week at 2:30 and 7:30.

NILESTOWN

Nilestown, Aug. 31.—Miss Florence James, of Alma College, St. Thomas, has divided her holidays between her native town and Wingham, Ont.

Mr. William O'Brien, of Chicago, a noted railroad conductor for a number of years, is visiting the home of his boyhood, at the home of Joseph, his brother, and Miss Mary Mad Healey, and an instrumental duet by Mrs. Wiley and Mr. Haldane.

The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology.

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STATHROY

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The funeral of Mr. Mansfield Smith, which took place Wednesday afternoon, was largely attended, the last sad rites being conducted by Rev. W. C. Jordan, (late pastor of St. Andrew's), and Rev. B. B. Williams. The pall-bearers were Dr. J. P. Mitchell and J. M. McIntosh, Mr. J. A. M. Ayley, Mr. J. Dignan, A. Healey, and G. M. Murray. Many handsome floral offerings were sent by friends of deceased. Among those who attended the funeral from a distance were: J. A. M. Ayley, Inspector (Transit Bank); A. M. Smith, Alex. McIntosh, J. M. McIntosh, Dr. J. P. Mitchell, Chas. Mitchell and E. A. Begg, of Toronto; W. K. Pearce, Strathroy; Grant Gordon, Alvinston; John Pool, Glencoe, and Thomas Pool, Thedford.

The quarterly meeting of the Strathroy Union of Young Peoples Societies was held on Tuesday evening in the basement of the Frank Street Church. The chair was occupied by the president, Mr. J. Argue, who opened the meeting in the usual manner. Solos were given by Mr. Chalmers and Miss Emily Miller, after which Mr. Stobo, of Poplar Hill, addressed the meeting.

taking as his topic "Partnership with Jesus Christ." After a short intermission, Mr. Bedford gave a short address, dealing particularly on personal soul-saving. Solos were then given by Mrs. Sadler, and Miss Mad Healey, and an instrumental duet by Mrs. Wiley and Mr. Haldane. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology.

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Fall Exhibitions.

WESTERN FAIR, LONDON, Sept. 7-16.

Industrial Fair, Toronto, Aug. 28-Sept. 6.

East Elgin, St. Thomas, Sept. 4-11.

Central Canada Exhibition, Ottawa, Sept. 11-23.

South Lanark Fair, Perth, Sept. 11-13.

Kingston District Fair, Kingston, Sept. 11-14.

Quebec Exhibition, Quebec, Sept. 11-16.

Owen Sound, Sept. 12-14.

Stephen and Osborne, Exeter, Sept. 15-19.

West Middlesex Exhibition, Strathroy, Sept. 18-20.

Southern Brantford, Sept. 18-21.

Peterboro Central, Sept. 18-19.

Huron Central, Clinton, Sept. 19-20.

Northern Walkerton, Sept. 19-20.

Central, Guelph, Sept. 19-21.

Turnberry, Wingham, Sept. 19-26.

Northern Exhibition, Collingwood, Sept. 19-22.

Hay AG. Society, Zurich, Sept. 20-21.

Petrolia, Petrolia, Sept. 21-22.

North Bruce Union, Port Elgin, Sept. 21-22.

Kincardine Fall Exhibition, Sept. 21-22.

Northern Fair, Ailsa Craig, Sept. 21-22.

North Riding of Oxford Agricultural Society, Woodstock, Sept. 21-23.

Elgin East, Aylmer, Sept. 21-23.

Provincial Exhibition, Halifax, Sept. 23-30.

North Brant, Paris, Sept. 25-26.

Sombra, Wilkesport, Sept. 26.

North Waterloo, Berlin, Sept. 26-27.

North Simcoe, Stayner, Sept. 26-28.

Central Bruce, Paisley, Sept. 26-27.

South Grey, Durham, Sept. 26-27.

Haldimand, Cayuga, Sept. 26-27.

East Lambton, Watford, Sept. 26-27.

West Williams, Parkhill, Sept. 26-27.

Oxford, North and West, Sept. 26-27.

Palmerston, Sept. 26-27.

Westminster Agricultural Society, Westminster, Sept. 26-28.

Northwestern, Goderich, Sept. 26-28.

West Kent, Chatham, Sept. 26-28.

Center Wellington, Fergus, Sept. 27-28.

Great Southern, Essex, Sept. 26-28.

Wellington Center, Fergus, Sept. 27-28.

Wellington North, Harriston, Sept. 27-28.

Simcoe Center, Barrie, Sept. 27-29.

South Waterloo, Galt, Sept. 28-29.

Milverton, Sept. 28-29.

West Elgin, Wallacetown, Sept. 28-29.

Zone and Bothwell, Bothwell, Sept. 28-29.

London Township, Iderton, Sept. 29.

East Nissouri, Thamesford, Sept. 29.

Springfield, Fergus, Sept. 29-30.

Anderson and Malden, Amherstburg, Oct. 2-4.

Lucknow, Lucknow, Oct. 3-4.

Norwich and Dereham, Tilsonburg, Oct. 3-4.

North Perth, Stratford, Oct. 3-4.

Forest Hort. and U. Ag. So. Forest, Oct. 3-4.

Raleigh, Merlin, Oct. 3-4.

Camden, Dresden, Oct. 3-5.

North Dorchester Agricultural Society, North Dorchester, Oct. 3-5.

Mercer and Leamington, Leamington, Oct. 4-6.

Howard, Ridgeway, Oct. 4-6.

East Thbury, Valer, Oct. 4-6.

Bonsquet, Thedford, Oct. 6.