

REPRESENTATIVE DELEGATION TO WAIT ON HON. DR. PUGSLEY

Civic Deputation Which Will Go to Ottawa in Regard to Port Stanley Harbor Improvements Has Been Completed.

The civic deputation to go to Ottawa, in addition several others will go down on their own account.

At the meeting of the London and Port Stanley board, held at noon today, a deputation was named to augment the one selected by the finance committee on Friday.

The delegates named were the following: Ald. Eckert, Ald. Jeffries, Ald. Ashplant, ex-Mayor S. Stevely, Arthur W. White, Geo. G. McCormick, H. P. Allen and John I. A. Hunt.

The council's deputation is composed of Mayor Beattie, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Underwood, Ald. Fitzgerald, Major Beattie, M.P., Senator Coffey, Hon. Adam Beck, Hon. C. S. Hyman, T. H. Purdon, K.C., F. E. Leonard, Geo. C. Gibbons, K.C., J. C. Duffield, J. W. Little, John McClary, Col. Gartschore, Thos. S. Hobbs and Col. J. W. Little.

The delegates will make an impression on the Minister of Public Works.

Board of Trade, Too.

These will be augmented by a deputation to go to Ottawa.

LONDON MAY HAVE A BRANCH OF EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE

A branch of the Evangelical Alliance, in the interests of which Ven. Archdeacon Madden and Rev. Dr. Hanson are working, will probably be formed in London.

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REV. R. S. W. HOWARD.
Rector of Christ Church, who has Accepted a Call from Chatham.

ONTARIO FEE SYSTEM MAY BE ABOLISHED

Whitney to Institute Changes in Civil Service Act.

AFTER ENGLISH PATTERN

Fee Method of Remuneration Looked Upon as Inequitable and Unsatisfactory.

Toronto, Oct. 10.—The Globe this morning says: The Globe understands that Sir James Whitney has, under consideration important recommendations to the Provincial Government, having in view certain improvements in the system under which the civil service is remunerated.

No official announcement has yet been made as to the Premier's plans, but it does not seem improbable that changes, incorporating his views, will be made in the civil service act when it is dealt with by the statute revision commission.

It is believed that the Premier while in England devoted considerable attention to the question of the advisability of the formation of a civil service board or commission. At the present time, however, it does not seem probable that this solution can be efficaciously and economically adopted in Ontario. The service is not deemed sufficiently large to warrant the creation of special machinery, necessarily more or less cumbersome, to control and regulate it.

The general abolition of the fee system of remuneration will, however, likely involve the attention of the Government. The Premier himself is understood to look with distinct disfavour on this mode of recompensing officials, both as inequitable and unsatisfactory, and there are well-informed predictions that it will have to go.

In this connection, an important step may be predicted. The general conception is that the abolition of the fee system would involve the payment of the salaries of the civil service out of the public treasury, and the municipalities. It is probable that when the matter is dealt with Sir James Whitney may have another proposal to submit to the Premier, instead of turning the fee percentage now obtained by the officials into the hands of the municipalities, that the Premier may submit a proposition under which the fees will be materially reduced. Such legislation will, it is anticipated, have a general effect upon all other fees, and be in accordance with the expressed intention of Sir James and Hon. J. J. Foy, the attorney-general, to move in the direction of cheapening all legal processes to the public.

The advisability of adopting some superannuation plan will doubtless be considered. Both sides of the case will be examined. There are those who question the wisdom of providing the public service with a general pension premium not enjoyed by employees in other walks of life. On the other hand, it is argued that the provision of a retiring allowance would enable those unduly advanced in years to step aside, and consequently improve the general efficiency of the service.

THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Warmer.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Oct. 10.—8 a.m.

Today—Fine and comparatively cool.

Tuesday—Fair with fresh winds, mostly south and west; a little higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. Max. Min. Weather.

Calgary. 52 38 Cloudy

Winnipeg. 52 38 Clear

Port Arthur. 52 38 Clear

Perry Sound. 52 38 Clear

Toronto. 52 38 Cloudy

Ottawa. 52 40 Fair

Quebec. 52 44 Clear

Father Point. 54 40 Clear

NOTES.

A disturbance which developed yesterday to the southward of Nova Scotia is now centered in Canada.

Pressure is highest over the lake region and the Central States.

A rain has fallen heavily in the Maritime Provinces and scattered showers have occurred in the St. Lawrence Valley.

The East—Strong winds and gales, shifting to westerly and northwesterly; rain at first, then clearing and cool.

Manitoba—Generally fair and becoming cooler.

Alberta—Fair and comparatively cool.

Washington, Oct. 10.—Forecasts: Eastern States and Northern New York—Fair tonight, with light frost; cooler in morning.

Western New York—Fair tonight, with light frost; cooler in morning.

Tuesday—Fair, with rising temperature. Light variable winds tonight, shifting to south on Tuesday.

Lower Lakes—Light variable winds tonight, shifting to south. Tuesday—Fair.

SMALL BOY ELUDED THE POLICE BROKE OUT OF STRATHROY JAIL

John J. Waterhouse Is Making Much Trouble For Many People These Days—Las Is a Born Wanderer.

John J. Waterhouse, a Barnardo boy, who came from England a couple of years ago, and who has travelled over practically every railroad in Ontario, incidentally causing the police of the province much trouble, is back again in London after an absence of a couple of weeks, during which time he has had a little further experience, jail breaking having been added to his record in the meantime.

When the boy was brought before Judge Macbeth a couple of weeks ago charged with the theft of a watch from a farmer of London Township, a Kooka farmer spoke well of him and agreed to take him to his home. A short time ago the farmer notified the high constable that he desired to have the boy taken back to London, and a constable was sent out for him. The boy had disappeared, but was later heard of on the way to Strathroy.

He was arrested in Strathroy Friday, and owing to his youth—he is only thirteen or fourteen—was not placed in the cells there. Instead he was locked in one of the offices and left alone for a short time.

When Chief Wilson returned he found that the boy had broken a stool apart and pried the hinges from the door with one of the legs.

Last night a policeman met a small boy on the way to Strathroy.

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200 DIE IN TOWNS SURROUNDED BY FIERCELY BLAZING FORESTS

Terrible Loss of Life and Immense Damage to Property in Northern Districts—Hundreds Homeless—Relief Trains Being Hurried to Help of Sufferers, Among Whom Are Many Women and Children.

[C. P. R. Dispatch.]

Warroad, Minn., Oct. 10.—Estimates of the loss of life in the forest fires which started Friday, wiped out several small towns and are still raging, range all the way from 150 to 200. The property loss will amount well up into the millions.

The fire zone covers an area of 85 miles in length from the gravel pits west of Warroad to Strathroy, the fourth station east of Rainy River, and in width about 30 miles, covering all the territory between Red Lake and the Lake of the Woods.

The fires have wiped out the villages of Baudette, Spooner, Pitt, Myron and Malcolm. The last two named places are small settlements in Bell Trami County, south of Warroad.

The greatest property loss occurred at Baudette and Spooner, which is approximately one county, being separated by a narrow river. The other towns consisted of only a few small buildings.

There were hundreds of homes destroyed in the territory, and as there are no roads in the district, save for the trails through the woods, it is thought that many lives have been lost that will not be reported for weeks.

The State of Minnesota is sparing no expense to check the fire. The state fire warden is mustering every man here and in other places, and he is instructed to use every possible means at his command, regardless of cost. Every man available is fighting the fires, but because of the moss which covers the ground for a depth from one to two feet, it seems impossible to do anything.

If the blaze is fanned by a breeze, it is impossible to check it, and it is only where it is creeping along the ground that any attempt is made to head it off. To do this it is necessary to dig wide and deep trenches.

Mills Wiped Out.

The fires were almost to the boundary of the town of Warroad.

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INVADING FORCE WILL ADVANCE ON THE CITY FROM ST. MARYS

Col. Hodgins, D. O. C., Announces the Orders For a Sham Battle Which Will Be Held on Thanksgiving Day—Forces Will Be Known as Reds and Blues.

A Blue force, advancing from St. Marys to this city, will endeavor to capture London on Thanksgiving Day.

The city will be defended by the Reds, and the invading host will be given a warm reception when they arrive.

Col. Hodgins, D. O. C., has issued orders governing the tactical exercises on that day, and they have been distributed to the various corps named to take part in them.

According to the orders, the following regiments will participate: First Hussar detachment, Sixth Field Battery detachment; K. Company R. C. R. Seventh Regiment, Fusiliers, Twenty-Second Regiment, Oxford Rifles, Twenty-Fourth Kent Regiment, No. XV. Field Ambulance, A. M. C. detachment, No. 1 Section Signalling Corps detachment, St. Thomas Institute Cadet Corps, the London Collegiate Cadet Corps, the

Ingersoll Collegiate Institute Corps, the St. Thomas B. P. Boy Scouts.

The transport of certain corps from their regular headquarters to London and return will be paid, but these will be restricted to the numbers on the roll, and the regiments will be paid for the actual number on parade.

The officers will be allowed 50 cents a day, and the non-coms, and men 25 cents a day, out of which the supplies will be paid.

Corps and units who have completed their annual training, an allowance for hire of horses will be made.

All ranks will parade in drill order with leggings, puttees, and are recommended to wear strong boots.

Col. Hodgins is hopeful that the day will be one of the most successful held in many years. The officers and men are very enthusiastic, and are bending every effort to make the day a big success.

COMPANY IS NOTIFIED TO REPLACE THE POLES

Engineer Van Cleave Takes the First Step Towards Fighting the London Electric.

Engineer Van Cleave has sent a communication to the London Electric Company, notifying them that a number of their poles throughout the city are contrary to the agreement, and will have to be replaced. He deputed Engineer Wright and Manager Dark to specify the poles complained of. Messrs. Dark and Wright will present the list to the company in a day or two.

Something definite must then be done. It is expected that the city hall the company will comply with the city's request, and replace all poles not of proper height.

WILL COMPETE

Windsor and Walkerville Foresters Send Degree Teams to Toronto.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]

Windsor, Oct. 10.—Windsor and Walkerville courts of the Ancient Order of Foresters will be represented at Toronto in a competition between degree teams of the order from all parts of Canada, for the Western Ontario district, the degree team of Court Beaver, Windsor, and Court Pride of Walkerville, has been selected without competition as the one most likely to bring home the prize. The teams there this morning. They will give an exhibition in London tonight, and arrive in Toronto tomorrow morning.

Following the competition they will visit Hamilton, Brantford and Stratford, giving an exhibition at a district rally in each city.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP STARTS.

Chicago, Oct. 10.—Play in the quality round of the women's national golf championship began at the Homewood Country Club today.

Among the starters were Miss Dorothy Campbell, Hamilton, Ont., and Miss E. C. Nesbitt, Woodstock, Ont.

THE MYRIADS ENTERING WEST MAKE CANADA'S BIG PROBLEM

Ven. Archdeacon Madden and Dr. Hanson in Strong Addresses Before the Canadian Club Point Great Possibilities of Dominion and Glory of the Empire.

The inaugural luncheon of the Canadian Club for the autumn season was held today, splendid addresses being delivered by Ven. Archdeacon Madden, of Liverpool, and Rev. Dr. Hanson, of Belfast, Ireland. Dr. Hanson briefly outlined the problems of Canada, while Archdeacon Madden spoke of "The Growth, Glory and Greatness of the British Empire."

There was a very large attendance.

Dr. Hanson, who spoke first, gave some interesting anecdotes, humorous, alluding to the fact that the British Evangelical Association had sent two Irishmen to represent them in this country. Of course, he was proud of the honor of being an Irishman.

Canada's Great West.

"This country is growing rapidly," said Dr. Hanson. "Your west is filling up with myriads of people, English, Irish, Scotch, Scandinavian, and others, are coming to this country. There are also many Americans. How to mold these diverse

peoples into one nationality is a problem to which any Canadian should set his hand willingly. The sort of nation Canada is to become will depend largely on the judgment, patience and foresight shown by young Canadians today. Difficulties are only for men to overcome, and you should meet it with clarity of vision, and strong purpose. The Mormons are beginning to have a great influence in the west. They dominated the politics of Utah and of Arizona, and they are now beginning to dictate the policies of Alberta. They constitute another problem that may be vexing before long."

"In order to accomplish the unification of these diverse races, you should purify your political life. You should also keep your municipal life clean. Our political life is not the quintessence of sanctity, but it is an improvement on yours, and a great improvement on the Government of the United States."

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POPULAR RAILWAYMEN TAKEN BACK BY THE GRAND TRUNK

Orders were received by the Grand Trunk officials in London on Saturday afternoon by which several of the strikers of this division are to be taken back to work again.

Of the men reinstated four are Londoners, viz.: Hugh O'Donnell, W. Willey, F. Broad and J. McDonald.

General satisfaction was expressed by the railroad men when the news spread this morning, and all are hopeful that this is only the beginning, and that before very long all the strikers will be taken back and given their former runs.

To the Advertiser Superintendent Bowker, of the Grand Trunk, confirmed the report, but was unable to state whether any more of the men will be taken back.

But from all appearances it is likely that before long several more men will be reinstated to their former positions.

MORE MATERIAL FOR GODERICH INQUEST

Authorities Have Interviewed More Than Fifty People in Connection With Case.

Toronto, Oct. 10.—Inspector Green, assistant chief of police, returned to Goderich on Saturday, and after a brief rest will return to Goderich today to continue his investigation into the murder of Liza Anderson. Although it appears that the detectives are working in vain, there may be something brought out at the inquest on Friday evening. So far the inspectors have interviewed more than fifty people who were at the fair grounds at Goderich on the night the little girl was murdered, and they are working on a tangible story which, if their expectations are realized, will lead to some startling information.

SCHOONER AGROUND

Lumber Boat Has Peculiar Experience But May Be Saved.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Oct. 10.—The schooner Minnie Slauson, of St. John, N.B., with a freight load of lumber, was blown onto the middle ground in Vineyard Sound early today, and after working off without apparent damage, was driven onto the Martha's Vineyard shore about five miles below West Chop.

A revenue cutter has gone to assist her. A northwest gale has swept Vineyard and Nantucket Sound almost clear of shipping, and a large fleet of coasters is anchored in this harbor.

ENGINEER VAN CLEVE DIDN'T ARRIVE TODAY

Has a Cold, and Has Suffered a Setback.

Mr. A. H. Van Cleave, head engineer of the city, did not arrive today. Sunday afternoon a telephone message was received from Mrs. Van Cleave to the effect that Mr. Van Cleave had a cold, and had suffered a setback. While nothing serious was anticipated, it was thought by his physician that he had better delay his coming to London until some days later. A definite date was set for him coming, but it is expected that he will be here before the end of the week.

BLAMES FISH

Professor Says They Are Responsible For Spread of Cholera.

Rome, Oct. 10.—Prof. Gosio, the celebrated bacteriologist, is convinced that cholera germs are transmitted by fish. He has undertaken experiments to ascertain whether the recent cholera outbreak in Southern Italy was due to this medium of propagation. Nearly all the fish caught near the coast of Bari contained the specific vibrios of Asiatic cholera, and Prof. Gosio's studies are now directed to learn whether such microbes are apt to multiply inside of fishes. He is also trying to discover whether migratory fishes caught far out at sea contain cholera microbes, and torpedo boats have been placed at his disposal in order that he may continue his researches. If his theory is confirmed it will be necessary to have all fish caught in times of epidemics boiled before they are sold, as the mere handling of fish containing cholera microbes would be sufficient to communicate the disease.

VERMONT GROWING.

Washington, Oct. 10.—The population of the State of Vermont made public by the census bureau today shows an increase of 12,315, or 3.6 per cent, the total number of inhabitants being 355,956, as compared with 342,641 in 1900.

ANOTHER CHOLERA CASE AT NEW YORK

The Disease Developed on Board the Liner Moltke From Naples.

New York, Oct. 9.—A new case of cholera developed today on the liner Moltke, which was under quarantine. The patient was Giovanni Falgouta, aged 36 years, an Italian steamer passenger from Naples. This man was well at the inspection of yesterday, but about noon became violently ill and the bacteriological examination shows it to be an undoubted case of cholera.

Dr. Doty says that the first case on this steamer was a coal trimmer and he had not come on board with this passenger. The case shows all the features of the German case and is undoubtedly of the kind known as cholera carrier. The Moltke left Naples on Sept. 21 and it was eleven days later that this man became ill. The patient is now at Swinburne Island.

"I propose to remove to Hoffman Island tomorrow all of the Italian passengers," continued Dr. Doty, "and probably a greater part of the crew."

The Moltke arrived at quarantine on the night of Oct. 8, and on the morning of Oct. 9, the following morning, when Dr. Doty boarded the steamer, he found Rudolf Zellitch, aged 33 years, a coal trimmer, with all the symptoms of cholera. He was removed to Swinburne Island, where he is still under treatment. In the meantime, the cabin passengers were released and the steamer passengers were kept on board under constant observation.

GREAT RECEPTION

Woodstock College Boys Who Won Interscholastic Championship Are Greeted on Return.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, Oct. 10.—The Woodstock College team, which on Saturday won the interscholastic football championship, afforded a great reception on their return here this morning. The entire student body met them at the Grand Trunk station arrayed in the most fanciful costumes, and the members of the team were handed out of the coaches and "tossed" amid cheers. They were then loaded into a double buggy and driven to the train. It has been hours since I had a smoke. I'll tell you how this happened in a moment."

Blood was streaming from the stumps, but he appeared a little perturbed as he explained that he had been stealing a ride and had fallen beneath the wheels of a Baltimore and Ohio train. He was brought to a hospital where the physicians say he will recover. He gave his name as Thomas Perry, of Lincoln, Neb.

A Railway Convention.

Superintendent J. K. McNeillie and Chief Dispatcher W. A. Killingsworth, of the local C. P. R. station, went to Toronto today to attend a convention of superintendents in regard to the rearrangement of time tables.

LOCAL LOAN COMPANIES AND THE AMALGAMATION TERMS

Advocates of Huron and Erie Offer Make Comparisons — Their Version of How Agricultural Shareholders Would Share.

The shareholders of the Agricultural Savings and Loan Company are weighing the respective offers of amalgamation from the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company and of the Huron and Erie Savings and Loan Company. Those who favor the Huron and Erie proposal, have worked out the comparison as follows:

The Ontario offer to give six shares of Ontario stock for every seven shares of Agricultural stock, and pay a bonus of 5 per cent to Agricultural shareholders.

Taking Ontario stock as worth 150, (the present market quotation is only 145), the above would mean for Agricultural stock, six-sevenths of 150, which equals 128 4/7. With a bonus of 5 per cent it would be 133 4/7. This,

they assert, would mean to the Agricultural shareholders, no increase in their present dividend.

The dividend at present paid by the Ontario is 7 per cent; in event of amalgamation on terms above set out, Agricultural shareholders would receive six-sevenths of 7 per cent; i. e., 6 per cent, which is their present dividend. For example: A man holding \$700 (par value) of Agricultural stock now receives a dividend of 6 per cent, equal to \$42. For his \$700 (par value) of Agricultural stock he would receive \$600 (par value) of Ontario stock, upon which he would receive a dividend of 7 per cent, equal to the same amount, \$42. Should the Ontario increase their dividend rate to 8 per cent, the Agricultural shareholders would then receive only six-sevenths of 8 per cent, equal to \$51 4/7. This would be a loss of \$10 4/7 to the Agricultural shareholders.

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