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BOOK ROOM DEAL STILL ON THE CARPET

Methodist Subcommittee Will Meet Again to Harmonize John Street Sale With John Wesley's Standards— Real Estate Man Tips Off Civic Assessment Valuators.

When the announcement was made at the conclusion of the afternoon meeting yesterday that the sub-committee of the Methodist Book Room committee had not completed its report on the Beverley House site, no surprise was expressed.

The sub-committee will meet again at 10 o'clock this morning to face the problem. It is not a simple one, as the moral issue involved in unloading the West Queen street white elephant upon the Methodist superannuated ministers, and ministers' widows and orphans, with an added cost of over $30,000, has to be squared with Dr. A. D. Watson's definition of ethics, harmonized with John Wesley's standards, and made to fit with what one of the members of the committee pointed out as "the facts."

Confusing Evidence.

It is stated that the stenographers' report of the statements alluded to as "evidence" in the interim report made at the two days' session of the central section of the full board, did not render the sub-committee's task any easier yesterday afternoon.

While the outcome is awaited with indications of varying anxiety in Methodist circles, it is a topic of increasing interest in the real estate offices of the city, where the diverse features of the transaction caused a sensation when the price the committee so readily acceded to, became known at the real estate offices. One comment heard was that the city's assessement department would have to revise its valuation of the district if the price paid, jumped at so eagerly by the Book Room Committee, represented its true value.

CHURCH ENTERED BY MARAUDERS

Window at St. Luke's Was Forced, Ornaments Broken and Communion Wine Spilled on Floor.

Evidently in the hope of stealing the proceeds of a church social held on Saturday, unknown looters broke into St. Luke's Church, at St. Joseph and St. Vincent streets, some time between 8 o'clock Monday evening and 6 o'clock Tuesday morning. Entrace was made by forcing a side window.

The discovery was made early yesterday morning, when a gang of electricians who for the past week have been installing some additional wiring in the church, got down to work at 7.30 in the morning. They found valuable church ornaments smashed, a quantity of cake missing. The vandals, in addition, broke into the rooms containing the communion wine, and what they could not drink they spilled over the place.

The church ornaments destroyed are valuable and the loss of these, with the other damage, will amount to a large sum.

LIVE STOCK SHOW WAS FORMALLY OPENED

In a Few Years Toronto's Annual Display of Cattle, Horses, Fruit and Flowers Will Surpass the Chicago Exhibition, But Will Not Not Hurt Guelph.

What is considered to be the foundation for the greatest Live Stock, Horticultural and Dairy Show in Canada and America, was opened yesterday afternoon at the Exhibition grounds, when Mayor Hocken pressed the button that officially opened the first National Live Stock, Horticultural and Dairy Show of Canada. This show is, in a few years, expected to compete with and outrival the great Live Stock and Dairy Show held annually at Chicago.

Even at the commencement the show has outgrown its name and is now an international show, because there are entries in the horse and cattle shows from places in the United States as far west as Michigan and Wisconsin, and also from the western provinces of Canada, as well as from the many fine breeding farms in the Province of Ontario.

It is now international in a small way, but in a very short time will be more so, representing all sections of the United States and Canada.

The live stock exhibits are the features of the show, and both in quality and quantity sunpass the previous exhibits shown in Toronto at the Canadian National Exhibition, Guelph, Ottawa or Brandon, where the finest live stock shows in Canada have heretofore been held.

Yesterday was Children's Day, but owing to the threatening weather and to the fact that the school trustees would not allow the children a half holiday to take in the exhibition, only a small crowd was present in the afternoon, and at night the attendance dropped off even more, because of the rain.

The Official Opening.

R. J. Fleming, the president of the show, was the first speaker at the official opening, which took place in the transportation building yesterday afternoon at 2.30. In his address he thanked the city council and the directors of the Canadian National Exhibition for their support in getting the stow started. He also spoke of the large entry list in the many exhibits, stating that the entry in live stock was the largest ever made on the grounds, while the poultry show is the largest ever held in Canada.

Mayor Hocken then officially opened the show, and said: "This is not a great enterprise as yet, but in a few years it will be one of the largest of its kind in America. It was the idea of the council to find some way in which the Exhibition grounds could be utilized during the winter months that led to this show being held."

The mayor was of the opinion that the dairy show alone could be made as large as the famous dairy show that is held annually in Chicago. He referred to the late John J. Withnow, who was the founder of the Canadian National Exhibition, and intimated that shortly

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THE BIG NOISE

PLAN FOR REDISTRIBUTION OF QUEBEC FEDERAL SEATS IN HANDS OF GOVERNMENT

Scheme Provides for Rural and City Ridings, by Which Montreal Would Have Thirteen Seats — Senate May Kill the Bill.

(Special to The Toronto World).

OTTAWA, Nov. 18.—The plan or scheme for the redistribution of federal seats in Quebec Province was brought to Ottawa today and handed over to Hon. Mr. Pelletier, postmaster-general. It will be taken under consideration by Ministers Doherty, Nantel and Coderre tomorrow.

In Hon. Mr. Perley's absence, Senator Pope and Fred Cromwell, M.P. for Compton, have made suggestions regarding the eastern townships. The plan agreed upon divides the constituencies into two classes, cities and rural ridings. The cities are given 35,000 and the rural counties 25,000. This would give Montreal City 13 seats and Quebec three. It is claimed that rural Quebec increased 100,000 since the last redistribution, while rural Ontario only gained 15,000.

A Gerrymander.

It is authoritatively stated that Sir Wilfrid Laurier before leaving office had planned a redistribution scheme which Ontario ministers now consider would be a political gerrymander of the banner province and would only give Toronto one additional seat. By Sir Wilfrid's plan the boundaries of many rural ridings would be shifted worse than they were in 1887.

Hon. Frank Cochrane, when in New Ontario this summer, had conferences with some of the leaders regarding the enlarged representation of that end of Ontario, but no general plan of redistribution for this province has yet been adopted, and it is thought the sitting members should be consulted when changes are contemplated.

May Reject It.

Would the senate reject a redistribution bill? A Quebec minister is our authority for stating Hon. Walter Scott, of Saskatchewan, and Hon. Mr. Sifton, premier of Alberta, who were here at the recent interprovincial conference, expressed Liberal fears of the political effects on the west of redistribution and got assurances from both Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir George Ross of Toronto, leader of the majority in the upper house, that the senate could reject or amend any redistribution measure that was not practically of their own making.

Seats for "The Poor Little Rich Girl."

As there is sure to be a heavy demand for seats for "The Poor Little Rich Girl" engagement at the Princess next week, those who are desirous of seeing the famous Klaw and Erlanger production should get in touch with the box-office as soon as the sale opens tomorrow morning.

Found Body of Argus Captain

(Special to The Toronto World).

GODERICH, Nov. 18.—The body of Capt. Gutch of the steamer Argus, was found today at Amberly by searchers. The Lambton was to have gone for the body, but the fog was too heavy.

WILLIE CROSBIE MISSING 2 DAYS

Fourteen-Year-Old Boy Left Home on Monday Morning and Has Not Been Seen Since.

Willie Crosbie, aged 14, of Preston road, Fairbank, has been missing since Monday morning, when he left his home, saying: "Good-bye, dad. I must hurry home tonight for the practice," referring to the Salvation Army Christmas entertainment.

He was employed at Robertson's candy works, where he was last seen, and his parents are anxiously awaiting news of his whereabouts.

Willie was happy at home and his parents are highly respected in the neighborhood so that he had no reason for running away.

The boy's description is as follows: Height, 4 feet 10 inches; fair hair, fresh complexion, red cheeks, blue eyes.

Anyone who can relieve the anxiety of his parents with information regarding the boy might communicate with The World or write to the boy's home address.

THREW TRIO TO CURB MOTORIST THEN FLED

No One Got License Number of Car That Crashed Into Carriage.

Three persons had a narrow escape from serious injury yesterday afternoon when the carriage owned by Mrs. Mary Thornhill was struck by a motor car near St. George and Sussex streets. The occupants of the carriage were all thrown to the pavement and the carriage irreparably smashed. Extricating his car from the wreckage of the carriage, the motorist hastily drove away from the scene before any person got his license number.

Beyond a few bruises none of the party were injured.

ALL FACTS ARE ON RECORD REGARDING PURCHASE DEAL

MacKay Report and Mayor's Assurance That Couzens' Report Will Be Favorable Are Squelchers for the Opposition and "Clean-up" is Assured.

Now that John MacKay has reported strongly in favor of the clean-up of the franchises, and Mr. Couzens has notified Mayor Hocken that his supplementary report will also be strongly in favor of the purchase of the electric light and power properties, the facts on the valuation by the experts are all practically on record.

The Arnold-Moyes report upon the valuation of the electric railway properties for the clean-up of the franchises gives a total of over twenty-one millions. The purchase price is twenty-two millions. Not a cent was allowed beyond value of physical assets for any property not being operated at a profit. The Arnold-Moyes valuation is as follows:

Street railway physical assets	$ 9,894,482 66
Street railway surplus profits	10,713,553 00
Yonge street radial physical assets	64,354 00
Yonge street radial surplus profits	193 649 00
Kingston road radial	27,300 00
Toronto Suburban radial	51,144 00
Lake Shore radial	75,000 00
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John MacKay accepts the valuation of the physical assets by Arnold and Moyes, and deals especially with the total surplus profits of $10,907,202 given in the Arnold-Moyes report. The surplus profits are as follows:

Arnold-Moyes report	$10,907,202
MacKay report	11,500,000

Mr. MacKay finds that the street railway system can be extended to serve the whole city on a one-fare basis, the thirteen millions that would have been paid the city in eight years would still be surplus earnings of the system to be applied to construction and surface paving, and $11,500,000 of further surplus profits for that period would also be forthcoming to redeem the $10,907,202 paid out in the purchase for the surplus profits. This is a facer for those in opposition who have been terming the payment of that $10,907,202 a "ransom" or a "hold-up." To continue opposition will be to cause the people strongly to suspect that the "selfish interests" are trying to retain their grip on public franchises.

R. A. Ross values the electric light and power properties at $6,045,000, leaving $1,955,000 for the surplus profits. Mr MacKay accepted Mr. Ross' valuation of the physical assets, and reports that the surplus profits in eight years would be $5,066,664 if operation was continued by the company. Mr. Couzens has informed Mayor Hocken that his report will be as favorable to the purchase as is Mr. MacKay's.

This is a squelcher for the opposition. To continue opposition is to be suspected by the public of "selfish" motives. The bylaw to clean up the franchises will have all the greater majority should opposition be continued.

MEN ENTOMBED IN ALABAMA COAL MINE

Seven Bodies Have Been Removed and Death List May Reach Nearly Forty as Result of Explosion—Negroes Are Among Missing.

ACTON, Ala., Nov. 18.—(Can. Press.)—An explosion in No. 2 coal mine of the Alabama Fuel and Iron Co. here at 3.45 o'clock this afternoon entombed between 25 and 40 miners, according to estimates of company officials.

Up to 9 o'clock seven bodies had been removed from the mine. The list of the dead: L. L. Patterson, E. Bright, John Langston, Henry Childers, Boss Driver Burns Kitrell, two unidentified negroes.

All except Bright were married. Kitrell went into the mine only five minutes before the explosion to do some cleaning. Some of the rescued are Greeks and a number of dead in the mine are thought to be Greeks.

Of the victims, some are white and some are negroes, as the mine employed miners of both races. The normal quota of employes is 70 men, but yesterday was payday at this mine and some did not report for work today. Twenty-three diggers entered the working this morning and early tonight it was not known how many others reported during the day.

Saw Bodies of Dead.

The first rescue parties who entered the mine this evening searching for any who might be alive, reported that they had passed several dead bodies lying beside the tramway of the sloping entrance shaft.

Mine officials hurried here from Birmingham, 24 miles away. They brought State Mine Inspector C. H. Nesbitt and an automobile load of surgeons.

Acton Mine No. 2, which lies in Shelby County, on a branch of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, has been considered one of the best equipped in the district. It has a single track slope and uses an 18-foot fan with the split air system. So far as ascertained the mine workings were not much damaged by the explosion, the cause of which has not yet been determined, and it is expected that the work of removing the living, if any, and the dead, will be speedily accomplished.

DR. ROSS KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

Prominent Pastor and Educator of London, Ont., Met Death in New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—(Can. Press)—The Rev. Dr. James Ross, a leading scholar and educator of Canada, was struck and fatally injured by an automobile in a city street late today. He died from a fractured skull an hour later. He had stepped from behind a trolley car into the path of the automobile. Several women who witnessed the accident, tore their dresses into strips and bandaged Dr. Ross' head before the arrival of an ambulance.

Several letters from Andrew Carnegie, found in Dr. Ross' possession, indicated that the clergyman came here to seek Mr. Carnegie's aid for the public library at London, Ont., Dr. Ross' home. Dr. Ross was pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Montreal, and a professor in the Presbyterian College, Montreal. He was 60 years old.

According to A. O. Jeffery, of London, Ont., who identified the body, he and Dr Ross came here Monday to buy books for the library in London. They were to have returned to Canada tomorrow.

REDUCED PRICES ON PERSIAN LAMB COATS AT DINEEN'S.

Among the strikingly good values offered at Dineen's great over-production fur sale, 140 Yonge street, the prices on luxurious Persian Lamb Coats are perhaps the most conspicuous. There are 180 handsome coats at prices that are usually reserved for end-of-the-season sales and even lower than these. The coats must sell before Christmas, and this progressive company has adopted the surest method of attaining the desired result. An early visit for preferential choice is advisable.

TO CHECK JEWELRY COMBINE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—(Can. Press.)—The government's suit to aid the retailer and the individual purchaser of jewelry by wiping out an alleged combination of manufacturers and jobbers was filed today in the United States District Court.

Toronto Has an Opportunity in the Proposals for the Purchase of the Street Railway That Will Never Occur Again.

So far as a careful reading of John MacKay's report can show, combined with attention to the points on which Mayor Hocken laid stress at the Municipal Association's luncheon yesterday, the city has an opportunity in the proposals for the purchase of the street railway that will certainly never occur again. Apart from considerations of price and convenience, this is the almost startling fact that stands out. Toronto will never again have the chance to purchase the street railway, the radial lines in the city, the Toronto Electric Light Co., and all electric franchises, and all rights to sell light and powerin the city, and so make a clean sweep of all corporation franchise rights in Toronto. Even if this were not so important today or next year, it is a tremendous matter for the city of the future when the population has doubled.

Mr. MacKay unhesitatingly recommends the city to take the opportunity to purchase. He says the terms are such that there is no need for the light and power consumers of the city, nor for the ratepayers, entertaining the slightest doubt or fear of the outcome, "provided the basic conditions stated are observed."

On the other hand, if the purchase is not completed the ratepayers will be called upon to pay $3,700,000 in the next eight years for losses sustained in operating the civic car lines. This consideration alone should make the ratepayer decide whether he will put up his cash for a limited and inefficient service or lend his credit for a service of the finest kind, providing single fares to every part of the city, old and new, and at the same time extinguishing all franchise rights in the city.

There are unquestionably some rooted prejudices existing against the purchase of the street railway. These have been fostered, and, we might say, churched, by The Telegram and a few other reactionary agencies in the city. But it is possible for anybody to take Mr. MacKay's report and learn for himself how vague and shadowy these prejudices are beside the clear facts of the situation. The Telegram actually trotted out the old horse car report of the experts of 1891 to prove that experts were unreliable. The report showing that horses would have been an impossible source of motive power is in no way unreliable, and the high price of horses and horse feed at the present time confirms it. The entirely unanticipated profits of the street railway are due to electric power, and we believe we are not mistaken in saying that The Telegram was among the papers that gave circulation to the idea that people would constantly be dropping dead in the streets thru touching the metal poles that supported the trolley wires. If the city had retained the franchise and installed electricity in 1891 the advantage to Toronto would have been very great. But that advantage can be secured now, with any further advantages procurable from the possession of the franchise.

A constant objection of some ratepayers is due to the fear that their property will be subject to taxation thru the purchase. There is absolutely no reason for such a fear. The city is not going to pay $30,000,000 in cash for the properties. All the cash that will change hands is $8,000,000, and this will not go, as some think, to Sir William Mackenzie. The other $22,000,000 will be settled for by an exchange of 4½ per cent. bonds at par. The $8,000,000 is already provided and waiting to be paid over should the ratepayers so vote.

What are they paying out $30,000,000 for?

This is figured out by Mr. MacKay from a different point of view from some other presentations. He has gone over all the ground covered by Messrs. Arnold and Moyes, and he has gone even farther. He shows that they were ultra-conservative in one respectand allowed for possible competition from possible city tubes in cutting down the prospective profits in the next eight years. That competition would not operate against the city, for there would be no tubes in the next eight years if the city buys the railway. We may ignore this point in the city's favor, however, in considering the still greater advantages to the city.

In return for $8,000,000 cash the city gets $10,000,000 of physical assets in the street railway equipment, real estate, etc., an amount allowing $3,500,000 discount on Mr. Arnold's estimate of over $13,000,000, the company's inventory being $17,000,000. For the bonds which the city will exchange the city will get a modern service with extensions costing $7,100,000, or an expenditure of $887,000 a year, the charges on which are all provided for in the estimate of revenue; single fares all over the city and the extinction of all franchises; $13,000,000 in cash, the estimated amount of the city's percentage allowance which we would get from the company during the next eight years and spend in track construction; and in addition a further sum of $11,500,000 in cash, the surplus profits of the system during the next eight years. Or after allowing for the most liberal management of the railway, and the most generous treatment of the public, the city would get back for its money, $10,000,000 physical assets, $13,000,000 percentage allowance, and $11,500,000 surplus profits, in all $34,500,000 at the end of eight years.

But this is not all. In the $30,000,000 is included the Toronto Electric Light Company's plant and business. Mr. MacKay says he has consulted Mr. Couzens on this matter, and he indicates in his report the substantial economies that would result from consolidation of the hydro and T. E. L. systems. These would provide for heavy reductions in rates besides providing for all charges, replacement and maintenance, or a surplus at the maturity of the $8,000,000 debentures of $11,000,000. This Mr. MacKay takes for granted, would be absorbed in lowering rates.

Mayor Hocken asked Mr. Arnold if he would recommend the purchase of the properties under the conditions arranged and he said he would. The mayor in the presence of Controller McCarthy and Controller O'Neil, asked Mr. Moyes, if he owned the city, would he complete the transaction. Mr. Moyes said he would.

We are not surprised at Mr. Arnold and Mr. Moyes taking this position, and we have the less hesitation in joining them after reading Mr. MacKay's report. We believe a perusal of this document will convince anyone of the advantage to the city of making the purchase, unless he is inveterately opposed to the principle of public ownership.

SHOOTS AND KILLS SON AFTERWARDS SUICIDING

Pierre Picard Aims Weapon at Wife, Hitting Infant Boy Instead.

MONTREAL, Nov. 18.—(Can. Press.)—Pierre Picard, the ex-detective who shot and killed his 22-months-old foster son this morning in his home here, ended his life when located by the police in Notre Dame street late this afternoon.

Constable Colangelo drew his revolver as Picard approached and commanded "hands up," leveling his revolver at Picard, who recognizing the constable, laughingly said: "Hello, Joe," at the same time jerking his own revolver from his pocket. Colangelo advanced with pointed revolver. Picard turned to see if Colangelo was alone. Seeing Lieut. Savard rushing toward him and realizing that escape was hopeless, Picard said: "Oh, no, boys, you've got no chance of getting me that way," and, turning against himself the weapon with which he had killed the baby.

WILLING TO COSIDER EXCLUSION OF ULSTER

Lord Lansdowne Says Unionists Will Encourage Asquith's Compromise Plan.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—(Can. Press.)—Lord Lansdowne, leader of the opposition in the house of lords, in a speech at Brighton tonight, said that the Unionists were ready to give consideration to the government's proposal to exclude Ulster from the operation of the home rule bill.

NEW MERGER INCLUDES FORTY THOUSAND MEN

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 18.—(Can. Press.)—Statements made here today by railroad men indicate that forty thousand employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad east of Pittsburg are to be merged into one labor organization, details of which will be worked out at a series of meetings to be held next Sunday. Under the new arrangement, the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhoods of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, and the Order of Railway Telegraphers, are to make up the new body.

WATCH FOR BUSTER BROWN IN THE SUNDAY WORLD THIS WEEK