

TRACK ELEVATION NEGOTIATIONS REOPENED
GRAND TRUNK ARE NOW READY TO GO AHEAD

Mayor and Officials Had a Very Important Conference in Regard to the Matter Yesterday, When Everything Went Along Smoothly.

DO IT NOW OR WAIT TWENTY YEARS

Said Vice-President Fitzhugh to the Mayor—Overhead Bridge at Egerton Street Is Included in What the Company Are Willing to Do for London—Question of Compensation to Come Up.

Track elevation is not so remote as was thought some time ago, and as a result of a conference between Mayor Stevely, Mr. Fitzhugh, fourth vice-president of the Grand Trunk, Mr. U. E. Gillen, superintendent, Chief Engineer Kelly of the Grand Trunk system, City Engineer Graydon and other officials, the matter will be taken up very soon, and it is quite probable that an agreement will be reached.

If satisfactory terms can be agreed upon, the work will be commenced this spring. If the matter is delayed any length of time until the company takes up its problems in Toronto and Montreal, it will be fifteen or twenty years before the question will again be opened.

His worship was highly pleased with the conference, and is hopeful that this vexed matter will be solved satisfactorily shortly.

THE MAYOR SPEAKS.

"We had a very interesting interview with Mr. Fitzhugh and Mr. Kelly, the chief engineer," said Mayor Stevely. "All seemed very anxious to settle the matter once and for all. Mr. Kelly is the successor to Mr. Hobson, who retired some time ago. He is not yet acquainted with local conditions, but will visit the city very shortly to inquire into the whole matter. His investigation will be thorough, and he will obtain all the information possible on the question. When that is done, the company and the city will get together. Mr. Kelly, in addition to doing Mr. Hobson's work, is also doing some of Mr. McGuigan's, and is at the present time going over the plans made by Mr. McGuigan for the work."

"Mr. Fitzhugh informed us that if there was a delay in the negotiations, so that the company had to take up work in Toronto and Montreal, it would be fifteen or twenty years before London would be reached. As a result he is anxious to get this work completed at once, and then go to the work in Toronto and Montreal."

EGERTON STREET OVERHEAD BRIDGE.

"The officials agreed to erect an overhead bridge at Egerton street as soon as satisfactory terms are reached. That is something they would not agree to at the last conference. They then wanted five years in which to build that bridge."

"They will agree to remove the street railway tracks from Rectory to Egerton streets. They do not want the street railway tracks on Rectory, as with them it would be impossible to either bridge the street or build a subway under it. With the street railway tracks on Egerton street, Rectory street would not be dangerous, the risks being minimized. On Egerton street would be little or no danger."

CARRY OUT ORIGINAL PLANS.

"So far as I could learn, the original plans would be carried out. That would mean subways on all the streets downtown until William street was reached, where only a footpath subway would be built."

"Adelaide street would be level, although the tracks would be raised three feet."

"Rectory street would not be very dangerous, with no street car tracks, while Egerton would be properly protected."

"Mr. Fitzhugh asked us what the city's attitude would be regarding the cost, and I told him that the city would expect at least as good terms as two years ago. Of course, the company can put the matter in the hands of the Dominion railway commission, and the city would have to submit to the terms set out by that board. I think, however, that we can agree, as the citizens generally are anxious to have this thing settled."

"They told me that if an agreement were reached, work would be commenced next spring, and would be rushed to completion as rapidly as possible."

"At all events," said the mayor, "Mr. Kelly, the engineer, will make a thorough investigation into the conditions prevailing here right away, and then we can get together. I think the interview was most satisfactory."

The discussion was the result of many weeks' correspondence between Mayor Stevely and Mr. Fitzhugh. The latter wired his worship to meet him yesterday and take the question up, as a result of this correspondence.

HISTORY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

Negotiations for the elevation first commenced in 1904, when Hon. Adam Beck was mayor. Nothing was done in that year, but in the next the question was discussed in earnest. Propositions were submitted without number, but they were all turned down by the city.

In ex-Mayor Judd's first year, Mr. F. H. McGuigan, who was then in charge of the work, made a proposition for the company, but after a stubborn fight in the council it was turned down.

Since that time, many efforts have been made by the council to have the matter reopened, but until the present time nothing has resulted.

If satisfactory terms can be agreed upon, this vexed question will be forever removed from the sphere of municipal politics.

NEW DEPOT NEEDED.

The question of a new depot for London was also referred to during the discussion. Mr. Fitzhugh admitted that a new station was badly needed, and was as desirable for the company as well as for the city. He wanted the whole matter disposed of at once, track elevation and all. He thought that a new station was needed in Toronto, but it was needed infinitely worse here.

NO SPECIAL MEETING.

It is not thought probable that a special meeting of the council will be called at present to consider the matter.

"There will be nothing before the council until the Grand Trunk engineer makes his report," said Mayor Stevely. "When he does so there will probably be some correspondence between us and the company, and then we will call a meeting of the council to take the question up, but not until then. In all probability a special committee will be named if the negotiations progress that far. I expect they will, of course, and if nothing intervenes we should receive a favorable proposition from the company."

MR. W. P. IRWIN
WILL BE CANDIDATE

Annual Meeting of the O. H. A. on Nov. 21.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Hockey Association will be held at the Temple Building, Toronto, on Nov. 21.

Mr. W. P. Irving will represent the London Hockey Club at the meeting, and will be a candidate for the O. H. A. executive.

Mr. Irving has been connected with hockey in Toronto, London and other places for many years and is well fitted for the position.

The inaugural meeting of the Baconian Club will be held on Saturday night in the Alton block. The nomination of officers will take place.

NEW STORY TODAY

The Advertiser's new story begins in today's issue on page five.

"The Amethyst Cross" is one of the strongest serials yet offered Advertiser readers. The author is Fergus Hume, an Englishman, who has had several popular successes.

There is not a dull moment in the story from beginning to end.

FIFTY YAQUI BRAVES
FALL IN FIERCE FIGHT

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 28.—News reached here today from various sources that a battle between Papago and Yaqui Indians has taken place north of Altar, Sonora, and that forty Yaquis were killed. According to reports, the Mexican Government armed the Papagos, who lured the Yaquis into ambush and slaughtered them. The reports have not been officially confirmed.

S. AFRICAN VETERANS
GOING IN FOR LAND

Ottawa, Oct. 28.—The Interior department is now rapidly issuing warrants for land grants to South African veterans as applications come in. This morning 250 warrants were made out and so far over 600 veterans have applied for and received their warrants. As yet no one has applied for scrip instead of land.

FRIENDS JOKED

THIS POLICEMAN

Young Man Was Recently Married, and, of Course, Paid the Penalty.

London's finest, otherwise known as "Chief Williams' Bravos," are enjoying a good laugh at a fellow-officer's expense, today.

The officer in question recently took to himself a wife, and as police court business at present is rather brisk, the honeymoon was deferred until a more convenient season.

The happy couple reside in one of the suburbs of London, and this morning people passing on the street cars saw a number of signs, including one about 426 feet, tacked on the house. A couple of them read as follows:

"Just married—leave us alone."
"Cupid stole a march on the London police."

It is needless to add that the signs are now have been used for kindling wood.

Important Meeting.

Dr. J. S. Nivea is calling the medical practitioners of London to attend a meeting at Victoria Hospital at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, to discuss the proposed tubercular hospital. An advertisement of this meeting appears in this issue.

Dickens in Toronto

This will interest literary folk. Isn't it a trifle significant?

On May 12, 1842, Charles Dickens, the novelist, wrote a letter from Montreal to his biographer, Foster, in which he said:

"We have been to Toronto and Kingston, experiencing attentions at each which I should have difficulty in describing. The wild and rapid Toryism of Toronto is—I speak seriously—appalling."

Charles Dickens didn't have any difficulty in sizing up Toronto even as far back as 1842.

The above extract can be found on page 123 of Foster's Life of Dickens.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COOL.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Oct. 28—8 a.m.
Today—Light, variable winds; partly cloudy and cooler, with light local showers.

Thursday—Fair and cool.

TEMPERATURES.

Today. Yesterday.

London 50 41 57
Calgary 26 24 40
Winnipeg 12 26 28
Port Arthur 40 38 48
Perry Sound 42 36 56
Toronto 44 46 56
Ottawa 44 46 56
Montreal 50 54 58
Quebec 44 50 54
Father Point 42 48 54
Victoria 38 40 46
Vancouver 35 40 46
Kamloops 36 42 48
Edmonton 20 28 32
Battleford 20 28 32
Prince Albert 34 36 40
Gu'Appelle 30 44 46
St. John 40 42 48
Halifax 40 42 48

WEATHER NOTES.

There are now strong indications that a storm will develop near the South Atlantic coast and move northeast.

A change to much colder weather has occurred in the Western Provinces.

Cloudy skies, with light, scattered showers, are prevalent in Ontario and Quebec.

TWO MEN KILLED ON G. T. R.
WERE WALKING ON TRACKS

Both Bodies Found Between Woodstock and Brantford—One Was Identified—Authorities Await Relatives of the Other Man.

Two men were killed on the Grand Trunk Monday night between Woodstock and Brantford.

Both bodies were found yesterday by sectionmen, and were badly mangled. Death in each case must have been instantaneous.

The body found near Princeton was that of Benjamin Nash, an inmate of the Woodstock house of refuge. Nash had many relatives near Princeton, and often walked from Woodstock to see them. Monday he was in Princeton.

He left in the early evening, but no more was seen of him until his body

was picked up a mile or so west of Princeton. It was taken to Princeton by relatives. It is not known what train killed him, as it was not reported at the offices in London.

Italian Killed.

The body of an Italian was found near Copetown, a few miles from Brantford. It was horribly mangled, and there was nothing by which it could be identified. The authorities took charge of the remains and are waiting for friends to claim the body.

The dead man was evidently struck by a westbound train, but no record was made of the accident by any train crew Monday night.

CAPITAL CHEERS THE CHIEF
BACK FROM VICTORY AT POLLS

Ottawans Irrespective of Party Turn Out By Thousands and Give Sir Wilfrid Laurier a Tremendous Ovation Upon Return From Quebec.

Ottawa, Oct. 27.—Ottawans, who on Monday honored Premier Laurier by electing him at the head of the polls, tonight gave him a rousing welcome on his return to the city from Quebec, where he always spends election day.

It was not known in time for the evening papers what hour he would arrive, but this was announced by hand bills. The train arrived at the Union station shortly after 11 o'clock and Sir Wilfrid was met by Fred.

Journeaux, president of the Liberal Association, prominent Liberals and citizens generally. Several thousand people had gathered to extend a welcome, and Sir Wilfrid was given a

great ovation. Lady Laurier, who had gone on the train as soon as it arrived, stepped off first, accompanied by Senator Belcourt. Sir Wilfrid followed, arm in arm with Hal McGivern, the other Liberal elected for the city. Both were cheered enthusiastically as they entered the carriages which were in waiting.

A parade then formed, with bands, torches and fireworks, and proceeded to the Premier's residence, Laurier avenue east. Hundreds lined the route and the demonstration was a success from the start.

At his home Sir Wilfrid briefly expressed his appreciation of his election and the splendid reception.

"WELL, I HAD NOT EXPECTED
THAT MUCH FROM ONTARIO"

Was Delighted By Ontario's Vote—Went to Chateau Tired, But Happy, and Was the Object of a Great Ovation.

Quebec, Oct. 27.—Among the thousands who watched here last night the magic lanterns announcing in brilliant characters the results of the elections, the most interesting individual was certainly Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the re-elected Premier, with an overwhelming majority.

The Liberal leader had spent the day here. Though suffering from his old stomach trouble in the morning, he could at noon take an automobile spin in the hilly streets of Quebec in the company of Messrs. Lachance, M. P. for Quebec Centre, and Letourneau, M. P. for Quebec East. He visited the central committee rooms and his own committee in Quebec East. His face was placid, and nothing in his manner denoted anxiety or nervousness.

Made No Observation.

Immediately after the closure of the polls Sir Wilfrid followed the crowd to the Varieties Hall, where the reports were bulletined. A little later he was joined by Premier Gouin. Sir Wilfrid sat very comfortably, and taking from his coat pocket a list of the candi-

dates he began checking the results as they were bulletined, exchanging no observations with his neighbors, but balancing the total results every five minutes.

A Moment's Anxiety.

When the reports from the Maritime Provinces began to appear he showed some anxiety, that soon subsided. When his own election in Quebec East was announced, he was cheered and called upon for a speech. His thanks were very short. He terminated in saying: "Now, gentlemen, let us not lose our time talking, when we have to watch such important reports." It is needless to say that he was cheered and cheered.

During the whole evening he kept checking his list, applauding the defeat of the Bergeron in Beauharnois and the victory of his colleagues, etc.

Better Than He Hoped.

His only remark when Ontario began to come in was, "Well, I had not expected that much from Ontario."

At about ten he retired to the Frontenac, followed by acclamations, visibly tired, but in good spirits.

NEW BUILDING REGULATIONS
CAUSE A FLURRY IN PERMITS

City Engineer Graydon Is "The Great Yen How" Now—Must See Him Before You Build and Must Tell Him All You Know About What You Are Going to Build.

City Engineer Graydon yesterday put the new regulations in force regarding the securing of building permits and as a result he did a land office business.

It took him a considerable length of time to do it, as he met with many difficulties and complaints, but as soon as the regulations are understood, it is expected that there will be little or no trouble.

Up to the present, all that was necessary to erect a building was to obtain a permit for a building.

Now that is all done away with, and the builder must first obtain a permit to build.

The Information Necessary.

On this application the builder must give the owner's name, the architect, the builder, the location, nearest cross street, purpose of building, number of stories, probable cost of building, class of building, materials to be used,

thickness of each wall and other information. The application must be signed by the builder. The plan must be submitted to the city engineer and the city architect, who pass upon them.

If they are satisfactory, the permit is issued, if not, the plans must be amended until they are satisfactory.

Keep Tab on Them.

"By this means we can keep a closer tab on the buildings of this city," said City Engineer Graydon.

"We have the description of the building over the man's own signature, and the minute he diverges from the original plans, we can prove it without question. No verbal agreements are made any more. We intend to make every builder live up to the building bylaws. No more nonsense."

Permits Issued.

As a result a number of applications have been received by the city engineer, and yesterday afternoon the following permits were issued:

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LIBERAL MAJORITY IS FIFTY
ACCORDING TO LATEST RETURNS

North Lanark Goes Conservative and Nipissing Liberal, Dymont East Algoma, Also Defeated, While MacDonald, Liberal, Pictou, Is Returned Over Tanner.

Toronto, Oct. 28.—The aftermath of the election reveals few changes. There are still several ridings in which the official returns when completed may alter the figures, but according to the latest returns the majority for the Liberal Government still stands at 50.

In North Lanark it was at first thought that Mr. T. B. Caldwell had succeeded in retaining the seat for the Liberals, but this anticipation was not borne out by the official returns, and last night the riding was conceded to his opponent, Mr. W. Thoburn, though only by a bare majority.

This change was counterbalanced, however, by the election for Nipissing of Mr. C. A. McCool, who in the earlier reports was stated to have been defeated by the Conservative candidate, Mr. G. Gordon.

So far, therefore, the position of the parties in Ontario remains as at first announced, namely: Conservatives, 47, Liberals 39, though there is an unconfirmed rumor that Mr. W. R.

Smythe has, after all, ousted Mr. A. E. Dymont from East Algoma.

In Nova Scotia the Conservatives have to be content with six out of the eighteen seats, Mr. E. M. MacDonald, the brilliant young Liberal lawyer of Pictou, winning out against his redoubtable opponent, Mr. C. E. Tanner, who was yesterday credited with the victory.

Two changes in the first list of returns are reported from British Columbia. After a stiff fight, Hon. W. Templeman has gone down in Victoria; Mr. G. H. Barnard, the Conservative candidate, with a majority of five, making the only breach in the ranks of the Cabinet, but there is consolation for Liberals in the fact that Mr. Ralph Smith has retained his seat by a substantial majority in Nanaimo.

Though the Manitoba returns are still somewhat doubtful in one of two instances, they point to a gain of another seat by the Conservatives, later dispatches conceding the defeat of Mr. S. J. Jackson in Selkirk.

\$40,587 WAS STRUCK OFF
THE LOCAL ASSESSMENT

Mr. Grant Is Greatly Pleased With the Result the Work of the Court of Revision—Figures of Reductions and Increases.

The net reduction of London's assessment by the court of revision amounts to \$40,587. This is considered a very slight reduction, and Assessment Commissioner Grant is being congratulated on his good work.

Last year the net reduction was \$97,620, but of this amount the sum of \$37,475 was struck off on account of the Reid disaster, leaving the real reduction at \$60,145.

The Reductions.

The reductions were as follows:

Ward.	Real.	Business.	Income.	Total.
1	\$21,150	\$5,685	\$5,088	\$31,923
2	3,430	7,855	4,109	15,494
3	2,810	3,370	1,460	7,640
4	2,675	3,460	1,656	7,791

\$30,065 \$20,380 \$12,313 \$62,758

Assessments Increased.

To offset this, several properties were reassessed, increasing the assessment by the sum of \$22,171, making the net

The Increases.

The increases were made up as follows:

Ward.	Real.	Business.	Income.	Total.
1	\$8,000	\$2,300	\$10,300	
2	4,355	1,786	6,741	
3	1,510			
4	1,560	200	\$6,620	

\$2,160 \$15,725 \$4,286 \$22,171

Net reduction

\$27,905 \$4,655 \$8,027 \$40,587

Mr. Grant Pleased.

"The results are very satisfactory," said Assessment Commissioner Grant.

"Of the amount of \$30,065 reduction in real estate, \$28,150 represents the assessment on buildings torn down since the assessment, and of land purchased for fire halls and school grounds, leaving the small amount of \$3,915 allowed for overassessment on real estate. The reduction on business assessment is caused by parties going out of business. The loss on income is caused by assessed parties leaving the city, and the increased exemption allowed parties becoming householders."

Premier's Tour and Liberal Press
That's What Did It, Says Mr. Graham

Also That Efforts of the Slander-bund Helped Some.

Brookville, Oct. 27.—Hon. G. P. Graham makes the following statement: "The result is not surprising to me. The attacks on that great national undertaking, the G. T. R., were resented, and the general campaign of slander failed to appeal to the intelligence of the people. The circulation of appeals to prejudice which took

place in almost every Ontario constituency, I am pleased to know, had little effect, although this branch of the Conservative campaign was handled in a most assiduous way.

"The interference of the Provincial Government was not relied upon by the electors."

"So far as Ontario is concerned, the tour of Sir Wilfrid was the great factor in the result, while the Liberal press put up a convincing campaign every day of the fight."

Liner Plaything of Mighty Seas

New York, Oct. 27.—When the calm weather, but with such a storm as then was raging, the machinists being able to work with only one hand while holding on with the other to prevent themselves from being knocked down, it became a very tedious affair. Meantime the waves were making a plaything of the big liner and the passengers were tossed even out of their bunks.

The accident caused her to be a day that is usually easily enough remedied reaching port.

That Hydro-Electric Action Again

Mr. J. M. McEvoy has been notified that the Attorney-General is back in his office, and is ready to hear argument on the question of whether the hydro-electric commission should be made a party to a suit to determine

whether the contract entered into with certain municipalities had been authorized by the bylaw.

It is probable that the city council will instruct its solicitor to take the necessary steps to look after the city's interests in the matter.

Leamington Police Chief on Trial

Chatham, Oct. 28.—The trial for the murder of Elliott J. Kimball, former chief of police of Leamington, who on July 28 shot and killed George Healey, formerly of London, began in the court house this morning before Judge Latchford and jury. Frank Arnold, K. C., was prosecuting attorney, and O. L. Lewis, K. C., defending counsel.

The defense began by drawing out evidence from witness Miss Mary Wellington as to Healey's character, which the judge would not allow, saying the life of even the worst character in the community must be protected. The defense replied they had built its case on the character point and therefore would have to continue the case on a new tack.