

ROAD'S CONDITION INJURES THE CITY

Mayor Graham's Warm Reply
to Supt. Tasker, of the
Pere Marquette.

LINE TO BE IMPROVED

City and Company Had a Heart-to-
Heart Talk and Promises for
Betterment Were Made.

At an informal conference Tuesday morning between Mayor Graham, Assistant Superintendent Tasker, Traveling Passenger Agent W. M. Hood, and William Guy, travelling freight agent, of the Pere Marquette, in the mayor's office, the condition of the road was frankly discussed between the parties. Improvements will be made at once, Mr. Tasker declared, and efforts will be made to have the early morning train run at its former hour.

Mr. Tasker spoke to his worship on the subject first, saying that the publicity given the condition of the road was not to the benefit of the company.

"It is hurting our business," he declared. "I might answer you that the manner in which you have allowed the road to run down is hurting the receipts due us," retorted his worship.

Condition of the Road. Mayor Graham then pointed out that the roadbed was not in a good condition. The rails were badly twisted in spots, and in other ways the roadbed was not up to requirements. The rolling stock was not kept in its proper condition.

"We feel that we have a grievance," continued his worship. "The train service is not what it should be. It is almost impossible to make connections for London at night. A great many complaints have also been made regarding the early morning train."

Mr. Tasker assured his worship that it was the intention of the company to put the roadbed in as good condition as possible at an early date.

A Severe Winter. "You must remember that the past winter has been a particularly severe one on railways," said Mr. Tasker. "The frost is just coming out of the ground, and as a result there are many places where the rails are not as well protected as they should be. We have the same trouble on our Michigan lines. Other companies have the same complaint. It would not be wise to do anything to the soft spots until the frost is entirely out of the ground. We will put the road in good condition as soon as we possibly can. We will do that. As for the early morning train, the present schedule was made by the Government. At the instance of Sinoe, or some other place, the morning Grand Trunk train was sent out much earlier. We had the mail contract, and as a result, the Government ordered us to make connections with this road. We had to do so, although it has practically killed off all business. It seems that some other municipality put one over on London. We will see what we can do with reference to restoring the service."

Summer Schedule. The summer schedule was declared to be satisfactory, and the grounds of complaint regarding the ordinary service will be remedied.

"We simply want to have the company give us a chance," declared his worship, in discussing the matter. "We are interested in the revenue of the line, and we do not want to have it reduced or cut off. I look for an improvement shortly."

Mr. Tasker would not discuss the possibility of the company seeking another lease of the road. He had no information whatever on the subject, he said, and refused to venture an opinion.

LONDON MAN'S OPINION OF CAUSE OF WRECK

Says Presence of Icebergs Can
Be Detected If Precautions
Are Taken.

While it is next to impossible for one to determine the contributing cause of the loss of the Titanic, the splendid monument to marine architecture at this time, there are numerous conjectures as to the probabilities, and among those we might mention one that has been conveyed to The Advertiser, while conversing with a master mariner of wide experience, twelve years of which were spent on the ocean where the Titanic met her fate.

This gentleman, now a resident of London, was for some years a representative of Lloyd's marine department, and consequently made a close study of the contributing causes of marine disasters. His conclusions are that where the vessel is in every sense of the word seaworthy, the cause of loss or damage is too much self-confidence, or, in other words, a too great feeling of security in a locality much frequented. He says it is early in the season for ice to be met in the vicinity where the ship met her fate, consequently the precaution of an ultra-careful master may not have been exercised.

No matter what the probabilities may indicate, the temperature of the water should be frequently taken when crossing the North Atlantic, no matter at what time of the year or in what locality. This, if carefully followed up, with a reliable instrument, is almost an infallible guide in determining the proximity of ice. Whether this precaution was taken in navigating the Titanic or not, cannot, of course, be learned at present, but from the standpoint of the man on the dock, the lack thereof seems to be the only solution of the disaster at present.

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VICTORIA ST. PEOPLE AGAINST STREET CARS

Ask That Proposed New Line
Be Run on Cheapside
Street.

There will be a meeting of the special committee of the city council dealing with street railway matters on Wednesday evening to discuss the various questions which have lately arisen between the company and the city.

The first to be settled will be the petition from the residents of Victoria street asking that the proposed north end extension do not go along Victoria street, but along Cheapside. The property owners along the former thoroughfare are not enamored of the street cars in front of their homes, and hence the petition.

In addition there will be a request from the London street railway to remove the Wellington street line to Richmond street. A suggestion was made that the city authorize the change, but in conversation with the committee it was thought that the better way would be to allow the company to make the change on their own responsibility. The council would not stand in their way at all.

The matter of better service and improvements on the cars will be taken up. Manager C. B. King will be present and discuss the whole proposition with the city representatives.

SHARP DETECTIVE WORK BY A LOCAL AUCTIONEER

How Mr. Joseph Brown Located
Furniture in London for
New York Man.

Mr. Joseph Brown, the well-known local auctioneer, has blossomed out in a new role, that of private detective. The other day he received a letter from a firm of attorneys in New York, stating that a certain man who had been living in that city had left for parts unknown and had shipped away a quantity of furniture which had been purchased by him but had only been partly paid for.

It was surmised that part of the goods were shipped to London, though some had been sent to other points. Mr. Brown got busy at once, and soon found out that the man spoken of in the letter was living in South London. He kept a check on the man's movements, and the missing furniture was traced, though it had been shipped here under a name other than that by which the ex-New Yorker was known.

Yesterday Mr. Brown determined to get into the house. He had repeatedly knocked at the door, but the blinds were closely drawn and there was no sign of anyone around. Then the auctioneer and amateur detective went around to a basement window and crawled in. As he emerged through the door in the floor of the kitchen, he saw a woman, evidently the man's wife, seated in a chair with some needlework on her lap.

She appeared about to scream when Mr. Brown said to her: "You are doing some fancy work?"

"She looked at him an instant, and then replied: 'So are you.'"

Then said she was glad the suspense was over, that she had been expecting trouble, and she said she and her husband would give the goods up forthwith. This being the case, Mr. Brown at once took possession and will sell the furniture at his store.

CHARGED WITH SELLING LIQUOR TO MINORS

Local Bartender Is Summoned To Appear on Friday.

Another case of selling liquor to minors is to be heard in police court on Friday morning, when Fred Hickey, bartender at the City Hotel, is to appear.

Hickey was before Police Magistrate Judd this morning and pleaded not guilty. Wesley Bernard and Herbert Crossan are the two minors charged with lingering and loitering about the place. The adjournment till Friday was granted in order to enable the parties interested to obtain witnesses.

Ed Johnston paid a dollar for driving a milk wagon without the necessary license number.

Lewis and Samuel Silverstein, two brothers, were before the court for obstructing the street. One left a wagon standing on the road, while the other was found guilty of leaving his horse standing for a time unattended. The fines were made one dollar each.

Sentence was suspended in the case of Abraham Rosenfeld, who allowed rubbish to fall from his wagon along the city streets.

Richard Ross, who falls into the hands of the police with persistent regularity, and who has thus far refused to have his name on the Indian list, was fined \$20, with the option of 21 days in jail.

Henry Sterling, who is also very strongly addicted to liquor, was given the same fine, but being a lister, his option is one month.

Peter O'Donohue was dismissed on condition that he goes on the prohibitory list. Half a dozen first-timers were allowed to go.

Music and Drama

"Oliver Twist." Aileen May comes to the Grand on Thursday and Friday with the best of Dickens' efforts, "Oliver Twist." Never in recent years has Dickens been so popular as the present season, and it is refreshing to know that the celebration of the one hundredth year of his birth, which is taking place in every city of the country, a tribute to the greatest of all English writers, is greater than has ever been bestowed on any of the living or dead celebrities. The engagement of Aileen May at the Grand will give to all lovers of Dickens an opportunity to become familiar with the characters in the book. Seats are now on sale.

Romance and Tunefulness in "The Spring Maid." The evolution of the musical play, which has led in two decades from the charming Gilbert & Sullivan operas and "Roba Hood," through a desert of tin-pan melodies and slapstick methods of fun, has finally grown apart to the better things of the true comic opera, in "The Spring Maid," which will be seen at the Grand Opera House next Saturday, matinee and night. This newest of Viennese operettas, with the tuneful melodies that have spread over the country, to pre-

cede its coming visit, has been praised in superlatives by critics as well as the theatre-going public. Its charm and melodious quality have been welcomed eagerly as a work long awaited. Seat sale opens tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WOMAN MURDERED IN WINNIPEG VICE AREA

Killed by Man Who Carried
Off Her Jewelry and
Money.

Winnipeg, April 15.—A woman was murdered in the segregated vice area this morning. The inmates of 176 Macfarlane street, on entering the room of Mignon Ducharme, aged 24 years, formerly of Montreal, Que., found her dead to a bedpost, and dead. She had been killed in some mysterious manner by a man who was with her at night, and who disappeared with all her money and jewelry.

**REV. H. D. WHITMORE
WAS FORMALLY INDUCTED**

An Impressive Service Monday
Night in the First Congregational Church.

The services in connection with the induction of the Rev. Herbert D. Whitmore into the pastorate of First Congregational Church were held in that church last night. Rev. Mr. Whitmore, who comes from Calvary Church, Kingston, is the successor of Rev. H. E. Peatfield.

The meeting last night was presided over by Rev. W. T. Gunn, of Toronto, the general secretary of the Congregational Church in Canada. The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. George MacKenzie, of Ottawa Avenue Church, and in charge to the congregation was delivered by Rev. W. H. A. Clark, the pastor of the Southern Congregational Church, of this city.

Rev. F. A. Steven extended the welcome of the congregation to Rev. Mr. Whitmore, while Rev. H. A. Graham, of Wellington Street Methodist Church, welcomed the new pastor on behalf of the London Ministerial Association.

Rev. W. T. Gunn also gave the right hand of fellowship to Rev. Mr. Whitmore.

The different speakers of the evening, one and all, spoke of the great gain that the First Church had made in getting the services of Rev. Whitmore as its pastor, and said that the city should also congratulate upon the addition to the ranks of the clergy in London. Rev. Whitmore is ranked high among the ministers of the Congregational Churches in Canada, and the First Church has now a very bright future before it with him as the pastor.

CITY COUNCIL'S SURPLUS BIGGEST IN YEARS

Last Year's Body Left a Balance
of \$44,268.95 For Their
Successors.

The financial statement for 1911 was presented to the city council on Monday evening, showing that the balance for the year was \$44,268.95. This is the largest surplus in recent years.

The receipts were \$11,228 more than was estimated. The water commissioners handed over to the city \$19,895 from the waterworks and \$6,332 from the electrical department more than their estimates showed. The surplus from 1911 was \$1,126.53 more than was anticipated, while the percentages from the London and Port Stanley Railway were \$1,628.42 better than was looked for. The majority of the smaller items showed increases.

It was estimated that the sum of \$10,000 would be received from the debentures for a fire engine. The debentures were not sold, and the money, as a result, not received. However, it had to appear in the receipts, but is balanced in the expenditures where it is shown that that amount is not expended, giving No. 3 committee credit for that sum.

Nearly all the spending bodies show a surplus. The board of works was over \$5,000 to the good. The fire department had \$1,200 over, while the finance committee was over by \$3,000. Of this amount \$4,645.10 was saved in the incidental account alone.

The sum of \$5,000 was saved in the city hall account, the amount being set aside for rental, which was not made use of.

The hospital trust was \$2,055 behind, while the board of education was behind \$5,022.

The estimated receipts for the year from all sources were \$1,050,663, while the actual receipts were \$1,061,901. The estimated expenditure was placed at the same amount, \$1,060,000, but the actual expenditure was \$1,017,622.

W. R. FLOWERS HONORED

Transport Company's Foreman Is
Leaving To Go Into Business For
Himself.

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Mr. George Hodgins and others then called on Mr. J. C. Cleave to make the presentation, and Mr. Flowers thanked "the boys" for their kindness.

Refreshments were served, after which Mr. N. X. Graham was made chairman and a programme was carried out.

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Was at Its Best.

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W. M. S. EASTER MEETING

Interesting Session of Dundas Centre
Church Workers.

The Easter meeting of Dundas Centre Woman's Missionary Society was held yesterday afternoon at the church and was well attended. A bright and interesting programme was provided.

Addresses were given by Mrs. (Rev. Harvey, of South London, and Mrs. Westaway, of China, while Miss Lily Woolley and Miss Reid delighted the members with beautiful solos. The offering received was most liberal, amounting to about \$200, including three life membership fees. Mrs. H. McMechan and Mrs. A. Talbot were elected to represent the society at the London branch meeting in Sarnia in May. Mrs. Winnie, with a committee, served refreshments.

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