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PLUMBERS' STRIKE AT AN END;
MEN APPARENTLY SCORE A WINCITY IMPROVEMENT
DEBT A MORTGAGE?Point Is Raised at the City Hall
by a Purchaser of
Property.

Is a local improvement charge against a property mortgage, in the sense that a property cannot be declared free and clear of all encumbrance until such time as the local improvement charges against it have been made good or have been paid off?

A certain lawyer in London says it is, and his client is prepared to take the case to the courts rather than accept a property which he purchased until the local improvement debt has been wiped out.

The case is a peculiar one, and is of much interest to those who are buying or selling property.

A certain gentleman of London has a daughter who is to be married shortly. He thought she was going to live in London, and for a wedding present he purchased a handsome residence for her. An hour after he had signed the agreement, he learned that the young couple would live in Toronto, and he straightaway tried to withdraw from the purchase of the property. He offered the man from whom he was buying \$25 to call the deal off, but the owner refused, and demanded that the purchase money be paid over as per agreement.

Then the erstwhile purchaser looked around for ways and means to get even.

It is understood that his lawyer informed him that before the seller could give the purchaser a clear deed he would have to pay about \$200 of sidewalks and sewer charges, covering a period of about eight years, before the clear deed could be given.

One of the interested parties was at the city hall today making inquiries on the subject, and it is understood that City Clerk Baker has received assurances from a reliable legal source that a local improvement debt may be considered a mortgage against a property.

PROF. SHORTT ARBITRATOR

Appointed by Government in Grand
Trunk Machinist Dispute.

Kingston, Ont., May 5.—Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, minister of labor, has appointed Professor Adam Shortt, M.A., of Queen's University, chairman of the board of conciliation and investigation into the troubles existing between the Grand Trunk Railway Company and its machinists. The other members of the board are Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, of Toronto, and A. H. Champion, the labor representative.

LAST DAY FOR TENDERS

Contractors Crowd Capital Seeking
Contracts for Dredging.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, May 6.—This is the last day for receiving tenders for dredging by the public works department. All tenders must be in the department before 12 o'clock tonight. Contractors are here from all over the country looking after their interests. Mr. Fisher, acting minister of public works, will be here tonight, and the tenders will likely be opened tomorrow. At any rate he will have them disposed of before going to England on May 10th.

J. G. O'Donoghue, Toronto, will represent the men in the investigation board in connection with the trouble between the machinists and the G. T. R. Mr. Champion, who was first selected, has resigned. He will be a witness, and therefore could not be on the board.

Beautiful Ellen Terry
Weds Her Leading ManDISASTROUS FIRE
AT QUEEN CITYA \$150,000 Conflagration in the
Mercantile District of
Toronto.

Toronto, May 5.—A disastrous fire occurred last evening in the five-story Knox Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of ladies' and children's headgear. The blaze had a good start when the firemen arrived, and it was with great difficulty that the inflammable material was extinguished. The damage to the stock is estimated at \$100,000, and to the building \$25,000. The Kloepper wholesale hardware firm, next door, sustained damage to stock by smoke and water of \$25,000.

The Knox Company had insurance of \$61,000. The Kloepper loss is fully insured.

Only One Shop Is Now Out, and
It Is Negotiating With Men
This Afternoon.

The plumbers' strike appears to be a thing of the past, and the men have apparently won a victory. True, they are not getting what they originally asked for, namely, an increase of 10 cents an hour, which would mean a wage of 40 cents an hour, but they are getting 35 cents an hour, an increase of 5 cents over the wages they were receiving when they went on strike.

It is understood that every firm in the city, with the exception of Smith Bros. & Co., are paying the 35 cents an hour, and negotiations are going on this afternoon with the firm mentioned, which it is expected will lead to a settlement.

It is alleged by some of the bosses that all the firms for which union men are working are not paying the union scale of wages, and that in some instances only verbal agreements have been made with the men.

The bosses deny that there is to be any increase in plumbing charges to the public to make up for the increase in wages.

Bricklayers Stand Firm

The bricklayers of the city held a meeting Saturday afternoon and discussed at great length the request which has been made for an increase in wages.

They remained steadfast to their proposition for a three years' contract, with a wage scale of 43 cents an hour for the first year, 45 cents for the second year, and 47½ cents for the last year. It is understood that originally the men asked for 50 cents an hour for the third year, but that subsequently this demand was modified and made 47½ cents.

A committee was named to meet the bosses, of which W. R. Hawthorne was chairman, and Fourth Vice-President (Continued on Page Eight)

GRAND TRUNK
AND THE CITYFormer Receives Council's Draft
Agreement and Promises Im-
mediate Attention.

The long-looked-for reply from the Grand Trunk Railway to the city's communication, sent some time ago, along with a draft agreement, has been received by City Clerk Baker.

Contrary to expectations, it is not from Manager Brownlee, but comes instead from Third Vice-President Fitzhugh.

The communication is brief and to the point.

It acknowledges the city's favor and also the receipt of the draft agreement, which was framed by the railway committee of the city council.

Mr. Fitzhugh says that the negotiations will now be taken up and that the city's proposals will be gone into immediately.

Nothing is said, however, of the officials of the company coming to London.

There is a hopeful feeling around the city hall today, and it is regarded as almost certain now that an agreement will be reached this year, and that everything will be ready for the matter of granting the company a certain fixed assessment in January next.

Manager Brownlee was in the city today, but he had no conference with the mayor.

DUKEDOM FOR STRATHCONA

Montreal Hears of Great Honor for the
High Commissioner.

Montreal, May 5.—Rumor has it that Lord Strathcona is about to be made a duke. It is said the title will be conferred on Victoria Day.

The ceremony was performed by a justice of the peace.

For reasons that have not been disclosed, announcement of the marriage was deferred until the famous English actress was on the sea, bound for her native land. She sailed on Saturday, and Mr. Carey, who was obliged to remain in America to look after urgent business, decided, with her consent of course, to make the fact known forthwith.

In years Mr. Carey is much the junior of his bride. He is 35 years old, while she is 59. She has already been married twice. Nevertheless, it is understood by all their friends that it was purely a love match, the beginning of which was soon after their first meeting.

Mr. Carey, who is a native of Indiana, is well known on the stage.

DEATH CALLS
"IAN M'LAREN"Famous Author of Bonnie Brier
Bush Passes Away at Bur-
lington, Iowa.

Burlington, Ia., May 6.—Dr. John Watson (Ian MacLaren) died at 11:15 a.m. today, at Mountain Pleasant, Iowa. The cause was blood-poisoning from tonsillitis. He was taken ill at Mount Pleasant on April 25.

IT WASN'T THE COUNT

Portland, Ore., May 6.—A dispatch to the Oregonian from Klamath Falls, Ore., says that the Count Otto Von Walderstein, who was reported to have been killed at Willowdale, Cal., a few days ago, is alive and well at Klamath Falls, Ore., where he is employed on Government reclamation work.

RATEPAYERS ONLY CAN HAVE
VOTE ON THE WATER QUESTIONHINDUS BURN
MISSION HOUSESRecent Riotous Outbreaks at
Rawalpindi Directed Against
the Christians.

Lahore, British India, May 6.—The Hindu outbreak at Rawalpindi appears to have been anti-Christian as well as anti-European. The mission buildings were the special object of the fury of the rioters. An attempt was made on the American mission churches, the mob burned the Young Men's Christian Association Hall, looted and damaged the houses of the missionaries and violently assaulted native Christians in the streets. A riotous outbreak under the leadership of Hindu students has occurred at Amritsar, about 30 miles from Lahore.

CHIEF COUNSELOR I. O. F.

Mr. W. H. Hunter Steps in Position
Vacated by Supreme Chief Ranger.

Toronto, May 5.—Mr. W. H. Hunter, of the law firm of Hunter & Hunter, is the supreme counselor of the Independent Order of Foresters. The appointment was made at the regular meeting of the executive council in the Temple Building on Saturday morning, at which all the members were present, and was unanimous.

The vacancy was caused by the appointment of Mr. Elliott G. Stevenson, to the office of supreme chief ranger, held for years by the late Dr. Orono Hyatt.

The executive council is now constituted as follows: Messrs. Elliott G. Stevenson, supreme chief ranger; Victor Morin, Montreal, past supreme chief ranger; J. D. Clark, Toronto, O. O. F., supreme vice-chief ranger; R. Mathison, supreme treasurer; Dr. Millman, supreme physician; and W. H. Hunter, supreme counselor.

MR. BECK'S PLUCKY ACT

Power Minister Stops Runaway Team
of Fire Brigade.

Toronto, May 5.—Hon. Adam Beck, of London, at great risk of his own life, stopped a runaway team of horses attached to the Bay street fire engine near King and Bay streets, on Saturday evening. Mr. Beck had just left the line car, and, noticing that the driver seemed to be in trouble, rushed out and grasped the near horse by the bridle. It was not, however, till near Melinda street that he was able to stop the team. There it was discovered that the reins had not been properly adjusted so as the driver could effectively guide them. Hon. Mr. Beck quickly disappeared in the crowd, but not before several recognized him and spoke of his courageous act, that prevented probably a serious accident.

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TURKISH BATTALIONS
WIPED OUT BY REBELSSultan's Troops Suffer Severe Reverse
in Turkish Armenia.

London, May 6.—It was announced this afternoon in a special dispatch from Constantinople that several battalions of Turkish troops have practically been annihilated during a battle with rebels in the province of Yemen, Turkish Armenia. The commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces is urgently calling for reinforcements.

THREE ASPHYXIATED
IN MONTREAL HOUSEAccidentally Broke the Gas Jet While
Intoxicated.

Montreal, May 5.—Three men were asphyxiated today at a cheap boarding house at 342 St. James street, kept by Mrs. J. Smith. McGillick, the dead man, was a baker; McGillick, the dead man, was a baker; McGillick, the dead man, was a baker.

CHANGE OF VENUE
IN ELECTION CASEApplication Is Made at Osgoode
Hall, and Judgement
Reserved.

The London election case came up at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, this morning, when an application was made for a change of venue from Toronto to London.

The application was made before Mr. Justice Britton, Mr. E. F. B. Johnston appearing in behalf of the several defendants.

The application was opposed by Mr. George Lynch-Staunton, of Hamilton, who is to act as crown prosecutor.

Mr. Justice Britton reserved judgment.

Convenience and expense were the principal grounds on which argument was based. The defense had 90 witnesses, all of whom lived in London. The offenses covered a period of nine years, and ranged over the entire Province. Mr. Lynch-Staunton pointed out, in opposing the application, that there were no cases on record where a change of venue had been ordered on grounds of convenience in a criminal case. Justice Galt held in the case of the Queen vs. McLeod that though all the parties interested lived in Toronto, the venue was properly laid at Kingston. In the Queen vs. McGreevy, trial was held at Ottawa, while the offense was committed in Quebec.

"It seems to me the height of folly to try this case in London, which, according to Mr. Gibbons, was seething with corruption," said Mr. Lynch-Staunton. Toronto was a big place and an indifferent center.

Mr. Johnston was willing that Woodstock or St. Thomas should be selected. He was not insisting that London be the scene of the trial. Toronto was the center of the political organizations of the Province, and political feeling of the Province. It was stated that it was expected that the evidence of W. T. R. Preston would be received by June.

MEDAL FOR FIREMAN

City Council May Take Action in Case
of Dan McDonald.

The city council, it is understood, will tonight take up the matter of acknowledging in some substantial way the brave deed of Fireman Dan McDonald, who on Saturday night rescued Mr. James Angus from the Arcade alley.

It is felt that McDonald is entitled to special recognition, and the least that will be done for him will be to thank him and make a move toward securing a medal for him from the Royal Humane Society.

The isolation hospital plans will also come up tonight for discussion, and it is quite likely that a move will be made to have a committee appointed to build the hospital.

The business also includes the passing of a bylaw for issuing \$2,500 debentures for the waterworks department this year, and a bylaw to confirm the agreement with Mrs. Becher, whereby she agrees to allow the north end sewer to run through her property, deprived of recourse against him.

FRISCO TIED UP BY BIG STRIKE

PHONE GIRLS AND CARMEN OUT

HAYWOOD'S TRIAL
OPENS THURSDAYMiners' Leader Charged With
Murder of Late Governor
of Idaho.

Boise, Idaho, May 6.—The application for a bill of particulars filed by counsel for the defense, in the case of William D. Haywood, secretary and treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, who, on Thursday next, will be placed on trial, charged with the murder of former Governor Steunenberg, came up for argument before Judge Freeman Wood. E. F. Richardson, of Denver, and Clarence S. Darrow, Chicago, represented the defendants. The arguments for the state will be presented by Senator W. E. Berah and M. Van Dusen, the public prosecutor. Senator Berah has been retained as special counsel by the state to assist James H. Hawley, leading counsel.

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of Blackmail and Murder.

Wilkesbarre, May 6.—The sealed verdict of the jury in the "Black Hand case" was opened in court this morning. Eleven of the defendants were found guilty as indicted, and two acquitted. The defendants are members of a gang of Italians who have been terrorizing this neighborhood for years.

Explosion of Gas Almost
Costs Traveler His LifeCHANGE OF VENUE
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Mr. James Angus, a traveler for R. C. Struthers & Co., narrowly escaped death Saturday night in an explosion of illuminating gas, which partially wrecked what is known as the Arcade Bowling Alleys at 436 Richmond street, immediately opposite Carling street.

Mr. Angus was very badly burned, and is now in Victoria Hospital, whither he was removed after the accident. His physician says he will recover.

At 12:10, Mr. Angus was in the bowling alleys. He had been to the theater in the evening, and after the performance had dropped into the Arcade, of which he, with Mr. Charles Stewart, is the proprietor. After attending to some business matters, Mr. Angus had occasion to go into the basement. He noticed a strong odor of gas, and, without a thought, he lighted a match.

Terrific Explosion.

In an instant, there was an explosion which knocked Mr. Angus headlong into a pile of wooden boxes, and smashed the large plate glass window to the south of the Richmond street entrance, and in an instant enveloped the place in flames.

The policeman on the beat pulled the box at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, and someone also sent in a "phone alarm."

A large crowd soon gathered, and Mr. Stewart, the manager of the alleys, shouted that Angus was in the basement. He, with others, made repeated efforts to save the half-conscious man, but every time they attempted to go down, the flames were so intense that they were unable to do so.

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DR. TORREY CAN'T
LEAVE MONTREALEvangelist Sued for Slander, His
Money Tied Up and Bag-
gage Seized.

Montreal, May 5.—Rev. Dr. Torrey, the evangelist, who is stopping at the Windsor Hotel, was on Saturday served with papers in a suit taken against him by Norman Murray, who claims that he was slandered by the doctor in remarks that the latter made at one of his services when Murray claims that Dr. Torrey declared that he had been arrested for selling obscene literature on the streets.

At a subsequent service Dr. Torrey made a public apology for his remarks, but Murray is not satisfied, and on Saturday he took out a seizure before judgment on Dr. Torrey's personal effects, and also on the money held by the treasurer of the Torrey meetings, alleging that Dr. Torrey was about to leave the city, and that he would be deprived of recourse against him.

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THE UNIONS REFUSE TO ARBITRATE

Trouble—Strike Breakers
in Peril.

San Francisco, May 6.—San Francisco is again in the throes of a bitter strike. For the third time since the disastrous fire a year ago, San Francisco is walking because of the declaration of a strike on all the street car lines in the city by the Carmen's Union. Added to this tie up is the strike of the telephone girls and of 8,000 iron workers. With transportation facilities and with a crippled and inadequate telephone service, business is greatly handicapped.

A committee from the Civic League of San Francisco yesterday called on Henry T. Scott, president of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company, President Calhoun, of the United Railways, and President Cornelius of the Carmen's Union, and requested them in the interests of the city and of the public to submit the differences to arbitration. The committee met with no success.

The Carmen has organized an extensive picket detail at each car barn. The pickets are changed every four hours, according to President Cornelius, have been instructed to permit no violence.

Large crowds surround the car barns at Turk and Fillmore streets, where 100 strike breakers are lodged. Beyond shouting and jeering no overt act was attempted. Heavy shutters and iron screens were placed at the windows of all the barns, and car houses. At the car barn at Hays and Central avenue, where is situated the companies' principal commissary department, intense activity prevails to prepare for the housing and feeding of a large number of strike breakers.

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The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 a.m. Saturday were: Highest, 47.5°; lowest, 32°. Sunday: Highest, 51.5°; lowest, 31° above.

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The only expression of opinion was from a more Conservative Irish member of the House of Commons, who said: "I think the bill will be found fairly favorable."

The most sanguine and only hope now for a measure giving administrative power through control of expenditures to an Irish council, which will be predominantly elective, all the Irish members of the Commons being members, thus obviating the necessity for separate elections. The land-owning minority in Ireland will be represented by a nominative element for which the Government will be responsible. Even this administrative power, it is anticipated, will be limited, excluding, it is said, control over the lord lieutenant, the privy council, the judiciary forces and the crown police.

As to the Police.

A concession may be made by handing over the metropolitan police to the council. This force must not be confounded with the Royal Irish Constabulary, which, it is said, will remain under the Imperial Government, but will be reorganized under a scheme generally acceptable to Irishmen.

The council will administer the Irish local government board, which controls public institutions, four boards of works, two departments, the affairs of which occupy so much time in the House of Commons. The departments of agriculture and education also doubtless will be handed over to the council.

It was originally intended that a government official should be president of the council, but this was strongly opposed by Mr. Redmond with the result, it is said, of the selection of the presiding officer being left for the council to decide. This is far from a settlement of Ireland's claim for home rule, in the opinion of home rulers, but they (Continued on Page Nine)