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HAS THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RY. BOUGHT THE PERE MARQUETTE?

If Story From Detroit Is True London Will Have a Union Depot.

NO OFFICIAL WORD AS YET

If P. M. Lines Go To Big Trunk System, City's Line to Port Will Be Included.

A report from Detroit that the C. P. R. has taken control of the Pere Marquette Railway system is accepted as truth among railwaymen in London.

For a considerable length of time there have been rumors that such a deal was in contemplation, and an announcement has been awaited with much interest. The story from Detroit has tended to confirm former rumors, and make railwaymen certain here that the C. P. R. has at last got control of the Pere Marquette.

If the announcement is true, as it is considered to be, the deal will have a great influence on the city of London.

It will give the C. P. R. control of the London and Port Stanley Railway for three years more at least, and it will allow them to have access to the Grand Trunk station for that time or longer.

In other words, the deal would pave the way for a union station in London, as the C. P. R. would be in a position to make arrangements on a comparatively level basis with the Grand Trunk.

They would have access to the present station grounds, and it would not be a very difficult matter to arrange interswitching privileges by which the London and Port Stanley could be connected with the main line of the C. P. R., thus bringing practically all their trains to the Grand Trunk station.

Eyes on Port Stanley.

For a long time the C. P. R. have had their eyes on Port Stanley. A proposition was made to take over the Traction Company some time ago, but suitable arrangements could not be made.

A branch line was also talked of, running from Belmont to the Port. This would give the company another coal-hauling road, and place them in a strong position in that regard.

However, nothing has been heard on this score, and it was announced that the company had other plans in mind that would materially change their first intentions.

As soon as the transfer of the Pere Marquette is made, it is understood that the C. P. R. will make a proposition to the city for a lease of the road.

They will suggest a comparatively long term lease, in order to allow them to make certain improvements they have in mind.

The lease would give the company three coal docks, Port Burwell, Port Stanley and Rondeau, At all of these coal can be landed, and shipped in any direction. This would give the C. P. R. control of the whole soft coal trade, or practically so across Lake Erie.

A Line to Sarnia.

In addition the acquisition of the P. M. will give the C. P. R. access into Sarnia. For some years efforts have been made to get into that section, but without avail. The P. M. now control a line into that town, with connections at Port Huron.

There is also a rumor to the effect that the company will build from London to Sarnia to connect with that road. It would touch the fruit growing belt near Arkona. It will likely be an electric line. A charter has already been granted for such a line, and it is understood that the C. P. R. will assist in building it.

At the city hall nothing is known regarding the plans of the C. P. R. They had heard that some big deal was in process of consummation, but none knew just what was being done.

Hopes It's True.

Mayor Beattie expressed the hope that the story was true. He is anxious that the Grand Trunk be brought to time, and he sees in this step a lever by which the G. T. R. can be compelled to make certain improvements to their property in London.

"I sincerely hope it is true," his worship said when informed of the rumored transfer. "It will be a great thing for the city of London. It would pave the way for a union station, something that is absolutely necessary. The C. P. R., the G. T. R. and the M. C. R. could all come into the one station without trouble, and then we would have a station building that would be a credit, not an eyesore, as at the present time I sincerely hope the deal has been made."

The C. P. R. officials had nothing to say in reference to it. They could give no information regarding it, saying that they had not been informed of the change has yet.

A Story of the Amalgamation

Detroit, March 11.—There is a well-founded rumor here tonight to the effect that the Canadian Pacific Railway has acquired a controlling interest in the Pere Marquette, and that the recent announcement of a big bond issue by the latter company was made with the full approval and consent of the Canadian road.

The recent resignation of several high officials of the Pere Marquette Railway are also believed to point strongly to a change of control. While no one can be found here willing to make a definite statement on the matter, local railway men have for some weeks been hearing rumors of absorption, and these reports have never been denied, even in conservative financial circles.

At the time the last issue of bonds, which was for $8,000,000, was authorized, the statement was given out that the money was to be used to retire an issue of prior lien bonds about to fall due, but now it is is understood this money is to go for betterments.

The Pere Marquette at present operates a total of 2,335 miles of which 1,866 is owned and the remainder leased.

In Canada they control the old Lake Erie and Detroit from Walkerville to St. Thomas, 126 miles; Sarnia to Rondeau, 72 miles, and London to Port Stanley, 23 miles.

OPPOSE LOCAL OPTION BILL

Wardsville Hotelmen Institute Action to Upset Measure Carried in January.

BALLOT BOX CRITICIZED

It Is Said That There Were Many Irregularities in the Manner in Which the Election Was Held.

The hotel proprietors of the village of Wardsville at the weekly high court before Justice Sutherland this morning, entered an application to have the local option bylaw carried there last January, quashed on the ground that there were numerous irregularities in the conduct of the election.

Representatives of both sides were present, and gave evidence, but the judge reserved his decision.

It is claimed that the election was not advertised according to the law, and that but one notice was posted, whereas four were required. It is further alleged that the ballot box used was not of the regulation style, and that it was without a lock and key. However, the supporters of the bylaw contend that the box was opened and shown to the scrutineers, and that it was sealed with wax before the election, remaining in their presence all day.

Reeve A. C. Linden, of the village of Wardsville, was present, as well as Rev. Mr. George, a Methodist clergyman. Mr. Wilson, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, represented the opponents of the bylaw.

It is said that a number of residents of the village are willing to subscribe to a fund to establish a temperance hotel should the present house cease business when the bars are closed on May 1 next.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS IN LONDON MAY 9

All Applications Must Be Filed Before the 15th of April.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, March 11.—Notice is given in the Canada Gazette that the regular civil service examination, preliminary and qualifying for the outside division of the civil service of Canada, will be held under the direction of the civil service commission of Canada on Tuesday, the 9th day of May, and following days at Halifax, Yarmouth, Sydney, Charlottetown, St. John, Fredericton, Moncton, Sherbrooke, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Saulte Ste. Marie, Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Brandon, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Nelson, Vancouver, and Victoria.

Application forms for the examinations and all information relating thereto may be obtained from the secretary of the civil service commission, Ottawa. All applications from intending candidates must be filed on or about the 15th day of April next.

THE VICTORIAN POETS

Address By "Katharine Hale" Before Women's Canadian Club.

Miss A. B. Warnock, well-known as "Katherine Hale," the literary editor of the Toronto Mail and Empire, spoke before the Woman's Canadian Club Friday afternoon in the Normal School on the poets of the Victorian era. Her address was delightfully interspersed with interpretative readings from the leading poets of the period, particularly Browning and Tennyson. Miss Warnock is fortunate in being gifted with a pleasing originality and charm of delivery, and her paper showed comprehensive study of her subject. The reactionary poets, Arnold, Clough, Swinburne, Morris, Edward Fitzgerald and William Watson, were also extremely well interpreted, but her readings from Kipling and her remarks on this writer probably aroused the greatest enthusiasm on the part of her audience.

Following Miss Warnock's address Mrs. Fred. Screaton delighted everyone with a solo. She was accompanied by Mr. A. D. Jordan.

LONDON PEOPLE BEHIND MOVE

Took Prominent Part in Securing the Moving Picture Theatre Bill.

LITTLE ONES ARE BARRED

Children Unaccompanied May Not Enter the Nickel Shows If the Measure Becomes Law.

London people are widely interested in the bill which was introduced into the Legislature yesterday afternoon to censor moving pictures and to prevent children under 15 years of age from attending theatres unless they are attended by their parents or some responsible person.

It is not generally known that the ladies of the provincial W. C. T. U., of which Mrs. May R. Thornley, of this city, is president, are to a very large extent responsible for the bill being introduced.

Last November when the W. C. T. U. was in session at Owen Sound the matter came up, and it was unanimously decided to take it up with the Government at once. A committee composed of Mrs. Thornley, Mrs. McKee, of Barrie; Mrs. Detlor, North Bay; Mrs. A. G. Irwin, Toronto; Mrs B. O. Britton, Gananoque; Miss Minnie Barrett, Mrs. Stevens, and Mrs. W. Pugsley, of Toronto, waited on the Attorney-General, and told him what had been reported to them regarding the pictures that were being shown.

Scenes of Violence.

They pointed out that scenes of violence were quite common, and that pictures of an immoral nature were being shown, and also that unpatriotic pictures were on exhibition, mentioning one in particular in which the American soldiers were shown chasing British soldiers during the war of Independence. They pointed out the increasing juvenile crime, and the terrible effects that going to picture shows was having on the eyesight of small children.

This deputation was supported by other smaller deputations, with the result that the present bill is now before the House.

"If the bill goes through as it is proposed," said Mrs. Thornley to The Advertiser this afternoon, "it will cover the main points that we wished to have dealt with."

Chief in Favor of Bill.

Chief Williams is strongly in favor of a bill preventing children from going to theatres.

"No child under 15, and particularly little girls, should be allowed to go to shows regularly," he said, "and never unattended. The increase in juvenile crime is traceable to children being allowed to run about the streets. We have any amount of cases reported of children taking money in order that they may go to shows. The craze grows upon them, and they want to be there all the time, and neglect their lessons to go. As far as the shows go, I have nothing to say against them, but it is no place for little children to be trained."

Inspector Sanders, of the Children's Aid Society, fully substantiated the views of the chief.

Various ministers spoken to by The Advertiser spoke very strongly in support of the proposed measure.

Rev. J. Gibson Inister and Col. Chandler, who are preparing a report for the Ministerial Association in regard to the moving picture shows and other places of amusement in the city, are both out of the city today, but both, it is said, are in favor of the measure.

Regular Playgoers.

It was stated to The Advertiser today that the teacher of a class of boys had recently tried an interesting experiment with a view of finding out the effects of the shows on the class. She discovered that out of 20 boys and girls, only two little girls were not in the habit of attending shows frequently.

She asked one of the brightest boys what kind of pictures he liked the best, and he replied those showing train robberies, and the lad proceeded to give a detailed account of one in particular that he had seen where the bandits held up an express. He remembered every detail and was able to recount the whole story.

Another boy in the class said that he liked pictures of hunting scenes and those with cowboys and Indians. Several other lads like pictures of this kind. Three or four other boys all trying to speak at once, told of a burglary picture they had seen, and described minutely how the thief had got in at the window and went through the house.

SMITH DEFEATED BY BILLY PAPKE

Sydney, N. S. W., March 11.—Billy Papke, the middleweight, knocked out Dave Smith, the Australian middleweight champion, in the seventh round today. Last month Papke lost to Smith on a foul in the tenth round.

PISTOL FIGHT WITH BURGLARS

Wyoming Bank Manager Tied and Gagged After Hard Battle.

DESPERADOES BLOW A SAFE

Bank Official Engages in Sensational Pistol Duel With Pair of Robbers Early This Morning.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Wyoming, March 11.—This usually quiet town was treated to a tremendous sensation today, when burglars, after binding and gagging the manager of the Bank of Toronto branch, blew open the safe, decamping, after a revolver duel, without getting any cash.

About 2 o'clock this morning, Mr. Weaver, who is in charge, returned to his room above the bank, and found it occupied by two strangers, who at once grappled with him. Weaver put up a desperate fight, but they finally succeeded in tying his arms and legs and gagging him. Leaving him helpless, the pair descended to the bank office and blew open one of the two safes. In the meantime, Weaver had managed to work loose from his bonds, and opening a manhole that leads to the vault poured a fusillade of revolver shots at the bandits. The pair immediately replied with a volley of bullets, but fortunately Weaver was not hit. One of the burglars yelled, and from that, Weaver thinks he may have wounded one of the pair. Weaver's plucky act put an end to the safe-cracking, as the burglars took to their heels. There is no clue as to their whereabouts.

FARMER WAS KICKED BY A VICIOUS HORSE

W. B. Foster, of Mosa, Badly Hurt—Is Complainant in Assault Case.

When the trial of Andrew Foote, the young Englishman charged by his employer, William B. Foster, of Mosa, with assault causing bodily harm and threatening to kill, was called before Judge Macbeth at the court house at noon today, it was discovered that the complainant last evening received very serious injuries on his farm while attending his horses, and as a result is confined to his bed.

According to the other witnesses brought in to testify in the case, Mr. Foster was working about the stable when one of the animals kicked him, breaking several bones, and inflicting deep gashes about his face and head. Mr. Foster is a man of advanced years, and what the result will be is difficult to forecast, it is said.

While the evidence of the complainant was considered most important, the case was proceeded with, the testimony of William McLean and J. D. McNaughton, neighbors of Foster, being heard. The prisoner was then released on bail, and will appear again one week from today. His solicitor, Mr. J. C. Judd, K.C., provided the necessary $100 bond.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MILD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, March 11—8 a.m.

Today—Southwesterly winds; fair and mild today. Showers late tonight.

Sunday—Mild and showery.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Max.	Min.	Weather.
Victoria	46	38	Cloudy
Calgary	44	30	Clear
Winnipeg	38	24	Fair
Port Arthur	28	24	Clear
Parry Sound	34	32	Fair
Toronto	44	14	Clear
Ottawa	40	8	Clear
Montreal	40	14	Clear
Quebec	36	8	Clear
Halifax	36	28	Clear

WEATHER NOTES.

The area of high pressure which was over the Western States yesterday is now central in the St. Lawrence Valley, and a low area is approaching the Great Lakes.

Fair weather is general throughout Canada.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

A small disturbance which was in the Southwest States on Thursday moved rapidly yesterday across the lake region, and was centred off the New England coast last night. Showers attended its passage across Ontario during Thursday night. Mild weather prevailed yesterday throughout the Western Provinces.

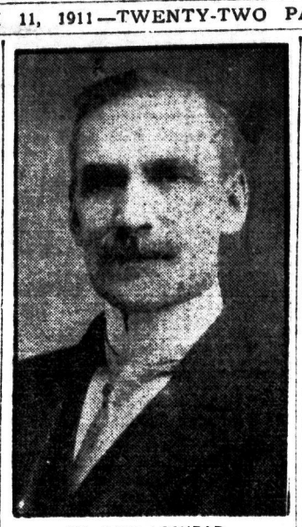
Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 34—40; Dawson, 18 below—zero; Atlin, 18 below—zero; Victoria, 42—46; Vancouver, 40—50; Kamloops, 44—52; Edmonton, 10—50; Battleford, 8—32; Prince Albert, 12—28; Calgary, 24—44; Moosejaw, 22—41; Qu'Appelle, 18—40; Winnipeg, 4—38; Port Arthur, 16—28; Parry Sound, 10—34; Toronto, 31—43; Ottawa, 26—40; Montreal, Halifax, 18—44.

TODAY'S PROBS.

The East—Fair, with a little lower temperature.

Lake Superior—Mild, with local showers.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair and mild.



MR. JOHN LOCHEAD.
Well-Known Bowler, Who Was Last Night Elected President of the London Bowling and Rowing Club.

DRASTIC MEASURE FOR FILM SHOWS

Children To Be Barred Unless Accompanied By Parents.

A BOARD OF CENSORS

Church Congregations To Be Held Responsible Under New Act for Ontario.

Toronto, March 11.—After the first of June, if the bill now before the Legislature becomes law in its present form, no children under the age of 15 years will be allowed to attend moving picture theatres unless accompanied by an adult. This clause, which will cause general consternation among the moving picture men of the province, is embodied in the measure introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. A. J. Matheson, provincial treasurer. The restriction is the one the theatre operators opposed most earnestly in their calls upon the Provincial Secretary when the matter was under consideration. They declared that to prevent children from attending the shows would put many places out of business, since their audiences were for the most part children.

To Appoint Censors.

The bill provides also for the appointment by the Government of a board of censors to pass upon all moving picture films before they are publicly exhibited. This board will be composed of three persons, who will have power to permit or absolutely prohibit the exhibition of any films within the province. When a film is approved it will be stamped, and this stamp must show upon the canvas when the film is exhibited. A film that bears this stamp cannot be objected to by any municipal police officer.

This clause will prove an acceptable one, and will do away with the present hazardous method by which an officer in one place may approve of a film while one in another may prohibit its use.

No municipal officer may issue a license to a moving picture operator until the applicant has produced a license from the province. If he does he is liable to a penalty of $20 and costs.

Where there has been any breach of the act, or of any regulations which results in bodily injury or the loss of life, the owner, manager or operator through whom such breach occurs shall, in addition to all other penalties prescribed, be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

A clause also provides that all fines received from convictions under the act go to the province.

The penalty for infractions of the clause respecting the admission of children is not less than $50 and not more than $200, with $25 for each day the offence is repeated.

Another important bill was introduced by the Provincial Treasurer respecting egress from public buildings. It provides that in all churches, halls, schools or buildings used for public meetings the exit doors shall open outwards, and places upon all church congregations the responsibility for any infractions of the act. The congregations and trustees or other officers are to be held severally responsible. The penalty for non observance of the provisions of the act is fixed at $50, with a further penalty of $5 a week if the infraction is continued.

TORONTO EXPECTS TO CAPTURE NESBITT

Believed That He Is Not Far Enough Away to Escape Police.

Toronto, March 11.—Although interest in forgery warrant for Beattie Nesbitt had naturally been discounted, its actual appearance creates a great deal of discussion. In some quarters a good deal of skepticism is expressed as to the intentions of the authorities and the probable results of the chase, but among those in touch with the police, it is thought Nesbitt has failed to make use of the rope given him, and will probably soon be a prisoner.

DESERTER ESCAPED.

Quebec, March 11.—A thrilling chase after a deserter from the Citadel took place last night. The alleged deserter made his way out of the fortress and managed to get down the face of the cliff to Champlain street. He disappeared, and his puttees were found on a wharf.

SAFE-BLOWERS WORKED THE GAME IN LONDON

FATALLY BURNED WHILE SMOKING IN HIS BED

Bed Clothes Caught Fire and Aged Arnprior Man Succumbed to Injuries.

Arnprior, March 11.—William Murphy, residing near Arnprior, was fatally burned last night. The deceased, who was a cripple, was smoking in bed. After lighting his pipe, he accidentally let the lighted match fall. The bed clothes quickly caught fire, and in a twinkling the unfortunate man was enveloped in flames. His frantic shouts brought his family, but he was so badly burned that he died an hour or two later. The deceased was 71 years of age. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done to the house.

CHARGED WITH STEALING LETTERS

Hector N. Johnson, of London Township, Was Taken Into Custody by Local Police.

WORKED IN POSTOFFICE

It is Alleged He Stole Missives From the Thamesville Office—A Very Serious Charge.

Hector Nelson Johnston, a youth aged 17, who has been employed as a clerk in the postoffice at Thamesville, was arrested on the street here last night by Detective Thomas Nickle on the charge of stealing letters from the Thamesville office.

It is stated that Johnston has admitted to the authorities that he took a number of letters containing money. He will appear for a hearing before Squire Chittick this afternoon.

Postoffice Inspector Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, who laid the information, stated to The Advertiser today that a number of important letters, some of them containing large sums of money, have been missed from the Thamesville district lately.

It is not known yet whether or not Johnston took these.

The authorities state that young Johnston has been suspected for some time, and has been watched.

Laying the Blame.

On Thursday the postmaster at Thamesville, having obtained the admission from Johnston that he had taken certain letters with money in them, not wishing to prosecute Johnston, sent him to the home of his mother in London Township. It seems the boy went home all right, but last night came into the city to have a good time. The authorities lay the whole blame of Johnston's thefts to his love of pleasure.

"He liked a good time," said an official to The Advertiser today, "and got living beyond his means."

Dr. Campbell stated to The Advertiser that there have been a number of cases of stealing letters lately.

"Of course," he said, "considering the very large number of clerks we have the number of cases is remarkably small, but every now and again there are letters reported missing.

Johnston, if found guilty, is liable to a term in Kingston of not less than three years.

TAKING HYDRO POWER

Grand Valley and Galt and Hespeler Railways Have Arranged.

Galt, Ont., March 11. The Grand Valley and the Galt, Preston and Hespeler Railways have both arranged for a supply of power from the hydro-electric commission, and their cars soon will be driven by power generated from Niagara Falls. The Grand Valley Company now is putting in a rotary converter, and all will be ready in a few weeks.

The Galt, Preston and Hespeler powerhouse will on Monday be connected with the main transmission line, and power will be supplied their line almost immediately.

The street lighting system in the town will be turned on Thursday or Friday of next week. At Preston all the power contracted for has been sold.

A CLERGYMAN WAS TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL

After a Short Rest Rev. Mr. George, of Wardsville, Was Able To Go Home.

Rev. Mr. George, a Methodist clergyman, of Wardsville, who came to London this morning to oppose the quashing of the local option bylaw there, was taken ill at the court house, but after a short rest was able to proceed to his home. Mr. George was formerly in charge of the Muncey Institute.

MARQUIS OF AYLESBURY DEAD.

London, March 10.—Henry Augustus Bruenell-Bruice, fifth Marquis of Aylesbury, is dead. He was born in April, 1842.

Two Offices Were Entered But Burglars Got No Money.

ONE SAFE WAS BLOWN TO PIECES

Police Are Working on a Clue Concerning Three Men With Peaked Caps.

Professional safe-blowers made two sensational attempts to rob offices in the east end last night. The big safe in the office of the Keenleyside Rendering and Refining Works on Florence street, just outside the city, was wrecked by nitro-glycerine, and the burglars made an unsuccessful attempt to force the door of the safe in Hyatt Brothers' office. The work is believed to be that of three men, all of whom wore peak caps. One of them is said to be quite conspicuous on account of his shortness of stature.

The robberies were attempted some time after 11 o'clock last night. In both instances the men were unsuccessful in obtaining anything. Not a cent was in the wrecked safe at the Keenleyside works, and while there was $150 in the safe at Hyatt Bros., the men gave up the attempt to get it as a bad job.

At the Keenleyside office the big steel door of the safe was twisted and warped by the force of the nitro-glycerine, as though it were a piece of paper, and the plaster of paris and asbestos filling used to make it fireproof was blown all about the office. A portion of the nitro-glycerine fuse used is now in the possession of the detectives, and the material shows that the fuse was made by an expert, and one accustomed to the work.

Smashed the Safe.

Mr. Lew Keenleyside, manager of the works, stated to The Advertiser that when he came down this morning soon after 7 he was surprised to find one of the windows of the office wide open and the blinds down.

"I had left the windows all closed," said Mr. Keenleyside, "and the blinds up. On going inside I found the big steel door lying to one side a twisted wreck, and the books that had been left in the safe scattered all about. On the floor lay a big hammer that is usually kept in a back shop. It had apparently been used to knock the handle off the safe door so that the nitro-glycerine fuse could be inserted."

Mr. Keenleyside at once notified the city police, and Detectives Egelton and Down went out. They found that the thieves had obtained entrance to the office by prying up a window with a pitchfork which they obtained from a neighboring shed. They took possession of the piece of fuse that was found on the floor.

Office Entered.

Not long afterwards came the report from Hyatt Bros. at 94 Egerton street that their office had been entered.

"There are marks on the front door where a chisel had been inserted in an effort to pry the door open," Mr. Hyatt told The Advertiser. "The men were unsuccessful in this, and then broke the glass and slid back the lock. They tried to open the vault with chisels, and there are many marks on the door and about the lock made by heavy blows of a hammer and chisel. As far as we know nothing was obtained but a little tobacco."

A Clue.

The most important clue the police have is that offered by Mr. A. Eadie, of Florence street, an employee of Hyatt Bros.

When Mr. Eadie was returning from lodge last night shortly after eleven o'clock he noticed three men standing on the interswitching line. When they saw Mr. Eadie approaching they walked northward.

Mr. Eadie is certain that the men wore peak caps, and that one of them was very short, while the other two were of medium height. When this was mentioned at the Keenleyside works today, some of the employees remembered having seen three men answering the description given by Mr. Eadie loitering about the place in the afternoon.

The police have a good description of the men and are working hard on the case. It is supposed that the suspects probably left the city on an early morning train, but a description has been wired to all parts of the district and arrests are expected at any time.

The police think it not unlikely that the three men who on Thursday evening entered Henry's barber shop, and secured a quantity of razors and cigars were the same who made the attempt last night.

High Constable Hughes stated to The Advertiser that a number of attempts to blow safes have been made in various parts of the district of late and he thinks it likely that the same gang who worked London last night are responsible for the other robberies.

Late this afternoon the police state that no new developments have occurred.