

NEW PROPOSITION FROM G. T. R. TO BE SUBMITTED TO CITY WITHIN TWO WEEKS

Will Be More Favorable, It Is Said, Than Previous Proposal—Agreement May Be Completed in Time for Vote of the People in January.

The Grand Trunk Railway and the city of London will within a short time take up the negotiations for the elevation of the company's lines through the city as far as east as Adelaide street.

City Hall circles know this to be a fact, and are already preparing to present the city's side of the case in the best possible form.

It is understood that the agreement reached by city and company on Wednesday has gone a long way toward improving the feeling between the two corporations, and that the Grand Trunk Railway is now willing and ready to give the city an agreement which will meet with the approval of citizens at large.

The Elevation Scheme.

The elevation scheme will mean that there will be no level crossings save for one or two sidings all the way from the river to Adelaide street. Further than this latter street the Grand Trunk cannot go, owing to the land levels.

It is understood, however, that the Grand Trunk will be found ready to meet the wishes of the council as far as the width of streets is concerned. Clarence street will be full width, it is said, and Wellington, Waterloo and Colborne streets will not be narrowed to any appreciable extent. Other streets will be full width, with the exception of Burwell street.

William street will, of course, have to be closed. Experts procured by the city at great cost declared that there was no way to elevate the tracks without closing the street, or building a subway, which would ruin property for two blocks on either side of the tracks.

Rectory Street.

As to Rectory street, it is said in city hall circles that something will have to be done to obviate the dangers of that crossing.

It has been suggested that the company construct an overhead bridge over Egerton street, and that the street railway line be diverted to the latter thoroughfare.

In this event, there would be no blockades of street cars by the steam railway, and there would be no danger of a car being struck by a train.

The New Depot.

It is said the new depot will be part and parcel of the agreement, but that its location will be left entirely to the Grand Trunk Railway, who will, at all hazards, be sure to build it where it will be most convenient to the company. And those who know say it will go just south of the present depot; that it will face on Bathurst street, and that it will extend across Clarence street.

Thus there will be an archway on Clarence street, but if it is the full width of the thoroughfare there will be no reason for residents on the south side to raise an objection.

Ready for January.

At the city hall today it was stated that the negotiations will be commenced very shortly, and that if the city is ready to go ahead with the Grand Trunk's proposition in a business way, the entire proposition will be ready to be submitted to the people in January.

Of course, the company will look for a fixed assessment, and around the city hall, it is said, that if the G. T. R. would be satisfied to pay taxes on \$500,000 for the next twenty years, there would be no very serious objection on the part of the council or the citizens. However, this is a matter which will have to be threshed out.

Plans for the new depot in London have been prepared for some months. They provide for a depot, which will be the exact counterpart of the Grand Trunk depot in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Meeting Last Evening.

It was learned today that last evening Mayor Judd, City Engineer Graydon and City Clerk Barker had an interview with Manager McGuigan regarding the reopening of negotiations. Matters were so far arranged, it is said, as to secure from the Grand Trunk manager, a promise that within two weeks he would submit a proposition to the city for the elevation of the company's lines.

The proposition will be, it is declared, much better for the city than the one which the city was almost willing to accept some months ago. In several particulars the city will get a better deal than was dreamed of in the spring.

Amend the Agreement.

It is also said that the new proposition will mean that the agreement reached the other night will have to be amended, so as to avoid unnecessary expenditures on the elevation of the city will be allowed to stand for a while, so that the city and company may get together on the larger scheme. In the meantime, the Grand Trunk rests easy and goes ahead with its improvements west of the city.

In this regard, it is possible that the agreement which is all ready to be signed by the Grand Trunk and the city will be allowed to stand for a while, so that the city and company may get together on the larger scheme. In the meantime, the Grand Trunk rests easy and goes ahead with its improvements west of the city.

It was hinted at the city hall today that the amendment to the agreement may come before the council on Monday night next.

Five Townships to Take a Vote on Local Option

There is every indication that the ratepayers in five townships in Midsex will vote on the question of local option in January next.

The temperance workers in North Dorchester, West Nissouri, London, Westminster and Adelaide have organized, and they are now engaged in circulating petitions asking for the vote. Twenty-five per cent of the total number of ratepayers has to be secured, and if the petitions are found to contain that proportion the township councils cannot refuse to have the vote taken. The petitions have to be in before the 1st of October.

Mr. D. A. McDermid, secretary of the London Temperance League, stated today that the canvass was meeting

with very good success, and that it was altogether likely that in each township the necessary number of names would be obtained.

A prominent resident of Westminster Township, who was seen this afternoon, said the petition there is being largely signed.

"But," he added, "I do not think the temperance people of the township would have been inclined to take up the question of local option had the license commissioners seen fit to refuse a license to one of the five existing hotels. The hotel referred to has been the cause of a great deal of complaint during recent years, and with it out of the way, I am pretty sure that the people would have been satisfied."

CAUGHT ROBBING FELLOW BOARDER

Latter Kept Close Eye on New-comer, and Found Him Rifling Room.

Ald. Gillean was acting magistrate at the police court this morning. Magistrate Love being unable to attend.

Ralph McMullen, charged with stealing a watch and some money from a room-mate, was remanded until Monday.

McMullen went to board at a Dundas street house a few days ago, and was assigned a double bedroom with Leonard Baker, an entire stranger. Baker did not like the appearance of McMullen, so he kept a close watch on him. Last night Baker went to bed before McMullen came in, and decided to lay awake until the arrival of his new room-mate. Then he pretended to be in a sound sleep. McMullen went to bed, but shortly after he arose, with the exception of his shoes, and proceeded to go through everything in the room. He took a watch and some money out of Baker's clothes, whereupon Baker nabbed him and handed him over to the police.

Roy Scott and Albert Nealon, boys who were arrested the other day on a charge of stealing from a local departmental store, and who afterwards pleaded guilty to the charge, appeared for sentence. Scott was allowed to go on suspended sentence, while Nealon was further remanded until Monday.

Benjamin Robinson, charged with robbing a man of a watch and some money, was remanded until Monday.

Kenneth Gilmore was fined \$2 for being drunk.

One young man who trod on forbidden ground in Victoria Park, had to sever his connection with it, or allow himself to be caged for three days.

CHEAP RATES PAYING

Reduced Railway Rates Increased Company's Profits.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 21.—It is stated semi-officially that estimates made several months ago by officials of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, on the former value of passenger business, there would be a loss of about \$700,000 a year in gross receipts, owing to the reduction then announced of the passenger rate to 2 cents a mile. To this would, on the old volume of coal business, be added a loss of about \$150,000 a year by the reduction of the coal rate, or a total of \$850,000 loss by the two reductions.

The reduced rate has now been in operation for several months with the 2-cent a mile rate, and passengers, affecting now about nine-tenths of the system. The returns actually indicate that the increased volume of business due to the reduced rate has not only made good the expected loss, but actually increased the gross receipts.

DEATH OF CHRISTOPHER DOBIE.

Glencoe, Sept. 20.—The death occurred in New York yesterday of Mr. Christopher Dobie, a councillor for the township of Ekfrid. Mr. Dobie had been in failing health for some time past, and went to New York to be treated by his brother, Dr. Daniel Dobie.

Mr. Dobie was about 45 years of age, and up to the time of his sickness was a splendid specimen of manhood. He was the youngest of twelve sons. His father, Mr. David Dobie, is still living.

BIG WHEAT YIELD.

Blenheim, Sept. 20.—Mr. W. R. McGregor reports a record yield of oats and barley, sown mixed, but principally barley. He had 23 acres of crop, and when threshed it produced 1,856 bushels, an average of about 65 bushels to the acre.

QUEBEC STRIKE ENDED.

Quebec, Sept. 21.—The strike of the employees of the Grand Lumber Company, which has been in progress for some time past, has been settled.

A NEW JUDGE TO BE CHOSEN

To Fill Vacancy on Supreme Court Bench—Cabinet Meets Tomorrow.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Sept. 21.—The Minister of Justice will be in the city tomorrow to attend a meeting of the cabinet. It will be necessary to appoint at once a judge for the supreme court in the place of the late Justice Sedgewick. The court meets on Oct. 2, and it is possible that Chief Justice Fitzpatrick may not be able to sit on some of the cases.

It is almost certain that the new judge will come from British Columbia. Justice Duff, of the supreme court of British Columbia, is said to be first choice of the province, and he is therefore likely to get the position. There are some applications from eastern provinces, but it is said that the west will have the first call. There is also a vacancy in Ontario to take the place of the late Judge Street, which will have to be filled.

Painful Rumor Denied. The interior department has received a message from its agent at Prince Albert stating that there is no truth in the report that three of Commissioner McKenna's party were drowned in Buffalo Lake. The report arose through the swamping of a half-breed's canoe.

To Keep Navigation Open. Tenders are being asked by the interior department for a tug boat to endeavor to keep navigation open from Port Arthur and Fort William this fall. Next spring an experiment will be tried by ice breaking to permit navigation starting as early as possible.

MAY RACE FOR THE CUP

Sir Thomas Lipton Leaving—Likely to Issue a Challenge.

London, Sept. 21.—Sir Thomas Lipton and Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Connor sailed from Liverpool today for New York on the Celtic. A number of yachtsmen and others were present at the station to bid Sir Thomas farewell and urged him to arrange a race for the America Cup before he returned.

Sir Thomas promised to discuss the matter of another challenge while in New York, and said he hoped it would be possible to make the arrangements. In talking with an interviewer, Sir Thomas said that while he could not say anything more definite, he thought it "very probable that there will be another race." Friends of Sir Thomas are satisfied that he will issue a challenge during his stay in America.

COAL FOR SARNIA LOST

Steamer Tuttle Broke in Two—Those on Board Escaped.

Sandusky, O., Sept. 21.—The steamer H. R. Tuttle, which sprung a leak off Cedar Point Saturday night and was beached near Marblehead, but patched and towed to this port Wednesday, broke in two at the stern early today and went to the bottom of Sandusky Bay. The captain and crew were asleep, but the sound of rushing waters awakened one of the latter, who sounded the alarm. All got ashore in the left boat. The Tuttle is now a total wreck. She loaded at Cleveland with coal for Sarnia.

FALSE RUMOR.

Brussels, Sept. 20.—The rumored death of Charlotte, widow of Emperor Maximilian, is without foundation. Although she has made no improvement mentally, her health otherwise is excellent.

10,000 Lives Lost

Hong Kong, Sept. 21.—The entire fleet of six hundred fishing junks was lost in the typhoon. This increases the mortality to 10,000 persons.

ROSSA RESIGNS

Irish Leader Gives Up His Position Under Cork Council.

Cork, Sept. 20.—J. O'Donovan Rossa, who arrived here on Tuesday, attended a meeting today of the Cork County Council. Mr. Rossa said he had come to tender personally his resignation of the position he held under the council. He expressed his appreciation of the part of the council's tentative body in providing an engagement for him. His resignation was accepted. Mr. Rossa will sail for New York tomorrow.

ENGINEER BLAIN KILLED

Fatal Collision in the Grand Trunk Yards at Nanapanee.

Nanapanee, Sept. 21.—About 2 o'clock this morning a freight train bound west collided with the midnight train going east in the extreme end of the yard here. E. Blain, engineer on the train going west, was killed. No passengers were injured. Trains were only delayed a short time.

AT SEA ON A PLANK

Lone Sailor Rescued by the U. S. Cruiser Minneapolis.

Washington, Sept. 20.—This message, dated today, was received at the United States navy department by wireless, via St. Augustine, from the cruiser Minneapolis, on her way to Cuba: "The Minneapolis, 50 miles east of Charleston, at midnight picked up a man at sea floating on a plank. Two men heard his voice at one side at 11. Stopped the ship, turned on the search lights and lowered a lifeboat. The man's name was James Olsen, and he belonged to the schooner Twilight, which capsized at 6 o'clock on the morning of Sept. 17. There were seven in the crew. We remained in their vicinity, using searchlights until daylight, but saw no sign of the wreck or any survivors.—(Signed, Fiske, commander.)"

UNREST IN SPAIN

Catalanists and Republicans May Unite With Carlists.

Madrid, Sept. 21.—According to prominent members of the Opposition, there is great danger of the extension of the present Carlist agitation, in spite of the Government's declaration attaching no importance to this movement.

It is declared that numerous guerrilla bands are concentrating, and that the inhabitants of Navarre Province are greatly excited. It is feared that the Catalanists and the Republicans will make common cause with the Carlists, and it is reported that the clericals are supplying the movement with funds.

A rigorous censorship prevents accurate knowledge of the situation in the disturbed districts. Orders have been issued countermanding the proposed maneuvers in the vicinity of Barcelona, which were to begin today, and steps have been taken to facilitate the suppression of disorders.

A "WIRELESS" SUCCESS.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 21.—The Novoe Vremya reports successful experiments in wireless telegraphy between here and Nun, near Berlin. Messages have been correctly transmitted for a distance of 500 miles, 600 miles being overland.

DIED ON SISTER'S GRAVE.

Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 21.—The body of William Rees, an electrician, was found tonight near his sister's grave in a local cemetery. Suicide is suspected. His father is John Rees, for many years a Chicago contractor.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—WARM; SHOWERS.

Toronto, Sept. 20.—8 p.m. Showers have occurred today in the lower lakes region, chiefly in the western portion. Elsewhere the weather has remained fine. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 30-55; Port Simpson, 38-58; Victoria, 45-64; Port Simpson, 45-61; Prince Albert, 50-70; Qu'Appelle, 40-74; Winnipeg, 50-70; Port Arthur, 46-58; Parry Sound, 50-80; Toronto, 64-78; Ottawa, 50-78; Montreal, 56-76; Quebec, 46-74; St. John, 54-68; Halifax, 50-74.

FORECASTS.

Friday, Sept. 21.—8 a.m. Today—Moderate variable winds; fair and warm.

Tomorrow—Mostly fair and warm, but some local showers.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Weather.
Chicago	44	42	48	Cloudy
Winnipeg	42	40	48	Fair
Port Arthur	42	40	50	Cloudy
Parry Sound	50	48	54	Fair
Toronto	68	64	74	Fair
Ottawa	64	62	74	Fair
Quebec	50	48	64	Fair
Father Point	44	42	48	Clear

WEATHER NOTES.

Since yesterday morning showers have occurred in the lower lake region, chiefly confined to the western portion. Elsewhere in the Dominion the weather remains very fine.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest registration at the London weather bureau yesterday was 76°, and the lowest 60°.

BIG FIRE AT ALMONTE

Destroys Part of Business Section—Loss \$125,000.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Sept. 21.—Fire destroyed part of the business section at Almonte today. It started in Scott's furniture store. Loss, \$125,000, covered by \$75,000 insurance.

AFTER \$25,000 REWARD

Detective Campeau, of Windsor, Has Gone To New York.

Windsor, Sept. 21.—Provincial Detective Campeau went to New York last night to claim the \$25,000 reward offered by the Brooklyn Fur Company for the capture of the Gebritskis, who stole about \$16,000 worth of furs and were caught near Wallaceburg and sent to Kingston penitentiary.

It is alleged that Crown Attorney Smith of Chatham, who prosecuted the case, and the Chatham police, who claim to have located the three men and to have done all the work, are greatly annoyed because Campeau claims even a share in the reward.

ENGINEER COLEMAN DEAD

He Did Not Regain Consciousness—Funeral at Glencoe.

Woodstock, Sept. 21.—Edward Coleman, the Toronto Junction engineer, who was injured in the head-on collision on Wednesday, died in the general hospital here at 3 o'clock this morning.

His wife was a constant attendant at his bedside, but the injured man did not regain consciousness.

He was 40 years of age, and is survived by his wife only.

The funeral will take place tomorrow under Masonic auspices at North Glencoe, Ont.

INJUNCTION DISSOLVED

But Traction Company Had To Deposit \$500 as Security.

In the high court at Toronto yesterday, the case of Johnston vs. the Southwestern Traction Company was heard. The action is brought by an Elgin County resident as a result of the company using a part of his land for the construction of the trolley line between St. Thomas and Port Stanley.

Johnston recently secured an injunction against the company from the local judge at St. Thomas, and at Toronto yesterday, a motion was made to have the injunction dissolved, the company agreeing to deposit with the court a sum of money as security for any damages caused by the company to the plaintiff's lands.

Counsel for Johnston consented to this, but demanded a larger sum than was named by the defendants.

The court ordered that on the payment into court by the traction company of \$500, on or before Tuesday next, the injunction is to be dissolved.

BIG SUBWAY MAKES MONEY

Increase of Nearly \$2,000,000 in Year's Earnings.

New York, Sept. 21.—The report of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company for the year ending June 30, shows gross earnings of \$19,695,594, an increase over the previous year of \$2,555,224.

The net earnings were \$11,294,770, an increase of \$1,854,784. The surplus for the year after the payment of dividends and charges was \$281,390, an increase of \$223,969.

The surplus of the elevated division for the year before payment of dividends decreased \$399,633, and that of the subway division before payment of dividends, increased \$1,148,601.

MR. WHITNEY EXPLAINS

Why Commissioners' Names Were Not on Healey's "List Lease."

Toronto Globe: "With two members of the hydro-electric power commission members of the Government, and the third member of the commission an engineer, how could there be friction between the commission and the Government?" asked Hon. J. P. Whitney, when questioned about the Healey Falls lease yesterday afternoon. "The commission is a part of the Government," he continued, "and it is all nonsense to talk of friction. Maybe there was nothing else to talk about in the dog days."

"Do you approve of the lease?" the Premier was asked.

"Approve of it? Wasn't it passed by the cabinet?" he inquired by way of reply. "How could I do anything else than approve of it in face of the request of the municipalities that are concerned?"

"That puts a different phase on the question, doesn't it?" the Premier was asked.

"No, not at all," was the reply.

MAY CUT RATES 25 PER CENT; WATER BOARD IN LIMELIGHT

The Meeting Called for Monday Night Gives Rise to Sensational Rumor—Aldermen Talk Protest.

A meeting of the water commissioners has been called for Monday evening next, when the question of reducing the water rates will come up. It was said today that it is the intention of the commissioners to reduce the rates for the current quarter 25 per cent, as it makes up for the reduction promised some months ago, but which so far has resulted in nothing.

It will be remembered that in the spring the commissioners decided to cut off an amount equal to the surplus revenue of the department derived from consumers for 1906, or about \$10,000.

Now, it is said, the commissioners intend to deliver the goods.

A Surprise.

Just at this time, with the water problem facing the citizens, the action of the commissioners comes as a great surprise. When the reduction was talked of in the spring, the late Auditor Jewell pointed out that the commission would be cutting the ground away from beneath its feet by such action. It was not providing anything to improve the waterworks department, and was not even providing anything for depreciation of property. If it was necessary to secure more water to place the department on a better footing, the auditor pointed out that the commission would have no money for such purposes, as it was doing away with its profit and was inaugurating a hand-to-mouth system.

City Pays Bill.

It was shown that the commission-

ers would have to go to the city for money, and now the truth of all these arguments is being demonstrated. The water supply at Springbank is now considered by the majority of citizens to be inadequate, and the commissioners are thinking of going to the lake for water at a cost of not less than \$1,000,000.

The city will have to provide this money, if such a scheme be adopted, and on the city's present assessment it would mean an addition to the tax rate. If the payment of the debt were spread over a period of 40 years, of somewhere in the neighborhood of 2 mills.

And yet the commissioners propose to cut the water rates, in the face of such an expenditure as this.

Talk of Protest.

Even if the river water scheme is resorted to for fire-fighting purposes, and the Springbank supply is retained for the homes of London, it will mean that within a year the people of London will be compelled to raise a sum of not less than \$300,000, so that the tax rate is bound to be boosted.

Some of the aldermen are talking of protesting in the council against the proposed action of the water commissioners, which is characterized as a mere election dodge, and was left over until the fall so as to make an impression on the water consumers of the city at a time when votes are generally looked for.

WENT TO SLEEP, STRUCK BY ENGINE

A Peculiar Accident to Robert Stewart, a C. P. R. Fireman, in London Yard.

Robert Stewart, of Toronto Junction, a young man of about 28 years, and who is employed on the C. P. R. as a fireman, was struck by a locomotive in the local yards at 5 o'clock this morning, and was seriously injured. He is now in Victoria Hospital, and Dr. English, who attended him, says he will recover.

Stewart met with the mishap in a peculiar way. His own engine left the rails, and was stalled in the east end. While help was being called to put the engine back on the rails, Stewart sat on the outside of the ties at one end of the engine. There he fell asleep, and when another engine arrived to assist the stranded locomotive, Stewart did not hear its approach. He was struck by a beam and rolled for some distance. His injuries consist of several bruises to the left shoulder, thigh and arm, and also a deep dangerous cut in the region of the stomach.

Stewart has been unable to speak since the accident.

VACANCY IS FILLED

Miss Minnie Dewar Appointed Weather Observer for London.

Miss Minnie Dewar, of South London, has been appointed to the charge of the local meteorological observatory.

Miss Dewar succeeds her father, the late Mr. John S. Dewar, who held the position for a quarter of a century.

Gold Medals Presented

Separate School Scholars

Pleasing Ceremonies in St. Peter's, St. Mary's and the Sacred Heart.

Prizes were presented in the several separate schools of the city today to those who won them in the high school entrance examinations, and also to those who excelled in the different grades last term.

At St. Peter's school, St. Mary's and the Sacred Heart, a number of priests, Senator Coffey, Dr. Mullan, School Inspector Power, Capt. Murphy, Chairman McPhillips and the members of the separate school board, the donors of prizes and a large number of the parents of the pupils were present. Speeches were made, in which the work of the schools was lauded, and the scholars were encouraged to excel in education matters.

St. Peter's School.

The following were the prize-winners at St. Peter's school:

Gold cross for good conduct, regular attendance and application, gift of Rt. Rev. Bishop McEvay—Awarded to Miss Gertrude Brennan.

Gold medal for second highest at entrance exam., gift of Mr. J. Dromgole—Awarded to Master Stanislaus Mooney.

Gold medal for highest marks in grammar, gift of Mr. Hickey—Awarded to Master Wm. Tierney.

St. Mary's School.

The following prizes were awarded to the children of St. Mary's school:

Gold cross for good conduct, donated by His Lordship Bishop McEvay—Awarded to Gertrude Loughlin.

Gold medal for arithmetic, 100 per cent at entrance examination, donated by Mr. W. McPhillips—Awarded to C. J. Patten.

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A TOWN WRECKED WITH DYNAMITE

Explosion at Jellico