

C. P. R. ADMITS ATTEMPT MADE
TO WRECK THE FAST EXPRESSLocal and Outside Detec-
tives On Trail of
the Guilty.NO CLEW AS
YET SECUREDThe Officials Are Reticent, But
Rumor Says Train Struck
Obstructions.

From what has been gleaned since Saturday it now appears that the attempted wrecking of a fast train on the C. P. R. near Melrose last Thursday night was nearer being successful than was first supposed. The story appeared exclusively in Saturday's Advertiser.

A Melrose correspondent today states that the ties were actually struck by a train, and that a serious accident was only avoided by the fact that the engineer perceived the obstructions on the track in time to almost bring the train to a halt before reaching the spot where the ties were lying across the track.

Officials Reticent.

Just which train it was that struck the ties cannot be learned definitely as the C. P. R. officials refuse to discuss the subject, but it would appear that it was the passenger for Windsor, which leaves London at 11:10 at night, for there are no passengers scheduled over the Windsor route between 11:10 and 4 o'clock the next morning.

High Constable Hughes, when questioned today, refused absolutely to talk, but it has been learned from another source that County Constable Shaver has been working on the case in conjunction with the C. P. R. detectives since early Friday morning.

No Clue to Perpetrator.

Just what has been discovered, if anything cannot be learned, but it is known that no one saw the ties placed on the track and that the perpetrator of the deed left absolutely no trail behind him for the officers to follow.

The ties were discovered on the track a mile this side of Melrose some time before midnight Thursday, and it is said that the train which struck them was not damaged.

Official Admits It.

Chief Dispatcher Killingsworth, of the C. P. R., when interviewed by The Advertiser today, stated that he knew that the ties had been placed on the rails on Thursday night, and that they had been discovered by the section foreman the next morning.

Mr. Killingsworth would not say whether the ties had been run into by a train or not. He did not deny the story, though, when it was told him.

Spirit of Revenge.

It has been learned that the detectives are under the impression now that instead of the attempted wrecking being the work of an organized band of thieves, with headquarters at London, that they were prompted by a spirit of revenge on the part of some employee of the road.

The fact that ties were placed on the rails at a time when nothing but passenger trains were due, lead the officers to believe that the guilty parties are acquainted with the running times of the various trains, and that the Detroit Flyer, the only train over the line from Windsor between midnight and 4:20 in the morning, or the Windsor freight, leaving London at 11:10, was singled out for destruction.

Will Run Them Down.

Although practically nothing can be learned from the officials of the C. P. R. themselves, it is understood that the officers have orders to stay out on the hunt until the would-be wrecker or wreckers are located.

Naturally the business of the road must suffer if attempted wrecks continue, and no expense will be spared to bring the guilty ones to the bar of justice.

Special Commission.

Constable Shaver, it is understood, is working for the railroad under a special commission, and is not employed on fees as he would be on an ordinary county case.

Shaver is a valuable man for work of the kind at hand. In addition to knowing practically every foot of the country surrounding Melrose, he is well acquainted with the people of that neighborhood, and would naturally receive more assistance in the way of information than a stranger officer would.

C. P. R. Detectives.

The C. P. R. detectives are almost

BORDEN'S BOSSES
STIFFEN HIM UPReblin and Rogers Order Oppo-
sition To Keep Up Obstruc-
tion Tactics.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, May 18.—Premier Roblin arrived in the capital this morning following on the heels of Hon. Robt. Rogers who reached here Saturday. Both came in full of fight and resolved to urge Mr. Borden not to yield one iota on the election bill issue. Mr. Borden met Premier Roblin at the Russell Hotel this morning, and it is to be presumed the necessary amount of stiffening was injected into the Conservative leader by the men behind the present obstruction of Parliamentary business. Mr. Borden announced at 1 o'clock today that the situation had not changed. The debate on the election bill goes on this afternoon with both sides holding firm. A Conservative caucus will be held tomorrow morning.

PROMINENT PREACHER
CUTS WIFE'S THROAT

Fairmont, W. Va., May 18.—Rev. F. S. Coffman, aged 51 years, a prominent Methodist Episcopal clergyman, killed his wife today by cutting her throat. It is believed he is insane.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE
FOR YOUNG MANGlencoe Man, Charged With Getting
Grain Under False Pretenses.

William Stevenson, of Glencoe, appeared before Judge Macbeth today and was allowed to go on suspended sentence on charges of theft and obtaining grain under false pretenses. Stevenson pleaded guilty to both charges.

RECONSIDER TENDERS
FOR PLUMBINGIsolation Hospital Strikes a Snag in
Letting of Tenders.

The special hospital committee will hold a special meeting tonight at 7 o'clock to reconsider the tenders for the plumbing for the isolation hospital.

At the last meeting, the contract was awarded to Thomas Partridge, but he will not sign the specifications, and as a result the committee will probably give the contract to the next lowest tender, Messrs. Noble & Rich. The council will meet this evening also. There is not a great deal of business to be transacted.

SINKS WITH TWO OF CREW

British Ship Avoca Beached at the
Dut. Port of Maasuis.

Maasuis, Netherlands, May 18.—The British steamer Avoca, from New York, May 5 for Hamburg, came in here yesterday with her bows damaged, and was at once beached. She had been in collision with the steamer Lordsee. The Lordsee sank, and two of her crew were drowned.

CRANE TO QUIT STAGE

Veteran Actor Will Retire After Run
of Present Play.

New York, May 17.—Comedian Wm. H. Crane will leave the stage for all time as soon as his play, "Father and the Boys," has worn out its popularity. How long this will be is a matter for conjecture, but it is likely the actor will retire in three years.

Mr. Crane has not been well of late years and he desires rest. He has a delightful country place at Cohasset, Mass., and will make it his permanent residence.

On the night "Father and the Boys" opened at the Empire Theater and the veteran actor achieved one of his greatest successes. He was seriously ill with stomach trouble and went through his part with great difficulty.

Without exception men from Toronto and Montreal, and they, therefore, are not familiar with this part of the country. It is reported that the detectives and Constable Shaver are at present scouring the vicinity of Melrose for an accurate description of a stranger who was seen passing near the C. E. R. station there.

Young Liberals, Attention!

The registration begins tomorrow. It is absolutely necessary that you register.

If you registered at the last general election, you will have to register again. There is some misapprehension on this matter. Every person whose name is not on the voters' list must register, whether he registered at any previous election or not.

Get your name on the list.

Either inquire yourself or have someone else inquire for you. Take nothing for granted. Call at the Liberal Club rooms, or phone 781, and you will receive all the information necessary.

There is not much time left. Be sure you register. The qualifications are as follows: Twenty-one years of age.

A British subject, by birth or naturalization. One year's residence in Canada.

Three months' residence in the city previous to the last day of registration.

Register, for the result of the election depends upon your vote.

Register!

EGERTON ST. OVERHEAD BRIDGE
THE GOV'T MAY TAKE A HANDReported That the Dominion Railway Commission Will Be in
This City This Week To Inspect Crossing and
Bring City and Company Together.

A deputation from the Dominion railway commission is expected to arrive in this city this week to inspect the railway crossings, particularly Egerton street.

It is understood that an attempt will be made to bring the city and Grand Trunk together on an overhead bridge proposition for that street. If the Grand Trunk is willing to share the expense of a bridge the city will probably make some agreement for its erection.

Otherwise the city will compel the railway to keep a night watchman, and also gates on the crossing.

Rectory street will also be dealt with. There is at present no Sunday or night watchman there.

It is a very dangerous spot, and an effort will be made to have it guarded.

Two London Teachers for England
Circular Issued Re Mosely TripCanadian Pedagogues To See the
Schools of England.

A circular has been issued by Hon. Dr. Pyne, minister of education, regarding the entertainment of from 200 to 300 Canadian teachers in England this summer.

Mr. Alfred Mosely has arranged with the Canadian steamship companies to carry the teachers to and from England at \$25 second-class. He has also arranged for a splendid itinerary embracing all the principal towns and cities in England, Ireland and Scotland.

A reception committee composed of many prominent men and women of England will look after the interests of the visitors.

In every town to be visited a local committee has been formed to entertain the Canadians, providing accommodation, etc., for them.

The visitors will be met at Liverpool and an itinerary embracing all the public schools, together with Eton, Winchester, and other noted schools, will be undertaken.

The total expenses of the trip will not exceed \$125, and \$200 will provide for extra expenditure for purchases, etc.

About two hundred teachers from all the provinces of Canada will make the trip.

Two for London.

Applications must be made through the boards of education.

"I expect that London will be allowed two or three teachers," said Inspector Edwards. "They will have to leave their names with the board of education, and if more than the allotted number wish to go, a selection will have to be made. A great deal of interest is being shown in the trip all through Canada, and I expect the full quota of teachers will go."

Buffalo Teachers Not as Well Paid
As Are the Teachers of Forest CitySchools Inspector Edwards Talks
of Trip To the Bison
City.

"We had a most enjoyable trip," said Inspector Edwards, when spoken of regarding the teachers' trip to Buffalo. "The public schools were well equipped. One feature that struck me particularly was the number of fine pictures in the rooms of each school. This was especially noticeable, and was a good feature to my mind. The class of work was well up to the standard. The teachers were well equipped, and were a good class. They are not so well paid as our teachers, but a new salary schedule will come into force on July 1 and this will provide for a substantial increase in salary for all the teachers."

"The public school grounds were small as a rule, and the schools seemed to be badly in need of more room."

"The high schools are very good, with excellent buildings and fine equipment. The class of students is not so good as our own, but they do very good work as a rule."

"There is not a board of education such as we understand it here. The system is practically a one-man system, the superintendent of schools having control. He is directly responsible to a board from the council consisting of seven members, who have charge of educational matters."

"The trip was a profitable one. We went to the Falls Saturday afternoon, and spent practically all the afternoon there. It was very delightful, and we enjoyed it to the full."

The teachers arrived home Saturday evening shortly after 10:30 on the M. C. R.

Water Convention Delegates Home

Mr. O. E. Ellwood, secretary of the water commission, and Engineer John M. Moore have returned from Washington, D. C., where they have been attending the annual convention of water commissioners.

"We had a splendid time," said Mr. Ellwood to The Advertiser. "Washington is a grand city. We visited every place of note, but did not have enough time to see all we wanted to see. We saw the President, and had a handshake with him. He's all right."

"The convention was a splendid success, and we had a very good time."

The curious-minded of this city appear to be worrying over the outcome of his trial, and does not discuss the case with the other prisoners.

From what developed at the recent hearing, and from what has been gleaned from reports it would appear that the defense would be along the lines of accidental shooting, or "didn't know it was loaded."

Moir is still taking his incarceration kindly, and is one of the quietest prisoners in the jail. He does not

THE LATE JAMES GILMOUR.
Ex-M. P. for East Middlesex, Who
Died Saturday.

POLITICAL GOSSIP

Wants Some Independents.

Amprion, May 16.—"I say that Mr. Whitney has broken no school-book ring. If there was a ring, the same firm of publishers are still publishing the old readers," said Hon. A. G. MacKay, addressing the Liberals of Renfrew at a meeting here last night. He denied that school books had been reduced in price, and criticised the Government's claims to educational progress.

Mr. MacKay said he would like to see some independent members in the Legislature, "whether Labor, Socialist or what you will." A few free lances on the floor of the House would be welcome. He showed that Ontario's present satisfactory position was a result of wise and progressive government by the Liberals in the past.

Mr. Whitney at Stratford.

Stratford, May 16.—Hon. J. P. Whitney, the prime minister, will address the electors of Perth in the interests of Hon. Nelson Montell on Friday evening, May 22, at St. Mary's. It is to be made the occasion of a big political demonstration.

Tillsonburg, May 17.—T. R. Mayberry, the Liberal candidate for South Oxford, attended an organization meeting at the clubrooms here on Thursday evening. He created a very favorable impression by the manner in which he is conducting his canvass, and the reports furnished by the committees in the different parts of the riding were of such a favorable character as to inspire the workers with confidence of certain victory for Liberal principles in the approaching contest.

He delivered a short, interesting address, which was received with enthusiasm. He assured his supporters that at no time were the Liberal party in the riding more thoroughly united or so sanguine of victory, and from the indications at this place the full party strength would be registered in his favor on polling day.

Simcoe, May 16.—The campaign in North Norfolk is in full swing. Col. Atkinson and Mr. Innes are both holding meetings every evening. Those held by the Liberal candidate, Col. Atkinson, have been largely attended. The party appears to be thoroughly aroused and united. There is no doubt whatever of the result, if the danger of overconfidence is avoided. Col. Atkinson is expected to win out by a comfortable majority.

In South Norfolk the confidence of Mr. Pratt's friends is giving place to concern. Mr. Killmaster is putting up a most aggressive fight, and many who in the last election were supporting Mr. Pratt, are today actively behind his opponent.

Monday evening Mr. Killmaster will hold his first public meeting at Carleton Place. The speakers will be the candidate and Mr. H. B. Donly.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY

FORECASTS.

Fresh southeasterly to southwesterly winds; fine and warm today; showers and local thunderstorms during the night and on Tuesday.

Local Temperatures.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Saturday were: Highest, 55°; lowest, 50°. Sunday: Highest, 53°; lowest, 49°.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. S. a. m. M. n. Weather.
Calgary..... 40 34 Fair
Winnipeg..... 56 52 Fair
Port Arthur..... 44 42 Fair
Port Sound..... 60 42 Clear
Toronto..... 61 52 Clear
Ottawa..... 60 52 Fair
Montreal..... 62 58 Clear
Quebec..... 56 46 Clear
Fisher Point..... 42 42 Cloudy

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

Rain has fallen throughout the Western Provinces, and heavily in many localities. Showers have also been general in the Maritime Provinces.

More showers are indicated for Ontario by Tuesday.

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES.
Atlin, 30-48; Edmonton, 42-46; Winnipeg, 45-78; Ottawa, 52-70; Halifax, 36-66; Victoria, 46-56; Calgary, 38-60; Port Arthur, 42-58; Montreal, 56-63; Vancouver, 44-60; Swift Current, 42-64; Toronto, 46-70; Quebec, 44-60.

MANITOBA LIST MUST BE FAIR
GOV'T INSISTS ON SQUARE DEALShort Truce With Opposition in Elections Bill Battle Ends Today
and Conservatives Will Continue Obstruction, Still
Refusing Fair Compromise of Premier.

Ottawa, May 17.—The short truce of last week with respect to the debate in the Commons on the election bill has apparently resulted in little change in the situation. This week hostilities will begin again, and the debate will probably be resumed tomorrow the Government making it perfectly clear just what the issue now is between the two parties and clearing up the many misrepresentations now circulating in the Opposition press as to what the Premier's proposed amendments to the clause really mean.

Lists Must Be Fair.

In brief what the Government de-

sires and will insist on are fair election lists in Manitoba British Columbia and the unorganized districts of Ontario and Quebec. The fight between the two parties practically affects Manitoba alone. The Government simply proposes to leave the whole question of the allocation and revision of the lists in the ten Manitoba constituencies to the non-partisan tribunal of the county court judges. Under the present system, with provincial and federal constituencies. At present there is no provision in the law for doing this and the Opposition, while demanding the complete withdrawal of clause one of

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COLORED MAN NOT A VAGRANT
LAMONT CASE WAS DISMISSEDEx-Porter Will Get Into Trouble, However, if He Continues To
Sleep in Pullman Cars--Man Fined for Assault--
Police Court Grist.

It took nearly an hour and a half to hear all the evidence that the Grand Trunk had accumulated against Jas. Lamont, a colored porter, from Chicago, who was charged with vagrancy, and at the end of it all, the charge was dismissed, and Lamont was allowed to go.

Lamont, it seems, is a colored cook who formerly worked for the Grand Trunk.

He left the company in September, and has been living in Toronto.

A few weeks ago he decided to come up to London, and apparently the idea struck him that it would be cheaper to sleep in the day coaches around the yards than to put up at a boardinghouse.

Worked Well.

The game worked splendidly, for some time, and to all who asked questions Lamont explained that he was a spare man and was still in the company's employ.

All things come to an end, however, and Mr. Lamont's little game became

known to the officials, who forthwith had him arrested, and charged with vagrancy.

After hearing the evidence the court decided that Lamont was not a vagrant, but warned him against making a hotel out of Grand Trunk cars in future.

Assault Case Adjourned.

John Fried and Sidney Dart, charged with assaulting William Reid, appeared, but no evidence was offered against them, and the case was adjourned for a week, in which time if Mr. Reid does not push the matter the case will be dismissed.

James Arnott, charged with assaulting Joseph Allen, by trying to throw a paving brick through him, was bound over in the sum of \$500 to keep the peace, and was in addition fined \$3 and \$2 costs.

The brick was given to Police Court Clerk Moulis as a paper weight.

Michael Gray, charged by Inspector McCallum with breaking the health acts, did not appear, and the case was laid over until tomorrow.

City Liable for One Million Dollars
Committee Considers Niagara PowerAdjournment Made Until More
Information Is Ob-
tained.

The Niagara power contract was discussed at the inaugural meeting of the special power committee Saturday evening.

The contract was studied clause by clause, but the work was not completed, and the matter was laid over until a later meeting.

City Solicitor Meredith was present and explained the contract to the committee.

The members of the committee used copies of The Advertiser for consultation in which appeared exclusively on Saturday an exact copy of the contract as submitted by the Niagara power commission.

Several important features were brought out in the discussion. The first was that the city of London would be liable for the sum of \$702,658 for thirty years.

Ald. Booth thought this was a very large proportion, much larger than the city should pay. He did not think this was just. It would impose a very serious burden on the city.

Mr. Meredith said that the proportionate cost was arrived at by the amount of power applied for and the distance it had to be brought.

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Mr. McEvoy in Tecumseh Wednesday

The local campaign will be opened on Wednesday evening by a meeting to be held in Tecumseh Park.

The candidate (Mr. J. M. McEvoy), Ald. Ferguson, Jared Vining, B. A. J. H. Fowler, B. A., and others will address the meeting.

Hon. Adam Beck is invited to be present, and will be given one hour, in which to discuss the questions of the day.

Every Liberal is invited to be present at this, the first meeting of the campaign.

Fine New Boathouse for the Port

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, May 18.—A company is being incorporated, with a capital of \$20,000, under the name of the Lake-side Pleasure Company, with Joseph Griffin, John R. Green and C. St. C. Leitch, of this city, as provisional directors. The company will erect a

large and modern boathouse on the site of the old Shepherd boathouse on the creek at Port Stanley, and a number of new steel rowboats will be put in, and a couple of gasoline launches. The upper story of the building will be leased for a commodious restaurant.

Designs for the Soldiers' Monument

The Daughters of the Empire announce that the designs submitted for the proposed monument in Victoria Park will be placed on view in the east room of the Public Library on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons of this week, May 19 and 20.

It is hoped that all the members and subscribers and all who are interested in this great public movement will take advantage of this opportunity and view the sketches. A number of sculptors of national fame are competing.

DISASTROUS BARN FIRE.

St. Thomas, May 18.—The large feed barn of William Burn, Simcoe, was burned Saturday, together with two valuable horses. Another was fatally injured. Loss, \$1,000. No insurance. Hoboes are supposed to have caused the fire.

WALTER MANN ACQUITTED.

Arcola, May 17.—Walter Mann, of Roche Persee, accused of manslaughter in administering a drug to Lizzie Wilson last winter, was acquitted by the jury yesterday.