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CITY SOLICITOR SECURES

Brantford Will Not Have to Carry Out the Eight Year Contract With Cataract For Supply of Power to the Street Railway--Terms of Agreement Show What City Will Have to Pay For.

(SPECIAL TO THE COURIER)

TORONTO, Feb. 25.—Copies of a tentative agreement for the purchase of the Grand Valley and the Brantford Street Railways by the city of Brantford has been sent to the interested parties by the legal firm of Watson, Smoke & Smith, acting for the receiver. One has gone to W. T. Henderson, K.C., city solicitor for Brantford

ALL IS PEACE NOW.

While this draft may not be final, it is not thought any serious conflict will result. Legal warfare has raged over the Grand Valley and its assets, with Brantford on the aggressive, but the olive branch has been proffered and accepted, and all future differences are likely to be bloodless, even if anything like contention does arise. When you engage lawyers you must expect legal forms, and the document drawn by the Watson firm, with

plicate copies in Brantford's hands, and also in possession of A. C. McMaster, counsel tor the bondholders' committee, is no exception to the rule. It is reasonably clear, however, and tells what the city must do and what it will receive when it carries out its part

OTHER RAILWAY OUT OF IT

Firstly, the Woodstock, Thames Valley & Ingersoll Electric Railway is excluded from the sale and barter. The other assets go to the city, but with the assets the city must assume certain obligations, including the contracts with the Hydro Commission and other

The city is required to pay \$125,000 to equite the holders of the first mortgage for that amount. Two other mortgages total \$5,500, and a cash payment of \$90,100 must be made to the bondholders. The aggregate is about \$229,600. Of the \$90,100 the bondholders will not get all, as something like \$20,000 is said to have been borrowed under the receivership for the operation of the road, repairs, etc. It is true that the city must assume another \$86,000, the municipality's little tax bill. Of this \$25,000 is overdue, but the rest is on the frontage tax plan, so to speak, and will mature as time passes. This \$86,000, of course, will

What Mr. Henderson will have to say when he goes over the proposed agreement Mr. Henderson knows best. He has watched Brantford's interests very carefully, and has fought tenaciously and strenuously enough when the occasion has demanded.

In all probability harmony will prevail, and an official treaty, concurred in by all interested, will go to Mr. Justice Middleton for his ratification before very long. After all, the sovereign people will decide, because they must set their seal of appr saction before "Finis" can be written.

CITY NOT INTERESTED

The bondholders have an action pending against the directors of the Grand Valley as to the issue and disposition of debentures. The bondholders are not altogether pleased with the debenture situation, and litigation may be the upshot. Brantford, however, is not

THAT CATARACT CONTRACT

Mr. Henderson, when seen to-day by the Courier, said that the Hydro contract referred to above with the Hydro Commission related to power received at the Galt end of the line. Asked as to whether the city would have to assume the eight-year contract with the Western Counties Company for power at this end, Mr. Henderson said it was a point in contention.

"If the receiver, Mr. E. B. Stockdale, is not under obligation to carry out the contract with the Cataract, the city will not be. It is my view that the contract is dead and that the street railway under civic auspices will be able to use Hydro-Electric as it sees fit.'

Mr. Henderson has received a copy of the agreement, which is to go before the courts for ap proval, but has not had time to go into it. The above despatch is a summary of the document.

SIR JAMES BETTER.

sign of improvement to-day.

Laurier's Refusal To Quit Plunges Liberals In Gloom

Plain Talk of the Party's restlessness in the Opposition, and an Hopeless Future Follows increasing dissatisfaction with the Caucus on Transconti- Lemieux is reported to have ambinental Railway.

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.-A lengthy position members recognize the hopecaucus of Liberal members was held less future of the party so long as yesterday morning. Reports of what took place indicate that there was a lot of plain speaking from the rank. lot of plain speaking from the rank It is evident that the rumblings have and file of the members in regard to reached the ear of Laurier, causing the series of disasters brought upon his otherwise uncalled-for statement the party under its present leadership. in Montreal that he does not intend to give up his job. His occasional The greatest unanimity was displayed references to the possibility of his reon the subject of going home; the tirement, always followed with a de-Liberal members can't see the session claration that he will stay, are occa-

The last knockout, the report of als. he Transcontinental Railway invesigation, was the principal subject of iscussion. It is felt by a majority and, feel that it is up to them to life. Sir George Ross is still in a nake what defence they can and very critical condition and is causing ansfer any responsibility that can his friends great anxiety. There is no

"ALL-IRELAND" MEETING There are indications of a growing

Declares He Should Not Have Released Cunard Co. From Laurier leadership. Hon. Rodolphe Queenstown Calls.

tions of his own, with which ambi-DUBLIN, Feb. 25 .- At an "alltions the continued presence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier conflicts. Other Op-Ireland" meeting held last night by other interests here, the Lord Mayor of Dublin presiding, a resolution was adopted strongly protesting against the action of the British Postmaster General Herbert L. Samuel, in releasing the Cunard Steamship Company from its contract obligation to have its steamers call at Queenstown.

An addendum, on the motion of Sir Roger Casement, a leader of the Irish Natioonal Volunteer Movement t uphold the authority of the Crown and government of Ireland, also was adopted, in which it was declared that if the "all-Irish" effort to induce TORONTO, Feb. 25-Sir James the British Government to enforce the Opposition that there is no an- Whitney is now fully recovered and the Cunard contract failed, the comwer to the revelations made in this is expected to leave the hospital in a mittee having the matter in hand eport and no sense in making the few days. He has been notified by would do all in its power "to deal inding the subject of debate in the his physicians, however, that he must with the wanton breach of public The leaders, on the other not contemplate returning to public faith through Irish-American statesin America.'

Mr. Frank Foster and Dr. Leem-

went down on a division of the House "No, but that was the impression," The vote stood at 58 to 19 with Alan said Mr. Hanna. Studholme, of Hamilton, voting with The second point was literally stated, and this was that the province The champion of the Government stand was Hon. W. J. Hanna, who tion. was away behind in social legislasprang into the arena early in the af-"These are both wrong," declared ternoon and opened the fray. From Mr. Hanna. "I am not overstating

former New York police lieutenant under death sentence for the murder of

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY SHOWS

Liberal Leader to Name Minister of Labor.

throne calling for the appoint-

ment of a minister of labor to study

ommitted himself and one by one he

The minister was in fine fettle and

In Fine Fettle.

he pursued them throughout.

to the 1912 amendment of Mr.

out into new fields where no one had

There had been suggestions ad-

he had given, and without stating in

go again himself.

industrial conditions in the province.

the Liberal forces.

emolished them.

THAT ONTARIO IS FREE FROM

1914 has been fought to a finish and In outlining the two points which

the outset he trained his attack, with the case when I say that in Ontario precision upon the points to which and in Canada as a whole, we have the Opposition leader in person had and in Canada as a whole, we have suffered less from conditions brought by overproduction and unemployment than in any other parts of the continent. Now here have we suffered less than in Ontario. Conditions are generally good in comparison with

Mr. Rowell rose to say that h

had not made that statement.

warmed up to the subject with such vigor that his followers responded with rounds of enthusiasm. To display the comparative comfort of the province in this season when the effects of financial depression were was bad. It carried away a wrong weighing htavily upon the continent impression. The figures were larger and to demonstrate the baseless nathan he believed could be fairly supture of the charge that the social ported by facts and much larger than legislation of Ontario was behind the times, were the objects in view and They had stated that probably 6,000 When Mr. Hanna began upon

men had been out of work. He then called attention to his subject he playfully referred troit as a city comparing with Rowell on the Hudson Bay papers had estimated the unemploy port as the first born amendment of the Opposition leader, which had died if it were a matter of congratulation at 130,000 in the city alone. Surely representatives of commercial and before reaching the cradle. This had the Government might be congratuation been followed the next year by an-lated upon this comparison. other, which was not good enough

for use in bye-elections, and now as leader made in referring to the back The opening that the Opposition to the life of the latter he would wardness of social legislation in Onprophesy that it would not reach the tario was appreciated in full by the not in politics. Foremost he quoted proposals without delay." the opinion of the London Lancet,

the provincial system and the work ward its suggestions at the earliest it was carrying on. He then referred moment that they could be adequately at the polls. Otherwise, he declared, one suggested a "minister of unemployment." The leader had work-

Been Granted A New Trial

Mexican Situation is a Tense One To-Day-Authorities Want to Find Out if Pistol or Gun Shots Caused Death of British Subject.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] FL PASO, Tex,, Feb. 25-Uncerainty still prevailed here as to what body had been denied was another General Villa of the constitutionalist army, proposed to do regarding the request of the United States Government that he deliver to the widow the body of William S. Benton, the British subect, whom he executed last

Conflicting reports of the rebel cceived here. A message sent by state department: Villa to the United States consul at

ahua where General Villa is making red in the grave from which it is Villa declines to deliver the body, but e will permit the widow or other renation of the body, which will then would be removed. In a telegram o one of his subordinates at Juarez. General Villa was reported as saying;

with all religious observances and a cross erected over it, and I will not low the sacrilege of its removal." United States secret service operves say they had received informamissing German-American, has met

Hon. W. J. Hanna in Debate on Speech From Throne in House a fate similar to Benton's. Exposes Mr. Rowell's Attempt to Injure Province for Political Constitutionalists to-day expressed pleasure over the reported voluntary Advantage-Legislature Votes Down Amendment Proposed by surrender yesterday of the Federal Gunboat Tampico, with its crew constitutional officers at hampo. The surrender of the Tampice battle in the Ontario Legislature of would ever presume to actually go.

N. W. Rowell, of the Opposition, Mr. Rowell had made, Mr. Hanna leads his followers from the field in defeat. At 11 o'clock last evening his leader. The minister stated that the States Consul Garrett at Neuvo Lareelaborately worded amendment to the impression was given that unemploy- do, Mexico, last night despatched an address in reply to the speech from ment conditions were worse than emissary to Hidalgo, Mexico, to in vestigate the reported execution by Mexican Federal troops of Clemento Mergara, an American citizen.

Mr. Garrett refused to make statement other than to say that the case would be investigated. Enquiry Is Difficult.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25-Difficulties in the way of obtaining a complete medical examination of the body ject, appeared to-day to complica e needed here. The letter follows: the enquiry instituted by both the American and British Governments of guilty in the recent murder trial into the circumstances surrounding held in your district, will you kindly the recent execution at Juarez.

that a promise by General Villa to you require my services, let me know permit an American representative wat your earliest convenience.' Mr. Rowell had stated that from see the body after it was exhumed so by a squad as Villa asserts.

direct request for the delivery of the ed attention in the official circles. t is believed further representations General Villa indicating the imhe widow will be made by the state

The latest despatch sent by Marion Letcher, United States counsel at generals proposed action have been Chihhuahua, as announced by the

"Villa declines to deliver Benton's uatez was translated to read that body, but will permit widow or rela-Benton's body would be delivered to tives to visit cemetery with Amerithe widow but not at the present can representatives, that for their the body which will then be reinter-

cabled from London, was that every effort would be made "to secure the exhumation and examination of the Though General Villa has seemed to comply with the request hat the body be exhumed, there is nothing as yet in the despatches to the state department to indicate that he will permit a medical examination f it for purposes of evidence.

the Mexican situation, which occupied the attention of officials, were giving them their first naval equip nent on the west coast of Mexic can federals at Neuvo Laredo of Cleento Veraga, an American citizen.

Secretary Bryan had arranged to to before the senate foreign relations ommittee during the day, when it give information concerning the Benton episode and other details of the Mexican situation.

Hangman Seeks Job While Trial **IsStillinProgress**

Writes to a Quebec Sheriff to Know if His Services Are Needed.

STE. SCHOLASTIQUE, Que., eb. 25.-Sheriff Prevost received a Ellis, at present in Vancouver, inquirof William S. Benton, British sub- ing whether his services might be

If your court has returned a verdict write Sheriff Lemieux, at Montreal. American officials were not sure He will give you my address. Should

The letter had reference to the Mc-45 to 50 thousand people were idle that an opportunity would be aftorded Gibbon murder trial now in progress. o-day in the province. That in itself to examine it and determine whether Melville McGibbon was on the stand Ber.ton died by pistol shot, as his all day testifying in defence of his friends cia,m or by rifle bullets fired brother, accused of the murder of

Will Not Betray Cause At The Eleventh Hour, He Declares

Supplicate for Truce or Hoist White Flag.

nurse even. It, however, was a great provincial secretary. Mr Rowell was of Commons yesterday the Opposimen of all parties should keep in tribute to the Government and to the only man he could credit with tion tried to obtain from Premier As-view the genius of the man who drew it. such a statement. He was speaking quith a disclosure of the concessions He doubted if any one outside the of one of the things on which the to be offered to Ulster in the Home honorable member could have done province was accustomed to plume Rule Bill by supporting a resolution it, for omitting a word of regret at itself and his criticism bespoke only introduced by Bertram G. Falle, the Opposition, said that the country was the work of the Government it went his courage and not his good sense. Unionist member for Portsmouth, fast drifting towards civil war. If The minister then dove into the "that the House considers it impera- the Premier had proposals to make ventured, where no one would ever records of work in public health and tive in the interests of public peace it was criminal to delay them so long. follow him and where he would not the opinions of it expressed by those that the Premier should submit his The Government adhered to the pol-

vanced as to a minister of health and even as to one of the municipal institutions, but never until now had the leader of its kind in the world. It had spoken in highest tribute of stitutions, but never until now had the country and the world will be recognized even as to one of the municipal institutions. But never until now had the country and the world will be recognized even as to one of the municipal institutions. But never until now had the country and the world will be recognized even as to one of the municipal institutions. But never until now had the country and the world will be recognized even as to one of the municipal institutions. But never until now had the country and the world will be recognized to the state of the state o to the curbing of the smallpox break considered by the House, which its passage would be regarded by ed along two lines entirely his own and both wrong. It was not so much the situation where to-day the work what he had said as the impression to the current where to-day the work work would be before Easter. The Government, he declared, had no reason to the motion was defeated. 311 to supplicate for a truce, still less to 238.

hoist the white flag of surrender. To Premier Asquith Says his followers he would say that the Government Will Not Government was not going to betray a great cause at the eleventh hour.

The Opposition should understand that the Government would not be browbeaten or hustled into a course which in its judgment would not pro-LONDON, Feb. 25.—In the House mote but embarrass the purpose the

The Prime Minister refused to di- duty of the Opposition to make it im-