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LONDON IS INTERESTED IN THE BIG TELEPHONE FRANCHISE SUIT

"Exclusive" Clause of the Municipal Act Disputed by a Hamilton Man.

On Friday evening, it is said, the finance committee of the city council will endeavor to deal with the matter of a telephone franchise in London. The Bell Company offer a bonus of $2,-500, made up of cash and phone rentals, to the city for an exclusive franchise, and the Canadian Telegraph and Telephone Company offer the city $1,-000 and the use of a dozen 'phones for a competitive franchise.

Ottawa has not as yet dealt finally with the granting of a 'phone franchise, and Hamilton is now mixed up in a big lawsuit regarding the same matter, the point being whether a municipality has the power to grant an exclusive franchise to any corporation.

This is a matter which may be of interest to a great many Londoners just now, the argument on both sides being very full and covering many points of controversy. It is to settle this matter of whether a municipality has the power to grant an exclusive franchise, or whether the Legislature has the power to confer any such power upon a municipality, that the big legal battle, Price vs. Hamilton and the Bell Telephone Company, will be fought over again shortly in the court of appeal. The decision of Justice Britton, of last February, was not acceptable to John J. Price or his counsel, Nesbitt, Gauld & Dickson, and they will ask five judges of this court to reverse it and annul the bylaw of last August giving the Bell Company an exclusive franchise of the streets and public lanes of Hamilton for five years.

Hardly a fact is in dispute. It is all a question of very dry and technical law, chiefly as to whether or not the Legislature had the power to enact section 331 of the municipal act.

It was under that section the bylaw was passed. Justice Britton held both to be valid. But Mr. Price says such legislation is exclusively for the Dominion Parliament. In any event, if the Legislature has such power it cannot delegate it to towns and cities. So, according to Mr. Price, the bylaw is void in any case.

JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

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CLANDEBOYE.

Clandeboye, May 11.—Rev. Father Connolly, of Ingersoll, passed through here on his way to Mount Carmel to attend the funeral of the late Father Tiernan, formerly of London.

Mr. Joseph Ouellette, who for the past week has been visiting his friends here, has returned to his home in Stoney Point.

Mr. Joseph McIlhargey, of this place, who has been visiting friends in London and St. Thomas, returned home Monday evening.

Mr. Thompson, of London, called on friends here today.

Mr. E. Hodgson, of this place, is buying cattle in the vicinity of Ridgetown.

Mr. Albert Cunningham, of London, and Miss Maud Barclay spent a few days with Mr. Cunningham's parents in this village.

Miss Jennie Cunningham, of this place, is visiting friends in Exeter.

Mr. John McWilliams, of Ailsa Craig, spent Saturday here.

Miss May Barclay, of London, spent a few days with friends around the village.

Mrs. Deacon has returned from Buffalo, where she has been visiting her sister.

Mr. Lewis Downing, of this place, spent a few days in London.

Rev. Mr. Baird, of Glencoe, is going to give an entertainment in the Methodist Church on Friday evening, May 13.

Miss Nichol, of London, is visiting friends about here.

The funeral of the late Father Tiernan, of Mount Carmel, who died on Friday last, took place on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. There were a number of friends from London and other places, as the well-known priest was a universal favorite.

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Expelled From Belgrade.

London, May 11. — The correspondent of the Daily Mail, it is announced in that paper this morning, has been expelled from Belgrade, Servia, for his severe comment on the conspirators who planned and executed the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga.

The Government has decided to demolish the old palace, which was the scene of the murder of King Alexander and Queen Draga.

DUNDONALD ON CENTRAL CAMPS

A Plan Proposed for the Training of the Higher Officers.

Ottawa, May 11. — The militia department blue-book was presented to the Commons yesterday. It contains Lord Dundonald's scheme to increase the force to 100,000 men.

Following is an outline of his plan for inauguration of central camps for training: Those who would attend the central camp during the year would include the permanent corps, the instruction of the militia, and a proportion of the officers and non-commissioned officers of every unit, whole body of officers and non-commissioned officers if possible attending in rotation. Extra grants might be made to those who passed a satisfactory examination at the end of their course. In this central camp of instruction the field officers would learn the higher aspects of the command of troops in the field, with well-trained troops, who would be constantly maneuvering, and would learn their work generally in a way that is impossible under present conditions, hampered as they are by the necessity of continually turning back to the most rudimentary stages of instruction, and by their having time to get their regiments sufficiently trained to go on to more advanced work. My desire is that in the central camp there shall be buildings for messes for both officers and non-commissioned officers, each building having its mess room, library and sitting-room. Also there should be a large building to seat at least 1,000 men, where every night would be held lectures on some military subjects or on the operations proposed to be carried out on the following day. The subject matter of these lectures would be assisted by illustrations thrown on a screen by means of a lantern or similar method. The district camps should still be held as have been, at various locations throughout the country, and should be attended by the peace establishment of every unit. At those places the value of the central camp would be demonstrated, for the officers and non-commissioned officers who had attended it would be well fitted to deal effectively with their local corps, and in that respect would be markedly superior to those who had not had the benefit of such preparation.

A new plan of administration is suggested, namely, the establishment of five first-class commands—the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, Eastern Ontario, Western Ontario and the Northwest. Each of these divisions should have its own equipment, ammunition, arms and supplies of all kinds, sufficient to permit their operating for three months without drawing upon outside sources.

Six colors, especially designed, are to be presented during the year to Canadian corps, which took part in the Boer war. They will be allotted to the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles, Strathcona's Horse, Royal Canadian Field Artillery, Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery, and Royal Canadian Regiment.

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RUSSIANS DESTROYING THEIR SQUADRON

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reached the railway, which they cut in several places. They then received orders to fall back and join the main force, leaving the line free."

Port Arthur's Garrison.

St. Petersburg, May 11.—It is further stated that the garrison at Port Arthur is stronger than heretofore has been stated. "There is no reason to keep the strength of the garrison at Port Arthur a secret," said a Russian officer. "The Japanese know it, because of their perfect information. We have 20,000 soldiers and 10,000 sailors there. The latter will not be used on the fortifications, except as a last extremity. The Japanese will not obtain possession of our fleet, even if they capture Port Arthur. The orders to the commander there are that he shall, when a fall is inevitable, put to sea and engage the enemy. We do not propose for the Japanese to find in the harbor a number of valuable warships, which they can seize and add to their fleet. Moreover, in battle the Japanese will suffer as well as our ships, and those of the latter which do not escape will go down to the bottom."

Another Popular Loan.

Tokio, May 11. — 4 p.m. — At a cabinet meeting yesterday it was decided to float another popular loan of $50,-000,000, at 95, redeemable in five years, with interest at 5%, payment to be in ten installments, commencing in June next. An imperial ordinace providing for the loan will be issued about May 20. Should the loan be oversubscribed an equal distribution will be made among the applicants, instead of giving preference to small subscribers, as was done in the case of the last loan.

Korean Cabinet Resigns.

London, May 11. — A dispatch to the Central News from Seoul announces that the Korean cabinet resigned in a body today as a consequence of the Emperor having sharply censured his ministers for neglect of their duties.

Cossacks Near Gen San.

London, May 11. — A dispatch from Gensan says that 450 Cossacks are still at Song Jin, about 160 miles north of Gensan.

Reviews 50,000 Troops.

St. Petersburg, May 11. — Emperor Nicholas, who was accompanied by the Empress and several of the grand dukes and a brilliant staff, reviewed 50,000 troops on the Champ De Mars this morning. A great concourse viewed the brilliant spectacle. As each regiment marched past his majesty, the soldiers shouted "Good health, your majesty." A grand charge of Cossacks ended the review.

The imperial party was accorded a hearty reception by the people. Seats on balconies overlooking the review sold for $25. The money will be devoted to the Red Cross.

A JAPANESE EGYPT.

Mikado's Policy as to Korea and Manchuria If He Wins.

London, May 10.—Baron Suyematsu, son-in-law of the Marquis Ito, and former Japanese minister of the interior, who is here, in the course of an interview today, with reference to the fears expressed on the continent as to the effect of Japanese successes on Japan's policy after the war, declared emphatically that Japan's policy is well defined, and her success will make no difference.

The future status of Korea would be that of a Japanese Cuba, or a Japanese Egypt. Russia will not be allowed the least political or territorial hold there.

Regarding Manchuria, Japan desires no rights there beyond what are enjoyed by other powers. Manchuria will be given back to China, but under conditions rendering it impossible for any return to the pre-war conditions. Possibly Manchuria may be made a buffer state under China's sovereignty.

Discussing China's neutrality, M. Suyematsu said the chief danger was Russia, which was either willingly or unconsciously irritating the Chinese, thus tending to a breach of neutrality. He did not believe that any change in China's attitude would involve France or Germany in the issues of the war, and concluded with declaring that Japan's aims were perfectly legitimate, her policy being to insure absolute freedom for all powers in the Far East, and no Occidental power need have the slightest anxiety that Japan will suffer from "swelled head" as a result of the conflict.

Russian Cossacks Busy.

St. Petersburg, May 11.—A telegram from Gen. Karkevitch, dated May 8, reports that the Korean garrison of Pekton, on the Yalu River, consisting of 75 men, has surrendered to the Russian scouts in that town, also giving up 700 poods of food and forage prepared for the Japanese. An April 23 another party of scouts had an encounter with a small detachment of Japanese cavalry at Medalieng, seven miles south of Pekton, but sustained no casualties. On the same day Gen. Karkevitch occupied the town of Pekton Lin, 21 miles south of Pekton. Here he destroyed a considerable quantity of provisions. On that day also a third detachment of scouts had a skirmish with a small detachment of Japanese, the Russians sustaining no losses. A Russian scouting party encountered the enemy seven miles from Ujan and eighteen miles northward of Pekton, near the Yalu River. The enemy's force was composed of 200 Korean soldiers and 200 Japanese wearing Korean uniforms. The force occupied a position on the steep heights. After a well-sustained fire the enemy withdrew to Ujan. The Russian casualties were one soldier killed and four wounded, and seven horses killed.

On May 2 eight Cossacks, reconnoitering between Sintsinting, 40 miles east of Mukden, and Tsiant Chau, 30 miles southwest of Sintsinting, were attacked at Tchansefigon by a band of well-armed robbers, apparently Chinese. During the ensuing fusillade one Cossack was wounded and three horses were killed. A guide and a Chinese interpreter were also killed.

THE Y. M. C. CONVENTION

Fourteen Hundred Delegates Are Gathered at Buffalo, N. Y.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 11. — The international convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of North America convened here today. The convention marks the 50th anniversary of the first international convention in America, when the international committees formed, and the first meeting on this continent of association delegates was held. The convention has brought together about 1,400 delegates, representing 600 city associations, 700 student associations, 200 railroad associations and a large number of miscellaneous associations representing the army, navy, negro and Indian races, and industrial concerns. An interesting feature of the big gathering are eight frames, which spread over the entire length of a spacious room made up of maps, charts, diagrams and photographs, showing at a glance the development of the work of the association all over the world. The programme includes not only meetings for the delegates, but meetings for the ladies and members of the boys' department. Workers are present from every state in the Union, Canada, Mexico and European countries.

The opening session was devoted entirely to devotional services. These services were led by D. S. Gordon and were solemn and impressive.

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Letters to the Editor.

THE BREAKWATER.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Having seen by Friday's issue of your paper that the requisition from West London re breakwater improvements has been handed to the city engineer to make a full report on, I would like to ask Mr. Graydon a few questions, which I would like him to answer through the press, so that the citizens of London may learn from a scientific source what is needed to protect that portion of the city commonly called West London. First, would or would not a pile-driven dyke from Oxford street bridge in a straight line (running the full distance of the washed out portion of the present breakwater), meeting the old one beyond the washout, and filled in between the two, make a substantial job, and fill the balance of the old one up to the top with earth? Second, would a V-shaped dyke built at the forks separate the two streams and cause the water to flow faster, and would the faster flow of the stream have the effect of deepening the channel of the river? If eight feet of water flowed over the waterworks dam, and the river was seventeen feet high at King street bridge, was the whole or even half of the difference caused by the Grand Trunk embankment? By complying with this request, you will oblige one of the West London committee, who holds different views from the majority of said committee, who can apparently see nothing but the waterworks dam when they look at the River Thames in flood time.

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ICE MINE IN CELLAR

New Jersey Man Found He Was Living in an Ice Box.

Morristown, N. J., May 11.—In spite of the warm days and bursting cherry blossoms, the family of W. H. Linder, of Western avenue, has hugged the furnace and registers, shivering on the sunniest days. Milk and all sorts of provisions refused to spoil when left in the kitchen days at a time. Neighbors came in and sat shivering through short calls, and wondered what was the matter with the house.

Yesterday morning when Mr. Linder got up and found the house still cold and all outdoors warm and balmy he awoke to the supernaturalness of the thing and determined to investigate. He went into the cellar.

The furnace was red hot, but otherwise the place was cold. Then he went into the sub-cellar. As he jumped down the stairs his feet went from under him and he struck on his head. He found himself skating around on a lake of ice.

Investigation with a lantern proved the sub-cellar to be completely covered with ice to a depth of eighteen inches. It had formed there during the winter from a leaking water pipe, and he had been living in an ice-box and trying to keep it warm.

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TIBETANS KILL BRITISH

Eight Servants Connected With the Expedition Butchered.

London, May 11. — The Times this morning publishes a dispatch from Gyantse, Tibet, which reports the butchery of eight servants of the British mission by Tibetans. The dispatch says that the Tibetans are constantly getting better arms and ammunition, which are manufactured at Lhassa, and that it is clear the Tibetans contemplate a combined effort to overwhelm the mission.

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