

**BUSINESSMEN TO WAIT
ON C. N. R. TO SECURE
LINE FOR THE CITY**

Deputation Being Organized to Go to Toronto and Promise Big Line Fair Treatment If It Reopens Negotiations With City Council.

**NO MORE MISTAKES LIKE
SHUTTING OUT CAN. SOUTHERN**

The Canadian Northern has formally taken over the Chatham, Wallaceburg and Lake Erie Railway, as was announced it would in The Advertiser some months ago.

The line is to be used as a feeder for the main line of the company, which is to be built along one route or the other in Western Ontario.

A FALSE STATEMENT.

Steam trains, it is announced by the company, will not be operated over the line, and the statement made in a morning paper endeavoring to convey such an impression is characterized as entirely erroneous. The primary object of the line's purchase was to secure passenger business from a thickly-populated section, and bring it into Chatham, where the main line will touch.

PART OF RADIAL SYSTEM.

The road will be operated strictly as a radial line and as part of the radial program planned by the C. N. R. for western Ontario—the scheme of which London might be the centre were it not for such forces as the London Free Press and the electrification following, who have endeavored by every fair and foul means to prevent this great railway from coming into the city over the London and Port Stanley Railway.

ENORMOUS FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

Here is a railway system able to secure \$30,000,000 from the Dominion Government, and to secure another \$12,000,000 during the so-called money stringency in England.

Does London mean to close the door in its face?

Some fair-minded citizens say the C. N. R. will come to the city anyway. But they forget London's experience with the Canadian Southern—a railway which went to St. Thomas after London had turned it down, and made the Railway City what it is today.

SAME DESTRUCTIVE FORCE.

The same destructive force—the London Free Press—did its best, or worst, to bar the Canada Southern from London. Now it is trying the same tactics upon the Canadian Northern.

The businessmen of London intend to secure the Canadian Northern despite the attempt to keep it out.

Within a short time a strong deputation of shippers and businessmen will be organized to wait upon the C. N. R. heads and assure them that the citizens are desirous of securing the main line and of meeting the railway on a fair basis.

MEANS MUCH TO LONDON.

The coming of the C. N. R. to London would mean large shops and a great industrial expansion. It has enormous resources at its command, and would be the greatest force for expansion that London has had in years.

The businessmen of London mean to present their case to the C. N. R., and to leave London backed by a strong public opinion. The shippers who have opposed electrification on the ground that it would be ruinous to their business, have not altered their attitude in the slightest degree. They are the men with the big thing at stake. They employ the men that keep the homes of London. They mean to take matters into their own hands and assure the C. N. R. that London wants its line, and that there will be a fair field and a clear track for progress if the big line will come to this city.

WILL OPEN UP COUNTRY.

They believe the C. N. R. will build many radials out of the city, and that it will tap many undeveloped stretches of country.

It is time for action, and such tactics as have been pursued are spurring them to early action.

**MIND A BLANK, RETURNS HOME
WOUNDED AND HIS MONEY GONE**

Mystery surrounds the serious injuries received by Henry W. Hodges, 24 Hyatt avenue, a molder at McCarty's, who reached home between 9 and 10 o'clock Monday night from Toronto, where he attended the Plymouth Brethren conference, with a deep gash in his head and a fractured shoulder, and unable since to tell what happened.

He was expected home on the 7 o'clock Grand Trunk train, which did not arrive until considerably later than its scheduled time. How Mr. Hodges got to his home from the station his family does not know. He was in a weak condition when he arrived, and could not give a coherent explanation for his injuries.

Advices Quiet for Him.
Dr. C. S. Moore, was called and advised that he be left as quiet as possible for a few days in the hope that he will be able to relate or remember what happened to him. Dr. Moore, from his injuries, made the suggestion to his family that he may have fallen against the vestibule door of a coach in a fainting spell. He was ill on the train, the injured man states himself, but it is several years since he ever fainted before.

What has lent credence to the theory

that he may have met with foul treatment is a question which he asked his wife shortly after reaching home. "Did you get my money all right?" "Only 25 cents was found in his pockets, and it is hardly likely that he could have referred to so small an amount."

Mind is a Blank.

Not wishing to make his condition worse by questioning, his family has refrained from urging him to explain whether he had much money in his possession, and if so, how he lost it. He may have been knocked down and robbed after reaching London, or he may have fallen in a faint as Dr. Moore suggests, and while in a helpless condition his pockets may have been rifled. There was a street car accident in Toronto Monday night, but Mr. Hodges says he was not injured in it.

A Terrible Wound.

So deep is the cut in his head that it appears to have destroyed or paralyzed the nerves, so that he feels no pain whatever from the injuries, and it is doubtful whether he is aware of them or their extent. The police have not yet been asked to investigate, his family hoping that Mr. Hodges would be able to tell what happened to him in a day or two. While he appears to be recovering he is not yet able to tell a word of what happened.

SITE FOR NEW LONDON THEATRE

Photos by Hines for The Advertiser.
The large picture shows 140 feet frontage on Wellington street, with depth of 110 feet, upon which theatre proper will be built. The inset picture shows the site of entrance and lobby on Dundas street.

**New Playhouse To
Seat 2,500 Souls**

Griffin Syndicate Secures 50 Year Lease on Bernard Property on Dundas and Wellington Streets—Vaudeville and "Movies"

London is to have a new playhouse for moving pictures and popular vaudeville. The entrance will be on Dundas street, near the corner of Wellington street, and the theatre when completed will have a seating accommodation for 2,500 people.

Owens Twenty-One Theatres.

Mr. John Griffin, of Toronto, and his son, Mr. Peter Griffin, owners and controllers of 21 theatres in Canada, arrived in London Wednesday and signed a 50-year lease with Mr. Wm. Bernard for possession of 140 feet frontage and 110 feet depth on Wellington street, to the rear and west of Yining's drug store, on the corner of Dundas and Wellington streets, and for the store now occupied by Gourlay, Winter & Leeming, which has a frontage of 22 feet on Dundas street.

Work Starts Soon.

As soon as the lease was signed Mr. Peter Griffin left for Rochester to consult with an architect, who, it is expected, will be in the city today or Friday. The theatre is to cost between \$100,000 and \$125,000, according to Mr. Griffin, and will have a Dundas street entrance through the Gourlay, Winter & Leeming store.

Must Vacate in Month.

Mr. Griffin has already notified the firm that it must leave at the expiration of a month, and it is expected that work on the theatre building will be started within two weeks. Mr. Bernard retains control of the four stores to the east of the Gourlay store, but the Bernard garage will be torn down to make way for the playhouse. The price for the lease is not made public.

**East London Businessmen
Consider Theatre Building**

Conference To Be Held Immediately at Which Decision Will Be Made—Plan House of 800 Capacity.

Believing that if the people of East London are forced to come down town for their entertainment they will also spend much of their money at downtown business places, a number of businessmen of East London have formed a syndicate to build a thoroughly modern moving picture and vaudeville theatre in that end of the town. A meeting is to be held either this evening or Friday evening, at which final announcements will be made, but it is practically certain that the enterprise will be gone ahead with.

"We have several sites in view," said one member of the syndicate this morning. "We are having a final meeting either tonight or Friday, and everything will be decided then. The theatre we are planning will be a large one, with a seating capacity of about 800. There is little use in building a house of small capacity, because the nightly running expenses eat up nearly all the receipts, but with the larger house the margin of profit is greatly increased. We will put on first-class vaudeville and moving pictures, and I think there will be little trouble about the patronage."

**SAW MAN CLIMB
IN BANK WINDOW!
HIST! SAID COPS**

Vigilant Watchers of Chief Williams Ready to Land a Robber.

But Member of the Staff Had Taken a Quick Way of Getting In.

The way of the transgressor would have been hard Wednesday night at the Merchants Bank had said transgressor been a real one.

An opened window, a light within, offered grounds for suspicion, but when a man was seen entering the opening, two sleuth-like policemen who had been watching the proceeding with growing suspicion, reached the conclusion that decidedly there was something doing, and reached the window at one and the same time.

Matters were quickly explained, however, when it was discovered that a teller working overtime was the cause of the light, while the opened window had offered an easy means of entrance to another of the staff who was the "transgressor." The sum and substance of the matter is that a spark of suspicion sometimes leads to a flame of glory in detecting crime, while the watchfulness of the members of the "force" is creditably reflected upon.

**JUDGE WHO SENT
THAW ON WAY
EDUCATED HERE**

May Have Got His Good Common Sense From Barney Boyle.

"Nick" Wilson Also Had a Hand in Training Distinguished Jurist.

Judge Matthew Hutchinson, of the superior court, who sustained the writ deporting Harry K. Thaw, at Sherbrooke, and caused, it is expected, an end to the case in Canada, may perhaps have thanked "Barney" Boyle or "Nick" Wilson, London's veteran schoolmasters for the sound common-sense he utilized in dealing with the case.

For like most justly famous persons, Judge Hutchinson is a former Londoner.

In company with his brother and sister he came to London in 1868 and attended the Central school, being instructed by Messrs. Boyle and Wilson. In the same class was George Eybel, who rose to a high place on the staff of the Toronto Globe. Judge Hutchinson and his brother removed to Toronto, where the brother died. Then Matthew and his sister went to Montreal. The sister is the wife of a judge there.

**THOS. R. PARKER
DIES IN TORONTO;
ILL FOR MONTHS**

Prominent Businessman Held Important Place in London Business.

Famous for His Financial Reorganization of Methodist Church.

Thomas R. Parker, for many years a prominent businessman in London, and known all over Canada for his financial reorganization of the Methodist Church, died at his home in Toronto early this morning, after having been ill since June.



LATE THOMAS R. PARKER.

him the praise of the leading men of the church all over the Dominion. Mr. Parker's father-in-law, William Hockin, was one of the organizers of the London and Petrolia Barrel Works, and after his death Mr. Parker left the C. P. R., with whom he had been for many years in the down-town office, and took over a share of the business. He contributed a great deal to the success of the concern, and sold out his share seven or eight years ago to Philip P. C. Prior to being with the C. P. R., he was employed in Westlake's drygoods store.

After leaving the barrel company, Mr. Parker left for Toronto, where he lived practically retired, excepting for a financial connection with the Methodist Church. He was always a source of strength to his religious denomination, and was one of the foremost members of the First Methodist Church while in this city. He was universally respected. He was born in England, and came to Canada when very young.

Besides his widow, he is survived by three daughters—Misses Ethel, Irene and Maud, at home, and Edward and Leonard, of Toronto. Two brothers, William and John, in England, also survive. The funeral will be held in this city Saturday morning from the Grand Trunk station at 11:25 to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

THE WEATHER.

MODERATE—FAIR AND COOL.
Toronto, Sept. 4—8 a.m. Moderate to fresh northeast to east winds; fair and cool today and on Friday.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
LONDON 74 62
Winnipeg 74 62
Port Arthur 74 62
Toronto 82 68
Ottawa 80 66
Montreal 82 68
Father Point 82 68
Weather Notes.
The depressions mentioned yesterday have both decreased in energy, while the northern cool wave has become more pronounced.
Showers and thunderstorms have been partly general in the Western Provinces and in Ontario, and local in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

**WANT ALL CANADA TO VOTE
ON QUESTION OF PROHIBITION**

Dominion Alliance Will Ask Government to Take Matter Up Next Session—Important Amendments to Temperance Act Also Planned.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Sept. 4.—At the meeting of the Dominion Alliance this morning it was decided to attempt to have a declaration, in favor of prohibition brought before the Dominion Parliament at the next session.

Another important decision was the proposal to get legislation to amend the Canada temperance act so as to allow license inspectors to arrest persons selling liquor in prohibition districts without a warrant.

At present a warrant must be sworn out by two magistrates, and the

arrests have to be made by a policeman.

The alliance will also try to prevent the importation of liquor into municipalities where prohibition is in force, and will also urge every province to have its own prohibition law.

It was decided to appoint a committee consisting of several members of Parliament, who will meet in Ottawa, when any prohibition question comes up for discussion.

The following officers were appointed: Honorary president, J. R. Douglass, Montreal; president, F. S. Spence, Toronto; treasurer, W. H. Orr, Toronto; recording secretary, J. H. Carson, of Montreal; corresponding secretary, D. A. McDermid, Toronto.

**MILITARY MEN TO
HONOR GREAT CHIEF**

Col. Hodgins Goes to Moraviantown to Arrange for the Centenary Celebration.

Col. D. C. Hodgins, D. O. C., left this morning for Moraviantown to make arrangements for a military celebration which is to be held there on Oct. 5 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the death of Tecumseh, the famous Indian chief, who was killed at the battle of Moraviantown, Oct. 5, 1813.

It is likely that a number of London military men will take part in the celebration, the nature of which has not been decided upon as yet.

**MANY PRINCES
AT WEDDING OF
KING MANUEL**

Brilliant Gathering for Royal Nuptials Held at Sigmaringen.

Groom Closely Guarded as It Was Feared He Might Be Killed.

[Canadian Press.]

Sigmaringen, Germany, Sept. 4.—Manuel, former King of Portugal, was married here today to Princess Augustine Victoria, daughter of Prince William of Hohenzollern, by Cardinal Netto, former Archbishop of Lisbon, who conducted the religious ceremony, and by Count August Zuleburg, grand marshal of the Prussian court, who presided over the civil function.

The religious rites began at half past eleven in the Roman Catholic Parish Church, near the palace. The road along which the bridal pair passed from the palace to the church was spanned with arches covered with bright flowers, and along both sides were drawn up lines of soldiers and school children.

Capital En Fete.

The little capital of the principality of Hohenzollern had made every effort to render itself attractive for the occasion, although it was understood that the marriage was to be celebrated in as quiet a manner as possible, owing to the political situation.

A gate of honor was erected at the railroad station, where all the royal guests were met by military escorts, which accompanied them to the palace.

Watched Strangers.

At the same time a strict watch was kept on all strangers arriving here because it was thought by the police that an attempt might be made on the life of the former King of Portugal. Nothing, however, in the form of a manifestation against the exiled monarch marred the occasion.

Sigmaringen had probably never been the scene of such an assembly of princes and princesses. At the church they formed a brilliant group in their varied uniforms glittering with orders, and they were surrounded by many prominent military and civil personages, also in gala costume.

Royalty Present.

The personages of royal blood present included the Queen-Mother, Amalie of Portugal; the Prince of Wales, representing King George of England; Prince Eitel Friedrich, representing the German Emperor; the Duke and Duchess of Coburg; Infante and Infanta Carlos of Spain, representing the King and Queen of Spain; the Duke of Genoa, and the Duke and Duchess of Aosta, representing the Italian royal family; the Duke and Duchess of Vendôme, and the Duke of Montpensier, representing the Bourbon family; the Duke of Oporto, uncle of King Manuel; Prince Carol and Princess Elizabeth, Prince and Princess Henry XXXIII, of Reuss; Princess Princess Friedrich, of Hohenzollern; the Grand Duke and Duchess of Baden, several members of the royal Württemberg family, and also of the Portuguese royal house.

Address Was Read.

Immediately after the performance of the ceremony at the church a homily was addressed to the newly-married couple by the Prince Abbot of Einsiedeln in place of the Arch-Bishop of Bauran, who had fallen suddenly ill.

**TWO AUTOS HIT
RIGS; HORSE DIES
AFTER ACCIDENT**

Animal's Leg Snapped in Unavoidable Collision, and It Is Shot.

Another Car Does Some Wild Stunts on Dundas Street.

An auto, turning rapidly off Talbot street onto Dundas, Wednesday afternoon, skidded completely around and bumped forcibly into a telegraph pole, shaking up the occupants considerably, and damaging the front wheels of the machine.

Struck the Wagon.

Whether the driver became nervous after this accident is not known, but when he attempted to turn his car west on Dundas street, he collided with a delivery rig belonging to Hockin Bros., grocers. The driver of the wagon, seeing that the auto would strike something, succeeded in pulling the horse out of the way, but could not move the wagon in time to avoid the collision.

The auto proceeded to zig-zag down Dundas after this second smash. It could not be learned whether the steering gear was defective or whether it was a case of a "green" driver.

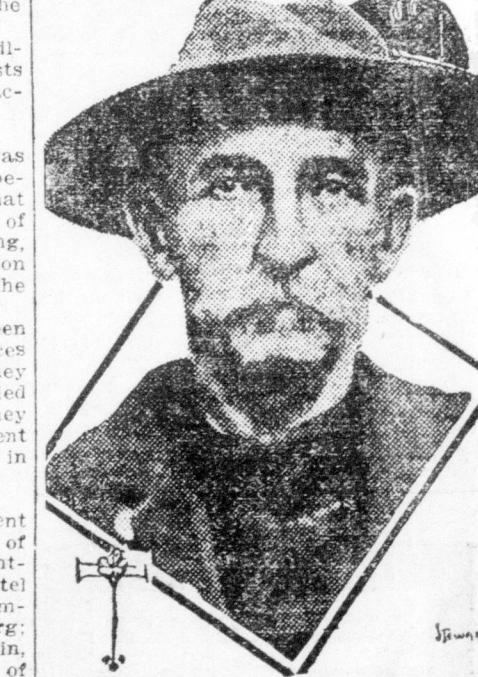
Horse Had To Be Shot.

A nasty smash occurred at Dundas and English streets this morning, when a horse drawing a delivery rig belonging to William H. Hart, a grocer, of 185 Rectory street, was struck by an auto belonging to Mr. Parker, and knocked to the pavement. Upon examination it was found that the horse's leg was broken, which necessitated the shooting of the animal by a policeman.

The driver received a severe shaking up, being thrown some distance from the seat of his vehicle.

Watching Another Car.

It appears that the auto was running at a good rate on Dundas from the east. Mr. Hart was just turning onto Dundas street from English street. Neither driver saw the other, both incidentally watching another car which was approaching. It was an unfortunate occurrence, no blame being attached to either party.

**"BILL" MINER, famous
robber and jail
breaker, who died in prison****DEATH FREES
BILL MINER**

For Over Sixty Years He Had Been a Notorious Criminal.

END CAME IN PRISON

[Canadian Press.]
Milledgeville, Ga., Sept. 4.—Death had freed Bill Miner, notorious robber and jail-breaker, from his last prison term. His picturesque career, which included clashes with the laws of more than a score of States and several Canadian Provinces, ended yesterday at the Georgia state prison farm.