

FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

RATEPAYERS WILL VOTE MARCH 23 ON THE STREET RAILWAY BY-LAW

By-Laws Given the Necessary Readings at Meeting Last Night.

It is Now Up to the People of This City to Decide--Extensions Provided for.

At the meeting of the City Council last night the Street Railway purchase by-law went through with flying colors and the ratepayers will vote on the proposition on March 23.

Naturally it is asked what does the by-law mean in the way of expenditure, actual and otherwise and what are the people to get for their money.

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What It Means. The ordinary ratepayer will also ask what the purchase of the Street Railway means in the way of increased taxation.

A Big Question. The Street Railway proposition looms up at once as the biggest municipal question Brantford has faced in many years.

MONROE DOCTRINE IS INSTRUMENT OF ANARCHY

[By Special Wire to The Courier]

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Sharp comment is made by the Manchester Guardian to-day on Sir Edward Grey's statement in the House of Commons yesterday in regard to the killing of William S. Benton at Juarez by General Villa.

"It is not mere playing with words to say that in such a case the United States has no responsibility. If that were so, the Monroe doctrine would be a mere instrument of international anarchy whereas the whole tendency of President Wilson's policy has to make it a force for order and good government.

Get Behind And Give Old Home Week Movement A Boost, Says Ald Ward

Ride the Elephant on the Market Square--Council Grants Partial Use of the Square During Old Home Week.

That pristine square, donated by the Indians for use by the City of Brantford as a market, will be used during Old Home week this summer in part and parcel, providing that the producing farmer has reasonable access to place his baskets on the Saturday which closes the re-union.

The council last night was on the doing in Brantford next August. He pointed out that Stratford City Council gave \$1,000 towards Old Home Week. A revenue was necessary to hold such an event, and he wanted everybody to get behind the doing in Brantford next August.

Ald. Ward was sponsor of the resolution for the use of the market. At first he had it to read "to use market as the Old Home Week executive thinks fit and proper."

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Did Inventor of Telephone Discover Use of Radium?

Alex. Graham Bell Credited With Its Application For Treatment of Cancer--A Long Lost Letter is Found

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—A letter written over a decade ago by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, and recently discovered, is causing his many friends here to wonder whether he was not the first man to suggest the imbedding of radium in bodily tissue as a curative agent for deep-seated cancers.

Speaking of the satisfactory results radium was found to have on external cancers and at the same time of the unsatisfactory effect it had on deep-seated cancers, Dr. Bell in his letter said, "It has occurred to me that one reason for the unsatisfactory nature of these experiments arises from the fact that the rays have been applied externally, thus having to pass through healthy tissues of various depths in order to reach the cancerous matter. The Crookes tube from which Rontgen rays are emitted, is, of course, too bulky to be admitted in-

The Gas Company Has A Perpetual Franchise Under An Act of 1851

So Announced Mayor Spence Last Night--The Sulphur Situation is Again Subject of Discussion.

The Tibury gas always a prolific source of aldermanic oratory was to the fore again last night at the City Council meeting. One alderman even told a nursery story about sulphur and it was timely but scarcely parliamentary.

To these queries the mayor replied that he wasn't endowed with divine powers, and did not know whether the gas main at Tibury was burst or not. He did, suspect, however, that the extreme weather was the cause of a great deal of trouble.

SIX NATIONS RESERVE MIGHT BE REMOVED

Legislation Introduced at Ottawa in Regard to Indian Reserves Has Important Bearing on This County.

For many years Brant County municipal authorities have declared that the Indian Reserve was a milestone in the district their removal to another location might be arranged by the department on terms to be fixed by the Exchequer Court.

"A Government bill will be introduced shortly in the name of Hon. Dr. Roche, Minister of the Interior, amending the Indian Act in a number of particulars. The principal change will have to do with the removal of reserves. The Act was recently amended to provide that in case Indians lo-

The L. E. & N. Railway Wants Right To Carry Freight On City Lines

Chief Engineer W. P. Kellett of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway prior to the City Council meeting last night waited upon the Mayor and other civic authorities in reference to an arrangement with the city, in the event of the street railway purchase for the hauling of freight at night on the city lines.

It has been known for some time that one of the biggest difficulties confronting the Lake Erie and Northern in Brantford is the question of terminal facilities and that was why the offer was put in by Mr. Kellett to buy the street railway, the Grand Valley franchise giving the right to run freight over the streets at night. Now the city can sell this right and regulate the traffic, property and the revenue from haulage of freight would prove substantial.

ACCEPT RELIEF, HAVE MONEY TO PAY FINE

Foreigners Convicted of Selling Wheels Get Out of Jail.

The sum of \$100 has been paid in at the police station by Smick and Braddock, who were fined to that extent by Magistrate Livingston on Monday for illicit bicycle dealing. It is astonishing that these men should be able to pay such fines when it is remembered that they both had applied and received coal and charity from the city relief fund. Braddock had to pay \$75 and costs to indemnify him from prison and he paid it. Yet for his defence it was said that

LABOR LEADERS WILL NOT LEAVE THE SHIP

Brantford Relieved Of Bond Purchase (Special to the Courier)

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—The bill introduced in the House of Commons to increase the bond issue of the Lake Erie & Northern Railway from \$35,000 to \$45,000 was passed to-day. The company voluntarily agreed to relieve all the municipalities which by vote of the ratepayers purchased second mortgage bonds from their obligation to complete the purchase. Thus Brantford will not have to buy \$119,000 worth of the second mortgage bonds.

When seen this afternoon Mayor Spence said he was quite satisfied with the issue, as Brantford would not have to raise the money required for the purchase of the bonds.

TEN LASHES FOR BEATING HIS WIFE

Magistrate Livingston Hands Out Judgment To-day Against Indian.

The Brantford Gas Company were down to answer a charge of causing a nuisance, but another remand was granted. This is understood to be the last remand which will be allowed, and the charge will be enlarged for a week.

Theft of Coal.

A Maltese youth by name of Antonio Yilla, was charged with stealing coal, belonging to E. H. Walsh, on the Grand Trunk Railway, at the police court this morning. He pleaded not guilty and stated that he had taken a few shovelfuls from the track. Percy Walsh, giving evidence, proved a valuable but not comprehensive witness. He told his story and missed the points which the Crown Attorney wished to bring out.

After many remands, the case in which Peter Williams, an Indian was charged with wounding his wife, Margaret, was called. It will be remembered that he took her and put her upon the G. T. R. track at Middleport in a senseless condition during early January, with the idea that she would be killed by a passing train. Williams, a typical Indian, sat in the dock and listened, often with a smile on his face, to his wife's story attentively. She, with the destructive taciturnity of her race, answered the interpreter's questions briefly in a quiet tone.

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Will Take Inventory. Ald. Charlton, chairman of the Railway committee of the City Council had a resolution put through in the dying hours of the council last night appointing a committee to make an inventory of all the stock and equipment at present held by the Grand Valley Railway Company. This is to prevent the removal of any assets prior to the city purchase.

William Sulzer has instituted legal proceedings to regain the governorship of New York State.

Those Deported From South Africa Arrive In England To-day.

Sympathizers Had Arranged to Celebrate Their Arrival.

GRAVESEND, Eng., Feb. 24.—Nine of the ten labor leaders deported from South Africa on board the Umgeni on January 27, after the general strike had been broken by the government, declared their intention of refusing to leave the vessel which she arrived here to-day. They said they would remain on board until the steamer returned to South Africa.

Arthur Henderson, a labor member of parliament, and other British labor leaders went out in a tug down the Thames to meet the deported labor leaders from South Africa, but the captain of the Umgeni refused to allow any one to come on board.

The refusal of the deported men to leave the Umgeni on her arrival had not been anticipated here. The labor members of parliament had arranged a great welcome for them, including a complimentary dinner in the dining rooms of the House of Commons and demonstrations at the opera house and in Hyde Park.

A general strike of all trades in the Union of South Africa was declared on January 13, and Premier Botha's government responded with the proclamation of martial law, calling over 100,000 men to the colors. There were some disorders in Johannesburg and Pretoria, but after a few days the strike collapsed and on January 27 the leaders of the movement were taken secretly on board the Steamship Umgeni for transportation to England.

Effort to Get Connie Mack's White Elephants to Play in Brantford.

Wired for Dates

President Nelson of the Brantford Baseball Club yesterday wired Connie Mack, manager of the world's champion Philadelphia team, asking for an offer to play in Brantford during Old Home Week in August. Mr. Nelson discovered that the Athletics had two open dates, August 11-12, following a game in Cleveland. The jump to Brantford would be a short one and easily made. Without doubt the Athletics would be the biggest drawing-card of the entire Old Home Week.

Borden Club Rally Saturday

The Borden Club will hold a rally Saturday night, when a good program will be provided those in attendance. Arrangements are under way to secure a member of the Ontario Legislature to speak on public questions. Mayor Spence will also address the meeting on "Public Ownership of Public Utilities."

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NO SIGN OF SHIP BEARING STRIKERS

Deported South Africans May Have Been Landed Secretly at Way Port

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The steamship Umgeni, with the strike leaders who were deported from South Africa as passengers, was due in the Thames Saturday, but up to the present has not been sighted anywhere in the English Channel.

The weather is very rough, and this may account for the delay, but the non-appearance of the Umgeni strengthens an unconfirmed rumor that the strike leaders will be landed at some port where the Umgeni was not scheduled to call. There has been a good deal of talk of the possibility of British labor men seeking to have the officers of the Umgeni arrested as they pass the ship docks, on a charge of abduction, and it is believed likely that the captain may have foreseen and planned to circumvent such a move.

The Spectator at the time of the deportation, suggested that the ship might be stopped on the high seas just beyond the three mile zone, where the strike leaders could be placed in a boat and directed to rove ashore. The ship could then proceed to Tibury, leaving all the evidence of the alleged abduction behind her. The Spectator remarked that if the Umgeni were equipped with wireless, which was doubtful, the captain would undoubtedly take advice of counsel before landing.

Increase in Salaries. Birmingham City Council on Tuesday decided to raise the town clerk's salary from £2,000 to £2,200 a year, and to make other increases in wages which will altogether cost £9,000 a year.

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