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CITY AND COMPANY IN A PARTNERSHIP

Is Latest Street Railway Proposition.

Col. Gibson's New Offer Before Committee

And Aldermen Speak Well of It.

Prospects of the Street Railway Company and the city making a deal for the building of a new system and extensions are still considered bright. The company's new proposition, received by Chairmen Sweeney, Ald. McLaren and Allan yesterday afternoon, was made public to-day. It will be laid before the conference committee at a meeting to be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and it looks as if a settlement might be effected.

The offer in a nut-shell is for the company to receive six per cent. on the capital stock and the capital borrowed from time to time for improving and extending the system; the surplus net revenue after paying operating expenses and fixed charges to be divided between the city and the company on the basis of 55 per cent. to the city and 45 per cent. to the company, the city to be guaranteed in any event, \$33,100, yearly, the amount it received last year.

"It is the ideal basis for a settlement," said a city official, who has given the matter close study. Chairman Sweeney and other members of the Council were not prepared to express an opinion on it until the figures were worked out. Secretary Preman was busy figuring the proposition out this morning, and will have the information for the meeting this afternoon.

Colonel Gibson Explains.

Colonel Gibson in the proposition made to the city before going into his new offer points out that the last one submitted was not expected by the company to contain all the details of a settlement. He says:

"As mentioned at the last meeting, it was not expected by the company that the proposition already made by the company contained all the details of a settlement, and indeed it was stated plainly that the arrangements as to payment, during the franchise period, of the bonded debt already existing and the further debt to be created (or a certain proportion thereof) would probably form a very important subject of further negotiation. We would have been quite prepared to have discussed these matters, as well as any question about too large an amount of surplus profits being devoted to improvements of the property, rendering the purchase thereof at the end of the franchise expensive and difficult. We are now willing to put the matter to the city in a different way, and do so on the assumption that the ratepayers and the public of Hamilton are not willing to see those who have been struggling long endeavoring to do their best with the street railway get some return for their money after ten years of absolutely no return."

The New Offer.

The company's new proposition in full is as follows:

"That the company undertake to expend, in rebuilding, re-equipping and ex-

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Wolves Attack Auto

Chicago, March 21.—A despatch to the Tribune from Cheyenne, Wyo., says: Attacked by a large pack of timber wolves, the drivers of the Italian car Zuest in the New York to Paris automobile race were forced to use rifles and pistols on Thursday night near Spring Valley to drive the hungry animals away. The car was creeping along over a muddy road, when the cries of the wolves were heard behind them, and the animals, growing bolder each minute, surrounded the car. They were not frightened by the tooting horn of the machine nor did they fear the lights that were flashed on them. They snapped at the rubber tires and mud guard, and then the revolvers were brought into use. Cowboys yesterday picked up pellets of twenty wolves slain by the Italians.

FINED HIM \$50.

Decision in the Pool Room Gambling Case.

At Police Court this morning Magistrate Jeffs handed out his decision in the case of John S. Fitzgerald, charged with allowing gambling on his premises, the Vancouver Hotel. The decision was a lengthy one, and the pith of it was that Fitzgerald was guilty of the charge, as the checks given for pool were "money's worth," and therefore the game was gambling.

A fine of \$50 was imposed, that being the minimum. Mr. O'Reilly was granted a reserve case by the Magistrate.

MET HIS FATE.

Man Who Stabbed Girl Was Drown-ed While Trying to Escape.

Chicago, March 21.—Hanging into Stony Creek, at Blue Island yesterday evening, several policemen after he had stabbed a man, wounded a girl who had bitten him to within another man, Nicholas Fortune, 25 years old, was seized with cramps and drowned. The wounded bride is Mrs. Donato de Diaz. Her niece, a six months old baby, whom the young woman was carrying at the time she was attacked, was also seriously injured.

Fortune had been engaged to Rosa Orsena for several years. He received a letter from her yesterday announcing that she had changed her mind and married his rival. Immediately Fortune went to the Orsena home summoned the bride to the door and stabbed her five times.

The cries of the family attracted the police who went in pursuit of Fortune. He ran across a foot bridge and on to an island. Finding himself surrounded he leaped into the river in a vain effort to reach shore.

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BUYERS' EXCURSIONS

Final Preparations Made For the Big Events.

Canadian Nurse the Victim of Devotion to Duty.

Stanley Mills & Company have made their final arrangements now for the big series of spring excursions over the electric roads. The dates will be as follows: On Thursday, April 2nd, the excursion will be over the Radial from Burlington. On Friday, April 3rd, over the same road from Oakville. On Monday, April 6th, Beamsdale people will come to town, and on Tuesday, April 7th, Grimsby and all stations west, on the H. G. & B. will have their trip. On Wednesday, April 8th, the new Brantford & Ancaster road will be practically opened by an excursion from Ancaster, and on Thursday, April 9th, the Frome will close with a "Dundurn Day." From the talk that is going on among the residents of the suburban towns, it looks as though everyone will take advantage of the excursions to spend a day in Hamilton. Stanley Mills & Co. are leaving nothing undone that will add to the comfort and enjoyment of their guests.

HAMILTON FOR THE EASTERN WITH MONTREAL'S FRANCHISE.

Things Looked That Way For Two Days and Then the Arrangements Were Knocked.

Hamilton came pretty close to getting into fast baseball company within the past two days, but it looks as if the chance has slipped by—but not through any fault of the local people to whom the chance came. On Thursday afternoon President Pat Powers, of the Eastern League, who was in Toronto, called up Mr. Wm. Stroud, and proposed to him to take over the Montreal franchise. "Billy" jumped at the opportunity, and lost no time in getting after grounds and making other preliminary arrangements. Of course, Mr. Powers' offer was conditional. He explained that things were not at all satisfactory in Montreal, and said he expected to be able to say finally by Friday noon that Hamilton could have the franchise and the entire outfit of players.

On Thursday night Powers left, for Montreal, and yesterday the wires were kept warm. This morning it is announced that the game will be continued in Montreal, and Mr. Powers is there endeavoring to make the necessary financial arrangements.

LITTLE CHILD CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Seven-Year-Old Buffalo Girl Meets With Fatal Accident Hanging On to Lumber Wagon.

Buffalo, March 21.—Seven-year-old Mary Booth, daughter of George O. Booth, a bookkeeper of 63 Eastwood place, was killed by a heavy lumber wagon in Main street, near the Provincial Retreat, at noon yesterday.

The little one was on her way home with a number of other children of the neighborhood when they saw an empty lumber wagon passing. They leaped aboard the rear. In some manner little Mary's feet caught between the spokes and she was carried around the wheel and thrown to her death on the pavement where the accident had occurred. The father, S. Byrnes, who is employed by a laundry company, leaped into a wagon and rushed to the scene.

The dying child still lay upon the

pavement, face downward and bleeding profusely from a wound in the head. He picked the child up and carried her to the office of Dr. Harry Woods, where she was found to be dead. The parents were notified, but the last spark of life had fled before they arrived at her side.

Medical Examiner Danzer and Deputy Medical Examiner Dr. John D. Howland conducted the autopsy at the county morgue later in the afternoon. They found that the child had sustained a fracture at the base of the skull. Other than this no bones were broken.

Up to a late hour last night the driver of the wagon that had caused the shocking death of the little one had not been located.

THE DUKE OF ABRUZZI TO MARRY MISS ELKINS.

Told the Reporters That Everything Is All Right
---Did Not Get the Mitten.

New York, March 21.—The Duke of Abruzzi, a cousin of the King of Italy, who is reported to be engaged to marry Miss Katherine Elkins, sailed for Europe to-day on the steamer *Lusitania*. Up to the hour of sailing the Duke declined to affirm or deny the reported engagement, but his departure was regarded by the reporters who gathered at the steamship pier as not that of a man who had failed in an important mission.

The Duke was registered on the ship's passenger list as Luigi Sarto. He ordered the steamer early this morning and was accompanied to the dock by an at-

tache of the Italian legation at Washington and by a secret service man.

To the reporters who gathered on the deck he said:

"I am very sorry that I have no interview to give out, but come and see me at 8 o'clock."

"But the ship sails at that hour," said one of the newspaper men.

"Yes, I know it. I stayed up late to escape this. Everything is all right. Miss Elkins' family refrained from making any public statement and an erroneous construction has been placed upon their silence."

It is understood that the Duke will disembark at Liverpool and hasten to Rome.

LONDON WOMAN

Suing Her Husband's Bondsmen For Alimony in Buffalo.

Buffalo, March 21.—Dr. Archibald Frederick Marshall Bismarck Beatty is an elusive gentleman, as his wife, Ida E. Beatty, and her lawyer, Charles S. Blanchard, have learned within the past two years. His dilatoriness in paying alimony ordered by the court when his wife secured a judgment of separation from him in April, 1906, and his persistence in keeping out of sight, have been the cause of long-drawn-out court proceedings. Mr. Beatty is now thought to be in New York. He is a brother of the Rev. Arthur H. Beatty, pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lovejoy street, whose friends part of her time in Buffalo and part in her old home in London, Ont.

Dr. Beatty has had other troubles besides those with his wife. He has lived in many places. His wife, when she decided to sue for a separation, came to Buffalo to enlist the aid of her husband's brother, the Rev. Mr. Beatty. She did not meet with the reception she had expected, and sometime after her arrival she brought suit against him for slander, alleging that he had said defamatory things about her in the neighborhood of the Benninger Street Church. The clergyman was Victor and the suit averted much testimony and been taken from members of the church.

Mrs. Beatty is now suing the bondsmen of her husband, who was arrested in New York for non-payment of alimony and disappeared after being admitted to bail. Charles C. Schaefer is one of the bondsmen and is being sued separately by Mrs. Beatty. The case came up in Special Term of Supreme Court yesterday when Justice Wheeler sustained the defendant's demur to the form of a complaint. Schaefer declares he believes he can

take of the Italian legation at Washington and by a secret service man.

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But won't this smoke drill be apt to cause a panic among the little ones?

Whitney will give Toronto four new members, but Hamilton will get nothing extra. What has the man got against Hamilton anyway?

Because Foster or somebody asks a witness a lot of questions about alleged scandals is no evidence that there is a scandal. In fact, the only scandal is the scandalous way the Tories are wasting the time of the House and Committees.

More new books received at the Public Library. Do you patronize the library?

I am told that a child born of English parents in Canada is a Canadian. Now I knew a Scotch Chion in the regular army who had a Scotch wife and three children. One child was born in Scotland, one in Ireland and one in India. What was their nationality? Don't all speak at once.

In three years Whitney increased the public debt one dollar per head. It took the Liberals thirty-three years to do that. Whitney is certainly a great spender.

Those spring bonnets almost make me wish I were a lady.

The price of brick is one thing. But are they pound and a half or two pounds? They should be labelled.

Mr. Smith's speech did not please the Herald. He didn't try.

I notice that Chairman Sweeney fell right into line with my suggestion to call in the Railway Board.

You can easily see that Whitney is living off the labors of the late Ross Government.

My old friend and fellow laborer in the political field, Mr. Daniel Reed, has his own opinion of the Whitney Government too, and he is not afraid to express it.

Perhaps our trouble with the Sovereign Bank was that it was scarce of sovereign coins.

However, tell me that Canadian tobacco is a dead sure germ killer.

I have been told over and over again that if ex-Mayor Biggar had not run down to Toronto and threatened to make trouble, the York Loan business would have been quickly settled many moons since.

That was a pretty good fight the contestants put up.

What's the use of going to Muskoka when you have the mountain close beside you?

STUDENTS EXPelled.

More About the Trouble at Woodstock College.

A number of Hamilton boys are attending Woodstock College, and some of them went on strike with the 100 old students yesterday because one of the students, a Toronto boy named King, was suspended for practising basketball against the order of one of the masters.

As a result of the demonstration on the street yesterday five or six of the ringleaders have been expelled by the board of management, one of the members of the team that played basketball here last night stated, but none of them is from Hamilton.

HELD FOR MURDER.

Minnie Turner Acquitted and Yet Must Stand Trial.

Toronto, March 21.—(Special).—The jury in the sessions found Mrs. Minnie Turner not guilty of the charge of committing a criminal operation on Rose Winters. Mrs. Turner will be held and tried at the Assizes on a charge of murder.

ALL SERENE.

Port Arthur, Hayti, March 21.—The city is tranquil, but the natives are still greatly excited, and the situation remains tense. The German cruiser Bremen will sail today to take on board the refugees in the communities at Port de Paix and St. Marie, and convey them to Kingston, Septima. Major Judge of the Supreme Court, who is a refugee at the French legation here, says the combined intervention of the powers is absolutely necessary to prevent anarchy.

CRUDE OIL.

Sarnia, Ont., March 21.—Crude oil advanced 10 cents to-day at Sarnia, and is now \$1.44 per barrel at the receiving stations, Petroleo.

Marcus Lee's Maple Syrup.

Our first shipment of this season's maple syrup from Marcus Lee's maple bush, arrived to-day; the quality is perfect. Orders filled for small quantities only. Large quantity orders booked for future delivery. Order early, as the supply may be limited. Our third consignment of Mr. Guyett's maple syrup arrived yesterday. Bain & Adams, 89-91 King street east.

can be made to look just like new by using Park's Oriental Hat Dye, a fast colorant color that does not chip off, put up in black, brown, red, green, blue and navy blue, sold at 25¢ per bottle. Call and see sample colors.

Oriental hat-cleaner will clean and bleach your straw hat, taking all that sunburnt out of it, 15¢ per bottle. Park & Parke, druggists.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$1 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

TRADESMEN BANK OF CANADA.

TO SELL LIGHTING PLANT TO THE CITY.

Cataract Company Has Made an Offer

With No Strings to It as to Power.

Big Tin Industry Coming to Canada.

The Cataract Power Company sprang a surprise to-day by voluntarily offering to sell its lighting plant to the city.

Hon. J. M. Gibson, President of the company, made inquiries yesterday afternoon to see if the city would consider an offer if one was made, and when told that it would, promised to submit one for the next meeting of the Board of Works. He will name the price at which the company is prepared to sell out, and what the equipment will include. The company is not making the offer on the condition that the city shall buy its power. If the city takes over the plant the Cataract Company will supply it with power if desired, but the aldermen will be free to buy Hydro-Electric power if they wish.

The first two were taken to the Ohio Valley Hospital, where it is said they will not live. The explosion occurred in the room where Hilburn and Nortard were sleeping. All of the 75 rooms were thrown from their beds and made frantic efforts to leave the building. The property loss is small.

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