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Garbage Collection, Outfit Yesterday Slipped From Road.

A man, two horses and a heavy garbage collecting wagon rolled down a steep bank near the site of the old Saunby mill, near Ridout street, and the intersection with Maple street, shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The driver, T. Hampton, and the horses were uninjured, beyond bruises and scratches, and a bad shaking-up. Hampton, with a load of ashes in his wagon, had driven onto the steep roadway leading to the river "flats" below, and was attempting to unload, when the wheels slipped over the bank. The weight of the wagon and its load of ashes pulled the team of heavy horses over the bank with it.

Hampton, who was in the wagon, had no time to jump. He rolled down the slope with the struggling animals and the wagon, but was thrown clear of the mix-up near the bottom of the slope, escaping serious injury.

Due to the fact that the horses did not become unmanageable through fear, little damage was done to the outfit, according to the report made on the accident to Garbage Superintendent Walter C. Dodd.

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MILITARY ORDERS FOR FIRST DIVISION

The officer commanding the First Division has issued the following orders:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF.
No. 22, Vt. of His Royal Highness the Governor-General.

The officer commanding the First Division has been commanded by Field Marshal, His Royal Highness the Governor-General, to express his satisfaction with the Sixteenth Battalion, C. E. F., and the Eighteenth Battalion, C. E. F., of the Second Contingent, Canadian Expeditionary Force, inspected by him on Friday, January 22, ultimo.

He regretted that the time at his disposal did not permit him to express personally to the officers and men his satisfaction, but he desired all ranks to know that he was much pleased with the physique and general appearance of the corps on parade, and wished to emphasize to all ranks the absolute necessity of maintaining a high standard of discipline and sobriety, both of which are essential to the efficiency of any fighting unit.

His Royal Highness was much pleased with the clothing and equipment of the men and with the general arrangement for their quartering and subsistence. He felt sure that all ranks were imbued with the proper patriotic spirit, and that in the task that lies before them they would give a good account of themselves and do credit to their regiment, and to the division from which they were recruited.

No. 23, Appointments, Promotions and Retirements.

The following extracts of appointments, promotions, retirements and confirmations of rank from General Order, No. 5, dated January 7, 1915, are published for general information:

Artillery.
First (Howitzer) Brigade, Sixteenth Battalion.—To be provisional lieutenant (superannuated): Francis Carl Howard, gentleman, December 19, 1914.

Canadian Engineers.
Seventh (Construction) Battalion.—To be provisional lieutenant (superannuated): Charles Herbert Ivey, gentleman, December 17, 1914.

Infantry.
Twenty-Seventh Laminion Regiment (St. Clair Borden).—To be provisional lieutenant (superannuated): John Richard A. White, gentleman, December 12, 1914.

Third Regiment.—"Wellington Rifles."—To be provisional lieutenant (superannuated): Robert McNally, gentleman, January 1, 1915.

Hundred-and-Eighth Regiment.—To be lieutenant: Ralph Lincoln Weaver, gentleman, December 20, 1914.

Confirmation of Rank.
The undermentioned provisionally appointed officers, having completed their service in their ranks from the dates set opposite their respective names:

Supernumerary Lieutenant J. A. Post, Twenty-Seventh Regiment, November 2, 1914.

Supernumerary Lieutenant D. C. Morton, Twenty-First Regiment, December 6, 1914.

No. 24, Decorations and Medals.
The undermentioned has been awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal, under the provisions of the Royal Warrant, dated May 18, 1899, and General Order, No. 132 of November 1905, as promulgated in General Order, dated January 15, 1915.

Captain J. C. Fletcher, Twenty-Sixth Regiment (Middlesex L.), 1915.

The Sixteenth Battery F. A., C. E. F., have been transferred from London to Guelph for training, from the 23rd ultimo.

No. 26, Strength.
The Seventh Regiment, C. M. R. C. E. F. (Headquarters, "A" and "B" Squadrons) are taken on the strength of this division from the 1st instant.

(signed) W. A. McCRIMMON, Lieut.-Colonel for A. G. C. First Division.

THE NORTHERN LIFE
Annual Statement shows Steady and Progress of London Institution.

The report of the eighteenth annual meeting of the company will be found in another column. It is a very satisfactory report.

The company has \$10,392,267.75 in insurance in force, and assets amounting to \$2,328,884.90 and an income exceeding \$500,000.

The growth of the company has been steady and substantial since its organization. The management has been conservative, and cautious. All investments have been made with judicious care. The amount invested in mortgages is \$1,248,812.50, and in bonds, debentures and stocks, \$471,572.72.

The Northern Life is one of London's most progressive financial institutions and is doing its full share to build up London and Western Ontario. Much has been done in the past by the loan companies and life companies, but the future will be much greater than the past. There are few countries equal to Western Ontario, and few more desirable cities than London, and we are glad to be able to congratulate the Northern Life on its prosperous year.

More Work Possible.
The manager declared that if it were possible for the company to pay for its paving work as did the ordinary taxpayers in ten equal instalments instead of all at once it might be possible to do much more for the city.

This phase of the financial came up later in the form of a more definite proposal that the city go ahead and do the paving work, and charge it to the company as a local improvement. However, the mayor declared against it, because of the extra cost of upkeep, and Controller Moore, speaking of its legal aspect, said it could not be carried out under the present Municipal Act.

Graham's Promise.
EX-Mayor C. M. R. Graham's promise to the people of the Ealing district that they would be given the Hamilton road extension freely in the discussion. Ald. Palmer used them freely.

Manager King opposed the proposed extension on the ground that it would be detrimental to the city. He claimed that experience in the past had proved

STREET RAILWAY
GIVEN WEEK TO DEFINE STAND

Appeal to Railway Board Will Follow Tardiness To Report.

OVERTRACKED, DEFENCE

Company's Solicitor Declares Nothing Is Coming to London.

If within a week the Street Railway Company has not furnished the city with a written proposal of what it will do in connection with extensions of the system, an appeal will be recommended to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board for a final settlement of what is due the city from the company in the way of track extensions, service, cars, equipment, proper airbrakes and all other requirements. In the meantime the city solicitor will be asked for a written statement showing what the city is entitled to in the way of extension. This was decided by the special street railway committee of the council at its session yesterday afternoon. This special committee consisted of Mayor Stevenson, the city solicitor, Ald. Summers and Palmer, Controllers Rose, White, Gammage and Moore.

Extension Laid Over.
Consideration of the extension of the Sunday car franchise of the company was laid over for a week. An effort was made to have the company grant the city some concession for this extra day's service. "The company seem disinclined to do. The action in connection with the Sunday car franchise will depend to a large extent on what attitude the company takes in meeting the city's demand for a written proposal."

C. H. Ivey, solicitor and director of the London Street Railway, sprung what he called a "bomb" on the committee when he made the declaration that the city could not have a single foot of track extension, and was moreover overtracked and always had been, according to the original by-law—814 feet. The company had secured its franchise in 1895.

Says Railway Owes Nothing.
In contrast to the statement of the street railway board, the city engineer, H. A. Brazier, who declared that the city was now entitled to 4.5 miles of trackage on the basis of 4500 ft. per mile, since the last track extensions were granted by the company.

Mr. Ivey declined to explain why the company did not owe the city anything.

"You will have to get your own legal advice on that question," he declared. "Under the bylaw we owe you nothing and are overtracked."

When the proposal was made to submit the whole case to arbitration, the Ontario Railway Board, Mr. Ivey announced, on behalf of the directors of the Street Railway Company, that such a move would be regarded as the company.

Track Extensions Suggested.
The track extensions suggested during the present session of the city council, Hamilton road—Double tracking between Horton street and Main street; double tracking between Rectory street and Director street; single track extension from the present terminus at Egerton street to East street; High street, South London—Single track extension from present terminus at McClary avenue to Emery street; Quebec street—Dundas street to C. P. R. new single track line.

Mount Pleasant—West London—New single track line from Wharfedale road to Francis street; Dundas street—Double tracking from Fair Grounds to Ashland avenue.

4.53 Miles of Track Due.
City Engineer Brazier's figures showed that at the time the last track extensions had been made there was an excess increase of 18 miles without taking into consideration 600 feet of track that the company saved by the changed route of the Richmond cars. Annexation had brought an additional 1.5 miles of track into the city's account (the Pottersburg line from the old city limits to the new ones). The last extensions had been made on a population basis of 45,000. The assessment commissioners certified to a present population of 55,358, so that on the round figures of an 11,000 difference in population, the city was entitled to 4.53 miles of track due.

With the reduction of the surplus of the Pottersburg line it left the city with 4.53 miles of track due.

Mileage of the extensions and double tracking proposed, meeting approximately total three and one third miles, according to the engineer.

Manager No Obligations.
When Manager C. B. King was called on for a statement, he declared that the stand of the company had always been that it was under no obligations to grant any extensions, and that a financial census showed. This official census always made the population lower than all other forms of computing the number of residents.

The fact that the city had grown considerably since 1911, and was willing to admit that "there was practically a certain amount of trackage due to the city, but not technically."

He then touched on the question of financing the proposed extensions, pleading the present abnormal conditions as one reason why it would be extremely difficult. Paving of streets on which car lines ran and which it has been proposed shall be done this year, would cost the company \$120,000, without taking into consideration Ridout street.

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that the extension of the service to the city limits built up the section outside the limits. This would be true, he claimed, of the one on Hamilton road again.

Ald. Palmer had the distance measured and found that the East street terminus was 1,800 feet within the city limits. The manager thereupon stated that even if that were the case, the fifteen-mill tax rate district served by this line would mean an increased building there to the detriment of the remainder of the city that paid a higher assessment. He further repeated that the double track line would be unnecessary on Hamilton road.

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