

WORKING ON THE NEW AGREEMENT.

Company Ready to Make Extensions. Will Purchase 50 Cars at Once. Technical School Matter This Evening.

After talking over the street Railway company's new proposition the Conference sub-committee yesterday afternoon instructed the city officials to take the matter up with the company's representatives and work out a rough draft agreement which will include all the details.

At the conference yesterday Colonel Gibson said the company might be willing to have the city engineer certify to the work and the city auditors to the accounts before they are paid.

The company appears to be willing to make the extensions asked at present by the city. Roughly speaking, the city's plan calls for a line over Ferris street from James to Sherman street.

KILLED HIMSELF.

Suicide of a Legislative Candidate in East Lambton.

Forest, Ont., May 14.—Montague Smith, candidate for East Lambton in opposition to Hugh Montgomery, M. P. P., committed suicide here this morning at 8 o'clock.

Details of Tragedy. Forest, Ont., May 14.—The whole town was shocked this morning when the terrible announcement was made that Montague Smith, of the Banking firm of L. H. Smith & Co., and Liberal candidate for East Lambton, had committed suicide. The act was committed about 8 o'clock in the lavatory at the rear of the bank.

His business affairs are all in splendid shape in every way, both in connection with the bank and privately. No inquest will be held, Coroner Trotter deciding that sudden mental trouble was the cause of his committing the awful act.

Genuine Calabash Pipes. South African natural growth Calabash pipes make the perfection of smoking. They are light in the mouth and color beautifully.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES. To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

RADIAL DEPOT AT BRANTFORD.

Two Men Charged With Assaulting Non-Union Man.

Opening of Baseball Season—Brant Avenue Church.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Brantford, Ont., May 14.—The Brantford & Hamilton Radial Co. is erecting a temporary station on Alfred street for the summer traffic.

The opening of the baseball and football seasons takes place here on Saturday. The baseball executive has arranged a big street parade, with the Dufferin Rifles' Band in attendance.

At the quarterly meeting of the Brant Avenue Church last night the following stewards were elected for the year: E. Sweet, E. H. Preston, Robt. Elliott, J. E. Miller, E. B. Crompton, W. L. Hughes, Herb Hartley.

Mr. R. S. Dunlop, who has been in business in Brantford for 34 years, is leaving at the end of this month to make his home in Toronto. He has of late been living in retirement.

Information was laid this morning against Louis Talbot and Dominique Sieseti for a serious assault on one of the strike-breakers at the Buck Stove Works. It is alleged the strike-breaker received injuries of a serious nature.

Jacob Smuck, for being disorderly at the Buck Stove Works, was discharged by Magistrate Livingston. Thos. O'Reilly, a traveller, with four aliases, was told to get out of town, and was arrested on the premises of Rev. Mr. Lincoitt, was fined \$3 for being drunk.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 14.—Bright and breezy, full of race track slang and gossip, two precocious youths, Roy Weisberg, aged 17, of Chicago, and James A. Curry, aged 17, of Hamilton, Canada, late jockeys at the Sheepshead Bay track, more recently of the fast freight between Jersey City and Pittsburg, wandered into the Central police station on Monday night and applied for lodgings.

For a little coin I can put you next to a good thing. I already have given the sergeant four tips, three of them winners.

The tips were not forthcoming for nothing, the youthful jockey saying that "Me and me pal want to go into Chi on the cushions (meaning the passenger coach); not on the blind baggage or the rep."

In reply to Detective Egan's remark that gambling was forbidden in Pittsburg, Weisberg, who seemed to be the spokesman, said:

"Why, down at the track everybody says handbooks can be found anywhere in Pittsburg."

Although typical jockeys, the boys are tired of the tracks. As Weisberg put it: "A jockey never amounts to anything. I have got a little horse for me and my mother, and when I get back I am going to be a cartoonist."

Young Curry gave the information that he rides at 85 pounds, while his partner carries the barrier at 90 pounds. The former lad has filled engagements at Sheepshead Bay, Fort Erie, Kenilworth Park, Buffalo, and Hamilton, Canada; while Weisberg has ridden at the Oakland Park, Cal., Overland Park, Denver; Sheepshead and several Canadian tracks.

"It's home for us," said the boys. "The ponies are bad, jockeys are bad and the tracks are bad. Nothing to it."

WHAT'S THIS? Trouble in the Ranks Over Cotton Workers' Strike.

Montreal, May 14.—An appeal for a peaceful solution of the cotton strike has been issued by A. Gignac, general president of the Federation of Textile Workers of Canada, who, in a circular letter to the workers, indicates that he is not in sympathy with the present strike under the circumstances, and intimates that the general secretary defied orders, and is trying to make trouble.

A Red Hand

Dayton, O., May 14.—Warning.—This means you. You sell your tobacco for less than 100 cents per pound. You will see what you will get. Try it and see. This warning, written in red ink, was placed in the rural delivery boxes of Ephraim Long and Jesse Murray, of Trotwood, Ohio, two of the most prominent farmers in that community, and now all the farmers are in mortal fear that "night riders" will burn their tobacco barns of those who sell their crop at the prevailing price, which has been offered.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

Why should Mr. Beck want to punish Hamilton because it is trying to get cheaper power than the Toronto article? Don't forget to register, young man.

Here's wishing a pleasant journey and a safe return to His Lordship the Bishop. A few more storms like that and the Beach will get floating down the lake shore.

The Hospital Governors should buy out the residents in the neighborhood. The land is needed, anyway.

Things look fine for Wardrop and McClelland. Bright, clean, clever men, and popular with everybody.

My lady friends of the Y. W. C. A. are getting there, all right, all right. When will the corner stone be laid?

When Col. Gibson gets that honor, I will be right on deck with the glad hand. Not before.

John G. Gauld thinks that no fault can be found with the Whitney Government. Isn't John one of the "hirelings"?

I was sure the city dock would soon bring in a revenue to the city. Ald. Farrar is another man who will vote for neither Hendrie nor Scott.

The person who murdered the poor, friendless foreigner and of Etendale deserves all that is coming to him.

A square deal—three cents an hour prison labor. The Tories are banking upon their candidates "flat words." But a lot of it is phoney money.

If Whitney hadn't so big a majority he would be more careful. Moral—Vote for Wardrop and McClelland.

Some of those editorials on my friend, J. M.'s, alleged promotion to Government House read too much like obituary notices to please me.

A revetment wall along the Beach lake front is what is needed. Dundee and Montrose more than make up for Manchester. Kincardine also returned a Liberal the other week. Scotland is all right.

See about your registration. Those dry rains must be bad for the peach buds.

Mayor Stewart's trip around the world is called off, and Ald. Farrar won't need to apologize. Now, what's the Mayor after?

Vote for Wardrop and McClelland. Attend your ward meetings. Less than a month to election day. Get busy.

But will that fire drill be any good in the face of a real fire? Has the smoke test been applied yet?

If the ghost doesn't walk next pay day over at the Post-office and Custom House, blame Foster and the gang for holding up the supplies.

SEVEN KILLED. Tornado Destroys the Little Town of Gilliam, La.

TROOPS FOR TERCENTENARY

How the 5,000 Will Likely be Made Up.

Hamilton Will Send Two Regiments and Service Corps.

It was definitely announced at Ottawa last evening that not more than about 5,000 troops will attend the Quebec Tercenary. The responsibility of reducing the number has been left in the hands of the Battlefields Commission, which will make its decision, with the approval of the Minister of Militia.

Of the 5,000 at least 1,200 will be drawn from the permanent corps, the balance being made up of the city regiments throughout Ontario and Quebec. Any regiment desiring to go, will have to notify headquarters of its intention, and from there the request will be forwarded to the Commission, which has complete charge of the arrangements.

As a result of the change of plans, orders will be issued at once for the holding of the usual summer training camps at Niagara, London and elsewhere as in previous years.

There is no doubt in the minds of the officers of the local regiments as to whether the 13th and 91st will go, even if the number is first cut down, as the local infantry do not have to take a back seat to any of the volunteer corps in the Dominion.

Below will be found an accurate estimate of how many regiments are likely to attend the Tercenary celebration, with the probable number of men from each:

Table with 2 columns: Regiment Name and Number of Men. Includes 13th Regiment, Hamilton (1,200), 91st Regiment, Hamilton (400), Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto (600), 10th Grenadiers, Toronto (350), 48th Highlanders, Toronto (400), 7th Regiment, London (250), Gt. Gen. Bodyguard, Ottawa (300), 43rd Regiment, Ottawa (400), 5th Highlanders, Montreal (400), 1st Fusiliers, Montreal (300), Victoria Rifles, Montreal (300), 38th Regiment, Brantford (250).

In addition to the above, two regiments from Halifax will attend. The Army Service Corps, of this city, will also go in any event, taking about 80 to 100 men.

The new orders regarding the change will likely be received by the commanding officers at once.

REFUSE SUPPLY.

Tories to Keep Up Fight Against Elections Bill.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Ottawa, Ont., May 14.—The Parliamentary dead-lock will be continued. The Conservatives, in caucus this morning, again decided not to accept Sir Wilfrid's offer to have the Manitoba lists revised by County Court Judges.

He will continue to refuse supply and endeavor to embarrass the Government. This is the more remarkable when it is known that five of the county court judges are Conservatives and only two Liberals.

TAKING PHOTOS.

Representative of Topographical Survey Branch Here.

Mr. John Woodruff, photographer of the Topographical Surveys Branch of the Department of the Interior at Ottawa, is in the city for a few days, making this his headquarters.

He is going through the fruit district taking photographs for use in the department's records, devoting himself just now especially to the fruit interests. He will, however, take some stock farm and agricultural pictures, and some Hamilton manufactures.

Mr. Woodruff has taken his camera all over the Dominion from the Atlantic to the far west, and has a very fine collection of views.

ON EASY STREET.

Masonic Hall Association Closes Its Best Year.

The annual meeting of the Masonic Hall Association was held at the Masonic Hall last evening, the president, Mr. W. H. Ballard, occupying the chair.

GAS EXPLOSION IN BIG UPTOWN BLOCK.

Four Men Injured, None Fatally.

The Laporte Case. Globules of Metal May be Gold Filling of Teeth.

Detectives Now Looking For a Man Named Havens.

Laporte, Ind., May 14.—The possible determination that the globules of metal found by the mining operations on the Guinness farm yesterday were bits of gold used by a dentist for fillings or crowns on women's teeth is likely to be a development of importance in the case to-day. The specimens were turned over to a local jeweler last night, and it is expected that he will report them soon.

The mystery has reached a stage where the determination of such facts is of major importance. The discovery of additional bodies is a remote possibility, and the identification of any of the seven cadavers remaining unmarked is even more distantly to be expected.

Yesterday's developments did little to elucidate any of the unsolved problems. The attorneys for the defence are said to be looking for David Havens, who, it is reported, aided in uncovering the bodies of the persons whom Lamphere is accused of murdering.

LEADER MACKAY

Speaks at Ottawa To-night—Liberals Enthusiastic.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Ottawa, May 14.—A. G. MacKay, leader of the Opposition in the Legislature, who is to speak at the Liberal rally at the Russell Theatre this evening, along with Messrs. J. McDougall, M. P. P., and G. S. May, M. P. P., the local Liberal candidates, and Senator N. A. Belcourt, was interviewed at noon.

Mr. MacKay has been speaking at Stouffville, Norwood, and other points in Western Ontario, and from here goes on to Eganville, where he speaks to-morrow afternoon, and the same evening at Arnprior. On Saturday he gives an address at Alexandria.

Asked as to the attendance and interest at the meetings he had held this week, Mr. MacKay said he found the crowds large and that Liberals throughout Western Ontario were very enthusiastic.

"What have you to say about the \$130,000 payment to the La Rose Mining Company, and the Ottawa Government is criticised and which has been referred to several times," Mr. MacKay was asked.

"There was no justification for that expenditure and it was quite uncalled for. I shall refer to that matter to-night."

"It has been stated that Messrs. McDougall, May and yourself were in the Legislature when that grant was passed (the La Rose), and you raised no objection. What about that?"

"That is not true, and among those who objected most vigorously was McDougall."

In view of the fact that some Conservative speakers have been claiming that Premier Whitney and his cabinet have reduced the price of public school books and cut the prices almost in half, Mr. MacKay was asked about this decrease, and his opinion as to whether it would be permanent.

His reply was that John A. Cooper, a Conservative politician and one of the commissioners who enquired into the cost of text books in this Province, gave it as his opinion that the present prices are likely to be only temporary, and that when the new readers are published the cost will be as high or higher than those of the old readers.

The leader of the Opposition at Toronto characterized the Ottawa members, Messrs. May and McDougall, as two of the brightest men in the Legislature.

CANNON'S APPEAL

Writ of Habeas Corpus Returnable Next Tuesday.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., May 14.—Nelson Cannon, who is wanted by the Columbus, Ohio, city, is appealing against the order of extradition, granted yesterday by Judge Snider, of Hamilton. Chief Justice Falconbridge, this morning granted the application of Mr. M. J. O'Reilly on Cannon's behalf, for an order nisi and a writ of habeas corpus. The writ was made returnable next Tuesday.

George Blackman, barber, tenant, blown through plate glass window and bruised badly. Suffering from nervous shock also.

William Cody, 4 Case street, carpenter, blown to the ceiling and fell back into the cellar. Ribs broken, cuts and bruises.

Fred Wade, 719 Barton street east, blown to ceiling and bruised considerably. No bones broken.

Samuel Harris, 163 Elgin street, gas fitter, burned about the face, head and hands and suffering from shock.

One of the worst explosions that ever happened in this city terrified the large noon time crowd on King street east to-day about 12.40, frightened the guests from the Waldorf Hotel and broke windows all round the spot where it happened—122 King street east, where a barber shop is being opened.

The four men above were all in the place at the time of the explosion working to get the building ready for the barber shop to open. Three of them were sitting down eating their dinners when suddenly the floor buckled up beneath them, and threw them to the ceiling.

Blackman was sitting in the barber's chair near the window when the explosion took place, and was blown through the large plate glass window in the street. Wade was sitting on a lot of lumber which partly saved him from the effects of the explosion, and he was not blown very far. Cody was sitting on a table, and was pitched up to the ceiling.

The other man was in the cellar, and was not injured with the exception of a few bruises.

Since Mr. Kent Whipple gave up the check room there Blackman has gone into it, and started a barber shop. He has been running one chair while the premises were being repaired and fitted up by Jones Bros. There was a lot of lumber in the place at the time. Samuel Harris, 163 Elgin street, was helping make a change from artificial gas to natural gas. The advice of an expert was obtained, and Harris decided to do the job himself.

While the two carpenters were eating their dinner and Blackman was sitting talking to them, he attempted to change the connection. He took a candle with him into the cellar to see what he was about. Just a few seconds after Harris had disappeared a terrible explosion was heard. The floor was torn to pieces and everything was blown about in wild disorder. Stone window sills were thrown out upon the sidewalk, and the windows were shattered and blown across the street.

Buildings for a block around were shaken and up to the top of the building where the barber shop was located the windows were blown out like paper. Blackman, chair and all, was thrown through the front window on the west side. Wade was thrown somewhere near the ceiling. He dropped back to the ground floor. Cody was thrown clear to the ceiling, and the cable still with him, and in the fall he went through a gap in the floor into the cellar, where he was immediately locked in by the closing of the gap.

Harris was in the cellar, badly burned, but was not suffering from any other injury.

THREE LIVES LOST.

Fire at Passaic N. J. Caused Death of Three Children.

Passaic, N. J., May 14.—An incendiary fire in a tenement in Monroe street, occupied by fifteen families to-day, caused the death of three children and probable fatal injuries to two women. The fatalities were confined to the tenants of the third floor, where the families of Guisepe Offutt and Mrs. Louisa Paci were occupying the rooms.

Mrs. Offutt and Mrs. Paci were injured in falling from the third storey and may die. The three Offutt children were burned to death in their apartment.

A NEW SURVEY.

J. Walter Gage Will Lay Out H. H. Hurd Farm.

Mr. J. Walter Gage, who has laid out several suburban surveys around Hamilton, and has conducted highly successful sales—in which the purchasers of lots have received good value and the best of treatment, has invaded Burlington, Mr. Gage has purchased sixteen acres of the Hurd farm, one of the finest properties in Burlington, and will lay it out in building lots, and have a big sale on Victoria Day, May 25th.

The property purchased is right on the main street, convenient to the Radial cars, and occupies a fine minutes' walk from the G. T. R. Station. It is equally convenient for school and church, and just a nice distance from the lake. It has been named Wellington Park—an appropriate name, as it is not so very long since Burlington was called Wellington Square.