

HEAVY WAGES BILL

Grand Trunk Spending \$800 a Day on Works West of City.

It is said that since the improvements of the city were begun by the Grand Trunk they have cost the company for labor alone between \$300 and \$800 a day. As the works have been going on nearly 200 days, it is seen that for labor alone the company has expended not less than \$160,000 and probably \$150,000. The materials will cost at least \$250,000 or \$300,000.

SOCIAL EVENT OF SEASON

That's What Travelers Will Make the Annual Ball on January 11.

The dance to be held on Jan. 11 under the auspices of the Travelers' Club, Limited, is being looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure, especially by those who attended the ball a year ago.

As with all other functions undertaken by the travelers, this is to be complete in every respect. All details are being looked after by the various committees and their committees. Every committee is working with one object—make the dance the event of the season, and to eclipse any ever held in Western Ontario.

The music is to be new, decidedly out of the ordinary, and the decorations elaborate, under the supervision of Mr. A. Tillmann. The caterers have got their instructions from Mr. J. A. Carling, while the accommodation of the guests will be well looked after by Mr. S. F. Glass.

The invitations are now in the hands of the printer, and judging from the number of subscribers, all things point to a successful affair.

Subscription lists will close on Saturday on account of their being so rapidly filled up. It is the wish of the committee not to overdo it by having too many in attendance. They want nothing to mar the pleasure of their guests. Those who have not already subscribed can receive necessary information from the honorary secretary, Mr. H. W. Lind.

HORSES ON STREET CARS

But It's Only on a Part of the Springbank Line.

Horse-care are again in operation in London. This morning Manager King made arrangements to have the Springbank cars hauled across the new filling, just west of the Wharfedale road, in a horse, until such times as the trolley wires are placed in position.

In order to make way for the slope of the filling, the Grand Trunk was compelled to make arrangements for the removal of a quarter of a mile of the Springbank line several hundred feet south of the old route.

Now the track has been taken south, but the poles and wires are not up, and in the meantime horses are employed pulling the cars across the gap. West of where the tracks were moved a trolley runs to Springbank.

WEDDED AT "THE WILLOWS"

Glendale Home the Scene of a Pretty Event on Wednesday.

A very quiet but pretty wedding took place at "The Willows," Glendale, the home of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Caldwell, on Wednesday evening, when her niece, Miss Constance Brown, became the bride of Mr. Alva L. George.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. J. Condon, of Point Edward, a cousin of the bride. The latter, who was given away by her father, was daintily attired in white point d'esprit over white silk, and carried a bouquet of white roses. She was assisted by her sister, Miss Edith, who wore white organdie, and carried pink carnations. Little Miss Estelle George, a sister of the groom, made a charming flower girl, and carried a basket of holly and carnations. The groom was supported by Mr. Frank B. George, a brother of the bride, who was played by Miss Bessie Lawthorn, of Delaware.

After the ceremony and the usual congratulations, the young couple and guests, to the number of about fifty, retired to the dining-room, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, where a dainty wedding breakfast was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. George left on the C. P. R. express for western points. The presents were very numerous, showing a high esteem in which the young couple are held. The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful diamond ring, to the bride a crescent of pearls, to the flower girl a ring set with rubis, and to the groomsmen a stippled set with rubis. Mr. and Mrs. George will reside at No. 6 Brighton avenue, where they will be at home to their many friends after Feb. 1.

SINKING ARTESIAN WELLS

Firm Busy Putting Down a Number for Local Concerns.

A citizen asks The Advertiser why it is that a firm is putting down wells in all quarters of the city to supply factories and yet the people of London are told they can get no relief from the water shortage by the sinking of artesian wells.

A firm on Clarence street has had one of the wells sunk recently, and as fast as possible others are being put down for factories, the gentleman says. The artesian well men do not get a dollar until they strike water in sufficient quantities to supply the firm contracting for water.

SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE RUBBED IN—Whenever pain is felt in the limbs or back, take Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil; pour a little in the hand, and applying it to the surface beneath which the pain lies, rub briskly. If the first application does not afford relief, which is not usually the case, keep rubbing. The oil will gradually penetrate to the affected parts and relief will come.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FRIENDSHIP—MITCHELLE—At St. George's Church, West London, on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1906, by the Rev. G. B. Sage, Fannie Louise Alberta, youngest daughter of Joseph Mitchell, to Samuel Friendship, of this city.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. A. B. Ackerman, of North Port Huron, is visiting London friends.

—Misses Viola and Mary Sumner and her sister, of Port Huron, are visiting relatives in this city.

—Mr. Robert Lloyd, of this city, left today for the Southern States, where he will spend the winter.

—Mr. John R. Arthur, of the McClary Company's St. John (N. B.) branch, is visiting in the city.

—Miss Meta Springstead, of 376 Maitland street, spent an enjoyable holiday with relatives in Toronto.

—Mr. Ed Harrison and wife, of Buffalo, have returned home after a visit with Inspector Sanders, this city.

—The docket at the police court was occupied by two drunks this morning. Both were first-timers, and were discharged.

—State Senator Joseph E. Bland has returned to Detroit after spending Christmas with his sister, Mrs. A. E. Crouch, King street.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Le Mond and daughter, of Detroit, left for home today after a visit with Mrs. J. M. Young, Ontario street.

—Mrs. Alexander H. Purdon, of this city, and Mrs. W. Y. Martin, of St. Albans, Vt., were guests of the Troquois Hotel, Buffalo, recently.

—Miss Helen Woolson, of St. Joseph's Hospital, London, spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woolson, at Ingersoll.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Boath, of St. Thomas, and Mr. T. G. Boath, of Toronto, spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. M. C. Boath, 580 Central avenue.

—Messrs. William and Robert Johnston, of Chicago, have returned home after spending the holiday with their sister, Mrs. Joseph Dudley, of Grand avenue.

—Mr. Jack Dutton, of Detroit; Mr. Ed. Howard, of Clinton, and Mr. D. McDonald, of Toronto, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tanney, of 376 Maitland street, recently.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Pryke, of Cass City, Mich., who have been visiting the latter's sister, Hodgins, and Mrs. Thomas, and friends, of this city, left last night for their new home in Peru, Ill.

—When, through any mischance, mail matter is delivered to the wrong party, the postoffice regulation is that it must be at once returned to the postoffice. To retain it constitutes a serious offense.

—Mr. W. E. Thorpe, traveler for the McClary Manufacturing Company in Eastern Canada, left last evening for St. Johns, N.B. By traveling continuously he will not reach his destination until Monday afternoon next.

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—The extradition proceedings in the case of Isadore Levy, the young Hebrew wanted at Newark, N. J., on a charge of theft, will be commenced tomorrow before Judge Macbeth.

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COURT BRIGHTON'S ELECTION. The following have been elected to fill the offices in Court Brighton, No. 6507, A. O. F., for 1907:

P. C. R.—Bro. L. J. Hessel.
C. R.—Bro. C. H. Garside.
S. C. R.—Bro. Fred Waterman.

Treasurer—Bro. W. Rowe (retained).
Secretary—Bro. Chas. Finchamp.
S. W.—Bro. G. A. Fitchett.
S. J.—Bro. T. A. Muroc.

S. B.—Bro. F. W. McMillan.
J. B.—Bro. W. J. Garside.
Medical Officer—Bro. Thos. C. Cowan.
Minute Secretary—Bro. Thos. May.

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Will Prevent an Overdraft. Small as this surplus is, it will keep the council from showing an overdraft this year.

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Advertiser Correspondence

CLERGYMEN MAY ACT

It is Said They Will Nominate a Candidate for the School Board.

It is understood that the clergymen of the city intend to place a candidate in the field for school trustees.

The candidate will be pledged to an independent attitude, and will be tied up to neither party. Strong efforts are being made to induce an influential minister, who has had educational experience, to enter the field. It is felt that he would be able to make in connection with the moral interests of the great body of school children.

Mr. Wm. A. Martin, of Maitland street, is a possible candidate for the school board. He has been urged by his friends to enter himself for election, and although he has not given his answer, it is quite likely he will consent to run. Mr. Martin is a young business man who, his friends feel, will make a good school trustee.

Mr. A. E. Welch has decided not to enter the municipal campaign this year. He was requested to run for either the council or board of education, but declined.

CULBERT-ROSS

Marriage of Cobalt Resident to Miss Mary Ross, of This City.

A pretty holiday wedding was solemnized on Christmas Day, at 4 o'clock, when Mr. Ernest A. Culbert, of Cobalt, and Miss Mary Ross, of this city, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. Hamilton road, Rev. Dr. Ross officiating.

Miss Margaret Ross, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and Dr. Lang, of Granton, was best man. Two little nieces of the bride, Miss Wilson, of Guelph, and Rena Wilson, of this city, acted as flower girls.

The bride, who carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley, was attired in a magnificent gown of white princess silk crepe de chine over lousine and trimmed with embroidered chiffon, and with a very pretty veil caught with white feathers. The veil was a gift from a cousin of the bride, residing in Scotland.

The bridesmaid wore a lovely gown of point d'esprit over white taffeta silk, and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations.

The little flower girls looked very sweet in long empire dresses of French organdie, trimmed with French laces and ribbons.

As the bride entered the parlor, accompanied by Mr. James Ross, her eldest brother, who gave her away, the little flower girls preceded the path with chrysanthemums, while the bridesmaid capably rendered the wedding march.

After the ceremony, which was performed under an arch of ferns, interspersed with red and white paper bells, a dainty wedding breakfast was partaken of, after which Miss Eliza Ross, sister of the bride, sang in splendid voice, "Oh, Perfect Love."

The bride, who formerly was connected with St. Andrew's Church choir, was the recipient of a host of useful and charming presents, among them being a magnificent clock, a silver service, studded with pearls, from the members of the choir. Among the numerous gifts received was a beautiful set of pearl-handled knives and forks, and spoons to match, from fellow-employees of the bride's establishment.

Some of the other gifts were an excellent dinner and tea set, silver tea service, beautiful marble clock, and a silver cake basket.

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Then There Need Be No Fear of Invasion of Dominion—Weak British Diplomacy.

London, Dec. 26.—"Kinloch Cooke," writing in the Morning Post, suggests that the term "Colonial Conference" should give way to the wider and more comprehensive designation "Imperial Conference."

"Tariff Reform," in the Times, referring to the Newfoundland fisheries dispute, asks, "Why should we always pay so feeble and undignified a part in all our negotiations with the United States? The answer is very simple. It is that we are not strong enough."

The writer points out that there can be no permanent improvement in our diplomatic relations with the United States on the Canadian-American frontier on mutual respect, till the balance of power on the Canadian-American frontier has been made somewhat more even. "Trade rivalry will raise questions between us in every part of the globe. There can be no satisfactory solution of these questions, and no possibility of avoiding friction that may lead to a disastrous war unless we can secure for Canada a population and an industrial strength which would make invasion too dangerous a matter to be thought lightly of by any power."

NORFOLK AIDS CHURCH

With Vatican's Permission Will Provide Money for Church in France.

Rome, Dec. 26.—The Duke of Norfolk has volunteered, with the sanction of the Pope, to form a committee in Great Britain to raise subscription for the aid of the Catholic Church in France.

The Duke of Norfolk has long been the secular head of the Catholic Church in Great Britain, and has been active in pushing church affairs, and is a seriously-minded man, and is popular with the masses.

His forbidding presence is not counted on to make friends.

The duke was brought up with a strictly religious education, one of his tutors being Cardinal Newman. He married Lady Flora Hastings in 1877, after she had been converted to his faith. The loss of his only child, a son, made the duke morose and more austere than ever. Had the boy lived he would have been the indefensible heir to the dukedom of Norfolk, the three earldoms of Arundel, Surrey and Norfolk, the baronies of Fitz-Alan, Clum, Oswaldestre, and Maltrevers, and the earl marshal of England. The boy was blind, deaf, dumb, and of weak intellect. The parents made many pilgrimages to Catholic shrines and English Catholics prayed for the boy's health.

In 1904 the duke married his first cousin, the Hon. Gwendolyn Mary Maxwell, elder daughter of the Earl of Harrington, a special dispensation being granted by the Pope.

THE NEVER-FAILING medicine, Holloway's Corn Cure, removes all kinds of corns, warts, etc.; even the most difficult to remove cannot withstand this wonderful remedy.

DROPPED BOMB IN DEPOT.

Kharkov, Russia, Dec. 27.—An unknown traveler dropped a bomb in the railway station here last evening, upon alighting from an incoming train. Two passengers were killed and many were wounded by the explosion.

STOCK MARKET.

H. C. Beecher, stockbroker, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Fraser & Carrington today:

New York, Dec. 27.—Noon.—The strength of today's market may be ascribed partly to the higher prices from London, partly to a lively covering of shorts, and lastly to a deep-rooted hope that money over the end of the year will not be as tight as it was on Dec. 26. Considerable satisfaction was expressed that far better support had been accorded to the Hill stocks. The situation in them was comparatively light, while on all recessions it was shown

A Baking-Powder Saving

You insure two things in buying Strong's Baking Powder: You get the best powder skill can devise and you save money. It is always fresh, always the same, always sure to produce perfect results. Why pay more for powders that cannot possibly be better, or why take chances of duller bread on the unknown cheaper powders? You get utmost purity and satisfaction in Strong's Baking Powder at 25c A POUND.

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avoid the possibility of the introduction of impurities just as far as we can and to protect the supply in every way.

Finally, this system will deliver 3,000,000 gallons a day and will cost during the debenture period, \$39,000 a year, each million gallons costing \$13,000. The cost of Lake Huron water, delivered as per the scheme proposed, would be \$37,000 for each million gallons of daily supply when 3,000,000 gallons were being delivered, and your commissioners do not think that there is any comparison between pure spring water and lake water, which becomes tepid with every storm and which must contain diluted drainage from the nearby streams.

F. L. BIRCH, Chairman.
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