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"BELL" IS FIGHTING HARD
IN BOWMANVILLE AND PORT HOPE
TO FREEZE OUT FARMERS

Frantic Efforts to Prevent Independent Lines Securing an Entry Said to Include Misstatements of Fact and Tempting Offers of Local Concessions.

Port Hope, March 25.—(Special.)—The climax of one of the keenest struggles on record between the Bell Telephone Co. and a system of rural lines will be reached in a day or two. At to-morrow evening's meeting of the town council, the application of the independent lines centring around Orono to get connection with the Bell trunk lines at Port Hope will be reported upon, but it will remain for a decision of the private bills committee of the legislature to-morrow to give a final touch to the matter. That decision will relate to the right of Port Hope to instal an electric lighting plant of its own.

"I understand that the Bell Co. have declared they are ready to spend $5000 to keep us out of Port Hope." This is the statement of George W. Jones of Newtonville, who is one of the foremost promoters of the rural lines, which, when built, will practically cover Clark Township and a portion of that of Hope.

That the Bell has considered it expedient to resort to shuffling and double-dealing tactics to keep rival lines out of both Bowmanville and Port Hope would appear from testimony gathered from different sources. There are the statements of Mayor Chalk of Port Hope and Mayor Tait of Bowmanville, that indicate most barefaced misrepresentation, apart from what Mr. Jones has to put forward in the form of a contract, which, he declares, the company offered, and which, he says, it now repudiates. That offer was to give the rural line at Newtonville, which is the first station west of Port Hope, connection with the Bell trunk line at the rate of $65 per year, the rural lines to furnish their own poles.

Keen Warfare.

The character of the fight the company was prepared to wage was, it is stated, shown at a meeting, held here by the independent lines some two weeks ago, to bring their application to the notice of the town. Mr. Hill of Montreal, an agent of the company, declared, in the absence of members of the town council, that Port Hope had given an exclusive franchise to the Bell for the use of its streets, a statement which had no foundation in fact. Following this up, a meeting was held in Zion, a few miles out of Port Hope, with intent to disorganize the movement by holding out the promise of building a line and installing cheap phones.

The peculiar situation in which Port Hope is placed is aiding the Bell's designs. Six weeks ago the Port Hope Electric Light and Power Co. closed up its plant owing to friction with the town councillors over the rate of assessment.

Port Hope wants to run its own plant. Should it get power from legislature to do so, the Bell will, it is well understood, allow its poles to be used for electric wiring in return for a promise that the independent lines will be kept out.

Room for More.

"One company should not have control. The people should be protected. I look upon the townships of Clark and Hope as entitled to some consideration."

So says Mayor Chalk of Port Hope to The World man, when asked how he viewed the application of the rural lines.

"They want to retain absolute control of the town, and are willing to promise important concessions, with that end in view," he went on, referring to the Bell's willingness to allow the municipality to use its telegraph poles, and its assurance of a free fire-alarm system.

The matter of the rural lines coming in had not yet been officially before the council, he explained as to his uncertainty whether they merely wanted trunk connection or looked toward establishing some phones within the limits. He wasn't at the meeting where councillors had opposed the entrance, and they had spoken for themselves personally, and not for council as a body.

"Personally, I wouldn't object to an entry," he said.

"Do you think it will be allowed?"

"I think it ought to be," replied the mayor, non-committally.

Dangerous Methods.

Mr. Chalk was impressed by the strenuous means to which the Bell was resorting to gain its ends. He had been told they would spend $5000 to keep the other lines out. He had personal knowledge of the kind of strategy that was being brought into play, since he had been told by Mr. Hill that a compact had been made with the independent lines whereby its users woud pay 5 cents per message. He had afterwards found out no agreement whatever had been reached. Last Thursday he had again seen Mr. Hill, who had declared the company "wanted to be reasonable."

At Bowmanville the Bell Company has been doing some lively hustling, according to Mayor Tait.

"They have been trying as hard as they could to get an exclusive franchise for the last three months. When they found out they couldn't get it they offered to give us five municipal phones and a fire alarm service. They were prepared to do almost anything."

Mr. Tait confirmed the statement that the Bell Company had not been above trying a game of bluff. Mr. Hill had represented to him that the company had struck a bargain with the rural lines at Port Hope in trying to clinch an exclusive franchise. He had also held up Oshawa and Whitby as examples.

"Last year's council at Whitby did

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M'CURDYS WILL "TELL ALL" MEANS JAIL FOR SOMEBODY

Purport of Statement of One of Family—Will Begin Where Hamilton Left Off.

New York, March 24.—Charles A. Peabody, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, has informed one of his most intimate friends that he intends to resign the presidency just as soon as he can sufficiently put the company's affairs in order so as to turn his office over to his successor. His resignation may occur at any time. At the furthest it will take effect before June 1.

These facts came to light this morning. It also was learned that President Peabody's desire to resign was occasioned by the suits which have been brought against Richard A. McCurdy.

McCurdy to Tell Secret.

President McCurdy informed the Truesdale committee before the suits were begun that if he were sued for restitution he would tell all he knew about the company and would spare no one. It is known that he will charge that only a small portion of the enormous commissions paid to Raymond & Co. went into the pockets of the members of that firm, and that in reality the firm was run for the purpose of enriching the trustees. He will allege that whenever a trustee secured a policyholder for the Mutual he received the full commission and the renewal commissions likewise, but that on the books of the company it appears as having been paid to Raymond & Co.

McCurdy will return from Europe to be present in person when the suits are tried in court. He is in close touch with Andrew Fields, the Mutual's former legislative agent. Fields is a staunch adherent of McCurdy and is said to have placed at his disposal all the information he possesses.

Jail Yawns for Some.

Said a member of the McCurdy family to-day: "People have thought Andrew Hamilton has told a great deal. Well, we'll begin where Andrew Hamilton left off. It's no longer a question of who among the trustees was not at fault, but of who will keep out of jail."

It was said to-day by a prominent insurance man that the Mutual trustees would have refrained from bringing the McCurdy suits at all if they had dared brave public opinion.

It is freely prophesied in Wall-street that there is bound to be a big explosion soon. It is frankly said that President Peabody is not a strong enough man to keep the warring elements in order. He is being found fault with by all factions. This is another reason which has strengthened President Peabody in his determination to resign.

More Suits Up to $8,000,000.

It developed that new suits which are to be brought against the McCurdys by the Mutual company will seek to recover an aggregate sum of over $8,000,000 from the family.

NO LIFE, NO SHADOW.

Remarkable Experiment With New Rays Discovered in Washington.

London, March 24.—In the course of a lecture before the Psycho-therapeutic Society, Dr. Ward announced that Prof. Elmer Gates of Washington, D.C., who has been experimenting with light rays, has found about five octaves above violet a form of waves similar to X-rays.

Under these rays living objects throw a shadow which exists only as long as there is life in the object. A live rat was placed in a hermetically sealed tube and held in the path of the rays in front of a sensitized screen. So long as the rat was alive it threw a shadow. When it was killed it became suddenly transparent.

"Here," said the lecturer, "there was a strange phenomenon. At the very instant the rat became transparent a shadow of exactly the same shape was noticed to pass, as it were, out of and beyond the glass tube and vanished as it passed upward on the sensitized screen."

AN INVITATION TO RETURN.

New York, March 25.—President Paul Morton of the Equitable Life, has sent a letter to policyholders who have allowed their policies to lapse since the beginning of 1905, suggesting that they consider the advisability of having their policies reinstated. A special department will be devoted to handling applications for reinstatement.

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HOW IS HAMILTON TO FARE IN PRESENT NEGOTIATION WITH CATARACT CO.?

Facts and Figures Showing Manner in Which Citizens Have Already Provided Handsomely for Capitalists.

Hamilton, March 25.—(Special.)—About ten years ago the Cataract Power Company was organized to bring electric power from Decew's Fall, and to sell it in Hamilton. The capital stock was $100,000. John Patterson, the promoter, was given $80,000 of the stock, and Col. J. M. Gibson and several of his present associates took $7000 worth each. Since then the company has developed into a giant corporation, and goes under the name of the Hamilton Cataract Power, Light and Traction Company. In addition to its power business, it has reached out until it has acquired the Hamilton Street Railway, the Radial Electric Railway, the Hamilton and Dundas, and Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Railway. Last year its profits amounted to $236,306, or more than twice the amount of its original capital. Its property is worth $8,580,000, and its liabilities amount to only $3,337,600, so that it is worth over $5,000,000.

The profits during the past few years have been so enormous that it has practically cleaned up the whole amount, in addition to paying fat dividends, for tho the stock is shown as $4,595,700, it must not be supposed that the members of the corporation had to advance the cash for it. The stock is divided into common stock of $1,700,000 and preferred stock of $2,895,700. Every cent of the common stock has been said to be "water." On it a dividend of 3 per cent., or $51,000, was paid last year. In addition to that a dividend of 5 1-2 per cent., or some $146,878, was paid on the preferred stock of $2,895,700. The exact amount which a favored few paid for large blocks of this stock was 25 cents on the dollar, so that for every $100 they had invested they drew last year alone $22, or had a return last year alone of 22 per cent. Both kinds of stock are now selling above par.

Don't Like It Now.

In the face of these facts, this corporation has appeared before the aldermen to ask to be let out of a tight bargain that the city made with them. The company has several franchises from the city, but the two most important agreements that exist between the city and the company are the street lighting contract and the street railway agreement. In the street lighting agreement the company has all the best of the city. The aldermen knew this when they made the bargain. They were told seven years ago, when they made the contract, that they could instal a municipal plant and supply light at $55 a year per lamp. They were confident that this was so, but they went on and gave the contract to the Cataract Power Company, then an infant, at $85 a year a lamp, for the purpose of giving the company, which it was predicted would make Hamilton famous as a centre for cheap electric power, a bonus.

For seven years the city has been paying the company a yearly bonus of about $15,000 a year. But the company has not been to the city all that was predicted of it. As far as cheap power goes, it is stated that the company sells it to one of its shareholders at a price that enables him to carry it on to Brantford and to sell it at a cheaper rate than it is sold in Hamilton.

As to the Street Railway.

As to the other bargain, the street railway agreement, the city got a little the better of the company from the company's point of view. Uner this agreement the company is bound to pay

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"MEDICAL OFFICES" UNDER BAN

U.S. Postal Authorities Take Measures to Run Them Out.

Washington, March 25.—Orders have been issued instructing the postmasters at New York and Brooklyn to refuse to admit to mails the advertisements of 52 illegal "medical offices," located in those cities, and also to refuse to deliver mail matter received addressed to the fictitious and assumed names under which parties conducting those concerns hide their identity.

It is said that as high as twenty criminal operations a day are performed in some of these offices, and that the income sometimes ranges as high as $2000 a week.

BANK CLERK ARRESTED.

Young Winnipeger Charged With Theft of $140.

Winnipeg, March 25.—(Special.)—Donald McPherson, a young clerk in the Union Bank, has been arrested, charged with having stolen $140.

The manager said to-night that he thought there was probably more than $300 gone.

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UNSANITARY AND DANGEROUS

JACK CANUCK: Phew! It needs a cleaning up mighty badly.

Suspicious Looking Fire
In Jarvis-Street Restaurant
Endangers Lives of Thirty

Jar Filled With Kerosene and Newspaper Ignited But Smothered Out by Smoke—Proprietor is Missing; Inmates Threatening.

What appeared to be a clear case of attempted incendariasm, to the firemen of the Lombard-street station and several policemen was discovered at 87 Jarvis-street last night at 8.15 o'clock, when fire broke out in the cellar of the Municipal Lunch Room, over which more tha nthirty people live. A jar filled with kerosene started the blaze.

The alarm was given by an inmate of the house after smoke had been seen in the three story building in which the restaurant is located. Truck No. 1 responded quickly and put out the blaze in the cellar by the use of chemicals.

After the heavy volume of smoke cleared from the cellar Captain Smith and the policemen made an investigation of the cause.

An earthenware jar, filled with kerosene and stuffed with newspapers, partly burned, was found stowed between the rafters of the cellar ceiling. A hole more than a foot square had been cut in the latter, and the combustible outfit placed inside and then lighted.

Was Insuring His Place.

The restaurant recently came into the hands of Morris Diamond, who in company with his wife, left the house last night shortly before the fire was discovered, according to the story of the inmates of the house. The latter also stated that he had his place insured not more than a week ago. They were so positive last night that he knew something of the blaze that they would have mobbed him had he returned to the house. As it was Detective Archibald was notified and Diamond was being looked for last night.

The inmates of the house consist mostly of old men, women and children and had the fire caught the narrow stairway some would likely have lost their lives.

Smoke Stopped Fire.

Captain Smith stated that the thick smoke was all that prevented the blaze from making headway. The fire from the jar of kerosene had dropped on a large seaweed mattress, directly beneath on the floor of the cellar. The latter ignited, but caused heavy smoke. The fact that there was no draft prevented the fire from gaining rapidly.

Mrs. Harris, one of the tenants of the house, had some household goods stored away in the cellar, and she stated last night that Diamond asked her "why she did not get it insured like his restaurant?"

She replied that the stuff was not worth insuring. She declared to Captain Smith that Diamond had said: "Well, I will get the whole place insured, then."

Quarreling All Day.

Several tenants stated that Diamond and his wife had been quarreling all day Sunday until they left the house last night, but that they did not know what the quarrel was about.

It was a pitiful scene that the firemen contemplated when they arrived on the premises in response to the alarm. Several mothers had babies in their arms and the children were looking wild-eyed and frightened. The inmates lived very thickly together.

HIS MAJESTY'S HEALTH.

New York, March 25.—(Special.)—Cable despatches to-day from London declare that another operation to the knee of King Edward has been found necessary. It is said the leg has been joined together for many years by a silver hinge.

A story is also published purporting to give the inside history of the famous quarrel between His Majesty (then Prince of Wales) and the kaiser, 11 years ago. It is said the prince threw the kaiser overboard from the royal yacht.

BOLT OF LIGHTNING KILLS AS PASTOR IS IN PULPIT

Chandelier Hanging Overhead Directed Deadly Current—Died in an Hour.

Corson, Ia., March 25.—While preaching to his congregation to-day, Rev. J. B. Lentz, pastor of a Latter Day Saints' Church, was struck by lightning, which caused his death within an hour.

The bolt descended during a hard thunderstorm and was communicated to the preacher by a chandelier hanging directly above his head. The shock threw him to the floor in an unconscious state, while many persons in the audience were stunned.

After nearly everyone had fled from the building, Lentz was carried out, but failed to regain consciousness.

The church took fire, but the flames were soon extinguished.

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Canadian Club—W. P. Archibald on "The Criminal and His Needs," 1.
City council, 3.
Second Ward Conservatives' annual banquet, Victoria Hall, 8.
Northwest Field Force annual meeting, armories, 8.
Local Council of Women—Lecture by Warden Gilmour, Canadian Institute, 8.
Young Liberals, Labor Temple, 8.
Grand—"The Office Boy," 8.
Majestic—"Why Girls Leave Home," 2, 8.
Shea's—Vaudeville, 2, 8.
Star—"The Merrymakers," 2, 8.

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TWO BOYS IN NIGHT ATTIRE MAKE THEIR ESCAPE FROM MIMICO

Two boys escaped from the Victoria Industrial School at Mimico at 1 o'clock this morning in their nightclothes and without boots. Their absence was discovered within a quarter of an hour, and a number of the officers connected with the school started in pursuit.

Soon after the boys went to bed other boys in the dormitory with John Roberts and Albert Jenkins heard them planning to escape. Evidently arrangements had been made by Roberts to have clothes placed in some convenient spot. Soon after midnight the boys crawled to the window. This they opened and dropped on the snowy ground, some distance below. Footmarks were found under the window, but they disappeared on the roadway a short distance away.

Roberts is 17 years old, tall and light-haired. He is no stranger at the escaping game, having done so once before. That time he was found in London. He has been committed from this point several times for theft. He is an all-around bad boy.

Albert Jenkins is slightly younger, but is much more powerfully built than Roberts. He comes from Tilbury, and is by no means a stranger to the police of the province. He has been a wanderer, judging from the places where he has been convicted.

BIRTHS.

NORTHCOTT—March 25th, at 23 Lee-avenue, to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Northcott, a son.

DEATHS.

BABB—At the Western Hospital, Sunday, March 25, in his 43rd year, Albert J. Babb, of Millbank.
Funeral at Mitchell on Tuesday.

BOWLEY—At the residence of her son, 1398 Queen-west, Mrs. Nancy Bowley, widow of the late George Bowley of Essex, England, in her 89th year.
Funeral from the above address on Saturday to Brampton.

BOYD—On Saturday, March 24, at 68 Curzon-street, Edward John, dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Boyd, aged 9 months and 2 days.
Funeral Monday, March 26th, at 3 p.m., to Norway Cemetery.

BLACKBURN—On Saturday, March 24th, 1906, at her residence, 7 Wilkins-avenue, Miranda Little, beloved wife of Joseph Blackburn.
Funeral Monday, at 2.30 p.m., from above address to Norway Cemetery.

DONOGH—On Saturday, March 24, 1906, Jennie, beloved wife of William Donogh, 57 Robert-street.
Funeral private, Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m.

DAVIS—On Thursday, March 22nd, 1906, at her late residence, No. 103 Manning-avenue, Toronto, Isabella, beloved wife of Joseph Davis, aged 74 years.
Funeral on Monday, March 26th, at 2.30 p.m., to St. James' Cemetery.

FLETCHER—On Saturday morning, March 24th, 1906, at 43 Pape-avenue, Emma Martin, beloved wife of George Fletcher, in her 32nd year.
Funeral Monday, March 26th, from above address to Norway Cemetery, at 2.30 o'clock.

HEYDON—At his late residence, corner of Davenport-road and King-street, Toronto Junction, on Sunday, March 25th, 1906, Francis Heydon, in his 76th year.
Funeral Tuesday morning, March 27th, at 9 o'clock, to St. Cecilia's Church, Toronto Junction. Interment at Mount Hope Cemetery. No flowers.

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BABE'S BODY IN WOODPILE LEFT THERE BY WOMAN A WEEK BEFORE

Gruesome Discovery in Church Shed at Port Credit May Reveal Murder—Stranger's Movements Recalled.

Somebody who didn't want to care for a poor little baby left it in the woodpile in the corner of the driving shed close to the Presbyterian Church at Port Credit, presumably on March 17. The little corpse was found on Saturday afternoon by Annie McKeith, a bright young resident of the village, who looks after the church. The baby body had apparently been where it was found for a week. It was frozen stiff, wrapped in a piece of newspaper. Nearly all the garments had been removed by whoever left it there, and the charitably disposed persons hope that the baby was dead when it was abandoned.

A week ago Saturday a woman said to be about 35 years of age, of stout build and fair complexion, but not considered handsome, was prominent in the village, and she carried a bundle that looked like a baby. She commanded some attention. Wm. Stewart and John Kibel, who live in Port Credit, were with her when she came on the car. She was seen to leave the driving shed of the Presbyterian Church, but no one remembers whether or not she had the baby with her then.

A Gruesome Find.

Miss McKeith went out for some wood when she found the dead baby. The wood is rough log, cut, but not split, and there is only a small quantity of it, probably about 50 pieces. The baby, as it was wrapped up, was the size of a piece of the wood. The mouth was full of blood, but beyond that there was no evidence of foul play. The child, altho only a few days old, was rather pretty, with regular features, and had apparently been well nourished. The snow during the recent storms had blown into the corner where it had been laid and it was partly covered when Miss McKeith found it. Had there been more wood the body might have remained hidden for a long time.

No Authorities.

Nobody seemed to know what to do with the little body. Port Credit is sadly deficient in the matter of authorities. No coroners or magistrates were handy, in fact there was even lack of a doctor. Coroner Sutton, who lives in Cooksville, was notified, and he will likely hold an inquest. The remains were taken in charge by John Burns, who removed the little corpse to Gribbons' Hotel. Bailiff Wm. Rutledge was the only official personage available, and he sat up all night with the body waiting to hear from the coroner. Dr. Sutton didn't turn up, and Gribbons didn't want the body at his place, so Rutledge consented to the remains being taken to Cooksville, where they are now at Pettit's undertaking place.

All Saw the Woman.

"Everybody in Port Credit saw the woman suspected," said Mr. Burns. "Why, she put herself on exhibition. She got on the car at Sunnyside and came out here."

He says she went back on the car, too. That was on March 17.

Miss McKeith detailed to The World yesterday afternoon the finding of the body. She said she was just picking up pieces of wood to take into the church when she picked up the baby. The discovery unnerved her, and for a little while she did not know what to do. The blood in the baby's mouth frightened her, and besides that the little nose was flattened.

Other residents of the Credit who were talked to were inclined to the belief that the baby had been murdered. It is likely that Dr. Sutton will order a post-mortem. The Credit residents say it would be an easy matter to identify the woman, because she made herself very conspicuous. She had not been drinking, but acted as if demented. The quiet little place is much upset with this matter, and the robbery at the factory.

The local authorities will bring the matter to the attention of the provincial authorities to-day, and a thoro description of the woman suspected will be provided by a number of persons who are satisfied that a cruel murder was committed.

A Budding Poet.

"His hat was wet with rain.
Likewise 'twas wet with snow.
It surely can't its shape retain—
Unless it's from Dineen's—you know."

From a book of verses entitled "Songs to a Hat," submitted to Dineen & Co., cor. Yonge and Temperance-streets, by a local poet.

SLEET OR RAIN.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Easterly to southerly winds; unsettled and milder; occasional sleet or rain.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

March 24.	At.	From.
New York	New York	Southampton
Pretoria	New York	Hamburg
Maryland	London	Baltimore
Lucania	Liverpool	New York
Noordam	Boulogne	New York
Ligeria	Genoa	New York
Philadelphia	Plymouth	New York
Pr. Vic. Luise	Santiago	New York
Chicago City	Bristol	New York
City of Naples	Naples	New York
Cassel	Baltimore	Bremen
Parisian	Halifax	Liverpool
Sardinian	Halifax	Glasgow
Carthaginian	Philadelphia	Glasgow
Lake Manitoba	St. John	Liverpool
Barcelona	New York	Hamburg
Caledonian	Boston	Manchester
Winifredian	Liverpool	Boston
Philadelphia	Southampton	New York