

THREW HIMSELF ON SNOWPLOW W. A. HAGERMAN SAVED HIS LIFE

Well-Known Wholesale Lumberman Struck By a Yard Engine at the Adelaide Street Crossing of the G. T. R. This Morning.

Mr. W. A. Hagerman, a wholesale lumber dealer, of 897 Queen's avenue, had one of the most thrilling experiences of his career this morning, when his sleigh was struck by a Grand Trunk locomotive at the Adelaide street crossing.

Mr. Hagerman escaped with a few bruises, and is not seriously injured. Shortly after 10 o'clock Mr. Hagerman was at Gillies' mill in the southeast part of the city, and started home by way of Adelaide street, with the sleigh empty.

When he reached the crossing there were several rigs ahead of him, and all had to wait for an engine going west.

The rigs ahead started across when the trains had passed, and Mr. Hagerman, thinking all was safe, drove over also.

ENGINE UPON HIM.

He was a little behind the others, and when he was too far to turn back a light engine from the west bore down upon him.

Mr. Hagerman glanced hurriedly at the engine, which was going rather slowly and throwing himself on the snowplow grasped the iron rod extending down this plow.

He was dragged fifty feet before the engine was stopped, when he got up, brushed himself off, and started for home.

The trainmen did all they could for him but his injuries were not severe. The rig was badly damaged.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Mr. Hagerman was seen by an Advertiser reporter.

"I certainly did have a narrow escape," he said, "I was going across the track, and did not notice the engine coming from the west. The watchman called to me, but I did not notice it in time. The other rigs had got over all right, and I was almost on the track when the engine was upon me.

"It has a snowplow attachment, and running from the top to the foot was a rod.

"I somehow noticed that, and throwing myself on it, I grasped the rod, and held on as tightly as I could.

"I was dragged some little distance, but the engineer stopped the engine and I was safe.

"Had I not grasped that rod, and held on I surely would have been killed. That was all that saved me.

"I am slightly bruised, but I do not think there is anything serious. It is somewhat of a shock, I can assure you. I attach no blame on the railway employees at all. It was not their fault. I am thankful to be as well as I am."

WATCHMAN'S STATEMENT.

The watchman informed the Advertiser that he shouted to Mr. Hagerman, but he evidently did not hear him. The others were in no danger at all, as they were free of the track when the engine was coming down the track. The engine was not going very fast at the time of the accident.

The other rigs which crossed ahead of Mr. Hagerman, were safe by only a second or so.

Wages Matter Laid Over By Board Directors of Street Ry. Met Tuesday

Treasurer George Benson Is To Finish His Year in London.

The directors of the London street railway met yesterday afternoon. There was a great deal of business under discussion, most of it being routine.

"There was very little done, outside the regular routine work," said Manager King.

"What about the increase in wages to the employees?" was asked.

"That matter was laid over," he replied.

"Did you do anything about the Ottawa avenue matter?" was ventured.

"No, we did not discuss it at all," he replied. "That will be taken up later, I presume."

It is now stated that Mr. George Benson, who had accepted a position as private secretary to Mr. Moore at Cleveland, will complete his year as treasurer of the local system, and will not go to Cleveland until February.

Messrs. Everett and Moore left for Cleveland last night. The affairs of the company were found to be very satisfactory.

Official Appointment of Mr. Ed. Weld

Mr. Edmund Weld this morning received official notice of his appointment, announcement of which was made exclusively in The Advertiser some days ago, as clerk of the crown, clerk of the county court, and registrar of the surrogate court for the county of Middlesex.

Mr. Weld will begin his duties at once.

He is a well-known barrister, and, of course, is conversant with the work of the different offices.

He has been twenty years in practice.

Mayor Judd and the \$10,000 Action

The action for \$10,000 undertaken by Mr. F. A. Jones against Mayor Judd, is being gone on with, it is understood. Mr. Jones is determined on vindication, he says, and is instructed by his counsel that he has very good grounds for his action. Mayor Judd, however, professes that he is not worrying, and that he is not a bit afraid of the outcome.

"I have not heard anything about the suit," he told The Advertiser today. "I read something about it in The Advertiser, but that is all I know. Wait until I hear something official about it, then I will talk."

The aldermen profess that they are not worrying, but that they will take whatever action is necessary when the time comes.

\$40,000 for Grand Trunk Employees

The Grand Trunk pay car arrived in the city this morning and in an hour or two the wherewithal to buy "heaps" of Christmas presents was passed across the counter to hundreds of employees.

"Over \$40,000 this time," said an official to The Advertiser.

"Yes, it is a little lighter than usual, but that is owing to the construction gangs that have been laid off. It is, however, several thousand dollars

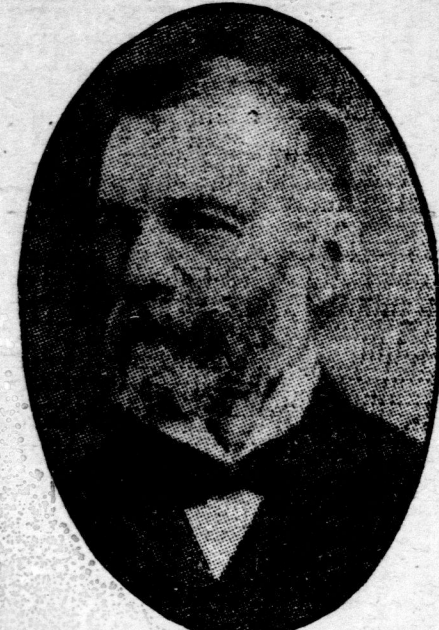
more than we paid out last year at this time."

"Everything is busy all along the line."

GUS RINGLING DEAD

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—Gus. Ringling, head of the circus combination, which controls the shows of Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey, and Forepaugh-Sells, died here today. Death was due to a complication of diseases.

Mr. Ringling came to New Orleans about two weeks ago with the hope that the southern climate would benefit him.



HON. J. I. TARTE, Ex-Dominion Cabinet Minister, Who Lies Critically Ill at Montreal.

Sergeant Black Resigns From Force Popular Police Officer Drops Out

Had Been Sixteen Years Policeman—Goes Into Business for Himself.

Sergeant Robert Black, of the local police force, sprung something of a big surprise on Chief Williams this morning, when he handed in his resignation to take effect at the end of the week.

Sergeant Black has always been one of the most popular and best-liked

members of the force, and the news of his resignation will come as a surprise, not only to many of the police officers, but to a host of his friends.

It is sixteen years since Sergeant Black became a member of the police force, and he was regarded by Chief Williams as one of his very best men and one whom it will be a very difficult matter to replace.

It is understood that Sergeant Black leaves at the beginning of the year for Moosejaw, where he will go into business for himself as a general store keeper.

Owe North End Belt To Ald. Stevely People of Section Greatly Pleased

Much Needed Street Car Service Will Be Forthcoming Shortly, It Is Thought.

The citizens of the north end are exceedingly pleased that there is a prospect that they will get street car accommodation in the near future.

Ald. Stevely was the prime mover in this matter, and he it was who brought the matter to the attention of the council.

Since the matter was sent to No. 1

committee he has been actively engaged in seeing that arrangements were made to meet President Everett and have the matter discussed.

According to the agreement with the company it was not compelled to lay any more track until 1911, but when the matter was placed before the directors, they saw that it was a good proposition, and were willing to consider it.

Ald. Stevely has always been careful of the interests of the citizens, and on this occasion he was fully alive to the situation.

It is said the new loop will be completed by Nov. 1, 1908.

G. T. OFFICIAL HINTS AT BIG WORK TO BE STARTED HERE IN SPRING

Third Vice-President Fitzhugh of the Grand Trunk, accompanied by Superintendent Brownlee, Superintendent Gillen and Engineer Kelly, was in the city last evening for about fifteen minutes on his way to Windsor. From there they will go to Sarnia and inspect the new electrical work at the Tunnel.

"We expect the electric engines will be able to operate in the course of a few weeks now," said Mr. Fitzhugh to The Advertiser. "We are not anticipating any trouble in wiring the tunnel, and it will be a matter of a short time at most. Regarding the situation

in this city I can say very little at present, except that next spring a great deal of new work will likely be undertaken."

"No," he added with a smile, "I cannot tell you what it is."

"Regarding the telephone operators? Well we regard that matter as settled now, and in a few days the terms will no doubt be given out by the arbitration committee. I think they will be found satisfactory in every respect."

"Traffic, especially in the freight line, has been exceptionally heavy, and the company has had one of the best years it ever had."

Woman Buried in Dangerous Cave-In Narrow Escape on Ridout St. South

Mrs. Charles Baker and Her Horse and Buggy Fell Into Hole at a Culvert.

It is not unlikely that an action for damages will be brought against the city shortly by Mr. Charles Baker, of South London, as a result of an accident which happened to Mrs. Baker while driving into the city on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Baker was coming in on Ridout street south and had reached the point at which a culvert is being constructed.

When driving past it, the side gave way, and in a moment Mrs. Baker and her horse and buggy were thrown into the hole, which at that point is several feet deep.

Fortunately for Mrs. Baker, the earth did not cover her head, but she was buried so completely that she was unable to move until car No. 114 came along.

The crew at once saw what had happened, and after a few minutes hard work, succeeded in releasing both Mrs. Baker and her horse.

The buggy was completely wrecked. Mrs. Baker is deeply grateful to the car crew for their kindness, and intends presenting each of them with a barrel of apples.

Blackstock Case Is Prize Puzzle First Charge Laid Was Dismissed

Man Who Stole an Overcoat Is Sentenced to Three Months in Jail.

The most complicated mix-up that has occupied the attention of Magistrate Love for a long time was presented to him this morning, when he attempted to straighten out the charges against Benjamin Blackstock.

So far five charges have been laid against the defendant. One was that of "forcible entry," on which he was dismissed after this morning's evidence, and four were of theft, to all of which he pleaded guilty.

There are a number of other charges which may be laid later.

First Charge.

It took more than two hours to dispose of the charge of forcible entry, laid by James W. Egan, who alleged that Blackstock broke into his house and took away a gramophone.

Blackstock pleaded not guilty to the charge, and after a great many vituperative remarks were examined. Magistrate Love dismissed the case.

Blackstock was remanded for a week on the other charges of theft.

Pleaded Guilty.

George Brown, charged by E. M. Clapp with stealing an overcoat from the Tecumseh House recently, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to three months in the Central Prison.

For fighting on the street, George Flanagan was fined \$5.

Two old-time drunks were sent down for 21 days each.

LAMP EXPLODED DURING SERVICE

Accident in a Methodist Church at Littlewood Last Night.

While a service was being held in the Littlewood Methodist Church last night a lamp on one of the walls exploded, setting fire to the building.

There was quite a crowd present at the time, and there was considerable excitement for a few moments.

However, the fire was put out without much damage.

THE MUNICIPAL MILL

Ald. Saunders, Ald. Stevenson and Ald. Gerry are in the field again and should make a strong run as usual. All have been faithful servants of the city, and are worthy of re-election as legislators.

Ex-Ald. George W. Armstrong will probably be a candidate again this year. He came but a few votes behind last January, and is confident, if he consents to run, that he will be elected.

Mr. E. Martyn, the well-known contractor, is considering running for alderman. Mr. Martyn is a well-known citizen, having been located here for many years, and is favorably known. He would make a splendid alderman.

Among others who are being urged by friends to seek aldermanic honors is ex-Ald. Greenlee. He has been approached by a large number of citizens of both political opinions. He has not given his consent as yet, but is considering the matter. Mr. Greenlee has served seven years on the council, and was considered one of its best-informed members.

STRUCK IN EYE BY PIECE OF METAL

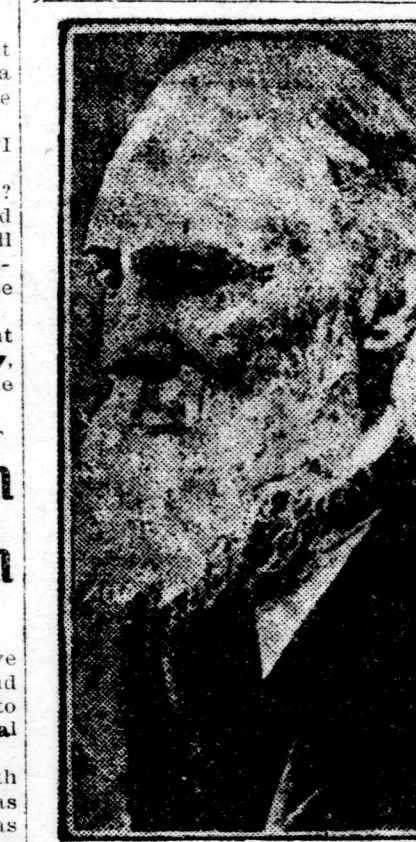
Painful Accident To Well-Known Employee of G. T. R. Shops.

Mr. William J. Felker, of Queen's avenue, met with a most painful accident at the car shops on Monday afternoon. Mr. Felker, with an assistant, were engaged in cutting the end off of an iron bolt.

Mr. Felker was holding the cold chisel, and when nearly through his assistant struck a heavy blow with the result that the piece flew with great force and lodged in the ball of Mr. Felker's eye.

Owing to the numerous jagged edges it was a very difficult matter to extract the piece, but the operation was successfully performed by Dr. E. P. Bucke, and it is expected that the sight will be saved.

At a special service which is to be held in All Saints' Church Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. P. G. A. Wright, of Walkerton, will deliver a lecture on "The Prayer Book."



THE LATE LORD KELVIN, The World's Foremost Scientist, Who Died at Glasgow Yesterday.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 18—8 a.m.

Today and Thursday—Moderate westerly winds; light local snowfalls or flurries, but mostly fair; not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	10	14	Clear
Winnipeg	16	4	Cloudy
Port Arthur	12	8	Cloudy
Parry Sound	12	6	Cloudy
Toronto	26	26	Cloudy
Ottawa	14	14	Fair
Montreal	16	16	Cloudy
Quebec	20	20	Snow
Father Point	22	16	Snow

Minus (—) means below zero.

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

Comparatively high pressure covers the greater portion of the continent, and the weather in Canada has been generally fair and moderately cold in all districts, except that light snow has fallen in a few localities.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 12 below—6 below; Atlin, 14—30; Victoria, 34—40; Vancouver, 24—34; Battleford, zero—10; Prince Albert, 6—18; Calgary, zero—23; Regina, 6—16; Winnipeg, 4 below—10; Port Arthur, 2—30; Parry Sound, 12—23; Toronto, 24—33; Ottawa, 20—22; Montreal, 18—24; Quebec, 20—26; St. John, 18—23; Halifax, 22—32.

Local temperatures: Highest, 31°; lowest, 2° above.

NO MAYORALTY CANDIDATE YET CONSERVATIVES STILL DIVIDED

Meeting Held Last Night Failed To Clear the Air, But It Looks as Though Alderman Matthews Will Carry the Banner.

The meeting of Conservative ward chairmen last evening to straighten out the mayoralty tangle was no more successful than the meeting held last Friday evening. When it broke up, there was still no action taken, and another meeting will be called for Friday evening, to see if something can be done.

There was, it is said, quite a nice row.

Ald. Matthews came out as the mayoralty candidate from the start.

After that Mayor Judd, Ald. Beattie, Mr. A. T. McMahon and Ald. Cooper were nominated.

When Mayor Judd, Ald. Beattie and Mr. McMahon saw the drift of things, they declared that they had enough, and refused to run.

The Indefatigable Again.

Ald. Cooper, however, was in his fighting togs, and he "stuck."

He politely informed Ald. Matthews that he had a prior claim to that of the chairman of No. 2.

He had served 11 years in the council, and it was up to him to get something.

Ald. Matthews, too, that he (Ald. Cooper) had been forced out of the chairmanship of No. 2 committee at the beginning of the year, and that he would not "stand for it" any longer.

But it was said by one of the men on the inside that if Ald. Cooper was promised the chairmanship of No. 2 committee he would step aside.

In view of the large amount of work to be done in that committee this coming year, there does not seem to be any anxiety on the part of the party to give Ald. Cooper that job.

In Fighting Humor.

Ald. Matthews was also in fighting humor. He pointed out that his long experience was entitled to some consideration.

He had been put aside on one or two occasions, and he thought that it was his turn. He also thought that the club should endorse him.

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New Belt for North End Is Assured City and Company Practically Agreed

No. 1 Committee of Council Met President Everett and the Directors Yesterday.

Street car service for the north end seems now practically assured. Yesterday afternoon No. 1 committee of the city council had a conference with President Everett and the directors of the street railway, and after considerable discussion a tentative agreement was arrived at by which the company consents to extend the Oxford street line up William street to Cheapside street, and down Colborne street to Oxford.

The company will also move the Wellington street line one block west, and send it north on Richmond street.

The company want to double-track Horton street from Richmond to Wellington, and to have the double-track count as additional mileage to the city.

A bylaw will be prepared, to be submitted at a special meeting of the council, and in the meantime the company will consider the matter carefully.

The impression was that the lines as proposed would be laid.

Ald. Beattie, in introducing the subject, said that he well knew that the street railway company was under no obligation to the city in this matter.

The company had already laid more track than the census of 1901 called for.

But he pointed out the need of a service in the northeast end. That portion of the city was growing very

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May Be a Hitch Re Paying the Cost Of Running Wellington St. Line

City Hall Finds Cause for Worry Already Regarding the New Loop Line.

It will cost the London street railway the neat sum of about \$5,500 to move the tracks from Wellington street over to Richmond, in order to make room for the proposed new north end belt line.

At the city hall today it was stated that there is a probability that the company will want the city to bear the cost of the removal of the tracks, but the committee which met Manager

King yesterday did not understand the matter in this light.

They say that undoubtedly the company will have to stand the cost of the removal of the tracks, but it is said that the company will find no obstacle in the way of the double-track on Horton street being allowed to count as additional mileage.

Any suggestion to have the Wellington street line count as additional mileage in lieu of the city paying a portion of the cost of the removal, will be fought to a finish, however.

City Engineer Graydon declares that the cost of taking up the Wellington street rail and replacing them on Richmond street will be in the neighborhood of \$150 a foot. And about 2,000 feet of track must be removed.

Hon. J. I. Tarte At Death's Door Not Expected To Survive Day

Noted Journalist and Ex-Cabinet Minister Dying at Montreal.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Montreal, Que., Dec. 8. — Hon. J. I. Tarte is dying, and may not survive the day.

Hon. Joseph Israel Tarte was born at Lanoraie, Que., Jan. 11, 1848. He was educated at L'Assomption College, and admitted to the practice of law in 1871. Mr. Tarte was practicing at St. Lin when called to the editorship of Le Canadien, a Conservative

paper of Quebec city. He was elected to the Quebec Assembly for Bonaventure in 1877 and re-elected in 1878. In 1891 he was elected to the House of Commons for Montmorency, but it was declared void the next year. Up to this point he had been a prominent Conservative, but in 1896 he was appointed public works minister under Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and was elected to represent St. Johns and Iberville.

In 1900 Mr. Tarte was elected for St. Mary's, Montreal. He retired from the Government, Oct. 21, 1902. By profession Mr. Tarte is a journalist, and is the author of several political essays and brochures. He was for some time vice-president of the Imperial Federation League in Canada.

By reason of a peculiar incident Mark Ellwood, of London Township, is a prisoner in the county jail.

A week ago a local civil engineer, Mr. Thomas, lost a tripod and other articles to the value of \$16, from his sleigh. Yesterday Constable Corsaut of the county constabulary, armed with a search warrant, visited the Ellwood residence at St. Johns.

Nothing was found in the house, but the constable became suspicious when Ellwood took a sudden notion to visit the barn. Following closely, the constable saw Ellwood take a robe from a cutter suspended from the floor.

Investigation proved that the robe was the property of a man named Poole, residing at Lambeth.

The story of the theft is a peculiar one.

Daniel Thody, proprietor of a hotel at Lambeth, borrowed the article from Mr. Poole and checked it at Hanlon's Hotel, Arva. The robe was in the check room when young Ellwood drove up to the hotel shortly afterward, and it was missing when he left.

But had Ellwood not been suspected of stealing the Thomas property he might never have been caught up on the other charge.

Ellwood is 24 years of age and is single.

He will be given a hearing in a few days.