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INJUNCTION IS GRANTED RESTRAINING CITY COUNCIL FROM SELLING CITY HALL

Mr. Justice Teetzel in His Finding Says That Proper Business Methods Were Not Observed and That the Sale is Improvident.

CASE WILL NOT COME UP FOR TRIAL UNTIL THE ASSIZES OF OCTOBER NEXT

It Looks as Though the Sale to the Royal Bank Has Been Blocked for This Year at Least.

Mr. Justice Teetzel, in Toronto today, gave his decision in the case of the injunction applied for by Mr. J. M. Parsons against the city council, to restrain the latter from selling the city hall. The decision allows the injunction to continue. Judge Teetzel stated in his finding that he does so on the grounds that the proposed sale of the hall had not been conducted with business-like methods, and was improvident.

This means that the case will go for trial sometime in October at the assizes. There is a great amount of evidence to be heard, and the trial will occupy much time.

As it will be so late in the year before the matter is conclued, it is generally conceded that the mayor and aldermen will lay the matter over for the next year's council to deal with.

Messrs. Jarvis and Vining are handling the case for Mr. Parsons, and City Solicitor Meredith for the city.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Ont., July 21. — The city of London must not sell its city hall and a portion of the marketplace to the Royal Bank of Canada, as it has agreed to.

So ruled Mr. Justice Teetzel, in a judgment handed out this morning at Osgoode Hall, after having heard arguments pro and con at two sittings of the single court. The city had agreed to sell the property to the bank for $100,000, but it now remains for a judge, and probably a jury, to decide the question in open court.

In his judgment his lordship goes into the case fully.

The first objection made by counsel for the plaintiff, Mr. John H. Parsons, a London ratepayer, is not given a great deal of attention. It is the question of the passageway through the city hall.

The judgment in part reads:

"In carrying out any such sale under the act of the corporation, being a trustee for all the ratepayers, and being amendable to the jurisdiction of the courts—as is exercised over trustees generally—and the plaintiff being a ratepayer, is entitled to maintain an action in his own name on behalf of himself and the other ratepayers to restrain the corporation from carrying out the sale which may have been effected under circumstances amounting to a breach of trust. Whether upon a proper construction of the statute the corporation is entitled to sell the whole block, 110 feet square, or only on so much thereof as upon which the city hall is literally situated. I need not express an opinion because I think the second ground of the plaintiff entitled him to have the injunction continued to the trial."

Not Properly Conducted.

The second ground of objections to which his lordship refers is that the sale was not properly conducted. The judgment further reads:

"As to the duty of a municipal corporation in selling land belonging to the corporation, I adopt the language of the learned chancellor in the case of Phillips and the Town of Belleville, in which he says:

"'It is not advisable in dealing with a corporation, trust property to dispose of it in a private way, but some steps should, as a rule, be taken to insure competition, whether by inviting tenders or exposing to auction, with, it may be, a reserved bid.'

"I do not think that Robertson vs. The City of Toronto, 1909 stated by the defendants is conclusive upon this application. In that case the learned chief justice was of the opinion that the sale was not at an undervaluation, but it was a fair sale." Just as a sale as a private owner would have made under the circumstances of the case.

"Now upon the material filed in this case, it does not appear that anything whatever was done by the corporation in the direction of inviting competition, either by calling for tenders, or by putting it up at public auction or otherwise. They seem to have accepted the first offer made for the property.

Worth More Than $100,000.

"If the material filed by the plaintiff is to be believed, the property is worth much more than the sum of $100,000, at which price the corporation agreed to sell to the Royal Bank of Canada. It is difficult for me to understand why such a property situated in the heart of a prosperous city, should not attract active bidding, if due diligence and business like methods were applied in inviting competition.

"It may be that at the trial the defendants may prove that $100,000 is the full value of the property, but in the meantime I am of the tpnion that the plaintiff has established a prima facie case of improvident and unbusinesslike sale, and, therefore, a prima facie case of breach of trust from which the plaintiff and other ratepayers would suffer substantial loss.

"The injunction will therefore be continued until trial with costs in the case, unless otherwise dsposed of by the trial judge."

Photo by Geo. A. Henry, Dundas Street.
ROY BELTON.
Winner of the Robb Medal in the High School Entrance Examinations.

TAXI DRIVER FINED FOR FAST DRIVING

Car Was Driven at Rate of 30 Miles an Hour On Dundas Street.

For driving a taxi from English to Adelaide streets in 30 seconds, or at the rate of 30 miles an hour, Fred Grayson was today fined $5 by Magistrate Judd. The information was laid by P. C. McCullough, and Grayson admitted that he was trying to catch the 6:50 G. T. R. flyer.

Wesley Scott, who has had such numerous experiences in one court and another in the last two years, had a new one today, when he was found guilty of having ridden a bicycle on the sidewalk, and fined $1. It took some time to make Mr. Scott understand that he must pay the $1, but he finally handed it over.

MANUEL'S SUPPORTERS PREPARE TO INVADE

Well-Armed Monarchist Force Threatens Northern Frontier.

[Canadian Press.]

Lisbon Portugal, July 20, via Bajos, Spanish Frontier, July 21. — An invasion by Capt. Couciere at the head of the royalist forces, appears imminent. All attention is now fixed on the north. The Portuguese monarchists possess thousands of rifles of the latest pattern, smuggled into Galicia, Spain, from Germany and Belgium, and also many field guns and Maxims.

PLUNGED IN DARKNESS

The Fight at Sturgeon Falls Reaches a Serious Stage.

North Bay, July 21.—The latest incident in the Sturgeon Falls fight to have the paper mills opened occurred last night in the shutting down of the electric light plant, blotting out the street lights and driving the citsens to resort to coal oil lamps and candles. This is said to be the result of an order received by the electric light company from Receiver Clarkson to remove the plant from the premises of the Imperial Paper Mills. As one of the big bones of contention in the matter is the claiming of a certain minimum horse-power by the electric light company, this move is interesting.

ENTRANCE RESULTS ARE ANNOUNCED

The Robb Medal Given To Roy Belton, Son of Dr. C. W. Belton, of Wellington Street.

NEARLY 100 PUPILS FAIL

327 Passed Out of a Total of 425 Who Tried—Names of the Successful Candidates.

As announced in The Advertiser some days ago, the Robb medal, awarded to the pupil who made the highest number of marks in the high school entrance examination in London, this year goes to Roy Belton, son of Dr. C. W. Belton, of Wellington street. Roy Belton made a total of 582 marks, or 89 per cent. He is a pupil of Colborne street school. Viola Taylor stands next. She is a pupil of Lorne avenue school, and scored 575 marks. The possible attainable is 690.

Nearly 100 Candidates Failed.

The results show that of the 425 candidates who wrote but 327 passed, the list of failures thus totalling well up to 100.

The average age of the pupils who passed is 14½ years. The youngest were Ida Clarke, of Simcoe street school, and Margaret Reid, of Talbot street school. The latter is a daughter of Mr. Ed. Reid, assistant manager and actuary of the London Life.

100 Per Cent. in Arithmetic.

The following pupils secured an average of 100 per cent. in arithmetic.

Jessie L. Campbell, St. George's school.
Marice Druker, Simcoe street school.
Margaret Flood, St. Mary's school.
Frank J. Graham, St. Mary's school.
Jack Jepson, Talbot street school.
Edith Kipp, St. George's school.
Willie Mace, St. George's school.
Llewellyn Purdom, Colborne street school.
Courtland Stanfield, Lorne avenue school.
Viola Taylor, Lorne avenue school.
Gordon Udy, Colborne street school.
Henry Wyse, Chesley avenue school.
Teddie Weir, St. George's school.
Hazel L. Weber, St. George's school.
Elinor McPhillips, Sacred Heart Academy.

The Percentage of Passed.

In the list are seven names, after which no marks appear. They are pupils who were prevented by illness from writing, but who were passed on recommendation of the principals.

The percentage of those who passed in London is 77 per cent., which includes those passed by the separate schools.

The separate schools had 43 candidates writing, and 42 passed, or nearly 100 per cent.

Andrewes, Fred	466	Flood, Marg't	543
Annett, Robbie	490	Grant, Norman	419
Anderson, Wilf'd	444	Goodburne, W.	438
Adkins, Verna	447	Glennie, George	435
Allen, Beth	521	Greene, Laura	409
Avey, Tom	414	Glen, Wilfred	452
Aitken, Harold	439	Gammage, Gardie	409
Aikenhead, G.	400	Gilbank, Ida	394
Anderson, Willie	476	Gilbert, Naomi	414
Abraham, Reg.	434	Gilbert, Ruth	395
Armitage, Art.	412	Govenlock, J. C.	491
Arscott, Frances	391	Greene, Kenneth	472
Aitken, Irene	407	Gordon, George	449
Armstrong, B.	434	Graham, Flossie	437
Arthur, John	398	Graham, Frank	510
Boyd, Harold	390	Hunter, Ivan	440
Belton, Roy	582	Holm, Trevor	444
Bisby, Arlie	447	Hyward Freda	528
Baird, Eloise	442	Haley, Arthur	418
Byrnes, Ruby	416	Harvey, Mona	390
Bartlett, Irene	528	Heath, Harold	423
Bently, Annie	442	Harrison, Arthur	415
Branton, Annie	461	Hayes, Harold	444
Beer, Carrie	561	Howard, Clar.	424
Brodison, Tom	406	Hodgins, Burton	494
Bartlett, Willie	461	Hall, Clara	516
Bowie, Elsie	466	Hodder, William	491
Burt, Victor	444	Hynd, Gladys	430
Barnard, Andrew	392	Horn, Wilbert	421
Blackwell, John	471	Henderson, Will	401
Bell, Jessie	454	Hand, Willie	402
Brett, Isadore	391	Insell, James	474
Beattie, Marjorie	413	Johnston, Ken	460
Broughton, M.	438	Jones, Nettie E.	437
Ball, John	405	Johnston, Earl	433
Bateson, Varcoe	479	Jenkins, Mary	424
Breake, Sydney	476	Johnson E. A.	
Damford, Lyle	440	Johnston, Mar. M.	390
Bartlett, Fred	426	Jepson, Jack	516
Bowley, Mary	406	Janes, Norman	425
Bailey, Gladys	527	Kilbourne, Reta	440
Burns, Marg't	483	Keenleyside, Reg.	512
Brookes, Stella	499	Kennedy, Jack	422
Coppersmith, B.	422	Keyes, Alton	501
Crouch, Rupert	463	Kipp, Edith	533
Carroll, Jennie	440	Logan, Harold	450
Cake, Verne	440	Last, Harold	475
Croden, Jamie	473	Lucas, Mabel	393
Crummer, Flor.	470	Lister, Clifford	427
Carson, Ralph	479	Lucas, Richard	426
Chambers, Nellie	406	Legg, Russell	396
Childs, Harold	391	Levin, Solomon	424
Carrothers, Cecil	503	Levin, Theo.	431
Clarke, Ida	430	Linington, Leon	404
Craig, Arthur	390	Leigh, Olive	393
Campbell, J. L.	486	Lackie, Myrtle	439
Campbell, Kath.	490	Lamb, Etha	430
Carling, Wilfred	450	Long, Joseph	441
Courtis, Muriel	429	Lamey, Bernard	456
Collyer, Cyril	470	Loughlin, Ed.	494
Catalano, Jos.	487	Lyons, Roy	459
Coughlin, Jack	423	McElhinney, Roy	407
Christopher, Har.	461	McKay, Ella	420
Collins, Frank	432	McWilliam, Geo.	434
Davies, Eleanor	424	McWood, Elsie	495
Dench, Edith	471	McWood, Eva	495
Dewey, Anna	493	McKenna, Willie	483
Deane, Edith	420	McGill Marg't	446
Doyle, Dorothy		McKitterick, P.	479
Dyson, Robbie	434	McClary, Oliver	439
Dann, Katie	455	McGuffin, Leah	467
Davis, Fred C.	402	McMillan, Jas.	555
Doelle, Arnold	450	McArthur, Chas.	433
Dowling, Percy	390	McFadden, Jack	392
Daly, Reginald	508	McNaughton, H.	457
Durban, Harry	396	MacLeod, Bruce	458
Druker, Maurice	473	McCullough, Silas	513
Davis, Marion	438	McDougall, Illene	400
Down, Harry	395	McDougall, Chris.	519
Delaney, Raym'd	465	McMurtry, Carl'n	425
Deveney, Frank	453	MacDonald, A. F.	425
Daly, Marjorie	461	McIntyre, Peter	461
Erskine, Lillian	405	McCarthy, Jos.	472
Evans, Raymond	441	McGrenere, Ella	523
Ferguson, Ger.	468	McDonald, Leone	456
Fox, Noah	443	McDonnell, Laur.	521
Fysh, Chester	441	McPhillips, Elin'r	467
Foster, Delah	445	Mackenzie, Wm.	451
Fletcher, Joe	441	Manning, Paul	480

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MRS. BOOMER SERIOUSLY HURT IN RUNAWAY IN SOUTH LONDON

Well-Known Charitable Worker Thrown From a Cart When the Pony Ran Away—Another Lady Slightly Injured.

At 2:30 this afternoon Mrs. Boomer was resting quietly, and Dr. Niven stated that she is doing as well as can be expected. Miss Parsons is still delirious, but the attendng physician thinks her condition has improved slightly.

Mrs. Harriet A. Boomer, of 428 Dundas street, widow of the late Dean Boomer, and who is one of the best-known charitable workers not only in London but in the entire Dominion, was seriously hurt in a runaway accident in South London about 5:30 yesterday afternoon.

With Mrs. Boomer at the time were Miss Parsons, governess in the household of Col. Gartshore, manager of the McClary Manufacturing Company, and a little grandson of the colonel's.

Miss Parsons was driving a pony attached to a two-wheeled cart, and a dog belonging to Col. Gartshore was following the rig. On Cathcart street, according to stories told The Advertiser by a number of eyewitnesses, the dog grew a little too playful, and, darting he seized the pony by the fetlock. The horse, usually very quiet, but with plenty of spirit, suddenly bolted. With three in the cart, Miss Farsons did not have sufficient room to handle the reins properly, and the pony went along at a furious clip.

A Bad Spill.

At the corner of Bruce street, there is a telephone pole, and as the animal turned to go west, the cart went over on one side, and the occupants were thrown out.

Mrs. Boomer, a lady of more than 70 years of age, was thrown against the pole, and her head was terribly cut. She was dazed, and the blood poured from the wound in streams, but she made no complaint, and aroused the sympathy of the crowd who gathered by the pathetic manner in which she sought to make the best of the accident.

Miss Parsons was also seriously hurt, but the boy escaped. The pony was caught a few blocks away, with no damage to the outfit.

Drs. Ferguson and Niven were at once summoned, and attended the patients. Mrs. Boomer was taken to the residence of Mrs. John Beattie, on the Wortley road, while Miss Par-

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ASQUITH IS GETTING READY TO DITCH "LAST DITCHERS"

Halsbury Likely to Insist Upon Ocular Demonstration as to New Peers So Premier May Name Big Batch.

London, uJly 21.—King George has given Premier Asquith his promtse to appoint as many new peers as will be necessary to pass the veto bill. This was announced this afternoon by the Premier in a letter addressed to A. J. Balfour.

[Canadian Press.]

London, July 21.—The political problem has narrowed down to the differences between Lord Lansdowne and the Earl of Halsbury as to the future Unionist action on the veto bill, and today's cabinet council had to make provision to meet a possible hostile demonstration on the part of the "last ditchers."

Lord Lansdowne seemingly would be satisfied with Premier Asquith's assurance that he has authority to create all the peers necessary, but the Earl of Halsbury demands an ocular demonstration, and as his following is an unknown quantity, the Government cannot afford to take the risk of being outvoted, as they might be if they created only a small preliminary batch of peers.

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THE HOSPITALS OF CARDIFF FILLED WITH MOB VICTIMS

[Canadian Press.]

Cardiff, Wales, July 21.—Five hundred Lancashire Fusiliers arrived here today and occupy the buildings in the dock district. There was rioting by the shipping strikers throughout the night. The streets are strewn with wreckage and the hospitals are filled with the victims of mob violence.

Efforts are being made to open negotiations between the shipping men and the strikers in the hope of reaching a settlement.

BRITISH OFFICERS FOR THE MILITIA

Eight to Assist in Training Under French's Plan.

TO ACT AS SUPERVISORS

One To Be Attached to Headquarters Staff and the Rest With Division.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, July 21. — The plan of military organization recommended by Gen. French has been adopted and is now in full operation throughout Canada, divisions having been substituted for the old system of districts.

As a part of the reorganization and to give it full effect, eight British officers have been obtained to perform staff duties for some time. Their duties will be chiefly educational, as they will supervise and carry out the scheme of training. Each division will have one of these officers assigned to it. The officers who have been secured for the work are: Major L. F. Phillips, King's Royal Rifles; Capt. L. J. Lipsett, Royal Irish Regiment; Capt. J. C. Gordon Hall, Yorkshire Light Infantry; Capt. R. J. F. Hayter, Cheshire Regiment; Lieut.-Col. C. E. English, R. E.; Lieut.-Col. T. B. Wood, R. E.; Major W. Robertson, R. E.; Lieut.-Col. Gwatkins.

CHOLERA CHECKED

No Cases on Latest Steamer From Italian Port.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, July 21. — The federal and state physicians and bacteriologists down the harbor guarding the country from a threatened invasion of cholera, were encouraged today by the fact that no cases of the disease have been found thus far among the latest arrivals from Italy, Twenty-four hours have elapsed since the steamer Principe di Piemonte from Genoa and Naples entered quarantine, and the official report today said no further developments of the disease had appeared.

McCormick's Travellers on Holidays.

The Ontario travellers of the McCormick Manufacturing Company are enjoying a two weeks' holiday at present. This plan was adopted last year by the firm, and no doubt the drummers know how to appreciate it.

ETHEL BARRYMORE EVADES HUSBAND

Rushes Off to Toronto for Her Baby Boy.

HAS THE FLYER STOPPED

Child of Famous Actress and Millionaire Kept in Canada Since Troubles Began.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, N. Y., July 21. — Ethel Barrymore, the actress whose Pacific coast tour was suddenly ended last week, just after the announcement that she was seeking a divorce from Russell Colt, arrived in New York yesterday on the Twentieth Century Limited, and escaped an army of newspapermen and friends by the unusual feat of making the train stop at 125th street. The stop made the train several minutes late, but it enabled Miss Barrymore to evade questioners and to take a later train for Toronto, where her baby boy has been in the care of a nurse ever since the first rumors of marital trouble. Representatives of Charles Frohman, under whose management Miss Barrymore was starring, planned the escape from the interviewers with such cleverness that the actress was on her way to Canada while her husband was still making a tour of the big New York hotels, in the hope that he might, by a personal appeal effect a reconciliation.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOLER.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, July 21—8 a.m.

Today—Moderate to fresh westerly winds; thunderstorms in a few localities, but mostly fine.

Saturday—Fresh northwest winds, fair and cooler.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Past 24 Hours. Max.	Min.	Weather.
Victoria	64	56	Cloudy
Calgary	70	50	Cloudy
Winnipeg	70	48	Clear
Port Arthur	64	48	Clear
Parry Sound	78	56	Fair
Toronto	78	56	Cloudy
Ottawa	76	54	Fair
Montreal	76	62	Fair
Quebec	78	56	Clear
Father Point	64	48	Fair

WEATHER NOTES.

A shallow barometric depression is passing eastward across Ontario and Quebec. The weather continues moderately warm from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic, and cool in the Western Provinces.

Showers have occurred in parts of Northern Ontario, and in the Lower St. Lawrence Valley.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Highest and lowest registratoins for Thursday were 56—83.

"PRETTY CHUMMY WITH MORKIN" MR. M'EVOY SAID OF WITNESS

Counsel for Mr. Mulhall Called Judge Macbeth's Attention to What He Thought Was Not Right in the Alleged Graft Investigation Today.

The evidence in the Mulhall alleged graft investigation is being heard again today before Judge Macbeth at the city hall. Two witnesses were called before the luncheon adjournment at noon, John Christie and Jas. Gilmour, giving evidence for the prosecution.

Both were teamsters in the city's employ and swore that they carted gravel to the yard of Ward Foreman Patrick Mulhall, on Picadilly street.

Gilmour is the man for whom Mr. T. G. Meredith, K. C., who has been conducting the investigation on behalf of the city, has been looking for for some time. He was finally located near Wiarton.

Some Admission.

The reliability and some of the record of the witness was the subject of comment from Mr. J. M. McEvoy, who is acting for Mulhall. Gilmour admitted that he was arrested some months ago at the instigation of his father, who charged him with stealing his pigs and a wagon. The matter, however, was finally straightened out when Gilmour, sen., arranged a satisfactory disposition of the case with the magistrate, Squire W. H. Chittick. The father did not press the case very severely against his son.

Gilmour also admitted when questioned regarding his career, that he was arrested on one occasion on a charge of firing a barn. After offering some objection, he stated that he is now camping near Wiarton, and that he is living as a "gypsy" horse dealer.

In his evidence he told the court of having delivered seven or eight loads of gravel to Mulhall's place while employed as a teamster, and that he was always instructed to secure good clean material. However, when he arrived at Mulhall's the store yard was always emptied, and when he appeared again on the scene his loads of the previous trips had been cleared away. He had not seen work in progress at Mulhall's house, but had always noticed a mixing board near where he was instructed to dump his loads.

Pretty Chummy.

Gilmour, on being dismissed at the noon adjournment, was ordered not to discuss the matter with any person, but, as he passed down the stairs it is claimed he spoke with Alderman Tancock, who laid the charges, and with the Morkins, who are supposed to have instigated the investigation.

Mr. McEvoy appeared on the scene and called the attention of the judge to the fact that Gilmour was pretty "chummy" with one of the Morkins, who supplied the witness with tobacco.

Mr. McEvoy will place Mr. Mulhall on the stand this afternoon, after Mr. Meredith closes his case. He objected to proceeding with the defense before the prosecution finished, however.

A Serious Charge.

The question of falsifying the pay sheets will again be entered into this afternoon. This morning Judge Macbeth made inquiries regarding certain differences in time, and as a result Miss Lawrence, of the city engineer's office, will be called this afternoon, to explain the system of pay sheets and time sheets. It seems that the latter show the actual time spent in different branches of work under the city engineer's department, such as cleaning pavements, construction of gravel roads, sewerage system, etc.

It is said that the sheets prepared by Mulhall show that Christie was credited with nine hours on one day, when he only worked six, but that on the following day he was employed three, and the two days were lumped together as one.

Photo by Geo. A. Henry, Dundas Street.
MRS. H. A. BOOMER,
London Lady Who Was Injured in Runaway in South London Yesterday.

DOUBLE-HEADER STORM SWEEPS NEW YORK

Several Buildings Hit by Bolts —Appartment Dwellers in a Panic.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, July 21. — Two electric storms burst over New York early today. Several buildings were struck by lightning, and there were calls for the fire department, but several slight blazes were extinguished with but little demage.

When lightning ran through a big apartment house in Brooklyn it wrecked the telephone switchboard and stunned the operator and drove nearly one hundred occupants out into the rain, many in their night-clothes. Physicians were called to attend several hysterical women. The second storm at 7 o'clock this morning, more than two hours after sunrise, made the city as dark as night.

TEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL ON TRIP FROM ENGLAND

Ruth Steadwell Is Traveling to Chicago All Alone.

To travel across the ocean alone is a trip that many a grown person undertakes with many misgivings, but for a 10-year-old girl to make it entirely by herself is something unusual. Yet that is what 10-year-old Ruth Stedwell is doing, and last night she passed through on the C. P. R. express en route to Chicago, having come all the way from her home in the southern part of England to join some relatives. The little girl stated that she had had a splendid time, and that everybody had been unusually kind to her. On the steamer, she said, when people found out that she had no one to look after her, everyone made things as pleasant for her as they could, and the railway officials since she landed have done the same.

RECORDS IN PERIL.

Braintree, Mass., July 21.—The birth records of John Adams and John Quincy Adams, both of whom served as presidents of the United States, and of John Hancock, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, narrowly escaped destruction in a fire which practicaly destroyed the Braintree town hall last night. The flames spread very rapidly, but all of the official papers and documents of the town were saved. The fire originated in the basement, probably from spontaneous combustion. The loss is $100,000.

MOTOR RAMS A POLE FIVE PERSONS INJURED

Two Occupants of Automobile at Montreal May Die.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, July 21.—Five people were injured, one probably fatally, when an automobile crashed into a telephone pole at 1:30 o'clock this morning at the corner of Harbor and St. Catharine streets, opposite the entrance to the Hochelaga office of the Montreal street railway.

The most seriously injured was a man said to be George Leduc, McGill, College avenue, owner of the machine, who was taken to the General Hospital in an unconscious condition, with a fractured skull. Miss Annie Kendell, 9 St. Roch street, was taken to the same hospital, suffering from a badly cut face and broken nose, and it is also thought she has sustained internal injuries. Miss L. Boyer, 15 St. Famille street, was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital, and when examined by the physicians it was found she had sustained a fractured hip and internal injuries. The chauffeur and another man and woman who were in the car escaped with slight injuries. The car was smashed into kindling wood.

LADY OM DEAD

Famed as a Palace Politician When Consort of Korean Emperor.

Seoul, July 21.—Lady Om, consort of Emperor Yi Ueul, who abdicated in 1907 died yesterday.

Lady Om was a palace politician of great skill. She was attendant upon the Queen of Korea, who was murdered. She gained the favor of the Emperor and was finally compelled to flee from the palace. After the death of the queen she was restored to the court.

BIG PRICE FOR CHURCH

Dominion Methodist at Montreal Sold for $350,000.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, July 21.—The problem of the distribution of the Methodist congregations in the city, which was some time ago relegated to a special metropolitan committee to deal with, is to be partially solved by the action of the board of trustees of Dominion Square Methodist Church in selling that property, which it is now announced passes into the hands of Mr. Henry Pearce, wholesale jeweller, for a sum slightly under $350,000.

The Dominion Square property, situated at the angle of Windsor and Dorchester streets, with a frontage on the former of 180 feet and 126 feet on the latter, was purchased 47 years ago for the modest sum of $9,000, or thirty-one and a half cents per foot, and now exchanges hands at the rate of $15 per foot.

FIX UP CHAMP DE MARS

Montreal To Spend Seventy Thousand Dollars on Renovation Work.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, July 21. — For many years the Champ de Mars has been in a neglected state. The surface is cut into gullies and ridges by the heavy rains, and rickety wooden steps on the south side give a dilapidated appearance to the whole place. The board of control has approved of a plan which, if accepted by the city council, will convert the old field into a handsome, well-lighted terrace. The cost of the projected improvements is $70,000, about half of which is for paving, but as the latter cannot be carried out this summer, the board are asking the council to appropriate $37,000 for the preliminary work.