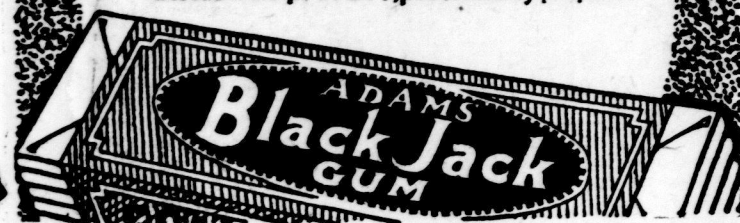


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## PUSHED FROM TRAIN ALLEGED STATEMENT MADE BY BRAKEMAN

Aged Man Dies As Result of  
Falling Over a Rope.

BRANTFORD, April 26.—It is reported that L. Kirby, the Toronto brakeman, who was fatally injured in a train accident at Paris on Sunday night, made a signed statement in the hospital here before he died. He declared that he had been pushed from the train as it pulled out of the Paris station. An inquest has been ordered for Friday night.

### Fall Proves Fatal.

Falling over a rope on Peel street, William H. Willis, aged 86 years, hit the cement walk and was rendered unconscious. His injury proved fatal, and he died at his home, 75 Arthur street, an hour later. Deceased had poor eyesight and did not see the rope which telephone men had stretched across the walk. The firemen will be important witnesses in the inquest which is to be held.

During the past day or two the police court has seen over ten drunks, each of whom was creating disturbances in the streets. One was fined \$100 for carrying a bottle. The circumstance is unusual, one or two drunks a day being the limit.

Appealing For \$3,000.

Kiwanis, Rotarians, Knight of Columbus and other community service

organizations united today in canvassing the city for funds for the local veterans' organizations, which have appealed for \$3,000 to carry on sick and relief work. Definite results of the canvass in which over 100 campaigners took part, were not known tonight, but the captains are positive that the objective will be reached early tomorrow.

## DENTON GARFIELD IS NOT ILL, SAYS WARDEN

Was in Hospital For Few Days  
—Is Not Worrying.

KINGSTON, April 26.—Warden J. C. Ponsford of Portsmouth Penitentiary says it is not true that according to a dispatch from London, Ont., Denton Garfield, who is serving a 21-year sentence in the penitentiary for complicity in the murder in Woodstock, for which his brother Norman is awaiting execution, is in a precarious state of health, owing to his remorse over his betrayal of Norman at the trial. The warden stated today that Denton Garfield had been in the prison hospital for some days after his admission to the penal institution, but was now in good health and attending to his work daily. The warden said Denton's illness was not due to worry.

GOODYEAR'S TO REORGANIZE.  
TORONTO, April 26.—The private bills committee of the Legislature this morning reported the bill which provides for the reorganization of the Goodyear Tire Company of Canada, Limited.

## ASHPLANT MAKES FORMAL APOLOGY TO LEGISLATURE FOR STATEMENTS

Denies That He Intended the  
Interpretation Placed On  
His Remarks.

ATTACKS REPORTERS

Ashplant Thinks News Is  
Often Colored by News-  
papermen.

[By Staff Reporter.]

TORONTO, March 26.—Flat denial by H. B. Ashplant that he had intimidated the Ontario Legislature "could and might be bribed to pass the City Gas bill" was accepted by the privileges and elections committee of the Legislature today, after Mr. Ashplant had made a definite statement to the effect that he was sincerely sorry any such interpretation had been placed upon his remarks was recorded in the minutes, and the case was closed.

Mr. Ashplant himself was the principal witness, but Mayor Little, Aldermen F. E. Harley, G. B. Drake, B. F. Brighton and W. A. Wilson also gave evidence.

After all the evidence had been heard, J. W. Curry, K.C., Southeast Toronto, asked: "Did Mr. Ashplant go as far as to say that if anything he did was capable of that interpretation that he desired to withdraw it, and is sorry for having so expressed himself?"

"No, he did not go that far," replied Chairman Brackin.

"Perhaps he would now," suggested T. W. Ferguson, Government counsel, "say that he did not desire his words to convey the interpretation or be interpreted in the manner they have been interpreted, and if they are capable of that interpretation then he is sorry."

Denies Statement.

"Well, I am just exactly in the position that I started out," replied Mr. Ashplant. "I distinctly deny that I used the words that have been attributed to me in the Globe, the first paragraph of which seems to have been the basis of the charges, or that I made use of that phraseology."

"But there is this position, that there does not seem to be the slightest use of getting away from the fact that certain members of the council took certain ideas from what I did say, whatever I said. Well, now, I am in just this position on that, that I am sincerely sorry that any such interpretation of what I said should ever have been published as appeared in the Globe."

Mr. Curry—No, no. You are sorry for having made use of any words in respect to which any such interpretation could be based.

Formal Apology.

Mr. Ferguson—And if any such interpretation should be placed upon any words of yours that you desire to withdraw and express your regret for having used them.

Mr. Ashplant—Certainly.

Mr. Curry—You say certainly, but you do not do it.

R. L. Brackin, chairman, suggested that the apology be drawn up by Mr. Curry in the words that it had been originally suggested, and that Mr. Ashplant should sign it. Mr. Ashplant acquiesced, declaring, "I am quite willing to say what you have said." But, the committee taking the view that the assent of Mr. Ashplant to the apology as stated was already a matter of record on the verbatim evidence, the formal apology was taken as read into the record.

First Witness.

H. B. Ashplant was first called. He asked whether it was a trial or investigation, and was told by Chairman Brackin that it was an investigation, and that he was entitled to counsel. He waived this.

On being sworn he stated that he attended the city council meeting on March 7 to follow up the matter of the increased gas prices. He spoke in connection with the proposed bill to increase the capitalization of the City Gas Company.

Mr. Ferguson, Government counsel, then read the report of Ashplant's address as it appeared in the Toronto Globe. He asked if it was a correct summarization of his remarks. Mr. Ashplant declared it was inaccurate. He denied that there was a stormy session as the report declared. It was inaccurate in respect that he made no statement but merely a "gentle inquiry," as recorded in The Advertiser.

Did Not Make Statement.

He uttered no such sentiments as "the Legislature could and might be bribed."

He did not introduce Mr. McCrea's name in the same relation as reported in the Toronto Globe. He admitted mentioning the sum of \$10,000 to \$15,000 bonus stock. He merely mentioned the possibility that the company would have bonus stock at its disposal to use legitimately in the furtherance of its end. The Globe reporter did not get his meaning correctly.

"Did you suggest that McCrea might be asked to accept stock?" he was asked.

"Decidedly not," he replied. "A member of the city council asked me who would use this stock. I replied: 'The solicitor,' and said offhand, 'Mr. McCrea,' but then remembered that A. H. M. Graydon was their solicitor."

He then gave his own account of the council meeting. He had endeavored to point out some features of the proposed settlement which he believed all the members of the council did not see. He objected to the bonus stock which was being created. He made no charges or statement, merely an inquiry. He would repudiate the idea of Mr. McCrea taking a bribe.

Asked for Explanation.

He was asked if The Advertiser's account was correct. He said that the account of the reports was satisfactory, but

that it was a "gentle inquiry," as recorded in its account.

"The gentlest word is often the hardest," remarked Mr. Ferguson.

He was asked if he could explain how the reports would get the impression which they recorded. He said that the reports were just rough generalizations. "How did you think that \$15,000 could be legitimately expended by the company in your case?" he asked through the fact that it was generally known that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association spends one to two million dollars in influencing tariff legislation. He supposed the gas company could do the same thing.

Brackin Presses Question.

"Did you intend to convey that the \$15,000 could be legitimately expended or otherwise?" Chairman Brackin asked. "I didn't even say they might," he replied. Mr. Brackin pressed the question, and Ashplant replied: "Legitimately if at all."

"What was could they use it legitimately to get a bill through the Legislature?" was the next question.

"By local propaganda," he replied. "There was nothing said by me, that, being rightly interpreted, could mean that the Legislature could or might be bribed. But they might get the impression that corporations do that."

Color the News.

"Unfortunately, yes," he replied. "It is my conviction that reporters get many public men into trouble by coloring news."

Mayor Little's evidence practically substantiated the newspaper accounts of the meeting. Mr. Ashplant cross-examined him, asked if the mayor had any personal antipathy towards him.

"None whatever," replied the mayor. "Have you changed your opinion since you advertised me in connection with Lenin and Trotsky?" Mr. Ashplant asked.

"I have nothing against you personally," the mayor replied.

In answer to another question the mayor said that he considered Mr. Ashplant a danger to the community in his official capacity. "Why?" asked Mr. Ashplant. "Because of your views," was the reply.

"On what?" he asked next. "Socialism," stated the mayor. "Mr. Ashplant sought to put this line further, but the committee ruled it was irrelevant."

Ald. Harley, Drake, W. A. Wilson and Brighton corroborated the mayor's evidence.

Ald. W. A. Wilson asked Chairman Brackin who would pay the aldermen's expenses in connection with their trip to Toronto. Mr. Brackin replied that it was likely the provincial treasurer would furnish the money if it was found that the provincial budget was not already too heavily burdened.

The investigation of Andrew Hicks' statements at a U. C. picnic in London, were continued. Mr. Fox, South Essex, was called. He said there was some foundation for Hicks' believing what he did. Mr. Fox had spoken to him of an offer which an American firm made to settle a case out of court in connection with land damages at Pelee Island. The township was offered \$50,000 in a perfectly proper and legal manner. He did not intend to convey the impression that there was anything wrong.

The case was not finally closed, as there is another witness to be heard.

Taylor Case Short.

It did not take the committee long to dispose of the case of D. J. Taylor, U. F. O. member for North Grey, who went into the box to say that an unknown man had come to him to say that he could make \$1,000 if he, Taylor, would use his influence to have one George Menzies appointed vice-chairman of the workers' compensation board.

Mr. Taylor produced a letter from W. Wilcox, a former constituent, now a resident of Detroit, who said it was he who made the proposition, and that it had been turned down.

"During the election," said the letter, "I heard conflicting stories about you, and so I took the trouble to call on you for the sole purpose of testing you, out as to your honesty in political matters. I was not asked by any person to see or make any offer to you, but did so entirely of my own bat."

The case of R. Reece Hall, Parry Sound, against the Toronto Evening Telegram was deemed not to be a matter with which the committee could deal insofar as the article which appeared in the Telegram regarding Mr. Hall's connection with the building of the Parry Sound dam made no reflection on him as a member of the Legislature.

The committee also declined to deal with the matter arising out of the charge made by C. F. Swayze of Niagara Falls that M. M. MacBride, M. A. South Brant, was insincere in his efforts to settle the strike of the hydro development at Chippewa last summer.

CHICAGO ENGINEER  
APPROVES HYDRO'S PLANS

Says Facilities Planned Are of Unusually High Grade.

TORONTO, April 26.—Bion J. Arnold of Chicago, consulting engineer, and electric railway expert, giving evidence here today before the Government commission inquiring into the radial railway projects of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, not only approved of the proposed radials, but added that the facilities planned by the hydro-electric power commission were of unusually high grade. The conditions, Mr. Arnold said, carry all operating and fixed charges, and in future the surplus should have a substantial growth.

Mr. Arnold suggested an elevated line from the radial terminals at the foot of Bay street, this city, to Front street, and then a subway to Queen street, with a station at King street. This, he said, would enable the radials to bring passengers right to the heart of the city. Mr. Arnold figured the cost of the subway at \$3,600,000.

74TH DAY OF PROBE.

TORONTO, April 26.—The 74th day of the hydro probe opened at Osgoode Hall today with the calling of Bion J. Arnold, the noted Chicago consulting engineer, who prepared a lengthy report for the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario on the proposed hydro-electric railways.

Mr. Arnold's conclusion, after an exhaustive study of the project, to build the Toronto, Hamilton and St. Catharines Line, the Toronto Eastern, the Toronto Suburban, the Hamilton, Galt and Elmira, the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Lines. "The project, as set forth in my report, is as a whole," he concluded, "feasible, and, if constructed and operated under proper management, with the support of the communities served, its success can be reasonably expected."

UNEMPLOYED CONFERENCE.

TORONTO, April 26.—John Doggett, John Munro and Harry Kerwin this afternoon conferred with the Labor members of the Legislature regarding the unemployed situation.

Another meeting will be held on Friday morning, when plans for dealing with the industrial situation throughout Ontario will be discussed.

## CRIPPLED YOUTH, QUITE HELPLESS, HELD UNDER O. T. A.

ST. THOMAS, April 26.—The recommendations made by Warden McKillop and C. St. Clair Letch, county counsel, to the attorney-general that Lawrence Crawford, Port Burwell, who is locked up in the county jail, crippled and needing the attention of a high-priced attendant, be allowed out on parole, has been turned down by the department. The attorney-general declines to interfere and suggests that the local authorities move for release. The people of Port Burwell sent in a petition asking for clemency. Crawford's attendant is receiving \$100 a month during the stay of the accused in the county jail. The young man will have to stay out his sentence of three months if the local O. T. A. officials have anything to say in the matter.

### DROWNED WHEN BRIDGE BROKE.

KAPUSKASING, Ont., April 26. James Phillipson, married, was drowned when the footbridge over the river here broke in two this morning. Although help was close at hand, the unfortunate man never rose to the surface.

### EPWORTH LEAGUE OFFICERS.

Brantford, April 26.—At the annual convention of the Epworth League of Brantford Methodist district here Monday the following principal officers were

elected: E. C. Crawley, Brantford, re-elected president; Miss Baird, secretary; Miss Braund, Brantford, assistant secretary, and E. Edington, Paris, treasurer.

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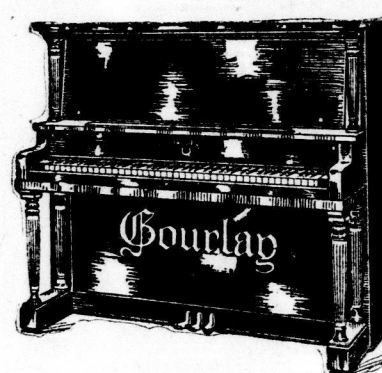
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Columbia Cabinet Phonograph; regular price, \$160.00. Special price.....\$135.00	Gourlay, Winter & Leeming, Louis design in mahogany; regular price, \$575.00. Special price...\$360.00
Pathe Phonograph; regular price, \$85.00. *Special price.....\$55.00	Canada Piano, colonial design, mahogany; regular price, \$475.00. Special price.....\$250.00
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