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NATURAL GAS COMPANIES ARE NOW TRYING TO MERGE HAVE 80,000,000 FEET TO SELL

Representative Was in the City on Wednesday and Had an Interview With His Worship Mayor Stevely--The Scheme Outlined--City Gas Company Still Appears To Be in the Way of the Promoters.

A monster merger of gas companies seeking a franchise in London is in the process of formation and it is estimated that a supply of 80,000,000 feet of natural gas will be ready for piping to this city.

The idea of a merger of the companies was considered some time ago and the representatives got together. The scheme was favorable received, it is stated, by all of them, and the details of the amalgamation are now being worked out.

The combined companies have, at the present time, 80,000,000 feet of gas ready for the market, sufficient to supply London and many other cities.

THE MERGER.

Mr. G. L. McKay, of Leamington, was in the city yesterday. He came for the purpose of interviewing Mr. J. C. Duffield, manager of the City Gas Company, as to terms of distribution.

MAYOR WAS INTERVIEWED.

Mr. McKay had an interview with Mayor Stevely, and explained that the companies intended to combine and market their product in the City of London.

80,000,000 FEET OF GAS.

If the merger is consummated, there will be a total of 80,000,000 feet of gas, quite sufficient, I should say, to last London for some time.

There is still another company asking for a franchise. A London company is interested in the Fort Dover field. They have a number of wells on their property, and are certain that they have enough gas to supply the city of London.

STILL ANOTHER COMPANY.

However, they claim that it is not necessary to come to London to find a market, as they have applications for other municipalities for practically all the gas they can supply.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR ELLIOTT KIMBALL

High Character and Big Petition in His Favor Saves Him From Prison Term.

[Special to the Advertiser.] Chatham, May 6.—Elliott J. Kimball, found guilty of the manslaughter of W. J. Heeley, formerly of London, on July 28 last, was released on suspended sentence this morning, after Justice Teetzel had declared he was satisfied of the high character of the ex-police chief.

SITUATION IS NOW VERY COMPLICATED

Generally Thought That the Charges of Perjury Against Londoners Will Be Dropped.

It is generally thought that the charges of perjury laid against Tom Lewis and John O'Meara arising out of the London election conspiracy will be dropped.

GRAVESTONES FOR BASES.

Port Hope, May 6.—At a meeting of the high school board last night Justice Clark called attention to the condition of the deserted Methodist Cemetery, adjoining the school grounds.

SNOWBALLS IN MAY

An unusual case for the month of May was heard in court this morning, when Ralph McCully, of this city, was found guilty of throwing snowballs and was fined \$1.

LONDON ELECTRIC GETTING SORE OVER THE CITY'S LIGHTING BILL

It Is Said a Writ May Be Issued If Company's Account for \$9,000 Is Not Paid Forthwith—Company Has Not Received a Cent for Street Lighting Since November Last.

The city has not paid the company a cent for street lighting since the expiration of the contract in November last. Since that time negotiations have been going on between the city and the company for a contract to run five years, with a three months' notice of cancellation.

OUTSIDE PLACES WILL COMPETE

Erection of Hospitals Will Likely Mean a Reduction in Victoria Hospital Revenue.

PATIENTS LIKE LONDON

Come From as Far as St. Catharines—Petrolia and Ingersoll Building Hospitals.

The fact that before the summer is over, London will have three competitors at nearby outside points for hospital patients, is one that according to several physicians spoken to by The Advertiser means considerable diminution in the revenue the city has been receiving from out-of-town patients at Victoria Hospital.

G. T. R. FREIGHT WAS WRECKED NEAR HAMILTON

Five Cars Were Ditched and the Line Was Blocked This Morning.

LONDON TRAVELLER'S TERRIBLY CLOSE CALL

Knocked Down By a Locomotive at Dresden and Clothes Torn From Body.

THE WEATHER

Table with weather forecasts for Toronto and other locations, including temperature, wind, and precipitation.

AN IMPORTANT DISTURBANCE IS CENTRED this morning in Wisconsin, and the pressure is highest in the West Pacific States.

FIGURES ARE ROLLING UP

Standing in the Trip-To-Europe Up To Tuesday Night, (May 4th)

A GENERAL ADVANCE

Is Noted All Along the Line—A Glance at the Figures to Date.

Table showing figures for various districts and locations, including names and associated numbers.

ROUGHMOND FOUND GUILTY

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A FIGHTING SPEECH BY MINISTER PUGSLEY

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