

LONDON ELECTRIC WILL MEET PRICES THE CITY HAS NAMED FOR NIAGARA POWER IN CITY

Director Makes It Plain That City's Plant Has Big Fight Ahead of It--Some Power Users Are Inclined to the Opinion That Niagara Power Will Not Be Able to Compete With That Generated by Producer Gas.

"We will meet any rate for power or lighting that the city decides upon."

This statement was given officially to The Advertiser by one of the directors of the London Electric, when he was asked the attitude of the company towards the city plan.

"We are doing business here now, and we will continue to do business, if a struggle is decided upon. We will have our new machinery ready in two months' time, or just as soon as Niagara power is here. Then we will be prepared to make a fight."

"I have only a rough idea of the rates so far, as we have not been given the schedule decided upon," the director continued. "The bald statement that power will cost from \$40 to \$50 a horsepower does not mean much. There are other matters about which we have no information. However, we are in business, and we will meet the city's rate for power."

"We have consumers at 5 cents a kilowatt hour now. There are any number of places in the city obtaining power at that price."

Considerable interest was manifested throughout the city in regard to the Niagara power prices. The lighting prices are pronounced to be within the mark. The regular rate for domestic consumption has been 9 cents a kilowatt hour. For ordinary consumers the new rate will be just about half the present rate.

NO SPECIAL RATES.

There are many large consumers at the present time getting their lights from the London Electric at 5 cents. What effect the city's offer will have on them is not known. A special rate cannot be given by the city, it is stated, to any single customer, and the one rate will apply to all whether large or small consumers.

The London Electric has stated that they will meet any rate set by the city, and it is hinted in some quarters that a special rate to large consumers will be made, which will be a shade under 5-cent rate quoted by the city.

POWER PRICES HIGH.

Among power consumers generally the power prices are considered somewhat high. The McClary Manufacturing Company say that producer gas furnishes power to them at about \$17 a horsepower.

Some state that this figure is a trifle under the usual cost of such power, which should be \$22 a horsepower. This, of course, allows the company to furnish their lighting at the same rate. The latter have about 6,500 meters in use, and lighting down to 1, or perhaps 2 cents a kilowatt hour at the outside.

The Empire Brass Company have a plant, and it is furnishing power at less than \$20 a horsepower.

The Hyman Company have installed a gas plant, with a guarantee of power less than \$20 a horsepower. The amount of power consumed by these firms is about 800 horsepower, a very considerable amount on a load of 3,000 horsepower, which the city is buying from the commission.

USE PRODUCER GAS.

These companies will not change their plants for Niagara power at the present time, and unless a more favorable rate is given they will continue to use Producer Gas, since they have invested considerable sums of money in the equipment.

Other firms are not willing to discuss the question, and a number of them when interviewed stated that they would wait until Manager Dark submitted a concrete proposition to them before making any statement.

When they have definite figures, the amount of the discounts, etc., they will make a definite statement regarding the project.

VERY OPTIMISTIC.

"Mr. Dark is extremely optimistic regarding the number of consumers who will average \$1 per month," stated a director of the London Electric. "The city must intend asking away all the customers of the London Electric and City Gas Company. The latter have about 6,500 meters in use, and we have quite a number, and surely we will be able to hold some of them."

On the other hand it is pointed out that there are about 12,000 water services in the city, and with good management it should not be a difficult matter to obtain half of these as customers for the city power for light, etc., especially when the citizens voted for the scheme.

NO COMPARISONS.

As to whether or not the commissioners were making a good business transaction in the power prices quotation, the directors of the London Electric preserved a discreet silence.

They would not discuss that aspect of the matter at all, standing pat on the statement that with new machinery they could profitably meet any price the city would place on power.

"I am confident that we can within one year dispose of 2,000-horsepower to manufacturers alone," said Manager Dark. "I think that is easy. The price is so attractive that the consumer cannot fail to respond to that. As for the street lighting, I expect to get 8,000 consumers at an average of \$1 a month. I made that after due deliberation and canvass of the field. The prices are on the safe side so far as the city is concerned."

Commissioners McMahon and Pocock declare that the prices are satisfactory.

"As our consumption grows, the price will come down," declared Mr. Pocock. "This is the highest the price will be, because of the fact that the enterprise is new. We will use a great deal more power than this."

SPLENDID WORK OF MOTORMAN PREVENTED BAD ACCIDENT

The splendid work of Motorman Devine, in charge of West London car No. 78, was all that prevented a farmer and a lady, who was driving with him, from being run down by a motor car, near Oxford street, this afternoon. The car was driving along ahead of the car, when his horse took fright and bolted in front of it.

Motorman Devine took the situation and jammed on the brakes and stopped his car just as it grazed the rig. Those who witnessed the affair say his prompt action was all that prevented a serious accident. The car was in charge of Conductor Smith.

MAGISTRATE DISMISSES A CHARGE OF THEFT

East End Man Accused His Companion of Tampering With Pocket Book.

A young man, 18 years old, living on York street, East London, appeared before Magistrate Love this morning on a charge of stealing \$28 from John Harrison, a carpet cleaner, living at 763 York street. He was found not guilty, and the case against him was dismissed. It is likely that the lad's father will take proceedings against Harrison for having had his son arrested.

COUNCIL WILL GRANT REQUEST

New School on Colborne Street Will Be Erected.

The request of the board of education that the council issue \$32,000 worth of debentures to erect the Colborne street school, will probably be granted without serious opposition.

The present structure is one of the relics of other days, and has been condemned as being insanitary. The method of heating the building is out of date, and extravagant, and will have to be replaced at a cost of several thousand dollars, whether or not a new structure is built.

The aldermen who have taken an interest in the matter are in favor of granting the request of the board.

To Mr. Judd, who appeared for the defendant, Harrison said that he spent \$28 in the Duke of York in the evening buying drinks for "the boys." When he left for Pottersburg he had \$28.

A third young man who was with the

TRAINMEN'S CASE NOW CRITICAL

One Side or Other Must Recede to Avoid a Strike.

LEONARD'S STATEMENT

Committee Ready To Enforce Demands, Declares Vice-President Murdoch.

Montreal, Que., June 24.—The Grand Trunk employees have made common cause with those of the C. P. R., and late last night forwarded to the Department of Labor at Ottawa a long letter rejecting the award of the board of conciliation. A copy of the letter was sent to the G.T.R. officials at the same time. This morning the C. P. R. men feel their hands considerably strengthened.

In the face of rejection, which the Grand Trunk officials received this morning, the men express satisfaction at the efforts of the board towards standardization on the Grand Trunk, but regret that the same effort was not made on the C. P. R. awards. Had it been made, the employees of the latter might not have been compelled to decline to accept the award.

Having regard to the fact that the wage rates on the Grand Trunk, as proposed by the board, are very far from the standard desired, the men "respectfully decline" to accept the award.

The men deny emphatically that there is any truth in the statement contained in the minority report of Mr. Wallace Nesbitt. The gist of this is that the present agitation is being engineered by men higher up in Chicago. The Eastern Association never had its headquarters in Chicago.

The chairman is J. E. Oldfield, of Hamilton, Ontario, an employee of the T. H. and B., the secretary is T. S. Courtney, of St. Thomas, and the general committee, citizens of Toronto, are at liberty to settle the dispute on whatever terms they choose.

The minority report shows a remarkable lack of knowledge of the situation in this respect, the men say, which is unfortunate and might be construed into a desire to cloud the general situation, and disparage the contentions of the men.

The men evidently do not want any more arbitration. The contentions of the men have been arbitrated to a frazzle, says the letter, and cites about a dozen cases where arbitration has gone on for weeks. The men insistently contend that the officials should recognize their claims. They point out that the T. H. and B. has agreed to the standards asked by the G. T. R. men on the understanding that, if modifications are accepted on the big roads, they should obtain on the smaller. This the men agree to.

The men say they find it peculiar that Mr. Nesbitt should submit a minority report on the Grand Trunk award when he was content with the changes suggested by the board for the Canadian Pacific agreeing in one case to \$80 a month as adequate compensation for conductors on Grand Trunk lines, which is 25 per cent less than the rates which he considered fair for the C. P. R. to pay for similar service on similar lines in the same territory.

The Men's View. Vice-Chairman Murdoch, of the men's committee, when shown Mr. Leonard's statement tonight, said: "This is just what we are waiting to hear. We have been waiting for intimations from the C. P. R. in any way that they will stand pat on their attitude. As soon as they do, as far as our position is concerned, it is clear and we are ready to go right to work. There is no doubt about what we shall do, because it has all been arranged beforehand. It must clearly be understood that there is no bluff or foolishness in this thing. Just as soon as we receive an official notice from the company that they intend to stand pat on the decision of the board of conciliation, we will show them that we are not bluffing."

According to Vice-President Barrie, of the Order of Railway Conductors, the committee can declare a strike, without calling a vote of the members, but he deprecated the idea of a strike until everything possible had been done to avoid one. If a strike is declared on the C. P. R., it will involve less than 4,000 men, according to a rough estimate made by officials today. It was stated that in the eastern portion of the system, which is the only part affected, there are less than 1,000 men. In addition to a conductor, there is a brakeman and a baggage man on each passenger train, and two brakemen on each freight train. This makes a total of less than 1,000 men, to which must be added between 400 and 500 yardmen.

Today the Grand Trunk also received from the committee an announcement to the effect that, like the C. P. R. men, they would not accept the award, but stood out for their original demands. This places the Grand Trunk men in an even more peculiar position than those of the C. P. R., because their representative on the board of arbitration acquiesced in the findings of the board, while the company's representative on the board dissented from them.

"The Grand Trunk," Mr. Murdoch stated, "has not had as long a time as the C. P. R. to consider what stand they will take, and so negotiations have not yet reached the stage we are facing now with the C. P. R. After a reasonable time is given the former road we shall take an equally decided stand. A day more will bring this about."

SERIOUS CHARGE WAS DISMISSED

Oneida Indian Was Alleged to Have Placed Poison in Pasture Field.

Stanley Abraham, the young Indian from the Oneida Reserve, appeared before Squire Chittick yesterday afternoon charged with placing poison in the pasture field of Susanah Brown, of the same reserve. The evidence was insufficient to warrant conviction, and Squire Chittick dismissed the case.

CHAUFFEUR WAS FINED

Speeded With Mr. George H. Belton's Big Car in Springfield Park.

Percy Routledge, chauffeur for Mr. George H. Belton, of this city, was fined \$3 this morning before Squire Chittick for exceeding the speed limit at Springfield Park. The only other case before the squire was that of Eliza Anderson, the Lorne avenue colored woman, committed to jail on the charge of insanity. She was remanded until Thursday.

VAUDEVILLE FOR LONDON AGAIN ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO BE MADE

Hamilton Dispatch Says the Bennett Syndicate Plan to Erect Several New Theatres in Canadian and American Cities

—Heads of the Company Could Not Be Located by The Advertiser Today.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, June 25.—The Bennett Theatrical Enterprises of Canada, Limited, a syndicate which controls vaudeville theatres in Montreal, London, Ottawa, Hamilton and Quebec, is planning to extend its circuit in the Dominion and to invade American cities, where the United Booking Office at present are not represented. According to present arrangements, the company will shortly build two new theatres in Montreal, one in Ottawa, one in Erie, Pa., and one in Toledo, Ohio.

The Montreal and Ottawa houses will be devoted to ten, twenty and thirty-cent vaudeville. The company already has large theatres in both those cities, playing high-class vaudeville.

A Chain of Theatres. The finest of the new theatres to be built will be erected in Toledo. Plans are being prepared for a modern theatre there to cost \$225,000. Erie is to have a playhouse costing \$100,000. Options on central sites for the Toledo and Erie houses have already been secured.

The syndicate plans to control a chain of theatres across Canada from coast to coast. The idea is not only to have big theatres in the larger cities but smaller houses in places with populations large enough to support ten, twenty and thirty-cent vaudeville. The American invasion will be limited largely to the smaller border cities at present without vaudeville theatres.

It is understood that another attempt will be made next season to make revues had been emptied by the house, which has been playing motion pictures.

The Advertiser was unable to verify the story today, as Messrs. J. C. Duffield and John Pringle, the head men of the syndicate, could not be seen.

WILD WEST "WAY DOWN EAST" THREE KILLED IN LYNN HOLD-UP

Gang of Desperados Murder Prominent Manufacturer and Constable in Streets of Lynn, Mass., and Carry Off Thousands in Cash Intended for the Employees.

[By Associated Press.]

Lynn, Mass., June 25.—Three young men committed a double murder in the streets of this city today and carried off a bag containing between \$4,000 and \$6,000. Their victims are Thomas A. Landrean, a prominent shoe manufacturer, and Police Officer James Carroll. The robbers fled to High Rock, a suburb, where they were surrounded by a large force of police and citizens.

In the round-up two of the highwaymen were shot and seriously injured. Mr. Landrean had just drawn the weekly pay roll of the shoe factory of Webb and Landrean from the Lynn National Bank, and was walking to his factory with the money in a bag. Officer Carroll accompanied him, and they were holding the bag between them. As they reached a point on William street, near the corner of Oxford street and less than 100 yards from the factory, three men, described as being between 20 and 25 years old, leaped out from a doorway and ran up behind Mr. Landrean and Officer Carroll. When they were within three feet of the two men, two of the desperados opened fire with a large revolver. At the same moment the third highwayman seized the bag of money. Landrean fell dead. Carroll also fell.

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STRUCK AT A LEVEL CROSSING TILLSONBURG MAN MAY DIE

George Brown's Rig Hit by a Wabash Freight at the Air-Line Crossing Early This Morning, and He Suffers Fracture of Skull.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Tillsonburg, June 25.—Mr. George Brown, 24 years old, a farmer of this district, was seriously injured in a level crossing accident early this morning, and his recovery is in doubt. Mr. Brown was returning from a visit about 1 a.m., when his rig was struck by a westbound Wabash freight at the Air Line crossing. The horse was killed.

ed, the carriage completely demolished and Mr. Brown hurled to the ground with such violence that he is suffering from a fracture at the base of the skull. He is under the doctor's care at the home of his grandmother here. It is believed that the accident was due to the thick growth of trees that prevents the track from being seen by anyone approaching from the south.

PROBE ALL SUMMER SAYS STATE SECRETARY

Will Continue His Investigation Into the Government Printing Department.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.] Ottawa, June 25.—Hon. Charles Murphy, secretary of state, told a press representative this morning that there were no further developments in the situation at the Government printing bureau. "I expect to be at it all summer," he remarked. "And when anything is to be given out it will be given through the proper channels. Today there is nothing."

Questioned as to the employees, outside of the officials, who have been dismissed, Mr. Murphy observed, "it would be obviously unfair to bracket with those who have committed more serious offences the men guilty of slight irregularities or neglect."

INDIAN IN THE LOCAL POLICE COURT

Said He Got Whiskey at a Canteen at Camp.

Thomas Phillips, an Indian from Muncey, and a member of the 26th Regiment, arrested last evening for being drunk, told Magistrate Love at the police court this morning he got whiskey at a canteen and from soldiers. He was allowed to go.

Wesley Brown, an Indian listed, said he was helping the soldiers to pack up and get drunk on wet goods which they gave him. He was fined \$10 or 21 days.

FOOT WAS CRUSHED

Bert Ferte, agent of the London and Lake Erie Transportation Company at St. Thomas, and a son of Mr. A. E. Ferte, of Hellmuth avenue, had his foot very painfully crushed yesterday when a heavy case of iron goods slipped and fell on it. He was removed to his home in this city and medical aid summoned. Mr. Ferte will be laid up for some days.

FURTHER ARBITRATION LIKELY OVER TRAINMEN'S DEMAND

Montreal Dispatch Says It Is Thought That the Men Will Ask for a Further Consideration and the Companies Will Accede to Request.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.] Montreal, June 25.—It is not believed in railway circles that there will be a strike of trainmen arising out of the present deadlock over the question of wages. The C. P. R. have accepted the award of the board of conciliation, but the men are still waiting to hear from the company director, who has been asked to further step. The men talk of the

"Next step," but the term "strike" is not mentioned. It is believed the men will ask for a board of arbitration before they think seriously of striking. The railway may demur over this, but rather than force a strike would be willing to leave the matter to arbitrators. The men could hardly refuse to abide by the decision of a court of their own choice and the railways might stand to lose nothing by accepting such a proposition.

PUMPING MACHINERY WILL BE IN LONDON IN A FEW DAYS

Foundations at the Station on Horton Street Have Been Completed and Are Ready to Receive the Pumps—A Temporary Reservoir Is Now Ready.

The pumping machinery for the new pumping station will be here in a few days. The motors, dynamos, etc., ordered from England are now on the ocean, and are expected to arrive in London early next week. They have all been subjected to a special test in the old land and have lived up to the specifications of Engineer Glaubitz.

The new pumps were tested by the engineer in Montreal last week, and were ready for shipment. They are also expected during the week. The foundations are all prepared to receive them, and the work of erection will be rapidly pushed forward.

2,000,000 Gallons of Water. They will all be placed in position and ready for use within a month. With all the wells connected up the city could easily secure two million gallons of water by purchasing power if Niagara power were not here by that time.

The contractors have placed a temporary reservoir in place for just such an emergency, and there is no reason why the city should be short of water this coming August and September. The big million-gallon reservoir has been started. The foundations are being laid, and the superstructure will be erected this coming week.

DOCTOR'S RIG SMASHED BY CAR NARROW ESCAPE ON DUNDAS ST.

Dr. and Mrs. McWilliam, Dundas street, this city, had a narrow escape shortly after 10 o'clock on Dundas street, near Wellington, when their buggy was struck in the rear by a special Springfield car, which was coming from the west, and the rig otherwise damaged, but the occupants escaped injury.

Dr. McWilliam did not hear a big Springfield car coming behind, and drove on the track to pass a rig. When on the rig he heard the gong and pulled his horse aside. He did not get clear of the track, however, the car striking the hind wheel of his buggy.

The rig was carried some distance, but remained upright. The accident would have been a very serious one had Dr. McWilliam not succeeded in getting past the gong.

7-YEAR-OLD BOY SHOT BY RIFLE PLAYING SOLDIER WITH BROTHER

Harold Chapman, of 71 Wharcliffe Road, West London, Was Terribly Injured Friday Afternoon—The Bullet Went in at Shoulder, Passed Over Heart and Lodged at Back.

Harold Chapman, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Chapman, 71 Wharcliffe road, West London, is in a very critical condition in Victoria Hospital, a result of being shot through the left shoulder yesterday afternoon by his brother John, when the two little fellows, together with some other children, were playing soldier.

The boys had been keenly interested in the military campaign being carried on last week, and yesterday were drilling and marching about. When the boys were playing soldier, the father, who was playing with it, and going through motions in imitation of a soldier, the weapon dis-

charged and the bullet struck Harold in the left shoulder. Above the heart. It passed above the heart, just missing a large artery, and lodged at the back. Young Chapman was carried to his home immediately, and Dr. Bateson was summoned. He hurried to the boy to Victoria Hospital and he was placed under the X-ray machine, and in a short time the bullet was located.

After some difficulty it was removed by Dr. Bateson, assisted by Dr. McNeil. It is not known yet what the results will be, although Dr. Bateson stated to The Advertiser that the lad is doing very well so far.

Terrific Cyclones Sweep the Plains

Winnipeg, June 25.—Tremendous wind and rain storms following the heat are reported from all parts of the west. At Halmbre, Sask., twenty buildings were destroyed in ten minutes, but no one was seriously hurt. George Hassen, farmer, living one mile from the town, lost a new barn and house costing \$2,000, which were completely razed. Damage amounting to about \$10,000 was done at Dugald, Man., east of Winnipeg, the buildings destroyed including a large warehouse at North Portal, Sask. A cyclone lifted large barns and did severe damage, killing several horses and other stock.

Lumsden, Sask., June 24.—During the progress of the windstorm, R. H. Miller's new barn, west of the town, was completely destroyed. John Burgess, aged 25, an employee, was struck by falling timbers, and died immediately. His wife and three children came from Scotland three years ago.

THE WEATHER TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM FORECASTS. Toronto, June 25—8 a.m. Light to moderate winds; fine and warm today and Sunday.

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WEATHER NOTES. The pressure is high over the larger portion of the continent, and no disturbances are indicated.

The weather is fine and warm, and the winds are light throughout the Dominion.

FRIDAY'S WEATHER. A few light local showers occurred yesterday in Manitoba and Northwestern Saskatchewan, and also in the Maritime Provinces, but the weather over the greater part of the Dominion was fine. The temperatures continued fairly high, and the winds were somewhat further west, while in Ontario it was somewhat cooler.

The East—Fine and comparatively cool. Lake Superior—Light to moderate winds; fine and warm. Manitoba—Fine and warm. Saskatchewan and Alberta—Mostly fine and decidedly warm, but a few local showers or thunderstorms.