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TRACTION MEASURE REPORTED WITHOUT SUNDAY CAR CLAUSE ASKED FOR BY A DEPUTATION

Lord's Day Alliance Members With Delegation From London, St. Thomas and Vicinity, Wanted a Sunday Traffic Amendment, But Commons Committee Decided That It Was Unnecessary.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The railway committee of the House of Commons had before it today the bill to incorporate the London and Lake Erie Railway and Transportation Company, which took over the Southwestern Traction Company. They seek power to construct and operate a railway from a point in or near the town of Aylmer, in the county of Elgin, passing through the townships of Malahide and Yarmouth, the city of St. Thomas, and township of Southwold, all in the county of Elgin, and the township of Westminster, in the county of Middlesex to a point in or near, or through, the city of London, with a branch from St. Thomas to Port Stanley, and from London to the village of Glencoe, from Delaware to Strathroy, and from London to Ingersoll, with a branch line from Ingersoll to Thamesford and West Zorra, and from London to Brantford and Woodstock. The capital stock of the company is $2,000,000. Amendments, protecting the municipalities in the matter of transmitting and distributing electric energy, were accepted.

Sunday Traffic Protest.

Rev. Mr. Rollins, London, appealed to the committee to protect the rights of municipalities to curtail Sunday traffic. He pointed out that the sentiment of Ontario had clearly expressed itself in recent legislation in regard to Sunday traffic on electric railways, and he suggested a provision which would secure that the road would not be considered an international road until boats from Port Stanley to Cleveland were in operation. They had no objection to a Sunday service sufficient to handle through traffic only.

Messrs. Darroch, St. Thomas, and Hunt, Westminster, also addressed the committee in support of the view that some protection should be afforded against running of Sunday cars.

Mr. Lancaster—"What harm would be done by the running of Sunday cars?"

Mr. Hunt—"The riff raff of London come down and take possession of our orchards and that sort of thing."

No Riff Raff in London.

Major Beattie, the member for London, declared, amid loud laughter, that there were no riff raff in that city.

Rev. Dr. Shearer appealed to the committee to respect provincial rights in the matter of Sunday cars and not to nullify the will of the people as it had been expressed in provincial legislation.

Mr. Lancaster said Sunday cars had been running for many years in the county of Lincoln, and not a minister or moralist could be found to condemn it.

Dr. Shearer replied that he had had complaints from Lincoln against Sunday cars, but the question before the committee was whether parliament could be consistent with the idea expressed in the Lord's Day act and leave it to the provinces to deal with Sunday cars.

Mr. W. F. MacLean thought the province of Ontario had been inconsistent in its dealing with Sunday cars. In Toronto people could travel on Sundays on the Kingston road and west on the Lake Shore road, but they could not get north on Yonge street. It was unfair to a section of people. He resented the suggestion that the common or everyday people had not equal rights in this country. No substantial injury was done to anybody by allowing Sunday traffic. The committee saw no reason to make any special provision with regard to Sunday traffic, and the bill was reported.

What It May Mean.

The granting of the charter of the Lake Erie Traction Company may have a distinct bearing on Sunday cars to Port Stanley this summer.

The bill was passed without amendment, and it is practically certain that the company will make an attempt at least to run cars on Sunday to take care of their through traffic especially.

According to the opinions expressed by legal men, the charter from the Dominion Government will carry with it the right to operate cars on the first days of the week.

There is a possibility of litigation so far as the township of Westminster is concerned. In that district the cars run on the highway, and there may be a legal battle as to the right of the company to operate cars along the roads. However, according to statements made, there is no reason why the company cannot operate cars on the rest of their private right-of-way.

"I do not know whether or not the charter will carry the right to operate cars to Port on Sunday," said Mr. F. G. Rumball to The Advertiser. "It may have some effect so far as through traffic is concerned, but I am not prepared to say regarding the rest."

The Delegation.

Rev. James Rollins, of King Street Presbyterian Church, together with delegates from Port Stanley, St. Thomas, Yarmouth and Westminster, left last evening for Ottawa where they opposed the granting of a Dominion charter to the London and Lake Erie Transportation Company, which recently purchased the Southwestern Traction Company's line running between this city and Lake Erie.

The delegates were appointed some time ago by the Lord's Day Alliance, and the Western Ontario men will be supported by Rev. Dr. Shearer, of Toronto.

The Lord's Day Alliance claims that the provinial charter is sufficient for the company, and endeavored to prevent the granting of a Dominion charter, which is somewhat broader, in that certain privileges are granted providing that it is "for the general good of the country."

A DOG CATCHER IS NEEDED TO RAKE IN STRAY CANINES

Bylaw Is Now Being Prepared and It Will Be Put in Force at Once—Police Are Out With Their Guns and the Poisoner Is at Work in the City.

A dog catcher will in all probability be appointed by the council at the meeting on Monday night.

After the session of yesterday afternoon, when it was decided that the police department were doing all that could be done in the scare, the riot on Talbot street, and the fact that City Auditor Jewell's little girl had been bitten, caused the aldermen to sit up and take notice.

Mayor Beattie was importuned by many citizens and several of the aldermen to turn a dog-catcher loose at once.

His worship had a long conversation with Inspector McCallum, and it was decided to have a bylaw prepared for the council meeting on Monday evening, for the purpose of fixing up a pound, and appointing a dog-catcher.

Preparing the Bylaw.

The bylaw is being prepared, and will be submitted. In the meantime a dog-catcher may be named temporarily, to commence work tomorrow or some day later in the week.

It is not the easiest matter to pick up a suitable man for the position, and Inspector McCallum will endeavor to do his best to secure the right man for the place. In the meantime, the net and the other devices necessary for the capture of stray canines, will be put in order.

Police at Work.

In the meantime, the heavy artillery under Chief Williams are scattering shot and shell, and other missiles in the direction of the persecuted pups of the city.

The dog-poisoner is also doing his work. Several cases of poisoning have been reported, and a considerable number of deaths have resulted from the promiscuous use of death-dealing lotions. However, it is evident that the scare is subsiding, and that there is more thunder than rain in the storm.

ASK FOR INCREASE

C. P. R. Freight Handlers at Toronto Appeal to Company.

Toronto, Feb. 15. — Two hundred freight handlers at the C. P. R. sheds here have presented an appeal to James Obern, superintendent of lines west of Smiths Falls for an increase of 20 per cent. The present wages are 15 and 16 cents an hour.

DEATH OF MRS. HOWE

Well-Known Lady Passed Away Last Night.

Mrs. Ellen Howe, wife of Mr. John Howe, died at her home, 307 Dufferin avenue, last night, after a brief illness with pneumonia. Mrs. Howe was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clare, of Ingersoll, and had lived here for many years. Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, John and Clement, of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. W. Kirwin, of Ingersoll, and Miss Theresa, at home. The funeral will be held on Thursday morning to St. Peter's Cemetery.

AN ENDURANCE TEST

Artillery Start From Kingston For a Hike Across Country.

Kingston, Feb. 15.—Bright, cold weather prevailed for the first day's march of the R. C. H. A. The men, well muffled, and wearing fur caps and shoe packs with their overcoats well spread out over the horses' backs, left Tete Du Pont Barracks at 10 a.m., going up Princess street and out into the country. They took six guns. There are about 106 men and 136 horses. The band played the force to the city limits. The first bivouac will be at Murvale tonight. Sir Percy Lake is directing the operations. The cold weather promises to test the endurance of both men and horses. The food is carried along in heated conveyances.

LEGATT ESTATE DUTIES.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—According to the valuation of the treasurer's department, the estate of the late Matthew Legatt, of Hamilton, will yield to the provincial succession duties branch the sum of $10,000.

BALFOUR DECLARES WILL AID IN PASSING OF THE BUDGET

The Statement of the Unionist Leader Made Monday Disposes of the Fear of Another Parliamentary Deadlock.

London, Feb. 15.—All fear of a parliamentary deadlock on the passage of the budget in the parliamentary session that begins today was removed yesterday by an official assurance from Arthur J. Balfour, one of the foremost figures in the Conservative party, to Premier Asquith that the Conservatives will help the Liberals to pass the Lloyd George budget.

Balfour declares that the Conservatives are as much opposed to the budget as ever, but they are unwilling to assume responsibility for continuing the tie-up of the national finances, which were thrown into chaos when the budget was rejected last fall, according to Mr. Balfour.

The Conservatives admit, also, that another immediate general election, which would be necessary were the budget rejected again, would precipitate a panic, which the Conservatives desire to avoid, according to Balfour.

The Conservatives' agreement to support the budget makes it practically certain that the budget will be the first thing taken up when Parliament reconvenes.

The cabinet resumed its session yesterday amid scenes of unusual activity. Messengers swarmed around the Premier's house, where the session was held, and there was a constant stream of party leaders going in and out of the house.

ENGINEER GRAYDON COMES BACK ANSWERS MR. WYATT'S ATTACK

Says No Chairman of a Committee Ever Interfered With Him in the Discharge of His Duties More Than Ex-Ald. Wyatt —Latter Is Out for the Scalp of the City Engineer.

The gauntlet was thrown down by the council to the city engineer's department last evening, when the question of a consulting engineer for the city was taken up for consideration.

Water Commissioner Wyatt made an attack on Mr. Graydon, in which it was charged that the engineer had no backbone, and was influenced by aldermen who had axes to grind, and other sins of a like character. Of course, Mr. Wyatt was out for Mr. Graydon's scalp, and did not take any pains to disguise the fact that the man he was after was Graydon.

Mr. Graydon Replies.

Mr. Graydon this afternoon promptly returned the compliment, and declared that any mistakes made in engineering problems were due to the interference of the aldermen, who overruled and overrode his opinions in many cases; in fact, in all cases of importance, since he took charge of the work.

"I do not know what the cause of Mr. Wyatt's attack can be," said Mr. Graydon to The Advertiser. "When he retired from the council he was almost fullsome in his flattery of myself and the department. He paid me so many compliments that I could hardly believe my ears. Since that time he must have changed his mind, and has in some manner or another soured on me.

Some Hot Shot.

"I might merely state that no chairman of a committee interfered with my work more than did Mr. Wyatt, when he was chairman of the committee. He practically lived in the office, and took everything under his control. If there were any mistakes during his term of office, they were due not to myself, but to the council.

"A free hand has never been given me. I have been interfered with all the time. The minutes of the committee will show that I have been interfered with continually. I will answer for any engineering sins of my own, but I do not propose to father any sins of the council or the board of works. I have been the scapegoat, and when

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LONDON GIRL IS HURRIED TO THE PASTEUR INSTITUTE

Parents of Little Beryl Jewell Decide to Take No Chances and Will Have Daughter Treated in New York—Several Animals Were Killed Yesterday by the Police.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Jewell, the parents of little Beryl Jewell, who was bitten by a dog when returning from school yesterday noon, and Mrs. Geo. F. Jewell, the child's grandmother, left last night by the 12:15 train for New York, where the girl will be placed in the Pasteur Institute.

Mr. Jewell stated to The Advertiser last night that there was no certainty that the dog that bit the child had rabies. She had been taken to see the dog that had been killed at Bathurst and Talbot streets, that was said to have been mad, and was able to state definitely that it was not the dog that had bitten her.

Despite that fact, however, it was decided to take no chances, but to put the child beyond all danger of possible infection at the earliest possible moment.

Bad Time for Dogs.

Yesterday began the reign of terror among the stray dogs of the city, and in all five animals were disposed of. This followed the depredations of the black and white sheep dog that was disposed of at the corner of Talbot and Bathurst streets shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday.

This dog, according to the detectives and government inspector, Dr. Tennant, exhibited unmistakable signs of rabies. During the chase Detective Down threw his revolver at the animal, and it caught the pistol in its teeth and bit at it savagely. However, any dog

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A BAD TIME FOR CANINE RACE HANGING CRAZE HAS STARTED

Many People Kill Their Pets Just Because They Are Dogs and Not Because There Is Any Reason to End Their Days—Quite a Deal of Excitement in the City.

The mad dog scare is still a very live subject of conversation, and in many instances people are showing signs of panic that do credit neither to their judgment nor their common sense. Last night three dogs were hanged by their respective owners, not because there was anything the matter with them, but just because they were dogs, and that every dog at present is looked upon askance.

These are only a very few of the dogs who have met an untimely fate in the last 24 hours. P. C. Henderson was responsible for the death of two canines, which were disposed of with the consent of their owners.

Dogs Growing Scarce.

It is quite a noticeable fact, too, that dogs are not as much a part of the landscape as usual. The market square, which is usually a favorite stamping-ground of a miscellaneous assortment of all colors and species and breeds, this morning was unable to produce a single dog of any description. The few that are at large are travelling around with a disconsolate air, looking out from behind their muzzles, and wondering what has gone wrong with the world. Some more than usually humane owners, have carefully bound the wires of the muzzles with cloth so that the dog's nose and tongue may not come in contact with the cold metal.

Comedy in Every Tragedy.

The scare is not without its amusing aspect, and it is rather interesting to watch a lady of some weight step off into three feet of snow, in order that a very small and diminutive fox-terrier may have the full width of the sidewalk in which to pass. Interesting, too, to watch the horrified contortions of some men, when a dog in search of his master, takes a tentative sniff at their trousers.

Without attempting to minimize the danger, there is every reason to believe that a good many of the scares that are being circulated among the people really arise from nothing more serious than such a circumstance as this.

Story Contradicted.

It was reported last night that Mr. Peter Feeney, of William street, had been bitten by a dog. Mr. Feeney could not be located this morning, but Mr. John J. Feeney, a brother, on being questioned regarding the circumstance, stated that he had heard of the rumor, but was practically positive it wasn't so or he would have heard from his brother. The man supposed to have been bitten was reported to have been at work all day.

Another report was received from Askin street that a small black spaniel was roaming around the street. It was learned, however, that the dog was merely a pup, and perfectly harmless. The police have been notified to look after it.

LATE MR. FURNESS

Funeral Was Held This Afternoon to Woodland Cemetery.

The funeral of Mr. W. C. Furness, manager of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, was held this afternoon to Woodland Cemetery from the family residence, 321 Queen's avenue. The funeral was of a strictly private nature, the services being conducted by Canon Dann, of St. Paul's Cathedral.

REV. V. J. GILPIN DIES IN TORONTO

Former London Pastor Succumbs to Virulent Attack of Diphtheria.

A WELL-KNOWN ATHLETE

Man of Fine Physique and Prominent in Public Life—Death Comes as a Great Shock to Many Friends.

A dispatch to The Advertiser from Toronto states that Rev. Victor J. Gilpin, B.A., formerly pastor of the Unitarian Church in London, died yesterday after an illness of about a week resultant from typhoid fever, followed by la grippe.

Until about a year ago Rev. Mr. Gilpin had charge of the Unitarian Church here, on Piccadilly street, and for some time took a prominent part in the effort to secure Sunday street cars.

Early in the year he retired from the ministry and went to Toronto to live, and became a stock broker.

Although once very robust, he had suffered from hemorrhages of the lungs since coming to London, though no one would have suspected it from his appearance.

Son of London Pastor.

Mr. Gilpin was a son of Rev. W. Gilpin, formerly a Methodist pastor of Aberfoyle, Wellington County, and who was for a time pastor of a Methodist church which stood on King street, near Wellington. He graduated from Victoria College, and became a Methodist minister himself, but later attended the Unitarian Seminary at Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Upon graduating he accepted the pastorate of the church here, and at the same time had charge of the work in Woodstock, Ingersoll, Windsor, Galt and Stratford.

He was chairman of the Rational Sunday League.

The late Mr. Gilpin is survived by his wife and one child.

Well-Known Athlete.

The late Mr. Gilpin was a splendid all-round athlete, and in his college days at Toronto played centre scrimmage on the Toronto football team, and made a great name for himself by his work.

While in this city he sought to encourage all kinds of legitimate sport, and took a keen interest in athletics.

The funeral will be held at Harriston, Ont., tomorrow.

DR. F. R. ECCLES GIVES $50 TO EXHIBITION

Committee Hard at Work on the "Made-in-London" Show and Floral Fete.

The ladies' committee of the "Made-in-London" exhibition and floral fete yesterday received a donation of $50 from Dr. Eccles to assist in defraying the expenses of the exhibition.

The gift was acknowledged, and will be applied to the uses intended.

The floral decorations of the Armories will form one of the most attractive features of the exhibition. The ladies are busily engaged on the work, and considerable progress has been made.

A large sum of money is being collected by the card system, practically $750 already being paid into the treasury. This money will be applied to the furnishing fund.

APPOINTMENT WILL BE MADE FRIDAY NIGHT

Special Meeting of the Public Library Board to Fill a Vacancy.

There will be a special meeting of the library board on Friday evening to make the appointment of an assistant librarian to take the place made vacant by the death of Miss Carlotta Leigh.

During the past week qualifying examinations have been held and the results have been announced. Of the applicants four have passed the necessary examinations. The names of the successful candidates were not announced nor could they be learned.

However, it is said that Miss Baxter took the lead of the candidates. There were a large number of applicants for the place.

HON. WALTER SCOTT NOT GOING TO OTTAWA

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Hon. Walter Scott, premier of Saskatchewan, who is here, denies the story from Regina that he is to enter the Federal cabinet. "There is absolutely nothing in it," he stated. "It is a story that appears periodically."

"But will you come here after the next redistribution?" was asked.

"I cannot say as to that," was Mr. Scott's response.

FOUND DEAD ON THE RAILWAY

Chatham, Feb. 14.—Hugh Benware, aged 30, unmarried, was found dead on the Pere Marquette tracks at Wallaceburg on Sunday. His body was cut in two, and one arm severed. He had been drinking on Saturday, and was probably struck by an engine the same night.

SEXON DEAD.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Constable Sexton, who was married Monday week, died this morning at the General Hospital of typhoid fever. The young man was taken ill Wednesday last, and was removed to the hospital the following day. He was 24 years old, and was born in a village about 20 miles north of Barrie.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT OPENED BUT KING'S SPEECH POSTPONED

State Ceremony To Be Held on the 21st of Month—Commons Once More Selects Louther as the Speaker—Herbert Gladstone Elevated to the Peerage.

London, Feb. 15.—The third Parliament of King Edward assembled this afternoon. The ceremony was of the simplest character. All the royal pageantry connected with the state opening being postponed to Feb. 21, and the interim devoted to the swearing in of members and the clearing away, if possible, of the difficulties confronting the Government.

Great Interest Shown.

Not for many years has such intense interest attached to the opening of the Legislature, and seldom have the problems involving the success or failure of the Government threatened to be so difficult of solution even to the most capable of the members of Parliament. The result of the recent elections is so confused that even the staunchest press supporters of the Government admit that proof that the Government will have a majority to act drastically upon the dominant issues can be established only after the House of Commons has settled down to work, and the Nationalists and Laborites show their hands in the course of the debate upon the speech from the throne. The proceedings today were brief.

Lowther Speaker Again.

The time-honored custom of searching the vaults under the two Houses was observed this morning. Subsequently the members-elect of the House of Commons were summoned to the House of Lords, where Parliament was opened by the royal commission. This formality over, the members of the House of Commons returned to the House for organization.

The lower chamber re-elected Right Hon. James William Lowther, member for the Penrith division of Cumberland, speaker, and forthwith the swearing in of its members was commenced.

Gladstone Made a Peer.

London, Feb. 15.—Herbert John Gladstone, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, and who through a recent appointment is about to become Governor-general of British South Africa, was elevated to the peerage today.

London, Feb. 15.—The House was in session one hour when adjournment was taken.

CITY WANTS INSURANCE RATES LOWERED IF CUT CAN BE HAD

A Request Will Be Sent to the Underwriters to Send Inspector to London to Say What Improvements Should Be Made So That a Reduction of Premiums Will Be Put Into Force.

Mr. A. T. McMahen, chairman of the water commission, and Ald. Richter, chairman of the finance committee of the city council, will send a formal request to the Underwriters' Association to visit London, and submit their proposals for improvements that will lead to a reduction of the insurance rates in London.

Mr. McMahen thought a conference should be arranged, but was not optimistic as to the results. He did not look for a great reduction in the insurance rates.

City Had No Water.

"The Underwriters, not long ago, gave us a reason why the rates were raised in London," said Commissioner Pocock. "It was plainly stated that it was due to the fact that the city had no water, nor proper fire-fighting apparatus. They will come to London, and they will discuss this question with us. The underwriters will reduce the rates when their demands are met with. They reduce the rate for those concerns who install a sprinkling system. A number of firms in the city are installing them, and their rates are going down. The rates for London have been exorbitant.

Now Is the Time.

"The proper time is now—for many reasons, and I think we will obtain a more favorable hearing at this time than any other."

It was decided that Ald. Richter and Commissioner McMahen should arrange the conference as soon as possible to hear the suggestions of the underwriters.

Those present at the meeting were Mayor Beattie (chairman), Ald. Richter, Commissioners Wyatt, Pocock, McMahen, Ald. Eckert, Ald. Tancock, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Morgan and Ald. Pocock.

AGED LADY INJURED BY FALL ON WALK

Accident to Mrs. McNamara, Who Resides at 269 Thames St.

Mrs. McNamara, an aged lady who resides with her son at 269 Thames street, was very seriously injured on Monday when she slipped and fell on an icy walk.

Dr. John D. Wilson, who was called, found that Mrs. McNamara's hip was broken, and that she was badly shaken up. She was removed to Victoria Hospital.

On account of her age it is feared that the fall may result very seriously for Mrs. McNamara.

SAVED BY SNOWBANK

Engine Falls on Man But He Lives to Tell of It.

Oil City, Pa., Feb. 15.—A locomotive on the Tionesta Valley Railroad toppled over on John Abranson when it left the rails, and he lives to tell of his experience. A snowbank prevented the engine from crushing him to death.

Abranson was riding on the pilot of the engine which was pushing a snow-plough through the heavy drifts. When it turned over it forced Abranson's body through the snow. Before the heavy mass of steel could crush the man's body it was stopped by the heavy packed snow. He escaped with a broken hip and a few bruises.

AN "L" TRAIN WRECKED.

New York, Feb. 15.—Brooklyn's main entrance into Manhattan, the Brooklyn Bridge, became choked by a wreck of an "L" train today, which completely shut off the morning rush from Brooklyn and caused thousands to be late for business. The first car of an "L" train, entering the bridge, jumped the track, caused the second car to partly turn turtle and created a mild panic of passengers. None were hurt, but it was several hours before traffic conditions were restored.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—COLDER.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Feb. 15—8 a.m.

Today—Easterly gales, with snow or sleet.

Wednesday—North and northwest gales, and a change to decidedly colder weather.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
London	31	..	Cloudy
Calgary	0	—16	Clear
Winnipeg	— 4	—14	Cloudy
Port Arthur	24	— 6	Cloudy
Parry Sound	32	0	Fair
Toronto	32	28	Cloudy
Ottawa	28	12	Fair
Montreal	26	20	Clear
Quebec	20	12	Clear
Father Point	20	6	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

A disturbance of very considerable energy is approaching the Great Lakes from the westward.

The weather is moderately cold from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and very cold from Lake Superior westward.

CONTAGIOUS WARDS BEING KEPT FULL

Hospitals Are Very Busy These Days—One Death Is Reported.

Notwithstanding that a number of patients have in the last few days been discharged from the contagious wards at Victoria Hospital, others have been taking their places so fast that now there are 20 cases of scarlet fever and 15 of diphtheria.

Several of the patients are in a very critical state. One death occurred from scarlet fever yesterday, and in the same family there are three more little children in the wards with the disease. Scarlet fever and diphtheria seem general, and cases have been brought in from all parts of the city. In addition to the cases in the hospital there are a number of patients who are quarantined in houses.

PEOPLE ARE SPECULATING AS TO LIGHTING RATES

It Is Said There Will Be a Discount of 40 Per Cent.

The basic rates for Niagara power, both for domestic and business lighting, and power purposes, have now been made public.

The power rates, as published yesterday, are from $40 to $50 per horse power, according to the amount used, minus the discount.

The lighting rates are 10 cents per month per 100 square feet of floor space in the house, and 10 cents a kilowatt hour per month, minus the discount. The London Electric rate is 18 cents, with a 56 per cent discount.

These latter figures contain very little information of the real cost of power, merely furnishing the maximum rate. The real rate will be determined by the discount, which must be settled by the commissioners. That will depend altogether on local conditions, and must be improved by the board. It is stated that the power rates will be given a discount of say 15 per cent, while the lighting rates may be reduced as much as 40 per cent.

The statement is made at the city hall that domestic lighting will be at least 40 per cent cheaper than under the present schedule.

The water commissioners will solve the question of discount in the near future, probably at the next meeting.

GUSTAVE BOCK DEAD.

Havana, Feb. 15.—Gustave Bock, the cigar manufacturer, died of pneumonia today, aged 73 years.

ALLANS KEEP MAIL.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—The White Star Dominion Line will not get a slice of the Dominion annual mail subsidy on the Atlantic as the Government has decided the present contract with the Allan Line, which runs till 1912, will be sufficient for the present. It is reported the steamships Megantic and Laurentic will be withdrawn from the Montreal service unless a subsidy is granted.