

FAIR GATES SWING OPEN TO THOUSANDS

Railways Will Discuss Wages With Men

AGAIN SEEK TO AVERT STRIKE OF SHOPCRAFT

Canadian Railways Association Act on Receipt of Government Telegram.

GO INTO CONFERENCE

Attempt to Arrive at Permanent Wage Rate For Employees.

Montreal, Sept. 11.—The Canadian Railway Association this morning sent the following reply to the minister of labor's letter asking the railway companies to take the initiative and open up direct negotiations with the railway shopmen to avoid the threatened strike.

Minister of labor:
"Your letter of the 10th inst. received this morning. As requested, we will immediately take up with the interested railway companies the question of further direct negotiations with representatives of shopmen concerning definite rates of pay. Will inform you as to their views as quickly as possible."

The communication is dated Sept. 11, and signed by the secretary of the Railway Association, C. P. Riddell. It will take some time, it is pointed out, for the association to ascertain the views of the companies with regard to the reopening of negotiations with the men, as there are altogether ten railways to be considered, and most of the representatives are in other parts of Canada.

Leading officials of Canadian Railway Companies went into conference early this morning following receipt of a telegram from Minister of Labor Murdock urging the companies to take the initiative and open direct negotiations with the railway shopmen for a permanent wage rate with a view to averting a strike.

The telegram was received at the offices of the Railway Association of Canada at 9 o'clock this morning, and immediately on receipt, C. P. Riddell, general secretary of the association, left for the offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway. There, in the office of the vice-president, Grant Hall, representatives of the Canadian railway companies assembled to decide what action should be taken on Minister Murdock's telegram. The conference lasted the entire morning. Railway shopmen this morning are awaiting the outcome of the minister of labor's message to the railways and are disinclined to talk until this is known.

"The next move must come from the railway company," said Frank McKenna, vice-president of Division No. 4, Railway Employees' Department, American Federation of Labor, "and I am not prepared to offer any further comment until I know what that move is."

U. S. SEEKS INJUNCTION.
Chicago, Sept. 11.—Supported by one of the most formidable legal batteries the government has ever thrown into one court action, Attorney Harris M. Daugherty set his forces in motion today towards the goal of a permanent injunction in the railroad strike.

Arrayed against the government's lawyers, and denying their charges of a widespread conspiracy of vandalism to cripple the nation's transportation machinery, was Donald C. Richberg, attorney general whose leaders and members the government's action was directed.

As opposing legal forces drew up Turn to Page 2, Column 4.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Fresh northerly winds; showery.

Tuesday—Northerly winds; generally fair and cool.

Pressure is higher off the North Atlantic coast and over the western portion of the continent, while an unusual depression of small area has centered over Lake Erie.

Heavy rains have occurred in Ontario and light showers in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

	High.	Low.
Victoria	78	46
Calgary	75	46
Winnipeg	60	45
P. Sound	62	40
Toronto	67	40
Kingston	64	40
Ottawa	60	44
Montreal	64	40
Quebec	58	70
P. Point	55	67
St. John	60	54
Halifax	72	54

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 67; lowest, 62.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 67; lowest, 58.

Barometric Readings.

Sunday—3 p.m., 29.93.

Today—8 a.m., 29.11.

Early, Hard, Long Winter Is Forecast by Woods Creatures

CLARKSON, Ont., Sept. 11.—By the Canadian Press.—An early winter, a hard winter and a long winter, is the forecast of oldtimers here, based on their observations in the woods.

All the little denizens of the woods: squirrels, black, gray and red, chipmunks, field mice and the rest of the tribe, have got to work right smart and early building their winter houses unusually snug and warm.

URGES FARMERS TO TRAIN SONS

Hon. Duncan Marshall Addresses Board of Directors at Fair.

States More Attention Should Be Paid to Farmers' Education.

Hon. Duncan Marshall, live stock commissioner for Canada, and a number of officials of the Grand Trunk Railway system, were guests of the board of directors of the Western Fair Association which met at a noon luncheon at the Fair Grounds Monday.

First congratulating the directors on the present success of the fair, and the fact that an exhibition had been held successfully in the city for the past 50 years, Mr. Marshall urged them to recognize the fair as a highly important factor in the development of education along the lines of agriculture, and as a means of improving the quality of both stock and produce.

"Scientific farming, the most potent factor in the development of Canada, seems to have been woefully neglected in our national education," Mr. Marshall said.

"Yet no profession requires its success as much scientific training as farming. Ninety per cent of our farmers' sons receive no encouragement whatever to follow the vocation of their fathers. We should see to it that boys who should become good farmers are not discouraged and handicapped, so that they seize every opportunity to leave farm life behind them. It should be a national objective to train and educate these boys to take pleasure and satisfaction in the raising of stock, the culture of high-grade crops, and every other branch of scientific farming."

Country Is Agricultural.

"This country is nothing if not agricultural, and yet the amount of

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BIRTHS AND DEATHS DECREASE IN ENGLAND

London, Sept. 11.—There has been a general reduction of births and deaths in England and Wales during the second quarter of this year, according to official figures. Births totalled 200,509, or 7,023 less than the previous quarter. The birth rate is the lowest recorded in any second quarter, except during the war period. Deaths totalled 120,315, or 45,152 fewer than the previous quarter.

Middlesex Turnkeys To Don Special Uniform

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE MONDAY.

FOR the first time in the history of London, turnkeys and attendants at the Middlesex County Jail will be garbed in uniform.

An official announcement to this effect reached the city Monday morning. New regulations issued by the provincial department will insist upon this change. The local authorities have not as yet been duly notified of the impending rule, however, but welcome the innovation.

In the past the regulations have read to the effect that jailers may be clothed in uniforms befitting their stations. The matter was optional, and all responsibility rested upon the members of the county council, who evidently considered that the expenditure did not warrant the undertaking.

Now all is changed and no longer will those passing the jail confuse whatever upon the case and the purpose of the same did not reach the Toronto authorities.

The change has been contemplated for several months, it is said, as a move toward greater efficiency and no misunderstanding, as might occur.

SIR ADAM AND MAYOR WILSON HOLD SESSION

His Worship Announces "Nothing of Interest to Public."

TALK GENERAL WELFARE

Hydro Knight Not Given to Disclosing State Secrets.

Although he was closeted in his private office at the city hall with Sir Adam Beck for almost one hour Monday morning, Mayor Cameron Wilson informed an inquiring reporter at the conclusion of the conference, that there was nothing of interest to the public to give out.

"We were just discussing the general welfare of the public," was the mayor's cryptic explanation of the hum of conversation which emanated from behind closed doors. "The transportation commission did not meet, either."

As Sir Adam and Mayor Wilson are both members of the special commission appointed to investigate transportation problems in London, the latter statement apparently was made in order to set aside any suspicion that this body had been in secret session.

Sir Adam Beck, like his worship, was not given to disclosing state secrets Monday morning. Sauntering out of the mayor's sanctum sanctorum at noon, he stopped a moment to chat with Finance Commissioner James Bell.

"Well, Jimmy, they tell me that the London and Port Stanley is just about gone broke," he said. "What about it?"

"Oh, that will be fixed up all right in the annual statement," explained the city treasurer.

"The passenger rates, however," the vice-president declared, "are neither too high nor too low. The fact is that Canada enjoys a much smaller passenger rate than most roads in the United States."

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WOMEN OF ENGLAND SEEK MORE SEATS IN COMMONS

Conduct Extensive Campaign To Secure More Members of Parliament and Funds.

London, Aug. 23.—The women of England are preparing an intensive campaign with a view to securing more women members of parliament. They are quite satisfied with Lady Astor and Mrs. Wintringham, but they want more women in the House of Commons to keep these two from feeling lonesome. They have now formed a committee to embrace all parties, except the Communist. They call it the Women's Election Committee.

They are raising a central fund, too, to help women candidates. Anyone who sends along more than a pound can have it earmarked for the support of a candidate for any particular party.

The Duchess of Argyll has her eye on a seat, and although her aristocratic friends are trying to dissuade her from engaging in an electoral contest, it is understood she is preparing to stand for the parliamentary vacancy that will occur if the expected promotion of the lord-advocate to the Scottish bench takes place.

Young Woman Falls 200 Feet Into Rocky Stream

VANCOUVER, Sept. 11.—Crashing through the rotten boards of a disused water flume in Caplin Canyon yesterday, 19-year-old Gertrude Bishop, of South Vancouver, swung dizzily over the gorge for a few seconds, then dropped into the rocky stream, 200 feet below.

The body was broken and bruised by jutting rocks, and she probably was dead before she reached the water.

UPHOLDS STAND OF RAILROADS IN SHOP DISPUTE

J. E. Dalrymple and G. T. R. Officials Visit City Monday.

ARE GUESTS AT FAIR

Optimistic Over Outlook in Present Controversy With Shopmen.

Upholding the stand taken by the railroads in regard to the shopmen's wage dispute, J. E. Dalrymple, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway System, who is a Western Fair visitor in the city, declared that the people of Canada do not seem to realize that without the railways there would be no transportation in the country.

"The aim of the railroads is to furnish transportation," he said, "and we have to pay our men their wages regularly and meet our bills the same as any other commercial concern, and if we can't do that we cannot furnish the transportation needs of Canada."

"Notwithstanding all reports to the contrary, I am optimistic regarding the railway outlook, as it concerns the shop employees, and I hope everything will turn out all right. I expect to be in Montreal again within a few days, when negotiations are expected to reopen."

When asked whether he did not think the freight rates on the Canadian roads too high, Mr. Dalrymple replied that he would like to see them a little lower, but he thought that present business conditions justified the present rates.

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UNUSUAL FOLK

LONDON, Sept. 11.—John Syme was once a London police inspector, a pretty good job. Then he was dismissed. He said it was for defending two subordinates against unjust

speeches. Syme made speeches, wrote pamphlets and tried many ways of getting the sort of action he wanted, but failed. Then, to attract attention, he decided to throw a brick at the king. Brick in hand, he waited outside Buckingham Palace.

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CURRIE HERE TO CONFER WITH CITY COUNCIL

Appearance Prompted by Decision of Aldermen to Fave Oxford Street.

COMPANY'S STAND KNOWN

President Will Inspect Work Now in Progress On Streets.

Charles Currie, of Cleveland, president of the London Street Railway Corporation, arrives in the city Monday.

While company officials decline to comment briefly upon the sudden visit of their chief, it has been learned that his appearance has been prompted, more or less, by the decision of the city council Tuesday night last, to pave that portion of Oxford street in West London, extending from the bridge west to the Wharfedale road.

The city councilors have directed the city engineer's department to proceed with this work in such time as will enable the undertaking to be concluded by the end of the year at least.

It has been announced that President Currie is visiting the city for the specific purpose of conferring with city and company authorities relative to this work.

Has Not Decided.
City Engineer H. A. Brazier stated Monday, however, that he had not decided just when the work would commence, but was emphatic in his declaration that the pavement would be laid within the time stipulated by the city council, and another of London's bad stretches of thoroughfare automatically placed in a class with others of the city's first-class pavements.

All eyes in civic circles are now turned in the direction of the anticipated meeting of the president and the city authorities, and there is no speculation as to what attitude the company will adopt with reference to the pavement in question and other work of a similar undertaking proposed for a later date.

May Ignore Order.
Ald. Leonard Douglass has already introduced a pending question, suggesting that the company may decline or ignore its responsibility with the Oxford street pavement, involving the payment of their portion of the cost, the so-called "track allowance."

Members of the council refer significant that the different controversies that have been waged in the past between the city and the railway company, with similar issues at stake, as an instance, the famous "Stanley street paving question," which created such discussions and interests for months.

Another fact commented upon is that but a few days ago the company made its final settlement with the city over a similar deal, which was only paid after the city council of 1921, urged by Ald. George Fenwick and supported by Ald. Frank Harley directed the city solicitor to seize the street cars and barns in order to hasten the payment.

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Hydro Chief Says He Will Always Live in London

ALL doubt as to the future residential place of Sir Adam Beck was put to rest today, when at a Rotary Club luncheon in the Western Fair grounds at noon today, Sir Adam announced that he intended always to live in London. The announcement kills all Toronto's hopes of inducing the hydro knight of making his home there.

Owing to the fact that many members of the Rotary Club were on duty at the grounds chaperoning school children, the luncheon was held at one of the church booths. Sir Adam the only speaker, spoke briefly.

DELAY CASE ON M'MULLEN CAR

Action to Prove Ownership of Auto Postponed Until December.

Insurance Company Lays Claim to Vehicle of the Alleged Bandit.

Although scheduled for the approaching session of the supreme court, commencing in London Sept. 25, the case of the Mercantile Insurance Company of New York vs. E. V. Buchanan, of London, and alleged William bank bandit, involving the ownership of a touring car, has been deferred until the next Middlesex non-jury sittings in December.

Albert M. Judd, counsel for the defendant, explained Monday that he had made satisfactory arrangements to this effect with Jarvis & Vining, local attorneys, who are handling the case for the plaintiffs.

The latter claim that the machine in question was the property of a Flint, Mich., resident, and declare that having paid the claim to the original owner after the theft of his property.

An order was made in the Middlesex high court early in the summer for the transfer of the car, then in the possession of the police, to the company, and a bond was furnished at the time.

The defendant has asked that the civil action be delayed pending the outcome, seemingly of the trial of the defendant for alleged complicity with three other London men in the Wyoming bank robbery of Oct. 20, 1921. McMillen, with George Anderson and "Jack" Yohn, is awaiting trial in the Lambton County jail, Sarnia.

Counsel for the defense believes that arrangements have been completed for the trial of the three prisoners at the session of the supreme court opening in Sarnia Sept. 25.

The contested motor car was seized by provincial police, at the time of the arrest of the four alleged bandits. McMillen was riding in the car at the time he was subsequently tried in Sarnia, convicted and sentenced to a term in the penitentiary.

MRS. HARDING UNCHANGED.
Washington, Sept. 11.—Mrs. Harding spent a fairly restful night, but there was no marked change in her condition, Secretary Wallace was informed at the White House when he called shortly after 8 o'clock this morning to inquire as to her condition.

Suspect Distilling of "White Mule" In County

POLICE INFORMED.

STILLS for the illicit manufacture of liquor are in operation at scattered points throughout Middlesex County.

This is the belief of government officials and police, who have been apprised of such information, they say, as would prompt them to estimate that the average daily output of "moonshine" assumes quite a substantial portion of the liquor consumed in this district.

There are several isolated spots in London, quite adaptable, if reasonable care is exercised, for the manufacture of liquor in sufficient quantity to render the undertaking profitable.

From information that has reached the police time and again the past summer from various and in certain instances, remarkable sources, the officers are inclined to believe that there is something more than hearsay about the entire affair.

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"CHILDREN'S DAY" DRAWS BIG THRONG OF HAPPY KIDDIES TO LONDON'S OWN ANNUAL SHOW

Many Varied and Interesting Exhibits Fill Hearts of Youngsters With Joy—United Clubs of City Act as Guardians in Caring for Youthful Spectators.

Thousands of stout little hearts braved intermittent drizzly showers and glowering skies Monday to make the first day of the Western Fair a splendid success.

It was children's day. With a holiday prevailing, every public school in the city and many in the surrounding townships poured forth their quota of happy youth to crowd the spacious fair grounds.

With weather conditions destroyed, in the earlier part of the day chances for a record opening crowd, yet every indication gave promise for a huge crowd before night, of which many hundreds roving groups of children formed a nucleus in the morning and early afternoon.

CLAIMS STREET LIGHTING CHEAP

Manager Buchanan States City Gets All Light Contracted For.

Illumination Costs Citizens 55 Cents Per Capita Per Annum.

There is no city in the province which pays less than London for street lighting purposes, according to E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the public utilities commission, who will confer with City Engineer H. A. Brazier when the latter returns from Winnipeg with a more adequate system in view for this community.

The public utilities commissioners and their officials, the general manager relates, readily agree with members of the city council that the city is but poorly lighted, but contend, however, that the city council is receiving every atom of light for which the contract stipulates a larger expenditure.

Mr. Buchanan commented, pointing out that the street lighting of this city costs approximately 55 cents per capita, the lowest of any city in the province, including even the most expensive smaller cities in London.

In the larger cities, as in Toronto, for instance, the cost has reached a figure that would be considered appalling if deemed necessary here. In the Queen City the cost per capita is placed in the neighborhood of \$1.50.

Mr. Buchanan explained the difficulties encountered by the local hydro department, Manager Buchanan points out, by reason of the numerous trees on all streets. This creates not a little worry when the lights are placed in position. When they are placed at too great a distance from the dense foliage, and if placed too close to the ground the glare is too apparent for a satisfactory arrangement.

One solution for the problem, Mr. Buchanan explains, providing the council is agreeable to the expenditure, would be the installation of lights on every pole in lieu of alternative poles, as at present.

Home of Wonders.
Immediately after gaining admittance through the main gates, kiddies invariably made a break for the Crystal Palace, house of wonders. As always, the Crystal Palace had to the fullest measure the attraction that its name implies.

To the kiddies, the wonderful part of it all was that they could go in at one end with an empty bag and come out at the other, their bags filled to overflowing with all sorts of souvenirs of their trip.

From the youngsters' point of view, the exhibits of bicycles, large and small, were about the most attractive features of the palace, but they missed not a thing in their rambles.

Up in the balcony, where furniture exhibitors were showing every room in a house, beautifully and completely furnished, they lingered to gaze with thrilled admiration.

Downstairs, there was no limit to the things they might enjoy and the youngsters who had never been at the Fair before gasped with delight at the things there.

There were pianos, the amazing mechanical pianos, the lovely clothes, and confectioners' exhibits, with every sort of goodies displayed at tempting angles, and then off in the annexes all sorts of ice cream and treats.

Leaving that with their precious loads they passed the softly lighted art gallery by in scorn leaving it to the grown-ups.

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