

## WOULD MAKE RAIL CROSSINGS SAFER

Works Board To Obtain Cost On Gong System

LENGTHY DISCUSSION  
Storing of Cars Near Streets Under Fire

ST. THOMAS, August 30.—Better protection for pedestrian and vehicle traffic over the railway street crossings in the city was the subject of a lengthy discussion at this evening's meeting of the board of works.

The discussion centered chiefly on the C. N. R. Vandalia tracks through the northeast section of the city and may result in the installation of a gong alarm system at those crossings affected, like the alarms on the M. C. R. crossings. Complaints were also made to the effect that the C. N. R. Vandalia Railway was in the custom of storing long strings of freight cars along the sidings, with only a small break at the road crossings. According to two of the aldermen, this practice was not legal, the law stating that cars must not be stored within 100 feet of a level crossing. City Engineer Miller was instructed to investigate the legality of the company's storing methods and to ascertain the cost of installing a gong alarm system at the C. N. R. crossings in the city.

The stored cars are reported to entirely cut off the view of the tracks of motorists coming south and several near fatalities were commented on. The law requires that railways store cars not closer than 100 feet to a level road crossing the city will enforce that provision in the interests of the safety of local citizens.

The condition of the West Talbot Hill entrance to the city was given considerable attention following a report by Engineer Miller on recent upkeep work that had been done on the grade. The roadway up the hill, he said, had been put in first-class condition during the last few weeks for the purpose of estimating what the yearly upkeep of the matting would be if it were properly maintained. The cost of the work on the hill and north to the first bridge had been about \$155, and according to Engineer Miller, that amount would be needed monthly for that type of upkeep. In a year about \$3,000 would be expended and that sum would go a considerable way towards the permanent improvement of the hill by leveling the grade and curving. The committee took no definite action this evening, it being the general opinion that the city should not spend so large a sum on the hill till the provincial highways department had definitely decided on the route for the proposed west entrance to the city.

## GIANT SUBMARINE FLEET PLANNED

Add Two More If Mystery Monster Proves Success

LARGEST IN WORLD

Dreadnaught Submersible Displaces 3,600 Net Tons

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LONDON, August 30.—Because of the recent disaster to Japan's super-submarine 77, naval authorities here are awaiting the trials of Great Britain's giant mystery submersible with greatly increased interest. There is a school of opinion here which inclines to the belief that beyond a certain point it is likely to be found that big submarines cannot be efficiently handled.

The X-1's submerged trim of 3,600 tons, which is much in excess of the U-142, the biggest U boat constructed during the war. It is now well known that the best German submarine commanders preferred the smaller undersea craft as being more manageable, for in the largest it was said to be impossible always to gauge how far the submarine would dive and impossible for the commander to have the whole vessel under his survey as he would in a smaller craft.

## REVERSES STAND ON CATTLE IMPORTATION

Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen Declares He Acted in Cattle Embargo Case On Misinformation.

LONDON, August 30.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, former minister of agriculture, writing in The Times in reference to the importations of breeding stock states he was completely misinformed as to the agricultural opinion on breeding cattle.

If the present Minister of Agriculture frankly tells the Canadian representatives at the imperial conference that the provisional agreement made by himself (Boscawen) was the result of misunderstanding and cannot be carried out without additional violence to the unanimous agricultural opinion here, this will be the simple truth. Canadians have always expressed themselves as most unwilling to ask anything which would hurt our farmers," writes Sir Arthur.

10 TO 30 BUSHELS AN ACRE IN SASKATCHEWAN

REGINA, August 30.—Estimate of wheat yields contained in reports from crop correspondents of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company give figures ranging from 10 to 30 bushels an acre. The bulk of the estimates are in the neighborhood of 20 bushels an acre.

Rust damage is reported from widely scattered districts, but varies in intensity. Wheat cutting is general in most parts of the province and good progress is being made with the oat harvest in many sections.

Some districts are practically ready to thresh and others will start threshing operations next week.

## W. E. N. SINCLAIR CHOSEN LIBERAL LEADER IN HOUSE

M. L. A. Elected For South Ontario Succeeds Mr. Hay—J. A. Pinard Appointed Whip.

Special to The Free Press.

TORONTO, August 30.—At a meeting of Liberal members of the Legislature, held at the Parliament buildings this afternoon, W. E. N. Sinclair, K. C., South Ontario, was unanimously elected as leader, no other name being submitted.

J. A. Pinard, East Ottawa, was appointed whip. F. Wellington Hay presided and there were 12 members present.

It was stated after the meeting that marked unanimity characterized the proceedings, which lasted only about one hour, the two elections referred to being the only business transacted. On the resolution of Sir John D. Macdonald, West, a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Hay for the services he had rendered the party as leader.

Mr. Sinclair ran second to Mr. Hay in the contest for leadership at the last Liberal convention. His selection now as House leader is also considered as the preliminary step to his ultimate appointment as the permanent Ontario Liberal chief.

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