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GAS FRANCHISE MAY GO OVER FOR NEXT YEAR'S COUNCIL

Application of Volcanic Oil and Gas Company Has Complicated Matters—Committee Will Likely Investigate the Companies.

The application of the Volcanic Oil and Gas Company for a franchise to distribute natural gas in the city has complicated the situation somewhat, and it is now thought that the franchise matter will not be settled this year.

There will be a conference this evening at the city hall between Mr. G. Mackay, of Leamington, representative of the company exploiting the Romney fields; Mr. F. G. Rumball, ex-Ald. Scarlett, and T. W. Luscombe, representing the London and Western Counties Pipe Line Company, and Mr. R. K. Cowan, representing the City Gas Company, and the board of works.

It was thought that some conclusion would be arrived at tonight, but that possibility has been precluded by the fact that the Volcanic Company have entered the field.

Their representatives have not been notified to attend, as the communication has not yet been considered by

the committee. Another meeting must be held to discuss their proposition.

Will Investigate.

It is probable that the committee will visit the fields. Last week Ald. Rose, Ald. Saunders and Ald. Stewart visited the Port Dover fields at their own expense, and looked the ground over. Several tests were made, but the results have not been made known.

It is said that a fine lot of gas was found in that neighborhood.

It is more than probable that the aldermen will visit both the Romney and Tilbury fields next week, as it is thought to be only fair to see what gas all the companies have.

The Volcanic Company, which supplies Chatham, claim that it has an unlimited supply of gas, more than any of the other companies.

With such a short period before the Christmas holidays in which to discuss the matter, it is more than probable that this question will be put over until next year. As any of the companies can deliver gas here within 90 days, putting the question over until next year will not hold back cheap gas any length of time.

Power Litigation Is Not Stopped Question Still Open to the Courts

Mr. McEvoy Says It Will Proceed Whether Fiat Is Issued or Not.

Mr. J. M. McEvoy, counsel for Mr. R. H. Smith, who applied for the injunction to prevent the city council signing the power contract, was asked what the next step would be, now that the council has instructed the city solicitor to oppose the granting of a fiat and to pass litigation confirming the contract.

"Some people have ventured the opinion," he said, "that this would be the end of the litigation, and this seemed to be in the minds of certain members of the council in their discussion. They seemed to assume that all

they had to do was to ask the Attorney-General to refuse the fiat, and that that would be the end of the matter. Even legal gentlemen have ventured that view. I do not think their view in this case will be any more correct than the view they expressed for months that the contract was legal as it stood. Of course, they can stick to this new deception until they are driven from it by a regular campaign to dislodge them. In my opinion it is not any more tenable than their former deception, that the contract was one which they might legally make under the by-law. All this discussion is educating the ratepayers and the council. The part of the litigation based on misrepresentation will, if the Attorney-General refuses the fiat, have to be dropped. Of course, this was contemplated from the first by Mr. Smith and myself, as you will see by the following. Continued on Page Eight.

Petition to Wind Up Oil Company

A petition has been filed at Toronto to wind up the Canadian Oil Company, whose capital stock is \$1,500,000, of which \$1,490,000 is subscribed. The petitioners are Proctor & Gamble of Cincinnati, creditors for \$1,483 75. There is a mortgage on all the plant, except that at Hamilton, Montreal and

Marietta, Ohio. It is secured by a bond issue of \$600,000 and the bankers have advanced of this \$539,000. The liabilities amount to \$812,000.

The firm has a branch here on Adelaide street.

Mr. W. S. Calvert, M. P. Strathroy, is president of the company, and many Londoners are interested in it.

Applicants Must Pass Examination

The applicants for the position of assistant treasurer will be submitted to examination to determine their fitness for the position.

Ald. Beattie, chairman of the finance committee, has the matter under advisement at the present time, and will have the test ready for the applicants very shortly.

It is very probable that the examinations will be completed by Friday next, when a special meeting of No. 1 committee will sit in judgment on the applicants and the appointment will be recommended.

A special meeting of the council will also be held early next week to settle other matters, and the appointment will probably be dealt with then.

Turning First Sod for Niagara Power

Mayor Stevely and Ald. Greenlee are in Toronto today attending the ceremonies in connection with the turning of the first sod for the hydro-electric commission's transmission line.

Ald. Parsons was acting mayor today in the absence of his worship. Business was extremely light at the

hall, and he was not kept busy looking after callers.

Dr. Niven, chairman of the board of health, went to Toronto also to form part of the deputation that will wait on Sir James Whitney to ask that two or more sanatoria for the treatment of consumption be established throughout Ontario.

Proposed School Board Appointments

The board of education did not meet yesterday afternoon owing to the fact that it was impossible to get a quorum, as several members were out of the city. A meeting will be held on Friday afternoon.

The matters coming up for discussion were the report of No. 1 committee recommending the appointment of Mr. J. G. Gordon, Lucknow, as assistant principal of Chesley avenue school; of Mr. John Dunbar, Mitchell, A. A. Cameron, Penelon Falls, and J. G. Katzenmeyer, Tavistock, to the permanent staff, and the appointment of Misses Mabel Buckle, Blanche Hayes, Winnifred Gould, Eva Winnett and Birdie Brown substitute teachers to regular positions, and also to accept the resignation of Mr. W. Wilson, janitor of the Chesley avenue school.

People Getting Too Gay at Weddings

The Grand Trunk authorities intend taking steps to stop people attending wedding parties from littering the platform with confetti. Several times lately the station has been literally covered with confetti, and it puts the employees to a great deal of trouble and inconvenience to clear it up.

"These people seem to want to put up to all the trouble possible," said a G. T. R. official to The Advertiser this afternoon. "Only a short time ago a

party, not content with covering the platform with confetti, came down, armed with hammers and ten-inch nails, and actually started to nail big posters with 'We are Just Married' on them, into the sides of brand-new coaches. They got several nails driven in before we could stop them, and when they were pulled out, why, there was a lot of paint and varnish gone, too. That car won't look right again until it is repainted."

LONDON'S POPULATION ABOUT 57,000

The population of the city of London is between 56,000 and 57,000, according to statistics compiled by Mr. H. Vernon, who has just published the second edition of his city directory.

This includes the suburbs, of course, but the figures still give the city proper over 50,000 population.

There are 22,000 names in the directory, and the fullest possible information is given with each.

A marked improvement in the directory lies in the fact that it includes the names and addresses of the farmers throughout the county of Middlesex.

This is of inestimable value to the citizens generally and cannot fail to be appreciated.

The information contained in the new directory is up-to-date and reliable.

It was printed in The Advertiser job printing department.

TRAIN NO. 422 IS HOODOOED FIVE CARS DITCHED AT GABLES

Second Accident to the Same Train Within Week Occurred Last Night at Ingersoll—Was Wrecked Monday at Gables—Nobody Hurt.

Freight train No. 422, which leaves this city each night for the east and which was wrecked at Gobles station Monday night, was again ditched last night at 9 o'clock at Ingersoll, when a brake-shoe broke, throwing five cars off the track.

No person was injured.

Engine 651, which was hauling the train Monday when the accident occurred, was again in the mix-up last

evening, and was in charge of Engineer Anderson. Conductor Ingram, of this city, was in charge of the train.

The accident occurred when a brake-shoe snapped and fell across the rail, throwing the five cars into the ditch. The auxiliary was called from London and succeeded in clearing the line.

The thirty cars which were derailed Monday evening were brought to the

Found Mother Dead in Bed Tuesday Husband Fell Paralyzed This Morning

Brother-in-Law Was Killed in Westman Fire—Awful Affliction of Mrs. Lane.

Mrs. A. B. Lane, of 772 King street, seems to be the victim of many heart-breaking incidents, not the least of which happened this morning.

Yesterday she went to visit her mother, Mrs. M. Leathorn, on King street east, and was horrified to find the old lady lying dead in bed.

The shock was a severe one, but she rallied from it well. This morning she had occasion to come down town, and her husband was with her.

Husband Paralyzed. While walking on Dundas street her

husband tottered and fell at his feet. She tried to assist him to his feet, and with the assistance of passers-by he was carried into McCallum's drug store. Dr. H. A. Kingsmill was summoned and found that Mr. Lane had suffered a paralytic stroke. His left side is completely paralyzed and his recovery is very doubtful.

He was taken to his home, and Mr. Lane is attempting to nurse him.

The Third Affliction.

The last is the third in a series of dramatic incidents.

Just three months ago today Sergt. Jack Cockburn, her brother-in-law, was killed in the Westman fire.

Such as series of sudden accidents would be sufficient to shatter the strongest nerves, and Mrs. Lane is suffering considerably from the effects of them.

COLORED COUPLE'S HOT ROW CARRIED INTO POLICE STATION

Police Court Clerk Moule Was Almost Trampled Upon in Fight Which Took Place Tuesday—Morning and Afternoon Sessions.

The domestic infelicities which happened as a result of Mrs. Williams, an aged colored lady, trying the experiment of living with her daughter-in-law, were responsible for the appearance in court this morning of

never took kindly to the old lady, and said so on many occasions. She wanted her husband to let his mother go and live by herself and give her enough to support her.

Stood by the Mother.

Mr. Williams said his wife could go first before he would see his old mother treated that way. Yesterday morning Mr. Williams went down to the house of a colored lady named Mrs. Prior to get some clothes. His mother was also at Mrs. Prior's place.

His wife followed a short distance behind him and he had hardly got into the house before she followed him in, and a fight took place.

Mrs. Williams, senior, was sitting at a table having something to eat when she was struck a terrific blow on

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City Wants More Money for Patients

A meeting of the finance committee of the city council and a special committee from the county council, to discuss the new hospital agreement, will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

It is more than likely that better terms will be demanded by the city from the county.

The present agreement was made five years ago, and the county pays about 75 cents a day for county patients.

The Government adds 20 cents a day to this amount, making the total 95 cents a day, or approximately that, for county patients.

The Government increased their representation at the meeting.

The Cost. According to statistics it costs on an average about \$1 28 a day for patients at the hospital, so that the city at the present time is losing about 33 cents a day on each patient.

I am thought unfair to tax the city for the keep of county patients, and they will be asked to pay the cost at least of every patient sent in from the county.

The hospital trust will insist that the rate be increased, and they will be represented at the meeting.

Some time about the end of August

he got into an altercation with a fellow-clerk in the City and District Savings Bank, and was struck in the face by his fellow-employee. Renaud at once put on his hat and left the bank and was never seen again alive.

It is supposed that in a violent fit of mortification at the indignity he had received he threw himself into the river. The exact cause of his rash act will probably never be known. His body was badly decomposed and was identified by means of a bank book in one of his pockets.

TWO MINISTERS SAIL FOR EUROPE

Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Borden Go Across on Business.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 18. — Hon. William Fielding, Dominion finance minister, is leaving for England shortly on business connected with his department.

Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia, sails Saturday on the Celtic for England. He is combining departmental business with a vacation trip.

SOME SOLACE FOR MR. C. C. HODGINS

Ex-Member for North Middlesex Lands a Job.

Mr. C. C. Hodgins, ex-M. P. for North Middlesex, has been appointed bursar of the Hospital for Epileptics at Woodstock, in succession to the late John Ronan. Mr. Hodgins was twice defeated in North Middlesex and represented the riding for one session of the Legislature. The appointment was announced yesterday.

THIS THIEF ADMITS STEALING A HORSE

Maurice Shaw Was Remanded Until Saturday for Sentence.

Maurice Shaw, who was arrested some days ago on the charge of horse stealing at Centuria, appeared before Squire Chittick yesterday to answer to the charge.

He pleaded guilty and was remanded until Saturday, when sentence will be passed.

MAKE GRIMES' CELLAR DOOR OF THE WALKS

Children Slide on Them and Cause Pedestrians to Sit Down Suddenly.

Certain residents of the section of West London, adjacent to the Blackfriars bridge, are experiencing a good deal of annoyance, through the practice on the part of the children of making the hill there into a toboggan slide. Every afternoon it seems twenty or thirty children are in the habit of sleighing down the sidewalk, making it necessary for the pedestrian to take to the road. The practice is not only annoying but might well be the cause of serious accidents, and the police would do well to put a stop to it.

RATHER MEAN TRICK WAS PLAYED SLICK

Couple Newly Married Found That They Were Subjects of Huge Joke.

There is no length to which perverted genius is not apt to stray. Take the case of a young couple who were married in one of the big churches this morning.

After the wedding breakfast the blissful couple took a carriage to the Grand Trunk depot.

The horses trotted gaily on the cold November day, the couple in the carriage wished their friends were miles away, and wondered how it happened that the crowd would stand and gawk; the bridegroom scarcely could refrain from saying they were yawns. The people paused to titter, for they really had the right. When the young man saw the reason he felt more than full of light, for there behind him on the back was a sign most plainly coarse. It was an opera billboard and it bore one word—"Divorce."

It is said that when the newly-wed gentleman reaches London again he will order swords for two.

BRAMPTON MURDER CASE

A True Bill Brought in Against Stephen Szewyda.

Brampton, Nov. 17. — The pitiful story of how 15-year-old Olaf Louitck, a stranger in Canada from Poland, fairly well educated, but friendless in Toronto, was murdered in a lonely spot near Erindale last April on the day before Good Friday, was the sensation in this town today, when Mr. Justice Riddell opened the criminal assizes for Peel County in the court house this afternoon. A broad-faced, dark-eyed Ruthenian named Stephen Szewyda sat in the prisoner's dock facing the charge of murder, sustained on a true bill brought in by the grand jury.

The Weather.

TOMORROW—MILD. FORECASTS. Toronto, Nov. 18.—8 a.m.

Today—Moderate to fresh northwest and west winds; fair.

Thursday—Southwest winds, and quite mild.

TEMPERATURES. Today. Yesterday.

London 28 13

Calgary 28 24

Winnipeg 22 14

Port Arthur 24 ..

Parry Sound 32 16

Toronto 26 22

Ottawa 20 20

Montreal 20 22

Quebec 12 20

Father Point 24 24

Dawson 18 26

Victoria 52 50

Vancouver 54 54

Edmonton 34 40

Prince Albert 28 41

Battleford 26 40

St. John 32 40

Halifax 32 ..

BONES FOUND IN THE BUSH INDICATE A FOUL MURDER

Disappearance of Joseph Ryan a Year Ago May Be Cleared Up by the Finding of a Skeleton Near North Bay.

North Bay, Nov. 17. — Farmers engaged in clearing land near Callender discovered a human skeleton, and the incidents which have come to light since, including the identification of the remains, strongly point to murder. Coroner McMurchy held an inquest at Callender, and the jury gave it as their opinion that deceased had met a death through foul play. Crown Attorney Browning has reported the facts to the Attorney-General's department.

The body was found in a bush where the fire had passed over, so that there was little about the remains for identification. A watch and chain, a lady's ring, a small sum of money in silver, a knife, a corkscrew and keys were found with the body, and also an aluminum trinket with the following inscription: "Lizzie Dalton, souvenir from your friend, Joe, Ryan, 1906."

Find Bullet Wound.

A significant discovery made among the bones was a piece of lead resembling a bullet from a large revolver. A man named Hicks testified at the inquest to seeing a buggy standing opposite the bush where the body was found, one night about a year ago.

William Ryan, employed at Cook & Armstrong's livery stable, North Bay, states that his brother, Joseph Ryan, came to North Bay in 1907 with considerable money in his possession, having been working as cook on a railway survey north of Latchford. He had a chum with him, and after staying in town about two months an-

nounced his intention of leaving for the United States, saying that he would take his savings, amounting to \$1,200, with him. That evening Joseph Ryan hired a rig from his brother to drive to Callender, twelve miles distant, where he intended to take the train. Another man, who the brother is positive was the chum of the missing man, got into the buggy from the sidewalk, but did not come into the livery stable.

About 6 o'clock next morning the rig was found tied in the outside shed, but none of the stable employees saw who brought it back. This was about a year ago, and although no word of Ryan has reached his relatives since, no suspicion was aroused, as he frequently absented himself for long intervals without apprising anyone of his whereabouts.

The brother of the missing man states that the man is known who was with Ryan the night of the drive to Callender, and an effort is being made to locate him.

An incident which may have a bearing on the mystery occurred some months ago, when a rumor spread through the town that a man had been murdered for his money in the vicinity of the Red Light district. This story was credited to a woman in one of the dives, but nothing further was heard of it, although considerable excitement was caused at the time.

It is significant that the skeleton was found in the locality indicated by the rumor.

Another Smallpox Case Develops Richmond Street Lady the Victim

Mrs. MacDonald of the North End Taken Ill With the Disease.

Another case of smallpox has developed in the city, Mrs. MacDonald, of Richmond street north, being the victim.

The case has been under surveillance for some days, but yesterday afternoon Dr. Hutchinson confirmed the diagnosis as smallpox and the patient was removed to the hospital.

The house was thoroughly fumigated and quarantined. There are several others in the house.

It is not known where the disease originated.

This is the second case to develop within a week, another case being reported in the East End.

Dr. Hodgetts, the provincial medical health officer, has been communicated with, and immediate steps will be taken to prevent an outbreak of the disease.

There is considerable smallpox through Ontario, it being particularly bad in the neighborhood of Kingston, where the city council has ordered everybody to be vaccinated.

Dr. Niven is in Toronto attending the convention for the prevention of tuberculosis, and it could not be learned whether there would be a meeting of the board of health to deal with the matter.

The cases are so widely separated that there is some fear that a general outbreak of the disease is imminent.

Federation Wants the Railwaymen Asks the Brotherhoods to Unite

Makes Plan to Secure Affiliation of 1,000,000 Men.

Denver, Nov. 17.—The American Federation of Labor today laid its plans to secure the affiliation, if possible, of the big railway brotherhoods and thus increase its membership by almost 1,000,000 men.

One of the first things reported to the convention was an invitation to the railway organizations to come in as members of the federation.

The switchmen and the telegraphers are members, but the engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors have remained outside the federation fold and worked independently.

Practically the whole of the morning session was given over to the discussion of the bitter fight in the

electrical workers' organization. The controversy was settled by seating one delegation and calling a general convention of the electrical workers of the country to perfect a harmonious organization.

Max Hayes, the Cleveland Socialist, assailed President Gompers for mixing in politics, and Gompers came back with a sarcastic speech in which he indirectly referred to the Socialists as having daydreams and nightmares, and that while they were having visions of future battles on Socialist lines, he and his colleagues were fighting now.

This afternoon the delegates went over the city in carriages, boycotting the free tramway cars. The convention will fix the next meeting place Thursday, nominate officers Friday, and elect them Saturday. The present officers will probably be re-elected.

New Zealand Government Returned

Wellington, N. Z., Nov. 17. — The elections in New Zealand today have resulted in the return to office of the Government of Sir Joseph G. Ward.

Returns are still incomplete, but it is probable that the Government's majority will be somewhat reduced. Hon. R. McNab, minister of lands and agriculture, has been defeated. The poll on the question of local option indicates that prohibition has been approved in a number of additional districts.

The estimated results are as follows: Government 37, Opposition 16, Independent 2, returns incomplete 2, second ballot required 18.

New Zealand's House of Representatives consists of 80 members, of whom four are Maoris elected by the natives. Elections are held triennially. Women are entitled to register and vote at elections for members of the House of Representatives, but are not qualified for membership in the Upper House.

A Young Bank Manager Shoots Self

Lakefield, Nov. 18.—R. P. Davidson, a manager of the Traders Bank here, who shot himself yesterday evening about 8 o'clock, died this morning at 2:30 without regaining consciousness.

He was 33 years of age and leaves a widow and one child. Mr. Davidson had been here six years and was popular with all classes. Bank officials state that they know of no reason for

The Kaiser Was Near Assassination

Frankfort-on-the-Maine, Nov. 17.—Rumors were current here today that an attempt had been made to blow up the train on which Emperor William journeyed from Donaueschingen to Berlin. The royal railway administrative office here makes public a statement in connection with the incident. According to this statement on both Sun-

day and Monday a dynamite cartridge was found on the tracks near the station at Muhlheim, between Frankfurt and Pannau. The cartridges were not found on the tracks over which the imperial train was to pass, but on the tracks paralleling these.

As this occurred in Hessian territory the states attorney at Darmstadt has instituted an investigation.