

MACKENZIE & MANN MAY BUY SOUTHWESTERN TRACTION CO. FOR THE BIG POWER FIGHT

Rumor That President Rumball Has Been in Toronto on Most Important Mission—London To Be the Storm Center of the Niagara Power Battle—The London Electric Co. Is Awake to Its Interests.

Signs are not wanting that London will be the storm-center of the Niagara power fight.

Already many evidences to that effect have been noticed, and the end is not yet.

The story was current today that MacKenzie & Mann had purchased the Southwestern Traction Company, intending to use that road as one of the implements of the warfare.

The Electrical Development Company or one of its kindred companies has the charter for the Hamilton to Windsor railroad, which will pass through this city.

Use Power From Falls.

Power from the Falls will be used on this railroad, and the intention is to obtain as many of these trolley lines, as possible to use power. By having a market for a large portion of their power, they will be able to dispose of their surplus at a low rate, much lower, it is expected, than Niagara power.

It has been known that negotiations have been going on for some time, although it was denied that the actual sale has been consummated as yet.

The importance of the road in the scheme has been recognized. It would give the Hamilton road an outlet on Lake Erie, making three important centres at which it could reach traffic on the great lakes, Hamilton, Windsor and Port Stanley.

It is a paying concern, with plenty of room for development, and it is more than likely that the proposed extensions to Aylmer, east and also along the lake shore west, would be carried out.

Manager Mower Speaks.

"We have not sold to the MacKenzie & Mann interests," said Manager Mower to The Advertiser. "Further than this he would not discuss the question. Mr. F. G. Rumball was out of the city, and could not be seen."

However, a prominent citizen in close touch with the company was authorized to state that the negotiations were under way, and that if the Southwestern were sold outright, the electrical interests would at least take a large block of stock, and in a degree control the policy of the road.

Mr. Rumball in Toronto.

Mr. F. G. Rumball was in Toronto last week in connection with the matter, and while there had a consultation with Mr. W. MacKenzie and other gentlemen in connection with the Electrical Development Company.

Following this conference came the rumor of the sale, but it has apparently not been consummated.

An announcement to that effect, however, is expected any time.

The London Electric.

The London Electric Company has not been idle. They are making all their plans for an enlargement of their plant, and the installation of new and modern machinery for developing power.

It was reported that they had purchased two 500-horsepower gas engines from the Colonial Engineering Company, of Montreal, but this report was not verified by Mr. C. B. Hunt, the general manager.

"We are pursuing the even tenor of our way," said Mr. Hunt. "We may rest assured that we will install the best kind of machinery for our purposes. We are in the field to stay."

The company will have the backing of the electrical interests of Canada, it being the purpose of the interests to break the power policy of Hon. Adam Beck in his own city.

Large business interests throughout the country are standing together on this question.

It was stated today on the best of authority that the London Street Railway would not take power from the city.

At the present time the company has about completed arrangements for the purchase of a producer gas plant.

All the needed information has been obtained, and prices have been given the directors.

The contract could be awarded in a few minutes, and the work commenced.

The Buying of Power.

Other companies whose interests are centred in some large enterprises will not take Niagara power, but will obtain power elsewhere.

London will consequently be in the throes of a great electrical struggle, and on the outcome of it depends the success or failure of the Niagara power scheme, not only in London but in the power zone.

Many Other Changes?

Hamilton Spectator: C. W. Bennett, the head of the enterprise known as the Bennett Theatres, who has retired was remembered by the managers of the various houses in the Bennett circuit by being made the recipient of the gift of a handsome gold watch suitably inscribed. The retirement of Mr. Bennett, it is thought, will be followed by many other changes in the management of the theatres associated with his name. As regards the Bennett house here it is pretty well settled that Shubert will control the bookings, which will mean that the Savoy will play only vaudeville next year. There will be an official announcement shortly.



EAST END ASSOCIATION COMMITTEEMEN.
Photo by Ed. Sanders, Richmond Street.
Standing, from left to right—Ald. Charles Moorhead, Wallace Chapman, Charles Ross, Geo. McFadden, James H. Westbrooke, Jack Nash, James Falkner, Norval Wanless, Wesley J. Crocker, Dr. George Bentley, City Clerk Baker, Robert Simmons.
Bottom row—George Burdick, Roy Cunningham, Dr. A. J. Wyckoff, Ab. Somerville, President Thomas Shaw, Fred Simmons, Frank Whetter and G. Watkins.

BRITISH SUBMARINE SUNK NEARLY ALL OF CREW PERISH

Two Torpedo Boats in Collision With a Steamer in English Channel and One of Them Goes to the Bottom.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

London, July 15.—A wireless message received at Portsmouth states that submarine torpedo boat C. 11, was in collision late last night with an unknown steamer near Lowestoft and was sunk with its crew of sixteen men.

Submarine boat C. 17, was also damaged in the collision, but the crew was saved.

It is understood that the crew of C. 11, had no chance to escape being inside the submarine and went to the bottom with it.

London, July 15.—No complete report of the accident yet has been received, but the latest advices from Sheerness, whence assistance was sent, indicate that some members of the crew of C. 11 were saved.

A PRESENTATION TO MR. C. W. BENNETT

Retiring General Manager Was Honored by the House Managers Yesterday.

Mr. C. W. Bennett, who has announced his retirement as manager of the Bennett Theatrical Enterprises, was waited upon in his office in the Bank of Toronto yesterday afternoon by Messrs. George Griscoli, Gus E. Green and Ed. C. Effer, and was presented with a very handsome gold watch, suitably engraved.

Mr. Bennett will leave shortly for New York, and after a trip to the west, in which he will take in the Seattle Exposition, will go to Europe.

LOSES HIS BALANCE WHILE REPAIRING NETS

Frank Deloney, a Well-Known Farmer of Essex, Drowned in Sydenham River.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Wallaceburg, July 14.—Frank Deloney, a prominent and highly respected farmer here for many years, was this morning drowned in the Sydenham River.

He was missed about 11 o'clock, and his boat, with his clothes and hat, were found floating on the river.

Search was at once instituted, culminating at 2:15 when the missing man's son, G. B. Deloney, diving in the river, located his father's body about 10 feet from shore.

It is thought that the unfortunate man, while fixing a fishing net, lost his balance and, falling from the boat to the water, was drowned. No one was present to aid him.

The late Mr. Deloney, who was 65 years of age, leaves a wife, six daughters, two of them married, and three sons, all of whom reside in Wallaceburg. The funeral takes place Saturday to the Roman Catholic Church, Rev. Father Brady officiating.

Sloman-Ball.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Ball, 229 Matland street, last night, when their youngest daughter, Miss Sophia, was united in marriage to Mr. Wm. Sloman, of Broughdale. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father. Owing to recent bereavement, only immediate relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs. Sloman will reside in the city.

Revival Services.

The revival services conducted by Major Simco and Capt. Crocker at the Salvation Army, Clarence street, had a splendid commencement last night. A large crowd was present, and the meeting was full of enthusiasm, and the spiritual tone was of the best. This augurs well for the following meetings. There will be meetings every night, and all day Sunday, concluding on July 27.

The Irish Picnic Baby Show.

In addition to the prizes mentioned yesterday, three more silver cups have been donated as prizes for the baby show. Ex-Ald. Thomas Gillean has given one; Fire Chief Aiken another, and the chairman of the committee has donated a third cup. There will be splendid prizes for every baby shown.

SOUTH LONDON FORGING AHEAD

Big Increase in Population Returns Point to a Vote on Sunday Cars.

WEST LONDON BOOMING

Jump in Population is Also Noted There—Somewhat of a Surprise for the Citizens of London.

A vote on Sunday cars in January is highly probable. The assessors have almost completed ward 2, and there they find a most satisfactory increase in the number of residents.

There has been a fine growth in West London, and in the northwest section of the ward, and instead of a nominal increase as expected, there will be fully 150 more residents of that part of the city than last year.

Now in South London, The assessment department are now engaged in South London, and as anticipated, there has been a decided growth in the population of some parts of that section.

During the past year many new houses have been erected, and they are all occupied.

One estimate was that the increase in South London would be at least 300, if not more.

One division alone shows a growth of 175, while another is almost 100 more than last year.

Wards 3 and 4 show a growth of 245, and as the number required to make 50,000 is only 570, it should be an easy task to run much above that.

"We are hopeful of reaching 50,000," said Assessment Commissioner Grant. "We are not in a position to say definitely the increase, but the figures are very satisfactory. There should be a decided increase in South London."

CITY DADDY HAD TROUBLE WITH AUTO

A tire on Ald. Robert Parsons' touring car came to grief yesterday afternoon at the corner of Dundas and Ontario streets, when the city daddy attempted to turn around on the slippery pavement while going at a fairly fast rate.

The machine slewed on the wet pavement and the wheel went against the curb, one tire bursting.

The tire was replaced and Ald. Parsons, with Mrs. Parsons and daughter Edith, left this morning for Sarnia, where they will visit his brother, George, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parsons, of Orillia, accompanied the party in another auto.

A Happy Reunion.

There was a happy reunion at the Grand Trunk station yesterday morning upon the arrival of the first time from the east, when for the first time in four years Mr. John Gemmell, of the firm of Robinson, Little, met his wife and two children, Margaret and Stanley, who had just arrived from Scotland. The family formerly resided in South Africa, Mr. Gemmell returned to Glasgow, and leaving his wife and family there, came to Canada. For two years he lived in Toronto and then came here. All the members were overjoyed at seeing one another again. Mr. and Mrs. Gemmell will reside in the city and are living at 170 Kent street.

LONDON DELEGATES VISIT HAMILTON

Inspected the Site and the Buildings of the Mountain Sanatorium.

FORTY-THREE PATIENTS

Now Being Cared For—Some Facts and Figures Regarding Care, Cures, and Cost.

A deputation from the London Health Association visited Hamilton yesterday and inspected the Mountain Sanatorium for Consumptives, which is located on the top of the mountain there. The delegation was made up of Messrs. Philip Peacock, J. B. Smallman, H. E. Gates, Sheriff Cameron and Architect W. G. Murray, who is preparing the plans for the institution which is to be erected about four miles from London, in the township of London.

Hon. Adam Beck came over from Toronto and joined the party at the G. T. R. depot.

The inspection. Much valuable information was gleaned. The Hamilton buildings are very good, but it was the opinion that, profiting by that city's experience, London can improve on them.

There is a medium sized central administration building, and several smaller buildings for the care of patients. There is also an infirmary, donated by Mr. Grafton, the big clothing manufacturer. In the infirmary patients are kept long enough to ascertain their exact condition. If they are curable they are sent to the sanatorium. If incurable, they are placed in the general hospital, which is maintained on the same as is Victoria Hospital in London.

Site Donated.

The land for the sanatorium was donated by a wealthy firm, Long & Bishy, and it is valued at \$6,500. The land is rather wet, however, and is not nearly as well suited for the care of patients as is the land of this district. It is said that despite the fact that the institution is situated on the mountain top, it is only about 600 feet above the sea level, whereas London is about 860 feet above.

Forty-three Patients.

There are 43 patients in the Hamilton institution, which is under the control of Dr. Hollick, a very obliging and efficient physician. The staff is composed of fourteen people. Only three acres of the site is used for buildings, etc.

Some of the land is worked by the patients who are able to do any work, and this outdoor labor assists in their cure, and also aids in the matter of maintenance.

Good Work.

Some marvellous improvements were noted in patients, but the doctor stated that it is impossible to keep them until they are absolutely cured, so great is the demand on the institution.

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PORT STANLEY TRAFFIC STEADILY INCREASING

Business This Summer Is Said To Be Greater Than Ever Before.

Traffic to Port Stanley bids fair to be the largest in many years. Every day many more than the usual number go to the lakeside, but on Wednesdays and Saturdays the traffic is enormous.

The Southwestern Traction Company yesterday were kept busy handling the large crowds.

"The traffic this year is away ahead of last year," said Manager Mower. "We will do much the largest business in our history. We had our hands full yesterday handling the crowds."

The Lakeside handled two large crowds yesterday at the Port. Both trips drew practically full loads.

"The Lakeside did well yesterday at both trips," said Mr. Mower. "The people are going to the lake, and the business should show a satisfactory increase from this time on."

The Pere Marquette are also doing a great business, a great deal better than last year.

Mayor Stevely stated today that he expected the company's earnings would result in a much greater percentage to the city than for some years past.

The business has certainly been good," he said.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM. FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate southerly and westerly winds; fine and very warm, with a few scattered thunderstorms.
Friday—Westerly winds; fine and warm.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Today.	Yesterday.
	Low.	High.
London	71	69
Windsor	69	67
Port Arthur	54	54
Port Huron	54	54
Toronto	56	56
Ottawa	64	63
Montreal	62	62
Quebec	68	69
Father Point	62	62
Dayton	55	55
Victoria	41	41
Vancouver	46	46
Edmonton	46	46
Medicine Hat	46	46
Moosley	53	53
Qu'Appelle	59	59
St. John	62	62
Halifax	68	68

WEATHER NOTES.

A shallow depression is moving across the great lakes, accompanied by scattered thunderstorms, and the weather throughout the Dominion is of a perfect mid-summer type.

The temperature is high from Ontario eastward, and will now rise in the Western Provinces.

WILSON VS. PRATT CASE DISMISSED

Apparent End of the Famous Row on Hyman Street.

PRATT HOUSE IS ALL RIGHT

P. M. Love Finds the Defendant Was Within the Law—Private Individual Had No Occasion to Intervene.

At this morning's session of the police court Magistrate Love gave his decision in the now famous case brought by W. H. Wilson against Ed C. Pratt. Both charges of breaking the building laws preferred against Mr. Pratt were dismissed, without costs.

The Decision.

The decision was as follows: The prosecution in this matter is in the nature of a complaint laid by the informant, Mr. Wilson, against his neighbor, Mr. Pratt, charging a breach of the building bylaw by the latter.

Prosecutions in respect of breaches of bylaw are almost wholly brought by the police authorities, or by some public official specially charged with the duty of seeing to the observance, by citizens of certain specific bylaws.

The public official who has the duty cast upon him of seeing to the proper observance of the building bylaw is the deputy building inspector, and the charge of a breach of that bylaw preferred by a private individual as prosecutor incidentally involves a charge of neglect of duty on the part of the public official, whose province it is to see that buildings are properly constructed, in accordance with the provision of the bylaw in that behalf.

Not Private Business. In my view, no private individual should intervene to complain of a breach of this bylaw, unless he is or likely to be damaged or injured by the breach, or unless his property is injuriously affected in value, or the public safety is endangered, or a public Continued on Page Ten.

JULY DELIVERY MADE ANOTHER BIG JUMP UP

Touched \$129 on the Chicago Exchange This Morning—A New Record.

Chicago, July 15.—Wheat for July delivery made a fresh step upward on the board of trade today, when the price touched \$1.29, compared with \$1.26 5-8 and \$1.26 3-4, the closing figures of the previous day. The new high record mark for the wheat established on initial trades, opening quotations ranging from \$1.27 1-2 to \$1.29. The more distant deliveries, however, were inclined to be weak.

A DOUBLE DROWNING IN THE OTTAWA RIVER

Two Girls of a Boating Party Perish and Escorts Rescued Just in Time.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, July 15.—About 11 o'clock last night some of the residents at the summer resorts near Aylmer heard prolonged cries for help coming across the water at Lake Deschenes, a wide stretch of water on the Ottawa River, nine miles above the city. No attention was paid to them, however, as they have been so many false alarms given this summer by alleged practical jokers in boats out on the lake.

Finally, about 2 o'clock this morning, as loud cries were still heard, some members of the Victoria Yacht Club put out to the rescue, and a steam launch was sent from Echo Beach.

Some distance out they found an overturned boat with two young men, L. Loyer and E. Guerlin, of Aylmer, clinging to it, and just as they were about to reach the shore, the boat, unable to cling longer to the boat, had let go an hour or so before, and going down in the water had not been recovered. The boys, Dorothy Green, aged 18, and her sister, Jennie, aged 32, both domestics at the Hotel Victoria, Aylmer.

The party left Aylmer on the evening of the 13th, and crossed the shore returning about 11 o'clock, their boat began to leak rapidly, and, filling with water, sank, and the boys, a good swimmer, succeeded in temporarily rescuing both of the girls, and the whole four, shouting for help, clung to the boat for a couple of hours. The girls, then completely exhausted, gave up the struggle.

This morning the police are investigating the circumstances of the tragedy. It appears that before Loyer and Guerlin left Aylmer with the two girls last evening they had some trouble with two other young men named Gravelle and Dixon, who, it is said, wanted the girls to go with them, Gravelle and Dixon followed the party later in a boat, and it is further stated all were somewhat under the influence of liquor.

Tax Collector Busy.

Tax Collector Hayes is busy handling the tax money. It is coming to him literally in bales, and he and his staff are kept on the move continually to keep up with the payments. Good for \$20,000 ahead of last year at this time," said Major Hayes to The Advertiser. "Money is moving much more freely than for some time. Times must be getting better."

Wrong Name.

It was reported in The Advertiser yesterday that George Stephenson, of 551 Colborne street, had his arm broken and had a close call from drowning. The name should have been Charles Stephenson, and he states that the injury was due to him falling off the dam above Dexter's mills. The report that he fell into the water and had a close call from drowning is, he states, incorrect.