

UNBUSINESSLIKE METHODS CHARGED AGAINST CITY

Tenderer for Supply of Gas Lamps Has Suffered Thru Broken Promises.

Conduct that, to say the least, unbusinesslike, is alleged against the city in the dealing with tenders for the supply of gas lamps, in a letter addressed yesterday to the board of control by Watson, Smoke & Smith, solicitors for the American Street Lamp & Supply Co. of New York. The letter is as follows:

Aug. 17, 1906. The Chairman and Members of the Board of Control, Toronto: Gentlemen,—On August 1 our clients, the American Street Lamp & Supply Co., received from the secretary of the fire department a "form of tender" for gas lamps, which was to be submitted to the board of control on August 14 for furnishing the City of Toronto with 1000 or more incandescent gas street lamps and parts thereof. The "form of tender" was promptly forwarded to the Keith & Fitzsimons Co., the Toronto representatives of our clients, for their consideration.

Immediately on receipt of the "form of tender" the company addressed a letter to the board of control, under date of August 3, calling the attention of the board to certain provisions in the "form of tender" which, unless modified, would necessarily operate to prevent the city from receiving the wholesome and beneficial benefits of bona fide competition on fair and usual terms for the work. (Attached hereto is a copy of this letter, marked "A.")

Secretary McQueen of the board of control acknowledged receipt of the company's letter, under date of August 7, and the following day Secretary McQueen wrote: "I beg to advise you that your communication with reference to street lighting with gas lamps, and the request for tenders for lamp equipment, has been forwarded by the board to the secretary of the fire department."

Promised Fair Treatment. Our clients hearing nothing further from the board of control, the secretary of the fire department relative to the more material objectionable provisions contained in the "form of tender" referred to in the company's letter to the board, the company's manager came to Toronto and saw Secretary McQueen last Monday, the 14th inst. The secretary explained to the manager that the "form of tender" in question was generally employed by the city, and that reasonable modification of the objectionable provisions would undoubtedly be made by the board of control on application.

For the purpose of receiving direct assurances from the board of control that would permit the company to enter a formal tender without prejudice to itself or the best interests of the city our Mr. Smoke, with the company's manager, Mr. Momand, and Mr. Keith, its Toronto representative, called at the boardroom at the city hall last Tuesday, the 14th inst. Finding the boardroom vacant (at the usual meeting hour, 11 a.m.) they visited the mayor's office, where they met Controller Shaw, who informed them that there would be no meeting of the board until Wednesday, the day after the tenders were to be made.

Controller's Assurance. Upon being informed of the object of their visit to the boardroom the controller stated that the board would be reasonable in the matters referred to by the company in its letter to the board, and in all matters pertaining to the tenders and execution of the contract. On receiving these assurances with the statement of the controller, that no time would be lost by the board in passing on the tenders and awarding the contract, in view of the near approach of the expiration of the three months' extension of the old contract recently made by the board, the company duly put in its tender for the lamps.

At the opening of the tenders the following day (15th) Mr. Smoke's suggestion to the board, that the secretary of the fire department, to whom the tenders had been referred, be requested to report on the tenders the following day, was met with the objection that this time might be a little too short. The board finally agreed that Secretary McQueen would be required to report on Friday, the 17th inst. With this understanding Messrs. Smoke and Momand retired from the board meeting. We were greatly surprised to learn thru Secretary McGowan later in the day that after Messrs. Smoke and Momand's departure from the board room in the morning the board had adjourned until next Tuesday, the 21st inst. Secretary McGowan further stating that he had not received any instructions from the board of control as to the date when he should make his report.

Feel Aggrieved. In view of the fact that Mr. Momand came from New York expressly on this occasion to put in his company's tender, and made his arrangements to remain here until to-day, when as above stated Secretary McGowan's report should have been received and acted upon, we think you will admit that our clients have the right to feel aggrieved at the delay which has occurred thru no explained or proper cause. Their tender now in for new and up-to-date lamps and equipment is much lower than the only other tender for new lamps and equipment, and they are, therefore, justified in expecting that the board will in the city's interest award the contract to them. Naturally the sooner the contract is awarded the sooner its execution can be entered upon and completed, and it is occasioning the company great and unnecessary inconvenience for Mr. Momand to remain here, while at the same time it is necessary for him to be here in order to make arrangements for the immediate carrying out of the contract.

SENT TO JAIL FOR THEFT INNOCENCE SEEMS PROVEN

Expressman Convicted of Stealing Trunk Which is Located Across Lake.

Detective Guthrie yesterday afternoon located Isaac Tweedie's trunk on the Yonge-street dock, which has been the cause of sending William Meehan to jail for 30 days. Meehan was sentenced in police court yesterday morning for stealing the trunk. He pleaded not guilty, but was a victim of circumstantial evidence. Now that the trunk has been located the case will be re-investigated, and the prisoner may be set free.

The story goes that Tweedie and a friend, Johnston, were going to Niagara Falls, N. Y., on July 14, via steamer Garden City. At Suspension Bridge they were held for head-tax upon which they turned back. Arriving at Toronto, they gave their checks to a man who was waiting for them. After waiting three or four days without receiving their goods Johnston and Johnston identified Meehan as the man to whom they had given their checks. He was summoned to court yesterday.

Detective Guthrie learned that the trunk was lying in Port Dalhousie, and ordered it brought to this city in the afternoon. Meanwhile, Meehan is in jail.

VALPARAISO IS SHAKEN

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CITY SHAKEN. New York, Aug. 17.—The City of Valparaiso, Chile, reported badly damaged by earthquake. One report received here is that the situation in Valparaiso is very serious as the San Francisco disaster.

Practically every building in the city is damaged, and there are fires in different parts of the city. Many persons are reported killed and injured. SEVERAL HOURS' DURATION. Washington, Aug. 17.—The weather bureau to-day issued the following earthquake bulletin: "A very heavy distant earthquake was recorded on the seismograph at the weather bureau in Washington yesterday afternoon, beginning at 10:20 a.m. and lasting 22 seconds, with 10th meridian time. Complete and perfect records were obtained of both the north and south and the east and west movements of the earth.

The earth tremors at Washington were comparatively slow and deliberate motion, each complete movement covering from 18 to 40 seconds of time. The earthquake lasted continuously for several hours, and finally ceased at about midnight. The most violent shock occurred at 7 p.m., with a duration of 26 seconds p.m. "From press reports this is evidently a record of the great Chilean earthquake of Aug. 16, and is the heaviest recorded in Washington since the San Francisco earthquake."

LOS ANGELES STRICKEN. Buenos Ayres, Aug. 17.—The newspapers to-night publish telegrams from Mendoza (an entrepot for the trade between Buenos Ayres and Chile) to the effect that many houses in the Los Andes district were destroyed by the earthquake, and that there have been a large number of casualties. The interruption of all means of communication with Chile is most serious. Many rumors of disaster are afloat.

A Special Drive in Panetelia. To-day we are selling a 5 inch long genuine hand-made clear Havana "Panetelia" shape cigar at 6 for 25 cents or \$2.00 per box of fifty. These cigars are of very fine quality and are a real value. Get a few today at A. Clubb and Sons' "New Store" 5 King West.

BRITISH COMPANIES LOSE. Liverpool, Aug. 17.—Most of the British firms manufacturing goods for export to Valparaiso, Chile, but the amount involved is not nearly so great as was that at San Francisco.

WIRES DOWN. Buenos Ayres, Argentina, Aug. 17.—All the attempts made here to obtain telegraphic communication from Chile through the western coast of South America were fruitless up till late this afternoon, on account of the interruption of wire communication.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED. New York, Aug. 17.—A private cable dispatch to W. G. & Co. from Valparaiso, received by way of Lima, Peru, says that the earthquake in Valparaiso has shut down the business in the city has been totally suspended.

WHERE VALPARAISO IS. Valparaiso is a fortified seaport of Chile, and the most important commercial town of the western coast of South America. It has a population of about 150,000. It is the capital of the province of the same name, and is situated on a large bay in the Pacific Ocean, seventy-five miles west northwest of Santiago, with which it is connected by rail. The Bay of Valparaiso, which is well sheltered on three sides, is bounded by ranges of hills, rising to from 100 to 1700 feet high, on the slopes of which a considerable portion of the City of Valparaiso is built. On the south side of the bay are the spacious suburbs of Nueva Valparaiso and Gran Valparaiso, from which pass out one of the finest of the thoroughfares of Valparaiso, the Avenida de las Delicias. The lower central section of the city is constituted by the Alameda, having regular and attractive streets, and containing the principal business houses, the park, the Plaza Victoria, and the National Theatre. To the northwest of this section in the quarter of the city known as El Puerto (or the port) are situated the greater number of the public buildings, and the vast warehouses which line the quays and docks. Elevators connect the lower parts of the city with the villa section of the heights. The port of Valparaiso is terminus of important lines of steamers for Europe, and is the centre of the South American coasting service. It contains a numerous foreign colony, composed chiefly of British, German and French merchants. The harbor is defended by

ALMOST DERAILED. Lumber Falls on Railway Tracks and Fast Train Runs Into It.

Newburg, N.Y., Aug. 17.—The Wolverine express for Chicago over the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, leaving New York at 4.30 p.m. had a narrow escape from derailment and serious accident near Flatbush this afternoon.

The axle of a freight car standing on a siding broke and allowed a load of lumber to slide off. Some of the planks fell across the northbound passenger track. The engine of the express dashed into these at a speed of fifty miles an hour, throwing the lumber high into the air. One of the flying timbers struck Wm. Vanwegen, who was standing at a crossing, and injured him severely.

HARVESTER TAKES AID. Unknown Man From Ontario Attempts Suicide at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—(Special)—An unidentified man, well dressed and believed to have arrived during the day on the Ontario harvest hands' excursion, drank carbolic acid and to-night lies dying in the hospital. There was nothing in his pockets to indicate his name or home.

The grain yield is proving even heavier than the sanguine estimates of a few weeks ago. The crop is overtopped and the demand for harvest hands is very pressing.

HALIFAX VS. NEW YORK. Nova Scotia Has Advantage as an Ocean Port.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable) London, Aug. 17.—Senator Drummond intervened on the question of a direct steamship line between Canada and the Mother Country, said it would be only a few days' journey on sea and would not cost nearly as much as the journey via New York. The traveler to New York has to endure the bullying of the American customs authorities, has to drive across New York and possibly stay overnight in New York. In Nova Scotia the train is alongside the quay and passengers simply step from boat to the train.

CHINA MUST INSIST. Three Big Powers Dictate Action as to Russia.

London, Aug. 18.—A despatch from Tokio to The Daily Telegraph states that Great Britain, the United States and Japan have intimated to China the necessity of insisting that Russia establish customs stations in Northern Manchuria.

DISTINGUISHED PASSENGERS. Quebec, Aug. 17.—Among the passengers on the Empress of Britain to-day were the Marquis of Queensberry, Sir Charles Phipps, Sir Thomas Barrow, the King's physician, Col. Wilson, commander of this year's British team, J. Ramsay MacDonald, one of the Labor members of the imperial parliament, C. D. Ross, M. P., and Sir Wm. Broadbent.

WM. MATTHEWS DROWNED. The police last night received a telegram from Chicago, saying: "William Matthews, drowned in Chicago to-day."

HERRERA QUIT. Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 17.—Charles Herrera to-night won over Aurelio Herrera in the 7th round, Herrera throwing up the sponge.

H. M. S. DOMINION. Quebec, Aug. 17.—H.M.S. Dominion will leave Chaleur Bay at noon bound for Quebec. She expects to arrive early Sunday morning.

FIFTY MEN ENTOMBED. Bristol, Va., Aug. 17.—Fifty men are entombed alive in the Clinch Mountain tunnel at Clinchport, Va., as a result of a cave-in. It is not known whether the men are dead or alive.

TO ASK INTERVENTION. London, Aug. 18.—A despatch from Athens states that King George is going to Maribend, where he will meet King Edward, whom he will ask for intervention in favor of the Greeks against Bulgarian excesses.

STRATHCONA SUBSCRIBES. London, Aug. 17.—Lord Strathcona has subscribed a thousand pounds to the Bishop of St. Albans for the Hertford and Essex diocesan fund.

LATONIA RESULTS. Cincinnati, Aug. 17.—Favorites won four of the seven races at Latonia to-day. First race, 6 furlongs—Don Irons 105 (Aubuchon), 7 to 2; Jay Ward 102 (Haynes), 9 to 2; Miss Kitty, 302 (Perritt), 12 to 1. Time 1:13 3/4.

Second race, 7 furlongs—Phora, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1. Time 1:33 3/4.

Third race, 1 1/4 miles—Frischleuter, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1. Time 3:00.

Fourth race, 1 1/4 miles—Frischleuter, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1. Time 3:00.

Fifth race, 1 1/4 miles—Frischleuter, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1. Time 3:00.

Sixth race, 1 1/4 miles—Frischleuter, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1. Time 3:00.

Seventh race, 1 1/4 miles—Frischleuter, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1; Lady Henrietta, 108 (Nicol), 3 to 1. Time 3:00.

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