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THE GRAND TRUNK ASKS FOR A MEETING AND TROUBLE MAY VANISH THIS TIME

Mr. McGuigan and City Council Will Tomorrow Reopen Negotiations Over the Proposed Improvements—Company Likely to Waive Damage Clause.

Mayor Judd has called a meeting of the greatest importance in connection with the proposed Grand Trunk improvements, the negotiations regarding which were dropped some time ago.

It is understood that through the intervention of certain citizens—big businessmen of powerful influence—the company has decided to reopen negotiations, and Manager McGuigan will be present tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, when the council assemblies.

According to one who is on the inside, the Grand Trunk and the city will now find no difficulty in coming to terms.

It is said that the Grand Trunk will waive the damages clause conditionally. This was the rock upon which the city and the company split some time ago.

The company will also agree to make most of the street and rail work, and to have openings at Wellington, Waterloo and Colborne streets practically the entire width of these thoroughfares.

A Fixed Assessment.

Further, it is understood that a fixed assessment of \$500,000 will be satisfactory to the company.

At the city hall today it was said that never since the negotiations were opened did things look so bright.

"All the city has to do now is to be moderate and we shall have the elevated lines from the Wharncliffe road to William street," a gentleman well up in the matter said to The Advertiser today.

It will be noticed that the council, not the railway committee, has been called to consider the matter. This is no doubt owing to the fact that Chairman Garratt last week refused to call a meeting of the committee together, to consider the proposal of the Grand Trunk regarding the moving of the street railway line to Springbank, to make room for the slope of the embankment which carries the elevated lines west of the Wharncliffe road.

A Letter From Mr. McGuigan.

It will be noticed that Mr. McGuigan, in the following letter to the city clerk, does not say he is desirous of reopening the whole matter of improvements in London, but those on the inside say that this is what will be done by the city, and the company will be found agreeable.

The letter is as follows: "Aug. 21, 1906.

"Mr. S. Baker, City Clerk: "Dear Sir—Our track elevation work west of Wharncliffe road is rapidly approaching a condition when it will be necessary to move the tracks of the London Street Railway Company some distance south, parallel with the city sewer, between points near the east and west cove, to obtain sufficient room for our railway embankment. To do this we require a strip of city land approximately 100 feet wide between the above points. We have had a conference with the general offices of the street railway company, and believe that we can arrive at a satisfactory arrangement for moving the tracks, provided that we can procure the necessary lands from the city council, at a special meeting of the city council, at such time as will best suit their convenience. Our object in asking for a special meeting is in order that I may have an opportunity to lay before them plans of the work, and make such explanation as they may desire. Yours truly, F. H. MCGUIGAN, "Fourth Vice-President."

NEW LESSEES WILL NOT SELL LEASE OF GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Manager Stewart Silences Another Batch of Hot Weather Rumors.

Manager John R. Stewart of the Grand Opera House, returned from New York at noon today. He made the positive statement to The Advertiser that there is absolutely no foundation for the story that he and Mr. Fitzpatrick intend to sell out to any local or other syndicate.

Just a Dream.

"We are in the Grand to stay," Mr. Stewart said emphatically. "I cannot be responsible for the dreams of certain interested persons."

"I have arranged for some of the finest productions on the road for London. The vast majority of these will be independent, but quite a few syndicate shows will be played here. "A week from Saturday I take possession of the Grand Opera House. I shall manage it, and my partner, Mr. Fitzpatrick, will look after the booking end in New York."

Opens Labor Day.

"Labor Day the theater will open under my management with a vaudeville bill direct from the Oscar Hammerstein-Percy Theatres. I have arranged for two nights of vaudeville each week during the season, but all Labor Day week first-class vaudeville will be seen at the Grand.

"Fair week I have booked 'My Dixie

INTERSWITCHING CHARGES FIXED; GRAND TRUNK WINS ITS APPEAL

Given a Preferential Rate of \$5 to \$4 for Handling Cars—Agreement at Last.

The railway commission has handed down its decision re the London inter-switching charges, with the result that the Grand Trunk Railway wins its point against the C. P. R.

The Grand Trunk will now be paid \$5 for every car handled for the C. P. R., but the latter road will only be paid \$4 per car for each car handled for the Grand Trunk.

When the inter-switching line was completed, the commission fixed the Grand Trunk charges at \$5 per car, but said nothing as to the rates the C. P. R. should charge the Grand Trunk.

The Canadian Pacific then attempted to charge the G. T. R. \$5 per car for handling cars over C. P. R. tracks to

Grand Trunk sidings. The latter road declared this to be unfair, inasmuch as the Grand Trunk had been put to the expense of building the connecting line at a cost of over \$25,000, and the C. P. R. had not spent a dollar on it. The Grand Trunk also refused to accept freight from shippers on C. P. R. sidings, such as Hyman's tannery, Carling's brewery, etc., because of the excessive charge of the C. P. R. for handling cars.

Now that the rates have been fixed satisfactorily to the Grand Trunk, Freight Agent Gordon stated to The Advertiser today that the company will begin hustling for freight on all sidings in the city.

Local shippers are greatly pleased to see the matter at last adjusted. It was a big drawback to many firms to be denied the shipping facilities of the Grand Trunk. Now it is hoped the big trunk lines, both of which do a tremendous local business, will be able to get along peacefully.

LIGHTNING PLAYS GREAT HAVOC

Many Barns and Contents Completely Destroyed in Vicinity of Alvinston.

Alvinston, Aug. 22.—During the heavy electrical storm which passed over this section yesterday afternoon, James Reader's barns, about 3 miles from Alvinston, were burned by lightning. The whole season's crops, together with most of the farm implements, wagons, buggies, etc., are a complete loss. A clover huller, valued at \$500, belonging to Wm. Preece, which was stored in the barn, was also destroyed. Mr. Reader's loss will be fully \$2,500. Insured in the Lambton Mutual for \$1,300.

E. McKellar's barn, 1 mile east of the town, was burned down with the whole season's crops. A valuable mare and colt, which were in the building were burned. Mr. McKellar, being in the barn at the time, was badly shocked, but managed to escape in time. His loss will be about \$3,500; insured for \$800. A valuable 2-year-old heifer, pasturing in a field belonging to T. P. Chambers, was killed by the lightning.

EARL OF LEVEN DEAD

Lord Higge Commissioner of General Assembly of Scottish Church.

London, Aug. 22.—The Earl of Leven and Melville (Ronald Ruthven Leslie-Melville), lord high commissioner of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and keeper of the privy seal of Scotland, died today. He was born in 1825.

TIM AT NEW YORK.

New York, Aug. 22.—T. M. Healy, member of the British Parliament, was a passenger on the Carmania, which arrived here today from Liverpool.

WALKED OFF PIER; DROWNED AT PORT

George Skinner, Street Railway Employee, Meets an Accidental Death.

Mr. George S. Skinner, a conductor employed on the London street railway, fell from the pier at Port Stanley last evening and was drowned.

So far as can be learned, Mr. Skinner was on his way to Cleveland, and had gone to Port Stanley in the evening and taken passage on the steamer City of Grand Rapids. Shortly after he secured his berth, No. 4, the steamer ran a moonlight excursion on the lake. While on the excursion Mr. Skinner spent the time reading, but it appears that when the steamer landed her excursionists, Mr. Skinner for some reason went ashore with the crowd. He had walked down the gangplank and was proceeding along the dock toward the village, when just as he reached the bow of the steamer he fell into the water, and was drowned before help could reach him.

Several persons were close by at the time, and when the alarm was given several pieces of plank were thrown into the water in the hope that he would seize one and keep afloat until assistance could reach him, but those who were on the pier waited closely, and state that the unfortunate man sank and did not come to the surface again. At first there was some difficulty identifying the man who had fallen from the pier, but Capt. Averill investigated, and found that Skinner's stateroom was locked, the door was unlocked and his effects were found in it. A search was made for the missing man, which resulted in it being proven beyond a doubt that it was him who was drowned.

Deceased was well known in this city, where he had resided for the past three years, during which time he was employed as a conductor on the London street railway. Before coming to London he resided in Parkhill. He is survived by his wife and one child; his father, one sister and five brothers. His father, Mr. Charles Skinner, and his sister reside in Ingersoll. His brothers are: Joseph, of Parkhill; William, of Forest; Robert, of Ingersoll; Richard, of St. Marys; and Edward, of this city. After a diligent search Skinner's body was found about noon today, and was brought to the city on the first train.

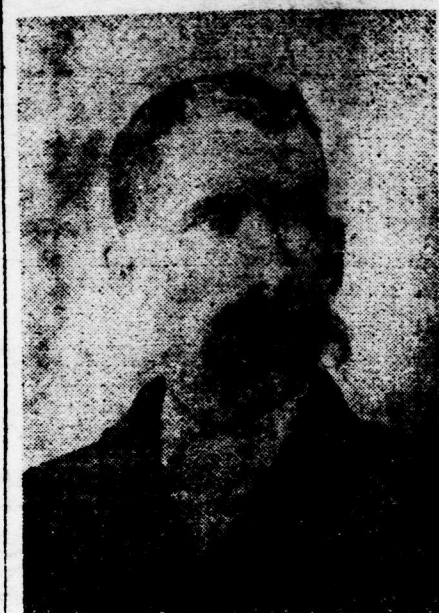
IN TENT 101 YEARS

Gypsy Woman Still Hearty—Has a Son 85 Years of Age.

New York, Aug. 22.—Mrs. Louisa Smith, a gypsy, today celebrated her 101st birthday in a camp in the outskirts of Atlantic Highlands. She was born in England in a tent, and has passed all her days in the wandering life of her people. She was married at 15, and eight of her nine children are living. She also has numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Five of her sons and a daughter and some of her grand and great-grandchildren live in the same camp. The oldest son is 85 years old. Mrs. Smith has all her teeth, never wears eyeglasses and up to a year ago could see as well as anyone.

EARTHQUAKE IN SILESIA

Berlin, Aug. 22.—A sharp earthquake shock was felt today at Zabrze, near Katowitz, Upper Silesia. Doors were forced open, pictures and mirrors fell to the floor, and the frightened inhabitants fled into the streets. The walls of a number of houses were cracked.



GEORGE S. SKINNER, Street Railway Employee, Who Walked Off Pier at Port Stanley and Was Drowned.

THE WATER SUPPLY

The rains of the last few days have brought relief to the minds of those who have the oversight of the waterworks.

There is no longer any scarcity of water at Springbank, although it cannot be said that there is an abundance.

The reservoir at noon today registered nine feet, whereas it rarely registers eleven feet in the spring, fall or winter, when there is plenty of water.

The bulk of what is being received from the springs is being pumped direct to the city. The demand, however, is less than during the dry spell, which means that some goes to the reservoir.

BOLTS RIPPED THROUGH HOUSE; SCARED EAST LONDON FAMILY

The home of Mr. Walter Smith, on Lovett street, East London, was struck by lightning and considerably damaged during the severe storm on Monday evening.

The bolt came down between two rooms, and divided, one part going around the house and passing down a pipe into a tub of water, which it completely demolished. The other part of the bolt took an opposite course and finally spent its force in the ground.

The family, ten in number, had a narrow escape from injury. They were all in the house at the time, the majority of them being in the two rooms which suffered the greatest damage, yet none suffered more than a shock. All were soon fully recovered, except that their nerves were unstrung.

The house was damaged, the two rooms where the bolt first struck suffering the greatest.

THIRTEEN CLAIMANTS

Waukesha Rouns Are Heirs to German Brewers \$100,000,000.

Waukesha, Wis., Aug. 22.—Thirteen residents of this city claim to be heirs to the estate of the late Michael Roun, a brewer of Germany, who left a fortune said to amount to nearly \$100,000,000. Edward Roun, of Buffalo, came here yesterday, and after consulting with him the ten Waukesha heirs signed affidavits affirming their kinship with the deceased brewer. There are said to be thirteen heirs in all. The German ambassador in Washington has communicated with the heirs and says the estate is bona fide.

CHOIR COMPETITION

North Staffordshire Singers Win the Championship of Wales.

Carnarvon, Aug. 22.—The Royal National Eisteddfod opened here yesterday with the customary picturesque ceremonies. The chief event was the choir competition, for prizes given by Andrew Carnegie, for which five choirs entered, representing nearly 1,000 competitors. After a two-hours' contest the North Staffordshire choir was awarded the first prize, and the Lanely choir the second.

LONG LIFE IS WEARISOME

Centenarian Hopes to Die Before Another Birthday Comes.

Worcester, Aug. 22.—Mrs. Johanna Brown, of 63 Lake street, is 104 years old, and to those who congratulate her and wish her a longer life, she says: "Don't wish me another birthday. I've lived too long. I'm so tired, I'll be glad to go at any time. I think I've had my share of life. People pity those who die young, but there is such a thing as too long a life."

These words sound almost out of keeping with the aged lady's appearance, for she is a bright little woman and unusually cheerful. She says it is hard to see one's friends die and still live on, and that after having completed 104 years of existence any one would be willing to die.

THE WEATHER

TOMMORROW—COOLER.

Rain has fallen today in Alberta and Saskatchewan and near Lake Superior, and local thunderstorms have occurred in the St. Lawrence Valley. It has been very warm from the great lakes to the Maritime Provinces, and quite cool in the Northwest.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 38-57; Calgary, 44-45; Edmonton, 44-64; Qu'Appelle, 48-70; Winnipeg, 46-70; Port Arthur, 50-62; Pelly Sound, 66-84; Toronto, 68-86; Ottawa, 68-86; Montreal, 70-84; Quebec, 68-82; Halifax, 68-86.

Wednesday, Aug. 22—8 a.m. Today—Variable winds; fair, with local thunderstorms. Thursday—Easterly winds and a little cooler.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary. 44. 46. Fair.
Winnipeg. 48. 60. Fair.
Port Arthur. 50. 62. Cloudy.
Pelly Sound. 66. 84. Cloudy.
Toronto. 70. 84. Clear.
Ottawa. 70. 84. Cloudy.
Montreal. 70. 84. Cloudy.
Quebec. 68. 82. Cloudy.
Pelly Sound. 66. 84. Rain.

WEATHER NOTES.
The weather continues quite cool in the Northwest Provinces, the temperatures yesterday having been very generally below 70°. Heavy rains have occurred in Alberta and Saskatchewan. The western cool wave has spread across Northern Ontario to the valley of the St. Lawrence River, but high temperatures continue in the south.

HAD ARM CRUSHED

Pressman Meets With Severe Accident at Southam & Co's.

A very severe accident befell Mr. Fred Luederman, foreman of the press room at Southam & Co's establishment, this morning.

Luederman was working at an embossing machine and was in the act of removing a sheet of paper from it when his right hand was caught in the rollers and badly smashed above the wrist.

Luederman was removed to his home on Richmond street south. He will be unable to resume work for several weeks.

BRODEUR WARNS

Tells the French-Canadians Not to Ask Too Much.

Montreal, Aug. 22.—Hon. L. P. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries, at St. Hilaire, speaking to those of his friends of the Liberal party who are agitating for better terms, asked them to beware of what may follow. Many of the fathers of confederation, chief author even, would have preferred a legislative union to provincial autonomy. "This opinion," the speaker went on to say, "is not by any means dead in this country, and let us fear less the demands of the province awaken it. Let us fear that an amendment to the constitution to readjust the federal subsidy might constitute a precedent, a justification in this country of English law in favor of those who would like nothing better than to ask for this other amendment to the constitution, viz. the transformation of our federal system into one of legislative union. All shortsightedness must be avoided, for the assaults which will be directed against provincial autonomy during the next 25 or 30 years are greatly to be feared. Let us therefore fear," concluded Hon. Mr. Brodeur, "all that may have a tendency to weaken this right so dearly acquired."

CHINA GOING EASY

Proposes to Spend 10 Years Educating People for Constitution.

Pekin, Aug. 22.—The Dowager Empress of China plans to summon a conference of high officials, including several viceroys to discuss the adoption of a constitution. The Chinese commissioners who recently visited America and Europe and who have returned from their tours recommend a gradual change to a constitutional government, talking ten to fifteen years to educate the people thereto.

GREY TO TOUR THE WEST

His Excellency Will Go as Far North as Edmonton This Trip.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—The Governor-General will be in the west for almost two months this fall. He is going as soon as the Quebec function is over. Earl Grey has been west before, but over the C. P. R. entirely. This time he is going over the Canadian Northern from Winnipeg to Edmonton, and will return from there to McLeod. From there he will proceed to British Columbia, in which province he will spend about a month. Earl Grey will be accompanied by Lady Grey, their two daughters, and Hon. Lord Howick and his bride.

Canada will participate in the Irish International Exhibition to be opened at Dublin next May. An invitation to make a display at Norfolk, Virginia, in the Jamestown Exhibition, has been declined.

Go West of the Springs; Plenty of Water There

Water Commissioner Saunders Thinks City Can Add 1,250,000 Gallons Daily to Supply.

Engineer Moore's report on the available water supply between Springbank and Kilmory, presented at yesterday's meeting of the water commission, is attracting considerable notice.

Within a week the commissioners will be called upon to decide what they shall do in regard to the securing of more water. The question now is, Will they conclude to collect the water now in sight according to the engineer's report, or will they wait and lay a scheme before the people for the securing of a new supply or a river-water plant for fire-fighting purposes?

Commissioner Saunders has no hesitation in letting the people know exactly where he stands on the matter.

Go Farther West.

He says that he is ready to go ahead and collect all the available water as far as the petrifying springs at Kilmory.

If this is done he thinks the city can add at least 1,250,000 gallons of spring water to its supply each day.

This can be secured by collecting the 500,000 gallons referred to by Mr. Moore, the estimated 250,000 gallons from the Redmond pond, and the 500,000 estimated daily flow of the petrifying springs.

"I will never say river-water so long as the lands west of Springbank are full of springs," Mr. Saunders said to The Advertiser today. "My idea is to

keep on going west as we need more water. There is plenty of water in sight. All we have to do is to go farther. If we go a few miles farther, west of Springbank we will only be bringing the water about ten miles to the city. This, as compared with piping the water from Lake Huron, is a very short distance. And remember, by going west for our water we are maintaining our spring water supply."

To Prevent Backing Up.

It is said that the proposed improvements to the tail-race at Springbank dam cannot be made this year, as they could not be completed before the advent of cold weather.

At present the water as it flows from over the dam backs up, and this interferes with the big wheel which does the pumping. In order to overcome this difficulty the commissioners propose to build a wall in the tail-race, so as to keep the water from backing up the tail-race to the wheel.

Mr. Moore is now working on a scheme to build this wall. At yesterday's meeting of the commission he presented a rough draft of the wall, but as it did not extend past the rapids a hundred feet west of the dam, Mr. Saunders objected to the draft, arguing that if the wall was built as proposed it would not carry out the object the commissioners have in view. The plans will now be prepared according to the suggestions of Mr. Saunders.

A BIT OF A TIFF OVER THAT BOND

His Worship and Alderman Fall Out Over Paying Pavement Contractors.

Mayor Judd and Ald. Gerry chairman of the board of works, had a lively verbal set-to in the mayor's office today, as the result of a paving contract squabble on Talbot street. Gerry & Lewis have the contract for this work, and they have almost completed the job, without giving the city the guarantee bond stipulated in the contract.

Mr. Gerry has been for some days endeavoring to secure part payment of the work, but the chairman of the board of works refused to sign the order unless the council met and decided the matter.

Today Mr. Gerry appealed to the mayor, and the latter had a conference with Ald. Gerry.

"Why will you not sign the order?" asked the mayor.

"You told me not to do it before you left the city," the alderman replied. "No, I didn't," his worship replied. "Yes, you did. Right in this office you told me. If you want the contractor to be paid, why don't you call a meeting of the council?"

"I won't call a meeting," the mayor said. "I think it is the duty of the board of works to decide the matter. You paid Blight & Fielder, and you had no guarantee. The city merely held back 10 per cent."

"The council authorized me to do it," Ald. Gerry answered.

"Why don't you do it for Gerry & Lewis?" the mayor asked warmly. "Is it because they are Tories?"

"It is not," Ald. Gerry replied promptly. Continued on page eight.

WHITE WITH GREEN HORNS.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The police have been asked to look out for a goat supposed to have been stolen last night from a lot at Sixteen and Q streets northwest. The animal is the property of Mrs. Magee, 1528 Q street northwest, and is described as a white goat, with a black stripe down its back and its horns painted green.

Banquet Marks the Close of Unique Sporting Event

Britishers and Their Ladies Entertained by Local Bowlers in Splendid Fashion.

The banquet last night to the British bowlers was a brilliant affair. About one hundred gentlemen, with their ladies, were present, and the whole affair was marked by a splendor and beauty seldom seen at a banquet in this city. It marked the close of one of the most unique sporting events in the history of London. The fact that the British team of bowlers were to be the guests was an inspiration.

That it would be a success was in evidence from the commencement, for men like Ned Weld, James D. Tither, James S. McDougall, Dr. Jeff Wood, and Ald. Gillean, never make mistakes in a matter of this kind. That it exceeded even their expectations was a matter of congratulation.

Visitors Enjoyed Themselves.

The visitors thoroughly enjoyed themselves. That was manifest. That they were delighted with London was made certain by the many complimentary things said about the city. Its beauty, its fine homes, its splendid bowling greens, its hospitality—all these were themes that the visitors

loved to dwell upon. That the visit to London was the finest part of a fine tour was told again and again. It is true that the committee tried to do all in their power to make their visit memorable. They succeeded, and that is a great deal.

One feature of the banquet alluded to by all the visitors was the presence of the ladies. It was a compliment to the ladies of their party that was appreciated. It added also an exquisite touch to the occasion. Peter Campbell said that it was far better than that the ladies should sit in the gallery and see the animals feed. And he was right.

Patriarch's Kind Words.

The speeches were fine. One is always delighted to hear Rev. W. J. Clark. He is eloquent at all times, but when he is on the theme "Canada" he is eloquent and more. It is an inspiration. The visitors were delighted with it. And everybody is always anxious to hear Peter Campbell, the noblest patriarch of them all, a man who wears his eighty-four years as if they were no burden at all. He spoke very kindly of London, and of Canada, and gave some advice in the kindest spirit imaginable.

Mr. Daniel McLaughlin spoke in behalf of the Irish bowlers, and he did his duty as only an Irishman can. Mr. E. Pickard spoke splendidly of the (Continued on Page Three.)