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A LONDON BOY'S BIG WORK
IN REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA

Mr. William E. Mullins the Head of the Government Railway System—Difficulties Overcome—Mr. Arthur Stringer's Interesting Description.

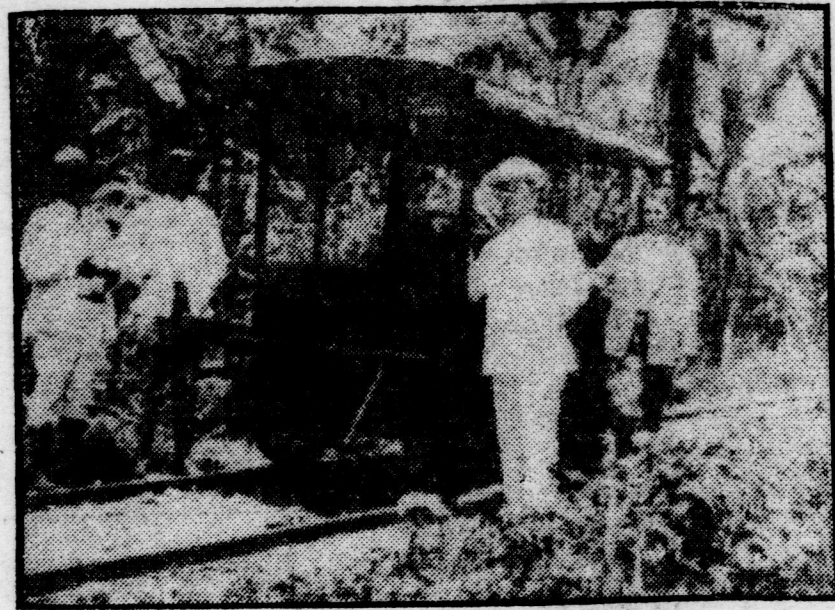


Mr. Arthur Stringer, the novelist and poet, who passed through London yesterday on his way to his "Cedar Springs" farm, has just returned from an extensive pleasure trip in South America, Central America, and the West Indies.

Speaking in The Advertiser yesterday, Mr. Stringer said that he and Arthur Brown, the Hamilton artist, had started out on this southern trip purely for the fun of the thing, but so much tempting material had been stumbled upon that the two Canadians will work together this summer on a book with the tropics for a background, "The More I Know of the South, the Better I Like the North."

"Up here in the north," said Mr. Stringer, "we hear a good deal about prosperity, nowadays. All our great cities are being dotted with cities, like mushrooms in a sheep-pasture. Our Dominion is getting rich. Well, the same thing is taking place down in the tropics—at least in those different republics that have learned to go 24 hours without a revolution and a change of government."

"As an example of this, let me cite the case of the little republic of Costa Rica. What there is to say about this romantic little Central American state should be of especial interest to Londoners, because its entire system of railroads is now under the management of a former London boy, who got his first railway training right here in the Grand Trunk offices. I mean



From photo taken on a banana plantation in Costa Rica, showing Mr. Mullins standing in front, on the right hand side of a motor car.

PREMIER'S "QUID PRO QUO" HINT
CONSIDERED BY BRITISH GOVT.In Lieu of Preference May Give
Fast Lines to the
Colonies.

London, May 2.—The suggestion thrown out by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, to the effect that the Imperial Government, without violating its free trade policy, might give the colonies a "quid pro quo" for their preferential treatment of British goods by subsidizing lines of steamers between England and the more important colonies, is being seriously considered by the cabinet. The object of the suggestion is to bring about a reduction in freight charges, thus giving an indirect form of preference to the colonies.

Those in close touch with the Government, however, point out that the British Government has spent millions of pounds sterling in profitless railroads in Africa, and that this is the legitimate form of preference which the colonies are entitled to expect.

The Canadian premier specially suggested Imperial steamship lines between England and Canada, and Canada and Australia, reducing the time from England to Australia to twenty instead of thirty days, and in the end converting some of the traffic now going by way of New York.

SOVEREIGN BANK
BOARD CHANGESAemilius Jarvis, of Toronto,
Becomes President of the
Institution.

Toronto, May 1.—Several important changes took place yesterday in connection with the Sovereign Bank of Canada, the head office of which is in this city. Mr. Aemilius Jarvis was elected a director and becomes the new president in place of Mr. Randolph Macdonald, of Toronto, who has resigned. Mr. D. M. Stewart, the general manager, resigned from the vice-presidency and directorate, and Mr. J. H. Dunn, of London, England, was elected to succeed him as a director. The change will make the bank more directly a Toronto financial institution.

For some time it has been understood that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, the powerful financier of New York, and his associates, have been acquiring a firm hold on the stock of the bank in conjunction with the President of Germany. Having become heavily interested, it is further stated, Mr. Morgan desired that some modification should be effected in the management of the bank. The changes now made and those that may take place later are apparently the result of this purpose.

RAPID HEADWAY
IN RAILWAY WORLDAssistant Superintendent Nixon, of the
Grand Trunk, Makes It.

Mr. A. J. Nixon, the new assistant superintendent of the G. T. R. middle division, with headquarters in London, is a Canadian, a native of the Eastern Townships of Quebec. He got his early railway experience on the G. T. R., and subsequently filled positions on the



ASST. SUPT. NIXON.

New York Central and other United States lines as a train dispatcher. On returning to Canada he entered the service of the G. T. R., being dispatched at Montreal until May 1, 1904, when he was appointed chief dispatcher at Stratford, and a year later transferred to that place in succession to Mr. Dull.

Mr. Nixon is a young man, having not yet attained his 30th year. Of a generous build, clear head and a vigorous constitution, he is capable of any amount of work, which he accomplishes with the minimum amount of friction. Although a hard worker himself and a strict disciplinarian, he is kind and considerate to those under him, and hence is very popular with the men. Courtesy and promptitude in settling grievances are two of his strong points, appreciated by the general public.

CAPT. DUNN REINSTATED
NOTHING IN CHARGESCommander of Cruiser Vigilant
Cleared of Accusations.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Ont., May 2.—Capt. Dunn, of the Government cruiser Vigilant, has been reinstated. He was suspended on the complaint of one of the officers of the boat. The charge was investigated, the result being that the captain has been reinstated.

EDWARD AT PARIS.
Paris, May 2.—King Edward and President Faillieres exchanged visits today. The interview at the Elysee Palace lasted 45 minutes.

Labor Situation Improved
No Strike of BricklayersFeeling Prevails That Bosses and
Men Will Reach Agreement
—Plumbers Still Out.

The labor situation in London appears to be much improved today, despite the fact that a number of union plumbers and painters are still on strike.

At the plumbers' headquarters this morning it was stated that there are but ten men on strike now, and that four firms have signed the agreement. They gave the names of the firms as follows: F. C. Hunt, London Engine Supply Company, James Green, and L. J. O'Dell.

There are in the city 29 union men, and 19 of them are at work.

The firms still standing out are Smith Bros. & Co., James Greenaway and Wm. Skelly.

The men informed The Advertiser that though they had originally asked for 10 cents an hour increase, they had compromised the demand so as to secure 5 cents an hour increase, which means a uniform wage of 35 cents an hour for all plumbers and fitters.

They claim that the demand, under the circumstances, is moderate, and that they must insist on the wage being paid in London.

They point out that with this wage the bosses, who charge the people 50 cents an hour, will still be making a clean rake-off of 15 cents an hour every hour a plumber is put on a job.

The men also stated that they had offered to compromise with the employers for 35 cents an hour, but that the three firms mentioned had refused the compromise.

However, the plumbers were quite hopeful, declaring that the trouble will soon be ended.

An employer informed the reporter that the employers had last night offered the men 32½ cents an hour, but that the compromise had been refused. He said that the men had not intimated to the employers, so far as he was aware, that they would be satisfied with 30 cents an hour. It was understood they wanted 40 cents.

The Bricklayers.
The union bricklayers last night held a meeting in the Albion block and had a conference with the employers.

It was said by a boss bricklayer today that the men had asked the employers for a three-year agreement and a graded scale of prices.

The first year the men want 40 cents an hour, the next year 45 cents, and the next 47½ cents an hour.

The bosses would not consent to a three-year agreement, but were willing to give all good men 45 cents an hour, and others they were willing to pay 40 cents an hour.

After a long discussion the meeting broke up without anything being done.

The men who were seen by The Advertiser today positively refused to make a statement regarding the meeting.

Nevertheless, one of the union men declared that there will be no trouble. He said that for a year or more many of the bosses have been paying 45 cents an hour, and some of them 47½ cents an hour to what they termed good men. He feels that the bosses and the men will settle their differences without any trouble.

Another bricklayer stated that the demands the men have made, though he would not name them, are reasonable. He feels that the bosses are now drawing 15 cents a week less than they drew twenty years ago, because, though the pay has increased per hour, the days are shorter.

Master painters stated to The Advertiser that they have experienced the worst of their troubles, and they have now sufficient men to carry them over.

CURZON ASKS \$1,250,000
TO ASSIST OXFORD

Anxious to Promote Modern Scientific
and Literary Studies.

London, May 2.—The first move of Lord Curzon as chancellor of Oxford University was to issue an appeal through the press today for \$1,250,000, to supply the most urgent needs of the university.

Lord Curzon intimates that it is his desire to promote modern studies, literary and scientific, and points out that the bequest of Cecil Rhodes, though the greatest of recent benefactions, has entailed corresponding burdens, and that if Oxford is to fulfill Mr. Rhodes' idea of an imperial and international center of education, it must be able to offer new corners all that is best in teaching and equipment. Lord Curzon also emphasizes the cost of the property maintenance of the Bodleian library.

HON. G. W. ROSS TO WED

Announcement of Ex-Premier's Engagement to Miss Mildred Peel.

Toronto, May 2.—The Toronto World this morning announces the engagement of Hon. George W. Ross to Miss Mildred Peel, daughter of the late John R. Peel, of London, Ont., and sister of the late Paul Peel, the celebrated artist. Miss Peel has attained quite a reputation as a sculptor. The wedding will take place next month.

CONFESSES KILLING NEICE.
Birmingham, Vt., May 1.—States Attorney Meshegan announced today that an old man, held for the murder of an old niece, Ethel, Sunday, had made a confession.

BADLY BURNED
WHILE AT PLAYFour-Year-Old Katharine Hand-
ley, of the Base Line, May
Die From Injuries.

Little Katharine Handley, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Handley, of the first concession of Westminster, east of the London and Port Stanley Railway tracks, was so badly burned while playing around a bonfire at her home yesterday afternoon, that her physician, Dr. C. W. Belton, is fearful for her recovery. The child is now in Victoria Hospital, whither she was driven in haste after the accident. Last night she was very restless and suffered intense pain. This afternoon her condition was critical.

It appears that the child, with a number of others, was playing in the yard. The little ones had a length of stovepipe, and standing it on end, they set fire to leaves which they placed in it.

Katharine noticed that the leaves were not burning rapidly, and she attempted to look down the pipe. In an instant the flames shot up and enveloped her hair.

The mother, who was working in the kitchen, heard the child's agonized cries, and rushed to her assistance. With her hands, and aided by her apron, she smothered the flames.

Despite the mother's heroic efforts, however, the little girl was terribly burned. Her hair had been completely burned and the child's face and body had suffered fearfully.

Mr. William Spettigue drove to the city and in a few minutes returned with Dr. Belton, who did all in his power to save the little girl. While the bandages were being applied the child prattled to the physician. Dr. Belton said she was so badly injured she could not feel the pain.

Later she was brought to the city by her father, and placed in Victoria Hospital, where every effort is now being made to save her life.

Mrs. Handley was badly burned on the hands and arms while rescuing her child. Mother and father are almost distracted because of the accident.

DEATH IN HAMILTON
POINTS TO FOUL PLAYStomach of Hungarian To Be Analyzed
for Traces of Poison.

Hamilton, May 2.—The authorities scent foul play in the case of Simon Buda, the Hungarian, who died under peculiar circumstances yesterday morning, and there may be interesting developments at the inquest to be held next Monday. The contents of the man's stomach have been sent to Toronto to be analyzed. It has been discovered that Buda had paid up insurance in his native country for 25,000 crowns, and that he was fairly well fixed. Another thing that has aroused the suspicions of the authorities is that the boarders in Buda's house and Mrs. Buda refuse to give any information concerning his death.

THE BUTLER CASE
AGAIN IN COURT

Magistrate Commits London Broker for
Trial at Hamilton.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Hamilton, Ont., May 2.—Magistrate Jelfs this morning committed for trial Frank H. Butler, the London stockbroker, charged by Meadows & Williams, of this city, with fraud, the allegation being that he placed an order for the sale of C. P. R. stock, which he was unable to deliver when the price went up. Mr. Butler was in court, but Mr. J. M. McEvoy, who is acting for him, did not appear. He reduced his arguments to writing and forwarded them to the magistrate. What he contended was that no offense had been committed, and that if there had been an offense under the provisions of the criminal code it was committed in the United States, where the stock was sold by Meadows & Williams, and not in Canada, and that the Canadian courts had therefore no jurisdiction.

Magistrate Jelfs said the transaction involved about \$32,000, and it had not been shown that Butler had a bank account which would warrant him in entering into a deal of that magnitude. He was in much the same position as the young man who took money from his employer, with the intention of paying it back if his dealings proved profitable. If the criminal code did not cover the case, it should, and his verdict was that of Butler's. In his conclusion, his worship said that he had decided to send Butler up to a higher court for trial.

Mr. George Reid, of London, who was Mr. Butler's bondsman, refused to go on his bond again, but Mr. Frank Close, of Hamilton, offered to take his place.

Crown Attorney Washington refused to accept Mr. Close, who is president of the board of trade, until he had time to investigate his financial standing. It is likely that Mr. Butler will be jailed out this afternoon.

MR. PUGSLEY NOMINATED

St. John, N. B., May 1.—At a Liberal mass meeting tonight the nomination of Hon. William Pugsley was unanimously ratified. In his speech of acceptance the candidate announced that he had been elected to the majority of the east end members. The old church and lot are now offered for sale by tender, subject to the approval of conference.

WILL NOT BUILD
ON PRESENT SITE

Hamilton Road Methodist's New Church
to Go to Hyatt Avenue.

The trustee board of the Hamilton Road Methodist Church has reconsidered the location for the new structure. It was found that the ground on which the present church stands is not large enough, and not of a shape that will allow the proper erection of a new structure.

Surveys of all available lots in the vicinity were taken, and it was found that Hyatt avenue was the only place where ground could be secured for the purpose.

The trustee board has accordingly secured the Hyatt avenue property, and will proceed to build as soon as possible. Although this site is a few rods west of the present location, it is just as near to the majority of the east end members. The old church and lot are now offered for sale by tender, subject to the approval of conference.

TWO NEW BRANCH
POSTOFFICES SOONBoth To Be Opened in Rapidly
Growing North End of
the City.

It is announced that two new post-offices will be opened up at once in London.

One of the sub-offices will be at Knapp's grocery, corner of Grosvenor and Adelaide streets, and the other will be located at A. J. Clark's store, corner of Piccadilly and Oxford streets.

The former postoffice will prove a great boon to the people who reside in London township, just outside the city limits, as they will be able to buy money orders, registered stamps, etc., there.

The other postoffice will accommodate a large and growing section of the north end.

Both offices were petitioned for some time ago.

Mr. John M. Shaw, who has had the postoffice in South London for years, has retired from the grocery business, but will continue to conduct the post-office. He will have Mr. Frank Robinson as assistant.

DR. BALDWIN RESIGNS

The Rector of All Saints Going Into
Business Life.

Montreal, May 1.—Rev. Dr. Baldwin, rector of All Saints' Church, sent in his resignation today, and he announced he will retire from the ministry to go into business.

He is the son of the last Bishop of Huron.

He was a very popular minister and had a large congregation.

DEATH OF MR. GEO. WOOD

Prominent Young Merchant of Winnipeg Passes Away.

Winnipeg, May 1.—Mr. Geo. D. Wood, of this city, head partner in the Geo. Wood Company, died today in his 42-year. Mr. Wood was a son of the late Senator Wood. Mr. Wood came to Manitoba in 1880. He is survived by a widow and six children.

DEFIED THE POLICE

Montreal Socialists Hold May Day Parade
Despite Authorities.

Montreal, May 1.—In defiance of the authorities the Socialists paraded the streets this evening and held a mass meeting on the Champ de Mars, where they were addressed by a number of prominent local Socialists. For some reason the police decided not to interfere. The Laval University students also paraded, but the rival factions did not collide and the affair passed off without any disturbance.

Attorney Martin received a letter threatening him with assassination. The police consider it the work of a joker.

ROUNDING UP REDS
FOR VACCINATIONCounty Constables Having a
Merry Time on Oneida and
Muncey Reserves.

"An Indian hates vaccination worse than he hates poison," said County Constable Shaver today to The Advertiser, when relating his experiences on the Muncey and Oneida reserves since the outbreak of smallpox.

A couple of weeks ago when a quarantine was placed on the two reservations, Constable Shaver was sent to take command of the Indian constabulary, who were unable to control the large number of reds who were trying to avoid vaccination and to break quarantine and he has evidently been a pretty busy officer since accepting the commission.

When Shaver first went to the reserves the Indians were up in arms against the officer who was to vaccinate them, and they were threatening to do him bodily harm if he did not leave the territory. The doctor would drive to an Indian home followed by the constable who, when a subject refused to be vaccinated, placed him under arrest. A number of the Indians tried to escape from the locality after the quarantine was placed, and the constables had many merry chases bringing the runaways back to the fold.

It wasn't long, however, before the Indians realized that there was nothing to be gained by running away, getting arrested, and being brought back, and at the present time everything is peaceful on both reserves and the redskins are becoming reconciled to being vaccinated.

Mr. Shaver says that there are at present only seventeen cases of smallpox on the reserves, and he hopes to be through with his work by Monday.

JOURNALIST MCEWEN DEAD

Chief Editorial Writer of New York
American Dies Suddenly.

New York, May 2.—Arthur McEwen, chief editorial writer of the New York American, and well known throughout the west in journalistic circles, died suddenly yesterday at Hamilton, Bermuda. Heart failure was the cause of death, according to a cablegram received in this city. Mr. McEwen went to Bermuda ten days ago on a trip for his health. The body will be brought to New York.

McEwen was born in Scotland 55 years ago. He went to California in the early '70s, and thence to Virginia City, Nevada, and joined the staff of the Virginia Chronicle, where he was associated with Chairman Godwin, editor of the Salt Lake Tribune, Mark Twain, Dennis McCarthy, Edward Hart and half a dozen of others who later on became famous. McEwen later returned to San Francisco, where he was connected with the various newspapers as editorial and special writer until two years ago, when he moved to New York.

DIXIE FLYER DITCHED.

Atlanta, Ga., May 2.—The Dixie Flyer, due here at 11 a.m., from Savannah, is reported wrecked south of Griffin, about 40 miles from Atlanta. One person is reported killed and a number of others seriously hurt.