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TWO THOUSAND TELEGRAPHERS ON C. P. R. WILL STRIKE SUNDAY IF THE COMPANY DOES NOT ACCED TO THEIR DEMANDS

Employees in the Dispatchers' Department, From St. John, N. B., to Victoria, B. C., Are Affected; Commercial Telegraphers Not Concerned

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Expresses the Belief That the Entire Matter Will be Settled Without Such a Contingency

UNLESS the Canadian Pacific railway concedes an increase in wages to all telegraphers employed in the dispatchers' department, the men will be called out on strike. This ultimatum has been put up by the company, and should a strike be called 2000 men will be affected, including every operator between St. John, N.B., and Victoria, B. C.

The strike order does not affect the commercial telegraphers, who in July last signed an agreement with the company for one year. There would be involved should they refuse to work with non-union men and the company discharged them for that cause. When asked tonight if there was possibility of the men going out, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C.P.R., said that the entire matter would be settled without such a contingency.

AWARDED SIX PER CENT. INCREASE IN WAGES

The question of hours and an increase in wages has been under consideration for some time and a recent award of the arbitration board adjusted the former and granted a raise of six per cent. This the men declined to accept, and following a failure to adjust the matter by negotiations with Vice-President McNichol, have issued their ultimatum.

SKIPPING CONCRETE GETS FRENCH AND INSPECTOR FIRED

Example of How Bad Sidewalks Are Put Over in Calgary is Brought to Light. City Engineer Child Has Attention Called to Matter by Former Alderman Ross. Contractors Apologize and Say They Will Discharge Man Who Cut Concrete 2 Inches

An excellent illustration of the manner in which sidewalk construction has been done in Calgary was brought to light yesterday through the summary discharge of Sidewalk Inspector White by City Engineer James T. Child. Inspector White was discharged for failure to carry out his duties in the case of sidewalk constructed on Second Avenue, Hillhurst, in charge of a foreman for the Municipal Bros. contractors.

HOW PAVING COMPANIES GET RICH

Rich might well be the title of a detailed report on the various asphaltic pavements in Calgary received yesterday by City Engineer James T. Child from J. W. Howard, C.E., M.E., a noted consulting engineer on construction and testing of roads, streets, and pavements in New York City. The report demonstrates that of three supposedly different kinds of asphaltic pavement laid in Calgary, the samples represent pavement mixtures which are substantially and practically alike.

GENERAL ELECTIONS IN RUSSIA

St. Petersburg, Sept. 12.—The duma has been dissolved. Elections will begin September 23 and the new duma will be opened October 28.

Steamship Arrivals. Montreal, Sept. 12.—Arrived: Royal George, from Bristol; Lake Manitoba, from Liverpool; Mount Royal, from London and Antwerp.

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF RIVER BANKS GETS A JOLT

City Planning Commission Would Stop Practice of Subdividing River Frontage

Members of Playgrounds Committee Fine Tooth Combing City for Sites

Possibilities of Many Advantageously Located Sections Are Discussed

Private ownership of the river banks with the public shut out, received a jolt yesterday when a joint committee representing the city council and the Calgary planning commission was a unit in declaring that steps should be immediately taken to stop the practice of subdividing the river frontage.

The occasion was a trip over the city by the above body for the purpose of studying the playground and open space propositions which confront the city.

"It seems a shame," said one member of the committee, "that the back yards of private owners should provide the view the general public has of the river banks, especially those of the Elbow. Of course, most of the mischief is now done, but there still remain some stretches of river which should be placed out of the reach of private owners. No man should be able to buy property down to the water's edge and then build a fence around it and say 'keep out' of what should be a public playground."

Another member of the party cited the case of a new town on a lake where there were no "lake view lots." In that town the entire strip of land fronting on the water is publicly owned and, therefore, a perpetual breathing-space for the citizens.

In the group yesterday afternoon were the following: Alderman Morfit, convener of the Ward IV. committee; President James W. Davidson, Vice-President J. H. Gardner, and W. W. Woley-Dod of the city planning commission. This was the last of the sub-committees to get out and now that the trip has been made a meeting of all the committees to prepare a report to the council will shortly be called.

One of the spots visited was Mission bridge and the party got out and looked over the adjacent islands. Mr. Gardner suggested that the islands be acquired by the city, and made easily accessible by placing steps down from the concrete bridge, which will one day be placed there. A rustic bridge would connect the two islands, making it one of the beauty spots of Calgary.

The itinerary included the land lying south of the Elbow bridge. The committee could not help but admire the beautiful stretch of woodland which, unfortunately, will soon give place to residences, all the land along the river having been sold. Proceeding westward the committee looked over small pieces of land in Elbow Park addition, which, it is understood, was offered to the city and can yet be secured from the owner.

Several pieces of land out near the Country club were considered. Returning through Altadore and South Calgary, the committee visited Bankview and considered the availability of some low-lying land which, it has been proposed, would make a fine playground. On this land there are the valuable buildings; in fact, the land is not good building property. What makes the acquisition of this land so desirable is the fact that the neighborhood is becoming densely populated and, in a few years, a breathing space of some kind will be sorely needed.

Now is the time to acquire it, say those who should know, for the prices will be higher five years from now—that is, if there is any land vacant to be had.

Other places were visited on the trip, and when the report is prepared much interesting matter may be expected.

HEAD OF CANADIAN MINERAL RUBBER COMPANY APOLOGIZES TO CITY ENGINEER CHILD

A FULL and complete written apology for the humiliating remarks directed to City Engineer James T. Child by F. O. Elliott, head of the Canadian Mineral Rubber company, last Monday, when Mr. Elliott declared in the presence of the city commissioners that Mr. Child was "in the pay of the Bithulic people" has been made by the Canadian Mineral Rubber representative.

The action of Mr. Elliott in writing the letter of apology, however, by no means makes certain that the suit for slander will not be prosecuted by the city engineer.

"I have not yet decided whether I will press the action for slander," said Mr. Child last evening. "The fact that Mr. Elliott has written the apology is clear evidence that his statement was slanderous and would be construed as such evidence in a court of law. The question would be as to how much damage and humiliation I have suffered by Mr. Elliott's outrageous and unfounded remarks."

Mr. Elliott's letter of apology was sent to Mr. Clifford Jones, the legal representative of City Engineer Child. It came in reply to a formal demand for an apology sent to Mr. Elliott by Mr. Jones as a preliminary step to instituting the slander suit. It is pointed out that this demand for an apology is simply a legal precaution taken before filing an action for slander and the fact that the person who utters the slander admits it by apologizing is evidence that may be used to determine how much injury the victim has suffered.

The humiliating remarks directed to City Engineer Child were the outcome of the city engineer's report to the commissioners stating that the Canadian Mineral Rubber company was not living up to its specifications, and dealing with the fact that the pavement it has laid is no better than a state of anger. I have no grounds for believing the statement to be true and I regret having made the same. Yours truly, F. O. ELLIOTT.

Dear Sir: Having reference to a certain statement made by me to the effect that I believed you were in the pay of the Bithulic people, I beg to say that this remark was made by me without consideration and while in a state of anger. I have no grounds for believing the statement to be true and I regret having made the same. Yours truly, F. O. ELLIOTT.

THE WEATHER

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Minneapolis, etc.

POMP AND CEREMONY MARKS FUNERAL OF MATSUHITO

The "Emperor of the Era of Enlightenment" is About to be Laid Away

At Midnight Great Crowds Had Gathered Along the Route of the Procession

Many Notables From Various Countries Pay Last Respect to Japan's Greatest Man



SIR WILFRID LAURIER ADDRESSES ELECTORS.—The Liberal chief, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, fired the first gun in his through-Canada tour at Mapleville, Que., on Saturday. This picture shows the ex-premier in action in one of his characteristic attitudes.

Bylaw Authorizing Expenditure of \$378,000 for Water Extensions Passes

The bylaw providing for the issue of \$378,000 in debentures to pay the cost of installing an immense number of short water extensions on 142 different street avenues of the city was passed yesterday at the second election held within a little more than a month.

A total of 757 votes were cast at the election of which 669 were for the bylaw, 63 against it, and 5 were rejected for various defects.

The detailed vote on the bylaw was as follows:

Table showing vote counts for various wards: Ward 1, Subdivisions A and C (135); Ward 1, Subdivision D and Ward 3, Div. C (31); Ward 1, Subdivision D and Ward 2, Div. D (92); Ward 2, Subdivisions A and B (54); Ward 2, Subdivision C (76); Ward 3, Subdivisions A and B (39); Ward 3, Subdivisions C, D and E (210); Total 775, Majority 167-2-3.

LOOKING OVER PROPERTY OF HUDSON'S BAY CO.

Montreal, Sept. 12.—Sir Thomas Skinner, the London director of the Hudson's Bay company, arrived in Quebec this evening. He will visit Montreal and afterwards make a tour of the Canadian north-west, where he will look particularly into the business of the Hudson's Bay company. He is accompanied by the secretary of the Hudson's Bay company.

IRISH LEADER ON WAY TO CAMPAIGN IN U. S.

Dublin, Sept. 12.—William H. K. Redmond, M.P. for Clare and brother of John E. Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, will leave for America on the steamer Baltic, sailing tomorrow. Mr. Redmond will be accompanied by his wife. He will attend the United Irish League convention at Philadelphia, Sept. 23, and will give speeches at New York, Boston, Atlantic City, Portland, Chicago, Washington, Brooklyn and Montreal. He will leave on his return to this country October 10th.

PARKLAND CROP IS THE BEST EVER HARVESTED

James Weir Comes Back From District With Glowing Reports of a Bumper Harvest

James Weir returned from Parkland yesterday very much pleased with the crop conditions of that district.

TRACKMEN STRIKE, PARADE ALONG RAILWAY LINE

Employees on Pittsburg and Lake Erie Line Ask for Small Increase

Pittsburg, Sept. 12.—Trackmen employed by the Pittsburg and Lake Erie here have an advance of 25 cents a day to \$2, and starting at Fayette City, Pa., began a march along the line. Although few in number, they gathered force as they proceeded and at noon when they passed through Belle Vernon, Pa., they numbered 314.

SIR THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY, RAILROAD MAN OF CANADA, SAYS THIS WILL BE THE BEST YEAR IN DOMINION'S HISTORY

Thinks Public Will be Agreeably Surprised When Returns From the Big Crop Are In, and as He Will Haul Most of It Out, He Ought to Know

Declines to Join the Clark Ananias Club, and Talks About the Double Tracking of the Big Road From Calgary to the Coast

THE public will be agreeably disappointed when the final crop returns are in and its magnitude is known, says Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C.P.R., who arrived in the city yesterday afternoon accompanied by a number of prominent capitalists. In the party aboard the special train are Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, vice-president and general manager; George Bury, Sir Edmund Osler, Toronto; President R. B. Angus of the Bank of Montreal; W. B. Matthews, capitalist, Montreal; Joseph Edmond, capitalist, Montreal; Sir William Whyte, Winnipeg; and G. Sullivan, chief engineer of the C.P.R., Winnipeg.

It is upon the above prognostication Sir Thomas bases his statement that this promises to be one of the most prosperous years in the history of the Dominion.

Canadian Branch of Ananias' Club. Sir Thomas was in his usual jovial mood when seen aboard his private car. He had just been asked for an expression of the attack made by Alderman Joe Clarke, of Edmonton, on the C.P.R. bond issue.

Mr. Clarke had applied the shorter and uglier word "railroad" instead of "bond" and said other things in his arraignment of the policy and prospects as regards the \$60,000,000 bond issue.

"I cannot add anything to the interview I gave out in Winnipeg," he continued. "It will require a lot of money to carry out the internal improvements as contemplated. Constant expansion demands more facilities, and this is what we are endeavoring to work out now. The work of double-tracking the line from the coast eastward will entail some tremendous engineering problems, and we must ascertain what it will cost and solve these problems immediately."

"I look to see whether or not we will have mountains of coal, and whether or whatever hazards we must face. It is our policy to have the best and this is what we are doing."

HON. JOHN MORRISSEY WILL SPEAK IN CALGARY FRIDAY

Hon. John Morrissey, minister of public works for the province of New Brunswick, will address a public meeting in the rooms of the Liberal League, Bowdoin block, on Friday evening.

TO MAKE IMPROVEMENT THE LEMIEUX ACT

Three Rivers, Que., Sept. 12.—At this morning's session of the Canadian Federation of Labor, Delegate G. C. Papper, of Ottawa, proposed that the federal government should enact a permanent president under the Lemieux act, for all cases submitted for arbitration. This motion was referred to the committee on resolutions.

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TRADE COMMISSION WILL START ACTION SOON

Ottawa, Sept. 12.—Hon. George E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, will sail for England September 27 to attend the session of the Imperial trade commission. He will not be back to Canada until December.

TORONTO GAMBLER FINED

Toronto, Sept. 12.—Abe Orpen, the well-known race track man, was fined \$1,000 and costs by the police magistrate this morning for keeping a betting house. Two others were fined \$800 each on the same charge.



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In Calgary: Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and party arrived here at 10:40 o'clock, and will remain over until tomorrow.

In Vancouver: The Bank of Ottawa is building a \$100,000 addition. An automobile manufacturer opens the prospecting of Calgary is evident from the large number of cars ordered here.

In Victoria: Street car passengers from September 1 to 7, 1912, numbered 2,410,000. During the same period in 1911 they totaled 1,923,335. Buildings permits for the City of Victoria for the year were \$12,700. Last year they were \$14,550.

In Kamloops: Bylaw carrying water and light extensions, and hydro-electric plant for using unlimited power and amounting to \$450,000, passed by big majority.

In Regina: The estimated average yield of wheat in this district this year are 18.6 bushels to the acre against 18.5 last year.

In Medicine Hat: A farmer formerly of Greensburg, Pa., who located at Southfork in the eastern section of the Irrigation block, this spring has an extraordinary crop on spring breaking. His red fire wheat averaged thirty bushels to the acre, while yields of tomatoes, corn, potatoes, barley, rye and garden truck are excellent.

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