

LONDON ELECTRIC WILL FIGHT IF THE CITY PUSHES ITS CLAIM

Decision Given in Ottawa in Regard to the Electric Companies Is Said to Have a Most Important Bearing Upon the Situation in London.

The London Electric Company have been notified by the city regarding the height of their poles, and the matter will be taken up with the board of directors at once.

Mr. C. B. Hunt, manager of the company, would give no idea of the line of action contemplated, but it is evident that there will be something definite done.

The company will probably wait until the city takes the first step, and then there will be a course mapped out to follow.

A gentleman in close touch with the London Electric made the statement this afternoon that they had a good case against the city on question of stringing wires. He pointed out that a decision was given by Mr. Justice McMahon, in the case of the Ottawa Electric Company and the Consumers' Electric Company, the city corporation on the same line.

Equal Right.

According to that judgment both companies had an equal right to the streets, but the first company doing business had the prior claim, and consequently the second company must string their wires three feet from each side of the poles. In other words the cross-arm carrying the wires would have to be more than seven feet across to carry the wires.

Applying this judgment to the local situation, it would mean that the city will have to string their wires three feet each side of the London Electric poles. This will mean considerable additional expense and will also mean great difficulty in handling and operation.

BOY INJURED IN FALL FROM WAGON

A Serious Accident to Walter Crundwell of May Street.

HAD VERY CLOSE CALL

Fearful for a Time That He Would Not Recover—Suffers from Concussion.

Walter Crundwell, the 14-year-old son of Mr. W. W. Crundwell, 1063 Mary street, had a narrow escape from death this morning, when thrown from a delivery rig on Dundas street. He is suffering from a slight concussion of the brain, and his body is badly bruised, but he will recover.

The lad had been to the library changing a book. On his way back, he ran after a delivery rig, and climbed in. He sat beside the driver, and talked with him. When the other side of Waterloo street, the driver turned sharply to avoid a street car, and suddenly ran the rig over the head of the boy. He alighted on his head and shoulders, falling between the wheels.

Run Over By Wagon.

Before the rig could be stopped, the boy was run over. He was picked up unconscious and carried into Dr. J. B. Campbell's office. The ambulance was called, and he was taken to Victoria Hospital.

On examination it was found that his head was bruised considerably, and that there was a slight concussion. One eye was completely closed and bruised, and his body was bruised in several places.

It was feared at first that he was suffering from internal injuries, but a complete examination showed that the wheels passed over his hips, bruising them badly.

A Peculiar Accident.

"It was a peculiar accident, and the boy was fortunate to come out of it so well," said Dr. Campbell. "At first I thought he was badly injured, but on a thorough examination, he was found to be not badly hurt."

STAFF PERSONNEL COMES UP NEXT

Victoria Hospital Is Now Closed to All Save Doctors of the Institution.

TALK OF SPECIAL WARD

Mayor Beattie Still Insists That the Change Is a Mistake—Trustees Will Soon Deal With Staff.

The public wards of Victoria Hospital have now been closed to all physicians save those on the hospital staff, and the next matter to be taken up by the trustees is the personnel of the staff.

Mayor Beattie mentioned the subject at the meeting of the hospital trust, and from what can be learned since the trustees will deal with this question in the very near future.

The appointment of the staff are made in April or May, and in the meantime, there will probably be some changes.

May Be Changes.

Some of the members of the staff have been on for many years, and there is apparently some desire among the medical men that these positions, now of considerable value from a practical standpoint, be passed around to others of the physicians of London.

A number of medical men throughout the city are agitating at the present time for a change, and it is quite likely that it will be made.

Mistake, Says Mayor.

Mayor Beattie insists still that it was a mistake to close the wards without inserting a proviso that no patient will be subjected to a clinic without his or her consent.

The common law, to his mind, does not cover the case sufficiently, and there is a possibility of the privilege being abused.

Some arrangements will be made, no doubt, to take care of the patients who are able to pay, say 50 cents a day, towards their keep, and it is likely that a special ward will be fitted up to handle these cases.

**ARKANSAS MOB
LYNCHES A NEGRO**

Pine Bluff, Ark., March 25.—Resenting alleged improper conduct on the part of "Judge" Jones, a negro, and a young white woman, a mob of 40 men gathered at the county jail here late tonight, overpowered the jailer and his deputies, and secured and hanged the negro. The mob then dispersed.

**A GOOD OUTLOOK
SAYS DUN'S REVIEW**

R. G. Dun & Co.'s trade report, of London, Ont., March 25, 1910, says: "Wholesale report satisfactory spring shipments, and the volume of business is likely to exceed that of last year. Retail trade is looking up and the general outlook is satisfactory. Building prospects have improved during the past month, and dealers in hardware and builders' supplies report a good demand. Financial conditions are unchanged, one small assignment being the only failure reported, money being plentiful and payments well met."

BITTEN BY MUZZLED DOG.

Toronto, March 25.—Three-year-old Johnny Phillips, 60 Prospect street, was bitten on the nose by an unknown muzzled dog yesterday afternoon while he was playing on the street in front of his home. He was taken to the General Hospital at once for Pasteur treatment.

A Precedent in Slander Cases

Decision has been given in the case of Mrs. Thomas Morley against J. H. Patrick, which was heard before Mr. Justice Sutherland at the weekly high court last Saturday. This is a sequel to the slander suit which will be tried at the assizes.

The action was one to compel the defendant to definitely state who was the person described as a "lady friend" in a letter written to the plaintiff's husband.

On his examination for discovery the defendant has refused to state to whom it was he referred.

The judgment in the case was that the defendant must answer the question at one day's notice and at his own cost.

The decision is of importance in that it is the first on the point given in this country. By this decision the precedent is set, that in a libel action where one of the parties uses such terms, that it may be uncertain to whom he refers, he must on state whom it is that the indefinite terms refer to.

WOMAN BRINGS SUIT AGAINST J. H. PATRICK FOR SLANDER ASKS FOR \$1,000 DAMAGES

Charges That Certain Statements Derogatory to Her Character Were Made in a Letter Sent to Her Husband—Defendant Denies the Interpretation Placed Upon the Language Used.

Mr. H. B. Elliot, of this city, has been appointed crown prosecutor for the coming assizes, which open on March 29th.

There is so far only one criminal case entered for hearing, being that of William Henry, charged with criminal assault.

There are at present 14 jury cases awaiting settlement. One more case having been added today. This with one non-jury case make a total of 15 to be considered at the coming session.

Alleged Slander.

The case entered this morning is that of Emma Morley, the wife of Thomas Morley, a farmer of Biddulph township, who brings action against J. H. Patrick, of London township, claiming that on March 16th the defendant falsely and maliciously wrote and published certain statements concerning the plaintiff in a letter to the plaintiff's husband. She therefore makes claim for \$1,000 damages.

The defendant, on the other hand, denies the interpretation of the statements, as made by the plaintiff, and claims also that such statements were made on a privileged occasion and without malice.

Mr. T. W. Scandrett, for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons, for the defendant.

M. C. R. YARD BRAKEMAN ROURKE FATALLY INJURED AT ST. THOMAS

Former Londoner Jolted From Ladder of Car and Wheels Pass Over Legs, Causing Death in Hospital a Few Hours Later.

St. Thomas, March 25.—M. C. R. Yard Brakeman John Rourke was fatally injured today in the M. C. R. yards and later died in the Amassa Wood Hospital.

When descending from a freight car, a sudden jolt threw him off the ladder. He flung himself forward and kept his body clear of the tracks.

One of his legs, however, fell across the rails, and the wheels passed over it, and later died in the Amassa Wood Hospital and the wounded limb amputated. The shock was too much for him, and he passed away this evening at 1:15 o'clock.

Mr. Rourke was one of the oldest employees of the M. C. R., being a conductor for many years before his present appointment.

He was born in London, Ont., and has resided in St. Thomas for over a quarter century, and is survived by his wife and three children: Beatrice, Annie and William, and one sister, Mrs. Hagan, of London. Mr. Rourke was a member of the C. M. B. A. and B. of R. T.

BOWLING ON THE GREEN IN MONTH OF MARCH

Enthusiasts of London Bowling Club Have Begun to Trundle.

Bowling on the green in March is an unworldly luxury, but yesterday several enthusiasts of the London Bowling Club had a game, and it reports are to be relied on, it was a great success.

"The green was excellent," said Inspector Edwards. "The game was thoroughly enjoyable, the weather being well-nigh perfect."

This is a record for early games. The players were A. N. Day, Joseph Weid, John Lochead, skip, and A. W. Fraser, C. B. Edwards and W. J. Swelgrove, skip. The latter won, 26 to 21.

BOARD WILL ASK COUNCIL TO PROVIDE DEBENTURES

New School on Colborne Street to Replace an Old Landmark.

The council at its next meeting will be asked by the board of education to issue debentures for a new school to replace the Colborne street school.

Plans have been prepared by City Architect Nutter, H. C. McBride, and others, and will be considered at a meeting to be held this coming week.

"We have all the preliminary work done," said Dr. Wyckoff, chairman of No. 2 committee. "We have the plans ready, and we will submit them to the board. It is a good bit of business to erect a new school, and as the present building is insanitary and totally unfit for the needs of a city like London, we will have a modern building, up to date in every respect."

From what can be learned, there will be no opposition in the council to the request for debentures.

HAMMOND NOT GUILTY

Was Charged With Stealing \$17,000 From a Detroit Concern.

Detroit, March 25.—The jury in the case of Chauncey W. Hammond, formerly of Oakville, Ont., charged with the theft of \$17,000 from the E. M. E. Automobile company by "switching" satchels, today returned a verdict of "not guilty."

ANGAN EXECUTED.

Harbin, March 25.—Inchan Angan, the Korean, who assassinated Prince Li, for a Japanese resident in Korea, was executed today at Port Arthur.

WORKMAN TERRIBLY INJURED FELL 35 FEET FROM BUILDING

John Howard, a Painter, Residing at 229 Hamilton Road, Is the Victim—Accident Yesterday at New Transformer Station in East London.

John Howard, a painter residing at 229 Hamilton road, was terribly injured yesterday afternoon, as a result of falling 35 feet, at the new hydro electric transformer station, east of the city, and alighting on the cement bed of a dynamo.

He is in Victoria Hospital at the present time suffering from broken legs, a fractured thigh, both arms broken in many places and very severe internal injuries.

Howard, in his fall, gone six inches in any direction from the spot where he came down he would have struck two heavy steel pyramids, used in connection with the dynamo, and would have been killed.

Man Shot Downwards.

Just how the accident occurred is not known, but the men had all quit work at 12, and were descending from the platform on which they had been working, when suddenly they saw Howard shoot downwards.

It is supposed he missed his footing in his hurry to get down.

They rushed to his assistance and called Dr. Spence, who had Howard removed at once to Victoria Hospital. It is not known yet whether or not he will recover, although he spent a very favorable night.

TARIFF WAR HAS BEEN AVERTED

Today's Conference at Washington Ended in Amicable Agreement.

U. S. GOVT. ANNOUNCES

Both Governments to Make a Statement as to Agreement on the Thirtieth of March.

[Associated Press.]

Washington, March 26.—An amicable agreement of the Canadian tariff situation probably will be reached in the next few days. Following a conference between the Canadian representatives and President Taft at the White House today, a statement was given which declared that the negotiators had taken a form which gave assurance that a friendly understanding would be reached immediately.

The conference lasted for more than an hour, and at its conclusion Secretary Knox issued the following formal statement:

"Negotiations between the President and the Canadian representatives, which were begun at Albany some days ago, were concluded today, and were concluded. They have taken a form which gives assurance that a friendly understanding will be made simultaneously at Washington and at Ottawa on Wednesday, the 30th inst."

Those participating in the conference with the President were: W. S. Fielding, the Canadian minister of finance; George P. Graham, the Canadian minister of railways; United States Secretary of State Knox, and Charles M. Pepper, of the United States bureau of trade relations at the state department. This afternoon the two Canadian cabinet officers, with the ladies of their party, were the guests of the President on a trip to Washington's monument at Mount Vernon, Va. It is not known at this time when Messrs. Fielding and Graham will return to Ottawa.

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, March 26.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, and Lady Shackleton, arrived here last night as the guests of the British ambassador and Mrs. Bryce. Today Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce will entertain at luncheon in their honor, and in the afternoon Sir Ernest will be presented to the President. Tonight he will speak before the National Geographical Society, and on that occasion President Taft will present him with a medal of honor in the name of the society.

TAFT TO DECORATE ANTARCTIC HERO

Shackleton to Have Medal Presented by President of the United States.

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, March 26.—The general sympathetic strike in this city is a thing of the past. The various unions who quit work out of sympathy with the striking carmen, are preparing to resume work on Monday. The meeting of the Central Labor Union will be held tomorrow, at which the sympathetic strike will be formally called off.

Many union workers have anticipated this action, and have already returned to work.

Leaders of the striking carmen, declared today that the car strike will be continued all summer unless the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company recedes from its position. The company, on the other hand, claims it can continue its improving policy, and each day further removes the chances of all the strikers again obtaining employment with the company.

Six persons were arrested last night following attempts to wreck a rolling car in different parts of the city. During the night one man was shot and slightly injured, a policeman's arm was fractured by a thrown brick, and five cars were damaged.

EX-ALD. COOPER MAY HAVE SEAT IN COUNCIL

Ald. Rose May Resign—It Is Said Mr. Cooper Is Not Wanted There.

There is no likelihood of Ald. Rose being named ward foreman of ward No. 3.

It was intimated some time ago that certain changes would be made, and Ald. Rose, who is perfectly familiar with the ward, was mentioned as a likely man for the job. It was known that he would accept under certain conditions.

However, the ruling faction in the council have intimated rather forcibly that they will not allow Ald. Rose to resign and give a seat.

Ald. Rose would no doubt have been named had not Mr. Cooper been the thirteenth man.

However, Ald. Rose may resign in any event. He does not take kindly, it is whispered, to the suggestion of his "ruling seven" as to the reasons for his non-appointment, and will resign after a time just to allow the orator of many councils to parade his talents to the newcomers.

MAJOR C. CHEESMAN DEAD.

Washington, March 26.—Major Portland Curtis Cheesman, 71 years old, died at his residence here last night. He was a member of the board of review of the pension office and a union veteran.

ORDERED A MEAL AND WOULD NOT PAY

Wardsville Man Found This Very Costly in London.

James McAlpine, a Wardsville resident, came to town yesterday to celebrate, and in the course of the evening he went into a local restaurant and ordered up 45 cents' worth of food.

After he had eaten the meal his memory went back on him, and he started out without paying. As a result of persuasion on the part of the restaurant keeper could induce McAlpine to part with the 45 cents, and he was finally turned over to the police. As he had lots of money in his pockets the court ordered him to pay a \$2 fine and give 45 cents to the restaurant keeper.

John Bowley, a Watford citizen, who came in yesterday, in the course of his celebration lost his collar and tie. He admitted being drunk and being a first-timer was let go.

Committed to Asylum.

George Liney, of 82 Wellington road, arrested several days ago on a charge of being insane, was committed to the asylum this morning. Liney, it is stated, threatened his wife recently, and she had him taken into custody.