

ST. THOMAS WILLING TO LET LONDON SPEND ONE MILLION TO ELECTRIFY LINE TO LAKE

But Railroad City Unloaded Its Share of Road Years Ago and Is Glad To Be Rid of It—"Benefits" Come to Them First.

Scratch a resident of St. Thomas and you will find an ardent apostle of electrification.

Mr. J. Houston, formerly of this city, now a merchant of the Railroad City, has been quoted as favoring the proposal and advising Londoners to invest THEIR money in it.

Mr. Houston naturally, unconsciously, makes no reference to the fact that no St. Thomas money is being asked for or attracted by the glittering prospectus that has been framed for the allurements of the money of London merchants and workmen.

ONCE BITTEN, TWICE SHY.

One time, long ago, St. Thomas was caught on the London and Port Stanley Railway fly-paper. It succeeded in unloading its stock on the city of London at a considerable loss. Never again for St. Thomas! Let London get swatted! But if London wants to cause a complicated freight service out of London, and to advance the freight rates it now gives shippers, St. Thomas has no objection.

St. Thomas has five trunk lines at the present time, and is working for industries (and getting some) every day in the year.

St. Thomas is maintaining a discreet silence. The London and Port Stanley electrified railway will give them the benefit before London gets it at all.

TRYING NOT TO SCARE LONDON.

In other words all alleged benefits have tickets for a stop-over at St. Thomas before they get to London or to Port Stanley. The St. Thomas papers are quietly watching the game, and writing paragraphs slyly suggesting that "Mr. Barnum has the right idea," but at the same time doing nothing to scare Londoners into a realization of the fact that they are asked to spend a million dollars at least, half of which should be spent by the city of St. Thomas in any event.

It was recently stated that Port Stanley had offered to spend \$10,000 on the electrification scheme. This was immediately denied. The people of Port Stanley may sit quietly by, but they will not invest a dollar in the road.

OUT OF IT YEARS AGO.

But St. Thomas—well, St. Thomas got out of it years ago, and if London wants to add another million to the line St. Thomas will chuckle, and after it has been all settled, agree that there is more than one born every minute.

However, it appears that Londoners are neither philanthropists, nor can they be compared to the kind of fish that are being pulled out of the river at the present time.

TORONTO'S BILL MAY BE KILLED

Three Controllers Against Buying the Mackenzie & Mann Plants.

BECK SEES MR. HOCKEN

Should Council Refuse to Withdraw Measure May Be Killed in Committee.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, April 18.—The deal by which the Toronto Electric Light Company and the Toronto Railway Company were to have been transferred to the city does not look such a sure thing as it did when the business day began. Hon. Adam Beck had a conference with Mayor Hocken this morning, at 10 o'clock, and at 11 a.m. the board of control was held. At that meeting it was voted, 3 to 2, to recommend to the city council the withdrawal of the city's bill in the legislature authorizing the purchase, which was given its first and second readings last night without a division. It is not known yet when the council will meet, but it is expected there will be a slight delay over the recommendation of the board of control and if the council should vote in favor of the bill going through it may be killed in committee of the legislature.

Board Divided. At the meeting of the board of control, Controllers Foster, Church and O'Neill voted to have the bill withdrawn, while Mayor Hocken and Controller McCarthy favored it, going through. The point on which the majority stood is the fact that the city of Toronto with Ontario municipalities is pledged to take electric power from the hydro-electric commission, whereas the Toronto Railway and the Toronto Electric Company have contracts with

the Electric Development Company. Toronto railway stock had a further advance this morning, but it is questioned whether this advance has been caused by speculation over the proposed purchase, or inspired by an expected bonus or dividend increase.

NO TRACE OF MISSING CLERK

Pacific Coast Searched in Vain for Jack McClellan.

DETECTIVES EMPLOYED

[Canadian Press.] Vancouver, April 18.—It is almost one month since John McClellan, accountant in the Main street branch of the Molsons Bank, and formerly a well-known oarsman in Winnipeg, whose father resides in Cornwall, Ont., disappeared, and since then, although sought for all over the Pacific coast, not the slightest shred of accurate information has been obtained concerning him. The disappearance is one of the most baffling that has ever been recorded in Canada.

Jack McClellan was for five years employed in the London branch of the Molsons Bank, and has many friends in London. They are greatly concerned as to his fate. Several have written to him in Vancouver, but have received no word as to his whereabouts.

His father has employed a number of detectives and the conclusion seems to be that he met with foul play.

A HOME RUN WON IT. Grade Four of Alexandra School defeated Talbot Street School in a game of baseball played on the latter's grounds last evening, the score being 6 to 5. The score was tied, 5 to 5, when Alexandra went in for its last inning, but a home run by Walter Langley brought in the winning tally.

MONTREAL MAN CHARGED WITH CAUSING DEATH OF WIFE

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, April 18.—Morris Seifert, who originally claimed that his wife was mortally shot in a struggle between them over a revolver she had pointed at him, has been found criminally responsible for her death by a coroner's jury, and has been arrested charged with murder. Seifert now contends that he was reading the paper at the time the fatal shot was fired, and that he sprang to his feet to see his wife fall to the ground.

RAILWAY BOARD TO PROBE ONTARIO WEST SHORE RY.

Engineer Says He Can Only See \$125,000 Value in Work That Has Cost a Great Deal More—Municipalities Will Be Protected.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, April 18.—A bill to vest all the rights and privileges of the franchise of the Ontario and West Shore Railway, running from Goderich to Kincardine, in the three municipalities that have guaranteed the bonds, was given a first reading in the Legislature last evening under suspension of the rules.

At the present time an application is before the Ontario railway and municipal board for an inquiry into the

finances of this road. The bonds are guaranteed for \$600,000 and \$400,000 have been issued. The road has been abandoned and an engineer states that he can only see about \$125,000 of value in the work that has been done. Ugly rumors are afloat regarding the finances of this railway, and while the bill seeks to protect the municipalities involved, which are paying the interest on the securities, the railway board is going to probe into the whole matter.

MEMBERS of the original outdoor cult. A bunch of gypsy children in the camp east of the city, photographed by The Advertiser.



POSTMEN FOR NEW DISTRICTS

Mr. Aldridge Gets Word That Deliveries Will Commence in Short Time.

TOOK THE MATTER UP

Mr. P. St. Clair Aldridge, of Chelsea Green, received word this morning from the postoffice department at Ottawa that the effect had the mail delivery in the recently-annexed districts would be started within a short time. The department stated that the matter was in hand and that as soon as the formalities had been gone through with the distribution would begin. It is estimated that from six to eight postmen will be required to handle the mail for the new district. The routes will run into more than fifteen miles, it is stated, and each man will have about a mile and a half to cover. The residents of the new districts are grateful to Mr. Aldridge for having taken up the matter, as no satisfaction had been secured until he wrote the department, and demanded that some steps be taken.

Mother-in-Law Too Verbose; Is Sent From Court

Matrimonial troubles were aired in the police court this morning when a charge of being drunk and disorderly was preferred against a young husband of Maple street. He came home Thursday night, drunk, and proceeded to raise ructions with his wife. An officer happened along, and the man was taken to the station to spend the night.

Sentence was suspended by the court this morning, the young man being advised to get work and support his wife and baby in proper style. The young man's mother took an active part in the police court proceedings. Suggestions and advice on the disposition of the case were so freely tendered the magistrate that he ordered her removed from the courtroom.

Playgrounds and L.C.I. Building Listed Tonight

At the board of education's special session tonight the playgrounds question and a report on the Collegiate Institute building will be considered. The Playgrounds Association have proposed to equip a number of the city school grounds, to be supervised by public school teachers during the school year, and in addition to maintain and supervise directly two parks playgrounds during July and August. Certain of the mothers' clubs, however, are not in favor of the parks playgrounds during July and August, wish the school playgrounds to remain open during the summer vacation. The Collegiate Institute question hinges on whether the present building will be altered and remodelled to provide for extra accommodation, or whether an additional building will be erected on the present site.

PRINCIPAL McCUTCHEON, OF THE COLLEGIATE, WILL ANSWER CHARGES.

The board of education will hold a special meeting tonight, at which Principal McCutcheon will answer to charges of inefficient administration brought by Trustee Shaw.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

Forecast. Toronto, April 18—8 a.m. Today—Fresh southwest winds, shifting to northwest; a few scattered showers, but generally fair.

Saturday—Moderate to fresh northwesterly winds; fair, with a little lower temperature.

Temperatures. Stations. High. Low. Weather. LONDON. 53. 41. Clear. Victoria. 68. 44. Clear. Winnipeg. 60. 32. Clear. Port Arthur. 62. 38. Cloudy. Parry Sound. 62. 40. Cloudy. Toronto. 54. 40. Clear. Ottawa. 54. 32. Cloudy. Montreal. 50. 34. Cloudy. Quebec. 42. 38. Clear. Father Point. 40. 26. Clear.

Weather Notes. The moderate depression mentioned yesterday now hovers over the northern portion of Ontario, while the pressure is highest in the Northwest States. A fine weather still prevails generally in Canada.

NEVER ASKED TO STAY HERE

Mr. Dilger Says Park Commissioners Have Acted Like Schoolboys.

GAVE MONEY'S WORTH

"Why are they acting like a bunch of schoolboys," asked Parks Superintendent Dilger, when his attention was called to the resolution passed at the board of water commissioners on Thursday, instructing General Manager Glaubitz to notify Mr. Dilger that it was not the intention of the board to re-engage him upon the expiration of his present year of service. "Who asked them to re-engage me? I made a contract with them for a year, and agreed to quit at the end of six months if I did not give them satisfaction. My year will be up May 10. What difference is it where I am going or what I am going to do? If they think they haven't got their money's worth, let them say so. I am too old a man at my business to care what they say about or think about me. They could not get the plans I have finished for \$2,000 if I do say so. They knew and everybody else knew that I only came for one year." At the meeting of the Horticultural Society on Thursday night Mr. Dilger stated that he would either return to Detroit or go to Pittsburgh when he leaves London.

Her Words Wafted To Policeman on Still Night Air

Sentence was suspended on Barbara Waldorf, charged with court this morning with disorderly conduct. She had a quarrel with some neighbors who live across the street from her in the north end of the city. Not deigning to flatter them with a personal call, and yet being desirous of expressing to them her candid opinion of them, she compromised by shouting a number of highly-descriptive adjectives across the street.

A policeman two blocks away heard the epithets borne on the still night air, and concluding that they were "fighting words" removed the woman to the station. Roy Strong was given his liberty in order that he might have another chance to secure a job. He was released a month ago from the Central Prison, and since that time he has not had a vacation. He was warned against loitering away his time in a certain poolroom.

REPORTED THAT POPE IS NOW MUCH WORSE

But Official Bulletin Declares That His General Condition Is Satisfactory.

[Canadian Press.] Rome, April 18.—Today's bulletin issued by the Pope's physicians after their consultation at the Pontiff's bedside was as follows: "There was further amelioration of the patient's catarrhal trouble and bronchial affection. His general condition is more satisfactory today. His temperature this morning was 97. (Signed) 'MARCHIAFAVA, AMICI'."

Rome, April 18.—1:50 a.m.—A report gained circulation shortly before noon that the Pope's condition had taken a very sudden turn for the worse. At the hour of this dispatch it is impossible to verify the report. Cardinals' Call. Rome, April 18.—Several cardinals, including Cardinal Diomede Falconio, have inquired personally or sent to Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state, to ask about the exact condition of the Pope. All have received as a reply, the physicians' bulletins, which Cardinal Merry del Val says speak for themselves. He adds that the amelioration in the Pope's health, although slow, makes constant progress, and he, therefore, hopes for a relatively speedy recovery of the Pontiff.

Institute of Public Health Will Test Ice Sources in City

Samples of the water supply from which ice for city consumption was cut last winter will be taken by the local board of health on Monday and submitted to the Institute of Public Health for analysis. In the past, such samples have been sent to the Provincial health department, Toronto.

RESULT OF ALBERTA VOTE DEMAND FOR WIDER MARKET

Return of Liberal Government Means Continuation of Democratic and Progressive Legislation—Cross To Resign Edson Seat for Mr. A. G. Mackay.

[Canadian Press.]

Edmonton, Alta., April 8.—Interviewed late last night Hon. C. W. Cross said the result of the election showed the province still stood for democratic and progressive legislation. The return of the Liberal Government with a handsome majority meant that progressive railway legislation would be continued. He said the victory of the Liberals was an expression of opinion from the vote of the west in favor of wider markets, this being particularly noticeable in the vote of the farming population. He hoped A. G. Mackay was elected in Edmonton, but if not, and he (Cross) wins in Edson, which is still in doubt, Cross said he would resign in Edson in Mackay's favor. Mr. Mackay doesn't yet admit defeat.

Progressive Policy.

"The Government has been justified in this policy of seven years," said Premier Sifton, "Considering the forces against them, the Government's indorsement has been most emphatic, and the Government will continue the progressive policy that has been pursued in recent years. The Opposition must now realize, if they had not before, done so, that the Government had an undoubted mandate for democratic rule."

Hon. John R. Boyle, minister of education, declared the result was a clear intimation to the Federal Government that reciprocity is not dead.

A. F. Ewing, Conservative, who is probably elected here, said this showed people no longer had that implicit faith in the Liberal Government with which they had been credited. The A. & G. W. question was a material factor against the Government, he claimed.

HOW CITY WILL BE ASKED TO EXPEND \$140,370 IN 1913

Street and General Improvements Will Necessitate \$37,155 Expenditure.

Last Year's Amount Was Not Half What it Is Now.

A large item in the estimates submitted Thursday night to the board of works is the building of two new coke beds for sewerage disposal at a cost of \$14,013, including the removal of the coke from the present beds at a cost of \$10,616.

Sewerage disposal work and other improvements for this year also will cost \$13,213.

Whether the two items entailed by the removal of the present coke beds will pass the committee is doubtful.

Bridges and Culverts.

Bridges and culverts will cost \$4,570, and temporary repairs to the West London breakwater will cost \$1,900. Maintaining the present breakwater until the end of the year will cost, the city engineer estimates, \$2,500. The grand total of \$140,000 is exclusive of the \$18,000 revenue to be raised by a special tax for garbage collection. A new automobile for the engineering department is also included. Street improvements are a very large item.

How Total Is Reached.

The various items are: Bridges. \$4,570. City hall expenses, general. \$2,520. Temporary repairs to West London breakwater if new breakwater is built. 1,000. Cost of maintaining present breakwater to December, 1913. 2,500. Payment sweeping. 9,242. Registry office. 447. Sewers and culverts. 11,345. Street and general improvements. 37,155. Street cleaning. 13,450. Storage building. 1,450. Town hall purposes (including \$627 for alterations for east end police station, and \$1,873 for fire hall purposes). 2,590. Spencer Block repairs and alterations. 10,150. Maintenance of present auto for engineering department. 280. New auto and maintenance. 1,195. Street oiling equipments. 6,000. Street oiling labor. 8,000. Existing bathing camp, south branch. 496. Bathing camp, north branch. 746. Sewerage disposal work and improvement. 13,213. Removing old coke beds. 10,616. Building new coke beds. 14,013. Incinerator operation. 2,773. Grand total. \$140,370. The estimates for 1912 were \$68,000.

Slips While Sawing Brass; Arm Cut as Far Up as Elbow

Maurice Cox, aged 15, son of Albert Cox, of 54 Marmora street, had his right arm split open from the hand to the elbow, at the Miller Brass factory Thursday afternoon. While sawing some brass he slipped against the saw. The wound was one of the worst which local physicians have had to deal with in some time, and it is feared that if any complications develop such as amputation of the arm may have to be resorted to. Cox was removed to Victoria Hospital today.

BANKERS ASSN. TOOL FOR FEW SAYS BIG QUEBEC BANKER

Calls the Per Cent System an Ideal One for Deception.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, April 18.—Before the banking and commerce convention today, Mr. Joseph Durbach, formerly president of the Banque de l'Ontario, and a director of the Bank of Montreal, declared that the Bank of Montreal was only a tool in the hands of two or three men.

CITY MUST PAY UNION SCALE TO HYDRO WORKERS

Bylaw States That Municipality Must Give Wages of Organized Labor.

Electrical Men Are Asking For More Money From Commissioners.

Representatives of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have been in the city for several days organizing the employees of the city electrical department, and endeavoring to come to an agreement with the city.

The brotherhood is asking for the union scale of wages for the men employed by the city, and the employment of union workers only as long as union men can be supplied.

The question came up for discussion at a meeting of the water commissioners held Thursday afternoon, and General Manager Glaubitz stated that there are at present a number of non-union men in the employ of the city, and that they should be protected. Several of the commissioners were of the same opinion.

Must City Hire Union Men?

There is a city bylaw which says that municipal work, but it is a question whether such a bylaw will be recognized by the water commissioners. It is said that there are about 20 union electrical workers in the employ of the city hydro-electric department, but General Manager Glaubitz says the department employs on an average of ten men. "Sometimes we have eight men and at other times twenty," said he. "At present I cannot say how many men we have at work."

Asked what scale of wages the men receive in the city, he replied that it was the same as paid by other companies. "How does that compare with what that paid in other cities?" asked the reporter.

"Until recently it was the same, but I believe the men in Hamilton got a 10 per cent increase a short time ago, was the reply."

It is said that the men in this city are asking a 10 per cent increase and recognition of the union, but whether a strike will be called in the event of the commissioners refusing, is problematical.

C.P.R. To Lay Pavement at Freight Sheds

The C. P. R. will spend \$20,000 in putting down a granite block pavement all around its freight sheds here. The approaches from the Richmond and Waterloo streets will also be paved.

The plan is to move the station back 20 feet will not be gone until next year, as it will not be necessary to lay the new rails in the double-tracking scheme into London here, before that time.

Plans for a new brick freight sheds 50 by 250 feet to be erected at Ingersoll are under way and work will, it is expected, be started shortly.

HAGENBECK KILLED BY SNAKE VENOM

[Canadian Press.]

Hamburg, Germany, April 18.—Slow working snake venom was the cause of the death of Karl Hagenbeck, the animal collector, according to the physician who attended him. He was bitten years ago, and the venom eventually affected his liver.

CALGARY PAPER PREY TO FIRE

Office of the Albertan Is Burning and Little May Be Saved.

CONTROLLED BY AN EX-LONDONER

Blaze Originated in Big Clothing Store Adjoining Newspaper Building.

[Canadian Press.]

Calgary, April 18.—The Morning Albertan newspaper office is burning. The fire, which was discovered about 1:40 this morning, originated in MacLeod's clothing store, adjoining quarters occupied by the newspapers.

The Albertan building will be destroyed, although it is possible that the fire may be checked before reaching the composing room, which contains a battery of six Mergenthalers. Records Saved. Smoke was first noticed in the quarters occupied by the telegraph operator of the Western Associated Press. Little attention was paid to it, as it was thought to be from the stereotyping room. Later flames burst through the floors. An effort was made to save the subscription books and the records which were partially successful.

The Albertan is controlled by W. M. Davidson, who was at his desk when the fire was discovered, and was one of the last to leave the building. At 2:20 this morning the building was a sheet of flames, and it did not look as though the fire could be checked.

Mr. W. M. Davidson was editor of the London Daily News of this city some years ago.

G. T. DIRECTORS MEET IN JUNE

London Station Situation Will Then Be Fully Discussed.

MAY ORDER ACTION

London may wake up some morning in the early part of July and learn that a new depot is to be built in this city by the Grand Trunk, that the tracks throughout the city are to be elevated, and subways built, and that a new hotel will be erected by the company here.

The cause of this optimistic outlook is word received in the city that the board meeting of the Grand Trunk will be held in London, England, about the last week of June, and that several propositions for London are to be considered, as well as proposals for many other points in Ontario.

Grand Trunk engineers have been in the city for some time past looking over the ground for a large tract was recently purchased in East London to give better yard facilities. The company has practically all the property it will ever need in this city, and it is said that it is ready to commence operations here as soon as the board of directors approves.

Plans Ordered For New Plant

McBride & Gilbert, architects, were awarded the contract of preparing plans for the new Jones Lithographing factory, which is to be built in East London.

The factory is to be one-story and basement, of "Milton" special brick, and will be 160 feet long. It is expected that the plans will be ready in about a week, and that the contract for the work will be then let.

Bill Burns Solves Martin Mystery

[Canadian Press.] London, April 18.—Joseph Wilberforce Martin, of Memphis, Tenn., missing since April 3, is safe and well, according to W. J. Burns, the detective, who says information received from his New York office has satisfied him on this point. He will not say where Martin is, but declares that he is not in London, and adds: "My information compels me to withdraw from the case, which is no longer a mystery. Martin is not in any 'physical' danger."

Shoots Rats in City; Pays Fine in Court

For indulging in the gentle pastime of shooting rats in the city streets, a youth paid a \$2 fine this morning. It appears that the rodents were invading the backyard, and it occurred to the lad that it would be a splendid combination of business and sport to get in a little sharpshooting practice, regardless of the city's bylaw regarding discharging firearms within the city. The lad, who resided in the police station, overnight, and was restored to his former only on condition that it would not be used again within the corporation boundaries.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Reported at From. Montreal. New York. Liverpool. Océanica. New York. Trieste. La Lorraine. Havre. New York.

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