

History Repeats Itself Even in Railway Matters

People of Early London Had
Difficulty With the G. W. R.
Over Proposed Route.

There's nothing new under the sun. Study the history of peoples and nations and you'll find that the troubles and differences which agitated those of early days are very often repeated in the history of our own day. It's the same with the history of cities, and London is no exception to the rule.

London is and has been for years meeting with the track-elevation question, the location of the depot and other railway matters.

And last night at the board of trade meeting, Sir John Carling told of how far back as 1850, when the Great Western Railway was projected, the people of London were divided as to the route the road should take through the city, and the agitation against the route chosen by the company became so powerful, that in order to avoid trouble with the city officials, the line was changed and was run through London on the present survey.

As is known to most residents of this city, what is now the Grand Trunk Railway was in the olden days the Great Western Railway. It was a line projected from Hamilton to Windsor.

Promises of Financial Aid.

The map behind the scheme came to the different places the line would touch and secured promises of financial assistance. London gave a huge bonus to the concern, and at the time the council was satisfied with the route proposed.

The survey showed that the railway was to run on what is now the route of the C. P. T. north of Pall Mall street, and running out of the city north of Oxford street and across the old Stiles farm.

Large gangs of men started work on the route. The forest of the district was primeval at the time, and an engineering party went through the woods and blazed the way as far as Detroit.

At the time there was no wharf at Windsor, and boats simply tied up as near as they could get to the bank. Detroit, it is said, boasted of about 25,000 people, and Jefferson avenue, not Woodward avenue, was the main thoroughfare.

London was a little place of about 5,000 at the time, but the rival interests of the people of the different sections of the town were as keen as they are today.

FIVE FOUNTAINS HAVE DISAPPEARED

Moved From the City Streets,
and Temperance People
Will Ask Why.

What has become of the drinking fountains which formerly stood at a number of the street corners of London? This is the question being asked by the local W. C. T. U., and also by very many temperance men of London.

The city council and the water commissioners are to be asked to answer the question forthwith. Some years ago the W. C. T. U. bought, out of its own funds, seven drinking fountains.

These were placed in different parts of the city. They had a small trough at the base for dogs to drink from, a large trough in the center for horses, and at the top a couple of small streams flowed to furnish drink for humanity.

It is alleged that the fountains were looked upon by hotelmen with disfavour, because they felt they affected the bar trade.

Gradually the fountains disappeared. Once, several of them were found to be out of repair, and the city, instead of attempting to have them fixed, sent them to a junk dealer.

The W. C. T. U. protested, however, and the city was compelled to bring back the fountains and place them in the old positions in the streets.

Now, however, only two fountains are in the city streets. One is at the corner of Dundas and Rectory streets and the other is at the corner of Rectory street and the Hamilton road.

The other five have disappeared. Formerly a drinking fountain stood at the G. T. R. depot on Richmond street; another was at the postoffice; another was at the corner of Dundas and Adelaide; and another at the corner of Dundas and Wellington.

"We intend to see that the thirsty man will be able to secure a drink without buying beer," a prominent temperance worker said today. "We want to know why the fountains have been done away with."

BUILDING PERMIT FARCE

Record at City Hall Shows Only Eighteen Issued During Month.

According to the record at the city hall, only eighteen building permits were taken out during the month of June. As the present system of keeping a record of the building in London is a farce, the figures do not tell anything. There were probably 100 new houses commenced in London during the month. A permit was issued today to A. Dickenson for two 14-story houses on Inkerman street.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

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Protest Against Route.

A great hue and cry was raised that if the railway was run on the route proposed by the G. W. R., the city of London would be injured. The postoffice, banks, and chief business houses were at the time centered about the court house, on the corner of Dundas and Ridout streets, and there were rail fences around what is now the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets. It is not known to many people that what was known as lot 1, east of the Wharncliffe road, began at the corner of Dundas and the Wharncliffe and had its eastern terminal at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets. This was a farm lot surveyed by Governor Simcoe, and a lot took in the river Thames north of where the bridge now stands, the people to this day on either side own deeds which run to the center of the river.

The outcry against the route of the railway became so general that meetings were held and the city finally informed the company that unless the line was diverted south, there would be no bonus forthcoming from London.

Company Met People's Wishes.

As the company was anything but strong financially, and as it could not afford to have the city give the project a black eye by withdrawing from the scheme, the line was diverted, and the route route was adopted.

The change meant hundreds of thousands of dollars to the company, and delayed the opening of the line for six months.

Instead of crossing the Thames but once, as would have been the case if the old route had been adopted, the company was compelled to build a bridge over the Thames south of York street, and another bridge at the coves.

Then the huge hill this side of Hyde Park, on the Sifton farm was encountered, and what was known as Sifton's Cut, and one of the mightiest pieces of engineering work of that day resulted.

The cut was so deep it kept back the opening of the railway, as stated, for six months, and at this late date the Grand Trunk has found it necessary to spend \$1,000,000 to reduce the grade, which was ruinous to locomotives and a great consumer of coal.

It is said that every time an engine went up the old grade it cost the company \$5. This is why Mr. F. H. McGuigan was so anxious to wipe out the grade.

Thus it is seen that the people of London were then as hard to please in regard to railway matters as they are today.

BIG FALLING OFF IN MARRIAGES

Only Seventy Recorded in June,
36 Less Than Year Ago—
Births Also Fewer.

Vital statistics for June, compiled by City Clerk Baker, show some peculiar phases.

The number of marriages, as compared with the returns for June, 1906, is very small. This month there were 70 marriages, against 106 in the same month of 1906.

Perhaps all the marriages that have taken place in London in June have not been registered, and perhaps the young men of this city have formed resolutions to steer clear of matrimony.

There was also a serious falling off in the number of births this year, there being 74 during the month, as compared with 93 in June year ago.

Deaths this year show a big increase. Last June there were but 37, while this year 51 were registered.

The returns for the six months ending with the last of June of 1906 and 1907 are as follows:

Births	1906	1907
Deaths	482	459
Marriages	238	289
Deaths	315	368

Thus it is seen that during the first six months of 1907, there were 23 less births, 61 more marriages, and 51 less deaths than during the same period of 1906.

During the month about to close, there were 6 deaths from tuberculosis, 2 from Bright's disease, 3 from paralysis, 3 from pneumonia, 3 from erysipelas, 1 from cancer, 5 from heart disease, and 7 were still-born.

ASSAULTED POLICEMAN, ARE HEAVILY FINED

Two South London Young Men De-
servedly Punished by Magistrate.

Two young men living in South London were this morning convicted by Magistrate Love of assaulting P. C. Harry Green. The chief offender was fined \$15 and costs, while his companion had to pay a \$5 fine.

From the evidence taken in the case it was brought out that the young men had been enjoying a fast and furious game of billiards at a public house. They had procured a rig, and the necessary liquor, and were proceeding to make merry.

First one policeman and then another started out from the shadows of some building or laneway, just a little too late to connect with the rig. At last so many complaints were finding their way to the police station that Acting Sergeant Green started out on a still hunt for the disorderly persons. He first sighted them near the corner of York and Richmond streets, and hiding behind a tree, rushed out and caught the lines as the horse passed. He was thrown from his feet, but eventually succeeded in bringing the much-driven horse to a standstill.

In the meantime one of the occupants of the rig lashed the policeman on the head and shoulders. Fortunately for Green he had a helmet on, and was protected from the blows.

After a little trouble three of the offenders were landed in the lockup.

CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY ST. GEORGE'S

Deciding Game in the Public
School League Series Played
Yesterday.

The Public School Baseball League season closed yesterday afternoon, when the St. George's nine met and defeated the Princess avenue school team by a score of 7 to 5.

A rather remarkable feature of the contest was that while the losing team made three hits more than the victors they made two runs less.

The season as a whole has been very successful, and the boys have had abundance of sport out of the seven-teen contests played.

Yesterday's game by innings:

St. George's	Won	Lost
Runs	10	3
Hits	20	21
Princess Avenue	5	10
Runs	2	10
Hits	3	13
Umpire—C. M. R. Graham.		
Owing to the fact that one of the teams violated an important bylaw of the league it was decided to transfer one of their games to the Victoria school team under protest.		
The correct standing of the league is as follows:		
St. George's	14	3
Rectory	12	5
Lorne	12	5
West London	8	7
Colborne	8	9
Princess	7	10
Victoria	4	11
Simcoe	4	14
Talbot	3	14
Aberdeen	3	6

QUESTION OF A LICENSE

Can It Be Transferred From One Per-
son to Another.

Can an auctioneer's license be transferred from one person to another? This is the question which is agitating the members of No. 3 committee now.

It is said that Ald. Cooper is anxious to purchase at a 50-per-cent reduction the license secured by Auctioneer Harris, of Chicago, before he could sell the stock of W. J. Reid & Co., on Dundas street. Mr. Harris has practically concluded his task, and as he must return to Chicago, he is willing to sell for a year, and for which he said \$40, will be of no value to him.

Ald. Cooper wants to buy it for \$20, but the members of No. 3 committee do not know whether a license can be transferred from one man to another.

HOUSES REEK WITH FILTH

Dr. George Wilson Says Many in Lon-
don Should Be Wiped Out.

Dr. George D. Wilson called at the city hall today and made two pointed statements. One was that the city has passed foolish bylaws until now there is not a post left in the city to which to tie a horse, and the numbers of runaways are increasing right along.

A city bylaw says that horses shall not be left tied to a post.

Dr. Wilson also stated that there are so many houses in London reeking with filth that they are a danger to the community, and it is up to the board of health to show that it is alive and do something to wipe out such places.

OPPOSE TRAINING SHIPS

C. P. S. Hostile to More U. S. War-
ships on Great Lakes.

Toronto, June 28.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Canadian Peace and Arbitration Society held at the residence of Sir William Mulock, the president's thanks were expressed to the Toronto conference of the Methodist Church for its patriotic action in opposing the introduction of Lakes. A reference was made to a training ship of war on the Great Lakes. The naval department of the United States was seeking to amend the treaty of 1818 between the United States and Canada so as to permit training warships being introduced on the Great Lakes, and it was resolved to call the attention of the American Peace Congress, New York, the Universal Peace Union, Philadelphia, and the Lake Mohonk Arbitration conference to this matter, so that a protest might be lodged with the United States Government.

DR. NIVEN MAY GET IT

Ald Stevenson Will Not Take Health
Board Chairmanship on Mayor's Vote

It is now said that Dr. Niven is anxious to take the chairmanship of the board of health.

Dr. Niven, however, if Mr. Wm. Skinner chooses to stand for the office, there might be complications in this regard.

Ald Stevenson declares that he would not accept the chairmanship of the board of health if it was offered to him on the casting vote of the mayor.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

From	To
Maxima	Port of Spain
Canada	Port of Spain
Tunis	Port of Spain
City of Bombay	Port of Spain
America	Port of Spain
Europe	Port of Spain
Peninsular	Port of Spain
Decatur	Port of Spain
Chesapeake	Port of Spain
Cedric	Port of Spain
Rhynadun	Port of Spain
North America	Port of Spain
Peruvia	Port of Spain
Pennsylvania	Port of Spain
Citta di Torino	Port of Spain
Caledonia	Port of Spain
Adriatic	Port of Spain

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. Ernest Moule will sing a solo in the Wellington Street Methodist Church tomorrow evening.

—Mr. A. Westman and family, of London, have taken Chlocoo Cottage at the Eau for the season.

—Members of the Forest City Quaiting Club will participate in a match at the club grounds on Monday morning.

—Mr. V. E. Kerrigan, accountant at the Dominion Bank, Guelph, has been transferred to a similar position here. He enters on his new duties on Tuesday.

—Miss Clara McNaughton, King street, is leaving for a three weeks' vacation, which she will spend visiting friends in Charlotte, Mich., and Chicago.

—Miss A. R. Coe, official court stenographer of Middlesex County, and Miss McIntosh, of the Collegiate Institute, left today for a trip to Portland, Me.

—Rev. Father John Durkin, O. P., of New York, and son of Mr. Michael Durkin, of Hill street, will preach at high mass in St. Mary's Church Sunday morning.

—Rev. R. Evans, of the latter Day Saints Church, accompanied by his wife, left today for a trip to San Francisco and other points on the Pacific coast.

—The name of Mr. Fred. Reid, of Orillia, was inadvertently omitted from the list of Western Medical College graduates who passed the medical council examinations.

—Rev. R. McIntyre, of Tempo, will deliver the annual sermon, the 7th Masons tomorrow at Thamesford. The service will be held at 2:30. Visiting brethren will be made welcome. The subject will be, "Who Built the House?"

—Tomorrow is "Patriotic Sunday" at the Dundas County Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. E. B. Lan- celey, will occupy the pulpit at both services, his evening subject being "The Coming Nation." At the session of the Sunday school every pupil who attends will be presented with a flag.

HOLIDAY AT THE POSTOFFICE.

There will be a morning delivery only by carriers. The ordinary delivery will be open from 8 to 10 a.m., and from 6 to 7 p.m.

THE NEW STORY.

The Advertiser's new story, "Silent Lips," by Annie O. Tibbitts, is started in today's issue. The story is one of intense interest throughout and will be read with delight by all subscribers.

HYMANS TAKE ANOTHER.

C. S. Hyman & Co. added another to the list of victories in the Commercial League Thursday night by defeating a wife and her husband in a closely contested game with a score of 7 to 6.

Batteries—Hyman & Co. H. Gibson and S. Rogers. Smallman & Ingram A. Trick and J. Kelland.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

The firemen had a run to the Southern Printing Company's plant, corner of Richmond and Bathurst streets, at 1:30 this morning. A shed in the rear had caught fire, and as it was in close proximity to an oil shed, there was great danger of a serious fire. The firemen conquered the blaze with one line of the hose, and with but small damage to property.

JUNE WITH THE FIREMEN.

Fifteen alarms were sent into the fire department during June. There were also two chimney alarms, and one false alarm. Ten were by phone, 6 by box, and two were verbal. There were no serious losses during the month.

HALL FOUND GUILTY.

Edward Hall, the Muncey Indian who was recently tried on a charge of having stolen a buggy, was this morning found guilty by Judge Macbeth and remanded for sentence for one year.

It is understood that at least one additional charge of theft will be laid against Hall in a day or so.

CHOIR PICNIC.

The choir of Askin Street Church gave a picnic at Springbank yesterday in honor of their departing organist, Mr. Clarence Gilmore, and a most enjoyable time was spent in baseball, tennis and boating. Mr. Gilmore's resignation has been accepted by the quarterly board, and it is with deep regret that the choir take leave of him. Tomorrow is his last Sunday with the Askin Street congregation.

PROMOTION EXAMS.

The following are the results of the promotion examinations in school section No. 9, London Township:

In order of merit, II, to III.—Russell Needham, Pearl Ironside, Ida Dunn, Fred Hohl, Bella Corsaut, Fred Hudson.

III, to IV.—Mabel Ferguson, Graydon Zie, David Donaldson, Allan Needham.

DOMINION DAY CELEBRATION.

Dominion Day will be celebrated at Queen's Park. A call to arms procession is scheduled for the morning at 9 o'clock, prizes amounting to \$25 being offered. The procession will be followed by a lengthy programme of sports, no less than 37 events being on the card, liberal prizes being hung up in each. There are many former residents of the village now in this city, and it is likely that they will join in the celebration.

EIGHT TEAMS ENTERED.

Eight teams have entered for the race for school teams to be held on Monday in connection with the athletic meet at Queen's Park. Six of the teams are from the public schools of the city, the remainder being from the separate schools. Several of the townships in Middlesex have also entered teams in each of the four medals are to be given. The medals are of solid gold, and bear the coat-of-arms of the Canadian Club of London.

TO BE TRIED HERE.

In the high court, Toronto, before Mr. Justice Riddell, ruling was made in the case of McDonald vs. Power Equipment Company, D. W. Saunders, for defendants, appealed from order of local judge at London allowing plaintiff to enter judgment. C. A. Mose, for plaintiff, contra. Order made allowing defendants to defend, but judgment stand as security and execution.

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to issue, but not to be proceeded upon. Defendants to be at liberty to plead. Case to be taken down to trial at London on Oct. 7. Costs here and below to be disposed of by trial judge.

APPEAL ALLOWED.

In the court of appeal, Toronto, in the case of Harris vs. London Street Railway Company, judgment (H.) on appeal by defendants from judgment of Meredith, C.J., in favor of plaintiff, upon the findings of a jury, in an action for damages for personal injuries, costs, and disbursements, was allowed, it costs demanded by F. Holmuth, K.C., for defendants. G. T. Blackstock, K.C., for plaintiff.

PEASANTS USE THE TORCH

Six Large Estates Burned Out of Revenge
for Duma Dismissal.

Tula, June 28.—The secondary movement among the peasants, due to revenge for the dissolution of Parliament, has assumed serious proportions. Six large estates, including those of Count Vladimir Bobrinsky, president of the constitutional conservative party, a marshal of the nobility and a monarchist member of the late parliament, and Princess Vjadolskaya were devastated by incendiary fires yesterday. The losses were heavy.

DESERTED A FAMILY

Immigrant Pleads Guilty to Bigamy
and Gets Six Months.

Toronto, June 28.—Albert Middleton, an Englishman, who has not been in the country long, today pleaded guilty to a charge of bigamy, and was sentenced to six months in jail. He deserted a wife and her children in the old country and married again in Toronto. The second wife went into the box and said she knew Middleton had a wife living when she married him, but no charge was made against her, and she was allowed to leave the court.

HOLES SUGGEST MYSTERY

Two Discovered Just After Trolley Feed
Wire Breaks.

Toronto, Ont., June 28.—Could a phenomenon in electricity cause two small round holes to appear simultaneously in two heavy plate glass windows about 60 feet apart on two public streets at the same moment when, with a loud report, a near-by trolley broke and fell to the ground?

A wire feeding the north-bound cars on Yonge street fell. As the people in the neighborhood were turning out to see what had happened a boy in the Grosvenor Hotel was puzzling over a hole such as a 22-caliber rifle bullet might make, which had suddenly appeared in the plate glass window facing on Alexander street. Three doors south, J. A. Moses, a hardware merchant, was examining a hole identical in description with the former, but in a different position on Yonge street. The display cards would have been marked had a bullet caused the puncture, and the nearest window damaged was 50 feet from where the wires had separated, so that the falling ends could not have been responsible. But the question remains, what made those two holes, the same in character, at the same time, in different places?

HEADS BASSILIAN FATHERS.

Detroit, Mich., June 28.—Rev. Peter Grand, S.B., rector of St. Anne's Church, Detroit, has been elected provincial of the American Province of Basilian Fathers of the United States and Canada. In this high position he succeeds Rev. V. Merfion, of Toronto. In consequence of this election to the position he will be transferred from St. Anne's Church to the township to pass a bylaw imposing a license fee on all teamsters not resident within the township, and that the matter be referred to the mover of this resolution to consult our solicitor as to the powers this council may have in the matter.

Rev. Mr. Mahan asked permission to have services in the town hall while the Methodist Church, Arva, is undergoing repairs, permission granted.

John Wyatt's request to drain, lot 12, con. 7, was referred to Councilor Gilson, with power.

In re the petition for the construction of sidewalks on Egerton street, Hamilton road and Elgin street, it was voted that the engineer be instructed to make the necessary measurements, showing the proper prepared for the issue of debentures under the local improvements act, the debentures to run for ten years, repayable in equal annual instalments, with interest at not more than 5 per cent, the council to pay 40 per cent of the cost.

The matter of repairing Adelaide street bridge was referred to the reeve and Councilor Gilson, with power.

In regard to the barberry hedge, it was moved by James H. Hodgins, seconded by John Gilson, that as George W. Smith has not accepted the offer of this council of \$25 for the removal and destruction of the barberry hedge on his premises, of which complaint was made, this council take no further action in the matter. Carried.

WOULDN'T BREAK STRIKE.

Montreal, June 28.—An agent representing Toronto machine shops has been in this city for a week endeavoring to secure machinists to take the place of strikers in that city. He has, however, met with little success. He left for Toronto last evening with one man. Some twenty men belonging to

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