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REAR-END COLLISION ON C. P. R. TWO LONDON FREIGHTS CRASH

Engineer on One Could Not, Because of the Fog, See Semaphore Set Against Him—Emergency Brakes Failed to Work at Critical Moment.

A very serious accident was narrowly averted at Woodstock this morning, when a rear-end collision occurred in the yards of the C. P. R. between freight 50 and 52, both from London, en route to Toronto.

No. 52 was ahead and had pulled into the yards, and it appears that in the heavy fog prevailing the engineer in charge of freight No. 50 did not see the semaphore set against him until it was too late.

When he tried to stop, the emergency brakes failed to work, and the engine, which fortunately was going

slowly, ran into the caboose and demolished it, and threw three cars off the track. Had the train been going at all rapidly, there would probably have been much greater damage done.

Train No. 50 was drawn by engine No. 640, in charge of Engineer Dorr, of Toronto, the train being in charge of Conductor D. Allen, of this city.

Train No. 52 was drawn by engine 646, Engineer Moore, of Toronto, and was in charge of Conductor Bell, of London. The crews of both trains escaped uninjured. The auxiliary from London was called and replaced the cars in a short time.

ACTING CHIEF WILL BE CHIEF MR. AITKEN SURE OF POSITION

Pretty Well Understood That He Will Be Given the Permanent Appointment—Some People Want Him Placed on Probation.

The council will meet on Monday night. The most important matter will be the appointment of a fire chief. Assistant Chief Aitken will get the appointment outright, without any probationary clauses attached.

Foreman John Case will be made assistant chief, and Truck Foreman Dan McDonald will be made station foreman.

These appointments seem assured. Assistant Chief Aitken has been connected with the London fire brigade for 27 years. He was a fireman in the Central hall for some years, and in 1890 he was appointed foreman of No. 3 hall, when that was opened. He was

appointed assistant chief in 1902 and has held the position ever since.

Foreman John Case, who will be made assistant chief, has been connected with the brigade for over fifteen years. He was a driver in the East London brigade until four years ago. The late Chief Clark, recognizing his ability, brought him to the Central and appointed him foreman after the fire in 1904.

Ald. Armstrong believes that Mr. Aitken should be placed on probation, and perhaps will be supported in this contention, though the chances of a permanent appointment are two to one now.

It is recognized that among the applicants for the position Mr. Aitken is by far the best man.

Six Months in Central for Thief Who Stole Money From Little Girl

Magistrate Love Gave a Very Mean "Crittter" His Just Deserts.

George Anderson, the man who stole \$7 in bills from Katie Crawford, a little girl who was in English's grocery store, in the East End, paying a bill last week, was sentenced to six months in the Central Prison this morning by Magistrate Love.

The stiff sentence came as a big surprise to the prisoner, who begged

hard to be let go on suspended sentence, promising to get out of town immediately if let go. It was the first time he had ever been in trouble, he said, and he would not have taken the money only he was hard up and it was left laying on the counter and the temptation was too strong. Crown Attorney McKillop remarked that the girl with which the prisoner was connected had stolen the money in the collar of his shirt so that the police were unable to find it when searching, savored of an expert. Magistrate Love concurred in this view and told Anderson that he had decided to give him six months in prison.

Greek Alleged He Was Assaulted Row Between Local Cafe Employees

Parties Were in the Police Court Today and the Case Was Adjourned.

William Psilokos, a young man employed in the Alexandra Cafe, was arrested by Detective Rider last night on a charge of assaulting Peter Komopolis, a Greek, who was formerly employed at the Olympia Restaurant.

Komopolis alleges that Psilokos struck him on the head with either a club or an instrument of some kind. He appeared in court this morning with numerous bandages about his head, and showed a place where he said his head had been cut to the bone.

The Row. Komopolis lives at 469 Colborne street, and was on his way home last night when Psilokos followed him and an altercation took place, the trouble being about some other waiters who had been coaxed away from the

Olympia to work in other restaurants. Komopolis says Psilokos struck him and knocked him down.

A physician was called and attended to his injury, and he at once swore out an information against Psilokos, who was arrested at the Alexandra Cafe shortly afterwards.

This morning in court, another young Greek named Peter Galopoulis, was present, and Komopolis stated that he had been present when Psilokos assaulted him, but had not taken any part in the affair. Galopoulis was held by the police.

Both prisoners asked that the case be laid over to give them a chance to get a lawyer, and were bailed in the sum of \$400 each by their employer, Nicholas Hrisikos.

That there was very bad blood between the parties was evident from the fact that Mr. Hrisikos asked for a policeman to accompany his men when they were leaving the station, as he feared that another fight might result.

Magistrate Love adjourned the case until Monday morning.

HAD ROW OVER PIE BOY CUTS SISTER

In a family argument between two children on King street east a few days ago, a small boy succeeded in relieving his feelings by chopping a slice off his sister's nose with a butcher knife.

The argument started over a pie, and a division satisfactory to the little boy could not be arranged.

A physician was called who dressed the injured member.

OVERCOME BY TRAGEDY Murdered Woman's Parents Once More in State of Collapse.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 2.—Judge E. W. Harris and his wife, of Port Huron, were overcome by a collapse, estimated that six lives were lost.

HURRICANE IN BAHAMAS Several Vessels Blown Out to Sea and Lives Lost.

Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, Oct. 2.—A hurricane swept over New Providence yesterday. There was no serious damage ashore, but several vessels were blown out to sea and it is estimated that six lives were lost.



FRANK ROUGHMOND,
The Negro Vagrant Who Is Suspected of Having Killed Mrs. Peake, a Farmer's Wife near Stratford.

Bad Money!

The police report that a number of bad quarters and half-dollars are in circulation in the city. In several of the banks counterfeit quarters have been found among the silver. The money is said to be an excellent imitation, but when thrown on a counter lacks the true ring.

SHOT FIANCEE AND HIMSELF

Because He Saw No Prospect of Being Able to Marry Her Soon.

New York, Oct. 3.—Because of his dark prospects for the future, Francis Kearn, 23 years old, shot his fiancée, Miss Margaret St. Clair, 25 years old, after taking her to a lonely spot in the East Meadows in Central Park, late last night, and then tried to kill himself by firing a bullet into his head.

The girl will recover, but the young man will probably die. According to the statement made by Kearn to the police, he had decided to kill his fiancée and then commit suicide, because he saw no prospects for him to marry and take care of the girl he loved.

Miss St. Clair had met Kearn at the Hotel Brealin, where, until recently, he was head of the bell boys, and she was in charge of one of the telephone booths.

GIANTS APPEAL FROM PULLIAM'S DECISION

New York, Oct. 3.—The New York National League today appealed from the decision of President Pulliam, rendered last night, that the disputed New York-Chicago game is a tie. A meeting of the board of directors of the National League has been called for Monday, Oct. 5, at the Hotel Sinton, Cincinnati, to make final disposition of the matter.

7,000 BODIES OF INDIA'S FLOOD VICTIMS

Bombay, Oct. 3.—Over 7,000 bodies already have been exhumed by the health department of Hyderabad, and the belief prevails that the total death toll resulting from the floods that devastated the Hyderabad and Deccan districts a week ago will exceed all previous estimates.

NAT GOODWIN DIVORCED

Court Frees Actor From Maxine Elliott on Ground of Desertion.

Reno, Nev., Oct. 2.—A divorce was granted to Nat Goodwin today from his wife, Maxine Elliott, the actress, on the ground of desertion.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—LITTLE WARMER FORECASTS.

Toronto, Oct. 3.—5 a.m. Today—Light to moderate winds; fine and cool. Tomorrow—Fresh or strong east to south winds; fine and a little warmer.

Local Temperatures.

High. Low. Clear.

London. 54. 37. Clear.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary. 24. 42. Fair.

Winnipeg. 24. 42. Fair.

Port Arthur. 48. 40. Cloudy.

Perry Sound. 48. 32. Clear.

Toronto. 44. 29. Clear.

Ottawa. 36. 32. Clear.

Montreal. 42. 34. Clear.

Quebec. 38. 36. Clear.

Father Point. 36. 36. Clear.

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

A few showers have occurred in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and rain has fallen in the lower St. Lawrence valley and in the Maritime Provinces, attended by westerly gales.

Frost was reported in many portions of Ontario during last night.

NO SEAT FOR EX-ALD. COOPER ALD. GREENLEES TO HOLD SEAT

Rumor That the Aldermen Will Not Allow the Old Fourth Warder to Come Back Into the Fold—Appointment To Be Delayed.

There is little probability that the assistant city treasurer will be appointed at the council meeting on Monday evening.

At the meeting of the finance committee yesterday no action was taken on the applications, and all were laid over for further consideration.

As a result it is now said that Ald. Greenlees' resignation will not be placed before the council, but will be held over until about the 1st of December.

It was the intention of the council to deal with the matter on Monday night, but the attitude of ex-Ald. Cooper is said to have caused the switch.

With Ald. Greenlees of the council, the place would fall to Mr. Cooper.

Still Waiting.

He has been waiting for it for some months now, and openly favored the appointment of Ald. Greenlees as city treasurer, so that the vacant pew in

the council chamber would be filled by himself.

Not that Mr. Cooper was fond of Ald. Greenlees. Quite the contrary, and it is probable that if the appointment had been made he would have eloquently abused the appointee.

However, he is looking to the vacancy with longing vision, and is ready to jump into the breach, and save the city, despite the "This is so sudden" attitude which he is exhibiting at this present moment.

So the sudden change of heart on the part of the aldermen is said by Mr. Cooper, at least, to be a desire to be rid of the loquacious auctioneer.

Mr. Cooper says that it is a game of freeze-out, and he is playing the frost-bitten hero.

That is the situation at the present moment. The ex-alderman is out in the cold shades and is waiting.

The chances are that he will wait.

STRONG AND VIGOROUS FIGHT BEING WAGED BY MR. CALVERT

Government Whip and Liberal Candidate For West Middlesex Deliver Strong, Virile Addresses to Large Audiences Throughout the County.

A well-attended meeting was held in school section No. 9, Mosa, last evening in the interests of Mr. W. S. Calvert, the Liberal candidate for West Middlesex. Stirring addresses were delivered by the candidate, and Mr. J. C. Elliott, M. P., for the riding.

Mr. Calvert pointed to the history of the Laurier Administration, dealing particularly with the benefits received by the farmers from good government. The trade of the country had been increased, and there was prosperity everywhere.

Obscuring the Issue.

"My opponent is making a strong plea for your votes," said Mr. Calvert, "on the question of railway taxation. This is about the leading plank in his platform, and he is making good use of it. He must be either ignorant of the fact that all taxation matters are in the hands of the Provincial Government or he is deliberately trying to obscure the issue by bringing into the campaign something that is not relevant."

"Railway taxation is a matter for the Government of Sir James Whitney, and has nothing at all to do with Dominion matters. My opponent will remember that it was brought up in the Ontario House by Mr. H. J. Pettipiece, of Lambton, and was discussed, Mr.

Whitney promised to deal with it. It is a question for the Ontario Government to deal with. If Mr. McLaughlin is so much in favor of railway taxation, why does he not impress upon Sir James Whitney, the necessity of taxing the railways. It has nothing at all to do with the federal campaign."

Mr. J. C. Elliott delivered a fine address, dealing trenchantly with the criticisms of the Conservative party and press.

On Thursday evening, a good meeting was held at school section No. 5, Mosa, and was very largely attended.

Mr. Calvert and Mr. Elliott again being the principal speakers.

So far Mr. McLaughlin, the Conservative candidate, has not held any public meetings, and it is understood that he will not hold any during the campaign. Some of his party friends have urged him to publicly discuss the issues of the campaign, but so far he has steadfastly refused, and the campaign will largely be a "still-hunt" on his part.

The indications point to the fact that Mr. Calvert will be returned by an increased majority. He has been greeted by large audiences on his every appearance on the platform, and is making a strong and vigorous campaign.

Mr. Calvert will hold a meeting in Melbourne Tuesday next.

Jailing the Wicked Comes High To the Government and the City

Lack of Space at the Central Is Expensive to London.

The quarterly returns just compiled in connection with London jail indicate that the cost of maintenance of each prisoner has been 7.03 cents per day. The total maintenance is figured as being 2,160 days, of which the county, it is estimated, has 1,822 and the Government 338. This is a much greater percentage than the Government usually has to pay, and is accounted for by the unusually large number of prisoners who have had to be kept while awaiting transfer to the Central Prison.

It is not generally known that the Government pays the entire cost of maintaining these prisoners, including the salaries of the jail officials, in the proportion which the number of indictable prisoners exceeds the number of prisoners incarcerated. This expense is borne, not from the time of sentence, but from the time of their committal for trial.

County Gets Off Easy.

The fraction of the cost usually falling on the Government for prisoners in London jail is about 25 per cent. In this case during the last quarter it exceeded 42 per cent, and is one of the highest ever known here. As the city pays 86 per cent of the remaining cost and the county the other 14 per cent, it will be seen that the county has by far the lightest part of the burden to bear, while they secure all the prisoners, and the Government and city have.

JAMES NORIN WAS ALLOWED TO GO

Was on the Indian List But Had Not Been Notified.

James Navin, who appeared yesterday before Magistrate Love on a charge of being drunk and being on the Indian list, was allowed to go this morning, as it was shown that at the time of getting drunk he had not received the letter informing him that he had been placed on the prohibited list.

John Buris, a young man, who has been appearing rather frequently lately for being drunk, was fined \$5, and not being able to pay, was sent down for ten days.

John McKenzie, an Indian lister, who has spent some time in jail, was allowed to go and warned that next time he appears he will be sent to the Central Prison for a long term.

Entertainment on Monday Night.

The Home Mission Society of St. Andrew's Church will give an entertainment in the lecture-room on Monday evening. Light refreshments will be served, and an excellent programme will be carried out. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

WELL-KNOWN GLENCOE HOTELMAN IS DEAD

Randolph McKellar, Formerly of the McKellar House, Passes Away.

The death occurred at Buffalo yesterday of Mr. Randolph McKellar, formerly proprietor of the McKellar House, Glencoe. He had been in bad health for some time, and about a month ago disposed of the hotel to Mr. R. Algie, formerly conductor on the Grand Trunk, here.

"Randy" McKellar, as he was known to his friends, was extremely popular throughout Western Ontario, and was known far and near. He was a great horseman, and always had a good one in his stable.

The late Mr. McKellar is survived by a wife and one daughter.

PASSED BOGUS BILLS.

Oakville, Oct. 3.—Thomas Crozier, of Milton, was arrested on a charge of passing bogus \$5 bills. He bought a number of small articles at the opera house, tendering the bills in payment. The treasurer at the latter place was suspicious, and the arrest followed. He admitted passing the money, but he claims he received it in payment for work at the falls.

THE RULE OF THE LIBERALS BROUGHT BIG TRADE INCREASE

Mr. Fielding Shows It Has Jumped to Thirty-four Millions a Year Under the Progressive Administration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Owen Sound, Oct. 2.—Once again the great popularity of Canada's Finance Minister was attested at a monster Liberal meeting in the town hall here tonight. The auditorium was jammed to the doors, and cheer after cheer rang out as Hon. Mr. Fielding expounded his sound and wholesome commercial policy, and at the same time vigorously and successfully battled with the arguments of his opponents. There was a refreshing warmth in the heartiness of the welcome Owen Sound extended to the financier from Nova Scotia. The arrangements for the meeting were most excellent, and there were only two other speakers besides Mr. Fielding. That favorite son of North Grey, Hon. A. G. MacKay, spoke for about fifteen minutes, telling of the work

done by the member for the riding, Mr. W. P. Telford, and also eulogizing the Federal Administration. Mr. Telford, in whom the Liberal hopes of the constituency are so advantageously centered, admitted that he had not spoken in Parliament as much as Hon. Mr. Fielding, for instance, in this connection, he mentioned that the latter gentleman was the real leader of the Conservative party, and that he had filled about 630 pages of Hansard as against 430 for Mr. Borden during the last session.

The Candidate.

The chairman, Mr. W. H. Wright, president of the local Reform Association, drew a rather clever comparison between Hon. Mr. Foster and Hon. Mr. Fielding. The former had made, (Continued on Page Nine.)

\$5,000 for 5 Years for University Agreement Now Goes to Council

Matter Was Taken Up and Deal With by the Finance Committee.

It took out very few minutes at the meeting of No. 1 committee yesterday afternoon to settle the arrangement between the council and the board of university governors for the appropriation of \$5,000 annually for the next five years for the assistance of the university.

Dr. John D. Wilson and Capt. T. J. Murphy represented the university. They read the agreement, which set

forth the provisions of the act and guarantees the payment of the money on the university, fulfilling the terms of the act. If the university should become denominational, the grants will cease. Both representatives of the university were satisfied with the agreement, and it was sent on to the council for their approval.

Validating Debentures.

The matter of validating the city's debentures by the provincial railway work was discussed. The fees for this work are nominal, but it gives the debentures a better standing on the European market. Ald. Ferguson pointed out that while the idea was an excellent one, and would greatly benefit the city, it would be impossible to take advantage of that this year.

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Cockburn Benefit a Grand Success Immense Crowd in the Armories

Excellent Programme of Vocal and Instrumental Music, Etc., Was Carried Out.

Successful beyond expectations was the Cockburn benefit concert in the armories last evening.

Seldom has the commodious building seen a larger crowd than in the present last night. Every seat in the vast auditorium was taken, and every box in the balcony was filled to capacity.

The programme was a treat, one of the best ever given in the city. Every number on it was a good one, and there were no time killers. His excellent tenor voice was heard to boxes and society turned out in force.

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Trade Conditions Steadily Improving

Montreal, Oct. 2.—That trade conditions are on the mend is shown by the customs returns for the past three months. In September the collections amounted to \$1,051,526, as against \$1,245,599 for the same month last year, a decrease of over \$224,000. In August, 1908, there was a decrease of \$400,000 from the collections for the same period in the preceding years; in July, 1908, there was

a decrease of \$600,000. It will thus be seen that the decrease is steadily diminishing. It is thought that the decrease will cease by January next, and that a steady increase will then commence.

The total collections for the year 1907 were \$17,000,000, and it is estimated that this year's collections will aggregate \$13,000,000, showing a total decrease of about \$4,000,000 for the present year.

TELEGRAPH OPERATOR DIES IN HOSPITAL

Death of Mr. William M. Williams, of London Junction.

The death occurred in Victoria Hospital this morning of Mr. William M. Williams, a well-known young telegraph operator, who for many years has been in the employ of the C. P. R. Telegraph Company in this city.

Last week Williams was stricken with a hemorrhage while at his work, and was removed at once to the hospital. He never recovered and continued to grow weaker. He was a son of Mrs. Mary Williams, of London Junction, and was widely esteemed by a large circle of acquaintances.

Williams was 33 years old. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

BARRED FROM CANADA.

Windsor, Ont., Oct. 2.—Barred from Canada and refused an opportunity to make a brief visit to his brother in Montreal, is the experience which befell Harry Cook, of Youngstown, Ohio. When he tried to cross the river here an immigration officer to whom Mr. Cook explained the purpose of his trip, asked him how much money he had.

Mr. Cook found he had a trifle more than \$17. The official, therefore, directed Mr. Cook to hasten back to the States, explaining that the Canadian regulations require aliens entering the country to have at least \$25 in cash.

—Dr. J. A. Meldrum, who has been carrying on a successful practice for about fifteen years in Belmont, has removed to this city. He has opened offices at the corner of King and Maitland streets.