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STREET RAILWAY SITUATION

The statement of City Solicitor Henderson with reference to Street Railway matters abundantly serves to clarify the situation.

As he rightly points out, there are many interests involved in the tangle, and, as the Courier has all along urged, the municipality should not take hold until all the private legal entanglements have been straightened

Mr. Henderson rendered very valuable service with regard to the Market street bridge settlement, and he has been equally watchful in connection with the subject under consideration.

EAST MIDDLESEX FIGHT

The outcome of the above bye-election for the Ontario House has attracted very general attention.

The straight issue has been that of "Abolish the Bar" versus the strict enforcement of the liquor laws and the retention of the three-fifths clause with reference to local option.

Mr. McFarlane, the Conservative candidate, has been a lifelong temperance worker, and he thus expressed himself during the contest:

"We have the fact before us that a large part of Ontario has gone 'dry' without any special appeal to politics. We have also the certainty that still more of it will go 'dry' at the first of the year. In no instance has a local option fight become political, and my onservative friends and my Liberal friends have each voted as they pleased on the question, with results question.

Yet this is the man whom Rowell, the free list. Did that serve to lessen

ers in the present struggle was soliciter for the liquor interests when for technical reasons local option was upset in London Township.

Mayor Carter of Guelph was one of

those who took part in the East Middlesex fight ending to-day, and during

The fact that Mayor Carter has been one of the leading figures in the development of the municipal enterment before Hon. Adam Beck, was of special interest, owing to the fact that the Conservatives, in the hope of detracting public attention from the temperance issue, have been usurping all credit for Hydro. Mayor Carter reminded the audience that, true to had attempted to make Hydro a provincial department, so as to make it political. But the Government had failed. It was a municipal enterprise, and had it failed, Guelph and London

and the other municipalities which had plunged into it would have been the losers.

"He believed that the municipalities that were paying the money should have greater representation on the Commission, and he hoped that the Union of Municipalities would always be an independent organization. The business of the Hydro-Electric Commission, he declared, free from Government interference, and backed up "Hello" city, we are not all of necesby both Liberals and Conservatives, had been clean and good. 'But,' he reminded his hearers, 'it was not started by the Conservatives and Adam Beck; it was started by the and it is still a municipal enterprise.

When he uttered the above Mr. Carter was simply talking through his hat.

To the Liberal party as such there does not belong one iota of credit for the fulfilment of the Hydro-Electric scheme.

As Hon. Mr. Beck recently pointed out, he could not recall, one Liberal member who had openly helped the measure in any riding.

In Brantford the local Grit organ, of necessity remain to be answered. for political and private ownership reasons, most bitterly fought the pro- question was purchased from posal, and a like thing is true of other Mrs. Lawheau, through by the way, who by the way, transacted her the Toronto Star, took a broader

ated for purposes of party advantage, purposed building a house and receivbut in order to have him continue at ed a building permit, which entitled

matters on an entirely non-political itself felt, its chief end being to wid basis, and has received the co-operation of the various municipalities in from Mr. A. C. Lyons on the ques

Mayor Carter's attack was not only unwarranted, but distinctly outside of the facts.

tion.

In the second place I wish to point out, that if this street is widened, as the facts.

Mr. Lyons really thinks it should be.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER AT HAMILTON

The ex-Premier had a good reception last night in Hamilton, and that was as it should be, for leading public men on either side deserve the ac claim of their adherents for the arduous and self-sacrificing duties which they perform. Referring to the navy question, he

"Speaking as a Liberal to Liberals, believe, nay, I feel certain, I am

convinced in my mind and heart, the policy which has been followed by the Liberal party upon the ground of absolute autonomy is the only policy that will be acceptable to the Cana-

In other words, Sir Wilfrid believes that in some mysterious way the gift of the price of three dreadnoughts to John Bull, same vessels to be recalled at will, is going to imperil the nationhood, within the Empire, of Canada. He must size up his followers as a gullible lot if he actually expects them

In the rest of his remarks he dropped reciprocity like a hot brick, and made a dramatic demand for absolutely free food, on the ground that such a course would lessen the cost of living. Here is a portion of his language in that regard:

"It is true I might say something about reciprocity, but I have no recriminations to make. The problem is before us. Let us bury the past and look to the future. There our duty lies. The situation requires ac ion, prompt, unhesitating action. The policy I give you at this moment, the policy I believe every patriot in Canada ought to now support, and the policy I believe it to be the duty of the Government to immediately inaugurate, is a policy of absolutely free food—food free from customs duty.

"It will be said to me, if you advo cate that policy do you not advocate : revision of the tariff to that extent? Certainly I do. But somebody will tell me that the tariff which force to-day is the Fielding tariff of 1897. So it is, but the Fielding tariff So it is, but the Fielding tariff was made for the needs of that time, not for all eternity. It has been the

policy of the Liberal party at all times to stand so far as possible for stability people call to action, action must be taken." All very fine, no doubt, but largely

that are very clear. That, to my theatrical. That freedom lessens cost mind, is the proper way to solve the has yet to be established. The Laurtheatrical. That freedom lessens cost ier Government put binder twine on for political purposes, and for these the price of the same? The whole alone, has been trying to defeat as question is very complex, and calls not a true enough temperance man to for earnest consideration, but to rush nell-mell into the matter, without due And it was Mr. Rowell, it will be reflection, would be just as foolish as remembered, who was a Globe directithe course of Sir Wilfrid when he tor when that paper was accepting announced reciprocity like "a bolt liquor ads, and one of whose stump- from the blue," to quote the language of the Brantford Expositor at the

The public may rest assured tha the Borden Government will take any THE STATEMENT OF A MAYOR necessary steps in their interest.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

After speaking in Middlesex, Mr. the course of a speech he said (Globe Rowell went to Hamilton and addressed the fair sex.

The head master of Harrow ha prise of Hydro-Electric power, and as he stated to-night, was in the moveto have anything to do with those who do smoke. That's enough to har row their feelings.

In France they are going to tax did not hesitate to give due justice bachelors and spinsters thirty years to Mr. Beck, who, he said, had done old, twenty per cent more than pro-wonders on the Commission, but he posed. As to that, lack of proposals, the Tory traditions, the Government in all probability, has led to their present state.

"The Brantford contingent of Lib

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MR. LAING HEARD FROM.

To the Editor of The Courier: Sir,-It is not my ambition to er fer into a controversy in the public press re the widening of Lawrence St., as it does not impress me very forcitly that the public in general is interested in this matter. Howards interested in this matter. However, there are a few things which present themselves for discussion and which

In the first place, this property acted as her agent and transacted her business satisfactorily, I presume, is the sale of this land. After receiv-Mr. Beck's department was not cre- ing a clear deed for the lot, we then the head and receive a proper salary, us to that privilege. After the house From the very first he has kept was erected an agitation began to make

t will necessitate the removal or the unnecessary for me to say, going t be rather an expensive investment for leone and a rather costly venture

for the city; insofar as land expr >priated all along this street would, of course, have to be paid for. Now, does it not appeal to every intelligent person that Lawrence street to-day is just as wide as a number of other streets in our fair city, one of them being Queen street. Everyone is quite aware of the fact that there practically no comparison in the traf-

fic on these two streets. Needless for me to say that if the traffic becomes so great on Lawrence street some of it could easily be diverted to Alonzo street, which runs parallel and connects with the street in ques-Referring to the closing of St Paul's avenue I quite agree with Mr. I.yons,

and it is unnecessary for me to say, almost every person would, after seeing the gigantic error on the part of ped, laughed bitterly and tottered out some of our former aldermen. Nev-| into the hall. ertheless, the street will of necessity have to be re-opened as ably set forth in the argument of Mr. Lyons, avenue obstruction is a menace to the before. Phillip heid it up by its tip. community; at large. Seeing that this is the case and that in all probfalled. I think I shall keep it as my ability this street will be re-opened, emblem and my tallsman." would it not be an unnecessary ex-

Why not leave the street as it now stands even though it is somewhat senator. "You'd better show yourself narrow in comparison with some of and say a few words, I guess." the other streets. It has been perfor all time to come.

question.

This street as all the residents of Lawrence street will frankly admit, is a nicely located residential street and just because there is one store situated opposite the house in question does not seem to impress me that this street belongs to the business section with a tremendous amount of traffic.

In fact it does not make it a business street any more than one swallow makes a summer. Thanking you, Mr. Editor for your valuable space, I beg to remain.

Yours sincerely TOHN LAING 20 St. George St., Terrace Hill

CHRISTMAS APPEAL The Hospital for Sick Children COLLEGE ST., TORONTO

Dear Mr. Editor:— Thanks for your kindness in allow ing me the privilege of appealing at this Christmas time on behalf of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto. It would take more space than you can spare to tell of the good work done | er chair in the apartment, it being the for the sick and deformed children of this Province. Let me, however, in a few words, tell you of the progress of the work of the Hospital.

one nurse, six little white beds, a few dollars, a few friends—this was the beginning. The beds have grown to 250, the dollars to thousands, the friends to hundreds. 1875, the first year, 44 in-patients, 67 out-patients; 1913, last year, 1,648 in-patients, 25,507 out-patients; 1875, 1 nurse; 1913, 70

nurses.

Since 1875, thirty-eight years ago the Hospital has admitted within its walls 21,018 children as in-patients and 159,231 as out-patients, a total of 180,249; or an average of 4,743 per year. Of the 21,018 in-patients, 15,200 were from Toronto, and 5,818 from other parts of the Province; 10,450 of the total in-patients were cured, and the total in-patients were cured, and

in the Orthopedic Department last year, of the 1,648 in-patients, 278 were treated for deformities, 25 hip disease, 37 Pott's disease, 2 knock-knees, 19 bowlegs, 62 club feet, 8 lateral curvature of the spine, 44 infantile paralysis, "The Brantford contingent of Lib-and had it failed, Guelph and London and the other municipalities which had Dr. E. Hart, one of the Telephone of knee, hip and ankle. In 1913, the

this Province.

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give, give, and the blind to see,"
give, give, and help the Hospital to help God's little enes, upon
whom the heavy hand of affliction has
been laid.
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The Cash Intrigue

By George Randolph Chester

Bobbs-Merrill Co.) Sawyer, panting for breath, nodded

his head vigorously. "You are quite right, Mr. Kelvin," said he and stepped away from Blagg's side: "You are letting me go ar your own peril," warned Blagg, gasping out the

"If you stay it will be at yours," returned Phillip and got upon his feet. As he did so something heavy and metallic and bright dropped to the floor. Blagg took a step forward, stop-Kelvin stooped and picked up the

object that had fallen. It was the leavy paperweight dagger that Blagg and stolen from Phillip's desk a year

An unusual commotion arose in the penditure of money on the part of the street, and there were loud cheers and city to expropriate the property in calls for Kelvin. He looked inquiringly at Sawyer. "It's none of my doing," declared the

Kelvin advanced hesitatingly to the fectly adequate in every respect for all window and held out his hand for Rol traffic up to the present time and it lins to come with him. Before he will in all probability render suffi- emerged upon the balcony he turned cient service to the travelling public and once more held up the dagger. He noticed as be did so, however, that it stood in the shape of a cross, and he immediately reversed it with the glittering point in the air. "'In this sign I conquer,'" he laugh-

ingly quoted, and then he went out upon the balcony to exhibit himself as president elect of the United States. Senator Sawyer after having awaited his turn for nearly an hour in the

outer offices came red faced with anger into the presence of President Kel-"By George, it's true!" he spluttered, looking about him. "At first I thought it a newspaper joke, but it's true. You are polluting the White House with all the pomp and trappings of

actual royalty." The portly senator glared about him in fine indignation. A low platform had been erected in the end of this partment, and upon it stood a richly carved, flat top mahogany desk, while behind this sat Kelvin in an enormous high backed chair, strikingly suggestive of a throne. On one side of him stood Sam and on the other a huge, ebony black negro exactly matching Sam except for that livid scar autom. his ugly left cheeks. Both of them were clad in blue and gold liveries. Besides Phillip's there was not anoth-

obvious intent that visitors should "I do not understand what you mean by it," Mr. Sawyer went on. "The ire press of the country is aflame with it. When I picked up my paper in Chicago yesterday morning and read of the alterations you had made I was astounded. I took the first train out and came straight here."

"Very prompt and decisive in you, I am sure," returned Kelvin, with open "Prompt and decisive action is necessary to save the party," the senator hotly retorted, "and the country," he added as an afterthought. "While

you were installing yourself in all this extravagant claptrap I saw as I went to the train in Chicago that monster parade of the unemployed. This morn-ing I read of the brutal and unprovoked police attack upon them, of the riot which followed, of the calling out of the state troops, of the killing of a score of men and of your edict late last night placing the city under martial law. That is a long score added to your account, Kelvin. To the twenty killed in Chicago add the seventeen killed in Philadelphia, the nine in Cincinnati and the six in St. Louis, and you have more than I would care to

carry on my conscience."
"What did you come to see me about, senator?" demanded Kelvin "There are many others wait-

Before your nomination, to gain the influence of certain powerful corporaas manager of the united railroad sys-tem of the United States, give them your election you have, through Pellman, who succeeded Rollins as czar of railroads, stopped every concession and forced a perfect riot of re-strictive legislation. With your raftroad policy, legislative meddling and artificially produced money stringency you have stopped mills and factories by the hundred and have disrupted the entire industrial system of the coun-

"Precisely what was needed." was the surprising reply. "Next will come the readjustment. We shall return to the era of smaller competitive concerns and a far better distribution of

"I do not believe it," snapped the enator. "To me such conditions would ook like going backward. Left to itself the trust and combine and monopoly situation would work out its own salvation, for these aggregations of mits were in the line of logical commercial progress, but while we stand here arguing this purely abstract ques, tion 100,000 men are on the verge of starvation. They are desperate men and some relief must be offered them at once. What are you going to do

"Go right on with my program," anounced Kelvin calmly, picking up rom his desk a heavy paper knife nade in the shape of a dagger and

oving with it. "You will not go right on with it!" eclared the senator, striking his closed fist upon a corner of Kelvin's desk. You're going to have a revolt on your ands in both the senate and house." "And I suppose that you will lead he revolt in the senate," suggested Kelvin quietly.

"If need be, sir!" thundered the sena-"I know at what you are hinting -that my self interest will stand in the way. But I hope, sir. I am sufficiently patriotic that when my country calls I shall answer her cry of dis

"Exactly," rejoined Phillip dryly. " rould expect nothing else from a gen leman of your well known patriotism In the meantime you have a stiff mort gage on your house in Washington and an equally heavy one on your place out west, both of which mortgages have eventually found their way into the hands of Mr. Breed, which perhaps you did not know."

Senator Sawyer was shocked into ighly uncomfortable silence. "You at least are not going to reolt." went on Phillip, "and if you ame here representing any clique or to back and tell them that I intend to have my way first, last and all the ime. I shall not permit any interfer-

ence. Did you come upon any other The senator's red faced rage had given way to pale fared apprehen "About those mortgages," he said, hifting aneasily. 'I don't suppose hat there will be any present trouble

bout them. "I couldn't say, "I'm sure," returned Kelvin. "You'll-have to see the head of Mr. Breed's real estate department

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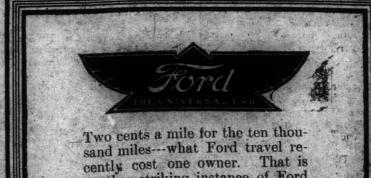
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The senator wheeled instantly. "If you can accommodate me with a triffing temporary loan-of a thound for sixty days, say-I would apreciate it very much," he said, smiling ingratiatingly.

"No trouble at all," said Phillip oleasantly and immediately began writing out a checke

The senator was followed by a procession of office seekers and favor hunters, of whom Kelvin disposed briefly, and then came Rollins. Much ecent worry had left him pale. Kelvin, we have been wrong from the first," he confessed after brief

greetings. "You are carrying out many of the alleged reforms over which we talked, but they are not reforms. The ultimate aim was right, but the means are wrong They are too violent, too drastic, and they have succeeded only in disturbing the economic system to an appalling extent."

"Not to any greater extent than I had calculated." returned Kelvin. "This confusion must prevail in the interim between the passing away of the old order of things and the institution of the new. You will see that the period of suffering will be but a brief one and that we shall emerge from the entire revolution amounts to nothing less-upon a soundthe history of the world, with a larger ultimate percentage of happiness than

heretofore enjoyed by any state"
Rollins shook his head. "You are mistaken," said he earnestly. peaceable economic readjustment is possible when any large number of the mbers of the body politic have reached the stage of starving despera-

"You don't see very far, Rollins," replied Kelvin patiently. "You are basing all your calculations for new emergencies upon old principles. Has it ever occurred to you that the solution of all our economic difficulties might be found in an entirely new system of government?"

(To be continued)

William B. Leavens, the largest fruit grower in Prince Edward count died suddenly at Picton, during an operation for appendicitis.

HOOD'S

Wife In Tears

A wife created a painful scene i he Divorce Court on Thursday, folowing the granting by Mr. Justice Bargrave Dean of a decree nisi, with costs and custody of the children, to George Holder Markwick, a but-

The co-respondent, Adderley Ho ward, was employed at a picture palace. Mr. Markwick appeared but the co-respondent was not present, although the charges were

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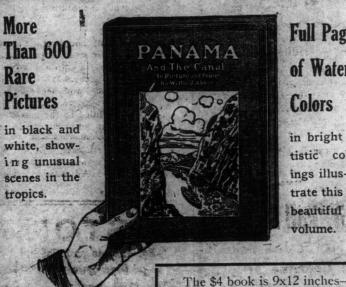
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