

Does Electrification End 30-Cent Fares to the Lake?

ANNEXATION OF TWO SUBURBS MAY NOT BE CARRIED THROUGH

It Is Rumored That Many of the People of Ealing and Pottersburg Who Signed To Join the City Are Assessed on the Rolls of 1911 as Tenants.

The annexation of Ealing and Pottersburg may not be consummated, in fact, it looks as if the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board are due for another session before the matter is finally disposed of one way or the other.

The majority, if any, in favor of annexation will be small on the rolls as constituted, it is stated, and it may be that there will be a minority of over 50 names. The trouble is over the names on the assessment rolls. The Advertiser was informed that many names of tenants were on the lists, who should not have been there, and many property-owners' names were omitted.

The result will be that the municipal board will have to decide who should be entitled to sign a petition asking for annexation. The city may also seek to have names added to make up a majority, but this the township will oppose.

It is considered impossible that City Clerk Baker and Miss Mary Grant, clerk of London Township, will be able to decide on the validity of the names, or certify whether or not the petitions are sufficiently signed.

May Kill Annexation.

As a result, the board will have to hear evidence, and come to a decision on that evidence.

"The majority in favor from Ealing is very small," said a gentleman in close touch with the situation. "In fact, it is possible that when the count is finally made there will be found that a majority does not exist. The same will be true of Pottersburg. I am informed by a party in a better position to judge, that on the rolls, annexation will be defeated by about 50 of a majority, possibly more. It looks like a very close proposition in any event."

"There is no question but that the petitions contain a large number of names, apparently 80 or 85 per cent. But at the same time, the majority must be on the rolls of 1911, and many changes have taken place. For instance, a number of the gentlemen whose names are on the petitions as owners, are assessed as tenants. If the latter construction is right, they have no voice. If they are really owners, and their names do not appear on the lists as such, according to the strict letter of the law, they have no right to vote on annexation, it is claimed."

"In my judgment it will not be possible to secure a clear majority of ratepayers against whose right to vote on annexation is undisputed. The question is by no means settled yet."

Going Over the Names.

"We went over a portion of the lists today," said City Clerk Baker. "When we have finished our work, a report will be made. At the present time, I have nothing to say."

It is said that certificates will be demanded from those who have purchased property since the lists were made out. This will be opposed by London Township, who demand that the assessment roll as it is be the basis for considering annexation.

A rather interesting situation is certain to develop, it is stated, and those who anticipate the annexation of these suburbs in January are liable to be informed by a party in a better position to judge, that on the rolls, annexation will be defeated by about 50 of a majority, possibly more. It looks like a very close proposition in any event."

ALD. J. G. RICHTER MAY RUN FOR THE WATER COMMISSION

It Is Understood That Several Members of This Year's Council Have Had Enough of It, and Will Not Be Candidates in the Next Election.



Ald. Richter.

Some of the aldermen will not seek re-election. At the present time it looks very much as if four of the present council will be missing at the next election, possibly more.

Some time ago Ald. Blanford stated that he would not be a candidate. Ald. Richter is also going to retire, although it is possible that he might be persuaded to run again.

"I have had all I want," he stated. "No more of it for me."

It is quite certain that Ald. Benoit, Ald. Rose, Ald. Cotes, Ald. Spittal, Ald. Johnston and Ald. Ashplant will be candidates for the council. Ald. Wright will run, but it seems quite probable that he will seek the mayor's chair. Ald. Moore is retiring at the present time. He has no desire for public office, but it is considered quite within the probabilities that he will again seek the suffrages of the electors.

Five members of the board of education retire, Messrs. W. W. Gammon, W. T. Strong, J. M. Gunn, Dr. A. J. Wyckoff, and M. F. Irwin.

Dr. Wyckoff has announced his resignation. Mr. Chittick is seriously considering withdrawing from public life. Mr. Gammon, Mr. Strong and Mr. Irwin will in all probability be candidates.

There will be a big field in any event.

RAILWAYMEN OBJECT TO AN INCOME TAX

Claim That It Is a Tax on Thrift and That They Are Under Extra Expense Through Having to Live Much of the Time Away From Home.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Nov. 20.—When the Ontario Legislature special committee on assessments resumed its deliberations this morning, Mr. C. Lawrence, Ontario, representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, expressed the views of that order on the income tax; he pointed out that railway work was different from any other class of work. The men engaged in that field of labor earned a great deal of their income in extra time and in it of them put in much of the over time because they are obliged to. If the men worked the regular number of hours for a day they would not make enough to come under the income tax. Consequently the tax on their income was a tax levied on thrift. The men were also under the disadvantage of extra expense for living through being away from their homes a considerable portion of the time, and this was not taken into consideration in levying the income tax.

Assessment Commissioner Stewart, of Hamilton, stated that when railwaymen called attention to the fact that they were under extra expense for living at another point of the line a part of the time he deducted these extra expenses before determining the amount of income taxable. Assessment Commissioner Foreman, Toronto, said he was inclined to allow for the extra expense railwaymen incurred, but did not think the amount should be as much as they usually claimed, as they had to live anyway whether they

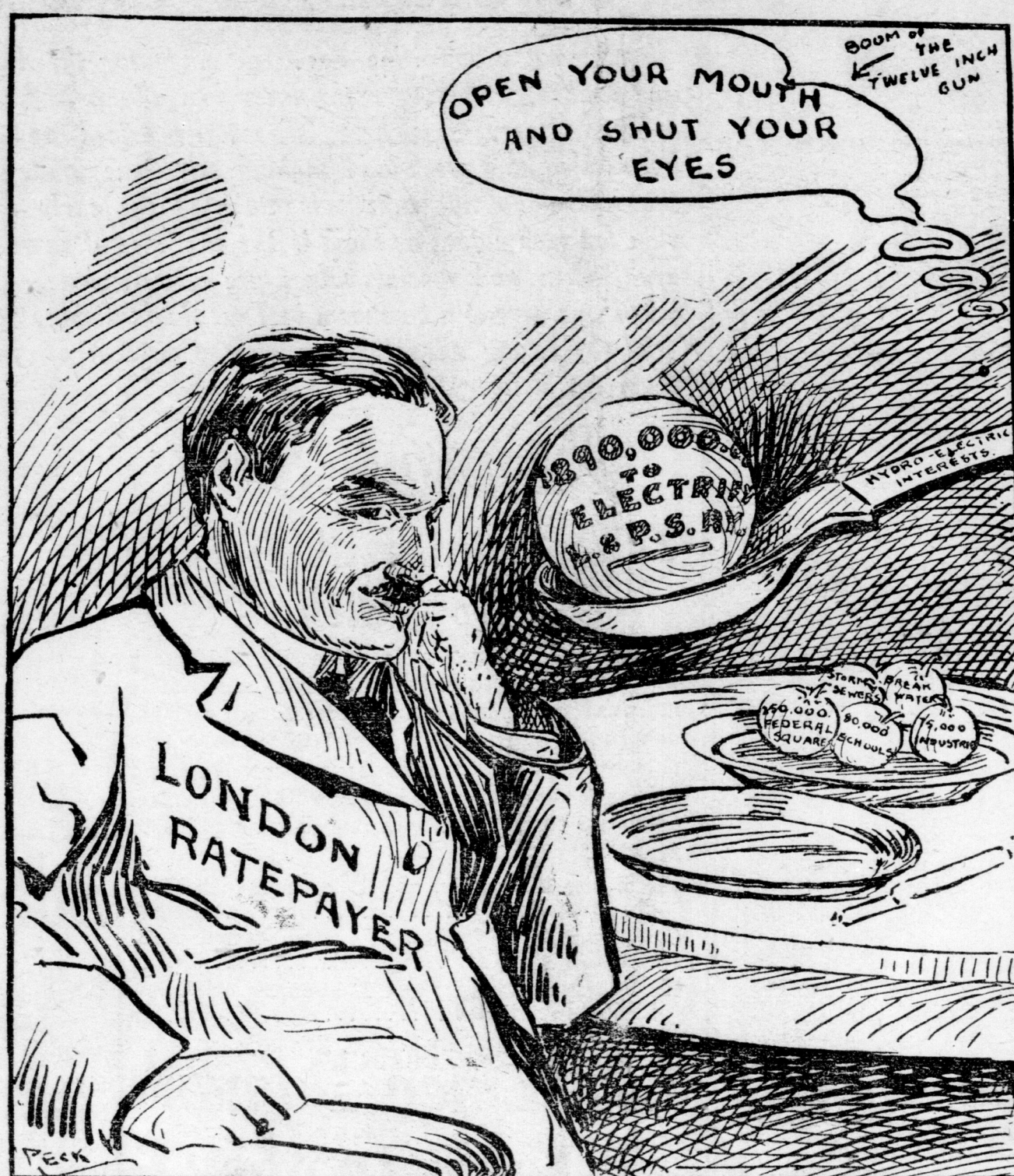
were at home or at some other point of the line. He thought it perfectly fair to levy a tax on that part of the income earned during overtime, although he admitted it looked like a tax on thrift.

Tilt Over Notices.

Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Foreman had a tilt over the fact that a number of assessment notices had been left for railway employees at the John street roundhouse in Toronto, and lay there for a month before being discovered. Mr. Foreman argued that they were delivered at the only point at which they could reach the men; they were intended for. Col. Matheson, provincial treasurer, asked Mr. Lawrence if it occurred to him that if he was relieved of income tax someone would have to pay it. Mr. Lawrence replied that he would pay his share as an owner of property.

William L. Best, Canadian legislative representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, contended that railwaymen were in reality taxed on part of what it cost them to maintain themselves and their families. He declared that he had been assessed on about \$500 of what it cost him to maintain his family at Chapeau, Ont., where the amount exempt from taxation was \$300. He thought the amount of income exemption should be raised to \$1,500 or \$2,000, it should at least be \$1,500 at any point in Ontario.

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WILL HE SWALLOW IT?

Electrification May Mean End of 30 Cent Fare to Port

Report Presented to the City Shows That It Is the Intention to Charge 1.5 Cents Per Mile in Order to Make Passenger Traffic Reach the Sum of \$121,500 Per Year.

Workingmen all over the city are opposing the electrification of the London and Port Stanley Railroad, because, they believe, it means that their wives and children will no longer be able to go to Port Stanley and return any day in the week for 30 cents.

This promises to be one of the big factors in the defeat of the scheme.

The report submitted to the city council plainly states that a rate of 1.5 cents a passenger per mile is to be charged, so that this would figure out at not less than 60 cents for a return trip to Port Stanley.

THIS IS JUST DOUBLE THE AMOUNT that citizens have to pay now. There is no good reason why it should be increased.

It may not seem to be a serious matter to the man who draws his \$2,000 a year, but to the man whose pay envelope contains only from \$10 to \$15 a week it is a considerable increase.

For instance, the ticket agents will tell anyone that during the summer they sell more tickets on excursions for family parties of from three to eight than single tickets.

For a man with a family of five, the rate at present would be \$1.50. Increase this to \$3.00 and many a man and a woman and child will be barred from enjoying the benefits of a day at the lakeside.

Jos. Davies Was Identified as Robber of W. Wilkinson

Victim of Assault at Crumlin Saw Prisoner at the Jail Today, and Was Positive That Davies, Who Once Worked for Him, Is the Man Who Robbed

Mr. William Wilkinson, who was robbed of nearly \$180 on his farm on Saturday night, positively identified Joseph Davies as his assailant. Davies having worked for him some years ago, Mr. Wilkinson was in the city today, and gave the county police considerable information in regard to the robbery.

Davies was remanded for a week by Squire Chittick on Tuesday, but in all probability will be given a hearing either on Friday or Saturday after-noon. The case will be a rather lengthy one, as between 15 and 20 witnesses will be summoned.

The county police state that Davies and his wife were not living at 133 Bathurst street, but until Sunday night had been boarding at 353½ Rid-ott street. On Sunday night the couple registered at a hotel near the market.

When arrested Davies had in his possession about \$55, which, it is alleged, was a part of the money taken from the complainant, and had spent the remainder in purchasing clothes for both his wife and himself.

Shut Out From U.S. Market, Wheat Growers Lost \$6,000,000

Reciprocity Will Be the Issue in Each Election of the West.

[Canadian Press.] Regina, Nov. 20.—Hon. George Langley, and J. E. Bradshaw, member for Prince Albert, held the floor during

FIGHTING CEASES FOR THE MOMENT

Opposing Commanders Are Arranging the Terms of Armistice.

TALK OF PEACE LATER

Nazim Pasha Appointed to Confer With General Savoff, the Bulgarian Leader.

London, Nov. 20.—Fighting has ceased for the moment between the Turkish and Bulgarian armies struggling for the possession of the key to the gates of Constantinople, while the opposing commanders-in-chief are engaged in negotiating for the arrangements of the terms of an armistice. If these negotiations prove successful they will be preparatory to a meeting of plenipotentiaries, who will subsequently discuss the final conditions of peace.

In accordance with the suggestion contained in the Bulgarian note, that the allied Balkan nations are prepared to meet the Turkish commander-in-chief, in view of arranging an armistice, the Ottoman Government has appointed Nazim Pasha to confer with Gen. Savoff, the Bulgarian leader. The Turkish general, who has been putting up such a fine defence of the ramparts of the capital, now has thrown upon him the additional burden of deciding whether to continue the war or not.

As soon as an armistice has been arranged, if success crowns the efforts of Nazim Pasha and General Savoff in this direction, Turkey will appoint other plenipotentiaries to discuss the terms of peace.

Hold Positions. In the meanwhile the two armies hold their respective positions. How long this armed truce will be maintained, however, will depend on the terms of peace offered by the League of the Balkan states, and on whether the hitherto futile attacks by the Bulgarians on the Techataldja lines have inspired the Turks with hopes that the fortunes of war may yet turn in their favor.

Reports regarding the conditions proposed by the allies are conflicting. It is officially stated in Constantinople that the agreement of the allies to discuss the terms of an armistice and the preliminaries of peace does not stipulate any conditions.

Servia Gives In. Simultaneously with the fall on the battlefield comes the news of a disintegration of the tension in the Austro-Servian dispute by the compliance of Servia with the demand of the Austrian Government for an investigation into the carrying out of his duties. Part of the journey must be made on horseback, and it will take several days for him to arrive at his destination.

NO EMBARGO ON GRAIN.

Port William, Nov. 20.—It is denied that the Canadian Pacific have placed any embargo on grain, with the exception of a temporary embargo on wheat. The reason for the latter move is to enable the elevators to handle the wheat, flax taking twice as much time to unload as other grains.

COURT OF APPEAL ORDERS NEW TRIAL FOR FAIRBURN

Man Accused of Being an Accomplice in the Arva Safe-Blowing Case Is To Be Given Another Chance to Prove His Innocence.

The court of appeal, in session at Toronto yesterday, ordered a new trial for Peter Fairburn, who was sentenced by County Judge Elliott last spring to serve three years in Kingston Penitentiary for his share with John Murray, or Murphy, in the blowing of the safe of the Arva roller mills, owned by J. Hawken, of the village of St. Johns. A similar petition on behalf of Murray was refused by the court of appeal.

The robbery was committed in the village early one morning last spring. A window in the office of the mill was forced open, a hole was drilled in the steel door of the safe, nitro-glycerine was poured in, with the assistance of the burglar's soap lip under the opening, and the charge was blown. The door was ripped off and the cashbox, containing nearly \$200, was in the hands of the crook or crooks immediately.

"Blowing" the Safe.

The noise of the explosion was muffled by piling bags of flour and meal about the safe, and the proprietor of the place, hearing the sound, believed that one of his horses was kicking in the stall. He made no investigation, and the robbery was not discovered until the following morning.

Both city and county police worked on the case, but an incident in the bar of the King Edward Hotel brought the two men

who were afterward sentenced into the hands of the authorities.

John Murray, roughly dressed in a pair of blue overalls, and looking the part of a farm laborer, appeared at the hotel, accompanied by Peter Fairburn. Both were intoxicated, and Fairburn endeavored to slip a roll of bills from Murray's pocket, and was caught in the act by the bartender. The proprietor of the place took charge of the money to keep it in safe-keeping until Murray recovered from his intoxication. However, in the meantime the police learned of Fairburn's conduct, and both men were placed until arrest, charged with drunkenness. It was then discovered that the bills and coins in Murray's possession tallied exactly with those taken from Arva.

The Evidence.

Witnesses were secured who saw Murray walking into London along the Sarnia road, one of them being a man who himself had done time, and who recognized Murray as "Reddy," a fellow-prisoner from Kingston.

The case against Murray was very complete, but Fairburn swore solemnly that he was not implicated in the robbery, and that he had not picked up with Murray until the morning after the safe was blown.

It is because of this doubt that the second trial has been granted, but the case against Murray was most conclusive, and he will remain in Kingston until his term expires.

A LIBERAL SMOKER TONIGHT

A euchre party and smoker will be held in the Liberal Club, corner of Queen's and Park avenues, this evening. Everybody is invited, and there will be a good time for all. Excellent prizes have been donated, and the play for them will be keen.

TEN PER CENT INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF ALL STOVES

A Resolution to This Effect Will Be Introduced at a Meeting of Canadian Manufacturers in Hamilton Today—Colonel Gartshore of McClary's Is in Attendance.

A Hamilton dispatch says: A resolution will be introduced at the annual meeting of the Canadian Stove Manufacturers' Association, which will be held in the Waldorf Hotel, favoring a general increase of 10 per cent in the retail and jobbing prices of stoves. It will be supported, it is said, by some of the largest manufacturers in the Dominion, and it is the opinion of local foundrymen that it will carry.

The manufacturers claim that the increased cost of articles that enter into the production of stoves, and high wages paid to skilled and unskilled labor have necessitated the move. They say that the standard prices of stoves has been changed very little in the past few years, whereas iron and the different supplies used, and the price of labor, have steadily increased.

The proposed increase will apply, it is stated, to not only kitchen stoves, and feeders, but gas stoves, furnaces, and all other heaters produced by foundries.

Many manufacturers claim that in

keeping stoves and furnaces down to the present prices there is practically no profit for them, and it is said they are also looking forward to demands which will be made in the course of the next few years, as agreements expire, by union men from one end of the Dominion to the other.

The increase, if it carries, will likely go into force at the first of the year. It will have a widespread effect. This will be particularly so in the case of the builders, as many of them claim they install furnaces at a price which merely clears their expenses. If the increase applies generally to all heating apparatus it will make quite a difference in contracts for buildings.

Col. Gartshore, manager of the McClary Manufacturing Company of London, is in Hamilton attending the meeting. At the local offices no statement would be made in regard to the increase further than that owing to the cost of materials and increase in wages, a rise in stove prices was warranted.

FIGHTING SESSION AHEAD OF EIGHT SOLID MONTHS

Arrangements Completed For Opening of Parliament Tomorrow—Sir Wilfrid Laurier Celebrates 71st Birthday in Splendid Health and Spirits.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 20.—Arrangements are completed for the opening of Parliament tomorrow.

Every train today comes in loaded down with members, senators, and correspondents, all looking forward to participating in a first-class fighting session. Eight solid months of warm work is the expectation of everyone.

It is understood that the clash will not be delayed, but will be inaugurated in the debate on the address.

The speech from the throne, which will foreshadow the Government's legislative program, is expected, after the customary references to the country's property and progress, to indicate that there will be a banking act, naval legislation, amendments to the railway act, a bill for a tariff commission, votes for highway aid, a number of similar acts.

West To Be Heard.

The Opposition are looking with great interest for the details of the Government's naval program, and whether or not there will be a redistribution bill passed before prorogation. If there is not a good deal will be heard on the subject from the western Opposition members. The Opposition is confident that it will be able to effectively criticize the

Government on the question of tariff, on the handling of the National Transcontinental, and upon the operations of Hon. Robert Rogers' workers in the MacDonald election.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is today celebrating his 71st birthday, in the best of health and spirits. He was at his office this morning receiving callers and congratulations by telegraph, cable and letters from all parts of the world.

The address in the House will be moved by Mr. Rainville, the member for Chambly, and in the Senate by Senator Daniel, of St. John.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.

Forecast. Toronto, Nov. 20.—8 a.m. Moderate to fresh southwest to south winds; fair and mild today and for the greater portion of Thursday, then a few scattered showers.

Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Station	High	Low	Weather
LONDON	50.5	29	Fair
Victoria	50	44	Clear
Calgary	49	26	Clear
Winnipeg	42	30	Fair
Port Arthur	49	28	Fair
Perry Sound	43	22	Clear
Ottawa	54	22	Fair
Montreal	54	30	Cloudy
Quebec	58	26	Cloudy
Father Point	28	24	Cloudy

Weather Notes. Pressure is now lowest over Manitoba and highest in the North Pacific States. Fine weather prevails generally in Canada, with the temperatures nearly everywhere much above the seasonable average.