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WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUG. 17, 1910

OFFICIAL MIDDLING AND MUD-GLING.

A glaring instance of ignorant official meddling is to be noted in the case of the Bigfoot bridge on the Rouge River, in which Councillor Reesor of Markham Township supported the contractor against the inspector and engineers. The engineers, Frank Barber and C. R. Young, decided that the foundations of the abutments should have gone down six feet. The contractor thought five inches would do, and Councillor Reesor supported him.

What do the people say to a case like that? In Toronto we take it lying down, and the papers say that a business-like commission which would not tolerate such interference is not desirable.

The engineers disclaim responsibility for the bungle at the Rouge, and Mr. Barber expects to see the whole structure wash out in the next big spring freshet.

RAILROADS AND MARKETS.

About the worst feature in the United States railroad situation and the tremendous over-capitalization of the companies is the fact that the means of distributing the products of the land fall lamentably short of the country's requirements, and have much to do with the increased cost of living. The vast sums that have gone to make the financiers and speculators who control the roads multi-millionaires had they been applied to the betterment and extension of transportation facilities would have added materially in creating better conditions for the masses of the people. Yet there are men in public life in Canada, and the federal and provincial governments are not without them, who are actively engaged in aiding in the establishment of similar untoward circumstances throughout the Dominion, who see no benefit in limiting the issue of new railway securities and stocks to the amount properly expended for necessary objects. The expansion in population, in industry, in commerce, in agriculture, instead of bringing with it reduction in rates and charges to the public, becomes the opportunity for adding to the burden the country is sustaining.

Writing to Wallace's Farmer, a United States agricultural paper of recognized reputation, one of its correspondents says that in certain parts of Ohio tens of thousands of bushels of potatoes will be wasted because the price offered—ten cents a bushel—will not pay the cost of handling them. Yet only twenty miles distant 60 cents a bushel is being paid and a little further away much higher prices obtain. The same story is told in other states, while the fruit districts complain bitterly of losses caused by inability to reach waiting markets. Southern newspapers and growers lay the blame for this wifful waste on the railroads and ask where redress can be found. Here in Canada this identical grievance prevails in many parts owing to the inefficiency of distributing facilities and the high rates charged for freight service. In countries with public ownership and operation of railroads the needs of farmers and fruit growers meet with more consideration and the roads are administered for the general good of the community.

CASE OF DISCRIMINATION.

Fishermen who earn a livelihood in lake waters of Wentworth County have a standing grievance, that the experience of the past couple of weeks have not abated. They feel that they are entitled to a great deal better treatment from Hon. Dr. Reaume, and on the face of things their contention seems to be a just one.

What they complain of is the system of issuing licenses in vogue in Wentworth County. They have to be content with a water lot, that is, their license entitles them only to net fish in one and one-half miles of water frontage. They claim—and rightly so—that it is unfair discrimination that they should be so limited while the fishermen in the contiguous County of Lincoln, for the same license fee, have the privilege of netting anywhere in the waters of that county. What makes the discrimination all the more serious is the peculiar conditions existing in Wentworth waters, and the manner in which the licenses seem to have been allotted. It is stated that in the corner of the lake around Burlington the bottom is of moss and weeds, providing attractive feeding ground for fish that the rocky bottom to the east does not. So that, in the calm weather of the past few weeks, the fish have been browsing there, and the hardy fishermen elsewhere are spreading their nets and hauling them in with mighty poor result. And the assertion is made that the desirable fishing grounds are continually tied up by

licenses to men who are not professional fishermen, and who do not attempt to keep the market supplied. As a consequence, there is such a scarcity of fish that campers and cottagers along Burlington Beach get their breakfast dish from Hamilton dealers at about double the cost that they ought to be put to.

While the Ontario fisheries department say that local conditions govern the issuance of licenses, whether by lot or otherwise, there does seem to be no valid reason why the fishermen in Wentworth, who pay an equal license fee with his competitor in Lincoln, should be so much more restricted in his privileges.

GLASGOW STREET RAILWAY.

During the last financial year of the Glasgow street railways the municipal system carried 222,780,571 passengers, an increase of 886,002 over the preceding twelve months. Eight miles of new tracks were added to the system and the car mileage was 20,974,016, an increase of 171,215 miles. The traffic receipts totaled in round figures \$4,450,000. Of the passengers carried no less than 82,255,260 paid one cent, 132,529,172 two cents and 17,642,626 three cents—only about 10,000,000 paying more than three cents. In this connection it is worth noting that at the half yearly meeting of the Central London Railway Company, Sir Henry Oakley reported that the two-cent stage had proved a success. Cheap fares encourage traffic and are profitable as well as a public benefit.

PRINCE RUPERT AND LAND VALUES.

Taxation of land values only and the relief of improvements is steadily gaining ground in Canada, particularly in the western provinces, which have been prompt to perceive the value of the principle. Prince Rupert is the latest city to inaugurate the system and it is doing this at the beginning of its history. The purpose is openly explained to be the elimination of the land speculation who proposes to keep his lots unused pending the increase in value, which comes from the energy and enterprise of the real makers of the city. By compelling the speculator to pay taxes on the true market value of his land he must either utilize it himself, or sell to those who will.

Objection is made to the taxation of land values only on the ground that it will lessen investment activity. But it will only diminish that form of land investment which is prejudicial to the equable growth. What an expanding city wants is the citizen who is prepared to take his share in promoting its prosperity. Vancouver adopted the system about a year ago and in six months the buildings under construction had a registered value of over \$6,000,000, or only a million and a quarter less than the valuation of the whole previous year, itself a record breaker. To tax improvements is to tax the man of faith and courage—he is the man to favor if anyone is to be favored. Taxation of land values only hits him who wants to profit without laboring.

BRASSEY LOVES CANADA.

But He is Not Able to Make an Extended Visit.

OTTAWA, Aug. 16.—(Special).—"I come to Canada because I love Canada."

With these words Lord Brassey, the distinguished English seaman, famous for the world over for his cruises on his beautiful yacht, The Sunbeam, greeted a press representative when he stepped off the train.

After an absence of 33 years, Lord Brassey returns to Ottawa to confer with Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, upon matters relating principally to immigration. His host was waiting at the station for him. Lord Brassey in the afternoon visited the experimental farm and drove thru the city, and he left again on the afternoon train for Montreal.

Brassey has been called home to England to preside at a meeting of the association of chambers of commerce of the United Kingdom, of which he is president.

RAIN CHECKS FOREST FIRES.

Heavy Precipitation in District Around Kenora.

KENORA, Aug. 16.—The first heavy rain since March visited this district last night, when the precipitation between eight in the evening and four in the morning amounted to over two inches. It was accompanied by a violent electrical disturbance, which put the power plant out of business for some time and plunged the town in darkness. The rain has quenched the numerous forest fires which have been running unchecked thru standing timber in many localities. A goat brought in word this morning that the precipitation was general 25 miles south, and if it covered a wide area its value to lumbering interests is incalculable.

Don't Fail to Visit the Cobourg Horse Show.

\$2.35 return from Toronto via Grand Trunk Railway System, including admission to Horse Show. Tickets good going until Aug. 19, inclusive; return limit Saturday, Aug. 20.

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Actress Who Hates Men

A girlish vow not to marry until 25 leaves Miss Sibyl Brennan, prima donna with "In Panama," which comes to the Grand Opera House next week, to scorn the opposite sex.

The only 21 years old, she is confessedly a hater of men. Her profession, naturally demands that she mingle with them, and even exact love scenes with masculine members of the company, but of this stage, she prefers companionship of her own sex. "I just because I'm prejudiced or believe in equal suffrage," said Miss Brennan, "altho



Miss Sibyl Brennan with "Panama," at the Grand.

I believe that woman in every way is man's equal. Not I isn't because I've been disappointed in love. When I was in a New Orleans convent, the prefect of discipline advised us girls against marrying before we reached the age of 25. So fine of us pledged on graduation day to renounce the companionship of men until we reached that age, and every year I wrote to my mother and father renewing our allegiance to the treaty we made. "If more girls would resolve to associate only with their own sex, some conceited young men might realize how insignificant they are."

AT OSGOOD HALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

August 16, 1910.

Before Cartwright, Master.

Stavert v. Holdcraft—W. J. Boland, plaintiff. Motion for order to further examine defendant as a judgment debtor. W. C. Chisholm, K.C., for defendant, contra. Judgment reserved.

Fringle v. Dow—S. J. Arnott, for defendant. Application for leave to examine a plaintiff for discovery during vacation. R. D. Moorhead, for plaintiff. Order granted. Costs in cause.

Northern Crown Bank v. Garfunkel. D. D. Grierson, for plaintiff. Application on consent for order of dismissal of action without costs and vacating certificate of its pendency. Order granted.

Orford v. Graham—J. S. Farley, for plaintiff. Motion for judgment for possession under rule 609. D. O. Cameron, for defendant, contra. Motion enlarged for one week.

Cameron v. Tremblay—McNiven Day, Ferguson & O'Sullivan, for plaintiff. Application for final order for foreclosure. Order granted.

Holmes v. Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation—A. E. Knox, for defendant. Application on consent for order dismissing action without costs and vacating certificate of its pendency. Order granted.

Supplemental Examinations.

The supplemental examinations in connection with the Law School, will continue daily thereafter, and will be the last day to give notice. Schedules showing the dates of the various examinations can be had by application to the secretary at Osgood Hall.

Should See the Boulevards.

Dr. John S. King and Mrs. King have just returned from a delightful outing of two weeks. The chief features of the trip were the inspection by automobile or electric coaches of the beautiful and attractive residential business districts, parks and boulevards of Paris, Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, Erie and Cassadaga, and Lily Dale, the western New York resort, 800 feet above the level of Lake Erie; the traversing of Lake Erie by passenger steamer, and the trolley trips void of both smoke and dust, thru the best residential sections between those cities. The doctor suggests to the Toronto organization for the improvement and beautifying of the city, the sending of an expert committee to examine the up-to-date boulevard and park systems of those cities.

Cecil B. Smith Issues Writ.

A writ on behalf of C. B. Smith, C.E., of Smith, Kerry & Grace, has been issued against a member of the provincial legislature, Evan E. Fraser, member of the Welland, and W. Ward of Niagara Falls, over a sewage system installed in North Bay. Mr. Smith asks for an accounting of the partnership entered into for this work and a dissolution of it.

SOME PRAISE

Thesalon, Algoma Advocate: The Toronto World is the only newspaper in Ontario to-day that has a definite policy from which it never swerves. The reason of this is that The World is ranged on the side of the people, while most of the others are subject to the beck and call of politicians and the big interests, while the few that are not thus led allow petty prejudices or party bias to sway them. In Canada, as in the United States, there are "skillfully applied influences on journalism" by means of which the truth is suppressed, when its publication might affect "business" that could not stand the light of publicity. The World has frequently afforded evidence that the application of this influence has not been sufficiently skilful in its case.

MOTORISTS ASK POLICE TO GIVE FAIR WARNING

Would Like to Be Told at Time of Alleged Offence That There is to Be Prosecution.

That the police, whenever possible, notify motorists at the time of the offence that they would be summoned for speeding or breaking the law was the request made by William Stone, president, and E. M. Wilcox, secretary, of Chief Grasset at his office yesterday. The chief promised to give this request full consideration.

The deputation stated that there had been a large number of complaints by motorists that they had not received their summons until several days after the alleged offence, thus preventing them from recalling the exact circumstance and deciding whether they were guilty or not. If not guilty, they were unable to secure the necessary evidence to defend themselves, and the only thing to do was to pay the fine.

The chief stated that, so far as speeding was concerned, the situation was improving in Toronto. The automobile, he said, was passing thru the same transition as the bicycle, and had become almost as common a feature of street traffic; the public had become accustomed to it.

He was very much opposed, however, to excessive speeding, and hoped to see that they did not endanger the safety of the public in any way. The police had instructions not to enforce the law until where the traffic was not congested and there was no danger to others on the streets.

SUICIDE TO EVADE ARREST

Foreigner Kills Wife and Self—Had Robbed a Man.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 16.—To escape the law, Bartho Bednarsky, 49, of Buffalo, this afternoon shot and killed his wife and himself in an apartment house here.

Bednarsky recently held up and robbed a man in Buffalo. He was trailed here by his victim, who reached the city about the same time as Bednarsky did to-day. Finding himself trapped, Bednarsky used his revolver. When the shooting took place, the victim was in the city hall, swearing out a warrant for Bednarsky's arrest.

Missionaries Home To-day.

Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Mitchell, who have been laboring for the past fifteen years at the Presbyterian mission station in Fongshan, China, are expected home in Toronto to-day on furlough.

POWER FOR BERLIN

Engineer Sothman Says Plant There is Not Yet Ready.

In regard to a statement in one of yesterday's evening papers, to the effect that Berlin was beginning to get anxious as to when they were to receive their new hydro-electric power, Mr. Sothman, chief engineer for the hydro-electric power commission, said last night:

"It is surprising to me. I was in Berlin two weeks ago inspecting our plans, and their transmission plant was nearly ready to receive our power. What I do not think they are ready for yet."

The article also states that Mr. Sothman will be in Berlin to-day, and questions as to when his arrival.

"That, too, is all wrong," said the engineer. "I had no intention of going near Berlin to-morrow."

BAKERS MUST OBEY LAW

Magistrate Denison Affirms the Conviction of Deputy Kingsford.

Magistrate Denison yesterday followed the decision of Magistrate Kingsford in the matter of the separation of the loaves in so-called "small bread," when James Dempster, 262 Dundas-street, baker, appeared before him for prosecution under the Nickel Bill. The magistrate's view is that small bread must be baked separately in loaves not exceeding 12 ounces, and other loaves must not weigh less than 3½ and 4½ ounces respectively.

If you agree to stop, the case will be dismissed," said the magistrate. "I adjourn the case, otherwise I'll register a conviction, and you can appear if you like."

Mr. Robinson, K.C., took till this morning to consider.

MEAFORD GETS A PROMISE TOO.

MEAFORD, Aug. 16.—The government steamer Speedy arrived from Owen Sound about 3 o'clock this afternoon, with the Hon. William Fuglestad, minister of public works, and other officials on board.

Mr. Fuglestad promised that a dredging outfit would be sent to Meaford at once.

Alex. Flett, stenographer for the department, was yesterday presented with a set of oak dining room chairs, table and buffet, on behalf of the men of the force on the occasion of Mr. Flett's marriage to Miss McDowell, formerly a stenographer in the office of Crown Attorney Corrie.

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