

GRAND TRUNK WANTS SUPPORT

PLANS OPPOSED BY RIVAL INTERESTS

Question Referred to Committee of Board of Trade.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of trade held Thursday afternoon...

The matter was referred to the harbor development committee...

Dear Sir,—You will recall, when I had the pleasure of meeting yourself and associates on the occasion of our last visit to Victoria...

I am advising you of the matter to place in the carrying out of our proposed plans...

Yours truly, CHAS. M. HAYS.

CONSERVATIVES MEET. Officers Elected at Annual Convention at Kamloops.

Kamloops, Dec. 11.—There was a representation, embracing over two hundred delegates...

VESSLS SEEK SHELTER. Marshfield, Ore., Dec. 10.—The storm on the ocean is the worst that has been experienced...

REQUESTS GRANT FROM THE DOMINION. Deputation Waits on Minister Regarding Selkirk Centennial Exposition.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—A large and influential deputation from Western Canada waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier...

ICE COMPANY TRIED TO CREATE MONOPOLY. Fine of \$5,000 Imposed, But Case May Be Carried to Higher Court.

New York, Dec. 11.—The American Ice Company late yesterday was found guilty in the State Supreme court of violation of the state anti-monopoly law.

ON SHORT TIME. London, Dec. 11.—Notices were posted yesterday at the weaving mills at the Bolton, Wigan and Leigh districts...

BOX CAR ON FIRE. Regina, Sask., Dec. 11.—Fire in a box car threatened rolling stock and buildings in the C. P. R. yard yesterday.

Seventy per cent. of all gold in the possession of man is in the shape of coin.

DOUGLAS STREET TO GET LIGHTS

MATTER HAS BEEN FINALLY DECIDED

Council Promptly Meets Wishes of Property Owners in Scheme.

The city will co-operate with the property owners on Douglas street for the lighting of that thoroughfare...

With reference to the matter of proposed system of cluster lighting on Douglas street I would say that the question of efficient street lighting has been the subject of considerable investigation...

The plan outlined in the petition is one that is generally adopted for street lighting purposes. The cost of distribution and maintenance of this system is still far in excess of the arc lighting system...

By arranging the wiring to permit of each alternate cluster being extinguished at midnight the cost per annum would be as follows:

Total \$2250.00. The above estimates are based on a rate of 2 cents per kilowatt hour, the actual rate will be determined from lighting plant, the reduction of 50 per cent. on energy supply provided for in the agreement recently entered into will, on the assumed rate, reduce the costs as follows:

(a) Cost of above, using incandescent clusters, based on 3,600 hours operation and current at 2 cents per k.w. hour, would be: Energy, \$1,250; lamp and globe renewals, etc., \$1,750. Total \$3,000.

By arranging the wiring to permit of each alternate cluster being extinguished at midnight the cost per annum would be as follows:

Electric energy, \$943.00. Lamp and globe renewals, etc., 1,207.00. Total \$2,150.00.

Mr. Hutchison was questioned by a number of the members of the deputation regarding details of the expenditure and gave a full explanation of the lighting system in vogue elsewhere, and it was finally decided that the owners will pay for the installation of the system and the city will supply electricity, the cost of maintenance to be charged against the owners on a foot frontage basis on the yearly assessment. The cost of the electricity is figured at \$1,000 per year.

The deputation thanked the board for the prompt action in the matter and before withdrawing Mr. Chaloner asked that the city council should join hands with the owners in endeavoring to get the B. C. Electric Company to do everything possible to assist in the work of improvement. It was hoped that the company will consent to carry the trolley wires on poles between the tracks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Judge Noyes in the United States Circuit court granted a stay of ten days to Charles W. Morse, the convicted banker facing a term of 15 years in the federal prison at Atlanta on conviction of misapplication of national bank funds...

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WELCOME, BUT UNNECESSARY. Kriss Kringle—'Here's one spot where they don't seem to need me.'

FOUR MEN LOSE LIVES IN FIRE

Stream of Molten Tar Cuts Off Their Retreat From Burning Building.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 11.—Escape cut off by a stream of molten tar that flowed from a vat that collapsed, four men were burned to death today in a fire that destroyed the plant of the McClintock Refining Company.

MINERS WILL AID WOMAN ORGANIZER

Western Federation Sends Money to Carry Appeal to Higher Court.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 11.—The Western Federation of Miners today notified counsel for the Industrial Workers here that their organization will stand behind the defence of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, convicted on Thursday of conspiracy in connection with the Spokane Free Speech movement...

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—The navy year book for 1909, compiled by Putnam Puffer, clerk of the senate committee on naval affairs, shows that the race for second place among the navies of the world is still very close, as between the United States and Germany.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Preparations are being made today for the calling of a court of inquiry to investigate the collision between the battleships Georgia and Nebraska off the Virginia Capes on Thursday, while the vessels were engaged in tactical exercises.

FIRE AT MANITOBA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Dairy Building and Machinery Destroyed—Loss Amounts to \$55,000.

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—Fire which broke out at 3 o'clock this morning in the dairy building of Manitoba Agricultural College, which is situated three miles west of the city, completely destroyed it, together with valuable machinery it contained, causing a total loss of about \$55,000.

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ALLEGED PLOT TO ROB RENO BANK

Two Suspects Have Been Taken Into Custody by the Police.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 11.—Detectives of the local police department today are searching for C. A. Smith, who is alleged in a telegram from the authorities at Reno, Nevada, of being an accomplice in what they believe to have been a clever plot to rob the Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank of Reno of more than \$5,000.

INSURANCE BILL BEFORE LUMBERMEN

Convention Condemns Proposals of Canadian Board of Underwriters.

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—Condemnation of the proposals of the Canadian board of underwriters, which is attempting to secure legislation to shut out the American insurance men, the adoption of the odd lengths system of measurement for the higher grades of lumber, and the passage of a resolution for traffic protection on lumber and shingles, were features of the Western Canadian Lumber Manufacturers, both morning and afternoon, but the initial one was of a private nature, and devoted to the reception of an address by A. D. McRae, of the Fraser Mills Company, and a short business discussion on market conditions.

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TWO WOMEN DEAD AND ANOTHER DYING

Attacked With Axe in House—Search for Suspected Murderers.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 11.—Following a horrible trip crime in which two white women were slain and one was probably fatally injured, bloodhounds today are on the trail of negroes suspected of the bloody deed.

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ELECTROCUTED IN STREET IN SAN FRANCISCO

Special Police Officer Killed by Live Wire.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 11.—In an attempt to remove a live wire from the street where it had fallen, Special Officer Theodore Canham was electrocuted early today. The accident occurred at the corner of Fillmore and Lombard streets. Canham, while on his way home, saw a crowd watching a hissing wire. Believing that his gloves would protect him from the current of the electric wire he grasped it and was hurled several feet. He was picked up and taken to the emergency hospital, but died on the way.

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TOLL OF STORM

Fifteen Lives Lost, While Property Damage Amounts to Fifteen Millions of Dollars.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 11.—Fifteen lives and fifteen millions in property loss on land and sea is the toll known to have been taken by the storm which swept over Newfoundland and its waters last week in addition to the Gloucester, Mass., fishing schooner, many Newfoundland vessels were wrecked. All the victims of the storm were Newfoundlanders.

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FOURTH MAN FOR MAYORALTY

VOTERS' LEAGUE WILL BRING OUT CANDIDATE

Meeting Friday Night Delays Taking Action—Morley May Be Nominee.

At least four mayoralty candidates are now assured. Who the fourth man will be has not been definitely announced, but it will be a nominee of the Victoria Voters' League.

The league met on Friday in Pioneer hall for the purpose of deciding upon a candidate, but a committee which had been previously appointed for the purpose of making a preliminary selection was not ready to report, and asked leave to sit again and complete its work.

At last night's meeting Capt. Gould presided, and there was a large and representative attendance. The discussions were of rather a disjunctive nature, but there was no mistaking the sentiment of the gathering. This was that none of the candidates so far in the field met with their approval, and that another candidate would be nominated on whom they could all unite.

The committee reported that several of the aldermanic candidates had already been endorsed, and that a pledge had been prepared which these were asked to sign.

R. L. Drury gave a long address on the present condition of affairs, and discussed at some length the proposal to have a board of control which he favored very strongly.

OTAWA FEELS SHOCK. Windows Rattled and Beds Shaken in All Parts of City.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 10.—A sharp distinct earthquake lasting exactly five seconds was felt in all portions of the city today. Windows rattled, beds were shaken, and particularly in the southern part of the city the shock was severe.

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INSURANCE BILL IS DISCUSSED

MATTER REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE

M. B. Jackson Rescues Board of Trade From Labyrinth of Discussion.

A long and very complicated discussion took place Thursday afternoon at the regular meeting of the board of trade over the question of insurance.

The committee appointed by President Leiser was as follows: Messrs. Jackson, Carter, Shallock, Day, Prior, Forman and E. M. Johnson.

The discussion was opened by the secretary reading communications from eastern boards which showed that Winnipeg and Montreal boards were against the proposed legislation.

J. J. Shallock moved first. "That this board is of opinion that insurance companies should not be subject to special taxes which necessarily increase premiums and form a contribution from those who insure for the benefit of those who do not insure."

Mr. Shallock then moved a similar resolution to that carried by the board on a former occasion, when similar legislation was proposed and which reads as follows:

"Whereas section 71 of Bill 97, 'An Act Respecting Insurance,' now before parliament, will have the effect of creating a monopoly and combine of the fire insurance business of Canada:

"Whereas it is admitted even by the Fire Underwriters' Association that companies licensed in Canada cannot handle the total fire insurance business of the country:

"Whereas the assured should have the right to purchase insurance in the cheapest market:

"Therefore be it resolved that the council of the Victoria board of trade places itself on record as strongly opposing the provisions of the above law unless it is amended so that nothing shall be incorporated in the new insurance act which will restrict freedom in obtaining insurance or prevent the issue of such insurance to the benefit of Canadian either directly or through brokers."

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