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CORONER'S JURY PASSES CENSURE

C.P.R. and Conductor Fitzpatrick Blamed for Collision at Thamesford.

REAR END UNPROTECTED

More Semaphores Are Needed, It Was Held—Result of the Inquest Last Evening.

"We, the coroner's jury, find that Brakeman R. A. Lane, whose body was found in the C. P. R. yards at Thamesford on Jan. 30, 1911, came to his death through a collision at Thamesford between way freight No. 87, and extra No. 645, and that his body was badly burned as a result of the collision. We censure the conductor of the way freight, Mr. John Fitzpatrick, in allowing all his brakemen to unload freight, and in leaving the rear of his train unprotected.

"We also censure the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for not providing proper semaphores at regular distances in Thamesford. We are of the opinion that they would be a protection to the travelling public."

[By Our Own Man.]

Thamesford, Feb. 10.—Conductor John Fitzpatrick, of way freight No. 87, was blamed for the accident that happened here on Jan. 30, when extra No. 645 crashed into the rear-end of No. 87, killing Brakeman R. A. Lane, of London. The C. P. R. was also censured for not providing semaphores to protect the travelling public, and the trainmen at this point.

Foreman Alex. Wallace presented this verdict to Coroner Neff, of Ingersoll, after the jury had discussed the question for some time.

Verdict a Surprise.

The verdict was somewhat of a surprise, as it was generally expected that the dead man, Lane, would be given the blame. Both Conductor Fitzpatrick and Engineer Kennedy stated that in their opinion he was the cause of the wreck. Conductor Fitzpatrick stated that on two occasions he had instructed Lane to protect the train.

Nothing very sensational cropped out in the evidence tonight. The majority of the witnesses had testified before at the first hearing. There were slight discrepancies in the evidence of the trainmen. Some swore

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COLLEGIATE IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR YEARS

So Says Principal McCutcheon—Attendance Has Fallen Off.

Principal McCutcheon, of the Collegiate Institute, is not in favor of a new school at this time.

"The present building, while not the most suitable, will do us for some years yet," he declared. "Our school attendance is not so great as it was two years ago, and we are not badly overcrowded at the present moment. There has been great improvement in school buildings during the past few years. During the next five years this will be even more marked. When we get a new school we want a good one, the best that can be built. That is my own view of the matter, and I think we would be in a much better position at the end of four or five years to build."

STREET WATERING COST MAY BE INCREASED

Half a Cent a Foot May Be Added This Year.

There is a possibility that the cost of street watering may be raised from 2 cents a foot to 2½ cents.

As a matter of fact No. 3 committee is at the present time considering the advisability of making the change. Last year it will be remembered that the committee had a considerable overdraft.

There were several excuses given for this, and the engineer's department was blamed.

JESSIE JAMES' MOTHER DIES ON TRAIN

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 11.— Mrs. Zerelda Samuel, 86 years old, mother of Frank and Jesse James, the former bandits, died yesterday afternoon on a St. Louis and San Francisco Railway train, 15 miles north of here. She was on her way to Kansas City from the home of her son Frank, who lives on a farm near Fletcher, Ont.

OTTAWA'S EPIDEMIC.

Ottawa, Feb. 11. — Despite the fact that the Ottawa water supply has been pronounced pure as the result of the application of the hypochlorate treatment, there is no abatement of the typhoid epidemic. The total number of cases as officially reported today had increased to 523.

EAST ADELAIDE.

Mr. George Seburn and sisters, Effie and Ruby, of Melbourne, were guests of Mrs. Henry Oliver this week.

A box social will be held at Bethel Methodist Church, Main road, Adelaide, on Thursday evening next, Feb. 16th.

CONGRESS COMMITTEE FAVORS THE AGREEMENT

Committee of Ways and Means Reports Favorably to the House by 12 to 7.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, Feb. 11.—The Canadian reciprocity agreement was reported favorably, 12 to 7, to the House today by the committee on ways and means. The committee adopted an amendment proposed by Mr. Mann, of Illinois, providing that wood produced in Canada may be brought into the United States free, and that products of wood as specified in the bill, up to a valuation of four cents a pound, may be brought in free.

AUTO HIGHWAY ACROSS BORDER

Magnificent Roadway From New York City to Montreal.

IT WILL COST MILLIONS

The Empire City Appropriates Large Sum for the Purpose.

[Canadian Press.]

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Automobilists are urging the Legislature to act favorably on the state's share of the proposed international highway from New York to Montreal. A bill appropriating $1,200,000 for the purpose has passed the Senate, and it is understood will be favorably reported by the Assembly ways and means committee next week.

A general committee, representing the north of Albany, through which the proposed road will pass, has appealed to the state highway commission for co-operation in the movement.

Chairman H. D. Hadley, in a letter to the commission, says:

"The Canadian people are urging the building of a stone road from Rouse's Point to Montreal, a distance of about 50 miles. It is likely that this will be brought about within a year. When the State of New York and the Province of Quebec have completed this road, then New York city and Montreal and intervening points will be connected by a magnificent highway, passing through a section rich in scenic beauty and historic interest."

WOMAN FOUND DEAD AND CHILD DYING

Tragedy in the Household of a New York Suburb.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Feb. 11.- Surrounded with sufficient food and fuel to sustain life for several weeks, Mrs. Frederick Vellmer was found dead last night in the kitchen of her home in the Bronx. Beside the body, alive, but nearly unconscious, lay a four-year-old girl intrusted to the woman's care. The child's feet and hands were frozen and she was emaciated from lack of food. The woman had apparently died of exposure, and had been dead probably three days. All that time the child had wandered through the rooms until it fell by the body.

MR. ANGUS ELLIOTT AGAIN PRESIDENT

South London Liberals Held Their Annual Meeting on Friday Night.

The annual meeting of the South London Liberal Club was held Friday night in the club rooms at the corner of Wortley road and Craig street. Mr. Angus Elliott, who has been president of the club for some years, was again elected to that position. There was a large attendance of members, and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed.

The officers who will manage the affairs of the club for the year are as follows:

Hon. presidents, Hon. C. S. Hyman, J. M. McEvoy, ex-Ald. William Gerry.

Hon. vice-presidents, James McCormick, Nathaniel Mills.

President, Angus Elliott.

Secretary, J. M. Shaw.

Treasurer, John Lang.

Executive committee—Division 8, James McCormick; div. 9, J. M. Shaw; div. 10, Fergus Lloyd; div. 11, Chas. Ferguson; div. 12, William Kennedy; div. 13, John Cawrse; div. 14, L. Carpenter.

The Speeches.

Short speeches were made by Mr. Wm. Gerry, Mr. Angus Elliott and Mr. James McCormick. All spoke of the splendid record of the Laurier Government, mentioning particularly the reciprocity agreement, which would prove of inestimable benefit to Canada.

A game of euchre was played after the election and speeches. The prize, a pair of gold cuff links, donated by ex-Ald. Thos. Gheen, was won by Mr. George Norton.

Refreshments were served, bringing to a close a most successful meeting.

MR. T. J. MURPHY AND THE HIGH COURT

His Name Prominently Associated With Vacancy on Ontario Bench.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Among the names prominently mentioned for the vacancies on the Ontario high court bench is that of Mr. T. J. Murphy, of London. The late Justice McMahon came from London, and was a Roman Catholic. It is believed that the position will go to a Catholic, and Mr. Murphy is among the leading Catholic practitioners in the province.

HOUSES WILL BE SCARCE IN LONDON

Real Estate Men Say Empties Are Being Filled Up at Rapid Rate.

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

Factories Are Busy, as Are Also the Railways—Wholesales Report Trade Good.

That houses will be as scarce in London before the end of the year as they were five years ago, is the view expressed today to The Advertiser by one of London's largest real estate dealers. The reason for this, he says, is that manufacturers throughout the city are taking on more help, and many of them this year will enlarge their plants.

"Vacant houses everywhere," he said, "are filling up and a great many people are coming in from the outside. Many local firms are being compelled to take on more men and enlarge their plants so that they will not have to cancel their orders. The railroads are looking for the greatest season in their history, and this activity is forecasted in all other lines.

Building Prospects.

"Building promises to be very brisk. The C. P. R. will start work shortly on very extensive improvements. The new city hall will be started and in addition plans are being prepared for many new houses. Radial railways will also likely be under construction shortly, and when completed will bring much business to London."

Bankers state that there is a good demand for money for industrial expansion, and they are looking forward to a most prosperous year. Reports, they say, are most encouraging from all over the country, and 1911 promises to be one of the best years in Canada's history.

Steady Business.

Railroad men say that they cannot remember when such a steady volume of business continued throughout the winter.

"For the last ten weeks," said Freight Agent Harold, of the Grand Trunk, to The Advertiser, "We have been doing a splendid business. January, which is usually a quiet month, was more like November, when things are very busy, and February is just as busy. There is no sign of a let up and when the spring rush starts we expect to do the greatest business in our history."

Factories Busy.

Manufacturers state that they are very busy. Many have orders booked already that will keep them working full time far into the summer, and others are constantly pouring in. There is a great demand from the west, and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of London merchandise will be shipped there during the next few months.

Local wholesalers report that there is a steady demand from the district around London, and that all buyers are placing large advance orders. They regard conditions as most favorable, and are looking forward to a splendid year's business.

Merchants Satisfied.

Merchants in general say that conditions are good. In some lines the mildness of the winter, so far has caused a slight falling off, but on the whole conditions have been most favorable, and particularly so with the railroads, who have not as yet experienced any of the things which paralyze business for days, and cause freight to jam in tons at shipping points.

Already many local manufacturers are beginning to complain that they cannot get supplies from firms with whom they have contracted. There is a great demand for many lines of iron and steel work, and firms which placed orders with the big mills and foundries for supplies have in many instances been notified that the goods cannot be delivered on time owing to the press of orders. This will have the effect of delaying some of the Lenten orders, but the delay it is thought will not be a particularly serious one, as the factories have sufficient material to work on for some time, and will be able to get partial shipments to keep them going.

G. T. R. "STANDS PAT" ON SUMMER RATES

Action Puts a Stop to Plan to Advance the Prices.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—The Grand Trunk Railway has given definite notice to the other eastern roads of its intention to "stand pat" on the reduced summer tourist rates which have been in force during the last year. In the opinion of many eastern passenger officials the action eventually puts a stop to the plans of some of the roads to advance the rates this year.

FRUIT EXPERTS FAVOR RECIPROCITY

[Canadian Press.]

Benton Harbor, Mich., Feb. 11.—T. H. B. Carpenter, of Winona, Ont., and H. B. Griffith, of Grimsby, Ont., representatives of the Canadian Government, who have been touring the Michigan fruit belt for reciprocity information, completed their work yesterday, and left for their homes. They claim they collected important statistics to present to the Canadian Government. Both men are enthusiastically in favor of reciprocity agreement.

KING'S COACH BURNED

London, Feb. 10.—The antique glass coach belonging to the King and the barouche owned by the Queen, both of which were to have been used during the coronation procession next June, were destroyed by a fire in the shop of the coach builders last night.

The coach was very valuable. It was the so-called acorn coach and was 200 years old. It was made of English ash and weighed three tons. It was at the carriage shop for the purpose of being revarnished.

TOBOGGANISTS WERE HURLED FROM SLIDE AGAINST TREE

Herbert Kipp and Percy Elms Had Exciting Experience Friday Night—One Was Injured, But the Other Escaped.

Herbert Kipp and Percy Elms, two young Londoners, figured in a rather serious accident on the half-mile toboggan slide at the Western University Friday evening, when they lost control of the toboggan and left the path, dashing into a tree while travelling at a very fast rate.

Both Elms and Kipp were hurled a considerable distance, two bones in the right arm of the former being smashed in his fall.

Kipp's flight terminated when his head struck a tree, but he was not seriously injured. He soon revived, and did not require the attention of Dr. James B. Campbell, who was called.

The physician set Elms' fracture, which was a rather serious one.

Neither Elms nor Kipp could account for the accident, but found themselves suddenly helpless when the toboggan refused to respond to the steering-gear.

A number of students were on the slide, which runs down to the river bank, at the time of the accident.

THORNDALE MAN PRESIDENT OF EAST MIDDLESEX LIBERALS

A meeting of the East Middlesex Liberal Association was held this afternoon in Hyman Hall, a very large crowd attending. Speeches were made by Dr. Routledge, T. H. Purdom, K. C., and others.

The election of officers took place, and the following were chosen:

President, A. Bailey, Thorndale; vice-president, T. Ramsey, Hyde Park; secretary-treasurer, Jared Vining, of London.

Chairmen for London Township—West, Ed Douglas and Thos. Fisher.

For London Township East, W. Smibert and J. K. Little.

For Westminster—Ezra Hunt and Angus Beattie.

For Nissouri Township—Charles Sterrett and Fred Ashman.

COUNCIL IN FAVOR OF GRANT TO FAIR

Likely That Sum of $3,000 Sought Will Be Readily Given.

There is every possibility that the city council will make a grant of $3,000 to the Western Fair, as requested by the directors yesterday afternoon, at their meeting.

Last year the council gave $1,500 for special purposes, and $900 for maintenance, salary, etc., a total of $2,400.

This year there will be larger expenditures to be met in improving the race-track, repairs to the buildings, and the fair board thought that $3,000 should be given by the council.

No opposition will be made, so far as can be learned. The city council have six directors on the board, and all are taking more interest in the exhibition than ever before.

They are attending all the meetings, and in other ways are showing that they are alive to the possibilities of the exhibition as an advertising medium.

FINGER BOWLS BACK TO ROYAL TABLES

George Despises the "King Over the Water" Superstition.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Feb. 11.—A Tribune cable from London says:

One indication of the way in which things are changing in the new reign is the announcement that King George has caused it to be known among those persons with whom he may be dining during the coming season that he does not insist, as has been the custom hitherto, on the absence of finger-bowls at dinner. These dessert conveniences were banished from the royal tables over a century and a half ago at a time when certain adherents of the young pretender were wont to drink the health of "The King over the Water" by passing their wine glasses across the finger bowls, and thereby signifying their adherence to the old regime.

This custom of doing without finger-bowls obtained the right during the reigns of Queen Victoria and King Edward, even when the latter was Prince of Wales, and dined out privately with his intimate friends, but the new King despises these old-fashioned superstitions and traditions, and henceforth the usual accompaniments to dessert will appear on the royal tables and on the tables of those who enjoy royalty.

CUT IN LIGHT RATES.

Ottawa, Feb. 11. — As a result of the cut of 15 per cent in the rates for light, heat and power, by the civic electric plant here, the Ottawa Electric Company, a branch of the Ottawa Light, Heat and Power Company, will hold a board meeting early next week to decide whether to meet the reduction.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—8 a.m.

Lake Superior—Southerly winds; fair and comparatively mild.

Southern Ontario—Fair and comparatively mild.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Max.	Min.	Weather.
Winnipeg	46	28	Cloudy
Calgary	44	14	Clear
Edmonton	16	4	Cloudy
Prince Albert	32	4	Cloudy
Prince Rupert	34	6	Fair
Toronto	44	28	Cloudy
Ottawa	30	6	Clear
Montreal	22	10	Fair
Quebec	8	6	Clear
Halifax	28	20	Clear

Mean of the Lake Superior ports, 20.0.

WEATHER NOTES.

The temperature has risen slightly this morning over Ontario and the Middle States, and fallen in the Northwest States and Western Provinces.

Fair weather has prevailed from Ontario westward to the Rocky Mountains.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

In Ontario and Quebec the weather yesterday was for the most part fair and comparatively mild. Snow or sleet fell in Nova Scotia, while in the Western Provinces the day was fine and milder.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 22—36; Vancouver, 28—44; Victoria, 42—48; Kamloops, 28—42; Edmonton, zero—38; Calgary, 24—34; Battleford, 8—8; Moosejaw, 3—18; Qu'Appelle, 4—22; Winnipeg, 18 below—16; Port Arthur, 4 below—12; Parry Sound, 18—24; Toronto, 21—34; Ottawa, 20—30; Montreal, 18—32; Quebec, 18—28; St. John, 24—30; Halifax, 26—30.

TODAY'S PROBS.

The East—Fresh westerly winds; fair and moderately cold.

Lake Superior—Mostly fair and moderately cold.

The West—Southerly winds; mostly cloudy and mild, with local falls of snow.

THE ARNOLD MYSTERY NEAR A SOLUTION

Rumored That Missing Girl Is About to Wed Young Griscom.

[Canadian Press.]

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 11.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Dorothy Arnold may be solved by George S. Griscom, jun., of Pittsburg, whose name has been connected with that of the missing young woman. This information was obtained late last night. It is expected before the day is over Mr. Griscom will make a statement in connection with the affair. Rumors that Griscom and Miss Arnold have been married, or are about to be married, are in circulation.

Mr. Griscom arrived here early last evening and was followed two hours later by his parents. They are at the Hotel Chalfonte. Young Mr. Griscom came here unexpectedly after his father and the father of the missing girl had held a conference in New York. It is reported that his purpose in coming to this city is to meet Miss Arnold. It is also reported that Miss Arnold's father and one of her brothers had engaged rooms at a hotel here for today, and that Mrs. Arnold would come here immediately after her arrival from Europe.

MISSIONARIES FOR THE CANADIAN WEST

Effort Is To Be Made—London to Create a Fund For This Purpose.

A meeting will be held this afternoon in the office of Dr. F. R. Eccles, at which a number of the prominent laymen of the city will endeavor to inaugurate a campaign for raising funds to aid particularly in the work of supplying missionaries in the Canadian Northwest and China. If the plans materialize an effort will be made to interest a number of wealthy men of London in giving a sum every year for five years. The object aimed at is to raise $1,500,000 in five years.

"There are lots of wealthy men who could easily give $1,000 a year or more for five years and never miss it," said one of the committee to The Advertiser this afternoon. "We will try and interest them. In Toronto men are pledging themselves for beyond what was expected. It is expected that at least $750,000 will be raised in Toronto."

Laymen's Dinner.

On Thursday evening last Dr. Eccles gave a dinner to some of the prominent laymen, at which Rev. Mr. Allen, home mission secretary, Rev. T. Eger Ton Shore, foreign mission secretary, and Mr. Newton Rowell, K. C., of Toronto, were present, and spoke of the missionary work. The movement as planned is entirely separate from the general work that is being done by the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and the offerings from that source will not be impaired in any way by the plan.

PLAINS OF ABRAHAM NOT A BATTLEFIELD

Says Quebec Member Who Also Objects to Park Commemorating "Licking."

[Canadian Press.]

Quebec, Feb. 11. The Legislative Assembly got through their labors at the comparatively early hour of 10.20 last night, the most important work of the day having been the adoption on a third reading of two Government measures, the first to vote $5,000 to the Academy of Music of Quebec for the advancement of music in the province, and the second to amend the game laws. Later, when private bills were under discussion, Mr. Lavergne, who has developed a remarkable brevity of debate, amused the House by raising objections to the second reading of a local bill to hand over a portion of Montcalmville to the battlefields association for park purposes, on the ground that no battle was ever fought on the Plains of Abraham, and that when the fight did take place General Wolfe was not there at all, although he died a glorious death. French-Canadians did not want a park, said Mr. Lavergne, to commemorate a Protestant victory. (Laughter.) (Signed) Advertiser. Phone

NEW SCHEME TO LIGHT PARKS

Water Commissioners Will Have One Ready in Short Time.

USE ORNAMENTAL POLES

Chairman Pocock Says Commission Will Also Assist Fair Board to Illuminate Grounds.

The water commissioners have in mind a system for lighting the parks of this city, and within a short time the details will all be arranged. They will also co-operate with the Western Fair Board in providing proper illumination at the exhibition.

"We have been considering the question of lighting the parks for some time," declared Chairman Pocock. "We propose to have a system of ornamental poles for Victoria Park. The wires will be laid underground, not in tubes as on Dundas street, but in a cable. We will have cement poles, in all probability, through the grounds with lights, somewhat after the style we will adopt on the downtown streets.

"That will make a very pretty, and I think, effective way of lighting this breathing spot. The same scheme may be carried out in Queen's Park, although we may have to make some alterations to suit conditions there.

Will Assist Fair.

"As for assisting the fair board in providing an illumination during the exhibition, I think the board will heartily co-operate with them in that. It will be a good thing for London, and will be interesting to visitors. The cost will not be excessive, and we will thus show our goodwill towards this most important institution. The fair is a great advertisement, and we will assist the directors as much as we possibly can, consistent with good business."

MAY CHANGE DATE OF CIVIC ELECTIONS

Bill to This End Is Now Before the Ontario Legislature.

It is possible that the city council may decide to give their aid in changing the date of municipal elections in Ontario.

There is a bill pending in the Provincial House at this time, in which it is proposed to change the date from the holiday season to Dec. 15.

Some of the aldermen and City Clerk Baker are in favor of the change, and it is more than likely to form one of the questions of debate at the next session of the council.

"I cannot say that the present date is satisfactory," said City Clerk Baker. "There has been a falling off in the total vote cast ever since we changed to New Year's Day. I looked forward to an increase, but the opposite effect has been noted. Coming on the holiday, there are a great many who wish to spend the day with their families, and they do so. They could not be urged to come out, and many complaints have been made to me on that score.

"Many are out of the city on the holiday, too, and, of course, their votes are lost. I thought that the change would be of great assistance to the travellers, but I called up fifteen of them, and none of them had voted. I cannot say that the change has been altogether for the best.

"For my own part, I would prefer to see the date changed," declared Mayor Beattie. "However, I cannot decide as yet whether or not the new law has been given a sufficient trial."

It is proposed to bring to the attention of the council the fact that a change in the law is being made, and the aldermen will be asked to take some action.

BIG MINERS' STRIKE THREATENS THE U. S.

Two Hundred Thousand May Go Out Unless Operators Submit.

[Canadian Press.]

Canton, Ohio, Feb. 11.—More than 260,000 miners in Eastern Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and parts of West Virginia may be called out on a sympathetic strike as a result of the failure of the miners and operators of sub-district No. 5 of District No. 6 to reach an agreement on wage differences here.

International President Tom Lewis, of the miners, announced in the conference yesterday afternoon that the international executive board had ruled that unless the operators of this sub-district agreed to the miners' demands, a general strike would be declared in all mines in which these same operators hold interests. Twenty-four coal companies, principally those with headquarters in Pittsburg and Cleveland, are included in this.

The miners of the northern half of sub-district No. 5 have been on strike for months, and the fifth conference ended yesterday in a failure to adjust differences. There are 25,000 men in the northern half of this sub-district.

COMMISSIONER WILL ARRIVE THIS AFTERNOON

Head of Salvation Army Will Speak Twice in London On Sunday.

Commissioner Rees, of the Salvation Army, who is to speak twice tomorrow in the Majestic Theatre, and once in the Clarence street citadel in the morning, will arrive in the city by the C. P. R. on the 5.35 train this evening, and will be met at the depot by Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Chandler, accompanied by the London No. 1 Band. The commissioner's party will include Col. Mapp, chief secretary for Canada, Co. Gaskin, field secretary, Lieut.-Col. Pugmire, men's social secretary, and Major Findlay, Commissioner Rees' private secretary. The commissioner will be present at tonight's meeting in the Clarence street citadel, which will mark the first engagement of a public character in connection with the commissioner's visit to London.

MEACHAM IN THE SUNNY SOUTH

G. T. R. Conductor Is Not Likely To Be Brought Back to Canada.

WAS HE OVERWORKED?

Family Dispute the Evidence Regarding Amount of Rest Man Had as Given at Inquest.

Mrs. Meacham, wife of Grand Trunk Conductor Meacham, and George Meacham, his father, are greatly worried over the unexpected trouble that has fallen on their home in the last few days as a result of the terrible wreck on the Grand Trunk at Richwood last Saturday night. Meacham's father feels very badly over the affair and is quite ill from worry.

In Southern States.

A member of the family stated to The Advertiser that Conductor Meacham is now far away in the Southern States and will not return.

The family differ very widely with the G. T. R. statements made at the inquest to the effect that Meacham had many opportunities for long rests.

Figures Disputed.

"We can tell for at least eighteen days back how busy he was," said one member to The Advertiser. "There were no long rests of hours at a time such as it was stated at the inquest that Meacham had. He was in London only for a few minutes at a time. Once he wanted to get a change of clothes, and the time he had here was so short that he simply had to rush down from the yards to his home two blocks away, get the clothes and take them with him and change them on the train. On several other occasions he was only home long enough to get his lunch basket packed."

Can Be Extradited.

The police state that if Meacham has gone to the States he can be extradited if located. The railway officials state that any action taken toward locating Conductor Meacham must be taken by the Government.

MANY LAUNDRIES WOULD BE CLOSED

If All Were Put Under Provisions of the Factory Act.

It was stated today that many Chinese laundries in the city would be closed, if they were put under the control of the factory inspectors, as is proposed in a bill now before the House. Factory Inspector Clark stated today that in his opinion the move was in the right direction.

"It will mean that a large number of the laundries will be closed," he stated. "Their premises are not sanitary — the buildings in many cases are old and dilapidated. In addition, half a dozen Chinese sleep in their place of business. The factory act is explicit in regard to this matter, and it will, in my mind, result in the closing of a large number of such laundries.

"The board of health has not proper control of laundries particularly Chinese, and the amendments to the factory act will remedy this to a certain extent."

M'CORMACK GUILTY OF STEALING OVERCOAT

Remanded for a Week by Police Magistrate Graydon.

Samuel McCormack, the man who was arrested a couple of days ago on a charge of stealing a fur overcoat belonging to George Kimball, of Bryanston, was found guilty this morning by Deputy Magistrate Graydon, and was remanded for a week for sentence.

According to the first story McCormack told the police, he had taken the coat in mistake while he was drunk. Later he told the police that he had bought a coat just like the one he took in Rochester, and that the coat must be in some hotel.

Which one he did not know, as he said he had become intoxicated and forgot where he left it. A close search made by Detective Egerton, failed to reveal any coat similar to Mr. Kimball's, except one which was claimed by its owner.

A Pipe Story.

Later McCormack told the detective that he was on his way to Chatham to see his sister, and had come from Niagara Falls to St. Thomas in an auto.

McCormack then told another officer that he had come to London from St. Catharines in an auto.

This morning when questioned by Magistrate Graydon, McCormack said he bought the coat in Winnipeg, and that he had told a lie when he said he got it in Rochester. He said he had come to St. Thomas from Niagara Falls in an auto with a man he did not know, and who had asked him to ride with him. He said he came to Niagara Falls from Buffalo, and had been drinking steadily for two weeks.

Remanded.

"You have been telling so many peculiar stories," said the court, "that I will remand you for a week until the police see what they can find out about you."

"I don't want to be remanded for a week," said McCormack. "It will only be that much worse for me. I have told you all I can remember now."

NEW OCEAN ROUTE.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 11.—The Mexico Maru of the Osak Shose Kaisha, which has arrived from the Orient, brings word that the Oriental Trans-Pacific conference bureau, comprising all regular steamship lines, plying between the Orient and the Pacific coast, will adopt a deferred rebate system on Feb. 15 in order to drive tramp steamers off the Pacific.

Five cents a hundred will be added to regular rates, and this will be rebated to shippers using the trans-Pacific conference lines exclusively.