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ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

Some Particulars Received From Other Places

REGARDING EQUIPMENT AND COST OF CONSTRUCTION

Of Their Electric Street Railways—Companies Not Anxious to Give Information.

Next to the sphinx or the mummy the president of an Eslectric Street Railway Company seems to be the most uncommunicative individual or thing one can strike. Reliable information as to the cost of an electric street railway plant is next to impossible to obtain. Approach an official who knows, and ask him in regard to the cost of the plant, and a far away look comes into his eye and he shrinks into his shell THE JOURNAL has had some experience in this matter and knows whereof it speaks. In an effort to obtain some reliable information in regard to the cost of constructing and equipping electric street railways, some fifty or more letters were mailed to cities and towns in Canada and the United States, as many as near the same population as St. Thomas as possible, asking for information. The questions asked were as follows:

Length of road?
What kind of rails are used?
Character of equipment?
Cost of road per mile?
Is road a paying investment?
Is there a park in connection with electric road?
What poles are used, wood or iron?
Does company construct and maintain its road allowance?
Character of streets on which tracks are laid?

To the list of enquiries sent out so far replies have not been received to one-half. There seems to be a disinclination to give reliable information in regard to the cost of construction and operation of electric street railways on the part of those connected with their management. From the reply received from

CORNWALL

we may form a good idea as to the feeling of electric railway officials in regard to giving out information. It is as follows:

GENTLEMEN,—We would like to know for what purpose you require the information asked for. We are not usually asked for such information without having at least the reasons stated for the request. The information asked for is generally given only to our shareholders.

GALT, PRESTON & HESPELER STREET RAILWAY COMPANY,

This company replies to the letter sent out as follows:

Length of road, ten miles.
Rails used, fifty six pound T.
Equipment, extra heavy, as we do a heavy freight business.
Road is a paying investment.
Park in connection with road.
Wooden poles used.
Company constructs and maintains road allowances.
Streets on which tracks are laid are of broken stone.

PORT HURON CITY ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

Length, ten miles.
Rails used, forty-five and seventy-two pound T.
Equipment, twenty nine open and closed motor cars and trailers.
Cost, $12 000 per mile.
Road pays.
Small park in connection.
Both wood and iron poles used.
Company does not construct or maintain its road allowances.
Streets traversed are brick, cedar, block and dirt.

WINDSOR.

Length of road, ten miles, rails, fifty-six pound T.
Equipment, Westinghouse.
Cost per mile, $7,000.
Road a paying investment.
No park in connection with road.
Wooden poles used.
Company constructs and maintains its road allowances.
Streets partly paved and partly not paved.

HAMILTON.

Length, 22 miles single track.
Girder rails used.
Cost about $10,000 per mile.
Road not a paying investment under present franchise. We are paying too much to the city.
Park in connection with road.
Iron poles are used in centre of city.
Company maintains its road allowances.

FINDLAY (OHIO) STREET RAILWAY.

T rails are used.
Cost of road per mile is not stated.
The road pays.
There is no park in connection.
The poles are of wood.
The company constructs road allowance and keeps it in repair.
The streets traversed are of macadam and brick.

LONDON STREET RAILWAY.

Length of road, twenty-six miles.
Grooved girder and T. rails are used.
Cost of road, averaging everything, $631,000.
It is a paying investment.
There is a park in connection with the road.
Wood and iron poles are used.
The company constructs and maintains its road allowances.
Some of the streets traversed are macadam and some paved.

HE FELL 300 FEET.

Every Bone in His Body Was Broken—McClure's Awful Death.

Tacoma, Wash., July 31.—Prof. Edgar McClure, of the Oregon State University, fell over a 300 foot precipice while descending Mount Tacoma in the darkness Tuesday night. His body was found yesterday and was placed in a snow bank awaiting the arrival of an undertaker. Every bone in the professor's body was broken by the fall. His face was lacerated and his skull fractured.

The McClure party used no life line, and that recklessness while travelling by night accounts for the accident. In the darkness the party lost the trail on the Muir glacier. McClure warned his companions to be careful and started to reach what looked like a pile of rocks a few feet away. The rocks were a hundred feet below.

The body of an unknown middle-aged man has been found in the river at Sarnia. The coat bears a G. A. R. button.

A FINANCIAL SUCCESS

WAS THE ANNUAL EXCURSION OF THE M. C. R. EMPLOYEES.

The Secretary-Treasurer's Statement Shows a Surplus of $426 75.

The recent excursion of the employees of the Michigan Central Railway to Niagara Falls was a huge success financial, the committee realizing the large sum of $426.75 as the appended statement of Secretary-Treasurer Stacey shows:

Statement of receipts, expenses and distribution of the of the Michigan Central Employees' Excursion Committee of 1897:

RECEIPTS.

Cash from Atlas Loan and Savings Company	$101 80
Rebate on tickets	494 20
	$596 00
Total expenses	169 85
Balance to the credit of committee	$426 75

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.

Amount deposited in Atlas Loan and Savings Company	$100 45
Amount donated to Sick and Funeral Society, Locomotive Department	100 00
Amount donated to Sick and Funeral Society, Car Department	100 00
Amount donated to Mr. David Kerr	50 00
" " Mr Geo. Murray	50 00
" " Y. M. C. A.	25 95
" of rebate refunded on an unused ticket	35
	$426 75

ARTHUR R. STACEY,
Secretary-Treasurer.

NO FAMILIARITY.

Officers and Non-Coms. of the Cadets Must be Addressed by Their Ranks.

In Camp, Port Stanley, July 30.—Company orders by Captain Jones, commanding:

No. 1—Acting orderly officer Q. M. S., L. E Jones, next for duty, Lieut. Fraser; orderly N. C. officer, Corporal Campbell, next for duty, Sergeant Hill.

No 2—Capt. Wallace, Corpl. Murray and Pte. McIntyre, are granted leave of absence from 12 a. m. on the 30th to 12 a. m. on the 31st inst.

No. 8—Officers and N. C. officers must be addressed by their rank.

CAMP NOTES.

The best game of ball since camp began was played this afternoon. The Juniors defeated the Elders by 6 to 5. Capt. Jones acted as umpire to the satisfaction of all.

The bugler has captured the heart of one of our neighbor's daughters. All his comrades turn green with envy when they see the boxes of berries sent to Corp. Sanders, tent.

The other day Pte. Perry was overheard enquiring of Q. M. Sergt. Jones as to where we obtained our supply of water. As the latter has never carried any he has since been making enquiries.

The corps has a new recruit, an English setter. He is a sagacious canine and is an excellent hunter—of meat. The other day he followed one of the boys to the camp and proceeded to make himself at home in tent No. 1 with Pte. MacIntyre.

Without the exception of the ball game the camp has been unusually quiet to day. Several of the cadets are in town for the purpose of attending a dance this evening. The only visitors that honored the camp today were Miss White and her nephew, Master Ambridge, of Mexico.

L. Eggleston and H. L Margetts visited us last night. They came down on a tandem and returned this morning.

DANGEROUS BLAYS.

A Young Lady Severely Burned—Her Face Fell Out.

New York, July 31—So as to better diagnose the dental trouble of which Miss Josie Macdonald complained, Drs. Nelson T. Shields and George F. Jernigan a month ago decided to have an X ray photograph taken of her face. The picture was taken by J. O'Connor, and as a result Miss McDonald is now suffering from burns.

A few days after being photographed the skin on the young woman's face, neck, shoulders, left arm and breast became blistered and finally peeled off One ear swelled to three times natural size, and there has been no hearing in it since. All the burns were on the left side, although the original trouble was on the right side of the mouth. This was due to the fact that the left side of the face was nearest to the electric bulb. The photographic plate was placed against the right cheek, the diseased side.

Mr. O'Connor says that he has taken a thousand X ray photographs, and a score or more were similar to that made in Miss Macdonald's case. In only one other instance, he adds, was there anything like a burn, and that was not serious. The first exposure lasted eight minutes and the last one thirteen minutes.

Besides the burns, large patches of Miss Macdonald's hair have fallen out.

WHOSE IS HE?

A Young Man Who is Claimed Both by Germany and the United States.

Berlin, July 31.—U. S. Ambassador White is giving close attention to a matter which promises to involve some diplomatic complications Alfred Wessling of New York, while visiting Germany last string, was drafted into the German army. He protested and proved that he had made a formal declaration of his intentions to become a citizen of the United States, although his naturalization had not been perfected. Wessling's protest was absolutely ignored and he was enrolled in the Seventy fourth Regiment, stationed in Hanover. Recently, for the petty offence of chaffing, he was struck a violent blow by his sergeant Enraged at the injustice, young Wessling felled his tormentor to the ground and fled

United States Consul Crane persuaded Wessling to surrender to the authorities, and he is now awaiting trial on the charge of assaulting his superior. This offence is punishable in war time by summary execution, and in time of peace, by several years' imprisonment. Ambassador White is endeavoring to secure his release.

VITRIOL AND MURDER.

A Montreal Man Will Have to Stand Trial For a Capital Offence.

Montreal, July 31.—Sam Graham was committed for trial yesterday by a coroner's jury on a charge of having caused, along with Edward Daly and J. Davidson, alias Scott, the death of Edward Fenell on Victoria Square last Saturday night by throwing a corrosive substance upon him. Fenell died in great agony at the hospital on Tuesday. Daly and Davidson have left the city.

Getting Even With Them.

Toronto, July 31.—A Guelph L O O F. Lodge and the Young Men's Liberal Club of that city had arranged for an excursion to the Falls, including a trip on the American Gorge line, when the news reached them of the order issued for the discharge of all Canadians employed by the American line. The excursion was cancelled so far as the trip on that line was concerned, and the Canadian Gorge route substituted. A large number of excursion parties have made a similar change.

OUR ONLY PARK.

Is it Already the Commissioners' Property?

A PETITION SIGNED BY 437 RATEPAYERS

Asking that the Park be Handed over to the Commissioners—Will be Considered at the City Council Meeting.

At the meeting of No. 2 committee last night the letter from the Board of Water Commissioners asking that Waterworks Park be placed under their management and control was taken up.

Ald. Wallis said that after the letter was received he visited the park, found the grass cut, and the swings and grounds in as good condition as they could be. Several hundreds and thousands of dollars could be expended on the park. A number of picnics had been held there since. What was wanted principally was a roof on the dancing shed If the electric railway ran to the park he would be in favor of seeing money laid out to improve the park, but as the park is hard to get at, if the railway is not extended to the park, he would not recommend more than the putting of a roof on the dancing platform. When the M. C. R. picnic was held at the park $200 was spent on it, but there was not enough to put a roof on the dancing platform. There was a good deal of kicking about the grass not being cut, but he found it cut. The park, he thought, was in as good condition as it ever had been.

Ald McConnell asked what the serious objection was to the Water Commissioners having control of the park. If the park was under their control the cost would not come out of the general taxes at all. There were men working for the waterworks department and they could look after it. It was a question of the park, was not the property of the commissioners now. If the land was purchased with the money to build the waterworks it belonged to the commissioners now.

The engineer said the land was purchased from Mr. Hubert, so as to run a water-main through it.

Mayor Wright presented a petition, signed by 437 ratepayers, asking that the park be handed over to the control of the Board of Water commissioners The petition, which was circulated by THE JOURNAL, was as follows:—

To His Worship, the Mayor, and Aldermen of the City of St. Thomas:

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned, believing that the waterworks Park, the only breathing spot in the city, should be kept in good condition and improved gradually, at a small annual outlay, until it is made what it should be; and believing also that if the Park were under the care of the Water Commissioners that it would not be neglected, as it always has been but be properly kept and gradually improved at an expense so trivial as not to be worthy of consideration, we, your petitioners, therefore request that the Waterworks Park be handed over to the Board of Water Commissioners to manage and control.

The mayor said that the commissioners were about improving their grounds and they thought the park could be gradually improved [illegible] at a trifling outlay. The [illegible] the commissioners were at the park they found children wading through tall grass.

Ald. McConnell said he did not believe the Water Commissioners would expend a large sum on the park without consulting the council. It was a shame to have expended so much money on the park and not have it as it should be.

Ald. McCollum was in favor of having the park improved. If the council did so he was in favor of handing it over to the Water Commissioners.

Ald Wallis said all that was necessary was for the council to appropriate a sum annually to improve the park. If handed over to the Water Commissioners only those who used water would pay for the expenditure on the park, and one part of the citizens would pay for the improvements and the others would not.

Ald. McConnell pointed out that if any money was made out of the waterworks consumers and non consumers would reap the harvest equally. If the commissioners improved the park the people generally, whether they consumed water or not, would reap the benefit.

Ald. McConnell said that if Hubert's grove was purchased with moneys derived from the waterworks debentures it was the property of the Water Commissioners now. He was very favorably to the commissioners controlling the park. The commissioners were continually employing men, and their time could be utilized to advantage at the park.

As the petition would come before the City Council at its next meeting and open the question, no action was taken.

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"I am a maker of home made carpets, rugs and mats, and always use Diamond Dyes for coloring my wool and cotton rags. Your dyes give lovely colors, and I know that even the sun will not fade them."

Shot Dead After a Game of Cards.

Chickasaw, I. T., July 31.—Jess Garagh, a well known sport from the Illinois coal fields, was instantly killed by a man named White Day, a stranger here, last night. Garagh was playing a game of cards with Day and the two became involved in a quarrel. Day drew his revolver and both Garagh through the heart. John Garagh started to run to the open door and Day shot him in the shoulder. Day ran out and is still at large, but a posse is after him. Garagh was at one time a partner of Jim Corbett in Portland, Oregon, is well known on the Pacific coast and Texas.

Baby Was Cured.

DEAR SIRS,—I can highly recommend Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry. It cured my baby of diarrhoea after all other means failed, so I give it great praise. It is excellent for all bowel complaints.

MRS. CHAS BOTT,
Harlow, Ont.

THE PETROLEA TRIP

WILL RESULT IN LITIGATION TO SECURE GUARANTEE.

A Town in Which Baseball is Run as a Business-Bringer to Certain Hotels.

Petrolea is a town in which the baseball men acts in the capacity of runners for certain hotels. The St. Thomas club went to the derrick town yesterday to play a game with the team there, but because they would not put up at a certain hotel designated, the Petroleas ball club would not keep their agreement and sent for another team, who were willing to put up wherever told and a game with that club was substituted for the one with St. Thomas.

The St Thomas delegation returned home last night and are disgusted at the shabby manner in which they were treated in Petrolea. Some time ago an agreement was arrived at between Alex McDonald and S. Pollard, of Petrolea, for the St. Thomas Club to go to Petrolea yesterday to play on a $40 guarantee. The St. Thomas Club were to pay their own expenses, and it was none of the business of the Petroleas what they did or where they went if they were on hand ready to play ball at the time agreed upon There are, however, three hotels in Petrolea, at least three which figure in this matter. The St. Thomas delegation made arrangements before leaving the city to put up at the Iroquois during their stay One hotel keeper, it is said, boards one of the Petrolea club and one another, and in consideration therefor they are to have visiting ball teams time about, no matter what the the teams think about it. On the St. Thomas delegation arriving they were asked to go to a certain hotel, but they explained that they had already arranged for their hotel accomodation. They were then told that they could not play unless they put up at this hotel. The St. Thomas delegation refused to be dictated to and, having made previous arrangements with the Iroquois, and it being their own money they were spending, did not go to the baseball club's hotel. The Petroleas then sent to Point Edward and got the club of that place to go there and play with them in place of St. Thomas. The St. Thomas players appeared on the grounds in uniform at the appointed time, ready to play the game as agreed upon, but Petrolea played Point Edward, winning by a score of 11 to 6. The meanness of the treatment of the St. Thomas party is shown from the fact that the players were charged at the gate. A ticket had even to be purchased for little Jack Williams, the mascot. Efforts were made by the St. Thomas party to get in a game to-day or at any other time for a stake of $200 to $100 or more at the same ratio, but the Petroleas would not back their team. It was possibly a cause of fright which caused the Petroleas to back out anyway. The London-St. Thomas score frightened them.

The management of the St. Thomas baseball club will at once commence legal proceedings against Alex. McDonald and S. Pollard, of Petrolea, and the baseball club to recover the amount of the guarantee and costs and damages.

AYLMER KICKS

About the Handicapping of Its Man in the Racers' Road Race.

The JOURNAL's Aylmer correspondent writes:

Some little dissatisfaction has been expressed by a number of our cyclists over the manner in which they were treated in the road race held at St. Thomas Thursday night. Every man from Aylmer was placed at scratch with the best riders of St. Thomas. No distinction was made whatever, an Aylmer rider with a 68-gear wheel being placed with others who rode a 96 gear Lou Glover was to have ridden but he was shut out, the starters wanting to start him with Potts and Devins. Lou is a good rider, but the idea of putting him, a boy of only fifteen, and a light weight also, in the same class with riders his superior in every way, age, weight, experience, etc., shows the antipathy some of the management have for anything that is from Aylmer. We are sorry such an unkindly feeling exists, but we can assure the St. Thomas cyclists of more grateful treatment should they favor us with their presence at the race to take place here next week.

SAVED FROM DEATH.

The Narrow Escape of Miss Cascaden While Out on Her Wheel.

Dutton, July 31.—Miss Cascaden was riding her bicycle on Main street towards the railroad track Thursday afternoon and reached the track just as the mail train was approaching the crossing. She was in the act of crossing the track directly in front of the train, and would certainly have met instant death had not Messrs J. G. Taylor, Chas F. Gignac and others of the Arts Goods Co., of Toronto, who were coming towards the track from the opposite direction, seen her perilous condition. They ran and rescued her.

FLED FROM CANADA.

The Kickapoo Doctor Chased to Detroit With a Warrant.

County Constable Boyd returned to the city yesterday from St. Thomas, after an unsuccessful attempt to prosecute Dr Staunton, of the Kickapoo Medicine Company, for a breach of the Medical Act. It appears that Staunton was served personally with a summons at Eden to appear at Ingersoll, and he promised to appear and plead guilty but instead quietly disappeared. A warrant was issued for his arrest, but Staunton is now safely in Detroit Boyd is satisfied with his work in driving the itinerant doctor out of the Province.—Toronto News.

The schooner Olney Belle reports at St. Johns, Newfoundland, that when fifty miles off Cape St. Mary's she collided with the French fishing schooner Louise Ernest, bound from the Banks with 500 quintals of fish. The Louise Ernest sank in five minutes and her crew, six in number, barely escaped being carried down.

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Print wrappers, the best value in the city, our special $1 line for 85c.
White muslin aprons, deep hem, 3 tucks, wide strings for 25c.
Shirt waists, just a few very choice ones in organdie muslin at $1 35, 1 50 and 1 65.
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