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Nine Thousand Young Conservatives Petition Government—Controller Moore Says G. T. R. Will Apply for Right to Build Ridout Street Subway—Lawyers Fight in Court Room—Irish Nationalist Volunteers Drilling Too

REFRESHMENTS DISAPPEAR VIA OPEN WINDOW ROUTE

While West London Mothers' Club Met To Consider Upbringing Of Children Their Sons Removed Pie and Cake Provided For Lunch.

Last evening the members of the West London Mothers' Club gathered in the Empress avenue school to listen to an address from Rev. S. A. Anderson, pastor of the Memorial Methodist Church. The other varieties of refreshment in anticipation of a lunch at the close of the address. But no lunch was served, and thereby hangs a tale.

While Mr. Anderson was in the midst of his speech, the audience heard a peculiar noise. It bore no resemblance to the demands of any West Londoner for membership in the club nor did it sound like a Canadian lullaby moving up the Thames. Several of the ladies had suspicious and hurriedly into an ante-room where the provisions were stored, they were just in time to see the last remnants of the proposed lunch vanishing through the window.

While the mothers were in session endeavoring to devise the best ways and means of bringing up children, sons of

Little Moke Refuses To Land In London

**Objects to Sight of City and Defies
Efforts of Six Men to Remove
Him.**

Half a dozen men and a wide plank was a little moke about three feet high.

Scene—The Grand Trunk station, only rival of the pyramids.

The donkey was to have been attached to a cart labelled "H. P." and to have aided in the distribution of spiky literature about the only source that ever came out of India (confided by a Brahmin valet to Major Foss-Pass who entrusted the recipe to the manufacturers, etc., etc.).

The scene sort of donkey is found at Blackpool and Brighton. Other kinds of donkeys are found most everywhere, but this was a real Kent Road "Gee Up" fellow.

When he sighted London from his baggage car on the arrival of the Stratford train this morning he resolved to strike. No place for a donkey, thought he, as he surveyed the city from the open door. The men moved the plank up to the door of the car and invited the animal to step out. Evidently he desired to give a demonstration of "H. P." as horse power, and wouldn't come. The men crowded behind him and they couldn't move him, though the plank sloped. He simply sat down upon his supporters and shook them quite comfortably. Finally he had to be carried down the plank. Perhaps it was a part of the advertising scheme for it drew a crowd.

TWO MORE ACTIONS ENTERED IN COURT

**\$5,000 Suits Against City and
C. P. R. for Injuries to
Employees.**

Two more cases were added this morning to the already large cause list for the spring assizes. On behalf of Arthur Neilson Sheridan, an electric lineman, who was injured by falling from one of the city's hydro poles on July 29, 1912, E. T. Essey brings suit against the Corporation of the City of London and the water commissioners of London to recover damages in the amount of \$5,000. The plaintiff alleges negligence on the part of the water commissioners in not having a Bell Telephone Company wire of high voltage removed from its close proximity to the defendant's lines.

Charles McMillan, through Meredith & Meredith, has entered suit for \$5,000 damages against the Canadian Pacific Railway for injuries sustained by him while repairing the front of an engine on February 4, 1914, alleging contributory negligence on the part of the railroad. McMillan & Spence, of Toronto, are acting for the C. P. R.

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CALLS PRAYER CHAINS GOOD FIRE STARTERS

**Pastor So Characterizes the
Literature Being Distributed
Here.**

"Ridiculous and irrelevant" were the words with which Rev. J. E. J. Millyard, pastor of Hyatt avenue Methodist, characterized the endless chains of prayers which are being distributed broadcast throughout the city. "Why I have received them myself," said Mr. Millyard, "and they come in useful to start the fire."

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SAYS G. T. R. WILL BUILD A SUBWAY

**Controller Moore Authority for
Statement That Company
Will Apply For One.**

WILL SAVE CITY MONEY

**Steam and Electric Roads
Would Have to Meet Entire
Cost in That Event.**

Controller J. P. Moore, while favoring the Ridout street subway project, does not believe, according to an interview given "The Advertiser" today, that the city should make application to the Railway Commission for the proposed subway.

"We have reliable though indirect information," said Controller Moore, "that the Grand Trunk will ask for such a subway, and in this way the cost would be saddled upon the company and upon the street railway company. If the city made the application, we would have to pay a portion of the cost. The building of a subway at Ridout street at the city's instigation might block a movement for elevated tracks later as the railway commission could say that we had the same way and did not need anything else."

The action of the Grand Trunk, however, in handing out five-year leases on pieces of its property, indicates, in the opinion of many citizens, that the company is not prepared at the present time to go ahead with any improvement plan, whether of a subway or two or of elevated tracks.

"You will see that the Grand Trunk will not do anything in London for five or ten years," said one man who is in close touch with the situation, "and in the meantime we will continue to drift along without the Ridout subway accommodation that we so greatly need. The time to make a move is now, and it is up to the city council to act."

WILL SUPPORT ROWELL'S POLICY IF GOVERNMENT DOES NOT TAKE LEAD

**Nine Thousand Young Conservatives Petition For Provincial Prohibition,
and Give Their Reasons For Request—Thousands Of Others
Wanted To Sign But Were Not Eligible.**

Toronto, Ont., April 8.—A deputation introduced to the cabinet by W. K. McNaught, member for North Toronto, presented a petition two hundred years long containing the signatures of nine thousand young Conservatives in favor of provincial prohibition. The statement was made that thousands of men who were either not young or not conservatives had asked to be allowed to sign the petition, but had been refused. A memorial accompanied the petition. It set forth that, notwithstanding the privation attending a hard winter, a traffic is licensed which takes from the pockets of the people, largely from the poorer classes, \$30,000,000 annually, giving them

nothing in return; that twenty thousand young men between the ages of 21 and 35 spend an average of half an hour nightly in Toronto barrooms; that thousands of promising young men are wrecked mentally and physically by the liquor traffic; that the drinking habits of parents are the cause of one third of the cases of mental deficiency in children, and that for every hundred dollars expended on distilleries, liquor, and labor gets \$1.08 as against laborers share of \$17.78 in every hundred dollars spent on the average product of industries. The loss to labor through the liquor traffic is estimated as being at least fifty million dollars annually. Hon. W. J. Hanna is commended for his work in advancing prison reform, but the deputation failed to understand why he does not move a little faster in the suppression of the liquor traffic which puts so many young men in prison.

The deputation said that, as Conservatives, they wished their party to be in advance of the Rowell party on the question, but unless the Government did something they would have to support the Liberal proposals.

Eighty per cent of signatures to the petition were obtained in rural districts.

Government Refuses.

Hon. J. J. Foy, acting Premier, told the deputation that the Government would not consider passing a province-wide prohibition act. The difficulty of enforcing such legislation would be too great. Hon. W. J. Hanna told them the Government was now considering important temporary legislation, the particulars of which could not at present be made public.

PREMIER ASQUITH IS RETURNED UNOPPOSED

**Makes New Entry to House on
Sixth Anniversary of
Premiership.**

London, April 8.—Premier Asquith again became a member of the House of Commons today, when he was returned unopposed by his old constituency of East Fife, Scotland. At noon, as no other candidates had put in an appearance, the returning officer of the constituency declared Herbert Henry Asquith duly elected once more for the constituency he has represented in the Lower House since 1886.

An interesting coincidence in connection with Mr. Asquith's return is that today is the sixth anniversary of his assumption of the premiership.

SCHOOL BIBLE DAY

**Special Biblical Readings and Exercises
Tomorrow.**

Thursday will be Bible Day in the public schools of London. From three to four in the afternoon the pupils will listen to recitations and readings from Biblical sources, given by members of the various classes. The Bible Day has come to be a regular exercise in many cities, and the movement to have it commenced here was instituted by Mrs. T. C. Duncan and Rev. Canon Tucker. They secured the permission of the board of education and Inspector C. B. Edwards was delegated to make the necessary arrangements.

Boy Scouts' Rally.—Scoutmasters, patrol leaders and scouts of the 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 15th and 17th troops will rally at the Armories on Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. to drill on some important branches of the work, and to arrange for a union boy scouts' camp on the river. Sergeant Major Fellows will give his first lesson on bridge building.

CALLS IT BAD TIME TO LOWER FREIGHT RATES

**Sir William Mackenzie Does
Not Think, However, Results
Will be Important.**

Ottawa, April 8.—Sir William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway, declared this morning that he is not inclined to take a too pessimistic view of the judgment in the western freight rates case handed down by the Railway Commission yesterday afternoon.

Sir William said: "It is in my opinion a bad time just now to make any alteration in the freight rates, and perhaps it would have been wiser to have postponed judgment in the western freight rates case for some time at least. However, the reductions ordered to go into effect on September 1 may not be of any great material importance, but it is not a good policy to make changes of any kind in the rates in the West at the present time. Why I incline to think the reductions will not be far-reaching on the earning capacity of the railways, is that they only apply to the movement of local traffic in the West."

EASTER EGGS PLENTIFUL

**Big Offering of Hen Fruit at 20 to 22
Cents Per Dozen.**

While Easter eggs will be plentiful this year, as practiced by local produce merchants. The demand for them is said to be increasing.

Already one dealer has filled more orders this year than his entire output of last season.

Those who intend consuming numerous eggs on Sunday morning may purchase them at 15 c per dozen in crates. The prevailing price retail, will vary from 20 to 22 cents.

NATIONALIST VOLUNTEERS HAVE VERY COMPLETE ORGANIZATION

**Observer Says Movement Is "Big With Danger," and
Cities, Towns and Hamlets Are in the Net
—Unionists Taking Notice.**

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, April 8.—The development of the Nationalist volunteers in Ireland is beginning to attract the attention of Unionists, according to a London cable to the Daily Mail.

After a tour of Nationalist Ireland, one capable observer declares that the movement is "big with danger." The force has been organized since December by Sir Roger Casement, the consul who exposed the horrors of the slave traffic at Putumayo, and John McNeill, a professor at the Irish National University, who have spread the net so well that cities, towns and hamlets in all parts of Ireland are within its mesh. No simulation can hide that their object is, in case of need, to coerce Ulster or make government beneath the old regime impossible.

The writer draws a distinction between the Ulstermen and the Nationalist volunteers and concludes by saying: "Two years ago the Government might have suppressed the Ulstermen. Today they cannot. The Ulster volunteers are loyal to their rule, but the southern volunteers are loyal to themselves. The time for the Government to act is now, not two years hence."

LAWYERS FIGHT IN COURT ROOM TODAY

**W. R. Meredith Resented the
Insinuations of J. M. McEvoy
—Warm Time Ensued.**

Attorneys W. R. Meredith and J. M. McEvoy came to blows in Judge Macbeth's court this morning.

"Now, do not make statements which you know are untrue," urged J. M. McEvoy this morning, while E. Meredith, K. C., was examining a witness in a case before Judge Macbeth to decide a case under the Overholding Tenants' Act.

"You can't call me a liar," shouted Mr. Meredith, as he sprang toward Mr. McEvoy. W. R. Meredith, his son, slipped around the end of the Council's table toward the plaintiff's lawyer.

Backing up on the platform to the Judge's desk, Mr. McEvoy strove to hold off the threatened blows, but young Mr. Meredith grappled with him, and forced him to the wall.

"Surely, your honor, one would expect in the profession some semblance of dignity," he urged.

"I should think so," replied Judge Macbeth.

"Well, you can't call me a liar here or any place else," reiterated Mr. Meredith, as he continued his examination of the witness.

The case was Hardy vs. Germain, to determine whether or not the lease held by Mr. Germain on lot 15, 4th concession, of the Township of Carleton Place, had expired. Argument was delayed until tomorrow.

NO SOFT JOBS ON STORM SEWER WORK

City Engineer W. N. Ashplant stated this morning that storm sewer construction work would be commenced about the middle of May. The council has authorized a call for tenders, and these will be in and the contracts awarded for a large portion of the work within the next few weeks.

"I must mean, of course, that you will then be able to give work to a great many of the unemployed," the engineer was asked.

"Many of them will get work before that," was the reply. "Local factories need men, and they need them very much. If these men want work and are willing to work hard, they can get jobs. A lot of them seem to have the idea that they will get a nice, soft snap at \$15 a week when the storm sewer work starts. There will be no sitting at the side of the trenches and taking life easy for the men who are hired for the storm sewer jobs."

"What wages to be paid will, of course, be arranged by the contractors, but good men will command 25 to 26 cents an hour on this construction, according to the engineer."

CY WARMAN TO BE BURIED HERE TOMORROW

The body of the late Cy Warman, poet, author and railroad man, who passed away yesterday in Chicago, will arrive in London on the 3:45 train from Chicago tomorrow morning. A special Pullman was attached to the train in Chicago for the funeral party, among whom is J. D. Macdonald, the assistant general passenger agent of the Grand Trunk Railway in this city.

Rev. Dean Davis will officiate at a short funeral service at the residence of the late Mr. Warman, 100 Chippewa street, after which the remains will be taken to Mount Pleasant Cemetery for interment.

Many prominent railroad officials will attend the funeral. The pallbearers will be John Dalrymple, fourth vice-president of the G. T. R.; G. T. Bell, passenger traffic manager; G. T. R. M. G. Elliott, general passenger agent, G. T. R., and J. D. Macdonald, assistant general passenger agent at Chicago.

DORCHESTER MAN, AT HOME TWO DAYS, COMITS SUICIDE

**George Harper, Despondent Since an Accident, Shoots
Himself in Room Where Brother Lies Sleeping
—Kept Hotel in Regina.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Belmont, April 8.—Having returned home from Regina only two days ago, George Harper at midnight last night committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver. He was only 31 years of age, and unmarried.

Harper had for some years been managing a hotel in the western city, but a little over a year ago he was the victim of an automobile accident in which he sustained serious injuries to his head. Since that time his health was poor, and he was very despondent.

On Monday he arrived at his father's place, after spending a week in Detroit and three weeks at a sanatorium at Battle Creek, Mich. His friends noticed that he was not in a normal condition, as he would start sentences, lose his thread and never finish. On Tuesday morning his father noticed a revolver in George's suit case, but had not a chance to remove it.

During the day George asked his sister for a blank check, telling her he wished to draw some money and would make out the check in her name, so that she could draw it for him. She had not a blank, so the money was not drawn.

Went Early to Bed.

At 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening, George retired, although there were several visitors at the house, and when the shot rang out just after midnight some of these were still downstairs. George was sleeping with his brother John, and his father occupied another bed in the same room. As the shot was fired, John awakened and saw and felt a hand, containing the revolver, drop on his chest. He grabbed the weapon and sprang from the bed and gave the alarm. His neighbor, Mrs. McNab, then came running into the room.

Death Instantaneous.

Dr. Beattie was immediately summoned, but found the unfortunate man had died instantly, the bullet entering the brain through the right temple.

The coroner considered the inquest unnecessary, and the funeral will be held on Friday.

George Harper was the oldest son of William Harper, 815 concession, South Dorchester, and leaves two brothers, John and Arthur, and one sister, Miss Mattie, at home.



TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

Forecast: Toronto, April 8—S. A. m.

Today—Strong northwest winds; colder with local snow flurries.

Thursday—Northwest winds; fair and cold.

Temperatures.

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	40	32	Cloudy
Calgary	44	20	Clear
Winnipeg	24	14	Cloudy
Port Arthur	22	5	Cloudy
Park Sound	42	26	Cloudy
Toronto	40	34	Cloudy
Ottawa	38	30	Snow
Montreal	38	30	Snow
Quebec	40	28	Snow
Father Point	40	22	Cloudy

Notes.

The low area which was in the Lower Ohio Valley yesterday is now nearing the middle Atlantic coast with increased energy, while the northwestern high area is spreading over the Great Lakes.

The weather continues very cold in Northern Ontario and Manitoba.