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DISTRESSING ACCIDENT TO MRS. MCCARTHY ON ROAD NEAR JUDGE HARDY'S FARM

Horse and Rig, With Woman and Husband, Fell Down Embankment.

Second Accident of Its Kind at the Same Spot—No Protection.

A terrible experience resulting in the serious injury of Mrs. Dennis McCarthy, 13 Terrace Hill St. and the demolition of a buggy was recorded last night in front of the farm of Judge Hardy.

The screams of the injured woman were heard by Judge and Mrs. Hardy who promptly went out to render assistance.

The rig was smashed up by Devereux Bros. Brantford, at the foot of the embankment, telling the tale.

The action taken against the township or railway, is assured.

Mr. A. E. Watts, Solicitor for the township, said this morning that when Chief Engineer Mount of the Dominion Board was here recently, he was taken out the road and shown the abuse, with the result that he promised to have an order issued at once for the company to put up a guard rail to prevent just such an accident as occurred last night.

Apparently the order has not been issued yet, or if it has the guard rail has not been put up.

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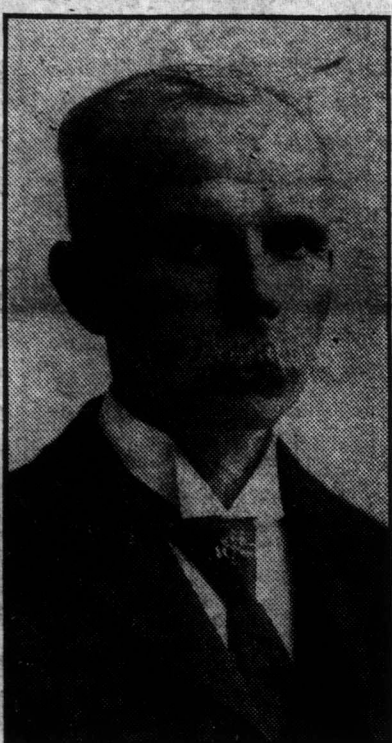
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It is not unlikely the Brantford Gas Co. will have considerable trouble collecting a couple of accounts, possibly many, many more.

Another merchant said the gas killed his canary and many plants.

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MAYOR HARTMAN



Who was last evening presented with an honorarium of \$1000 by the City Council, thus establishing a precedent for future years.

FINE COMPANY TWICE DAILY IS REMEDY

So Declares City Solicitor to the City Council Last Night.

Injunction Proceedings Not the Most Effective Way.

City Solicitor Henderson told the City Council plainly last night that the injunction proceedings advised against the Brantford Gas Company were not the best means of stopping the sulphur nuisance.

Accordingly, Mr. Henderson said that Mr. W. F. Cocks should be instructed to get the Dominion Gas Inspector here at once.

Acting Mayor Spence said that Mr. W. J. Aikens was prepared to prove that there was a supply of pure gas at Dunnville available for Brantford, if the company wanted to bring it here.

Ald. Pitcher thought that the people of Brantford had been badly dealt with by the Dominion Natural Gas Co. For years in mid winter when gas was needed, a shortage always occurred with no redress whatever.

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Generous Firm Ham and Nott Employees Receive Presents From Co.

At the Ham and Nott Company works to-day one hundred men opened envelopes to find the following: "Dear Sir,—As has been our custom for the past few years we are again making all the married men in our employ a slight Christmas gift, which we trust, will carry with it the spirit of the season.

In addition the firm always gives a gold watch to those completing ten years in their employ, and these to-day were the recipients of this token: James VanAllen, E. Crawley and B. Bailey.

A NEW HOSPITAL FOR SMALLPOX PATIENTS

House of J. H. Williman, Charing Cross Road is Purchased.

Shack in Mt. Hope Cemetery Will be Used No Longer.

If anyone cares to get smallpox in the city, they may do so without any fear of going to Mt. Hope cemetery, at least not until they are dead.

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That we proclaim the right of every Canadian to hold and to preach the doctrines of imperialism, of anti-imperialism, or of Canada autonomy, without incurring the insults of his fellow-citizens.

That we denounce racial and religious strife, and affirm our earnest desire to live on terms of peace and harmony with those of other religions, and

That we deny absolutely any connection whatever on the part of the Ancient Order of Hibernians or of the Irish Catholics of Ontario with the above mentioned campaign against a regulation of the Department of Education.

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A GREAT CONVENIENCE

The keeping open of the Post Office until ten o'clock each evening, in all branches, during the Christmas rush, is greatly appreciated by the general public, who have not been slow to take advantage of the convenience thus afforded.

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CITY IS TO SEIZE THE RAILWAY

Announcement is Made Today That Effect—The Case

The city is believed to have won another legal victory yesterday in its fight against the Street Railway Company. With each step in the legal process the case becomes more involved, to the ordinary layman, but this fact, as a result of yesterday's action, seems of outstanding importance.

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But the situation created by Ald. McEwen's resolution was a peculiar one. Around the board sat two prospective mayoral candidates. There was a subtle touch when Ald. McEwen declared that his resolution stood for an increase in the salary of the retiring mayor.

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Dairy Inspector Dr. Cutcliffe Received the Appointment From City Council.

Although there was said to be a scramble for the position of dairy inspector, the appointment went through last night at the city council without a murmur of protest or contention. Dr. Cutcliffe got the job, which carries with it a salary of \$400 per year. It means that Brantford can inspect the source of its milk supply, as well as the supply when it comes into the city. It is just another safeguard towards having pure milk.

MAYOR HARTMAN RECEIVES BOOST IN SALARY

Christmas Spirit Prevailed the Council Chamber Last Evening.

Dying Hours of the 1913 Civic Legislative Body.

The Christmas spirit pervaded the council chamber last evening in the dying hours of the council of 1913. Mayor Hartman was handed an increase in his honorarium, which brought the total up from \$60 to \$1,000. For many years past the Mayor has received \$50 for his services as Mayor and \$150 for services as Water Commissioner. The usual resolution to that effect was again introduced last night. But Ald. McEwen, who had just come from speaking in the lobby, spoke in the house. He introduced a resolution to the effect that the Mayor receive \$200 plus \$150 for Water Commissioner. Ald. Pitcher said he felt like succumbing at the display of such generosity from certain quarters. However, after each alderman present got through, it was unanimous, and Mayor Hartman will receive the increase. It was felt around the council that services given to a city the size of Brantford with such devotion as Mayor Hartman had shown, were worth \$1,000, if they were worth a dollar.

Very Long Hours on Duty—Judge Hardy Makes Promise.

Because the police board had exceeded its appropriation and had no money left wherewith to grant bonuses or increases and because conditions did not warrant increases at a time when some men were working on reduced pay and reduced hours. Acting Mayor Spence engaged in a duel with Magistrate Livingston and Judge Hardy at the meeting of the police board yesterday.

Water Commissioner Fair was voted \$450 for his work on the water commission. This included a bonus of \$250, because Mr. Fair has had the honor of the work all year.

Constable Appointed. There were seven applicants for the position on the force rendered vacant by the resignation of P. C. Burns. A man had been appointed to fill the vacancy, but he failed to materialize. Everyone of the applicants were of fine appearance and would have made a satisfactory addition to the already fine squad of men which Chief Slemin has gathered together. The names of the applicants and other information are here given.

George H. Russell, age 30, height 5 feet 11 inches, weight 160 lbs.; chest measure 38 inches; occupation, salesman; religion, Methodist; born in Canada; married; service, none.

Victor Homer, aged 21; height, 6 feet 2 inches; weight, 180 lbs.; chest measure, 38 inches; occupation, laborer; religion, Church of England; born in England; single; service, none.

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CHRISTMAS EXCURSIONS

The Grand Trunk city office, 153 Colborne street, will be open, to purchase your tickets and avoid rush at depot.

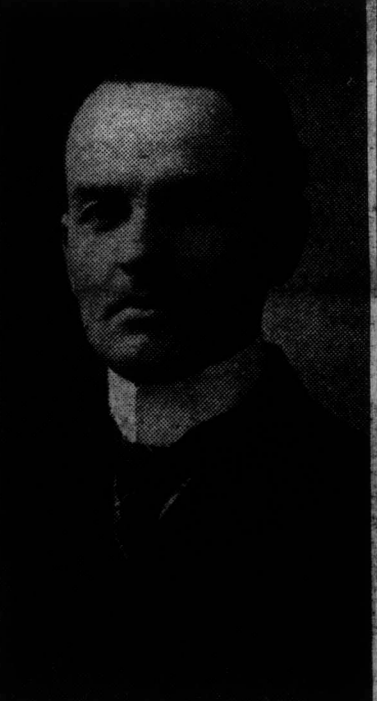
The National Transcontinental Railway Commission has entered into an agreement with the C. E. R. and the G. T. F. for two union stations at Quebec, at the Palais and Champlain Market, to cost \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000.

Captain Armand Laverne, Head of Bourassa's lieutenant in the Nationalist cause, has been made a lieutenant colonel, to command the 61st regiment de Montigny.

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VIGOROUS FIGHT TO-DAY IN LOCAL POLICE COURT OVER THE SULPHUR SITUATION

ALD. MCEWEN



Who says he will not be a candidate for mayor, alderman, water commissioner, Hydro board, or trustee, in spite of much pressure.

J. Lynch Staunton Here to Stall Off Conviction Against Company.

An Adjournment Was Made Until 2 O'clock This Afternoon.

The interest taken in the Police Court proceedings against the Brantford Gas Co. was evidenced by the crowded state of the court room when the magistrate took his seat this morning. There seemed to be a smattering of all trades and professions and all listened intently as the case proceeded.

As the windows were not opened on account of the inclement weather, the odor of the gas was slight, not enough to affect seriously any healthy man. The disinfectant spray was again in evidence.

The Gas Co. were charged with a breach of the Health Act, at the instance of the Medical Health Officer, Dr. Pearson.

Mr. E. Sweet for the company was not present but Mr. Henderson announced that he received a phone call from that gentleman saying he expected some of his witnesses in by the 10 a.m. train and he would probably be ready soon after the appointed time. At 10.30 he had not appeared and was phoned for a reason and received the answer that Mr. Sweet and party were pushing through the storm to the court. Meanwhile the court rested and the sea of faces in the rear of the room grew larger and a great medley of citizens presented themselves. Quarter of an hour later Mr. Sweet appeared. Magistrate Livingston read the charge that the company were charged with distributing gas which was charged with sulphuretted hydrogen and was detrimental to the public health. The Gas Co. pleaded "not guilty."

Mr. J. Lynch-Staunton of Hamilton, one of the Dominion's ablest lawyers, submitted that the magistrate had no jurisdiction upon the matter and claimed that these obnoxious smells were not a crime under the Public Health Act. The company were not liable under the act. Distributing gas was not a matter forced upon the people. They could refuse it if they desired to. The charge was of distributing gas to the detriment of the public health, and if the public did not want the gas they need not have it. The charge was not of allowing the gas to escape up the streets and not for the sale of it, and Mr. Lynch-Staunton submitted that this being so the company were not liable under the act. The charge was misconceived in his opinion. Part of the statutes pertaining to nuisances was read and Mr. Staunton said the gas question was outside of these statutes. "Our position is this. We have got this gas in here and we say that a great deal of nuisance is caused by improper appliances," and continued the speaker the Gas Co. wanted some time for the company to test their theories. "Do you propose to turn off this gas in the meantime," asked the magistrate.

"Well, I can't promise that," said Mr. Staunton; you must understand that the company has brought this gas two hundred miles and they did not fetch the gas that distance to lose by it."

"Well," said the Magistrate, "I can only see the doctors and undertakers getting busy if this continues."

Mr. Staunton asked for time to come to proper understanding as to what the company intend to do.

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RESCUED THE BOY

And Thomas Harbour Received Royal Humane Society Recognition.

For the saving of the life of Leo O'Reilly, who came nearly being drowned in the Grand River, August 17 last, Thomas Harbour was presented with a sealed award from the Royal Canadian Humane Association last night. The rescue was effected one Sunday morning, near Jubilee Terrace, when others were standing around. The Acting Mayor read the scroll to Harbour, and complimented him upon the distinction he had won and the securing of the recognition of an act of bravery.