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TORONTO.

IS C. P. R. BLOCKING LINE INTO ORILLIA?

Continued From Page 1.

This line has been completed for some time, yet no service has been inaugurated, and the people are wondering why.

The opinion is prevalent in the town that the C. P. R. are responsible. Their charter specifies that the western portion of their Port McNicoll-Bethany line should be started and completed first, and hence when the steel was laid on the Atherley-Orillia section, the C. N. O. would have access to Orillia. Many people in the town claim that the section was purposely delayed in order that the other portion of the line might be completed, so that both railways should start their services at the same time.

The officials of the companies will not discuss the question at all. The Orillia Board of Trade, however, some time ago communicated with the C. N. O. authorities with a view to laying the matter before the board of railway commissioners. The C. N. O. declined to take the step.

The line at the present time is practically completed. It is expected that the Toronto Construction Co., who have the contract for the whole C. P. R. seaboard line, would convey it to the railway to-day, but this has been postponed.

Considerable pessimism exists in the town regarding the beginning of the C. P. R. and the C. N. O. lines, and many are of the opinion that they will not be opened until spring. Orillia every year is visited by a large number of tourists, and hence many believe that the railways will open up the line to obtain increased passenger traffic.

Nothing is known as to what kind of service the C. N. O. will give to the town, but a thru service will likely be inaugurated.

J. C. Miller, president of the board of trade, said he thought the C. N. O. will provide a first-class service. It has the shortest line to Toronto, and he believed they would not be behind in the competition.

Mr. Miller was of the opinion that the C. N. O. local train would start from Orillia instead of from Washago.

THE WEATHER

OBSERVATORY, TORONTO, Dec. 1.
(9 a.m.)—A moderate disturbance, centered over the Georgian Bay this evening, has been accompanied by light local falls of snow and rain in the lake region. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Atlin, 20-22; Victoria, 44-50; Vancouver, 42-48; Kamloops, 28-48; Battleford, 14-26; Calgary, 22-50; Regina, 10-25; Qu'Appelle, 14-30; Winnipeg, 26-30; Port Arthur, 20-28; Parry Sound, 32-38; London, 24-28; Toronto, 31-35; Ottawa, 30-35; Montreal, 28-36; Quebec, 20-28; Chatham, N.B., 14-34; St. John, 24-33; Halifax, 28-40.

Probabilities:
Moderate to fresh westerly and north-westerly winds; fair, and with lower temperatures.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Some light falls of snow or rain, but mostly fair and not much change in temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong westerly winds; cloudy, with light snowfalls.

Maritime—Fresh to strong easterly and southerly winds; fair at first, followed by light falls of snow or rain; not much change in temperature.

Superior—Northwesterly winds; fair, with lower temperatures.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Fair, with stationary or a little higher temperature.

Alberta—Fair; not much change in temperature.

BAROMETER.			
Time.	Ther.	Bar.	Wind.
8 a.m.	37	30.58	18 S.W.
11 a.m.	38	30.55	18 S.W.
2 p.m.	38	30.55	14 W.
4 p.m.	38	30.55	14 W.
Mean of day, 38.50	38.50	30.55	
Difference from average, 6 above; highest, 38; lowest, 31; snow, 4 inch.			

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

December 2.
Princess William Hartree in "Dear Old Billy," 2.15, 8.15.
Royal Alexandra's "Pinafore," 2.15, 8.15.
Grand "Rock of Ages," 2.15, 8.15.
Shen's "Vaudeville," 2.15, 8.15.
Star-Burlesque, 2.15, 8.15.
Forsythe Quartet—Conservatory of Music, 8.15.
Vegetable Growers' Association—Albion Hotel, 8.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Dec. 1	At	From
Capitello	New York	Rottterdam
Patricia	New York	Hamburg
Finland	New York	Antwerp
Brandy	New York	Bremen
Celtic	Queenstown	New York
Ionian	Glasgow	Montreal
L. Manilla	Glasgow	Montreal
Assand	London	Montreal
Rottterdam	Rottterdam	New York
G. Washington	Cherbourg	New York

BIRTHS.

DUFF—To Mr. and Mrs. John Duff, 254 Cowan avenue, on Friday, Dec. 1, a daughter.

STRICKLAND—On Nov. 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Strickland, 35 Summerhill avenue, a son.

DEATHS.

CROW—On Friday, Dec. 1st, 1911, Frederick William, only son of Thomas and Fanny Crow, aged 5 years.

Funeral Monday, at 2 p.m., from the residence of Mr. George Henry, third concession, East York. Interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Edinburgh Road.

LACKIE—On Nov. 28th, 1911, at her uncle's residence, 23 Danforth avenue, Edna Lackie, aged 15 years.

Funeral Saturday, at 2.30 p.m., to North York Cemetery.

McINTOSH—At the Aged Women's Home, Belmont street, on Thursday, Nov. 28th, 1911, the widow of the late James McIntosh, aged 92 years.

Reverend W. B. Findlay of St. Enoch's Presbyterian Church will conduct the funeral services at A. W. Miller Undertaking Parlor, 306 College street, on Saturday, at 10 a.m. Interment in St. James Cemetery.

REEVES—On Friday morning, Dec. 1st, at her home, 304 Ossington avenue, Helen (Nellie) A. Reeves, beloved daughter of Richard and Louise Reeves, in her 35th year.

Funeral on Monday, at 2.30 p.m., to Prospect Cemetery.

SWANSON—Suddenly, at 52 Melville avenue, Toronto, on Dec. 1, 1911, Edna Swanson, aged 22 years, second daughter of Robert J. and Olive Swanson.

Funeral will take place from above address Monday, Dec. 4, at 2.30 p.m. to Prospect Cemetery. London, Lis-towel and Rochester, N.Y., papers please copy.

TODD—Suddenly, at his residence, 56 Brook avenue, Toronto, Thomas W. Todd, J.P., in his 78th year.

Funeral from his late residence, on Tuesday, Dec. 5th, at 2 p.m., to Prospect Cemetery.

YOUNG—At her late residence, 14 Lip-pincott street, on Nov. 30th, 1911, Anna-bell Wray Leask, beloved wife of Wm. Young, in her 46th year.

Funeral Saturday, to Union Station for C.P.R. 5 p.m. train for Owen Sound. Interment Sunday, Dec. 3rd, at Green-wood Cemetery, Owen Sound. Kindly omit flowers. Owen Sound papers please copy.

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TUBES PROPOSAL BECOMES QUERY

Limitation of Borrowing Power Prevents Submission of By-law—Go Ahead With Ratepayers' Assent.

The tubes will not be submitted as a by-law. This was definitely decided by the board of control yesterday. Controller Hocken, who has always been foremost in urging that the by-law be sent to the ratepayers, thinking that he was springing a bomb, declared that Corporation Counsel Drayton had informed him that the city's borrowing power was limited to \$5,000,000, and that to submit a by-law for five million dollars would exceed that limit, and it could be held up by any number who liked to apply for an injunction.

"We all knew that a month ago," stated Controller Spence. "I didn't," confessed Controller Hocken.

The council will be asked to submit the matter as a referendum, asking this question:

"Are you in favor of the expenditure of \$5,171,385.879 for an underground railway running from the corner of Bay and Front-sts. north-easterly to the corner of St. Clair-st. and Yonge-st.?"

Information from the parliament buildings was elicited to the effect that if the answer were favorable, the legislature could give the council permission to go on and spend the money without submitting a by-law.

"The by-laws and questions to be voted on at the municipal elections are as follows:

Questions.
The tubes, \$5,388,879.
Annexation of North Toronto.
Laying of water mains as local improvements.
(Probably) Installation of special style of street lighting as local improvement.

Money By-laws.
Hydro-electric extensions, \$2,300,000.
Bloor-st. viaduct, \$1,783,233.

Toronto Leaders Not Talkative.
"It's a lie," declared James Stevenson, president of the Independent Labor party, when interviewed last night with reference to a telegram announcing that James B. McNamara had pleaded guilty on the charge of murder. "Or, if it's true," he continued, "the interests, the capitalists who wish to break up trades unionism, have got to him, promising that if he confessed, and took a term in prison, they would support his family, and see that he was released in a short time."

This was all that could be elicited from the labor officers last evening. Everybody was as close as the proverbial clam, but deep down in their hearts, it seemed as the many of the labor men were convinced of the absolute truth of the message, but did not like to believe it.

UTTER LACK OF PROPER SYSTEM

School Construction Department Sadly Disorganized—Special Committee Reports.

The school construction department is sadly disorganized, it is years behind in building, plumbing and ventilation practice, and should be brought up to date.

This is the sum and substance of the report of what the special sub-committee on proper system found as the result of an exhaustive investigation.

The report was turned in yesterday, at the property committee meeting, by the commissioners, W. O. McTaggart, J. A. Ellis and R. R. D. Fairbairn.

The report in part is as follows: "The supervisor of caretakers, as suggested by the committee, must be a man with a back knowledge of plumbing, heating and ventilation, and if possible, a general knowledge of planning and caretaking of the grounds."

The committee found an utter lack of system in carrying out of building work.

In regard to plumbing and ventilation the sub-committee gave a strong report as to the carelessness of the inspection of the department of buildings.

The plumbing in the new buildings was found to have a strong tendency towards cheapness, perhaps caused by the superintendent trying to economize.

The air in many schools was found to be vitiated, caused by bad systems of ventilation which were antiquated and old-fashioned.

The sub-committee strongly impressed it on the committee that since Toronto had grown to such an extent, the board of education must use more modern methods in our buildings or become a back number.

In the discussion of the report, many arguments ensued which waxed hot at times. Trustee Brown made objection to the report in that it recommended a caretaker with a thorough knowledge of plumbing, saying that this was meant for a plumber's duties and not for a caretaker.

Dr. Noble pointed out that there was too much work placed on Mr. Bishop's shoulders, and that the recommendation of the report would in part ease him of his manifold duties.

Trustee McTaggart pointed out that he thought the building department incapable of carrying out the work, and advised the immediate adoption of a capable architect and sanitary engineer on the department staff.

It was decided that the report be laid before the next meeting of the board of education, and that Mr. Bishop make a written answer to the report, explaining the charges against the inefficiency of the building department.

TO DISALLOW WATERWAYS ACT

Claim Made That \$7,000,000 Raised Was Confiscated by Alberta.

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—A petition has been filed to-day with the Dominion Government asking for the disallowance of the act of the Alberta Legislature respecting the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway, on the allegation that it has confiscated seven million dollars raised by W. R. Clarke of Kansas City, and other promoters of the railway. After the money was secured the Sifton government cancelled the contract made by its predecessors and ordered the funds to be used for general purposes.

The claimants being unsuccessful in the courts now ask for the federal prerogative of disallowance, since the capital was raised almost entirely by United States financiers.

The petition was filed by John T. Moss of Toronto, and Hector McGinnis of Halifax.

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