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NEW RATE CUTS PUT LONDON AT MERCY OF BIG ROADS

Magrath Arrives To Inaugurate Beck Memorial Appeal

CITY'S PORT IS MENACED BY TWO BIG RAILWAYS



J. E. RICHARDS,
manager of the L. and P. S., who
predicts big losses on the city's railway
if the existing coal rate is cancelled,
as is threatened.

L. P. S. IS MENACED, RICHARDS STATES

Manager Predicts Big Losses If
Existing Coal Rate Is
Cancelled.

TWO PORTS AFFECTED

London C. of C. Will Join in
Strong Protest To Higher
Freight Charges.

The life of the London & Port Stanley Railway hangs dangerously in the balance, according to J. E. Richards, manager of the road, in commenting last evening on the action which has been taken by the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific railways, in cancelling the existing freight rates on all coal shipped through Port Stanley and Erieau, to points east of Woodstock.

"If this cancellation order is allowed to proceed and takes effect on January 1, as announced by the railway companies, the operation of the London electric railway will be placed in imminent danger," remarked Mr. Richards.

"One-half of our business is transportation, and 75 per cent of our transportation is in coal shipments. London, through this municipally-owned road, gets the benefit of these shipments to many western Ontario points. If the order goes through, and we are to lose these shipments, the road must ultimately operate at a loss. The matter is most intricate, and of vital importance to the people of London, and immediate action must be taken."

City Body To Act.

That immediate action is to be taken by London in this matter, is assured by R. H. Dowler, president of the London Chamber of Commerce, who returned to the city last night from the annual meeting of the western Ontario United Boards of Trade in Preston.

The chambers of commerce of Windsor, Chatham, Hamilton and Toronto, and the Kitchener Board of Trade, have filed protest with the dominion railway board over the cancelling of the existing coal rates. Mr. Dowler will place the matter before the local chamber of commerce immediately, and it is expected that a strong resolution will be sent to the railway commission, asking them to revoke the decision of the companies.

If the freight rates are cancelled, it means that coal will be placed under a commodity rate which would mean a big jump in the cost of transportation. Erieau and Port Stanley would receive no further shipments, as all coal would come through Detroit and Buffalo.

Port Stanley Affected.

The cutting off of rates on all shipments to points east of Woodstock, will especially affect the Port Stanley and Erieau trade, because more than 80 per cent of their shipments are to points in this direction, and according to A. Leslie, president of the Erieau company, it would be unable to continue in business with this percentage of their trade lost.

The huge storage plants at Erieau would be useless, and the cities in western Ontario would find it necessary to build their own plants. The thousands of dollars spent on facilities and improvements at these ports will have been for naught. At the present time, the City Gas Company, McClarys, Hunt's flour mills and other local plants, depend on Port Stanley as the source of their coal and coke supplies.

L. and P. S. Threatened With
Extinction by Proposal To
Cancel Coal Rate.

CITY TO FEEL PINCH

Manufacturers and Institutions
Join in Protest Against the
Plan To Raise Freight.

Regarded as the most serious threat to the prosperity of London in many years, the proposal of the C. P. R. and C. N. R. railways to cancel the existing transportation rates on coal shipped from Port Stanley and Erieau, raised something akin to consternation in local manufacturing circles this morning.

Aside from the irreparable damage such action would work to the London and Port Stanley railway, the city-owned and operated electric road to Port Stanley, cancellation of existing rates, which have been in force for over thirty years, would place local manufacturing concerns entirely at the mercy of the two big railroads as regards coal supplies. Every manufacturing concern in the city using soft coal would promptly experience a rise in freight on coal of at least one cent a ton, representing the difference in freight rates between the all-rail route through Black Rock or Detroit as against the water route from Canoeau to Port Stanley or Erieau.

Not only will manufacturing costs be raised, but many public institutions will feel the pinch. For example, the Marlborough Hotel, the McClary Manufacturing Company stated this morning that not only would that company, the largest manufacturing concern in the city, be seriously affected, but the cost of operating Victoria hospital would be much increased as a result of the rise in the cost of coal. Even the provincial government would experience heavy extra cost, as the Ontario hospital and the Westminster hospital are both large users of soft coal, most of which come in through Port Stanley.

But the most serious effect of all would be the practical wiping out of London's port on the great lakes at Port Stanley, probably the greatest single asset the city has. For years car ferries have been plying between Canoeau and Port Stanley, bringing in coal and also iron and steel by a quick and cheap route for distribution all over Western Ontario.

Coal has formed the bulk of this business and if that business is wiped out there will be little inducement to Canoeau and Port Stanley to continue operating their lines to Port Stanley. The thousands of dollars spent by the federal government in dredging the harbor and building breakwaters and docks will be practically thrown away and Port Stanley will become nothing more than a pleasure resort to Londoners.

"Collusion between the two big roads," an attempt to eliminate the L. & P. S. so as to secure the long haul on coal, were among the expressions used by London businessmen in discussing the situation this morning.

"What Will Board Do?" "Surely the Ontario railway board will never consent to this cancellation of rates," commented T. D. McFarland, manager of the D. S. Perin Co. "London would never stand for it."

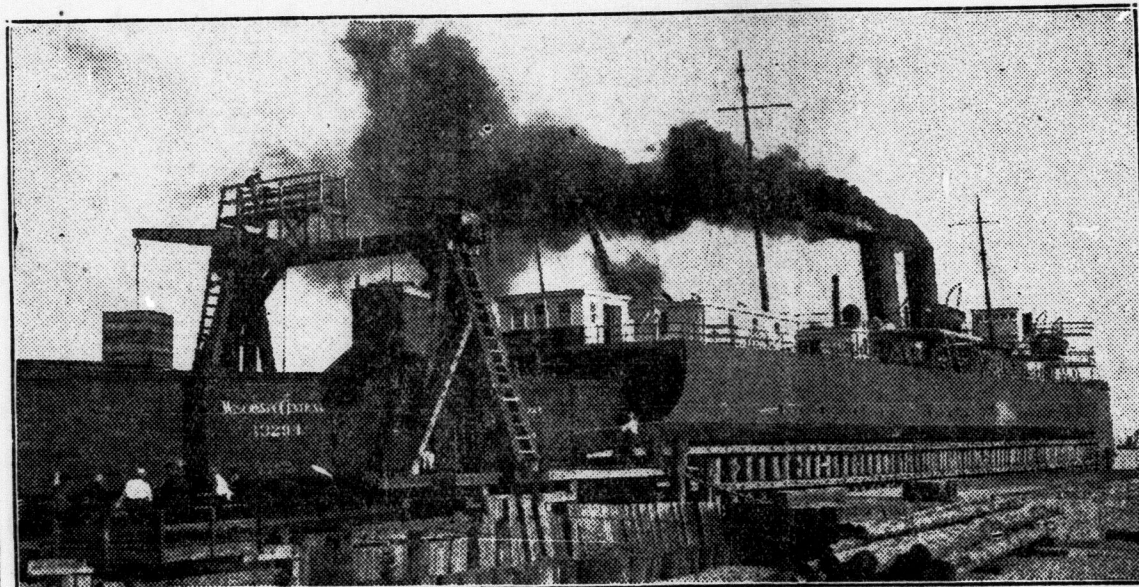
"The chambers of commerce in London and of every city and town in Western Ontario should get busy at once to fight this move," stated the president of the McClary Manufacturing Company. J. P. Moore, vice-president of the London railway commission, said that the most serious aspect of the move was the effect on the elimination of a competitive water route which had been a large factor in controlling freight rates throughout Western Ontario. It might easily result in the cutting off altogether of car ferry service to Port Stanley, and as coal represents about 75 per cent of the freight revenue of the L. & P. S. the effect on the city's road would be disastrous.

The local chamber of commerce, after a session lasting until after midnight, gave out the following statement on the situation this morning:

Chamber's Statement. "Since the London and Port Stanley railway is a public utility, owned and operated by the public for public profit, the London chamber of commerce is deeply concerned."

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Lifeblood of L. and P. S. Is Threatened



This is the coal ferry dock of the London and Port Stanley railway at Port Stanley, which would be forced out of business by the freight order due to its effect on commodity basis.

LONDON SHARES ROYAL GRIEF; MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY SENT

Mayor Forwards City's Message to the King at Buckingham Palace and G.W.V.A. Sends Cable—Flags Float at Half Staff Throughout City.

From all parts of the empire messages of sympathy are pouring into the home of the late Queen Mother Alexandra, but none are more expressive of genuine grief than those sent by the people of London.

The late queen was one of the most popular of the royal family to Londoners, and news of her very sudden death came as a real source of regret. Cables from many organizations and some private citizens have been sent to His Majesty the King, at Buckingham Palace. The city council sent the following: "To His Majesty the King, at Buckingham Palace: Kindly accept sincerest sympathy of all the citizens of London, Canada."

The sanatorium at Byron, which had been named in honor of the late queen, also sent an address to the King. Elliott & Gillanders are acting for the plaintiffs, and Kelly, Porter & Kelly for the defendant.

NO BUGGY LIGHTS, SAYS LAWSUIT DEFENDANT

R. W. Silverthorn Asks That
\$5,000 Damage Action Be
Dismissed Without Costs.

Declaring that the buggy in which Palmer D. Bull, London, and Bessie McQueen, Lobo, were riding on Sept. 4 last, did not have any lights, R. W. Silverthorn, Port Dover, submits that the former's \$5,000 county court suit should be dismissed without costs. The case will be tried by Judge Macbeth and jury at the December sittings of the court opening Dec. 4.

The accident took place on the Hyde Park side road, Silverthorn's car smashing the buggy and injuring the occupants. Bull claims \$4,000 damages and Bessie McQueen \$1,000. Elliott & Gillanders are acting for the plaintiffs, and Kelly, Porter & Kelly for the defendant.

REPORT TORONTO TO HAVE CANADA'S LARGEST HOTEL

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Nov. 21.—News reports today are that an announcement will shortly be made to the effect that the site at Yonge, Wellington and Jordan streets, in the heart of downtown Toronto, will be the location of a hotel which is to be the largest in the dominion, exceeding in size the Mount Royal at Montreal. Andrew Dods is sponsoring the project.

1,500 CLIMBING ROSE PLANTS DISTRIBUTED

Over 1,500 American Beauty climbing rose plants were distributed from the Gamgange flower shop today to the members of the local horticultural society as their fall premium. The society plans to decorate many homes with this beautiful flower and in this way help to beautify the city as a whole.

WRIT ISSUED AGAINST LONDON METAL PRODUCTS

J. M. Donahue has issued a county court writ on behalf of the Consolidated Trusts Corporation against London Metal Products, Limited, and William McDonald of Ekfrid, for \$21.58 due on a promissory note made by the defendant, London Metal Products, Limited, and endorsed by McDonald.

Buildings Are Draped In Mourning

All Classes in Great Britain
Are Steeped in Profound
Sorrow.

FUNERAL UNDECIDED

Fortnight Will Probably Elapse
So That Distant Relatives
May Come.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Nov. 21.—All Great Britain stood today with bowed heads, mourning the passing of the beloved Dowager Queen Alexandra. Flags flew at half-mast and many buildings were draped in black.

Death came to Queen Alexandra late yesterday afternoon in Sandringham palace while her son, King George, and Queen Mary and various members of the royal household stood with tear-bedimmed eyes at the bedside. The Prince of Wales, always her favorite grandson, had fate in the nature of a heavy fog against him as he travelled from London to Sandringham and did not reach the palace in time to bid his grandmother farewell.

Attacked by heart disease Thursday, the aged queen mother—she would have been 81 years old in a few days—sank rapidly and death intervened as twilight was coming on. When the announcement was made at Sandringham that Alexandra was dead, the little crowds that had gathered outside the gates, all of whom knew her, silently bared their heads and sadly withdrew their way homeward.

News Quickly Spreads.

The news was quickly broadcast and listeners throughout the British Isles heard over their radio sets that the widow of King Edward VII. and the mother of their present monarch had gone to her rest. In London from 8 to 9 o'clock the big bell in St. Paul's tolled out sonorously the tale of the passing of a member of Great Britain's royal family. It is only when a member of royalty dies that the clang of the bell in St. Paul's awakens the sleeping city.

The newspapers came out this morning in deep mourning. They print many details of the life and doings of Alexandra and many pictures illustrating her career since she arrived in England in 1863 to become the bride of the Prince of Wales.

An indication of the popular affection existing for Alexandra is the fact that the Laborite organ, the Herald, which usually ignores royal happenings or prints an inch concerning them when other newspapers print a column, today devotes two columns to the death of the dowager. The Lord Chamberlain's department is responsible in these matters.

Funeral in Fortnight.

No date has yet been announced for the funeral of Alexandra, nor when her body will be taken to Windsor to lie in the royal chapel beside that of King Edward VII. It is thought that the funeral will not take place before a fortnight, so that all relatives in Europe will have time to reach London.

There is no modern precedent for the funeral of a mother of a reigning British monarch. For an exact parallel the lord chamberlain will have to go back to the death of Catherine of France, mother of Henry VI. in 1438.

It is expected, however, that the ceremonial observed at the funeral of Queen Alexandra, in 1849, when Queen Victoria, her niece, was on the throne, will be followed, namely, that the body will be brought to London, lying-in-state and a funeral procession.

The body will then be taken to Sandringham for burial.

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Takes First Step In Six Years To Discover Her Husband Dead

Canadian Press Despatch.
Cambridge, N. B., Nov. 21.—The first steps she had taken in six years carried Mrs. Noah Hamm from her own room to that of her husband, where she found him dead on Wednesday morning in their home at "Hammtown" parish of Johnstown, Queens.

Mrs. Hamm had been paralyzed for years. When she found that her



GORDON PHILIP,
former secretary of the London chamber of commerce and now connected with the Windsor chamber, announced his withdrawal from the post of secretary of the United boards of trade of Western Ontario at the annual convention of this body in Preston Friday.

BLAME COLLISION FOR LOSS OF SUB

Swedish Steamer Felt Shock—
Admiralty Convinced M-1
Was Run Down.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Nov. 21.—Loss of the monitor-submarine M-1, with 65 lives, last week, now appears to have been due to a collision with a Swedish steamer, the admiralty announced today.

LUDENDORFF LAUNCHES ATTACK ON HINDENBURG

Politics May Cause Breach in
Friendship of German War
Chiefs.

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, Nov. 21.—Gen. Erich Ludendorff, Fascist and Nationalist, and one of the main co-ops of the great German war machine, is out with a bitter denunciation of his war-time chief, President von Hindenburg, because of the president's support of the Locarno treaty.

Now that the Socialists definitely have decided to vote with the extreme right in the Reichstag, however, it seems certain that a representative of the Reich will be in London when the documents are signed, formally to give his country's adherence to them. The bills are due to come up in the Reichstag on Monday, and are expected to be quickly passed by an extremely large majority.

In an interview in the Munich Fascist organ, Ludendorff delivered a broadside against von Hindenburg, which it is thought will sever the friendship existing between the two old soldiers.

FORMER PREMIER DEFEATED IN AUSTRALIAN ELECTION

Associated Press Despatch.
Brisbane, Australia, Nov. 21.—E. G. Theodore, former premier of Queensland, was defeated by Dr. Knott, government candidate, in the federal election of last Saturday. The related elections received here yesterday definitely decided the matter. Hon. Edward G. Theodore, who was at the head of the Labor administration of Queensland when the federal election was announced, resigned his premiership to run for a seat in the federal house of representatives in the Labor party's interests.

PICTURES TRANSPOSED.

On the front page of today's rotogravure section, the pictures of P. W. Bice and R. R. Whitehead, officials of Thebes Sanatorium, O.G.H.P., appear. Unfortunately, through an error in make-up, the pictures have been transposed, and Mr. Whitehead's name appears under Mr. Bice's picture, and vice-versa.

Campaign Is Opened By Hydro Head

C. A. Magrath Here To Start
Western Ontario on Crusade
For Benefit of Byron.

CITY PLEA LATER

Head of Ontario Commission
Makes a Tour of London's
Hydro System With Officials.

Today's dinner at Queen Alexandra Sanatorium, to be addressed by C. A. Magrath, new chairman of the Ontario hydro-power commission, and also by Bishop Williams and Bishop Fallon, marks the opening of the campaign throughout Western Ontario for the \$500,000 Beck Memorial Endowment Fund.

It is a coincidence that news of the death of Queen Alexandra, for whom the sanatorium was named, comes just when a big effort is starting to place its work on a permanent and sound basis.

Many out-of-town visitors are expected at this afternoon's function, invitations having gone out to the mayors and other civic officials of many of the surrounding cities and towns. In all, about 175 invitations were sent to outside places.

Opens Monday Night.

The local campaign does not actually open until Monday night, when a dinner has been arranged at Smallman & Ingram's, where the workers will be addressed by Monsignor O'Connor of St. Peter's cathedral and Rev. Quinlan Warner of Croydon Memorial church.

All the team workers in the local campaign, and there are nearly 250 of them, have been invited to visit the sanatorium at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The Kiwanis club is providing cars at 2:45 at the champagne of commerce. The Kiwanis club is providing cars at 2:45 at the champagne of commerce.

Workmen were heartened this morning by news from Toronto that the proceeds of prize apples sold at the Royal Winter Fair, amounting to \$4,000, had been donated to the Beck memorial fund.

Magrath Arrives.

Chairman Charles A. Magrath arrived in the city this morning, eager to visit for the first time the home city of Alexandra and the Beck memorial fund campaign. Mr. Magrath, a benefactor, hydro knight and philanthropist, his predecessor as head of the great hydro system of the province.

Mr. Magrath stepped from the train with hand outstretched in cordial greeting to Col. Ibbotson Leonard, D.S.O., local head of the Beck memorial endowment fund campaign; Jared Vining, chairman of the public utilities commission; and other members of the commission.

Significant is it that Mr. Magrath's first visit to London should be made in the interests of the Beck memorial fund, because on numerous occasions he has stated publicly that it will be his endeavor to follow in Sir Adam's footsteps.

Second only to his eagerness in London as Sir Adam's home appeared Mr. Magrath's becoming modesty concerning himself. Perhaps concerning no man has there been uttered so many glowing compliments in many months in Ontario than the new hydro chairman, and yet the unsought publicity of a pleasant nature thought it rests lightly on his shoulders because he is a genuinely modest and quiet man.

Tour of the City.

Philip Pocock, head of the commission, Commissioners T. W. McFarland and R. J. Webster, together with Manager E. V. Buchanan, met Mr. Magrath at the train, and immediately scattered show-

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The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today.—Increasing south-west winds; fair and mild.
Sunday.—Strong southerly winds, shifting to north-west; partly cloudy with scattered showers and becoming somewhat colder.
Stations. High Low Weather
Victoria 50 38 Clear
Calgary 54 10 Clear
Winnipeg 58 30 Cloudy
Port Arthur 40 30 Clear
Toronto 42 31 Cloudy
Montreal 40 22 Fair
Quebec 38 30 Cloudy
Halifax 54 32 Cloudy
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 42; lowest, 30.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 35; lowest, 31.
Sun rises at 7:19 a.m., and sets at 4:48 p.m.
Barometric Readings.
Friday—3 p.m., 30.40.
Today—8 a.m., 30.26.