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15 Killed by G.T.R. Flyer In Big Crowd at Detroit

Fast Train Crashes Thru Crowd and Grinds Many to Pieces.

Detroit, May 3.—The Grand Trunk Pan-American Flyer from Chicago ran into a crowd of 1000 people at the corner of Dequinder and Canfield-streets at 8.30 this evening, killing ten to fifteen men, and seriously injuring about thirty more. The majority of the killed and wounded are from Toledo.

Fifteen Polanders from Toledo came up to Detroit this morning on a special Lake Shore train to celebrate a holiday. They left the train at the corner of Dequinder and Canfield-streets and went over to St. Joseph's Church, where they spent the day with the congregation. The Lake Shore tracks run out Dequinder-street and a special train was to stop for the Toledo excursionists at Canfield-avenue at 8.30.

Spread Over G. T. Tracks.

Accompanied by hundreds of their local friends, waiting for the train, the excursionists jammed Canfield-avenue some time before the train was due, in readiness for it. When the train was sighted the crowd pushed across the track, and on to the Grand Trunk tracks which adjoins those of the Lake Shore, just as the Grand Trunk Pan-American Express came thundering from the west.

People Thrown Into Air.

The people were thrown into the air and dashed to either side of the track. Many of them were ground under the wheels.

The police department was notified and all the ambulances in the city rushed to the scene.

The victims were scattered along the tracks for a distance of two blocks.

Lanterns were procured and the work of rescue began immediately. The scene reflected by the light of the lanterns was horrible. Gradually the mangled and crushed bodies were recovered and sent to the hospital when there was a flicker of life left, and to the morgue when there was none.

At 10 o'clock four of the dead had been identified.

The flyer was stopped as quickly as possible and backed to the scene of the catastrophe, where for two blocks the track was covered with mangled and dying people. Four of the dead were killed outright, and the others died after being taken to the hospitals.

Killed: Water Sidwick, Toledo, carpenter; Frank Rosinzki, Toledo; unknown boy, about nine years old, light hair, blue eyes, dressed in dark blue; unknown woman, about 23 years old, light hair, marriage ring on hand; unknown man, body and clothes badly mangled, apparently a Pole; unknown boy, died at Grace Hospital.

The excursion was given by the Polish Lancers of Toledo, over the Lake Shore Railroad. They left the train in the morning at the corner mentioned, and were met by a number of local Polish societies, who escorted the visitors to St. Joseph's Church. An entertainment was held later at Harmony Hall.

A partial list of the injured gives the number at 22. Two children are missing.

UNDERTAKERS CANVASSED SICK MAN

Until He Applied to Justice to Have 'Em Suppressed.

Chicago, May 3.—Competition is so keen among South Chicago undertakers they are accused of harassing the living for contracts in anticipation of death. Lowrin Love became ill a week ago, and as he was 72 years old, it is alleged the undertakers took it for granted their services would soon be needed. Love says that every day one or more of these men visited him and solicited the contract to care for his body after dissolution had taken place. This business energy so angered Love that he recovered and appeared before Justice Callahan and asked if there was not some law to suppress the undertakers.

LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE ENDING.

Agreement Reached as to Wages—Union Recognition Only Block.

Montreal, May 3.—(Special.)—The strike is not off, but it is probable that the conflicting parties are now nearer together than at any time since the trouble began. The conference between the representatives of the shipping men and the longshoremen lasted till 2 o'clock this morning, and was continued this afternoon. They could not agree as to the recognition of the union, altho they came together as to the wages. However, the Mayor addressed the strikers this afternoon with the result that their committee was instructed to wait upon the shipping men to-morrow.

CATCH FAMOUS CROOKS WHO ARE WANTED BADLY

New York Police Secure Three Men Known as Desperate Criminals.

New York, May 3.—Central office detectives arrested to-day three men, who are members of the famous gang known as the "international bank sneaks." One of the men, according to Inspector McCluskey, is the notorious Joseph Kiloran, whose escape from Ludlow-street jail, where he was awaiting trial for a postoffice robbery, with two other men named Allen and Russell, made a great sensation in 1895. Another of the men is said to be Kiloran's brother John, and the third gave the name of George Watson.

After their escape from jail here Kiloran, Allen and Russell fled to Europe, and are said to have stolen $75,000 from a bank in Brussels. Kiloran was arrested, but not convicted, and his companions escaped. Later Allen was convicted of stealing $100,000 from a bank in London, and is now in jail.

John Kiloran, Inspector McCluskey says, is one of the most noted criminals in the world, and during his career has stolen and spent several fortunes. He returned to this country three weeks ago. He is now 60 years old, and appears to be destitute. He will be turned over to the Federal authorities by whom a reward of $2500 for his arrest was offered at the time of his escape.

SIGNIFICANCE OF TARTE'S SEAT

Occupied Desk of East York Member And Wise Heads Are Wagging.

Montreal, May 3.—(Special.)—The Ottawa correspondent of The Sunday Sun, speaking of Mr. Tarte, says: "He occupies the seat of W. F. Maclean, who has lately been absent from the House several days. It may be a coincidence, but it is, nevertheless, significant. Mr. Maclean is the worst protectionist of the protectionists in the Conservative party. Mr. Maclean and Mr. Tarte have expressed identical views this session on the subject of transportation. Mr. Maclean was the particular 'bad boy' that Mr. Paterson accused Mr. Tarte of playing with during Sir Wilfrid Laurier's absence in England. Mr. Tarte was sitting in Mr. Maclean's seat when this taunt was thrown at him. In that seat he has continued to sit ever since. From it yesterday, he, abandoning the role of amicable adviser, conducted a caustic criticism of the new Minister of Public Works' estimates, almost angrily warning Mr. Sutherland not to try to shift the responsibility of his estimates on to the ex-Minister and making a significant hit at Hon. Clifford Sifton for failing to use the immigration funds for the benefit of Quebec. What does this signify? What is going to be Mr. Tarte's next move?"

WHAT BARR'S COLONY MEANS.

If Successful, Influx Into West Will Be Tremendous Next Year.

"There is great interest being taken in England in the Barr colony," said R. H. Graham of London, Eng., to The World last night. "It is regarded by the people in the Old Country as spying out the land, and if the colony is a success, as there is every reason to believe it will be, there is no doubt that there will be an immense rush to your Northwestern country in the near future. The eyes of England are turned toward Canada, and the problem of pulling up stakes and trying the new fortunes of this promised land is being discussed by many. I predict," continued Mr. Graham, "that the present influx into the Western plains is merely a forerunner of what will take place before long. The success of the Barr colony means a great deal to Canada."

Could Prosecute Coal Dealers, But—

Ottawa, May 3.—The special committee of the City Council, appointed to consider whether there was sufficient evidence obtainable to prosecute the Ottawa Coal Company, Limited, as an alleged combine, finds that there would be sufficient justification for legal procedure, but thinks action should be deferred pending further developments in the Brantford case.

CITIZENS OF FRANK FLEE THRU FEAR OF MORE SLIDES

Frank, May 3.—(Special.)—Frank was practically depopulated to-day, and this evening the place is almost deserted. At early morning the exodus began. It commenced when on their return from a climb of inspection made to the top of the mountain from Blairmore, Mining Inspector Smith, Superintendent McCarthy and Prospector Byron announced that danger lurked in the picturesque background. The announcement was officially communicated to the Board of Trade at a subsequent meeting. Steps were immediately taken to notify the villagers who had not already gone that no time should be lost in getting away. This move, however, had been anticipated.

Whole Town Depopulated.

There was no confusion, no panic; but there was despair, and it appeared on the faces of the townspeople. Not much was said; there was no time for parley. Premier Haultain, in view of the opinion expressed by the C. P. R. engineer, conferred with the police officials, and before 10 o'clock it had been decided to request, without demanding, that the populace move out for the night. The C. P. R. before midnight had an engine and some cars run in from the west and gave free transportation to all who desired to move. Many walked to Blairmore, two miles west of Frank. Less than twenty-five people slept in Frank last night. To-day's moving out was done quickly. Families made short work of packing their belongings into wagons and on to the backs of mules. A few of the merchants doing business in a small way got away with various quantities of stock in trade. The large dealers locked their doors and departed.

Even in the moving process, serious tho it was, there crept in a vein of humor. One man was seen vainly endeavoring to navigate the principal street under a burden of many lengths of stove pipe. In another quarter a family in the hurry to place danger behind them carried out a hot kitchen stove from which the smoke sputtered in little gusts. The sick and wounded were transferred to Blairmore.

A curious phase of the past two days, perhaps the last of the Town of Frank's official existence, has been the boom in the bar trade at the three hotels.

Since Friday, there have been no bodies recovered from the ruins, and while the fate of the town depends upon the fall of one or both peaks left standing on the top of Turtle Mountain, it is not thought probable that any further attempts will be made to search the immense causeway of fallen rock.

All the bodies found with one or two exceptions presented a spectacle of mutilation calculated to discourage the searchers from continuing work. Those who were not completely crushed in some cases lacked an arm or a leg, and one of the recovered bodies was decapitated.

The report made by the party who visited the peak of the mountain was in effect that the east peak of the mountain, if not actually creeping, might be expected to fall at a time when least expected. A fissure on crevice had been discovered. It is one thousand feet in length by twenty feet in breadth. The communication of this fact had the effect of making short work of the final scenes of the departure from Frank.

The need for relief and aid is not urgent. President Chambers of the Board of Trade made the official statement this morning that not more than $5000 would be required to defray cost of recovering as many bodies as possible, and providing temporarily for those children left destitute. The business men of Frank have been energetic in meeting all immediate demands.

KING MINGLED WITH PARIS CHURCH-GOERS

Later Was Breakfasted by Foreign Minister Delcasse and Planted Commemorative Tree.

Paris, May 3.—The picturesque features of King Edward's visit to Paris are practically over. The incidents of to-day were comparatively quiet, but they were still expressive of the renewal of the Anglo-French good will.

His Majesty, in the morning, took a short stroll on his way to the English chapel. He seemed to enjoy mingling in the throng of churchgoers, who were clad in bright spring attire. King Edward wore a dark grey morning suit and a high hat. He carried a cane in his left hand and walked briskly with Sir Edmund K. Monson, the British Ambassador. Crowds of people gathered at the British Embassy and along the thorofares where his Majesty passed and gave mild demonstrations of good will.

Breakfast to His Majesty.

At noon to-day Foreign Minister Delcasse gave a breakfast at the Foreign Office to his Majesty. Among the hundred guests present were many notable figures in official and diplomatic life, as well as persons famous in the salons. The papal nuncio and Count Von Wolkenstein, the Austrian Ambassador, who is dean of the diplomatic corps, were present. The breakfast gave occasion for further expressions of the firmer friendship between France and Great Britain, which the visit of King Edward has brought out.

King and President Dine.

In the afternoon King Edward planted a chestnut tree in the garden of the British Embassy in commemoration of his visit, and received the orphaned pensioners of the British institution, the cornerstone of which he laid when he was Prince of Wales.

To-night a gala dinner was given at the British Embassy to President Loubet. This was followed by a concert by the leading artists of the opera. The decoration of a number of French officials by King Edward is announced. The members of the King's party have received the decoration of the Order of the Legion of Honor.

RUMOR OF KING'S ASSASSINATION

Gained Credence in London and Caused Great Anxiety.

London, May 3.—A rumor that King Edward had been assassinated gained circulation here to-day. It caused a feeling of uneasiness until it was learned that the rumor was absolutely unfounded and that the Sunday program of the royal visit was being carried out in Paris without a hitch.

The rumor caused great alarm in London official and court circles. Anxious enquiries concerning the truth of the report were made, and from Buckingham Palace telegrams were immediately sent to Paris. The replies that there was no truth in the rumor brought intense relief to all classes of society.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE B. FRASER

Prominent Business Man of Toronto Expires After Brief Illness.

Mr. Geo. B. Fraser, one of Toronto's best known business men, expired Saturday morning after a brief illness. Pneumonia was the cause of death. Funeral services were held last evening, and the remains taken to Guelph for interment early this morning. A large number of friends accompanied the body, and the casket was buried beneath the many floral offerings of friends. The remains were received at Guelph by members of the Masonic fraternity, the Caledonian Society and many citizens. Mr. Fraser was a resident of Guelph for twenty years before removing to Toronto, where he held many public positions of confidence. He was born at Tain, Rossshire, Scotland, in 1830, and removed to Montreal when a young man. He came to Toronto twenty years ago and became identified with the business life of the city as a commission broker and manufacturers' agent, in which he built up a lucrative business.

The deceased leaves a family in Toronto, Mr. George Fraser, the well-known artist of The World staff, being one of his sons.

Mr. Fraser was a thirty-third degree Mason, and one of the substantial business men of the city. His illness was of but a few days' duration. It was not regarded as serious until Friday. A man of great vigor, mentally and physically, the physicians were hopeful until the very last of his recovery.

RECEIVED MONEY FOR PROTECTION

Trial of Ex-Mayor Ames at Minneapolis Looks Bad.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 3.—When the trial of former Mayor A. A. Ames for bribery was resumed yesterday, Irwin A. Gardner, who swears he collected money for the Mayor from unfortunate women, declared that he had given his evidence without promise of immunity or reward of any kind from the State. Thomas M. Brown, who was the Mayor's secretary, produced a list of "roomers" he had found in the Mayor's desk while cleaning it out. This was after the Mayor had left town. It was in the handwriting of Charles R. Hill, the Mayor's captain of police, and presumably was the list of women who were paying for protection.

Smoking Perfection Mixture, nothing to equal it. Alive Bollard.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS.

To William Edwards, secretary Ontario Board of Public Works, who is 85 years of age to-day. He is one of the oldest civil service employes and has been named "Dean of the Ontario Civil Service."

Cigars—Marguerite, Irvings, Boston, for 25c. Alive Bollard.

Try the decanter at Thomas', three for a quarter.

Nothing but the finest goods at Thomas

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Opening Handicrafts Exhibition, Woman's Art Gallery, 3 p.m.
Natural History Society, Canadian Institute, 8 p.m.
Daughters of the Empire, annual meeting, Conservatory of Music, 8 p.m.
National Council of Women, 4 p.m.
Armouries, A.M.C. and Toronto Light Horse, parade, 8 p.m.
Parliament Buildings, Legislature, 3 p.m.
Gamey investigation, City Hall, 10 a.m.

10c Gates Cigar sold for 5c—Havana. Alive Bollard. New Store, 128 Yonge St

HOW IT ALWAYS HAPPENS.

Lost in admiration at the fireworks "the Country" never feels his pocket being picked.

C.P.R. to Have Thru Line Via Soo to Pacific Coast

New York, May 3.—It appears that the plans of the Canadian Pacific are a great deal more far-reaching than has been supposed. The officials of that road do not hesitate to express themselves in strong language when talking of the present relations between their system and the roads owned by the Northern Securities Company.

An official here says: "I cannot repeat too often the fact that we are not going to enter upon any aggressive invasion of the territory now occupied by other lines; but you may take it for granted once for all that if the Great Northern and Northern Pacific pursue their present policy with regard to the boundary territory much further, they will get a reply from the Canadian Pacific that will open their eyes. There are surveying corps in the pay of the Canadian Pacific now in the field between Spokane and Vancouver. That is the shape that our reply will take to Mr. Hill's invasion of lower British Columbia by means of Great Northern lines.

May Build Thru to Coast.

"Moreover, unless this thing stops soon, Soo line surveyors will go clear thru to the coast."

There is no necessity to make deductions from these remarks. They carry their meaning on the surface. It transpires also that Mr. Hill has in the president of the Canadian Pacific a bitter opponent.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy does not share with Lord Strathcona and Mr. Hosmer their sympathy with the plans and ambitions of Mr. Hill. Shaughnessy is Irish, and is prone to say what he thinks regardless of consequences. He openly expressed his pleasure at the recent defeat of the Northern Securities Company, and he does not hesitate to say that he is going to look after the rights of the Canadian Pacific both in British Columbia and elsewhere.

Conservatives Want a Dividend.

At present Canadian Pacific councils in Montreal are somewhat divided. President Shaughnessy is for immediate action. Senator Cox and Mr. Hosmer and the Bank of Montreal are opposed to anything aggressive at the present time. The interests of the two former are pretty closely w[illegible] with Mr. Hill's enterprises, altho Mr. Hosmer states that he sold his last share of Northern Securities about half an hour before the adverse decision was rendered at St. Paul. The same lines separate the directors on the dividend, while those who favor it oppose any increase on the ground that the company can use the money to better advantage. The dividend meeting comes in May, and has gained new importance on account of this division. It is believed in Canadian Pacific circles here that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and his friends will be able to carry every point and dictate the policy of the company. Sir Thomas votes the proxies of nearly all the debenture stockholders, and has the confidence of the people to the most remarkable degree.

MR. ROSS' EMPHATIC DENIAL

To Rumors of Parting With Dominion Shares While Abroad.

Montreal, May 3.—(Special.)—"Some people in order to serve their own ends chatter as wildly as a monkey on a stick, but it does not take much of an effort to bring the little animal down if you aim sufficiently straight," was the answer given today by President James Ross when asked if there was any truth in the rumor that he had parted with considerable holdings of steel and coal during his recent trip abroad. "I have not sold," he added, "during my absence a single share of either Dominion Coal or Steel, neither has one share of my holdings in these companies been disposed of by an agent or by any one belonging to me."

Mr. Ross had little else to say regarding the two companies, except that the filling of the position vacated by Mr. Shields was a matter to be dealt with by the board, and had not yet been accomplished.

DEATH BY GAS.

Death by gas was the choice of Samuel Guest, a young mechanic, who has been rooming at 5 Peter-street. On Saturday evening he was found lying on the floor of his room dead, from asphyxiation. For some time he had been a sufferer from melancholia, induced by sustained poor health. The body was removed to Bedson's undertaking establishment.

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MARRIAGES.

ROGERSON—GREER—On Saturday, May 2, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. John Greer, 209 Gerrard-street, by Rev. Dr. Cleaver, pastor of Sherbourne-street Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. Dr. Cross of McMaster University, Jennie Augusta (Gussie), daughter of the late John Greer, to William Rogerson, also of Toronto.

DEATHS.

FRASER—On Saturday, May 2, Geo. B. Fraser (commission merchant), aged 73 years.
Interment in Guelph.

REDFERN—At his father's residence, 18 Poucher-street, George, beloved son of Thomas and Lillian Redfern, in his 6th year.
Funeral to-day (Monday), at 3 p.m.

HARVEY INSPECTS CANADA.

Inventor of Famous Steel Process May Locate at the Soo.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., May 3.—Inventor Harvey, whose process of hardening steel has revolutionized the arming of modern battleships, paid a flying visit to this town last week. Mr. Harvey is an Englishman, and is in this part of the country with an eye to business. He is greatly taken with the Sault, and it is possible he may transfer his energies here. Mr. Harvey is a wealthy man, of course, and can interest millions of capital. He was Mr. Clergue's guest while in town.

SANDERSON'S MOUNTAIN DEW SCOTCH
An old and delicious whisky.

$2 and $2.50 Derby Hats.

There seems to be a very popular demand for two and two-fifty stiff felt hats, and, like the up-to-date people they are, Dineen Company are endeavoring to meet that demand with some of the best hats they can get anywhere. Dineen's are the largest hat dealers in Canada, and because of their big cash buying they get large discounts, which you will appreciate if you purchase a hat from them.

Did you ever try the top barrel?

FAIR AND WARMER.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, May 3.—(8 p.m.)—Showers have occurred to-day over the larger portion of Ontario and from present indications will extend eastward. The weather is fairly warm again in Manitoba and the Territories and the outlook is favorable.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 30—52; Victoria, 44—56; Calgary, 30—64; Qu'Appelle, 34—58; Prince Albert, 22—70; Winnipeg, 26—60; Parry Sound, 42—48; Toronto, 38—52; Ottawa, 40—62; Montreal, 40—58; Quebec, 36—62; Halifax, 30—44.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes — Fresh westerly winds; fair and a little warmer.

Georgian Bay—Fresh westerly winds; fair and cool.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Southwesterly winds; clearing and fairly warm.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—South and southwest winds; mild and showery.

Maritime—Fresh southeasterly winds; cloudy and cool with local showers.

Superior—A few scattered showers, but mostly fair.

Manitoba—A few scattered showers, but mostly fair and moderately warm.

Call Bell's Strong Bluff and Phone Monopoly Quit

HANDSOME FEMALE CROOK WITH "BADGER" WORKERS

Toronto Police Well Know Mrs. Barber, Jailed at Montreal for Desperate Job.

The handsome adventuress who figured as the "charmer" in the "badger" game which attracted so much attention at Montreal last week, is a Toronto woman. She is known to the police as Mrs. C. A. Barber. For several years she has resided periodically in Toronto, living very quietly on upper Jarvis-street, and maintaining the air of eminent respectability. With the man who aided her to rob the old Montreal merchant of ten thousand dollars she is now in jail there. The local police have been asked to investigate some persons in Toronto who are known to have had recent connections with the gang in Montreal.

Mrs. Barber's Artful Work.

If Mrs. Barber ever attempted any of her artful work here the police have not received complaints. Still, this is the greatest hope of safety "badger" workers have. They usually select their victims from a class that cannot afford to have their share in the game exposed. But the police know the woman and have known for years that she was the associate of high-class crooks.

Very Pretty Crooks.

Tall and dashing Mrs. Barber has the regulation stage figure, which she makes more attractive by a very tasty display of tailor made gowns, fine lingeries and the latest things in imported styles. A striking brunet, with fine head, set on a splendid pair of shoulders, a magnificent carriage, Mrs. Barber presents an appearance well calculated to attract attention on the street. She is as daring as she is handsome, and altogether is considered in police circles as a very dangerous personage when aided by a class of men she selects to assist her in fleecing her victims. Yet, as Mrs. Barber walks down Yonge-street or strolls thru the park, the average discernment would be at fault as to her position, socially.

Very Dangerous Woman.

While the piece of work which landed the woman and her male assistant in jail at Montreal is considered in police circles as very coarse in comparison with what she is supposed to be able to do, it was an accident that the victim was not plucked for a fortune. The old man was inveigled into the woman's apartments in a fashionable part of the city, and then the man came in as the indignant husband and demanded ten thousand dollars for his wounded feelings under penalty of death. The old merchant signed cheques for the amount after being kept a prisoner for several hours, but escaped before the couple could collect the cash, and their arrests followed.

How the "Badgers" Work.

Usually the "badger" game is the most difficult to detect, the police say, because of the refusal of the victims to prosecute. As a rule crooks who resort to this method to raise money work in bunches of three and four. The prime requisite for the success of such a plot is a handsome woman who is both bold and resourceful. A man of means is marked as the prey of the gang. If he is a banker, broker or what not. It is the resourceful female stool-pigeon who must apparently come in contact with him in some legitimate business way. She deposits money in his bank, buys stocks thru his place, or buys a house off him, as was being arranged by the gang in Montreal.

Administer Finishing Touch.

These negotiations under way, the victim finds it necessary to call at the woman's apartments. Then the crooks work rapidly. In the vernacular of the craft this is where they make their "clean up," their "graft," as it were. A man suddenly makes his appearance who poses as the woman's husband. He is armed and of physical proportions that are by no means reassuring. He pretends to think the position compromising. It is the woman crook's business to lend color to this idea. In fact the victim is rendered more timid by his knowledge that his position is not easily explained. Demands are made for money, and plenty of it. In nine cases out of ten the bit of by-play produces the right effect. The victim has not so much with him, but a third member of the gang is conveniently near who can take the cheque down and get it cashed. Then the game is easy. In many cases before the man realizes that he is more than a victim of circumstances the badgers have fled. This is the "badger" game which has been a lucrative source of income to crooks the world over for years.

Vigorous Municipal Policy at Ottawa Gives President Sise a Hard Jolt.

Ottawa, May 3.—(Special.)—The telephone coon has crawled down. Thursday the Bell Company sent a letter to the Mayor stating that under its statutory powers it intended to erect poles on certain streets in Ottawa. Mayor Cook immediately consulted the City Solicitor and on his advice wrote the company that if it attempted to tear up the streets of the city as was threatened there would be trouble, His Worship intimating that the employes of the company would be resisted "by all the force at his command."

President Sise yesterday sent the following apologetic epistle to His Worship:

President Sise Changes Front.

Office of the Bell Telephone Co.
Montreal, May 1, 1903.
To His Worship Mayor Cook,
Ottawa, Ont.:

Your Worship,—In the regular routine of our business, it has been customary for local managers when the company desired to erect poles to address letters to the local authorities similar to the one you received on the 29th April. The form was drafted by counsel a long time ago, and has been used at all our offices. It therefore had and should have no bearing on the conditions at Ottawa. The letter was written in the belief that since parties had applied for service which we are under the law bound to furnish we must make formal application to erect poles, and with the object of fulfilling what we deemed our obligations under our charter, and accommodating the public if city saw fit to grant the permission. It should not be necessary for us to state that the company had no intention of doing an illegal act or attempting to erect poles in places not approved by the city, and inasmuch as the company has for twenty-three years complied with the law in Ottawa, not only Dominion and provincial, but also municipal, I think it is fair to assume that the letter was merely intended to affirm what was supposed to be our legal position, but with no intention of doing an illegal act for that purpose. Yours truly,
(Signed) C. F. Sise, President.

Would Arrest Bell Men.

The company's descent, while commendable on its part, has spoiled a good news item, as the authorities were fully determined to resist the impudent pretensions of the company, the police having been instructed to arrest the first employe of the Bell Company who attempted to erect a pole without the city's permission.

GAMEY RENTS NEW HOME.

Member for Manitoulin Has Sold His Farm and Taken Another.

The Algoma Conservator has this to say of the member for Manitoulin: "R. R. Gamey has rented what is known as the 'Martie' Thorburn property. It adjoins the property of Robert Thorburn on the hill opposite the Trumpour property, and has within its limits twenty acres of land on which there is a dwelling house. This does not look much like giving up the fight, does it? We understand his family have taken possession and are moving in this week. His sale of farm stock, etc., will take place to-day at Long Bay.

"Watch Gamey ride the breakers safely to the shore."

"Du Barry" Don't Please Germans.

Berlin, May 3.—David Belasco's "Du Barry" was produced for the first time in Germany at the Theatre Des Weatons last night. Frau Odilon of Vienna appeared in the title roll. The play was splendidly staged, and the house was filled. It was not considered a success, however, and was greeted with much hissing. The critics this morning exhausted their vocabularies in ridiculing the play.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

May 2.	At	From
Columbian	Boston	London
La Champagne	Havre	New York
Mayflower	Queenstown	Boston
Cedric	Queenstown	New York
Etruria	Queenstown	New York
Canadian	Liverpool	New York
Livonian	Glasgow	Boston
Statendam	Rotterdam	New York
Gera	Genoa	New York
Lilian	Manchester	New York
Umbria	New York	Liverpool
Pretoria	New York	Hamburg
Nicolai II	New York	Copenhagen
Phoenician	New York	Naples
La Savoie	New York	Havre
May 3.		
Bavarian	Quebec	Liverpool
Canada	Quebec	Liverpool
Menominee	New York	London
New York	New York	Southampton
Umbria	New York	Liverpool
Etruria	Liverpool	New York
Cedric	Liverpool	New York
Mayflower	Liverpool	Boston
Palatia	Gibraltar	New York
Barbarossa	Plymouth	New York

B.C. LEGISLATURE CORRUPTED FOR A LAND GRANT TO C.P.R.

Victoria, B.C., May 3.—British Columbia has a political sensation as a result of disclosures made yesterday at the legislative enquiry being held into the subsidy for building the Columbia & Western Railway, which had not been paid. The act provided that land be awarded in alternate blocks, contiguous or as close as possible to the line. Later, arrangements were made to grant to the company two blocks in Southeast Kootenay, hundreds of miles from the road, and which are alleged to be rich in coal and oil. Crown grants were issued but not delivered.

Dunsmuir Cancelled Grants.

Ex-Premier Dunsmuir gave evidence yesterday before the enquiry, which was called to enquire into why these blocks should have been selected, that he had cancelled the grants because he learned that everything was not right. The Order-in-Council granting these two blocks had been made in his absence. He made a order approving the grant would save 300,000 acres by the arrangement.

Mr. Wells, Commissioner of Lands and Works, went to Montreal with the grants to the Canadian Pacific Railway, but returned with them. The witness then learned that there was something wrong in connection with the deal and he cancelled the grants. He did this as a result of a certain thing—he would not say what—that Mr. Wells had told him. He was told that Mr. Wells had been offered 30,000 acres of the lands if he would hand over the grants to the Canadian Pacific Railway. He, as Premier, cancelled the grants, as he did not want any crooked business while he was doing it.

Two Members Involved.

Mr. Wells said the ex-Premier's statement was substantially correct. He had been told in Montreal that a company was being formed in Montreal to take over the blocks of land, and two members of the legislature were to be allotted one each of the twenty shares.

Press Demands Royal Commission.

In the course of a lengthy editorial, a local paper says: "Nothing less than the appointment of a Royal Commission will be satisfactory to the electorate or to the legislature. The reputations of some of the members are at stake. Aspersions have been cast upon their character, which can only be removed by the light of a full and complete investigation. It has been charged that certain of the members were to personally profit by the transfer of the lands in question to the C.P.R. We take it that the House will, with one voice, insist on that charge being proven or refuted."