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FIGURES THAT DESTROY MR. GABEY'S REPORT.

In Mr. Gabey's report, presented by Mr. Beck, there are the two following estimates:

ESTIMATE NO. 1.

Operation and maintenance of road	\$120,000
Interest and S. F. on \$765,311	56,106
Rental to city of London	20,000
Revenue from operation	\$206,106
Or excess earnings over operating expense	\$55,394

ESTIMATE NO. 2.

Operation and maintenance of road	\$130,000
Interest and S. F. on \$899,573	56,106
Rental to city of London	20,000
Total operating expenses	\$206,106
Earnings from passengers and freight over coal	201,500

Giving an excess operating expenditure over earnings of \$ 4,606. It will be noticed that in No. 1 the total revenue was put at \$261,500; in No. 2, at \$201,500, the difference, \$60,000, being the gross amount received from the haulage of coal and steel which is omitted in No. 2. These statements show that the whole of the \$60,000 gross receipts are treated as profits. In statement No. 2, without the haulage of coal, there is a loss of \$4,606.

In statement No. 1, with the coal there is a surplus of \$55,394, making the difference exactly \$60,000.

In other words, the deficiency of \$4,606, as shown in statement No. 2, is turned into a profit of \$55,394, as shown in statement No. 1, by taking the gross receipts from coal and steel, \$60,000, as all profit, notwithstanding the fact that these receipts had to be paid for the haulage of coal, and that the haulage of coal is a loss of 16 cents a ton. It is upon such a report as this that the citizens of London are asked to change the London and Port Stanley Railroad from a steam road to one operated by electricity.

If operated as a steam road we can maintain the valuable connection that we have with the Michigan Central and Pere Marquette. As a steam road we know that we can retain the coal traffic.

If the road is electrified, the Michigan Central will not run into London. If the road is electrified the Pere Marquette will not run into London. This whole scheme of electrification is in the interest of the city of St. Thomas, as against the city of London, and will tend to build up the former city at our expense.

The electrification of the London and Port Stanley Railroad will doubtless increase the passenger traffic, but that is not the main interest of London in the London and Port Stanley Railroad. Our main interest is to maintain the connection which we have for freight traffic, not only to the peninsula, the Michigan Central and Pere Marquette. Without these connections, London would cease to be a jobbing center.

LONDON AND THE M. C. R.

Mr. H. B. Ledyard, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Central Railway Company, says his company will not run its trains over an electrified line between London and St. Thomas, or allow such a line to haul its traffic. His statement is unequivocal. In a letter to Colonel Little, the secretary of the London and South-eastern Railway Company, Mr. Ledyard says:

"In reply to your inquiry as to whether, in case the London and Port Stanley Railway should decide to equip its line with a trolley system, the Michigan Central could continue to operate its trains with steam locomotives, I have to advise you that in my opinion such continuance would be impracticable. In reply to your further inquiry as to whether the Michigan Central would consent to have its traffic between St. Thomas and London in both directions, hauled by the parties controlling the electrified line, in my judgment, it could not be to the interests of this company to agree to such an arrangement."

The loss of the M. C. R. connection would be a staggering blow to the wholesale and jobbing interests of the city of London, but it has been invited by the promoters of the electrification scheme. They have rushed into it headlong, bent only on having their own way, regardless of the damage they might inflict upon London's position as a distributing center.

In view of Mr. Ledyard's letter, Mr. Beck's assertion that the M. C. R. would hand over its business to an electrified line operated by the city of London, should shock some citizens into a more cautious frame of mind. If Mr. Beck is so far astray in respect to the very vital matter of the M. C. R.'s relations to London, what ground is there for crediting his other statements? Does his whole report rest upon similar fragments of the imagination? There is internal and external evidence that it does. The estimates of earnings are based upon the assumptions that the city would handle all the M. C. R. traffic, and that the carriage of coal would cost nothing. Both have no foundation. Two essential props have been knocked from beneath the scheme already. And the architects of this rickety structure ask to be entrusted with the task of building up London!

COLONEL HUGHES' OUTRAGEOUS TELEGRAM.

The telegram from the Minister of Militia withdrawing his offer of \$150,000 toward the acquisition of a federal square in London, is an affront to this community.

In its arrogant and truculent tone, it is thoroughly characteristic of the individual at the head of the militia department.

Condemnation of this grossly arbitrary act should echo from one end of the country to the other. It is an exhibition of downright public immorality that ought to be resented by every decent citizen, Conservative or Liberal.

The people of London will look to Major Beattie to protest against such Cossack methods of trying to drag down them.

It is none of Colonel Hughes' business what view the school board of this city takes of the proposal to introduce military exercises into the public schools. There are many parents who doubt whether these exercises convey to the minds of little boys any rational lesson of patriotism.

There are other parents who approve, or are indifferent. All Canadians are proud of the militia; they admit the need of such a force in the present state of international relations and as a security for public order. But our militia is based on the voluntary principle. Its members are old enough to choose for themselves and to comprehend what it means. Colonel Hughes seeks to introduce the element of compulsion; to imitate the methods of continental Europe. He brazenly avows his intention of penalizing the whole community if its school board

ported. Two members of the House of Commons heard his speech, and say that he was reported accurately.

A DISHONEST PROVINCE.

(Hamilton Herald.)

According to Hon. Bob Rogers' statement, there is no honest sentiment in favor of reciprocity in Western Canada. Then what a shockingly dishonest lot of folks those Saskatchewan voters must be!

THE AXE.

(T. Watson, Iowa Station.)

In boyhood's days we learned to claim that joy which is life the flower. From far and near the neighbors came To spend with us the evening hour. Well pleased were we our friends to see. For they were men sincere and kind. But the least welcome one was he Who always brought an axe to grind.

The grindstone for him must turn Until our strength was almost spent; And often did our anger burn Before that neighbor homeward went. He never knew the sweet repose Of one who meets a kindred mind; He only came as one of those Who always have an axe to grind.

And what was true when we were boys, Today appeals as true as ever: The man who mars the sweetest joys Is he who lives himself to serve. In friendship's circle large and free, Let richest treasures be combined, And never show yourself to be The one who has an axe to grind.

STILL UNTASTED.

(Chicago Record Herald.)

"What," asked Mrs. Oldcastle, as she picked up a volume of the Limp Leather Edition of the Classics, "do you think of 'Thucydides'?" "I really don't know," replied Mrs. Gottalotte, after she had straightened a corner of her \$600 Royal Persian rug; "we've never had any. Josiah says they're no good unless you get them fresh and our grocer never seems to have any except the ones in cans."

A VICTORY FOR NONCONFORMISTS.

(Baltimore Herald.)

By a vote of 485 to 326, the Senate of the British University of Cambridge revoked, the other day, a regulation which debars Nonconformist divines from receiving the degree of doctor of divinity from that institution. It is really a very big victory which the Nonconformists have won, and when Oxford shall have fallen into this matter, as no doubt sooner or later Oxford will, the change will bring much satisfaction to the Nonconformist millions in Great Britain.

TAKING PRECAUTIONS EARLY.

(Ottawa Journal.)

The married man who goes in and buys himself a stock of neckties and clears these days has his reasons for doing so. Leave him alone.

ANTELOPES.

(Buffalo Express.)

"Jinks appears to have outlived his usefulness?" "Yes; he died that 55 years ago." "How old is he?" "Sixty-five."

BETWEEN TWO "COPS."

(The Sketch.)

The Magistrate—What brought you to this? Prisoner—Two coppers. The Magistrate—Drunk, I suppose? The Prisoner—Yus—both of 'em.

HERE'S A CLUE.

(Winnipeg Post.)

Do you know why money is so tight? No? Well, it's all locked up in those bank clearings.

ANOTHER DOG.

(Boston Transcript.)

Griggs—"Lost money. In that stock deal, did you? Say, let me give you a pointer." Briggs—"No you don't. No more pointers for me. What I'm looking for now is a retriever."

SOMEWHERE YET.

(S. Kiser.)

The pews are empty, the church is cold; The preacher's warnings are "trite and old." His clothes are baggy and gone to seed, The world is too busy to give him heed. The Bible is closed and covered with dust; The hymn-book into a corner is thrust; A few remembrance and many forget, But God may be listening somewhere yet.

There are few "Amen's" to the preacher's prayer; The hurrying hordes have ceased to care; Faith is dwindling and doubt prevails; The preacher pleads, but his pleading fails.

We have travelled far, and have ceased to fear; The preacher warns, but we fail to hear; In our strength, we doubt; in our haste, we forget, But somewhere God may be watching yet.

AS IT SHOULD BE.

(Toronto Star.)

When Mr. Borden was at rest, he goes to a health resort in the United States. When Mr. Wilson wants a rest he goes to a British colony. May there be many such exchanges of benefits.

TARIFF REFORM IN ENGLAND.

(Canadian Collier.)

A certain section of the Unionist party continually urges that England must raise her tariff in order to do justice to the colonies, such as Canada, who give her a tariff preference in their respective markets. While the Canadian cannot help feeling that this is a sign of manly courtesy and consideration for our feelings, he is also bound to say that this is quite the wrong basis for the argument of the tariff reformer. We would appreciate privileges in the English market, of course, but we cannot feel that it is right for England to erect a tariff wall, however low, merely for us. We are unwilling to continue to give England her preference in our market. There are items upon which we might some day give her even more favorable terms. But whether the United Kingdom is to become a protected country or continue in free trade is a matter to be dealt with entirely on its economic merits. Sentiment toward the colonies should be left out of the matter.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO PORTLAND, MAINE, FOR SAILING S.S. TEUTONIC, DEC. 14TH.

For the accommodation of passengers sailing on the White Star-Dominion Line Steamship Teutonic from Portland, Maine, Dec. 14th, the Grand Trunk Railway will run a special train consisting of Vestibule Coaches, Tourist and First-Class Standard Pullman Sleeping Cars, leaving Toronto at 1:15 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13th, running direct to the Dock at Portland, arriving there at 9:00 a.m., Dec. 14th. Berth reservations, tickets, and full particulars can be obtained from nearest Grand Trunk Agent, or write A. E. Duff, D. P. A., Union Station, Toronto, Ont. R. E. Ruess, city passenger and ticket agent, phone 80.

SCHOOL BOARD AGAIN ADOPTS SINGLE SESSIONS

Double Sessions in the Kindergarten Declared to Work Towards Inefficiency—Trustee Gammage Will Ask For a Reconsideration.

The board of education yesterday afternoon decided by a large vote to go back to single sessions in the kindergarten. Only Trustee Hunt voted against the change, though Trustee Gammage voted yes so that he might give notice of motion that the matter be reconsidered at the next meeting of the board. This he did.

The proposal to go back to the old conditions elicited a lively debate. Trustee Gammage thought the kindergarten should be run on the basis of single sessions, and at the close of the discussion renewed the interest by reading a report which showed that many of the kindergarten teachers, when single sessions were in vogue before, were overworked.

The change explained. Trustee Irwin, in explaining the change, said there are three teachers earning \$800 per annum, who would be willing to take \$700 per year and have only single sessions, because they felt that now they cannot do their work properly. He would make the minimum for directors under the change \$700, and for assistants \$550. He admitted that if the change were made 31 teachers and three students would be required, against 24 teachers as at present. But he said that the change, owing to the rearrangement of salaries, would only make a difference of about \$2,000 in the cost of the kindergarten in 1913, and about \$1,500 the next year.

Trustee Gammage said in 1908 under single sessions, the kindergarten cost about \$4,000. In 1911 under double sessions, they cost \$13,559, and yet the efficiency was not impaired. Increase in Salaries. "The increase in salaries alone for extra teachers will run the bill up over \$4,000," Mr. Gammage declared. Mr. Irwin said the cost next year would be about \$18,000.

The other trustees, however, with the exception of Mr. Hunt, thought the double session impaired the efficiency of the kindergarten, and it was decided to go back to the single sessions in January.

"LONDON INDUSTRIAL AND ART SCHOOL"

Local Institution Changes Its Name Because of the School at Mimico.

The name of the London Industrial and Art School has been changed, and is now known by the more euphonious title of "The London Industrial and Art School." And thereby hangs a tale.

There is another industrial school in the province, at Mimico, where bad boys are sent to educate them, and of their education some misguided persons have confused the two schools, hence the change.

It was decided by the board of education yesterday to introduce classes in wood carving and sign writing for the winter term, beginning Jan. 6.

Principal Beal reported that 153 pupils were attending the evening classes, 64 were attending the day classes. The average attendance per night was 67. There are 28 full-time day scholars, and 12 part time. The average attendance is 31. These art classes had been held during the month, with an average attendance of 61.

The school nurse reported 928 inspections during the month, and 54 treatments administered. There were 10 affected with defective breathing, 4 with defective hearing, 7 with defective vision, 10 with carious teeth, 7 with glasses fitted, and 10 had teeth filled. Five had tonsils and adenoids removed.

SUPPER A SUCCESS

Anniversary in Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church.

The anniversary supper and concert held in Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening was a pronounced success. An excellent tea was served by the ladies of the church at 6 o'clock, and this was followed by a program which the large audience greatly enjoyed. Rev. P. E. Nichol, pastor of the church, was chairman, and introduced a varied program. Short speeches were delivered by Rev. Dr. Nixon, of St. Paul's Church, West London, and Rev. T. H. Mitchell, of New St. James'. Mr. Thomas Alexander delighted everybody with his readings and story telling, and Mr. Carlyle Webster and the following ladies contributed the musical numbers: Misses McNeill, Samuel Fraser, Angus McKenzie, Clara Decker, and Lillian Gray.

COOK—STALKEN

Pretty Wingham Girl Becomes Bride of Young Doctor.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Wingham, Dec. 4.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stalker, Maple street, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Tuesday, when their only daughter, Luella E., was united in marriage to Dr. Earl Homer Cook, of Friendship, N. Y. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Pirrie, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, in the presence of the immediate friends.

To the strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. D. Geddes, the bride entered the parlor leaning upon the arm of her father, attended only by her little cousin, Pearl Taylor, as flower girl. She wore a handsome gown of silk chiffon over cream satin, made en train, with silk embroidered veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of cream roses. The bride's mother wore mauve satin. After the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served, the tables being decorated with carnations and smilax. Dr. and Mrs. Cook left for a short trip, the bride wearing a brown suit, large black beaver hat, with white ostrich trimming.

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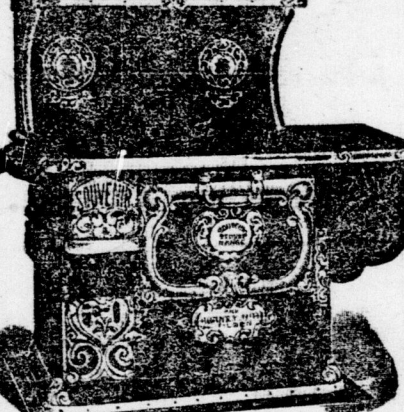
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COMPLIMENTARY.

[Sarc'd Heart Review.]

Lawyer (to judge): "I admit that my client called the plaintiff an ox, but, seeing the price of meat, I consider that rather as a compliment than an insult."

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RETALIATION.

[Judge.]

Agnes—I wish this suffragette movement would introduce the custom of girls calling on men.

Gladys—Goodness, why?

Agnes—I know a few Staylakes whom I would enjoy keeping up until after midnight.

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