

CHICAGO TELEPHONE COMPANY WANTS TO LOCATE IN LONDON

Manufacturers' Committee Appears to Think Well of the Concern and Steps Are Now Being Taken to Secure the Industry for This City.

At the special meeting of the manufacturers' committee last evening, Mr. W. H. Rhode, representative of the Swedish-American Telephone Company, of Chicago, laid a proposition before the committee to establish a branch of their factory in London. No agreement was reached, but a special meeting will be called later to take definite action.

Ald. Beattie occupied the chair in the absence of Ald. Ferguson, and asked Mr. Rhode to state his case.

Mr. Rhode explained that he represented the Swedish-American Telephone Company, of Chicago. That firm intended establishing a branch in Canada to be known as the Dominion Telephone Supplies Company. The company would be capitalized at \$250,000, of which \$100,000 was in preferred stock. Of this amount he would sell \$40,000 in preferred stock to Dominion capitalists. Several other cities had made him offers to locate there, but London suited him better, as it was centrally located for the independent telephone business, and had splendid railroad facilities.

What He Wants.

He asked for a free site, 100x400, free water, and exemption from taxation for ten years. He presented credentials, showing the rating of the company in Chicago, and also the amount of business done by the company.

"Our firm alone does from \$75,000 to \$100,000 business annually with Canada," said Mr. Rhode. "We have to pay 27 per cent duty on all our goods, and still make a profit. There are 50 other firms manufacturing the same line of goods in the United States, and they obtain their share of the trade, I presume. There is not a firm in Canada making telephone supplies, so you

here.

Rainfall Was a Decidedly Heavy One

Jupiter Pluvius seems to be after a record.

Last Tuesday there was a heavy rainfall that for a few minutes was as plentiful as has been experienced in this city for some time.

On that occasion the streets were flooded, and merchants had to keep busy to prevent the rain coming into their places of business.

This morning Jupiter attempted to outdo that record.

The rain started quite early, and for a considerable length of time a fine, steady rain fell.

About a quarter to 8 it began to fall in earnest. The clouds seemed to open and for fifteen minutes the rain fell in sheets.

The streets were flooded every-

where. On Richmond street the pavement was literally a river.

The manholes were blocked up, but they were opened up quickly, and all danger of flooding the stores eliminated.

There were many people on the streets, and as a result some sorry-looking wrecks were exhibited.

Many of the girls were drenched, and their clothes presented a sad sight.

An umbrella was of practically no use, as the wind blew the rain everywhere.

The men fared but little better than the women, and some of the wettest-looking men seen in a long time wended their way to work.

It certainly was quite wet.

The Local Grocers Plan a Big Picnic

The retail grocers of this city met last night in Sherwood Hall to make arrangements for the annual picnic, which is to be held on the last Wednesday of August to Springfield, at a satisfactory agreement can be made with the street railway company.

Last year the grocers' picnic to Springfield was the largest ever taken to the park, with the exception of the Old Boys' and school children's picnic, and this year they are figuring on a still larger crowd.

The feature of the day will be the baseball game between the grocers of the city north of Dundas street and the grocers of the south.

The game will be played for a trophy presented by the manager of the Lee Pickling and Preserving Company, Mr. Sid Scranton. The cup must be won three times by one side before the ownership becomes permanent.

Mr. Cyril Hayes will be the captain of the north team and J. T. May the captain of the south. Any person wishing to play should hand in his name to the captain as soon as possible.

The judges of the games will be picked from members of the different wholesale firms, with their travellers.

Chief Clerk C. Maker will act as starter.

The following committees were appointed to look after the details of the affair:

Sports—E. E. Linnell, C. Young, F. Paul, T. Vincent, J. Wyckoff, J. Henderson, T. Shaw and C. Hayes.

Refreshments—F. Travers and S. Marshall.

Transportation—E. J. Ryan, J. Diprose, G. McCormick and T. Shaw.

Popular Pastor Was Highly Honored

The Bible class taught by Rev. A. G. Harris, pastor of the Hill Street Church, met last evening to say farewell to their pastor, who is leaving this week to take charge of the Amherstburg church. About 50 members of the class and church were present at the residence of Mr. Wm. Day, 91 Matland street.

After a pleasant time had been spent in songs and speeches, Mr. Harris was called upon to relate his experiences in Bible class work. At the conclusion of the address Mrs. Harry Winnett, president of the class, presented Mr. Harris with a handsome gold-headed umbrella and an address.

Mr. Harris made a feeling reply, in which he spoke of the pleasant relations that had existed between himself and the class, and his regret at leaving them. He hoped that his successor, Rev. Mr. Redmond, would be accorded the same kindness that had been shown himself. Mr. Redmond was a man well able to assume the duties of teacher and guide.

Several members of the class spoke of their regret at losing Mr. Harris, and wished him prosperity in his new field of labor.

Refreshments were then served by Mrs. Day, after which the party broke up.

Rev. Mr. Harris and family leave on Friday for Amherstburg.

Sixth Field Battery Off for Petawawa

A number of members of the Sixth Field Battery left on the C. P. R. yesterday and Monday for the annual camp, which is now being held at Petawawa.

The guns were shipped from the Armouries on Thursday last, and the men followed in order as their firing days arrived.

People Opposed to Proposed Work

The residents of Bathurst street do not want a curb and gutter and pavement on that street.

Last night the bylaw was held up at the council to give the residents of that street an opportunity to appear before the council to oppose the pavement.

Already the petition against the work has been signed by every resident of the street, except two, and at least one of these will sign it.

"We do not want a pavement at all," said Mr. John M. Watson. "It is too expensive for the class of houses in that neighborhood. We do not mind paying for a curb and gutter, but when the pavement is added it makes

it much too expensive for us. They want to lay a street asphalt pavement, and that will not do for us. We will oppose it to the limit, and I think we will win. I cannot see how the council can lay it in the face of the petition signed by practically every resident of the street. Under the circumstances the pavement is too costly, and we will not have it."

Postponed.

Owing to the rain, the picnic of the girls' and boys' sodalities and the altar boys of St. Mary's Church was postponed till tomorrow. It will be held at Port Stanley.

Sam Latta a Liberal Candidate In a Saskatchewan Constituency

Former London School Teacher Rising to Prominence in West.

Mr. Sam J. Latta, formerly principal of Colborne Street School, city, is now editing a paper known as "The Prairie News," of Gowan, Sask., and is also the Liberal candidate in his constituency.

Mr. Latta is a warm admirer of Premier Walter Scott, and an old Middlesex boy, and in his appeal to the electors, says, amongst other things: "To the Electors of Last Mountain: Gentlemen,—You are doubtless aware that I have been selected as a candidate to represent the Liberal interest at the coming election on the 14th, and I desire to only reiterate something of what I have already said on the public platform regarding my attitude to the Provincial Government of the Hon. Walter Scott. I stand for the endorsement of the policy of the Government regarding the Supplementary Revenue Fund, because by this act the burden of school taxation upon the actual settlement has been materially lessened. Because in the expenditure of the millions of dollars of the people's money not a single successful charge of mismanagement or misappropriation of public funds has been laid at its door.

"Because it has practically organized or reconstructed the whole machinery of the Government of the province, making it efficient, prompt and practical."

Yours truly,
SAM. J. LATT.

City Hall Now a Bower of Beauty August Flower Show in Full Swing

A Grand Exhibition of Gladioli, Asters, Phlox and Other Choice Flowers.

The annual August flower show of the London Horticultural Society opened this morning at the city hall. The display of flowers is magnificent. Although the exhibitors were slow in getting their exhibits placed this morning, owing to the heavy rains, there was an excellent showing. This was particularly true of the gladioli, some of the rarest specimens shown in London being on exhibition.

There were several exhibitors in this class, principally Mr. H. H. Groff (Simcoe), E. J. Liddicoat, C. L. Jeffery and others.

Beautiful Gladioli.

Mr. H. H. Groff, of Simcoe, has frequently shown his interest in the London Horticultural Society by sending contributions of gladioli for their shows. For the present exhibition he has sent many beautiful samples of the world's best in this gorgeous flower. Mr. Groff is known the world over as the greatest living hybridist of gladioli, and the wonderful results of his co-partnership with Nature have illumined many gardens in Canada and elsewhere with floral grandeur, and made glad the hearts of flower-loving horticulturists. Many of his newer varieties are of such superlative merit that they have been named, and these names are always euphonious, and "mean something." Needless to say, the Groff gladioli are the centre of much pleased attention.

Other Flowers.

There is an abundance of asters and phlox, though these varieties suffered considerably from the very heavy rain this morning.

Tuberous begonias shown by Mr. John Paine and Mr. W. H. Liddicoat are exquisite.

The other varieties are well represented.

All the flowers will be placed this afternoon, and by this evening the city hall will be well worth visiting.

The show will be continued tomorrow.

Among the exhibitors who have flowers on exhibit are Messrs. P. Butler, C. Gilbert, H. H. Groff (Simcoe), E. J. Liddicoat, C. L. Jeffery, M. Calver (Maryboro P. O.), John Layne, Wm. Moore, C. J. Fox, A. M. Oubroux, Scott, J. H. Hall, W. H. Liddicoat and Mrs. A. J. Morgan.



BROKE THE GLASS

Act of a Vandal in East London Last Night.

Last night at about 10 o'clock the glass in front of the big show case at Arnold's photo gallery on Dundas street was broken, but it is not known who the culprit is.

A gentleman who resides above the store heard the crash, but by the time he got downstairs, two men were disappearing around the corner. It is thought that the glass was broken by some person leaning against it.

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They will have a special car on the 9:45 train tomorrow. A splendid sports programme has been provided and the events will be on in the afternoon.

Lunch will be served on the grounds at noon and evening.

EAST LONDON NOTES.

The funeral of Harold Walter Graham, of the 3-year-old son of Mr. Geo. Graham, of 87 Anderson avenue, who died Monday morning was held yesterday to Woodland Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham have the hearty sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Currie, of Galt, have returned home after spending a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rogers, of Erie street.

Misses Mattie and Bella Rogers, of York street, east, left yesterday for Port Stanley, where they will spend a week.

Mr. James Adams and son Clifford, of Toronto, have returned home after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. E. Adams, of Princess avenue east.

Miss Annie McGuire, of Lunan, is visiting with Mrs. W. E. Murdy, of Hamilton road east.

Hamilton Spectator: His Lordship Bishop Dowling, accompanied by Very Rev. Dean Mahoney, left this morning for a visit to the Atlantic coast. They will be away about two weeks.

EAST END PICNIC WAS POSTPONED

Owing to the Heavy Rain of This Morning.

Owing to the heavy rains this morning it was decided to postpone the picnic.

Elderly Lady Struck by a Street Car

While crossing Dundas street, near William street, today about noon, an unknown elderly woman was struck by car No. 122, on the Ottawa line, going west, and thrown upon her face to the street. Fortunately she fell clear of the wheels and practically escaped injury.

The car was in charge of Motorman Farrow and Conductor Nicholson.

The street railway officials denied absolutely any knowledge of the incident, which was witnessed by at least

a dozen people, and refused to divulge the name of the lady or any of the facts in connection with the accident. Witnesses, however, state that the lady was struck by the step of the car just as she had almost cleared the track.

Hospital Trust.

A regular meeting of the hospital trust will be held at the city hall on Thursday, Aug. 13, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Local Items

Mayor's Birthday.

This is Mayor Stevely's birthday, and a large number of his friends called in to pay their respects. He would not acknowledge them, however, as he was, in fact, celebrating his birthday.

Death of Charles Gustin.

The death occurred on Friday, July 24, of Mr. Charles Gustin, at Lake Valley Grove, Bosanquet, Ont. Mr. Gustin was aged 80 years, and was well known in Bosanquet.

Sudan Mission Work.

A rally of all interested in Sudan mission work is urgently requested for tonight at the Christian Workers Church, King street, when Mr. Herbert Mackenzie, the late pastor, will speak.

Miss Donovan Recovering.

Through the error of a correspondent, it was stated in "The Advertiser" that Miss Florence Donovan had succumbed to injuries received in the Chatham street car accident. Although severely hurt, it is believed that Miss Donovan will recover.

Still on Deck.

Mr. William Bryant, publisher of the "Thefted Tribune," says "An item has appeared in one of our country papers stating that we had sold out. We are still at the helm, as we have been for the past eight years, and intend remaining there."

A Great Game, This.

The ladies' baseball team from McClary will play the winners of the McCormick Company's picnic at Springfield on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Both teams can play to the limit, and there should be something doing all the way.

Foot Injured.

Mr. Fred Johnston, who resides at 281 Simcoe street, met with a painful accident at a local boiler works yesterday when a heavy piece of iron fell on his foot crushing it badly. Dr. Holmes was called and dressed the injury, which, although very painful, is not serious.

Here's Good News.

Mr. Buchanan, the postmaster at London Junction, reports that a letter addressed to Albert Cressy, with remittance from England, is awaiting him at the above postoffice. It has now been lying there for some time, and it is hoped this will meet the eye of the party interested.

People Have Grievance.

The residents of Ottawa avenue are wondering why the roller road has not been used there yet, as a coating of gravel was placed on the street several weeks ago. The road is practically impassable, as the loose gravel is spread several inches thick. The road has been in very bad condition for two years now, as the street was blocked by the sewer all last summer.

Declared Off.

Owing to the fact that a large number of the London natives drivers intend going to the Aylmer races today the local matinee races were declared off. Rain has also prevented the running of the Aylmer events, but they will be run off tomorrow. At least twelve London horsemen will go to Aylmer tomorrow. Among those who will take the trip are Mr. George McCormick, Mr. Bert Wilcox, Dr. F. L. Wood, Mr. R. Woods, Mr. J. Darch and Mr. W. E. Robinson.

Clean and Clever.

Very good entertainment is being provided every evening at Springfield by the Stoddard Stock Company. Four or five of the male actors are above the average in ability, and the female roles are all in good hands. Last night a large audience enjoyed "In Honor Bound," a strong and clean play, in which the leading roles were admirably taken. Between the acts there was clever singing and dancing.

This is one of the best stock companies that have appeared in the city in recent years, and they have a varied, wholesome repertoire.

INCREASED PASTOR'S SALARY TO \$1,000

The Empress Avenue quarterly official board met last evening in the church, the pastor, Rev. G. W. Dewey, in the chair.

The financial report, as presented by the treasurer, Mr. Heber Gibson, was very gratifying, showing the funds to be in a very healthy condition.

Upon the strength of this report, and very hopeful outlook, the board decided to increase the pastor's salary from \$850 to \$1,000. The new pastor, Rev. Mr. Dewey, seems to be the right man in the right place. The services are increasing in power and interest each Sabbath, and very soon will tax the capacity of the recently enlarged church.

With a splendid preacher and pastor, a loyal board, a devoted people, and, above all, God's blessing, Empress Avenue is bound to succeed.

DECORATIONS FOR A LONDON LADY

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Aug. 12.—Among those selected to receive the decorations of chivalry at the hands of Gen. Raney and staff are: Capt. Peter Brown, of St. Thomas; Col. Faulkner, of Hamilton; and Lieut. Jack Finlay, of Hamilton.

The decoration of chivalry will be conferred by Col. W. S. Johnson, deputy commander, and staff, on a number of ladies, among whom are: Mrs. Peter Brown, Mrs. Welter, Mrs. A. Barler, Mrs. W. W. Stringer, Mrs. Barbara Scott, St. Thomas; Mrs. Pearce, London, and Mrs. Luscombe, Sarnia.

TO WORK IN THE MINES.

Mexico City, Aug. 12.—Kingdon Gould, son of George J. Gould, an heir to millions, will work in the mines of Guanajuato, for the next month, as a common miner, gathering the practical rudiments of mining and learning to set his blast, so as to get the most out of a charge of explosive. All his work will be done under the instruction and supervision of Prof. Kemp, instructor of geology of Columbia University, where young Gould has been studying mining engineering for the past two years. He worked his first shift yesterday.

SEES PARADOX IN UNITED STATES

English Critic Thinks America Badly Ruled Under Good Constitution.

London, Aug. 11.—The "Constitutional Congress," which has been in session at the Franco-British exhibition discussing safeguards for the various constitutions, to provide for maintaining personal liberty and personal responsibility, closed today with a debate on the constitution of the United States. During the course of the discussion Prof. Albert Venn Dicey of Oxford, referred to what he described as a "melancholy paradox." He said that while the United States started with an advantage unknown in any other country—with a constitution designed with more care, more skill and more deliberation than almost any other constitution deliberately designed by man—yet the candid American citizen would say that on the whole he is a little better governed than the best European states; while the candid European critic would put it that the United States is not much worse governed than the best states of Europe. That was the paradox of a country filled with noble people who were governed in a way that would not be tolerated in Paris, London or Berlin.

The city of Washington is well administered, continued Prof. Dicey, because it is not democratically governed. It is governed by commission-ers appointed by the congress, a body not nearly so democratic as the commons of England. Prof. Dicey expressed admiration for the federal supreme court, which he said was "one of the most successful institutions," and he doubted whether the balance of power existing in the United States could exist in any European country.

Ives Guyot, the French political economist and former minister of public works, thought the constitution of America has many advantages for a democratic country, and though possibly too rigid, on the other hand it prevented wild enterprises.

HAY MARKET.

Toronto, Aug. 11.—Baled straw is dull. No new straw has been offered for sale, but some of it is expected to be put in bales this week.

Hay—Timothy is quoted at \$9 to \$10 in car lots on track here, with No. 2 at \$8.50 to \$7.

Straw—Prices range from \$8 to \$7 per ton. The sugar trade has been rather dull the past week owing to the number of people who are out of town, but greater activity is looked for in the course of a week or so, when preserving of the later fruits will commence.

Wheat—The Montreal granular sugar, per cwt., in barrels, \$4.00; yellow, \$4.00; in bags prices are 5c less. Acadian in barrels or bags, \$4.80; Ontario bled, in barrels or bags, \$4.80.

LATEST STOCK MARKET REPORTS

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

New York, Aug. 13.

Open High Low 2 p.m.

Amal. Copper..... 80 81 79 80 1/2

American Sugar Co..... 125 126 124 125 1/2

American Locomotive..... 27 28 26 27 1/2

American Foundry..... 41 42 40 41 1/2

American Refining Co..... 99 100 98 99 1/2

American Cotton Oil..... 83 84 82 83 1/2

Adelphi..... 88 89 87 88 1/2

Atchafalca..... 65 66 64 65 1/2

Baltimore & Ohio..... 103 104 102 103 1/2

Brooklyn Transit..... 52 53 51 52 1/2

C. P. R..... 123 124 122 123 1/2

Chas. & Ohio..... 47 48 46 47 1/2

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