

STREET RAILWAY CONSIDERS EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Toronto's Railway Arbitration Cost Nearly \$2,000,000

REVISION OF SCHEDULE WOULD BE NECESSARY IF WORKING HOURS CUT

New Act Piles Up Divorce Suits

Associated Press Despatch.
London, April 25.—A striking feature of the forthcoming law term here is the large number of divorce suits brought by wives under the new act, which gives women equal rights with men in the matter of ground for divorce, namely, proof of misconduct. There are nearly six hundred undefended divorce suits entered on the court lists.

MAN PLACES HEAD ON TRACK, KILLED

Engineer of T. N. O. Railway
Finds Insurance Policy on
Mangled Body.

Canadian Press Despatch.
North Bay, April 25.—When a Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway freight train was making a curve near Mile 66, north of North Bay, yesterday the engineer noticed a man step out onto the track and place his head on the rail when the train was but a short distance away. The engineer was unable to bring the train to a stop in time to avoid a tragedy. The body was badly mangled, but on it was found an insurance policy for \$1,000 on the life of George Struthers of Pembroke, of G. C. Struthers.

YOUNG HAMILTON GIRL IS REPORTED MISSING

Evelyn Doolittle, 15 Years
Old, Last Seen Yesterday
Morning.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, April 24.—Evelyn Doolittle, 15, 52 Rebecca street, aged 15 years, is reported missing from home. She was last seen yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock talking to a stranger after leaving a jitney. She went to work yesterday morning, but left at 10:30 o'clock, and has not been seen since.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate northeast winds; fair.
Saturday—Sunny; fair.
Sunday—Northeast and east winds; mostly cloudy and cool, followed by rain.

The pressure is high over the Great Lakes and low extends from Minnesota to the Southwest States.

Showers or snow flurries have occurred in Eastern Quebec and New Brunswick, and rain has been general in Manitoba. Elsewhere the weather has been fine and in the Western Provinces quite cool.

TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

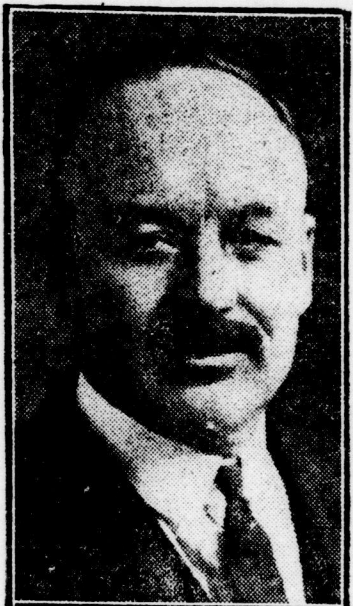
Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	50	40	Clear
Calgary	42	10	Clear
Winnipeg	56	40	Cloudy
Cochrane	50	30	Fair
Traverse	42	28	Fair
Kingston	60	38	Fair
Ottawa	56	48	Fair
Montreal	48	38	Rain
Quebec	44	34	Cloudy
Father Point	36	28	Cloudy
St. John	48	32	Cloudy
Halifax	56	34	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 68; lowest, 31. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 64; lowest, 29.

Barometric Readings.

Thursday—8 p.m.—29.25.
Friday—8 a.m.—29.33.



HON. J. W. LYONS,
minister of lands and forests in the Ontario cabinet, who will address members of the Commerce Club at a banquet this evening.

UNION BILL IS SET FOR WEDNESDAY

Private Bills Committee Will
Sit at Ottawa During
Sessions.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, April 25.—Wednesday next, April 30, has been set for the opening of the hearings upon the church union bill. This decision was reached at the private bills committee of the House of Commons this morning without discussion.

MANY C. P. OFFICIALS ATTEND BIG BANQUET

H. J. Humphries, New General
Superintendent, Feted
in Toronto.

One hundred and fifty C. P. R. officials of the Ontario division attended the farewell dinner tendered to H. J. Humphries, new general superintendent at North Bay at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto on Wednesday night, according to officials of this city, who were among those present.

CITY SOLICITOR'S ADVICE ON TRADE ACT SOUGHT

Claimed Men From Toronto
Are Disposing of Wares
in City.

City Solicitor T. G. Meredith will be asked to give a further opinion in respect to the transient traders' enactments as announced by city officials today.

REPORT NO CASUALTIES AMONG NAVAL FORCES

Washington, D. C., April 25.—Overnight advances to the state and navy departments contained no word of casualties among the American naval forces at Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras, reported yesterday in unofficial messages from San Salvador.

Home Bank Trial Opens On Monday

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, April 25.—In order that the trial of the Home Bank directors and officials under indictment in connection with the suspension of the institution last August may proceed without delay, D. L. McCarthy, special crown prosecutor, today decided to withdraw the charges under the bank act for the present, and proceed with the conspiracy charge before Mr. Justice Lennox in the criminal assizes here next Monday.

HOME BANK WAS DOOMED TO FAILURE YEARS AGO

Sir Thomas White Admits In-
troduction of Auditor Would
Have Hastened Crisis.

Disturbed by Loans
Former Finance Minister Testi-
fies That He Thought the
Bank Was Doing Well.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, April 25.—Introduction of an independent auditor into the Home Bank, as suggested by the western directors of the institution, would unquestionably have resulted in the failure of the bank a number of years ago. This was the opinion of Sir Thomas White, former finance minister, expressed under cross-examination this morning.

Sir Thomas declared that he had believed favorable reports on the general condition of the bank submitted to him by the directors and others. When he retired from office it was with the distinct impression that the bank was doing well.

"I was under the impression that Mr. Daly had put in some of his own money and that the bank was getting on well," was the reply.

Sir Thomas was examined by R. J. McLaughlin, one of the Home Bank depositors' counsel. He admitted that he had found the three large loans, those to the Prudential Trust, A. C. Frost, and the Pellatt interests "disturbing," and stressed the efforts made to gather the fullest information in regard to these loans.

He compared the Home Bank to a house which was built on a quicksand and which finally tumbled in. "But I didn't know of the quicksand," he insisted. He had seen no reason why the Pellatt loan should not be repaid.

White Examined.
Cross-examination of Sir Thomas White, former minister of finance, opened before the Home Bank royal commission this morning. R. J. McLaughlin, one of the depositors' counsel, examined Sir Thomas. The former minister explained that he had been in office from 1911 to 1919.

He did not agree that he was the only person who could get information in regard to the affairs of the Home Bank, nor did he agree that anyone seeking information on the bank's affairs necessarily had to go to him.

The responsibilities placed on him, he said, were not his alone.

FRENCH PILOT STARTS AIR TRIP TO FAR EAST

Must Make His Own Repairs
As There Are No Funds
For Spare Parts.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, April 25.—Pilot, Polletier D'Oisy, or "Pivolo," as he is better known in French air circles, made an excellent start on his adventurous trip to the Far East, covering the 800 miles from Paris to Budapest yesterday at an average speed of 120 miles an hour.

As the under-secretary for air has no funds to provide stocks of spare parts on the route, D'Oisy and his mechanic, Sergeant Vesin, are entirely dependent upon themselves for any repairs that may be necessary.

If they cannot fix their machine, they will have to come back. Before starting the aviator said he would continue his flight to the Far East "if circumstances permit."

The machine carries 200 gallons of gasoline, enough for 1,200 miles of flying. The itinerary, if all goes well, is: Bucharest, Aleppo, Bagdad, Bunder-abbas, Karachi, Allahabad, Rangoon, Saigon, Hanoi, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Peking, Korea and Tokio.

TOWN IN SASKATCHEWAN SUFFERS \$30,000 BLAZE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Saskatoon, April 25.—Fire which broke out early yesterday at Leroy, Sask., destroyed six buildings with a loss of \$30,000. Total insurance of \$12,500 was carried. With no fire apparatus and in the midst of a raging snowstorm, villagers found it impossible to cope with the flames.

BALLOON NO. 7 LANDS.

Associated Press Despatch.
Dubuque, April 25.—Balloons No. 7 in the annual national balloon race landed in a field five miles south-west of here this morning, at four o'clock. Trapped in three electrical storms the bag was forced to land after travelling about 1,000 miles. The balloon was not damaged.



DR. CHARLES C. MACKLIN,
professor of Histology and Embryology, University of Western Ontario who has been named a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, in recognition of his services in anatomical research.

HUNT MISS STOPA IN KILLING CHARGE

Chicago's Youngest Woman
Lawyer Infatuated With
Y. Kenley Smith.

Associated Press Despatch.
Chicago, April 25.—Search for Wanda Elaine Stopa, 24, Chicago's youngest woman lawyer and formerly assistant United States district attorney, was extended to the east today in the belief that, eluding pursuit here after killing the caretaker at the home of Y. Kenley Smith, wealthy advertising man, with whom she was infatuated, she fled to New York with her husband, Valdemir Glasco.

During the last four months she had lived in New York, her expenses paid by Smith, who told state attorneys he had befriended her because she was the brainiest woman he ever knew. He said she formerly occupied a Bohemian quarter studio in a building he owned and that he had taken her to restaurants and theatres on various occasions, sometimes accompanied by Mrs. Smith.

Although sick in bed, Mrs. Smith jumped through a window yesterday when the girl fired several shots at her.

HEBRIDES PEOPLE Are All Placed But Four of These Immigrants Remain in Ontario.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, April 25.—Without a hitch all the immigrants who came to Canada from the Hebrides Islands early this month have been dispersed to farms in the Edmonton and Red Deer districts of Alberta, where employment has been found for them, according to a statement issued from the department of immigration and colonization by Hon. J. A. Robb today.

There were 288 in the party, and with the exception of four, who stayed in Ontario, all were distributed to places of employment the day after their arrival at the disposal points in the west.

FOURTEEN PRISONERS MAKE GETAWAY FROM DENVER JAIL

Overpower Three Guards and
Escape in a Blinding
Snowstorm.

BUT ONE CAPTURED
Ruth Harris, Known as Bandit
Queen, Is Held For
Investigation.

Associated Press Despatch.
Denver, Col., April 25.—Headed by "Slippery Dell" Hanlon, convicted highwayman of St. Paul and Denver, fourteen prisoners, some armed, escaped from the county jail last night after overpowering three guards in a blinding snowstorm that scattered prisoners scattered through nearby streets. None, with the exception of Mike Quintana, have been captured.

Quintana, after escaping, ran to a telephone and notified the police. Then he surrendered.

Hanlon, Thomas Edwards, H. V. Herbert and Joe Russo were driven away from the jail in a big motor car which apparently had been waiting for them near the jail.

Soon after the escape, Ruth Harris, friend of Hanlon and known in police parlance as the bandit queen, was held for further investigation. She denied any knowledge of the escape.

Yesterday was visiting day at the jail and officials expressed the opinion that revolvers were smuggled to the prisoners.

The "bandit queen" was one of the visitors.

Youthful Immigrant Boy Refuses to do Any Work And Declines to Eat Food

Ernest Crowden Goes to Shelter
—Will Take Steps To
Send Him Back.

HELD AS VAGRANT

Turned Over to Inspector Kelly
and Goes Away
Contented.

Sent out from England by his grandmother to earn a living for himself in Canada, Ernest Crowden, a lad of 12, who has the physique of a youngster of 12, is homesick, won't work and is anxious to cross the ocean to his old home.

Ernest arrived in the city Sunday night with Mr. Dowdell and his family, who met the youngster on the boat and were asked to keep an eye on him by the grandmother in the old country. John Farrell, immigration officer, obtained a position for the boy with a farmer near Dorchester, who has a good home. The boy became despondent, wouldn't work, and fearing that he would have a second Bulpitt case on his hands, the farmer brought Crowden back to Mr. Farrell yesterday morning and explained the whole affair to him.

Mr. Farrell kept him in his office all morning and then invited him out to lunch.

"I won't go," announced the lad. "Well, what are you going to do? What do you want to do?" asked Mr. Farrell kindly.

"I'm going to starve," declared the youth, who refused to budge from the office. Mr. Farrell finally went to lunch, and on his return found that the boy had run away.

Three-hour Search.
After a search of three hours, the youngster was rounded up and once more declared he would rather starve than go to work.

Inspector Kelly, of the C. A. S., was then called in and took the boy to the Children's Shelter for the day.

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Ancient Bread Was Real Beer

Associated Press Despatch.
Detroit, April 24.—A bakery truck, bearing in huge gold letters the legend "Home Made Bread," and with the ends of a dozen golden loaves protruding from its rear windows, was stopped at State street and Jefferson avenue, Ecorse, by federal agents today.

Its driver, Domenick Rolando, arrested, and 25 cartons of beer seized, the agents reported.

The bread was at least three months old, they said.

HIGH SCHOOL BOY KILLED BY BULLET

Rifle Accidentally Discharges
in Hands of Carmen Cook,
Owen Sound.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Owen Sound, April 25.—Carmen Cook, aged 17, Meaford high school boy, was shot and fatally wounded yesterday afternoon when the .22 calibre rifle which he was using was discharged accidentally, the bullet entering his abdomen, causing an internal hemorrhage, from which he died between four and five hours later.

The youth, in company with a girl friend, Jean Kennedy, went for a hike up the Bighead River at Meaford yesterday afternoon. He sat down on a rock and the rifle fell off his lap. The bullet entered his hip, striking the thigh bone, flattened out, and causing an internal hemorrhage.

With his wound bleeding profusely, the boy walked a mile for help. Dr. Eberhardt of Meaford was called and the boy was placed in a car to be taken to the Collingwood Hospital.

On the way there, the car broke down through the breaking of the axle when within four miles of Collingwood. The boy died about 9 o'clock last night. An inquest will probably be ordered.

TWO WARNED BY CHIEF TO CLEAN UP PREMISES

Thirteen Inspections Conducted
in Downtown District by
Fire Department.

Out of a total of thirteen inspections of business houses made by the fire department within a week, only two were found in a condition that calls for an immediate cleaning up. In both these cases the owners have been warned for the second time and unless conditions are remedied quickly Fire Chief Aitken will halt them to court.

"We are receiving splendid cooperation from the owners," the chief said, but once in a while we run across cases where it is necessary to take drastic action before anything is done. I do not like that sort of procedure, and the owners in question are given ample time to make the changes as reported to me by the inspectors.

The work of inspecting the downtown stores is almost completed," stated the chief.

Public Account Is Out \$8,100

Announce Result of Auditor's
Probe of Ontario
Department.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, April 25.—Premier Ferguson stated this morning that in the department's investigation into the accounts of the provincial secretary's department, a loss of \$8,100 has been discovered, while a few other items are still to be inspected. Two clerks of the department have been under suspension since the beginning of the auditor's investigation.

SEVERE QUAKE TREMOR FELT BY SEATTLE CITIZENS

Associated Press Despatch.
Seattle, Wash., April 25.—A severe earthquake was felt here at 12:03 o'clock this morning. Residents pronounced it the most severe tremor in this district of many years. No damage has been reported.

ARBITRATION COST PLACED AT \$1,500,000 BY OFFICIALS

Council Seeks Information at
Instigation of Alderman
Frank McKay.

TOOK OVER YEAR
Case Now On Its Way to the
Privy Council For
Consideration.

The total cost of the Toronto street railway arbitration is estimated in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000, although no official figures are yet available, according to definite information from the Toronto authorities. The amount expended certainly exceeded \$1,500,000.

This information has been sought by members of the local city council, at the instigation of Ald. Frank McKay, in view of the present street railway problem and the possibility of negotiations with a view toward purchase during the current year.

When the negotiations opened in Toronto between the street railway authorities of that city and the city council, there was an offer from either party, but the city's experts valued the railway at approximately \$2,300,000, while those who gave evidence for the company varied from \$200,000 to \$2,500,000.

Awarded \$11,186,500.
The arbitrators award was \$11,186,500, plus interest, or about \$12,000,000 in all, Sir Adam Beck dissenting in a brief report of about 200 pages, in which he submitted no alternative figures.

The arbitrators were paid as follows: Cronyn, \$300 per day; Beck and White, \$250 per day. There was a further payment at that time for time expended in the preparation of the report.

The arbitrators met June 28, 1921, began to take evidence Sept. 13, 1921, concluded their hearings Nov. 29, 1922, and gave their award Jan. 2, 1923, a year and a half after their first meeting. An appeal was taken with the result that the question of interest on the award was referred to the courts for separate trial, and doubt cast on the city's obligation to make some of the properties involved. The arbitrators intimate that the courts would likely award interest.

GOES TO PRIVY COUNCIL

The case is now on the way to the privy council, which may refer certain aspects back to the arbitrators, or order a trial of the interest issue, and perhaps other issues, as separate lawsuits. The end is not in sight. The arbitrators devoted 120 days to taking of evidence, and had spent 120 days in open session by the time argument was heard. They had been 5,000,000 words spoken, 49 witnesses heard, including experts, and 749 exhibits entered. This compares with 132 days spent in the Grand Tribunal arbitration, of which, however, only 36 represented actual sessions.

GIRL SEVERELY BITTEN BY VICIOUS COLLIE

Condition of Edith Clarke Is
Improved—Animal Shot
by Inspector.

Edith Clarke, whose parents reside at 511 King street, was severely bitten by a vicious dog while playing outside at 311 Hale street, Pottersburg, last night shortly after 8 o'clock.

The animal, which was a large black and white wolf collie, was shot by Humane Inspector George Tustin, who was notified of the occurrence at 7 p.m.

An examination of the dog will be made to ascertain whether he was infected with rabies.

Dr. Harris is attending the girl and today she was reported as showing a little improvement.

CANADIAN FIRE LOSSES SHOW \$34,000 INCREASE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, April 25.—Fire losses in Canada during the week ended April 23 are estimated by the Monetary Times at \$352,700, compared with \$321,750 the previous week and with \$318,100 the corresponding week of 1923.

HAVANA STRIKE EXPECTED TO COME TO AN END SOON

Associated Press Despatch.
Havana, April 25.—Government circles yesterday expressed the belief that the general strike which has almost paralyzed activities in Havana since last Monday would shortly come to an end.