

FOUR RAILWAYS MAY BID FOR THE LINE TO PORT BIG LEGAL QUESTION LOOMING UP OVER LEASE

Pere Marquette, Wabash,
G. T. R. and M. C. R.
Named as Probable
Bidders.

MUST PEOPLE VOTE ON IT?

This Is a Matter Which Is Now
Being Inquired Into—It
Looks Like a Fight
at This Distance.

There appears to be a lively fight
looming up over the proposed lease ex-
tension to the Pere Marquette Railway
of the L. and P. S. R.

It is more than likely that the fight
of 1901-1902 over this same question
may be re-enacted.

A number of people are now giving
the matter close attention, and a pro-
gramme of campaign is now being
mapped out.

There is one aspect of the case of
much importance, and that is, whether
or not the bill passed through the
Legislature at its last session, provid-
ing that all franchises must be voted
upon by the people, applies to this case.

Does It Apply?
It will be remembered that this bill
makes it impossible to extend a fran-
chise for more than one year, or grant
a new franchise for longer than that
time unless the people express their
opinion on it.

At first thought, the opinion was
general that the law did not apply to
such a case, but there are those who
declare that it does, and that the city
council has not the power to grant an
extension for more than one year with-
out a vote of the citizens.

That question is now being inquired
into, and it is more than probable that
the opinion of the Attorney-General's
department will be given on the act,
especially as it applies to this case.

If it does develop that the city can-
not grant an extension, then all nego-
tiations will be ended off, and there
will be nothing done.

That question will have to be decided
before negotiations are opened seri-
ously.

Some Competition.

There is going to be some competi-
tion for the property in any event. The
Pere Marquette is already upon ask-
ing to run the road for another term
of years, but several others are willing
to take it over.

The Wabash are not averse to taking
the property over, it is said. It would
give them a good connection in this
territory, and the company would be
in a position to make the road pay.

The Grand Trunk will also make a
bid for the road, it is further stated,
and it has been rumored that the Mich-
igan Central would like to have pos-
session of it.

A Valuable Asset.

The railroad is a very valuable as-
set at the present time, and its position
from a strategic standpoint is most
important to several railroads.

Engineers are at work preparing
estimates of the cost of electrifying the
road, and it is expected that these fig-
ures will be made public within a rea-
sonable length of time.

It is more than likely that a hard
fight will be made against the exten-
sion.

CHOLERA INFANTUM STILL AT ITS WORK

Many Deaths Recorded From the
Effects of This Disease
in London.

Cholera infantum continues to work
its ravages among the infants of the
city and yesterday the disease
caused the deaths of James Edward
Taft, the 6-month old son of Mr. and
Mrs. Patrick Taft, of Talbot street
south, and of Madeleine J. Lake, the
only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William
Lake, of 693 Grey street.

Two Funerals.

Both funerals were held this after-
noon, that of James Taft to Mount
Pleasant cemetery, the services being
conducted by Very Rev. Dean Davis,
and that of Madeleine Lake to St.
Peter's cemetery.

According to physicians, the month
of August will break all previous
records for the number of cases of
cholera infantum.

Very Many Cases.

"I never remember so many cases,"
a physician told The Advertiser this
afternoon. "There have been many
cases of cases that have been very
critical, but in which we have been
successful in pulling the children
through. There have also been a great
number of instances in which the cholera
was checked right at the start and
which caused little trouble. It is
likely that the change to cooler
weather will effectually check the disease."

35,000 TO WALK

Capital Will Have the Biggest Labor
Day Parade.

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—It was announced
at labor headquarters today that at
least 35,000 union men would march in
the Labor Day parade here next Mon-
day. It is expected to be the biggest
function of the kind ever held in the
capital. Prescott and Ogdensburg are
sending 500 longshoremen, carpenters,
masons and painters.

Get Ready for School

Tomorrow is the last day of freedom for the public and sep-
arate school pupils.

On Wednesday morning the "kiddies" must pack their books
and go to school.

The Collegiate students have a few days longer, and will
not need to report until Sept. 7.

The schools are in readiness, and the teachers are for the
most part back, ready for work.

TILLSONBURG MAN WAS KILLED WHEN CIRCULAR SAW BURST

Fatal Accident This Morning at Tillson's Stave Mill—Another
Man Terribly Injured—May Not Recover—One Man
Escapes in Miraculous Manner.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Tillsonburg, Aug. 30.—Peter Cline,

aged 55, was instantly killed shortly

after 10 o'clock this morning, when a

large circular saw burst in the Till-

son stave mill, where he was em-

ployed.

The saw burst into a hundred frag-

ments and many of them passed

through different parts of Cline's body,

which is literally riddled.

Another Injured.

Another employee, William Arm-

strong, son of Foreman Armstrong,

of the mill, is terribly cut about the

head and legs by flying fragments. It

is not known yet whether or not he

will recover, but he is in a very seri-

ous condition.

Operated the Saw.

The saw was being operated by Wil-

liam Burrell, and as he was stand-

ing at the side, he escaped untouched. The

other two men were in a line with the

flying pieces. Cline is married, and

leaves a family of six children.

The accident is believed to have been

caused by the breaking of the pinion

on which the saw was revolving. It

was one of the largest saws in the mill,

and travelled at a very high rate of

speed. Coroner Bennett has ordered

an inquest, with a jury will view the

body of Peter Cline this afternoon.

Will Rebuild at Once.

The big Winnipeg branch of the Mc-

Clary Manufacturing Company was

almost totally destroyed by a serious

fire that occurred Saturday night. The

damage is estimated at approximately

\$200,000.

The fire was first discovered at about

11:30. It is believed to have been

caused by some electrical wiring

which had become overheated. The

building, which was valued at

\$60,000, still has its foundation and a

couple of stories practically undam-

aged, which brings the actual loss on

the building to about \$140,000.

Stock Destroyed.

The stock, which was valued at

\$135,000, was almost a total loss.

To meet the losses by the fire there

is an insurance of \$33,000 on the

building, and \$85,000 on the stock.

The fire will not interfere with the

carrying on of the business. A large

rink and adjoining buildings were

rented immediately after the fire, and

a large shipment of goods is already

on the way, so business will only be

delayed a day or so at the most.

Colonel Garthshore, manager of Mc-

Clary's, informed The Advertiser, that

the work of replacing the burned build-

ing will be begun at once.

LEMIEUX ACT SETTLES
FORT WILLIAM STRIKE

Conciliation Board Recommends
That Dockers Be Given
an Increase.

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—The board of
conciliation on the Fort William long-

shoremen strike recommends a scale
of 20 per cent, an hour day-work and

25 per cent night. The old rates were
18 cents and 21 cents. The board

recommends that the bonus system
be done away with. There was no

evidence of abuse of the men by the
foremen. The company has accepted

the finding and it is expected the men
will do so.

TO MEET GOTCH.

New York, Aug. 30.—On his way to
Chicago to meet Frank Gotch, the

WINNIPEG BRANCH WAS BURNED OUT

McClary Mfg. Co. Suffered a Big
Loss in the Western
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Big Firm Will Not Allow Blaze to In-
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New York, Aug. 30.—On his way to
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champion wrestler, Giovanni Ralevich,

an Austrian, arrived here on the
steamer Duca di Genova from Naples

today.

WALL STREET OPENED WITH EXCITEMENT

First Sales of the Harriman
Stocks Show Higher
Prices.

New York, Aug. 30.—Wall Street.

The stock market opened with great

excitement today, owing to the more

favorable news of Mr. Harriman's

health. First sales of Union Pacific

were of 15,000 shares at 200 and 200 1/2,

compared with 197 1/2 on Saturday.

Southern Pacific sold at 128 1/2 for 200

shares, followed by running sales of

5,000 shares at 129 to 129 1/4, compared

with 126 1/2 on Saturday. Evidence of

the demoralization of the shorts was

shown throughout the list. Advances

in the majority of the stocks ranged

from 1 to 2 points, and in some cases,

especially where a Harriman interest

was involved, more than that. Wabash

preferred jumped 4 points. Reading 3.

New York Central and Northern Pa-

cific 2 1/2, American Smelting 2 1/2, and

National Lead, Louisville and Nash-

ville and the Union Pacific bonds 2.

Trading proceeded in a turmoil after

the opening, but the advances were

well maintained on secondary quotat-

ions.

At this morning's session of the

police court, a local man, charged by

Sergeant Birrell with keeping a gaming

house, was found guilty and was al-

lowed to go on suspended sentence.

When called, the accused elected

summary trial before Magistrate Love

and pleaded guilty.

The court told him that the offence

was one of the most serious nature

and that he could be fined \$1,000 and

six months in prison. In view of the

fact, however, that it was committed

while he was away, and without his

knowledge the court said he had, after

consultation with Chief Williams and

Crown Attorney McKillop, decided to

deal as leniently as possible. He gave

the accused and all others to under-

stand that in future such places will

not be tolerated in the city, and any

persons being convicted will receive

the maximum penalty.

A man for being drunk was fined \$1.

A local man charged with being dis-

orderly, was fined \$2. Some pictures

were found in his house, and he was

having them he was fined \$3 additional.

The court advised him in the future to

refrain entirely from carrying such

things.

COMMISSION "KNOCKED"

BY MONTREAL CONVENTION

City Clerk Baker Says the

American Delegates Declared

System To Be a Failure.

"Government by commission did not

prove a success in the United States,"

said City Clerk Baker, who returned

from Montreal Saturday evening, after

attending the convention of American

municipalities.

"Of course, it might have been the

method of appointing the commission

that was at fault, but the opinion was

general at the convention that the sys-

tem was no better, if as good, as the

aldermanic system.

Appointed by Legislature.

"In most of the cities the commis-

sion was appointed by the legislature.

This in itself was a mistake, in that

it threw the appointments into the

hands of the political bosses. There

were some cities where the commis-

sioners were elected, but the political

bosses succeeded in winning them over,

and the last state was not much of an

improvement over the other.

All Right for a Year.

"The delegates declared that the

commission system worked well for

one year, but after that it became

abused, and did not arrive in

sufficient numbers as yet to supply all

the pupils. However, that will right

itself in a very short time, and we

will be able to get along without much

trouble."

The inspector reports that he had a

very pleasant holiday, and enjoyed

himself very much.

A YOUNG SARNIAN
INSTANTLY KILLED

Arthur Sutherland Crushed to
Death Beneath a Load
of Logs.