

City's Offer Of \$96,000 For Street Railway Is Recommended

Whoever Gets the Road, The Operation of Cars to Paris and Galt Ceases

No matter what interests secure the Grand Valley Railway, whether it be the city or those represented by Mr. W. P. Kellett, it is regarded as certain that the operation of this part of the road discontinued. It is said that the Grand Valley has never proved a going concern, particularly that part of the road between Galt and Paris. With the completion of the Lake Erie & Northern Railway the Grand Valley will have competition at any event, and its revenue doubtless will be affected. The basis of any offer for the entire system, Brantford Street Railway and Grand Valley, necessarily will be on the earning capacity of the Brantford Street Railway, the cost of making extensions and the likely return on the money involved in those extensions, as well as the original purchase price of the road as it stands at present. It is estimated that as junk alone the Grand Valley road is worth about \$50,000.

CITY OF BRANTFORD'S OFFER MEETS WITH FAVOR AT MEETING

Sum of \$96,000 to Meet Claims of Bondholders is Offered To-day--This Sum City Would Have to Supplement by \$125,000 to First Mortgagees--Grand Valley Would be Junked and Sold at Probable Figure of \$50,000.

(SPECIAL TO COURIER)

TORONTO, Feb. 13.—It looks as though Brantford will have a municipally-run Street Railway. At a largely-attended meeting of the Grand Valley bondholders held to-day at noon at the Trust & Guarantee board room, E. B. Stockdale, receiver, in the chair, Mr. Worrall, chairman of the special committee, reported that his committee had gone carefully into the two offers made for the road, one from W. P. Kellett and the other from the City of Brantford. Mr. Kellett's offer was for \$110,000, which was less \$25,000 taxes, and certain mortgages of \$2400 brought his net offer down to \$82,600. The city's offer was put in a different way from that of Mr. Kellett's, but it figured out approximately at \$96,000 net for the assets of the road, or a difference in favor of the city of \$13,400. His committee would therefore recommend that the city's offer be accepted.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

A general discussion followed which was taken part in by Mayor Spence, Ald. Hollinrake, City Solicitor Henderson, Fasken, K.C., McMaster, K.C. It was finally decided by the bondholders to recommend the City of Brantford's offer, and a motion will be made before a High Court Judge to ratify the sale. In the meantime it is understood that the Appellate Court will adjourn the case on Monday made on behalf of the city to cancel the franchise of the Company.

OTHER PAYMENT

Of course, it is understood that in addition to their offer of \$96,000 the city will have to pay of the mortgage of \$125,000 on the Brantford Street Railway, owned by the Canadian General Electric Company. The back interest amounted to \$3,000 on this mortgage was paid off last week. The first mortgage bonds of the Grand Valley

BRANTFORD REPRESENTED

Brantford was represented at the meeting by Mayor Spence, Ald. Hollinrake, City Solicitor Henderson, City Treasurer Bunnell and Joseph H. Ham, representing the Board of Trade, and H. Symonds, the Trades and Labor Council. They were generally congratulated on the successful issue of their mission. The meeting only lasted an hour, but from a Brantford ownership of utilities standpoint, it was a most momentous one.

CONFIRMED BY SOLICITOR

The Courier also received the following from City Solicitor Henderson: "The bondholders accept the city's offer for Grand Valley Railway, subject to approval of electors and court, of \$96,000, in addition to National Trust Company bonds and liabilities to city for taxes, etc."

NIAGARA MAY BE SHUT FROM WORLD

Serious State of Affairs As Result of Smallpox Outbreak

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Unless Niagara Falls complies with recommendations regarding smallpox made by Dr. Hermann M. Biggs, state commissioner of health, that city will be cut from communication with the rest of the world, according to an announcement made here by the commissioner. Dr. Biggs said he had consulted with railroad officials and believed he would have their cooperation to the extent that no trains would stop in the city of Niagara Falls if the plan of isolating that place should be adopted. The people of the remainder of the state must be protected and my recommendations must be strictly and heartily enforced in your city." Dr. Biggs telegraphed to the mayor and other city officials of Niagara Falls. The message contained the statement that there are 19 places in Western New York, where smallpox now exists or has existed, due to negligence in Niagara Falls.

The telegram of the commissioner to the mayor and health officer was in reply to one received from them stating that a committee representing the employees of various industries, had presented a petition of formal protest against the municipal authorities in ordering factories, hotels and places of employment of any kind closed against unvaccinated persons. Commissioner Biggs said his recommendations to the Niagara Falls officials were that school vaccination must be rigidly enforced; all factory and hotel employees must be vaccinated or remain away from work; and all places where the public congregates, such as churches and theatres, must remain closed.

101 Cases. NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 13.—The health department's daily report issued last night gave the number of smallpox cases in the city as 101, a decrease of 27 cases in a week. Seventy eight patients are quarantined in their homes and there are 23 patients at the quarantine hospital.

A LITTLE MILDER AT TWELVE BELOW

But Cold Weather Wrought Havoc With Water Pipes.

The cold spell which has been hanging over this part of the country let up a little last night, and the weather bureau promises that milder weather is near, which will continue for the remainder of the winter.

Last night the lowest thermometer dropped at the Mohawk Institute was 12 degrees below zero, but on a number of uptown thermometers, the mercury went as low as 14 degrees below zero.

The excessive frost has played havoc with the water pipes at the fire hall. Frozen up two nights in succession is their record, and they are causing the firemen considerable trouble. Reports come from all over the city that water pipes are being frozen up and bursting, and the plumbers throughout Brantford are having a merry time of it doing repair work.

Sharp Action By The Police

Warrants for Arrest in Connection With Army Canteen Scandal

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Sharp action was taken to-day by the police in connection with the British army canteen scandals when warrants were issued for the arrest of James Ness, formerly manager of Lipton, Limited, at Malta and also Archibald Minto, another employee of Lipton Limited, neither of whom appeared to answer the summonses sent to them when the case opened. James Ness is believed to be in Canada while Archibald Minto is said to be in France. Altogether nine army officers and eight civilians, all of them employees of Lipton Limited, have been charged with receiving or giving illicit commissions for army canteen supplies and the case has aroused widespread interest and great indignation among the British public.

WILL TRY FOR \$50,000 PRIZE

Flight Across Atlantic to be Attempted During This Year.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The formal entry of the Rodman Wanamaker aeroplane for the prize of \$50,000 offered by the London Daily Mail for the first transatlantic flight was prepared to-day and will be mailed at once. The Aero club of America, which stands sponsor for the entry, yesterday received a cablegram from the Aero Club of Great Britain that the Wanamaker entry would be accepted.

Another aviator, who says he will fly for the transatlantic prize is Abram Raygorodsky, who has the pilot's certificate of the Aero Club of France. Raygorodsky, a Russian, who is a naturalized American, says that he is building a big biplane in conjunction with Alexander Adler, designer of the largest biplane in the world, flown in Russia by Sikorsky.

Carbolic Acid Was Neutralized

A Resident of Mary St. Swallowed Some of Poison

Swallowing 1 1/2 to 2 ounces of carbolic acid, Fred Beney, a resident of Mary street, had a terribly close call from death yesterday. Liqueur which Beney had previously taken and more of it after he had taken the poison is said to have saved his life, according to the doctor who was called to attend. The effect of the liquor neutralized the poison, and after several hours of work the doctor was able to revive the patient. Beney is well known in the city and highly respected. He had been despondent for a time, which is believed to have been the cause of his rash act.

WILL BE CHANCELLOR

MONTREAL, Feb. 13.—Sir William MacDonald the Montreal manufacturer will be elected chancellor at McGill University at a meeting of the governors to be held on Monday to choose a successor to the late Lord Strathcona.

Bookie's Case At Toronto

TORONTO, Feb. 13.—In the Assize court at the City Hall to-day, John Scully, plaintiff in an action for \$25,000 against the Ontario Jockey Club, did not appear when the case was called, nor did his counsel. "The case will be dismissed with costs," said Justice Latchford. The case was the last on the list and counsel for the jockey club left the court thinking he had won his case. A few minutes later a lawyer entered explaining that Scully's counsel, J. McGregor, was ill and hence could not attend. The judge then ordered that judgment be not written and will hear the case to-morrow. Scully is a bookmaker who was arrested at the Woodbine and now seeks damages.

Will Vote On Hydro Measure

BURFORD, Feb. 13.—The ratepayers of the village will vote on March 9 on a by-law to authorize the Council to contract for hydro power for the municipality. There is considerable discussion but it is expected that the measure will pass with a large majority. The concert held in the Methodist church last night was a great success, the programme being furnished by the Leigh-Smith Company.

DEAD AT HALIFAX

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 13.—Aron Tozier, a veteran of the Crimean war, and for many years caretaker of the military headquarters here, died this morning. He was 87 years old.

Sir J. Whitney Wants to Attend The Legislature

TORONTO, Feb. 13.—Sir James Whitney has so far regained his former strength and activity that he has expressed the desire to be present at the opening of the Legislature next week. His physicians, however, have warned him against any such procedure, and pressure of influential friends and advisers has been necessary to dissuade him from the coming step.

C. P. R. Active In W. Ontario

LONDON, Ont. Feb. 13.—It was learned on good authority this morning that the Canadian Pacific Railway is planning unusual operations here in the spring which will make London one of the most important points of the system in Ontario. A conference of officials will be held here shortly in connection with the matter. It is understood that five more miles of siding will be put in and the freight sheds greatly extended. The changes contemplated are thought here to lend weight to the repeated rumors that the Canadian Pacific Railway is about to take over the Wabash.

AN EXCEPTION

Billy Green: "Don't you think man is influenced by his environment." Tommy White: "Not always. I once knew a man who drove a water-gate cart for nine years, and died of acute alcoholism."

Fifty Guests In Big Hotel Fire

MONTREAL, Feb. 13.—Fifty guests and employees at the Victoria Hotel at the corner of Windsor and St. James street had a narrow escape when fire broke out on the third story early this morning. The fifty guests, scantily attired, managed to grope their way to the stairs and make their escape. Three employees were trapped in a room on the top floor of the hotel and had to be extricated by firemen who climbed up the fire escape and helped them to descend. The fire fighters and also those driven out of the hotel suffered from the cold as the thermometer registered 20 below zero.

Old Men Easy For The Nurses

MONTREAL, Feb. 13.—A debate on establishing an age limit for the marriage of clergymen was a feature of yesterday session of the Anglican synod when a motion introduced by the Rev. Arthur French producing the limit at 65 was defeated. Formerly a sum of \$300 was allowed per annum to the widows of clergymen and this was increased to \$400. The allowance to each child of \$30 was doubled with a maximum of \$160. Mr. French raised the point of 11th hour marriages as a grave injustice to the fund. "In cases of the death of an old man to be permitted to marry," he said, "he should not be permitted to leave this annuity as a memorial to his inabilities. As a man grows older he becomes more susceptible to the blandishments of his nurses."

Use of City's Market is To be Granted to the Old Home Week Committee

The buildings and grounds committee of the City Council, of which Ald. S. P. Pitcher is chairman, wrestled yesterday afternoon with the question of permitting the use of the entire market for the Old Home Week celebration here next August. The committee came to no definite conclusion in the matter, although it was felt that any carnival attractions which might be secured for Old Home Week should be distributed throughout the centre of the city and not placed at some remote grounds. It was felt, however, by some of the aldermen that the city should retain some control of the market, and following this out a proposition was submitted to permit the use of the Dalhousie street half of the market by the Old Home Week committee. No decision was arrived at, however, and the matter will come up again. In the event of half the market being granted for use it is more than likely the celebration will last out the whole week.

First Court Of The Season

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—A cable to The Tribune from London says: The King and Queen will hold their first court of the season at Buckingham, Palace to-night and the function promises to be notable in many respects. New features will be the dress of unparalled sheep and supplement, which will make their first appearance and there will be hundreds of yards of marvellously wrought lace, antique and modern, all of which would be precious to any museum. A striking feature of the women's toilet will be the quantity of metal and gems which will be delicately worked into the dresses.

L. E. AND N. WORK IS PROGRESSING

Pile Driver Will be Brought Into the City This Afternoon.

Construction work on the L. E. & N. at Lorne bridge is progressing very favorably, according to one of the engineers who was interviewed by the Courier at noon to-day. A timber crib to protect the bank on the south side of Colborne street, is being erected, which will be followed later by a cement retaining wall. The earth outside of the retaining wall in the river, which has been causing the city considerable worry is being removed and used for filling around the crib. The pile driver, which for the past number of weeks has been working in the vicinity of Judge Hardy's farm is to be brought into the city to-day and will commence work here immediately. The cold weather has had no effect on the work, the men instead have been hurrying to keep warm.

SLINGSBY BABY CASE UP AGAIN

It Will be Tried in London About the Middle of March.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—The Slingsby baby substitution case, whose outcome will determine the disposition of a million dollar English estate, will be tried in London about the middle of March. Advances to that effect have been received by Oliver Dibble, the attorney representing Lieut. and Mrs. C. H. R. Slingsby, in their fight here and in Victoria, B.C., last fall to prove the legitimacy of their young son. Dibble will go to England to resist the efforts of Slingsby's brothers to have the child declared an adopted son of the Lieutenant, instead of the real heir to the fortune left by the Rev. Charles Slingsby of Yorkshire.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Fifty persons were injured and one was killed when a freight train on the Walkill Valley Railroad struck a large sleigh in which they were returning early to-day from a dance at Binnewater, five miles south of Kingston. Three of the injured received fractured skulls. The other injuries were not serious.

ST. THOMAS HOTEL IS BURNED

The Arlington Was Totally Destroyed Early Today.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Feb. 13.—Fire destroyed the Arlington Hotel here at 5.30 this morning. It was a brick structure, a landmark in the city, and about 50 guests were registered. The fire evidently started in the kitchen. Through a mistake in sending in the alarm, the fire department ran about a mile to another hotel, and by the time they returned to the scene of the fire it was past control. The temperature was about 14 below zero. All the guests had time to dress and escape, but there is doubt as to whether one man is in the ruins or not. He was a stranger who arrived late last night and was to have taken a train out at 5.30 this morning. When the alarm was given the porter wrapped on his door which was locked, but failed to get a response, and the flames drove the porter from the spot. The man's name is not known as he had not registered, and in any event the register was destroyed in the fire. The ruins are still too hot to permit of a search, but there is grave reason to fear that this man may have perished in the flames. The proprietor, A. R. Conley, had just returned from attending a large military ball at the armories, and this morning stood about watching the burning ruins clad only in his evening dress, hidden by an overcoat. The loss is estimated at about \$35,000.

IRISH IMMIGRANTS ON THE INCREASE

There Arrived at New York 37,073 During Year 1913.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The number of immigrants from Ireland landed at this port during 1913, was 37,073 an increase of more than three thousand over the preceding year, according to the report Michael F. McDermott, president of the Irish Immigrant Society. Of this number more than eleven thousand elected to remain in this state, while 6,000 went to live in Massachusetts. These homeseekers brought \$1,985,702. The society assisted 606 immigrants at Ellis Island with food and money to reach their destinations.

ZERO AT WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG, Man. Feb. 13.—For the first time in about ten days the temperature in Winnipeg and a great part of the west has ascended to zero. Commencing yesterday afternoon the thermometer here showed a rise from thirty four below to the even zero in fifteen hours, with prospects for continued moderate weather. For nearly two weeks the temperature has been between thirty and forty below most of the time with an occasional ascent into the twenties.



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