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LONDON SAVES BY DOING DOWN PAVING WORK

City Engineer Lays Street Improvements for \$127,120 Less Than Contractor.

LABOR COSTS HIGHER

In Spite of Increased Wages, Prices Compare Well With 1914 Rates.

The past year has been the greatest in the history of the city in the matter of municipal improvements. Engineer H. A. Brazier is not as yet prepared to give the total figures on sewers laid, as this work is still going on. However, all other works have ceased, and the figures for the year are as follows:

	Feet laid.	Cost.
Walks	28,855	\$ 36,177 52
Curbs and gutters	52,733	
Extra, for walks, etc., corners		
Square feet	6,598	48,736 36
Total for both		48,736 36
Paving	43,400	454,931 85
*Pipe line road		
pavement	2,238	47,536 41
Sewers, to date		350,000 00
Total		\$937,202 14

*Given separately, as part of work was done last year.

With the above figures the total mileage of pavement is brought up to within a fraction of 40 miles. The past summer's work has resulted in over eight miles of pavement being laid, at a cost of nearly a half-million dollars.

City Makes Saving.

In light of the criticism of the engineer's department during the past year it is interesting to figure out what saving has been made by the city by having the work all done by the engineer's department, by day labor, instead of by contract.

The first difficulty in the way is the fact that no tenders were called. The intention was to have the engineer's department do the work, and so tenders were not called for, although it would be desirable information for the department to have. It would have been fair to the contractors, as it usually costs something to prepare a bid.

However in regard to curbs and gutters there are competitive figures. The provincial highway department charged the city \$1.15 for a six-inch curb and ten-inch gutter. The city's job by the contractor, as it is, is by far the better. The city's job by the contractor, as it is, is by far the better. The city's job by the contractor, as it is, is by far the better.

On the saving of 125,000 square yards at 50 cents below the average of others, the city's average having been \$3.39 a yard, the saving would be \$4,000.

Side walks are a hard matter to figure out. Prices on walk laying usually provide for the walk, and fills or cuts are extra, but a conservative price or saving on the walks laid this year is given as \$7,000.

The cost of sanitary and storm sewers laid to date is \$350,000. This is absolutely correct. A contractor would naturally expect 10 per cent. and at this rate the saving to the city would be \$35,000.

Thus the saving might be estimated as follows:

Paving	\$64,000
Curbs and gutters	21,120
Walks	7,000
Sewers	35,000

Total \$127,120 |

In regard to the paving cost, \$3.39 a yard, this is but 50 cents above the 1914 contract price, a gain of about 27 per cent. and yet, later this year, the city will save an hour, instead of 20 in 1914, and cement \$3.25, instead of \$1.40.

It is also estimated that during the year's work, employees of the engineer's department put in over 1,000 hours over time by returning at nights. This would be the time of one man for six months. The employees get no pay for overtime.

Prohibits Carol Singing by English Children.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—(Canadian Press dispatch.) The police of England are on the alert of an old infamy, which, with the coming of every Christmas season, has long been endured. Small parties of children, mostly from the poorest districts, are seen in the streets, singing, and suffering from cold in the head into the bargain, have been in the habit of perambulating in the suburbs after dark, making both the darkness and the suburbs more gloomy still with a performance which is supposed to represent old-time caroling.

Householder disburse a half-penny to get rid of the nuisance or threatens the visitors with the dock.

The police of Blackpool have issued a notice that carol singing by children is illegal, and moreover "it is injurious, morally and physically."

POCH AND VIVIANI RETURN TO FRANCE

Have, Dec. 21.—(Canadian Press dispatch.) Marshal Foch and Premier Viviani returned from their trip to the United States, arriving this morning on the steamship Paris. They were welcomed by the mayor and prefect of Havre.

ASK NEW MONTREAL CENSUS.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—(Basing their request on the fact that 3,514 persons in Montreal declared their names to have been omitted from the recent Dominion census, the city council yesterday passed a resolution asking the federal authorities to make a new enumeration of the inhabitants of this city.

APPEAL RIGHT GRANTED G.T.R. SHAREHOLDERS

Privy Council To Hear Action Against Findings of Arbitration Board.

LEGAL ISSUE INVOLVED

Admission Made That Question of Law Enters Into Application.

London, England, Dec. 21.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—In the judicial committee of the privy council today the petition of the Grand Trunk Railway shareholders was granted.

The petition was for leave to appeal to the privy council from the award of the board of arbitration which fixed the price of the Grand Trunk Railway property. The board of arbitration, in its finding, declared that the common and preferred stocks of the Grand Trunk Railway Company were valueless. The award was made last summer.

The board of arbitration was composed of ex-President W. H. Taft of the United States, Sir Thomas White, former minister of finance for Canada, and Mr. Justice Cassels of the court of exchequer.

The petition was heard by Lord Bickerton, the lord chancellor, Lord Haldane and Lord Cave. In making the order granting the Grand Trunk shareholders leave to appeal, the lord chancellor said that it was particularly desirable that it should be understood that their lordships did not express the slightest opinion on the points brought up in the application. Their only conclusion today was that there were matters reasonably disputable which, within the plain terms of the statute, might properly be considered by the king in council.

Represents Shareholders. Sir John Simon, who represented the Grand Trunk shareholders in the petition for leave to appeal, directed his argument mainly to the recognition by Sir Walter Cassels of evidence as to the physical value of the Grand Trunk Railway, as "legally undisable." This, he submitted, had brought the matter within the scope of the privy council's authority. The lord chancellor remarked that Sir John Simon's task was to satisfy their lordships that there was a question of law at stake of a substantial character and fairly disputable. Subject to anything which W. N. Tilley, K.C., Toronto, counsel for the Dominion Government in the arbitration proceedings, might say, the petitioners seemed to have a point of substance, his lordship added.

Opposing the application, W. N. Tilley, K.C., submitted that the matter was not a question of law, but the lord chancellor replied that he could hear on the question which they had to decide concerning the value of the Grand Trunk stock, having regard to the earning power, present and future of the line.

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In granting the appeal their lordships expressed the hope that the case would be ready for presentation at the next term.

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BISHOP OF MONTPELLIER, FRANCE, DIES, AGED 91

Paris, Dec. 21.—The death of Cardinal Francis Marie Ravier de Cabrières, bishop of Montpellier, France, was announced today. Cardinal Cabrières, who celebrated his 91st birthday last August, was created a cardinal in 1911.

MEETING AT the Knights of Pythias hall last night, the journeyman barbers of the city will choose their officers for the ensuing year.

Polite Bandit Uses Soft Words As He Robs Chicago Night Flier

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Police today investigated a report that a well-dressed bandit with exquisite manners who single handed held up observation car passengers of the Baltimore & Ohio night flier for Washington in the heart of Chicago's south side last night and escaped in an automobile driven by a woman companion.

The bandit boarded the observation car at the 63rd street station and forced the passengers to stand in line. Four men contributed, then the robber reached Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Stansbury of Tucuman, New Mexico, and their three small children.

"Madame," he said, "will you please take the children to the other end of the car. I am not interested in any valuables a woman may have, and I do not want to frighten children. If you please."

As Mrs. Stansbury and the children

France Preparing Submarine Demands

REDUCES LEAD OF DOUGLAS IN WARD RECOUNT

Ald. W. A. Wilson Gains One Vote When Task Half Completed.

RESULT REMAINS SAME

Eight of Fourteen Polls Will Be Counted Before Macbeth This Afternoon.

With the votes cast in six of the fourteen polls in Ward Two, recounted, Dr. Douglas's majority of nine over Ald. W. A. Wilson has been reduced by one. The recount of the ballots cast for alderman in the ward, at the recent municipal election opened before Judge Macbeth at the court house on Wednesday morning. When adjournment was taken for lunch the task had not been half completed.

There were a few changes, four to be exact, in the six polls counted. Only one change affected the totals, and in that case Alderman-Elect Douglas had his total vote cut to 905, or just eight ahead of Ald. W. A. Wilson, with 897. Dr. Douglas remarks that it was coincident that the only change disclosed in the four of the six polls counted, all affected the votes of either he or Ald. Wilson, yet in the cases referred to, Ald. Wilson gained and lost, and the same with Dr. Douglas.

Ald. Wilson is not attending the recount. Dr. Douglas is in attendance, and is also represented by F. E. Perry, Alderman-Elect Judd is present. City Clerk Baker, City Treasurer Bell and Miss Scott, of the city clerk's office, are representing the city.

The official result of the vote, as declared after election day, was as follows:

Dr. Bean	1,063
Dr. Douglas	906
A. M. Judd	930
W. A. Wilson	897
W. J. Stewart	158

URGES KING NOT TO FORGET QUEBEC

Le Canada Declares Representation From Province Vital to Liberals.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Le Canada, French language newspaper of this city, and the official organ of the French-Canadian wing of the Liberal party in Canada this morning, editorially, continues its comments on the representation of anything which W. N. Tilley, K.C., Toronto, counsel for the Dominion Government in the arbitration proceedings, might say, the petitioners seemed to have a point of substance, his lordship added.

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TELL OF TRIP UP MOUNT EVEREST

London, England, Dec. 21.—(Thrilling account of the latest attempt to scale Mount Everest were given last night by members of the expedition, speaking in Queen's Hall.

They were dubious of the possibility of their reaching the summit, but believe constant attempts would eventually meet with success.

ONE MAN KILLED.

Belfast, Dec. 20.—As a result of scattered shooting last night one man was killed and another wounded. A woman who was shot on Saturday died of her wounds yesterday.

BUS LINE TO RIVIERA.

CALAIS, France.—New motor buses are being manufactured in England to start soon on a regular motor route to Monte Carlo and the Italian coast. The trip will last six days.

Play Big Part In Deciding Irish Peace!



FIVE women members of the Dail Eireann, which has now entered on the third day of its discussion of the Irish peace treaty. Left to right they are: Kitty Murphy O'Callaghan, Kathleen Daly Clarke, Countess Markievicz, Mary MacSwiney, Margaret Pearse.

PROF. BALLANTYNE DIES IN TORONTO

Prominent Presbyterian Educator Was Native of Stratford.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Professor James Ballantyne of Knox College, a prominent Presbyterian clergyman and educationalist, died suddenly here this morning aged 64.

Rev. James Ballantyne was born near Stratford, Ontario, on August 22, 1857. He was educated at St. Mary's College, Toronto, and the University of Toronto, having graduated from the university here in 1880; the University at Leipzig; Edinburgh University; Princeton Theological Seminary and Knox College, Toronto.

Besides degrees won at the various institutions of learning which he attended, a number of honorary degrees were conferred upon him. He had the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Manitoba University, Winnipeg, and Queen's University, Kingston.

The deceased was a Knox College professor for some time. He was a senator of the University of Toronto and was prominently identified with a number of organizations, including the Lord's Day Alliance.

Rev. Dr. Ballantyne was a recent moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly. He was eminent not only as a scholar, but as a preacher. In 1906 he addressed the General Annual Association of Scotland, Edinburgh, on the "Church in Canada."

RESCUE MOTHER, BABE FROM FIRE

Iberville, Que., Dec. 21.—Mrs. E. Pigeon and her one-day-old infant had to be carried out of their blazing home when a gasoline tank exploded in the garage of A. Tetrault here last night, the fire being communicated to the Pigeon residence and drygoods store next door.

The outbreak assumed such proportions that in addition to the local fire brigade, aid had to be called from the St. John's brigade and from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police stationed in that city. The houses, store and garage were destroyed and damage is estimated between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

B. AND O. TRAIN LEAVES RAILS IN WEST VIRGINIA

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 21.—The New York-St. Louis passenger train No. 3 on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was partially derailed at Independence, W. Va., today. No one was hurt, reports of the accident to the executive offices here stated. The mishap was caused by a broken rail.

REPORTS FAR EASTERN NATIONS DECLARE WAR

London, England, Dec. 21.—A report that the government of the far eastern republic of China has declared war on the republic of Vladivostok, is carried in a Central News dispatch from Helsingfors today. The message adds that the soviet government of Moscow is said to be sending troops and war material to China.

LIANG SHIH-YI NAMED NEW CHINESE PREMIER

Peking, Dec. 20.—Liang Shih-Yi has been named as premier of the Chinese cabinet to succeed Chin Yung Peng, who with all his ministers resigned on Sunday. The fall of the cabinet followed the arrival here of Gen. Chang Tso-Lin, governor of Manchuria, who is now engaged in forming a coalition government in which all the reactionary parties are participating. It is charged that Chin Yung-Peng was guilty of pecuniations and the sale of offices.

WILL SUBMIT DEFINITE PLAN TO CONFERENCE

Break in Chinese-Japanese Negotiations Creates Interest.

PLAN TREATY CONDITIONS

U. S. Senators Expected To Propose Reservation For Four-Power Pact.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Developments by the difference in view between President Harding and the United States arms delegates as to application of the new four-power Pacific treaty and a break in the Chinese-Japanese negotiations on Shantung had thrown the naval side of the arms conference program today somewhat into the background.

Acceptance by France of the United States proposal of 15,000 tons in capital ships had placed the naval negotiations on a comparatively smooth road again, although the French reservations for a higher ratio in small difference craft still remained to be treated.

Far eastern matters had assumed added prominence today through the abrupt adjournment yesterday of the conference between the Chinese and Japanese delegates after the latter had announced that they proceeded no further on the question of restoration of the Kiaow Chow Railway to Chinese control without referring certain points to Tokyo for instructions.

The naval situation remained more or less at a standstill today, while the French delegates are understood to be preparing a definite proposal as to the amount of auxiliary naval tonnage, including submarines, desired as a condition to their acceptance of the 15,000-ton proportion for capital ships to be presented at the meeting of the committee of the whole on limitation of armaments tomorrow.

When the conference opened today, George Gavan Duffy, one of the Irish plenipotentiaries, was the first speaker this morning. He explained his reason for signing the document, and added: "I will recommend the treaty, reluctantly but sincerely, because I see no alternative."

The members of the Dail, instead of congregating in the lobbies before the meeting this morning, went promptly into the council room at the behest of the sergeant-at-arms on their arrival, and the day's proceedings started only four minutes after the hour set, instead of being delayed a half hour or so, as has been the case previously to this session.

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White River "Comes To Bat" With 38 Below

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—White River, Ontario, that grand old stronghold of Jack Frost, is doing its best to furnish the Dominion with an appropriate setting for Canada's Christmas festivities and assist the weather bureau in its prediction that the eastern half of the continent would experience abnormally cold weather during the Christmas week.

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DUFFY CLAIMS TREATY SIGNED UNDER DURESS

Only Alternative Was To See "Fresh Horrors Crucify Ireland."

DUGGAN DEFENDS TERMS

Contents He Acted With Due Consideration For All Concerned.

Dublin, Dec. 21.—The Dail Eireann this morning entered the third day of its public discussion of the Irish peace treaty, with the outcome of the vote on the question of ratification still in doubt.

Claims of the opposing factions ranged from a majority of two against the treaty to ten in its favor.

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The Weather

FORECASTS. Today—Fresh to strong north and northwest winds; a few scattered snow flurries, but mostly fair and colder; zero temperatures tonight.

A disturbance is developing over the Canadian maritime districts, while the western high pressure area is moving eastward toward the Great Lakes.

Temperatures are moderating somewhat in Alberta and Saskatchewan, while it is becoming colder in Ontario and Quebec.

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

	High.	Low.
Victoria	29	25
Calgary	4	10
Winnipeg	8	24
Edmonton	15	11
Perry Sound	22	18
Toronto	40	4
Kingston	35	18
Ottawa	22	6
Montreal	21	11
Quebec	19	11
P. Point	29	16
St. John's	25	22
Halifax	25	24

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were:

Highest, 35; lowest, 19.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 34; lowest, 20.

Barometric readings.

Today—8 a.m., 29.32.

Thursday—Fine and decidedly cold.

Today—8 a.m., 29.37.