

CITY ENGINEER DECLARES MIXER MUST HAVE BEEN TAMPERED WITH

Responsibility for Defective Portion of New Walks Must be Faced by Someone, Says Mr. Wright.

INVESTIGATION PROCEEDS WITH AID. RICHTER AS EXAMINER

Pointed Questions Replied to By Official Bring Opinion That Machine Is Accurate if Not Interfered With—Rymill and Daly To Be Called.

SOME STRIKING EVIDENCE

"CAN YOU ACCOUNT FOR TWO SLABS BEING DONE SO BADLY?" ASKED THE CHAIRMAN.

"IT MUST HAVE BEEN DONE WITH MALICE AFORETHOUGHT," THE ENGINEER DECLARED. "I CAN CONCEIVE OF NO OTHER WAY. SOMEBODY MUST BE RESPONSIBLE, AS I CANNOT SEE THAT THE MACHINE WOULD BE DEFECTIVE."

"THE CONTRACTOR WOULD NOT HAVE ALLOWED THIS UNLESS THE INSPECTOR HAD ALLOWED IT," CONTINUED THE CHAIRMAN.

"THE FACT IS THAT THE WALK WAS BAD," ANSWERED MR. WRIGHT. "HOW IT CAME TO BE BAD I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO SAY JUST NOW. THE BAD CONCRETE MAY HAVE BEEN PUT IN WHEN THE INSPECTOR WAS AWAY."

"HE WOULD HAVE TO BE AWAY FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME," SAID AID. RICHTER. "POSSIBLY FIFTEEN MINUTES," ANSWERED MR. WRIGHT.

MR. WRIGHT WAS QUESTIONED BY THE CHAIRMAN REGARDING THE OPERATION OF THE CEMENT MIXING MACHINES.

IN HIS OPINION, THE MACHINES WOULD OPERATE PROPERLY UNLESS THEY WERE TAMPERED WITH. ONCE SET THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO DO THE WORK. HOWEVER, IT WAS POSSIBLE TO INTERFERE WITH THEM, AND IF THE MACHINE WERE NOT DOING PROPER WORK HIS CONCLUSION WOULD BE THAT SOME PERSON HAD TAMPERED WITH IT.

ENGINEER WRIGHT, WHEN YOU REFUSE TO PAY THE MAN FOR WORK HE WILL BE CAREFUL WHAT HE DOES, AND WE WILL HAVE LESS TROUBLE.

AID. RICHTER: I AM NOT ALTOGETHER CONVINCED OF THAT. FOR INSTANCE, A CONTRACTOR MAY SKIMP A JOB, AND THE INSPECTOR WOULD MARK IT. YOU WOULD REFUSE PAYMENT, BUT THE CONTRACTOR WOULD GO TO THE COUNCIL, PROVIDED HE HAD FRIENDS, AND THE CONTRACT PRICE, OR NEARLY ALL OF IT, WOULD BE PAID THE MAN.

The special committee named to investigate the conditions of the Dundas and Richmond street walks, sat for three hours Thursday afternoon, at the close of which it was decided to adjourn until Monday evening next at 7:30 o'clock to further go into the matter. City Engineer Wright was subjected to a long questioning as to methods of inspection, etc. On Monday night Mr. H. Rymill, the dismissed inspector, and Mr. I. P. Daly, the man who succeeded him, will be examined at length.

When the committee assembled, Aid. Bennett explained the purposes for which it was selected, and asked the members to name a chairman. Aid. Richter was the unanimous choice.

City Engineer Wright was asked to submit to questioning, to which he willingly consented. In the first place Aid. Richter had him read the specifications for concrete walks, the agreement entered into between the contractors and the city, and other documents pertaining to this matter. The documents were placed in the hands of the secretary as evidence to be considered later.

How Walk Is Laid. The proceedings taken in putting down a walk were also recited by City Engineer Wright, and everything pertaining to this part of the work was gone into closely.

"Are the inspectors instructed in writing?" asked Aid. Richter. "No," responded Mr. Wright. "I instruct them verbally. I tell them where to go, and what to do. The majority of the men in this branch of the service are accustomed to it, and I have little trouble in the matter of instructions. Many of them were engaged before my time, and I considered them competent men. I have had nothing that would change my opinion of them."

"Are the inspectors given to understand that the contractor is to live up to his contract?" was the next question. "Probably there is some give and take in the matter,"

batch of concrete would contain double the amount of cement, while the next would contain but half the quantity. Is that permissible?"

"Certainly not," answered Mr. Wright.

"What is the latitude?" continued the chairman. "For instance, the specifications for walks demand three and a half inches of concrete," declared Mr. Wright. "My instructions to the inspectors are to the effect that this amount must be laid down. If there are irregularities in the surface we do not complain, so long as the amount is reasonably close to the amount demanded."

"There would be no material deviation from the specifications, I suppose," said Aid. Richter. "You would not allow one-half or three-eighths of an inch in the one-inch top dressing?"

"Certainly not," declared Mr. Wright. "I would not pay for a walk laid like that."

"Would you allow one-eighth of an inch?"

Receives Daily Reports.

"No, I would not," was Mr. Wright's answer. "It may be that in certain places there would be a variation of one-eighth of an inch, but certainly not over the whole work. I receive reports every night on the progress of the work, and we can tell in the office within a reasonable amount the quantities of cement used in laying a definite piece of work."

"Do the inspectors report regularly?"

"We have had daily reports on the Richmond and Dundas street walks," responded Mr. Wright.

"The reports covered the quantity of cement used in constructing a certain amount of concrete?" continued the mayor.

"Certainly, they covered the whole ground," the engineer replied. "I am very particular about the amount of cement used, as then I can determine whether or not it has been used in the proper proportions."

"You say you have all the reports on file in your office?" asked the mayor.

"Yes, I have them all," responded Mr. Wright.

Produce the Reports.

"It would be an advantage to the committee if the chairman, city clerk and the engineer check these reports up," declared Mr. Graham. "I think we could obtain some interesting information from them regarding the work."

This will be done, and an attempt made to check up the amount of cement used in the construction of the walks.

In response to a question from Mayor Graham, City Engineer Wright explained that it was unusual for a contractor to work at night. Mr. Anthis had suggested it, pointing out that better work could be done at night, and the merchants would not be inconvenienced. The scheme had worked out satisfactorily from that standpoint.

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CITY ENGINEER GEORGE WRIGHT, who believes cement-mixing machine used on down-town sidewalks must have been tampered with.

CITY HALL COMMITTEE TO MEET ON MONDAY

Prices Have Been Secured on Some Half a Dozen Properties.

The city hall committee has been called for Monday evening next, when the question of a site will be considered. Whether or not a location will be selected is a matter of doubt at the present time. It is quite probable that a vote will be taken by the electors in January next.

Options have been secured on practically all the sites mentioned. Among those bonded are: The property at the corner of Dundas and Waterloo streets, the St. Paul's rectory property, Queen's avenue and Park avenue; the land on the corner of Richmond and Maple streets, the Eccles property on Queen's avenue, and various other locations. The "V" on Richmond street is to be among the sites discussed, and there are still some aldermen who favor locating the city hall on Victoria Park.

Which will be chosen as yet remains undecided. The majority of the ratepayers are in favor of Waterloo and Dundas, although a large number prefer the Eccles property.

In any event, a long discussion will be held on Monday evening, and a definite announcement will be made after the session.

LONDON LODGE TO SERVE INJUNCTION UPON OFFICERS

A number of the London members of the A. O. U. W. met U. A. Buchner, barrister, this morning, and requested him to issue a writ of injunction against the officers to prevent them increasing the rate, as was decided at the recent meeting of the organization.

The case was stated to Mr. Buchner, and it was decided to institute proceedings at once. This is understood to be the first practical step taken by the members to prevent the A. O. U. W. from taxing the members the larger fee proposed.

Meetings have been held throughout Ontario to protest against the action of the officers, but further than to express dissatisfaction, nothing was done until the local Workmen ordered a writ issued.

The object of the majority in issuing the document is said to be to break away from the A. O. U. W. completely, and have some straight-line insurance company assume the risks. Whether this will be accomplished remains to be seen.

DOMESTIC IS CHARGED WITH THEFT OF \$13

William Mills Appears Against Girl, Who Is Remanded.

Edith Willis, a domestic, employed in a Queen's avenue boarding house, was charged with stealing \$13 from William Mills, one of the occupants of the place, in the police court, this morning, and was remanded for a hearing.

Bicyclists continue to offend the law by taking to the sidewalks when the roads become muddy, and after the manner of many others shell out \$2 each in the police court. Seven of them cashed in this morning.

Jeremiah O'Neill, of Wellington street, who was arrested some time ago by E. C. Lehman, Middlesex King street, and who was charged with being drunk and with assaulting the officer by sinking his teeth into Middlesex's finger, was discharged this morning. O'Neill pleaded guilty to the charge of being drunk, and was allowed to go. A South London lady, who claimed to have witnessed the arrest, and who said that the officers were unnecessarily brutal, was subpoenaed by Chief Williams to give evidence, but she had not been aware of the fact that O'Neill was bumped around in an effort to have him release Middlesex's digit.

C. N. R. COMPLETES SURVEY OF CITY

Steam Road Will Precede Radial Lines, Which Are To Serve as Feeders.

The engineers of the Canadian Northern Railway have completed a survey of the city and have gone further west to prosecute their labors. The road now being surveyed is the steam road, the main line of the C. N. R. from Toronto to Windsor. The whole city was covered in an attempt to find the best method of coming into the city.

Later the engineers will return and will lay out lines for the electrical roads, the feeders for the steam road. It could not be learned what entrance had been selected.

MR. GRAHAM FEARS GLOOMY FAIR WEEK

Weather Prophet Reads Sure Signs of Wet Weather From Front Door's Behavior.

Mr. Joseph Graham, London's well known weather prophet, who was formerly greatly assisted in the preparation of his prognostications by the contraction and expansion of the wooden wheels in his grandfather's clock, is now and has been for some time without this invaluable barometer, but by taking careful note of the swelling and slackening of his front door is able to satisfy the public mind now concerning the prospects for exhibition week.

Those who have awaited the pronouncement of Mr. Graham will not receive the information with unbounded enthusiasm, for that gentleman fears that the incessant rains of the past few weeks are to be resumed, and continued throughout the time allotted for London's annual fair.

The weather is now better than it has been during the entire summer. It is admitted, but Mr. Graham fears that big black thunder clouds will soon blot the sunny prospect.

TWO SHOT. St. Laurent, Man. Sept. 6.—A brother and sister named Glover were shot by one bullet from a 22-calibre rifle in the hands of their 12-year-old brother today by accident. Their wounds are not expected to result fatally.

EXHIBITORS IN WAR FOR SUPREMACY OF THE MAIN BUILDING

Attractiveness of the Out-of-Town Exhibits Stimulates London Merchants to Outshine Them—A Record Entry List When Great Exhibition Opens.

Today is moving day, not for the ordinary populace, but for the office staff and exhibitors at the Western Fair, and as a result of the sudden activity of all interested in the big exhibition which is scheduled to commence in earnest tomorrow, Queen's Park has become the Mecca of small boys, who are taking advantage of the last opportunity to see "something for nothing."

Entries were scheduled to close on Thursday night at the downtown offices of the Western Fair Association, and Secretary Hunt and his large staff were kept moving every minute until after midnight. Today everything was removed to the Administration Building at the park, and all business will be transacted there from now until the conclusion of the show.

Hundreds of entries of all kinds were turned in by telephone, telegraph and in person at the Richmond street offices last night, and when the books were closed for the night everything was in shape for the placing of the exhibits in the different buildings.

Entries Pour In Today. This morning, however, many additional entries, that were in the mail last night, or that were delayed by transmission by telegraph, were received and were cared for to the best of the ability of Secretary Hunt, who for some days has been confronted with a space problem.

Early this week the list of the space in many of the buildings was allotted, and since efforts have been put forward to accommodate exhibitors about the grounds in temporary structures, and under canvas. The exhibits are more numerous this year than ever before in the history of the exhibition, and very greatly in excess of those of 1911.

Representatives of different companies have been working in the Crystal Palace for the past two weeks putting in their best looks at decorating, in an effort to surpass the attractiveness of their neighbors' displays. One Toronto company sent through a large staff to carry out a scheme never before shown here. A London establishment in the same business promptly took action along similar lines, and as a number of exhibitors have become involved in a struggle for su-

periority, the result will be a record entry list when the great exhibition opens.

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The machine fell to the ground from an altitude of 250 feet, and was completely destroyed. The bodies of the two officers were found in the wreckage.

Capt. Hamilton had obtained his pilot's certificate only on March 12 of this year. He was an infantryman in the 1st Battalion, the West Lancashire Regiment, but was attached for duty to the army flying corps. Lieut. Stewart was not an aviator.

German Officer Killed. Munich, Bavaria, Sept. 6.—A German military aviator was killed near here this morning during a reconnoitering flight.

Lieut. Steger, of the Bavarian army, had ascended in his biplane to make a report of the position of the opposing force in the local manoeuvres. The weather was very stormy, and when his machine had reached a height of 300 feet it suddenly buckled and crashed to the earth.

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QUEBEC CITY WELCOMES RETURNING PREMIER

Mr. and Mrs. Borden and Postmaster Given Public Reception By Ancient Capital.

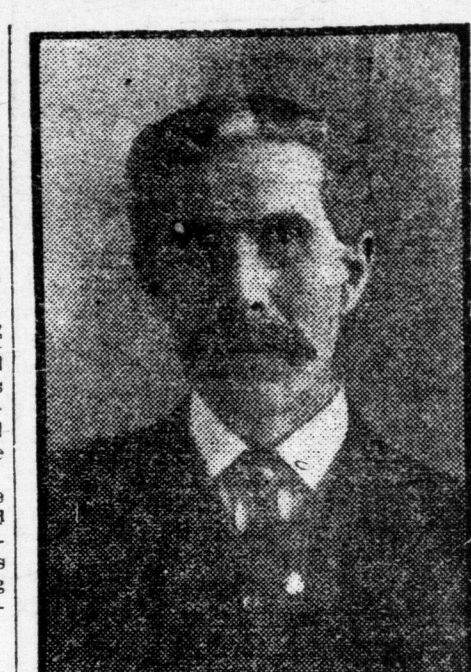
Quebec, Sept. 6.—Premier and Mrs. Borden and Hon. Mr. Pelletier, postmaster-general, arrived here this morning from England, on the Victorian, and were given a hearty public welcome.

The official delegation which met Mr. Borden included the Hon. George Perley, acting premier of the Dominion; the Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of the interior; Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice; Hon. C. B. Nantel, minister of inland revenue; Hon. J. P. Reid, minister of customs, and Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways and canals; Mayor Drouin, a majority of the aldermen, the president, vice-presidents and several members of the board of trade, the officers of the Quebec Manufacturers' Association, the Canadian Retail Manufacturers' Association, the officers of the various local merchants' associations, and those of the religious and benevolent organizations from Quebec City.

A large crowd was gathered on the wharf, where the Government steamer was to dock, and the decorated line of route to the city hall was also crowded with interested spectators who generously cheered the Prime Minister.

Address of Welcome. At the city hall, Mr. Borden was escorted to the council chamber, where an address embodying Quebec's official welcome to him, Mrs. Borden, and the Hon. L. P. Pelletier was read by Mayor Drouin, replies being made by the Prime Minister and the Postmaster-General.

At Rimouski, by the courtesy of the owners of the Allan liner, Victoria, a party of newspapermen were permitted to board the liner, for the purpose of interviewing Mr. Borden, and to proceed in her to Quebec.



SECRETARY A. M. HUNT, whose dynamic personality is behind London's big exhibition.

premacy that is assuming interesting proportions. It was found impossible to accommodate all who usually look for space in the main building this year, although the fair officials refused to allow any particular firms large frontages to the exclusion of others. Those who were not fortunate enough to obtain positions have erected tents on the grounds, and are working out unique schemes for the attraction of the public.

Hundreds of Horses. Over two hundred men have entered horses for competition, and as some of them have a dozen or more entries the stables, although greatly enlarged last year, will be taxed to their utmost capacity. Cattle, sheep, and swine sheds are also crowded.

The Transportation Building will be of unusual interest this year, one section having been reserved for motor cars. The motor car dealers and manufacturers were willing to take

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TWO BRITISH OFFICERS MEET DEATH WHILE FLYING

Captain Patrick Hamilton and Lieutenant Stewart Instantly Killed When Wings of Aeroplane Collapsed During Practice at Stevange.

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CLAIM LINE WAS BLOCKED 25 MINUTES

Street Railway Officials Say Hold-Ups Have Become General Again.

Despite the fact that Police Magistrate J. C. Judd some days ago proclaimed that any person guilty of allowing a train under his direction to block a crossing more than five minutes might as well bring along his \$50 fine without argument, complaints are again being registered, especially concerning the manner in which street railway service is interfered with.

A great many of the lines, the Belt, Ottawa, Wellington and Oxford, are compelled to make railway crossings every trip, and as interruptions are frequent the service, as a result, is greatly demoralized.

Thursday night an incoming train from the west stalled over the Richmond street crossing of the Grand Trunk at about 9:30, and according to street railway officials, blocked the Ottawas, Ox-fords, Wellingtons and Belts for twenty-five minutes. About fifteen cars were held up, nine of them being on the south side of the crossing, before the track was cleared in Grand Trunk men claim that the delay was unavoidable and due wholly to a mishap that made it impossible to move the cars.

RAID ON BAKERS' WAGONS CONDUCTED

Several Hundred Loaves Are Packed in Inspector's Office.

Inspector McCallum was extremely busy this morning, and as a result his office resembles a bake shop. Several hundred loaves of bread are packed in his rather limited quarters, the result of a morning's work among the bakers.

A number of bakers will be summoned to the police court to explain why their bread is over or under weight. The case will probably be tried on Monday.

INCREASE HEAVIEST ON OLD MEMBERS

It Is For Them That Protests Are Made, Say Younger Workmen.

GRAND OFFICERS HERE

Endeavor to Explain Matter to Crowded Meeting in London Lodge Rooms.

A union meeting of all the local lodges of the A.O.U.W. was held in the rooms of the London Lodge, Albion Block, Thursday night, to hear Grand Master McEwen, of Drayton, and Grand Treasurer Inwood, of Toronto, explain the action of the grand lodge last June when it adopted the increase in rates that will come into effect on Oct. 1.

That all the members of the order in this city oppose the increase was shown by the attitude of those present, and the meeting was almost unanimous in condemning the raise in the rates. The meeting lasted from 8 o'clock until after midnight and few left the crowded hall until the meeting was closed. No resolutions were passed, as the rule had been made that only the grand lodge officers could speak, but the members asked innumerable questions.

Allege a Misunderstanding. The cause of all the trouble in the A. O. U. W. is that the rates, which were raised in 1905 to a seemingly satisfactory figure, were again raised at a special meeting of the grand lodge in Toronto last June. It was stated that at this meeting the motion raising the rates was put in such a manner that most of those present thought that they were voting against the proposition instead of in favor of it.

At the time that the order was founded the rate was established at \$1 a call, with four extra calls each year, making the highest possible assessment \$16 per year. This rate applied to everyone, but in 1905 the rates were again changed in 1903, and were arranged according to the ages of the members. These rates were similar to the "junior rates," and if they had been adopted at first there would have been no need for further changes.

Hits the Old Members. In the present arrangement that is causing all the trouble in the lodge, the increase in the rates does not affect any members who have joined since 1905, but it certainly does affect the older members, particularly those over 60 years of age.

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LONDONER ARRESTED BY BUFFALO POLICE

Faces Charge of Theft by Brantford Man Who Followed Him Over Border.

[Special To The Advertiser.] Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 6.—After a lively chase across the Niagara frontier from Brantford, Ont., Alexander Conkander, of that city, succeeded in tracing the whereabouts in Buffalo of Frank Halasz, a London, Ontario, mechanic, and his wife, Rosie Conkander. He charges Halasz with stealing sixty dollars of his hard-earned cash. The couple were located in a rooming house at 23 Joslyn street, where they were arrested by local police and taken to headquarters.

Conkander, it is said, will press the charge of theft against the Londoner, but is inclined to be lenient with the kidnapping charge, as Halasz had come to Conkander's home in Brantford to stay a few days for a rest. Halasz is to be heard in the city court Saturday. It is probable that Mr. and Mrs. Conkander will return to their home in Brantford.

NEW YORK POLICE PROBE

Counsel For Deposed Official Makes Attack on Mayor Gaynor.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Sept. 6.—The relationship between Mayor Gaynor and the New York police department, his views and attitude on the city's so-called vice and excise problems, and the extent to which the department followed the mayor's public declarations of his attitude, formed the basis of a relentless cross-examination today of Police Commissioner Waldo.

For nearly an hour Thomas Thacher, Hayes' counsel, sought to read into the records the mayor's speeches and utterances on vice problems, and to show that Mayor Gaynor's policy in dealing with the social evil and excise laws was that the evils had to be endured, but that they should be kept under "outward decency."

A GIRL BURGLAR

Fifteen-Year-Old Broke Into Several New York Houses.

[Canadian Press.] Newburgh, N. Y., Sept. 6.—Miss Marjorie Leckitt, 15 years old, is under arrest here today charged with burglary. The police say she has confessed to breaking into several houses. On one of her escapades she is alleged to have entered a fashionable boarding-house by removing a pane of glass from a window and to have stolen several hundred dollars' worth of garments. In another instance, she hid for several hours behind a bureau in a house where the police were searching for her, and which she had entered by cutting away a wooden shutter with a keyhole saw.

Hayes Denies It

New York, Sept. 5.—At the direction of Commissioner Waldo, Capt. Hayes went to police headquarters today, and repudiated in writing the threats against the commissioner attributed to him. He was quoted as stating that he would reveal police graft that would cause Commissioner Waldo to resign in 24 hours. Hayes is the police inspector reduced by Waldo for saying the latter did not want houses in the red-light district raided.