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## WANT TO MAKE REDUCTION; ARE AT SEA HOW TO DO SO

### The Commissioners Get Into Deep Water in Rate Matter and Fall Back on City Solicitor.

The water commissioners met last night and attempted to reduce the water rates.

Before they had discussed the matter five minutes, however, they got beyond their depth, and after two hours and a half of floundering, they concluded that the city solicitor will have to be asked to frame up a resolution which will have the effect of reducing the rates.

Chairman Darch and Commissioner Saunders were present, Mayor Judd being out of the city. Supt. Moore and Secretary Ellwood were also on hand.

Mr. Saunders moved as follows:

"That the discount on the coming year's water payments be 20 per cent, and that these discounts shall not be enjoyed by any metered service where the application of the normal discount of 20 per cent will result in a lower net rate than 5.6 cents per 100 cubic feet, but in such cases the discount shall be applied down to the point of making a net rate of 5.6 cents."

Got Into Deep Water.

This looked good until Secretary Ellwood, in a troubled manner, began to ask for instructions as to its application and its effect upon the existing bylaw which fixes the rate.

It was then the commissioners got into deep water. They did not know that the rates were fixed by bylaw, until that moment, and of course, it became evident that a resolution of the board could not override a bylaw, and that it would be necessary to amend the bylaws before the cut in rates could go into effect.

Then the resolution of Mr. Saunders, as given above, was amended half a dozen times to cover the different points which came up, but like Wang's elephant, the cry was still "more hay."

It was very evident that a theoretical reduction and a practical reduction are two altogether different things. The reduction on the flat rates appeared to be easy enough, but so as to make up for the failure of the commission to give the people the benefit of the re-

duction on the two quarters of this year on which full rates were charged.

Where It Would Be Unfair.

But the secretary explained that to reduce the rates one-half on the present quarter would not be fair to those who use meters as a consumer might use 1,000 gallons the first quarter, 2,000 gallons the next, and only 300 gallons this quarter. Thus a reduction based on the quantity he has used the past three months would not be fair to him.

This staggered the commission, but finally Mr. Ellwood was told to go through his books for the year and make a reduction on the basis of the amount used the past nine months.

"How about people who pay in advance?" asked the secretary.

"We can't consider everybody," he was told.

"How about a case where the property has changed hands this quarter?" Mr. Ellwood next inquired.

"Will the man who, for example, has paid water rates on the property for two quarters receive nothing, and will the man who now owns the property and who is paying his first quarter, be given a cut of 50 per cent?"

"We can't do anything with that, either," he was again informed.

"How about the railways, churches, etc., which now enjoy certain rates?" the secretary again asked.

Clear on Two Points Only.

The commissioners thought they would provide especially in the bylaw for such cases, but the more they amended the resolution, the more amending it needed, and the more they amended it, the more they amended it.

On only two points did the commission appear clear. One was that the reduction should be 50 per cent on this quarter. The other was that in a meter case should a man who has a meter service be given a reduction which will reduce his charges to less than 5.6 cents per 100 cubic feet of water, as this amount represents the actual cost of pumping.

After the commissioners had been convinced by Secretary Ellwood and Supt. Moore that the rates are really fixed by bylaw, and that before anything could be done it would be necessary to amend the bylaw, Commissioner Saunders agreed to have the city solicitor draft a resolution in connection with what the commissioners want, and the rates were laid over.

Mr. Saunders then gave notice to have the bylaws amended at the next meeting of the commission.

## REVENUE OFFICERS MAKE A SEIZURE

### Got Two Old Boilers, Supposed To Be Part of Illicit Stills, Near Parkhill.

What appears to be a joke in the way of an illicit still seizure took place yesterday afternoon, when the premises of two prominent farmers of East Williams were raided by Chief of Police Manes, of Parkhill, and Special Officer Floody, of Toronto.

Two old wash boilers, converted into stills, were seized, as was also a quantity of old lead pipe.

The boilers were shipped by express to the inland revenue office here, and are now in the custody of the collector, Mr. Thomas Alexander.

One boiler has evidently not been in use for ten years. The bottom is rusted out and there is a hole as big as a man's hand in one end.

The other boiler undoubtedly has not been used in five years. It is filled with rust, old rust, and insects. The latter no doubt are highly indignant at this unwarranted molestation of their ancient solitary reign.

It appears that the revenue officers have had reason to believe that illicit whisky was being made in the Parkhill district, and a watch has been kept on several men for months. As a result, the farms of two prominent residents of East Williams were raided and the old boilers were seized.

## THE FOUR NEW NORMALS

### Plans Received by the Government—May Soon Start to Build.

Toronto, Sept. 27.—It is understood that the plans of the four new normal schools contemplated under this year's educational programme are ready for submission to the cabinet for approval.

As soon as this is obtained, tenders will be called for and work on the schools will be commenced.

Before Christmas it is hoped to have work on the whole four well under way.

The schools are to be located at Hamilton, Stratford, Peterboro and North Bay.

## QUEEN'S DEGREES.

Kingsington, Sept. 27.—The following degrees are awarded as a result of the supplemental examinations at Queen's: Mr. Fred Sine, B. A., J. D. Barker (Alberta), T. E. Clarke (Ontario), J. J. Edwards (Turrill Rapids), William J. O'Connell (Kingsington).

## DOOMED TO DEATH BY TERRORISTS

### Long List of Those Against Whom Sentences Have Been Issued.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 27.—Nearly 400 names of those who have been sentenced to death by the military courts of the Russian government are listed in the official gazette.

Among the names are those of the late Count Ignatieff, popularly known as "The Father of Lies," who negotiated the San Stefano treaty, and Ignatieff's son, Count Alexei Ignatieff.

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## YORK COUNTY LOAN

### Phillips' Trial May Not Come Off for Three Months.

Toronto, Sept. 27.—The case of Joseph Phillips, of the York County Loan, is one of a long list that have yet to be tried in the sessions. Crown Attorney Drayton's programme so far gives no indication when Phillips will be tried. Mr. Drayton and his staff, although in possession of all the evidence taken at the police court, have taken all the books of the concern and of the List Piano Company, and are going over them minutely. When the police court examinations are analyzed, it is said, they do not furnish the basis for seeking the charge that Mr. Drayton seeks to allege.

If this is the case, the trial of Phillips may be postponed till the December sittings.

## WITHOUT A HOME

### Disastrous Fire in Montreal—Thirty Families Burned Out.

Montreal, Sept. 27.—A disastrous fire took place at St. Louis De Milend yesterday afternoon causing a loss of over \$100,000.

The fire started in some wooden buildings, spread quickly, and before it was got under control some fourteen houses had been destroyed and thirty families rendered homeless.

## SECESSION IN AUSTRALIA

### Perth Legislature Disgruntled at Action of Commonwealth.

Perth, Australia, Sept. 27.—The legislative assembly today passed a resolution that the union of the state with the rest of the Commonwealth was detrimental to the interests of Western Australia, and that the time had arrived for submitting to the people the question of withdrawing.

The premier said that this vote was due to the rejection by the Commonwealth of a proposed survey for a transcontinental railroad.

## SOLICITOR HELPS OUT COMMISSION

### Succeeds in Drafting a Resolution Which Will Cut the Water Rates.

Commissioner Saunders this morning had an interview with City Solicitor Meredith regarding the reduction of the water rates, and Mr. Meredith succeeded in drafting a resolution, along the lines suggested by the commission, which will fully cover the case.

Monday another meeting of the commissioners will be held, at which the bylaws will be amended and the new rate clause will be inserted.

In brief, the commissioners will give orders to Secretary Ellwood to give all persons enjoying a flat water rate a reduction of 50 per cent on this quarter, and all persons paying rates on metered services will be given a similar reduction, based on the amount of water used by them during the entire year, unless the reduction will mean that such persons will pay less than 5.6 cents per 100 cubic feet, which is the cost of pumping.

In such cases the reduction made will only go as far as 5.6 cents.

It was stated at the city hall today that the commission would run foul of a snag when they asked the city solicitor to draft a bylaw which would refund any rates collected, but apparently the commissioners have got over this by declaring that they are refunding nothing, but are giving the people a flat reduction of 50 per cent on this quarter.

## THE G. N. TEL. COMPANY

### Directors and Officials Re-Elected at General Annual Meeting.

Toronto, Sept. 26.—The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Great North Western Telephone Company was held at their head office today.

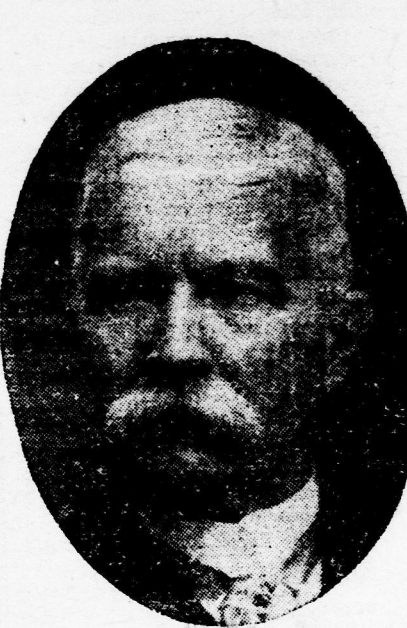
Directors—H. P. Dwight, Toronto; President Adam Brown, Hamilton; Vice-President I. McMichael, Toronto; Vice-President and General Manager James Hedley, W. C. Matthews, H. N. Baird, Hon. J. K. Kerr, Toronto; Col. R. C. Clowry, J. B. Van Eyr, New York; Secretary-Treasurer George D. Perry, Auditor A. C. McConnell.

## STENSLAND SENTENCED

### Confessed Bank-Wrecker Taken to the Joliet Penitentiary.

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Paul O. Stensland arrived from New York at 8:55 yesterday morning. He was taken immediately to the criminal court building. Appearing before Judge Kersten in the criminal court yesterday afternoon, he pleaded guilty to two charges of embezzlement. Judge Kersten sentenced him to an indeterminate period in Joliet penitentiary. The maximum prescribed by law is fourteen years.

The prisoner, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Nigam Sandberg, and of- ficers, left on the first train for Joliet, where they arrived at 2:55 p.m. They left the train at the prison station, about five minutes' walk from the penitentiary. In the reception room Mrs. Sandberg fainted as her father was being turned over to the prison officials.



MR. WILLIAM SCARLETT.

It is pointed out at the city hall that if Aid. Garratt goes to England in September, as it is announced he will, his place will be taken on the council board by Mr. William Scarlett, who was thirteenth man in the aldermanic race last January.

By a provision of the law, vacancies on municipal bodies in cities are thus filled.

## ALASKAN STEAMER BURNED

### Chief Mate and Fireman Missing; Be Badly Injured.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 27.—A dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer from White Horse, Alaska, says that the steamer Columbia, owned by the White Pass Company, has been burned near Five Fingers, on the Yukon River.

The chief mate, Joseph Welch, and one fireman are missing. A cabin boy named Murray was fatally injured. Others were badly burned, and all on board had narrow escapes.

## BOOST IN SALARY IS GRANTED THEM

### Country Postmasters and Clerks in City Offices to Get It.

A special dispatch to The Advertiser from Ottawa says that the Postmaster-General has decided to grant an increase in salary to all country postmasters. The decision of the Postmaster-General has been reached in consequence of the agitation which has been carried on for some time in behalf of those in charge of the country post-offices.

Increases in salaries are also to be given to clerks in the city postoffices and to the clerks in the offices of the postoffice inspectors.

The time fixed for the increases to go into effect is not announced.

## PUNISHING MOTORMEN.

### [Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Sept. 27.—The Toronto Railway Company has issued a regulation for the punishment of motormen who persistently turn up late to work. The company will not discharge the men because help is scarce, but will take them off regular runs and banish them to the spare list. This, the management thinks, will improve the morning car service.

## GETTING ON.

Galt, Sept. 27.—The announcement made that Mr. Arthur G. Donaldson, for seven years business manager of the Galt Reporter, has resigned to accept an important position on the evening staff of the Toronto Star, Mr. Donaldson is one of the brightest young journalists in this Province, and his friends will unite in wishing him every success.

## THE WEATHER

### TOMORROW—RAIN TOWARD NIGHT.

Toronto, Sept. 26—5 p.m. Local showers have occurred today in the lower lakes and Georgian Bay regions. Elsewhere the weather has been fine. A severe storm of tropical origin is centered tonight over the Gulf of Mexico, and is moving northward.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Toronto, 56-60; Port Simpson, 46-54; Victoria, 50-56; Edmonton, 38-44; Calgary, 42-50; Qu'Appelle, 38-46; Winnipeg, 46-50; Port Arthur, 48-54; Parry Sound, 44-50; Toronto, 56-70; Ottawa, 44-72; Montreal, 46-52; Quebec, 42-50; St. John, 46-50; Halifax, 42-50.

FORECASTS. Thursday, Sept. 27—5 a.m. Today—Fine and a little cooler. Friday—Winds increasing to gales, northerly to easterly; rain towards evening.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary, 46 36 Cloudy. Winnipeg, 46 36 Clear. Port Arthur, 48 38 Clear. Parry Sound, 44 44 Fair. Toronto, 56 50 Fair. Ottawa, 44 50 Fair. Montreal, 46 52 Fair. Quebec, 42 50 Fair. Father Point, 46 54 Fair.

WEATHER NOTES. Since yesterday morning showers have occurred in many portions of Ontario and Quebec. Elsewhere the weather has been for the most part very fine. A severe storm of tropical origin is centered in the Gulf of Mexico, and from present indications it promises stormy conditions in the lake region by tomorrow evening.

## SWITCHMEN ISSUE AN ULTIMATUM

### Prospect for Another Great Railway Tieup.

## 25,000 MEN READY TO STRIKE

### Companies Given Until October 25 to Grant Increased Wages—One; Labor Matters.

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Not since the famous strike of the American Railway Union in 1894 have labor interests of the railroads been in such dire straits as at present. Since the year there has been no report of an organized movement that threatened the business of the various lines to the extent that they are now threatened.

The Switchmen's Union of North America, organized since the extinction of the American Railway Union, has come to the front and announces that unless an increase in wages is granted, the 25,000 members of the organization will go on strike within the next thirty days. Officials of the railway companies have been busy counting noses since this notice was received and they shook their heads gloomily yesterday when asked if they believed the men would go on strike.

May Strike Oct. 25.

The men have given the companies until Oct. 25 to deliver a final decision as to their demands. It is said that if nothing favorable is heard from the railway officials before that date the members of the organization will strike.

Vice-President Heberling, of the International organization, who has charge of the situation in Chicago, said he believed that there would be a big come to an agreement with the switchmen. He said that the men have not been so well organized since 1894 as at the present, and declared that they were ready to quit work in order to enforce the demands of the organization.

Officials declared that the switchmen would appeal to other brotherhoods of railway employes for support and they professed to believe that they would be supported by all of the other unions.

Unions Tied Up.

It is said, however, that they will have to make an extra strong plea because the railway unions have already been asked to fill in the breach between the switchmen and the telegraphers and the railroads.

What the switchmen lack at present is the support of such an organization as the old Federation of Railway Employees, which went to pieces just before the declaration of war on the part of the American Railway Union. As a matter of fact the death of the Federation of Railway Employees was the birth of the American Railway Union. However, since then the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen has grown up, which claims jurisdiction over the switchmen as well as the other railway organizations. What position this organization will take in the present controversy is not known, but the switchmen are hoping that they will be able to command its support.

Open Shop in Windsor.

The strike of the union carpenters against Windsor contractors for closed shops has been declared off and the carpenters are all back at work. Plenty of work at present, with winter coming close was too strong an inducement to the men to remain out, and they accepted the contractors' ultimatum of "open shop."

All-Night Session.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning a section of the carpenters met to conclude final negotiations, ending the strike. Many of the men are at work, but an all-night session kept 200 interested workmen on the street awaiting their decision all night.

Plumbers' Troubles.

At Toronto the plumbers, steamfitters, gasfitters and helpers had a lively session in Victoria Hall, brought about by the recommendation that for the future all payments should be handled by the international union.

In other international local will pay into the international treasury a percentage of their funds. A ledger will be kept in the international office for each member and his sick and death benefit will be paid by check from that office. It was pointed out by one of the speakers that this action was necessary in order that the funds of the locals may be preserved and the benefits would be assured them when necessary. Other members said that many locals were not capable of managing their finances. It was also shown that in some localities some members were favored while others were ignored. The recommendations of the committee were adopted.

## TO HAVE NEW THEATER

### Toronto Gets It, as Result of a War Between Circuits.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Sept. 27.—The war between the eastern and western burlesque circuits will give a new theater to Toronto. The new playhouse will be erected on the site of the present Earl Theater, the old Temperance Hall, building on Temperance street, and property which has been purchased by the Bell Telephone building.

The theater will have double the seating capacity of the present building. McPatrick & Son, of New York, theatrical architects, are at work on the plans, and building will begin with the new year.

## Young Farmer Has Narrow Escape from Awful Death

### Falls Into Threshing Machine While It Is Running at Full Speed.

An accident which might have resulted in the instant death of Godfrey Harrison, a young farmer who lives with his father 4½ miles west of Hyde Park in Lobo Township, occurred last evening.

Threshing was in progress at the Harrison farm, and young Harrison was in the act of walking across a board, suspended over the threshing machine, when the board broke.

Harrison fell into the self-feeder, but being remarkably active he managed to scramble out unaided. Before he reached the top of the machine, however, the knives gashed his back in several places.

Dr. Ross, of Hyde Park, was called, and he attended to the injured man. Harrison will recover.

The threshing machine was running at full speed at the time of the accident, and how the young man escaped instant death is a mystery.

## SEVENTY VILLAGES TAKEN UP ARMS

### Grave Agrarian Outbreak in a Russian Province—Police Powerless.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 27.—There is disquieting information regarding the situation in the provinces of Saratov and Tambov and the Lower Volga region, where serious disorders are anticipated, when the recruiting season opens in October. The populations of many communes have adopted formal resolutions disavowing the authority of the police and clergy. The rural police are residing in large numbers. Land owners are disposing of their estates at any sacrifice, and land values have dropped from \$80 to \$16 per acre. Details of the uprising at Malmush, Viatska Province, are difficult to obtain, but the peasantry of the village of Kharosk has disarmed the police and proclaimed autonomy.

Grave agrarian disorders have broken out in the Province of Halmush, with a population of over 100,000, where the inhabitants of 70 villages are reported to have joined in the uprising, have disarmed and expelled the police, and are pillaging and destroying the residences of the owners and devastating the country.

Administrative police chiefs in the Malmush district and eight of their subordinates have been killed.

Another Story.

Havana, Sept. 27.—In spite of the spirit of conciliation in which both the Moderates and Liberal leaders approached the American commissioners last night War Secretary Taft and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon early today received confidential reports that the Government officials were acting unfairly, and they had no intention to permit a settlement of the controversy along the lines suggested in Secretary Taft's proposal to President Palma. The commissioners say that a crisis will be precipitated on the convening of the Cuban Congress tomorrow, and they are preparing to take hold of the reins then, if necessary.

Brigadier-General Funston arrived here today on the steamer Olivette. He refused to discuss his mission to Cuba, or the prospects of American intervention. Gen. Funston was greeted by the secretary of the American legation on his arrival.

In Doubt.

A protracted meeting of the National Liberal party, of which Governor Nunez is leader, adjourned at an early hour today, after deciding to take part in the meeting of Moderates called for this afternoon. The National Liberals will probably also attend the session of Congress tomorrow.

Gov. Nunez said today that he did not believe any settlement would be reached.

## Funds From New York.

New York, Sept. 27.—Col. Carlos Aguirre, head of the Cuban revolutionary Junta in this city left for Havana in response to a cable message from Col. Zayas, the Liberal leader, urging his immediate departure. Col. Aguirre said during his stay in New York he had received from the Cuban and Spanish colony here upwards of \$100,000 to aid the revolt. With Col. Aguirre's departure, the Cuban Junta here practically goes out of business.

COURTS INVESTIGATION.

Windsor, Sept. 27.—J. W. Hanna, of Windsor, acting for Paul Morand, license inspector for North Essex, who is accused by Constable Vandellier, of Sandwich East Township, of having purchased and drank liquor in a hotel after hours, has written the license department at Toronto, asking an investigation of the charges which are said to be without foundation. It is said that if the Government does not make the investigation asked for, Morand will issue a writ against Vandellier.

## TO REVISE STATUTES.

Toronto, Sept. 27.—The Government has appointed Mr. Justice Mabee to the commission for the revision of the statutes, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Mr. Justice Street.

Judge Snider of Hamilton, county judge of Wentworth County, has also been appointed to the commission.

## \$250,000 FOR A RIVER PLANT; OVER A MILLION FOR OTHERS

### Supt. Moore Reports on Cost of Four Schemes to Increase Local Water Supply.

Engineer Moore last night presented a report to the water commission showing the cost of securing water supplies from the Thames River, Lake Huron and Lake Erie.

The figures show that a separate fire-fighting and business supply from the river would cost about \$250,000, and that the annual charges to the city would be \$12,630, or about one-half mill on the tax rate.

A direct main and supply from Lake Huron would cost \$1,365,000, upon which the annual charges would be \$68,964, or equal to about 3 1-4 mills on the tax rate.

Mr. Moore also gave figures on another route to Lake Huron, which would mean an expenditure of \$1,430,000.

A supply from Lake Erie, with the main running along the line of the L. and P. S. R., would cost \$865,000, the annual charges upon which would be \$43,782, or close on 2 mills on the tax rate.

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## THE MODERATES BACKED DOWN

### Will Resume Negotiations With Insurgents for Restoration of Peace.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Hope of peace in Cuba was revived among army and navy officers in Washington by the Havana dispatches announcing that Secretary Taft's plain dealing with President Palma and other Moderate leaders had caused them to consider treating with the insurgents. Many of the officers say they believe the United States will be able to restore peace without sending American soldiers to Cuba, and this opinion seems to be gaining ground rapidly.

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