

WEST WILL BENEFIT

Mr. Hays' Reply to Winnipeg Board of Trade.

CONTRACTS FOR GRAND TRUNK CONSTRUCTION

And Supplies to be Awarded to Local Firms as Far as Possible.

Winnipeg, August 26.—During the Grand Trunk Pacific party's visit to Winnipeg a deputation from the council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade was received by Messrs. C. M. Hays and F. W. Morse, President and Vice-President, respectively, of the G. T. R.

Mr. H. W. Hutchinson, president of the Board of Trade, was the chief speaker, and said that the board had already expressed their desire to see the Grand Trunk railway extended to western Canada, and they were very pleased to see that that was to be done. Continuing, Mr. Hutchinson said that on behalf of the Board of Trade he wished to suggest that it would not only be just in itself but advantageous to the new company in a business sense that they should, whenever possible, let their contracts to Canadian contractors resident in the west, and also that the supplies should, all things being equal, be purchased in the west.

Mr. Hays, replying, said the Grand Trunk Pacific intended to do at least 50 per cent. of the business of Winnipeg, and that it was easier to do business with friends than with enemies. Their policy was not at all one of antagonism, but on the contrary, all things being equal, they would give the west all the business they could, both regarding contracts and furnishing of supplies. It should be borne in mind, however, that building a railway was a business proposition, and sentimental considerations could not be allowed too much weight. Western people, however, had a right to ask for this, and he would see that they were not disappointed. As to the time when they expected to have the road built, Mr. Hays said he could give no definite time, but work would be pushed as quickly as men and material could do it, implying that ability to work quickly would have a great deal to do with the awarding of contracts.

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LITTLE GIRL AT TORONTO.

Lost Her Life in Effort to Save Her Dog.

Beryl Elma Gordon, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. Gordon, of King street west, Toronto, was killed Tuesday in an attempt to pull her dog off the street car track in front of an approaching car. She had been sent across the road to buy some bread and was returning, bread in hand, when she stopped to let a King street car going east pass. She then

crossed, followed by her dog, immediately in front of Belt Line car No. 740, which was going west at full speed. She crossed the track all right and stopped as soon as she was over the track to look after the dog. The dog also stopped, but on the track, and his little mistress leaned over to pull him into safety. The dog dodged the outstretched hand, and the little girl fell with her shoulders across the track.

The motorman had been watching the incident, but he did not expect the child to come in front of the car, and he had not slackened the speed of the car much. When he saw the child fall he put the brakes on and applied the reverse, but it was too late. The fender struck the child and passed over her, allowing the

little body to go beneath the forward wheel. The dog had escaped and went bowling down the street. William Pettie, the motorman of the car, backed the car away from the body, which was pulled out. Life was not extinct, but the child's head was nearly severed from her body. She was carried into the Princess drug store and there treated by her last.

SHARK AS A PILOT.

Took Anchor in His Teeth and Saved a Ship.

New York, Aug. 25.—The Herald has the following from Honolulu: From Kailua, one of the Hawaiian Islands, comes the marvellous story of a shark acting as a pilot for a steamship which had lost her bearings.

In the beginning it should be known that the name of the shark is Barnacle Bill, and that he is known to all seafarers and best of all to Captain Simerson of the inter-island steamship Mauna Loa. This shark can pick out the Mauna Loa's keel from a hundred others, and whenever the vessel comes to anchor in her appointed berth, off Kailua, Barnacle Bill is always there, and always with his port eye cocked up and awaiting the chunks of salt pork which Captain Simerson never fails to heave at him after his ship has been brought to anchor.

It came about one week ago that the Mauna Loa appeared off the island at night. The lighthouse-keeper had not expected her until daylight, and there was no light to guide the vessel in. But Captain Simerson is an expert navigator, and having made the harbor many times, decided to try the dangerous passage at night. He brought the vessel safely in, but mistook her usual berth and came to anchor some distance away, and near jutting and dangerous rocks.

Soon after the anchor had been let go the boatswain, who was standing on the fore-castle meditatively winding his star-board watch, heard a grating sound from the cable, as though its under-water lengths were rippling through coral beds. Looking over the side, he saw Barnacle Bill, illuminated in a hook of phosphorescent light, with the anchor in his teeth swimming with it and towing the ship to her old berth and away from the dangerous place where she had anchored.

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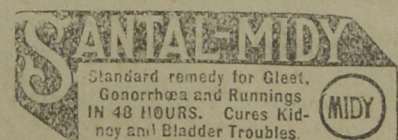
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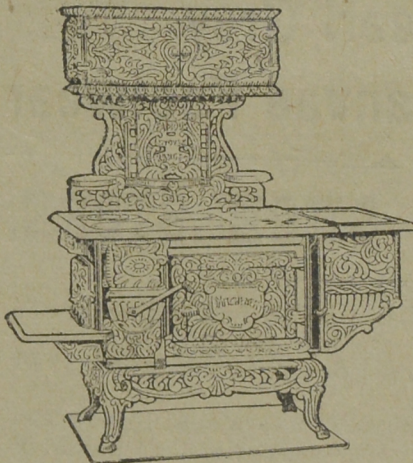
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