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MONDAY	6,724
TUESDAY	6,756
WEDNESDAY	6,817
THURSDAY	6,846
FRIDAY	7,005
SATURDAY	7,342
TOTAL	41,490
Daily Average	6,915
Average Daily Sworn Circulation Last 3 Months of 1905,	6,553

THE EASTERN SECTION AGAIN

(The Daily Telegraph.)

An unpleasant report, now revived with considerable force, is that the Quebec-Moncton section of the Grand Trunk Pacific is not to be built. This report has been repeatedly denied in the past, and apparently with authority; but it will not down, and there is now, evidently, some warrant for its reappearance. People in the Maritime Provinces will not readily believe that the government would consent to the abandoning of this section of the new transcontinental, so great is the Maritime interest in the all-Canadian characteristics of the project, and so vital is the importance of the extension of the road to tidewater in these provinces. It has been pointed out on a thousand occasions, in and out of Parliament, that the new road across the continent was to be primarily a carrier of the vast freight of the West to the seaports of the East—to Quebec in summer and to St. John and Halifax in winter—and that every province in the Dominion was to share largely in the benefits arising from the enterprise, just as each and all of them are to contribute heavily, directly or indirectly, to the first cost of construction.

When the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme was first put forward there was much difference of opinion as to the details and as to the proposed route of the line east of Quebec; but once the project was passed by Parliament it was accepted as certain by most, and hoped by all, that the ports of the Maritime Provinces—of which St. John is the most readily accessible—would have eventually their fair proportion of the traffic from and to the Canadian West.

The Transportation Commissioners' report, now in the hands of the government, in urging all-Canadian routes, emphasizes a remark made by Sir Wilfred Laurier in St. John not many years ago—that he confidently awaited the day when every pound of Canadian freight would pass over all-Canadian lines to Canadian ports. The new transcontinental will belie its name until it has its Maritime Province terminals. Freight should seek the shortest and most direct line to the sea. That line would bring the Grand Trunk Pacific to St. John by the shortest practicable route for a road of low gradients and easy curves.

It must be at once apparent that the report to the effect that the Quebec-New Brunswick section is to be shelved would instantly set Maritime Province people thinking about Portland, Maine, where, inevitably, a large proportion of the winter export freight would seek an outlet if the Grand Trunk Pacific did not extend eastward from Quebec to tidewater here. They would be compelled to believe that most important interests in these provinces had been sacrificed, after most explicit and frequently repeated assurances that the western traffic would flow through Maritime Province ports in an ever increasing stream.

In the absence of more definite information it is enough to say, perhaps, that these provinces will await with some anxiety a definite statement from the government that the Eastern section will not only be built but that no unreasonable delay in the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific to tidewater in New Brunswick will be permitted. It is surprising that such a doubt should exist at this late day, but, since it does exist, it would be well if it were dispelled without loss of time by an authoritative utterance from Ottawa.

MORE FACTORIES

The new industries committee of the Board of Trade is working diligently though quietly in the interest of the important work it has in hand. There is occasionally a thoughtless enquiry about results, as if it were possible for a committee by some magic process to attract capital and produce a new industry off-hand. Nothing could be more detrimental to the interests of the city than to encourage the establishment of industries and the investment of capital, local or foreign, in enterprises without first being assured, as far as shrewd business men can be assured, that the venture would produce satisfactory results. It is in that spirit the committee have approached their task, and it is perfectly clear that if one or two successful new industries can be established the result will be such a general growth of confidence among our own people as will lead to a more general willingness to aid in enlarging the field of operations.

There is a town in Michigan which has many factories, and it is said there is scarcely a man of any means in the town who has not invested in a number of these local industries, to which it is the constant aim to add. That is the spirit which makes a town flourish, and such a spirit may be developed in St. John within the next few years. Too much stress cannot be placed on the importance of factories, and St. John must have more of them.

UNHAPPY MONTREAL

There is no spirit of reverence in the Montreal police force. On Sunday morning last, one hundred and twenty-five citizens gathered in a carpenter shop to offer up sacrifices. They had with them about seventy game cocks, and had just begun their devotions when an inspector, two captains and fifty policemen rudely entered the temple and arrested everybody.

Among these devout but persecuted people were, we are told, carters, motormen, conductors, bartenders, laborers, barbers, farmers, clerks, hotel-keepers, machinists, shoemakers, butchers, moulders, checkers, plumbers, waiters, and horse traders. They ranged in age from 18 to 70 years. In order that they might devote as much time as possible to their religious exercises, they had provided liquid and other refreshments and cigars. It was expected that the afternoon service would have been attended by not less than five hundred of the faithful, but the rude iconoclasts of the police department prevented them from gathering together.

Nor did the indignity end there. The victims of the outrage were taken before the Recorder and sentenced to fines aggregating $671, besides the confiscation of the sacrificial birds, which were contemptuously sold at auction.

Montreal will soon be a good place for earnest and aspiring souls to avoid. It is not permitted the people to throw stones at the Salvation Army, and now another restriction has been placed upon their liberties. Even a prize fight last Sunday had to be pulled off at Longue Point, at some distance from the city. There seems to be very little hope for Montreal.

CIVIC APPOINTMENTS

It is stated that some of the St. John aldermen have a cheerful habit of promising to support a man for an office that may be vacant without waiting to learn who else may be seeking the position. An alderman who thus pledges himself is not in a position to choose, even though a better candidate should be in the field. He has tied himself up.

An alderman is not elected to secure offices for his friends, but to see among other things that when an office becomes vacant it is filled by the best available candidate. He has no right to pledge himself, and cannot reasonably be expected to do so. The fact that a man is looking for a position is no guarantee that he is qualified to do the work. There is too much personal politics in civic affairs, and not enough regard for the best interests of the city.

If the wharf enquiry committee feel that they cannot read a specification and compare it with the work done, and decide that they must employ an expert, they should enquire before appointing one whether he has had any past connection with such contracts in the harbor. And they should not ask him whether the work done is good work or bad, but whether the specifications have been adhered to.

The official returns of the census taken Dec. 1, 1905, shows a total population of 60,605,183 in Germany, against 56,367,178 in 1900. The women outnumber the men by 868,991, but the government statisticians estimate that if the males make the same rate of increase as shown by the last four censuses they will outnumber the females in 1945.

In Montreal the civic authorities are already arranging for the reception of Prince Arthur.

WALL STREET HOUSECLEANING

Pettigrew, Bright & Co., Boston.—There has been house-cleaning in Wall street, and the speculative conditions there are good. No intrinsic weakness has been developed. Now that over-boomed stocks have come down in notable degree, we should get a broader perspective on values and on presumable course of events in a short time. The monetary conditions are caused by active business, and the banks and large interests in permanent stock market strength are united against overdoing the stock speculation. Thus we have a conservative balance, which has held the market against excesses and which will hold it so in the next upward movement. For we are assured of more buoyancy after the new crop is out of danger, after April disbursements are made, after coal strike fears are over. Matters are getting into shape for renewed animation, but perhaps we shall have continued narrow dealings, a choppy, professional market for a while yet. But values have been reconstructed; much artificial value has been shaken out of some specialties; there are evidences that the next movement will be more comprehensive, less devoted to a few stocks.

H. W. Woods, of Welsford, was registered at the Dufferin yesterday.

Dr. S. B. Price, who has been ill with appendicitis, was operated upon yesterday afternoon with very successful results. He was reported resting well last night.

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CATHEDRAL HIGH TEA

The drawing for prizes won at the Cathedral high tea was conducted last night in the St. Vincent de Paul rooms, Waterloo St. The following are the winners:-

Mrs. Gerow's lottery—1st. prize, parlor stove, won by ticket No. 744; 2nd prize, jardiniers, won by ticket 175, A. G. Rainnie, Wright street; 3rd, Hungarian vase, won by ticket 183, W. Armstrong.

Table No. 2 lottery—Goatskin coat, won by ticket No. 70.

Lottery by Mrs. Holland—1st prize, barrel flour, won by ticket No. 919, Mrs. Fox, Frederick street; 2nd prize, load of coal, won by ticket No. 1,658, Bishop Casey; 3rd prize, fancy chair, won by ticket No. 1,732; 4th prize, vase, won by ticket No. 1,566, E. McNamara; 5th prize, china tea set, won by ticket No. 366, Rev. A. W. Meahan; 6th prize, oil painting, won by ticket No. 193, Miss M. Cogger, Haymarket square.

Table No. 1—1st prize, oil stove, won by ticket No. 868, F. E. Caples; 2nd prize, camera, won by ticket No. 69, Miss Alice Dalton, 168½ Sydney street; 3rd prize, parlor lamp, won by ticket No. 860, Mrs. J. Campbell, Haymarket square; steel range, won by ticket No. 922, J. Connolly, 119½ King street east.

Table No. 3—1st prize, parlor lamp, ticket 577, Frank Scott, 96 Pond street; 2nd, 516, Alice Henneberry, 15 Sewell street; 3rd, pair of slippers, 324, Miss Murray, 19 Harding street; 4th, sofa cushion, 1,080, H. McCarthy, 40 Paddock street; 5th, gentleman's hat, 506, G. McKinnon, Prince William street; 6th, pie knife, 417, Mary A. Killorn, North street; 7th, pair ornaments, 396, L. S. Peters, 54 Albert street; 8th, umbrella, 461, Katherine Sheehan, 109 Marsh road; 9th, pair of lady's slippers, 583, Florence Callahan, 110 Pond street; 10th, picture, 637, E. M. Vincent, 4 Millidge lane.

Table No. 4—1st prize, pair of blankets, 843, Rev. C. Collins, Fairville; 2nd, vase, 262, M. D. Sweeney, Elliott row; 3rd, lady's slippers, 665, Wm. Daly, 124 Brussels street; 4th, picture, 162, L. A. Bouchar, provincial hospital.

Miss Carey's lottery—1st prize, silver teapot, 953, Nan Ward, Wellington row; 2nd, silk umbrella, 572, Owen Campbell, 107 Main street; 3rd, pair of slippers, 52, Miss M. Blanchard, Cumberland hotel; 4th, box of cigars, 592, Alice Sweeney, 5 Harris street.

Fancy table lottery—1st prize, dress suit case, ticket 950, F. J. Graham, 230 Winslow street; 2nd, sofa cushion, 1,094, Joseph Henneberry, 20 Castle street; 3rd, pair slippers, 397, M. Bradley, Westmorland road; 4th, fancy apron, 233, Mr. Bailey, Moncton; 5th, dressed doll, ticket 676.

Chance lotteries: Mrs. McKinney's—Sofa pillow, won by Miss Alice Murray, 286 Germain street.

Miss Bradley's—Sofa cushion, won by Miss May Small, Brussels street.

Miss McCullough—Centrepiece, won by T. O'Brien, Elliott row.

Doll, candy booth—Won by Joseph Lewis.

Cushion, donated by Mrs. P. J. O'Keeffe—Won by C. F. Cassidy, 20 Simonds street.

Set carvers, A. O. H. table—Won by Mr. O'Neill, city market.

Mysterious trunk—Won by Miss Alice Doherty, St. James street.

Chance lottery, table No. 4—1st prize, silk umbrella, won by Mrs. McDowald, King street east; 2nd, pipe, Chas. Hogerty, Fairville; 3rd, picture, Mr. Gallivan, Brookville.

The fancy doll in charge of Miss Flaherty was won by Mrs. Cullinan, Cliff street. Four people guessed the name of the doll, which was Agatha, and being drawn for, Mrs. Cullinan won.

Chance lottery from valentine and post card booth—1st prize, jardiniere, won by ticket 167, Miss Margaret Reynolds; 2nd, Wavery Novels, 135, M. D. Coll; 3rd, silver fern dish, 316, Jas. Reynolds; 4th, cold meat fork, 171, Miss Margaret Reynolds. Pipe, won by Ed. Morgan, Main street, North End.

Guessing number of pins in doll—Won by Miss Eva McGourty, who guessed 930. The correct number was 928.

F. Lynch, of Paradise row, won the bottle of candies, he having guessed nearest the correct number, which was 1,124.

The following won fancy cakes, being the nearest guessers to correct weight: M. Nugent, Dr. J. M. Barry and Miss A. Bain.

The high tea and sale resulted in about $2,000 net receipts.

COMING INTO CANADA

(Hardware and Metal.)

We are able to make two important and exclusive announcements this week. The United States Steel Corporation have definitely decided to come into the Canadian market. They will not acquire an interest in or secure control of any existing Canadian steel company. They will erect their own plant, and the land for this purpose has now been actually bought. The papers were finally signed this week. Our New York correspondent informs us that it may be some time before building operations begin, and the entire plant will not be finished for two or three years or longer.

The initial outlook will be $10,000,000, and this will be increased to $75,000,000 Iron areas are said to have been bought in Ontario and an undeveloped coal area near Lake Erie will supply the Canadian plant with fuel.

Another development that is spoken of is the eventual absorption of the International Nickel Co. and the manufacture of nickel steel in the Canadian plant.

The other important bit of news is that another iron and steel company, composed of well-known Canadians, has been decided upon and a plant will be erected somewhere on Lake Ontario. No site has yet been selected, though one has been looked at. They will at first manufacture foundry pig only, and may not develop the steel side of the business for some time.

INSURANCE IN THE U. K.

The people of the British Isles are now insured by 96 companies to the enormous total of £941,879,726 ($4,705,398,630), and this does not include the figures of the colonial and foreign companies. The blue-book which annually appears on this subject has just been published.

Premiums were paid last year to the amount of £35,644,141 ($178,220,705), and the year's claims came to £22,122,435 ($110,612,175), there being an increase under the latter head of £1,136,742 ($5,683,710).

The companies closed the year with balances amounting in the aggregate to £317,088,943 ($1,585,444,715). Of this sum they now have almost £36,000,000 ($180,000,000) invested in land, house property and ground rents.

MONTREAL MAY HAVE STRIKE

Montreal is again threatened with a labor dispute. This time it is the iron moulders, who are about to make a demand for more wages. In the event of the iron moulders striking, thousands of iron and steel workers, especially in the big car shops, who depend on the moulders, would be forced into idleness.

The present minimum is $2.55 a day, and the officials of the union claim that this schedule is altogether inadequate owing to the enormous increase in rent of houses and advanced cost of living.

There was a good attendance at the special service in Queen Square Methodist church last night. Rev. Dr. Gates spoke from Isaiah lxi—1—. His discourse was very effective and was greatly appreciated. The music was excellent and included a solo by Mrs. A. P. Crockett. Today's services will be at 3 p. m. and 7.30 p. m.

WALL PAPERS

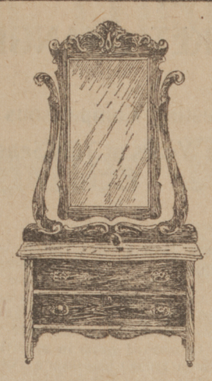
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