

LOCOMOTIVE WORKS BY-LAW

IN 1905 THE LOCOMOTIVE WORKS EMPLOYED 500 HANDS AND PAID OUT TO THEM \$225,000. In January, 1906, the Locomotive company agreed with the city to expend within three years at least \$250,000 in the improvement and extension of their works, upon the city granting them total exemption from taxation on their property, except school purposes, for ten years. TO-DAY THE COMPANY EMPLOYS 630 MEN AND ARE PAYING THEM AT THE RATE OF \$400,000 A YEAR. The Company are now proposing to expend within two years at least \$300,000 in further extensions and improvements provided the city will limit their assessment, except for school purposes, for a term of years to \$100,000. These extensions will double the floor space and the capacity of the shops and will enable the Company to increase THEIR EMPLOYEES FROM 630 TO 1,000. THIS INCREASE WOULD MEAN AN ANNUAL PAY ROLL OF NEARLY \$700,000. Do you realize what it means to the city to have this amount of money paid out every year to the men and passing from them into the hands of the landlord, the merchant, the mechanic, the laborer, the professional man, the churches, the schools and the charities of the city. Every one is directly or indirectly benefitted. \$700,000 A YEAR! This exceeds the amount paid by all the other industrial establishments in the city combined, with the total sums paid out annually by the government in connection with A and B Batteries, the Penitentiary, the Rockwood Asylum and the Royal Military College added.

WHAT IS THE CITY ASKED TO GIVE IN ORDER TO SECURE THESE EXTENSIONS? NOTHING. It will actually receive at least \$2,500 additional taxes each year. All the Company ask is that the city limit its right to tax to a fixed assessment of \$100,000 and even that limitation does not apply to the school tax which will be levied on the whole increased value of their property.

Can any one deny that this will be a pretty advantageous deal for the city?

But some man will say, the industry is making and will make profits that make it as ABLE to pay full taxes as the rest of us. Granted. The Company don't ask a limitation of their liability on the ground of poverty. If it were a feeble concern too poor to pay taxes it would probably be too poor a thing to be worth having. Are the 24 flourishing industries that Welland has secured in the past four years too poor to pay taxes? Are the great industries that Hamilton has secured in recent years too poor to pay taxes? Are the industries that have caused Brantford, Berlin, Guelph, Peterboro and other towns and cities to stride ahead in the past ten years, while we have been barely doing more than marking time, too poor to pay taxes? We all know they are not but that they have secured concessions because they are strong, prosperous concerns able to benefit and build up the cities and towns where they are located.

THE LOCOMOTIVE COMPANY OFFER THE CITY A SIMPLE BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

They say we are able, as you see and know, to confer large benefits upon and help materially in building up the city, in exchange for this we ask you to reciprocate by limiting our assessment to \$100,000. Can any one doubt the wisdom of the city's accepting such an offer.

But some man will say, while I am not blind and can see as well as the next man the great advantage and the fairness of the deal, yet I am a little shrewder and perhaps a bit more selfish, and I can see that the Company have already invested so much here in land and plant that they cannot move away, and we can get all they offer and give nothing in return.

DON'T RUN AWAY WITH THIS IDEA MY FRIEND. They can of course stand still, enjoy their total exemption and neglect to expand. BUT WORST OF ALL THEY CAN, WITHOUT LOSS, PULL OUT FROM KINGSTON AND LOCATE ELSEWHERE. The majority of the stock and the majority of the directors now live away from Kingston, have no "sentimental attachment" to it and don't care a ten cent piece whether the works are here or elsewhere. The most profitable and advantageous point is all that concerns them. Now other places are anxious to secure such a large and prosperous industry and some of them are able to hold out inducements that will adequately compensate for any cost or loss incurred by removal. Take for instance the Town of Welland which has already made offers to the Company. See what advantages they can give. Owing to their proximity to the Falls they can offer power at \$10 per horse power. They have natural gas at about 20 cents a thousand, seven railroads entering the town and cheaper freight rates on raw material and they offer a free site and a fixed assessment of \$10,000. Take the item of power alone. The Locomotive Works now use about 600 horse power and if enlarged as proposed would require about 1000 horse power. It costs them here \$40 per horse power as against \$10 at Welland, an advantage of \$30,000 a year in favor of Welland. If Kingston insists on taxing the Locomotive Works, to the limit it is a conservative estimate that the Company in removing to Welland could save on power, taxes, light, freight, &c., SOME \$50,000 A YEAR. This amount at 5% represents a capital expenditure of \$1,000,000. Any one can see then that the Company could sacrifice \$1,000,000 in removal and be made whole by this annual saving of \$50,000. They could, therefore, sell their land and buildings here for whatever they would bring, rebuild on a free site at Welland, remove their machinery and certainly not be out of pocket. Similar advantages exist in favor of Hamilton and other places. It is an open secret that one of the most prominent officials of the Company has figured out the cost of removal and selected the city, he considers the most favorable place for the works.

Consider for a moment the utter disaster it would be to Kingston if the offer of the Company were rejected, and if feeling they were not being fairly treated and that they could do better elsewhere, the Company moved their works away. Can the most selfish of us afford to take any chances. If you were to mark your ballot against the By-law and help to drive the works away, would you not bitterly regret it and feel that you had done the worst day's work of your life for your city and for your own pocket.

Cities cannot grow except by the presence of manufacturing industries. Other cities are alive to this and are reaching out with offers and inducements to attract them. If we are to grow we must hold and encourage what we have by liberal and generous treatment, and strive earnestly to secure others.

By order of the Board of Trade

E. RYAN, President

TABRIZ IS NOW HELD

THE RUSSIANS OCCUPY THE PLACE AFTER SIEGE.

A Large Number of Casualties on Both Sides—The Turks Put the Italians to Rout and Killed Many.

Tabriz, Dec. 30.—A nine days' siege of this city, by Russian troops, has resulted in its complete occupation by Russian forces and the dispersal of the combatants belonging to the constitutional progressive party, or Fidaia. A large number of casualties were sustained by both sides, the Russians alone losing from one hundred to two hundred men, while the losses of the Fidaia were very severe, although the number cannot be ascertained. No casualties were suffered by the resident foreign population.

Killed Many Italians.

Washington, Dec. 30.—A twenty-four-hour battle, in which the Turkish troops defeated the Italian force, killing half of it in rout, is described in an official message from Constantinople, made public at the Turkish embassy. The message was transmitted to the imperial minister of war at Constantinople by the commander of the Turkish troops from Tripoli.

Gomez Not a Hebel.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 30.—Dr. Emilio Vasquez Gomez, who was Mexico's representative in Washington during the late revolution, later minister of the interior under De La Lanza, and recently candidate for vice-president of Mexico, denied here, today, that he was connected with any revolutionary movement.

Gomez said the surrender of Gen. Bernardo Reyes and the capture of several of his followers, removes the last possibility of a counter revolution in Mexico.

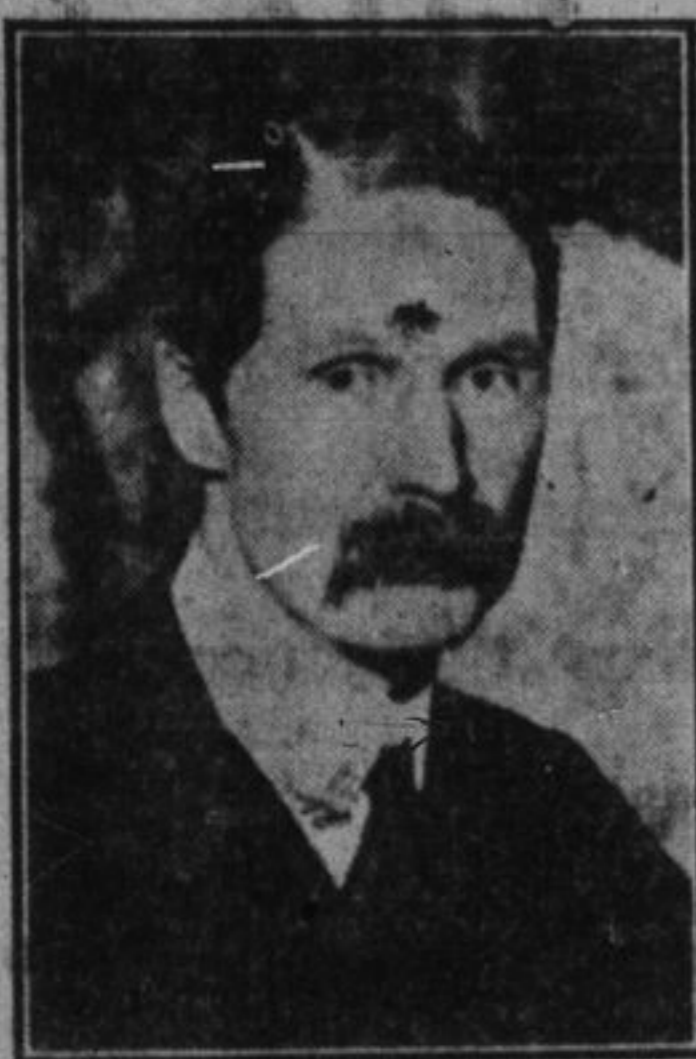
The man who creates a smile or good feeling is a builder for good.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Toronto Ont., Dec. 30th, 10 a.m.—Ontario Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Eastern winds; cold, with snow to night and Sunday.

DAILY MEMORANDA.

14th Band at the Palace Rink. New Year's Eve. The first meeting of the Skating Club will be held on Monday evening, January 1st, at the Kingston Skating Rink. Mass Meeting, open to all, Eglinton Street Methodist Church, Sunday, 8:15 p.m. Mr. Mayor Oliver and Controller Bowers of Toronto, will speak on "License Restriction." Mass meeting for men transferred from the Hall to Grand Opera House, Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Mr. Mayor Oliver and Controller F. S. Bowers, of Toronto, will speak. Good music.



ANDREW BONAR LAW.

Successor to A. J. Balfour as Unionist leader in the House of Commons.

DESPAIR-DRIVEN HE KILLS WIFE AND CHILDREN

Believing Family Better Off in Heaven Arkansas Farmer Beats in Their Skulls.

Benton, Ark., Dec. 30.—Because he was in "deep despair" and believed his wife and family "would be better off in heaven," James Grant clubbed his wife, five children and step-son to death and hanged himself some time Tuesday night. The bodies of the children were found in their beds yesterday, each still being crushed. The body of Mrs. Grant was found in the home half dressed and evidently she was killed as she was about to retire. The children ranged in years from five to thirteen years.

Hugh Grant, a sixteen-year-old son, only member of the family alive, discovered the bodies when he returned from a holiday celebration at a neighboring farm. He found a note signed by his father which explained that "owing to deep despair and that I saw nothing for me or my children, who, I believe, would be better off in heaven, I commit this act." Grant lived near here on a farm and was reputed to be well-to-do.

Major-General Alexander Shaler, eighty-five years of age, who fought, with distinction, in the American civil war, died on Dec. 28th, in New York.

THE LOCOMOTIVE WORKS BY-LAW

An Opportunity That Should Not Be Allowed to Pass Without Action.

The Whig feels that something akin to a crisis has arisen in the history of the good, old city of Kingston. She is at the parting of the ways. Shall it be progression or retrogression? Shall we retain and enlarge the industries we now possess, and, also, securing new ones, increase and develop? Or shall we refuse to exert ourselves to grasp the opportunities offered—and to stand still for another quarter of a century? These are important—earnest—vital questions, and the electors must answer them with their votes on Monday next.

Realizing the great importance of the Locomotive Works to this city, the Whig is to-day devoting the most valuable space it has—its front page—to publishing the very able arguments advanced by Dr. Ryan, president of the Board of Trade, as to why the electors should vote and work for the carrying of this by-law. Let the voters bear in mind that the Locomotive Works by-law has the unanimous endorsement of the Board of Trade. Other cities, including Welland, Peterboro, St. John and Toronto, have made tempting offers to attract this industry away from Kingston. These progressive localities realize its importance, and are most anxious to secure it. How much more important is such a large and growing industry to Kingston, which has so few others compared with the cities mentioned above?

If Kingston is to develop and gather strength and wealth and prosperity, she must not let such chances slip. Every citizen should do his share towards the passing of the by-law on Monday. Property owners are reminded that they have a vote in every ward in which they own property.

TO LAUNCH BIG FLEET.

C.N.R. Will Have Large Freighters on Two Oceans.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—A special dispatch from San Francisco, where Sir Donald Mann is at present staying, states that he has definitely announced the inauguration in the near future of a Canadian Northern railway steamer service between Canada, Australia, and China, as well as a Western Canada grain service to Europe, via Vancouver and the Panama canal, as soon as that undertaking is completed, some three years hence. A line of steamers is already carrying grain to Europe for the Canadian Northern railway, and it is proposed to build a number of large freighters which will take all the grain shipped from Saskatchewan and Alberta to Europe.

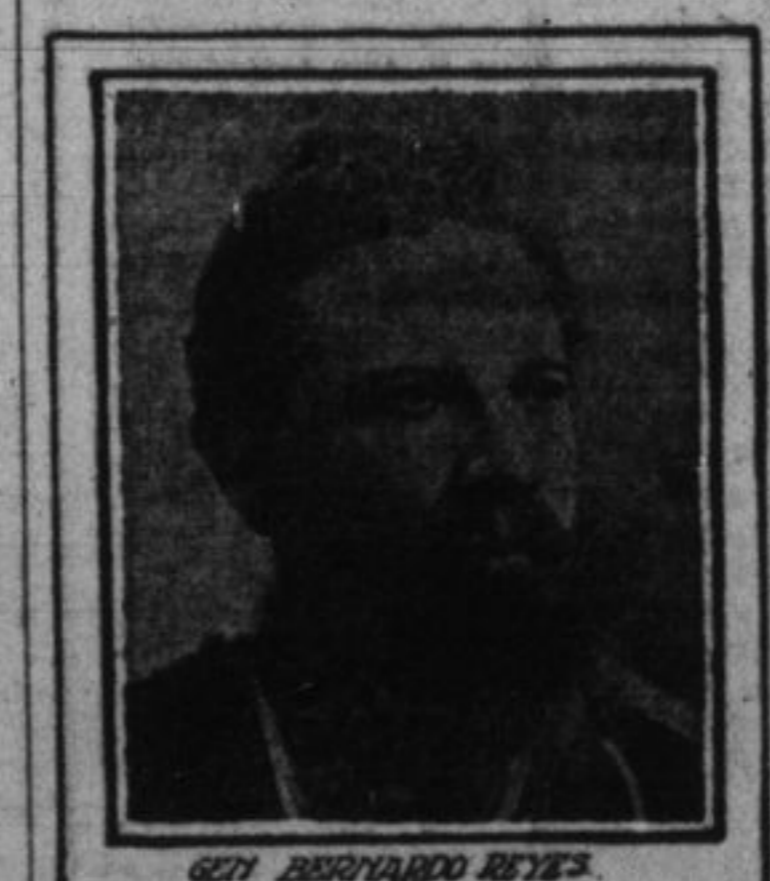
Dr. Eliot, the noted educationalist, is progressing, although not out of danger yet. "Emulsion Cod Liver Oil." Gibson's.

REYES' DREAM ENDED

HE ASKS MERCY FOR FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS.

The One-time Great Mexican General Found the People and the Army Against Him.

Linares, N.L., Mex., Dec. 30.—Defeated and stripped of former arrogance and pride, Gen. Bernardo Reyes, Mexico's one-time greatest military



GEN. BERNARDO REYES.

leader and more recently leader of a revolt that threatened to tear the country from border to border, is in jail here, having surrendered officially to Gen. Trevino, a personal enemy for years.

Hiding alone into Lingres, the gray-haired rebel gave himself up to Lieut. Placido Rodriguez, commander of twenty-five rurales, the sole military guard here. Permission was obtained to telegraph a formal capitulation to Gen. Trevino, commander of the third military zone, in Monterrey. He frankly admitted his dream of another successful revolution had come to an end, and placed himself at Trevino's disposal.

"I called upon the army, I called upon the people," telegraphed the broken general, "and no one responded. This attitude I regard as a protest, and I am resolved not to continue this war against the government. I place myself at your disposal." Reyes asked no guarantee for himself, but pleaded for mercy for the little group of men who have followed him in his wanderings to and fro throughout a large area in this state, and in the state of Tamaulipas. He requested consideration for them. They yet are fugitives and will be hunted down by Trevino's men, un-

less they, too, surrender voluntarily. To Reyes' message, Gen. Trevino replied that Gen. Reyes would be kept under guard in Linares pending instructions from the central government.

That he will be taken to the capital to answer for his offense is considered by Reyes as the natural result of his surrender.

Reyes' attempt to save his few followers was refused by Trevino, who telegraphed to Reyes that he had no authority to relax the campaign.

Nearly Broke Monte Carlo.

New York, Dec. 30.—Prince James Bourbon, the Spanish pretender, is the latest sensation at Monte Carlo. His royal highness is said to have won more than \$80,000 at a single sitting. He returned to the tables a little later and took away \$20,000 more.

Halifax Taxation Raises.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 30.—The rate of taxation for the city of Halifax in the coming year will be two per cent. on the assessment, thus raising the sum of \$666,832, an increase of \$13,930 over last year. The highest previous taxation rate was 1.90 per cent.

Kaiser Goes Yachting.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The Kaiser will go on a yacht cruise in the spring and will visit San Remo, Genoa, Naples and Messina. After his stop at Messina he will then go to Corfu.

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