

# PARTY FOUND IN FA

## Fire Badly Costly Stock MIRACLE SAVES PASSENGERS ON C. N. R. LIMITED

**Blistering Blaze in Dowlers Store Gives Fire Department Hard Task at 11:30 Saturday Night; Loss Estimated at \$35,000. Covered Fully by Insurance**

The most serious business block fire in several years almost gutted the stockrooms and rear departments of Dowlers, Limited, late Saturday night, causing damages to the stock and fixtures that may total \$30,000. The loss is covered by insurance.

The fire was discovered about 11:30 o'clock, about half an hour after the store was closed for the day and the employees had left. The fire is believed to have started in the parcel room or in the bond room, at the rear, under the mezzanine offices, and directly off the new stockrooms. It was there that the fire centred. The offices were completely wrecked. Some damage from smoke to the business suites in the floor above the store is reported. The adjoining stores, those of T. Eaton Company and the Metropolitan Stores, Limited, escaped damage.

Estimating the total loss to Dowlers, Limited, probably will take several days as all the merchandise will have to be inspected. Much of the goods that was damaged beyond salvage was Christmas and winter goods in the stockrooms and was to have been placed on display in a few days. Sunday morning, dozens and dozens of garments, many of them partly burned, lay on the stockroom floor to a depth of nearly a foot in places. The garments had been thrown on the floor from the hangers and shelves as the firemen fought their way to the flames. Included in this trampled mass of charred clothing were the remnants

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**Tons of Rock and Earth Crash on Tracks Near Canyon, Ont.**

**FIREMAN DIED TODAY  
Brakes Applied as Engine Rounded Curve and Injuries Slight**

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 4 (CP).—A hundred tons of rock and earth crashed on the Canadian National Railways tracks, near the Canyon, Ont., on Sunday afternoon. A short time later the Continental Limited, No. 1, passenger train of the National Lines, westward bound, rounded the curve and smashed into the pile with such force that the engine and tender were derailed. By a miracle, several score passengers escaped serious injury but, Ira Gibbs, locomotive fireman, was so seriously scalded that he succumbed this morning. He was rushed to hospital in Winnipeg on a special train.

Engineer James Roorke jumped from the cab of the engine and escaped with a bad shaking up.

But Gibbs was thrown back into the cab and trapped in the steam escaping from the broken pipes and boiler, when he attempted to jump.

When the train struck the rock obstruction, the passengers and crew were thrown forward from their seats. A few sustained minor scratches and bruises but none required medical attention.

The train was travelling at reduced speed as it rounded the curve, and Engineer Roorke, seeing the debris, applied the brakes, and undoubtedly saved the coaches from leaving the rails or telescoping.

A special train was dispatched from Winnipeg and the passengers brought here, arriving shortly after midnight. The Canyon is about 100 miles east of Winnipeg.

## What's The H

(A Times-Journal Editorial)

The fixing of a special date, Thursday, November 14, a half before the date of the municipal election, for a vote on the bylaw to the ratepayers on the Medina Natural Gas Company, Limited, and the Company, Limited, on the one hand, and the city, on the other hand, has naturally raised the questions, "What's the bylaw?" "Couldn't the bylaw have waited until the next election?" "The November 14 date was fixed by the Council on condition that the city agreed to submit the bylaw at a date separate from the municipal election." The Times-Journal is informed that the city treasurer has issued a cheque for \$1,500, which is to recompense the city for its outlay in advertising the ballots, engaging polling booths, and providing the necessary facilities.

There can be no question about the companies' rights in demanding the separate date, or in their being recompensed for the outlay that such a separate submission would enhance the value of the separate submission, one of these reasons sanctioned by the electors, officers will readily admit—being that the issue will not be confused or overshadowed by any other case at a general election. A second reason of the bylaw is that the companies may obtain a vote on the measure, despite its evident unpopularity to those favorable to the bylaw cast against the bylaw stay away from the polls.

The companies cannot be blamed for acting on both these reasons. It is their business to secure legitimate means. But if those citizens who are in agreement with the Medina-Central combination—of four or five to one—do not get a majority of votes cast decides the fate of the majority of votes are polled, and fifty-one of a hundred votes becomes operative.

It is possible, though scarcely probable, to show enough interest in the matter to turn the bylaw. It would be better, though, to make a competent organization to see that the bylaw is put to the polls in sufficient numbers to prevent that ought never to have been submitted to the electors.

Isn't there an organization, or organization, for the welfare of St. Thomas, to take action there individuals possessing the same interest do for the municipality of which they are a part?

The town of Aymer faced a similar question over a question of rates with the same result, and an organization of citizens organized a special voting day.

Don't blame the companies for trying to have already said, that's their part of the of the citizens to see that bylaws they do not rejected decisively.

The time for the citizens to act is at hand.

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Unless Settled on Permanent Scale General Smuts Sees a Reversion to Barbarism

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Plans Are Underway For Celebration November 11, at Windsor and Detroit, New Link Between