

AFRAID OF INJURING THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO PREMIER NOT CORDIAL

Reply to the Deputation From Western Ontario for Aid for the Western University Is Most Unsatisfactorily—Says Western Is Anglican University.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 16.—"The question which has to be considered by the Government has not been touched upon today," said Sir James Whitney, after hearing the London deputation on behalf of the Western University, headed by Mr. Justice Meredith.

The Premier reviewed the university situation in Ontario up to the time his Government came into power. The Provincial University, of which he previously knew little, had been starved, he said. Queen's University had received government assistance in the establishment of a school of mines. This seat of learning had closely allied itself with the Presbyterian Church; the Western University was allied to the Anglican Church; another university at Ottawa had sectarian connections, while the Provincial stood alone and in need of government assistance. The university situation was created by the passive action of these universities with denominational connections. The present Government found the Provincial University in need of assistance and came to its aid.

"While we have been generous, and much has been given to the university, we do not think the grants will exceed the half-million mark," Sir James observed.

"Are we to take away from the great Provincial University for these other institutions?" he continued.

The deputation left with the impression that there was very little to be hoped for, although Sir James' remarks were rather obscure.

LONDON BUSINESSMEN SPEAK OF END OF GERMAN SURTAX Shoe Manufacturer Says It Will Be Help to Him, and Will Open Up a New Market—No Order as Yet Received by Authorities—Those Who Will Reap Biggest Advantage.

"No word has yet been received here regarding any change in the customs relations between Canada and Germany," said Mr. Chas. H. Elliott, collector of customs at London this morning. "and, of course, the surtax is yet in operation, and will be until definite instructions regarding the reported change in the customs relations between the two countries is received."

Mr. Elliott stated that there was no means of discovering just how much business was done by London merchants direct with Germany, but he had no hesitancy in stating that there was a very considerable amount of such trade, and consequently London would benefit considerably.

The New Agreement. According to the new agreement, goods from Germany will be received in this country at the same rate as from the United States, while in the past there has been the surtax of 1-3 above that amount, or 40 per cent on an average, so now goods can be shipped to Germany and received there from at the same rate that is in force with other countries.

Effect on Shoes. As footwear is one of the things especially mentioned in the agreement,

FRENCH LAWYER ASKS FOR MARY HADDOW Estate Is Awaiting Claimants in Paris—Solicitor Writes The Advertiser.

The Advertiser has received the following letter from Paris, France, in regard to a certain Mary Haddow, or her heirs, whom a solicitor in the French capital is anxious to locate.

Haddow Unclaimed Estate. To the Editor of The Advertiser: I should feel grateful to you if you would assist me to discover a Scotch woman, named Mary Haddow, or her issue. I wish to place them in possession of property.

Mary Haddow was the only child of Thomas Haddow (who was sometime in an office in Glasgow, Scotland, and who died in Montreal about thirty years ago) and of his wife Mary McChie or Haddow, who belonged to Merkleland Farm, Patrick, Glasgow, Scotland. She came to Scotland after her husband's death and afterwards returned to Canada. The parties entitled may, of course, reside in different parts of Canada at the present time. I am, sir, yours obediently,

NAPOLEON ARGLES, Late solicitor to the French Consulate in London, 6 Boulevard des Capucines, Paris, France, Paris, Jan. 25, 1910.

CHAMBERLAIN TOO WEAK TO SIGN HIS NAME For the First Time In Years He Enters Parliament and Is Sworn In.

London, Feb. 16.—For the first time since he was stricken with paralysis years ago, Joseph Chamberlain put in an appearance in the House of Commons this afternoon and took the oath as a member of the new Parliament.

Mr. Chamberlain walked with marked difficulty, being assisted by his son Joseph Austen and Lord Morpeth.

When the membership roll was placed before him for his signature

Washington, Feb. 16.—The tug reported to have been spoken off Montauk Point on Sunday by the steamer Bayview, and which was thought to be the Nina, was the naval tug Apache. The fate of the missing Nina is placed before him for his signature

NOT THE NINA. The disturbance which was west of the Great Lakes yesterday has passed eastward with diminishing energy to the Province of Quebec.

The weather continues very cold in the Western Province, and low temperatures is spreading eastward.

COUNCIL'S POWERS ARE BEING RAPIDLY USURPED In a Little While All That Body Will Have To Do Will Be to "Look Wise."

A conference between City Solicitor Meredith and some of the aldermen will be held on Thursday to determine what the council mean by appointing Engineer Sifton tree trimmer for the city.

At the last meeting of that body some of the city fathers gave expression to eloquent language on what Mr. Meredith did know, or rather what he did not know, of law, and the conference will probably enlighten him on some of the disputed points.

However, Mr. Meredith framed the by-law in such a manner as to protect the city, and when it is passed on Monday evening next, as it undoubtedly will, it will be practically the same, with very few amendments, and those of a very minor nature.

Care of the Parks. The amendment of Mr. Stevenson's to turn the parks over to the water commissioners, will also be discussed at this meeting, and from expressions of opinion heard, it will likely carry. Some of the commissioners are enamored of the idea, declaring that they have enough now to look after without placing more work on their shoulders.

Others see in the drift of things a tendency towards a commission or board of control, the water commissioners are rapidly enlarging their powers, and if it continues there will be little left for the council to do but act in merely a legislative capacity.

In any event, the trimming business will be straightened out on Monday evening.

PLAINTIFF WON CASE AGAINST A BULDER An Action of Geo. A. Wenige Against R. H. Smith Heard Today.

The only case heard at this morning's session of the county court was that of George A. Wenige, a commercial traveller, against R. H. Smith, builder, of South London.

The plaintiff claimed that a house had been built for him by the defendant. The work had been badly done and the material used was of poor quality.

It came out in the evidence that some time before the dispute had been placed in the hands of Messrs. R. G. Wilson and Samuel Willis as arbitrators, and that they had awarded the plaintiff \$212.

This was final, but on a mutual agreement the matter was brought in a court for settlement.

The defendant entered a number of claims for extras, but all that his honor would admit was a claim of \$13.70 for taxes, and \$5 for oiling floors. The other extras, he said, were entered by agreement for the erection of the house. The judge then gave judgment for the claim in full, less these two amounts, the defendant to pay the costs up to the time it arbitrators, and from that time both parties to pay their own costs.

The court then adjourned to sit again on Thursday morning.

MUZZLE YOUR CANINE OR APPEAR IN COURT Chief Williams Lays Down the Law for People of London.

"All dogs must be muzzled or their owners will be brought up in court," Chief Williams told the public today. "Lots of people seem to be under the impression that if they have a dog tag that is all that is necessary. Tag or no tag, the dog must have a muzzle on, or else there is going to be trouble."

Another Slaughter. A West London woman telephoned the police last night to come and shoot her collie dog, as since the mad dog scare she has decided to take no chances. An officer went over, and the dog was shot. A number of people are turning dogs out that they have harbored, rather than buy a muzzle, and all stray canines found running the streets will shortly be dealt with by the authorities.

FISHER--HOBBS London Gentleman Wedded to Toronto Lady This Afternoon.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—The marriage took place this afternoon of Robert G. Fisher, of London, to Miss Elsie Hobbs, daughter of W. R. Hobbs, Wellesley street. They will reside in London.

THE WEATHER TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD. FORECASTS.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—8 a.m. Today—Northwesterly winds; becoming cold; snow flurries. Thursday—Westerly winds; fair and cold.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. S. a.m. Today. Yesterday. Low. High. London 28 28 23 37 Victoria 26 26 23 32 Calgary 22 24 16 28 Port Arthur 6 -16 -6 6 Toronto 12 22 2 19 Ottawa 16 4 10 16 Montreal 12 4 8 22 Quebec 12 2 2 25 Dawson City 18 -2 -19 -4 Vancouver 14 24 14 4 Edmonton -14 -4 -16 -4 Battleford -14 -4 -16 -4 Winnipeg -12 -2 -14 -4 Moose Jaw -12 -2 -14 -4 Winnipeg -12 -2 -14 -4 St. John 18 34 Halifax 18 34

FARMER'S DOG WAS CHASING CHIPMUNK Man Who Saw Him Lost His Head and Shouted Old Cry of "Mad Dog."

An amusing incident in connection with the "mad dog" scare occurred a couple of days ago, when a farmer in a great state of excitement, drove in to a small town south of the city and declared that a dog he had seen down the road showed every symptom of being mad.

A number of men hastily secured guns and clubs and other weapons, and started out to where the farmer said he had seen the dog. Sure enough they saw him in the distance, jumping wildly into a rail fence, and apparently biting it, and all the while jumping about in a manner calculated to make anyone think he was mad. Gripping the trusty clubs and with rifles pointed they made their way closer and closer, ready to kill the dog if he made the slightest move toward the party.

It was not until they were within a short distance that they found that the dog was chasing a chipmunk that had come out, and after having a hearty laugh at themselves, the farmers went back home.

A HEAVY SNOWFALL REPORTED IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICTS Grand Trunk Railway Had Plows Running All Night on London, Huron and Bruce Line—Trains on Main Lines Experienced But Little Difficulty.

Railwaymen report that a great deal of snow fell north of the city in last night's storm. All through the night a snowplow was kept running up and down the Huron and Bruce line, otherwise it is not likely the trains would have been able to get through this morning.

Although it was impossible to make anything like schedule time the trains running east and west of London had not much serious trouble until they struck Hamilton, where a great storm was in progress.

All through this district, however, the ice on the wires caused considerable delay, and annoyance to the telegraph companies.

MAD DOG SCARE IS SUBSIDING MAY NOT APPOINT CATCHER

Ald. Richter Is of the Opinion That the Police Should Be Ordered to Kill All Canines Found Roaming the Streets Without Tags and Muzzles—Matter of Cost Is Now Being Considered.

The city council are backing up on the question of appointing a dog catcher and impounding all stray dogs, if later reports are to be relied on. The question of expense is looming large, and there are some who think the police force might work at slaying dogs when not otherwise employed.

Ald. Richter, who is acting mayor today, is opposed to the dog-catcher and pound.

"According to the law, any person allowing a dog to run without a muzzle after the passing of the ordinance is liable to a fine," he stated to the council on Tuesday in a speech in order the dog seen without a muzzle to be shot by a policeman, of course we will be liable for the death of an officer, and may prove that the dog, but the owner is guilty of an offence, and we can then summon him, and fine him, and

if there is trouble we could fine him as much as he valued the dog. It would then be a mere question of bookkeeping. We might even make a little money on it.

"Any man who has a valuable dog will see to it that it is properly protected from slaughter.

Better Than Dog-Catcher. "The police have resources sufficient for the work, and they could do it more effectively than a dog-catcher with a net. Of course we would issue a formal warning through the papers about the line of action we intend to take, and give every man a chance to make the necessary preparations to protect his dog. We would thus get rid of the worthless curs at no great expense to the city."

There has not been any stampede for the position of dog-catcher. Inspector McCallum has had no application.

FIRST ROBIN IS ON THE JOB WAS SEEN IN LONDON SOUTH Veracious Citizen Saw the Bird and Tells The Advertiser—Spring M- Now Be Looked for at Any Time Before June 1, 1910—Groundhog Apparently Was Only Joking.

"The first robin has been seen! The red-breasted denizen of the south has come to visit these somewhat inhospitable regions, not with a numerous retinue, but alone, perhaps to spy out the land.

Mr. H. Taylor, of "Chaworth," South London, saw the bird on Tuesday in a tree near his home. There was no doubt of the identity of the robin, as he was close enough for inspection.

This fact is a sign of an early spring—perhaps it may prove that the groundhog was only cheating when he saw his shadow. "The groundhog is becoming quite extinct in this district.

MANAGER KING NOT LOOKING FOR TROUBLE City Solicitor's Opinion Regarding Springbank Park Is Not Worrying Him.

The London street railway are not worrying, apparently, over the opinion of City Solicitor Meredith to the effect that the company have no right to initiate amusement devices at Springbank Park, but that it must be done through outside persons.

"I have not considered the matter at all," said Mr. C. R. King, manager of the company. The interpretation placed upon the agreement is Mr. Meredith's own, and it is possible that other interpretations may follow.

Nothing is doing at Springbank this year in any event, so the decision does not affect us greatly. We have so many expenditures to make that we cannot do more than repair the theatre this coming summer. The future will take care of itself. It is not wise to deal with difficulties until we meet them."

TOM PINCH IS ARMED AND READY FOR DOGS Gentleman With Mr. Pecksniff's Clerk's Name Is Possessor of Valuable Relic.

From being the favorite weapon of a fierce war-painted redskin to being used as a protector against mad dogs is somewhat of a jump, but that is what has happened to a murderous-looking "skull-cracker," that once belonged to "Little Bear," one of the Indian chiefs who took part in the Northwest Rebellion.

Has Eye Peeled. The weapon, which is quite a valuable relic, and was presented to Mr. Thomas Pinch, the news agent at the Grand Trunk station, by one of the veterans who served through the campaign, has been taken down from its place in Mr. Pinch's home, and every morning he carries it in his hand and keeps his eye peeled for glaring-eyed poodles to wallop.

So far Mr. Pinch has had no chance to prove his skill as a wielder of the skull-cracker, but in case he is attacked he is thoroughly prepared.

APPEAL WAS ALLOWED In Case of Denham vs. Patrick Tried at Middlesex Assizes.

In the divisional court at Toronto, before the chancellor, Magee, J., Latchford, J., Denham vs. Patrick, an appeal from defendants from the county court of Middlesex of Dec. 29, 1909. Action brought to recover \$750 for work done by plaintiff for defendant and for loss through alleged breach of contract and dispossession of house occupied by plaintiff. Judgment was given plaintiff for \$120 for damages, in addition to the \$210 paid into court by defendant, with costs. Judgment, in our opinion, the master was justified in dismissing the servant for lewd conversation, and the action fails. The appeal will be allowed, and the action dismissed with costs, except as to the amount paid into court.

Euchre at Hyman Hall. Progressive euchre will be the programme at the Liberal Club tonight, and everybody is invited to take part.

SUNDAY CAR SERVICE SHORTLY FROM LONDON TO PORT STANLEY

Traction Company, It Is Said, Will Operate—Dominion Charter Covers the Field—Company Will Run a Line of Boats Across Lake and Sunday Service Will Be Complementary.

The reporting of the bill to grant a charter to the Lake Erie Traction and Transportation Company, the successors to the Southwestern Traction Company, may lead to Sunday cars from London to Port Stanley this summer.

None of the deputation to Ottawa on behalf of the Lord's Day Alliance, or representatives of the company seeking the charter, have arrived in London as yet, not being expected until tonight or tomorrow.

However, the local end of the transaction, it is taken for granted that Sunday cars will be run.

CASE OF WESTMINSTER. The only municipality having a chance to prevent Sunday cars is the township of Westminster.

In that township, the Southwestern runs along the highway, controlled by the municipality. This is considered a possible opening for blocking Sunday cars, but it is not thought likely to cause the company to abandon the rights to run a service to the lakeside on the Sabbath, as a line of boats across the lake is to be operated.

From what can be learned the company will run cars to the Port on Sundays, and it will then be up to the township of Westminster to take action.

INJUNCTION NEEDED. If the council, in view of the long litigation likely to follow, throws down the gauntlet, it may apply for an injunction to restrain the company from operating cars on that day.

Then will follow a suit at law, expensive, no doubt, for both parties, and it will finally be decided, according to legal opinion, secured by the company, that the Dominion charter held by the company will give them the right to run cars seven days a week.

MAY PUT UP FIGHT. The Lord's Day Alliance may, however, put up a battle on their own account. The alliance organized the recent deputation to Ottawa, and will possibly continue the fight further.

What action they will take has not been made known, but it will be revealed after a conference in Toronto to be held shortly.

UNSCRUPULOUS METHODS USED TO SECURE THOSE EASEMENTS Hydro-Electric Commission Charged With Employing Agents Who, It Is Said, Bluff and Bulldoze Farmers Into Surrendering Rights for Mere Trifle.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Feb. 16.—The afternoon and evening sessions of the Ontario Legislature yesterday were taken up on the Hydro-Electric Commission's proposed easements for the power line, but Mr. McKee's speech, which was a masterpiece of invective, drew the attention of the members of the Opposition.

Every dollar saved to the municipality would go back to the agriculturist, he said, and thus the argument that the power policy would benefit only one class was refuted. The Opposition members also claimed that some of the municipalities would not be able to meet their obligations to the province for the construction of the power line, but Mr. McKee's speech, which was a masterpiece of invective, drew the attention of the members of the Opposition.

Increased Expenditure. In resuming the debate on the bill, Mr. McKee (Deputy Premier) said that it was natural that with the increase of the revenues, the expenditures should show a similar increase. He said that every penny that had been given back to the people of the province in the shape of colonization roads and other necessary works. The Opposition was unable to place a finger on any particular item of expenditure and say that it should not have been cut in half. Toronto University spent. The Opposition complained was a credit to the city, and the men turned out were a credit to the university.

One member of the Opposition (Mr. McEwen) had criticized the expenditure on Government House, claiming that it was unnecessary for Toronto of the great heritage of the province. Speaking of the hydro-electric power policy, Mr. McKee said a determined move was on foot to break the

TOWNSHIP OF STEPHEN HAS MAD DOG SCARE Stray Canine Bites Several Horses and Cows and Another Dog.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Dashiwood, Ont., Feb. 16.—Dashiwood and the township of Stephen have a mad dog scare. Two weeks ago a stray dog came to the farm of Mr. Dashiwood, and bit several horses and three head of cattle. One of the latter went mad, but was destroyed before it did any damage. A dog belonging to Mr. John Elliot, of Dashiwood, was also bitten by the same dog, and it developed hydrophobia, and was destroyed.

Dr. J. H. Tennant, V. S., the Government inspector, is expected here today, and will investigate the trouble.

TO ASK FOR HELP IN GETTING SERVANTS Deputation of Ladies From London and Elsewhere to Wait on Government.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Finlay G. MacDiarmid, the member for West Elgin, was re-elected chairman of the agriculture committee of the Legislature at the organization meeting this morning. The members of the committee were informed that ladies representing organizations in Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, London and elsewhere, would wait upon the committee shortly to ask for assistance in securing domestic servants.

AXLE BROKE AND LINE WAS DAMAGED G. T. R. Auxiliary Was Called to Strathroy Today.

The Grand Trunk auxiliary was called to Strathroy at noon to repair damage done to the line by the breaking of an axle on a freight car forming a part of a westbound way freight. The damage was not of a serious nature.

AN ALBERTAN CRISIS Resignation of Minister May Wreck the Rutherford Government.

Edmonton, Alberta, Feb. 16.—The Rutherford administration is evidently now face to face with a political upheaval, which may even mean its overthrow. Following the resignation of Hon. Mr. Cushing, which has been placed before the lieutenant-governor, his deputy is also out, and sensational developments may be expected within the next few hours. The cause of the split is said to be the refusal of the Premier and Mr. Cross to give any information whatever concerning the contract of the Great Waterways Railway, or to divulge the names of the officers and incorporators, or anything pertaining thereto, even to Mr. Cushing. It is believed here that the result of the resignation of Mr. Cushing and his following in the House may necessitate an appeal to the people.