

HOTEL FIRE AT TILLSONBURG
TWO GUESTS AND EMPLOYE DEADThree Persons Die in the
Destruction of Queen's
Hotel.FLAMES CAUGHT
GUESTS ASLEEPFatalities Received By Victims
Leaping Through the Upper
Windows To Street.

THE DEAD.

CLARENCE BERNARD, Commercial
Traveler, Toronto.

MISS GRAY, Stayner, Ont.

THE INJURED.

MRS. JOHN MERO, Tillsonburg.

MISS MERO, Tillsonburg.

MISS DUNBAR, Buffalo.

MISSING.

THOMAS WHEATLY, Bartender, at
the Queen's.

[Special To The Advertiser.]

Tillsonburg, Ont., May 20.—The above is the result of a terrible fire which destroyed the Queen's Hotel here early this morning, and laid the town in mourning. The hotel was a 35-year-old building and was of frame construction. John Mero was the proprietor. About 5 o'clock this morning somebody awoke to a realization that the place was on fire. The flames spread so rapidly that there was no chance of escaping by the stairways, and in consequence everybody took to the windows, and it was in the jumping for life that the fatalities occurred. Miss Gray jumped from the third-story window, and her skull was fractured. Bernard, the Toronto traveler, died from combined burns and injuries sustained in jumping. Mrs. Mero and Miss Mero, wife and daughter of the proprietor, jumped, and were badly injured. Miss Dunbar, of Buffalo, a guest of Miss Mero, also sustained severe injuries, and all three are now in the hospital. Wheatley, the bartender, was in the hotel last night, and has not been seen this morning. He may be dead. It is not known yet how the fire started. The building was completely gutted, but the financial loss will be covered by insurance.

Wheatley Missing.

While there is a slight possibility that Wheatley may have escaped, it is the general opinion that he perished and that his body is somewhere amongst the debris of the destroyed building. A fellow employee of the hotel says that Wheatley last night left the town, but close inquiry fails to substantiate this. In the meantime as rapidly as possible the ruins are being searched for the body.

Tillsonburg, May 20.—The Queen's Hotel was discovered to be on fire at 5:15 this morning. The many guests of the house, endeavoring to escape, found the halls full of smoke and all in flames. Before assistance could be rendered Mrs. John Mero, Miss Mero, Miss Dunbar, Buffalo, Miss Gray and other ladies and travelers jumped from the two and three story windows and balconies. The firemen arrived quickly on the spot, and soon had four streams of water going, and rescued several persons from the building. Miss Gray, of Stayner, Ont., and Mr. Clarence Bernard, of Toronto, were killed. Mrs. Mero, Miss Mero and Miss Dunbar are seriously injured.

Inhaled the Flames.

Tillsonburg, May 20.—Fire broke out in the Queen's Hotel here at 5:20 this morning and practically destroyed it. The house, which had been kept by John Mero for the past 20 years, was filled with patrons last night. A traveler named Clarence Bernard, representing Flett, Lowndes & Co., of Toronto, wholesale clothing, died from the effects of inhaling flames. He threw himself from the west story window to the street.

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HODGINS AGAIN
TAKES THE STANDGives Evidence as To Classifica-
tions of Rock Cuttings on
the G. T. Pacific.

[Special To The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, May 20.—The special committee of the Commons to investigate the Hodgins charges held further examination of the major this morning, the question of classification of rock cuttings being under consideration. Mr. Frank Hodgins, K. C., questioned the witness as to one case of over-classification in the latter's district. Mr. Gordon Grant had been at this time appointed inspecting engineer and according to the major, on one stretch of 1,300 yards of pure muskeg which had been taken out at a cost of 23 cents per cubic yard, a classification as rock cutting at \$1.70 per cubic yard had been charged.

Dispute With Contractors.

Considerable time was taken up in going over again facts already brought out with reference to a special visit of Chief Engineer Lumsden to Major Hodgins' district to settle difficulty arising out of dispute with contractors as to classification. Witness had pointed out to Mr. Lumsden, that one of the sub-contractors had threatened to give up work entirely unless some change were made in classification ordered. He, the major, suggested that in case of disputed material in mixed cuttings, the commission be empowered to classify by force account, that is according to the actual cost of the work as shown by the contractors' figures. To this ten per cent would be added for profit.

Mr. Carvell—if the actual cost plus the ten per cent for profit as under force account came to more than the cost under the classification according to contract, then would the commission have had to pay that additional cost? Major Hodgins admitted that the force account basis might prove more expensive. It prevented the contractor from making a loss. Mr. Carvell—That is the crux of this whole question.

MR. BLACKSTOCK
GIVES HIS VERSIONSays There is Plenty of Water Being
Used on Dundas Street.

The following letter was received by The Advertiser from Mr. B. Blackstock, who does the street watering on Dundas street for the city, relative to the complaint about the street watering. He claims that there is sufficient water put on the streets to keep down the dust in the worst weather.

The letter is as follows:
"As a reader of your valuable paper I read in yesterday's issue a complaint about the street watering on Dundas street. I beg to state that from 6,000 to 7,000 gallons of water are put on this street every day, if the day is such that it is needed. Perhaps this will help the storekeeper to keep down the dust. He so much complains about. Sincerely yours, B. BLACKSTOCK, 'Watercart Driver'."

OFFICERS AND THE CANTEN
CAMP TROUBLE DISCUSSEDIn a Report Presented To the London Temperance League at the
Annual Meeting—Some Facts and Figures of Interest
To the People of London.

A very well-attended meeting of the London Temperance League was held last night in the society's rooms when Secretary McDermid presented his annual report.

Rev. D. S. Hamilton, president of the Temperance League, was in the chair. In reading the report, Secretary McDermid, at the outset, complimented Magistrate Love and Inspector Galpin for the work they have carried on throughout the year.

The Camp. Regarding the camp, Secretary McDermid said: "As in former years, the season's campaign opened with the military camp. From personal knowledge, and the evidence of other witnesses, the camp was perhaps the most orderly yet held."

"There was an evident desire on the part of the officers to prevent excessive drinking, and canteens were more strictly surveilled than formerly. The officers did everything except the one thing that they ought to have done, and that was to banish the bar from the canteens."

"The canteens were there and they were there for the main purpose of selling beer. A verbal complaint was forwarded to Ottawa and the usual investigation ordered."

The Inspection. "My inspection had not been made with the idea of securing evidence for a court of inquiry, but simply to ascertain whether the canteens were there and doing business as in former years, and with the expectation that the Government would make an independent investigation and act accordingly."

Sale of Beer. "However, a court of inquiry was held and while your secretary was giving evidence, two members of the executive quietly made the rounds and were able to appear before the court and give specific evidence as to the sale of beer."

The verdict returned by the committee is already known."

The Indian List. The secretary spoke of the beneficial results of the Indian list, and continuing regarding alcoholic beverages, said: "The decision of Magistrate Denison, of Toronto, that Peruna and other preparations containing a large percentage of alcohol, were medicinal and could be sold by druggists without contravening the provisions of the liquor act, prevented the inspector from proceeding against a number of local druggists, although it is well known that these preparations are frequently bought for beverage purposes."

Use of "Dope." "Very little is now heard of the use

of cocaine, although there are still a number in the city addicted to its use. For some time past the nearest point at which it could be obtained by means was at St. Thomas, but recent legislation will put a stop to all indiscriminate sale, and it and kindred drugs can only be obtained by prescription from a reputable physician.

"The league has pressed this matter on the Government and secured the co-operation of others in urging the absolute need of such legislation."

Whisky Sign. "The Corby whisky sign that ornamented the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, has succumbed to the pressure of temperance sentiment. Its removal is attributed to this cause by the party directly responsible for its erection. During the year '380 was taken in in fines for infractions of the liquor act."

The Poolrooms. "The increase in the number of (Continued on Page Eight.)"

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—UNCHANGED

FORECASTS.

Toronto, May 20—8 a.m.

Mostly fair today and on Thursday; hot much change in temperature.

Local Temperatures.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 72; lowest, 59.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary..... 40 38 Cloudy

Winnipeg..... 34 32 Cloudy

Port Arthur..... 42 36 Cloudy

Perry Sound..... 62 56 Fair

Toronto..... 60 50 Cloudy

Ottawa..... 58 58 Rain

Montreal..... 54 54 Rain

Quebec..... 60 54 Rain

Father Point..... 46 40 Cloudy

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 46-62; Prince Albert, 32-48; Toronto, 52-67; Quebec, 46-73; Vancouver, 46-62; Calgary, 40-46; Port Arthur, 42-78; Ottawa, 52-73; St. John, 42-62; Edmonton, 40-62; Regina, 34-54; Harry Sound, 60-70; Montreal, 54-78; Halifax, 44-70.

LIBERAL MEETING TONIGHT.

The Liberals will hold their first meeting of the present campaign in Tecumseh Park this evening.

Addresses will be delivered by Mr. J. M. McEvoy, the Liberal candidate, Ald. Ferguson, Mr. Jared Vining, B.A., and Mr. J. H. Fowler, B.A.

Hon. Adam Beck is invited to be present, and will be allowed one hour to deal with the issues of the day.

This will be one of the best meetings of the campaign, and will be largely attended.

Hon. A. G. MacKay will address a meeting of the electors here on Friday, May 25, in the Princess Rink.

He will be accompanied by several prominent Liberals.

A meeting was held in the East End Liberal Committee rooms last evening.

A large number of Liberals present, and most enthusiastic.

Mr. J. M. McEvoy made a capital speech, which was much appreciated by the Liberals present.

Bad Leak in Central Steam Engine
Cost \$1,000 To Repair Flue SheetSteamer Has Not Been in Use
Since the Dymont-Baker
Fire of 1905.

A serious leak was discovered in the boiler of the steam fire engine at the central hall yesterday by Chief Clerk. He immediately sent for Mr. H. Winnett, of R. Winnett & Son, boiler-makers, who investigated. Mr. Winnett made a thorough inspection of the boiler and came to the conclusion that it would take \$1,000 to repair it. There are 213 copper tubes in the boiler, and it is stated that nearly all of them are defective.

To make the repairs, the engine will have to be completely dismantled. This will take some days.

The engine was purchased from the Canadian Fire Engine Company. It had not been in use since the Dymont-Baker fire of May 24, 1905.

The Guarantee.

The Canadian Fire Engine Company from whom the city purchased the engine has since been taken over by another company, and it is stated that the guarantee is inoperative, and that the city is liable for the repairs.

The trouble is in the flue sheet, all the tubes, it is said, looking very badly. It is alleged that there were flaws in the sheet at the time it was built.

The steamer will be out of commission for a week or more, while new tubes are being put in, so that there may be trouble with the underwriters.

Queen's Ave. Woman Found Dead
Mrs. Eliza Kelly Died While AsleepBody in Horrible Condition—An
Inquest Is Not Deemed
Necessary.

Mrs. Eliza Kelly, an aged woman, living alone in a little cottage in the rear near the corner of Park avenue and Queen's avenue, was found dead in bed this morning shortly after 9 o'clock.

She had evidently been dead some days. Coroner McLaren was notified, but considered an inquest unnecessary. The old woman had not been seen for several days.

On Saturday or Sunday Mrs. (Dr.) Kingsmill was talking with her for a few moments, and she complained of not feeling well.

Since that time no person saw her. The house was dark, and the neighbors supposed she had left the city.

Discovered by Doctor. Mr. Eby, for whom the old lady washed, called yesterday, but could not get in.

This morning, he called early, and again he could not gain admission. He notified Dr. Kingsmill of the circumstances, and suggested that the house be opened, as it was possible the old lady was dead.

Dr. Kingsmill went to the house, and as he could not get in, he notified the police station.

P. C. McCrae came over from the (Continued on Page Nine.)

Pte. Moir Is a Model Prisoner in Jail

"We thought that Noah was an ideal prisoner, but Moir gives us about as little trouble as any we have ever had in charge."

So said one of the county jail officials, and when questioned as to Moir's behavior, he said: "He is a model prisoner."

It was also stated by Governor Carter of the county jail that the story published in a local paper yesterday to the effect that Moir had been visited by a young Scotch woman was made of whole cloth.

"No one," said he, "has been allowed to visit Moir but his spiritual and legal advisers, and what is more, there won't be until the sheriff countermands the orders he gave the first day Moir spent in the county jail."

"Take Everything Else, But Not Dog"
Farmer Dickie Missed His CollieHad His Hired Man Arrested—
Latter Remanded for
a Week.

If the allegations of Mr. Marshall Dickie, London Township, prove true, Richard B. Powell, his ex-farm hand, wouldn't steal anything that was anchored fast with an unbreakable padlock.

A day or so ago, according to Mr. Dickie's version of the matter, Powell decided to forsake toll for the brilliant lights of Pottersburg. So far so good.

Unfortunately, however, it is alleged, Mr. Powell decided to take with him by way of assets two of Mr. Dickie's fine blankets, a few sections of harness, and a pair of rubber buggy spreads.

Even then matters would not have been so bad, for Mr. Dickie didn't prize the articles mentioned so highly that he would have wept over their loss.

This Was Too Much.

But Powell did not stop there, it is said.

He decided to also take with him, presumably for company, Mr. Dickie's fine collie dog.

All went well with the runaway for a day. A ready sale was found for the blankets and the sections of harness, and in company with the dog, Powell proceeded to celebrate his success, by attempting to reduce Pottersburg's liquor supply.

Missed the Dog.

In the meantime Mr. Dickie was hunting high and low for his dog. He didn't care so much for the blankets, etc., nor yet for the missing hired man, but he did want his dog.

Accordingly High Constable Hughes was sent out to seek the wanderer, and last night he discovered him lying in a Pottersburg fence corner, with the faithful collie alongside of him.

Powell was in anything but a good humor at being disturbed, and he felt no better when, in the county magistrate's court, he was remanded for one week to think the subject over.

POLICEMAN STRUCK BY EXPRESS
R. J. ROBERTSON'S CLOSE CALL

POLITICAL GOSSIP

A Peculiar Transaction.

Speaking at Ingersoll, the Hon. John Dryden, ex-minister of agriculture, said: "The Beck horse deal was a rather peculiar transaction. Beck was the only man to send horses to the English exhibition. No horses belonging to Beck won any prize. Two thousand dollars was granted by the Ontario Government for the transportation of the horses to England. Mrs. Beck's horses won prizes, and the reason was that Hon. Adam Beck couldn't legally take the Government money and the lady could."

St. Thomas, May 19.—Hon. A. G. MacKay will speak at a meeting to be held at Aylmer on Thursday of next week, May 28.

The campaign in East Elgin is most encouraging to the Liberals, and the announcement that the leader will give an address will increase the interest being taken.

The meeting is to be held in the town hall at 8 p.m. and the gallery will be reserved for ladies.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review says: Hon. Adam Beck threatens that the Conservatives, in retaliation on their political opponents, will make the power question a party issue. It will be interesting to see what becomes of the threat. There is a prevailing opinion that, apart from Mr. Beck himself, there is nobody connected with the Government sufficiently attached to the power proposal to boom it, even for campaign purposes.

Sutherland the Man.

Dutton, May 20.—It is surprising the amount of interest being taken in this part of West Elgin in the present election. Not more than a month ago, the Conservatives expected that the present member would be elected by acclamation. Today everything points to the election of the Liberal candidate, Fred W. Sutherland.

The greatest activity prevails on the part of the Liberal organization, and the results that are looked forward to are apparently coming as a decided surprise to the Conservative party, which confidently looks forward to Mr. Macdonald's majority of over 500 last election to be insuperable.

Times have changed, and it is not all a matter of the ordinary political differences between Liberals and Conservatives. Indeed more than one Conservative has signified his intention of voting Liberal this time.

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Not Enough Power for All Lights
Old Boys' Committee in QuandaryMay Use Gas Engines To Generate
Extra Electricity
Required.

At a meeting of the Old Boys' Association held last night in Commissioner Grant's office, the members of the ways and means committee found themselves facing a problem that presents some interesting points for solution.

Some time ago the committee learned from the city electric companies that it could obtain extra power to light some thousand lamps on Dundas street, from Wellington to Ridout street and from the custom house to the station on Richmond street.

During the last Old Boys' celebration this lighting scheme was one of the most beautiful features of the city's decorations, and attracted widespread admiration of the thousands of visitors.

People Want It.

So popular a feature was it, that

Thrown Ten Feet, Turned
a Somersault and
Was Uninjured.

ACCIDENT ON
RICHMOND STREETLast Evening—Spectators Can-
not Understand How Man
Escaped Death.

Police Officer R. J. Robertson, one of the recently appointed constables, was struck at the Richmond street crossing of the Grand Trunk last night by the Eastern Flyer, turned a complete somersault in the air, and landed in a heap ten feet or more from where he had been standing.

Was Uninjured. A moment later he picked himself up and walked away.

Several people who saw the accident fully expected that P. C. Robertson would be killed, and how he escaped any injury is something that cannot be explained.

He was standing close to the tracks near the Tecumseh House, speaking to a friend, and being unaware of the approaching express, bled him good-night, and started south.

Train Struck Him. Before Robertson knew what had happened the train struck him and took him off his feet.

The next thing the officer knew was that he was picking himself up ten feet away.

How he escaped injury is more than Mr. Robertson can understand.

Saw the Accident.

Grand Trunk Agent Thomas Ross to stop.

The emergency brake was applied at once, and the train stopped quickly.

Robertson walked into the Tecumseh House, where he was examined by Dr. C. S. Moore.

Only a few slight scratches were discovered. P. C. Robertson after the examination resumed his beat, and continued to patrol the streets all night.

the secretary has received a great many letters from people on Clarence street, King street, Talbot street, York street, Wellington street and Queen's avenue, requesting that those streets be decorated with colored lights. One citizen has also suggested that the park should be decorated.

The effect, if all these streets and the park were illuminated, would without any question be strikingly beautiful, but one important consideration has been overlooked.

If all these illuminations are to be kept going the rest of the city will have to be in darkness, for there is not enough surplus power manufactured to supply the city's needs and so many thousand extra lights.

Use Engines. It was suggested that the city do for the occasion what the circuses do, rent a couple of big gas engines and dynamo and make their own power for the time being.

This matter was not definitely settled last night, and a committee composed of Mr. F. W. Mitchell, John W. Jones and J. A. Carling will investigate and report at the next meeting.

1,660 Tickets Sold.

Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Gilean reported that 1,660 tickets are now in the hands of the committee and that of these a considerable number have been sold. Advertising cards have been distributed throughout the city.

Those present were Chairman C. M. R. Graham, Secretary B. C. McCann, Treasurer Thomas Gilean, J. A. Carling, A. E. Somerville, W. H. Abbott, Joseph Hamilton, C. B. Edwards, Jas. Hickey, Dr. John D. Wilson, R. A. Little, C. W. McGuire, J. W. Jones, F. H. Mitchell, H. R. Abbott, E. Smith, W. Ward.

Must Take Up Tickets at Once
If Mardi Gras Festival Is To Be HeldAnswer Must Be Given the Rep-
resentative By the First
of June.

The ways and means committee of the London Old Boys' Association met last evening in the office of Commissioner Grant.

The most important item of business was the consideration of the Mardi Gras carnival, and in order that it may be held it was pointed out that at least 5,000 tickets at \$1 each must be sold.

Some members thought that far more than that number would have to be sold if the expenses are to be met. An answer must be given the Mardi Gras representative by June 1, and in order that this may be done the chair-

men of the various committees were instructed to take the matter up with their committees who are canvassing the different divisions into which the city has been divided, and report at a meeting to be held next Tuesday evening.