

St. Thomas Hotel Destroyed—\$25,000 Loss

Great Things Planned For C.P.R. Here

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Board of Control Takes Exception to Social Survey Report—Magistrate J. C. Judd Favors Ridout Street Subway—Authorities Investigate Young Londoner's Death—Niagara Falls Threatened With Isolation.

BOARD OF CONTROL TAKES EXCEPTION TO SURVEY REPORT

Says London Spends \$300,000 on Education Rather Than \$193,909 as "Survey Indicates."

The board of control this morning took exception to a statement in the survey report prepared by the Men's Federation, to the effect that only \$193,909 was spent in a year—presumably last year—on public school education.

City Treasurer J. S. Bel advised that in the neighborhood of \$300,000 had been expended on education in London last year, or more than 24 per cent of the total revenue of the city. In addition, there are five or six private schools located here. Last year the city made a grant of \$10,000 to the Western University, and the grand total of school expenditure this year will be higher than ever.

In glaring letters, it is set forth in the survey report, that London does nothing for the education of foreigners. As a matter of fact, night classes for foreigners were initiated in Aberdeen school last Tuesday night, and there is every indication that they will be very successful.

The intimation was given by the controllers that they were not at all pleased with many of the statements made in the survey report, and in other quarters are heard very stiff criticisms of the Men's Federation for issuing such a booklet.

PENNYLESS COUPLE REAL EXPONENTS OF CHEERFULNESS

Without a Cent and With Only Scanty Food, Oak Street Man Says the World is Good.

HAD SIX WEEKS OF WORK Only Able to Secure Little Employment Last Year, But Is Optimistic.

Seventy-three years of age, without money and with only six weeks' work last summer, Charles Thornley, 74 Oak street, still lives on the sunny side of life and says "It's a pretty good old world and the most of the people in it are kind at heart."

"We haven't any room to grumble," said Mrs. Thornley, his wife, one year his junior, "but if people hadn't been good to us, it would have been a hard winter for us."

Mr. and Mrs. Thornley came to London in 1871 from Lancashire, near Manchester, in England. Mr. Thornley worked on the Great Western Railway. He was a carbuilder and worked in the old carshops and even before the old carshops were built he helped to build cars here.

Only Six Weeks' Work.

Of late years he has worked at the trade of carpentry but last summer he was only able to obtain four weeks' work at that. For two weeks he worked for the Street Railway Company. Despite his years, he is not afraid to tackle a pick and shovel but he complains that the Sicilians and other foreigners get the preference at this class of work. He owns the plot of ground and unpainted frame cottage that he lives in, but the taxes are nearly \$20 a year and the clover that he raises on the lot behind the cottage only pays part of the taxes.

As might be expected from his age, he is unable to use the land for gardening. While out of work he busies himself making kites for the boys of the neighborhood, often receiving little presents in return. The flying prowess of his kites is well known in the Kaling district, but the possibilities of kite-making on a commercial scale have not occurred to him.

Two Serious Illnesses.

Recently he suffered two serious illnesses with pneumonia and neuritis.

Unusually grateful in disposition, he eagerly tells of the kindness of Dr. Ernest Williams who attended him, and of all other who have befriended him.

HOW ARE CHANCES OF ANTI-TREATING BILL FORECAST?

Will It Be Mentioned in Wednesday's Speech From Throne?

WHAT SIR JAMES SAID He Declared Two Years Ago That Public Was a Unit in Favor of the Change.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 12.—Will be speech from the Throne to be read at the opening of the Ontario Legislature next Wednesday forecast the introduction of an anti-treating bill by the Government? It will be remembered that it was during the session of 1912, two years ago, that Sir James Whitney introduced his resolution in favor of the abolition of treating in the following terms:

"That in the opinion of this House legislation should be enacted, and if necessary, supplemented by regulations never which retail licenses are granted and sold.

"During the session in which he proposed this resolution, last year, the Minister made a number of comments among which were the following:

"Surely I need not say anything of reproach as to the ridiculous, disgusting habit of treating.

"I think it probable that if any legislation were enacted doing away with the treating habit, with regulations by the department which has control of the license system, holding over the practice, that he will lose his license is he disobeyed the law, it would have the effect of abolishing the treating and rendering more good service than any other measure could."

"In my opinion, as Hon. Mr. Blake says, the question of treating is the root of the whole matter. It is my belief that legislation of this kind would, in a short time, kill and destroy the treating habit of treating, and our young men and boys of the present day would grow up so that in five years from now it would be difficult for them to enter upon this habit of treating, because they would not see other people doing it."

"Within the last 48-hours it has been communicated to me by more than one man who is engaged today in the wholesale manufacture of ardent spirits in this province and in the retail sale of ardent spirits, that they hope distinctly that legislation of this kind will be undertaken because they want to see the treating habit destroyed."

"The public mind of this province has declared itself and is a practically in favor of the change I have indicated."

NO MORE DELAY, SAYS COMPANY'S COUNSEL

Sunday Car Bylaw For City Council Monday—Objections Have Been Met.

The amended Sunday car agreement and bylaw are now in the hands of C. H. Ivey, counsel for the London Street Railway Company, and Mr. Ivey stated today that the bylaw would be ready for the council meeting Monday night.

The objections made by the company have been eliminated in the new document, and although Mr. Ivey, owing to absence from the city, has not had time to go carefully over the various clauses, it is anticipated that there will be nothing to prevent its acceptance.

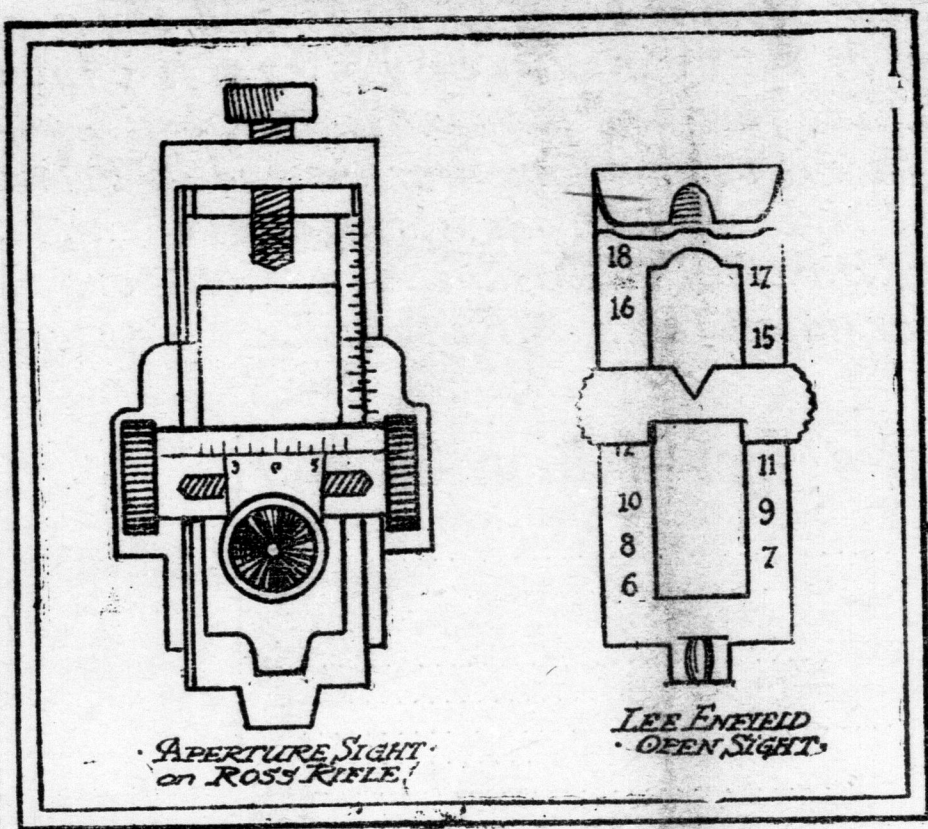
"There will be no more delay," said Mr. Ivey to The Advertiser.

STREET CAR DELAYS

Yesterday's Records of "Hold-ups" at Level Crossings.

Crossing	Time	Lost
G. T. R. Rich.	9:15-9:27 a.m.	12 min.
G. T. R. Rich.	9:18-9:23 a.m.	5 min.
G. T. R. Rich.	7:45-7:55 p.m.	10 min.
G. T. R. Rectory	8:35-8:42 p.m.	8 min.
G. T. R. Rectory	8:50-8:57 p.m.	7 min.
G. T. R. Rectory	8:45-8:56 p.m.	11 min.
G. T. R. Rich.	12:27-12:35 p.m.	8 min.
G. T. R. Rich.	7:55-8:00 p.m.	5 min.
G. T. R. Rich.	7:58-8:01 p.m.	20 min.

RIFLE SIGHTS WHICH CAUSED THE FRICTION BETWEEN HON. COL. SAM HUGHES AND BRITISH WAR OFFICE.



For target shooting and aperture sight is unquestionably the best, according to crack shots who have competed at Bisley, but there is a difference of opinion as to its practicability under active service conditions.

LONDON EXPERIENCES WEEK OF REAL "ZERO" WEATHER

Cold Snap Has Been Protracted and Record is Reached The Morning When Thermometer Goes Down to 12 Below Zero.

Sunday 2
Monday 2
Tuesday 6
Wednesday 3
Thursday 12
Friday 12

London has experienced almost a week of zero weather, and as a result citizens are beginning to wonder if the sun in his course around this terrestrial orb, or rather, in the orb's course around him, has got mixed, and is now dishing up the initial brand of what will be a long and cold winter.

Cold of a piercing, penetrating nature has been the lot of Londoners. Starting early Sunday morning, a cold, bleak wind, blowing like a hurricane from the north west, was the advance guard of King Winter in earnest. Rapidly the mercury commenced a descent which, with a day's exception, has been on the toboggan. Early this morning the indicator at the South London observatory registered 12 below.

Monday started off with zero, which quickly fell to two below. Tuesday, a south wind raised the mercury to fight upward, but it was only for a few hours. After that it gave up all effort and skidded towards the bottom of the tube again, where it seemed more at home. Wednesday, the "quick stuff" went one better, falling to three below, while Thursday saw 9½ degrees "under" reached, with indications of a further drop. This came as anticipated this morning, when the registration was twelve below zero. The probabilities for Saturday are showing a possibility for warmer weather, which, for many citizens at least, cannot come too soon.

FIFTY FIRES DROVE HUNDREDS TO STREETS

Greater New York Firemen Had Busy Night—Extreme Cold Caused Suffering.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Feb. 12.—Fifty fires in Greater New York between the hours of 7 p.m. and 4 a.m. drove hundreds of people to the streets and gave firemen one of the busiest nights in the history of the city. No lives were lost, but hundreds of persons are suffering from exposure in their night clothes. In a great many cases people dashed out into the cold without waiting to dress or find out whether there was any danger. Fire in a 6-story house containing a Turkish bath and 20 families drove 200 slightly-clad in the streets. The fire itself was trivial.

Forty Girls Escaped.

[Canadian Press.]

Framingham, Mass., Feb. 12.—Forty girls, roused from their beds when fire was discovered in Normal Hall, a dormitory at the State Normal School, early today, escaped without injury, but suffered severely from the extreme cold. The three-story wooden building was destroyed, causing a loss of about \$30,000. The students, who lost their personal effects, were sheltered in another dormitory.

CAPTAIN OF MONROE MAKES NO CRITICISM

Has, So Far, Only Commended Captain Berry For Efforts to Rescue.

[Canadian Press.]

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 12.—Capt. Edward E. Johnson, commander of the Old Dominion Line steamer Monroe, sunk in the collision with the Merchants' and Miners' S. S. Nan-tucket, who is charged with negligence in connection with the disaster, has made no criticism of the conduct of Capt. Berry, but has commended him for the efforts he made to rescue the passengers and crew of the Monroe.

TOOK CARBOLIC BUT FAILED TO TAKE LIFE

Fred Beemey, of Brantford, Found Unconscious in Hotel, Was Brought Round.

[Canadian Press.]

Brantford, Feb. 12.—Fred Beemey attempted to commit suicide here today. He was found in the Kerby House unconscious, having taken two ounces of carbolic acid. Coroner Dr. Fiset was called and worked for two hours, bringing him to, though he was very badly burned in the mouth and throat. The police are investigating into where he got the poison.

LONDON WILL BE MADE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE C.P.R. MIDDLE DIVISION

Staying in Middlesex

[Guelph Mercury.]

London, Ont., jail is so crowded that prisoners are sleeping on the floor. This may be the outcome of The London Advertiser's "Stay in Middlesex" campaign.

MAGISTRATE JUDD STRONGLY FAVORS RIDOUT SUBWAY

Believes It Will Solve Present Level Crossing Blockades in This City.

SUGGESTS A NEW LINE

Would Run Cars Back of Grand Trunk Depot From Wellington Street Subway.

Police Magistrate J. C. Judd, mayor of the city, is strongly in favor of the Ridout street subway as a solution of the greater part of London's present day level crossing blockades and handicapped street railway service.

"A subway under the Grand Trunk at Ridout street, and another at Wellington street would do much to relieve the present street railway blockades here," he declared to The Advertiser this morning.

Magistrate Judd believes that the construction of the two subways and a rerouting of the existing car lines would enable the street railway company to maintain a regular uninterrupted schedule. He suggests that the present Wellington street line be run north, through the proposed subway, as far as York street, turning west there and running as far as Richmond street, where the cars could be again turned north. This would bring the Ottawa, Oxford and Wellington cars directly behind the Grand Trunk station, a more advantageous arrangement than even the present one, so far as the convenience of passengers is concerned.

His proposal for the rerouting of the Ridout street and Normal lines would be to have them both use the Ridout street subway, one for the return trip to the city, the other for the South London trip. By running the cars on York street, as far as Richmond, the same station arrangements as are now in force could be maintained.

It was during Magistrate Judd's term as mayor that the Wharncliffe and Wortley road subways under the Grand Trunk were built. The effect of these two subways on better street railway service for South London has been so apparent that South London is practically a unit for the Ridout street subway idea.

LETHBRIDGE HAS SARNIA GIRL AS CLERK OF THE CITY



MISS ESTHER JONES.

ARLINGTON HOTEL AT ST. THOMAS IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Guests Escaped in Their Night Clothes With Temperature Below Zero.

MISTAKE IN THE ALARM

It Was First Thought a Guest Was Trapped, But He Was Out—Loss \$25,000.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Feb. 12.—Fighting a fierce fire from 5:30 until 10 o'clock this morning, with the thermometer flitting around twenty below zero, was the terrible experience of the St. Thomas fire brigade when the Arlington Hotel at the corner of Talbot and St. Catherine's streets was totally destroyed. The guests escaped in their night clothes. Loss \$25,000; insurance, about \$10,000. The hotel was entirely remodeled a year ago, and was owned by Albert and James Conley.

The fire evidently started in the kitchen. Through a mistake in sending in the alarm, the fire brigade ran about a mile to another hotel, and by the time it returned to the scene of the fire, the blaze was past control.

It was at first feared that a stranger who arrived late last night had perished in the flames, as he was not seen after all others were out, but later it was found he had left on an early train as he had intended.

The proprietor, A. P. Conley, had just returned from attending a large ball at the Armories and this morning stood about watching the burning ruins clad only in his evening dress hidden by an overcoat. The loss is estimated at about \$25,000.

GOES BACK FOR MONEY IS BURNED TO DEATH

Sad End of Mrs. Haskin While Visiting Her Son at Brockville.

[Canadian Press.]

Brockville, Feb. 12.—In a fire that destroyed the home of Peter Haskin this morning, his mother, aged about 65 years, who came here yesterday from Verona on a visit, was burned to death. The old lady was descending a staircase, carrying a small grandchild and holding a lamp in one hand. The top of the lamp fell off and ignited a pile of clothing. Mrs. Quinn passed the child over to its mother and returned upstairs for some money in a drawer. In the meantime the flames cut off her escape by the stairs, and when she appeared at a bedroom window, she was noticed by smoke. All attempts to rescue Mrs. Quinn failed. No trace of the body can be found in the ruins.

EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE

[Canadian Press.]

Kennville, N. J., Feb. 12.—Five employees of the Hercules Powder Works were killed in an explosion which last night destroyed the packing-house of the plant, where tons of powder were ready for shipment to Mexico. The detonation was heard for miles.

Important Changes For This City Planned For Next Spring.

WABASH PURCHASE HELPS

Absorption of the Gould Line Means Much For This Division If Consummated.

GIVES SECOND COAST LINE

Canadian Pacific Would Have Two Direct Routes to Vancouver.

London will be made the middle division headquarters of the Canadian Pacific, if the pending purchase of the Wabash is consummated, according to information received from an authentic source.

For weeks and months there have been rumors of important changes on the local C. P. R. division. Little has been said officially of these rumored improvements and the natural inference is that the company officials have been "laying low" pending the purchase of the financially-involved Gould road. Dispatches from Chicago, that announce authoritatively the proposed absorption of the Wabash, have placed a different complexion on affairs, and as a result big things are expected for London.

Shaughnessy Coming.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and other of the operating chiefs of the C. P. R. are expected in London at any time, and it is claimed that their presence here will be the preliminary step in the transfer of the Canadian division headquarters from Toronto to this city. Big freight terminals, the doubling of the present freight shed capacity and the addition of five miles of track, in the freight yards are also said to be included in the plans for London.

"Making" More Yard Room.

It is asserted that with the opening of spring the "valley," behind the present C. P. R. passenger depot, would be filled in as well as the sunken "diamond" north of the C. P. R. tracks, near Waterloo street. This will give many acres of yard space for the new tracks.

Naturally the big changes and improvements depend upon the absorption of the Wabash road, but in a confidential dispatch received in this city yesterday, the assertion is made that the C. P. R. interests will bid in the Wabash at the judicial sale.

Give Second Coast Route.

The purchase of the Wabash would give the Canadian Pacific its own line from Quebec to Vancouver, via Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis, in addition to its present route north of the Great Lakes, through Winnipeg. In addition to the Chicago link, that would hook up with the " Soo Line" and Wisconsin Central, now controlled by the C. P. R., the purchase of the Wabash would give the Canadian road access to Kansas City and St. Louis over their own route.

Purchase Given Credence.

In Chicago railway authorities give credence to the Wabash purchase because of the statement of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy that the C. P. R. would never build west of Detroit. The Wabash-Chicago-Detroit line if now used for Chicago connection of the C. P. R.

ZEROGRAMS

Going down!

Those marked down overcoats should sell well now.

How about a swim?

Marathoners were numerous on the streets yesterday and today. At that Jack Frost gets in a pinch now and then.

New let someone say they saw a robin.

And to renew the eliminating process, let us dispose of the man who knew by the tin coat of his pet horse that the winter would be a mild one.

They will be talking about these days next July—and wishing they were here again.

Ear muffs are getting popular again.

That old garbage man, up at 6 a.m. slugging ashes—yes there are some pleasant outdoor occupations in the winter time.

A man in the north end hopped out of bed, stepped on a cat that was blocking one of the registers, and called up The Advertiser at 1 o'clock this morning after the cold had cracked. Like a Gatling gun several times. He wanted to know what had happened. He was told he had better get a house which did not sag in the roof every time the wall paper peeled off.

Scotty, the Dead Gulch mining expert of The Advertiser, says he doesn't feel comfortable this winter. Last winter it was Cobalt, 64 below, and going down.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL

TEMPERATURES.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 12 hours preceding 8 a.m. today:

Highest, 7; lowest, 9½ below.

The official temperature for today:

Highest, 8; lowest, 12 below.

TOMORROW—RISING TEMPERATURE

Toronto, Feb. 13, 8 a.m.—

Strong winds and gales east and north-east, rising temperature with snow chiefly tonight and on Saturday.

High, Low, Weather

Victoria	44	42	Cloudy
Calgary	18	2	Cloudy
Winnipeg	4	4	Cloudy
Port Arthur	8	14	Cloudy
Perry Sound	6	32	Clear
Toronto	3	8	Snow
Ottawa	10	22	Clear
Montreal	14	18	Cloudy
Quebec	19	29	Clear
Father Point	6	10	Clear

(—) Minus, below zero.

The cold wave is now centred in the Ottawa Valley while a marked disturbance situated in the lower Mississippi Valley is moving northeasterly. A few light snowfalls have occurred in the Western provinces. Light local snow is also falling in Toronto.