

LONDON'S BIG JUMP AHEAD; TWELVE MONTHS' GROWTH

Increase in Population Was 1,550, and Assessment Increase for 1907 Will Total \$1,238,530.

Increase in Assessment

Ward One.....	\$307,222
Ward Two.....	212,820
Ward Three.....	295,942
Ward Four.....	422,456
Total.....	\$1,238,530

Increase in Population

Ward One.....	302
Ward Two.....	296
Ward Three.....	600
Ward Four.....	352
Total.....	1,550

The above figures tell in brief London's rapid growth during the past twelve months.

The assessment for 1907 has just been completed, and today Commissioner Grant handed out a statement that is full of interest, showing, as it does, that London is making strides which possibly are unequalled, and certainly are unsurpassed, by any other city in Canada.

The total assessment has been swelled \$1,238,530, making the total now \$22,951,558—practically \$23,000,000, divided as follows:

Land.....	\$1,238,287
Buildings.....	11,290,156
Business.....	2,518,950
Income.....	1,014,135

The population, according to the as-

essment of 1906, was 43,154, while the returns for 1907 show it to be 44,704, an increase of 1,550.

Ward Four's Growth.

The increase in the assessment has not been brought about by general advances in the prevailing assessments, but rather by the erection of new houses in all parts of the city, and particularly in ward four, where the growth has been phenomenal. The fourth ward leads in increased assessment, having over \$300,000 more than the next highest—ward one. In the matter of population, however, ward three has the largest increase, 600, which is rather strange, considering that it ranks only third in the matter of assessment.

The population by wards a year ago and this year are shown to be as follows:

Ward One.....	1906, 1907.
Ward One.....	10,573 10,875
Ward Two.....	8,706 9,002
Ward Three.....	11,353 11,953
Ward Four.....	12,522 12,874

Totals..... 43,154 44,704
The assessment by wards for 1906 and 1907 is as follows:

Ward One.....	1906, 1907.
Ward One.....	\$ 7,498,819 \$ 7,806,041
Ward Two.....	5,516,831 5,729,651
Ward Three.....	4,017,523 4,313,465
Ward Four.....	4,679,855 5,102,401

Totals..... \$21,713,028 \$22,951,558

In reviewing the assessment for 1907, Commissioner Grant says: "We find the city enjoying marvelous prosperity. Our manufacturers in many instances have doubled their capacity, while there are several new industries, notably the new cannery factory, George White & Sons' works in the East End, the Mann Brass Manufacturing Company, C. R. Somerville

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CHEAPSIDE TOWN GIVEN BAD SCORE

Terrific Midnight Explosion of Nitro-Glycerine Throws Folk Into a Panic.

The residents of the village of Cheapside, in Haldimand County, were startled from their sound slumbers the other night about 12 o'clock by a rumbling of the earth, that gave some impression that the section must have been visited by an earthquake.

The villagers were so badly frightened that they rushed into the streets clad only in their night clothes. Investigation proved that the shock was due to the explosion of a quantity of nitro-glycerine, which had been stored in the woods on the farm of Ernest Buckley, near the village.

The explosion tore a number of large trees out by the roots. A number of houses were considerably shaken, but none suffered serious injury. The greatest damage was done to the English Church, situated about half a mile from the scene of the explosion. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

TO DINE THE PREMIERS

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Will Entertain Them During the Conference.

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will entertain the provincial premiers to dinner on the evening of the 14th inst. On the evening of the 14th inst. will be the guests of the Canadian Club. All the provincial premiers with the exception of Ontario, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta have already accepted. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will also be a guest of the club the same evening.

TIED OF LIFE AT 115.

Warsaw, Sept. 13.—A peasant named Boldowetz, 115 years old, living in the district of Illutsk, Russia, attempted to commit suicide on Thursday by cutting his throat. When admitted to the hospital he declared that he was tired of life.

NOTHING BUT U. S. INTERVENTION CAN SETTLE CUBAN TURMOIL

London Press Says Americans Must Establish a Protectorate.

New York, Sept. 14.—A London dispatch to the Sun says that the news of the landing of American marines at Havana confirms the opinion held at the British capital that American intervention in Cuba cannot be long delayed.

The Standard editorially blames the United States for the present disorder. It says that President McKinley's intervention was carried out in the name of peace and civilization, but the net result is renewed tumult, barbarism and savagery. Either the Americans must tolerate anarchy in Cuba

FOUND IN RESORT, NOT FREQUENTERS

Members of County Constabulary Were Not Punished—Youthful Shoplifters.

John D. McCall and John Post, members of the county constabulary, who were gathered in by the city police during a raid on Jessie Mack's disorderly house on King street, appeared in the police court this morning, charged with being frequenters of the place. The local authorities were not able to produce evidence that the two officers had visited the house before, and the case was dropped. McCall was for years one of the leading athletes of Canada, but of late he has been serving on the county police force.

Confessed To Shoplifting.
William Corbett, Roy Scott and Albert Nealon appeared in answer to charges of shoplifting. They all elected trial by the magistrate and pleaded guilty to the charge. Corbett is a local man. He was remanded until Monday for sentence. Scott and Nealon are boys of 17 years, and come from St. Thomas, where it is alleged they have been behaving very badly of late. They were remanded for one week for sentence. The shoplifting consists of stealing numerous small articles from the Knox departmental store on Thursday.

Went Away Well Shod.
Eight first-time drunks were let go. They were mostly young men from out of town, who had come in to see the Fair. One man appeared without any shoes. He had been arrested in that condition, and did not know where he had taken them off. The police hunted the station high and low for a pair of old shoes for him to wear, but without avail, until Chief Williams came to the rescue and gave the man a pair of his. The man was only about a No. 5 man, and the shoes were well, they were large for him, but nevertheless he went away rejoicing.

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THE HON. C. S. HYMAN, London's Favorite Member, Who Will Be Banqueted by St. John, N. B., as a Mark of Appreciation.

SIX DAYS OVERDUE

S. S. Brewster With Crew of Thirty-Eight May Be Lost.

Boston, Sept. 13.—No word from the steamer Brewster, of the United Fruit Company, which is more than six days overdue from Port Antonio for this port, was received by the officials of the company in this city. Unless the coming steamer of the line report sighting the missing ship, it is likely that the company will dispatch a vessel to search for her.

The Brewster is commanded by Capt. Frederick Hintz, and has a crew of 33 men, almost all of whom are Germans. She carries no passengers.

LOST IN THE FOREST

Young Ottawa Man Disappears in the Temiskaming Woods.

Ottawa, Sept. 14.—News has been received in the city by relatives that Gerald Kirwin, aged 18, has been lost in the woods up in Temiskaming district. The young man is a son of Mr. Philip T. Kirwin, of the secretary of state's department, and a graduate of Ottawa University. Mr. Kirwin left Ottawa about two months ago with one of Dr. Barlow's parties, in charge of Mr. M. E. Wilson, Montreal. The party was at work near St. Isadore on Sept. 7, when Kirwin disappeared. Gerald Kirwin is well known in the city, and was very popular with his teachers and classmates at the university.

FELL SIXTEEN FEET

Little Girl Rendered Unconscious, But Soon Recovers.

Little Grace Hole, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. Ben V. Hole, the well-known local contractor, narrowly escaped serious injury in a fall yesterday morning. The little girl was sitting in a window of the family residence, 410 Dufferin avenue, when the screen gave way and she fell to the ground below. She was rendered unconscious, and it was thought for a time that she was badly injured. A doctor who was summoned could find no broken bones, and in a short time the little girl regained consciousness. Today she is running around and scarcely feels the effects of the fall.

TIBURON DESTROYED

Business Portion of Californian Town Wiped Out by Fire.

Tiburon, Cal., Sept. 14.—Fire yesterday destroyed the business quarter of this place. Only the utmost efforts of the members of the Twenty-second United States Infantry and the state fire tug Governor Markham, sent from San Francisco, in response to an appeal for assistance, saved the residence portion. Two hundred persons were rendered homeless. The loss is \$100,000.

LOSES A HAND

Member Was Drawn Into Machinery and Badly Mangled.

Samuel Wilson, a Syrian, 20 years old, met with a serious accident this morning at the Ontario Spring Bed and Mattress Company's factory on King street west. Wilson was an employee at the factory and at the time of the accident he was operating a wood teasing machine. It is supposed that a quantity of material became clogged in the rollers, and that when Wilson attempted to remove it without stopping the machine, his hand was drawn in.

Workmen in an adjoining room heard his cries for help, and they threw off the belt as soon as possible. Before they succeeded, however, Wilson's hand was so badly crushed that amputation at the wrist was necessary. The injured man was removed in the ambulance to Victoria Hospital, where the operation was performed by Dr. Drake.

SIX MONTHS FOR CHAUFFEUR.

Montreal, Sept. 13.—Thomas Herwood Atkinson, chauffeur of the automobile which ran down and killed Antoine Toutant on Aug. 11, and who was found guilty on the charge of manslaughter on Tuesday, was sentenced to six months in jail by Judge Choquette.

WATER SHORTAGE GRAVE MENACE

The Pressure Dropped to Less Than Twenty Pounds.

THE RESERVOIR WAS SHUT OFF

Excessive Heat of the Last Few Days Responsible for the Dangerous Conditions.

London is again face to face with a water shortage equally as serious as that which prevailed a few weeks ago. The excessive heat of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is responsible for the heavy drain on the reservoir, which has left it so low that should a fire of large proportions break out the department would not be in a position to properly fight it.

It is only since Tuesday that the supply at Springbank has vanished. On that day there was the usual quantity in the reservoir, but on Wednesday morning it had dropped to seven feet, fully four feet below what the commissioners usually aim to keep in reserve.

Despite the fact that Wednesday was the hottest day of the week—in fact, one of the hottest of the summer—the drain on the reservoir was not sufficient to lower the registration, but during Wednesday night and yesterday the demand for water was so great that the supply in reserve was rapidly reduced, and this morning less than four feet remained.

Street Watering Cut Off.

In order to save the water as much as possible, the street watering in every part of the city, except the business sections, was ordered to be discontinued, and citizens were also requested to use lawn services as little as possible.

Finally, the superintendent of the waterworks department, Mr. John M. Moore, had the reservoir shut off from the city, and the water from the springs pumped direct, the object being to replenish the reservoir as a means of protection in the event of fire. The pressure was at one time less than twenty pounds to the square inch, whereas it is generally in the neighborhood of sixty. At noon today it had been increased to thirty pounds.

Reservoir Shut off.

The shutting off of the reservoir was delayed as long as possible, as when the pressure is very low it is impossible for some of the local factories to continue operations.

With the change in the weather conditions, it is felt that the reservoir will soon be well filled.

MR. FIELDING'S SEAT

Speaker of the Commons Notified That It Is Vacant.

Ottawa, Sept. 14.—Chief Justice Weatherbee and Justice Russell of the supreme court of Nova Scotia have reported to the speaker of the House of Commons that the Hon. Mr. Fielding has been unseated for Shelburne, and therefore, the constituency is vacant. Upon that point, both agreed. They also report that an appeal has been taken on the personal charge to the supreme court. So far the supreme court has received no notice of the appeal.

FORGERS USE MOTOR CAR

Drive Up to Bank in Style and Get Away With Thousands.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—The Chronicle today says: Five members of a gang of forgers were arrested last night by city detectives. The utmost secrecy was maintained by the police regarding the arrests. It is said that thousands of dollars were secured by the swindlers and many prominent banks are losers. They would drive up to a bank in a large touring car, and one of their number would enter. He would present a check to the teller and so perfect was the signature that the money was quickly forthcoming. In several cases when the swindler was questioned one of his companions would identify him.

At one bank the forgers secured \$500. No trouble was expected, and other banking firms were swindled in a similar manner.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR.

Toronto, Sept. 13—3 p.m. Cool weather is setting in this evening over Ontario, and showers and local thunderstorms have occurred both in Ontario and in Quebec. A few light showers have occurred in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 48-52; Atlin, 42-52; Port Simpson, 48-58; Victoria, 32-42; Calgary, 34-38; Edmonton, 42-54; Swift Current, 38-54; Winnipeg, 35-54; Port Arthur, 45-64; Parry Sound, 46-54; Toronto, 50-70; Ottawa, 56-74; Montreal, 60-75; Quebec, 60-75; St. John, 55-62; Halifax, 56-74.

FORECASTS.

Today—Northerly winds, fair and cool; light local frosts in northern districts tonight.

Saturday—Easterly winds, fair.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Weather.
Calgary	24	14	46	Fair
Winnipeg	34	24	46	Cloudy
Port Arthur	44	34	46	Clear
Toronto	44	34	46	Clear
Parry Sound	45	35	46	Clear
Edmonton	46	36	46	Clear
Ottawa	54	44	52	Fair
Quebec	54	44	52	Fair
Montreal	55	45	52	Fair
St. John	55	45	52	Fair
Halifax	55	45	52	Fair
Father Point	55	45	52	Cloudy

Death Train from Sudbury in Sad Scene at Toronto

Bodies of Victims on Way to Last Resting Place—Schade Not Dead as Reported.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 14.—Steaming slowly into the Union station, the center of melancholy interest, the North Bay train arrived this morning, with its load of dead and wounded from the Sudbury wreck.

Small groups of relatives boarded the train on its arrival. Many of the occupants of the train bore visible traces of the disaster, and the baggage car was freighted with the bodies of the victims.

The train carried two who were possibly the greatest sufferers from the wreck, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schade, of Moncton, who saw their two little girls crushed to death before their eyes. The father was reported dead yesterday, but he was able to tell of the accident today. Mrs. Schade is more seriously hurt than he is, and is prostrated with the shock. They were the recipients of silent sympathy from all on the sad journey home. Ahead of them in the baggage car were the remains of the children, Olive and Viola, and ringing in the mother's ears were the latter's dying words, "Oh, mother, mother, I'm so hurt."

Seven bodies of the Azilda victims were taken out of the baggage car. They were all but one in plain black caskets incased in wooden shells. Each of these shells was billed with businesslike directions, telling their own story of Wednesday morning's terrible work at Azilda. One of them read: "Henry Herman, aged 40, crushed in railway wreck. Accidental death. From Sudbury. Going to New Hamburg, near Georgetown, Waterloo."

P. C. Blackwell was within a toss-up of waiting over in Toronto for another day before going west to see his brothers. That was on Tuesday. He had not got his leave, and had almost made up his mind to wait till Wednesday, and go with a friend. At the last moment he made arrangements with the chief of police which enabled him to start on his fatal journey.

ST. JOHN TO HONOR HON. MR. HYMAN FOR FIXED DAY

The City to Banquet London's Popular Member as Mark of Appreciation.

St. John, N. B., Sept. 13.—At public meeting this morning, presided over by Mayor Sears, it was decided to tender Hon. C. S. Hyman, minister of public works, a banquet when he visits St. John in a few days.

The affair will be an entirely non-political, and is a spontaneous expression by the people of St. John of their appreciation of the interest shown by Mr. Hyman in the work St. John is doing to fit itself to handle the winter port trade of Canada.

A strong and representative committee was appointed to arrange the banquet.

KILLED ON WAY HOME

The Sudbury Wreck Victim Had Come to See Dying Mother.

Windsor, Sept. 14.—Dr. Wm. C. Millen, who was killed in the train wreck at Sudbury, Ont., was a former resident of Essex County. He lived at Hillsdown, Alta., having removed to the western country about a year ago from South Woodlee. He is survived by a widow and two children. He was about 40 years old.

A desire to see his mother before she died was the reason of Dr. Millen being a passenger aboard the ill-fated train. He received a message some weeks ago that his mother was dying and he at once started for Windsor. But although he made the best time possible he did not arrive until a day after his mother's death. He remained with his father, Thomas Millen, of Cottam, for some days before starting for his home in the Northwest.

Mr. Robert Gray, boss of the Grand Trunk stables, stated to The Advertiser that while it is true that the men are often compelled to work late hours, and that they are paid half-time when they are sick, and full time when they are injured. They are also paid for all holidays.

Mr. Gray says the men made no definite demands upon him, but merely stated that they wanted more money and shorter hours. He has laid the matter before the superintendent at Toronto and is now awaiting a reply.

The men say that a year ago they asked for an increase of wages from \$39 to \$45 a month, and also shorter hours. At that time their request was not answered. Now they claim the company has again ignored them, and they intend to make a fight of it.

It is understood that the strikers are doing their best to have all railway teamsters in the city quit work by tonight, unless terms are come to with the bosses.

Wednesday night a meeting of the teamsters was held in the Grand Trunk stables, at which it was decided to give the bosses 24 hours' notice to grant the increase or expect a strike.

As far as known the bosses of the teamsters whose employees are on strike have made no attempt to secure new men. They are awaiting advice from headquarters before doing anything.

About 25 Grand Trunk men and 10 M. C. R. men are out.

WHITE GLOVES FOR JUDGE

No Criminal Cases Entered for the Middlesex Assizes Next Week.

When the Middlesex fall assizes open at the courthouse on Tuesday afternoon next, it will very likely be the duty of Sheriff Cameron to present the presiding judge with a pair of white kid gloves.

Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon not a single criminal case had been entered on the calendar, and unless a case should develop before Tuesday the sheriff will have to make the presentation.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

From.	Arrived.
Sept. 13.	Reported at.
Perugia.....	New York.....
Siberian.....	St. Johns.....
Saxonia.....	Boston.....
Merion.....	Liverpool.....
Merion.....	Philadelphia.....
Merion.....	Manchester.....
Merion.....	Antwerp.....
Merion.....	Leith.....
Merion.....	Naples.....
Merion.....	New York.....
Merion.....	Prinzeess Irene.....
Merion.....	Deutschland.....
Merion.....	New York.....
Merion.....	Hamburg.....
Merion.....	Graf Waldersee.....
Merion.....	Genoa.....
Merion.....	New York.....
Merion.....	Emmerson.....
Merion.....	Fame Point.....
Merion.....	Quebec.....

COOL WEATHER CUTS DOWN CROWD

But Attractions at Fair Will Go on Today as Usual.

LIST OF THE MEDAL WINNERS

Complaint Made That Some Exhibitors Shirk Parade—Board Listens to Kicks.

Children's day at the Western Fair doesn't promise to be a record-breaker. Cool weather, and the fact that nearly all the children of London have already visited the big show, are to blame for the small attendance today. And the attendance up till noon certainly was small—so small, indeed, that many booth men refused to come out of their shells to sell their wares to the few people around.

After 12 o'clock the street cars were kept fairly busy carrying visitors to the grounds, but all they carried east would not form a fair section of the gigantic crowds of Wednesday and Thursday.

All the railways entering London brought in quite a number of visitors today, but the cool weather kept many of them at home with friends here in preference to visiting the Fair.

All the attractions are being put on before the stand this afternoon and evening as usual.

The Awards.

The following is a list of the awards made by the awarding committee, and endorsed by the board this morning:

Abel Steele, Ferguson, bronze medal card for large squash.

Charles Breving and Maitling Company, gold medal card.

D. S. Perrin & Co., gold medal card.

Chatham Incubator Company, diploma.

A. J. Morgan, London, diploma.

Maple Leaf Automobile and Electric Company, London, diploma.

Adjustable Axle Nut Company, London, diploma.

Dennis Wire and Iron Company, London, diploma.

John Moore, London, silver medal card.

Ideal Concrete Machinery Company, London, highly commended.

Called Off.

It was reported to the board, that owing to a lack of pressure of city water today the dairy competition in the Dairy Building, had to be called off.

"There's plenty of water, but they have shut off the reservoir to save it," Mr. McCormick said.

"If there is no water pressure, what will we do in case of a fire?" Mr. Moore inquired.

"Ask me something easy," replied President Reid.

A committee was appointed to frame a vote of thanks to Messrs. Beck and Cok, who are in charge of the King's horses, and who have done all in their power to help along the Fair by bringing out the horses afternoon and night.

It was resolved to have the bands play "The Maple Leaf Forever" henceforth at the opening of each performance.

A Grievance.

Dr. Routledge reported that this year he had great difficulty in securing the appearance of animals in the livestock parades. The exhibitors try to avoid placing their animals in the procession and resort to every subterfuge to avoid it. The other day they delayed the parade, and consequently the entire list of attractions before the stands, for nearly an hour. He thought there should be a penalty for failure to take part in the parade.

Mr. Carrothers suggested that a notice be printed at the foot of each class that unless the animals were shown in the parade each day the prizes would be forfeited.

Col. Garthshore thought that each owner who appeared in the parade should be furnished with a certificate, and these certificates would have to be presented when prizes were asked for. Thus a check could be kept on those who did and who did not take part in the parade.

Mr. Moore read from the prize list rules to show that each owner is now subject to a fine of not less than \$1 for each failure to have his exhibits appear in the parade.

Mr. McCormick thought each exhibitor should be furnished with a card. Continued on page eight.

OVERLOADED ROWBOAT SINKS AND FIVE CHILDREN LOSE LIFE

A Sad Tragedy to Youthful Picnic Party at Port Felix, N. S.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 14.—One of the most pitiful drowning accidents in the history of the province occurred yesterday at Port Felix. By it five young people lost their lives. Minnie, aged 15; John, aged 11; and Maggie, aged 9, children of Mr. Frank Fougere, postmaster and mail driver of East Port Felix, accompanied by their three cousins, Clara, aged 18; Maggie, aged 14; and Martin, aged 12, children of Mr. Joseph King, Port Felix, left their homes yesterday morning to pick blueberries. About six miles back of Port Felix they attempted to cross the lake in an old leaky flat kept there for the purposes of berry-pickers.

They succeeded in reaching a small island in the lake by going two at a