

ROBERTS ENGRAVING PLANT DAMAGED BY BLAZE EARLY TODAY

Over \$4,000 Loss on Stock
and Machinery.

COVERED BY INSURANCE

Proprietor Will Repair and
Resume Business Soon
As Possible.

Fire at an early hour today, be-
lieved by the firemen to have been
caused by a gas stove, destroyed
the plant of the Roberts Engraving
Company, located at 100 Dundas street
west, between 100 and 110 Dundas
street west.

The entire top floor of the building
was gutted, and the machinery and
stock on the lower floor was damaged
to the extent of \$4,000. The loss was
covered by insurance.

A fireman in explaining the damage
said that the fire started in a gas
stove, and spread to the machinery
and stock on the lower floor.

The fire was extinguished by the
firemen, and the damage was
estimated at \$4,000.

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CITY BREVITIES

FIRST RECEPTION.—Mrs. Leland
S. Wadden, formerly Miss Edith Liddi-
cott, will receive for the first time
since her marriage at her new home,
712 Wellington street west, on Wednes-
day, March 21, from 4 to 6 p.m.

IS IT POSSIBLE?—Evangelist Bel-
cher will answer the question
possible in the future to evolve
out of a sinner? St. John's
at the York Street Mission hall,
March 21, from 4 to 6 p.m.

A GREAT THEME.—Dr. Silcox will
speak on "Daniel in Babylon" to-
morrow evening. The influence of a great man
in a great city will be markedly set forth
and women are specially invited.

NATIONAL SECRETARY COMING.—
The local Young Women's Christian
Association is expecting the national
secretary, Miss Una Saunders, who will
be present on Wednesday at the reg-
ular board meeting.

TO REPEAT SKETCH.—Tuesday
evening next is the date set for the
repeating of the sketch of the
celebrated "Returned Missionary,"
which proved so successful a week ago
in the Commercial Theatre.

This was given by the ladies of the
W. M. S. in celebration of their 21st
annual meeting.

CITY MISSION SERVICES.—Rev. A.
Bingham of Egerton Street Baptist
Church will give an address at the
City Mission, 100 Dundas street west,
on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The
subject will be "The Christian's
Duty." This was given by the ladies of the
W. M. S. in celebration of their 21st
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PERMITS TOTAL \$12,000.—Permits
issued today by Building Inspector
Piper to Mrs. J. A. McDonald, for a
two-story house on Dundas street
west, between 100 and 110 Dundas
street west, and to Charles
Reich for a story and a half house
on McDonald street, between 100
and 110 Dundas street west.

MEETING MONDAY.—The city
council will meet on Monday evening
at 8 o'clock, in the city hall, to
consider the report of the
commissioners of the city of London.

RECEIVE CERTIFICATES.—Lieut. J.
Douglas, 122nd Battalion, Lieut. R. A.
C. Ouse, 14th Battalion, and Lieut. H.
C. Ouse, 14th Battalion, have received
their certificates of honor from the
War Office, London.

"HOMELAND SALE."—The Ladies'
Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian
Church, West London, is having a sale
of homemade cooking, and other
articles, at the corner of
Alexander and the Wharfside road on
Wednesday afternoon, March 21, from
2 to 5 o'clock.

PROVISIONALLY APPOINTED.—
The appointment of Lieut. C. Ouse, 14th
Battalion, to the position of
provisionally appointed, has been
announced by the War Office.

WAR PHOTOGRAPHS.—A collection
of war photographs is on view
in the windows of the Richmond
Hotel, 100 Dundas street west.

ADVERTISING THE MISSING.—
The Ontario Railway Employees
Association is advertising the
missing, and is asking for
information regarding the same.

PTE. EDWORTHY WOUNDED.—
Private Edworthy, 146 Wellington
street, received an official telegram
from Ottawa this morning, stating
that he had been wounded in
action, and was being treated in
the hospital.

S. A. SERVICES.—Brigadier Rawlin-
son, who is in command of the
division, is going to the front
tomorrow, and will be accompanied
by his staff.

GRAND JURY ESCAPES.—The
spring assizes of the supreme court
will consist of only civil actions. The
grand jury will be sworn in, but will
not sit.

ENTERTAINED THE CHOR.—Mr.
William Gorman entertained the
choir of the Colborne Street Meth-
odist Church, and the choir of the
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, at
a concert given at the home of
Miss Edith M. Macdonald.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.—Two
boys appeared in court today, charged
with the theft of a bicycle from the
home of a resident of the city.

MILITARY SERVICE.—Divine ser-
vice will be held at the City Mission,
100 Dundas street west, on Sunday
evening at 8 o'clock.

PREACHING IN GUELPH.—Rev. D.
MacGregor of St. Andrew's Presby-
terian Church, Guelph, is preaching
at the City Mission, 100 Dundas
street west, on Sunday evening at
8 o'clock.

COLLEGE APPOINTMENTS.—Huron
College appointments for Sunday are:
Clinton, Rev. Prof. Wright, M.A.; St.
Luke's, W. G. Davis, B.A.; St. John's,
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RED CROSS AND C. W. C. A. WEEKLY SHIPMENT

A regular weekly shipment of Red Cross and Canadian War Contingent Association supplies from Hyman Hall, the shipping headquarters for Western Ontario. One hundred large, specially made cases is the average shipment, though as many as 120 have been forwarded in one week. The C. W. C. A. shipments alone were worth \$12,000, and the Red Cross at least double that amount. The goods contained in the boxes are of the very best quality. Each box contains 144 pairs of socks, valued at a dollar a pair, in addition to all the other valuable supplies. Mrs. Donald McLean, convenor of the shipping committee, and Mrs. A. T. Edwards, recording secretary of the Red Cross and C. W. C. A., are shown in the picture standing beside the packing cases.

W. J. SMITH RETIRES
Has Sold Interest in Undertaking Business to Fred Hunter.

W. J. Smith, sen., of the firm of Smith, Sen. and Clarke, undertakers, has just closed a business in which he has been engaged for many years in this city. He has sold his interest in the business to Fred Hunter, who has been in the business for many years.

Some Blame It On Atmosphere,
Some On War, and Some
On Hydro.

Are you "just full" of electricity? Many persons in London say they are, and it is believed that unbroken months of frost-charged weather are the cause. Open up the subject at any time, and the stories will start to come. One who can bring so long a spark to the subject is the weekly high court, according to members of the department of agriculture. Until that time receives a "shock" from the weather, the subject is not likely to be discussed. Here is a third man who received a severe shock while stroking a cat.

LABOR OFFICE TO BE
OPENED IN THIS CITY

An office to carry on the work of the labor branch of the public works department will be opened here soon, according to members of the department of agriculture. Until that time receives a "shock" from the weather, the subject is not likely to be discussed. Here is a third man who received a severe shock while stroking a cat.

HYDRO BREAKS.—A short break in the hydro electric service occurred about 10 o'clock today, and many who were inconvenienced in getting back to their places of employment.

NO SITTING.—There being no cases entered for trial today, the court adjourned to sitting was held, Mr. Justice Sutherland, who was listed to preside, was being used so extensively for domestic use was causing small fields to be left fallow.

CHAPLAIN TO SPEAK.—Rev. Capt. McMillan, who is in command of the 14th Battalion, will preach in the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church Sunday evening, and assist Dr. Macdonald in the service. Dr. Macdonald will take the morning service.

GREAT MEN AS LIGHTS.—In the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. E. Holmes will begin a series of addresses on "Great Men as Lights." The first of which will be Lloyd George.

ASSIZES OPEN MONDAY.—The spring assizes of the supreme court will consist of only civil actions. The grand jury will be sworn in, but will not sit.

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FOUR REGIMENTS TO MOBILIZE AT ONCE FOR HOME DEFENCE

The 7th, 21st, 22nd and 25th
Notified.

EACH WANTS 1,000 MEN

These Will Immediately Begin
Training Certain Nights
Every Week.

Acting on the orders issued from Ottawa that 5,000 men are wanted in the militia for home defence to release the same number of men already in the overseas service, letters will be sent out from local district headquarters, Volant, Barrack, 7th Regiment at London, the 21st at Windsor, the 22nd at Woodstock, and the 25th at St. Thomas to mobilize for home defence.

These four regiments have been chosen from the regiments of the Western Ontario to recruit up to war strength of 1,000 men each.

Training Arranged.
The men recruited will likely receive training two evenings and one afternoon each week, and on the other hand, they will probably go into camp for further training.

Men between the ages of 18 and 45 will be accepted, and pay will be the same as for the active militia. A loan of \$15 per month separation allowance for married men.

Recruiting for overseas service will be carried on as usual, and the recruiting for home defence will in no way interfere with it.

Regiments Depleted.
Many of the regiments have been so depleted by enlistments that they scarcely have enough officers or non-commissioned officers to carry on the training of a competent staff of officers and N. C. O.'s can be put in charge. Those who are such training are being requested to offer their services.

It has been estimated unofficially that about 25,000 men have been enlisted in this military district (Western Ontario) since the beginning of the war.

Net Enlistments 29,000.
Allowing 3,000 for discharges and other losses, the approximate number of men enlisted would be 26,000. In addition, a large number of men have gone to the overseas service, and a considerable number have gone to the Flying Corps.

According to a proposition of this district should enlist 1,000 men for each of the four regiments. In addition, a large number of men have gone to the overseas service, and a considerable number have gone to the Flying Corps.

It is estimated that the required number for home defence would be obtained.

Central Point for
Executions Wanted
By Every Sheriff

Important Resolution at the
Toronto Convention.

Shefferson returned from Toronto today where he has been in attendance at the annual convention of the Ontario Sheriffs' Association.

The most important matter dealt with at the convention was the unanimous decision of the delegates to increase the salary of the sheriff from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per annum, and to increase the salary of the deputy sheriff from \$500 to \$750 per annum.

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