

THE WEATHER:
NORTHEAST WINDS, CLOUDY.
FRIDAY—SNOW.

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BANK OFFICIALS ARE GRANTED TRIAL BY JUDGE

Homes Along Niagara River Endangered By Great Ice Jam

APPELLATE COURT RULES JUDGE ONLY TO TRY MEN

Appeal Taken by Attorney-General Nickle Turned Down at Osgoode Hall.

SPECIAL HEARING

Bank Officials Had Vigorously Opposed Jury To Hear Case.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Jan. 31.—With three members opposed and two in favor of the appeal, the first divisional appellate court at Osgoode Hall today handed down judgment regarding the appeal from the mandamus granted by Mr. Justice Middleton in which Senior County Judge Emerson Coatsworth was directed to grant a speedy trial in the county judge's criminal court to ten directors and officials of the Home Bank of Canada.

The accused were arrested following the suspension in August last of the Home Bank, and through their counsel have strongly opposed the moves of the attorney-general's department to have them tried before a jury on charges arising out of their management of the defunct institution. The upholding of Mr. Justice Middleton's mandamus order means a trial without a jury.

FOUND IN SNOW, S. FRANCIS DIES

Suffered Paralytic Stroke While On His Way To Work.

Samuel Francis, 721 Princess avenue, who was found early Monday morning by Captain Haylock and T. Vyles, of the central fire hall, lying unconscious in the snow at the corner of Oxford and William streets with the thermometer registering 3 degrees below zero, died early this morning at Victoria Hospital.

Mr. Francis suffered a paralytic stroke on Monday while he was on his way to work. He was employed by the street railway company as a switchman. When he was discovered by firemen he was taken to the home of S. Hueston, 574 Oxford street, and given medical attention. He was later taken to Victoria Hospital in the police ambulance.

It is thought by his physicians that although death was directly due to the paralytic stroke, his condition became all the more serious through exposure to the cold.

BELLEVILLE RESIDENT TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Canadian Press Despatch. Belleville, Jan. 31.—Fred Harry, aged 53, married, was found dead in a garage last night. He had committed suicide by hanging. Last night Mr. Harry did not return for his supper and had not been seen from about 3 o'clock. Last night a search was instituted and ultimately it led to the building where the body was found.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Northeast and east winds; cloudy, with a little lower temperature today and Friday; light local snowfalls.

Since yesterday morning a very moderate amount of high pressure has come in over Northern Ontario, bringing a considerable drop in temperature.

In other parts of the Dominion the weather keeps mild.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	50	46	Rain
Vancouver	50	46	Fair
Calgary	46	26	Fair
Winnipeg	38	18	Cloudy
Port Arthur	28	14	Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie	24	16	Cloudy
Toronto	42	28	Cloudy
Kingston	38	20	Cloudy
Ottawa	38	12	Clear
Montreal	38	14	Clear
Quebec	28	12	Clear
St. John	40	26	Cloudy
Halifax	40	24	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London last night were: Highest, 37; lowest, 32.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 33; lowest, 30.

Barometric Readings.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—29.14.
Today, 8 a.m.—29.15.



NEW PRESIDENT AND WIFE.

Sidney Webb, new president of the British Board of Trade, and his wife, are both authors of note. During the war they used their influence with labor to induce trade unions to waive many of the privileges in order to speed up production of munitions.

MAN, AGED 70, SECURES 14 SUBSCRIBERS IN DAY

Finds Work Pleasant Pastime.—Many Others Have Great Success.

WATCH FOR SURPRISE

Still Lots of Room in The Advertiser's Contest For \$20,000.

Saturday's Advertiser will carry a special announcement which will be of great interest to all present and future candidates in The Advertiser \$20,000 contest. Watch for it.

Sixteen people registered their names in The Advertiser's \$20,000 Cash Prize Contest yesterday.

Every day and every mail brings in new nominations and they are all real workers.

Canvassing for new subscriptions and collecting in renewals proved a pleasant pastime for three new contestants, who called upon the Contest Manager yesterday.

Fourteen new subscriptions were secured in one day by a gentleman more than 70 years of age, who enrolled in The Advertiser's \$20,000 Prize Contest last week.

A woman who registered her name with the Contest Manager at noon yesterday secured five new subscriptions before 6 o'clock.

There is still lots of room for more candidates. Join now when the contest is just getting nicely under way.

If it is not convenient to call at the contest office, King and Richmond streets, telephone 7352 and our representatives will call and explain everything.

TWO PAY \$10 FOR "KIDDIN'" EACH OTHER

But Court Rules Fun Between Gus and Wilfrid Early Today Was Not Polite.

Despite the proximity of two police officers, Wilfrid McCormick insisted on calling Gus Campbell all manner of names at 1:30 o'clock this morning outside the Best Service Lunch. The two then launched into a battle of epithets and threatened to strike each other when constables appeared and carried them to the police station.

In court this morning, McCormick pleaded not guilty to being drunk. He said he and Campbell were "just kiddin' one another." The testimony of officers indicated, however, that his "kiddin'" was of a blasphemous and shocking nature. McCormick denied he was drunk.

"We'll have to put a stop to this," said the court. "We can't have people annoyed by hearing profane language in public places. I'll fine you both \$10 and costs."

BACK IS INJURED.

William England, one of the prominent fruit growers on Springbank Hill, fell backward off a load of straw yesterday and injured his back. Mr. England was carried from the barnyard to the house by his sons, Richard and Norman, and is under the care of Dr. Ross of Hyde Park. He will be confined to the house for some days.

PRESIDENT OF W.M.S. IS RETURNED TO OFFICE

Mrs. J. M. McEvoy and Many Members of Executive Are Re-elected.

MEET IN ST. THOMAS

Greater Effort Urged by Members During This Year.

Mrs. J. M. McEvoy resumes office as president of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society for another year. Elections were completed at this morning's session of the annual meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, and the invitation of the St. Thomas delegates accepted to hold the next annual meeting in Knox Church there.

The other members of the new executive are the following: Hon. presidents, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. McMillan; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. R. McIntosh, Mrs. T. A. Symington, Mrs. W. Beattie, treasurer, Mrs. M. B. McEachern; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John Gemmell; recording secretary, Mrs. W. E. Kelly; Mission Band secretary, Miss Hattie Ferguson; field mission band secretaries, Miss M. McLaughlin, Mrs. Joseph Grant; strangers' secretary, Mrs. G. Wood; supply secretary, Mrs. F. Balaityne; assistant supply secretary, Mrs. J. M. Douglas; literature secretary, Mrs. H. Peterson; library secretary, Mrs. H. Middleton; social service secretary, Mrs. W. A. Tanner; home help secretary, Mrs. Paton; young women's auxiliary secretary, Mrs. Paton; representative on the girls' work board, Mrs. John Detwiler; press secretary, Mrs. S. Pickles; district vice-presidents, Mrs. Galbraith, Thameford; Mrs. Campbell, Iderton; Mrs. McGugan, Rodney; Mrs. Coutts, St. Thomas; Mrs. Strachan, Glenora; Mrs. McKillop, Hyde Park; and Mrs. Gilmore, Tempo.

Are Re-Elected.
The majority of these officers were re-elected from their positions of last year, and those of them who are new to the executive have been identified as enthusiastic and active workers with the organization.

The most striking feature of this morning's session, and one which warmed and enlivened the time spent in the annual business was the new method of reporting for the various districts introduced by Mrs. McEvoy. Instead of the long process of receiving reports from each auxiliary the president asked that each district vice-president report on the branches under her care, and the result of this plan was that the delegates received a clear-cut and comprehensive survey of the work being carried on all through the Presbyterianial, with the salient features given the proper prominence, and the more tedious of the detail matter omitted.

This plan for future reporting on the year's work was readily adopted, and will be used at next year's annual meeting.

Addresses Delegates.
Inspired by the success of the past year's work, and by the stirring call for greater missionary endeavor Please See Page 4, Column 2.

INTELLIGENCE TESTS UNLIKELY AT WESTERN

Dr. K. P. R. Neville Points Out Matriculation System Different From That in U. S.

Intelligence tests, although they might prove a good means of predicting whether or not United States students will be successful in college, are not likely to be used at the University of Western Ontario, Dr. K. P. R. Neville stated today.

Dr. Neville points out that a student who passes his matriculation, a standard examination tried by all advanced students in the high schools of Ontario, is quite capable of entering a university and should be successful in his four-year course.

"The reason the mental tests have proved to be satisfactory to American universities is that, not having the same matriculation system as in Canada, many students receive their high school diplomas, not having passed a standard examination, and come up to university without a sound educational foundation," Dr. Neville asserted.



MRS. J. M. McEVOY, who was re-elected this morning for a second term of office as the president of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society.

GREECE FACES CRISIS AS NEW FOES ARISE

Illness of Venizelos Will Likely Result in the Downfall of Government.

THREATS PREVAIL

Anti-Republican Leader Will Succeed to Office If Veteran Statesman Steps Out.

Associated Press Despatch. Athens, Jan. 31.—The illness of Premier Venizelos has precipitated a grave crisis in Greece, full of far-reaching eventualities externally and internally. The probabilities that the Venizelos government is about to resign are increasing, because of the premier's breakdown and the insistence of the Republicans upon having the national assembly declare the Glucksburg dynasty abolished against the determined stand by Venizelos that this question be decided by referendum.

The external threat is pointed to in political circles as coming from Italy and Jugoslavia, who, it is feared will adopt an antagonistic attitude if a republic is established other than by a plebiscite.

M. Kafandaris, who is anti-republican, is considered the most probable successor of Venizelos should the latter resign.

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ONE-SIDED PLAN

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"That was on Great Union road, in the island of Jersey," remarked Mr. Wilkins, who is now in his 77th year. "By the agreement, I was bound to serve my master, as he was called then, for a period of seven years and three months, and it was a stiff, one-sided agreement. I was bound, according to the wording, to serve him, keep his secrets and his lawful commands, everywhere gladly obey and diligently and carefully demean and behave myself toward him."

The exact wording of the next portion is interesting. "He (the apprentice) shall not do or willingly suffer to be done by others any hurt, prejudice or damage to the goods and merchandise or other affairs of his said master, neither will he waste or lend them unlawfully to others, but the same shall, to the utmost of his power, hinder or thereof warn. He shall not marry in the said term; at cards, dice tables, or any other unlawful game he shall not play, whereby his said master may be damaged or lose any of his own or other's property. He shall not absent himself, either by day or night, from his master's service without his leave. He shall not haunt ale houses, taverns or play-houses or any place of debauchery."

The master on his part agreed to clothe, sea that he was doctored in case of sickness, and he was also to provide him with "sufficient meat, drink and lodging fit for an apprentice."

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TOWERING ICE JAM CREATES ALARM ALONG THE NIAGARA

Sudden Break in Gigantic Frozen Barrier Would Mean Loss of Thousands.

CHANGES WATCHED

Floes Are Piled to Depth of 30 Feet Between Lewiston and Youngstown.

Canadian Press Despatch. Niagara Falls, N.Y., Jan. 31.—The ice jam that has choked the lower Niagara River from above the Lewiston-Queenston suspension bridge to the mouth of the river at Fort Niagara still holds, but if mild weather continues, early disintegration of the glacial formation is likely, rivermen say.

A sudden break of the jam would cause serious property damage along the shore lines. A shift of the wind to the south or southwest would carry great floes down the river from Lake Erie, increasing the jam and raising the river level. Weather conditions and movement of the ice are closely watched by property owners along the shore.

The average depth of the jam is estimated at from 10 to 12 feet, but at the point of greatest congestion, between Lewiston and Youngstown, the ice floes are piled high above the United States and Canadian shores to a depth of 30 feet. The river at this point is more than nine feet above its normal level.

Preparations have been made to evacuate the river territory at Lewiston should the ice floes, in the event of a break, pile up there and flood the lowlands. The towering ice formation appears solid today for a distance of six miles and shows few signs of disintegration.

The breaking of the ice about the penstock of a small hydro plant has placed that industry on a normal basis again after a threatened prolonged tie-up. The river above the Falls is almost normal today although ice floes further upstream still remain firm.

The ice bridge in the gorge between the foot of the Falls and the upper steel arch bridge, apparently is firmly formed. Since the ice bridge tragedy of February 4, 1912, no one has been allowed to venture out on the formation without a guide. It remains in the river below the falls for the greater part of the winter. In 1912 the bridge passed out suddenly and carried three persons into the Whirlpool Rapids where rescue was impossible.

FERGUSON FAVORS ATTRACTING CAPITAL

Ontario Premier Tells Great Need of Better Schools.

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Jan. 30.—Premier Ferguson told a large audience here tonight that the foremost need of his government is that of inviting capital to Ontario and furthering industrial development.

Nothing, he said, would so much tend to stabilize conditions, as an inflow of fresh capital.

Another duty devolving on his government and which, he asserted, would be carried out, was the shaping of Ontario's educational facilities to mold future citizens.

BRITAIN REPORT WILL COME UP FEBRUARY 14

Finance Committee Will Consider Long Delayed Survey of Fire Department.

The finance committee has set February 14 as the date for the consideration of the Britain report, but chiefly the long-delayed survey of the fire department.

Ald. McKay urged action yesterday, warning that if they did not exercise care they would be in the same position as last year, with the term passed and no investigation.

On February 15 the finance committee meets to consider estimates and a general session of the council has been set for February 18 and 19 for a final consideration of the estimates from all city departments and to strike the tax rate.