

"BEST SCHEME YET ADVANCED; SHOULD BE ADOPTED BY CITY

Leading Dundas Street Merchant Strong Supporter of
the High Pressure Fire Fighting System
Set Forth by Col. Little.

Mr. Archibald Sreaton, head of the firm of A. Sreaton & Co., Dundas street, was interviewed this morning by The Advertiser in regard to the high pressure fire fighting system, which will also furnish water for industrial and other purposes, and which has been put before the public in a very plain way by Col. Little, through a report made for the latter by Expert Engineer Chipman.

Mr. Sreaton is a representative merchant, and one of those who would be subject to the special tax to be levied in case the scheme is adopted by the city. Consequently, his views are of much interest.

He stated that after giving the matter much consideration, he is in favor of the scheme as outlined by Col. Little and Mr. Chipman.

Favors the Scheme.

He pointed out that for many years a high pressure river water scheme for fire fighting, industrial purposes, street watering, etc., has been advocated, but until the present it has not been placed before the public in a plain, concrete form.

As a merchant, Mr. Sreaton felt that the scheme will meet with the approval of businessmen, because it will mean a great reduction in insurance.

"I believe," Mr. Sreaton stated to the reporter, "that the businessmen will save much more in insurance each

year, than they will be compelled to pay for their share of the cost of the high pressure system. And the city will have plenty of spring water for drinking purposes for years to come, and plenty of water for fire fighting, street watering, industrial purposes, etc.

Against River Water.

"I am in favor of the scheme as being the best yet advanced," he concluded. "It is within our means and I think it should be adopted."

Col. Gartschore, manager of the McClary Manufacturing Company, which firm lately installed a private high-pressure fire fighting plant of its own at the up-town works, stated that he has not as yet had time to go thoroughly into the scheme as put forth in the Chipman report, but he said that he is, and has always been, in favor of a high-pressure system.

The Best Yet Advanced.

"The advocates of river water for drinking purposes may talk until they are gray, but they will never talk the people into drinking river water."

This was the statement made by Mayor Judd in his office today when seen by The Advertiser.

His worship stated that as yet he has seen nothing to make him change his mind in regard to the Komoka

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Freight Traffic Is Very Heavy

The way in which the Grand Trunk freight business keeps up is a source of surprise even to the officials of the road.

As a rule, the traffic is heavier in the winter months, but this summer there has not been the slightest falling off. The business continues as brisk as ever, and if anything there are more trains passing over the lines daily.

"Is the traffic all eastbound through freight?" an official was asked today.

"Not by any means," was the reply. "Of course, the bulk of it is eastbound, as is always the case, but the amount of west-bound business is on the increase. The freight from the branches is also above the average."

"For the summer months, I guess the Grand Trunk's freight is heavier now than it ever was. There is no sign of it letting up."

BIG COAL STRIKE IS THREATENED

Unless Compromise Settles the
Trouble, 40,000 Men Will
Quit Saturday.

Pittsburg, May 30. — A strike of at least forty thousand coal miners in the Pittsburg district is booked for beginning Saturday morning and unless the operators and workmen of the United Mine Workers of America come to a compromise some time tomorrow the strike will surely occur, as the ultimatum has been sent to the operators that unless the new automatic steam, or shaker dumps, lately introduced at the mines of the district, are taken out, not a pound of coal will be mined after Friday night.

Both Sides Are Ready.

In reply the operators, headed by Francis L. Robbins, president of the soft coal trust, and whose mines have been equipped with the new machinery, have sent word to the mine workers to go softly, that if a strike should be declared and the mines forced to shut down, they will never be re-opened with the same workmen, nor will any of the striking workmen ever be allowed to work in any of the mines here again.

Both sides seem ready for a strike, and there is now every indication that it will come, and if so it will be a long struggle, for preparations have been going on for some years for this test of strength.

The Pittsburg district of the United Mine Workers will be backed in their strike to their end by the national body, as it is recognized as a fight in which operators all over the country, as well as every man who works underground, is interested.

Will Reduce Wages.

This is the first district in the United States where the machinery has been introduced, and the miners of the district have been chosen because of the proximity of outside help for the operators in a fight, and that if the machines are allowed here they will quickly be forced into every mine controlled by the United Mine Workers of America. The workmen claim the machines will reduce their wages about 17 cents per ton.

The steam or shaker dump is a contrivance used in separating different grades of coal, and the miners claim it works greatly against their interests in crediting them with more on the books. President Feehan, of the miners, and President Robbins, of the operators, each declare tonight there will be no backdown.

COMPETITION MEANS SAVING OF \$24,000

Sewers Will Not Cost Nearly as Much as
Was Estimated.

The city of London has done well by the competition for sewer contracts in this city.

At the beginning of the year Engineer Graydon estimated that it would cost \$80,000 to put down the South London main sewer, the Ottawa avenue main sewer, the north end main sewer and the sewer on Dundas street.

All the contracts have now been let and they do not total \$36,000. As a consequence the city is about \$24,000 to the good.

THE REBELLION SPREADS

Thirty Thousand Chinese Insurrectionists Under Arms Near Amoy.

Amoy, China, May 31. — An insurrection has broken out forty miles southward of Amoy. Thirty thousand rebels are under arms and are stated to be well led. The revolt is spreading to towns near Amoy. The victory of Fuchow is sending 8,000 troops to deal with the rising and warships are expected here shortly.

BRITISH FLEET AT HALIFAX.

Halifax, May 30. — A British special squadron, comprising the first-class cruisers Good Hope (flagship), Hampshire, Roxburgh and Argyll, under the command of Rear Admiral Sir George M. Melville, entered the harbor at 10:30 a.m. today and are now anchored off the dockyard. The Dominion cruiser Petrel met the ships at the harbor entrance and escorted them to their moorings.

Photo by Frank Cooper.

REV. W. J. FORD, LL.D.

The new president of the London Methodist Conference, Rev. W. J. Ford, LL.D., of Gloucester, has been a member of the conference since 1881. Prior to that time, however, he had been stationed in another conference. He has occupied a number of important positions. His first station in the London Conference was Berlin, where he spent 1881 and 1882. From there he went to Port Stanley, remaining two years, going in 1885 to Essex Center, where he was stationed for three years. The order named he spent one year at Forest, three at Parkville, three at Dresden, two at Clinton (Ontario Street Church), three at London (Centennial), three at Essex, and two at Gloucester, his present charge. He was financial secretary of the Windsor district for two years, and he occupied the same position in the Essex district for one year. Mr. Ford has also been chairman of the Sarnia, Chatham, and Windsor districts. He was in 1891 assistant secretary of the conference, and a year later filled the position of secretary.

STRIKE TIES UP FRENCH PORTS

117,000 Seamen Have Quit Work
Because of Meager Addition
to Pension.

Paris, May 31. — French commerce is threatened with complete paralysis as a result of the general strike of sailors belonging to the naval reserve, which went into operation at daylight today at all ports of the navy. The naval reserves comprise almost all of the entire maritime population devoted to seafaring life. They number about 150,000 men, of whom 50,000 belong to the war fleet. Practically the entire personnel of the merchant marine, as well as the longshoremen, are included in the naval reserve. The executive committee of the National Seamen's union ordered the strike because the Government's new bill, increasing pension from \$40 to \$72 50, in the case of seamen, and from \$156 to \$200 in the case of captains, as being inadequate. The reports thus far received indicate that the tie-up is complete. At the Mediterranean, Atlantic and channel ports, the crews generally left their ships. The Government promptly ordered the army transports at Marseilles to be placed in commission in order to insure a mail service between France and her African possessions, but the transportation companies were taken by surprise, and at the mercy of the strikers. The officials of the French transatlantic company hope that the steamer La Provence will be able to sail from Havre tomorrow. Legally, the companies are in a position to coerce the men, but it is regarded as more likely that they will try to effect a compromise.

BARRINGTON MUST HANG.

Jefferson City, May 31. — The supreme court has decreed that "Lord" Frederick Seymour Barrington, now in jail at Clayton, Mo., shall be hanged July 25 for the murder of J. P. McCann, a St. Louis horseman.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

Forecast. Toronto, May 31.—8 a.m. Fresh to strong easterly winds; fine to day, becoming showery on Saturday; stationary or a little higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	52	38	Cloudy
Winnipeg	52	38	Clear
Port Arthur	48	36	Clear
Toronto	51	39	Clear
Ottawa	54	40	Fair
Montreal	50	48	Cloudy
Quebec	50	40	Cloudy
Father Point	42	38	Cloudy

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

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 65°; lowest, 37° 5' above.

SHOWERS HAVE OCCURRED in several districts since yesterday morning, chiefly in the Western and Maritime Provinces. The weather remains decidedly warm in British Columbia and the Yukon, but cool elsewhere. A marked depression covers the Mississippi Valley, attended by a wide spread rain area.

NEW PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE REV. W. J. FORD IS ELECTED

Former Pastor of Centennial
Succeeds on Second Ballot
Over Rev. A. H. Going.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Goderich, May 30. — The business of the ministerial season was completed this morning. Candidates for the ministry on trial were received as follows: St. P. Haselwood, St. Thomas; Frank J. Grant, London; G. C. Gifford, Stratford; R. J. Currey, B. A., Goderich; Roy E. Mitchell, Sarnia; F. E. Cledale, Sarnia; John P. Haywood, Windsor; W. C. Graham, Chatham; Thomas A. Ajlin, Chatham; David Hicks, Chatham; Arthur R. Johnson, Sheddin; W. P. E. James, Ridgeway.

The case of S. P. Westaway was referred to the general mission board. On motion of Rev. S. Bond, a motion was unanimously passed expressing appreciation of the long and eminently useful labors of the ministers superannuating. Rev. Dr. Langford, Rev. Dr. Harmon, Rev. B. Clement and Rev. J. C. Pomeroy.

The pastoral address was presented and read by Rev. R. J. Garbutt. The address was ordered to be printed and read in all the churches.

At the request of the Goderich district the conference agreed to the ordination of the Rev. R. J. Currie, B.A., of Walton, for special reasons. By request of the Alberta Conference, expressed by telegram, it was decided to grant ordination to Rev. G. W. Sparling and R. Plesner.

New President Chosen.

The general business sessions of the conference opened this afternoon at 2 o'clock. After the call of the conference roll, the conference proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

On the second ballot Rev. Mr. J. Ford, LL.D., of Gloucester, was elected president. Mr. Ford's opponent was Rev. A. H. Going, of Exeter, who, like Mr. Ford, is a former pastor of Centennial Church, London. On the first ballot Mr. Ford secured 104 votes, 114 votes being necessary for election. Mr. Going on this ballot secured 49 votes.

On the second ballot Mr. Ford secured 158. Mr. Going secured 48.

Rev. W. G. H. McAllister, M.A., of London, was elected conference secretary. Mr. McAllister declined the appointment for special reasons, and another ballot was taken, resulting in the election of Rev. Geo. H. Long, of Highgate.

Rev. T. W. Blatchford, B.A., and Rev. W. H. Graham were appointed assistant secretaries.

Following the election of officers the conference listened with great interest to an address by Dr. Jas. Allen, associate missionary secretary.

Rev. Dr. Burwash, chancellor of Victoria University, was introduced to the conference. He spoke at length of the success and interests of the educational work under his charge. The chancellor stated that the past year has been the best in the history of Victoria. The number of registered students in all departments was four hundred and thirty-six.

Tomorrow night a mass meeting in the interests of education will be held in the conference church, which will be addressed by Rev. H. W. Locke, of Kincairdine, and Rev. J. W. Graham, B.A., of London.

NATURAL INCREASE WAS VERY SMALL

Deaths Almost Equaled Births in
London During May—Pneumonia's Victims Many.

According to statistics compiled by City Clerk Baker, the natural increase in population of the city of London during May was only 12, there having been 82 births and 70 deaths. As compared with May, 1906, there was a falling off of 11 births in the number recorded. In 1906 there were 93 births in May, and 82 in the same month of 1904.

The marriage figures for the month are also very much the same for the past four years.

In the month about to close 27 were recorded; in May, 1906, there were 29 marriages; May, 1905, 29, and May, 1904, 27.

The death list for May this year shows a material increase over the three previous years.

During the present month there were 70 deaths recorded, against 60 for the same month of 1905, 61 for 1906, and only 54 for May, 1904.

Heart disease and pneumonia resulted in many deaths this month.

According to the returns, there were 3 deaths from cancer, 4 from paralysis, 1 from pneumonia, 8 from heart disease, 2 from apoplexy, 2 from tuberculosis and 2 from accidents. The other deaths were caused from a number of ailments, which, as a usual thing, are not regarded as serious.

The greatest age recorded was 88 years.

NO ELECTION THIS YEAR

Liberal Whip Calvert Says There'll Be
Another Session.

Ottawa, May 30. — W. S. Calvert, M.P., Liberal whip, says that word was given to the leader of the Opposition that there would be no dissolution before another session of Parliament was held. "There will be no general election this year," said he.

THE DEFENSE IN EMMERSON CASE

Hotel Porter Says the Ladies
Were Too Noisy.

SAID HE WOULD SEND THEM OUT

The Magistrate Reserves Decision as to
Whether Case Will Be Sent to
a Higher Court.

Frederickton, N. B., May 30. — After recess today the defense in the Emerson hotel case endeavored to have a blue-print of the Albion Hotel put in as evidence.

Blue Print Rejected.

From the St. Lawrence Hall, Mr. Emerson said that he and the two women went to the Albion Hotel, where they were assigned to rooms, but did not register. Mr. Hazen produced what he said was a blue print copy of the Albion Hotel register of June 10, and it was passed to Mr. Emerson, who said his name was not there. Hon. Mr. Pugsley objected to the blue print being offered in evidence, saying that its title was written in another handwriting, which he thought was that of Detective Sketfington, who was present. Mr. Hazen said that Mr. Pugsley's guess was far from right. The magistrate would not allow the blue print to be offered as evidence. Mr. Emerson said that he thought the Albion was a hotel of good reputation.

Woman Had No Pass.

Mrs. Beauthier did not have a pass in June last on the L. C. R. While in Montreal, on the occasion in question, he practically was in communication only with Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Beauthier. He said only his own bill at the Albion. The witness said that he was in the House of Commons at Ottawa on March 28, and heard the speech of Mr. Bourassa's speech from Hansard, and Mr. Emerson said it was about witness said. Mr. Hazen offered the copy of Hansard in evidence to show that the matter was under public discussion before the alleged libel was published, and thus was relative to the case.

Admitted Hansard.

Mr. Pugsley spoke twice to the court, claiming that the speech of Mr. Bourassa was not relative to the case, and if allowed in evidence, would make a loophole for much more to come in. There were, he said, many ready to put a party out of power by putting their personal standings in a bad light, but it remained for Mr. Crockett to publish this slanderous article.

Mr. Hazen further contended that the copy of Hansard should be admitted on the grounds that it was wanted to show that the matter had been under public discussion before being published, and that it was of public interest. His honor admitted the copy of Hansard as evidence, subject to the objection. Quotations from speeches in the same discussion by Mr. Fowler, of Kings, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier were then read to Mr. Emerson.

A Toronto Cartoon.

There was some discussion between counsel as to members of the court discussing the moral standing of members, and then Mr. Hazen continued on his plan to show the incredibility of witness, by asking as to whether Mr. Emerson had ever seen in the Toronto World a cartoon of four members of the Government sitting in the stocks, stating to the court that the idea was to show that Mr. Emerson did know that he was the one accused of being ejected from a hotel. Mr. Pugsley objected to this matter being taken up as irrelevant. Mr. Hazen in support of his contention expressed surprise that in a case where a man was being tried for a criminal charge that the Attorney-General should make such an objection and said that he could not quite understand the position of the Attorney-General today, whether he was attempting to counsel for the crown, or for Mr. Emerson. Mr. Hazen claimed that Mr. Crockett, being liable to penalties, should be given the proper latitude to prove his innocence.

Looking After His Client.

Mr. Pugsley claimed that he was doing nothing more than properly look after his client.

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HAD A GOOD TIME

Highlanders Enjoyed Themselves During Their Visit to London.

Lieut.-Col. Robertson, commanding the Forty-seventh Highlanders of Toronto, has written City Clerk Baker, thanking the people of London for the hearty reception accorded the regiment on the occasion of its visit here on May 24.

Lieut.-Col. Robertson says the officers and men had a splendid time, the arrangements for the care of the regiment were perfect, and the visit will long remain pleasantly in the minds of the officers and men.

THE CUSTOMS' RECEIPTS

Dominion Revenue Returns for May
Show Remarkable Increase.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, May 31. — Customs receipts for the Dominion for the month of May show the extraordinary increase of \$1,208,969 over May, 1906. The figures are \$3,333,253 for the present month compared with \$4,124,285 for May, 1906. For two months of the present fiscal year, that is for April and May, the increase is \$1,735,367.

BALLOONISTS STILL MISSING.

London, May 31. — The fate of the two lieutenants of engineers who ascended from Aldershot in a military balloon on May 28 during the review in honor of Prince Fushimi of Japan still remains a mystery. The war office has not received any news since the inquiries made through the night refuted the story that the aeronauts had arrived at the Scilly Islands. Warships are cruising in the channel in the hope of obtaining some clue to the officers' fate.

THE WOODBINE BOOKIES.

Toronto, May 30. — The cases of the Woodbine bookmakers came up again before the police magistrate today and were remanded again till tomorrow. The crown attorney has to see the books of the Jockey Club, which the club refused to produce in court, in order to discover the entire agreement between the club and Mr. J. A. Cavanagh, of New York. Mr. Fraser, secretary of the club, admitted that the club sold the racing information to Mr. Cavanagh exclusively. All the 40 bookies were in court, and the magistrate decided the case must be proceeded with tomorrow.

CAPELLE TO DIE FOR KILLING DOW

The Court Decrees That He Be
Executed at Parry Sound
on August First.

Parry Sound, Ont., May 31. — Marano, the Italian companion of Capelle, in the Dow murder case, was found guilty of assault on Angus McLeod, one of those who interfered against the Italians in the row at McCormack's on a Christmas Day.

At the close of the sittings of the assizes today, Judge Telford pronounced the sentence of death in the case of Capelle, the execution to take place at Parry Sound on Aug. 1. Marano gets three years in the penitentiary.

Capelle, fatally stabbed Dow, who was protecting Mrs. McCormack from assault by the Italians.

FREIGHT IS PILING UP

The Situation at the Head of the Great
Lakes Worst in Years.

Detroit, Mich., May 31. — A Duluth dispatch says: The steamer Huroic of the Northern Navigation Company, which arrived here from Port Arthur with passengers and a large load of pluge freight, reports freight conditions at the Canadian head of the lakes is the worst in years. Freight is piling in on every train, and the docks and warehouses are in such a congested condition that fast loading is impossible. Capt. Foote said it would be some time before the situation was fully relieved.

TWO MILLION ORGANIZED WORKERS MUST MOUNT THE WATER WAGON

Rebellious Brewery Workers Are
Ousted by President
Gompers.

Chicago, May 31. — The last barrel of "union" beer in Chicago, and the whole country, according to an edict of the American Federation of Labor, will be manufactured today. At midnight, the Brewery Workers' Union will cease to exist in the eyes of the national labor leaders, and the two million organized workmen in the United States will be asked to "get on the water wagon," or use some other kind of beverage. The brewery employes have rebelled against President Gompers, and the national labor executive council, and they are to be disciplined. The method adopted is that of expulsion.

Secretary Kemper, of the local union, said the 3,000 brewery workers in Chicago will go on brewing beer whether the American Federation of Labor regards it officially as a "union" product or not.

The trouble has been growing for several years. Two months ago the national labor council met in Washington, and gave the Brewery Workers' Union until June 1 to comply with an order to oust all engineers, firemen and teamsters from its organization. These men were under the protection of the union, which was in conflict with the principle of trade autonomy upheld by the federation. The brewery employes then took a vote and 98 per cent of the membership refused resistance to the order, which meant about the present situation.

THE CHRONICLE QUILTS

Prominent Chicago Newspaper Obligated
to Cease Publication.

Chicago, Ill., May 31. — The Chicago Chronicle this morning announces that it will cease publication with this issue, owing to the fact that the paper has been unprofitable for some time.

The official notice, signed by the editor, H. W. Seymour, follows: "As it has not been profitable of late, publication of the Chronicle will be suspended with this issue. All liabilities of the Chicago Chronicle Company will be met as usual in the regular course."

The Chronicle began publication on May 28, 1895, as the only Democratic morning paper then in Chicago. John R. Walsh, one of the chief owners, and formerly president of the Chicago National Bank, refused the support of his paper to W. J. Bryan during Bryan's candidacy for the presidency, and during the last national campaign the Chronicle came out as a Republican newspaper.

NEW AUTO RECORD.

New York, May 31. — Manuel Cedrino, the Vanderbilt cup driver, broke the ten-mile record for middle-weight cars at the Empire City track yesterday, covering the distance in 9 minutes, 47 1-5 seconds. The previous record was 10 minutes, 1 2-5 seconds, held by Bernin.

Cedrino continued on to fifteen miles, and covered the distance in 14 minutes and 45 seconds, which is also a world's record for middle-weight machines.