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## IMPROVEMENTS FOR HOSPITAL FOR INSANE AGREED UPON

### Dr. Robinson Says The Advertiser Has Been Just in Its Criticisms of Fire Fighting Equipment.

### MORE STANDPIPES; EXTINGUISHERS AND MAINS WILL BE ENLARGED

### New Amusement Hall Likely To Be Erected on the Property Used as Bowling Green—Skating Rink Chief Recreation.

In connection with the criticisms of the fire-fighting equipment at the Hospital for the Insane, the authorities do not seem to have taken the reports appearing in The Advertiser as simply attacks upon a government institution by an Opposition newspaper. In fact, they seem to take the view that the matters were brought to the attention of the department at Toronto in the public service.

"I think that the facts of the matter have been presented in a fair manner by The Advertiser," said Dr. Robinson. "I think the department realizes that such a time is the time for fair criticism, and welcomes it. The institution has received the benefit of full explanation when any criticism has been made by The Advertiser."

The improvements needed in the fire-fighting facilities at the Hospital for Insane, to which attention has been called in The Advertiser, have been thoroughly investigated by the provincial secretary's department at Toronto, and from a reliable source it was learned this morning that a great many of the facilities will be improved and that new equipment is to be added.

The standpipes in the main building and throughout the whole institution, it is said, are to be modernized. They will be equipped with new hose, and there will be a new arrangement for turning on the water in case of emergency. It is not known for certain that more standpipes will be placed, but it is hinted that every corridor is to have several.

**Mains To Be Enlarged.**

The fire mains which encircle or lead to the various buildings are to be replaced by either six or eight inch mains, and there will be additional hydrants. The fire served to bring to light the fact that the present mains were too small. They were, in all probability, put in when the institution was erected, and until the fire occurred the size of these mains was not known for certain to the authorities.

The old-fashioned type of fire extinguishers will be replaced by the latest type of these devices to be had. Last year two dozen of the new type were placed in position, and a number of old ones rejected. There are more than that number of the old ones remaining, and they will be repiaced. The man who for years has had charge of the recharging of the extinguishers left the asylum at Christmas and there was no record of those that had been filled. Otherwise the old extinguishers might not have proved to be "blanks" when they were tried out immediately after the big fire.

**Site of Amusement Building.**

It is believed that when spring has come work will be commenced on the erection of a large amusement hall. The lawn at present used as a bowling green will probably be the site of the new building. It will be a one-story structure and will be one of the finest in the province. The nurses and attendants at the asylum will feel the lack of the fine old dance hall this winter, but it is probable that some other arrangements will be made for their entertainment. The skating rink, which was erected last year, is the season's big recreation hall for patients and attendants. The patients have the use of the rink morning and afternoon, and there are good skates for as many as want to put them on. The staff enjoys the sport in the evenings. A good orchestra plays periodically.

Each year, it is expected, improvements are to be made in the equipment at the asylum. More modern escape facilities are to be provided, and inside towers may be constructed.

Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary, was in the city yesterday and inspected the asylum property. He left for Sarnia last evening.

## HOMES ABLAZE AND NEARLY 30 BELOW

### Six Montreal Families Were Turned Out Into the Biting Cold.

### BADLY FROST BITTEN

**A Number of Firemen Also Suffer From Weather, While Fighting the Conflagration.**

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Jan. 6.—With the mercury about 20 below zero, a big fire broke out here on Plessis and Sherbrooke streets early this morning. Six families, French-Canadians, consisting of about 20 people, were driven terror-stricken before the flames out into the open air in their night attire. Several of them were badly frost-bitten before they could be got under cover.

The fire was a picturesque one, the water from the hose freezing as it sprayed upon the houses.

A number of firemen also suffered from frost-bitten face and hands.

The damage done will amount to about $30,000. The fire was able to make greater progress than it should have done because most of the city's fire-fighting apparatus was attending several other fires which were taking place at the same time, and was delayed in reaching the scene.

## PINCHED EARS AND FROSTED NOSES

### Many a Proboscis Suffered in Yesterday's Cold Wave—Blizzard Rages.

### EIGHT BELOW ZERO

**At 8 o'Clock Thermometer Shows 40 Degrees of Frost—Little Moderation Expected.**

If all the frost which gained a hold on various ears and noses about London yesterday has not been removed it will be possible to obtain barrels of auricles and nasal organs within the next few days.

It is estimated that several thousands of these adornments will be dislodged if what those who should know predict, comes true. After the snowstorm yesterday afternoon the frigidity was lessened to a degree, but toward evening the weather again tightened up.

During the night the mercury went down at a fearful rate, and before the descent was concluded ten below zero, the coldest of the winter, was reached. This was 42 degrees of frost.

This morning at 8 o'clock the thermometer at the weather observatory in South London registered 8.5 below, and even the sun in a clear sky could not bring it up to better than 5 above at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

A blizzard of no mean proportions kept the street railway company busy during the afternoon and evening, and while no less than six inches of snow fell, the unfortunates who had sidewalks to shovel, especially on corner lots, estimated that there was at least six feet.

The coal men are delighted with the prospects, and report a big rush of business today. The icemen are also on the jump and will be able to harvest a good supply for next summer if the cold snap continues.

Many of the policemen suffered, P. C. Vince having both his ears and his nose frozen on a beat in East London.

The railway companies all were compelled to operate snow plows, but traffic was not interfered with to any appreciable extent. The London and Lake Erie radial line came through all right, and only one car was off schedule.

## THE CONFIDENCE GAME

Sir J—n—s—"Oh, we're taking good care of your half-million. We are keeping it safe for you, and will let you have it again if you'll come to Toronto for it. We want you to show your confidence in us, don't yo' know!!"

West Ontario—"Why, the fact is, gents, I was going to make the very same suggestion to you. Let me have some of my half-million back now, to show your confidence in me. I can take special care of anything whatever."

## GROSS INJUSTICE DONE THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY; TYRANNY AT TORONTO

### The Case of Miss Jean Dearness—Refused Her Marks at the Normal College Because She Was a Western University Student—Tell-Tale Correspondence.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

The idea has always impressed itself upon me that it mattered not where or how a student acquired useful knowledge, so long as he measured up to the standard of scholarship when the test was applied.

Learning acquired from books or professors, in one's library, or by the kitchen stove, or in the woodshed, or in the bedroom, or under the apple tree or any other tree, or on a mossy bank in some cool, sequestered grove, or by the fireside, when the chilling storm is howling loud, seems as good as and better than if acquired in a venerable pile of bricks and mortar, and old grey stone, called a "Great Provincial University." I must be wrong, though I cannot believe it, and you, Mr. Editor, and your dear reader must be wrong, if you believe as I do, and to prove that we are wrong I will show you how unbelievers are punished.

Bricks and mortar are the real test of scholarship. The Western University has brains, but is a little shy on bricks, mortar and money, and unfortunately the floors are wooden, and the roof shingles, and as a result no education having tone and dignity can be acquired there.

**The Case of Miss Dearness.**

Miss Jean M. Dearness believed as I do. She thought that scholarship was scholarship, no matter where acquired. She sought out a place where a superior education could be obtained at small cost in beautiful and healthful surroundings at the Western University. She graduated with honors in modern languages and history. In September, 1905, she entered the Normal Training College at Hamilton, and took the course of training for specialists. Her work at the training college was satisfactory in every way, and at the close of the term she was admitted to the final examination for specialists. When the results were published, her name was missing. She inquired the reason, and received the following letter:

Hamilton, July 9, 1906.

Miss Jean Dearness, London, Ont.:

Dear Miss Dearness,—I am not

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## BOSTON CLERGYMAN CONFESSES TO KILLING OF AVIS LINNELL

### The Rev. Clarence Richeson Issues Statement for the Public In Which He Admits Having Poisoned His Sweetheart—Says He Hopes to Make Some Amends by Punishment.

[Canadian Press.]

Boston, Mass., Jan. 6. — The Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, formerly pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Cambridge, today made a written confession to the effect that he poisoned his former sweetheart, Miss Avis Linnell. The statement was given into the hands of his counsel, who made the confession public at 1 p.m.

**The Confession.**

The confession of Rev. Mr. Richeson follows:

"Boston, Jan. 3, 1912.—John L. Lee, Esq.; Wm. a Morse, Esq.; Philip R. Dunbar, Esq.:

"Gentlemen,—Deeply penitent for my sin, and earnestly desiring, as far as in my power lies, to make atonement, I hereby confess that I am guilty of the offence of which I stand indicted.

"I am moved to this course by no inducement of self-benefit or leniency. Heinous as is my crime, God has not wholly abandoned me, and my conscience and manhood, however depraved and blighted, will not admit of my still further wronging by a public trial her whose pure young life I have destroyed. Under the lashings of remorse I have suffered, and am suffering, the tortures of the damned. In this I find a measure of comfort. In my mental anguish I recognize that there is still, by the mercy of the Master, some remnant of the divine spark of goodness still lingering with me. I could wish to live only because within some prison wall I might, in some small measure, redeem my sinful past, help some other despairing soul, and, at last, find favor with my God.

"You are instructed to deliver this to the district attorney, or to the judge of the court. Sincerely yours,

"CLARENCE V. T. RICHESON."

Rumors that Richeson would never face a jury in a trial for his life have been rife about the city for several weeks, but they failed of verification when they reached the minister's counsel or the district attorney.

The fact that the confesison was dated three days ago was also pointed out to the counsel, but they refused to comment upon it at this time.

**Trial To Go On.**

District Attorney Pelletier learned of the confession of Richeson from newspapermen ,but later confirmed it from Attorney Morse. He said:

"The terial will go on just the same, no matter what statement may be issued by Richeson."

**Press Called In.**

Just before the noon hour today, the judges of the superior court and the district attorney went into conference at the court house, and about an hour later representatives of the press were called to the office of William A. Morse, the leading counsel for the accused clergyman. The typewritten sheets containing the confession were handed to the newspapermen, and those who paused to ask for some further explanations were told that there was nothing more to be said at this time.

As Rev. Mr. Richeson stands today before the law he is indicted for the murder in the first degree, of Miss Linnell, by giving her a quantity of cyanide of potasssium. The penalty for such a crime in Massachusetts is death in the electric chair. If Richeson stands in court on Jan. 15 next, the date set for his trial, and acknowledges his guilt in accordance with his statement, made public today, the court, under the law, would be obliged to impose the death sentence, in the opinion of courthouse officials.

## SITES PROPOSED FOR INCINERATOR

### Two Locations Considered Are Along South Branch of the Thames River.

### NUTTER PREPARES PLANS

**Building Along River Will Save Much Expense in Handling of Garbage.**

The first duty in connection with the building of the incinerator for garbage destruction will be the selection of a site.

When this is chosen City Architect Nutter will begin at once to prepare the plans for the building.

There are two sites most considered at the present time, both along the bank of the south branch of the Thames, in the vicinity of Wellington and Maitland streets. It will be necessary, so City Architect Nutter declares, to have two levels, and that is the reason why the river is favored. The garbage can go in on one level, and the cinders, etc., could be taken out at a lowel level. That will save much in the operation of the plant, and produce better results.

"The first duty will be the selection of the site," said Mr. Nutter. "If a level spot is chosen, it will be necessary to alter the plans considerably. My own idea, and I think it is that of the board of health, is to choose a site with two levels, such as could be found along the river bank in the south end. There are several places there in close proximity to the hospital that could be utilized to excellent advantage. However, before I can get the plans ready, the site must be chosen. I have a general idea of the building now, but have not the plans prepared."

The structure will be built under the direction of a special committee from the board of health, the hospital trust, the board of works and the city council.

The money will be handled by the three bodies, and expended to the best advantage.

## VICTORIAN NURSE COMES THIS MONTH

**Second of Staff Will Do Much to Aid in the Work.**

Word has come from the headquarters of the Victorian Order of Nurses that the new nurse appointed for London will arrive on the 15th instant.

The board are thankful for the good news, as although, since Miss Edward's wholly unavoidable but temporary absence, the nurse on duty is doing her best to meet the emergency, it is impossible for her to attend to every call which reaches her.

## MORE INEBRIATES COME TO COURT

### Hundreds More Tried During 1911 Than in the Previous Year.

### JUVENILES ARE FEW

**Serious Offences Lacking in Returns Submitted to Police Commission.**

That wrongdoing is on the increase in London, or the police department is more active, is shown by the annual report of police court proceedings submitted yesterday afternoon by Chief Williams at a meeting of the police commissioners.

Juvenile offences are not so numerous, while it is also shown that immigration is swelling the lists of Englishmen.

During the year 1,275 drunks appeared, as compared with 1,100 in 1910. The police have inaugurated a campaign against immoderate driving of horses and cruelty to animals, and as a result of a few week's work in the summer such offences have rarely been called to the attention of the police since.

**Furious Drivers.**

Twenty-six persons were charged with furious driving and 18 were convicted. In the year previous, the figures were 8 and 6. During 1911 seventeen bakers were charged with selling short-weight bread, and convictions were registered in each instance.

There were 29 charges of cruelty laid as compared with 16 in the year before, and 21 convictions against 18 in 1910.

Eighty-eight were charged with stealing, and 50 found guilty, the number charged being 18 greater than the year before.

That the number of motor cars is on the increase in London during the past few years is shown by the fact that in 1906 there were no breaches of the act relating to automobiles and motor cycles. In 1907 eighteen were charged with offences and five were convicted; in 1908 20 charged and 9 convicted; in 1909 27 charged and 11 convicted, in 1910 46 charged and 28 convicted, and

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**BROKE HIS NECK.**

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Egana Pescal, a Pollak, employed at the Canada Cement Company's works, Hull, was instantly killed this morning by falling into the quarry. He dropped thirty feet, breaking his neck, and was dead when picked up by other workmen.

A long ladder is used by the men to get into the quarry, and just as he was going to get on the ladder Pescal slipped and fell over the side of the quarry, landing on the rocks below.

## MEMBERS FLOCKING BACK TO WORK

### The House of Parliament Is to Reassemble on Wednesday Next.

### MAY BE A TALKY SESSION

**Subjects to Come Up for Consideration Are Likely to Cause Long and Protracted Debates.**

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Members of Parliament are arriving back for the reassembling of the House on Wednesday next, and activity displayed by the cabinet during the recess will result in everything, practically, being ready for the consideration of Parliament.

While there were some highly illuminative discussions before Christmas, the principal thing accomplished was the putting through of the balance of last year's estimates. The constructive legislative programme, together with the main estimates, will now be taken up.

Unusual interest attaches to it by reason of these matters being the first brought down by the new ministry.

The bills creating a tariff board, relating to grain inspection, to the extension of the Manitoba boundaries, the construction of the Hudson Bay Railway, and federal aid to agriculture and good roads, will be brought own early, and from their nature should cause protracted debates. It is the general belief, however, that the session will terminate by Easter. The programme of private legislation is not heavy as compared with previous years, and outside of the railway committee, whose membership, by the way, has been materially reduced, the committee work should be light. The senate stands adjourned until Jan. 24.

## MRS. PANKHURST SAILS AWAY ENCOURAGED BY HER TOUR

### Says In Canada Great Interest in Being Shown in Women's Suffrage.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Jan. 6.—Mrs. Emeline Pankhurst has ended a three months' "votes for women" tour in this country, as the chief speaker at a big mass meeting in Carnegie Hall last evening, and has departed for England full of hope for the woman suffrage cause in Canada and the United States.

"I have come to the conclusion," said Mrs. Pankhurst before she went away, "that it is very easy for women to get the vote in America as compared with England. This is due to many causes, among them the enormous interest shown by American men and women in the suffrage campaign as the result of the great fight we are waging in England.

"In Canada, where I delivered a nuber of speeches, I found the interest in suffrage very keen, and I expect that soon the women of Canada will be active in a fight for votes. Such universal agitation on the part of women for the franchise, illustrates that wherever a revolution with a more than local appeal takes place, it is contagious over the whole of the world."

## MOTHER AND DAUGHTER FATALLY BURNED

### Former Residents of Seaforth in Terrible Accident at Alameda, Sask.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Seaforth, Jan. 5. — Word has been received from Alameda, Sask., regarding the burning to death of Mrs. Samuel Hammill, and her 12-year-old daughter. Some days ago, while Mrs. Hammill was cleaning curtains with gasoline, and had placed them in the kitchen to dry, when an explosion occurred. Mrs. Hammill's dress was in flames in an instant, and she rushed from the house. The blaze spread with amazing rapidity, and before the neighbors arrived they found it impossible to do anything. Mrs. Hammill said that her daughter was in the house, and her husband, who came up, had to be held back, as he would have lost his life had he gone into the building. Mrs. Hammill was so terribly burned that she died soon afterwards. The family formerly resided in Hullett Township, and Mr. Hammill is a son of the late Mrs. Hammill, of Seaforth.

### THE WEATHER.

**TOMORROW—SOME SNOW.**

Toronto, Jan. 6—8 a.m.

Fair and very cold today, with some snow on Sunday.

**Temperatures.**

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning:

| Stations. | High. | Low. | Weather. |
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| LONDON | 9.5 | —10 | Fair |
| Calgary | 2 | —24 | Clear |
| Winnipeg | —22 | —34 | Cloudy |
| Port Arthur | —18 | —34 | Clear |
| Toronto | 12 | —10 | Clear |
| Ottawa | 8 | —22 | Clear |
| Montreal | 14 | —18 | Clear |
| Quebec | 16 | —12 | Cloudy |
| Father Point | 14 | 6 | Snow |

Minus (—) means below zero.

**Weather Notes.**

A severe storm is situated off the Cape Breton coast, while a pronounced northwest cold wave has spread as far east as Quebec.

A considerable snowfall has occurred in Eastern Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, attended by heavy gales.

## DANGEROUS FOR TOTS CROSSING TRACKS

### Chesley Avenue Parents Object to Sending Children to Lorne Avenue.

The parents in the vicinity of the Chesley avenue school are objecting strenuously to sending their children for domestic science and manual training to Lorne avenue school, because of the fact that they must cross the Grand Trunk tracks in the East End.

They claim that it is too dangerous a trip, and a constant menace to the lives of the children. As a result, petitions will probably be presented to the board of education at an early date asking that a manual training and domestic science centre be established at Chesley avenue to obviate the necessity of crossing the tracks.

This section is in need of such instruction, and it is more than probable that the board will favorably consider their request.

## PNEUMONIA PREVALENT

**Many People Both in the City and Surrounding District Are Ill.**

There is an unusually large number of cases of pneumonia all through this district at the present time. In London many persons have the disease in more or less severe form. Several persons in the city hospitals are critically ill, and there are a number of cases which it is believed have been checked in time.

London has not suffered nearly so severely as other districts. In many of the towns deaths have occurred, and in some places during the week there were two and even three deaths from pneumonia alone.

**FLEMING IS 85.**

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Sir Sandford Fleming celebrates his 85th birthday tomorrow. He was born Jan. 7, 1827, at Kirkaldy, Fifeshire, Scotland, and came to Canada in 1845.

## NO CHANCE TO BUY HALL FROM THE BANK

### Advance of $10,000 on Price Paid Is No Inducement to Them.

There seems to be no possibility of purchasing the city hall from the Royal Bank of Canada for city purposes.

It was thought by some of the newly-elected aldermen that this might be possible, but Ald. Wright has discovered that such a step is an impossibility. His endeavor to secure an option at $10,000 in advance of the original purchase price resulted in an absolute refusal to part with the building under any consideration.

"We cannot buy it back," Ald. Wright stated to The Advertiser. "That time has passed. It looks as if we will simply have to build a new hall unless perchance the court of appeal grants an injunction restraining the council from disposing of it. The Royal Bank, think, consider that they have obtained a bargain, when they will not part with it for $10,000 more than they paid for it. The citizens will know now that there is no way of getting back their property unless the court of appeal steps in."

## STRIKING COMMITTEES FOR NEW COUNCIL

### Women's Organizations Submit Names to Act on the Board of Health.

Another effort was made last night to strike the committees of the council, and it is apparent that success has crowned the efforts of the controlling element.

As announced yesterday, Ald. Richter will be chairman of No. 1 committee, Ald. Robinson chairman of the board of works, and Ald. W. D. I. Wright chairman of No. 3 committee.

Ald. Rose will not be placed on the finance committee, as originally intended, but will be a member of No. 3 committee. Ald. Bennett will go back to his old place alongside Ald. Richter.

**Board of Health.**

No choice has been made regarding the board of health. Two gentlemen were selected, Mr. J. A. Campbell and Mr. W. H. Abbott. The former would not act, but it is expected that Mr. Abbott will be chosen.

The various women's organizations in the city have taken an interest in this matter, and have submitted three names to the council from which they ask the aldermen to select two members for the board of health. They are Messrs. W. N. Manning, John Stevely and Alf Talbot.

The communication further states that all three have been interviewed, and will consent to act. There is a rumor that Mr. Abbott and Mr. Stevely will be chosen, but the matter will not be finally settled until the meeting of the committee tonight.

No chairmen were named for the manufacturers' committee or the city hall committee. The appointment will be left entirely with the committees themselves. It is understood that Ald. Coles will be head of the manufacturers' committee, and Ald. Blandford, head of the city hall committee.

Mayor-Elect Graham will deliver his inaugural address at 11 o'clock, after which the council will be organized.

## EFFICIENCY HIGH AMONG THE HENS

### Another Record Is Shattered by Pipe Line Road Bird.

### OTHERS MAKE CLAIMS

**Color Line Is Raised When Black Wyandotte Reaches for Plumes of White.**

The egg-laying contest is in full swing. According to the latest reports, the hens of London have been working overtime in order to beat the record which Mr. H. B. McLeod's hens established for the month of December.

Three more chicken owners have sent in the results of their hens' efforts for the month of December. The results are so good that one wonders why the price of eggs is so high.

The record is held by Mr. Alfred W. Russell, of 11 Pipe Line road. Mr. Russell takes a great deal of pride in the egg-laying proclivities of his hens. He writes: "Speaking of champion egg-layers, I am afraid that Mr. H. B. McLeod's hens will have to take a back seat. His eight hens laid an average of 15½ eggs per hen in December. I got 96 eggs from six Black Orpington pullets, seven and a half months old, during the month of December, which is an average of 16 eggs per pullet."

**An Industrious Bunch.**

Mr. Russell's hens did exceedingly well. He has good reason to be proud of them; in fact they have good reason to be proud of themselves, and the city of London should be proud to have such industrious workers in its midst.

Mr. A. F. Way, of Josephine street, Chelsea Green, is the possessor of some fine White Leghorns, which have been busy during these days of hen inactivity. Mr. Ways says: "I would like to enter my twelve hens in your egg-laying contest alongside of the White Wyandottes. I have ten pullets and two hens, and the average for the twelve in 18 days is 95 eggs, 1 short of 8 dozen. The ten pullets were hatched on May 10, and commenced laying on Dec 17. I have thirteen days to my credit, and will report again, the balance to make 31 days." Mr. Way's pullets are starting in pretty young to make a name for themselves, but nevertheless they are doing fine work, and will be heard from later on.

**A Black Wyandotte's Work.**

Mr. F. B. Davis, of 596 York street, has a hen that he will stake his reputation as a hen raiser on. Mr. Davis' hen is in a class by itself, but hear what Mr. Davis says about it. He writes: "Seeing in your paper what other people's hens are doing, I thought I would tell you about mine. I have a Black Wyandotte yearling, which during December laid 23 eggs. I have also three Buff Dott pullets that only missed four days since the 15th day of December." Mr. Davis' little black hen must be taking a lesson out of the book of that other little black hen, that Old Mother Goose described in her delightful little book of poems as "she lays eggs for gentlemen." The little black hens have an ancestor to be looked up to.

Who's hen will beat Mr. Russell's record? Persuade your hens to lay for you. If all other methods fail, show them this article about what all the other hens are doing.