

OUTBREAK OF HOG CHOLERA DISCOVERED IN G.T.R. YARDS

Twenty-Four Fine Animals Out of Eighty-Four Ordered Killed by Government Inspector—Local Inspection Urged.

The most serious outbreak of hog cholera that has ever been known in this district was discovered in the Grand Trunk cattle-yard near Waterloo street on Saturday afternoon, and as a result 24 fine hogs out of a shipment of 84 en route to Gunns, Limited, of Toronto, were ordered to be killed by the Dominion Government inspector.

The 84 animals were placed in a car at Kingsville on Friday, and when they reached here instructions were received to feed and water them. On opening the door of the car two of the hogs were found dead and several others were very sick.

Diagnosed as Cholera.
As quickly as possible the Dominion Government inspector was notified, and he at once diagnosed the trouble as hog cholera, of which there has been many cases in Essex County recently. Acting under instructions from the health of animals department of the Dominion Government, he at once had the whole consignment removed to the plant of the Dominion Abattoir Company at Portersburg.

The 84 animals were killed and investi-

gation showed that 24 of them had hog cholera. They were at once made into fertilizer. The other 60 animals are being held pending instructions from the department, and in the meantime a Dominion Government officer has gone to Kingsville to try and locate where and how the outbreak originated.

Have Lost Heavily.
Hog raisers in Essex have, it is stated, lost many thousands of dollars this fall through hog cholera.

A local physician who learned of the case pointed out the importance of having inspection for London.
"The chances are," he said, "that if an outbreak of this kind occurs locally, no one knows anything about it, and the animals are not only killed and offered for sale, but the people ignorant of the kind of meat they are purchasing buy and eat it. We cannot get a system of local inspection too soon. Many London people would, if they knew what they are buying and eating, be simply horrified. The only way to prevent it being sold is to have everything inspected."

As a result of the hog slaughter on Saturday here, someone will be a heavy loser, but whether it will be the farmers who shipped the animals or the packing company in Toronto could not be learned.

CAT DEFIES FIREMEN; CHURCH STOPS TRAIN



Tabby Leaps Two Stories
When the Rescue
Is Attempted.
Church - Going Operator
Forgets the "Danger"
Signal.



Clinging perilously to the top of the swaying shutter of a second story window at 160 Kent street early this morning, a beautiful big Maltese tabby was found by two firemen from the central station, who responded to a hurry-up telephone call for help.

One of the firemen climbed out on the windowsill and reached up to rescue Puss from her predicament. Scornfully she ignored the friendly hand and leaped cat-fashion to the concrete sidewalk below. A moment only she lay there and then apparently uninjured was on her feet and away. Up to press time this afternoon she had not been seen since.

Electric Wiring Inspector Whose Work Has Started



W. B. LEGATE.

Twenty Drowned in Texas Floods

Great Loss of Life in the Vicinity of Brookshire.

[Canadian Press.]
Houston, Texas, Dec. 8.—Twenty persons were known to have been drowned near Brookshire in Waller County today in the Brazos floods. Brookshire is about 50 miles in an air line from the river's mouth, and marks approximately the position of the flood crest today.

ENGLAND DECLINES TO GRANT CANADA LOAN

[Canadian Press.]
London, Dec. 8.—Eighty-three per cent of the Canadian Government loan of \$20,000,000 at 4 per cent, issued at 97, was left on the hands of the underwriters.

The poor public response seems to have been due to a prevalent feeling that Canadian borrowing has been much overdone, but at the same time financial circles think the fact that the public refrain from subscribing to new loans while the lists are open in the hope of covering their requirements when the loans are quoted at discounts may have had something to do with the non-success of this loan.

NEWFOUNDLAND NOT ANXIOUS TO JOIN DOMINION

Hon. T. P. McGrath Explains Reasons For Its Maintenance As Colony.

WOULD LOSE FISHERIES
Cheaper Prices For Foodstuffs
One Reason For Remaining Independent.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Dec. 8.—"Under present conditions there is absolutely no hope of a union between Newfoundland and Canada," said Hon. T. P. McGrath before the Canadian Club this afternoon. The speaker is a newspaperman of the ancient colony, and he endeavored to explain the reasons why he saw it why the two lands apparently intended by nature to be one have continued to live apart. "Our condition and our life is so different, that although we are all British and imperialists none of us favor union."

Would Lose Fisheries.
"Largely the objection is that under confederation the control of the fisheries would have passed out of the hands of a commission at Ottawa. The fisheries are the mainstay of Newfoundland's commerce."

"Newfoundland is protected by a tariff against the whole world, and today you can buy flour cheaper in St. Johns than you can in Halifax. If we took down this tariff wall we would be flooded by branches of Canadian manufacturers and our local industries ruined by competition. Canadian manufacturers would be surprised to learn how cheap lumber is in my country, and there is today wonderful opportunity for men of small capital to come to Newfoundland and work up wood industries, such as sashes and doors, boxes, furniture and turned articles. Newfoundland has in her very centre the largest pulp mills in the world, and this supplies many of the newspapers of Europe."

No Stringency There.
"Newfoundland is not affected by the financial stringency which is hanging over Canada today. Our finances are of a very simple order, and if we should unite with Canada the present arrangement would not be possible. We simply export our vast shipments of dried codfish to Southern Europe and get paid in gold. Then we go to the States or Canada and spend it for our own needs."

MERCHANTS WELCOME "CHRISTMAS" WEATHER

Delayed Snowfall Causes Gladness in the Business World.

There is gladness and rejoicing among the retail and wholesale merchants of London in consequence of the long-delayed Christmas weather. Local merchants had almost arrived at the conclusion that they were in bad luck with the angel who controls the thermometer and the distribution of snow, but their fears were dispelled when they beheld the arrival of the real goods on Sunday and Sunday night. When the weather is mild and the streets are bare, there is a surprisingly bad effect upon Christmas trade, but when the tap freezes up during the night, and early pedestrians have to struggle through the snow, the Christmas spirit gets a decent show, and immediately commences to assert itself, with consequently increased sales to the merchants.

NAMES GIVEN WRONG

Victims of Calumet Shooting Were T. H. and W. A. Jane.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Dec. 8.—Harry James and Arthur James, reported shot by a Calumet sniper while making their way to the Calumet railway station, are identified here as T. H. Jane and W. A. Jane, who worked as motorman and conductor respectively on the Toronto street railway for the past six months. They had worked at Calumet previously, but left there when the trouble began and came to No. 3 Golden avenue, West Toronto.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today. Highest, 25; lowest, 19.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours preceding 8 p.m. Sunday were: Highest, 47; lowest, 20.

TOMORROW — MODERATELY COLD.

Forecast.
Toronto, Dec. 8.—8 a.m.

Today—Gales, northwest to west, decreasing tonight; colder, with local snow-falls and flurries.

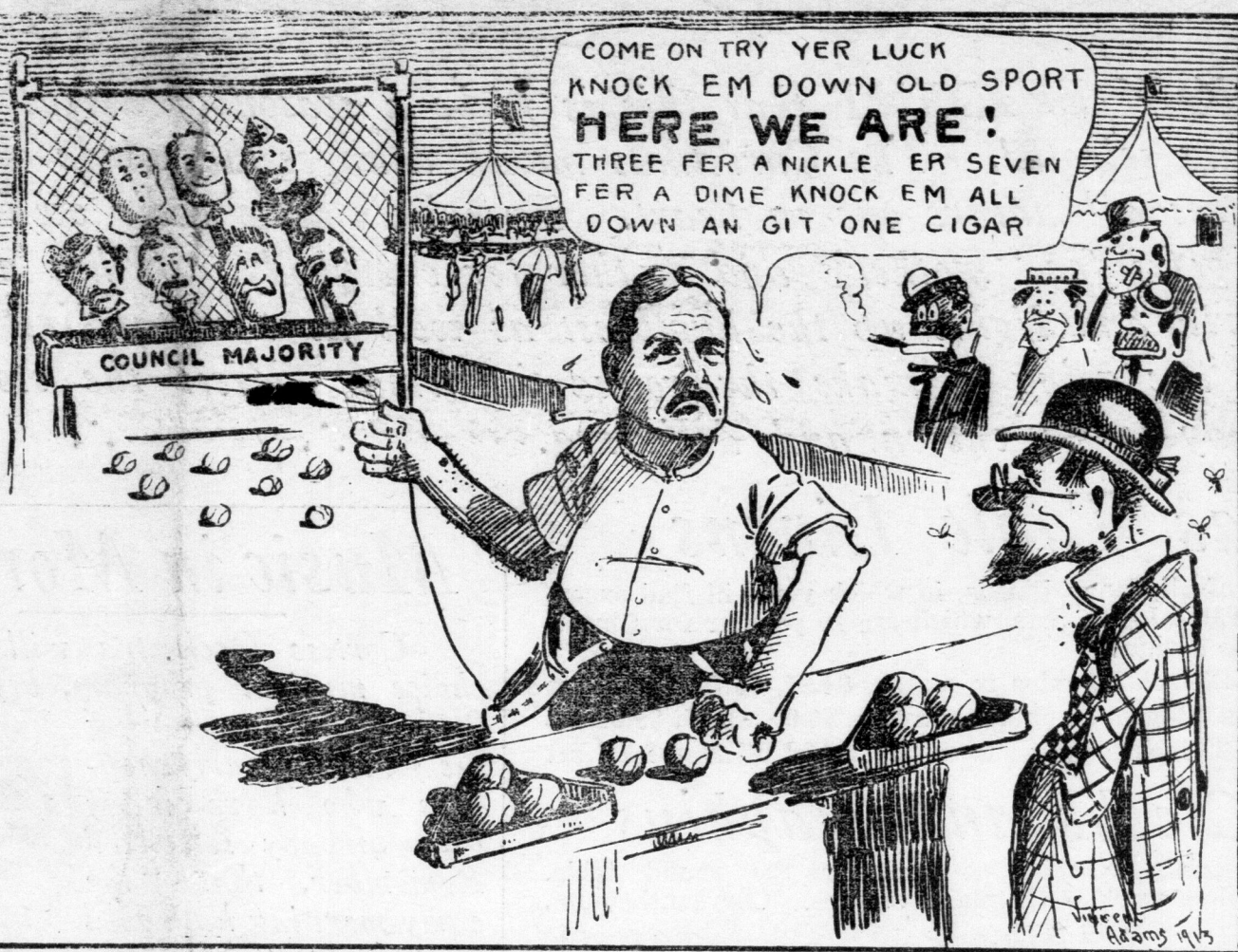
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	48	40	Clear
Calgary	42	24	Clear
Winnipeg	42	14	Snow
Port Arthur	38	14	Clear
Parry Sound	40	20	Cloudy
Toronto	42	24	Snow
Ottawa	38	26	Cloudy
Montreal	42	28	Snow
Quebec	42	32	Snow
Halifax	38	20	Snow

A disturbance which formed near Lake Superior, starting Saturday, is now centred in the Maritime Provinces, causing fresh to heavy gales from the Great Lakes eastward, together with snow in many localities.

Heavy gale signals have been up on the lakes since Saturday, and from Sunday elsewhere.

"WHEN BUNTY PULLS THE STRING"



TOUGH OF WINTER BRINGS ALARM TO SUMMER VISITORS

Snowy Homes Cause Consternation in Bronze Grackle Family.

LOUD-VOICED PROTESTS Night Made Hideous by Complaints of Should-Be Migrants.

Berton Brackley, in a recent poem, depicted the woes of "The Last Summer Boarder." Had he been a witness of the tribulations of some of London's late summer boarders Sunday he might easily have had another verse or two to add to his rhyme.

These boarders arrived from the New England States early in the summer. Ornithologists introduced them to us as Bronzed Grackles, but to those who had not the acquaintance of an ornithologist they were known as simple blackbirds. They were not shy about bringing the whole family along with them. They were in the numbers, containing some near relatives in the pestiferous crowbird family.

Life in London looked good to them. Every morning they sallied out into the surrounding country, and alighted in flocks upon the fields of sprouting grain. In this appearance were against them—it certainly looked like a bird of prey. But they were the rescue of their reputation, by asserting that they were seeking not the tender grain, but the fat and juicy worms which, not combated, would soon put a kink in the yield of corn.

Londoners were no doubt grateful for their services along that line, but "trousered" grackles against them because they wouldn't stay on the job. Like the proverbial chickens they always came home to roost. And when the Grackles family came home in the evening there was little sleep for anybody in the neighborhood that night.

Hints Were Ignored.
Numerous hints were given them that it was time to leave for their southern home, but they would not be moved. They were discharged in their direction. But the weather continued fine, the ground was soft, and the pickings were apparently too good to leave. It is on this point that a calamity. They sallied forth as usual Sunday morning, from their temporary home in the trees of Grand avenue, but found it too cold to go far, and accordingly spent a clamorous Sunday in the vicinity of Ridout street.

When they returned in the evening every perch in those trees, and every other tree, bore a coat of flaky snow. The fact was commented upon by the first arrivals. It was loudly complained of by the following flock, and by the time all had arrived the row was something to be imagined, not written about. All night long they flew about in circles, and the pale moon looked down upon a scene of the utmost confusion. Residents of that neighborhood looked upon the scene with perturbation.

Intention, at Least, Good.
As the night wore on, and their patience wore out, they tried various expedients, such as beating tin pans, etc., to induce their noisy boarders to leave. This morning it was apparent that the latter's intentions were good. They did not start on the dawn excursion, and it is possible that the long-delayed migration will begin today.

IS NOT SURPRISED

Finance Minister Expected Canadian Loan To Be Turned Down.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Commenting on the non-subscription of the 83 per cent of Canada's loan in London, Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, said it was not a surprise in view of the uncertainty in the London market in regard to future operations, which would probably be large in the new year.

GRAVE FEARS FOR TWO LAKE BOATS

Steamers McKee and Turret Cape Are Overdue Forty-Eight Hours at Goderich—Another Body Washed Ashore—Steamer Wexford May Be Near Bayfield.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Goderich, Dec. 8.—The gale of wind and blinding snow storm on Lake Huron Sunday recalled vividly to the minds of the sailors the fatal Sunday four weeks ago, and considerable anxiety is felt for the steamers McKee and Turret Cape, both of which should have reached Goderich Saturday night.

Capt. Bassett, of Collingwood, whose son is master of the McKee, phoned from Collingwood to get tidings.
Captain McCarthy, of the Turret Cape, is of a Goderich crew, his mate being a brother of the drowned McDonald, of the Wexford.
An unconfirmed rumor has just reached town that the steamer Wexford has been located south of Goderich, near Bayfield, with only twelve feet of water over her hull, but as the weather has been so rough no soundings can be taken.

Report of another body ashore near Kincardine has just reached town by phone. It is thought this blow will bring a number of bodies ashore.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Port William, Dec. 8.—The high winds which prevailed Sunday night on Lake Superior, died down yesterday, and this morning the lake is moderately calm. The wind at times reached the sixty miles an hour gale, and was accompanied by blinding snow. It is probable that had it occurred a few days earlier far more serious results would have resulted, as at the present time shipping on the upper lakes is increasing rapidly. The wireless reports that no knowledge has been received of any vessels in distress. Captain Foote, of the Harmonic, which arrived in port yesterday morning, stated that he had seen no vessels in shelter anywhere along the coast.

STORM SIGNALS UP.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Sarnia, Dec. 8.—Northwest storm signals are now being displayed at the Government station here, and the weather is living up to the forecasts.

A heavy gale from the north is blowing, and the boats are staying in the river for shelter, while those which started out yesterday are returning to this port, or making for other harbors of refuge.
At this season of the year, the weather often becomes bad for long periods, and the masters have orders to take no chances with their boats, as the insurance is now cancelled.

MADE TRIP SAFELY.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Port Stanley, Dec. 8.—The big car ferry made the trip from Conneaut yesterday, arriving here late in the afternoon while a heavy blizzard was raging. The captain would not put out again in the blow last evening, but started again today, as the lake was much calmer.

WILL CONFER ON STREET RAILWAY SERVICE TONIGHT

Aldermen and Directors To Meet and Discuss Improvements.

SUNDAY CARS TO COME UP

Operation of Seven-Day Schedule Will Be the Big Question.

Vice-President T. H. Smallman, Manager C. B. King and other officers of the London street railway committee will meet the city council tonight to discuss the question of Sunday cars and an improved week-day service. The Sunday car agreement will be the big question.

The company, it is said, is not particularly anxious to operate its cars on Sunday, but will do so if the ratepayers say yes to the bylaw which is to be placed before them. It now costs the management in the neighborhood of \$600 per day to operate the line, and according to those who are in touch with the situation it is doubtful if the first year of Sunday operation would be successful and productive of profit.

However, as the people become educated to the advantages of Sunday cars, and the opportunity afforded for securing a maximum amount of pleasure, fresh air and convenience at a minimum cost, it is felt that the Sunday cars will pay for themselves, and pay the owners of the line a decided profit.

The fact that it would probably not be permitted to run its cars to Springfield, is one of the big company objections, but it is possible that within the next year or two the demand for this service would give rise to a request for legislation to allow the running of cars to this point.

GIRL IS MISSING; EVERY POLICEMAN JOINS IN SEARCH

Case Is as Puzzling to Detectives as That of Dorothy Arnold.

PARENTS ARE FRANTIC

Fear White Slavers May Have Trapped Pretty Young Charity Worker.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Dec. 8.—A general alarm has been sent out, and every policeman in Greater New York has instructions today to look out for Miss Jessie McCann, the 23-year-old daughter of Robert McCann, a wholesale grocer, who disappeared on Thursday last as mysteriously as did Dorothy Arnold. She left her home Thursday morning ostensibly to go to a home for destitute children, as she did volunteer work as an instructor.

Since that time all trace of her has been lost, although a friend of the family reported today having seen a girl answering her description in Wall street Friday night. To him she appeared dazed.

Rushing the Search.
The girl's father is a personal friend of Mayor Kline and has appealed to the mayor to expedite police search.

"I am positive that there is no romantic reason back of Jessie's disappearance," he said today. "Had there been she certainly would have sent us some word before this, because she would have known how terrible our anxiety would be, and it certainly would not be characteristic of my daughter to cause her family any suffering. On the other hand, she has never suffered in the least from any mental or nervous trouble, and the idea that she became ill and wandered away unwillingly does not seem to have the slightest fact to bear it out."

In view of the numerous white slavery cases there are many fears that the pretty charity worker may have been trapped in some way by fiends.

Another Gone Too.
Mabel Vera Moulton, 16 years old, was also reported missing today. She has not been seen since Dec. 5, when she left a Broadway department store, where she was employed, to meet her mother up town. At the request of the mother the police today sent out a general alarm for the girl.

MOTHER WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND FUNERAL

Fell Down Stairs, and Is Now in a Very Serious Condition.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Komoka, Dec. 8.—Railwaymen from all over the district are here this afternoon for the funeral of Grand Trunk Roadmaster George Stilson, who died in the Marine Hospital at St. Catharines on Friday, when an operation was attempted in the hope that fractured bones in his foot, which had refused to knit, might be joined.

Mr. Stilson's death occurred most unexpectedly, and a most pathetic feature in connection with his demise is that his aged mother a couple of days ago, while lifting a tub, fell down stairs and fractured three ribs and sustained serious internal hurts. She felt very keenly the death of her son and also not being able to attend his funeral.

Mr. Stilson was hurt some weeks ago when a pile of ties fell on him and broke his arm, foot and a couple of ribs. He leaves besides his mother, a wife, two sons and one daughter.

Among the railwaymen who attended the funeral were Roadmasters L. Pender, of Palmerston, C. Worley, of Stratford, and W. Warren, of London.

Interment was made at Komoka Cemetery.

LIBERALS HAVE NOT BROKEN FAITH

Will Serve Public Interest by Putting Candidate Up in Macdonald.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Dec. 8.—The report that the Liberals have broken faith by putting a candidate into the fight in Macdonald constituency comes as a surprise to Ottawa.

The view here is that the Liberals would be breaking faith with the public if they failed to run a man. They forced the seat open by compelling the successful Conservative candidate to confess corruption. Having done so it is thought only fair that the people should have the opportunity again to vote.

VETERAN MILL MAN DIES.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Alexander G. McCornick, district agent for the Lake of the Wood Milling Company, dropped dead in his office here this morning. Death was due to heart failure. He was in his sixty-sixth year. He had been agent for the Lake of the Woods Company for the past twenty years.

PAID \$50,000,000 FOR BIG COAL LANDS

British Syndicate Secures Rich Mines From Virginia Capitalists.

[Canadian Press.]
Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 8.—Completion of the deal by which some 400,000 acres of coal lands in the new River district were to have been transferred to an English syndicate through Morgan Davies, of Richmond, Va., George Penick, of Baltimore, and Hugh L. Kirby, of New York, comprising the new Virginia syndicate, was delayed today when it became known that application for an extension of the options for six months was desired. The deal is said to involve approximately \$50,000,000.