

THE WEATHER:
WESTERLY WINDS, COLDER.
TOMORROW—FAIR, COLD.

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LONDON PROBES TENDER PRICES

McNair Refuses To Resign Post of Presbytery Clerk

COMBINE OF DEALERS HINTED IN HIGHER COST



GENERAL RUGGLES,
of the war department, Washington,
who in a recent lecture on "Modern
Ordnance" in Toronto, under the aus-
pices of the Royal Canadian insti-
tute, said that he did not think the
next war would differ greatly from
the last as far as armaments were
concerned.

MRS. McCULLY NOT GUILTY

Judge Judd Finds That Insuf-
ficient Evidence Was Intro-
duced by Crown.

SMILES REPLACE TEARS

Mrs. Jane McCully was discharged
by County Judge J. C. Judd this
morning when she appeared before
the court on charges of having stolen
goods in her possession.

The court held that the crown had
produced no evidence to show that at
the time the goods were in the posses-
sion of Mrs. McCully that she knew
they had been stolen.

"There are a great many suspicious
and doubts in my mind in connection
with this case," declared the
court, "but I couldn't convict on sus-
picion, and you are entitled to the
benefit of the doubt."

Mrs. McCully, who entered the
court weeping copiously, left amid
beaming smiles.

A quantity of merchandise stolen
from the W. C. Barons store at Bel-
mont were found in her house on the
Hamilton road last November when it
was raided by the police.

James Watson was sentenced to
jail last week, after pleading guilty to
the charge of having stolen goods
in his possession at Mrs. McCully's home.

C. P. R. EARNINGS DROP.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, March 10.—Canadian
Pacific Railway earnings for week
ending March 7, \$2,809,000; decrease,
\$485,000.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today — Fresh
westerly winds;
fair and colder.
Thursday —
Fair and rather
cold.

The deep de-
pression which
was centered
near Lake Supe-
rior yesterday has
passed with
diminished energy to the St. Lawrence
valley.

Thunderstorms have occurred in On-
tario and Quebec.

The temperature remains very low in
Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

Temperatures.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria..... 52 42 Cloudy
Calgary..... 26 14 Cloudy
Winnipeg..... 10 -20 Fair
Port Arthur..... 36 2 Fair
Sault Ste. Marie..... 46 16 Cloudy
Toronto..... 54 32 Fair
Kingston..... 46 34 Fair
Ottawa..... 36 26 Fair
Montreal..... 42 38 Fair
Quebec..... 20 30 Cloudy
St. John..... 30 30 Fog, rain
Halifax..... 34 28 Rain

Minus (-) means below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest tempera-
tures recorded in London during the
24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last
night were: Highest, 62; lowest, 33.
The official temperatures for the 12
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 52; lowest, 28.
Sun rises at 5:41 a.m. and sets at 6:17
p.m.

Barometric Readings.
Tuesday—8 p.m., 28.93.
Today—8 a.m., 29.19.

FIVE-CENT PARK FARE IS URGED

Council May Press Further Im-
provement Demands If the
Company Fails To Act.

CHANGE IN SERVICE

Two-Way Cars on Ottawa and
North Belt Lines Are
Favored.

Drop fares of five cents to all parts
of the city and on the Springbank
lines of the London street railway,
together with extensions to Brough-
dale and in East London are sugges-
tions today by Philip Pocock, public
utilities commissioner. That the city
can force the company to bring
Springbank fares down to five cents
is a trip is Mr. Pocock's firm belief. "It
is just as logical as charging only five
cents to Pottersburg," Mr. Pocock
declares.

Action within 48 hours to clear up
London's street railway tangle is
probable and a meeting with the
street railway company directors may
be held tonight or tomorrow. An
unqualified comment by the mayor,
which he afterwards refused to dis-
cuss, indicates that an agreement
may be possible before tomorrow
night.

Restless at the continued obstruc-
tion of the company in holding up an
agreement conference, city aldermen
are awaiting developments eagerly.
They declare that there never was
any intention of letting the company
operate with three-cent fares until a
new agreement is drawn up. The
company has illegally been carrying
on for three days at the five-cent
rate of fares.

According to discussion in council
circles today continued aloofness and
inaction on the part of the company
may result in further council demands
for improved service.

Two-Way Service.
It will not be merely a matter of
paving for West London and a few
Please See Page 3, Column 1.

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JUVENILES PLACED IN CITY JAIL

Boys Fail in Attempt To Escape
From Room in
Shelter.

GIVEN REMAND

Further Word Awaited From
Sarnia on Condition of
Accident Victim.

The children's shelter is not a place
of safekeeping for two of the five
London boys, all under the age of
15 years, who stole an automobile
in London Thursday, motored to
Sarnia, and became mixed up in an
accident, and further thefts in that
city. They almost succeeded in
escaping from a locked room of the
shelter Saturday night. Their at-
tempt was frustrated, however, and
they are now confined in cells of
the county jail.

Yesterday when they appeared be-
fore Judge Warner in the juvenile
court they were remanded one week.
While in Sarnia they struck down
an aged man with the stolen car, and
his condition is reported to be ex-
tremely serious. The remand was
ordered, it is believed, to await fur-
ther word from Sarnia regarding the
man's condition.

Only two of the boys are confined
to jail, the three others having been
allowed bail to appear in juvenile
court next Tuesday.

The youngsters, after their arrest
in Sarnia, were brought back to Lon-
don by Sergeant of Detectives Harry
Down and Detective Thomas Bolton.

Two of the boys who had driven the
motor car, and who had snatched
purses from pedestrians, were sent to
the children's shelter to be confined
in a locked room. They broke
through the door and were on the
point of making their escape when

Canada Given Chance
To Sell More Bacon

Dominion Has Opportunity
To Increase Exports To
Britain.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 10.—Canadian hog
breeders have a better opportunity
than ever before to capture the
largest slice of the United Kingdom
trade.

H. S. Arkell, dominion live
stock commissioner, said in a talk
to the agricultural committee of the
house of commons this morning.

Canada has every chance to com-
pete with Denmark, which country
now supplies 50 per cent of the bacon
consumed in Britain. Mr. Arkell
dealt with the efforts being made by
his department to promote the
breeding of bacon hogs.

The policy of the department, he
said, was to establish in Canada a
definite standard through breeding
and feeding which would produce a
type desired in the United Kingdom.

HOUSES, BARN LEVELLED
BY HURRICANE IN INDIANA

Associated Press Despatch.
Indianapolis, Ind., March 11.—
Damage estimated at nearly half a
million dollars was caused through-
out Indiana late yesterday by high
winds, rain and hail storms. Several
persons were reported injured.

Houses, barns and telephone and
telegraph poles were blown down and
trees uprooted in many places. Near
Rochester and Warsaw, northern
Indiana, the wind reached its great-
est velocity and several houses and
barns were destroyed.

SWATOW OCCUPIED.
Associated Press Despatch.
Canton, China, March 11.—Sun
Yat Sen's headquarters here an-
nounced the peaceful occupation of
Swatow, Kwangtung province. Most
of the rebel leaders are said to have
fled.

T. AND N. O. EXTENSION
TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY

Toronto Firm Gets Contract
For Railway Into Rouyn
Gold Fields.

Canadian Press Despatch.
North Bay, Ont., March 11.—Short-
ly after Premier Ferguson had an-
nounced in the Ontario legislature
yesterday that the government had
decided to extend the Temiskaming
and Northern Ontario railway into
the Rouyn gold fields, it was stated
here, headquarters for the T. and
N. O., that the contract for the ex-
tension had been let to the H. F. Mc-
Lenn Company of Toronto. Work
will start almost immediately and by
the end of the next week more than
2,000 men will be employed.

It is expected that the line will be
in operation to Rouyn by November
next.

LORD CURZON'S CONDITION
CONTINUES SATISFACTORY

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 11.—The condition
of Lord Curzon continues satisfactory
after his recent operation, the at-
tending physicians announced at noon
today in the following bulletin:

"Owing to Lord Curzon's tendency
to suffer from insomnia he passed a
restless and somewhat uncomfortable
night, but at Sir Bruce Bruce-
Porter's and Sir John Thompson-
Walker's visit this morning they
found that Lord Curzon's general
condition continued satisfactory."

Honest Safecracker Wanted
New York Theatrical Man Anxious To Get Money From Safe
That Yeggs Left After Priming.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, March 11.—There is
an honest job in New York for a
professional safecracker. Several
weeks ago yeggs primed a safe
in a theatre office with min-
eral oil, but were frightened
away. Since that time police
have guarded the safe.

The police department and fire

Laugh or Cry of Wee Baby Breaks Bones In Its Body; Second Case Found In City

Strange Cases Attract Attention
of Doctors All Over
Continent.

ALL LIMBS BROKEN

Two Little Girls Being Given
All Possible Aid To
Recover.

Two months ago a child was born
in London, suffering from what is
said to be one of the most rare dis-
eases the world knows. Its academic
name is "osteogenesis imperfecta."
Interpreted this means brittle bones—
so brittle, in fact, that they break
with the slightest pressure or move-
ment of the body.

And now, with the birth nineteen
days ago of another infant suffering
from the same disease, physicians
marvel at a remarkable coincidence.

The first child was born with a
broken rib. Now it has broken arms
and legs. The second baby has both
arms and legs broken and two rib
bones fractured. At the first feeble
motion of the limbs, the bones, as
hard and brittle as ice flakes, cracked.
Many other bones went likewise.

Hold Little Hope.
Both babies are confined in the
Children's War Memorial hospital,
where they are receiving similar
treatment. Everything possible is
being done to overcome the abnor-
mality, but physicians hold little hope
for recovery.

Only a few other cases of this
nature in North America are known
to medical men. This type of extreme
fragility of the bones has been com-
mon in Russia and Austria, although
climatic conditions, according to phy-
sicians, have nothing whatever to
do with its prevalence. The two
cases reported in London almost in
the same month is entirely a coinci-
dence, they say.

The rarity is explained as a condi-
tion of defective bone cells, which
fail to absorb the protein deposits of
the body, taking in lime instead. A
normal child is born with bones that
are, in reality, gristle. Only after
many months' growth does the gristle
turn into actual bone.

Born Old.
The unfortunate London babies
were literally born old. The state
of their bones is analogous to the
state of the bones of a very old man.

Progress varies much in different
cases, physicians say. Although there
is a tendency towards improvement in
some; in others, when fragility is
considerably less there seems to be
improvement in the condition of the
breeding of their bones.

Both cases from a physiological
standpoint are probably of the most
interesting that has come to the at-
tention of Canadian doctors.

The babies are both girls. Extreme
caution is taken to prevent the chil-
dren from moving. The least mo-
tion, a laugh, or a cry, is liable to
fracture a bone.

MANUFACTURER LEAVES
ESTATE OF \$267,175

Will of Late Samuel M. Smyth,
Strathroy, Filed For
Probate.

Samuel M. Smyth, Strathroy fur-
niture manufacturer, who died on
Jan. 20, leaves an estate of \$267,175-
20, according to the will filed for pro-
bate at the courthouse today.

The chief beneficiaries are his
wife, Helen J. Smyth; his son, Arthur
Herbert, and a daughter, Helen
Elizabeth Smyth. A brother, Eben-
ezer Smyth receives \$25 a month.

The will was made on May 24,
last year, and was probably made in
the London and Western Trust Co.

TALK ON CORN BORER.

A corn borer talk will be given to
the farmers of Lambeth district next
Tuesday night by H. G. Crawford of
the dominion department of agricul-
ture, local agricultural officials stated
today.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Did politics of past generations have more "kick" than
the efforts of today?—read the magazine
section this Saturday.

The Advertiser has secured some hitherto unpublished episodes from
the reminiscences of the late Sir Charles Tupper. They make fascinat-
ing reading and throw interesting light on Canadian politics in the period
of confederation.

They will appear this Saturday on the front page of the magazine
section, and just inside you'll find the Page About People and "Life's
Little Comedies," along with eight full pages of colored comics.

The rotogravure section this Saturday has some fine action pictures
of London figure skaters who are taking part in the Skating Club carnival
on March 20, new photographs of Miss June Warren and Miss Marion
Coles and a post-card picture of Adelaide street Baptist church.

UNJUST ATTACK CHARGED

Dr. McNair Refuses To Resign
Post as Clerk of London
Presbytery.

WILL GO TO SYNOD

Claims Justice, Not Retention
of Position, Is Aim in
Stand.

Believing that the London presby-
tery treated him unjustly yesterday
in asking for his resignation as clerk,
Rev. John McNair, D.D., London, is
determined to seek justice at the
hands of the synod of Hamilton and
London.

Meanwhile he has not tendered his
resignation as clerk of presbytery,
nor does he intend to do so until his
appeal is heard. Moreover he regards
the books and papers in his hands
as clerk to be his property in trust,
and as such it is his intention to re-
tain possession of them until the
question is finally settled.

Dr. McNair intends appealing to
the synod on the ground of what he
terms irregular procedure, claiming
that there should have been written
charges, and that those charges
should have been placed in his hands
ten days prior to the consideration of
them by presbytery.

It is Dr. McNair's further conten-
tion, that his minutes were not biased,
in so far as they were the clear and
truthful statement of what went on
in presbytery. He claims that the
minutes presented both sides on the
church union question, that he was
not unfair to either side nor biased
on behalf of either side.

He holds that the minutes were
only biased to men who were them-
selves biased, and that the meetings
could not have been truthfully re-
ported without reflecting upon the
attitude of the unionists, whose
whole attitude was biased.

Dr. McNair admits that his inten-
tion to carry the question to the
synod, which meets here in May, is
not to retain the position, about
which he is no longer concerned, but
to secure justice.