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LONDON BOY WAS DROWNED
IN NORTH BRANCH OF THAMESWill Davis, of 555 Central Ave., Swept Away
By Current.TWO BROTHERS
SAW HIM DROWNBut Were Unable To Save Him
—An Attempt at Rescue By
Another Lad Failed.

Willie Davis, the 14-year-old son of Mr. Harry Davis, a C. P. R. engineer, of 555 Central avenue, was drowned while paddling in the north branch of the Thames, near Adelaide street bridge yesterday afternoon.

After dinner the little fellow, with several companions, started out for the north branch to bathe. They played around for a while, chasing frogs and paddling in the water.

After the heavy rains of the past few days the river was high and the current swift, but the boys had paddled around in the shallow parts.

Carried Away by Current.

Willie was in the water and had gone in several feet, when his younger brother Fred called to him to swim. He became excited and tripped.

The current carried him down, and although he made desperate efforts to save himself, he was swept into deep water.

His two brothers, Louis and Fred, and another young lad, Leonard Bridge, of St. James street, were with him at the time of the accident.

They cried for help repeatedly before a farmer named Henry, who was working across the river, heard them. He ran up with his son, about fourteen years of age.

Attempt at Rescue.

The boy is a good swimmer, and jumping in, swam across the river, but the strong current held him back, and before he reached the point where the Davis lad was last seen, he had disappeared.

The water was very muddy and young Henry was unable to see under the surface. He, therefore, returned home, while one of the other boys telephoned to High Constable Hughes from the residence of Mr. Henderson.

The constable was quickly on the scene, but it was impossible to do anything until a boat or grappling irons could be procured.

Mother Hears the News.

When The Advertiser reporter reached the little fellow's home, his mother was seated on the veranda unconscious of the drowning of her eldest son.

Several boys were playing baseball on the corner and when told of the accident spoke with the deepest regret of the death of the playmate.

One little fellow, Thomas Patterson, who has been his chum for years, cried bitterly.

Mrs. Davis guessed that something had happened, and running in told her mother-in-law, Mrs. S. Davis, that she was sure something had happened to one of the boys.

The elder lady was then informed by The Advertiser that the boy was drowned.

Mr. Harry Davis, the lad's father, was sleeping at the time, he being a railroader. He speedily dressed and started for the scene of the drowning.

Drove to the Scene.

Realizing the distance he came back and procured a horse and buggy from McGuffin's coal yard.

Mr. McGuffin drove the grief-stricken father to where the accident occurred, about three city blocks west of the Adelaide street bridge.

The body was recovered about 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Wm. J. Worrall, of 812 Colborne street, who touched against it while swimming around.

It was in an upright position, and was submerged in several feet of water.

Brother's Story.

Louis and Fred, the two little brothers, did not return home at once, fearing to break the news to their mother.

They said that Willie Davis was walking out into the current, and that when he noticed that it was taking him off his feet, he called to those on shore to come and save him. They could do nothing, however, and he was carried away and drowned.

Willie Davis was a great favorite with all the boys, and they all spoke very highly of him.

A Narrow Escape.

According to the story of Leonard Bridge, Fred Davis had a very narrow escape from a similar fate at the same spot a few days ago.

He was bathing in the water and

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Photo by Frank Cooper.
MR. GEORGE F. DRISCOLL,
Who Has Been Appointed Manager of
Bennett's Theatre.

Mr. Geo. Driscoll Is Coming Back
Will Manage Bennett's in London

The Popular Manager Will Take
Charge of Theatre Here in
September.

It was announced today that Mr. George F. Driscoll, who last year managed Bennett's Vaudeville Theatre in Hamilton, will next season assume charge of Bennett's in this city.

Mr. Driscoll was in London for several months two years ago, and he was placed at the head of the different picture theatres controlled by the Bennett people.

When the vaudeville war opened in Hamilton, Mr. Driscoll was at once

chosen to lead the Bennett forces, and that he did his work well even his opponents will admit.

Now that the vaudeville situation in Hamilton has been cleared up, and that by arrangement, Mr. John Applton, of the Savoy Theatre, is to manage both the Savoy and Bennett's, Mr. Driscoll has been asked by the syndicate to assume the management of the London theatre, and he will shortly take up his residence in this city.

Mr. Driscoll is one of the most popular theatrical men who ever made the acquaintance of Londoners. He is an Ottawa boy, but has spent much of his life across the line.

The house opens for the season the first week in September.

PRESENTATION TO WM. BOWMAN

AGED CHURCHMAN HONORED

Members of Dundas Street Centre Methodist Church Trustee Board

Give Him an Address—Long Life of Good Deeds Is Not

Forgotten—The Address.

Yesterday afternoon a deputation from the Dundas Street Centre Methodist Church trustee board waited upon Mr. William Bowman, the veteran

churchman, in his summer home at Port Stanley, and on behalf of the congregation, and as a token of the esteem in which Mr. Bowman is held for the work he has performed for Methodism in London, presented him with an address.

It was read by Mr. Beal, and was presented by Mr. D. A. McDermid.

Later, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Lancelley, made a feeling reference to the life-long good works of Mr. Bowman, eulogizing his many good qualities and unselfish labors in the cause of Christianity.

Mr. Bowman made a brief reply in which he heartily thanked one and all for their expressions of goodwill and modesty, referring to his labors in the past as merely his duty.

Light refreshments were then served by the ladies of the house.

The Address.

"Dear Mr. Bowman.—Your associates upon the trustee board of Dundas Street Centre Church are taking advantage of this opportunity of showing their esteem for you, upon your passing the 88th milestone of your earthly pilgrimage.

"In asking you to accept our congratulations upon being the senior member of the Methodist fraternity, we are glad to remember that the growth of Methodism

in this city has been interwoven very closely with the history of your own life.

"Coming to the city over half a century ago, it must be a source of great joy to you to mark the steady and wonderful progress of Methodism here, as it is a source of gratification to us to know that your energy and consecration have been dominant factors in bringing about that progress, as class leader, local preacher and Sunday school superintendent, and always with a loving force in temperance and all kindred moral reform movements, your labors of former days are yielding the blessed fruitage which is our heritage today.

"The days of our years are three score years and ten, and if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; but when those years are spent as yours have been, the ultimate is not labor and sorrow, but restfulness and joy. In the natural course of events we realize that you cannot be with us many more years; but while you are with us, we want you to know that you abide in our affection and regard.

"As you approach the western boundary of life's journey, and the pathway narrows till we come to the shore of the shoreless sea, may the glittering glory of the new day's dawning through its splendor over the sunset deep.

"We present you with this album, containing, as it does, the faces of your friends, both clerical and lay, with whom you have been associated, and your beloved church, with the prayer that when age and infirmity have put us back to mother earth, we shall see each other face to face in the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

"E. B. LANCELEY, Pastor.

"C. J. BEAL, Secretary-Treasurer."

Fourteen Die in a Bridge Collapse

Cologne, July 9.—The new bridge under construction over the Rhine at Cologne fell today, and a number of workmen engaged on the structure lost their lives. Up to noon fourteen bodies have been recovered, and nine men have been taken from the water seriously injured. It is impossible to tell now exactly how many were killed. The scaffolding supporting the power-

ful crane used in the erection of the central span of the bridge collapsed and carried with it several other spans. Many of the workmen who were thrown into the river are still underneath the scaffolding, and there is no hope for their lives. Immediately after the accident a number of boats put out for the scene and began the work of rescue. About a score of struggling men were quickly picked up.

J. B. McKillop Favorite for D.G.M.

Among the candidates being prominently mentioned for deputy grand master at the meeting of the grand lodge of Canada at Niagara Falls next Wednesday and Thursday, is Mr. J. B. McKillop, of this city, crown attorney of Middlesex County.

Mr. McKillop's friends are strongly advocating his candidacy, and he is said to have an excellent chance of winning the office if he will consent to become a candidate.

SERIOUS CHARGE
AGAINST FARMERS

Alleged They Tied Tin Cans to
Neighbor's Horse's
Tail.

Charged with having tied a boiler and an old oil can to a neighbor's horse recently, Messrs. Jabez Metcalfe and George Metcalfe, London Township farmers, were summoned to appear before Squire Chittick on Saturday next.

It appears from the statement of the plaintiff, Mr. James Morris, that his horse had wandered into the defendants' field, and that they took the method described of getting rid of the animal.

In its mad flight the horse is alleged to have run into a barbed wire fence, which, although it gave way, inflicted a number of severe, painful cuts upon the animal's body.

THE BAKER FUND.

The Baker fund now totals \$129 50.

Today the following donations were received by both The Advertiser and the Free Press:

B. A.	\$1.00
P. M.	2.00
L. L.	2.00
R. Jones	1.00
J. P. Drake	5.00
A. friend	5.00
H. M. H.	1.00
A. friend	1.00
Miss Sinclair	1.00



THE DROWNING IN THE NORTH BRANCH.
Willie Davis, of Central avenue, who was drowned yesterday afternoon, stands in the center. With him were his two brothers, Fred and Louis, who are seen at either side.

LONDONER CARRIED EDWARD
WHEN HE WAS LITTLE PRINCE

Pretty Story Told of Mr. William Bowman, the Veteran Railway
Man—His Majesty Sends a Letter in Regard
To the Matter.

An interesting story of Mr. William Bowman, who was yesterday presented with an address by members of the congregation of Dundas Street Methodist Church, is told.

Mr. Bowman, as is well known, is a veteran railway man. In England on one occasion he had charge of the train upon which were riding the later Queen Victoria and her son, the Prince of Wales, now King.

The journey was being made from Windsor to Portsmouth, and at the latter place a special depot, which had been erected, was found to be too small for the private car of the royal party.

It was found necessary for the Queen to walk some distance from the coach to her carriage, and Mr. Bowman carried the prince in his arms.

The story was related to Rev. E. B. Lancelley, who became interested, and at once wrote to King Edward informing him that Mr. Bowman was still alive.

Within a short time a letter was received from his majesty's secretary, Knollys, stating that his majesty was deeply touched to hear of the incident, and requesting that the King's best wishes be conveyed to Mr. Bowman.

The latter is now in the latter's possession, and is greatly treasured.

Big Cut Made in the Military Bands
To Be Taken To the Tercentenary

Both Brass and Bugle Bands
Reduced—The Trip of the
Seventh.

Col. Reid, of the Seventh Regiment, has been notified that regiments attending the tercentenary celebration in Quebec will not be allowed to take more than one bugler for each company. This means that instead of taking along its splendid bugle band, the Seventh will be compelled to get along with eight trumpeters, unless some way can be found out of the difficulty.

It may be that the men will be taken to Quebec, where they will be utilized as trumpeters.

The brass bands have also been reduced to less than 20, whereas London intended taking a band of not less than 40 pieces.

Strict orders have also been received that none but military men can occupy the berths or seats in the military trains, and at Quebec none but military men will be allowed within the lines.

It is understood that the Seventh will be placed in one of the parks of the city, in the heart of the business district, where they will be allowed to put up their tents and dig trenches to carry away the water.

The Seventh will go to Quebec about 300 strong.

They will leave via the C. P. R. at an early hour on Sunday morning, July 19, and will reach Quebec 22 hours later.

Returning, they will leave Quebec on Sunday morning, and will arrive home in time for work on Monday morning.

MR. DEARNESS' IMPRESSIONS
OF BIG TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The National Association Meets at Cleveland—An Audience of
Nearly Six Thousand Teachers Hears Discussion on
Ethical Improvements of the Schools.

Mr. John Dearness, vice-principal of the London Normal School, has just returned from the convention of the National Teachers' Association, held this year in Cleveland.

Mr. Dearness, who was asked by The Advertiser to give his impression of the big gathering, said that the local committee had provided accommodation for 75,000 visitors, but the actual enrollment fell much short of that number, the supposed causes of the shortage being general financial depression, and the refusal of the railways to attach membership coupons to the traveling tickets. The convention, even in point of numbers was a success. At the Wednesday afternoon meeting in the Hippodrome 5,500 were admitted by membership badges, and hundreds of others with badges were kept out by the fire-warden and police. Over 100,000 teachers and their friends attended the reception at Wade Park.

"How does such a large assembly manage to transact business?" he was asked.

"The association has a few general meetings, but it does its work proper in nineteen departments. These send their decisions to a large national

council composed of representatives from every state in the union. The discussions this year grouped around three problems: 1st, er from the dominance of the teaching; 2nd, the education and nationalizing of the immigrant child; 3rd, raising hand and heart, as well as head. Supt. Maxwell led the demand for the recognition of the individuality of the teacher. In many of the U. S. cities, teachers and pupils, too, are reduced to the rank of cogs in the wheels of a big machine, and the organization has to exist for the sake of the organization rather than the organization for the schools.

"In the foreign quarters of some of the cities," Mr. Dearness added, "English has to be taught as a foreign language. Adult immigrants from Southern Europe contribute to the criminal class a smaller ratio to their total than the adult native born, but the immigrant youth just out of school is a much greater ratio than the native American. The liberty taught in the women—Sarah Louise Arnold, Jane Addams and Ella Flagg Young—dis-

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BLUECOATS VS. BUTCHERS

Men Who Wield the Baton Can Easily Find the Ball.

The Butchers more than met their match at Springfield yesterday afternoon when they essayed to teach the policemen how to play ball. The bluecoats proved the victors by a score of 8 to 3.

Black and Pritchard acted as bat-

FIVE PEOPLE WERE INJURED
IN COLLISION ON THE G. T. R.COMMONS TALKS
ALL-RED ROUTE

Premier Laurier's Resolution
Brought Before the
House.

Ottawa, July 10.—The Commons this morning took up the all-red route resolution of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, asking Parliament to endorse the project as formulated at the imperial conference last summer, and urging that prompt action be taken by the Governments of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand to agree upon a definite plan, said plan to be then submitted to imperial and colonial parliaments for ratification.

Sir Wilfrid, in introducing the resolution, did not go into the detailed advantages which would result to Canada from the proposed imperial fast service transportation line between Great Britain and the Orient. Public opinion on the project, as reflected in the press, and in expressions from the leading men of the country, had universally approved the scheme.

INLAND REVENUE MEN
WILL GET INCREASE

And Have Asked To Be Placed Under
Civil Service Commission.

Ottawa, July 9.—A deputation from the outside departments of the inland revenue this morning waited upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Mr. Templeman and asked for increased pay and to be placed under the civil service commission. Sir Wilfrid Laurier told the delegation that he recognized the justice of the demand for increased pay. In the absence of the Finance Minister and the Minister of Agriculture, he could make no definite statement, but thought the Government could be trusted to act fairly with it. There had been no provision for salary in the civil service bill, because there had not been time, but the question of salary revision was now being studied by the Government.

City Asked a Truce.

Hostilities in the Westby vs. the city of London suit re the West London breakwater, have been suspended for a few days. The city needed gravel so badly that it was compelled to ask a truce in order to get what it wanted for the city streets. It used to be said that there was nothing like gravel. Now the people of West London say there is nothing like gravel.

Yard Engine in the Way.

It is usual for a yard engine to wait on the second track until No. 22 pulls in, when it takes several of the cars off and places them on No. 2, the fast express for the east, which comes in at 4:25 from Port Huron.

The yard engine was waiting as usual, but it seems that the switchman, after opening the switch to let the yard engine in on the second track, forgot to throw it back.

No. 22 was coming in at a fair rate of speed, and as soon as Engineer Crouch got near the switch he saw it was open, and applied the air.

The train stopped very quickly, but not before it had struck the yard engine with sufficient force to damage the rear end of the cab and tear away the footboards.

The pilot was also torn off Engine 444.

Fireman Hurt.

Fireman Lackey, when he saw that a collision was going to occur, jumped and fell on his shoulder with such force that his collar bone was broken. Engineer Walton was uninjured.

Many of the passengers were standing up in their seats preparatory to leaving the train, and the sudden shock when the air was thrown on threw them against the seats.

No one was very seriously injured, although Fireman Lackey and Mrs. Fralick were taken at once to Victoria Hospital, where they were attended by Drs. Seaborne and Becher.

Mrs. Fralick suffered greatly from the shock and fainted shortly after leaving the train.

All the injured are doing well, and no serious results are anticipated.

Prisoners Abroad.

In one of the rear cars a party of nine prisoners from Windsor en route to the Central Prison, were chained together, and when the emergency brake was applied they were all thrown to the floor. None of them was injured.

The yard engine and the passenger engine were taken to the roundhouse, where they will be repaired.

OFF TO EUROPE.
(Special to The Advertiser.)

New York July 9.—Mr. A. J. Small, of Toronto, accompanied by Mrs. Small, Mr. and Mrs. Cox, of Montreal, and Master and Miss Madeline Small, of Toronto, sailed today on the White Star liner Baltic for London and Paris. They will be absent until August. Mr. Small is the well-known theatrical magnate, owner of the Grand in London.

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An Express Struck Yard
Engine at Richmond
Street.FIREMAN BROKE
HIS COLLAR BONE

Several Passengers, Including
Ladies, Hurt—Damage
Was Slight.

THE INJURED.

Michael J. Lackey, of Ingersoll, fireman on G. T. R. yard engine, No. 30, jumped and broke his collar bone.

W. J. Squires, a Toronto traveller, knee badly bruised.

Mrs. George Fralick, 468 Hill street, London, suffering from hysteria.

Mrs. Oppensider, Hanover, face bruised and suffering from shock.

F. F. Dewan, 374 York street, London, injuries about head.

Express No. 22, from Windsor, drawn by engine No. 444, in charge of Engineer Harry Crouch, of this city, crashed into yard engine, No. 30, in charge of Engineer Walton, at the switch just west of the Grand Trunk platform at Richmond street, yesterday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock, and injured those mentioned above, besides severely shaking up a number of other passengers on the express.

The accident was caused by switch being left open, and that more serious injury was done is to the prompt action of Engineer Crouch, who applied the emergency brakes immediately.

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