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**NELSON ST. LAD  
IS STILL MISSING**

Parents Are Hoping That He  
May Have Gone Into the  
Country.

**MAY BE IN THE RIVER**

Boy Was Seen Crossing the Bridge  
With His Dog—Later the Animal  
Returned Alone.

Little George Wilson, who wandered away from his home yesterday, is still missing, and no trace of him whatever has been found. Hoping against hope, his parents and little sister are anxiously awaiting his return in their home on Nelson street, and that he has wandered away into the country, and will be eventually brought safely back to them. The little fellow crossed the Wellington street bridge into South London, where he had rarely been before, and it is quite certain that he would immediately lose his way if he went more than a block or two. He has been ill all winter with tonsillitis, and Dr. Shaw, who attended him, ordered him to be kept from school, but to be allowed a short play out of doors every day.

Failed to Return.  
The little fellow went out yesterday morning, and his failure to return at the usual time, attracted the anxiety of his mother, who instituted a general search for him.

It was learned that he had crossed Clark's bridge in company with his dog, but beyond that no further trace of him could be discovered. The dog returned without him about noon, although the animal was always faithful in attending his little master. At first his mother feared that he might have fallen into the river at some point where it was not frozen over, but a close patrol made by members of the fire department failed to discover any place where he could have fallen in.

Police Are Working.  
The police have been busily engaged looking for him since yesterday afternoon, and the nearby villages have been communicated with, but up to the present no word has been returned of his whereabouts. Kidnaping is entirely out of the question, as his parents know of no person bearing them any resemblance, however, and as they are people of moderate circumstances, there would be little likelihood of anyone holding him in the hope of a reward being offered.

May Be in Country.  
His father, Mr. George Wilson, told the advertiser this morning that he feels comparatively certain that the little fellow has simply wandered into the outskirts of the city, and, becoming cold or frightened, has been picked up by someone passing with a sleigh, and gone taken to some home a considerable distance out into the country.

As his disappearance was not generally known until yesterday afternoon, there will be many residents of Westminster and neighboring townships who will only learn of it through the advertiser, and, under circumstances, are hopeful that he will be happily found before this evening.

**AGED FIGHTER AGAIN  
APPEARED IN COURT**

Victim of Assault Was Unable  
to Appear This Morning.

When Joseph Brown, aged 80, who was removed last week for assaulting and wounding George Nichols in a local inn, appeared in court this morning, he was again unable to appear. He was again unable to appear. He was again unable to appear.

**HIGH SCHOOL MORALS  
BAD AT CHICAGO**

Exposures Would Shock the American  
Nation, Says Chicago Man.

[Canada Press.]  
Chicago, Jan. 20.—"Unless steps of corrective character are taken at once, a high school scandal, involving the morals of our boys and girls, will shock the nation from coast to coast," said Fred D. Smith, a member of the executive committee of the "Committee of 97," an address before 600 Chicago business men at the Auditorium Hotel last night. The committee of 97 is an organization of businessmen of the United States, and it proposes to the police throughout the cities of North America to finance the campaign during the winter months to launch, and more to the movement was launched, and speakers before the committee at the sessions showed that there are Christian churches in North America than men and boys.

**LITTLE GEORGE WILSON,  
Nelson Street Boy Who Has Been  
Missing Two Days.****MR. R. K. COWAN WAS  
TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL**

Local Master-in-Chancery Removed to  
His Home.

While on his way to his office this morning, Mr. R. K. Cowan, local master in chancery, and deputy registrar of the high court of justice, was taken suddenly ill on Richmond street, south of Queen's avenue. He walked into an office, where, after a rest, he was considerably improved, but it was necessary to remove him to his home.

His physician states that his case is not at all serious, and it is hoped that he will be able to attend to his duties in a few days.

**JUDGMENT RESERVED  
IN CHLSEA GREEN CASE**

Harvey Blough Brings Action  
Over Injuries to a  
Horse.

Judge Macbeth reserved his decision in the case of Harvey Blough vs. the County of Middlesex in the first division court this morning, when Blough sued for \$50 damages for injuries sustained by his horse in crossing the Chelsea Green bridge over the south branch of the Thames. Five witnesses were called and testified concerning the ownership of the bridge and responsibility for maintenance. The value of the horse and the damage done. They were Harvey Blough, the plaintiff, W. E. Mitchell, of the Chelsea Green board of control; John M. Moore, who prepared the plans of the bridge at the time of its erection; Col. Gartshore, of the Chelsea Green Land and Building Company; and County Engineer Tabbot. Col. Gartshore stated that his company, which had built the bridge, had applied to the county for assistance in maintaining it, but had never received it. The county engineer corroborated this, and stated that the county had refused to participate in the maintenance. At the close of the case, Judge Macbeth remarked that more evidence than had been given would have to be adduced to show that the county is responsible.

**A WRIT SERVED  
ON RUSSIAN BALLET**

\$5,000 Attachment as the Result  
of the Sword Accident  
in Hamilton.

Were Then Allowed to Proceed to  
Grand Rapids—A Sensation at  
the Performance Last  
Evening.

It looked for a time last night as if the Russian ballet would be compelled to remain in London for a day or two. During the performance a notice of attachment was served on the company by Mr. George S. Gibbons, on behalf of the solicitors of Mr. Robert Shiverick, the young man injured at the performance in Hamilton on Wednesday night. The manager of the company gave a bond for \$5,000, however, and he was allowed to take his company to Grand Rapids, Mich., where they appear tonight.

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**DARK WANTED TO  
KNOW TOO MUCH**

Looked After City's Interest in  
the Matter of the Line  
Loss.

**SOME INSIDE HISTORY**

Hydro-Electric Commission Said to  
Have Taken Umbrage at London  
Officials' Actions.

The joint meeting of the city council and the water commissioners to discuss the request of the water commissioners that Head Engineer A. H. Van Cleve and Manager F. R. Dark tender their resignations, has been definitely called for Monday night next. Today there was a conference between Mayor Beattie and Chairman Pocock, of the water commissioners, relative to the date of the meeting, and Mr. Pocock consented to hold it Monday night.

The water commissioners would not discuss the situation today. They have so far absolutely refused to be entangled in any arguments with officials, merely standing pat on their former decision.

From what can be learned they have decided to "stand pat," and declare that any attempt to force the officials back on them is tantamount to a demand for the resignations of the commissioners.

"In a nutshell the position is simply this," said a friend of the board, "Mr. Dark is not acceptable to the hydro-electric commission and Mr. Van Cleve is not acceptable to the water commissioners."

"Mr. Dark was not acceptable to the hydro-electric commission because of his criticism of aluminum wire used in the construction of the transmission line. He was not so far out, even if he did incur the ire of the commission. Recent events have proved that something is radically wrong with the transmission line, and many experts have come to the conclusion that it is the aluminum wire. Future events may bear it out that he was not far astray."

The Line Loss.  
"Another item of considerable importance is laid at Mr. Dark's door. In the statement issued by the commission the sum of \$1,000 was placed in it for line loss. That is on a load of 5,000-horsepower. That, in simple words, is about \$6 a horsepower. The city is taking just 2,250-horsepower, which at \$6 a horsepower would amount to about \$14,000 in rough figures. Mr. Dark wanted to know why they were paying the line loss on 5,000-horsepower, when the city was taking but 2,250-horsepower. In his efforts to save the city over \$17,000, he did not meet the favor of the hydro-electric commission. On 2,250-horsepower it would mean a considerable sum, and the city should have the benefit of that saving."

"Of course, in view of the friction in the office, the commissioners could do little else than ask for the resignation of Mr. Dark, although their sympathies are with him."

Engineer Is Silent.  
Mr. Van Cleve, not making any statements as yet, but is quite confident that the trouble will blow over. Some of the aldermen are favorably disposed towards him, but they will not agree to pay \$4,000 a year to him for the city engineer's department alone.

However, on Monday night there will be a discussion of the whole question, but it is very doubtful if any agreement will be reached.

**MAY BE OBJECTIONS  
TO KING'S ARCH**

No Request Has as Yet Been  
Made to Council For Per-  
mission to Erect.

No request has come to the council as yet for a plan to place a memorial clock in honor of the late King Edward VII. at the corner of Richmond and Dundas streets.

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**SUFFRAGETTE DODGES POLICE  
SLAMS AT WINSTON'S HAT**

The Militant Maids Invade Downing Street During the First  
Meeting of Cabinet to Draw Up Programme  
For Session.

[Canada Press.]  
London, Jan. 20.—The cabinet held its first meeting today for the purpose of drafting the speech of the Home Secretary Winston Churchill, and a programme of legislation for what promises to be a historic session of Parliament. The militant suffragettes thickly dotted about the street, determined to remind the ministers that their demands were as urgent as ever. One banner suggested that Home Secretary Winston Churchill should be imprisoned. The active young leader of this conviction march, Mrs. Pankhurst, rushed the Home Secretary when he appeared on the street, and using the banner as a lance, attempted to knock off Mr. Churchill's hat. The police quickly cleared away the demonstrators.

**BRIGANDS IN AN AUTOMOBILE  
HOLD UP SMART SET PARTY**

Enter House in Fashionable Part of New York and Loot Members  
of Four Hundred of Cash and Gems.

[Canada Press.]  
New York, Jan. 20.—An unusual holdup was successfully pulled off in a fashionable section of uptown New York shortly before 1 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Frances Elliott, a wealthy society woman, had been entertaining a small party of guests at her home on West Fifty-sixth street, and her guests were just putting on their wraps and saying good-nights, when five rough-looking men pushed their way through the open door. With drawn revolvers the intruders lined up the hostess and her guests in a train-roomer fashion, and proceeded to go through the pockets of the men and the handbags of the women, now and then pausing to remove a tempting bit of jewelry.

Mrs. Elliott and her friends were so thoroughly frightened by the threats and rough actions of the robbers that they made no outcry until they had left the apartments. Then Mrs. Elliott called out to her husband, and the latter, a person to the detective bureau, and a squad of detectives was detailed to the house. The robbers secured \$200 in money, and jewelry valued at about \$2,500. The police believe that the five men made their escape in an automobile.

**RAILWAYMAN AT TILLSONBURG  
INSTANTLY KILLED IN YARDS**

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Tillsonburg, Jan. 20.—George Book, Michigan Central section foreman, was instantly killed in the yards here about 10 o'clock this morning. While engaged at work with his gang he stepped from one track to avoid a

Pere Marquette train and was run down by the M. C. R. local, which was shunting on the other track. The top of his head was torn off. Book was 50 years of age, and had been in the employ of the railway for many years. He leaves a widow.

**LOST BOY SEEN  
IN SOUTH LONDON**

May Have Been George Wilson,  
Who It Is Feared Was  
Drowned.

RIDING ON BELT LINE  
Said He Wanted to Go to Springfield  
and Denied That He Was Lost.

It was reported to The Advertiser this afternoon that a boy answering the description of missing George Wilson was seen on a belt line car yesterday afternoon.

The car, it is stated, was in charge of Conductor John Taylor, and when it reached the corner of Stanley street and Wharncliffe road, after 5 o'clock, the lad asked for a transfer.

The conductor told him he thought he must be lost, and advised him to go right around and get off at the place where he had taken the car.

The lad said he wouldn't do that, and asked for a transfer to Springfield, and after getting off the car he went into Coates' grocery store.

Mr. Coates, when asked by The Advertiser today, said he could not remember any lad answering Wilson's description having come into his store.

Another One.  
It was reported this afternoon that a lost boy had been found wandering about on the Grand Trunk tracks east of the city, but whether the lad was young Wilson could not be learned.

Mr. Wilson, the boy's father, called at the police station this afternoon to see if any lost children had been left there. None had, and Mr. Wilson stated that he had heard that a boy answering his son's description had been found on High street. He went over to try to find the lad, but returned later without having located his boy.

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**MANY CHANGES  
ON FAIR BOARD**

New Men Will Likely Predominate  
On Directorate  
of 1911.

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**BIDS WILL BE ASKED  
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The special committee to deal with the question of a new city hall will shortly call for bids for the present building. The bids made to Mayor Beattie some time ago still stand, and there is a disposition in certain quarters to accept it, although the committee is calling for tenders.

They claim this offer, made in good faith and backed by a strong financial institution, was the means of the favorable bid, and that it was a new bid, and that the council over a debt to the man who made it. They consider it well the floor to the society with him if they should accept his offer.

However, it is understood that there are at least two or three who might make a bid. They would raise the original figures somewhat, giving the city a good return.

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The committee will meet shortly to take up this question.

**AGED LADY YEARS  
TO RETURN HOME**

St. George's Society Made Her a  
Grant of \$15 Thursday Night.

At last night's meeting of St. George's Society it was decided to grant \$15 to Mrs. W. Dade, of Wyatt street, West London. Mrs. Dade is 78 years old, and wishes to return to Bristol, England, where she has relatives.

Inspector Sanders of the Children's Aid has collected a fund for her, and prior to the \$15 given by St. George's Society, he had secured \$27.

St. George's Society has done considerable relief work during the year, and the financial report presented last night showed that \$80 worth of groceries and coal had been distributed, two persons assisted to return to England, \$50 given for Christmas cheer among the poor, and the usual grants made to various charities. During the year four life members were elected to the society, and thirty-three other members.

SKIN PEELLED OFF.  
St. Catharines, Jan. 20.—As he was leaving the saw works where he is employed, William Worey, aged about 15, accidentally slipped into a boiler of boiling oil used for dipping saws. His leg from the knee down is terribly burned and the skin entirely peeled off.

**BANK DIRECTORS  
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