

**DOCTORS DENY ANY
DIPHTHERIA HERE
IN SERIOUS FORM**

Say No Epidemic at Present in
London.

MISAPPREHENSION EXISTS

Disease Is Not So Serious as
Many Believe, Declare
Medical Men.

On a report circulated about the city a few days ago to the effect that there were 16 cases of "black" diphtheria in Victoria Hospital, unnecessary alarm has been occasioned.

No such thing is known to medical science as "black" diphtheria. It is claimed, and for years has been a misconception regarding a disease that can be cured in 99 per cent of the cases. In the most malignant type of diphtheria the membrane turns darker, but not "black," and this type has not made its appearance in the city in years.

"So many people regard with horror the same diphtheria, but past experience has proven that where anti-toxin is administered in the incipient stages of the disease that 99 per cent or even a greater percentage recover," said a city physician today.

Years ago before the discovery of the diphtheria anti-toxin serum the disease reaped a terrible harvest, as then the only method of treatment was locally in the throat.

Afterwards, when discovered to be a germ disease, the anti-toxin treatment, if used early, proved effective in the majority of cases. Many diseases today that are not regarded as seriously by the general public show a larger mortality than diphtheria.

With tonsillitis the patient's illness is of a more pronounced type, accompanied by nausea, pain in back, chills and fever, and in appearance the throat is much similar to that of diphtheria. Diphtheria, which is a more insidious disease, is characterized by membranous patches on the throat, but little fever. Anti-toxin has been known in many cases to clear the throat completely from the membrane in two days.

"Diphtheria should not be regarded today as it was years ago, as we classify it as a simple disease, with present methods of treatment," stated another physician, who handles several cases each year, and reports a very small percentage of deaths.

No cases of infantile paralysis are known in the city, and with the two or three cases of diphtheria under control at the isolation hospital, medicines need not be administered as an epidemic unless the conditions become much more aggravated than at present.

**Adam's Attire
Proved Too Much**

Not Too Much in Point of Clothes, But
Too Much for County Morals.

A man giving his name as Wilson McDowell was brought into the county jail last night by several farmers from St. Johns.

This morning he was charged with insanity and dangerous to be at large. According to the evidence of several citizens of St. Johns, he was running around the neighborhood in a "South Sea Island costume" wearing but little more than Adam's loincloth in the garden of Eden.

**FOUR WRITS ISSUED
IN COUNTY COURT**

Number of Actions Started for Recovery
of Bills—One Damages Suit.

Four writs were issued in the county court today by Judge J. H. Clark, one being that of Amelia Josephine Paine, who has entered action against the London Street Railway, claiming unpaid damages for injuries sustained while a passenger on the defendant's railway due to alleged negligence of the company's servants. J. F. Paul is acting for the plaintiff.

Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons, representing Hobbs Hardware Company, are suing Smyth & Sons for \$107, which they claim as the price of goods sold and delivered.

The Merchant's Matrix Cut Syndicate, through their solicitors Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons, have issued a writ against Rush Bros. claiming \$139.60 as the amount of goods sold and delivered.

MAY LOSE THROUGH FIRE

London Railwayman Had Belongings
in Hotel at Cochrane.

James Hand, a London railwayman, who for the past year has been running on the T. and N. O. railway from Cochrane north, is believed to have lost all the belongings he had in the Queen's Hotel at Cochrane. The building was swept away in the fire. Mr. Hand resides in London, and is awaiting word from his husband.

DIES IN HOSPITAL

The death of Miss Jean Dougan occurred Tuesday afternoon in Victoria Hospital after a long illness.

The remains were forwarded by G. E. Logan, undertaker, to Linton. They were accompanied by her brother, Mr. Dougan, who will be interred in St. James' Cemetery at St. John's on Thursday.

HARVICH MAN'S DEATH

CHATHAM, Aug. 1.—John C. Balm, 38, well-known farmer residing at concession 2, Harvich, Toronto, died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Causgrove of this city, after an illness lasting several weeks. He was 64 years of age.

DEATH OF RICHARD VODEN

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BANK MANAGER MOVES AWAY

ST. THOMAS, Aug. 1.—A. M. Bethune, manager of the St. Thomas branch of the Dominion Bank, has been transferred to the bank's branch at Hamilton, Ont. Mr. Bethune will be succeeded here by A. E. Corson, of the Seaford branch.

CITY BREVITIES

THANKS EXPRESSED.—The thanks of the Victoria Home for Incurables have been expressed to Miss Grant of John street, for the donation of an invalid's chair to the institution.

ON INSPECTION TOUR.—General Superintendent H. E. Wittenburg of the G. T. R., left the city this morning on inspection tour of the lines in Western Ontario. He arrived in the city last evening at 7:25 from Toronto.

SERVICE POSTPONED.—The mid-week prayer service at the First Presbyterian Church is not being held this week, on account of the special service to be held in the church on Friday evening, commemorating the second anniversary of the declaration of war. The service will be held at 8 o'clock on Friday and will be largely musical.

ST. MARYS EXCURSION.—A special train from St. Marys over the G. T. R. arrived in the city at 9:35 o'clock this morning en route to Port Stanley. The train consisted of fifteen coaches, all of which were filled with passengers. The excursion was for the purpose of visiting the St. Marys Civic Holiday. The excursionists were switched over to the L. and P. S. line for Port Stanley, and will leave Port on the return trip at 7:30 this evening.

CAUTION AGAINST GRASS FIRES.—Because many grass fires have been started in different sections of the city to get rid of the long grass, brought about by the rains of the spring and early summer, a special warning has been issued to exercise the greatest care in this work. The practice is one that is condemned by the fire department, but in many cases citizens claim it is the only way to get rid of the long grass and weed growth.

ENJOY "HOLIDAY."—There were really and truly some who enjoyed the long St. Marys power last night that tied the street railway service up for five hours. Chief among these were motorists and conductors on the London street railway. For weeks they have been having a hard, hot time of it, and the general public show a larger mortality than diphtheria.

CONDITION IMPROVING.—A still further improvement in the condition of Engineer Wrigley and Fireman Webb, the Grand Trunk trainmen who were injured in the wreck at Hale street last week, is reported from Victoria Hospital today. It is expected that the Grand Trunk trainmen will be discharged in a few days. They were covered to testify at the trial of the conductor Cutler and brakeman Stone, who were killed in the wreck.

RETURNS FALL OFF.—Inland revenue returns for the month of July show a falling off as compared with those of the corresponding month of last year, when they totalled \$40,132.99. The returns this month totalled \$38,170.54. The following table shows the returns for the month of July: Spirits, \$7,465.77; raw leaf tobacco, \$2,440.48; cigars, ex-factory, \$9,915.85; cigars, ex-retail, \$846.75; raw leaf, stemmed, \$1,812.54; methuylated spirits, \$164.26; licenses, \$80; other receipts, \$1.68.

WEDDING BELLS

McNEEL-KIRBY.

Berlin, August 1.—St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was filled with a joyous gathering at high noon today to witness the marriage of Major R. E. McNeel of the 11th Battalion and Miss Edna Kirby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kirby, 41 Margaret avenue. The bride looked beautiful in silk tulle, trimmed with old lace, and carried a bouquet of white roses. Miss Lillian Kirby was maid of honor, and Miss Ida Bach, Toronto, was bridesmaid, both being attired in pink tulle, with hats to match, and carried bouquets of mauve and pink sweet peas.

Lieut. Ernest Hodgins was groomsmen.

The ceremony was conducted by Capt. (Rev.) A. L. G. Clarke. The ushers were Capt. Barclay, Lieut. Harry Snyder, and Lieut. William H. Moyer.

During the signing of the register Miss Lillian Kirby, Toronto, sang sweetly, "Beloved, 'Tis Morn'." After the ceremony, at the home of the bride's parents, a reception was held for the wedding party and guests. The bride and groom were accompanied by the bridesmaids and groomsmen. The party was a most enjoyable one, and the bride and groom were most graciously entertained.

**"LITTLE BLACK DEVILS"
COMMANDER IN LONDON**

Lieut.-Col. H. H. Matthews of Winnipeg, commander of the 3rd Battalion C. E. F., and known to the boys at the front as the "Little Black Devils," is a visitor in London today. The colonel, who is a brother of the late Col. Tucker, landed in Canada from the Metagama on Monday on sick leave. He was an interested visitor at the recruiting hall this afternoon.

On June 12 Col. Matthews and two other officers were buried in a disquiet by the explosion of a German "Jack Johnson" during a Canadian attack at Mount Sorel. The other officers were killed, but Col. Matthews escaped with severe wounds.

The colonel will leave tomorrow for a trip to British Columbia, but during his return before returning again to the fighting line.

**SALE OF DANISH INDIES
IS NOT YET CONFIRMED**

Secret Session of Rigsgad to Discuss Subject.

[Canadian Press.] London, Aug. 2.—Messages received here today from Copenhagen say the Danish authorities have not confirmed the report of the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The newspaper Politiken says the Rigsgad will hold a secret session on Friday questions on the subject. The Danish paper Koebenham has started a campaign against the sale. The Danish officials are all reticent, and a censorship on messages is being maintained.

An official announcement was made in Washington on July 25 that negotiations for the purchase of the Danish West Indies by the United States from Denmark for \$25,000,000 had virtually been completed.

**CATTLE RUSTLERS
AGAIN ACTIVE IN
PEACEFUL COUNTY**

Real Wild and Woolly Flavor to
Cases Reported to Police.

STOLEN ANIMALS BACK

Activity of Middlesex High
Constable Believed Responsible
for Their Return.

Cattle rustling, which has been carried on intermittently in Middlesex and Elgin counties for several years, was more active last month than at any time during the past year.

Donald Crawford, a farmer in Elgin County, just across the Kirkwood bridge, which joins Middlesex and Elgin, laid information before High Constable B. W. Watterworth, claiming the theft of three steers from his pasture field on Sunday night. Crawford indicated a vigorous search all day Monday and Tuesday, but was unable to get any trace of the stolen cattle.

The county authorities became active at once and had a clue to the identity of the perpetrator. Early this morning Mr. Crawford telephoned the high constable that the cattle had returned to the pasture field again during the night.

High Constable Watterworth believes that the thieves, becoming alarmed at the activity of the county authorities, decided to return the cattle.

The high constable has had under surveillance a Middlesex cattle man for some time and threatens drastic action in the future to apprehend the culprit.

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Additional Expenditures for Technical
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**CLAIMING DAMAGES
FROM MIDDLESEX**

Farmer Sues For Injuries Received
By Wife.

J. P. Paul, representing Thomas Langford, a farmer living in Westminster Township, entered action today in the supreme court against Middlesex County for unpaid damages for injuries received by his wife, who was killed by a truck driven by a driver who was driving on the highway when a broken plank caused the horse to fall into the hole and throw Mrs. Langford.

The accident occurred last November on the tolling bridge crossing Dunlop's Creek, between Westminster and Middlesex counties. The driver was a woman, and was driving a horse-drawn wagon. The horse fell into a hole in the bridge, and the driver was killed.

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BEER AT CARNIVAL**

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From Gypsy's Pocket.

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"Where did you get your whiskey?" asked the magistrate.

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"What's his first name?" asked his worship.

"Dunc. Fisher of the 142nd Battalion," replied Leary.

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GREAT ORE SHIPMENTS

[Canadian Press.] Duluth, August 2.—Six million tons more of iron ore were shipped through the season closing July 31, than during the same period in 1933. The total increase for the season was 6,958,259 tons. The total shipments were 20,376,465 tons compared with 13,418,206 last year.

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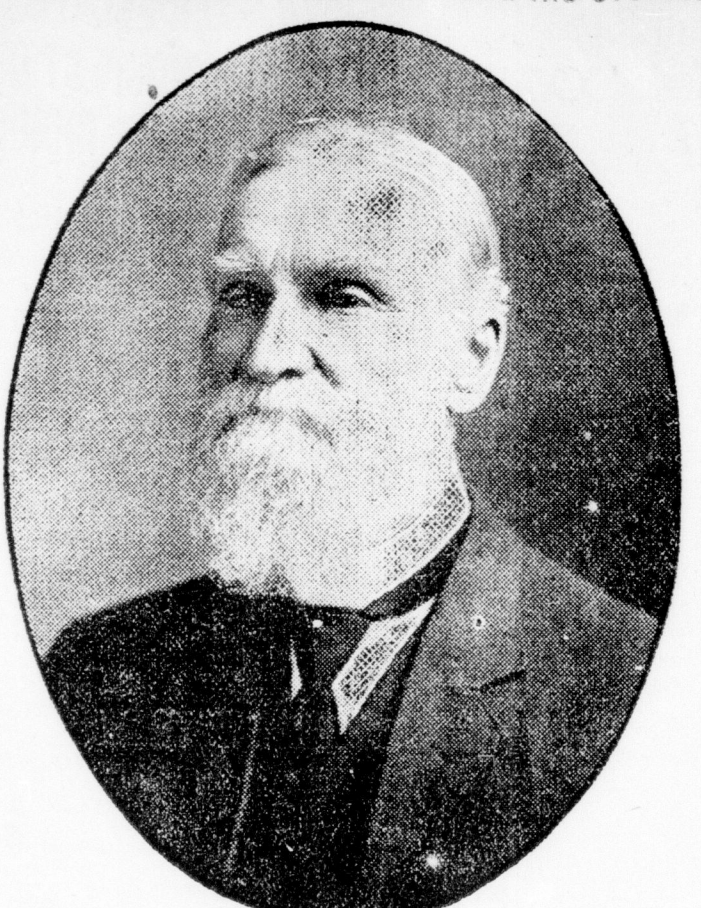
Miss Cecile Hay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hay, 379 Adelaide street, has returned after a month's visit to friends in Michigan.

Miss Gladys Wanless, Byron avenue, has left on a visit to friends in Chatham, Elmhurst, Detroit and Amherstburg.

Miss Millie Doyle of Dutton returned home, after spending a few days with her cousin, Mrs. Lewis Kinross, of 88 Inkerman street, London.

Mrs. J. J. Allen of Minneapolis, Minn., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bryan, Hill street.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., August 2.—The Algoma Steel Corporation at its plant here have just made a further increase in wages, common labor as from yesterday being paid at the rate of 22 1/2 cents an hour. This is the highest rate yet paid in Sault Ste. Marie, and represents an increase of 50 per cent within practically the last twelve months.

FIRST TELEPHONE LINE RAN FROM HIS STUDIO.

Advertiser Illustration.
WILLIAM D. EDY, who died on Tuesday at his home here.

**MAN WHO ASSISTED BELL
IN PERFECTION OF PHONE
DIES AT HIS HOME HERE**

William D. Edy, Photographer of Original Apparatus, and
Man Who Aided in First Telephone Conversation Over
Line, Passed Away Thursday Afternoon.

William D. Edy, for over 30 years one of London's leading photographers, and who assisted Alexander Graham Bell in the perfection of the telephone, died at the home of his son, E. Leslie Edy, 4 Cartwright street, Tuesday. He was 84 years of age and had been living in London for many years.

He was born in the township of Huron, county of Brant, in 1852, and received his education in the public and private schools of that district. He started life as a farmer, but later became a photographer. He was the first in Ontario to adopt the practice of retouching negatives. Later they produced oil paintings of Captain Joseph Brant from a miniature of ivory made in England. This was presented through Lord Dufferin to Prince Arthur.

Photographed First Phone.
In 1876 he assisted Alexander Graham Bell in perfecting his invention, the telephone. The original apparatus was in the original apparatus were by William D. Edy, and the first telephone conversation in the world took place between his studio and the Bell farm.

He was offered a half interest in the company for \$1,200, but did not accept the offer.

He moved to London in 1879 and established a studio here. He continued his work until several years ago, when his son, Leslie Edy, took over most of the work. At one time Mr. Edy was offered a half interest in the Eastman Kodak Company for \$700, but declined the offer.

Mr. Edy was twice married. First in the year 1880 to Miss Milande Hayland of Boston, Ont., who died in 1879, and later to Miss Mary Howell, daughter of the late Capt. Henry Howell. He was an earnest Christian, and had long been a member of the Plymouth Brethren. He is survived by six children, Lorenzo of Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. W. H. B. of Toronto; William, of Brantford; E. D. Edy, of this city; Mrs. Harry Brown, of Toronto, and P. W. Edy of this city.

The funeral will be held from the residence of his son, Leslie Edy, on Thursday at 3 a.m. The services will be conducted by the Plymouth Brethren. Interment will take place at Oakland, near Brantford, the remains leaving London on the 9 o'clock train.

**SOLDIERS WILL BE ALLOWED
TO AID GATHERING CROPS**

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Aug. 2.—A Canadian soldier is to be allowed to assist in gathering the Canadian crops.

The department of militia announced that many representations have been coming to the militia department, urging the permission of soldiers to go into the field to help in the gathering of crops.

An order has been issued to the effect that officers commanding units not warned for overseas duty at their discretion release such men as they consider are required to assist farmers in this connection.

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PLAYMATES AS PALLBEARERS

The funeral of Leo Breake, eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Breake, who died at the residence of his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Johnston, 657 Princess avenue, on Sunday after an attack of acute rheumatism of the heart, was held from his grandmother's residence Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock to St. Mary's Church.

Regular high mass was sung at 9 o'clock by Father Cooper. The floral offerings were many.

The pallbearers were all playmates and schoolroom friends of the dead boy. They were: Frank Jones, Charley Gardiner, Roy Parnham, Dennis Regan, Ernest Wright, John Feary, Tom Wallace, Charles Pobbler and Norhart Flood.

Interment was made at St. Peter's cemetery.

[Canadian Press.] London, August 2.—The South Shields Gazette says the Dutch steamer Zeeland, while on her way from a Scottish port to a foreign port, has been sunk by a German submarine after the crew had been ordered to take to the boats.

The Zeeland was of 1,293 tons gross, and was built in 1907. She was 331 feet long, 34 feet beams and 14 feet deep. Her home port was Rotterdam.

**STRANDED CARS
AT PORT STANLEY
HARD ON KIDDIES**

Youngsters Had Bad Time of
It When Hydro Failed.

LONG WAIT IN DARKNESS

Those Who Went to Lakeside
for Pleasure Trip Lost
Benefit on Way Back.

The passengers on the London and Port Stanley railway had a very bad time at the Port on Tuesday night when the Niagara power was off for five hours.

A large number of women took their children to the lakeside, as the day was ideal for picnics, and the crowd would not be large. The majority took their picnic car home, or at least went down to the car and took seats. They waited and waited.

As darkness came on, the children, tired and dirty from romping and playing on the beach, became restless, and many a poor woman had a hard time looking after the youngsters. As the hours passed the crowds increased, as the later passengers came down to take the trains.

It was a spectacle that would have moved any person. Those who were fortunate to have their children home in good hands decided to go to bed at the hotels, as there was little information as to when the trains would move.

After midnight, a steam train came down, and took the passengers home. They were a weary, bad-tempered lot of people.

"Never again," said one lady. "When I go to Port again I want some assurance that I will get home."

**WAR ANNIVERSARY
SERVICES FRIDAY**

Public Meeting Will Be Held in Auditorium Between 5 and 6 o'clock.

The second anniversary of the date that Great Britain entered the great world conflict, August 4, 1914, will be fittingly observed by all citizens of London on Friday.

Mayor Stevenson has issued a proclamation calling upon all business places to close during the hours between 4 and 6 in the afternoon.

A patriotic service to commemorate the event will be held in the auditorium from 5 to 6 o'clock, at which several addresses will be delivered, each address to be followed by interesting prayer.

Rev. Macdonald Hay of Elora will deliver an address in place of Dr. McCrae of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, who it was first announced would speak.

Canon Tucker of St. Paul's and Dr. H. S. Dougal of Ash St. Methodist will deliver patriotic addresses.

The churches will remain open during the day to permit anyone who wishes to enter and offer a silent prayer on behalf of the allied nations.

**REMOVE ALL WIRES
IN MAIN STREETS OF
SARNIA THE BRIGHT**

Ornamental Lighting System
Plans Are Perfected.

[Special to The Advertiser.] SARNIA, Aug. 1.—The hydro-electric ornamental street lighting system for the business section of the city of Sarnia is now an assured fact, as the petition, properly signed, has been presented to the city clerk, and he has attached his certificate.

The street lighting system will be on Front street, from George to Wellington, the same on Christina, and on George, from Front to Victoria, on Lombard, from Front to Victoria, and on Front to Christina on Cromwell and Davis streets.

In this section large ornamental steel poles with 1,000-watt incandescent lights will be erected, 100 feet apart. All poles and wires will be removed from these streets, and lines will be carried up the lanes where they will be out of sight.

It is expected that the new system will be started at once, and that the work will be completed by the time that the hydro power is ready to be turned on in September.

The hydro committee has been energetic in its work, and the construction work about the city has been pushed forward as fast as possible. Manager Phelps has contracted for 100 new services, and these have already been placed in the houses.

Secretary Donald Leslie, who is in charge of the hydro office, has resigned, and applications will be called for for this position. The secretary has received a better offer from another concern.

TO FIX BUGBEAR DRAINS

SARNIA, Aug. 1.—The city of Sarnia will proceed at once to the city and fill in the hole in the Confederation street drain, which has been a bugbear to the people living in the vicinity, owing to the insanitary conditions.

The cost of the drain and filling has been estimated at \$24,000, but the Imperial Oil Company has offered to take charge of that section which runs alongside its property from Christina street to the river, and will place tile in here capable of looking after the section, farther east. The cost to the company will be about \$7,000.

The offer of the company to take charge of that section was accepted by the city council last night, and a letter of thanks has been forwarded to Charles O. Stillman, thanking him for the offer.

For years this drain has been brought to the attention of the provincial board of health. Many threats of lawsuits have been made over its condition, but now that the petition of the citizens in that section has been granted, peace will be at last.

Owing to the extensive drainage area to be placed in a large tile will have to be placed in, in order to handle the water.

**MAJORITY OF RAILWAYMEN
ARE IN FAVOR OF STRIKE**

[Canadian Press.] New York, Aug. 2.—When 200,000 of the 400,000 railroads were voting on the question of calling a general strike on 25 railroads had been counted at noon today, it was announced that a preponderant number of the men are in favor of a strike.

According to inside information the firemen threatened to quit their jobs if they were forced to run the firemen while the police magistrate still held his decision in the Marshall-Barr case.

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CHAIRMAN POCOCK
case of breakdowns on the hydro system, although the chairman, Philip Pocock, declares that an auxiliary plant is not necessary.
Using Steam Plant.
Twice this week the steam plant at Springbank has been called upon to furnish power for the wells, and last night it rendered excellent service. Had more steam power been available, the situation would have been much improved, and persons would have been able to get home.
"We have got to have a duplication of plants of some sort," said Commissioner E. G. Mitchell. "Breaks such as we have been having the past week or ten days are so serious to pass over lightly. We must have an independent source of power somewhere or other. Whether it would be steam or some other method. The main thing is that we must have it. In connection with the water problem we must have a reserve reservoir of 10,000,000-gallon capacity to protect us in times such as these."
E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the public utilities commission, was asked by The Advertiser for an expression of opinion on the question of reserve power. He said he was not prepared to make any statement on that issue, claiming that