

## PEACH CROP OFF MEANS HIGH PRICE

Numerous Orchards Down Niagara Way Will Give Scarce a Half Crop.

The prospects are that Londoners will pay a very high price for their peaches this coming summer. Mr. Chauncey Smith, one of the leading wholesale fruit merchants of this city, was today interviewed regarding the prospects for the supply of peaches during the coming season.

"Good peaches will be very scarce this summer, and people who want them will have to pay a lot for them. About a month ago the peach crop was very promising, and from all quarters came the news that the crop was to be one of the largest on record. It was not long, however, before something happened to the fruit and greatly blighted it. What it was that harmed the peaches I do not know, and I don't think that anyone else does. It was simply one of those unforeseen happenings which cannot be accounted for, and which are liable to come at any time."

City Clerk Pay, of St. Catharines, who is one of the most extensive growers of peaches in the country, and who is an undisputed authority in such matters, is credited with having made a statement to the effect that fully two-thirds of the peach trees were destroyed last winter or this spring. He said that he was positive from general observation and reports received that the peach crop this year would not be more than half of that of last year. The cause of the immense destruction of fruit trees in the fruit belt was the very severe winter, which the trees, weakened as they were by the San Jose scale, were unable to stand, and they succumbed in thousands.

Mr. Pay said:

**Peaches Will Be Scarce.**

"It simply means that peaches will be scarce for the next few years until the new trees begin bearing." Mr. Pay, as an illustration of the havoc being wrought by the San Jose scale, cited his own case. He does not go in very large quantities, but he has a couple of years ago he had about 500 peach trees. "Today I have about a dozen left," said he. He, similar to other growers, kept spraying the trees, until the scale got ahead of him, and then the trees had to be cut down.

"The outlook is decidedly bad in the fruit situation here," Mr. Pay said. "The only fruit that will be anything like a full crop is grapes. Around here the grapes look exceedingly well, and give every promise of a good crop, because there has been no mildew or blight as yet, though reports from Stamford are not very encouraging even for grapes. Plums will be fair, but pears will be decidedly scarce. Last year the canning factories were paying only 1 1/2 and 1 3/4 cents a pound for pears, but now they are skimming around offering to pay 2 1/2 cents a pound for pears."

Speaking of tomatoes, of which he is a large grower, Mr. Pay said that while the crop was looking fairly well the very backward season will undoubtedly have a bad effect. Last year by this time thousands of baskets had been shipped away from there, whereas this year hardly any had as yet gone. James Fittering, one of the principal tomato shippers, up to Friday last had shipped 25 baskets, against about a thousand by that date a year ago. American tomatoes are being sold at home, those which come over here as a general thing being surplus stock.

**Corn and Potatoes.**

Speaking of corn Mr. Pay said that there would also be a shortage of that grain in that part of the country on account of the corn being planted so late, owing to the backward spring, that a great deal of it will not come to anything. The only thing which Mr. Pay thinks will save the corn and tomato men will be a late fall.

Speaking of potatoes, he said that they were not in a satisfactory state. He told of one man in that district who planted two bushels of seed potatoes in the spring, with the view to having an early crop, and when he harvested them recently he found that he had only two bushels, exactly the same quantity which he planted.

## MAINLY DRUNKS

Five First-Timers and a Couple of Others Appear.

Most of those whose names appeared on the dockets at the police court this morning were drunk.

Joseph Tait was fined \$2 for being drunk.

Donald Smith paid a \$2 fine for the same offense.

Five first-time drunks were allowed to go with a warning.

James Bradley, charged with being insane, was acquitted.

Alfred Rodgers was convicted of having threatened to break up the furniture in the house where he lived, and was bound over to keep the peace for one year in the sum of \$50.

The London Silver Cobalt Company which has been selling its shares extensively in London and vicinity has made a big deal whereby its acreage is increased from 40 to 360 acres. It is said that a dividend of at least 10 per cent will be declared and a special meeting of the shareholders has been called to consider this and various other matters. Messrs. F. G. Rumball and A. E. Welch, who are heavily interested in the company, left for Cobalt Monday to look over the property.

## TO RAISE THE PACKARD.

Detroit, Mich., July 31.—The tug Bennett, with a wrecking outfit, left Sturgeon Bay, Wis., last night to raise the steamer Packard, sunk a year ago in Pigeon Bay, Lake Erie, between Pelee Island and the Canadian mainland of Essex County.

51 60 to Detroit and return on Saturday, Aug. 2. Leave London at 9:25 a.m. and return by any train, except No. 10, on Saturday, Sunday or Monday following. Get your ticket at the Grand Trunk office.

## GENERAL RAILWAY RATE WAR LOOMS

Action of M.C.R. Brings Down Party Rate Between Chicago and New York.

Chicago, July 31.—A rate war among the railroads from Chicago to New York is threatened. Passenger agents from all the lines were here yesterday to consider the reduction in party rates by the Michigan Central and Grand Trunk roads, but several officials telegraphed that it would be impossible for them to attend the meeting. As peace could be secured only by all lines joining in an agreement, the meeting was postponed indefinitely.

It was announced yesterday that the Wabash and Erie roads would also put into effect, as soon as they can do so, in compliance with the interstate commerce law, the same party rates as the Grand Trunk's \$15.75 per capita, for parties of ten or more traveling on one ticket from here to New York. This is a cut of \$1 from their present rate. If the Michigan Central makes another reduction in its party fares, a general rate war will probably be precipitated.

## WAYS OF WINGHAM

Fisherman's "Good Catch" — Union Church Picnic Arrangements.

Wingham, July 29.—A son of Mr. George Philpen pulled out an eight-pound mullet from the river here on Monday morning, a pretty good catch. On Friday Miss Eva, eldest daughter of Mr. A. Simmons, was united in marriage to Mr. Brown, of Acton. The happy couple, after their honeymoon, will take up their residence in Acton, where Mr. B. holds a good position.

Dr. Chisholm, M.P., addressed Epworth League of the Methodist Church on Monday evening. His subject was: "How we are governed." There was a crowded house and the lecture was non-political.

Local option is the leading topic in Wingham at the present time. There was a big meeting last week; another will be held in the Presbyterian Church next week, and are very long the voters will have to mark their ballots for or against.

Mrs. W. Bisbee and daughter Arlie, of London, returned Monday, after a visit to Wingham friends. The bandmen of the S. A. are fast developing into expert musicians, and have filled very many engagements during the present season. Last week they sent to England \$2 for two more new instruments. They believe in being right up-to-date.

Clarence, the young son of Mr. Harry Hensell, had a narrow call the other day. Running across the street, he was run over by Dr. Agnew's rig. Although considerably bruised, he is not seriously hurt.

Rev. Mr. Howson will again fill his pulpit next Sunday. His flock will gladly welcome back their shepherd. The annual union picnic of the churches will take place on Thursday, August 1, and the picnic place will be Kincardine. Wingham's famous town band will accompany the picnicers, and also the S. A. band. A great time is anticipated. As it is Wingham's civic holiday, we expect that for one day our town will, comparatively speaking, be "dead."

## CITY HALL IS SAFE

Public Meetings May Be Held There as Usual—No Cause for a Scare.

The bell at the city hall has stopped ringing, but there was no panic in connection with the matter. The city hall has not been endangered, nor is it likely to be.

"That story is simply ridiculous," said Engineer Graydon. "The wall is 24 inches thick, with a 36-inch foundation. There is considerable vibration when the bell rings, and I had it stopped, not because there was any danger, but merely as an extra precaution."

"There never was any danger to anything but the little belfry, which is situated over Harry Merritt's quarters. This shook when the bell was tolled, and I had the ringing stopped."

"Public meetings may go on as usual in the city hall. You couldn't knock it over with a battery of artillery."

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. H. Collard, of Michigan, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Collard, Belmont.

Misses Elsie and Muriel Gillean, are visiting their uncle, Mr. Alex. Gillean, of this city.

Mrs. W. Y. Martin, St. Albans, Vermont, is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Bell, York street.

Mr. Harry Morrow, Toronto, is spending a few days at his home, 427 King street, in this city.

Miss Fleta Bennett, of King street, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. N. Willett, of Flint, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller and daughter, of St. Paul, Minn., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, of Waterloo street at present.

Rev. I. B. Wallin, who has been granted a month's holidays by the Empress Avenue Methodist Church left this morning for Brandon, Man., for a trip through the west.

## FIFTY-FIVE GRANDCHILDREN.

Detroit, Mich., July 31.—Captain Louis Charbonneau, 78 years of age, one of the oldest of the Upper Lake captains, is dead at Mount Clemens. He was born in Quebec, and came to Mount Clemens in his youth. Capt. Charbonneau was the first man to sail a steamer out of the Clinton River into Lake St. Clair. Among his survivors are 55 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

## ROSSLYN HITS BACK.

London, July 31.—The Earl of Rosslyn announces that he has instructed his attorneys to appeal against the decree of divorce granted his wife by the Scottish court. The ground of the appeal is not stated. The Countess of Rosslyn was formerly Miss Anna Robinson, of Minneapolis. She obtained her decree in Edinburgh July 20.

## GOVT. WINS IN MARTINEAU CASE

Bank of Montreal Held Responsible for Departmental Cash's Forgeries.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, July 31.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived in the city at noon today and a cabinet meeting is called for this afternoon. The other ministers here are Hon. R. W. Scott, Hon. Wm. Templeman, Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, and Hon. Wm. Paterson, postmaster-general, arrived yesterday.

The judicial committee of the Imperial privy council, by a judgment just rendered, has refused the appeal in the case of the Bank of Montreal vs. the King. This means that the bank and not the Government is responsible for the loss by the forgeries of Martineau, the militia department clerk, who was prosecuted and convicted, and serving a term in the penitentiary. The whole amount of the forgeries are between sixty-five and seventy thousand dollars.

A part of this was refunded by Martineau. The auditor-general of the day, Mr. McDougall, held that the bank was responsible. The bank held otherwise and the judgment is now against the bank.

## THE RELIEF FUND

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Band concert                     | \$385.64 |
| Bishop McEvay                    | 100.00   |
| London Street Railway Company    | 50.00    |
| Toronto friend                   | 25.00    |
| Dr. John D. Wilson               | 25.00    |
| Senator Coffey                   | 25.00    |
| T. G. Whiskard                   | 25.00    |
| Philip Pocock                    | 25.00    |
| W. J. Reid                       | 25.00    |
| Advertiser                       | 25.00    |
| P. W. D. Brodick                 | 25.00    |
| Free Press                       | 25.00    |
| A friend                         | 10.00    |
| George Brown                     | 10.00    |
| William Abbot                    | 10.00    |
| C. F. Complin                    | 10.00    |
| James Butler                     | 5.00     |
| Miss Harding                     | 5.00     |
| A friend                         | 5.00     |
| A friend                         | 5.00     |
| Mrs. T. E. Hobbs                 | 5.00     |
| J. P. Thompson                   | 5.00     |
| Local Letter Carriers' Assn.     | 5.00     |
| George W. Armstrong              | 2.50     |
| Thomas Rowley, 13 Marmora street | 1.00     |
| "In His Name"                    | 1.00     |
| Thomas Brooks                    | 1.00     |
| A friend                         | 1.00     |
| A friend                         | 25.00    |
| Mrs. J. S. Fead                  | 25.00    |
| C. S.                            | 25.00    |
| A Little Girl                    | 10.00    |
| Mrs. Avery Casey                 | 5.00     |
| A friend                         | 5.00     |
| A friend                         | 25.00    |
| W. M. Spencer                    | 10.00    |
| H. Hale                          | 10.00    |
| Rev. A. K. Birks                 | 5.00     |
| G. W. Ferguson                   | 1.00     |

## UNION BARBERS STILL ON STRIKE

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wood, 118 Hamilton road; Sim Thompson, Savoy Hotel; John McIntosh, 713 Richmond street; Ed Sherman, 253 Wellington street; Herb Routledge, 281 Wellington street; George Cambridge, Rectory and Grey streets.

## A STATEMENT.

Last night the men issued the following statement:

"The Journeymen Barbers' Union held three meetings yesterday, which were all fully attended, the evening session being the largest attended since the inauguration of the strike. Not a single man has deserted the union and all are enthusiastic at the outlook. Three more shops displayed the union card."

"As the statement was made in the daily papers that the boss barbers had waited the previous evening until a late hour, expecting to meet a committee from the union, and as the union is desirous to throw nothing in the way of a satisfactory settlement, it was resolved to notify the master barbers that representatives of the union were prepared to meet them at any time. After conferring with the master barbers they were notified that the union would be in session Wednesday afternoon, and as Wednesday afternoon is a holiday in the trade, and would not inconvenience the employers, the committee from the union would meet them at that time if they so desired. This is the position of affairs at the present moment. A special meeting of the Trades and Labor Council will meet in the evening to take action and co-operate with the strikers, if no settlement is reached by that time."

## Financial Assistance Offered.

H. J. Halford, organizer of Hamilton, is still in the city, and will remain to give his advice and co-operation to the journeymen. It is felt that with the assistance of the union to take steps to institute new union shops in any districts where they may be required, either tomorrow night the strike will either be definitely settled or the union will take energetic steps to prosecute it with renewed vigor. It is felt that with the assistance of the Trades and Labor Council, and the local trade unions of the city, success is assured. Steps are already under way to increase the staffs in the union shops, as there is no doubt the increased trade that will come from the establishment of new employment for every union barber in the city. A number of the members have been detailed to act in this capacity. Offers of financial assistance were received today from four outside cities. The union will hold morning and afternoon meetings today, and a third meeting in the evening, prior to the special meeting of the Trades and Labor Council.

## WROTE "BLUE AND GRAY."

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## RANSACKED BY BURGLARS.

Belleville, July 31.—The residence of Dr. J. M. Farley, this city, was broken into last night by burglars. The Farleys are at present at the seaside and though it is believed the house has been pretty well ransacked, it will be impossible to tell what was taken until the family returns. The police think the job is not the work of professionals.

Americans Invested \$50,000,000 in Mexican mines during 1906, according to an estimate quoted by the Mexican trade with the United States is three times greater than with the mother country.

## VANILLA

The best is always cheapest. Ours is best, therefore cheapest. Made from vanilla beans, it contains no vanilla, coumarin, or tonka. It is properly aged, and has the true flavor, which can only be obtained from the bean itself. Sold in any quantity.

**W. T. STRONG**  
Druggist  
184 Dundas Street.

## CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

Court of revision will be held next Friday.

Only three building permits were issued during July. There were twelve issued during the same month last year.

Timothy Howlitt, the 11-months-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Howlitt, of Detroit, died yesterday at the home of its grandmother, Mrs. Sarah A. Poulton, 254 Wellington street. Mr. and Mrs. Howlitt came here with the infant on Monday last, Mrs. Howlitt remaining with her mother, while Mr. Howlitt went on a business trip. So far the father has not been located.

## A Big Increase.

London bank clearings for the month of July totaled \$6,066,975, against \$5,294,870 for the same month last year, an increase for July, 1907, of \$772,105.

## Who Knows?

R. M. Hall, of the Buffalo News office, Buffalo, N. Y., writes City Clerk Baker to know whether Mrs. Emma McKee (nee Schreiber), formerly of this city, had obtained a divorce from her husband, Wm. L. McKee. They do not know at the clerk's office.

## Track Elevation.

It looks as if track elevation was off for the year so far as the Grand Trunk Railway is concerned. General Manager Hays has not yet replied to the last agreement sent to him for approval, nor does he seem in a hurry to do so. An official in close touch with the Grand Trunk management declares that the company considers itself in a comfortable position, and that it will take its time about elevation. City hall rumors seem to confirm this impression.

## Large Gooseberries.

One of the largest branches of ripe gooseberries ever shown in London, was brought to the city yesterday by Mrs. E. Dunn, of 411 King street. The gooseberries were picked out of the garden of Miss Henderson, Thorncliffe, and are remarkable for the size and number of gooseberries on the branches. The branch has been placed in the window of The Advertiser. The bushes were all as heavily laden.

## CANADIAN GUNNERS WIN

Composite Artillery Team Carried Off Petawawa Trophies.

Petawawa Camp, July 30.—The results of the artillery competitions were announced tonight.

The Canadian composite team has won the Londonderry Challenge Cup and the Prince of Wales' Cup on the aggregate score.

The results were: British 549 in field artillery and 507 in heavy; Canadians 524 in field and 598 in heavy.

## THE CONTRABAND QUESTION

The British Proposal for Abolition Adopted by Committee.

The Hague, July 31.—The British proposition for the abolition of contraband was adopted in committee today by 25 votes to 5. The representatives of the United States, Germany, France, Russia, and Montenegro expressed themselves as opposed to the measure, and Japan, Spain, Panama, Greece and Roumania abstained from voting. There were also ten absentees.

In explanation of the American vote in opposition, Jos. H. Choate declared it was the plan of the United States to limit the list of objects that shall be considered contraband of war, but to go further than this now would be a violation of a long-established custom. The change, Mr. Choate continued, will create many uncertainties regarding the rights and duties of neutrals and belligerents, and would prove more injurious to the commerce of the world than the existing custom, and contribute nothing to the interests of peace.

The British proposition on contraband, together with the proposals submitted by the United States and Germany on the same subject has been sent to committee for examination. The American proposal divides contraband into two classes, absolute and conditional.

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**AUTUMN SELLING STARTS ON MONDAY**  
Always Does the First of August at this Store

KNOW THE REASON? Bright, Crisp New Autumn Goods begin to arrive. We're busy selling these while most stores are busy clearing undesirables that belong to summer stocks.

For next few days we intend offering a number of Black Dress Goods, Specials. These belong to no particular season—always staple.

## Black Twine Voile, French Make

And guaranteed French dye; 44 inches wide; A stylish dress material and as desirable as it is stylish. Regular price is \$1.00. Buy them this week, at, per yard..... 69c

## Priestley's Twine Cloth, Black

An elegant fabric for late summer and fall wear; shakes dust admirably and gives no end of serviceable wear. Regular price is \$1.00. 44 inches wide. For balance of this week the price will be, per yard 69c

## German Hosiery in Tan and Black, 18c Quality, For 12 1/2c Per Pair

Full fashioned, fast dye Stockings, spliced feet. Regular 18c quality. Sizes 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2 and 10 inch.

On sale this week, a pair from..... 12 1/2c

Have you left your order for skirt to measure? Only a few more days—have succeeded in having the time limit extended to Saturday. Perfectly tailored, \$1.95 for making.

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