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WOODSTOCK COLLEGE STUDENT KILLED BY LIGHTNING BOLT

Fifteen-Year-Old James Merrigold Instantly Killed While Taking Shelter From Electrical Storm Under Tree—Edgar Knight Also Struck, But Will Recover.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Woodstock, May 6.—James Merrigold, age 15, of Hamilton, was killed and Edgar Knight, of Burks, Falls, seriously injured through being struck by lightning in the terrific electrical storm which swept over the city this afternoon. Knight will recover, although painfully burned and suffering greatly from shock.

Both boys are students at Woodstock College, and had been watching the inter-year football match on the campus. When the storm came up about 6:30, it was decided to halt the contest. A number of those who had been watching the game took shelter under a tree, and during a lull in the storm, all with the exception of Merrigold and Knight, ran for shelter to the college building. They had hardly reached it when there was a blinding flash, and they saw Merrigold and Knight fall to the ground. Medical attendance was secured at once. Merrigold, it is thought, died instantly, and it was only by the greatest efforts on the part of the physicians that young Knight was brought around.

Merrigold is a son of Robert Merrigold, of Hamilton, formerly of Woodstock. Edgar Knight is well known in Woodstock, as he was a roommate of Albert Judd, son of ex-Mayor J. C. Judd, who is attending Woodstock College.

"The boys have been roommates ever since last September," Mrs. Judd said to The Advertiser today. "Edgar Knight usually came home with Albert every holiday, and the boys were great friends."

Mr. Judd went down to Woodstock this morning on the first train, with the intention of bringing young Knight home with him if he is seriously injured.

REALLY IS MOVING
RAPIDLY IN LONDON

114 Transfers Were Recorded in the Month of April.

Real estate is changing hands very rapidly in London of late, no less than 114 transfers being registered in April. This is greatly in excess of the same month in 1908, and is one of the largest in some years.

"The figures are not yet complete, as we have not been able to work on the figures," said Assessment Commissioner Grant. "There were 114 transfers, a very large number, I can assure you. The prices continue to be high, and shows that real estate in London is a good investment."

SEVENTH REGIMENT WILL
GO INTO CAMP IN SARNIA

Victoria Day Outing Will Be Held There This Year—Officers There.

A deputation from the Seventh Regiment composed of Major McCrimmon, Capt. Little and Capt. Ingram went to Sarnia yesterday to consider the advisability of selecting that place for their annual camp picnic. Sarnia is one of several places suggested. Col. McKenzie, of the Twenty-seventh, looked after the party, and supplied a great deal of useful information. The committee were very favorably impressed with the facilities for the camp that are offered at that place. Though the matter has not been definitely decided, it is practically assured that the camp will be held at Sarnia this year.

It is expected that the Seventh Regiment will turn out almost in full force on the occasion. The regiment will leave Saturday night, May 22, and return late Monday, May 24.

Sarnia Pleased.

The Sarnia Observer of yesterday says: Major W. A. McCrimmon, Capt. A. T. Little and Capt. Gordon Ingram, of the Seventh Regiment, London, are in town today looking over the available ground and getting information with a view of having the regiment go into camp here for two days, from Saturday night, May 22, to the evening of May 24. The regiment visited Sarnia a few years ago and the members were greatly pleased with Sarnia as a place to spend a few days' outing. Lieut. Col. Mackenzie took the party in charge and showed them the available camping grounds. The officers were favorably impressed, and the chances are that London's crack corps will spend the holiday here.

ALLIE RAYMOND WAS
LITTLE TOO KITTENISH

Chased Young Ladies Last Night and Was Hauled in By the Police.

Alexander Raymond was amusing himself at the Grand Trunk station last night by chasing young women who were waiting, when the police arrested him and took him to Carling street.

Raymond in court this morning said he was too drunk to remember anything about what he had been doing. The court, however, said such conduct could not be allowed, and fined him \$12, including costs, in default of which Raymond went down for three weeks.

Bertha Aldridge, a woman who said she came from Grand Rapids to this city last August to get married, was charged with being disorderly. Mrs. Aldridge said she was 27 years old, that her husband was dead, and that she has four children in an orphan's home in Grand Rapids. She hadn't been able to complete the marriage she expected to make here, and has since been employed as a domestic. Yesterday she got out of a situation, and had no place to go to, and was arrested last night. She was allowed to go to look for work.

LONDON FIELD BATTERY NOT FOR PETAWAWA

Will Go Into Camp Here For Twelve Days This Summer.

The camp at Petawawa will open this year on July 12, and the various regiments that go there will each have four days' artillery practice, the camp lasting until the end of August, or the first week in September. The regiments that will go from this district are the Sixth Field Battery, and the Eleventh and Sixteenth Batteries from Guelph. The dates for the above batteries going have not as yet been set. The Sixth Field Battery will go into camp at London for twelve days.

THE LIGHTS WENT OUT
NIAGARA POWER FAILS

Toronto Plunged in Darkness for Nearly Two Hours Yesterday.

Toronto, May 7.—Toronto was in "darkness" for an hour and three-quarters last night. Niagara power failed, the electrical disturbance which passed over the lake about 9:10 being responsible for a break in the transmission line. The connection was broken about an hour and a quarter at this time, and again at 12:15, when the lights went out for 27 minutes. The cars were stationary for a part of the time. With the auxiliary plant in operation the railway service was not interrupted. The street and house lighting circuits had power from the Falls.

At the theatres some inconvenience was experienced. Most of them have gas equipment, and the stages were finally illuminated by the footlights, permitting the performances to proceed. The Star Theatre gets light from a separate plant in the Star Building. The city hall, the T. Eaton store, and a few other buildings have their own electric plants.

NATURAL GAS SEEMS
ASSURED FOR LONDON

Proposed Merger Is Attracting Much Interest—Must Locate Mr. J. C. Duffield.

The proposed merger of natural gas companies at present operating in the Essex and Kent fields for the purpose of creating a great deal of interest in city circles.

Natural gas will be a great boon to the city and will place the manufacturers of the city in a position to compete with other cities.

The details of the merger will be perfected during the next few weeks, and then application will be made to the council for a charter, provided of course, arrangements cannot be made with the City Gas Company for the distribution of the gas.

Mr. Duffield Away.

Mr. J. C. Duffield who is at present on a tour around the world will be informed immediately of the proposed merger, and negotiations will be opened with him as soon as they can get in touch with him.

If satisfactory arrangements can be made, the gas will be in London, it is expected, in the early fall, before cold weather arrives.

The companies have almost enough pipe among them to lay the line to the city, and the work would be easily accomplished once the merger is assured.

Nothing More to Say.

"There is nothing more to say today," said Mayor Stewer. "The representatives of the companies will get in touch with Mr. Duffield and endeavor to make arrangements with the City Gas Company for the distribution of the gas. They have been very anxious to make a beginning, and they would soon get it here. I expect some word from them in a very short time."

\$43,000 A YEAR IN CHARITY AMOUNT SPENT BY THE CITY

Victoria Hospital Makes Up a Great Deal of This—There is a Deficit Every Year—Amount Expended By the City Charity Office—Some Accounts the City Pays.

The city expends over \$50,000 a year in civic charity, of which the Victoria Hospital makes up a great deal. This, of course, does not include what is done by the churches, the Salvation Army, or the many other organizations in the city.

It is about \$1 a head in London, and about 2 mills on the dollar in his tax rate.

The maintenance of Victoria Hospital is the largest item. That institution cost the city last year \$31,324. This money was expended for the poor people of the city. The paying patients pay their way, it is said, but it is the large number of free patients that runs the cost up to that somewhat large sum.

The Grants.

Last year there were grants totaling \$2,650 made to charitable institutions in the city.

The Aged Woman's Home cost the city \$1,830 for the maintenance of its city patients in that institution.

The cost of the Aged Men's Home was somewhat in excess of that, \$1,662.96 being accredited to that place. The Home for Incurables also costs more than a thousand dollars, or, to be exact, \$1,094.08.

London has several patients in the house of refuge, and last year the city paid over \$553.48 to the county for their maintenance.

The asylum grant amounted to a considerable sum, \$2,920 being turned over to the government for that purpose.

The smallpox hospital maintenance was a nice item, \$1,450 being charged up for that.

City Relief Officer.

In the city's relief office the sum of \$420 was devoted to charity, \$71.20 for railroad passes, and \$15 for burials in 1908.

These totals approximate \$43,000, a large sum.

The Charity Organization Society and the Children's Aid Society expend about \$6,000 a year in their work, bringing the total for these charities close to \$50,000.

In addition, there is a great deal of charitable work done by the churches. It is very difficult to estimate this in money, but there are large sums of money, no doubt, given to poor families.

Cost Is Great.

No mention is made of St. Joseph's Hospital, Mount Hope Orphanage, the Protestant Orphan's Home, the Salvation Army Rescue Home, or any of the charitable work of the army.

It will be readily seen from these figures that charity, and the care of suffering poor costs the city a great deal of money, more so than it would be imagined, at first glance.

And London has few poor people.

Plans are being prepared by Messrs. McBride & Farncombe for a new Masonic Temple to cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000. The building will be a five-story one, and will be used exclusively for Masonic purposes.

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BOARD OF HEALTH MAY NOT INDORSE

Chairman Does Not Think the McGregor Wells Are Deep Enough.

WATER THERE WAS BAD

When It Was Analyzed Some Years Ago—Samples of Present Well Being Sent to Toronto.

It is not likely that the local board of health will indorse the McGregor wells.

Dr. Niven, the chairman, this afternoon stated that he was not enamored of such shallow wells, and it is understood that he will not favorably impressed with them.

Dr. Hutchinson, medical health officer, will visit the McGregor well this afternoon, and take some samples of the water to be sent to Provincial Analyst Anyot in Toronto.

There was some talk that there would be other wells sunk there, but such is not probable until the report on the analysis of the water is received.

Wells Too Shallow.

"What do you think of 25-foot wells?" was asked Dr. Niven.

"I do not like them at all," he said. "They are far too shallow. Some of the analyses of the water in this field were made, and they were not at all favorable. If I remember correctly there were not only colic bacilli present, but a considerable percentage of chlorine, showing that there was some vegetable matter in close proximity to the wells. There was no doubt that the water was totally unfit for domestic use."

"Of course they state that this well is bored through hardpan, and if that is the case there might be some difference."

"However, the well is very shallow, and there is always some suspicion of a well so near the surface."

"Dr. Hutchinson, I understand, will visit the well this afternoon, and will obtain a report on it, and samples of water to be sent to the provincial analyst."

MR. BORDEN TRIED
TO SNAP VERDICT

Suddenly Dropped Attack on Minister and Divided House When Many Were Away.

Ottawa, May 6.—The so-called impeachment of Hon. Wm. Pugsley terminated ignominiously this afternoon, the Opposition suddenly throwing down their arms and beating a hasty and undignified retreat. Rather than continue the fight to a finish and so avail themselves of the opportunity of the fullest discussion of the issue, which they themselves had raised, Mr. Borden and his following chose to take advantage of the temporary absence of a large number of Liberal members, who had not anticipated an end until late at night, to spring a division in the house, reducing the Government's majority.

The move succeeded, for, having received no notice of the Opposition's intention, and being caught off their guard, the Liberal Whips were unable to muster anything like the full strength of the party, and in a House composed of only 153 members the Opposition amendment was defeated by the comparatively small majority of twenty-seven. It was shortly after 1 o'clock that the unexpected happened. Practically the whole day had been occupied by Mr. Crockett in an attempt to minimize the effect of the report and his confidence in Dr. Pugsley. It had been intended that Messrs. Foster, Daniel and McCreary, who had intended to vote in support of the findings of the commission, and levelled all manner of charges against the minister of public works.

Ovation for Mr. Pugsley.

When he finished, Mr. Turgeon, in a brief, dispassionate speech, expressed his dissent from the conclusions of the report and his confidence in Dr. Pugsley. It had been intended that Messrs. Foster, Daniel and McCreary, who had intended to vote in support of the findings of the commission, and levelled all manner of charges against the minister of public works.

Departure of Local Barber—Boarding Lady Explains.

The friends of Mr. Harvey Adams, the young barber who disappeared on Monday last, were greatly relieved this morning when it was announced by his boarder, Mrs. Robert Ely, that there was no news of him.

He took a suitcase with him when he left, and told Mrs. Ely that he was going to Detroit or some other Western point to try to procure work. He also took his tools with him, and that he was not to be troubled with any more of his kind.

There is no doubt but what his departure was premeditated, and that the recent trouble he had over his welfare was unwarranted.

WOULD LIKE TO SEE
MYSTERIOUS MARION

Mr. Kinrade Says There's No Truth in Story That She Visited the Kinrade Family.

Hamilton, May 7.—The story printed in a Toronto paper last evening to the effect that Miss Marion Elliott visited the Kinrade family at Toronto for two weeks was emphatically denied by Mr. T. L. Kinrade. "There is not the slightest truth in it," he said. "But let them print such things, if they want to. They may have to pay for it. I only wish I could see my eyes on Miss Elliott. I would like very much to see her. The newspapers have been printing too much about the case. It would be better to send the girl to her grave than injure her reputation and character," he declared.

"What do you think of the jury's verdict?"

"It was a good jury, I understand, and I suppose they did their work," Mr. Kinrade stated. He had made no plans for the future. He laughed at a report from Toronto that his daughter had been passing under the name of Bell while in the Queen City.

Stations.

London.

Victoria.

Winnipeg.

TRIP-TO-EUROPE CONTESTANTS ARE NOW ON THE LAST LAP

Only Nine More Days Left in Which to Try For The Advertiser's Great Offer—Record of Vote Up to Wednesday Night.

The standing of the Trip to Europe candidates published today is that recorded up till Wednesday night, May 6. There have been a very considerable number of votes entered since Tuesday's count, pretty evenly distributed.

A very large number of candidates have added upwards of 1,000 ballots, but as this is such a general occurrence it has occasioned very little change in the general standing. In District No. 2, one candidate shows a relative gain of 2,000 coupons, which brings her so much nearer to the leader in the contest.

In District No. 4, the contestant standing second, made a relative gain of over 8,000, which makes her a very strong rival for the leadership.

In most of the districts the contestants are now beginning to close up, the three or four leaders in many cases being within a short distance of one another.

The candidates have now entered definitely on the last lap, and there are now only nine days before the contest closes. In these nine days, however, of things if the candidates will only make the effort.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

All that territory within the city limits, north of and including both sides of Dundas street, and west of and including both sides of Wellington street.

Miss Katie McLaughlin, 226 Hyman street, 134,795

Miss May T. Mount Pleasant avenue, 111,083

Miss E. Ball, 664 Talbot street, 78,738

Miss Maude Underwood, 209 Queen's avenue, 5,151

Mrs. Norman Roberts, Richmond and John streets, 3,342

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

All that territory inside the city limits, east of, but not including Wellington street, and north of and including both sides of Dundas street.

Miss Velma Hayes, 574 Adelaide street, 78,857

Miss Annie Fitzpatrick, 763 Maitland street, 37,223

Miss Ella Dickie, 860 Helmuth avenue, 27,417

Miss Mabel Connor, 474 Princess avenue, 24,324

Miss Nellie Weston, 866 Dundas street, 15,493

Miss Annie S. Stevenson, 391 Dundas street, 7,120

Mrs. Ronald E. 338 Dundas street, 102

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

All that territory inside the city limits, south of, but not including Dundas street, and north of and including Wellington street, and not including both sides of Dundas street.

Miss Edna Calhoun, 318 Grey street, 136,956

Mrs. Ida Willis, 398 Adelaide street, 115,682

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

All that territory inside the city limits, west of and including both sides of Wellington street, and south of, but not including Dundas street.

Miss Vera B. Hewer, 8 Ingle side street, 122,265

Miss Eva McDowell, 240 King street, 110,766

Miss Edith Glenville, 153 Wharncliffe road, 85,165

Miss Winnie Grimason, 229 Richmond street, 84,303

Miss Maude Wheatcroft, 254 Hill street, 32,721

Miss Louisa Babbage, 253 Grey street, 8,170

Mrs. H. H. Brown, jun., 150 Bruce street, 2,415

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

The County of Middlesex outside the city limits.

Miss Margaret Simmie, Byron, 109,673

Miss Rose Fraser, Poplar Hill, 101,699

Miss Margaret J. Kennedy, Ilford, 101,156

Miss Rosa Longfield, Mossley, 54,053

Miss Ethel Earl, Egerton street, 54,053

Miss Grace Shepherd, Lambeth, 50,101

Miss Lily Arthur, Lambeth, 20,532

Miss Sylvia Oliver, Kilworth Bridge, 12,318

Miss Rebecca A. Wilkins, Adelaide, 10,893

Miss Ethel Grant, Chelsea Green, 9,298

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX.

The Counties of Lambton, Kent and Essex.

Miss M. Anderson, Wyoming, 64,361

Miss Aggie St. Clair, Bridgen, 49,923

Miss Clara Kipp, Chatham, 38,155

Miss Irene Marriott, Stratford, 14,643

Miss Blanche Little, Wallaceburg, 6,940

Miss Velva E. Myers, Florence, 5,389

Miss Constance E. Cowan, Chatham, 3,307

Mrs. Joseph Simpson, Ovey, 1,779

Miss Violet Wood, Moorestown, 272

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

The Counties of Elgin and Oxford.

Miss Maude Law, Harrietsville, 36,193

Miss Elsie Dickie, 860 Helmuth avenue, 27,417

Miss Eve Taylor, Port Stanley, 12,807

Miss Bertha Sweet, Tillsonburg, 7,085

Miss Carrie Field, Tillsonburg, 5,005

Miss Pearl Best, Springfield, 1,261

Miss Rose Shepherd, Aylmer, 1,002

Miss Nellie McWilliams, Thamesford, 428

Miss Mattie Moore, Bayham, 224

Miss Christine Macdonald, Kent, 55

DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT.

Counties of Huron, Bruce and Perth.

Miss Mary Gibson, Brucefield, 40,614

Mrs. J. A. Rumball, Goderich, 34,243

Miss Clara Holden, St. Marys, 24,293

Miss Florence Pope, Hensall, 16,196

Miss Alice Mawhinney, Crediton, 5,571

Miss Leona Potts, Clinton, 34

DISTRICT NUMBER NINE.

Counties of York, Peel and Halton.

Miss Mary Gibson, Brucefield, 40,614

Mrs. J. A. Rumball, Goderich, 34,243

Miss Clara Holden, St. Marys, 24,293

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Miss Alice Mawhinney, Crediton, 5,571

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