FREE-TRIP VOTE **CLOSES MAY 15**

Advertiser's Great Contest Ends at 10 p.m, of That Date

CONTESTANTS PORTRAITS

Ladies in Today's Issue, and Others to Appear Later.

sent the leaders of the districts. They are published that The Advertiser readers may become familiar with those who are competing in the great contest, and the portraits of others of the contestants will appear in the

The contest is now rapidly drawing to a close, only a few weeks more remaining in which to gather votes. The competition ends on May 15 at 10 p.m., and it is to be distinctly understood by all that absolutely no votes will be considered that are not registered at this office before that time. It is hoped that no candidate will make any mistake about this, as under no conditions can this rule be changed, and the failure to enter all ballots, not only the votes published in the daily papers but the pink coupons given for scriptions, must be in by that date or they cannot be counted to the candi-

FOUND A REVOLVER **NEAR KINRADE HOUSE**

But It Looks Like a Hoax or an Advertising Scheme—Found Beneath the Walk.

Hamilton, Ont., April 21. - A 32calibre revolver was found this morning under a slat walk, leading to the residence of Mrs. Abbott, 111 Herkimer street, two doors west of the Kinrade home, by William Robson and George Anderson, two bricklayers, who were going to work. The general impres sion is that the revolver is not the one with which the murder of Ethel Kinrade was committed, but that it was placed there recently as a huge hoax on the police and public. Last night at a local theatre, a thaumaturgist announced that a revolver would be found under the sidewalk on Herkimer street. Robson was one of those present, and as he went to work this work this morning in company with Anderson, was talking about the matter. He had decided to keep his eye open, and as he passed Mrs. Abbott's house he noticed something shining under the slat walk, immediately next to the cement sidewalk. His companion thought it was a piece of tin, but Robson stooped down, and putting his hand under the slats, pulled forth a revolver. He put it back again, and from D. M. Brown's grocery store the police were notified. The revolver is a self-cocker. 32-calisix-chambered, and is of stocky bulldog variety, with a short barrel. The end of the barrel was incrusted with soft dirt, each chamber was choked up, and the mechanism was grimy. There was not a speck of rust on the weapon, and this beyond doubt that the revolver was placed there recently. Another point s that the murderer would assuredly have not chosen such a conspicuous place in which to hide the gun. third point supporting the hoax the ory is that this very spot was examin ed by some reporters about four weeks ago. No cartridges or empty shells were found, in the gun. Detective Inspector McMahon stated this morning that in his opinion the revolver had been there for a matter of hours, and that the whole thing was a hoax.

ERECT PLATE TO MARK THE VICTORIA DISASTER

Spot Where Over 200 Londoners Were Drowned Will Be Labelled by the Historical Society.

The regular meeting of the London and Middlesex Historical Society was held last night in the Public Library At the meeting it was decided by a practically unanimous vote to erect a tablet to commemorate the place on the river where the Victoria disaster occurred on May 24, 1881. The monument will not be an expensive one, costing only about \$40, but it will effectively commemorate the disaster which brought such sorrow to gether. The monument will not be an expen

The monument will consist of a large will be placed a brass tablet commemorating the details of the tragedy.

It will be placed on the north bank of the river, where it can be readily seen from the Springbank cars. The spot is just west of the Cove Bridge. The committee who have charge of the work are as follows: Dr. Campbell, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Leonard and Mr. Dearness. It is expected that the monument will in place in less than a month An interesting paper on "The Pioneers of Nissouri" was read by Mr. Fram, now of this city, who was born in that township 75 years ago, and spent 63 years of his life there. He described very vividly and interestingly the hardships of the early ploneer life, and the many difficulties that had to be met by the men who came to take up lands in the men who came to take up lands in then almost unexplored land.

REPORTED MERGER OF CANNING FACTORIES

Windsor, April 20.-It is said that the Essex County canning plants located at Tilbury, Tecumseh, Essex and Stoney Point, have practically completed arrangements to amalgamate with other independent canning industries in the province. Negotiations are well under way for the formation of a joint stock company to be cap-

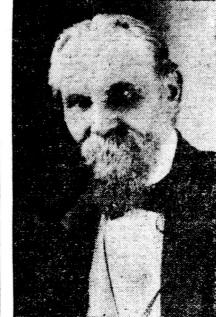
Italized at \$5,000,000. Paul Morand, of Tecumseh, who is Interested in the canning factory there confidence that had been reposed in and also in the one at Stoney Point, says that steps towards the merger are advanced to such a stage that the that the question which had been new organization may be said to be a raised would be submitted to the Leg-

EX-ALD. WILLIAM SKINNER FOR 50 YEARS AN ODDFELLOW

Presented With a Veteran's Jewel at a Meeting Held Last Night -One of London's Oldest and Most Highly Respected Citizens Was Signally Honored.

Photographs of Ten of the Young oldest living member in the person of position in a subordinate lodge, the P. G. Wm. Skinner, the well-known work of the committee was ended. ex-alderman, who has been an Oddfellow for 56 years, and is now 81 years

Today The Advertiser publishes the evening was concluded, the noble grand one that enthused all who had the After the regular business of the portraits of ten of the young ladies called upon Bro. Skinner, who has been good fortune to be present. Bro. Skinwho are candidates in the Free-Trip- on the sick list since December, to be ner's graceful sentences covered many to-Europe contest. The portraits are seated on his right. Then a special incidents that will long be remembered chosen at random, and do not repre- committee that had been waiting for some months for the aged patriarch



EX-ALD. WM. SKINNER.

Bros. S. W. Priestley, J. T. Wallace, J. Kirkpatrick and L. W. Crawford, surrounded Bro. Skinner, reading a kindly-worded address, paying many tributes to the many good qualities of Beltz and Dawson being among the the recipient and to his work in connection with the order in general, and particularly Eureka Lodge. Then, pinning to the left

listory for the lodge, and was one of lapel of extreme pleasure to all present. **RIVERS-WILSON SAYS** SOME BOLD STEALS AROUND KINTORE

Blacksmith Cleared Out While He Slept.

Woodstock, April 21.—Several complaints have been registered from meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway around Kintore of the operations of of Canada was held here today. Sir very nervy Thieves entered the hardware store of line, took a hopeful view of the situa-William Cullen late at night and rob- tion. bed the till of \$17. Joseph Black, a round them up shortly.

FIRST WORK ON THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC LINE

Will Commence This Week According to the Contractor, F. H. McGuigan.

Toronto Globe: The erection of the telephone line along the route of the hydro-electric power transmission line will be commenced this week, accord-Ing to the statement made by Mr. F H. McGuigan, the contractor, to the Globe yesterday. The work of building Will Be Held This Year on May the line will immediately follow the pioneer 'phone stakes. Much of the material is already on hand, and good progress has been made in securing the electrical equipment, the contracts for which have already been let. It probable that tenders will shortly be asked for the building of the necessary transformer stations.

BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL, \$129,173

was Three New Apartment Houses Are Going Up in London— Some of the Permits.

> April will show more building than the other three months of the year put to-With more than a week yet to come

uncut granite stone set in concrete and 66 permits have been issued by City Enstanding about five feet high, on which gives Graydon during April for a total gineer Graydon during April, for a total January, February and March totalled \$163,280, and this will be almost equalled, if not exceeded, if the permits continue o be taken out as rapidly as has bee case. he total to date is \$292,453, a rathe

respectable showing at that.

Among the important buildings for which permits have been taken out are the flat, at the corner of Queen's avenue and Wellington street to be built by John Hayman at a cost of \$30,000; an apartment house on Ridout street, to be built by W. J. Clark, the tobacconist, to cost \$12,000; a factory for the Globe Casket Company, with whom Mr. the vilayet of Aleppo. Disturbances Duvai has been connected for the have broken out at Antioch and Bireat a cost of \$20,000; Arthur McClary, past eight years waited upon him and apartment house at Queen's and Col-borne, to cost \$8,000, and many of lesser

LEAVE 21 TO POLLS.

Quebec, April 20 .- A large deputa tion composed of Montrealers, chiefly of aldermen and their lawyers, waited on Sir Lomer Gouin today relative t the disqualification of the members of the finance committee of the Montreal City Council, which has caused a sen sation throughout the entire Province. The delegation was chiefly in favor of the Legislature outruling the judgment of the court of revision, and to rein state the aldermen, so that they might be sent before their electors, who would judge whether they were worthy of the

them or not. The Premier assured the delegates

At a well-attended meeting of his coat, a beautiful jewel that desig-Eureka Lodge of Oddfellows last night, nates the wearer as a veteran past the brethren had a surprise for its grand of 50 years' standing—a rare

Bro. Skinner's Reply.

Bro. Skinner was completely surprised, but made a masterly replyby those participating in this event. Bro. James Stephenson, a veteran Miss Ethel M. McKay, of this city, P. G. of Dominion Lodge, made a flat- was married to Mr. Calvin S. Parker, tering speech, reviewing the good of the Parker Car Heating Company

Past Grand Sire Bro. Cl. T. Campbell followed in a similar strain, recalling interesting bits of history. When Ditchburn, of Carbondale, Pa., acted as Bro. Skinner was initiated the order bridesmaid, while Mr. Frank Millar aswas but an infant. Now Canadians can count 40,000 members, and universal millions. Spending millions of dollars in relief work, the order's influence for good could not be meas-

Past Grand Master R. K. Cowan also paid a graceful tribute to the splendid character of the guests of the even-

In the Olden Times. Past Grand Master Sanders, wearing a veteran's jewel, gave a very interesting account of work performed in the past with Bro. Skinner, in laying the foundations of London Oddfellowship.
Noble Grand Bro. Isaacs, of Forest

City Ledge, followed with an earnest Chatham Lodge, No. 29, was represented by a jewelled veteran in the person of Past Grand J. M. Parsons. Past Grand L. W. Crawford, an old warhorse of Eureka, proved conclusively in a pithy speech that a woman can keep a secret-that a daughter of Rebekah had enabled the committee to be in attendance, consisting of hoodwink and put up a complete surprise on Bro. Skinner.

The secretary read several letters of regret from old companions who were unable to attend through illness, Bros.

The meeting of last night makes

Shop Till Raided and Pockets of Tells Directors of Grand Trunk healthy decision for the feline. Railway That Business Is Improving.

> London, April 21.—The semi-annual sneak thieves. Charles Rivers-Wilson, president of the

He said there was abundant evidence blacksmith, also reports a loss of \$15. of a steady improvement in business, the thieves entering his bedroom and and at the next meeting he expected rifling his pockets while he slept. The to have attended the inauguration of Oxford constabulary are on the trail 1,250 new miles of line, from Edmonof the thieves, and are expecting to ton to Fort William, the most important section of the system. The president declined to give assurance on the question of the appointment of Canadian directors, and said this matter would be brought up

at the next meeting. Continuing he declared that the shareholders would be asked to approve a bill before the Dominion Parliament enlarging the borrowing now ers and increasing the capital of the company to meet the ordinary growth Bird Hatched on Premises of capital and expenditure. The retiring directors were re-

GRADUATION AT VICTORIA HOSPITAL

19, in New Isolation Hospital.

The exercises attending the graduation of the nurses of Victoria Hospital will be held this year on May 19, and if it is finished in time, will take place in the new Isolation Hospital in connection with the formal opening.

"The class is one of the largest and most successful we have ever had," said Miss Stanley, lady superintendent at Victoria, to The Advertiser this afternoon. "The nurses all passed with very high marks, and in several subjects splendid marks were obtained. We have the Barracks sergeants to the serot yet decided to whom the medals will awarded. If the Isolation Hospital finished in time the presentation of e diplomas will be made there, if not, will be presented in the main build-I am very much pleased, indeed Sergt. Insley of the Seventh Regiing. I am very much pleased, indeed sergt, with the showing the class have made ment.

with the showing the class have made this year."

The names of the young ladies who will graduate are, Misses Phillips, Rennie, Haskin, Partridge, Gilmore, Barter, Large, Sutherland, McIntyre, Seely, Wilson, Loveless, Butt. Burchard, McAuley, Paypolds and Johnston. Reynolds and Johnston.

A SIGNET RING FOR MR. P. DUVAL

Very Pleasant Affair at His-Home, 503 Princess Avenue.

A very enjoyable time was spent last evening at the home of Mr. P. Duval, 503 Princess avenue. The employees of the Forsythe, Frapast eight years, waited upon him, and jik, and foreigners have taken refuge after spending a pleasant time at cards and music, presented him with a signet ring as a slight token of their regard. Mr. Duval was taken completely surprise, but thanked his fellow employees in a very neatly-worded speech for this token of their esteem. Mr. Duval leaves in a short time for the west, where his friends wish him

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work and exemplary life of Eureka's Detroit, Rev. Thomas H. Mitchell, B.D., officiating. The bride was given away by her

brother, Mr. Ralph McKay. Miss Agnes

bridesmaid, while Mr. Frank Millar assisted the groom. The bride wore a travelling suit of a very pretty shade of grey broad-cloth, her only ornament being a magnificent sunburst of pearls, the gift of

the groom. The bridesmaid looked very becoming in a travelling suit of a light shade of reseda green with champagne hat. The groom's present to the bridesmaid was a solid gold locket and chain, and to the groomsman an amethyst tie pin, set with pearls. A dainty wedding luncheon was serve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralpl McKay, after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Parker will leave early in the evening for Buffalo and eastern points. Many beautiful wedding gifts were

BESWARICKS DOG ROLLED WITH JOHNSTON'S CAT

Then Mr. Johnston Retaliated With Ornamental Phrases

Matters were lively for a time at the county court yesterday afternoo when Alfred Watson, of Brydges street appeared before Squire Chittick charged by Mrs. Beswarick, his next door neighbor, with using abusive and threatening language towards her. It BETTER TIMES AHEAD threatening language towards her. It appears that Mrs. Beswarick's dog, in a playful mood, had an argument with the Johnston's household cat, an argu-Mrs. Beswarick heard her neighbor cause of the unusual burst of elocity engineer, and incidentally uence. Whereupon, Jo claimed, turned the vials of his wrath information concerning the board of on her, and demanded that the dog be works business.

Mrs. Beswarick claimed that threatened to "put a bullet into her," if Ald. Gerry, went to Hamilton she din'nt, but this Johnson denies. There seems to be littled oubt, however, that he used a number of picturesque, descriptive phrases towards Mrs. Beswarick that are hardly considered 'the thing" in the best circles. Squire Chittick decided to reserve judgment on the case till Saturday,

SOUTH LONDON CHICK WITH THREE EYES

Wesly Roberts, Also Had Three Beaks.

treet, South London, has a curiosity surprise me if they appointed him. He n a chicken with three eyes and three beaks. It was hatched this morning, but only fived a short time. It is a creepy-looking specimen, the centre eve being set in between two beaks, like the eye of a starfish. The two outside eyes were dim, but the one in the

centre was brilliant. BARRACKS SERGEANTS ENTERTAINED SEVENTH

Pleasant Social Event at the Local Armories Last Night.

A most enjoyable "stag" party was given at the Armories last evening by geants of the Seventh. The first part of the evening was spent in playing progressive euchre.

An entertaining programme followed the cards, in which songs were rendered by William Mansley and Sergt. the dispatch says, to the fact that the Shillington. The event of the evening was a brilliant address on "Canadian Militia," given by B. S. Johnson. A string orchestra furnished some are enjoyment during the course of

THE TURKISH DISORDERS

Foreigners at Antioch Took Refuge in the Consulates.

Constantinople, April 21. - Later reports from the Syrian coast say that cent upheaval are being sought out the racial fanaticism is extending in in the British vice-consulates. The British cruiser Diana has ed 50 men in Alexandretta.

A telegram received here today from | tan. Wm. Chambers, an American missionary in Adana, dated yesterday, says: "The trouble began on April 14. By the evening of April 10 Adana was quiet and peace still continues. Many people were killed, there was much looting, great damage was done by fire, the market was almost totally destroyed, and the district was in a turmoil." Its demand for the punishment of the

KINGSTON MAN KILLED.

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GRAND TRUNK ENGINEER WILL LIKELY BE MAN

Mr. W. Wright, of Toronto, I Said To Have Cinch on Engineering Job.

The advance guard of the civic deputation to Teronto, consisting of City addressing the dog in language more Enginer Graydon and City Auditor fluent and forceable than polite, and Jewell, returned last evening from at once went to see what was the their jaunt, in quest of an assistant

The rest of the party, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Garratt, Ald. Cooper, and Ald Gerry went to Hamilton this morning, where they will inspect street flushing system. Ald. Rose missed the trip owing to the fact that he was not at the council when the jaunt was planned.

From what can be learned, Mr. M Wright, of the Grand Trunk engineer's department. Toronto, is the likely man get the position. He was looked over by Mr. Graydon and the committee, and it is more than likely that he Another engineer, W. Hollester, was also talked with, and he is a good man

also. However, the committee are said to have favored Mr. Wright. First-Class Men. "We looked over these men and find that they are first-class men, the right sort," said Mr. Graydon. "Both have had considerable experience are very highly recommended.

municipal work in Toronte, and both rather think the committee liked Mr Mr. Wesley Roberts, of Edward Wright the better, and it would not would suit me all right." Mr. Graydon and Mr. Jewell looked in the department of public works fo information on the management of the department, local improvements

the like. ne like.
The other members of the committee NO ARGUMENT IN will return from Hamilton this even

THE SULTAN HAMID

HAS COME TO TERMS Reported Agreement Reached

Between Monarch and Constitutionalists.

from Constantinople says that it is earned from an official source that the Sultan and the Young Turks have come to an agreement, and the army will not enter the city. This is due oops at Adrianople have remained faithful to the Sultan. Martial Law.

Constantinople, April 21.-The adrance guard of the constitutional army as arrived at the outskirts of the ity. The cabinet will meet this afternoon and proclaim martial law in the capital. The administering of the oath to

the troops still in garrison is proceed ing this morning in accordance of the lemands of the constitutional law Furthermore, the authors of the reand arrested. A cabinet meeting was held this morning to consider the proposals made by the army of investment. In some quarters it is believed that there is an increasing possibility of arriving at an understanding which may result in a reconciliation between the Young Turks and the Sul-

It was even declared in official circles this morning that pour parlers between the Government and the constitutional army promise a settlement. It is alleged that the army no longer of the Hilmi cabinet, but it maintains authors of the recent trouble.

Miss Ethel McKay Becomes the Bride of Mr. Calvin S. Parker, of Detroit.

A very quiet but pretty wedding took place this afternoon in New St. James' Presbyterian Church, when the late of Mr. Calvin S. Parker, of Detroit.

Kingston, April 21.—Several weeks ago two wives disappeared from Kingston. James Currie one of the mourning husbands, sold his household effects and went away last Friday. The women came back to the city, and last night a telegram from Hudson, N. Y. told of Currie's death. He was run over on the New York Central Railway. He was identified by his union card. Currie was 35 years old.

KINGSTON MAN KILLED.

Kingston, April 21.—Several weeks ago to school this morning, Hugh Baxter, a to school this morning in the school this morn

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Hyman Hall Thursday Night

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House, will deliver an address to the Liberal Club on that occasion. All Liberals are requested to be present, and all others are cordially invited. Keep Thursday evening open

THE ICE ANALYSES

for the club.

Dr. Amyot Tells How Pure Ice May Be Obtained. From Bad Water.

The fact that the ice from the north branch of the river and the Cove showed no bacteria whatever does not Paris, April 21.—A special dispatch either sources is fit for drinking, Dr. Amyot told The Advertiser yesterday. In the process of freezing many im purities that would be most noticeable and also extremely dangerous, would be eliminated by means of precipita tion, leaving the residuum quite pure 'The report showing that there were no harmful bacteria in the city ice supply does not mean that the water from the north branch or the cove is fit to drink," said Dr. Amyot. "The conditions are very much different. The freezing process destroys many of the harmful bacteria, and leaves the ice quite pure. They would be found considerable numbers in the water. It is pointed out that on certain parts of Europe, Norway, for example the salt is taken out of sea water by

> Joins Toronto Police. Policeman A. J. Brown, who served wo years on the London force, has been taken on as a probationary offi-

simply allowing the water to freeze.

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SECTION SECTION OF THE COMMENT JUDGE TO HEAR SEDUCTION CASE

Alexander Sangster, of West Nisouri, who was awaiting trial on the harge of seduction, appeared before Judge Macbeth this morning, and elected to be tried by a judge. His case will be heard on Tuesday, April 27, at 10 o'clock. Sangster was allowed out on his own surety of \$1,000 and a similar amount from his father.

ROOSEVELT AT MOMBASSA Mombassa, British East Africa, April 21 .- The steamer Admiral, with Theo dore Roosevelt and the members of cer by the Toronto police commis- his party on board, has just been sighted off this port

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