

Cold Storage Employees Found Unconscious and Badly Frost Bitten in Locked Refrigerator Room—ex-Alderman J. G. Richter Declares Chief Engineer Gaby's Depreciation Charge is What He Has Always Advocated—Hon. Adam Beck Practically Confirms Strathcona Sanatorium Grant

DID STRATHCONA MAKE BIG GRANT TO SANATORIUM?

Hon. Adam Beck Practically
Admits Receipt of Large
Donations, Which He Was
Keeping As Surprise.

WISHED TO ANNOUNCE
NEWS TO ASSOCIATION

But Secret Leaked Out, and
Mr. Beck Does Not Deny
Report Recently Circu-
lated in City.

SAYS THAT IT IS
NOBODY'S BUSINESS

But It Is Apparent That High
Commissioner and His Wife
Were Generous in Aiding
Fight on White Plague.

Though with much reluctance Hon. Adam Beck practically admitted to The Advertiser last night that he had received some time ago grants from Lord Strathcona and Lady Strathcona for the Alexandria Sanatorium.

A few days ago it was stated in The Advertiser that such gifts to the sanatorium had been made by the Strathconas more than six months ago. It was not known definitely that such was the fact, but it was practically confirmed by Mr. Beck when he was interviewed.

Kept As a Surprise.
Mr. Beck did not wish the information to become public last night. He thought that the London Health Association should be the first to receive the information if there was any to be given. Mr. Beck had evidently sought to keep the gifts as a surprise to the association.

The information The Advertiser received was that some time ago Mr. Beck had received a letter from Lord Strathcona inclosing a check for \$15,000 from Lord Strathcona, and a check for \$5,000 from Lady Strathcona. Until Mr. Beck had returned from England there was no possibility of confirming the reports, and the opportunity was not given The Advertiser until last night.

Made Another Grant.
The Strathconas were greatly interested in the movement for the alleviation of tuberculosis in Canada, and at the time of the building of the local they made a grant of \$5,000.

Mr. Beck was very insistent that the matter should not be made public. He thought that "if there was anything to be given out" it should be given to the Health Association first. He would not give any facts as to the amount of the grant nor how long ago it was that he had received it. Mr. Beck would not even admit directly that the money had been received, but he certainly did not deny it, and made statements, the reasonable inference from which was that there was truth in the story.

"We are informed," said The Advertiser, "that Lord Strathcona gave you a check for \$15,000 by the Byron Sanatorium."

Report to Association.
"I think it is better not to say anything about this matter until it is reported to the Health Association," Mr. Beck replied. "I believe that it is nobody's business at all. I am sure that Mr. Beck refused to make any further statement and insisted that nothing should be printed. He said that the ladies of the sanatorium should not be hampered in their work by undue publicity."

The recent report published in The Advertiser to the effect that a grant had been received caused much satisfaction among the supporters of the institution. They are hoping that the story is true, and expect Mr. Beck to make a formal announcement before long.

STREET CAR DELAYS

Lost Time Through Richmond Street Level Crossing.

G. T. R. and Richmond Street.			
Line.			
Ottaway N.	2:38—2:43 p.m.	5 min.	
Ottaway S.	2:18—2:23 p.m.	5 min.	
Ottaway N.	3:38—3:43 p.m.	5 min.	
Ottaway S.	3:18—3:23 p.m.	5 min.	
Ottaway N.	10:16—10:21 a.m.	5 min.	
Ottaway S.	9:56—10:01 a.m.	5 min.	
Ottaway N.	7:15—7:18 p.m.	3 min.	
Ottaway S.	6:55—6:58 p.m.	3 min.	
Oxford	10:38—10:43 a.m.	5 min.	
Wellington	10:01—10:06 a.m.	5 min.	
Wellington	10:22—10:26 p.m.	4 min.	
Nidout	7:02—7:06 p.m.	4 min.	
C. P. R. and Richmond Street.			
Ottaway N.	9:43—9:45 p.m.	4 min.	
Ottaway S.	10:21—10:26 p.m.	5 min.	

EMPLOYEES NEAR DEATH IN COLD STORAGE ROOM

Locked in by Automatic Door the Two Men Are
Frozen and Nearly Suffocated in
Refrigerator Room

Found unconscious, badly frost nipped, and all but dead, Thomas Arnold and Arthur Webster, two cold storage employees, had the narrowest escapes of their lives in a refrigerator room at the cold storage plant late yesterday afternoon. The automatic closing of a door imprisoned them in the airless, below-zero temperature of the room, and only the timely arrival of another employee prevented their lives being snuffed out by the machinery designed for the preservation of meats and vegetables.

The men were engaged in cleaning out the room preparatory to its being restocked, when in some unknown manner the door slammed to, locking them in. The men being airtight the oxygen in the room was exhausted in a short time, and the imprisoned employees found themselves suffocating. Dashing to the door they made des-

perate efforts to open it, but it was impossible to move the lock from the inside. An attempt to attract the attention of other employees by hammering on the door likewise failed. The men were in another part of the building, and the thick sound-proof walls prevented any sound being heard.

Two hours after the door had slammed to, Williams, another employee, had occasion to go to the freezing room. Opening the door he found Arnold and Webster lying unconscious on the floor, both having collapsed after their ineffectual attempt to escape. Other employees were immediately called, and the two men were carried out. First aid was applied and medical assistance summoned.

Today both men are occupying beds in their respective King street board-in-houses, with their faces and ears frost-bitten.

NORTHERN BELT IS PLANNED FOR STREET RAILWAY

New Route Will Be Worked
Out by City Engineer as
Result of Conference
Today.

Controller G. E. Rose, City Engineer W. N. Ashplant and the mayor held a conference this morning with Manager C. B. King and Superintendent H. H. Humeston, of the London Street Railway Company, regarding the schedule of speed and service drawn up some months ago by the city engineer.

On the recommendation of the mayor and Controller Rose, the engineer will make a recommendation to the city council to replace the Ottawa cars on Dundas street, and to arrange a new belt line to serve Richmond, Chapside, Adelaide and Dundas streets. In this way, he is pointed out, the residents of the north end will get a service interrupted by only two railway crossings, and persons living on Adelaide street, Lorne avenue and others in that district, will be able to get down town without changing cars.

The controllers will discuss the amended Sunday car agreement at their session on Monday morning, while the speed and service schedule will be considered at the next meeting of the council.

STREET RAILWAY NEEDS COMMISSIONER'S CONSENT

Cannot Run Sunday Cars to
Springbank Without It.

Another phase of the Sunday car situation has developed. In the event of Springbank being annexed to the city and a decision to have the seven-day service to that point, the consent of the water commissioners will be necessary in order that the cars may enter the grounds.

Philip Pocock, chairman of the water commission, told The Advertiser that such permission would certainly have to be secured before the London Street Railway Company could operate its cars into the park, as the tracks are laid on private right-of-way, the property of the commission.

HIGHLAND RESIDENCE BURNED BY MILITANTS

Inverness, Scotland, Feb. 7.—An "arson squad" of militant suffragettes today set fire to and burned to the ground Hazlebank House, a highland residence in Tomatin, 16 miles from here. The house was temporarily unoccupied. The usual traces of the presence of suffragettes were found in the grounds in the shape of a quantity of suffrage literature.

Hysterical Pup Starts "Something"

Dog Show Was Too Much For
"Pommy's" Nerves, So He
Threw Fit and Departed.

A dog owner was taking his exhibit at the dog show for an airing yesterday afternoon in the market square. Now, the owner doesn't know just exactly what ails his bow-wow, but the veterinary surgeon says that it certainly threw a fit, with hysterics, caused by the undue excitement brought on by the unfamiliar barking of big rough dogs, for know you, that this canine spasm is a delicate, diminutive Pomeranian, and with a pedigree as long as King Manue's title.

Suddenly, right on Covent Garden Square, the little blue ribbon started to gurgle and whine, and walk on the bias, and then he left. Across the market, up Talbot street to Carling, and down Carling to Richmond street scouted the Pom, with the anxious owner following fast. Pommy might have escaped, but as he was rounding the curve at the custom house, he skidded just the least bit, and spilt with a despairing yelp, the runaway shot into the grating of the custom house cellar.

The owner fished him out, and the veterinary prescribed:

"No more dog show."

CREW RESCUED OFF WATERLOGGED VESSEL

Tobeatic, of St. John, Had Only
Short Time to Remain
Afloat.

[Canadian Press.]

New Orleans, Feb. 7.—Rescued from their waterlogged vessel off the Nova Scotia coast after a series of hurricanes had stripped her of masts and burst open seams, captain John B. White and crew of five, of the British schooner Tobeatic, arrived here yesterday aboard the German tanker Leda. They told a story of a week's fight for life when they expected every hour to be their last. The death of the ship's cook from pneumonia added to their hardships.

The Leda took the Tobeatic's crew off January 27. In the opinion of that vessel's crew, the abandoned ship had but a short time to remain afloat.

The Tobeatic was bound from a Spanish port to St. John. She was owned by A. S. Reynolds, St. John.

ANOTHER FATALITY ON LEVEL CROSSING

Ashgrove Man Killed and Two
Girls Injured by G. T. R.
Train.

Esqueving, Ont., Feb. 7.—Driving over a G. T. R. crossing in a blinding snow storm yesterday, Robert Wright, aged 26 years, a farmer of Ashgrove, was killed, and two girls, Miss Mildred Bessey, aged 16, and Miss Pearl Bessey, aged 14, were injured when a westbound passenger train struck the cutter. The accident occurred three and a half miles west of Georgetown, and the occupants of the cutter were thrown 100 feet into a snowdrift. From this they were rescued by passengers of the train, who formed a human chain down the 30-foot icy embankment and brought up the injured. They were rushed to Georgetown, where they died. Miss Mildred is suffering from a broken thigh and arm, which may prove fatal, but Miss Pearl is only severely bruised and shocked and will recover.

An inquest will be held this afternoon.

PRINCIPALS OF NEW SCHOOLS OPENED YESTERDAY



E. E. GIBBS, Chesley Avenue. CLAUDE BROWN, Aberdeen.

SUFFRAGE SOCIETY BOOSTS NUMBER OF WOMEN VOTERS

Efforts Produce Increase of 10 Per Cent in Number
Who Exercise Franchise at Municipal Elections.

Twenty per cent of the women of London exercised their franchise last year, the percentage was 10 and the increase seems to indicate that the efforts of the local suffrage association have not been without result.

The complete statistics of the voting on New Year's Day have been compiled by City Clerk Samuel Baker, and show that 312 women cast their ballots, just one-fifth of the number who could have voted. With the exception of 1909, when 35 per cent of the women exercised the franchise, the chief attraction being an educational issue, the 1914 figure is the highest in the past five years. In 1910 it was 18 per cent, in 1911, 11 per cent, in 1912 12 per cent, and in 1913 10 per cent.

"It is a much more difficult matter to notify the women voters," said the city clerk to The Advertiser, "than to notify the men, and a large percentage of the women are unable to get out to the polls on New Year's Day owing to sickness and the extra work in the home consequent upon the holiday. The 10 per cent increase over last year, is an indication of the increased interest in spite of the fact that there was practically no organization to bring the female vote out. If the interest keeps up I anticipate that fully one-third will exercise their franchise next year. I believe that a percentage of 40 of the women voters is about as high as we may expect."

Among the men voters there were increases all along the line. The percentage of male voters on all civic questions was 52 per cent, as against 50 per cent last year, while school voters only the percentage was 7 per cent, last year's figure in this department being 2 per cent. In 1913 41 per cent of the men voted to vote on all or any questions cast their ballots and the figure this year was 43 per cent. The bylaw voters increased from 32 to 55 per cent.

STRAIN OF PROBES IS TOO MUCH FOR SOME CONCERNED

Even Stenographers at Quebec
Found the Pace Too
Fast.

A JOURNALIST FOOLED

Believed "Mr. Sampson" To
Be Millionaire American, and
Was Much Impressed.

Quebec, Feb. 7.—The probes into the Montreal Mail graft allegations rested today after a strenuous week. The committee of both the Upper House and Lower House are relieved that the allegations have not covered more ground, a little more digging remains to be done.

The strain of the probes has been most strenuous. First of all J. O. Mousseau of the Lower House, charged by the Mail with accepting bribes was brought down with an attack of nervous prostration at the mere thought of the inquiry, and is not likely to be able to give evidence before the committee proper.

Mr. Bisillon, counsel for the Mail, was forced to return home ill. Last night the pace at the Lower House inquiry was so furious that three French stenographers found themselves unable to stand the strain.

Newspaper Man Fooled.
A good story was told today of how the alleged "Mr. Sampson" fooled a Montreal newspaperman. The latter met the detective going from Montreal to Quebec and the two got quite chummy. The newspaperman liked the genial and generous "American millionaire" so much that he sent him a copy of his latest book, which happened to be a detective story called "The Traitor." The journalist also offered to introduce Mr. Sampson to Mr. Edward Beck, who had really employed the sleuth, but Mr. Sampson said: "No, I would rather not meet him. One must draw the line somewhere with newspapermen, though of course I except you."

The newspaperman was immensely impressed with Sampson, because he claimed that he drank champagne for breakfast!

DISCOVERER OF M'GEAN WRECK TELLS OF FINDING HULL

Charles Naftal Says the Freighter Lies Three-Quarters of a
Mile Off His Farm—Fifty Feet of the Hulk
Is Visible.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Bayfield, Feb. 7.—Charles Naftal, who resides on the lake shore, seven miles west of Bayfield, stated to The Advertiser today, that there was the hull of a vessel believed to be the big American freighter John McGean, lying three-quarters of a mile off the point which has been called Naftal's Point.

While the wreck is not visible at the present time owing to the ice and the stillness of the water, it was plainly seen by many persons, and pieces of wreckage have convinced them that the hull is the wreck of the McGean, whose crew perished in the awful November storm.

See 50 Feet of Hull.
"We saw this wreck some weeks ago while there was no ice on the lake," said Mr. Naftal. "It could be seen only when the heavy waves broke over it, and left the water shallow on the shore side. From our farm it appeared to be about 50 feet of the hull that showed, though it may have been 200 feet in length. Since the time we saw it it has been impossible to reach it because of the broken ice fields. As soon as possible an effort will be made to reach the wreck and make an investigation. There is no doubt in my mind that it is one of the vessels lost in the storm, and no doubt it is the McGean, as wreckage has come ashore right at the point opposite the wreck."

Carruthers Further Out.
"The Carruthers has been reported further out, but it is not possible to get any confirmation of this report, excepting that wreckage from a new boat has been coming in. A Carruthers lifeboat was found not long ago in the locality."

The owners of the McGean have been notified of the discovery, and have given instructions to reach the wreck at the earliest possible moment. It is believed that there will be a great deal of salvage in the vessel.

Bodies in the Wreck.
As soon as the ice goes out, wrecking tugs and divers will start work off the point in an endeavor to see whether the boats can be raised, and to release any parts of the cargo that can be salvaged, as well as any bodies, many of which are still supposed to be imprisoned within the steel walls of the boat's hull.

Say It Will Raise Itself.
D. Cunningham, of Clinton, who, with Mr. Naftal, first discovered the McGean's hull, are experienced lake men. Both declare that the McGean will raise herself still higher as soon as the spring thaws carry out the ice. They base their assertion on the fact that when any object, fastened like the boat, begins to shift, the expectations are that the entire submerged surface will be exposed. That the boats are being lightened by the action of ice and waves is apparent from the amount of wreckage strewn on the ice.

Notice Against Wrecking.
The notices, posted some time ago, warning residents and passersby against "wrecking" any of the salvage, still remain in place, and are being enforced. All valuables washed ashore are being forwarded to the Wrecking Association office in Goderich.

**East Londoner's
Want New Library**

Strongly Support Proposal to
Establish Branch in
That Section.

"East Londoners heartily welcome the proposal of the library board to locate a branch library in the east end. Principal M. W. Althouse, of Rectory street public school, declares that a branch public library in East London would be of immense educational value and incalculable convenience and assistance through its reference department to pupils both of the public schools of East London and the students of the Collegiate Institute who reside there.

Ald. Joseph Leah is heartily in sympathy with the proposal, and pointed out that about a year ago the East London Progressive Association mooted the question of a library for the east end, at the same time suggesting the old town hall as a suitable location. Ald. Leah pointed out that the town hall is still available, and that the upper floor, recently occupied as a picture theatre, could be readily fitted up for library purposes. He favored the town hall as a temporary location for the library until the extent of its patronage was known, and would justify a new building.

T. H. Lashbrook, of London Junction, thought the branch library should be located as far east as possible, and suggested the fair grounds as a desirable site for a new building.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 12 hours preceding 8 a.m. today:
Highest, 35; lowest, 15.
The official temperature for today:
Highest, 35; lowest, 26.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND VERY COLD.

Forecast.
Today—Gales, west to north, turning very cold, with occasional snow.
Sunday—Fair and very cold. Temperature well below zero in most localities.

Temperatures.			
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:			
Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	35	24	Snow
Calgary	12	-20	Clear
Winnipeg	-1	-28	Clear
Fort Arthur	-6	-36	Clear
Parry Sound	22	10	Snow
Toronto	33	22	Cloudy
Ottawa	14	12	Snow
Montreal	14	14	Cloudy
Quebec	14	10	Snow
Father Point	8	4	Snow

(—) Minutes, below zero.

Weather Notes.
The depression which was in the Mississippi Valley yesterday is now centred over the Georgian Bay, causing heavy gales from Lake Superior to Cape Breton, attended by heavy snow which, in a few southern localities, has turned to rain. The extreme cold continues in the West. Shipmen are particularly anxious in Ontario to have to provide for zero temperatures.

RICHTER SAYS GABY'S FIGURES ARE RIGHT ONES

The Water Commission Should
Provide For Depreciation in
Plant, He Declares.

CONFIRMS HIS STAND

Hydro Engineer's Contention
Agrees With One Ex-Alder-
man Advanced.

"SURPLUS" TALK USELESS

No Good Can Come of Covering
Up Information—Truth
Must Come to Light.

"The letter of Chief Engineer Gaby, of the hydro-electric commission of Ontario to the local hydro commissioners may have the effect of making those gentlemen believe that they can be mistaken once in a very great while," said John G. Richter, ex-alderman, when interviewed this afternoon.

"Does Mr. Gaby's contention agree with the one you advanced, that no proper charge for depreciation was being made in the hydro-electric statements?" was asked.

"Absolutely," was Mr. Richter's reply. "My whole object in making the claim was to see the city operating its utilities along business lines. Anyone who is at all familiar with the subject must know that there is a charge of at least 5 per cent, as Mr. Gaby directs, necessary for depreciation. The present electrical equipment becomes obsolete in very short order, because of new inventions and there is no business firm that does not make a charge for depreciation. Some of them make it much greater than five per cent."

"The statements that have been given to the public in London have shown the difference between operating expenses and income, and this has been labelled a surplus. No good can ever come of covering up the information that should come to the people. There has been so much log-rolling and pulling the wool over the people's eyes that it is pretty difficult to tell just where the city is at. But the truth is bound to come to light."

Asked if he thought the commissioners would comply with Mr. Gaby's ruling, Mr. Richter said it was hard to tell what the commissioners would do.

"When it comes to applying rules to themselves, it's an entirely different matter than applying rules to the city of London," he said.