

THREE MEN PAINFULLY HURT IN WRECK IN GRAND TRUNK YARDS

Snowplow Crashed Into
the Caboose of a Way
Freight in East
London.

ESCAPED DEATH BY A MIRACLE

Crew Were Gathered in the Van
When the Accident Occurred
This Morning.

Conductor Harvey Brush and Brakeman William H. Ogilvie and R. Reid, all of Hamilton, were painfully injured, and four cars were derailed, when a Grand Trunk snowplow, in charge of Conductor Thomas and Engineer J. E. Pook, of this city, crashed into the rear end of way freight No. 413, as it was standing on the main track near the gravel pit east of Egerton street, at 12:15 this morning.

Just how the accident happened, or who is responsible, the officials have not yet learned, but it appears that the snowplow, which was driven by engine No. 2219, was returning to the city from Dorchester, and running at a rate of ten or fifteen miles an hour.

The way freight, in charge of Engineer Brush and Conductor Michale, was standing at the gravel pit when it was struck by the snowplow, and the crew of the freight were gathered in the caboose when the crash came. When the snowplow struck it lifted the caboose off the rails and reduced it to kindling wood, derailed three of the rear-end freight cars, and smashed them so badly that they were later burned.

It is a miracle that the injured men were not killed. Conductor Brush received several cuts about the face and head, as did Brakeman Ogilvie, while Reid had his ribs crushed and his leg badly wrenched. All three were badly shaken up. Brakeman O'Connell was also on the freight, but he escaped injury.

Badly Damaged.
The snowplow and engine were pretty badly damaged, the front of the plow being smashed in, while the headlight and front of the engine were twisted and bent, and the running boards on the side were ripped off.

Dr. Seaborn, who was called to attend the injured men, and after their injuries had been dressed they were removed to their homes. The first train going east, The local Grand Trunk wrecking crew were soon on the scene of the accident, and after working all night succeeded in clearing the line by 8 o'clock this morning.

Yards Crowded.
One of the wrecked cars was filled with empty boxes being returned to the McCormick Manufacturing Company, but they were so badly demolished that they were burned with the rest of the wreckage. The other two cars were empty.

The accident was the chief topic of conversation among railwaymen in East London this morning, and great wonder was expressed that the men were not instantly killed. The caboose was completely telescoped, the trucks being lifted right up to the top of the plow, while the body of the car was smashed to pieces. The plow is one of the largest on this division, and at the accident it was removed to the local car shops, where it will be repaired.

As a result of the accident the east end yards were crowded with freight trains all night and this morning, and it was not until noon today that the last one pulled out.

JUST TWENTY BELOW AT THE METROPOLIS

Montreal Having the Coldest
Snap of the Winter
Today.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 31.—The coldest snap of the winter so far prevails today, and various thermometer readings range between 15 to 20 degrees below zero, with a considerable lower range in the country roundabout. Fortunately there is a very moderate wind, but considerable suffering is being encountered by those whose work keeps them in the open air.

Kingsport, Dec. 31.—The ice bridge across the harbor has formed. The weather touched 12 degrees below zero during the night.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The thermometer at the experimental farm this morning registered 25.2 degrees below zero, the coldest dip in two winters.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Last night was the coldest Toronto has known so far this season. Seven below was the official record at the observatory, but the thermometer readings at other points in and about the city ranged all the way from 7 to 13 degrees below.

ENGLISH AVIATORS WIN

One Takes the Long Distance and Another the Channel Prize.

Aldershot, England, Dec. 31.—Capt. Frank Cody, head of the ballooning department of the British war office, today won the British Michelin cup for duration and distance for 1910, by flying 190 miles in 4 hours and 50 minutes.

The flight ended when Cody's aeroplane accidentally touched the ground. The British Michelin cup is valued at £2,500, and a cash prize of the same amount goes with it.

The Baron de Forest prize of £30,000 for the longest flight across the English Channel in 1910 by an Englishman in an English-built machine goes to T. Sopwith.

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS SAVOR OF PROSPERITY

Revenue For Year Closing Today
\$68,819,233—A Betterment
of \$12,000,100.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Canadian customs houses during the year closing today, collected \$68,819,233, which is a betterment over the previous year of almost \$12,000,000, the exact figures being \$11,828,248. During December, the collections totalled \$6,225,576, a betterment of \$170,522.

ALL IS READY FOR C.P.R. IMPROVEMENTS

Officially Stated That Work in
the East End Will Be Gone
On With in Spring.

RUSH TO COMPLETION

Company Is Badly in Need of Greater
Accommodation in This City—
Much New Equipment.

Superintendent J. Oberne, of the C. P. R., was in the city this morning en route to Port Burwell, where he is making an inspection, after which he goes to Detroit on business.

It was officially stated to The Advertiser that everything is in readiness for the work of starting the London improvements in the spring, and the work will be rushed through, as the road is handling so much business that more room is absolutely necessary.

"The improvements will not be completed a moment too soon," said an official to The Advertiser. "Our business was never better, and has been expanding steadily. Only recently we placed orders for seven million dollars worth of new equipment to be delivered next summer. Among the equipment we have contracted for will be 2,000 freight cars, 2,000 steel frame cars, 800 flat cars, 500 stock cars, 200 passenger coaches, and 75 heavy locomotives."

PAID RESPECTS TO REAL ESTATERS

Londoners at Banquet Object to
the Election Methods of
the Association.

OBJECT TO THE SLATES

It Was Stated That the Real Estate
Men Do Injury to the City by
Their Attitude on Public
Questions.

At the banquet tendered the members of the board of health by Chairman John Graham, Dr. W. J. Stevenson and Harry Clarke paid their respects to the Real Estate Owners' Association and the Citizens' League. They opposed the knocking methods of one organization and the dictatorship of the other.

"What right have a couple of men to get into a room and bring out a slate and say to the citizens of London 'Seal, low that?'" declared Dr. Stevenson.

"Where did they obtain the right to become dictators to the people as to how they shall vote? Who gave them the right to be bosses of the city of London, to tell the voter what he shall do, and what he shall not do? Why cannot any man run who is decent and has the ability to serve the people without any organization standing up and instructing the people to leave him home, or by anything but knuckers. That is not the way. That is not right—it is not just. Every man should stand up and fight his own battles. We tried for years to get rid of political domination and slate making. We succeeded, but in its place came self-appointed dictators tried to run it instead. The whole thing is wrong, and I hope the people will stand up and elect men who will serve them, unprompted to anything but the best interests of the people, men who will do their whole duty by all the citizens, not by a section, and give us free unbiased government."

No Slates.
"These men have no right to organize slates," declared Mr. Clarke. "This is a free country, and they have no right to force their will on any person. We want freedom of choice so that the best men, irrespective of who they may be, shall be elected."

The real estate men of all sorts of harm to the city. They continually knock and misrepresent, and the impression is abroad that the city is composed of nothing but knuckers. That is not the case, but these people would lead us to believe that it was so.

Mr. John Graham also paid his respects to the real estate men.

A CABINET CRISIS.
Madrid, Dec. 31.—It was expected that at the meeting of the cabinet this afternoon Premier Canalejas would submit to King Alfonso the question of his majesty's confidence in his premiership. Three changes in the ministry were anticipated.

SAFE BLOWERS.
Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31.—Robbers early today blew up the safes in the Citizens' and State Banks of Waterville, a K.N., and escaped with \$5,000.

MANY CASES FOR WINTER ASSIZES

Scott vs. Vining Is an Echo of
the Tragedy Near
Thorndale.

3 NEW CASES ENTERED

One Is an Action for Alimony—Case
of Cecil Burchell Will Be Tried
Here.

The winter assizes, which commence in this city on Jan. 9, will in all probability be rather lengthy, and while but three cases have been set down, it is expected that there will be a dozen added before the end of next week.

Several actions, which were postponed at previous assizes and county court sessions, are to be aired before Chief Justice Meredith, who is scheduled to preside.

The case of Scott vs. Vining et al., the suit brought by Wesley Scott, to break the will of Harvey Scott, the Thorndale man, will be one of these. The defendants are the executors of the deceased's estate, part of which was willed to a nephew of Harvey's, Arthur Scott, of Thorndale. The plaintiff claims he was to have received the land according to a contract which, he alleges, he entered into with his father in 1886, by which he was to work the farm and become the owner of it at his father's death. Should either break the contract, the other was to be entitled to damages. Wesley, it is said, will go after the damages.

A Real Estate Deal.
The case of Jones vs. Shore, a suit over a Westminister Township real estate deal, will also be heard. The plaintiff is John Dixon Jones, and the defendant Susan Shore.

Ivey & Dromgole have served notice of trial in the case of Wallace vs. the McLaughlin-Buick Motor Company and M. C. Rose, the concern's local manager. Unstated damages are sought by the widow of Anson Wallace, who died after being run over on Horton street by an automobile driven by Mr. Rose.

It is also possible that one of the cases resulting from the Perrin elevator disaster will be aired at this session.

New Cases.
The three cases set down are: Nelson vs. Nelson, Burchell vs. the Grand Trunk Railway Co., and the London and Lancashire Guarantee and Accident Company.

The first is an action for alimony brought by the wife of a Wallaceburg bank janitor.

In the second the administrators of the estate of the late Cecil Burchell, who was killed in a wreck on the Grand Trunk while in the employ of the company, ask for damages for the parents of the deceased who reside in England.

Miss Vera A. Martin, a daughter of an East London contractor, who died as a result of blood poisoning resulting from stepping on a rusty nail, sues an insurance company for \$5,000, the full amount of a policy held by the deceased at the time of his death. It is alleged that notification was not given in accordance with the regulations which prescribed a time limit.

DECEMBER WAS HARD ON THE OLD PEOPLE

Many Deaths of Aged Are Recorded For the Present Month.

The month of December was a hard month on old people.

Of the 72 deaths recorded during the month, no less than 22 were over 70 years of age. Eight were over 80 years, and three were 90 and past.

Tuberculosis and pneumonia got in their work as usual. Five died from the white plague, and the same number from the latter disease.

Two deaths were recorded as due to typhoid, and two died as the result of accidents. One death was due to scarlet fever, while thirteen children succumbed during the month.

The work was quite busy, 70 homes being visited, and the same amount as during the same month last year.

Don Cupid was quite busy, as is usually the case about Christmas season, 45 couples being made more or less happy. This is within five of the same number of last year for December.

THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Cold.

FORECAST.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—8 a.m. Snow, light to strong southeasterly to southwesterly winds; higher temperature, with light local snowfalls or drizzle.

Sunday—Patty fair, with light local snow.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. Max. Min. Weather.

Victoria. 42. 34. Clear.

Calgary. 42. 22. Snow.

Winnipeg. 42. 22. Cloudy.

Port Arthur. 42. 22. Cloudy.

Toronto. 38. 24. Snow.

Ottawa. 38. 24. Fair.

Montreal. 38. 24. Fair.

Quebec. 38. 24. Clear.

Minus (—) means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

Decidedly cold weather swept over Ontario to the Maritime Provinces during last night, and the cold continues throughout the West.

The heavy gale from the Atlantic coast are now subsiding.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

The disturbance mentioned Thursday night was last night over the Straits of Belle Isle. Gales, with rain, attended its passage over the Maritime Provinces. Snow fell in many localities from Alberta to Quebec, the fall being heavy in some localities. Very cold weather set in yesterday afternoon over Ontario and Quebec, and continued in the Western Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures, London, 32-32; Victoria, 33-42; Vancouver, 32-41; Kamloops, 22-30; Edmonton, 12 below; Prince Albert, 28 below; low-zero; Calgary, 6 below-2; Qu'Appelle, 16 below-2; Winnipeg, 42 below-2; Port Arthur, 28 below-4; below; Parry Sound, 12 below-4; Toronto, 2-19; Ottawa, 8 below-15; Montreal, 4 below-15; Quebec, 2 below-20; St. John, 34-45; Halifax, 32-48.

TODAY'S PROBS.

The East-Northwest gales; clearing and much colder, Sunday—Fine and decidedly cold.

POINTERS FOR ELECTORS

Monday is Election Day.

Some misapprehension seems to exist in the minds of certain electors regarding the number of candidates to be voted for.

For the Water Commission there are THREE candidates, of whom TWO must be elected.

For the Hospital Trust, there are also THREE candidates, of whom ONE only is to be elected.

SIX candidates are running for the Board of Education, of whom FIVE must be elected.

TWENTY-FIVE candidates are in the field for aldermanic honors, and TWELVE must be elected.

The voter may mark his ballot for the number referred to for each office, but no more, or he may vote for only one candidate if he desires.

Freeholders alone may vote on the bylaws and plebiscites. They may vote in as many wards as they have property.

SNOWFALL HAS BEEN HEAVY 53 1-2 INS. HAVE FALLEN TO DATE

In the Same Period of Last Year Only 21 Inches Were Recorded

Rainfall of Present Season Very Light.

The monthly weather report shows that the snowfall during the month ending today is far in excess of that of the same period in 1909. During the final session of last year but 21 inches of snow fell, as compared with 53 1/2 inches during the last 31 days.

The rainfall in December, 1909, was .099 inches, and during this month but .017 fell. The temperature reached the highest point on the 18th, when 35.5 was registered, while 51 degrees above on the 6th was the high mark of December, 1909. The lowest registration was 9 degrees below zero on Dec. 22. In the same month of last year the mercury never dropped below zero, but that point was reached on the 29th.

FLYER MOISSANT MEETS DEATH WHILE RACING AT NEW ORLEANS

The Famous Aviator's Machine Turns Turtle and He Plunges

Hundreds of Feet—Dying From Injuries Received.

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—John B. Moissant, 31, John B. Moissant, the aviator, was fatally injured at 10:05 o'clock this morning at Harahan Station, 12 miles above New Orleans, when his machine turned head downward at an altitude of nearly 100 feet, landing on his head. The machine, with its propeller still working, turned upside down and fell.

Moissant sprang into fame by winning the \$10,000 prize around the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor, defeating Graham-White, the English aviator.

Within a year several noted airmen have lost their lives, among them Ralph Johnstone Chazay, who crossed the Alps, and Grace, lost in the English Channel.

BANK OF MONTREAL IS SAID TO BE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER

City Hall Rumor Avers That Big Financial Institution Is After

the City Hall, That a Modern Building Is To Be Erected

If the Bylaw Carries.

It was stated to The Advertiser today at the city hall by a gentleman in close touch with the situation, that it was the Bank of Montreal that made the offer of \$100,000 for the city hall.

It was pointed out that the situation was ideal for a bank. An entrance was available on the market, and that would make it very valuable to a bank. For general purposes the location is ideal, as it would place the bank of Montreal in the centre of the business district.

It is understood that a modern office building would be erected on the site.

EAST END STORE WAS ROBBED

BOYS ARE BLAMED FOR JOB

Harrison's Place of Business Entered and Goods Taken—East

London Merchants Complain That Often Goods Are

Taken From in Front of Shops.

Another case of burglary, apparently the work of juveniles has been reported to the police by Mr. Ed. Harrison, a dealer in antiques, of 577 Dundas street, whose shop was broken into during the night, and four pairs of opera glasses, two or three clocks, two revolvers, clock ornaments, and other things were stolen.

It is thought that other goods were also taken, but Mr. Harrison has not gone over his stock thoroughly as yet. The burglary was discovered when Mr. Harrison entered the shop and found the back door unlocked.

Windows Broken.
Two windows were smashed and footmarks in the snow showed that the windows and doors had all been tried.

The window through which entrance was secured was but fourteen inches wide, but the thieves had no trouble gaining an exit, as they were able to unlock the door from the inside.

Several other petty burglaries have been reported in the east end during the past couple of months. Many merchants are also complaining that goods displayed before stores are frequently taken, and the police will be asked to take a hand in suppressing the pilferers.

M'SORLEY GOES ON TRIAL ON GRAVE-ROBBING CHARGE

Jarvis, Dec. 30.—John McSorley, the eccentric old man, who is charged with robbing the grave of Matthew Johnson and shipping the body to a school of anatomy at Montreal, appeared in court today for his preliminary hearing. McSorley was not represented by counsel, and did not plead or elect.

The section of the Presbyterian Church told of receiving a visit from McSorley shortly after the burial of old Matthew Johnson. McSorley had made inquiries about the body and the location of the grave. He had also seen the prisoner carrying a box into the cemetery.

Mrs. S. D. Robinson saw him with a barrel in the cemetery, and another witness testified to seeing him a barrel.

The prisoner was committed for Montreal, Dec. 31.—The Allan Line steamer Lake Erie, from Glasgow for Halifax and Boston, docked at Easton at 9:45 a.m. yesterday. The Allan Line royal mail steamer L'Esperance, from St. John, N.B., and Halifax, was reported yesterday.

John, N.B., and Halifax, was reported yesterday. The Allan Line royal mail steamer Corcoran, from Liverpool for Halifax and St. John, N.B., was reported at 9:45 a.m. yesterday. The Allan Line royal mail steamer L'Esperance, from St. John, N.B., and Halifax, was reported yesterday.

MUSICIANS TO FORM A CITIZENS' BAND

Londoners Severed Their Con-

nection With the Twenty-

Sixth Regiment.

It is understood that the members of the old Twenty-sixth Regiment Band will reorganize next spring and form a purely local citizens' band. A short time ago the organization severed its connection with the regiment, whose headquarters are in Stratford. Mr. F. Tilbury, one of the Seventh men, who has played in that band for sixteen years, under Lieut.-Cols. W. H. Lindsay, A. M. Smith, J. W. Little, F. Reid, and A. A. Campbell, has tendered his resignation, and will probably be with the new organization next spring.

SAN FRANCISCO IS AGAIN SHAKEN

A Distinct Earthquake Tremor

Early Today, Lasted Several

Seconds.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—A distinct earthquake was felt here about 11 a.m. today. It continued several seconds. Other towns north and south reported somewhat heavy shocks. No damage is reported.

ALLEGED SHORT WEIGHT CASE ON THE MARKET

Market House Man Claimed

Chickens Did Not Weigh

as Claimed.

A couple of alleged short-weight cases were reported to the market clerk this morning, and as a result, it is said, that an occupant of one of the butchers' stalls in the market house will take the matter into the police court.

Through inaccurate scales or deliberate misrepresentation, dozens of articles are sold under weight on the market every day, it is alleged. Since the Christmas business commenced a few weeks ago these cases have come to light regularly, and Market Clerk Maker has threatened to take action repeatedly.

This morning the butcher in question purchased a pair of chickens from a woman who declared that they weighed thirteen pounds.

Before paying for them the purchaser placed them on his own scales and they weighed up two pounds short. The woman refused to accept the reduction and disposed of the birds to other purchasers at six and seven pounds each. This is the case which may terminate in the police court.

CARNEGIE FOUNDS GERMAN HERO-FUND

Donates a Million and Half For

Its Establishment.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—Andrew Carnegie has given \$2,500,000 to establish a hero fund in Germany.

Announcement was made today that Andrew Carnegie had given \$2,500,000 for a "Carnegie Foundation for Life Savers" in Germany.

The conditions and purposes of the endowment are similar to those of the hero funds previously established by the philanthropist in England, France, and America. The endowment will be used for the benefit of those who have been injured in the execution of heroic acts, and for the support of surviving dependents.

A special provision is made for the education of the children of those who have sacrificed their lives.

CITY ENGINEER GRAYDON COMPLETES HIS LABOR

All the Officials at the City Hall

Regret His Departure.

Be-City Engineer Graydon has served his last day in the service today. He completes his 25 years of labor in the city hall. He spent the time this morning spending a happy hour with his friends and wishing them the compliments of the season.

All the officials expressed deep regret at his leaving. He was uniformly popular with all, and the long association with him had strengthened the bonds of friendship. "I guess this is the last," he stated, "I am sorry to leave the boys, but I will have no longer be blamed for everything that happens. Others will have to bear some of the blame. I have been treated kindly for the most part, and have few regrets. The method of my dismissal, I hardly think was deserved. However, it is all over and I will enjoy a quiet life for a time. It will give me a chance to get back my health."

BILINGUAL SCHOOLS CALLED A MENACE

Kingsport, Dec. 31.—G. Howard Ferguson, M. P. for Grenville, declared in a speech at a banquet here last night that bilingual schools in Ontario were a menace to the country, and that but one language should be taught, and that English, and in accord with British ideas.

ITALY FACES STRIKE.
Rome, Dec. 31.—The majority of the railway men who are opposed to violence have decided to defer the threatened strike until the end of January, in order to give the Government and Parliament time to amend the bill granting them an annual increase of \$1,000,000. Objection to the measure is made on the grounds that the increase should be greater and be distributed differently. The Government, however, is not taking any chances, and is furthering arrangements to insure the railway service at any cost. Emergency drivers are being recruited. They include 382 mechanics from the navy and 65 students of naval mechanics from Venice.

NEW YEAR'S BUSINESS IS ABOVE THE MARK

Local railroad men state that the New

Year holiday traffic will break all records. So great was the through traffic on the Grand Trunk last night that a second section of No. 5 had to be made up and sent from London, and the International Limited ran in two sections.

Today Express No. 6, from the west, was run in two sections, and there was a second No. 1 from Kingsville, and a second No. 15 from Toronto.

When the Huron and Bruce train pulled in from the north this morning, about 100 passengers all the way down, and long before we got here every coach was crowded. The last few stations each had a good crowd waiting when we pulled in, and most of them had to stand all the way in London.

The C. P. R. reports business very brisk. The Southwestern Traction Company handled large crowds all day.

AVR ELECTIONS.
Ayr, Ont., Dec. 31.—There will be no municipal elections at this place. The council having been returned by acclamation, as follows: Reeve Gaudin, Councillors Hunt, Armstrong, Reid and Anderson.

CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARDS FOR 1911

Harry Clark Is Picked For the

Board of Health of Next

Year.

HONOR FOR G. W. WEEKES

It Is Stated He Will Head the Board

of Health—Other Possibilities.

Speculation is already rife as to who will be chairman of the various boards this coming year. In several the matter is practically settled. This is particularly true of the water commission. From what can be learned, there is no doubt whatever that Chairman Pocock will again act in that capacity. He has only served part of a term, the late chairman, Commissioner A. T. McMahon, having been chosen at the organization meeting.

As for the board