

Cable Broke and the Elevator Fell; Chas. Martin Falls Three Stories

Probably Fatal Accident at the Building of Greene, Swift & Co.

Mr. Charles R. Martin, 816 King street, employed as shipper by the Sidway Manufacturing Company at Greene & Swift's building, on Talbot street, met with a serious and probably fatal accident this morning by the falling of an elevator.

He was removed to Victoria Hospital, and Dr. Moore summoned.

The latter has not arrived at any conclusion as to the probable results of the man's injury, but his spine is affected and there are internal injuries.

Fell Three Stories.

Martin was taking goods up to the

third floor, and while coming down the cable broke, and the elevator crashed down to the basement.

The safety clutches with which the elevator is supposed to be supplied, utterly failed to work, and the man struck the floor with terrific force. The occupants of the building heard the crash and rushed to the man's assistance. The ambulance was summoned and he was removed to the hospital. He was conscious, but was suffering much pain.

The injured man was a former street car conductor, and quit that employment some time ago to enter the service of the Sidway Company, which has a factory in the Greene, Swift Company's building. He was about 35 years of age, and unmarried.

Automobile Frightened the Horse; Angus Beattie Was Badly Injured

Well-Known Resident of Westminster Victim of Accident Near Pond Mills.

Mr. Angus Beattie, of con. 2, lot 15, Westminster, whose postoffice address is Pond Mills, was seriously injured last evening shortly after 6 o'clock, through his horse becoming frightened at an automobile, and running away. Dr. H. A. Stevenson, who attended Mr. Beattie, says he will recover, although his injuries are very serious.

Mr. Beattie was driving along the Vauxhall bridge road, and was proceeding south, when an automobile came suddenly into sight from a side-road.

The horse, usually a very quiet one, became frightened, and with great suddenness bolted for the side of the road. There is a deep ditch at each side, and the buggy in which Mr. Beattie was riding was overturned. The driver was thrown out and the

horse raced madly down the highway toward home.

The man in the automobile never stopped, but let out the machine at full speed and made his escape.

Mr. Beattie was rendered unconscious, and lay on the side of the road for over half an hour.

The first intimation his family had of the accident was when the horse, which had freed itself of the harness and buggy, galloped wildly into the farmyard.

A search was then commenced, and the unconscious form of Mr. Beattie was found lying on the road. He was carried to his house, and Dr. Stevenson was sent for. He did everything possible for the unfortunate man, and said today that he feels that Mr. Beattie will recover. Mr. Beattie's head was badly cut, his face was gashed, and he was badly shaken up.

The people of the district are incensed at the automobilist for running away and allowing Mr. Beattie to lie on the roadside. It is said the auto has been identified, and that an action for damages, and a criminal prosecution, will follow immediately.

Mr. Beattie is one of the most respected residents of Westminster.

No Increase in Price of Flour Here

The jump in the price of wheat at Winnipeg has resulted in an advance in the price of flour in Montreal and other eastern points going up in sympathy.

Inquiry at the offices of Hunt Bros.,

the local millers, today elicited the information that as yet there is no likelihood of the price of flour being advanced in the city.

Flour now sells for \$2.50 per cwt to the grocers here and it retails for \$2.75.

BALKY HORSE THIS MAN'S UNDOING

Because his horse became balky on Dundas street, near Wellington, last night, Thomas Jackson found himself in the police court this morning.

Jackson, who is a London Township farmer, yesterday attended a horse sale at Lambeth, and while there he partook of too much of the cup that cheers. Last evening about 9 o'clock he was driving down Dundas street when his horse, which by the way, looked to be a fit candidate for the boneyard, stopped short and refused to budge.

Entreaties and threats were alike in vain, and Jackson drew from his buggy—a democrat—a board about 8 feet long and commenced to beat the stubborn animal. In a moment a crowd of perhaps 400 people had congregated. When the animal would start, the

crowd, which was out for some fun, yelled "whoa" in a chorus and the beast would stop. Policeman Noonan came along at the moment and placed the infuriated driver under arrest.

The arresting officer this morning testified that Jackson had been drunk and that the horse was in a terrible condition, having all the appearances of being starved.

"It wasn't my fault I was arrested," declared Jackson. "It was the fault of the horse. Why the policeman couldn't drive it himself, and had to call for help. Even then, with one officer leading him and the other driving, he wouldn't go, so I guess the policeman themselves must have been—"

"That will do," interrupted Magistrate Love. "You are discharged, but don't ever drive that poor horse about the city again."

Five Thousand People Took in the Grocers' Picnic at Springbank

Big Time at the River Park—A Feature Race That Was a Feature.

The last Wednesday half holiday of the season was fitly celebrated yesterday afternoon by the retail grocers in one of the greatest picnics that has been held at Springbank this year—in fact it is doubtful if a better time has ever been had any time than at the picnic of yesterday.

There was fun all along the line and not one dull moment during the afternoon.

Features new and original were rung in at every turn, in fact so many of them were jammed into such a brief space of time that everybody well nigh forgot that they were features. Fully 5,000 people were on the grounds, and the time they had! Most of those present were heard to remark that they had not seen such a crowd since the old boys' celebration two years ago. It was, indeed, a large crowd, they were all out for a time, and they were not disappointed. There was something doing every minute of the way.

Feature of the Day.

The feature of the great day's doing was the special three-legged race between Ed. Ryan and his partner, Mrs.

Cartledge, and Alf. Johnson and his partner, Mrs. Finch. Some poet once remarked that there was nothing so rare as a day in June, but he never attended the grocers' picnic with such a race as a feature. The ladies are somewhat stout, but are full of fun, and the race they made of it would beat indigestion to death, and make every dyspeptic fat within three minutes, if laughing helps any.

It was funnier than three days at a circus. Of course, it was a dead heat, not an eye-lash dividing the two couples at the wire.

Boxing Contest.

The next greatest event of this eventful afternoon was a boxing bout in barrels between R. J. Wood, alias "Dick," and Chauncey Smith. This was worth three trips to Springbank itself. This terrific contest was waged through three fierce rounds in which much perspiration was split. Dick was there with the straight jabs and soon had the hair all worn off Chauncey's head. The latter countered beautifully on Dick's sylph-like waist, and had him breathing every few minutes. It was a rare sight. The affair ended in a draw, neither man having enough wind or hair to go on. Everybody laughed at this stage for more than ten minutes.

Close and Exciting.

The other contest were close and (Continued on Page Ten.)

BROKE A RULE MET HIS DEATH

Coroner's Verdict Over Fatal Accident to Grand Trunk Switchman Jennings.

The jury empaneled to inquire into the death of the late Hugh Jennings met at the police station last night, and after hearing the evidence of a number of witnesses, brought in the following verdict:

"That the said Hugh R. Jennings came to his death in the city of London, on the Grand Trunk tracks, on the 24th day of August, 1907, by walking in between the cars while in motion, to uncouple them, his foot in the meantime catching between the guard rail and the main rail, causing him to fall, and allowing one truck to pass over him. While the deceased was guilty of an infraction of the rules of the company in trying to do this work as he was doing it, he was also negligent in not being careful of his own safety in enforcing the said rules."

The most important witness examined by Coroner MacLaren was Mr. Ellis Parry, who was working with Mr. Jennings at the time of the accident.

He said that Jennings went down the line to cut off a car, and that he saw him jerk at the lever a couple of (Continued on Page Eight.)

STRUCK ON HEAD BY A BALL BAT

Mr. Geo. B. Leach, of This City Injured at Springbank Park.

Mr. George B. Leach, brother of Mr. C. J. Leach, the well-known Princess avenue grocer, was struck by a baseball bat while taking part in a ball game at Springbank Park yesterday afternoon. Dr. Cline, his physician, says there will be no serious consequences, although Mr. Leach was knocked unconscious by the force of the blow.

The ball game was being carried on by a party of which Mr. Leach and his brother, Mr. C. J. Leach, were members, and it was full of fun, and very friendly.

Mr. C. J. Leach was at bat, and when the pitcher delivered the ball, the batter struck at it. Being somewhat out of practice, Mr. Leach failed to grip the bat as securely as was necessary, and it swung out of his hands. It immediately behind him was his brother, George, and the bat struck the young man on the head, rendering him unconscious.

Dr. Cline was summoned, and he had the patient removed to the city, and at his home he rapidly recovered. Today he is resting easily, and is improving satisfactorily.

Mr. C. J. Leach felt very badly over the affair, but no one was to blame for the accident. It put a damper on the spirits of the little party, however, and all returned to the city early.

HOTELMAN FINED FIFTY AND COSTS

The Britannia House Proprietor Admits Infraction of Liquor License Law.

But one of the three cases against city hotelkeepers was settled in police court this morning. Mr. Morrow, proprietor of the Britannia House, pleaded guilty to the charge of violation of the license laws, and was fined \$50 and costs.

Mr. Thomas Morkin, of the Morkin House, pleaded not guilty, and was held over until tomorrow morning.

It was reported that Mr. Thompson, proprietor of the Clyde House, had settled the case against his house out of court by paying a \$50 fine, but Inspector Galpin, who is prosecuting the cases, stated that he had heard nothing about the matter.

The two spotters, or "secret service men," as they call themselves, were not present in court this morning, but it has been learned that they arrived in the city from St. Thomas about 12 o'clock this morning. The pair, one of whom is an ex-bartender in the Britannia House, are said to be boarding on Dundas street.

SOUTH SIDER CHARGED WITH WIFE BEATING

Policeman Thomas Fish, of the South Side, was today called from his beat to arrest Charles Allison, who lives nearby. It is alleged he was drunk and beating his wife and children.

Allison is a sewer-pipe layer, and lives on Orchard street. He has been before the police magistrate on several occasions.

THE INTERCOLONIAL.

Ottawa, Aug. 28.—On June 30 last the Intercolonial Railway showed a surplus of earnings over expenses of \$400,000, compared with \$62,000 the year previous. For the nine months ending March 31 last the surplus was \$219,000, so that the increase in revenue is growing. In 1905 the deficit on the Intercolonial was \$1,725,000. In 1904 the deficit was \$900,000.

Worst Drouth for Years Hits This Neighborhood

The Crops Are Seriously Injured and Cattle Are Suffering Badly.

Market Clerk James Dean is authority for the statement that large numbers of the near-by farmers are much worried over the severe drought which is visiting these parts.

Many of the farmers claim that it is the most severe spell of dryness that has ever been known hereabouts. Wells, springs and even creeks that have never gone dry before are now barren of water, and it is said that unless relief comes soon there will be much suffering among the cattle.

Mr. Allan Grey, a London Township farmer, residing back of Hyde Park, has at present 65 head of cattle, and not a drop of water on his farm. As a consequence Mr. Grey is compelled to drive the thirsty beasts to a creek which contains a scanty supply of water, and which is located at a great distance from the farm.

Not only will the cattle be seriously affected if the drought continues, but the crops of late potatoes, tomatoes, corn, etc., will also suffer to a great extent.

Mr. Dean stated that the complaints were not confined to any one particular locality, but seemed to be from every direction.

HE DOUBLED UP IN TWO ROLES

From the role of complainant in a stealing case John Worwick quickly fell into the position of a defendant on a charge of drunkenness this morning at the police court.

Worwick and Douglass McConnell, it is alleged, together started out for a good time, and finally wound up by being thrown out of their boarding-house on Ridout street.

Later Worwick discovered that he was minus a valuable watch and chain and he blamed McConnell for the theft. The accused denied the charge and the other man had him arrested early this morning.

There being several hours until time for court to open, Worwick proceeded to lay in a stock of stimulants along the line of fancy and mixed drinks, with the result that when court was eventually called to order he could see two judges and three or four McConnells. Even then everything might have gone all right had not Worwick insisted on entertaining the spectators and annoying the court with a string of advice directed to no one in particular, and everybody in general, with the result that he was finally arrested and locked up while the case against McConnell was held over until tomorrow morning.

Banks Increase Rate to Borrowers; Money Now Being 7 Per Cent Here

Lightness of the Market Is the Cause of the Boost in Rate.

The continued tightness of the money market has caused the banks to advance the rate of interest to borrowers. On loans which formerly paid 6 per cent, 7 is now being asked.

Notices have been sent out by several of the banks advising customers of the increase.

In making the advance the banks have acted individually, each judging for itself the charge to be made, according to the nature of the loan and the security.

A local banker stated to The Advertiser today that he knew of several cases in which 10 per cent had been refused on a large loan, and for no other reason than the scarcity of money. The same banker said the rate would undoubtedly come down again, but it might go up a little higher first.

In some quarters the continued tightness is viewed with some alarm and predictions are frequently heard that many small firms will have a hard time saving themselves from the wall unless the market loosens up.

Another prominent banker—manager of one of the largest institutions in the city—stated that the increase has been in force for some time, but that he does not anticipate any further increase. He thinks high water has been reached.

Fire Chief's Report.

Fire Chief Clark submitted his weekly report. He had received 500 feet of Paragon hose, which was tested and placed in service. The new hose was of good quality.

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Five-Acre Field of Grass Was Burned

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the firemen were called to the corner of St. George and Regent streets, where a 10-acre field of grass was found to be on fire.

All attempts of the residents of the district and the owners to overcome the flames failed, and at last the firefighters were called.

The men found it necessary to use a couple of lines of hose, and after a time the fire was overcome.

There is some talk of incendiarism. For a time fences and houses were in danger. About five acres of grass were burned.

The weather was very hot and dry, and the grass was very dry.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—WARMER.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Aug. 29—8 a.m.
Today and Friday—Light to moderate variable winds; fine; stationary or a little higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary 46 40 Fair
Winnipeg 56 54 Cloudy
Port Arthur 52 50 Cloudy
Perry Sound 52 46 Fair
Toronto 56 48 Fair
Ottawa 56 50 Fair
Montreal 56 52 Fair
Quebec 66 50 Cloudy
Fisher Point 46 46 Rain

The first column records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.
The pressure continues low in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and in the Maritime Provinces, and it has become low again in the Western Provinces.

Showers were experienced during the night in Manitoba, and they have also occurred locally in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.
Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 55-73.5; Vancouver, 45-58; Victoria, 48-68; Kamloops, 46-66; Edmonton, 36-46; Calgary, 30-48; Banfield, 36-70; Prince Albert, 38-58; Regina, 46-66; Winnipeg, 56-66; Port Arthur, 52-64; Windsor, 42-72; Toronto, 48-74; Ottawa, 48-66; Montreal, 56-66; Quebec, 45-68; St. John, 50-60; Halifax, 50-72.

Mr. McKellar Doesn't Want a Job In London Collegiate Institute

Evidently Has Heard of How the Local Board of Education Rewards Merit.

The board of education has not yet filed the position made vacant by the promotion of Mr. McCutcheon to the principalship.

The board accepted the application of Mr. H. S. McKellar, of Owen Sound, and notified him yesterday of that decision.

Mr. McKellar wired last night, however, that he would not come. Mr. H. G. Martyn, the second choice, was wired at Berlin to come, but no answer has been received from him as yet.

It is not expected that he will accept. No word has been received from Mr. J. F. Vanevery, of Owen Sound, who it was thought, would take Mr. Ferguson's department of English.

The board will probably have to advertise for a teacher.

Stratford Gives Up River Water

The Stratford Beacon says: "Following the resolution of the water commissioners at their special meeting on Monday afternoon, when they decided to prevent the use of city water for lawns, gardens, etc., the small supply of river water which has been entering the mains along with the artesian well water was cut off, and with the exception of a few hours last evening, when the Grand Trunk Railway asked for a supply owing to the small quantity which they were receiving from their pump-

ing plants at the Little Lakes, only spring water from the artesian wells has been pumped through the mains. "Street watering has also been discontinued, and a large quantity of water is being saved on this account."

The water was filtered, but Stratfordites, who have been using both the filtered and the spring product, will have none of the former.

And this water was taken out of the Thames far above London, where there is less liability of contamination than there would be in the north branch at London.

Mayor Judd for Board of Control; Would Be a Good Thing for the City

Resolution Put Before Ontario Municipal Union Was Discussed.

"The resolution submitted to the Ontario Municipalities' Association yesterday to change the system of voting in the county council, basing it on the amount of assessed property is only another attempt to make the county council representation satisfactory to all parties concerned," said a prominent county official this morning.

"Several attempts have been made along the same direction, and the problem is still far from solution. The Ross Government changed the old style, and divided the counties into what one might call small electoral districts. This policy was satisfactory or not, just as you looked at it. There was considerable complaint from the towns and villages on this system, as they were practically unrepresented, the majority of the members coming from the rural districts.

"The Whitney Government changed all this, and adopted the old system. The result is that the towns and villages have their own representatives, but they are very much in the minority, and are practically disfranchised. They are not satisfied, and this movement is another attempt to equalize matters. It looks like a reasonable agreement and might work all right."

Wide Tires.
"What do you think of the idea of bonusing owners of wagons who change from narrow tires to wide ones?" was asked.

"That is hardly necessary," he added. "Ever since the agitation for

good roads commenced, wide tires have become much more common than heretofore, and nearly all the newer wagons have wider tires. I hardly think that bonusing would do any good. The wide tires will come soon, and it would do no good to try and hurry them. There would be plenty of room for graft, and the present method will accomplish the desired result slowly but surely."

Boards of Control.
Mayor Judd was enthusiastic over the action of the Ontario Municipalities' Association in making the principle of boards of control apply to all cities between 45,000 and 100,000 population.

"I have all along advocated that and still think that it is the only solution of the question," he said to The Advertiser this morning. "London would be much better governed than it is at present, and the citizens would be better satisfied. It will come sure."

"What do you think of the suggestion that the railway and municipal board be empowered to approve of money bylaws without securing the permission of the Legislature?" was asked.

Only Applying a Principle.
"That is all right," he said. "It is only applying a principle generally that is applied in specific instances at present. If, for instance, debentures system were to be issued they would be issued with the permission of this board, which has control of that matter. It would save much inconvenience, and would be most satisfactory to all concerned. It merely enlarges a recognized principle."

A Former London Lad Accidentally Killed

A dispatch from Holderness, N. H., says that Getchel Cleghorn, a former London lad, later of Montreal, along with Robert Williams, of Boston, yesterday met death through the caving-in of a sandbank at Squam Lake. Another boy, Daniel Denny, of West Newton, Mass., was also dangerously injured as a result of the accident.

Young Cleghorn was the son of Mr. Edward Cleghorn, who was formerly identified with the firm of Edward Adams & Co., wholesale grocers, of this city.

The boys were spending the summer at the camp of Dr. Oliver F. Huntington, of Newport, L. I.

The accident occurred near the camp ground and the boys were digging away a sandbank for a ball ground when it suddenly gave way, and buried three of them. The Denny boy was dug out within a few minutes, and, although unconscious, was revived after hard work by the physicians. The other two boys were dead when reached.

Interesting Papers Read By the Horticulturists

Convention Resumed in the Board of Trade Rooms This Morning.

The Canadian Horticultural Association convention was continued this morning in the board of trade rooms with nearly all the delegates in attendance. Several papers were read, generally of a technical nature dealing with the problems of the trade. The papers were well prepared and were discussed at some length by the members.

Mr. Charles Chambers, assistant park commissioner, of Toronto, read a paper on "How to Make a Flower Show Most Attractive to the General Public and Profitable to the Trade."

He showed how the public could be made to take an interest in such shows, and once interested they would become buyers of flowers, and of benefit to the trade. These shows

were of inestimable value in educating the public as to what was being done in the way of flower culture, and many who were at first merely casual observers became enthusiasts. The shows were becoming a most important link between the public and the trade, and should be encouraged.

Mr. Thomas McHugh, of the Forest and Stream Club, Dorval, Que., read a very valuable paper on "How to Grow Exhibition Flowers of Chrysanthemums." The paper was full of information regarding this important branch of the trade, and created deep interest.

Green Goods Problem.
"What is the best way of appealing the voracity of storemen for greens," was the subject discussed by Mr. D. J. Sinclair, of Toronto. The problem of greens was a serious one for the retailer, as often he was compelled to furnish greens to customers.

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