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# VERY IMPORTANT MOVE MADE IN HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

## Present System To Be Abolished and Standing and Fitness of Papils To Be Left Solely in the Teachers' Hands.

Local school teachers are evincing the greatest interest in a circular which was received yesterday from the department of education in Toronto, and which they hope will shortly provide for the doing away with of examinations, as they have been carried on in

### THE CIRCULAR.

The circular says in part:

"For many years the public has regarded the results of the official examination as the test of competency of the teacher, as well as of the pupil.

"The consequences were inevitable.

"Not only was the main object of education, the formation of character, lost sight of, but the examination stress affected injuriously the methods of teaching, and the contents of the courses, and the preparation of many of the pupils for the duties of life was

### THE REMEDY.

In order to remedy this state of affairs, it is proposed to do away altogether with examinations, as at present carried on, and by a system of approved schools, leave the matter entirely in the hands of the teachers.

In these schools, which must first be approved of by the inspector, all pupils will be promoted according to the judgment of their

This method will be much better than the former one in the

Principal McCutcheon spoke strongly in favor of the new move at yesterday's meeting, and his opinion is indorsed by all of the other

### HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE.

At present it is only proposed to extend the approved system to the subjects of writing, spelling, arithmetic, English grammar and geography, on the high school entrance examination, but the opinion of the teachers is that it will not be long before the system will be adopted generally in all schools.

### SAYS IT'S ABSURD

"It is absurd," said a prominent principal to The Advertiser, this morning, "to send pupils up to a man whom they have never seen, and who does not know them or what they can do, and allow the matter of promotion to rest entirely on a fixed set of questions.

It is most unfair to a large percentage of the students, who, while showing considerable skill in many lines, do not happen to be so

"Many a boy and girl is good, perhaps, in literature, history, or some other subject, and not so good in arithmetic or spelling. "If the examiner sets his paper on work that the boy does not happen to have been over, the boy is 'plucked,' whereas his own

teacher would have promoted him. "Many a boy is kept back in this way.

"Complaints have increased of late that in very many cases the product of the secondary schools does not possess an essential knowledge of spelling, penmanship, reading and letter-writing.

"These complaints have been very numerous from businessmen and are well founded.

"In the proposed regeneration special attention will be given to these particular matters.'

# The West Lambton Nominations Messrs. Milne and Pardee Named

## Made Unanimous Choice of Big Dr. C. O. Fairbank, Petrolea; M. D. Convention at Sarnia-

## The Speeches.

Sarnia, Jan. 30. - The Liberals of West Lambton today nominated Mr. F. House of Commons and Provincial Legislature. The meeting was one of the Boys' Brigade Hall being crowded to capacity. There was a striking unanimity in the convention, and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed. Hon. A. G. MacKay, leader of the Opposition,

At 2 o'clock President J. S. Burnham, of Sombra, organized the conknown Liberals to the platform: F. F. Pardee, Hon. A. G. MacKay, H. J. Pettypiece, ex-M. P. P., Forest; R. J. Mc-Cormick, president of the East Lambton Reform Association; Warden Jas. for the Local Legislature, and the fol-Smith, John Cowan, K. C., Sarnia; Deputy Reeve T. H. Cook, Sarnia; Reeve David Milne, Sarnia; Chas. Jenkins, Petrolea; C. H. Barnes, Petrolea;

Cameron, Enniskillen; Dr. Henderson, Sarnia; R. J. Towers, Sarnia; J. H. Sipperal, Sombra; Norman Gurd, Sarnia, and others.

## President Burnham.

President Burnham declared he was delighted to see so large a representation of Liberals. It was indeed cheering to see the Liberals of Lambton in F. Pardee, M. P., and Mr. David Milne, such good fighting fettle, and reeve of Sarnia, as candidates for the augured well for the future of the party. Liberalism was by no means dead in this historic riding, and he was hopeful of a splendid success at the the largest ever held in West Lambton, next elections. He explained that the object of the meeting was to nominate standard-bearers for both the Domin-

### ion and Local Houses. Ovation for Mr. Pardee.

At this suggestion, the name of Pardee was called from all part of the was present, and delivered a capital hall, and amid great enthusiasm the nomination was made unanimous. No other name was mentinoed for the He called the following well- the distinguished honor done him. He declared that he would make a speech at a later stage.

## The Nominations.

Nominations were then called for lowing names were placed before the convention: Reeve David Milne, Sarnia; R. I. Towers, Sarnia; Deputy Continued on Page Two.

# Trades and Labor Delegates Approve the Lemieux Agreement

[Special to The Advertiser.] tives of the Trades and Labor Congress

preside specially over that department.

Mr. Simpson wanted legislation on the of the Dominion made their annual lines of the telephone commission, Mr. visit to the Dominion Government this O'Donohue spoke strongly for a Doforenoon to lay before the Administra- minion workmen's compensation act to tion the resolutions passed at the last apply to railways. He also dealt with annual meeting of congress, and to ex- shipping tackle and an eight-hour bill,

press their views thereon. ville, M. P., Mr. James Simpson, Mr. quiry being asked for the last. J. G. O'Donchue and Mr. P. M. Draper, secretary of the association. The dele- mieux act, such as to shut out strikegates had their business well cut out, breakers while the investigation was each taking up special subjects, and on. The abolition of bonuses to all imin this way disposed of what they migrants, and the exclusion of Hindus had to say without any repetition. They were pressed for. In regard to the were received by Sir Wilfrid Laurier Japanese it was held that they lowered and Hon. Mr. Lemieux in the Pre-

The proceedings were opened by Mr. to the Lemieux arrangement.

Draper, who spoke in favor of the Ottawa, Jan. 31.—The representa- appointment of a minister of labor to increased pay for letter-carriers, tech-The delegation comprised Mr, Ver- nical education, a commission of in

Amendments were asked to the Lethe conditions of the working men, but they were willing to give a trial

# Harry Thaw's Fate in Jury's Hands | WM. HEADFORD Justice Dowling Sums Up the Case

### End of the Famous New York defense, argued that there was nothing in the evidence to show that Thaw While Temporarily Insane in Peculiar Case Is Reported From ground, he discovered that it was a man he knew quite well—a neighbor's Murder Trial in Sight.

position of the law in the case, when slaughter in the first degree. court convened this morning. As soon an agreement. Mr. Littleton, for the

was sane when he killed White. On the other hand, District Attorney Jerome declared that there was nothing in the evidence to show the defendant to be insane, and WAS A everything to show that the killing of New York, Jan. 31.-By ncon today Stanford White was premeditated the fate of Harry K. Thaw probably murder. Between these two extremes will be in the hands of the jury. The the jury must decide. They have the lawyers have finished their summing- ground for a compromise verdict of up, and Justice Dowling began his ex- murder in the second degree or man-

A verdict of guilty carries with it,unas that is finished the jurors will re- der the plea made, the excuse of Intire to the stuffy little room near the sanity, and if it is rendered, the district courtroom where the trial has been attorney may move at once that Thaw my agreed upon a verdict, or until the for the criminally insane. If a verdict court loses hope of their ever reaching of not guilty is rendered. Thaw will (Continued on Page Nine.)

# Hospital Employe Brutally Assaulted Was Kicked, Beaten and Stabbed

No Prosecution Is Likely, However, as the Offenders Have Promised To Settle.

After throwing him down they beat and kicked him very severely, and one young man drew a knife and inflicted several severe cuts on Mr. Parker's

The affair is not likely to be taken A brutal assault was made on Wed- into the courts, as the young men have nesday evening on Mr. W. Parker, chief admitted that they were intexicated at he was returning to the institution, Parker, offering to pay all costs in connection with the affair.

# No Move to Reduce London Licenses So Says Secretary D. A. McDermid

### Local Option Is Out of the that time, the hotelkeepers have spent Question for this City He Admits.

made towards reducing the number of before the council. n the city," said Mr. D. A. think that such a move will be made is said by hotelmen.

Dermid makes it plain that the league have to do for a while. have not contemplated so rigorous a step at present.

eral licenses were cut off, and since tions."

a lot of money in fixing their places of business to meet the conditions. No Definite Scheme.

There are no hotels that the temperance people have in mind to ask to be cut off, it was stated this morning "There is a feeling among many of on good authority, and consequently our people that a move should be no definite scheme could be brought

The accommodation McDermid this morning, "but I do not ing public is none too great here," it

"The number of licenses in London It has been stated that the London now is about the same in proportion Temperance League would make an as Toronto's will be when the licenses effort to have the number of licenses are cut off," said a temperance worker reduced, but the opinion of Mr. Mc- this morning, "and I guess that will

"I think local option is out of the question for London for some time at It is just two years ago since sev- least-especially under present condi-

# Law Society Wants New Courthouse Takes Matter Before County Council

## stabulary System of the County.

"To bring about, if possible, an amalgamation between the city and county, with a view to either erecting a new courthouse, or taking necessary

steps to making the present structure safe, commodious and modern." The above explains the object of the

following committee from the Middlesex Law Association, which waited upon the county council yesterday after-

Messrs. George C. Gibbons, K. C., R. Bayly, K. C., T. G. Meredith, K. C., M. D. Fraser, K. C., T. J. Murphy, and Alex. Stuart, K. C.

Warm Debate Over the Con- mittee spoke in turn, and urged immediate action on the courthouse ques-

The present building, they said, was insanitary, unsafe, lacked conveni- first apprised of his death last night, ences, and was almost totally unsuited when a telegram was received from

The law library, especially, was said to be unsuitable. It was too small, was unsafe, and was not convenient to those downstairs in the courthouse. Repeatedly Condemned.

The courthouse had been repeatedly condemned by judges and juries of the high courts, and immediate action was this morning:

"The only object served by the another building like it in the Province of Ontario."

After hearing the arguments of the was found dead in his room." committee, Warden Graham stated that it had been a pleasure to be favored by Continued on Page Six.

## honor. Mr. Pardee was called upon, but merely thanked the convention for Death List of the Aged Very Heavy One-Third January Deaths Over 70

## Died Within the Month -The Statistics.

January show 82 births, 41 marriages and 75 deaths, as compared with 92 births, 49 marriages and 64 deaths

The births and marriages show little falling off, but the death list very large.

The number of deaths was arge among the old people. Nearly one-third of them were years of age or over. To be exact, the records show

Of these eight were from 70 to 78.

deaths at 70 years or over.

No less than five reached over four score years and ten-rather a remarkable fact.

The oldest was 94 years of age. Another remarkable thing is the fact that three aged married couples The vital statistics for the month of died within a month of each other. Infant Mortality.

There were fourteen infants succumbed during the month. Pneumonia carried off 8, none of the very old dying from that cause. Arterio sclerosis was the cause of several deaths, and senile decay was responsible for the death of many old

Diphtheria caused the death of child. et fever or diseases of that nature.

No deaths were reported from scar-Tuberculosis caused the death of two during the month of January.

# Wilcox Property

# CUT HIS THROAT

Pontiac, Michigan.

### CARRIAGE TRIMMER

Nervous Prostration, and Finally His Mind Gave Way.

held, there to remain until they have be committed to the Mattewan asylum my dear old mother and the rest of my folks."

> The above statement was made to a William Headford, a London man, who took his own life in a Pontiac, Mich., it is alleged, looking in the window. boarding-house yesterday by cutting. He walked up to the fellow and hurt does not pay the bill, there will water pitcher.

Headford was born and raised at the corner of St. George and Mills street in this city, and left for the other side a number of years ago.

## A Carriage Trimmer.

For years he has traveled over the States, plying his trade as a skilled carriage and automobile trimmer, an occupation which he learned in Nash's (now Greer's) carriage factory here. For the past year or so he had been employed as a foreman in a Pontia laundryman at Victoria Hospital, as the time, and have apologized to Mr. automobile factory, and was said to b commanding good wages.

### Was Nervous Wreck.

nerves gave out, and he has been a ervous wreck ever since. Overwork is said to have been the ause of his breakdown. Three weeks ago he came to this ity on a visit, and it was while here

that he made the statement as given above, to a local hotelman. He left London for Pontiac this week. While in London, Headford seemed melancholy, and it is said that he scarcely slept a moment, night or day.

In a conversation with his mother. shortly before leaving for Pontiac, the young man said:

A Good Young Man. A very close friend of the family

said this morning that Wm. Headford was one of the best young men he ever knew, and that a better son to hi "Nothing was too good for his aged parent," the speaker continued, "and

he would sacrifice anything to please her. I can account for his rash action in no other way than by thinking that he was insane from ill-health at the He is said to have been a temperate young man of about 34. He was un-

married, and it is said leaves no insur-Headford was always a hard, conscientious worker, and overwork was no doubt the cause of his ill-health.

The young man is survived by his aged mother, a brother at home, and Butte, Mont., and three in London.

Pontiac, which read: "William is dead. Come at once. Mr. Headford's brother, Robert, left last evening for Pontiac, and is expected to return with the body some tim

## Account of the Deed.

"Pontiac, Mich., Jan. 31. - William Headford, 34 years old, killed himself ent disgraceful structure," declared yesterday morning by cutting his Mr. Bayly, "is to show what London throat with a piece of a broken waterwas 70 years ago. One couldn't find pitcher. Headford had been out of work, and was practically penniless. He came from London, Canada. He

> Refute Statements. The statements relative to the young nan being penniless were refuted by a elative of the family today.

Mr. Headford had been making big money previous to his visit here, and at the time of his death held a splen

### THE WEATHER TOMORROW-SNOW.

FORECASTS. Toronto, Jan. 31-8 a.m. Today-Increasing easterly winds; snow Saturday-Easterly winds, with snow.

Local Temperatures. The temperatures recorded at the loca observatory yesterday were: Highe 5° below; highest, 10° above zero. TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Calgary ..... 2 Winnipeg .....-12 Port Arthur.... - 2 Parry Sound .... - 4 Cloudy ...... Ottawa .....-18 Montreal .....-10 Clear Quebec Father Point .... - 6 Minus (-) means below zero.

The first column in the above tabe reords the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: The property of the Wilcox Company, which was offered at public auction yesterday afternoon, was withdrawn.

Although a large number of bids of the wilcox Company, which was a large number of bids of the wilcox Company, which was offered at public auction yesterday afternoon, was withdrawn.

In wever, there can be no doubt that the bylaw means that two new fire halls must be constructed this year, if the wording counts for any-public plow—4; Toronto, 14 below—4; Ottawa, 20 below—12 below—15 below—16 below—16 below—16 below—17 below—18 below—19 be John, zero-12; Halifax, 14-36.

# Irate Husband Punched "Peeper" Now a Lawsuit Is Likely To Result

## the East End of the punches at the chap in real earnest,

An interesting case is reported from the east end of the city that may have developments in the near future.

certain citizen in the east end has that a physician had to be called to been complaining of hearing footsteps fix him up. The doctor had to make about the house, and she insisted that several calls. thing prevents me from ending she saw a man peeping in her win-

> Her husband decided to watch, and for several evenings he waited without result. The other night he heard footsteps outside the room occupied by his wife. He slipped quietly out the front his pay. door and going to the side saw a man

The two men struggled for some time, and the irate husband, at last the bills. getting a grip on the alleged mis-

creant's neck, choked him until

When he had him down on

was black in the face.

in rather bad condition when the battle was over. The "Peeper's" explanation was that he was simply walking through the yard on his way to a neighbor's house. For some time past the wife of a In fact, he was in such bad shape

with the result that the "Peeper" was

He then promptly took

## Refused to Pay Doctor.

The fellow recovered, and then the doctor's bills came in. The injured man refused to pay the bills, and referred the physician to the man who choked him.

There is some talk of a lawsuit over

So far the doctor has not received

be trouble. The irate husband declares that he will certainly not be responsible for

He says he caught the man peeping in the window, and took the law in his own hands, and gave the peeper a

# Detectives Working To Trap Druggists Is Toronto Plan Being Worked Here?

### About two years ago, Headford's Certain Local Men Say They law pretty well, and feel that they are Have Reason To Believe the Net Is Spread. law pretty well, and fee Ithat they are

Are Ontario Government detectives werking to catch the druggists of forming duties which belong to the into court by a female detective. physicians and surgeons of London? Certain druggists of this city say

they are. "Mother, dear, what would you do if In several stores of London a well-I should die? Who would look after dressed lady has approached clerks

you and care for you as I have done?" and asked for treatment, complaining or his assistant may prescrib; for a

### prove that some spy should trap a clerk by playing on his sympathies. The Londoners have been following the cases in Toronto, in which certain London and have them fined for per- Queen City druggists have been hauled It is recorded that a drug clerk in Owen Sound not long ago paid a fine of \$200 and

icensed pharmacists, after they have

But London druggists keep to the

not in much danger, unless it should

been tempted to fill prescriptions.

costs for prescribing without a license. So far as is known no London druggists or their assistants have ever been convicted on this charge. The law plainly states that no druggist

## In other cases, clerks have been tificate. May Make Its Own Asphalt Repairs But Tenders for Work Will Be Asked

## Mayor Stevely Suggests That a done cheaper. The contract was for five years. Civic Plant Might Reduce

the Cost.

The five-year contract with the information on the subject. Warren Paving Company, for the repires this year, and the board of works last evening decided to ask for other cities, and Mayor Stevely, who five sisters, two of whom reside in tenders for the work. The price paid suggested the civic plant, will get all the Warrens was \$1 80 a yard, and it the information possible on the sub-

#### City May Do the Work. There is some talk of doing the work by a city plant.

Mayor Stevely will write to Cleveland to the director of works there for That city has a plant of its own, pair of the pavements of the city, ex- and it is said to be very satisfactory. The same is true of Winnipeg and

## was thought that the work can be lect. Must Hear Tintinnabulation of Bells Magistrate Love Fined Two Citizens

# Musical Accompaniment When Driving.

The following dispatch was received Who Failed To Provide the they would be fined much more heavily. The statutes provides a penalty anging from \$1 to \$50 for this offense, and Magistrate Love proposes to fine all persons brought before him and found guilty of breaking the by-

> He says that many persons drive, Two citizens who appeared before quite fast, and many old people, who Magistrate Love this morning for driv- are forced to take the middle of the ing without any sleigh bells on har- road, owing to the condition of the ness or cutters, were each fined \$1, and sidewalks, must be protected as far as warned that if they appeared again possible.

# Exciting Runaway On Dundas Street

An exciting runaway occurred on near Boomer's, and the cutter became Dundas street, near Richmond street, entangled in some other rigs, with the this morning, when a cutter, driven result that for a moment there was a by a young man named Clare, over- great commotion. turned by catching in the street rail-

The horse bolted up the street, but stopped.

the driver pluckily held onto the lines. The animal took to the sidewalk harness was all that resulted.

The interpretation of the fire halls bylaw is creating considerable discussion on the street, and is one of the Dawson, 20 below-10 below; Atlin, 10 below-6; Port Simpson, 22-32; Victoria, 26 city hall. However, there can be no

north end and the other in the east

Finally all the horses were quieted. and the horse belonging to Mr. Clare Slight damage to the cutter and

# Southeast Enders To Wait On Council Regarding Fire Hall in That Section

Means Two New

Say That the Bylaw Voted Upon | end. It does not take into consideration, the selling of the old east end hall or its removal. The bylaw reads as follows:

# The Bylaw.

Whereas, it is expedient to provide for the cost of building and equipping two fire halls, one in the north end and the other in the east end of the city, and it has been estimated that the cost thereof will be \$19,000

And, whereas, it is necessary to of loan on the credit pality, the said sum the purposes afore-

eply Interested. idents of the southeastern tinued on Page Eight.)