

## CITY ENGINEER GRAYDON WILL TENDER HIS RESIGNATION HEALTH IS MUCH IMPAIRED

Has Been Head of the Engineering Department of London for Nineteen Years—Position Has Been a Trying One and He Must Have Rest—It Is Likely He Will Be Retained in the Capacity of Consulting Engineer.

City Engineer Graydon will tender his resignation at the next meeting of the city council.

As a matter of fact he handed it to Mayor Beattie on Monday last, but his work kept him from withdrawing it in the meantime, and it was held over. After due deliberation, it is stated, that Mr. Graydon has decided to again tender his resignation.

Ald. Tancock, chairman of the board of works, has been informed of Mr. Graydon's intentions, and he has had a consultation with a number of the aldermen relative to placing Mr. Graydon in the position of consulting engineer for the city, at a salary of \$1,200 a year.

### A SUITABLE POSITION.

A number of them have been broached on the subject and all have agreed that the position would be suitable for him. Ald. Tancock stated that Mr. Graydon, by reason of his intimate knowledge of the city, was almost indispensable to the board of works department.

Mr. Graydon has been connected with the department for 21 years. For nineteen years of that time he has been city engineer, and has been in charge of the public works of the city. In point of continuous service he is one of the oldest officials in the employ of the city.

During his term he has seen the city develop at a very rapid rate, and while he has often been criticised, it must be admitted that any man in his position must grapple with the shortcomings of each successive city council.

### HEALTH HAS BEEN BAD.

The reason of his resignation is ill-health. For the past two years he has been in failing health, heart trouble causing him great distress at times. The work of the city has grown most rapidly, and the responsibility of the office, in view of the greatly increased amount of public improvements done in the past few years, has been too heavy for him, in view of his delicate condition of health.

Some time ago he determined to tender his resignation, but a number of his friends persuaded him to remain in his present position. However, it was stated today, by an alderman that there was no doubt of his retiring from his present office.

### A STORM CENTRE.

Mr. Graydon's long record in the city service has been a good one. A position such as his, is bound to be the storm centre for complaints, and every year he is assailed by hundreds of citizens who have troubles, some legitimate, the majority merely trifles.

It was trying, no doubt, on nerves and health, but for nineteen years he withstood the onslaught, and those who were elected with the sole object of having the city engineer dismissed, have always come to the conclusion that he was too valuable a man to lose when they looked deeper into the affairs of the city.

Those who came to dismiss him usually remained to praise him. During all the agitations he has gone on his way with an unruffled temper, and has never complained of the action of his opponents.

### AUTHORITY ON PUBLIC WORKS.

Mr. Graydon is an authority on public works in the city. He knows every inch of London, and his assistance as consulting engineer would be invaluable to his successor.

"After 21 years' service to the city, in which he has given the best he had, City Engineer Graydon deserves well at our hands," said an alderman to The Advertiser. "He should be given the position as consulting engineer, because he can advise us and give us suggestions that would be invaluable. He can save us thousands of dollars a year. I will support him in that, and I am sure every other alderman will. I would not move a hand to take his present position from him, as he is a far more valuable man than the majority of people give him credit for."

## ONLY FOUR WELLS BEING PUMPED A DOZEN MORE WILL BE ADDED

Chairman McMahan Has Instructed Engineer Glaubitz to Go Ahead With the Work—Water Supply Can Be Greatly Increased.

The Horton street wells will all be connected at once, and pumped. Only four are being pumped now, and a dozen can be added.

Engineer Glaubitz was consulted last evening by Chairman McMahan, of the water commission, as to the possibility of getting an additional supply of water from the wells, and Mr. Glaubitz informed him that he had no objection to connecting them all. The present pumping apparatus will furnish a great deal more water than is being secured at the present time. Mr. McMahan gave Mr. Glaubitz orders to go ahead and connect the wells.

### A Big Demand.

During the past few days there has been a great demand for water. The supply has been taxed to the limit, and some fears were expressed that it would not be sufficient.

"Mr. Glaubitz will connect the wells, and we shall obtain an additional supply of water," said Mr. McMahan. "During the past few days the citizens of London have consumed about five million gallons of water. That is too much, and gives me another reason for advocating the installation of meters on the present system. We have plenty of water today at hand to supply a much larger city, but it is being wasted."

When the other wells are attached the reservoir will probably be cut off at night for a time, in order that the supply may be preserved.

There is less demand for water today than during the past week, as the temperature is not so high.

## MERCHANT FINED \$200 BY POLICE MAGISTRATE

Sent Out Circulars From an Alleged Detective Bureau and Had No License.

A local merchant who was prosecuted in court a couple of weeks ago by Provincial Detective Miller on a charge of being a detective without a license, was found guilty by Magistrate Love this morning and fined \$200.

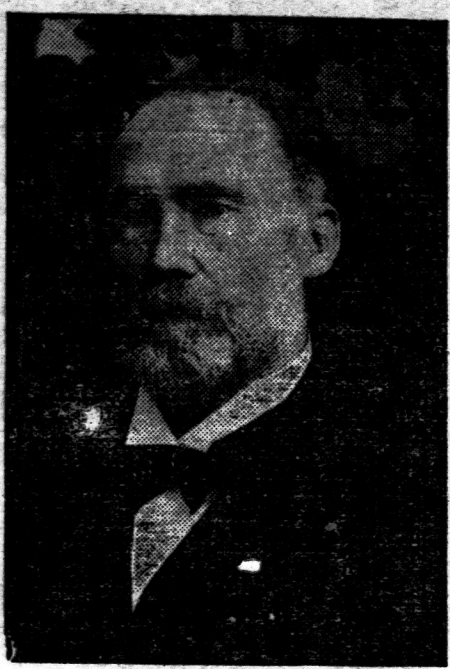
The magistrate considered the matter for two weeks before giving his decision.

Mr. Harper, of Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons, who is representing the defendant, stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that the case will be appealed at once.

"Because the defendant does not engage in a regular detective business," said Magistrate Love, "is no excuse for him sending circulars such as he did, which were intended to create fear in the minds of those receiving them, and make them pay up. I would fine the defendant less if I could, but the penalty provided by law is not less than \$200, and not more than \$500."



MR. W. C. FERGUSON, Formerly of London Collegiate Institute, Who Has Been Appointed to the Staff of Toronto University.



SIR GEORGE ROSS.

## MRS. RIDDELL DIED OF POISON

Taken Accidentally Or Administered by Persons Unknown.

HUSBAND ON THE STAND

Provincial Analyst Testifies to Finding Prussic Acid in the Stomach.

Norwich, Ont., June 23.—"Your jurors beg leave to inform you that we have carefully considered the evidence before us, and find that Orena Riddell came to her death from prussic acid poisoning, the same having either been taken in mistake, or administered by some party or parties unknown."

Long before the hour set for the inquest, the small town hall was crowded with spectators, who listened intently throughout the whole hearing in spite of the intense heat. Dr. Riddell arrived early, in company with his lawyer, Mr. W. S. Brewster.

The husband of the dead woman is an undersized man, with a very cool and selfpossessed bearing. He never grew excited, even when Crown Attorney Ball asked him three times if he could tell of any enemy who could desire his wife's death.

The Analyst's Report. At the opening of the inquest, Coroner Ellis read the report of Provincial Analyst Ellis, which showed that prussic acid was found in the stomach of the dead woman. The letter from Dr. Ellis contained the following statement: "I have found about seven-tenths of a grain of hydrocyanic acid, equivalent to thirty-five grains of the dilute hydrocyanic of the British Pharmacopoeia, in the stomach."

The first witness called was Mr. George Chambers, manager of the local branch of the Traders' Bank. He told the coroner that he had in his possession at the bank an insurance policy of the Confederation Company on the life of Dr. Riddell for \$2,000. This had been made payable to the bank as security for money which Riddell owed the bank. He also assigned his book accounts for the same purpose on March 12, 1909.

His Financial Standing Good. When questioned by Mr. Brewster, the witness told what he knew of the financial affairs of Dr. Riddell. He owed \$63 to the Traders' Bank at the present time, so that Mr. Chambers thought that he was in good shape. At the time of Mrs. Riddell's death, their husband only owed \$40 to the bank, but he increased his indebtedness, during the past few weeks, making the larger amount. Dr. Riddell's effects were worth \$1,000, and Mr. Chambers believed that he had recently paid \$500 on his house, and \$500 on his farm during the past year.

COAL MINERS' STRIKE. Kansas City, June 24.—Thomas J. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, and James Eliot, a mine owner of McAlester, Okla., resumed their conference here today in an effort to reach an agreement that will end the strike of the coal miners of the southwest.

THE WEATHER. FORECASTS. TOMORROW—FINE.

Toronto, June 24—8 a.m. Moderate easterly winds; fine and a little cooler today and Saturday.

TEMPERATURE. Today. Yesterday.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Low. High.

London. 70. 60. 84.

Winnipeg. 64. 54. 78.

Port Arthur. 62. 52. 76.

Parry Sound. 54. 44. 68.

Toronto. 64. 54. 78.

Ottawa. 72. 62. 84.

Montreal. 74. 64. 86.

Quebec. 74. 64. 86.

Father Point. 56. 46. 70.

Victoria. 56. 46. 70.

Vancouver. 47. 37. 61.

Calgary. 42. 32. 56.

Edmonton. 42. 32. 56.

Prince Albert. 56. 46. 70.

Qu'Appelle. 56. 46. 70.

St. John. 56. 46. 70.

Halifax. 56. 46. 70.

WEATHER NOTES. Showers and thunderstorms were almost general again yesterday in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and occurred very locally in Alberta.

The weather continues fine in Ontario and Quebec.

THURSDAY'S WEATHER. Showers and thunderstorms were again fairly general in Manitoba and Southern Saskatchewan yesterday, and occurred more locally in Southern Alberta and in the Maritime Provinces. The high temperature continued over most of Ontario, but in Quebec the weather was somewhat cooler.

TODAY'S PROBS. Georgian Bay—Light winds; fine and warm. The East—Fair and comparatively cool. Lake Superior—Easterly winds; fine and warm. Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Unsettled, with local showers and thunderstorms. Alberta—Westerly winds; fair and warmer.

## WOMEN NOT STRONG ON VOTING TELL TALE FIGURES OF CLERK

Out of 3,459 Ladies On the Voters List, Only 622, Or 18 Per Cent, Voted at the Last Municipal Elections—Men Who Are Entitled to Vote for School Trustees Only, Do Not Exercise Their Franchise to Any Great Extent.

The suffragette movement is not very strong in London, if the statistics prepared by City Clerk Baker on the last municipal election are any indication. There are 3,459 ladies on the voters lists. Of this number but 622 voted, or just 18 per cent.

This in view of the fact that there was quite a strong moral reform campaign in January last does not speak very highly of the interest taken by the gentler sex in affairs of state. However, conditions may improve from this time on.

School Voters. The voters who are on the list for school purposes only do not take a very deep interest in educational matters if the vote cast is any criterion.

There are 1,967 on the list, and only 122 voted. There was a keen interest taken by electors generally at the last election in the kindergarten reform, and a much higher percentage of votes was cast for school trustees than usual. However, this interest was by no means reflected by those who are entitled to vote for school trustees only when but 6 per cent cast votes.

Of the 11,615 men votes on the list, 5,997 cast votes, or 51 per cent, a trifle less than the average.

"The women did not take a very deep interest in municipal affairs," said City Clerk Baker. "The vote cast by the women and by those qualified to vote only for school trustees was disappointing."

Highgate Lady's Tragic Fate. Mrs. James McLaren Lights Match While Searching for Something, and Clothing Catching on Fire, She Is Overcome by Smoke and Flames.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ridgeway, June 24.—Upon returning to his home in Highgate yesterday evening about 6 o'clock, Mr. James McLaren found the house to be full of smoke, and upon making investigation found the fire to be in a dark closet under the water tank upstairs. Help was called in and the fire was extinguished, but the body of Mrs. McLaren was found in the closet burned beyond recognition. The fire is a mystery, but it is supposed that Mrs. McLaren lit a match when in search of something in the closet, her clothing took fire, and the smoke overcame her before she could get out. The village and surrounding country are deeply grieved over the sad accident.

C. P. R. ACCEPTS THE AWARD  
PLACING NEXT MOVE ON MEN

Company Say No Further Action in Regard to the Trainmen Until the Union Communicates With Them—Men Declare They Will Not Recede.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.] Montreal, Que., June 24.—Announcement was made this morning by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy that the C. P. R. had accepted the award of the conciliation board and that official intimation of this had been sent to the Labor Department at Ottawa. This places on the men the initiative as regards a strike. Officials of the company state that as far as they are concerned no further action will be taken pending some official communication from the union. Although the men declare they will not recede from their ultimatum they have not taken any definite action, and there is no likelihood of a strike being declared today. Situation as regards Grand Trunk is unchanged.

WINSLOW BROTHERS SAFE  
RUMORED THEY WERE DEAD

Sensational Story That Two Londoners Had Been Burned to Death at Fort William Turned Out To Be Incorrect—A Letter Received.

Reports which were in circulation to be in the forest fires they had managed to save their homes. There will not be a stick of green wood left in this vicinity," wrote Mr. Robert Winslow. "Everything has been swept clean by the fires. We saved a good deal of the lumber that had been cut and also our houses."

Mr. William Winslow lives at O'Connor postoffice, near Fort William, and his brother is at Kakabeka, near by.

G. T. R. TRAINMEN ALSO REJECT  
AWARD OF CONCILIATION BOARD

The Committee at Montreal Is Now Preparing a Report To Be Submitted to the Company and the Labor Department.

As matters stand now both the men and the company are dissatisfied with the award. The work of the department of labor finished when the decision of the board had been handed down, and the matter of wages and conditions of service must now be decided between the men and the company.

AGED AND BLIND  
KILLED BY EXPRESS

Thomas Bennett, of Ridgeway, Struck by Train and Death Follows Shock.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ridgeway, June 24.—At noon today Thomas Bennett, a man aged 75 and totally blind, was struck by an eastbound train and fatally injured. He was returning to his home on Victoria avenue, and though the engineer saw him and applied the emergency it was too late. It is thought that the shock killed him, as the body is not mutilated.

MYSTERIOUS WOMAN  
WANTED BY POLICE

Is Thought to Have Spirited a Port Huron Girl to Detroit.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.] Sarnia, Ont., June 24.—The police of this municipality and of Port Huron are searching for Sophia Wilhelmina Leaverson and a woman dressed in deep black, who is supposed to have spirited the girl away from her home. The immigration officers are said to have admitted that the woman passed across the river on the ferry, but further than this no trace can be gained. The woman is said to have been seen here on numerous occasions, and her movements have been somewhat of a mystery. It is believed she took the girl to Detroit.

HAMILTON SALARIES. Hamilton, June 24.—The board of control this morning took final action with reference to the regrading of the city hall clerks and the raising of the minimum salary from \$400 to \$450. The controllers felt that the minimum salary should be higher in order that competent clerks could be engaged. The age limit was also reduced. A bylaw to that effect was sent on to the city council. The old bylaw fixing the salaries of the clerks has been disregarded for a long time, as the maximum salary paid the clerks exceeded that fixed by the bylaw. The new bylaw simply specifies the salary which has been paid for some time.

## KNIGHTHOOD FOR SENATOR ROSS ON THE KING'S BIRTHDAY LIST

Ex-Premier of Ontario and Former Member for West Middlesex Remembered in His Majesty's Birthday Honors—Mr. Byron Walker and Henry Bate Also Made Knights.

London, June 23.—The honors conferred on the occasion of King George's birthday include the bestowal of Knighthood on George William Ross, of the Canadian Senate; Byron Edmund Walker, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and Henry Newell Bate, chairman of the Ottawa Improvement Commission.

Mr. J. C. Rutherford, chief veterinary surgeon, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, is given a C. M. G. The honors include seven peerages, eleven baronetcies and thirty knight-hoods. The new peers are wealthy Liberals, as are practically all the recipients of honors. Among the baronetcies are Sir George's son, Sir Oliver Mowat, and on the 23rd of that month was sworn in as minister of education. As the Liberal party in the general election of 1883 was greatly reduced in numbers, West Middlesex, again became the scene of a very severe contest, the then leader of the Opposition, now Sir William Meredith, putting forth all his personal and political strength for Sir George's defeat. His majority was, however, con-

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TWILL BE NO EASY MATTER  
TO PASS ENTRANCE EXAMS.

No Laxness Will Be Allowed in the Marking of Papers—Stern Instructions Are Handed Out by the Department of Education.

It is not going to be an easy matter to pass the entrance examinations this year. As in all other branches of education in this Province, the standard has been raised.

The following announcement appears in the department instructions, issued by the education department:

"The high and continuation school inspectors report that in some of the schools under their charge the attainments of the pupils who have been admitted are defective and inadequate, and that in their judgment the high school entrance boards concerned have not set a proper standard in valuing the answer papers. In this connection the minister reminds entrance boards that while they are at liberty under section 5 (2) of the high school regulations of 1909, to make special provision for admission in special individual cases, they are not at liberty, without the concurrence of the minister to lower the 40 per cent minimum in any subject, or the 60 per cent minimum of the aggregate."

"Further, it has come to the minister's knowledge that in valuing the answer papers in arithmetic some boards have ignored the provision that no value whatever is to be assigned to certain questions on the examination paper unless the answers thereto are absolutely correct, that is, that no marks shall be assigned for principal work for partial answers. Boards are hereby warned that in this and in all other respects the regulations must be strictly observed."

"The condition of affairs with which this memorandum deals is manifestly an injury to both the high schools and the public and separate schools, and it cannot be permitted to continue. The minister has accordingly directed the high and continuation school inspectors to report specially to him hereafter on all cases in which there are evidences of laxity."

LEUTENANT-GOVERNOR  
GETS TITLE LATER

Hon. J. M. Gibson Not Included in Yesterday's Birthday List of Honors.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Ont., June 24.—Considerable comment is being heard here today over the fact that the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Hon. J. M. Gibson, has not been included in the distribution of birthday honors. It was generally expected that his honor, who was knighted, as has been done in the cases of his predecessors, it is said here that the knighthood will undoubtedly come before the expiration of the gubernatorial term. Hon. J. M. Gibson was knighted in 1908, and as Lieutenant-governor will see more King's birthdays.

WOODSTOCK GIRL  
DROWNS IN CISTERN

Mother Makes Desperate Attempt at Rescue But Without Success.

Woodstock, June 23.—Miss Ethel Keeler, a young girl about 21 years of age, who lived with her mother, Mrs. H. Keeler, at 251 Light street, was found drowned in a cistern at her home between 1 and 2 o'clock today. Mrs. Keeler and her daughter were alone in the house, and Mrs. Keeler heard the girl out of the water, and was compelled to let go and run out to a neighbor's for help. She got Mr. Forest, who lives across the way, and between them they drew out the body. Immediately such first aid as the neighbors were able to supply was given, and medical aid was summoned. Drs. Rutnan and Welford both worked with the body for several minutes, but at no time was there any sign of life.

According to the statement of Mrs. Keeler, she could not have been in the water more than ten minutes altogether. Dr. McEay, coroner, was notified, and after investigating the circumstances decided that an inquest was not necessary. She leaves one sister, Miss Rose Keeler, and two brothers, George, in Detroit, and Fred, who is an undertaker in Ingersoll. The dead girl was very well known.

CAUGHT UNDER WALLS. New York, June 24.—Caught under a falling wall, four firemen were badly injured during a fire which destroyed the office building of the Public Service Corporation in Jersey City today. All the injured men are expected to recover. The fire damage is estimated at \$75,000.

High School Entrance Examinations Over. Examinations for Kindergarten Teachers Are On Today.

The concluding entrance examinations were held this morning in much cooler weather. The weather of the past few days has been very trying on the students and today's change was welcome.

The papers tried this morning were grammar and writing, which corresponded with the other papers, and proved to be very fair tests.

The literature examination was held yesterday afternoon. This was the paper which caused so many complaints last year. There were none heard this year, and the students appear to be well satisfied with the papers all through.

The examinations for kindergarten teachers are also being tried at the College, and will conclude this afternoon. Five students are writing: Misses Elizabeth Henderson, Eva Lancaster, Viola McDonald, Gertrude Neelands and Myrtle Nugent.

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