

DEATH OF JAMES TAYLOR

Pump Manufacturer Passes Away—Was Resident of London 37 Years.

An old and esteemed resident of London passed away this morning in the person of Mr. James Taylor, the well-known pumpmaker, who had been in business on Wellington street here, 62 years ago. He came to London, Canada, 37 years ago, settling in London, where he resided ever since. He was highly respected by all who knew him, and his death will be regretted by a large number in London. He is survived by a widow and five children, four boys and one girl, as follows: Messrs. Benjamin, of Detroit; George, of New Ontario; Walter and William and Miss Ruth, of this city.

A brother and a sister also survive him—Mr. George Taylor, the well-known fireman of No. 3 station, and Mrs. Moore, of Brantford. The funeral will be held on Tuesday at 3 o'clock from his late residence to Woodland. It will probably be under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World, of which deceased was a member.

McMAHAN IS GUILTY

Junk Dealer Admits Theft From Bidulph Township Farmer.

After being committed for trial by Squire Taylor, Wm. McMahan was brought before Judge Macbeth at the court house this morning and pleaded guilty to stealing a disc harrow from Sidney Hodgins, a farmer of Bidulph Township. He will be sentenced on Saturday next.

McMahan is a junk dealer, and it was while he was buying some other material at Hodgins' that he stole the harrow. He disappeared, but after a short time in the township, he returned to Bidulph and was arrested. The Lucan lockup, however, was not strong enough to hold him and he broke jail, remaining at liberty until recently, when County Constable Piper, of Lucan, located him. McMahan makes his home wherever he can find the junk business the most profitable.

BEST OF THE SEASON

Bowling Match, Ward 3 vs. Ward 4, at Liberal Club.

The best bowling match of the season on the Young Liberal Club alley was played last night between wards 3 and 4. Captain Tommy Dewar's team were right at themselves, and when the game was over ward 3 had 40 pins on the right side of the ledger. There was a very large crowd of rooters in attendance, and plenty of enthusiasm was in evidence every minute. The aggregate is the best yet made in a match on the alleys.

Fitzmaurice got high single frame, making 184 on his second. This is one of the highest scores yet made. High average went to Legg with 168 for two games. He was followed by Tommy Dewar with 165, and Fitzmaurice with 167. Fitzmaurice's bowling in the last frame was very effective.

There were many splendid individual struggles during the match. Smith and Adams, the leaders, seemed during most of the evening while Legg and Dewar were together most of the journey. Black, Burgess and Worrall were also in good form. The score:

WARD THREE.

Smith	137	138	275
Murray	116	161	277
Fitzmaurice	150	184	334
Burgess	154	152	306
Dewar	179	177	356

WARD FOUR.

Adams	138	150	288
Worrall	162	155	317
Black	129	181	310
Ross	133	132	265
Legg	165	172	337

Majority for Ward 3, 40 pins.

The largest birds' nests are to be found in Australia. The Australian jungle fowl build for nests great mounds, 15 feet in height and 125 or 150 feet in circumference. Grass leaves and other vegetable matter are used in the construction of nests, which easily weigh a ton. The Australian brush turkeys, working in colonies, build pyramidal nests even larger. One of these nests, on being removed, filled several carts and its total weight was five tons.

People who claim the air of having pre-empted all the wisdom of the universe by that same token ought to have a guardian appointed for them.

ILL-FITTING BOOTS and shoes cause corns. Holloway's Corn Cure is the article to use. Get a bottle at once and cure your corns.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—EXCELLENT TIMBER FARM, on main road; three good orchards, spring water. Apply for particulars to Walter Orman, Bryon P. O. 20.

LOST, SATURDAY—BROWN FUR GAITER, for right hand, near Patterson's woodyard. Finder please return to Patterson's woodyard.

FOR SALE—GOOD BRICK BUILDING, to be removed from lot. Apply Thomas C. Knott, Room 101, Masonic Temple, 71c.

DOLLAR APPEAL PAID FOR SITTING hens, delivered at Wilkins' Livery, 71c.

GIRLS WANTED. APPLY LONDON BOIT and Hinge Works, 71c.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Auditorium, 4 p. m.

SCHUBERT LADIES' QUARTET

Rev. W. G. H. McAllister, B.A., speaks. Subject, "On the Doorstep." All men invited.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

The meeting of No. 2 committee, called for last night, was again adjourned, through lack of a quorum.

—Mrs. H. Peters, of Waterloo street, have just returned from a pleasant two months' visit with their son, Mr. Ernest Peters, of Chicago, and other relatives west.

—Among the Londoners who attended the convention of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, held in Toronto on Thursday and Friday, were Rev. E. B. Lancelley, Mrs. Thornley, Mrs. McDermid, Mr. D. A. McDermid and Rev. D. S. Hamilton.

—The men's meeting in the Auditorium tomorrow afternoon will be addressed by Rev. W. G. H. McAllister, D.A., pastor of the Dundas Methodist Church. The title of the address will be "On the Doorstep." Special music will be rendered by the Schubert Ladies' Quartet.

—The owners of the old Seventh Day Adventist Church, on the corner of Oxford and Colborne streets, are endeavoring to sell the property to the city for a north end fire hall. As yet no site has been decided upon by No. 3 committee, but the new station is looked upon as a certainty this year.

—A two-weeks' evangelistic meeting will begin tomorrow in Empress Avenue, Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. I. B. Wallin, B.A., will be assisted at times by Rev. Messrs. Lancelley and Black, Mrs. Harrison, and others. The excellent choir of the church will lead the singing. The meetings are open to everyone and a hearty welcome will be given.

—The funeral of Mr. Fred J. A. Churchill, who was killed on Wednesday in the G. T. R. yards in this city, took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from his residence, 708 Lorne avenue, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Edward R. Black, pastor of the Christian Church. The pallbearers were chosen from the Sons of England Lodge, of which deceased was a member.

—A delightful gathering was held on Friday afternoon, when the primary department of the Dundas Center Bible school was "at home" to the mothers and friends, from 3 to 6 o'clock. The severity of the weather did not prevent a large turnout, including many members of the cradle roll. An interesting program of music and recitation was carried out by the little tots, under the direction of their teachers, Mrs. Wm. Heaman, Miss Barter and Miss Madeline Bowman, after which the meeting resolved itself into a mothers' conference. Questions regarding child training were freely and helpfully discussed. Dainty refreshments were served at the close.

—The teachers of St. George's school take exception to the statement published recently that Johnny McIntosh, of Waterloo and Chesapeake streets, had his feet frozen while on the way to school. The lad, they say, lives only two and a half blocks from the school, and on the day he met with his misfortune he joined his class at 9 a.m., and remained until nearly 12 o'clock, before making any complaint to the teacher. The latter did not compel him to stand over or near the register, but finding that the boy's feet were frozen she had his shoes removed, and provided him with a pair of rubbers, after which he was sent home.

ARE NEEDED.

Two new lavatories are to be erected at the Western Fair grounds, each 75x40 feet. The cost of both will be quite considerable, as the plumbing alone will run up to about \$1,000.

OPENING OF NEW ROOMS.

It is expected that the board of trade's new quarters on Richmond street will be formally opened very next. President White announces that Mr. George C. Gibbons, K.C., chairman of the international railways commission, will deliver an address on the occasion of the opening.

SCHOOL TEACHERS' TRIP.

Arrangements have been practically completed for the trip of the London school teachers to Cleveland on May 29 and 30. The superintendent of the Cleveland schools, Mr. Elson, has sent Inspector Edwards a very warm invitation, and copies of this are being sent to all local teachers.

CONCERT AT LAMBETH.

The choir of the First Methodist Church went to Lambeth last night to give a concert. By some mistake, the music was left in the car, however, and the choir found itself compelled to give an impromptu programme. This was done with such good effect that the choir won the hearty congratulations of all who heard the concert.

A PAARDEBERG TEA.

Wednesday next is the anniversary of the battle of Paardeberg, in which the Royal Canadian Regiment, distinguished in the Boer war, was celebrated by the Daughters of the Empire with a tea in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. The tea is to be held at 4 p.m. The programme is to include short addresses by a number of prominent citizens, and vocal and instrumental music. The public are most cordially invited to attend.

NEW DIRECTOR INTRODUCED.

Over 150 boys spent a social hour in the Y. M. C. A. parlors last night. The occasion was the introduction of the new boys' director, Mr. F. C. Morrow, who has lately been appointed to take charge of this department. After playing games, a programme was given by the boys, as follows: Piano solo, Andrew Weldon; cornet duet, Fred Gillies and Allison Lewis; piano solo, Fred Davidson; cornet solo, Fred Gillies; alto solo, David and Gillies. At the programme refreshments were served by the ladies' auxiliary.

SKIP McDONALD WON.

The final game of the Thistle Club's bonspiel was completed last night, when Dr. McDonald's rink defeated Skip W. Fulton. The ice was just to Dr. McDonald's liking and his shooting was practically faultless. Summary:

McGuffin	J. J. Cox
W. Ferguson	W. E. Findlay
C. H. Tume	J. A. Macintosh
W. Fulton	Dr. McDonald

REGISTER CAUSED FIRE.

The firemen were called at 8:15 this morning to Flegg's store, corner of the Hamilton road and Adelaide street, where a hot air register had set fire to

the floor. The blaze was extinguished with a loss of about \$100, the chemicals that the register was in contact with the joists, and that it is no wonder the fire resulted. He is of the opinion that it is time the city of London had a building inspector to prevent the faulty construction of buildings.

EARTHQUAKE WARNINGS.

Balloons at Jamaica Experimenting—Great Excitement Among the Natives.

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 22.—Capt. Lovelace, of the New York Aero Club, and Dr. von Teuber, of the Chicago and Berlin universities, are here with the balloon Eagle, in which they are making ascents with the view to determining if it is possible to give warnings of earthquakes from atmospheric conditions. They will continue their researches in South and Central America. The ascents are arousing great excitement among the natives.

It is learned that the Colombians claim the cargo of the Leyland Line steamer Darien, which stranded at the mouth of the Magdalena River, and will not allow the wreckers to work on the vessel unless the owners agree to their demand.

REGETS GENEROSITY

Montenegro Ruler Thinks People Unfit for a Constitution.

Cettinje, Feb. 23.—Prince Nicholas of Montenegro, who last November granted his people a constitution "in order to promote the liberty, independence, and patriotism" of Montenegro, is now beginning to regret his generosity, as the people do not understand how to use it.

Scenes in Parliament and cabinet crises are almost an every-day occurrence. Recently Prince Nicholas dismissed a ministry which pretended to have a voice in army appointments. On Parliament suggesting that he should reinstate it because it had the people's confidence, the old warrior gave the assembled legislators a sound rattling. They at once withdrew their support, apologized to the prince and begged him to suit himself.

When it was discovered that there was a dearth of candidates for the cabinet, the prince was compelled to settle the difficulty by dividing the principal portfolios equally among his three most faithful friends.

The premier is minister for foreign affairs, war and public instruction. The other ministers have likewise three portfolios each, and for the moment everyone is satisfied.

A FUNNY WORLD

Long-Married Woman Now Doubts the Identity of Her Husband.

London, Feb. 23.—There are no limits to the strange things that can happen in this world of ours. Yesterday a woman who had been married fourteen years, and who, in calm, incisive tones, explained to the baffled magistrate that she had noticed a change in her husband, had now said that a substitute had taken his place. The five children called the substitute "Daddy," but she was sure that she was being imposed upon.

Bringing the matter before the court, said the magistrate, faintly. But the man will not go. Yesterday, however, the woman explained why she is sure that a deception is being practiced on her. She lives in a flat in a rather poor part of Willesden.

Fourteen years ago, she said, she was married to a zinc worker. She noticed the "change" when the last child but one was born. Although the new husband gave her 27 shillings a week, like the old one, some of his ways were different.

For instance, the boots he wore were "nines" instead of "eights." Then she said that he was darker in complexion. He admitted this cheerfully. "I am getting a bit darker," he said. But the decisive proof came soon after. She noticed that a bird on her doorstep had taken his place. The five children called the substitute "Daddy," but she was sure that she was being imposed upon.

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HILL SAYS HARD TIMES ARE COMING

President of Great Northern Declares in 1908 Many Men Will Be Out of Work.

New York, Feb. 22.—J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway Company, who has returned from St. Paul, expressed the conviction yesterday that the tide of prosperity is turning and that there are indications of a significant recession in business.

As Mr. Hill phrased it, "The sails of prosperity are being reefed. The year 1908 may be a hard year and many thousands of men may then be out of work."

"General policies of retrenchment are under way," said Mr. Hill. "Less money is being spent on new works. The effect of this movement is being felt at present in the falling off of orders. The beginning of this movement is very evident in Chicago."

"While I would scarcely call it a recession in business, it is more of a drawing in. The railroads, in fact, are curtailing their expenditures and placing fewer orders. On our lines we will finish the work we have under way and that is all."

"This movement toward economy is sufficiently perceptible, but it should not be sufficient to relieve the strain from country. In a way it is a good thing. It is better so, as the curtailment is gradual. Otherwise there might be a sudden slump with serious results."

"The first tendency is toward the curtailment of luxuries. Then there will be a falling off in the amount of manufacture articles. This will continue during the coming months. But so far as concerns the future, the year 1908 may be a hard one and then many men may be out of employment."

EMBRO INCIDENTS BRIEFLY NOTED

Two Weddings Were Celebrated in One Family—Several Deaths Recorded.

Embryo, Feb. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. M. MacGowan spent a few days at their home in Glenora.

Mrs. Lucas, of London, spent Friday at Mr. J. Fairbairn's.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Ross, of Woodstock, are visiting at Mr. D. Kennedy's.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Munro, of Birt, are visiting at Mr. Munro's sister's Mrs. Hugh Murray, 7th line.

Miss Bell McCorquodale and Miss McKim, of St. Marys, are visiting Miss Vera Davies.

Miss Irene Kirkpatrick, of Woodstock, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. McMurphy.

Miss Sarah McIntosh, of Harrington, is the guest of her friend, Miss Jimmie Kennedy.

Mr. Hugh Matheson, Argyle street, met with a very serious accident last week. Just before retiring she slipped and fell, fracturing her hip.

Mrs. Alex. McDonald has purchased Mrs. Yool's property on St. Andrew's street.

Messrs. Columbus Ross and R. A. Matheson represented our Agricultural Society in Toronto at the Fair's Association meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cody entertained a number of their friends at a Valentine party Friday evening.

Mr. A. E. Campbell entertained his Friday school class at his home on Friday evening.

A very interesting event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKay, John street, on Saturday last, being the celebration of their golden wedding, and also the marriage of their youngest daughter George to Mr. McLeod, the son of Mr. Wm. McKay.

The ceremony took place at high noon, the father, looking on, officiating. Rev. Dr. Munro, of Birt, officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a dress of white tulle, and was unattended. Only the immediate relatives were present.

The beautiful array of presents testified to the esteem in which both brides are held. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert left at evening for their home in Ingersoll, followed by the best wishes of their many friends for a long and happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams entertained a host of our young people at their home on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McKay, of Algonquin, and Mr. P. McKay, Searforth, were visiting at Mr. Wm. McKay's lately.

Mrs. John Fairbairn received word of the death of her niece, Miss Anna Fuller, in Houston, Texas, on Sunday. Miss Fuller was the only daughter of Mr. A. H. Fuller, of Toronto, formerly of Woodstock, and was the fifth and last child to die in the last few years. The remains were brought to Woodstock and buried on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Rogerson died at the home of her son, Mr. James Rogerson, 9th line. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon to North Embro Cemetery.

On Monday evening death claimed another of our pioneers in the person of Mrs. Innes. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ross, two grandchildren, Mr. D. I. Rose and Mrs. C. L. Sutherland, also three great grandchildren. The funeral on Wednesday afternoon to North Embro Cemetery was largely attended.

Donald G. the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sutherland, died at their home on Monday. Donald was a bright little lad of three years, and his presence will be much missed in the home. Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon to North Embro Cemetery.

ANOTHER BOMB.

Odessa, Feb. 23.—A bomb was thrown beneath the carriage of the chief of police, Col. Von Densberg, as he was driving through the center of the city this afternoon. The explosion of the bomb wrecked the carriage, and

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Very injured the chief of police, and shattered all the windows in the vicinity. The would-be assassin escaped.

THE COTTON OUTPUT

Exportation From United States Last Year Amounted to \$600,000,000.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—The United States was enriched by practically \$600,000,000 through its exportations last year of cotton and the products of that staple, according to a statement issued today by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor. The exports of these products amounted to one-fourth of 25 per cent of the \$1,772,000,000 worth of the domestic exports.

Of the \$413,000,000 worth of raw cotton exported \$173,000,000 went to the United Kingdom, and \$7,333,000 to Canada. The figures show a slight increase in the exports of cotton from Canada, compared with 1905. Of the cotton manufacturers exported, the bulk of its went to Europe. The value of cotton cloths exported last year was \$25,000,000, of which more than three-quarters of a million dollars' worth went to Canada.

A Collection of Pictures.

Art lovers will be interested in the visit of Mr. P. Luscombe Carroll, of London, England, who is now at the Tecumseh House with an excellent collection of high class pictures. The Toronto papers speak of the works as "a wonderful exhibit, the water colors being probably the finest ever brought to Canada." Special mention is made of the "beautiful pastoral work" of Robert Little, R. W. S.; of the Dutch canal fishing scenes of R. Bagehaave, R. A.; of the street scenes and Dutch landscapes of Bingham McGuinness, R. H. A.—according to the Irish Times the finest water colorist in Ireland—and Henry Henshall, R. W. S., the famous genre painter, an extended illustrated article on whose methods appeared in the November number of Pearson's Magazine. The collection represents the work of some 25 artists, and all who are interested should certainly avail themselves of Mr. Carroll's invitation to view the pictures.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, For The Advertiser, Chicago, Feb. 23.

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
May	77 3/4	78 1/4	77 1/4	78 1/4
July	78 1/4	79 1/4	78 1/4	79 1/4

May	47 1/2	47 3/4	47 1/2	47 3/4
July	46 1/2	47 1/4	46 1/2	47 1/4
May	41 1/2	42 1/4	41 1/2	42 1/4
July	37 1/2	37 3/4	37 1/2	37 3/4

May	16 7/8	16 7/8	16 7/8	16 7/8
July	16 1/8	16 1/8	16 1/8	16 1/8
May	9 7/8	9 7/8	9 7/8	9 7/8
July	9 7/8	9 7/8	9 7/8	9 7/8

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July	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
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July	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2

The New York and Montreal Stock Exchanges are closed today.

Daring Woman Balloonist.

London, Feb. 23.—The Hon. Mrs. Harbord has made a daring and successful balloon trip across the channel. The ascent was made at Chelsea Thursday night at ten minutes to 11. Mrs. Harbord was accompanied by C. F. Pollock, of the channel in the neighborhood of Calais, and descended at 9:30 Friday morning at Stavelot, Belgium