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Tomorrow's Weather—Fine and Mild.

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Sun Rises Tomorrow, 7:44; Sets, 4:41.

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CHAIRMAN M'INTYRE TOOK RAP AT PETITIONS

Unless Better Evidence Be Submitted From Both
Pottersburg and Ealing the Ontario Railway
Board Is Not Certain of Annexation.

MATTER COMES UP AGAIN ON DEC. 20; CHELSEA GREEN IS ADMITTED TO CITY

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 13.—London's application to annex 1,000 acres of the surrounding district to its limits came up yesterday afternoon before the Ontario railway and municipal board. One of the results was an order that will be important to all municipalities. The effect of it is that henceforth all petitions presented to the board must be proved to be genuine and that the names to the document are authentic.

Mayor Charles M. R. Graham, City Solicitor T. G. Meredith, and Samuel Baker, city clerk, represented the city of London; W. R. Meredith and Miss Mary Grant, the township of London, and A. S. Cattanch and other property owners opposed to certain portions of the annexation proposition.

An area of 270 acres of Chelsea Green, in Westminster Township, was allowed to be annexed without much discussion.

Abattoir Held Back.
What is known as the abattoir property developed an exposure of faulty assessment rolls, sufficiently great to cause Mr. T. G. Meredith to throw up his hands, and allow this to stand until more accurate details as to ownership could be brought before the board.

The assessed owners were Mrs. E. Whetter, J. A. Churg, Robert Tremaine, E. Rechinizer and R. K. Cowan. An affidavit was filed by T. G. Meredith that D. J. Cowan was the owner, and that the name R. K. Cowan was a mistake.

W. R. Meredith placed City Clerk Baker in the box and questioned him as to the names on the roll and the ownership. Mr. Baker was unable to

say that the parties cited were owners, or whether Messrs. Rechinizer and Cowan represented the Dominion Abattoir Company.

This caused Mr. T. G. Meredith to admit that the rolls of the township of London were in a miserable shape, and caused a great deal of trouble, to which the chairman added that whoever was responsible did not know his business.

This portion of the application immediately went by the way for the time being.

Pottersburg and Ealing.
The Pottersburg and Ealing section, which comprises something like 700 acres, was taken up. A petition was filed containing 304 names of property owners, who are anxious for annexation. There are 570 names on the roll and some 600 titles are affected.

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HAMILTON.....	16.00 per H.P.
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A Good Argument For the Flat Rate

NO TAX BURDENS BY LAURIER'S PLAN

Policy Is One of Which No
Canadian Need Be Ashamed,
Says the Hamilton Times.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Various Views of the Leading Canadian
Dailies on Sir Wilfrid's
Resolutions.

[Canadian Press.]
Hamilton, Dec. 13.—The Hamilton Times says:

Sir Wilfrid's resolution places no burden upon the British taxpayers. It is not a huckstering resolution. It does not demand a "quid pro quo." It is a resolution of which no Canadian need feel ashamed. By its fulfillment Canada's own shores would be well policed and Canada's navy would at the same time form part of the British fleet, ready for active service wherever required. The resolution will not only create a navy, but it will create a great industry in Canada, giving employment to thousands of Canadians. It will give what Britain needs, more than money—it will give her men.

The Liberals are ready for an appeal to the electorate on the subject. On a momentous question like this they should be given an opportunity to express their will at the polls.

The Toronto News.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The Toronto News says in part:

Laurier's speech is clever, but not convincing. With something of his old-time skill he evaded the real significance of the British admiralty's memorandum, but even without the additional secret information, which is in the hands of the Government, it is plain to see that the existence of a serious international emergency is proved.

Any attempt to establish a Canadian navy in three would be futile. Thirty-five millions, as Borden proposes to spend it, would accomplish more for the Empire than Laurier's hundred million. Laurier's failure to put his own policy into operation when he had the chance has rendered his emergency program of the present Government all the more imperative.

Laurier's Best.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—La Presse, commenting on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's amendment, says:

Without enunciating a permanent policy, Mr. Borden, on the pretext of the urgency of the situation, proposes the beginning of the solution of the naval problem by a policy of direct pecuniary contribution. Sir Wilfrid Laurier settles the question definitely by proposing the establishment of a marine, the "essence" of his proposition being that Canada's navy shall be placed in the hands of the Empire at the same time. At the present time this is the position of affairs, and it is upon these two schemes the nation is asked to pronounce. For ourselves it seems that the people have no possible reason for hesitation. The policy of Sir Wilfrid is the one that most impresses us. It impresses us today as it did in 1910, and for the same reasons.

Star Fears Separation.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—The Montreal Star says:

One week ago Mr. Borden laid before the Canadian Parliament a naval policy which logical outcome would be perpetual British unity. Yesterday Sir Wilfrid Laurier laid before that same Parliament another naval policy whose logical outcome would be eventual separation from the British Empire. The issue is the whole situation in a nutshell.

Should Be Voted.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The Ottawa Free Press says:

The representatives of the Liberal party in the House of Commons should regard it as their duty to force the Borden Government to the country on its naval policy of direct cash contribution in contrast to the proposed extension of the Laurier naval act. If ever there was a time when the people of Canada should be consulted, if ever there were a time when they should be asked to make a deliberate attempt to reverse the principles of responsible government and autonomy, which have been built up step by step in the last seventy years, Premier Borden made it abundantly clear that he is opposed to the "hazardous and costly experiment of building up a naval organization in Canada."

His permanent policy must therefore be one of continued direct contribution.

GIRL WITH CLOTHING AFIRE RACED DOWN EAST END STREET

Miss Olive Ferguson, of Mary Street, Had a Miraculous Escape
From Burning to Death When Her Apron Became
Ignited and She Rushed Out of House.

Miss Olive Ferguson, daughter of Charles F. Ferguson, grocer, of Rathgar street, had a miraculous escape from death yesterday, when her clothing caught fire while she was attending to the stove in the store.

Miss Ferguson was alone in the store for a while, and about 11:30, intending to put some more fuel on the fire, attempted to open the door of the stove, and in so doing she was struck by the flames, which had caught onto her skirts and her apron. She rushed out of the store, and in so doing she was struck by the flames, which had caught onto her skirts and her apron. She rushed out of the store, and in so doing she was struck by the flames, which had caught onto her skirts and her apron.

Severely Burned.

Mrs. Hyatt, 23 Hyatt avenue, saw the young lady and immediately came to her assistance. She accompanied Miss Ferguson to the office of Dr. L. Seale Holmes, who found that besides severe burns on her head, Miss Ferguson's hands were badly burned, and that the clothing which was burnt almost to the bone.

MURDER NEAR FLESHERTON STILL VEILED IN MYSTERY

Extra Constables Placed on Case of Woman Found in Cellar of
Her Home—Police Believe Death Was
Due to Bullets.

[Canadian Press.]
Flesherton, Dec. 13.—Henry Love told his story of what he knows of the events preceding the murder of a woman found in a cellar at Flesherton this morning. Substantially the same as previously reported, Arnold Love, the bright-looking 14-year-old son of the murdered woman, also told what he could remember of the mystery, and John Collinson, a brother of Gibson Collinson, who yesterday's reports indicated had something to disclose at the inquest, gave his point of view on the case.

Looking Up Clues.

Inspector Reburn, of the provincial police, when he looked up the clues, but did not visit the Love residence until after the autopsy performed by Dr. McWilliams, of Dundalk, and Dr. Ego, of Markdale, which started shortly after noon, was completed. John Collinson, who, with his brother Gibson, Sangster Hemphill and John Kennedy, were the first to go to the Love home after the discovery of the body, described what he saw a few minutes after midnight Wednesday.

The Husband's Story.

Henry Love says that he entered his home about 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning for the purpose of getting his overcoat. His son was there, and his wife was standing by the stove knitting. He kissed her good-bye, as he had to leave for Owen Sound, and he was never seen again until about 11 o'clock, when his son-in-law, Wm. Hindle, came to him at the coal car at Flesherton station and told him that Mrs. Love was not home. He did not return to his home again until about 11 o'clock, when his son-in-law, Wm. Hindle, came to him at the coal car at Flesherton station and told him that Mrs. Love was not home.

Was Not Alarmed.

He thought nothing of his wife's absence, as she was in the habit of helping Mrs. McLaughlin, of the Ceylon Hotel. He went to the hotel with a pair of shoes he had repaired for Mrs. McLaughlin. He asked Mrs. McLaughlin if his wife was there, and she replied that

LONDON MAN SUFFOCATED BY A STOVE IN HIS SHACK

Dispatch From Saskatchewan Tells of the Death of Mr. W. M.
Duncan, Who Is Supposed To Be a Brother of Well-Known
South Londoner—Was Coming East for Christmas.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 13.—Word was brought to Kerrobert, Sask., yesterday that a man had been suffocated in a homestead shack a few miles south of there. Constable Forman secured Dr. Neville and proceeded to the scene.

They found the man, W. M. Duncan, leaning over the stove, dead. He had heated the stove apparently almost to white heat; had taken the lid off the stove, and retired. The stove had set fire to the bed clothing and his own clothing. He was fully attired and the gas had partly asphyxiated and had tried to replace the lid. Failing in this, his smoldering clothes had caused unconsciousness, and he fell over the stove, where he expired.

Duncan's home was in London, Ontario, where he had planned to go for the Christmas holidays. His people have been notified and the body will be sent east.

Mr. John Dunkin, 219 Wortley road, seated to The Advertiser that he had a brother, William Duncan, in the Northwest, and his postoffice, when last heard from, was Kerrobert, Sask.

and they had also heard indirectly that he was coming east for Christmas.

When his attention was drawn to the difference in the spelling of the names Mr. John Dunkin stated that his brother spelled his name "Duncan." As yet no word has been received by him in connection with the supposed death of his brother.

Mr. William Duncan, if he proves to be the man, was a widower, 27 years of age, and is survived by one son in Toronto, and three married daughters, Mrs. McPherson, of Seaford; another living in Detroit, and Mrs. McNair, whose place of residence is not known.

No Relation.

Duncan Bros., grocers, at the corner of Dufferin avenue and Maitland street, were interviewed by The Advertiser this afternoon, but these gentlemen claim that this cannot be a brother of theirs. They have a brother named William John Duncan in the west, and the last they had heard from him he was stationed in Winnipeg. They state that he had been near Saskatoon in the fall months, but had left for Winnipeg a short time ago. They were almost positive that the dead man was no relation of theirs.

WIFE TELLS COURT HOW SHE PLANNED SPOUSE'S DEATH

Pretty Girl Confesses to Helping
Paramour Kill Her
Husband.

[Canadian Press.]
Moos Jaw, Dec. 13.—Cunningly planned and cleverly carried into execution, was the murder of Ralph Warwick, on a homestead near Iversman on the night of Nov. 18. Last night his wife on the witness stand, at the coroner's inquest, told how she and Stanley Price planned the details. Mrs. Warwick is a Newcastle, Prince.

England, girl, pretty and barely out of her teens. Looking the crown prosecutor squarely in the eye, she told of having met Stanley Price, nearly a year ago. She fell in love with him, and six months later went to live at his homestead as housekeeper and common-law wife. She had been there for some time when she proposed that she should marry Ralph Warwick, get him to turn all his belongings over to her and make a will in her favor. To this she consented, and laid her plans for Warwick. After wooing him two months he proposed marriage. She lived with him until he was beaten to death, but all the time kept up relations with Stanley Price.

EMERY MULLINS FOUND GUILTY; MAN WAS TOO MUCH MARRIED

Ottawa Avenue Resident Was
Remanded for a Week
for Sentence.

Emery Mullins, of Mullin, was today convicted by Police Magistrate Judd of having committed bigamy in having gone through a form of marriage with Miss Rita Rice, of Aylmer, St. Thomas, after having been previously wed to Ethel Haines, a member of a somewhat notorious family in this city. Mullins was remanded for a week for sentence.

The evidence of Rosa Haines, now Mrs. Alvin Prosser, of Detroit, a sister of Mullins' first wife, which was taken a week ago, showed that her sister had married Joseph Langner, a member of the same family, before she was married to the prisoner. However the prosecution today showed that Ethel Haines was not married to Langner until after she left Mullins, and the Mullins wedding would accordingly be legal.

Mr. A. H. M. Graydon, who acted for Mullins, admitted that his client was actually guilty, but asked that leniency be shown because of the fact

that Mullins believed that he was assisting Miss Rita Rice in carrying on her business. Mullins asserted that he told Miss Rice that he was already married, but that she said she did not care. She came from St. Thomas to his parents' house and took him to Rev. James Livingston to be married, paying for the ceremony herself, he declared. Mullins also alleged that he had not yet arisen in the morning when his prospective bride turned up at his home.

Miss Rice, who is the present complainant, had lived with Mullins for the past six years and has three children. She is now twenty-five years of age.

According to the defendant her acquaintance with him was the result of a street flirtation.

"As a bachelor I consider that the prisoner is sufficiently punished," commented Mr. Graydon in making reference to his client's double marriage.

Mullins, before his case was called in court, failed in the prisoners' box and had to be carried to the back of the station, where he soon revived. He was in an exceedingly nervous condition throughout the trial and cried bitterly when taken back to the cells after being found guilty.

BUILDERS' EXCHANGE APPROVE BY LAWS

Ald. Richter and Spittal Addressed the
Meeting on Municipal Affairs.

General approval was given the by-laws for the federal square, and the industrial loans, at a meeting of the members of the Builders' Exchange last night. Ald. J. G. Richter and Ald. Wm. Spittal were in attendance and spoke briefly on municipal affairs, the former declaring that he believed that he would be supported by Ald. Spittal in averting that a new member of the council required the first six months of his term to learn the procedure. After that time the aldermen are capable of serving the citizens, but much valuable time is lost in breaking in beginners.

ELECTRICIANS MEET

Addresses Made by Local Labor
Men.

Local Union, No. 120, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers held an open meeting in Moose Hall Thursday evening for the purpose of strengthening the position of the union in this city. A large number of both members and non-members were present, and as a result of the meeting a large number of new members were added to the union.

Addresses were made by Mr. Nicholson, of Toronto, the organizer of the brotherhood in Eastern Canada; Messrs. John J. Jacobs and H. Bastia, of the Trades and Labor Council, and B. Ingles, president of local No. 120. It is the intention of the officers to hold another open meeting in January, at which President Knight, of Vancouver, will give an address.

SYNDICATE WILL BUILD MANY HOUSES

Hill Street Man In On a Scheme to
Build Up East London.

Mr. Max Renner, 592 Hill street, and four land speculators, reported to come from Toronto and other eastern points, have formed a syndicate to build houses on a piece of land which they are negotiating to buy, south of the G. T. R. tracks, just inside the city limits. Mr. Renner would not divulge the names of his partners in the scheme, but admitted they were in conference for several hours on Thursday afternoon and arrangements were made.

The plan they have in view is to subdivide their land, which contains two and a half acres, into lots, and arrange streets to mark out the blocks of houses. Houses of different styles of architecture and of various sizes will be built. They expect to erect from 50 to 100 houses on the land.

One hitch remains. The land in view is owned by the Grand Trunk, and the syndicate is doubtful whether they can purchase it from the railway company. However, they are bound to locate, and they hold an option on a six-acre parcel lot in Ealing. If the land from the railway cannot be purchased, the Ealing land will be used by the syndicate.

STEAMER IS SAFE

Pennsylvania White, Reported Sunk on Su-
perior, Is at Duluth.

[Canadian Press.]
Duluth, Minn., Dec. 13.—The Michigan Line steamer Pennsylvania White, reported sunk in Lake Superior last night, is tied up at a dock in Duluth harbor.

Liberal Euchre.
Tonight in the South London Liberal Club rooms, corner of Craig street and the Wortley road, the semi-weekly euchre party will be held. Everybody is invited.

Electrification Would Mean Loss of 20 Families to City

Ald. Bennett Shows a Hysterical Newspaper How Its
Own Argument Proves Proposal To Be
Detrimental to London's Progress.

Ald. B. W. Bennett was charged by the London Free Press with having refused to allow the half-baked electrification scheme to go to the voters because it meant he would likely lose his position as conductor on the Pere Marquette.

"If it were not such an absurdity I would be moved to take steps to have this matter properly set before the public," said Ald. Bennett. "In the first place this newspaper seems to take it for granted that London was to lose the Pere Marquette, a thing which they have been saying since the beginning of time. Well, in that event, as I am one of the senior conductors on the road, and can secure another run any time I feel so

inclined, it would mean that I would be moved to St. Thomas with my family. "Perhaps these wild talkers do not realize it, but it would also mean the removal of twenty other families from this city, if the statement of the Free Press were true.

"Figuring that there are five members in each of these families, which is the number usually estimated, the electrification of the London and Port Stanley Railway would mean that London would lose 100 families from its population."

MARQUETTE'S MANAGER RESIGNS POSITION

Mr. Cotter Retires and Mr.
Frank Alfred Will Act
For the Present.

[Canadian Press.]
Detroit, Dec. 13.—William Cotter, for the past eight years general manager of the Pere Marquette, last night tendered his resignation to the receivers of the road.

The resignation, effective Jan. 1 next, was accepted, and it is thought Frank H. Alfred, assistant general manager, will act as general manager until the receivers make a permanent selection of Mr. Cotter's successor.

LONDON ELECTRICIAN PAINFULLY INJURED

Bert Rickman Was Blown Out
of an Attic in Explosion
at Sarnia.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Sarnia, Dec. 13.—Bert Rickman, of London, had his arm severely burned today in an explosion of natural gas at the grocery store of R. H. McMan. Rickman, who is in the employ of a local electrical contractor named Marshall, was wiring the McMan store, and had crawled up into the attic to string a wire. He lit a match, and the quantity of gas in the room exploded, hurling him through the hole to the room below. He is not dangerously injured.

**9 MORE DAYS
TO SHOP**

