

WHITNEY AXE AGAIN FALLING NORVAL WANLESS LOSES JOB

Spoils System Once Again Breaks Out in the London Insane Asylum—Official Is Beheaded Simply Because He Is a Liberal.

The Whitney axe is falling. All the fine promises of Hon. Adam Beck have availed nothing, but, on the other hand, the spoils gang is in complete control.

As outlined a few days ago in The Advertiser, several dismissals and changes were to be made in the asylum staff.

The first move in this new campaign of spoils came yesterday, when Mr. Norval Wanless, who has been storekeeper at the asylum for some years, was given notice that after the first of the year, his services would no longer be required. The communication stated no charges, but merely stated the fact that he was not wanted. It is said that other changes are anticipated, and that several more will be given their official notice.

Mr. Wanless was seen by The Ad-

vertiser this morning, and confirmed the statement.

"Yes, that's right," he said. "I got a nice Christmas box. It is such a pleasant time to give something like this. So far as I know I am the only one to get it at this time. I have heard that there will be others, but, of course, I don't know. Still, what can you expect?"

Mr. Wanless is well known in athletic and social circles, and is a member of one of the oldest families in London. He is very popular, and the dismissal will come as a shock to his many friends. No reason can be assigned for it. Mr. Wanless never took an active interest in politics, and always looked after his duties faithfully and well. The only reason advanced so far, and it seems the most conclusive one, is that somebody needed the job. That was sufficient.

Next!

St. George's School Opened Today By the Minister of Education

Large Gathering at the Informal
Affair—History of the
School.

Hon. Dr. Pyne, minister of education, opened the new St. George's School this afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of educationists. He briefly addressed those assembled. Chairman Fitzgerald and others of the board were present. The affair was quite informal.

The following was the programme: Chairman's address, W. C. Fitzgerald, address, C. B. Edwards, B. A. public school inspector; address, W. J. Teasdale, M. D., chairman No. 2 committee; address, Hon. Adam Beck, M. P.; address, Major Thos. Beattie, M. P.

address, Hon. Dr. Pyne, minister of education.

St. George's School is now one of the most modern in the city. It is splendidly built, and the heating and ventilation are all that could be desired. It is a credit to the city.

The school is one of the oldest in London.

The first record of the school is contained in the report of the board of education in 1850. The total number of public school teachers in London then was five—three males and two females.

The total number of children in attendance at the schools of London was 598.

Many Changes.

In 1860, the first change in St. George's School was made. Up to

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Purse of Gold for Mr. Edmund Beltz The Oddfellows Paid Him a Visit

Representatives of the Grand
Encampment Visited
London.

The London Encampment of Oddfellows entertained a deputation from the Grand Encampment last night. After the degree work was completed, the members of the Grand Encampment, with several members of the local encampment, adjourned to the residence of Mr. Edmund Beltz, grand treasurer for Ontario.

Mr. Beltz, who has been grand treasurer for twenty-one years, and who has been elected for the twenty-second time, was ill and could not attend lodge.

The Oddfellows took this opportunity of showing their appreciation of the long and faithful services of Mr. Beltz, and presented him with a handsome illuminated address, accompanied by a purse of \$100 in gold from his fellow officers in the Grand Lodge.

All spoke of the excellent qualities of Mr. Beltz. During his long term of office he had endeared himself to

the members of the fraternity. They wished him a merry Christmas, and hoped he would soon be restored to his wonted good health.

Mr. Beltz made a feeling reply.

Splendid Banquet.

After the presentation an adjournment was made to a downtown restaurant where a splendid banquet was held. A large number of the Oddfellows of the city were present, and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Dr. C. T. Campbell, past grand sire, presided. Speeches were made, and the gathering broke up at an early hour.

Among those present from a distance as representatives of the Grand Lodge, were: Grand Patriarch Bro. R. N. Jennings, Palmerston; Bro. J. Powell, grand representative; Bro. Lockey, D. D. G. M., District 14, Palmerston; Bro. J. C. Spence, Brantford; Bro. W. Bushell, Windsor; Bro. C. B. Morrey, Ingersoll; Bro. F. Doggett, St. Thomas; Bro. Harley, Brantford; Bro. Pitters, St. Thomas; Bro. J. Gibson, Port Huron; and Bro. D. Dawson.

All delivered addresses in splendid style. Bro. R. K. Cowan, P. G. M., and Dr. C. T. Campbell, past grand of the city, also spoke.

Grand Jury's Presentment Brought In But It Contained Nothing Startling

Thirty Persons Are Now in the
Jail—Latter Found Clean
and Well Conducted.

The grand jury this morning made its presentment at the December sessions.

The jail had, as usual, been found in good condition, and the work of the matron, Miss Doyle, was especially recommended.

The jury recommended that an aged vagrant, John Whiting, by name, who was recently committed to jail, be placed in a suitable home, such as the house of refuge.

In the opinion of the jury, the jail is in need of a new roof.

What About the Seats?

Beyond asking what had become of the resolutions adopted by the county

council some three years ago in reference to the placing of seats in front of the courthouse, around the lawn, for the convenience of jurymen, witnesses and the general public, no action was taken in that matter.

Following the precedent set by two previous grand juries, the jury recommended that a room be provided for the accommodation of petit jurymen.

At present no place is available for hanging up coats, hats, etc.

It is understood that the city, whose place it is to provide these accommodations, refuses to take any action in the matter.

Thirty Prisoners.

Thirty prisoners—28 males and 2 females—were found in the jail. Of these, 8 were in for theft, 7 for drunkenness, 2 for vagrancy, 2 for assault, 1 for desertion from the army, one for murder and 1 for house-breaking.

Action Against the Hon. Adam Beck

A writ was issued today against Hon. Adam Beck, on behalf of Frederick Dundas, a former employee of Mr. Beck's, who suffered the loss of a finger and the use of his left hand, in an accident in connection with an alleged guarded circular saw on the 30th of October.

The saw penetrated between the thumb and first finger, besides taking off the middle digit.

As a consequence it is alleged that the use of the hand is permanently destroyed.

The damages are unstated.

Mr. J. F. Faulds is acting for the plaintiff.



MR. EDWARD WYATT,
Popular Principal of St. George's
School, Waterloo Street North.

THE DEATH PIT AT MONONGAH

House Census Shows 338 Men
Missing—Eighteen Bodies
Yet in Mine.

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 13.—State Mine Inspector Paul, of West Virginia, is making a thorough examination of mines Nos. 6 and 8 today. Until Mr. Paul concludes his investigation, all other work at the mine has been suspended.

Explorations were stopped last night, at which time a total of 220 bodies had been recovered.

The result of the house census taken by the company shows that 338 men are missing, which leaves eight bodies still in the mines, according to the company's estimate.

With a few exceptions it is believed by the officials that these figures constitute the actual number of miners killed. In addition, however, there are a number of contractors and men hired by these contractors, believed to have been in the mines when the explosion occurred.

Mr. Paul's examination will probably be completed by night, when a force of men will begin to clear away the debris in both mines caused by falls.



HON. DR. PYNE,
Minister of Education, Who Opened
St. George's School Today.

A London Case.

At Osgoode Hall, Thursday, in the case of Photo-Engravers Company vs. Simcoe—Z. Gallagher, for plaintiffs, moved for order setting aside third party notices for want of prosecution. Casey Wood, for defendants, contra. W. A. Proudfoot, for third parties. Defendant having complied with order, motion dismissed. Costs to plaintiffs in cause, and as between defendants and third parties, costs to be in the third party proceedings.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SNOW OR RAIN.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 13—8 p.m.

Today—Fair and cold.

Saturday—Strong breezes or gales mostly east and northeast; snow or rain.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary.....24 14 Cloudy

Winnipeg.....26 20 Fair

Port Arthur.....18 16 Fair

Parry Sound.....10 2 Fair

Toronto.....24 12 Cloudy

Ottawa.....8 6 Cloudy

Montreal.....8 6 Fair

Quebec.....2 2 Clear

Thunder Bay.....8 8 Cloudy

The first column in the above table 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 is high over the lake region and the Middle States, and low over the northwestern and southern portion of the continent. Fair cold weather prevails from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and fair, comparatively mild conditions continue in the Western Provinces. In British Columbia rain is falling heavily.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 2—28; Victoria, 44—46; Calgary, 22—41; Prince Albert, 4—22; Regina, 4—42; Winnipeg, 10—30; Port Arthur, 10—34; Parry Sound, 15—21; Toronto, 16—24; Ottawa, 10—12; Montreal, 10—14; Quebec, 12—22; St. John, 28—42; Halifax, 36—50.

Local temperatures yesterday: Highest, 26; lowest, 16.

Ald. Beattie Will Run for Mayor If Ald. Matthews Is Switched

And Indications Are That the
Switch Will Take
Place.

Ald. Beattie has got the mayoralty bug all right, and is considering whether he will run for mayor or not. Some time ago he declared he was out of it, but in the meantime the Conservative bosses have got after him. They tried to force Mr. A. T. McMahon into the running, but that attempt failing, they looked about for another candidate, and great pressure was brought to bear on Ald. Beattie. He is wavering, and may consent to run, provided something else does not happen.

"Are you going to run for mayor?"

was asked.

"Well, I can't say," he answered. "I am considering it. It all depends."

"On what does it depend?" the reporter ventured.

"Well, it depends on several things," he replied.

"On Ald. Matthews?" he was asked.

"I will not tell you further than that I am considering it," he answered.

From outside sources it was learned, however, that it depends entirely on Ald. Matthews. If Ald. Matthews insists on running he will have the privilege, but without the official endorsement of the Conservative Club.

Mr. McMahon was the first choice of that body, with Ald. Beattie second choice.

Ald. Beattie then will be the candidate provided Ald. Matthews can be "switched." It looks like a "switch."

Ald. Matthews is still silent on the matter.

Chairman Screaton Denies the Rumor

There was a rumor going the rounds at the city hall this morning that there would be an overdraft of \$20,000 for the hospital trust. This was denied absolutely by Chairman

Screaton this morning. He thought it would be less than \$2,500.

"There is not a word of truth in it," he said. "I heard yesterday myself that it would be \$15,000, so it has grown a little. You might just as well make it \$100,000. There is nothing in the story at all."

Three More Cases of Smallpox Two on Alexander St., One on B

All Are Traced to the Woods' Household, on Tecumseh Avenue.

Two additional cases of smallpox have broken out at 26 Alexander street, West London.

The patients are a young cigarmaker, named Dicker and his sister. Both were removed to the isolation hospital yesterday.

This makes seven patients who are confined at the hospital suffering from the disease.

It is alleged that Dicker has been a frequent visitor at the home of Mrs. Woods, of South London, the lady who first carried the disease here from Goderich.

Still another case has developed on Brick street, outside the city limits. The victim is John Ayers, who has been also, it is said, by caller at the Woods' household. Dr. Routledge has the case in hand. There are six members in the Ayers' household—father, mother and four children, John being the eldest.

Dr. Hutchinson's Statement.

Dr. Hutchinson, London's medical health officer, expressed indignation when told of the report that the two young men had visited the Woods' house.

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house since smallpox had been located there and the place had been quarantined.

"There is absolutely no truth in the report," he said.

According to Dr. Hutchinson's story Dicker and his sister visited the Woods' house two days before smallpox was discovered.

Not Quarantined.

"Were the Dickers quarantined when this fact was known?" was asked.

"No, of course not. Why should people be quarantined for visiting a place where no smallpox was known to exist at the time of their visit?"

Fourteen days after their visit to the Woods' the Dickers were taken ill with a light form of smallpox.

Attended Collegiate.

Pupils at the local Collegiate Institute received a scare this morning, when it was learned that a little sister of John Ayers had been attending that school up to within two days of the time that the existence of smallpox in the family began to be suspected.

Both Dr. Routledge and Dr. Hutchinson visited the collegiate today in reference to the matter, but they say there is no danger to the students.

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LEGAL ROW OVER A WINDMILL SALE

Case of Barfitt Versus Harrison
Being Heard at the
Sessions.

But one case came up at the December sessions yesterday before Judge Macbeth, and according to the outlook it will take all day today to complete the taking of evidence.

William Barfitt sues a farmer named Harrison, to recover \$157 alleged to be due on a windmill and crusher, which he put in for the defendant some three years ago.

Harrison resides near Ailsa Craig, and Barfitt near Parkhill.

Barfitt was the only witness heard yesterday.

The defense alleges that the equipment was not according to specifications. Thirteen other witnesses remain to be heard. Mayor Judd, of Meredith & Judd, is acting for the plaintiff.

APPEAL FOR UNEMPLOYED

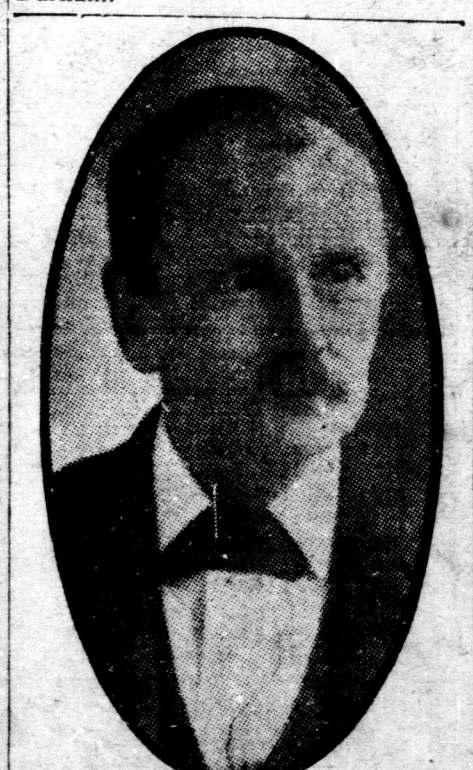
Premier Asked to Have Government
Work in Toronto Go On.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Rev. Dr. Shearer, Dr. Chown and Mr. Thompson, of the Associated Charities in Toronto, waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Pugsley today, and asked that Government works now under contract in Toronto, or provided for, should be proceeded with at once, so as to give work to the unemployed in Toronto.

HER FATAL MISTAKE

Petrolia, Dec. 13.—Miss Maud Durham died suddenly at her home here yesterday from the effects of a dose of carbolic acid taken in mistake for a medicine which had been prescribed by her physician for a nervous trouble. Miss Durham was alone in the house at the time of the accident. A physician was hastily called, but despite his attendance the unfortunate young lady died shortly after. Miss Durham, who was one of Petrolia's most popular young ladies, was the second daughter of the late E. J. Durham.



MR. EDMUND BELTZ,

Who has been grand treasurer of the Oddfellows of Ontario for over 21 years, and was last night presented with a purse of gold by Grand Lodge officers.

WILL LAY IT BEFORE PREMIER DR. PYNE ON TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Influential Deputation Laid London's Claims Before
The Minister of Education Today—Such Schools
Not Now Matter of Government Policy.

Hon. Dr. Pyne, minister of education, arrived in the city this morning, and was met by Chairman Fitzgerald, of the board of education, Trustee MacRobert, chairman of the special committee, and Trustees Weekes, and he was taken to the Tecumseh House.

At noon a large deputation was introduced by Chairman Fitzgerald to urge the claims of London for a technical school.

The board of trade sent a large delegation, headed by the president, Ald. Stevely.

The Trades and Labor Council was also represented.

London's Claims.

The first speaker was Dr. Tillmann, the chairman of the special committee of the board of education having this matter in hand. He pointed out

that the board had been approached on several occasions of late regarding the establishment of a technical school in this city.

There was splendid equipment for other branches of education, but the mechanical end had been entirely lost sight of. The boys of the schools were getting away from trades. There should be given every pupil of the college a fundamental grounding in mechanics. This would give every boy his bent, and lead to a more healthy sentiment towards labor. He pointed out the advantages of London as such an institution. It was in the center of a large manufacturing district. He referred to the great growth of technical education in Europe, and its attendant advantages. He expressed the hope that the Government would

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Engineer Suggests Two Extensions Of the Local Street Railway Service

Would Have a Loop in North
End and a New Line
in the East.

The board of works met last evening, but there was little business to be transacted. In response to the request of the committee Engineer Graydon prepared a plan for the north end street railway extension. The report is given in full. Other minor matters were settled.

City Engineer Graydon's report was sent to the council, as the committee had no power to deal with the question. It is as follows:

Proposed Loop.

"In regard to the extension of the street railway tracks in the north end of the city, I would suggest that a loop be run off Oxford street at Colborne street, north on

Colborne street to Victoria street, east on Victoria to William, south on William to Oxford street. This could be easily operated in connection with the Oxford street line, and would give the north end of the city ample service for many years to come.

Take up St. James' Street.

"To make this route better, and make a very equitable division in the north end, it would be advisable to enter into some arrangement with the London Street Railway Company to take up their present track on St. James street, Wellington and Regent streets, relay them on Richmond street from St. James street to Regent street. I do not think it advisable to run north on Adelaide street to Victoria street, for two reasons; the first is you are building up the township at the expense of the

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Japan Will Be Friendly With Canada If Canadians Will Let Her Be So

Montreal Star Comments Upon
Interview With the Hon.
Mr. Hyman.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—The Star, under the heading, "Hyman on Japan," has the following to say regarding certain statements made by Hon. Mr. Hyman upon his return to London some days ago:

Mr. Hyman is back, after having spent considerable time in Japan and China; and he is of the opinion that the United States and Canada are anxious to keep on friendly terms with its one ally with a nation which is merely friendly in a general sense. Thus it ought to be easier for us to come to an understanding with Japan than it will for our neighbors. Our friendship has more to offer the Japanese than it will for the Japanese trader.

Of course, the Japanese trader will get all the trade he can for himself in any case, if he is human like the rest of us; but should he find himself cut off from the advantages of friendly relations with the United States and Canada, he might resort to open legislative and executive measures to exclude the trade of our continent from his that would be very damaging.

Canada is probably in a better position in this matter than the United States. We are a part of the British Empire; and Japan is naturally more anxious to keep on friendly terms with its one ally with a nation which is merely friendly in a general sense. Thus it ought to be easier for us to come to an understanding with Japan than it will for our neighbors. Our friendship has more to offer the Japanese than it will for the Japanese trader.

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Five Months On Australian Tariff

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 13.—The House of Representatives, after a five months' debate, in which 800 amendments were disposed of, and 300 di-

visions taken, has just completed the tariff bill.

The strongly protective character of this bill has been somewhat modified.

Mr. Graydon and Mr. King Not Agreed

City Engineer Graydon does not like the belt proposed by Manager King, of the street railway, regarding the north end line.

Ald. Matthews wanted the Oxford line continued down Adelaide street to Central avenue, and make a belt line.

Manager King wanted it continued down Adelaide street to Dundas.

Against both City Engineer Graydon spoke.

"That Adelaide street crossing with

the C. P. R. is an impossibility," he declared.

"There is a fearful lot of shunting done there. Trains are made up there and thus it is one of the worst crossings in the city. That is out of the question. I just took Manager King's suggestion, and moved the whole business one block west. I did so because it will be more cheaply built than the route he proposed, and because it seems to me a better scheme. The east end loop is the only one in sight. At least that's my opinion."

The Police Hear Stories of Bartlett

The police have discovered some rather interesting facts in regard to the disappearance of Harry Bartlett, the young Englishman who has been missing for a week or more.

It was stated this morning that a young lady with whom Bartlett has been keeping company for some time, is very anxious to find him.

Bartlett, it is said, promised to marry the young lady in question, but once before, in the summer, left London mysteriously.

The girl located him in Stratford, and induced him to come back. Later she has been looking forward to a wedding, and was rather surprised to hear not long ago that Bartlett had a wife living in England,

and that she was intending to come to this country.

It is said that when she told Bartlett of this not long ago, he would neither confirm nor deny it, but disappeared almost immediately without even attempting to collect several sums of money which were owing to him. The police are also looking for another party in connection with the affair, but what they want they refuse to say at present.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Dec. 12. Reported at. From.
Atlantic.....Plymouth.....New York
La Provence.....Havre.....New York
Molke.....Naples.....New York
Calabria.....Naples.....New York
Batavia.....Genoa.....New York
Kerensa.....New York.....New York
Cairn.....Quebec.....New York