

## NEW ROUNDHOUSE FOR C. P. R. WILL BE ERECTED IN SPRING

Business of Company Is Growing So Rapidly That Many New Engine Stalls Are Required—Local Yards Will Also Be Enlarged.

Instead of adding an extension to their present roundhouse at what is at present intended, the C. P. R. will in the spring tear down the old building and erect a handsome new one very much larger and thoroughly up-to-date. When Sir Thomas Shawnessy was here a short time ago it was stated to The Advertiser that in the spring seven new engine stalls would be added to the local roundhouse. Business has been increasing very fast of late, and it is now stated on excellent authority that a much larger building than was first anticipated will be built. At the same time that the improvements are made to the roundhouse the local yards will be enlarged. There has been urgent need of this for some time and if the present plans go through when they come before the officials at their meeting in Montreal it is likely that a large sum of money will be spent in improvements here next year.

## JAM AT POSTOFFICE MAIL NOT FRUIT

Christmas Spurt Has Taken Hold of Londoners in Earnest.

## DO YOUR SHOPPING NOW

Don't Wait Until the Rush, When You Won't Have Time To Make a Proper Choice.

Probably never in the history of the city have London merchants had such uniformly fine displays of Christmas goods as they are showing now, and will show in the next two weeks. Many of the stores are literally transformed with various lines of novelties.

Not a few London stores have been enlarged in the past year, and are now showing Christmas goods in more spacious quarters. Everything is shown that the youngest child or the oldest man could want.

Wonderland! The toy shops are the centres of hundreds of eager little ones who would, if they could, stand for hours before the brightly-lit counters trying to pick out what they think is the best from Santa Claus. The dry-goods stores are very beautiful, and the way of novelties and fancy goods are wonderful. There are endless varieties of high grade and beautiful articles to choose from, and not a few of the wise are getting in their Christmas shopping done early, and not only securing their pick of all the goods, but are saving themselves time and worry afterwards and settling once for all that vexed question what to give for Christmas. The windows and counters of the jewellers never looked prettier than they do now, and they, too, are laden with a vast variety of the very daintiest things.

## JAM AT POSTOFFICE

The jam of matter at the postoffice bears ample testimony to the fact that stationers are busy selling Christmas cards and other things in that line. The outgoing mails for Europe contain tons and tons of cards and books and other things for Christmas. Next week many of the stores will have to keep open at nights in order to keep pace with the trade, and from then until Christmas Eve the life of the busy clerks will be far from pleasant.

## HOME OF THE VIKINGS

Interesting Lectures by Rev. Mr. Inkster on the Orkneys.

The schoolroom of the First Presbyterian Church was well filled, last evening, when Rev. J. Gibson Inkster gave a most interesting lecture on "The Orkney Islands, the Home of the Vikings." The lecture was given under the auspices of the Young Women's Home Mission Circle. Mr. Geo. B. Gerrard presided.

Mr. Inkster threw on the screen views of many of the relics of the days of the Norsemen, who ruled supreme for centuries, until driven out by the Scotch. Mr. Inkster is himself of Norse descent on the paternal side. Much of Orkney is in an admirable state of agriculture, but land-lordism weighs heavily upon the peasantry. The average tenant is five dollars an acre, but most of this money is sent outside of the islands; the landholders will not live there in the winter, owing to the roughness of the climate.

## KING LEOPOLD III.

The Belgian Monarch Has Paralysis of the Right Arm.

Brussels, Dec. 7.—It is reported that the paralysis in the right arm of King Leopold is extending and that he can write only with difficulty. He spends much of his time in an easy-chair.

## BELMONT BUYS MARES.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 7.—August Belmont has bought retained II, Pocket Piece and Dissembler, all daughters of Henry M. Ziegler. The mares went to the nursery stall.



EX-ALD. GEO. C. JOLLY, Well-Known Businessman Who Is Seriously Ill.

## LAKE FERRY FIREMAN FRACTURES HIS SKULL

Member of Bessemer's Crew Met With Probably Fatal Accident.

St. Thomas, Dec. 7.—Michael Strauch, a fireman on the Bessemer ferry, was brought here from Port Stanley, suffering from a fractured skull, and is not expected to recover. While on the trip over from Conneaut yesterday, he was overcome with sickness, and, falling, struck his head against some ironwork, causing a bad rash. He was rushed on a special train, and Drs. Mothersill and Guest are in attendance.

## STORM AND FROST COMING THIS MAY

Ontario About To Have a Spell of Very Severe Winter.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—The storm now approaching Ontario is likely to be unusually severe, and will be followed by decidedly colder weather. The cold will not reach the Maritime Provinces for some days.

## JUDGMENT RESERVED IN THE POWER CASE

Smith vs. City of London Again Argued and Laid Over for a Time.

At the chancery divisional court held at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, yesterday, the case of Smith vs. the City of London was argued before Chancellor Sir John A. Boyd, Mr. Justice Magee, and Mr. Justice Latchford.

## TRAINLOADS OF CATTLE ARE OFF FOR EUROPE

Grand Trunk Live Stock Business Very Heavy Now.

One of the largest individual shipments of cattle that ever went over the Grand Trunk is passing through the city today en route from Sarnia to New York, where the animals will be shipped to Europe. Altogether there are 105 cars of fine cattle in the shipment, and they are being taken through in three trains. The freight and passenger traffic is very heavy. No. 4, the early morning express for the east, left London with twelve cars this morning, and No. 6, which goes east at 11:30, had eight large cars, all well filled. The extra passenger traffic is to a large extent people going home to England or other countries in Europe. All the boats sailing from New York and Montreal are filled to capacity, and many of the New York liners passengers were booked months ahead.

Death of Mrs. Roberts.

Mrs. Roberts, wife of G. W. Roberts, of 957 Hackett street, died in Victoria Hospital last night, after an illness extending over some time. Mrs. Roberts was 48 years old.

## PROBS SAYS COLD WEATHER BUT WEATHER MAN UNCERTAIN

Rain and Sleet Today Made Life Miserable for Those Who Had To Be Out—Businessmen Are, However, Pleased With the Change.

Once again the weatherman seems undecided just what kind of weather to hand out. At 8 o'clock this morning it looked as if it might either rain or snow, and a raw, cold wind from the east that penetrated everything, made it most unpleasant to be out.

All shivered as they went to work, and were glad to be inside. Later in the morning it started to snow, and then suddenly it became milder, the wind changed, and it rained. In a little while there was a sleet storm, and then it rained some more. All through the noon hour the street cars sizzled and spluttered through the slush on the rails, and the trolley wheels spat long tracks of water, looking fire whenever they struck spots where the sleet had frozen. The streets were in a very bad condition, and not a few people slipped on icy places. No serious falls, however, were reported.

## CITY MUST SECURE NEW ENGINEER MR. MOORE EVIDENTLY IN EARNEST

It Is Said, However, That Pressure May Be Brought to Bear to Engage Him on the New Board—Work of Department Is Constantly Increasing.

The resignation of Mr. John M. Moore, engineer and superintendent of the London waterworks, is considered as final about the city hall.

For some time it has been known that he desired to get out of the work, but pressing duties have kept him in and he has remained.

"I have liked the work very much, and that is the reason I remained," said Mr. Moore, who is the former engineer of the waterworks, and has received \$1,200 per annum for his services. He does not consider that he has the time to devote to this work alone.

Mr. Moore's Salary.

Mr. Moore is at the present time receiving \$1,200 per annum for his services. He does not consider that he has the time to devote to this work alone.

## WILL BUILD LINE BY DAY LABOR

City Decides To Have Engineer Sifton Construct the High Tension.

Work on the high-tension power lines from the transformer station, east of the city, to the power station, will be commenced at once.

## "PAY FOR BUCKSKIN," SAYS JAMES MCARTNEY

He Serves Notice on the Mayor That City Is Responsible for the Horse.

Mr. Graydon's buckskin horse bids fair to become notorious. The last night the council said that Mr. Graydon must not have the horse, and now Mr. James McCartney declares that he must keep the animal, and also that the city must pay two hundred fine, healthy, Canadian dollars for the steed.

So Mr. Graydon is apparently between the devil and the deep sea. Whichever way he turns he bumps into a fine bunch of woe.

Mr. McCartney served notice on Mayor Stevely that he intended holding the city responsible for the injury to the horse. It was purchased by Ald. Gerry and City Engineer Graydon, and delivered in good faith. The horse is at the present time in the city stables.

Hand Over the Cash.

"What am I to do?" said Mr. Graydon. "It looks as if the city is in for it. We were given instructions to purchase the horse, and we did so. Now it is up to the council."

"I do not care, but some of those aldermen are not going to make a monkey of me," said Mr. McCartney. "I certainly am going to see that I get my money for the horse. It is not in my hands now, and if the aldermen want to fight among themselves, all well and good. But I want pay for the horse."

## SOME ALDERMEN FEE CHEATED LOST CONTROL OF NIAGARA POWER

Amendment Moved by Ald. Ferguson Was Not Even Put and the City Fathers Voted Their Electrical Rights to the Utilities Commission.

The water commissioners are now in charge of the Niagara power question.

This morning Engineer Sifton and the staff were placed under the control of the commissioners and the board, and will in future have to deal with that body alone.

Ald. Stewart, who has been chairman of the power committee for a year, is now out of a position so far as civic matters are concerned, and is but a private member of the council.

## NORTH MIDDLESEX ELECTS DOYLE

Conservatives Carry Provincial By-Election by Majority of 96.

## GERRYMANDER DID IT

Mitchell Made Fine Run, But Could Not Overcome Whitney's Switch of a Township.

After a very quiet, but hard-fought, campaign, Mr. James W. Doyle, the Conservative candidate, was elected yesterday member of the Legislature for the north riding of Middlesex by a majority of 96 over the Liberal candidate, Mr. J. W. Mitchell, of Parkhill. The constituency was declared vacant for the purpose, and North Middlesex is today a Tory riding, as it was intended by Sir James Whitney, when he took Lobo, the strong Liberal town, and substituted the township of Metcalfe and the town of Stratford, that gave a Conservative majority.

Where Mr. Mitchell was best known he more than held his own, as compared with Mr. Ross' vote in the same locality. He lost heavily, however, in the southern section of the riding. Metcalfe and Stratford, Mr. Ross held C. O. Hodgins to 7 of a majority in Metcalfe, where yesterday Mr. Doyle had 66. In Stratford Mr. Ross had 143, where Mr. Mitchell had 76.

These two subdivisions tell the story, and had Mr. Mitchell been able to hold them he would have been elected easily. However, Mr. Doyle showed increased strength in these parts and won a fine vote.

## AYLESWORTH PREVENTED WHITNEY'S INTERFERENCE

Let's Attempt to Meddle in Algoma Polling Was Frustrated.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The circumstances under which the attempt of the Ontario Government to interfere with the polling in the Dominion elections in East and West Algoma in October of last year was promptly frustrated by the action of the Minister of Justice were explained by Hon. Mr. Aylesworth in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. Replying to a series of questions put by Mr. Smyth (East Algoma), Mr. Aylesworth said it was stated in the Toronto Conservative press on Oct. 19, 1909, that a number of men, not regular constables, were being given special authority by the Ontario Government to go into the constituencies of East and West Algoma in connection with the Dominion elections, to proceed to certain polling stations, control the approaches, threaten and make arrests if they saw fit.

"It is the ancient and undoubted privilege and right of this House," proceeded Mr. Aylesworth, "to conduct its own elections by its own officials, who are responsible to it alone. The House of Commons has at all times been jealous to guard this privilege and right, and quick to resent any interference with it. In these circumstances, believing the statements in the Toronto press to be true, I, upon my own responsibility, sent a servant of the House, instructed that a sufficient number of Dominion police be dispatched to protect the honest voters from intimidation or interference in the free exercise of their franchise, and to see that the law was maintained, under section 259 of the Dominion election act, anyone guilty of interference. The cost of sending the men was \$338 to the two constituencies. It was not the custom of the Dominion Government to utilize the Dominion police force for that purpose, because this was the first instance so far as known, in which any interference with the conduct of elections to the House of Commons had been attempted. What was done in this case was done upon my authority alone. There was no correspondence with the Provincial Government on the subject."

## LUCKY TORONTO LADIES

Two of Them Come in For Large Share of Big Fortune.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 7.—Three residents of Toronto—Catherine, Elizabeth and Mary Ann Smith—have been left the bulk of the \$100,000 estate of the late Mrs. Maggie E. Fay-Hanson. Her will has been filed for probate in the county court at Oklahoma City, and C. P. Parker, of Oklahoma City, is named as executor in the instrument.

The will, which is written in a very plain hand, was made Sept. 1 of this year. It neither mentions the name of the deceased's last and surviving husband, S. J. Hanson, or her daughter, an actress, who has not been located since the deceased's death.

## JAMES HART ILL.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—James A. Hart, former president of the Chicago National League team, is reported as resting comfortably at the German Hospital following an operation for appendicitis Saturday.

## CONFESSES KILLING A YOUNG CANADIAN

George Eddy Arrested for John Reid's Murder.

Waterbury, N. Y., Dec. 7.—George Eddy, wanted in connection with the murder of John Reid at Pulaski, was arrested here yesterday.

Eddy admitted that he committed the crime, and is confined in the county jail.

## WOMAN MURDERED HUSBAND CHARGED

Mrs. Dickerson, of Detroit, Found Stabbed to Death and Husband Attempts Suicide.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Frank W. Dickerson, aged 49 years, was found stabbed to death last night in the doorway of a combined store and flat building at 404 Baker street, and her husband, charged with her death, is in the hospital, probably dying from self-inflicted knife wounds.

About four months ago Mrs. Dickerson left her husband on account of his alleged cruelty, and secured employment in a bakery at the Baker street address. Late last night a neighbor returning home discovered the woman's body in the doorway.

She had been stabbed twice in the neck, and once in the breast. Later the police found Dickerson in bed at his home. According to the police, he had stabbed himself in the abdomen and also swallowed carbolic acid. The officers say that he admitted killing his wife.

## ROBBED THE COMPANY

Seven of the Simpson Company Employees Under Arrest.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—Seven employees of the Robert Simpson Company are under arrest in connection with systematic robberies which in the ten months they are known to have been going on have resulted in the loss to the company of thousands of dollars. The men have been under suspicion for some time, and on Sunday morning the first arrest was made.

The men under arrest are: Samuel Cochran, aged 45, 38 Carleton avenue, arrested by Detective McKinney; William Ewing, aged 45, 107 Oak street, arrested by Detective Sackett; James Rumsden, aged 39, 203 Oak street, arrested by Detective Newton; Harry Field, aged 27, 2375 Queen street east, arrested by Detective Kennedy; Andrew Muir, aged 37, 75 Shuter street, arrested by Detective McKinney; Jas. Mitchell, aged 35, 128 Davenport road, arrested by Detective McKinney; and Frank Butt, aged 40, arrested by Detective Archibald and Taylor. Cockburn was taken into custody Sunday morning and Butt last evening. The others were arrested at noon.

## SHOOTING AT THE RACE

Mix-Up Between Prize Fighters in the Madison Square Garden.

New York, Dec. 7.—Two thousand onlookers at the six-day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden were startled today by the report of a pistol shot from behind the tier of boxes. There was a semi-panicked rush to the scene, when it was found that two men had started a fight, and in the melee a man in the crowd had been shot. The wounded man, whose injuries are not serious, is Christopher Brown, otherwise known as "Tag Wilson," a pugilist. He says he intervened in a fight between the men, and does not know who shot him. Bert Kevane, a prize fighter, formerly of Philadelphia, was taken into custody by the police. He denies having fired the shot, but the police held him pending an investigation.

## BLACK HAND BAND EN ROUTE TO AMERICA

Old World Blackmailers Seeking a New Field of Operations.

Geneva, Dec. 7.—The police today confirmed the report of a wholesale exodus of members of the Black Hand, who mean to find a new field of operation in America. It developed also that no less than sixty of the characters, of whom forty have been expelled from Switzerland, are making their way by circuitous routes to the United States. These men formerly were part of the gang of 2,000 Italians employed in the construction of the Loeschberg tunnel through the Berner Alps. This scene of industry became a hotbed of Black Handers, forty of whom are now in custody, there awaiting trial on charges of assault, blackmail and murder.

## THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—VERY COLD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—A very heavy snowfall, followed by heavy westerly gales and a change to much colder.

Wednesday—Strong westerly winds and very cold, with snow showers.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. Sun. Mon. Low. High.

London ..... 31 ..... 24 ..... 31  
Edinburgh ..... 31 ..... 24 ..... 31  
Winnipeg ..... 24 ..... 14 ..... 24  
Paris ..... 24 ..... 14 ..... 24  
Perry Sound ..... 24 ..... 14 ..... 24  
Toronto ..... 24 ..... 14 ..... 24  
Ottawa ..... 24 ..... 14 ..... 24  
Quebec ..... 24 ..... 14 ..... 24  
Vancouver ..... 24 ..... 14 ..... 24  
Edmonton ..... 24 ..... 14 ..... 24  
Moosejaw ..... 24 ..... 14 ..... 24  
Qu'Appelle ..... 24 ..... 14 ..... 24  
St. John ..... 24 ..... 14 ..... 24  
Hartford ..... 24 ..... 14 ..... 24

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