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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 was at first 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 Shaughnessy 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 imporvements 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 stocks in their respective lives that are most complete. 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 heavily-loaded counters trying to pick out what they would like best from Santa Claus. The dry-goods stores are very beautiful, and some of the latest importations in 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 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 an endless variety of the very daintiest things.

Just Read This!

Confectioners have been working for weeks getting ready for the Christmas rush, and in their cupboards and storerooms are immense quantities of puddings and cakes and choice candies of all sorts and descriptions.

The grocers are busy men these days, and it keeps them busy making up orders, as thrifty housewives are preparing, too, for Christmas, and are getting stocks of good things prepared for the great day when relatives or friends whom they have not seen for some time are coming, or the whole family will be gathered together.

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, as his name indicates. He descanted on the rugged beauty of the islands and on the habits and customs of the people. The two staple industries of the Orkneys are agriculture and fishing. Much of Orkney is in an advanced state of agriculture, but landlordism weighs heavily upon the peasantry. The average rental is five dollars an acre, but most of this money is spent outside of the islands; the landlords will not live there in the winter, owing to the roughness of the climate.

KING LEOPOLD ILL

The Belgian Monarch Has Paralysis of the Right Arm.

Brussels, Dec. 7. — It is reported that the paralysi 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.

Lexingtor 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 stur.

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 firemon 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 gash. 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.

The appeal was from the judgment of Mr. Justice Riddell, who stayed proceedings, as he declared the court had no jurisdiction, owing to the legislation passed at the last session of the Legislature. Mr. J. M. McEvoy argued on behalf of Mr. Smith, and Mr. T. G. Meredith, K.C., appeared on behalf of the city.

Judgment was reserved.

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 on 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. Both 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 on many of the New York liners passages 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 sputtered through the slush on the rails, and the trolley-wheels spurted long trails of weird-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.

The Probs.

The weather probs for tomorrow are "very cold," and judging from what the west has been getting, a cold spell, accompanied by some real winter storms, is likely to come in the next few days.

The change will be a welcome one to the majority of merchants, as the unseasonable weather of the past few weeks is very bad for business, and has meant a heavy loss in many ways. This is particularly true of merchants dealing in goods needed for winter, and the setting in of colder weather is looked for eagerly by them.

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 pressure was brought to bear upon him and he remained.

"I have liked the work very much, and that is the reason I remained," said Mr. Moore. "I really took a great deal of pleasure out of it, and consequently it was with difficulty that I brought myself to the point of resigning. However, I have done so, and and it has been accepted."

May Re-Engage Him.

Pressure may be brought to bear upon Mr. Moore to re-engage him under the new board, although it is considered unlikely that he will accept. He pointed out that there would be a largely increased amount of work to be done. There would be two pumping stations to look after, and a largely increased water service, in addition to the installation of meters. It will be necessary for an engineer to devote all his time to this work, and not part time as has been the case with Mr. Moore. 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. Up until two years ago he received but $900. In former years he received a percentage on new work, but has not received any since the construction of the dam, according to the reports.

It will be necessary, it is thought, to pay considerably more than $1,200 to secure a competent engineer to take his place. As yet no names have been suggested.

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.

Engineer Sifton has a large number of poles of the proper size for this work, and will have them removed to the desired locations at once.

It was first intended to award this work to contractors, but Mr. Sifton had sufficient poles and men to do it, and the council last night decided to go ahead with it by day labor.

The route of the high-tension lines into the city has not been definitely settled, but it will probably be along Hill or Grey streets and the Hamilton road.

"PAY FOR BUCKSKIN," SAYS JAMES M'CARTNEY

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

Mr. Graydon's buckskin horse bids fair to become notorious.

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 payment of the horse It was purchased by Ald. Gerry and City Engineer Graydon, and delivered in good fait. 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 harse."

Morton—Lapham.

Miss Emma Jean, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lapham, 306 Christina street, Sarnia, was married on Monday to Mr. William F. Morton, late of Wolverhampton, Eng. The wedding took place at the bride's home, Rev. W. H. Barraclough, of Central Methodist Church, omciating. The bride was charming in a princess gown of white lawn, trimmed with valenciennes insertion and embroidery, and carried a shower bouquet of pink and white carnations. Her traveling suit was of gray serge with hat to match. After the ceremony a dainty lunch was erved in the dining-room, and later the happy coupl eleft on the 1:15 train for Chicago and points west. They will reside in Sarnia.

AYLESWORTH PREVENTED WHITNEY'S INTERFERENCE

Latter'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 of Oct. 19, 1908, 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 interferences with it. In these circumstances, believing the statements in the Toronto press to be true, I, upon my own responsibility, as a servant of this 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, with instructions to arrest and prosecute, under section 269 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

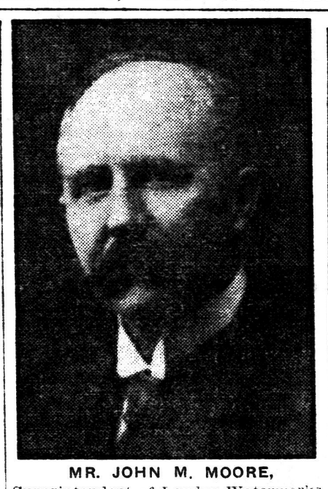
Two of Them Come in For Large Share of Big Fortune.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 7.—To three residents of Toronto—Catherine, Lizzie and Mary Ann Smith—has 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. F. Parker, of Oklahoma City, is named as executor in the instrument.

The will, which is written in a very cramped hand, was made Sept. 5 of this year. It neither mentions the name of the deceased's last and surviving husband, S. J. Hanson, or her daughter, Alvis, 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.



MR. JOHN M. MOORE,
Superintendent of London Waterworks, Who Has Resigned.

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 when Mr. Duncan C. Ross, the former member, resigned to contest West Middlesex for the Dominion House.

Mitchell's Good Run.

The result was a foregone conclusion, although Mr. Mitchell made a very fine run. The gerrymander served its purpose, and North Middlesex is today a Tory riding, as it was intended by Sir James Whitney, when he took Lobo, the strong Liberal township, and substituted the township of Metcalfe and the town of Strathroy, that give a Conservative majority.

Where Mr. Mitchell was best known he more than held his own, as compared with Mr. Ross' vote in the same localities. He lost heavily, however, in the southern section of the riding. Metcalfe and Strathroy, Mr. Ross held C. C. Hodgins to 7 of a majority in Metcalfe, where yesterday Mr. Doyle had 66. In Strathroy Mr. Ross had 143, where Mr. Mitchell had but 36.

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 polled a fine vote.

The returns from Parkhill were somewhat disappointing, as it was expected that Mr. Mitchell would poll a larger vote than he did. He cut down the normal Conservative majority, but not a great deal.

Mr. Mitchell held the township of McGillivray, where Mr. Doyle resides, to the normal majority, rather a strong tribute to his popularity.

The campaign was a very quiet one, there being but little speechmaking, and few meetings. A personal canvass was indulged in by both men, and they covered the whole riding.

The Vote.

The majorities by municipalities were:

	Doyle.	Mitchell.
Ailsa Craig	29	..
Adelaide	49	..
Biddulph	165	..
Lucan	79	..
McGillivray	55	..
Metcalfe	66	..
Parkhill	11	..
Strathroy	36	..
East Williams	107	..
West Williams	59	..
Totals	376	280

Majority for Doyle, 96.

The vote in the previous election was:

	Hodgins.	Ross.
Ailsa Craig	..	28
Adelaide	..	97
Biddulph	158	..
Lucan	123	..
McGillivray	34	..
Metcalfe	7	..
Parkhill	23	..
Strathroy	..	143
East Williams	..	120
West Williams	..	66
Total	345	454

Majority for Ross, 109.

CONFESSES KILLING A YOUNG CANADIAN

George Eddy Arrested for John Reid's Murder.

Watertown, 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.

Reid came from Collingwood, Ont., where his parents and younger brothers and sisters live, about a year ago, first going to Utica. He was employed as a waiter for a while. He was shot dead at the entrance to a grocery store. It is understood jealousy prompted the shooting.

TO INVESTIGATE HOME.

Windsor, Dec. 7.—Owing to recent complaints about the treatment of inmates of the Home of the Friendless, the board of management have decided on a thorough investigation. The court of inquest will include the board of management. Mayor Wigle, John Query and George Bartlett, constituting the advisory council of the home, and Dr. Brien, physician of the home. The investigation will be Monday afternoon.

SOME ALDERMEN FEEL 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 absolutely.

This morning Engineer Sifton and the staff were placed under the control of Chairman Jones and his 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.

A Conference.

This morning Mayor Stevely, Ald. Stewart and Engineer Sifton had a conference concerning the operation of the bylaw, and are now thoroughly convinced that the commissioners control the power situation from every angle—construction, maintenance, operation and all the rest of it.

Of course this fact nullifies the motion passed in the council last night to refer the whole question of tenders for the power station to the hydro-electric commission's engineers.

The council has nothing whatever to do with it now, and any motion passed will be of no effect.

Up to the Commission.

Of course the motion will be sent to the commission, and they will probably act upon it. It will merely be a recommendation, and need not be accepted unless the commissioners so desire.

The commission will be enlarged after Jan. 1. Three new members will be elected, who, with Commissioner Darch and the mayor, will form a body of five members.

One Will Retire.

One of the three—selected by lot—will retire with Commissioner Darch, at the end of 1910, and the other two will serve two years. Every member, consequently, elected to this board, is elected for two years.

The muddle into which the council got themselves last night over the question of tenders and the passing of the utilities bylaw, was the source of much amusement today.

Think They're Cheated.

Some of them are of the opinion that they got cheated on the question. Ald. Ferguson moved an amendment to Ald. Beattie's motion to give the bylaw its third reading to lay it over until Dec. 20.

Mayor Stevely pointed out that if the bylaw were defeated on its third reading it would be rendered useless.

Before any of the aldermen realized just what had happened the motion to give the bylaw its third reading passed, and it was not until today that some of them realized that the amendment had not been put first, as was its proper place, but had not been voted on.

Too Late Now.

Of course, it was too late to object, and now nothing can be done. It is merely to show that there was considerable confusion in respect to the whole matter.

It is not likely that the water commissioners will touch the matter of tenders until the new board is organized.

It is considered likely that Commis- the new board.

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 494 Baker street, and her husband, charged with her death, is in Grace 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.

Goods valued at several hundred dollars have already been recovered in the homes of the prisoners.

The men under arrest are: Samuel Cochrane, aged 45, 38 Carlaw avenue; arrested by Detective McKinney; William Ewing, aged 45, 107 Oak street arrested by Detective Sockett; James Rumsden, aged 30, 203 Oak street, arrested by Detective Newton; Harry Field, aged 27, 2373 Queen street east, arrested by Detective Kennedy; Andrew Muir, aged 30, 77 Shuter street, arrested by Detective McKinney; Jas. Mitchell, aged 35, 128 Davenport road, arrested by Detective McKinney, and Frank Butt, aged 40, arrested by Detectives Archibald and Twigg. Cochrane 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-panic and a 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 "Tug Wilson," a pugilist. He says he interceded in a fight between the men, and does not know who shot him. Bert Keyes, 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 Loelschberb 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.

FIREMEN, CONDUCTORS JOIN WITH TRAINMEN

Three Federate Demands for 10 Per Cent Increase on Eastern Lines.

New York, Dec. 6.—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and the Order of Railway Conductors, it was stated on authority this evening, will join hands with the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen in demanding a 10 per cent increase in wages in the eastern circles.

There are about 37,000 members in the conductors' organization in the east, and about 2,000 brotherhood firemen, so that there are now nearly 100,000 railroad employees who are federated in these demands. They will stand together, it was announced, if it is necessary to strike.

Charles Wilson, vice-grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, has been in this city frequently in the last six weeks conferring with the local divisions. Like the officials of the Trainmen's Brotherhood, he says he thinks that an amicable arrangement between the companies and the brotherhood is probable.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Order of Railroad Telegraphers have not decided as to making any demands. They have nothing to do with the movement. Although the representatives of the eastern railroads in this city were not willing to talk about the demands today, it is known that the General Managers' Association, which takes in nearly all the eastern trunk lines, has considered the subject, and has decided tentatively on a line of action. In view of the strike in the west the situation is considered serious.

ARTESIAN WELLS PURE REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY

Springbank Pond Is Making Trouble and May Be Closed Shortly.

The artesian wells are absolutely free from colon bacilli or any other deleterious matter.

A report on the water supply of the city was received from Dr. Amyot, the provincial analyst, this morning, in which it is stated that so far as the wells were concerned there was nothing to fear, as the water was perfectly pure.

The city supply, however, is not above suspicion, it is stated. It could not be learned where the cause of the difficulty lay with certainty, but it is understood that the east pond still shows traces of colon bacilli. It is this pond that Dr. Niven advised the water commissioners to close up, as it is practically impossible to keep it free from infection. It is not a large pond, and with plenty of water from the wells can easily be dispensed with.

It is understood that the other sources of supply are all right.

The report will be sent to the water commissioners.

Dr. Hutchinson has not yet issued his order to cease boiling the water, but it is probable that he will do so in a day or two.

Since the last report the Beck wells have been properly cemented and built up, so that there is practically no chance for contagion.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—VERY COLD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 7—8 a.m.

Today—Rain and sleet, followed by heavy westerly gales and a change to much colder.

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

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Today. Min.	Yesterday. Low.	Yesterday. High.
London	32	32	24	34
Calgary	— 8	—22	—14	— 6
Winnipeg	8	— 8	0	8
Port Arthur	24	6	14	24
Parry Sound	34	28	30	34
Toronto	34	32	28	34
Ottawa	34	24	24	34
Montreal	36	32	28	36
Quebec	34	28	28	34
Victoria	..	..	30	36
Vancouver	..	..	24	34
Edmonton	..	..	—14	— 8
Moosejaw	..	..	—10	— 3
Qu'Appelle	..	..	—18	— 2
St. John	..	..	36	38
Halifax	..	..	38	42

Minus (—) means below zero.