

London Boys Save Life of A St. Thomas Lad at Port

Russell Croden and Chester Welch distinguish themselves yesterday at Lakeside.

Two London boys were the means of saving the life of a St. Thomas boy at Port Stanley yesterday afternoon, and their heroic effort has won the praise of everybody at the summer resort.

The names of the boys are Chester Welch, son of Mr. A. E. Welch, and Russell Croden, son of Mr. John Croden.

The lad they saved is named Ralph Babbit.

Young Babbit, in company with William Haight and Donald McKenzie, also of St. Thomas, were enjoying themselves in a punt owned by McKenzie, and when out in very deep water the craft capsized.

Haight and McKenzie could swim, but Babbit was helpless in the water.

Little Heroes.

The lads who could swim were heroes, however, and they at once went to Babbit's assistance to keep him afloat.

After working with him for a time they found they could not get him ashore, and then McKenzie agreed to swim to land for assistance, while Haight kept Babbit afloat.

It was a long way to land, but McKenzie finally made it, and though exhausted, he told young Croden and Welch of the plight of Babbit and Haight away out in the lake.

The London boys instantly launched a rowboat, and with sturdy strokes made for the struggling pair in the water.

A Terrible Time.

In the meantime Haight was having a terrible time of it. The struggles of Babbit almost drowned the lad, as Babbit feared Haight would be unable to keep him afloat and that both would drown.

In the nick of time the boat arrived on the scene and Welch and Croden pulled the exhausted boys into their boat, and brought them ashore.

Today the lads are being heartily congratulated upon their action of yesterday.

Even Babbit behaved splendidly under the circumstances, and were it not that all five boys had level heads someone would have drowned.

Local and St. Thomas Barbers Spent Pleasant Day at Port Stanley

Baby Show Was a Feature of the Day—Good Sports Programme.

The local barbers, with their St. Thomas brethren, held a picnic at Port Stanley yesterday afternoon, and they had a splendid time. A large crowd was present, and a very fine programme of sports provided a big afternoon's amusement.

A feature of the picnic was a baby show, in which there were numerous entries. Two special prizes were donated by Ald. S. Stevely, of this city, and Dr. H. R. Abbott. The judges were Dr. Abbott, N. P. Graydon and H. T. Bessler, the latter hailing from Cleveland. The following were the prize-winners:

First, baby of Mrs. H. Smith, London; second, baby of Mrs. W. Barrett, St. Thomas; third, baby of Mrs. Stevenson, London; fourth, baby of Mrs. M. L. Wilson, St. Thomas.

The Games.

Threw the ball—1 Mrs. Wilkins,

St. Thomas; 2. Mrs. Freeman, St. Thomas.

Boys' race, under 12 years, 50 yards—1 N. Hilbert, 2 B. Ward, 3 Y. Hammond.

Married ladies' race, 50 yards—1 Mrs. Wilkins, 2 Mrs. Steinhoff.

Wheelbarrow race, 50 yards—1 M. Robinson and Wm. Steinhoff, St. Thomas; 2. E. Compton and C. Smith, St. Thomas; 3. Piercey and Wellington Steinhoff.

Hop, step, jump—1 Wm. Steinhoff, St. Thomas; 2. F. Blackburn, St. Thomas.

Pat men's race, 100 yards—1 W. Barrett, St. Thomas; 2 Wm. E. Cook, St. Thomas.

Sewing race, 50 yards, ladies—1 Mrs. Freeman, St. Thomas; 2 Mrs. Willey, St. Thomas.

Team race, 50 yards—1 Miss Follick and Wellington Steinhoff, London; 2 Miss Backhouse and H. Coutts, St. Thomas.

Journeymen's race, 100 yards—1 J. H. Westbrook, London; 2 M. L. Robinson, St. Thomas.

Boss barbers' race, 100 yards—1 C. Chate, St. Thomas; 2 F. Funn, London.

Three-legged race, 50 yards—1 William Steinhoff and M. L. Robinson, St. Thomas; 2 James Westbrook and Wellington Steinhoff, London.

Unrobing and robing race, 100 yards—1 C. Chate, St. Thomas; 2 E. Burns, London.

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TRACTION LINE NOW RUNS TO PORT

Last Foot of Trackage Was Completed Wednesday—May Run Cars in Fortnight.

The last foot of trackage on the Southwestern Traction Company's line to Port Stanley has been laid, and as soon as the damage done by the recent fire at the powerhouse can be repaired cars will run direct from London to the Loney House at Port.

"There is absolutely nothing new to give out to the public," said Manager Mower this morning. "We are making every effort to have our line in running order by the 1st of September. If we have no setbacks we may succeed. We are pushing the work of repairing as hard as we can."

FOUND WANDERING G. T. R. PLATFORM

Miss Pearl Rice, of Nobody Knows Where, Arraigned in the Police Court.

Pearl Rice, a young girl of 17 years, was arraigned this morning before Magistrate Love on a charge of vagrancy, and remanded to jail for a week for sentence.

The girl was found by the G. T. R. A. constable last night wandering about the station in a helpless condition, and he looked her up.

She is not believed to be of sound mind, and the authorities will endeavor to have her properly taken care of, and try to find her relatives.

One first-time drunk was allowed to go with a warning.

PORTER FOUND DEAD IN BED

Aged Port Stanley Hotel Employee Passes Away During Sleep.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Port Stanley, Aug. 22.—Albert Howe, a man of about 65 years of age, who was employed at the Loney House as a porter, for many years, was found dead in his room by the proprietor, Mr. Matthew Loney, this morning.

When he did not get up as usual to do the chores Mr. Loney went to look for him, and found the old man dead in bed. Dr. Mothersill was immediately summoned, but he stated that death had resulted from natural causes, the old gentleman having been worn out.

The late Mr. Howe is survived by the following family: Misses Maud and Lizzie Howe, of St. Thomas; Kitty, a trained nurse, of Duluth; Mrs. Jack Stencer, of St. Thomas; and one son, Mr. Thos. Howe, M. C. R. fireman, of St. Thomas.

STRONG FRENCH FORCE TO COPE WITH MOORS

General Druide to Have 5,000 Men at His Command.

Paris, Aug. 22.—An official note was issued today announcing that Gen. Druide, commander of the French expeditionary force in Morocco, will, when the reinforcements now on their way to Casablanca reach him, have at his disposal 5,000 men, which number is considered to be sufficient to insure the protection of the town, unless the unexpected happens, for which emergency further reinforcements are ready to embark for Morocco.

It is stated that as a result of the cabinet conferences and exchange of views with Premier Clemenceau, who is at Marienbad, where he met King Edward, the Government remains firm in carrying out its programme, which it is reiterated is not one of conquest.

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

Trades and Labor Council Make Some Minor Arrangements.

Beyond making a few minor arrangements there was practically nothing done at the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night, in reference to the Labor Day celebration.

It was decided to engage the Twenty-sixth Regiment band for the occasion, and select the twenty odd officials required for the Labor Day arrangements next Tuesday night.

THE SHAWVILLE TRAGEDY

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—The funeral at Bryson, Que., yesterday of Thomas McLernan, the victim of the tragedy at Shawville, was attended by large crowds. After the service at the church, and as he was about to leave the sacred building, John McLernan, who was with his brother on the fatal walk, was arrested. He pleaded not guilty in answer to the charge of manslaughter, and will have his preliminary investigation next Tuesday.

Railway Man Says City Must Now Come to G.T.R.'s Terms Re Elevation

Grade West of the City Is Workable and Company Is in No Hurry to Do Anything.

The Grand Trunk has practically completed the work of elevating the tracks between the Wharncliffe road and Hyde Park. There remains just a little more grading, the work of a couple of days, and the double-tracking of the Sarnia branch is complete. The section between London and Hyde Park has been under way for over a year and a half, and was one of the most difficult pieces of work ever undertaken by the company in Ontario. The work of elevation alone cost the company about a million dollars.

The completion of this work has considerable bearing on the matter of elevating the tracks through the city. The Grand Trunk Company, and especially Mr. McGuigan, wanted to elevate the tracks, but satisfactory arrangements could not be made between the council and the company. The company was allowed to elevate the tracks to the Wortley road,

the matter of the rest being left in abeyance for some time. Just when the rest of the work will be undertaken is of great interest to the citizens of London.

Elevation Is Far Off.

An Advertiser reporter looked over the work this morning with a railroad man and had it explained to him. His opinion was that the Grand Trunk would not elevate the tracks through the city this year nor next year.

"The Grand Trunk will wait until the city comes to the company," he declared. "The company is in no hurry to elevate the tracks for many reasons. Money is tight, and the money on hand is wanted for improved rolling stock, of which there is considerable need just now. The great reason is that the company does not need to raise its tracks."

"With the increased volume of freight from the west, heavy beef trains and such it was impossible to bring many cars over the heavy grade at the Cove bridge. It was costing the company many dollars a day to lift a train over the grade, and the company figured it out that elevation was necessary because of its east bound freight. This grade was overcome, and from Sarnia to London there is (Continued on Page Eight.)

STOLE TWO HORSES, NOT SURE WHY, GETS THREE YEARS AT KINGSTON

Nova Scotia Young Man Confesses to Double Theft.

"Had anyone told me two weeks ago that I would ever be branded as a horse thief, I would have considered them out of their mind. I have no explanation to offer for my actions in stealing two valuable horses within two days. I took the first one because I wanted to, I suppose, and after I had sold it for \$99 I guess I stole the other animal to square up for not making any money on the first one."

The above statement was made by Joseph R. Hardy, of Brookfield, N. S., just previous to being sentenced by Judge Macbeth to three years in

the Kingston Penitentiary on two separate charges of horse stealing.

When asked to give an account of his actions for the past year before sentence was passed, the prisoner seemed troubled with a very bad memory, and could remember but two firms for which he had worked. One place of employment was in Winnipeg, and the other in Northern Michigan.

Hardy said that he was 23 years of age, and left his home in Nova Scotia seven or eight years ago. He had wandered from place to place since then.

Some time this spring he came to this vicinity and procured a job as porter in a Wyoming Hotel. While there he met a young man named Leonard Keyser, who engaged him to solicit orders for a feather-cleaning concern in which Keyser was interested. Later he had been introduced to and visited the farm of Mr. O. J. by Judge Macbeth to three years in

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Nothing Done Re Dismissal of Nurses

"There will be no special meeting called to discuss the case of the nurses who were dismissed," said Chairman S. S. Sreaton, of the hospital trust to an Advertiser reporter this morning. "Further than that I have nothing to say."

And it seems that nothing further will be done about the matter. It was anticipated that the dismissal would be discussed at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the trust, but not a word was mentioned about it. The incident appears to be closed.

The young ladies themselves asked several prominent members of the trust to act in their behalf, and many of the doctors did talk the matter over with members of the trust, but nothing thus far has come of it. The girls also interviewed some members of the trust, but the disposition of the latter seems to be to stand by the action of the chairman in dismissing the nurses. The trust has done nothing official about it, and no one seems anxious to open the subject for discussion.

It is a tempest in a teapot," said a member of the trust yesterday afternoon. "The girls violated one of the most important regulations of the hospital and were disciplined for it. I think it was the only thing to do, and while the punishment may seem severe it is none too harsh."

The friends of the young ladies involved declare that they will be vindicated yet. They claim that the punishment was much out of proportion to the offense, and that they are subject to innuendoes they do not deserve. It is probable that the matter will be brought up at the next regular meeting of the trust, but not before.

SEVENTH TAKE SECOND IN THE TEAM MATCH

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Aug. 22.—In the city of Toronto team match at Long Branch, the Seventh Fusiliers team won second place, and a prize of \$25, with a score of 310. First prize went to G. G. F. G., Ottawa, with 320 points.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM. FORECASTS.

Toronto, Aug. 22.—8 a.m. Today—Light to moderate variable winds; fine and a little warmer. Friday—Fresh south to southwest winds; fine and warm.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary..... 44 44 Fair Winnipeg..... 56 48 Fair Port Arthur..... 48 40 Cloudy Parry Sound..... 54 44 Fair Toronto..... 53 48 Clear Ottawa..... 58 48 Fair Montreal..... 54 45 Clear Quebec..... 52 46 Clear Father Point..... 54 44 Clear

The first column 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 high pressure system is centered this morning over the lake region and its immediate vicinity, and the pressure is giving way rapidly over the Western Provinces. Local rains have fallen in the southwestern portion of Nova Scotia. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been everywhere fine, with a change to warmer conditions in the Western Provinces.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 46-70.5; Dawson, 46-62; Atlin, 46-58; Port Simpson, 56-61; Victoria, 58-72; Vancouver, 49-62; Kamloops, 52-62; Calgary, 42-76; Edmonton, 42-74; Regina, 32-76; Winnipeg, 38-70; Port Arthur, 44-62; Quebec, 50-66; St. John, 54-70; L. L. L. 54-70.

OTTAWA RUMOR SAYS LONDON BY-ELECTION IN SEP. 18 OR 19

Nominations Are To Be Held a Week Earlier—Nothing Official As Yet—All the By-Elections on the Same Date.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—The by-elections will probably be held about Sept. 18, although the date has not yet been definitely decided by the cabinet.

The Toronto Globe today contains the following special from Ottawa:

Ottawa, Aug. 21.—It is probable that the by-elections to fill vacancies in the House of Commons will be held about the middle of September, probably on the 18th or 19th. Nominations will be a week earlier. There are four vacancies. They are St. John City and County, where the vacancy was caused by the death of Dr. A. A. Stockton; Northumberland, caused by the death of Edward Cochrane; Wellington, caused by the death of Thos. Martin, and London, vacated by the resignation of Hon. Chas. S. Hyman. It is probable that the final fixing of the date for the elections will be considered at a meeting of the Cabinet on Saturday, and that the writs will go out early next week.

THE LATE BIRD GOT THIS WORM; SELLS HIS LOAD OF HAY FOR \$16.50

Farmer Riley Believes in Being Late for the Market.

John B. Riley, a London Township farmer, is superstitious. Good fortune always comes to him, he claims, through coming to the market with his produce a little later than his neighbors, and an incident which took place on the market this morning seems to bear out his belief.

Mr. Riley started out for market this morning with a load of hay, and as was his wont, he did not leave until late.

By the time he arrived all the hay in the market had been disposed of and a half dozen would-be buyers were just leaving in dejection when they spied Farmer Riley heading in with a fine load of the stuff they wanted.

A spirited competition at once arose between the buyers as to who should get the hay, and as a result they kept on bidding until one bid \$16.50, whereupon the rest quit.

Weigh Scales Clerk Dean stated that no such price had been paid for hay in London for a great many years. Two weeks ago the market price was \$8 to \$10 a ton, and this morning the highest price received was only about \$13.

In the meantime Farmer Riley is chuckling up his sleeve and patting himself on the back.

School Board's Action Most Unjust To Mr. Little and the Other Teachers

Dr. Moorhouse, Prominent Conservative, Speaks of Appointment of Mr. McCutcheon.

Dr. Moorhouse, dean of the Western University, is another leading citizen who is utterly opposed to the action of the board of education regarding the McCutcheon appointment. He is convinced that the position belonged to Mr. Little, and that the appointment of Mr. McCutcheon was not a fair thing to either Mr. Little personally nor to the whole teaching profession. He deeply regretted the introduction of politics into educational affairs.

"I feel that the position belonged to Mr. Little," said Dr. Moorhouse in conversation with an Advertiser reporter this morning.

"It was his by right of service and ability. He had served the school a long time, and had been appointed vice-principal, and therefore should have been given the higher position when the vacancy occurred. The action of the board was an injustice, not only to Mr. Little, but to the whole teaching profession. I am convinced that political influence was used, and although I am a strong Conservative, I am opposed to politics being dragged into educational matters. It is a serious mistake."

All the S. S. Teachers Passed Exams.

Though the official returns have not as yet been made public, it is understood that the department of education has forwarded to every separate school teacher who tried the recent examinations held in the Sacred Heart school here, a certificate, all having succeeded in passing the examination.

This is a very creditable showing, and proves that the teachers, although in the past they had not been in possession of the certificates demanded by the education act of Ontario, were well qualified to teach.

In the neighborhood of 60 teachers tried the examinations here, they having come from many points in the western district.

In Hamilton.

The Hamilton Herald says: "When a change was made in the provincial education act a short time ago making it necessary for all teachers in the separate schools to pass an examination similar to those passed by normal students to gain teachers' certificates, it was thought in some quarters that many of the good sisters would have to give up their labor of love in teaching. But the sequel has proved that in Hamilton, at least, the separate school teachers were thoroughly competent. An examination was conducted in St. Ann's school recently by a teacher from St. Thomas and one from this city, at which 58 of the sisters of St. Joseph wrote. Though the official returns have not been given out by the Government, it is stated that 57 passed with high marks, and that the other sister, who nearly passed that she was recommended for a certificate. The separate school trustees had confidence in their teaching staff, and are naturally gratified at the result."

U. S. Business Situation Sound and Satisfactory

Fine Outlook for the Crops With the Exception of Oats.

New York, Aug. 22.—The Times says: The Commercial National Bank of Chicago, in its summary of financial and commercial conditions, compiled with special reference to the crop outlook, to be issued today, draws the conclusion from the 30,000 replies received from its correspondents that the overwhelming preponderance of evidence is that the business situation is sound and satisfactory. The bank comments on the fact that in the thousands of replies there is scarcely a reference to the present position of

the speculative markets. That there has been a let up in business compared with the feverish activity of last spring and winter is generally admitted, but this, the bank says, is acknowledged by its correspondents with entire satisfaction.

On the crop outlook the bank reaches the conclusion from the data gathered by it that this year's wheat crop will amount to 640,000,000 bushels, the corn crop 2,500,000,000 to 2,600,000,000 bushels, while the oat crop will be deficient by perhaps as much as 150,000,000 bushels. Regarding the financing of the crops, the bank says that though the yield may be deficient in quantity, as well as in quality, there will be required practically as large a volume of funds for financing the crops as was needed last year.

Michigan Tramp Visits the Inspector

A rare specimen of the genus hobo, one of the old kind that is becoming extinct in these parts, paid a visit to Inspector McCallum this morning and asked for aid. He was an able-bodied man, and had only a solitary stranger to water, and had only a speaking acquaintance with a bag, and was weary. His make-up would make a stage tramp look like a Beau Brummel. He informed Inspector McCallum that he had come from Michigan, and was traveling east. He was tired of walking and wanted help. He would not mind stopping a day or two if the city would fix him up right. He had a bad foot, and walking was tough. Inspector McCallum asked him if he would go to the police station, and the man, who had reached the stage where he did not care what happened to him, was willing to go. The silent phone was worked on the old chap and he was told to wait until the patrol wagon called. The tramp sat down and patiently waited twenty