

CUSTOMS RETURNS GROW FIGURES SHOW BIG JUMP

Receipts for Eleven Months Equal To the Entire Sum Received During Previous Fiscal Year, Despite Falling Off in January and February.

"The end of the month completes the official year for customs returns," said Collector Elliott to The Advertiser this morning, and the returns for the past eleven months are within about fifteen hundred dollars of the preceding twelve months, when business was considered phenomenally good.

"The total receipts for the twelve months ending March 31, 1907, amounted to \$901,988.89, and for the eleven months ending February 29, they were \$900,403.77.

"If we have a good month this month, London's receipts will be closer to the million dollar mark than they have ever been before.

FEBRUARY'S RETURNS.

"Last month's returns show a decrease of \$6,962.82, as compared with the same period last year, the receipts totalling \$65,887.01 against \$72,789.33 in February, 1907.

"January and February are the only months in which there has been a decrease, and every other month shows a substantial gain.

"There is every reason to believe that things will pick up again this month, and that they will show an increase over last year.

"January and February are always quiet, and with the weather conditions that have prevailed this season, they have been more than usually so.

"The returns to February 28, 1907, only amounted to \$814,617.46, and then in March there was a general boom, and March, 1907, was one of the biggest months the London office ever had."

Mr. Gray's Opinion of Hon. Mr. Beck Doesn't Represent Conservatives

Says Mr. Beck Is Candidate of About One-fifth—Will Oppose Him.

The Toronto News of Saturday adds the following to the story of the trouble between Hon. Adam Beck and Mr. William Gray:

"Mr. Beck doesn't represent the Conservative party at London. He represents himself and a small clique of about five per cent of the party. The rest of the party is with me."

Mr. William Gray, London, made this statement to a representative of The News this morning, when asked about the report that he would oppose Hon. Adam Beck if he ran in London at the next elections.

"Yes, I'm going to run if Mr. Beck runs," he said. "There's no mistake

about that. Further than that I don't care to say anything just now. Later on I'll have something to say about it."

Says It's Personal.

"Has the trouble anything to do with Mr. Beck's policy in office or his conduct as a minister?" he was asked.

"No, it's a personal matter between myself and Mr. Beck. We have not spoken since my last contest with Mr. Hyman. He took to the woods then."

"Do you mean that he took no part in the contest?"

"Not for me, anyway. You can't believe all you hear, of course. But you can't shut your eyes to the facts."

"That's the chief trouble, then?"

"No, there was something else between Mr. Beck and me."

"There was some talk of Mr. Beck running in Toronto, I believe," remarked Mr. Gray, "but I suppose that runs."

"Yes, I'm going to run if Mr. Beck runs," he said. "There's no mistake

City Assessors Now On Their Rounds

The assessors started on their rounds this morning, and three clerks are at work.

They are Messrs. Archie Black, A. Gilean and Geo. Doble.

The fourth has not yet been appointed.

Some time ago the Conservatives agreed on Wm. Peel, but there has been considerable opposition to Mr. Peel, and it is now said that Mr. Alf Eirwell will get the appointment.

City Solicitor and the Union Label

It was said today that City Solicitor Meredith had given his opinion that the city council can not pass a resolution compelling the placing of the union label on city printing.

The story could not be verified.

The reason for this opinion is that such a resolution would be in restraint

of trade, as it would prevent competition.

The matter will not come up at the council tonight, as no opinion has yet been given to the city clerk.

The union men say they are going to insist on the label, and will keep up the fight until good conditions of labor are realized.

Rumored Change at G. T. R. Depot

It was rumored this morning at the Grand Trunk station that Stationmaster Thomas Short, who was moved here recently from Brantford to take the place of former Stationmaster McHarg, will be moved shortly, and his

place taken here by Stationmaster W. Hayes, who is now at Guelph.

Mr. Hayes was for some years in Lucknow.

Superintendent Nixon is out of the city today, and the report could not be verified.

Hartwick Said To Be Hopelessly Insane

"Insane, Condition unchanged since Saturday."

Such was the opinion offered by Dr. MacArthur, the county jail physician, this morning, when asked as to the condition of James Hartwick, the accused murderer of his wife.

Hartwick at present appears to be stronger than he has been since his arrest, but his mind is still wandering, and he spends most of the time mumbling to himself and tossing to and fro on his mattress bed.

Occasionally he sits up, and he sometimes walks around the large day cell with his fellow prisoners.

At night Hartwick at intervals shrieks violently and this serves to keep the other prisoners in Ward No. 1 awake, and in bad humor.

However, everybody around the jail looks upon the old man as being hopelessly insane, and he is treated to the greatest of consideration by the other prisoners who do everything they can to make him comfortable.

Will It Be Crushed Stone or Gravel?

The council will meet tonight, but there is little business to come up for settlement.

It is expected that the bylaw regarding the Dundas street pavement giving

the London street railway and the Barber Company the right to use gravel instead of crushed stone will come up.

There will be some opposition to the change.

Still Nothing Doing Re Water Supply

The water commissioners will meet tomorrow afternoon, and will transact the usual business.

The water question will not be touched.

It has been the intention of the board to get together and discuss plans for the extension of the water system, but it has been impossible for various reasons for them to get together.

Chicago Police Chief in Peril Kills Anarchist Who Assails Him

A Desperate Attempt Made To Assassinate Police Chief Shippey.

Chicago, March 2.—An unsuccessful attempt to assassinate George M. Shippey, chief of Chicago police department, was made as the officer was leaving his residence this morning. The chief, his son and his driver, James Foley, were attacked by two men with revolvers. Young Shippey and the driver were wounded. The chief returned the fire, killing one of

his assailants outright. The chief, it is reported, was stabbed in the right arm during the affray. None of the men was seriously injured. The attack is supposed to have been made by anarchists following the recent activity of the Chicago police after the tragedy at Denver.

Later.

Harry Shippey is seriously hurt, but Foley will probably recover. The chief's wound is trivial. The assailant entered Shippey's home while the chief and his son were alone in one of the rooms. The man is said to have handed Chief Shippey a letter which the chief opened and began to read. Almost immediately the anarchist

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Street Railway Must Take Away Snow City Engineer Notifies Manager King

Paved and Other Streets Are Now in a Dangerous Condition.

The city streets, especially in the downtown districts, are in very bad shape, owing to the large amount of snow and ice.

The gutters have been kept open as they should be and as a result there is a sharp declivity, and many horses have slipped into the gutter and sleighs have been overturned.

Six Inches Allowed.

The city bylaw calls for the ice and snow to be no more than six inches in thickness along the streets where the street railway has tracks.

This season the depth exceeds that, a very great deal, and up to the present, no effect has been made to reduce the amount of snow.

The scrapers put in use by the street railway, has piled the snow to a great depth alongside the streets and have made it very dangerous.

Mr. King Notified.

"I wrote to Manager King Saturday afternoon, telling him he must get a force of men to take away the snow," said City Engineer Graydon this morning. "He tells me that he will have the force of men at work today, and that he will get the snow away as soon as possible."

"The condition of the streets is very bad owing to the depth of snow, and he will have to get it reduced to the proper level."

"I am going to put some men to work myself on certain portions, and their instructions are to throw the snow on the street railway tracks, if necessary to get it away."

In some places the snow and ice is fully 18 inches thick, and in other places it is over a foot in thickness.

Writ May Result From False Arrest Jos. Mitchell, Dorchester, May Issue It

Local Detective and Pawnbroker Alleged To Be Implicated in Matter.

As a result of the alleged false arrest recently of Mr. Joseph Mitchell, an aged Dorchester farmer, a writ will in all probability be issued today or tomorrow by Mr. Mitchell's solicitor, against Mr. Thomas Fox, the local pawnbroker, and a detective of the London police force.

The story of the alleged false arrest as told by Mr. Mitchell's solicitor today to an Advertiser reporter is as follows:

Made a Mistake.

Some days ago Mr. Mitchell purchased a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles from a man in Dorchester.

Afterward Mr. Mitchell decided that the spectacles were too fancy for his moderate tastes, and when he visited London the latter part of last week, he offered them for sale to Mr. Fox, the pawnbroker.

Mr. Fox examined the spectacles, but appeared more interested in learning whether Mr. Mitchell would not sell his watch instead.

The latter replied that the watch was not for sale.

However, he pulled the timepiece from his pocket and allowed the pawnbroker to examine it.

"Then Mr. Fox, so it is alleged, telephoned the police to come over to his place of business."

Detective on Scene.

The detective responded, and took the aged farmer over to the station, where he was held half an hour until it was proven that he was not the man who stole a watch from a resident of the east end recently.

Inside Mr. Mitchell's watch is his full name, but apparently this fact was overlooked previous to Mr. Mitchell's detention.

Mr. Mitchell is very wroth over the matter, and thinks that the action of the pawnbroker and the police was entirely unnecessary.

Was Doing His Duty.

The detective was looking for a man who had stolen a watch, and other articles, in the east end, and, of course, was simply performing his duty to the best of his ability, when he made the arrest.

As soon as it was learned that Mr. Mitchell was not the man wanted he was released.

G. T. R. Watchman's Shanty Hoodooed Local Firemen Had Two Runs Today

Damage in Both Cases Was Very Slight—The Causes.

The fire brigade had two runs today, but the damage done in each case was slight.

At 2:35 o'clock this morning the London East brigade answered a still alarm at the residence of Mrs. Glass, 881 Dundas street.

An over-heated furnace set fire to the flooring between the basement and the dining-room.

It burned for some time, and filled the house completely full of smoke.

The latter became so heavy that the household was awakened and badly

alarmed, but the smoke was so dense that they could not get to the phone.

Mrs. Glass ran to the front door and hailed a man who was passing, and he gave the alarm to the brigade. The men were soon on the scene, and had the fire under control in a very short time.

The damage done will amount to about \$200, the floor between the cellar and the dining-room being badly burned.

Suffering From Smoke.

All in the house are suffering from the effects of the smoke.

From the Central station, and Chief Clark, had a run to Wellington street and the Grand Trunk tracks, where a watchman's shanty was badly burned.

This is the third time this shanty has been damaged.

It caught fire from an overheated stove.

Many Factories Require Fire Escapes

"There are many factories and other buildings in this city that require fire escapes," said Mr. Harry Clark, Provincial factories inspector for Western Ontario, to The Advertiser today.

"Some of them are dangerous, and afford no protection to the employees

whatever in case of fire. As a rule, however, conditions in the factories are very favorable.

"There are very few cases of children under age being employed—in fact, there are very many less than is popularly believed. I find conditions favorable outside the city also."

Furnace Exploded and Man Burned

Mr. Harry W. Simpson, 29 Bathurst street, foreman for the Spring Bed and Mattress Company, was badly burned on Saturday while attending to his work.

He was employed at one of the furnaces when from some cause or other the furnace exploded, throwing a stream of fire on Mr. Simpson.

His hair was scorched, and his hand with which he was handling the material was terribly burned.

His clothing also caught fire, but was extinguished without serious effects.

Mr. Simpson will be laid up for some time.

CHOOSE SITE FOR SOLEIERS' MONUMENT

Mrs. Leonard Asks the City Council "SQUO IS OS QD Q"

Mayor Stevely has received a communication from Mrs. Leonard, regent of the Daughters of the Empire, asking the council to choose a site for the monument to the soldiers who fell in South Africa.

It is the intention to erect the monument as soon as possible.

FELL ON SIDEWALK DIED AS RESULT

Mr. James Evans Never Rallied From the Injuries He Received.

Mr. James Evans, an old and highly-respected resident of this city, died in Victoria Hospital yesterday as a result of a fall some weeks ago, when he fractured his hip and suffered internal injuries.

Mr. Evans was 74 years old, and had resided in the city for a long time, formerly being in business here.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, 174 Maitland street, on Tuesday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery.

MR. ADAMS RETIRES FROM HURON & ERIE

Presented With a Gold Watch and Chain By the Staff.

On the retirement of Mr. John H. Adams from the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company, the office staff, inspectors and auditors presented him with a valuable gold watch and chain in evidence of their esteem. The manager of the company, Mr. Hume Cronyn, through whom the presentation was made, spoke of the excellent qualities of Mr. Adams, and of the faithful services rendered by him in the various duties of his position, extending through a period of some twenty-five years.

Mr. Adams, although taken quite by surprise, made a suitable reply, thanking all in their official capacity connected with the company for the beautiful present now given, which would always remind him of the pleasant associations they had together in the Huron and Erie.

MATHESON MAY CLAIM SURPLUS OF \$600,000

Toronto, March 2.—Hon. A. J. Matheson will present the public accounts to the Legislature this afternoon. It is understood that a surplus of around \$600,000 will be announced.

ONE DOLLAR FOR RELATIVES

Toronto Man Leaves Estate Valued at \$26,728 to Charities.

Toronto, March 2.—By the will of Edward Franklin Sprague, who died in Toronto on Jan. 2, filed for probate today only one dollar is left to Raymond Sprague Squires, and the will directs that to be paid on his personal application, and upon proof of identity, and an acknowledgment in writing of the payment of such sum.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—LITTLE CHANGE.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, March 2-8 a.m.
Today—North and northwest winds, moderately cold, with snow flurries.
Tuesday—Northwest winds; fair; with about the same temperature.

Local Temperatures.

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory up to 8 p.m. Saturday were: Highest, 23 above; lowest, 6.5 below. Sunday: Highest, 25.5 above; lowest, 11.5 above.

Stations.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	4	-6	Cloudy
Winnipeg	4	-6	Cloudy
Port Arthur	20	24	Cloudy
Perry Sound	16	16	Cloudy
Toronto	22	20	Snow
Ottawa	22	14	Snow
Montreal	20	14	Snow
Quebec	14	12	Snow
Father Point	10	4	Cloudy

Minus (-) means below zero.

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The low area which was in the Western States on Saturday morning has moved quickly eastward and is now centered near Lake Ontario, as it approached the great lakes during Sunday. Strong easterly gales, accompanied by snow, prevailed in Ontario, and much the same conditions now obtain in the Province of Quebec. The weather is cold throughout the Dominion.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 23 below—14 below; Atlin, 12 below—8; Port Simpson, 26—36; Victoria, 38—48; Vancouver, 37—41; Kamloops, 23—30; Edmonton, 12 below—15; Prince Albert, 12—14; Regina, 4 below—14; Winnipeg, 15—20; Parry Sound, zero—22; Toronto, 16—23; Ottawa, zero—18; Montreal, 6—15; Quebec, 2—15; Halifax, 18—22.

HOUSE ENDS LONG SITTING AT APPROACH OF SABBATH

Fifty-seven-Hour Session, Due To Obstinacy of Opposition, Concluded at Midnight on Saturday.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Ottawa, March 2.—At five minutes before twelve o'clock Saturday night,

the longest sitting of the House of Commons since 1896 was brought to a close. At that moment Hon. W. S. Fielding rose, while Mr. Jacques Bureau, solicitor-general, was speaking, and said that as it was the desire of the House to observe the Sabbath he would move that the committee rise and report progress. This done, he moved the adjournment of the House.

The House had been continuously in session for 57 hours or from three o'clock Thursday afternoon, except for the automatic dinner recess from

6 to 8 p.m. Each day it was one interminable talk on the part of the Opposition. There were occasionally lively passages and some humorous incidents, but nearly the whole time was taken up in the reading of extracts by the Opposition. It was systematic obstruction.

During the evening Mr. Brodeur scored on Mr. Foster. The Minister of Marine showed that Foster in 1891 had taken \$900 from commercial agencies to pay his expenses to the West Indies. This was taking money for one vote and applying it to another. Mr. Foster being badly caught, could only say that he was older now and was getting wiser.

Judge Killam Called By Death Passes Away at the Capital

Noted Jurist and Railway Commissioner Succumbs To Pneumonia.

Ottawa, March 1.—Judge Killam, chairman of the railway commission, passed away early this morning from pneumonia. Judge Killam had been suffering from a heavy cold for some days, the illness taking a more serious turn last Tuesday.

His home was in Winnipeg, where he is survived by a wife and son. The body will be taken there for interment. Judge Killam was recognized as one of the leading legal men of Canada, his wide learning placing him at the very top of his position. He was a

Canadian by birth and for many years practiced his profession in Windsor Ont. He later removed to Winnipeg, where he rose to a position on the high court bench. His ability was quickly shown, and an appointment to the supreme court of Canada and later to the Dominion railway commission followed. He was named chairman, which position he has filled with great distinction. The late judge was 58 years old.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Ottawa, March 2.—The funeral of the late Judge Killam, chairman of the railway commission, took place at 12:30 today from the Russell House. The remains have been forwarded to Winnipeg for interment. There was a large attendance. Nearly all the cabinet ministers were present, as well as a large number of Ottawa's leading citizens.

No Prosecution Re Tubercular Beef No One Intended Anything Wrong

So Says Dr. Hutchinson, Who Has Investigated the Case.

There will be no prosecutions arising out of the recent tubercular beef episode.

The beef has been destroyed, and the matter will be allowed to drop.

It was thought at one time that some person or persons would be called to answer for the affair, but that will not be the case.

"I have fully investigated the case, and there will be no prosecutions," said Medical Health Officer Hutchinson this morning.

"The wholesale butcher bought the animal from a farmer, and as soon as he found out that it was diseased he phoned the butcher to whom he had sold it to keep it, as he was coming in to take it away."

"But this time, of course, I had seized it."

"That convinced me that the wholesaler butcher did not intend to do wrong."

"It would be very hard to convict under such circumstances, and I decided to let the matter drop."

Mee Will Be Bailed in Sum of \$3,000

Herbert Mee, the alleged Strathroy embezzler, will in all probability be bailed this week in the sum of \$3,000, which sum must be given in two securities.

Mee, it will be remembered, is ac-

cused of having misappropriated upwards of \$1,200 from the Strathroy Brewing Company, by which he was employed as a traveler.

Mee will be tried at the assizes which open here on the 23rd of next month. He has elected trial by jury.

Trains Cannot Plow Through Drifts

"Trains between here and St. Marys and north of Stratford cannot get through for the snow," was the information given out at the Grand Trunk station this morning.

Passengers from the north are being brought round by Paris and are arriving in this city many hours late.

Up on the Bruce, matters are no better, the sugar-like snow delaying

the trains and making it impossible to run on time.

All night long the big snowplows went up and down the lines, but as fast as they cleared away the snow, just as fast it blew on again.

North of Stratford very few trains are running, and it is not expected that the lines will be open again before tonight.

Temperance Folk Win Another Round

The temperance people have gained another victory, and the big sign which for one year has told the public in illuminated language that Corby's Dominion rye whiskey was the best, will do so no more.

It was taken down this morning by workmen.

Mr. McCallum was reticent in regard to the matter, but intimated to The Advertiser this morning that as a result of moves and requests of the

temperance people he would not allow the company to keep the sign any longer.

It was known that when the sign was placed over the store there was a strong effort put forth by the temperance people to have Mr. McCallum cancel the contract.

This was not done, at the time, although it is stated that the contract ran out on Saturday night, and the Corby people were ordered to take the sign down at once.

More Oil Cases Coming Into Court

A special sitting of the division court will be held on Monday, the 9th of March, before Judge Elliott, at the courthouse, when the five remaining cases of the National Oil Company, against local businessmen will be heard.

The actions will be decided by a jury of five men.

The National Oil Company sues to

recover payment on oil alleged to have been sold and delivered.

The defendants allege that they understood that they were only ordering samples.

The defendants are as follows: Jos. P. Crumney, J. H. Wilkins, Federal Life Assurance Company,