

OVERHEAD BRIDGE FOR C. P. R.
TO IMPROVE WELLINGTON ST.Ald. Beattie Makes Im-
portant Motion in the
Council.COMPANY MUST
PAY \$16,500Toward the Cost of the Struc-
ture—Estimates To Be Se-
cured At Once.

Bridges instead of level crossings is the ambition of Ald. Beattie, who at the council meeting last night moved that the city engineer be instructed to obtain estimates of the cost of an overhead bridge on Wellington street, from Piccadilly to Pall Mall streets, over the C. P. R.

Ald. Beattie pointed out that years ago there had been an agitation started by Judge Elliott and others to have a bridge built over this street.

Important Point.
The matter had been referred to a committee, but the company had refused to confer with the city on the question. However, the city had an agreement with the C. P. R. by which Continued on Page Nine.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD
MAY INCREASE THEIR RATESMatter Will Be Discussed at the Biennial Convention Which
Opened in This City This Morning—Many Other
Important Matters To Be Discussed.

The biennial convention of the Woodmen of the World commenced this morning by a meeting of the committee of bylaws and revisions, which was held in the office of W. C. Fitzgerald, grand secretary of the order.

The consideration of the bylaws, as amended by the recent Government regulations, and the question of raising the rates for membership, are among the important items to be discussed.

This afternoon the committee will discuss the representation question, with a view to reducing the number of delegates, and, if possible, forming district camps.

In the evening the executive committee meets, when the reports will be discussed.

Wednesday Morning.
At 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning the committee on reports and resolutions meets in the Duffield block, and will consider the reports submitted at the executive meeting.

L. K. Merton, K. C., of Oshawa, is

Gravel Would Be \$1,980 Cheaper
Than Broken Stone in PavementFigures Re Dundas Street Create
a Sensation at Council

Meeting.

The gravel vs. broken stone debate which has been going on for a considerable length of time, re the Dundas street pavement, and another interesting last night in the city council, and as a result the disposition of the question was laid over until another meeting of the council.

Figures produced by Ald. Stewart

ANOTHER RADIAL LINE IN SIGHT

The possibility of the Grand Valley Railway entering the city in the near future, was impressed upon the council last night, when the communication from Mr. T. G. Wallace, Woodstock, solicitor of the company, informed the council that the company would apply shortly for a charter to enter London.

The matter, it was thought, would come up before the railway committee in the House of Commons within a short time.

A map of the proposed route of the railway accompanied the communication.

The Route.

The proposed extension commences at Brantford. It runs south-west along the Mt. Vernon route, and when midway between Brantford and Woodstock it follows a line north-northwest to Eastwood, and parallels the Grand Trunk into Woodstock.

The line is a trifle south of the Grand Trunk from Woodstock into Ingersoll, and then it takes a line several miles south of the Grand Trunk into London, entering this city from the south side.

This railway is a continuation of

GRAND JURYMEN
FOR THE ASSIZESList of Those Who Will Serve at Court
Which Opens Monday Next.

The list of grand jurymen, who will serve at the assizes which open at the courthouse next Monday, is as follows: A. E. Benham, Parkhill; Alf. Branton, Wardsville; Fred Bailey, West Nissouri; Wm. A. Caverhill, Lobo; Donald D. Graham, Mosa; Geo. Haldane, Strathroy; Charles Isaac, Lucan; Laughlin L. McPargart, Ekfrid; Arch. McDougall, Ekfrid; Malcolm McGugan, Caradoc; Edwin Paul, London; James Rowntree, London; Jos. C. Weir, North Dorchester.

ENGLISH PEOPLE
COME IN CROWDSFive Hundred Passed Through City
Yesterday—Only the First of
Many Thousands.

Yesterday afternoon a C. P. R. special passed through the city from Montreal, bearing between four and five hundred English immigrants, who arrived on Saturday on one of the C. P. R. liners.

The immigrants intend farming in various parts of the country. Many of them had their wives and families with them, and stated that they were but the first of many thousands who are coming to this country in the spring.

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PEOPLE APPEAR
MUCH PLEASEDDundas Street Pavement
Again Goes to Works Board

CITIZENS WILL SAVE BY MOVE

Putting in Gravel Would Make a Dif-
ference of \$2,200 in Cost

The difference in the cost of gravel and broken stone for the Dundas street pavement is causing not a little discussion on the streets this morning, and the action of the council in sending the matter back to the board of works for final settlement is being commended on all sides.

Everybody is wondering why it was not found out till this late day what the difference to the company would be.

The figures of Ald. Ferguson, showing that there is a difference of over \$2,000 in gravel and broken stone, are borne out by the city's experience. It is a trifle over 16½ cents a square yard.

Park Avenue.
The contract price for the Park avenue pavement, which was laid with a gravel base, was \$2 20 per square yard.

The cost of the Dundas street pavement with broken stone is \$2 36, a difference of 16 cents a yard, which figured on the basis of 13,500 yards, makes a difference of \$2,160—a trifle less than Ald. Ferguson's figures.

Had Not Been Asked.
City Engineer Graydon was asked the reason he had not informed the Continued on Page Nine.

GILLETTE'S MOTHER
PLEADS WITH HUGHESGovernor Hughes To Save Murderer
From the Electric Chair.

Albany, N. Y., March 17.—Chester Gillette's mother saw Governor Hughes for almost an hour this morning, and went away apparently heartbroken, with the conviction that her pilgrimage had been in vain.

Asked if she cared to make any statement, she replied: "Not at this critical time; it will do no good. I am sorry, but I do not wish to say anything for publication."

The setting between the governor, who could save her son, and the mother, in her last desperate effort to save the young man, took place in the executive chamber, but the door was kept locked, and no outsider witnessed the conversation.

Governor Hughes at once retired to his private office after the meeting with Mrs. Gillette and could not be seen.

FOUR MEN KILLED

By Explosion in the Powder Mills at
Linton, Ind.

Linton, Ind., March 17.—Four men were killed, and from 15 to 20 were seriously injured today by an explosion at the United States powder mills, 14 miles from here. The explosion occurred in one of the ten wheel-houses. All the men killed and injured were employed in this building.

The dead are George Graby, William Meyers, Peter Shumaker and one unidentified. The powder mills are located at Coalmont. All the windows in Coalmont and many here were shattered by the force of the explosion, which was heard for many miles. Physicians were sent from surrounding towns.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, March 17—8 a.m. Today—Moderate winds, with light local snow or sleet.
Wednesday—Fresh northwest winds; fair and moderately cold.

Local Temperatures.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended 8 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 34°; lowest, 19.5°.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	20	18	Cloudy
Winnipeg	16	12	Clear
Port Arthur	12	8	Cloudy
Port Sound	8	0	Snow
Toronto	22	14	Snow
Ottawa	4	0	Fair
Montreal	4	2	Fair
Quebec	0	—4	Fair
Father Point	4	—2	Fair

Minus (—) means below zero.
The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

Areas of low pressure are following each other with great rapidity across the continent, making the weather conditions very unsettled and changeable.
The weather continues very cold in the Western Provinces, and 20° below zero occurred again this morning in parts of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 28 below—4; Athol, 8 below—12; Victoria, 4 below—20; Vancouver, 24—48; Edmonton, 4 below—20; Calgary, 4 below—38; Battleford, 4 below—4; Alton, 8 below—12; Regina, 20—32; Prince Albert, 6 below—6; Port Arthur, 6 below—16; Parry Sound, 8—30; Toronto, 16—34; Ottawa, 14—26; Montreal, 14—30; Quebec, 12—30; St. John, 20—44; Halifax, 24—50.

"There's a Little Green Isle."
SHAMROCK AND ST. PATRICK
A BIT OF GREEN HISTORYHow the Little Green Plant Has Wound Itself Around the Heart
of Irishmen the World Over—Its Linking
With the Boer War.

The Shamrock, or small white clover (trifolium repens of botanists), is almost universally worn in the hat over all Ireland, and indeed in all parts of the world, on this day, St. Patrick's day.

The popular notion is, that when St. Patrick was preaching the doctrine of the Trinity to the pagan Irish, he leaves upon one stem, as a symbol of illustration of the great mystery.

To suppose, as some absurdly hold, that he used it as an argument would be derogatory to the Saint's high reputation for orthodoxy and good sense, but it is certainly a curious coincidence, if nothing more, that the trefoil in Arabic is called shamrock, and was held sacred in Iran as emblematical of the Persian Triads.

What Pliny Said.
Pliny, too, in his Natural History says that serpents are never seen upon the trefoil, and it prevails against the stings of snakes and scorpions. This, (Continued on Page Eight.)

Western Fair Committees Busy

Preparing for the Big Exhibition

Radical Change For Main Building—Athletic Meet On Programme.

The manufacturers' committee of the Western Fair board met last night and revised the prize list. Very few changes were made. It was decided to make a special effort to obtain exhibits of motor boats, harness and other similar lines, in the machinery hall, and Secretary Hunt will get in communication with some of the manufacturers with a view to getting them to exhibit. The committee asked the executive for \$100 for expenses.

There were present: Chairman Carrothers, and Messrs. W. J. Reid, W. McNeil, H. Rymill, J. Whittaker, J. Jones, G. Guymer, W. Hayman, W. Carrothers and Secretary Hunt.

The Milking Contests.

The dairy committee meets this afternoon to discuss plans for the milking contest which is to be held.

A meeting of the athletic committee, composed of Messrs. George McCormick, Dr. Routledge and John Pringle, will be held this afternoon to arrange the programme for the athletic meet to be held during fair week. The question of what medals and trophies will be awarded will probably be settled.

On Wednesday afternoon the horticultural committee met and revise their prize list.

On Wednesday evening the main building committee met, and it is likely that some radical changes will be made in regard to those having space in that building.

It is the opinion of the committee that in the past too many little candy booths and things of that sort have been admitted, while good exhibits are crowded out. Many people have complained that there is not enough to see in the main building and the committee will rearrange this matter entirely.

"I'll Be There at the Proper Time"
Mr. Gray's Reply to London FriendsMeeting Called to Patch Up
Beck-Gray Differences Meets
With Failure.

"I will be there at the proper time." In this terse manner did Mr. William Gray answer a request that he attend a meeting of the big men of the Conservative party called for the purpose of discussing ways and means to patch up the differences which now exist, and have existed for many moons, between Hon. Adam Beck and Mr. Gray, erstwhile parliamentary candidate in London.

While accepting the admonition Biblically, Mr. Gray refused to agree politically, that "Now is the appointed time."

Twice Dead.
Major Beattie was there. Mr. Beck was there. Mr. Judd was there, and many more big guns of the party were there. But the man of all men who was wanted, was not there. Mr. Gray was busy.

It is said that in case London gets two members—which doesn't appear to be at all likely—Mr. Judd will make a bid for one seat.

In case, also, Mr. Beck drops out, Mr. Judd would like to fill his shoes, or, at least, have a try at them. But everything remains just as before.

The fight is still on.

LEAMINGTON GAS FOR LONDON?
COMPANY LOOKING TO THIS CITYONE MEMBER FOR
CITY OF LONDON

Redistribution Bill Comes Down in the House Tomorrow.
The redistribution bill comes down in the Ontario House tomorrow. It is practically certain that London will not be given two members.

ALD. FERGUSON
AND ST. PATRICK

Ordered the Flag To Fly Today in the City Hall.
Ald. Ferguson was acting mayor today, and in honor of St. Patrick he ordered the city hall flag to fly. There was little business to be transacted by his worship.

Mayor Stevely is in New York on business.

FIGHTING BOB EVANS
HAULS DOWN FLAG

San Francisco, March 17.—A special dispatch from San Diego, Cal., contains news of an announcement today by Rear Admiral Evans, commander of the Atlantic fleet, that upon its arrival at San Francisco he would retire from command because of ill-health. This announcement officially confirms the report from Washington that Admiral Evans would haul down his flag upon arriving at San Francisco.

DR. MARGOLESE ON TRIAL

Winnipeg, March 16.—Dr. Margolese was placed on trial this morning on the charge of murder for having caused the death of Bertha Edwards, a young Toronto girl, on Sept. 4 last, through an illegal operation. Margolese was arrested in Montreal recently and brought back. Evidence was given by the girl's sister and by the woman who assisted Margolese at the operation.

Other Companies.
At present there are several other natural gas companies looking towards London for a market, prominent among them being promoters who are interested in the Port Rowan and Port Dover fields.

A company will probably be formed to sink wells in the northern part of Southwold Township and Delaware, as it is thought there are considerable gas deposits there.

Guest Bridge Will Be Rebuilt

Timber of Old Structure Was Sold

Cost of New Bridge Will Be in the Neighborhood of \$11,000.

The superstructure of the noted Guest bridge, which was recently washed away by the Thames River by the high water, was yesterday sold by the London Township Council to Messrs. George Wilkinson and R. L. Guest, London Township farmers, for \$125.

The bridge was a wooden one and has been standing for a great many years. Some of the timber, however, is still in fairly good shape, and it is said that the purchasers will use it to erect some buildings.

May Go Down River.
It is said to be very doubtful, however, if much of the timber will be recovered, for the two spans which were washed away are so present imbedded in an ice dam, which, when it breaks, is apt to sweep the timber down the river. One span of the bridge is still standing.

Will Rebuild It.
County Commissioner Talbot, when interviewed by The Advertiser this morning, said that he would rebuild the bridge.

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Commissioner Jones Is Seriously Ill

There will be no meeting of the water commissioners this afternoon.

Mr. William Jones, the chairman of the commission, is confined to his house with a serious cold and will not be out this week.

His condition yesterday gave his physician considerable worry, as it was feared pneumonia would develop. He is much easier today.

Mayor Stevely is in New York, and a meeting will not be held until he returns.

Wellington Car Jumped the Tracks

Passengers on the Wellington street line of the London street railway were rudely jolted last night, when car No. 112 jumped the track on Wellington street, near Grey street.

The car did not go into the curb, but appeared to take a sort of a half-circle and stop almost crosswise of the track.

Nobody was injured, and but little damage was done to the car itself, although the brake beams were somewhat twisted.

The service on Wellington street was tied up for half an hour, and it was not until the wayward car had been hauled backward and forward for half a block or more by two other cars that it could be placed on the rails again.

New Switchboard.

The Bell Telephone Company, of London, on Saturday night "cut over" to its new long-distance switchboard. The new board is a big improvement over the old one.

Work of Bad Boys.

A number of windows in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church have been destroyed of late by mischievous boys. The police have been notified, and a strict watch is being kept to locate the miscreants.



THE WRECK AT POTTERSBURG.

When the express struck the freight, the caboose of the latter was knocked into kindling-wood, and thrown to one side. The smokestack, sand-chest, cowcatcher, etc., were ripped off the locomotive. At the other side of the telephone poles can be seen a freight car, where it was thrown on its side, the trucks standing on the ground alongside the tracks.