

BOARD MAY BUILD A MUSIC PAVILION FOR WESTERN FAIR

Annual Meeting of Big Exhibition Is Being Held Today.

CAPTAIN REID AGAIN PRESIDENT

Election of Last Year's Directors Is Likely—Financial Statement Presented.



CAPT. W. J. REID, Who Will Be Again Elected President of the Western Fair.

The annual meeting of the Western Fair Association is being held this afternoon, with a good representation of the members. The election of directors will form the most important matter of business to be discussed. Twelve will have to be chosen from this meeting. The representatives last year were: Capt. W. J. Reid, Lieut.-Col. J. W. Little, Ald. J. H. Saunders, T. H. Smallman, Jeffrey, Capt. W. M. Spencer, W. W. Gammon, Capt. T. E. Robinson, Lieut.-Col. W. M. Garthshore, John Pringle, R. A. Carrothers, William McNeill.

From present indications, these gentlemen will be re-elected. This will complete the board, the city council, and the East Middlesex Society having selected their representatives. The former are Mayor Graham, Ald. Richter, Ald. Johnston, Ald. Robinson, Ald. Glass and Ald. Rose. The latter society is represented by Messrs. James Murray (Westminster), Lieut.-Col. R. McEwen (Hyron), Ed. Douglas (Hiderton), Dr. A. Routledge (Lambeth), William Moore (West London), and Richard Oke (Broughdale).

Capt. Reid for President. After the board members are selected, they will meet and elect officers for the year. Capt. W. J. Reid will be again selected as president, Lieut.-Col. J. W. Little as first vice-president, and Ald. J. H. Saunders as second vice-president. Mr. A. M. Hunt will be re-elected secretary, and Mr. D. Mackenzie as treasurer. The chairman of the various committees will also be named. Not much change is anticipated.

Col. J. W. Little read his annual statement to the directors of the association. He congratulated the members for so large a representation on this the forty-fifth annual gathering. He pointed to the fact that the fair held in September was an unqualified success. The weather was ideal, and everything was carried on most successfully. The surplus in the hands of the treasurer was \$10,755.

Capt. Reid referred to the completion of the Art Building, and declared it to be a most valuable addition to the fair. The president referred to the renewed interest in the exhibition by the city council and the citizens generally. This was most welcome, and greatly appreciated by the directors.

"Every building on the grounds was crowded with exhibitors," he declared, "and the proposition for more accommodation confronts the board of this year, and must be taken into consideration." In concluding, Capt. Reid thanked the directors for their kindness, and hoped that the present year would be more successful than any in the past.

Financial Statement. The financial statement was submitted, showing the receipts to be \$55,115.18 from all sources. Of this amount \$26,817.00 came from gates and grandstands, \$5,000 from the city of London, \$2,500 from the Provincial Government for the art building, \$9,074.70 from entry fees, \$1,220 from various sources completing the total. The expenses amounted to \$42,358.35. Of this sum \$16,379.10 was expended for prizes, \$4,483.35 for advertising, etc., \$3,069.99 for office help, \$1,511.17 for general expenses, \$4,152 for grounds and buildings, general account, \$3,913.26 for the new art building, \$4,772.54 for fireworks, attractions, etc., \$1,906.58 for cheese and butter, exhibits smaller sums making up the difference.

"The year was most successful in every respect," commented President Reid.

GIRL SLAYER AT LARGE

Called Her to the Door and Shot Her Through the Heart.

[Canadian Press.]

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 5.—No trace has been found early today of the man who shortly before midnight last night shot and killed Tarr Harison, 22 years old, at the latter's home. The police are searching for Clinton Smith, who earlier in the evening had called upon the young woman. He is reported to have departed after the two had quarrelled.

According to the story told by the police, Smith later returned to the home of the girl and calling her to the door, fired a bullet through her heart. The girl's brother, hearing the shooting, ran to her assistance and grappled with the man, but he escaped.

POSTED AS MISSING.

London, Feb. 5.—The British steamer Jura, from Baltimore, Nov. 20, for Rotterdam, has been posted at Lloyd's as missing.

ROYALTY IN PANIC FEAR MILITANTS WILL RAID COURT

Powerful Force of Soldiers and Police Gathered Around Buckingham Palace.

ONE SUFFRAGETTE PROVED REAL TARTAR

Doused Constables With Water, Smashed Jail Windows and Has Been on a Hunger Strike for Days.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Feb. 5.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: Special but unostentatious precautions are being taken to prevent any untoward happening at Buckingham Palace through the action of the militant suffragettes. If anything is likely to be particularly warm, The King's principal London residence is in direct communication not only with Scotland Yard, but with Wellington Barracks close by, and the military protection of the palace can be increased almost immediately by a preconcerted signal.

May Raid the Court.

It is known that certain suffragettes have done their utmost to obtain the necessary passports to be present at the court that takes place in Buckingham Palace on Friday evening, and officials have received stringent instructions as to the manner in which they are to act in the event of any suspicious stranger presenting himself or herself for admittance. The staff of police, both uniformed and plain-clothed, detailed for duty, will be greater than ever before on a similar occasion.

Caught a Tartar.

The police seem to have caught a tartar in Margaret Morrison, a suffragette arrested outside the Leven town hall last Wednesday during the visit of Premier Asquith to that town. The charges brought against her yesterday were:

Throwing pepper in a constable's face.

Smashing twelve panes of glass in the Leven police station.

Throwing a bucket of water over a police sergeant in his office.

Lively scenes seem to have occurred while she was in custody. The evidence given shows that she managed to lock a policeman out of the passage leading to the cells, and then smashed the windows, and as the police broke open the door she threw a bucket of water over the first to enter. She has been on a hunger strike in the Dundee Prison since last Friday.

The sheriff asked her to lift her veil for identification, but this she refused to do, and there was a scene when an officer attempted to raise the veil, which was torn in the struggle. She was sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment.

MAJOR BEATTIE SHOULD RESIGN

Member For London Denies Responsibility for the Dismissal of Dr. Campbell.

The Toronto Globe says: Major Beattie, M. P. for London, denies responsibility for the spoils dismissal of the postoffice inspector. The only way a Government supporter in the House can avoid responsibility for the spoils in his constituency is to resign. Holding the seat is an indorsement.

FATAL PARALYSIS

Michael Waddick Was in M. C. R. Locomotive Department for Many Years.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Feb. 5.—The funeral of Michael Waddick, for many years in the locomotive department of the Michigan Central, was held today at the Holy Angels' Church and was largely attended. He died following a stroke of paralysis. He came here 22 years ago from Carlow, Scotland. He is survived by his wife and children, Lawrence and James, of the M. C. R.; Mrs. R. Palmerston, and Miss Margaret, of this city, and Mrs. J. Burwell, of Tillsonburg.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—DECIDEDLY COLD.

Forecasts.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—8 a.m. Strong westerly winds; mostly fair and decidedly cold weather, with local snow flurries today and on Thursday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Station.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON.	15	2	Clear.
Victoria.	36	34	Cloudy.
Calgary.	9	10	Fair.
Port Arthur.	8	22	Clear.
Port Huron.	20	4	Cloudy.
Toronto.	25	5	Clear.
Ottawa.	20	4	Fair.
Montreal.	16	6	Clear.
Quebec.	12	2	Cloudy.
Father Point.	14	—	Cloudy.

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The disturbance which was south of Nova Scotia yesterday has passed to the Atlantic, and the western area of high pressure, with low temperature, is spreading eastward over Ontario and Quebec.

CHURCH CENSUS HAS BROUGHT MANY NEW MEMBERS IN TOUCH

But From a Statistic Standpoint It Is Not What Was Expected.

That the recent church census will not be the success in regard to statistics that was anticipated is the opinion of Rev. G. F. B. Doherty, secretary of the committee of the Ministerial Alliance that had supervision of the work.

"Each of the individual churches," said Rev. Mr. Doherty, "has gone over the list of members, and made a complete return as possible. The census taking will be of great benefit to each of the churches, as it brings the new members in touch with the congregation of their denomination in that section of the city. The totals will not be of much value, however, as far as giving the relative strengths of the different denominations in the city is concerned, as the figures are not complete. A very large proportion of the cards returned have been marked 'not at home' or 'no preference,' and a few 'information refused.'"

"Some of the pastors, in sending in the reports, leave out the number of families, and give the total number of individuals in the district. Others give the number of families and number of individuals exclusive of families."

"Although the returns are now ten days late, there are a large number yet to be received, and there will have to be a meeting of the committee before any of the totals are published."

LONDON HAS NO CAUSE TO FEAR THE G. T. R. EMBARGO ON COAL

Supplies in the City Are Adequate—It Will Be the Smaller Places That Will Feel the Pinch, Say the Coal Dealers, When Interviewed by the Advertiser Today.

Mr. William Heaman to The Advertiser states that so far as the large majority of coal dealers in London are concerned, the embargo which the G. T. R. has placed on coal would not affect them greatly, but it would be hard on the smaller places.

"We have a good supply of coal on hand," he stated. "In addition, we can get it over other lines than the Grand Trunk, thus protecting ourselves from a famine. We are not alarmed."

"The conditions are serious for some of the smaller places. For some months they have been practically living from hand to mouth, as they could not get supplies earlier in the season. If the embargo lasts for any length of time, it may create much suffering."

Well supplied.

"I am well supplied," said Mr. John M. Daly, "but I do not like embargoes. They hurt the business. The people who will suffer are those dwelling in small towns, where it has been almost impossible all season to get an adequate supply of coal."

Superintendent Davidson, of the Grand Trunk, was out of the city today and could not be interviewed.

An official stated that the company was compelled to take this step owing to the rush of business, and the great demand for coal at points considered more important. For some time local manufacturers have been unable to get soft coal in large quantities as the G. T. R. had been taking that from the companies and using it themselves. Coal was scarce and the company was merely protecting itself.

BLAMES RETAIL MERCHANTS FOR HIGH COST OF LIVING

Union Grower Tells of His Experience in Trying to Dispose of His Crop to London and Toronto Warehouses.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Leamington, Feb. 5.—At a large, attended meeting of the members of the Farmers' Institute of South Essex, Mr. E. E. Adams, one of the leading growers of onions in this district, placed the blame for the high cost of living on the exorbitant prices the consumer has to pay the retail merchant.

He instanced a recent experience of his own. As there was a large crop of onions prices were low, and when he was in Toronto and London a short time ago trying to sell some he found the warehouses filled and the onions being offered at 25 cents a bushel. On inquiring in the stores he found they were being sold at five cents a pound or nearly \$3 a bushel.

The Same Everywhere.

Mr. Adams says that similar conditions prevail to a greater or less degree everywhere. The blame is not received a price that will net him a fair profit on his work. He urged strongly that all fruit and vegetable growers co-operate in order to try and right present conditions.

Mr. W. G. Kerr, of Woodroffe, spoke on fruit growing, from the commercial aspect, pointing out the best methods to make the orchard pay. His address was chiefly upon apples.

Mr. A. Innes, of Clinton, spoke with much knowledge and experience upon the horse, exhaustively going into the subject of breeding, feeding and training of draft horses.

G. W. Coatsworth gave an interesting address on alfalfa growing.

Need of Good Roads.

John A. Campbell spoke upon good roads, to which he is devoting considerable attention. He has, and is doing, part of the concession fronting his own place, and is taking steps to do a considerable part of the concession on which he lives. He urged that the municipalities take it up. The Legislature has been quite generous in assistance. Should the county decide to spend, say \$300,000, the Government would contribute \$100,000 to it. He said the present system of statute labor was both wasteful and useless. The township of Mersea annually spend about \$10,000 on roads in this way. If this was capitalized and the amount it would realize spent it would make every mile of road in Mersea a permanently good one. He spoke of their advantage to the farmer, the increased value it would give to their land, the saving in their grocery bills, the market, and the increased pleasure to them. The day of the automobile had come to stay, and it was the farmers who were purchasing them, and would also have their auto trucks to go to market, and they needed good roads.

PUT DESERTED WIFE ON TRAIN SENT HER WITH CHILD TO LONDON

Charles Pettit, of Woodstock, Compelled to Support His Family.

One of the most heartless cases of wife desertion that has come before the notice of the local police was aired before Police Magistrate Judd this morning, when Charles Pettit, of Woodstock, was charged with a breach of the wife maintenance act.

The complainant, Mrs. Maude Pettit, stated that one day last week her husband placed her and their three-year-old child on a train leaving Woodstock for London, and after putting the ticket in her hand, stated that he would be back in a minute. She did not see him again until this morning.

Must Support Family.

Mr. Judd made an order whereby Pettit, who works for his father for 21 years, is to pay \$5 of that sum to the support of his wife and child. The first payment is to be made on Feb. 8. This morning Mrs. Pettit offered to go back with him, but he refused. When the father was leaving the court the child ran up to him and asked if he was going away, and the only answer the child got was a nickel.

A NEW BUILDING IS NEEDED FOR AN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Alexandra School Is Not Very Well Suited For the Purpose.

The necessity of a new building for industrial education is being brought to the attention of the board of education, and an attempt will be made to secure proper accommodation. At the present time, the day industrial classes are being held in the old Colborne street school, while the evening classes are being conducted in the Alexandra school.

Neither are suitable for this work, and the finance committee of the board will endeavor to secure options on a suitable site.

There were some prominent citizens in London who were of the opinion that the Alexandra school should be given over for industrial education altogether, but in conversation with a number of school trustees, the opinion was general that this would be unwise, as the building is not the most suitable for this kind of work.

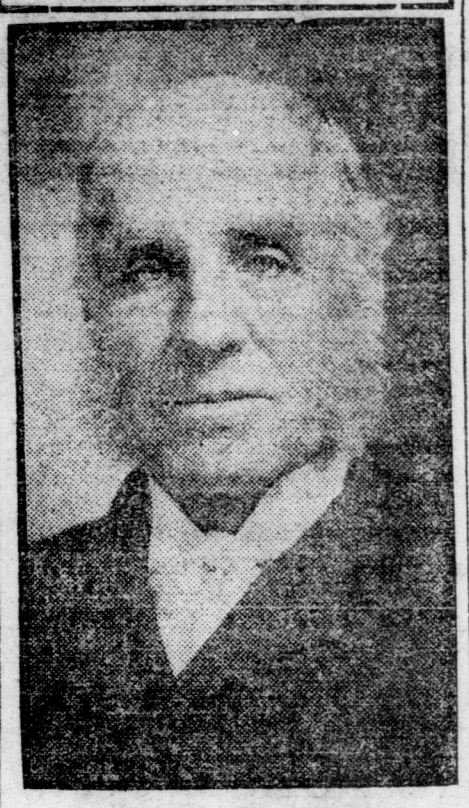
"We will have to secure a suitable building," said Chairman W. W. Gammon, of the industrial committee, "by the time we have secured an option on the site, the Government will have decided on a program of industrial education, I hope. This is a most important matter, and one that requires the closest attention."

TRUCK DRIVERS' STRIKE.

Havana, Cuba, Feb. 5.—A general strike of truck drivers began this morning in this city, paralyzing all freight traffic. The cause of the trouble is the dissatisfaction of the men with certain minor provisions contained in the municipal licenses they are compelled to obtain before receiving permission to drive trucks.

YOUTH WANTED FOR ASSAULT FOUND AFTER MANY MONTHS

Member for East Middlesex



MR. PETER ELSON, M.P., Stricken With Paralysis at His Home Near Hyde Park.

ABOLISH COMMISSION; COUNCIL HAS POWER

Not Necessary To Go to Toronto Regarding the Water Board.

It has been discovered at the city hall that the bylaw to abolish the water commissioners will not have to receive the sanction of the Legislature.

The announcement was made yesterday that this would have to be done, but it was found to be a mistake, a clause having been discovered in the waterworks act which gives the council the authority to do away with that board. This has been done, and the waterworks department has been legally placed under the control of the council. Its abolition will be consummated at the end of the present financial year, Nov. 30, 1913.

City Clerk Baker stated today that the city solicitor had given his opinion that the consent of the Legislature need not be obtained for the bylaw placing the waterworks under the control of the city council.

REMAINS OF WRECK VICTIM WERE BURIED

Interment Took Place on Monday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mr. James O'Neill, the cattle dealer, who died as a result of injuries received in the Gloucester wreck on Jan. 12, was held on Monday from the family residence, lot 19, con. 15, in London Township. The funeral was the largest seen in that part of the country for some years. The floral emblems, and the services were very numerous. The services were conducted at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. M. Turnbull, rector of the Anglican Church, and interment was made in the Blyth Cemetery.

HOSPITAL BURNS WITH MERCURY 30 BELOW

All the Patients Were Gotten Out Safely at Big River.

[Canadian Press.]

Prince Albert, Feb. 5.—Details of the burning of the hospital at Big River, the headquarters of the Mackenzie-Mann lumbering interests, situated 35 miles due north of here, are very meagre.

It is understood the fire originated in the basement from an overheated furnace pipe. Word has been received that Nurse Shevlin, in charge of the hospital, that all the patients were removed without accident, to nearby homes. The thermometer outside registered 30 degrees below zero at the time.

A FORMER LONDON SOLDIER HOMELESS, WAS SENT TO JAIL

Pathetic Plight of Robert H. Pidgeon, a Veteran of the Northwest Rebellion.

The Hamilton Times says: A very pathetic tale was unfolded by the jail authorities this morning, it being that of Robert H. Pidgeon, son of the late George H. Pidgeon, who was killed by a street car a few weeks ago, and who served his country faithfully and well, going through the Crimean war, and who was a member of the party which fired the salute over the remains of General Brock at the reinterment service, is lying in a cell at the Barton street castle, on a bed of pain, being confined therein because of having no other place whereat to spend his few remaining years. Robert Pidgeon, like his father, was a faithful soldier of the King for many years. He saw service at the time of the Northwest Rebellion and for many years was stationed at London, Ont., and then at Kingston. Some time ago, while working on the stables of the Kingston garrison, the unfortunate man was kicked by a horse in the abdomen. An abscess followed and Pidgeon was rendered practically useless. He returned to this city and was forced to live in a tenancy occupied by a street car company. He was a hardy soldier, and a remedy was learned this morning that the suffering man will find a home in St. Peter's Home within the next few days.

John Cousins Murderously Attacked Mrs. Webb Conklin in 1911.

PRISONER WAS WORKING IN CITY

Police Not Aware of Fact Until Tuesday, When He Was Taken Into Custody.

County Constable J. H. Heath last night arrested John Cousins, alias George Jeffrey, on a charge of murderously assaulting Mrs. Webb Conklin, of London Township, on Friday, June 23, 1911.

Cousins, who is a Barnardo boy, was employed by Mr. Conklin as a farm laborer on his farm on the fourth concession of London Township during the early part of the summer, and one day while his employer was away from home attending a barn raising, the lad was engaged in cutting weeds in a field about 80 rods from the house.

He ceased work and went to the house, passing Mrs. Conklin on the way, but did not speak to her. When he reached his bedroom, he called to Mrs. Conklin, and she thinking that he was hurt, ran upstairs to the room.

As she was about to cross the threshold she noticed Cousins standing behind the door and she stopped. But it was too late, and Cousins struck her on the bridge of the nose with a stone which he had in his hand.

Mrs. Conklin managed to make her escape from further injuries, and Cousins ran across the fields without a hat or coat. Dr. Ross, of Hyde Park, was summoned, and found that she was suffering from a fractured nose and a number of bruises. The county police were notified, and a warrant issued, but it was not until yesterday that the whereabouts of Cousins were known.

A Dastardly Deed.

That the deed was deliberately planned was shown by the fact that the next day when a search was made for the scythe that Cousins had been using an indentation was found in the ground near the article and which coincided with the stone with which Mrs. Conklin was struck.

The police were notified several times that a young man answering the description given of Cousins had been seen in different parts of the county, but nothing definite could be ascertained. A short while later a barn near Wyton was burned, and what were thought to be human bones were found in the ashes. Many people thought that these were the remains of Cousins, and an analyst at Toronto substantiated the conjecture that they were human bones.

The arrest of Cousins yesterday signifies that an unknown man lost his life in the fire.

Taken Into Custody.

Information was given to the police yesterday, and Constable Heath came to London with the warrant and arrested Cousins at his boarding-house on Ridout street, within a block of the courthouse. Cousins said that he had been working in a local factory since last fall under the name of Geo. Jeffrey.

The accused man was brought before Squire Chittick, last night, and was remanded until Monday, when it is expected that an additional charge of arson will be laid against him.

Shortly before the assault on Mrs. Conklin a warrant was issued by Squire Henry Jones, of Delaware, charging Cousins with setting fire to the barns of the squire earlier in the summer. Cousins had been employed by Squire Jnaes and the barns of Mr. Jnaes had been set on fire.

Cousins disappeared before any questions were asked, and the warrant for his arrest was not issued until some weeks later. Once when questioned by Mr. Conklin as to the cause of the fire Cousins stated that it was an accident. Cousins knows whether this question had anything to do with the assault on Mrs. Conklin.

Sent to Jail.

For some time he lived at the Salvation Army Metropole, his small pension supplying the bare necessities of life. Finally he was in destitute circumstances and applied to the magistrate for an order admitting him to the common jail.

The authorities of St. Peter's Home became aware of the case and took steps to have him admitted to that institution. As soon as a vacancy occurred Pidgeon will be removed from the jail to a home of comfort and ease wherein to pass the remaining years of his rather adventurous life.

That a man who has served his country faithfully and well should be forced to live in the common jail when rendered unfit for service seems a hardship indeed, and a remedy will have to be provided somewhere. It was learned this morning that the suffering man will find a home in St. Peter's Home within the next few days.