

BAD BLAZE IN WAREHOUSES CAUSED A LOSS OF \$70,000 A YORK ST. CONFLAGRATION

Costly Fire on Saturday Afternoon in Which Three Well-Known Firms Suffered Severely—Thought to Have Been Caused by a Stove.

TWO FIREMEN WERE INJURED

Captain Mitchell's Ankle Sprained—Fireman Bryan's Fingers Crushed—All the Loss Is Fully Covered by Insurance—Firemen Did Good Work at the Blaze.

THE FIRE IN BRIEF.

FIRE DISCOVERED—5:35 o'clock Saturday evening.
DURATION—Until 12:15 o'clock.
LOSS—Forsythe, Fraser & Weir, \$35,000 to \$40,000.
H. T. REASON & CO.—\$20,000.
W. C. ANDRUS—Building, \$9,000.
McMAHEN & GRANGER—About \$500.
INSURANCE—All fully covered.
CAUSE OF FIRE—Presumably a stove in Forsythe, Fraser & Weir's.

FIREMEN INJURED—Capt. Jack Mitchell, ankle sprained by fall; Fireman Bryan, fingers crushed by ladder.

A very stubborn fire did nearly \$70,000 damage on Saturday evening to the warehouse of Forsythe, Fraser & Weir, to the plant of H. T. Reason & Co., and to the warehouse of McMahen & Granger. The whole block was threatened at one time, and it looked as if a very serious fire would result.

After nearly 7 hours' hard work in zero weather, the brigade finally got the best of the flames.

Two firemen were injured. Captain John Mitchell of No. 5 company had his ankle sprained, and Fireman Bryan of the central station had one hand crushed under a ladder. Neither accident is serious, but it will lay both men up for a few days.

DISCOVERY OF THE FIRE.

The fire was discovered by Mr. Archie McMahen. He was in the warehouse of McMahen & Granger, and noticed a light at the rear. He went back to investigate. At that moment the flames burst out of the rear of Forsythe, Fraser & Weir's establishment. He instantly turned in an alarm. Fire chief Aitken had noticed a bright light at the rear of the block, and was about to investigate when the alarm was turned in. All the departments in the city responded, and it was not long before the whole brigade was at work.

When the firemen started work, the whole rear of the building was ablaze. Fire was present on every floor. Six streams were thrown in from the rear, and many were thrown in from the front.

STUBBORN FIGHT.

The fight looked to be a stubborn one, and the brigade settled down for a long, hard battle. The steam engine, was placed in commission, and soon threw two large streams in the front.

The flames did not yield readily, and it was some time before any impression was made. After an hour's work there was no evidence of fire, save immense volumes of smoke.

It is rarely that so much smoke is seen at such a fire, and it made fire-fighting very difficult.

Tons of water were poured into the structure.

THE ROOF FALLS IN.

Shortly after 6:30 o'clock, the roof fell in. This carried with it part of the east wall, and the building was in danger of falling. The firemen directed their attention to putting the fire out there. At one time it looked as if the plant was doomed, but the firemen succeeded in keeping the flames under. As it was a great deal of damage was done to stock and machinery.

THE FORSYTHE BUILDING.

When the fire had been brought under control the whole brigade turned their attention to the Forsythe building. The smoke was intense still, and the firemen set doggedly to their task. At 8 o'clock the fire was under control absolutely, and the firemen took turns at turning over the burning debris, and preventing further spread. At midnight the departments were sent back to the stations. Two lines of hose played on the stock all night, and on Sunday a couple of brigades were sent to the warehouse and played on incipient fires.

LOSS IS VERY HEAVY.

The loss will be heavy, especially on Forsythe, Fraser & Weir. Their stock of hats, caps and furs was completely destroyed. The interior of the building was also gutted, and there is little worth salvaging in the building.

The only injuries received by the firemen were painful, but not serious. Capt. Mitchell slipped from the staging at the rear of the building turning his ankle. Fireman Bryan had his hand caught while assisting in lifting a ladder. The fingers were painfully cut.

When the roof fell in a sensational rumor was afloat that Capt. Case and many firemen were buried in the ruins. Some busybody told Mrs. Case and she hurried to the scene in a very nervous state. Of course her husband was safe and well, but the shock to Mrs. Case was considerable.

FIREMEN'S BRAVE FIGHT.

The firemen fought well but kept at a safe distance from the building. There had been fire there some years ago, and it was considered very dangerous.



CAPT. JOHN MITCHELL, OF NO. 5 COMPANY. HE WAS INJURED IN SATURDAY'S FIRE.

REMAINS WERE LAID AT REST

Funeral of Late Gordon Clark Held Sunday to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

A MOTHER'S BRAVERY

Rev. Mr. Vining's Touching References at the Funeral—Floral Offerings Were Very Beautiful.

The funeral of the late Gordon Clark was held Sunday afternoon from the residence of his mother, 365 Princess avenue.

The services were most impressive. Rev. A. J. Vining, pastor of the Tabernacle Street Baptist Church, was in charge. He spoke briefly, drawing lessons from the brevity of human life and alluded touchingly of the pathetic circumstances of the young man's death. He referred to the tragic death of the late Chief Clark, less than 18 months ago.

Seldom has any woman been called upon to bear such sorrow as Mrs. Clark, and Mr. Vining spoke of her as one of the bravest women he had ever met.

Floral Tributes.

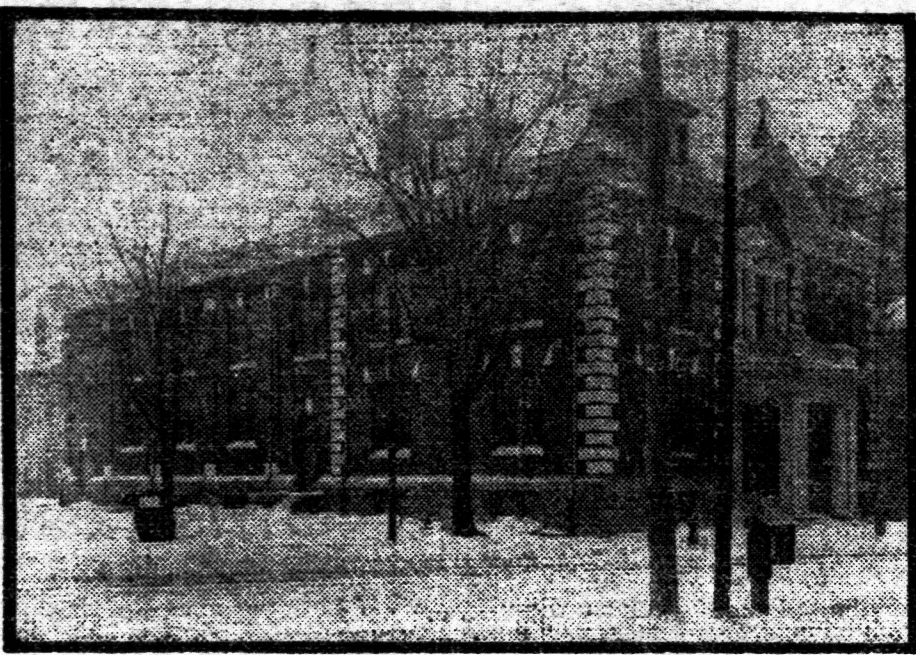
The floral offerings were very beautiful. A handsome shaft was sent by his companions on the hydro-electric survey; wreaths were sent by the hydro-electric commission, the city hall employees, his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Binkley, and scores of others.

The pallbearers were Dell Wood, London; F. Beatt, Toronto; M. Weir, Toronto, and R. Sayre, Brantford, companions on the survey, and R. Pierce, Brantford, a cousin, and Milton Scott, Kipp, of Hamilton; Milton Scott, of Oshkosh, Wis., a chum of Gordon's.

The interment was made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Among the relatives and friends from a distance attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Powell, Battle Creek, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. H. Pierce, Russell, Pierce and Harold Pierce, Brantford; Mr. and Mrs. J. Temple, Brantford; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Binkley, Hamilton; Assessment Commissioner McLeod, Sergt. Alex. Campbell, Fire Chief Ten Eyck, and Miss Kipp, of Hamilton; Milton Scott, of Oshkosh, Wis.; Mr. J. Ainley, of the hydro-electric survey, and many others.

BELL REMANDED.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—William Bell, charged with attempting to murder his wife, Emily, in the Traders Bank apartments on Gerrard street east, appeared in court this morning. Mr. T. C. Robinson, who appeared in his behalf, pleaded not guilty for his client. Bell was remanded till Thursday. Bell cut his wife's throat and then tried to cut his own.



By Staff Photographer. ST. PETER'S PARISH HALL. The latest addition to the handsome group of Roman Catholic buildings in London. The hall is situated on the southeast corner of Richmond street and Princess avenue.

MAD DOG SCARE GRIPS PEOPLE MANY CASES IN THIS DISTRICT

Toronto Passes a Law to Compel the Muzzling or Locking Up of All Canines—Warning to People Is Sound by a Gentlemen in Close Touch With the Situation.

People all through this district are keenly interested in the bill which was passed in Toronto on Saturday ordering that all dogs be locked up or muzzled under a penalty of a fine of \$200. An epidemic of rabies such as has never been known has been sweeping all through Southwestern Ontario, and a gentleman in close touch with the situation remarked to The Advertiser recently that if some measures were not taken at once to confine the large number of dogs running at large, all through the country, next summer will see such an outbreak of rabies as will prove disastrous to cattle and endanger many human lives.

A Case in Point. At Merlin recently an innocent-looking pup strayed into the town and went to sleep on a veranda. The children in the house came out to go to school, and seeing the strange dog, tried to coax it to school with them. It followed willingly and went into the schoolroom, and when the boys began to tease it, it bit four of them. The dog was driven out, and ran back to the village, where it became famous in a short time by the manner in which it snapped at every dog that came in sight. No less than 25 dogs were bitten before it was discovered that the animal was mad. Nineteen of the dogs that were bitten were destroyed. Some of the others were tied up.

G. T. R. CLOSES SECOND DEAL FOR PROPERTY ALONG MAIN LINE

Site of Canada Chemical Company on Rectory Street Has Been Acquired From Mr. Thos. H. Smallman—Some Facts About the Southern Deal—Company Prepares for Track Elevation.

The Grand Trunk Railway completed arrangements this morning for the purchase of the Canada Chemical Company's property on Rectory street, from Mr. T. H. Smallman. For some time the deal has been on, but today it was completed, and the Grand Trunk will take over the property at once.

This is the second piece of property purchased during the past few weeks, and shows that track elevation is not dead by any means, so far as the company is concerned.

The Southern property on Richmond street was taken over some weeks ago, and the chemical company's property practically completes the property necessary for the work.

Six Months' Lease. The railway company have not taken over the Southern property. They gave a lease to the company for three years, with a six months' cancellation clause—practically a six months' lease.

If a decision is arrived at by the Dominion railway commission, it is more than probable that work will be commenced by the next year.

Nothing has been received at the city hall as to when the railway commission would hold a session in London.

The Railway Commission. It was expected that they would be here some time in February.

The city would receive ten days' notice of such a meeting, and word should be sent very soon to the commission to meet here this month.

"We have heard nothing," said Mayor Beattie. "We will hear from the commission in good time. The session is on, and it will be somewhat difficult for them to get away as soon as anticipated."

It is understood that the G. T. R. are negotiating for other property, but this could not be verified.

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY MEETS IN LONDON IN AUGUST NEXT

Preparations Are Already Being Made and Many Important Committees Have Been Named—Will Be Largest Knights Templar Gathering Ever Held in Canada.

Preparations are being made for the Sovereign Great Priory meeting, which will be held in London during the first week in August.

Preceptors from all over Canada will be present, and it is expected that the largest gathering of Knights Templar ever held in Canada will be here.

Preceptors from Detroit, Buffalo, Port Huron, and other places will be present to give an international flavor to the affair.

Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory have made arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors, and have already struck their committees. They will immediately get to work, and prepare for the reception of the visiting knights.

The Committees. The general committee will be as follows: R. E. Sir Knight, C. W. McGuire (chairman), V. E. Sir Knight, Thomas Rowe, Sir Knights Wilson, Winterbottom, D. Ferguson, J. W. Metherall, T. G. Davis, H. Ashton, S. Southcott, J. R. Chinn, A. L. Simmie, R. D. McDonald, Sir Knight S. Baker (secretary), and Sir Knight P. D. Millar (assistant secretary).

Reception Committee—Sir Knight D. Ferguson (chairman), Sir Knights John Aitken, D. W. Blackwell, A. E. Cooper, J. Callard, C. B. Edwards, S. Grant, V. E. Sir Knight T. Rowe, Sir Knights W. Wyatt and F. Andrews.

Entertainment Committee—Sir Knight J. W. Metherall (chairman), Sir Knights H. E. Buttrey, George H. Dettlor, W. J. Darch, J. J. Dyer, T. Pawkes, J. Garrett, T. Jenkins, R. D. McDonald, J. M. McVoy, B. Noble, Dr. A. R. Routledge, Dr. G. A. Routledge, and C. H. Wil.

Finance Committee—Sir Knight T. G. Davis (chairman), Sir Knights H. Oke, R. Reed, Dr. Shaw, J. L. Scott, W. C. Southcott, J. A. Tancock, J. O. Weldon, N. P. Walsh, J. H. Argue, Dr. H. Abbott, W. H. Abbott, A. B. Barr, C. G. Charlton, C. Carswell, J. Dambra, J. Footitt, J. Graham, L. C. Johnston, J. C. Love, C. Abbott.

Ladies' Committee—Sir Knight P. D. Millar (chairman), Sir Knights E. Smith, H. Coates, E. Crawford, R. Johnston, H. W. Lind, H. F. Murray, K. Murray, C. McGeary, J. H. McGuire, C. Reed, E. R. C. Struthers, A. E. Tanton, P. Trebilcock, E. E. Underhill, W. O. Whiting.

Printing Committee—Sir Knight H. Ashton (chairman), R. Coates, A. Carrothers, W. R. Garner and A. J. Smythe.

Music Committee—Sir Knight S. Southcott (chairman), E. S. Crawford, A. E. Dunn, J. L. Flannigan, J. J. Harkness, J. M. Slater, H. C. Simpson.

Badges Committee—Sir Knight J. R. Chinn (chairman), W. C. Fitzgerald, R. W. Glover, A. Holman, T. Weldon, C. H. Ward.

Decorations Committee—Sir Knight A. L. Simmie (chairman), Sir Knights H. J. Byrnes, C. Boyce, John Bryden, H. M. Douglas, W. S. Davidson, J. Ferguson, O. S. W. Fuller, E. Gossley, W. G. Logan, F. A. Miner, D. A. McCou (Continued on Page Nine.)

FINLAY McNAUGHTON DEAD. Cornwall, Feb. 7.—Finlay D. McNaughton, J.P., ex-warden of the United Counties, ex-receiver of Finch Township, ex-master of Stormont County Orange Lodge, was dead at his home in Cornwall. He was 61 years old. Mr. McNaughton was a veteran of the Fenian raid, being a captain in the Fifty-ninth Regiment.

CHARGE OF THEFT FAILED IN COURT

Peculiar Case of How Money in Envelope Got Into Wrong Pocket.

EVIDENTLY A MISTAKE

Police Magistrate Could Not See How a Conviction Could Be Made—A Queer Affair.

A most peculiar case was heard before Magistrate Love at the police court this morning, when Alfred Baxter, a young man, residing at 53 Cavendish street, West London, was charged with stealing \$9 from James Gedge. He was acquitted after the evidence had been heard.

Gedge, in the box, stated that both he and Baxter went up to change his clothes, and Gedge worked on until 2 o'clock in the morning. About 1:30, when he came up to get 25 cents out of his pocket he found that his money envelope was where he had left it, but the money was gone. He reported the matter to the foreman.

Money Was Gone. Baxter's clothes were there at the time, but Baxter was then downstairs at work. About 10 o'clock witness stated Baxter went up to change his clothes, and Gedge worked on until 2 o'clock in the morning. About 1:30, when he came up to get 25 cents out of his pocket he found that his money envelope was where he had left it, but the money was gone. He reported the matter to the foreman.

Detective's Story. Detective Down stated that the case had been reported and he and Detective Egleston went out to find Baxter. They found him near his home, and asked him if he knew anything about the money, and he said he didn't, and asked the detectives to come with him into his house while he went back and looked through the clothes he had been wearing. They followed him outside and in a few minutes Baxter came out, and gave them the money which he had found in his pocket.

A Mistake. He did not know how it came there. Baxter, in the box, told a similar story, and could in no way account for how the money got into his pocket.

The magistrate thought there was a mistake some place, and that Mr. Baxter had acted in a honest way throughout, and did not know anything about the matter. The police magistrate dismissed the case.

CHAMBERLAIN CALLS ASQUITH TREACHEROUS

Declares That He Will Not Carry Out Promises Made to the Irish.

London, Feb. 6.—The Morning Post gave the gist of a conversation held last week with Joseph Chamberlain on the results of the election. Mr. Chamberlain attributed the Unionist gains to the bold advocacy of tariff reform, and said the Unionists feared worst where the leaders were vacillating and timid.

"Mr. Asquith," he continued, "will find his backers, but he will not give them home rule. He will get out of it somehow."

Mr. Chamberlain declined to say what his own policy would be in regard to the Lords, but thought that the Unionists ought to aim at the strengthening of the House of Lords by the reform of its constitution. He was strongly against the Unionist party making any effort to obtain the support of either the Labor or Irish parties.

In conclusion, he emphatically asserted the necessity of having either a full imperial policy of tariff reform or nothing.

ORTHODOXY QUESTIONED

Toronto, Feb. 7.—Rev. L. S. Hugheson, who preached at the candidate for the pastorate of Ossington Avenue Baptist Church, and who it was believed would be the choice of the congregation, has withdrawn his application. The supposed reason is the interference of Rev. Dr. Stewart of the Bible Training School, who is said to have made remarks to several members of the congregation relative to the soundness of the candidate's doctrine. Mr. Hugheson was one of those appointed to hear the charges of heavy brought against Prof. Stewart by Dr. Elmore Harris, who is also of the Bible Training School. Dr. Stewart has admitted that he called the candidate's orthodoxy into question, but does not attribute that as his reason for his resignation.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Feb. 7-8 a.m.
Today—Southwesterly winds, fair with rising temperature.
Tuesday—Fair and milder.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Mid. Low. High.
London, Saturday. 12 27
London, Sunday. 5 15
London, Monday. 5 15
Victoria. 50 40 48
Calgary. 48 22 26
Winnipeg. 48 22 26
Port Arthur. 24 2 16
Parry Sound. 2 18 10
Quebec. 2 10 10
Ottawa. 2 18 12
Montreal. 4 16 8
London, Ontario. 2 12 12
Father Point. 10 2 8
Vancouver. 40 40 40
Baltimore. 40 40 40
Prince Albert. 6 40
Edmonton. 14 32
Qu'Appelle. 2 28
Minus—means below zero.

SUNDAY'S WEATHER.
Toronto, Feb. 6-8 p.m.—The cold wave which came in from north of Manitoba and Lake Superior on Friday night spread over Ontario and Quebec on Saturday, with temperatures much below zero. The weather continued fine and comparatively mild in the Western Provinces.

The area of high pressure and cold wave which came in from the northward of Manitoba and Lake Superior, is now centered in the Middle States, and the barometer is falling in Manitoba and Ontario. Temperatures below zero were quite general yesterday in Ontario, and also in Western Quebec.

TROLLEY CRASHED INTO CUTTER A COUPLE'S NARROW ESCAPE

BRUCE JAMES HURT
FELL FROM A LOFT

Accident on Saturday to the Son of an Ex-Reeve of Komoka.

Bruce James, son of ex-Reeve Burley James, of Komoka, was seriously injured at his father's barn on Saturday, by falling through the door of a loft. When picked up it was found that the boy's leg had been fractured, and that he was very badly shaken up. He was attended by Dr. Stevenson and will be confined to the house for some time.

MANY DELEGATES NOW IN THE CITY

Hardware Convention Opens Tonight With a Meeting of the Executive.

CITY HALL A BUSY PLACE

Visitors Are a Jolly Crowd of Businessmen, Who Are Combining Business With Pleasure.

The hardware convention will open tonight with a meeting of the executive committee at the Tecumseh House, the convention headquarters.

The larger number of the members have already arrived, and the remainder will come in on the afternoon and evening trains.

The programme will open really tomorrow, when the city hall exhibits and the session will be opened.

The local arrangements are practically perfect, and if the visitors do not have a good time the fault will be theirs, not the local committee's.

The city hall was a regular hive of industry this morning. Large gangs of workmen were preparing for the exhibits, which are arriving on every train.

In the City Hall. The auditorium of the city hall is practically filled now, and this evening will see the work completed. The arcade is not quite ready, but will be finished in time for the opening of the big show tomorrow.

Mr. Weston Wrigley, secretary of the association, and Mr. A. M. Hunt, secretary of the city hall, are superintending matters, and everything is moving along smoothly.

The delegates are being met and escorted to the hotels, and the entertainment provided for them will be the best possible.

"We have been busy this morning getting the exhibits in order," said Mr. Hunt. "They will be a fine lot, and will prove of great interest to all parties concerned and to the citizens generally."

Executive Meeting. The executive will meet tonight, and the convention proper will meet on Tuesday. There will be a fine lot of men here, and everything should be pleasant.

Banners and streamers are up announcing that the hardware men have taken over the town for the rest of the week, and judging from the men in charge, this fair city will be well looked after.

HOUSE AFIRE FOR SECOND TIME

St. Thomas, Feb. 7.—The residence of Mr. E. A. Snoddy, a well-known real estate man, was badly gutted by fire this morning, \$1,200 damage being done. The fire started in the basement. The house was on fire on Dec. 13 last, the occupants at that time being obliged to make a hasty escape in their nightclothes.

CEMENT MEN COMING TO LONDON BIG CONVENTION IN MARCH

City's Offer of Local Rink and a Free Convention Hall Resulted in the Association Deciding to Come Here—In All About Fifteen Hundred People Will Be Brought to the Forest City.

The annual convention of the Canadian Concrete and Cement Association will be held in London on March 29, 30, 31 and April 1.

On Saturday, Mr. Pulfer, of the Ideal Concrete Machinery Company, and Mr. A. M. Hunt, secretary of the Western Fair, visited Toronto and addressed a meeting of the executive.

They were welcomed by a telegram from Mayor Beattie, who offered the convention the free use of the Princess Rink and a hall for their meetings if the convention would come to London.

Representatives were present also from Montreal, Belleville and Hamilton, making offers for the convention. However, London's offer, and other advantages made a strong appeal to the members of the executive, and it was decided to come to London on the dates mentioned.

Convention Is a Big One. The convention is a large one, and it is expected that over 1,000 delegates will be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, of Missouri, in a Bad Smash-Up.

HORSE KILLED IN COLLISION

Were Dragged Sixty Feet and Lady Is Suffering Greatly From the Shock.

A head-on collision between a Dundas car, running west, and a horse and cutter, driven by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson, of Missouri, Saturday night, resulted rather seriously for the occupants of the rig, while the horse was so badly injured that it died shortly afterward.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were driving home from the city, and as the snow is piled up very deeply on the sides of the road, they were compelled to keep to the centre.

Struck by Car. A Dundas car, returning from Petersburg at a rapid rate, struck the outfit near the Asylum road, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were dragged about 60 feet, the latter suffering greatly from shock.

It was thought at first that she had sustained a fracture of the skull, but her recovery is now looked for by the attending physician, Dr. Schief. She was reported to be resting easily at her home today.

The cutter was smashed to matchwood, and how the occupants escaped death is a mystery.

A HUGE PROGRAMME OF CANADIAN PACIFIC

Thirty Millions Will Be Spent in Developing System in the West.

Winnipeg, Feb. 7.—A programme of construction amounting to about \$30,000,000 has been announced by General Manager Bury, of the Canadian Pacific, in western lines, and an explanation is thereby given of the increase in the capital stock of the company, which was approved by the shareholders at the annual meeting in Montreal in October last. It will be remembered that this increase amounted to exactly \$20,000,000, and it is apparent that the company can find profitable ways of expending that sum west of the great lakes.

FORMER LONDON DOCTOR DIES IN QUEEN CITY

Death of Dr. J. M. Piper in Toronto—Funeral Will Be Held on Wednesday.

Word was received in this city this morning of the death of Dr. J. M. Piper, in Toronto. Dr. Piper was a well known former Londoner, and left this city for Toronto over three years ago.

Death was due to Bright's disease, and the doctor had been laid up for the past three months.

He was formerly sergeant-major in the Seventh Regiment in this city, and at the time of his death was a major in the Governor-General's Bodyguard.

He is survived by three brothers and two sisters, Samuel T., of Fleming, Sask.; R. M., of Lambeth; Drs. D. H. and W. A. Mrs. J. E. Sutton and Mrs. R. J. Davies, all of this city.

A military funeral will be held in Toronto Wednesday afternoon.

"It is a big thing for the city," said Mr. Pulfer. "The suggestion that the convention come to London met with great favor, and there will undoubtedly be a great gathering. We will try and make it as great a success as we possibly can."

Some of the executive will be here in a few days to make further arrangements. The exhibits will be held in the Princess Rink, and the meetings will be held elsewhere in a hall, not decided on.