

TAKING STEPS TO
BUY CITY HOTEL

Buffalo Capitalists Make
Mr. Brenner Offer for
Large Hostelry.
PRACTICALLY CERTAIN
DEAL GOES THROUGH

Intention Said to Be to Erect
Large Public House—Tem-
perance Hotel Scheme
Proceeds.

Another London hotel proposition,
with American capital behind it,
is now being considered, and it is
possible that the latest venture will be
the first to show anything definite.

Tuesday a deputation of capitalists
from Buffalo, headed by Mr. George
Eccles, came to London to look the
situation over.

They at once approached Mr. A. H.
Brenner with a proposition to purchase
the City Hotel. A price was placed
on the hostelry, and it was practically
decided to buy the hotel. Graydon &
Graydon are acting as agents for the
purchasers, and are arranging for the
transfer of the license at the present
time. The price for the hotel was fixed
at a figure between \$30,000 and \$40-
000.

May Build Large Hotel.
The details of the plans of the prospective
purchasers could not be
learned, but it is understood that they
intend building a large hotel shortly.
The present City Hotel will be utilized
for the time being, and a big hostelry
will then be erected. No person
connected with the deal would divulge the
possible site.

"This deputation means business," a
hotelman informed The Advertiser.
"They have the money, and are asking
no favors whatever. They consider
that they have a legitimate business
proposition, and that it can be made a
paying concern. There is no doubt
this sale will go through."

Some time ago, Mr. R. H. Reid, of
Hagersville, was negotiating for the City
Hotel, but he was unable to dispose
of his present place, and take over the
City Hotel. When these negotiations
were called off, the Buffalo capitalists
got busy.

The Temperance Hotel Scheme.
Mr. Harry Ryan, The Advertiser was
informed, is getting ready to proceed
with the erection of his temperance
hotel. The necessary land has been
purchased, and in the meantime plans
are being prepared. Construction work
will be commenced in the early spring.
The New York capitalists, who have
bonded the Western Hotel and the
property at the rear, have not yet re-
turned to the city. They are expected
either Friday or Monday of next week,
when they will bring their plans with
them, it is said. Those behind the
scheme declare that it will go through.

DOUBLE TRACKING
FIRST TO BE DONE

Wellington Line Is Not To Be
Moved Before Horton and
Hamilton Road Work.

EXTENSION PROGRESSING

Manager King States That Work Is
Practically Finished—Injunction
To Be Issued.

The Wellington street car line will
not be moved until Horton and
Hamilton road, between Rectory
and Mamelon streets, are double-
tracked. When this work is done the
company will remove the tracks from
Wellington street to Richmond street.
This work should not take more than
four weeks.

The work of preparing the road-
bed for the north end extension has
been practically completed, and the
company is now laying steel. Cheap-
side street is graded to Richmond
street throughout, showing that the
company fully intends to move the
line. It is thought that the extension
will be completed within a week's
time.

Horton Street First.
Horton street will be double-
tracked first. Already the necessary
steel has arrived, and a large gang
of men will be put to work at once
to grade the street. For years there
has been some opposition to double-
tracking this thoroughfare, and it is
expected that there will be an in-
junction issued when the company
starts its improvements there.

No objection will be made to double-
tracking the Hamilton road. It will
make it easy to provide an excellent
service on both the Hamilton road
and Ottawa avenue lines.
When all this work is completed,
the removal of the Wellington street
line has not yet been made.
Dominion railway commission
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THREE C. N. R. GANGS AT
WORK ON SURVEYS HERE

In North, South and West London Engineers Are
Laying Out Routes for the Proposed
Mackenzie-Mann Lines.

ADMIT PLANS, ALTHOUGH RETICENT

Three gangs of engineers and surveyors employed by the Canadian
Northern are at work in the vicinity of London laying out electric lines.
One group is working in South London, evidently surveying the line
to Windsor.

Another gang is working in West London, commencing levels on a
line to Sarnia, by way of Arkona, and that district.

The third is working north and northeast of London, connecting with
Stratford. This party came straight down Colborne street, and it is quite
evident that the C. N. R. mean to come into London at that point from
the north.

Along the Breakwater.

The entrance to the city in the west
will be effected by running along Ox-
ford street, and thence along the
breakwater. The River Thames will
be crossed immediately north of the
Kensington bridge. Property for a
terminal station has been bonded on
Ridout street.

It could not be learned where the
C. N. R. would enter South London.
The line is not sufficiently surveyed
inside the limits to give an accurate
idea concerning what was being done.

It is evident from the plans that
the C. N. R. would not lease the
London and Port Stanley Railway.
None of the surveys as laid out at
the present time lead towards the L.
and P. S., and the opinion prevails
at the city hall, that nothing what-
soever would be done by the com-
pany, looking to the securing of the
line.

TWO LISTOWEL CHILDREN
VICTIMS OF MUSHROOMS

Family Ate of Poisoned Roots Picked Up in a Field,
and Two Succumb—The Mother Is Very Low
and Not Expected to Recover.

[Canadian Press.]
Listowel, Ont., Aug. 28.—The family
of Hector Sutherland, clerk in a hard-
ware store here, ate of mushrooms on
Sunday, which Mr. Sutherland had
gathered in the fields, and as a result
his two children, Richard and Mar-
garite, aged 2 and 1 year respectively,
died, the boy on Tuesday afternoon,
and the little girl this morning. Suth-
erland had frequently picked and eaten
mushrooms, and thought these were
all right, but from his description
some of those eaten this time were
of the deadly amanita variety, which,
resembling outwardly the edible
mushroom, grows out of a cup-like
root, and is curiously poisonous. Mrs.
Sutherland is very low, and may not
recover.

HOSTAGES OF MOORS
MAY HAVE PERISHED

Paris Worries Over the Fate of
French Officers in Hands
of Tribesmen.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Aug. 28.—Public speculation was
intensified this morning over the fate of
the French officers held as hostages by
Moors at Marakech, Morocco.

Embassies have been dispatched to
Marakech by the French commander, but
have obtained no information.
General Launay, the French resident-
governor, reported to the foreign office
today that the volunteers who had un-
dertaken the dangerous duty had re-
turned from El Hiba's headquarters,
where they had in vain tried to effect a
rescue. They could not ascertain the lot
of the prisoners.

The French column commanded by Col.
Mangin has been given full liberty of
action to proceed to the succor of the
hostages if such a step should be thought
advisable.

The French troops, however, are too
fully occupied to do anything in that
way as they have their hands full in
blocking the progress of the Moorish pre-
tender's forces towards Fez and Maza-
gan.

Profound indignation has been aroused
throughout France by the report that
the Spaniards had given assistance to El
Hiba, whom it was alleged, they had
supplied with arms. The French Govern-
ment has demanded official reports on
the subject from its representatives in
Morocco, and if the allegations should be
confirmed an energetic protest will be
made and a demand for the cessation of
the traffic will be made at Madrid.

GRADUATE OF LAVAL
SENT TO CENTRAL

Practiced Medicine in This Province
Without Passing Council.

[Canadian Press.]
North Bay, Aug. 28.—J. A. Berube,
M.D., a graduate of Laval University,
Montreal, was sentenced to five
months in Central Prison by Magis-
trate Weegar in default of fines and
costs aggregating \$162.61 on five
charges of practicing medicine illegali-
ly in Bonfield, not having passed the
Ontario Medical Council. W. J. Con-
ners prosecuted for the Ontario Medi-
cal Council. Several previous convic-
tions had been registered against Be-
rube, on one of which he served thirty
days in jail. He pleaded guilty to all
five charges.

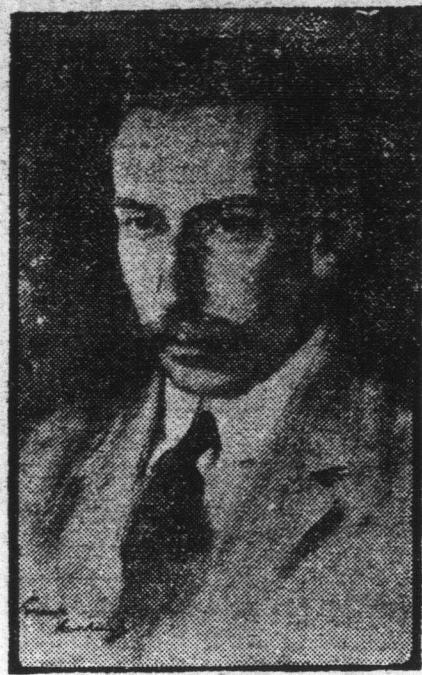
ANOTHER SLAP FOR U.S.

Russian Paper Comments on the Panama
Canal Question.

[Canadian Press.]
St. Petersburg, Aug. 28.—Commenting
editorially on the Panama Canal ques-
tion, the Novo Vremya concludes its
article as follows:

"Such is the value of the word passed
by the great American republic, Russia
is not directly interested, and it does not
lie with us to protest, but we have the
right and regard it as an obligation to
point out how Americans deal with in-
ternational treaties."

FAILED AGAIN.
Pondra, N. Y., Aug. 28.—Detectives of
the Bureau agency stated early this morn-
ing that they were perfectly satisfied
that the two suspects arrested here are
"Gyp the Blood" and "Lefty
Louie."



DR. BRUCE,
Superintendent of Alexandra Sanatorium,
who has resigned to return
to England.

DR. BRUCE RESIGNS
AS SANATORIUM HEAD

Returns to England to Take
Charge of a Large
Institution.

Dr. Bruce, medical superintendent of
the Byron Sanatorium for Con-
sumptives, has tendered his resigna-
tion, to take effect at the earliest con-
venience of the London Health Asso-
ciation. A meeting will be called
shortly to consider the matter, but it
is probable that the resignation will
be accepted, though with great re-
gret. Dr. Bruce will return to Eng-
land, where he will have charge of a
sanatorium near London, Eng.

Dr. Bruce has been at the Byron
Sanatorium about a year. He suc-
ceeded Dr. Stanley Mahood, of Tor-
onto, who held the position about a
year also. While Hon. Adam Beck
was in England he met Dr. Bruce,
and was favorably impressed with
him. It was through Mr. Beck's ef-
forts that he came to Canada.

Since coming here he has done ef-
ficient service, and gained an excel-
lent reputation as a specialist in
tuberculosis.

Dr. Bruce is the third physician in
charge since the institution opened.
Dr. McCullough was the first, and he
was followed by Dr. Stanley Mahood.
Dr. Bruce was the last. A successor
will not be named for some weeks,
it is understood.

BECKER LOSES TEMPER
AND BERATES LAWYER

Declares That He Is Being Spied
Upon While in the
Tombs.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Aug. 28.—Police Lieut.
Becker created a bit of excitement in
the corridors of the Tombs today while
taking his exercise, by heaping vitu-
peration on the head of James D. Hal-
len, a convicted lawyer, who told the
district attorney yesterday that he had
overheard a conversation in the prison
between Becker and Policeman White,
one of the two former members of the
strong-arm squad, who has been in-
dicted for the alleged frame-up against
"Big Jack" Selig. "You are a liar!"
shouted Becker when he accosted the
lawyer.

Hallen turned away and said nothing.
Becker continued his debate,
charging that besides Hallen he had
been spied upon by one of the prison
clergymen.

MR. PIPER LIKELY TO BE
BUILDINGS' INSPECTOR

Appointment Likely To Be Made
Permanent After Saturday.

The appointment of a building in-
spector will be considered by the city
council at its next meeting.
When Mr. A. M. Piper was recom-
mended for the position, he was
placed in charge for six months on
probation. The term expires on Sat-
urday, and the council will be under
the necessity of declaring the office
vacant or making Mr. Piper a perma-
nent official. It is expected that the
aldermen will pursue the latter course.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—CLEARING.

Forecast.
Toronto, Aug. 28—8 a.m.
Today—Fresh to strong southerly winds,
shifting to westerly; showers this evening
and tonight, with local thunderstorms.
Thursday—Fresh to strong westerly
winds; clearing.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	60	42	Clear
Calgary	60	48	Cloudy
Winnipeg	60	50	Fair
Port Arthur	70	52	Cloudy
Perry Sound	64	54	Cloudy
Toronto	66	50	Cloudy
Ottawa	62	48	Fair
Montreal	68	50	Fair
Quebec	64	46	Cloudy
Father Point	58	48	Cloudy

Another moderate depression is ap-
proaching Ontario from the westward,
attended by numerous showers and thun-
derstorms.
In the Western Provinces the weather
has been cool, with heavy rains in all
localities.

APPALLING CONDITIONS PERMITTED TO
EXIST IN LONDON'S POLISH COLONY

As Many as 23 Men in One
Room Amid Surroundings
of Indescribable Filth—The
Cramped Rooms Occupied
For Twenty-Four Hours.

Frequent Raids By the Health
Officers Have Not Cleaned
Up Evil—Brawls Are the
Order Saturday Night and
During Sunday.

Foreigners Wash in the Kitchen
Sink, and Eat From Common
Pot—Sleep in Chicken Coops
and Outhouses—Yards Are
Littered With Bottles.

The proposal to ameliorate
the living conditions of
his compatriots, housed in
shacks in the southeastern
section of the city, amid
conditions of the rankest
squalor, made by Gregory
Aristoff, has aroused a de-
gree of interest among city
officials who have struggled
for such betterment for
some months, and who have
found police court proceed-
ings unavailing in correct-
ing the unhealthy state of
affairs.

While Londoners have
accustomed themselves to
chaperoning visitors
through the more desirable
sections, boastfully declar-
ing that the Forest City
alone has the distinction of
being "slumless," a foreign
colony not surpassed for
filth in any of the larger
cities, has become firmly
established.

The landlords and bosses
of these hovels, chiefly
fairly well-to-do foreigners
who do not seem to object
to such squalid conditions,
have been haled into police
court repeatedly, but de-
spite the prosecutions of
the officers of the health
department, absolutely no
improvement is shown.

Property owners in the district claim
that realty values have been seriously
influenced by the establishment
of such a colony, and are demanding
that the places be cleaned up. Those who
do not appreciate the brawling, cursing,
and fighting indulged in every night,
and particularly on week-ends have
been driven to other parts of the city,
it is alleged.

DEBAUCHES ON THE SABBATH.

Practically every Saturday night and
Sunday of the year provides work
for the police among the Russians and
Poles, and it is freely predicted with
all seriousness by those who are in
closest touch with the situation that
murder will yet be done in the course
of the week.

The houses which have attracted the
greatest attention from the police and
health authorities are located at the
foot of Maitland street, on Nelson and
Philip streets, and on Adelaide street
south.

The places are systematically con-
trolled by half a dozen men most of
whom have come to this country
within the past half-dozen years, but
who have managed to learn a little
English and put enough money to-
gether to purchase the houses.

HERDED TOGETHER.
According to the authorities there is
a recognized renting system used gen-
erally in the colony. One man either
owns or leases a house and lives in it
with his wife, that is, if she happens
to have come from Russia or Poland.
He then proceeds to take in boarders,
and as they are rejected in even the
poorest places operated by English-
speaking people, because of their mode
of living, no difficulty is found in fill-
ing up as many rooms as his dwelling
contains. The rental or lodge fee is
usually \$1 per week per man. The
lodger provides his own meals, and in
many cases cannot call any particular
room or bed his own.

The men who happen to "turn in"
first procure the choicest locations,
where there is any choice, and when
room is at a premium, the overflow
boarders are turned out to sleep in the
chicken coops or outhouses. No objec-
tion is raised to this by the men, how-
ever, as it appears that they thrive on
such a mode of life.

EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF.
There is usually one stove, on which
the meals of twenty to twenty-five men
are prepared, the places being operat-
ed on an "every man for himself"
basis.

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LONDON'S FOREIGN PROBLEM

In its Polish population London has a
problem such as was described in Ralph
Connor's famous novel, "The Foreigner."

Herded together in insanitary houses,
with insufficient air space and a complete
lack of cleanliness, these workmen are living
lives that are brutal and degraded.

The police are constantly being called to
stop quarrels, and citizens have become used
to the sight of a score or more of the men
staggering along King street on Saturday
night, then clambering onto Ottawa cars.

Citizens in general will welcome any
movement to uplift these uneducated
strangers.

WOMEN FRIGHTENED
IN POLACK DISTRICT

One Lady Says Men Would Be Good Citizens if the
Gangs Were Broken Up—Police Raids Improve
Conditions—Refuse in Back Yards.

A representative of The Advertiser
called on a number of people in the
southeastern part of the city this
morning and was told that since the
police have been raiding houses oc-
cupied by the Polish residents the
conduct of the foreigners has been
much better.

It is a difficult matter to ascertain
the number of men in any one house
as some of the occupants work in the
daytime and the remainder labor
through the night, till it is certain
that there are far more living in each
house than the law allows. Some of
the places evade the law by letting
the men sleep in barns, chicken coops
and other shacks in the rear of the
different premises. One place on
Maitland street was altered from a
double into a single house and pro-
vision was made for the accommoda-
tion of twenty-six men.

Women Frightened.
For the last two weeks the general
conduct of the inmates of these houses
has been much improved, the weekly
Saturday night and Sunday carousal
has been curtailed, and the men pre-
sent a much better appearance. Sev-
eral residents of the neighborhood
state, however, that lately two or
three ladies have been frightened by
the actions of some of the men, and
only Tuesday night two young married
women were greatly scared by the ac-
tions of one man on Maitland street.
If this trouble occurs again a complaint
will be made to the police.

The property owners dislike the
presence of the Poles, but as the
houses are owned either by some of
the occupants or others of their na-
tionality, there is very much to be said
that the attention of the health
inspector should be drawn to this
state of affairs.

Money to Buy Houses.

Another place on Nelson street was
purchased for \$1,350, and the house
next door was bought for \$1,200. This
shows that the men are making
money, and could easily pay their
board at other places were there would
not be so many together. In one
place where a raid was made two
weeks ago Sunday fifteen men left
the premises before the patrol ar-
rived.

The houses in which the undesir-
ables live are chiefly on William, Ot-
tawa, Adelaide, Nelson, Maitland
and Philip streets, and the other
residents of these streets would be
very much pleased to see the removal
of these men could be obtained.

BRITAIN ANNOUNCES WILL
APPEAL TO THE HAGUE

Mitchell Innes Files Note on
the Matter With U. S. State
Department.

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, D. C., Aug. 28.—In a
note filed today with the state depart-
ment by A. Mitchell Innes, charge of
the British embassy here, it was stated
that if a satisfactory agreement could
not be reached, Great Britain would
appeal to The Hague tribunal for ar-
bitration.

INTERNATIONAL STRIKE
TO BLOCK GREAT WAR

Kier Hardie Explains Labor At-
titude in Event of Euro-
pean Clash.

New York, Aug. 28.—Kier Hardie,
Socialist member of the British Com-
mons, who is here to attend the wed-
ding of his son, was interviewed yester-
day, in touching the subject of a
war between England and Germany.
Mr. Hardie said:

"I don't believe there is any possi-
bility of a war unless those who are
fomenting the war scare overdo them-
selves. The only ones who really are
talking war are the ironmasters, con-
tractors and service men in the army
and navy. Our policy of interfering
with the foreign policies of Europe has
made England more insecure than ever
before.

"The workmen are greatly inter-
ested in opposing war. Now we are
working hard to get the working
classes in Great Britain and Germany
to enter into an agreement, if war
should ever be declared between these
countries to declare a general strike.
That is, we want all engaged in a steel
and iron industries, transport workers,
etc., to quit work at once.

"This matter will come up at the
next international Socialist congress.
Before I left home I drafted a circular
containing this proposition, which will
be voted on in order to find out whe-
ther the unions favor such a strike.
The same thing is being done in Ger-
many."

COMMODORE WATT
WAS SAFE IN PORT

Family at Point of Chartering
Tug To Search for
Him.

LAKE STORMS VIOLENT

Yachtsman Announced He Would
Sail Saturday and No Word Was
Received From Him.

The family and friends of Mr. P. J.
Watt were greatly exercised Tuesday
as to the safety of himself and son,
who left on Saturday on Mr. Watt's
yacht, the Arethusa, for a sail to Ham-
ilton. Late last evening word was re-
ceived from Port Burwell, saying that
they were all safe.

Mr. Watt, his son Robert, and three
young men from Hamilton, went from
Port Stanley on Friday, and sailed in-
to Port Burwell on Saturday. Mr.
Watt telephoned home, saying that he
intended sailing on Saturday after-
noon. No word was received from him
from that time on. The terrific storms
of Sunday evening and Monday after-
noon created much alarm among the
family and friends, as it was feared
the party might have been caught in
the storm.
Efforts were made to get in touch
with Mr. Watt at Port Colborne and
other points without success. Tues-
day night it was decided to telephone
Port Burwell, and the family was in-
formed that Mr. Watt had not sailed
on Saturday afternoon, as intended,
owing to the bad weather, but had re-
mained over until Tuesday, sailing
about noon. He was not close to a
telephone, and as a result, he sent no
word home to the family. It was
thought for a time that an accident
might have befallen the boat, and it
was the intention, had not word been
received that all were safe, to charter
a tug, and search for them.

VEDRINE'S FAST FLYER.
Paris, July 28.—Julius Vedrine the
French aviator, expects his machine to
accomplish a speed of 195 kilometres—
about 121 miles—an hour in the race
for the international aviation cup at
Chicago in September. He is credited
with this statement in an interview
given before his departure for Amer-
ica.