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$15,000 A YEAR FOR WESTERN UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

It Is Said the Ontario Government Will Give This Sum to Local Institution.

LOCAL BOARDS MUST CO-OPERATE

Hygienic Institute To Be Run in Interests Both of the Arts and Medical Departments.

The Provincial Government contemplates making a grant of $10,000 or $15,000 towards the maintenance of the Hygienic Institute next year.

For some time the matter has been under discussion. According to information received by The Advertiser the amount mentioned will be made a yearly grant to the institute. Perhaps the grant will be greater.

This is contingent upon the board of governors of the Western University and faculty of the Medical College appointing a board of management.

The Government will not give the money to the Western direct, but will make it through the Hygienic Institute, a committee from the university to arrange the details of the expenditure.

The money may be so spent as to lay the foundation for a science department of the university, which will be of great aid to the arts department as well as to the medical students. This will largely depend upon the degree of co-operation between the board of governors of the university and the directors of the medical school.

The Government has appropriated this year $10,000 for the equipment of the Hygienic Institute.

In addition, there is quite a sum of money on the right side of the construction account yet to be paid.

This balance, it is understood, will be used for maintenance, and for part of the equipment.

When the institute was first erected the Government set aside $5,000 a year for maintenance. That appropriation has not been touched, as the building has been standing idle. Whether that money will be immediately available or not is not known.

The board of governors and the medical faculty have been notified, it is understood, of the plans of the Government, and it is expected that the committee will be named to arrange for the maintenance of the institute.

QUARANTINE RULE WILL NOT BE AFFECTED

Regulations as to Hogs, Cattle and Horses Apart From the Reciprocity Regulations.

Ottawa, March 23.—The question as to whether the quarantine regulations governing the admission of live stock into Canada will be affected by the terms of the reciprocity agreement was brought up in committee of supply, when Mr. Fisher's estimate of $50,000 further required for the current fiscal year for "the health of animals" was under consideration. Dr. Sproule, Mr. Blain, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Glen Campbell took part in the discussion, in the course of which the Minister of Agriculture was presented with a number of questions bearing upon the quarantine regulations.

The Minister explained that the existing regulation in regard to the importation of live stock provided for the admission, without inspection, of cattle for immediate slaughter, such animals, however, to be accompanied by a certificate of health from the recognized veterinary official of the Federal Government of the United States. Mr. Fisher stated that the quarantine regulations were made entirely regardless of trade treaties. In the case of the proposed reciprocity agreement Canada's cattle quarantine regulations would remain in force.

Dr. Sproule quoted a statement to the effect that one of the advantages of reciprocity in live stock would be that in the case of shortage at a Canadian packing-house a carload of hogs might be shipped across the line in twenty-four hours.

"I am not responsible for that statement," replied Mr. Fisher. "Hogs imported from the United States must undergo thirty days' quarantine."

Questioned as to the regulation in regard to the importation of horses, Mr. Fisher said that under Canadian quarantine rules all horses must be submitted to the Malleine test for glanders before being admitted. The quarantine rules, he added, entirely forbade the importation of branded bronchos. To an inquiry by Glen Campbell the Minister explained that this prohibition was necessary because it was impossible to apply the test to unbroken horses.

CONMEE SCORES ONE FOR CONSERVATION

Committee Passes His Bill Respecting Rainy River Power.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 24.—Mr. James Conmee has triumphed this time. His bill respecting the Ontario and Minnesota Power Company was adopted by the private bills committee this morning without amendment, in spite of the opposition of the Ontario Government and the officers of the company. The chief object of the bill is the conservation on the Canadian side of the Rainy River at Fort Frances of one-half of the power development of the company. The Opposition members will vote against the bill when it comes up in the Commons for the third reading.

JAPAN AIDS CHINA.

Pekin, March 24.—The Government has accepted a loan of $5,000,000 from the Yokohama Specie Bank in Yokohama, Japan, and will give in security 5 per cent railway bonds. The loan which will be used to meet a deficit of the railway board is without political significance.

RATHER ROUGH ON THE EDUCATIONISTS

Three Trustees and One Teacher Injured Within a Few Days.

A peculiar fate seems to be pursuing the members of the board of education.

A week ago, Dr. A. J. Wyckoff, chairman of No. 2 committee, slipped and fell as he was going into his house, turning his ankle. The injury was a painful one, and kept him indoors for some days.

Thursday Mr. C. M. R. Graham fell in his store, receiving very serious injuries.

Last night, Mr. W. T. Strong, chairman of the audit committee, was curling in the East End rink, when he slipped and fell on the ice, striking his head. A bad gash was inflicted, necessitating the attendance of a physician. Several stitches were necessary to close the wound.

On Wednesday night, Mr. George Copeland, relieving principal, had his leg so badly injured during a hockey game with the Dundas Centre Methodist team, that he will be laid up for two weeks.

INSURRECTOS LOSE ALL-DAY BATTLE

Retreat From Town Captured a Few Days Ago.

FIERCE STREET-FIGHTING

The Rebel Dead Placed at Thirty-Six With Many Wounded.

[Canadian Press.]

Agua Prieta, Mexico, March 24.—Immediate danger of an attack on Hermosillo seems to be averted for the present by the defeat of 50 rebels on Wednesday at La Colorado, a mining camp, which they took without trouble a few days ago.

A fierce battle, lasting all day, terminated in the retreat of the rebels. The Government report places the rebel dead at 36, and the federal dead at 8. The rebels concentrated from the south, evidently planning a junction with Juan Cabral's band, marching from Carbo.

A federal force, commanded by Luis Medino Barron, chief of the rurales in Sonora, with four under-officers and 340 men, left Hermosillo for the south to retake the town, which has a population of 3,000.

La Colorado is 30 miles from Hermosillo. The federals arrived in the morning. The country is flat. As the attack was made in the open, there was soon spirited fighting all around the city, and later in the streets. After nine hours of fighting, the rebels withdrew, leaving the city again in the hands of the federals.

Governor Torres, who reached Agua Prieta, in his official report placed the rebel dead at 36 with many wounded, while the federals lost only 8 killed and 3 wounded. The federals also procured many arms and much ammunition, according to the report.

The rebel leader was Jesus Rivera, a young man, owner of the Duranzillo ranch, and a member of a wealthy family of Hermosillo.

LLOYDS' RATE JUMPS FEAR WAR IN ORIENT

The London Cables Say That Struggle Between Russia and China Is at Hand.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 24.—Private cables received by London business houses from representatives in the Far East today, are disquieting. They assert that it is expected that Russia will soon declare war against China. The rate at Lloyds' to cover risks on the outbreak of hostilities within four weeks jumped this afternoon from 5 to 10 guineas per cent.

FINED FOR CRUELLY BEATING A HORSE

Melvin McLeod, of Princess Avenue, Pleaded Guilty to the Charge.

Melvin McLeod, a young man residing on Princess avenue, was found guilty in court today of cruelly beating a horse, and was ordered to pay $1 50. According to the evidence he beat the animal very severely. McLeod's employer was in court and he stated that the youth had always used the horse well as far as he knew.

McLeod pleaded guilty to the charge.

"Why did you beat this poor horse?" asked the court. "If it were not for the good character your employer gives I would deal most severely with you. My sympathies are entirely with the horse and I want to stop this sort of thing. I will not fine you, but you must pay the costs, amounting to $1 50."

WAR SECRETARY HALDANE.
Who Has Been Elevated to the Peerage.

STEAMER BRUCE LOST ON ROCKS

Three Perish in the Wreck of Newfoundland Mail Boat.

SEAS SWEPT THE DECK

Over Hundred Passengers Rescued Through Heroic Work of Crew.

[Canadian Press.]

Louisburg, C. B., March 24.—Three persons perished in the wreck of the Newfoundland mail steamer Bruce, which struck the rocks off Scatteri during the night. News of the wreck, which reached here today, indicates that the steamer is a total loss.

The Bruce was on her way from Port Aux Basques to this port at the time of the disaster.

The steamer struck heavily in the darkness of the night at Port Nova Point. Great seas swept the decks constantly, and it was with difficulty that the boats were put overboard. In the attempt to save the 125 passengers the steamer's crew worked heroically under severe conditions, the extreme cold and gale hampering their exertions.

On one occasion a boat was washed away, but finally all hands, except three men, who were swept away, were landed. The women and children were taken ashore first.

All the survivors were cared for at Nancy Cove, Scatteri Island, this forenoon, and will be forwarded to Louisburg as soon as a steamer can be dispatched.

The Bruce is one of the best-equipped and fastest steamers in British-American waters. She had a speed of 16 knots an hour, and was equipped with wireless apparatus. She was built at Glasgow, Scotland, in 1897 for Sir Robert Reid, of St. Johns, Nfld., the principal owner of the railway and steamship lines of the Reid Newfoundland Company. She is 236.6 feet long, 32.6 feet beam and 12.4 feet deep. She is a steel ship, with single screw.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE PROROGUED TODAY

Usual Ceremonies Mark Close of Session of Local House.

Toronto, March 24.—The Legislature was prorogued today with the usual ceremonies. Lieutenant-Governor Gibson, in his speech from the throne, paid a tribute to the services to Canada and the empire of Earl Grey.

Laudatory references were made to the legislation passed during the session in relation to agriculture and technical education.

Especial mention was made of the milk commission formed to insure purer milk for the public. Closer supervision of picture show theatres, liquor license law amendments, hydro-electric matters, were also referred to.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Halifax, Mach 24.—White Star liner Megantic, from Liverpool, reported, due here at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Milder.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, March 24—8 a.m.

Moderate winds; fine, a little higher temperature.

Saturday—Southerly winds and milder.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Max.	Min.	Weather.
Victoria	50	40	Rain
Calgary	62	34	Clear
Winnipeg	38	34	Clear
Port Arthur	30	16	Fair
Parry Sound	18	—4	Clear
Toronto	30	10	Clear
Ottawa	20	2	Clear
Montreal	24	2	Clear
Quebec	24	0	Clear
Father Point	28	6	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

Fine cold weather prevails from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, while in the west it is quite mild.

A pronounced disturbance now over the Western States and Provinces is likely to move rapidly towards the Great Lakes.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Cold weather prevailed yesterday from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces, while in the west it was mild, with maximum temperatures of over 60 degrees in parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta. A rather pronounced disturbance is moving over the Western Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 21—32; Victoria, 44—50; Vancouver, 46—50; Kamloops, 42—54; Edmonton, 30—44; Prince Albert, 14—42; Calgary, 34—62; Moose Jaw, 26—60; Qu'Appelle, 22—42; Winnipeg, 16—38; Port Arthur, 12—30; Parry Sound, 8—18; Toronto, 19—27; Ottawa, 12—20; Montreal, 18—24; Quebec, 16—24; St. John, 26—30; Halifax, 30—38.

TODAY'S PROBS.

The East—Fresh winds; fair and cold.

Lake Superior and Manitoba—Fair and milder.

Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair and mild.

DISCOVERED A BROKEN RAIL ON THE PERE MARQUETTE RY.

Mr. William Carswell for the Second Time Prevents a Bad Accident in the Vicinity of the Bridge Over the Thames River.

The discovery of a broken rail on the Pere Marquette tracks near Nelson street by Mr. William Carswell, 420 Grey street, yesterday morning, prevented a very serious, and possibly a fatal, accident on the road.

Mr. Carswell, who is engineer at the Wilcox plant in Chelsea Green, was walking across the tracks at this point on his way to his work. Noticing a piece of rail sticking up, he investigated, and found a badly broken rail. It was then about twenty minutes past 8 o'clock, and the express was due in a few minutes.

He ran up the track some distance, and soon heard the Pere Marquette coming. Mr. Carswell signalled the engineer to stop, and he did so.

The crew replaced the rail at once, and the train was brought into the station.

This is the second time Mr. Carswell has prevented an accident of the same nature. Three years ago, he discovered a broken rail not 60 feet from the place where he found one yesterday.

The circumstances were almost identical. He is an old railway man, having been a G. T. R. engineer for years, and is constnatly on the lookout for possible accidents.

It is understood that the Pere Marquette intend recognizing the service Mr. Carswell has done the road.

BOTH SIDES ARE CONFIDENT

London Electric Co. Claims To Be Growing Stronger Daily.

THE NIAGARA POWER SIDE

It Is Argued That the More Business the Company Gets, the More Money It Will Lose at Present Prices.

The London Electric Company claim that their position is stronger today than it was a year ago. They have signed up a large number of customers and have secured much new business.

"We are in excellent position," a director informed The Advertiser. "We have more motors in use today than we have ever had. Our customers have shown a very slight dropping off, and altogether our position is very satisfactory. Some of the parties who were averse to paying us a fair sum for our plant and get us out of the way, are wishing they had not taken that stand. We would not sell out now at the offer of 50 cents on the dollar, the last offer we made to the city. We stand prepared to make a contract for five years with any person. If that is not a sure sign that we are here to stay, then I do not know what is. Manager Jenking offered the hospital trust a five-year contract for furnishing power to the hospital, and he is making other offers of a similar nature. We are in to stay, and with changes and improvements we have in mind we will be able to stay in the field for all time."

The Other Side.

At the city hall there is another story.

"We will be able to announce on Saturday that we have 1,000 customers for domestic lighting," declared Superintendent Glaubitz. "We are gaining ground every day. Somebody must be losing them. Then there are other kinds of consumers besides lighting customers. We are making contracts with them daily. The preposition never looked so bright. At the same time it is the citizens' scheme, and if they do not rally to its support they will be the losers."

One gentleman stated that the water commissioners are not worrying over the announcement that the London Electric had increased its number of customers.

"Let them have the business," he stated. "The more business they do the sooner they will have to close up shop. They can't sell steam-generated power at the present prices and live."

MAY PAY CLAIMS TO THE EXECUTORS

Last Minute Addition to Statute Law Affecting Insurance Companies.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 24.—Before Hon. J. M. Gibson gave formal assent to the 153 bills passed during the session just ended, Hon. J. J. Foy had a clause added to the statute law amendment act. Dr. R. F. Preston, the Conservative whip, was scurrying about this forenoon to make sure the necessary twenty members would be present so that there would be a quorum. The attorney-general's amendment provides that a life insurance company may pay a death claim to the executors of the estate of a deceased policy-holder. This protects the company from disputing the shares of beneficiaries and claims that may be made by heirs, thus compelling the company to pay the money into court. The provision is aimed to relieve insurance companies of the expense of as well as the necessity of the protection of the courts.

Reciprocity had no place in his honor's closing speech to the House.

CHINESE FAMINE FUND

Total Collected in London Is Now $210 16.

Mr. F. A. Steven, 558 Princess avenue, treasurer of the China Famine Fund, begs to acknowledge the following donations: Previously acknowledged, $188.16; a Friend, $1; Cheerful Giver (Sarnia), $4; Miss E. Moore, $1; K. B. S., $1; Thos. Rodway, $2; a Friend (Lambeth), $2; Mr. and Mrs. J. Rider, $2; a Friend, $1; H. L. Wilson, $5; E. N., $1; anonymous, $1; a Friend (Fanshawe), $1; total, $210.16.

LANDSEEKERS COMING.

Liverpool, March 24.—The largest party of landseekers that ever left here for Canada sailed today on the steamship Empress of Ireland. There are 250 emigrants on the vessel, who are bound for the Canadian Northwest. Each emigrant possesses $2,000 or upwards. A special train will carry the homeseekers from St. John to Alberta.

CHINESE RAISE FAMINE FUND

Sum of $95 Was Taken Up Here and Sent to Committee To Be Sent to China.

A VERY STRONG APPEAL

Circular Sent Out Praying For Assistance for the Afflicted in the Old Home Land.

The Chinese of this city have collected $95 among themselves, and this amount was sent on Monday by Mr. John Sing to the famine relief committee, which has been organized in New York under the auspices of the Chinese Merchants' Association.

The following appeal for help has been received by local Chinamen. It is signed by some of the most prominent Chinese of the United States, including the ambassador to Washington:

The Appeal.

Dear Friend.—You have no doubt heard of the great and horrible famine that has been ravaging several provinces in China, where over three millions of people are suffering agonies of intense hunger and cold. The scene of disaster is indescribable, but nevertheless true.

The Chinese in America feel truly grateful for contributions made by the Christian churches and by their American friends towards the Famine Relief Fund. They have likewise liberally done their part towards their own people, but in spite of the efforts which have been made in China, as well as abroad, to save those poor innocent men, women and children, the insufficiency of subsistence still manifests itself. It behooves every one, irrespective of race, color or creed, who has the welfare of humanity at heart, to consistently help us along in our work.

With the view to securing some more funds to cable home, the Chinese residents in New York City, headed by the Chinese Merchants' Association, in conjunction with his Imperial majesty's Chinese consul, Y. Y. Young, have decided to hold a Chinese fair and a musical and Theatrical entertainment which we believe can never fail to appeal to the curiosity, if not the aesthetic taste of the American people.

There will be also a series of addresses given by some distinguished speakers. All of these will be held from April 3 to April 8, in Rescue Mission, No. 6 Doyer street.

Again we appeal to you in the name of God and civilization, and in that name you respond.

Please therefore do not forget to bring all your friends to Chinatown and see things which are not only worth seeing, but also worth coming to see, and also send us donations in money or articles, which will be highly appreciated and properly acknowledged. I remain,

Yours respectfully
HIN WONG, Secretary.

P.S.—All remittances should be made to the Chinese consul, Mr. Y. Y. Young, 18 Broadway, New York City. All communications should be sent to the secretary, Mr. Hin Wong, care of Wah Tai Company, 6 West Twenty-Ninth street, New York City.

NORMAL STUDENTS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Were Given Full Charge of the Classes—Reports Are Being Made.

The public schools of the city today are in charge of 125 students from the Normal School.

Some days ago Principal Radcliffe and Inspector Edwards mapped out a programme or time-table, and this morning all the Normal students reported at the schools assigned to them.

They were given full charge of the classes, and carried out a special time-table prepared for them.

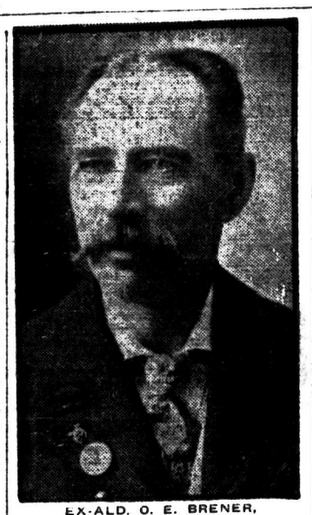
Reports were made on each student by the regular teacher, and these will be forwarded to Inspector Edwards, later to be sent to Principal Radcliffe at the Normal.

"The plan is working admirably," said Inspector Edwards. "The arrangements were carried out perfectly, and have given excellent satisfaction."

RATHER COLD WEATHER

Five and a Half Degrees of Frost Today.

This afternoon Londoners are attempting to look pleasant with five and a half degrees of frost, while just one year ago today the thermometer stood at 76, 44 degrees above the freezing mark. The barometer at the South London observatory was away up to 29.8 at 8 o'clock this morning, but at 2 o'clock this afternoon it registered 29.7. According to the official guess artist this indicates that the sky will remain clear, but that there will be no marked change for the better as far as the thermometer is concerned. The coldest during the night was 10 above, but at 8 o'clock this morning 1; was recorded.



EX-ALD. O. E. BRENER,
Well-Known Londoner, Who Died Today.

EX-ALD. BRENER DIED TODAY

Well-Known Businessman of London Was Called Very Suddenly.

WIFE DIED FEW WEEKS AGO

Was Seized With a Weakness While at Office of Brener Bros., on Horton Street, and Death Followed This Morning.

Ex-Ald. Otto E. Brener died at his home, 233 Horton street, very unexpectedly at 11:15 this morning. Mr. Brener had been critically ill only since yesterday morning, when, while at the office of the firm he was suddenly seized with a serious weakness. He was taken home and medical aid summoned. He rallied considerably, but this morning sank rapidly.

Mr. Brener had been a resident of London for 38 years. He was one of the city's best-known manufacturers, and for 37 years has conducted one of the leading cigar factories of the Dominion.

Mr. Brener came from Detroit to London, and after being one year superintendent for Mr. A. Smith, went into business for himself. He was 70 years old and was born in Germany. After coming to the United States he served through the Civil War, and at the time of his death was commander of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic in this city.

An Alderman of London.

Mr. Brener took an active interest in public affairs, and during the period from 1895 to 1900 was several times an alderman, always serving with credit to the city and himself.

His wife died just seven weeks ago today, and her death was a severe blow to Mr. Brener. He is survived by a family of eight: Mrs. Alex. Reardon, of Dawson City; Mrs. Ball, in Vancouver; Miss Emma, at home, William S., of Vancouver; George, of this city; Mrs. Gustave Werner, of Detroit, and Messrs. Otto R. and Arthur H., of this city.

Mr. Brener was a member of Corinthian Lodge, No. 230; Windsor Preceptory; St. George's Royal Arch Chapter, and Mocha Temple.

The funeral will be held to Woodland Cemetery, but as Mr. Otto R. Brener is at present in Vancouver, the arrangements have not been completed.

HON. ADAM BECK IS TO BE EXAMINED

Gerry Flats Case Will Be Proceeded With on April 3.

The injunction restraining the water commissioners from expropriating the Gerry flats has been continued until the 3rd of April, as announced in yesterday's Advertiser.

The first affidavit filed in this matter on the 13th of March inst. set up that the water commissioners intended to utilize these lands partly for park purposes.

No denial of this was forthcoming until yesterday morning, just as the argument was commencing, when affidavits of Chairman Pocock, Hon. Adam Beck, Mayor Beattie and ex-Mayor Judd were filed. This necessitated a further continuance of the injunction.

The matter now stands until the 3rd of April, for the purpose of examining the Hon. Adam Beck, Chairman Pocock, Mr. Judd and Mayor Beattie upon their affidavits filed.

EXPECT GREAT BENEFITS

Rep. Campbell Has Been In Canada Collecting Information.

Washington, March 24.—Representative Campbell, of Kansas, who has been travelling in Canada recently gathering the Canadian view of reciprocity, saw President Taft for a few minutes today. Mr. Campbell said that the Canadian farmers are expecting great benefits from the removal of American duties on their products and are enthusiastic over the treaty.

VOTE FOR FULL TIME.

Manchester, Eng., March 24. — The mills represented in the cotton spinners federation will continue on full time, the American section which proposed that operations be suspended on Saturday for three months, finding only 80 per cent of its membership in favor of the proposal on the final ballot today. The consent of 90 per cent of the members is required to make a reduction of output compulsory.

SIXTEEN FIREMEN IN FIRE RUIN

Men of the Milwaukee Brigade Carried Down by Collapsing Roof

TEN ARE TAKEN OUT

Several Companies Were Fighting Big Blaze From Top of Adjoining Building.

[Canadian Press.]

Milwaukee, Wis., March 24.—Four fire fighters are dead, two others are dying in the Emergency Hospital, and several others are suffering from injuries, the result of the caving-in of the roof of the building of the Middletown Manufacturing Company, wholesale hatters, here today.

The Dead.

Captain John Hintz, Peter Janssen, Dick Burke, Hammond.

The Dying.

Vincent Marchesi and Paul Fenske.

The fire had been burning half an hour and between fifteen and twenty men had been fighting the flames from the roof of the four-story structure, when suddenly the roof collapsed, carrying them through to the basement. A number of the men were buried in the debris. Others escaped through the basement windows. Ambulances were hurried to the scene, and as quickly as possible the dead and injured were dug out of the ruins.

Two hours elapsed before the last man was taken out. The coats and badges of the victims were torn away, and their helmets missing, so that the work of identification was slow. The monetary loss is placed at $100,000; fully insured.

Milwaukee, March 24.—Sixteen firemen are reported to have fallen through the roof of the building of the Middleton Manufacturing Company, wholesale hatters, 354 Broadway, which is burning.

Ten of the buried firemen have been taken out and rushed to the Emergency Hospital, and several others are said to be still in the ruins.

The firemen were on the roof of the four story building fighting the fire when it caved in.

Among the known dead at Captain Hintz, of Company 3; Dick Burke and Harry O'Donnell.

WOMEN ARE MISSING FROM THE NORTH END

Another Sequel to the Local Matrimonial Bureau Story.

The end is not yet in the case of the matrimonial bureau which was investigated by the police and postoffice officials last week. Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Gall, 552 Piccadilly street, and whose names were mentioned in connection with the case, left the city on Tuesday.

Mr. Fred H. Travers, grocer at the corner of Piccadilly and Wilson streets, who owns the house the women occupied, stated to The Advertiser today that they were about the place on Monday. On Tuesday, Mr. Travers says, he went over and found the blinds all pulled down, and no one about.

A Queer Case.

Shortly afterwards a second-hand dealer came up and wanted to take the furniture away.

Mr. Travers refused to permits its removal until $15 due him for rent was paid.

After some argument the dealer paid the money and took the furniture away. It is said that the women purchased it on the weekly-payment plan, and that there was still a large amount to pay on it.

Inspector Speaks.

Postoffice Inspector Dr. Cl. T. Campbell stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that the case as far as he was concerned was entirely out of his hands. He stated that he had heard from the man concerned in the American west, and he stated that he had sent money to one of the women, and that she was to come west to marry him.

"If there is to be any prosecution it will have to be made now by Crown Attorney McKillop," said the Inspector. "The matter is in his hands.

Crown Considers.

Crown Attorney McKillop stated that he is considering what to do in the case, and has not yet made up his mind. He states that if it is true that the women sold furniture that they did not own, they can be prosecuted for obtaining money under false pretences.

When the women quitted the house at 552 Piccadilly street, they left word that any mail that came for them was to be sent to Windsor in care of the general delivery at the postoffice.

Mr. Travers says they had resided in the house about four months, and prior to that time lived on Queen's avenue. He says they leased his house for two years. They have no relatives in the city.

THUGS BEAT POLICEMAN.

Montreal, March 24.—Constable Venne Auger, who was set upon and almost beaten to death by four thugs on St. Lawrence street late last night, is reported to be in a serious condition. The men were arrested by another policeman, and were allowed out on bail of $800 each this morning.