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GUST OF WIND BLEW DOOR SHUT SUPT. HEARD LOCKED IN MORGUE

Head of Victoria Hospital Had a Hair Raising Experience the Other Night—All Windows Heavily Barred—Only by Working With a Penknife on Lock Was He Able to Reach the Corridor.

Superintendent Heard, of Victoria Hospital, had a most terrifying experience a couple of evenings ago, when for a long time he was locked in the morgue alone with a dead body. When Miss Howe, who died in the hospital recently, came in she gave the name of Miss Jennie McLeod, and after her demise no one knew anything about her relatives.

The body was removed to the morgue, and late in the evening the superintendent went over to see if he could find in her clothes any letters or other means of locating her friends. He left the door slightly open and was engaged in looking for some means of locating the dead woman's friends, when a terrific gust of wind blew the door closed. The little screw that holds the door knob on had worked loose and when the door banged it was jarred to the floor and the knobs flew off.

LOCKED IN THE MORGUE.

One fell on the inside and the other outside, and there was no means of opening the door. The morgue is situated at some distance from the main buildings, and as it was late at night and freezing cold, Mr. Heard's position was far from a pleasant one. It was useless to call for help as no one could possibly hear him.

All the windows are very heavily barred with big steel bars, and there was no means of getting out that way. Mr. Heard tried his best to move the lock so that he could get out but without avail. It was a very long time before, by means of pressing with all his strength against the door, he managed to relieve the pressure on the catch so that by a great deal of hard work he was able to very slowly work the catch back with the point of his penknife.

When he reached the outer corridor he was suffering greatly from the cold, but he was very grateful to be at liberty once again.

MR. WM. GRAY IN NO HURRY TO CALL A CONVENTION

Old Trouble With Mr. Beck Is Again to the Fore—Mr. Gray Repeats Oft-Told Tale That He Will Be in Field Against Present Member.

It was expected that a Conservative convention would be held in London on Friday evening next to nominate a candidate for the Legislature, but as far as notices for a meeting have been sent out, not is it likely that any will be held for some time. The difficulty is said to be the old trouble between Hon. Adam Beck and Mr. William Gray.

It has been known for a long time that there is no love lost between them. On various occasions Mr. Gray has announced that he would oppose Mr. Beck, but so far has failed to become a candidate.

It is understood that he has made the same threat of late.

However, there has been as yet no opportunity for showing the sincerity of his threats, and he seems likely to

take his time about gratifying the curiosity of his friends and others.

As president of the London Conservative Association, it is his duty to call a meeting to nominate a candidate. Mr. Gray has been asked to do this, but has up to the present moment refused.

Up to Mr. Beck.

His friends claim that when Mr. Beck asks him to call a convention he will do so and not before. Mr. Beck's friends claim that the minister of power does not care a straw whether or not Mr. Gray sets a date for a meeting—that he will announce himself as the candidate and allow the president to play his hand as he sees fit. Mr. Gray has refused steadfastly to call a convention, and Mr. Beck just as steadfastly refuses to ask him to do so.

BRAVE VOLUNTEER BRIGADE SAVES VILLAGE WEST LORNE

The Big Elgin Hotel Completely Guttured Early This Morning—The Guests and Employees Have a Narrow Escape From Death.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

West Lorne, Ont., Nov. 14.—Only the hardest kind of work on the part of a volunteer bucket brigade saved this town from being wiped off the map this morning when fire completely gutted the big Elgin Hotel owned by William McIntyre. One of the guests was awakened shortly after two o'clock by the smell of smoke, and on going out discovered flames roaring in the back part of the hotel. He immediately rushed through the corridors and aroused the sleeping guests and hotel employees. By the time all were out in safety the fire had such a hold on the house that all that could be saved

from the seething flames was a piano. Showers of sparks set a score of places on fire, and a hurry call was sent to St. Thomas for help.

As the fire grew fiercer the little band of volunteers almost gave up, and it was decided to tear down the big building, when it was seen that the fire was gaining at that point and threatened to wipe out the whole place. This was done, and it is probably all that saved the other buildings, as from this time on the flames were kept in check.

The heat was intense, and other buildings caught a dozen times, but gradually the blaze burned itself out. Only a pile of ashes remains of the fine hotel this morning. Mr. McIntyre's loss is heavy as there was practically no insurance on the premises.

TRAINS BLOCKED A CROSSING POLICE SUMMONS WRONG MAN

Yardmaster O'Leary, of the G. T. R., Hauled Into Court But He Was Not Working on the Night in Question—An Adjournment Made.

Mr. Michael O'Leary, night yardmaster of the Grand Trunk Railway, was brought into the police court this morning charged with a breach of the railway act.

It seems that a freight train blocked the Burwell street crossing for 18 minutes one night last week, and Mr. O'Leary was supposed to have been the responsible party.

He, however, stated that he was not on duty on the night in question, and so the case had to be adjourned for a week until the responsible parties can be located.

The train was in charge of Conductor Vansickle, of Toronto, and it is claimed that he was the man who should have been summoned.

A TEMPERANCE DELEGATION WAITS ON LEADER ROWELL

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Nov. 14.—Mr. W. Rowell, the new leader of the Liberal party in Ontario, may make an important announcement on the temperance question at his meeting in the Massey Hall tonight. A delegation representing the temperance movement waited on Mr. Rowell today with a request, the nature of which neither they nor Mr. Rowell would disclose, but it is understood that Mr. Rowell may spring a surprise tonight.



MR. ROBT. SUTHERLAND,
Of Dorchester, Liberal Candidate for
East Middlesex.

MISSIONS ZEAL SEIZES CAPITAL

Great Men's Missionary Movement Opens at Ottawa With Ardor Undiminished.

CANON TUCKER SPEAKS

Forest City Clergyman Makes Stirring Appeal for Temperance in Public and Private Life.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 14.—The great men's missionary movement, which is spreading from coast to coast on the northern hemisphere, reached Ottawa yesterday in all its fullness, and with undiminished ardor, and seized strongly on the business and public men of the city. "The Church and her Task," the general theme of the discussions, is to receive the fullest attention for the ensuing two days, and a splendid start was made yesterday.

The speakers of the evening were Rev. Canon Tucker, former secretary of the M. S. C. C., who spoke on "Canada of Today and Tomorrow," and Dr. Robert E. Speer, secretary of the foreign mission board of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, who took as his subject "The Unfinished Task in Non-Christian Lands."

About six hundred delegates have registered so far. They were extended a word of welcome on behalf of the city by Mayor Hopewell.

Dr. D. O. Aigue, M. P., of Cornwall, responded on behalf of the delegates.

Canon Tucker's Address.

At the outset Canon Tucker said that before speaking of the Canada of today, he would just look back over its beginning. At one time Britain

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HONAN MISSIONARIES ARE NOT IN DANGER

Assurance of Safety Is Given by Moderator of General Assembly.

[Canadian Press.]

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 14.—That members of the Canadian missionary band maintained by the Presbyterian Church in Honan, China, are at least not in immediate danger, was the assurance given by Rev. Dr. R. P. McKay, moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, who is in the city, and was a visitor for a few moments at the Presbyterian Synod.

A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FROM SERIOUS INJURY

Piano Being Loaded on Express Car Fell on Top of a Workman.

William J. Ball, of 159 Mill street, an express messenger on the Grand Trunk, had a miraculous escape from serious injury yesterday afternoon when a large piano which was being lifted into his car, fell on him. The piano, which was cased, was being pushed up a skid into the door of the express car. Several men, employees of the Grand Trunk Express Company at the Grand Trunk station, were assisting in the work. When the piano was half way up the skid it stuck for a moment, and a couple of the men gave it an extra strong push from the side. As they did so the piano tilted over and pinned Ball to the platform. The instrument was hastily lifted off him, and eye-witnesses of the affair expected to see him picked up lifeless. Ball, however, was able to get up himself, and did not complain of any serious injuries except a few bruises. He was back at work this morning and seemed to be suffering no serious effects from the accident.

JAMES A. WALLACE DEAD.

Brantford, Ont., Nov. 14.—James A. Wallace, a prominent druggist of this city, and golfer, died today after a lingering illness. He had been prominently identified with the board of trade movement to improve the local market, and strongly opposed efforts made to have the square utilized for new civic and Government buildings.

The late Mr. Wallace was a brother of Mr. Bruce Wallace, druggist, of this city, who is now in Brantford to attend the funeral.

LIBERALS OF LONDON, ATTENTION!

The Liberals of London will hold a convention on Thursday evening in Hyman Hall, when the advisability of naming a candidate to contest the riding will be considered.

Every Liberal is expected to be present. The election of the officers of the Liberal Association will take place, and other important business will be transacted.

RURAL POPULATION SHOWS FALLING OFF IN MIDDLESEX

London Is Only Place in Country to Show an Increase by the Census of 1911—Figures of 1901 Show Big Losses in Smaller Places of the Country.

The census returns for the smaller towns and villages throughout the province have been made public, with the result that it is shown that the population in the majority of these small places has dropped off considerably during the past decade. This is particularly true of Middlesex County, practically every municipality, with the exception of London, showing a decrease since 1901. It is another witness to the fact that the urban population is growing, while that of the rural municipalities, including the townships, is falling off considerably. London has grown, although not so great as it was anticipated.

ADVISORY BOARD IS NAMED FOR THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

At a special meeting of the board of education called for this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, the advisory board of the industrial school as required by the education act will be appointed. It is required that three of the board be employers of labor, three employees, and six members of the board of education.

At the last meeting of the trustees, it was decided to appoint Chairman G. N. Weekes to name the board, and he has given out the following names:

Employers of labor—F. E. Leonard, of E. Leonard & Sons; Arthur W. White, of George White & Sons; L. H. Martyn, contractor.

Employees—Fred W. McLaren, of Workman & Ward; Elliott Nugent, of Wm. Gerry & Sons; and Albert J. Palmer, of The Empire Manufacturing Company.

Members of the Board of Education—Trustees G. N. Weekes (chairman), Dr. A. J. Wyckoff, John M. Gunn, Wm. Gummage, Dr. P. J. Muggan, and C. M. R. Graham.

The six latter will retire at the end of the year, and six other members of the incoming board of education will be named.

HUNDREDS FREEZE IN SARNIA WHEN BIG GAS MAIN BREAKS

Stoves Are All Equipped for Burning Natural Gas, and While They Are Being Changed Greatest Discomfort Results to Citizens All Through District.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Nov. 14.—Hundreds of homes in Sarnia and all through this district are in a freezing condition today as a result of the supply of natural gas having been shut off through a big break in the main near Wallaceburg. Coming as it does right in the coldest clip of the season the accident to the main is causing the greatest annoyance and discomfort, and there is a great rush to have all

stoves now equipped for burning gas transformed into coal and wood heaters. Tinsmiths and stove fitters are swamped with orders and hurry calls are pouring in from all over the district. The break is causing a boom in the coal and wood business, for as fast as the stoves are equipped the freezing householders get their fires going, and the stoves are kept going full blast to thaw out the cold houses. It is expected that it will be some time before the break in the main is repaired.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT TO LAY MASONIC TEMPLE CORNER STONE

Plans Are Now Under Way to Have Head of Masonic Fraternity in British Empire Take Part in Important Ceremony in London Shortly.

The Duke of Connaught, the new Governor-General of Canada, will probably be invited by the Masons of London to a function here soon in connection with the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple. His Royal Highness is head of the Masonic fraternity throughout the British Empire, and it is considered a fitting thing that he should take part in this interesting ceremony. It is understood that plans for the reception are now under way, and the event will be one of the most unique in the history of the order in London.

The exact date has not yet been decided upon, but the local committee are in correspondence with the Governor-General to find out what dates will be suitable to His Highness.

He is in Hamilton this week, but will not be invited to London at the present time.

DESIDENT WORKMAN COMMITTS SUICIDE

[Canadian Press.]

Guelph, Nov. 14.—Harry Leader, formerly an employee of the Guelph Axle Works, who was dismissed from that place yesterday, because it was feared he would throw himself into the furnace, committed suicide at 11:35 this morning by throwing himself in front of a train. His wife has been dead for three years, and he has been despondent ever since. He leaves three young children.

BANK OF BURMAH FAILS.

London, Nov. 14.—A dispatch to the Evening Times from Rangoon, British India, says that the Bank of Burmah failed today. Its deposits June 30 last totaled \$5,750,000.

WRITE OF OUSTER.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 14.—The supreme court of the State of Missouri today issued a writ of ouster against the International Harvester Company, and assessed a fine of \$50,000 for violation of the anti-trust law.

HUMAN SKELETONS FOUND BY WORKMEN IN EAST LONDON

Gross Discovery of a City Gang Who Were Putting Down a Sewer on York Street East, Near Fair Grounds—Place Once a Cemetery and All Bodies Were Not Removed.

Human skeletons were unearthed this morning by city workmen at the stub end of York street near the fair grounds in East London. Scores of bones were taken from the trenches and are now in possession of City Engineer Wright and his officials.

Some time ago a sewer was laid in that vicinity, and Assistant City Engineer White and a gang of men commenced work today putting in side drains.

When they got down about two feet and half, portions of human bones were found. On digging deeper, a piece of a coffin, the wood being badly decayed, was discovered, with a cluster of bones.

When the trench was put down almost a whole human frame was unearthed. All the bones were carefully picked up, and placed in charge of Mr. John McMurphy, the Inspector. Many years ago the body of a man was buried in the trench, where they were handed to City Engineer Wright.

Once a Grave Yard.

The drain evidently passed through a grave in the old cemetery that was formerly situated at that point. Many years ago the burying ground was removed, and it was thought that practically all the bodies were taken up and placed in Mount Pleasant Woodland Cemetery.

It is apparent, however, that some forgotten graves were overlooked, and their ashes and bones remain there still.

The city workmen did not pursue their investigations further, merely putting in the side drains as the plans of the city engineer called for.

"A large number of bones were discovered," Assistant City Engineer White informed The Advertiser. "There was a piece of coffin unearthed, but it was in a bad state of decomposition. One of the workmen found a pearl button, so it is probable that the body was that of a woman. We gathered up the bones and they are in my possession, with the exception of a few which Inspector McMurphy has. I am informed that there was a graveyard in this neighborhood many years ago. It is probable that some of the bodies were overlooked when the majority of them were transferred to other cemeteries."

The residents of the east end remember well when the graveyard was located there. After the bodies were removed the place was turned into a baseball diamond, and a team known as the "Graveyard Skeletons" was accustomed to practice on the grounds. The cemetery ran from Dundas street south and alongside of Queen's Park, which was then known as Salter's grove.

MEMBERS CROWD PARLIAMENT HALL

Senators and Commons Pouring Into Capital for the Opening Ceremonies.

CONNAUGHTS REHEARSE FRANCHISE QUESTIONED

Getting Accustomed to Procedure To Be Followed at Brilliant Spectacle on Thursday.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 14.—The Conservative senators are pouring into the capital. Every train from every direction dumps a load of lawmakers, their wives and their daughters.

The lobbies and corridors of the two Houses of Parliament, which have been deserted for two months except for the presence of occasional tourists, are again peopled with their rightful tenants.

The Conservatives are coming in bubbling with jubilation, and as soon as they deposit their grips in the hotels they hike up to Parliament Hill to see how they look and feel in room at the assembly room of Government members, from which they have been exiled for fifteen years. All the day there has been a group of Conservative members in this room, and handshaking and congratulations are the order of the day. It can be said without fear of successful contradiction that the Conservatives, as a body, are exceedingly well satisfied with themselves. They find the change of environment entirely to their liking. There are a few exceptions to this frame of mind. Several cabinet possibilities are here with shattered hopes, concealing disappointment to the best of their ability, but such men are in the minority and do not detract conspicuously from the general Conservative jubilation.

Quarters Changed.

The Conservatives have found a rearrangement of the private rooms to their liking. The Liberals have been bundled out of the desirable places which they formerly held, and the rooms have been assigned to Conservative members. John Stanfield, the chief Government whip, is in the room formerly held by Whip Pendergast, and this morning was toasting his toes in comfort before a cheerful grate fire, at peace with the world.

Dr. Sproule, in anticipation of his election tomorrow, has already taken possession of the sumptuous speaker's quarters in the Commons wing, and on the Senate side Mr. Speaker Landry, by virtue of his commission, is established in the speaker's quarters of the Upper House.

House Opens Wednesday.

Parliament meets tomorrow at 3 o'clock, but not for the transaction of business, other than the election of Chief Justice Fitzpatrick, who will come down for the Governor-General.

The formal opening, with the Duke of Connaught officiating, will take place on Thursday afternoon, and will be more brilliant than the affair usually is. The Duke and the Duchess are taking a keen interest in the event, and were this morning in the Senate Chamber looking over the ground and making sure of the procedure, which is new to them. A new throne was this morning placed on the dais for His Highness the Duke, and beside it one for the Duchess.

It is understood she will occupy a place beside him for the function.

The guards of honor are busy brushing up the gold and brass of their uniforms, and a general final touch is being put upon the facilities for the function.

Mr. Wilfrid Laurier has taken possession of Mr. Borden's old office, and everything is in readiness for the campaign, long or short, which will eventually bring about another change of Government.

COL. CHANDLER LEAVES ON NOVEMBER 30TH

With Mrs. Chandler He Will Take Up Work With Headquarters at Toronto.

Lieut.-Col. Chandler and Mrs. Chandler, of the local Salvation Army provincial headquarters, have been transferred to the Toronto station and will assume charge of that division beginning Dec. 1. Their field will extend from Sault Ste. Marie on the west as far as Halleybury and Lindsay on the east.

Major and Mrs. Frank, of Vancouver, have been appointed in place of Col. Chandler to take charge of the province of Western Ontario, but it is not yet definitely known when they will arrive in London.

Col. and Mrs. Chandler will leave for Toronto on Nov. 30 and some time previous to that date a farewell reception will be tendered to them.

Col. Chandler has been in command here for several years, during which time he has formed many friendships among social and religious workers of all denominations. A number outside of the members of the Salvation Army in London will greatly regret his transfer to another division.

FAST WORK

Men Arrested Last Night Committed to Kingston Penitentiary by Saranika Magistrate.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Nov. 14.—One of the swiftest pieces of justice ever dealt in this part of the Province occurred here today when Rogers and Glover, the men arrested last night at Point Edward for burglary, were each sent to the Kingston penitentiary for five weeks, when they came up before Magistrate Stanley.