

PREMIER KING WILL TESTIFY AT BANK PROBE

Father Killed, Son Hurt When Train Crashes Into Auto

ONE KILLED WHEN AUTO HIT BY TRAIN NEAR CLINTON

Thomas Churchill, Prominent
Pioneer Farmer, Aged 82,
Meets Instant Death.

SON IN HOSPITAL

Failure To Hear Approach of
Train Is Believed Due
to Wind.

Special to The Advertiser
by a Staff Correspondent.

Clinton, May 8.—Thomas Churchill, aged 82, was instantly killed and his son, William, aged 40, was seriously injured when their auto was struck by a southbound C. N. R. way freight this morning at 9:35, two miles north of Clinton Junction.

The scene of the fatality is on a sidetrack on the boundary between Clinton and Goddard, and the approach to the tracks is clear.

The father and son had left their farm on the 16th concession, Goddard Township, to drive to Clinton, and after turning off Crooks' sidetrack to the road crossing the tracks, were heading in the path of the approaching train.

Both men were seated in the front seat, while the younger Churchill was driving, and as they neared the crossing, section men, working on the tracks, claim to have heard the train whistle repeatedly, and noticing the car fail to stop, saw the engine plow its way through the car, reducing it to a matchwood.

Landed on Fences.

The train was traveling at a fairly fast speed, and struck the car with such force that the motor landed on a fence 25 feet away, and the car was thrown to a stop as quickly as possible, the train crew found the body of Thomas Churchill against a post, a considerable distance down the track, with life extinct.

Midst a pile of wreckage, they found William Churchill, bleeding profusely, and in an unconscious state. After working for several minutes, they extricated his body and placed him on the train, which pushed back to Clinton, where he was removed to the hospital.

Dr. Shaw, coroner at Clinton, was hurriedly summoned, and after viewing the remains of Thomas Churchill, decided to hold an inquest.

Members of the train crew and the men who were working in the vicinity of the accident are at a loss to explain how the warning sounded by the train was ignored. While it is possible that the train crew was mistaken, it is believed that the train was not stopped.

ENTRIES BEING RECEIVED
IN HOG FEEDING CONTEST

Jack Andrews, B.S.A. represented the Middlesex Branch of the Department of Agriculture at the Junior Farmers' meeting held in Belmont last night. The various agriculture competitions were talked over, and three entries were secured for the county hog-feeding competition. The prize is a two-week course next winter at the O. A. C. in stock and seed judging, with all expenses paid.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Strong winds and gales from east and northeast; rain tonight and on Friday.

Pressure has continued high over Northern Canada, while the depression held in Belmont last night. The weather continues fair in both eastern and Western Canada.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	64	44	Clear
Calgary	60	30	Fair
Port Arthur	50	34	Cloudy
Farm Sound	54	46	Cloudy
Toronto	60	47	Fair
Kingsford	62	46	Cloudy
Ottawa	60	44	Fair
Montreal	58	46	Cloudy
Quebec	60	44	Cloudy
Father Point	44	34	Cloudy
St. John	54	40	Clear
Halifax	70	38	Fair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 70; lowest, 42.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 55; lowest, 45.

Barometric Readings.

Wednesday—2 p.m.—29.02.

Today—8 a.m.—28.95.



THEY PLANNED THE UNIVERSITY YEAR BOOK.
The Year Book of the University of Western Ontario has been issued, and here are the two young men chiefly responsible for its production. On the right is Cecil L. Snyder of arts, '25, editor-in-chief of the Year Book, and on the left is Leslie R. Grty, business manager. The comprehensive and attractive nature of the book reflects great credit on its producers, and is fresh indication of the degree to which the university has developed.

WELLAND MURDERER CONFESSES TO CRIME

Wife Deserter
Caught At Last

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, May 8.—Nemesio overtook John Broadley, alias Brady, though it took twenty years to a day to do so. On May 10, 1904, he bade good-bye to his wife and six-year-old boy at Acersburg, Lancashire, and sailed for Canada. His wife and child were to follow him as soon as he had found a position, but no news ever came from him and the wife had to work to support herself and bring up the boy. Two months ago Broadley was traced in this city and yesterday he appeared in police court here and was sentenced to a year in jail with hard labor for wife desertion.

CITY SUBURBS WILL GET FIRE PROTECTION

Minimum of \$50 Call Agreed
to by London Township
Council.

Suburbs of London Township, Byron Sanatorium and Mount St. Joseph will receive fire protection from the City of London, the township council having ratified an agreement between the township and the city.

According to the agreement, the fire department will answer calls in the suburbs, always, of course, subject to prior use, for a minimum of \$50 a call. During the first hour of a fire the department will charge \$100, the second hour \$50, and the third \$25. The matter of attending small fires will be left to the discretion of the chief.

Suburbs mentioned in the agreement are Broadmead, Oxford Park, Pottery, Kensington Heights, and such institutions as Mount St. Joseph and the Byron Sanatorium.

GRAVELLING IN COUNTY NOW BEING PUSHED

Quarters For County Workmen
Established at Coldstream Pit.

Gravelling operations on county roads in the townships of Metcalfe, Lobo, Carleton Place and Eglar, and the town of Stratford are being rushed ahead by the county gang, with headquarters at the Coldstream pit. A portable house has been erected on the property and houses the four drivers of the huge county trucks, the pit overseer and the cook, County Engineer Charles Talbot states.

NEWLY FORMED CLUB HAS SEVENTEEN MEMBERS

R. A. Finn, of the department of agriculture, Middlesex branch, reports 17 members in the recently formed "hog club" of Lobo Township. Mr. Finn is securing pigs six weeks' old, of the bacon type, for the various boys and girl contestants whose hogs will be shown at the school fairs, and later on shipped to Toronto to compete with hogs raised in other counties.

KING WILL TESTIFY AT BANK PROBE TOMORROW

Dominion's Premier Will Tell
of Efforts To Save the
Institution.

WHITE TO APPEAR

Will Be Given Chance To
Explain \$1,500 Fee From
Home Bank.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, May 8.—Premier Mackenzie King will appear before the Home Bank commission tomorrow morning to tell of efforts made by the government to save the bank just before the collapse of the institution. The prime minister communicated with government counsel during this morning's brief sitting, and said he would attend and make a statement tomorrow.

After tomorrow's sitting, there will be an adjournment, probably until the first phase of the inquiry will be heard. Sir Thomas White will be given an opportunity to argue his case and also to explain the payment to him of \$1,500 by the bank just prior to its failure.

The investigation will, of course, continue after the conclusion of the first phase, which concerns merely the claim of the depositors against the government.

This morning's sitting lasted only half an hour.

A letter from E. B. Sutton, M.B. of Port Credit, Ont., stating that Mr. Haney former president of the Home Bank, was ill and could not be allowed to go out for several months, was read at the opening of the sitting. The letter stated that Mr. Haney was suffering from inflammation of the right sciatic nerve.

E. J. Roberts, secretary of the finance department, was recalled to the stand to give information regarding the return of Sir Thomas White's private file of letters on the bank. He said he had returned the file on May 7, and he thought it his duty to do so.

Elaborate Plans Made To Suicide

Frenchman Buys Expensive
Coffin Before Ending Life.

Associated Press Despatch.
Bernay, France, May 8.—Elaborate preparations for his final rest were made by Ernest Deshay, a laborer, before taking his life here recently. First he invested all his savings in a handsome oak coffin. When it was delivered he placed in it a soft pillow, a hot water bottle and a flask of old brandy. Then, dressing himself in his best, he hanged himself, choosing for the purpose a peach tree in full bloom.

SASKATCHEWAN SWEEP BY TERRIFIC BLIZZARD

Seeding Operations at Complete
Standstill in Southern Part
of Province.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Moose Jaw, Sask., May 8.—Records of freak weather in different seasons of the year are numerous in Saskatchewan, but none approach the blizzard which raged over a large portion of Southwest Saskatchewan Sunday night and Monday. Snow in several places was reported to a depth of over ten inches, telephone and telegraph service interrupted and seeding operations at a standstill. In the Mossbank area and in the south and west not only did the storm completely tie up spring farming operations, but it blocked traffic between towns for automobiles. Snow fell to a depth of 18 inches in some sections. Mossbank is completely cut off from telephone and telegraphic communication with nearby towns and villages, repairs to the line with Moose Jaw affording the only liaison at present with the outside world.

B. C. PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS LIKELY TO BE HELD JUNE 21

Victoria, B. C., May 8.—It is unofficially stated here that the provincial general elections will be held June 21, Saturday. A plebiscite on the question of whether the election should be taken in the summer months is being taken. It is believed, on the same day.



HON. W. L. MACKENZIE KING,
premier of Canada, who will appear tomorrow morning before the McKeeeting commission investigating the failure of the Home Bank.

CURRIE TO MEET OFFICIALS TODAY

Street Railway Price Expected
To Be Given Out This
Afternoon.

This is the day when the mayor promises to get "the low dollar" on the purchase price of the street railway from President Currie of Cleveland, who has promised to meet the mayor in his office this afternoon to submit a price to the city.

In spite of the arrangement for the meeting, the mayor had not heard from Mr. Currie at 2 o'clock, and R. G. Ivey, vice-president of the railway, was in the same position.

Both felt assured that the negotiators for the railway would keep their appointment with the mayor, and the outcome of the meeting and the best offer that the company feels it can make will be known tonight.

After the meeting between the mayor and the president, there is a meeting between the special committee appointed to go into the question of the paving of the track allowance of the street railway with Mr. Currie. The members of this committee are the mayor and Aldermen Douglass and Greer. The much-discussed question of who shall do this paving will also find an answer today.

WORKMAN INJURED.

James Garside of Byron, a workman employed on the new West London Public School, fell 15 feet from a scaffold there yesterday afternoon, sustaining injuries to his back and leg. His condition is not regarded as serious.

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Drop "Debating Societies" And Give Utilities Power Is Proposal of R. H. Dowler

Number of Members on Council and Education Too Large, He Declares.

CITY MANAGER FORM

Believes Public Utilities Could
Handle City's Affairs
Economically.

Turning the city government over to the public utility commissioners is the only hope of London reaching a fuller commercial life and greater progress, according to R. H. Dowler. "The sooner we have fewer debating societies in the city and a more businesslike administration of the various sides of civic administration, the sooner London will become a sound business center, giving more attention to the fundamentals of business growth and progress and less valuable time to profitless talk and recrimination," he said, in speaking of the business side of London's development.

What I advocated years ago and advocate now with still stronger reasons is the introduction of the city manager form of civic government. The present city council is too big, and so is the board of education. Five members would be plenty in both bodies, and that would allow them to get things done in a businesslike way and not spend days and weeks and months in deciding questions that four or five businessmen would decide in a few hours at most.

Then the ward system of electing the aldermen is faulty, and only adds the fuel of petty politics to hinder the legitimate business of the city.

Provided Capable.

"As I see things, the public utilities commissioners have proved completely to the people that they are capable of running a very large concern in a businesslike way, profitably and expeditiously. My idea would be to turn the city manager over to the commissioners and allow them to run it. I have not the slightest doubt that they would do it well and economically and give the city better service than it has ever had in developing it both commercially and in every other way."

"London is a city with extraordinary attractions to business in many ways, and it will never realize them as long as the present debating society system of municipal government is in vogue. "Sooner or later we are bound to come to some simplified form of city control if we are to keep pace with the times."

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PORTUGUESE AVIATORS CRASH AT PAPIER

Associated Press Despatch.
Allahabad, British India, May 7.—The Portuguese aviators, Britonessa and Sarmiento Beiros, attempting a flight from Lisbon to Macao, China, are reported to have crashed at Papier, in Jodhpur.

CLARKSON IS DETERMINED TO COLLECT LIABILITY

Receiver For Home Bank Disputes London Shareholders' Claim.

WILL GO TO COURTS

Maintains Legal Charter Can
Easily Be Established.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, May 8.—"We hope to convince the court that there never was any charter for the Home Bank and that, therefore, there could be no shareholders who have to pay the double liability," stated J. G. O'Donoghue, in comment on the action of certain London shareholders, who have refused to pay their double liability as shareholders in the Home Bank.

"The case is to come before the courts," continued Mr. O'Donoghue. "The master in chambers has appointed James Bain, K.C., and myself to prepare a defence common to all the shareholders. That defence is in the process of preparation at present, and the point that there was no legal charter will be included along with various others."

Claim Is Disputed.

An objection has been raised to the point that if there was no charter the shareholders would not have to pay the double liability. This objection is that if the Home Bank did not have a legal charter, it would be a partnership, and consequently all shareholders would be partners, and so liable for all the debts, not merely to the extent of a double liability equal to the value of their shares. "I don't think there is anything in this objection, though," stated Mr. O'Donoghue.

Clarkson To Sue.

Some London shareholders have not paid up their double liability although the last date for payment was to have been the first of this month. "We are going to the courts to collect this," stated G. T. Clarkson, receiver for the Home Bank, in speaking of this matter to The Advertiser today. "The bank has a charter. They claim it is illegal. It will be declared by the courts before whom the case is at present. I do not know just when it will come up for trial."

U. A. Buchner, stated this morning that he was sending his double liability money to Toronto today as a shareholder in the Home Bank. "The shareholders have to pay the money," said Mr. Buchner. "But if it should turn out that we could have raised a defence regarding the charter on anything else, we will be protected. I have been informed from Toronto."

ICE ON GREAT LAKES HOLDS UP STEAMERS

Coldness of Weather Causes a
Delay in Opening of the
Year's Traffic.

Due to the prevalence of large fields of ice in the Great Lakes and the coldness of the weather, the sailing of the steamer Huronic has been cancelled from Sarnia on Wednesday. The first boat to leave Sarnia, weather permitting, will be the steamer Harmonic, which is scheduled to leave Sarnia on Tuesday. Large shipments of freight had been received by the C. N. R. and were forwarded to Point Edward dock for shipment on the Huronic, but will be subject to delay.

The Florentine Dagger

A thrilling story of love
and romance—

By BEN HECHT,

starts in The Advertiser
on Monday.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, May 8.—Glasgow University today conferred the honorary degree of doctor of divinity on Rev. R. Bruce Taylor, D.D., LL.D., principal and vice-chancellor of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.