

FIRE FIEND APPEARS ON TRAIL
OF THE HORSES OF LONDON

Mr. Thomas Lawrason
Has Lost Seven Animals
in a Few Months.

ORIGIN OF FIRES
IS A MYSTERY

But Mr. Lawrason Thinks They
Are the Work of Some
Evil-Minded Person.

"It is my opinion that the recent
fires in which my horses have been
destroyed must be the work of some
evil-minded person."

This statement was made by Mr.
Thomas Lawrason, who lost seven
horses in a fire that burned his
stable on King street.

"I am completely at sea as to the
cause of these fires. I have not
heard of any one who has been
long enough to make a complaint.
I can offer no suggestion nor
evidence as to the cause of these fires,
but I know that I have lost seven
horses in a few months, in addition to
other losses. All of the destroyed
horses were small amount on five
and six years of age. I am completely
puzzled. As I said before, the work must
be that of a fiend."

The remarks of Mr. Lawrason have
caused the citizens about the number
of horses destroyed in fires in a very
few months in the city.

A Complete Mystery.

The origin of every one of the
fires is a mystery.

One man and 25 or 40 horses have
been burned to death in London with-
in a short time.

At the fire that destroyed the Har-
rison and Columbia Hotel stables last
fall, half a dozen fine animals were
burned to death.

When Andy Thompson's livery was
consumed on Dundas street, thirteen
horses were destroyed.

Macdonald & Ferguson's livery was
also destroyed last fall, and the sta-
bleman and fourteen horses perished.

Smaller fires accounted for the loss
of others. In the latest, that of last
night, the total was increased by five
more.

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with a mania for burning barns and
destroying horses.

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vestigation into the matter will be un-
dertaken by the police department,
and an effort made to bring the culprit
or culprits to justice.

MEX. REBELS VANISH
AFTER LONG FIGHT

Not a Sign of Them When the
Federals Approach and
Occupy Agua Prieta.

[Canadian Press.]

Agua Prieta, Mexico, April 18.—The
rebel army, after almost eighteen
hours of incessant fighting yesterday,
has been driven from the town of Agua
Prieta, and the town is now in the
hands of the federal forces.

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after a long and hard fight. The fed-
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MR. MACKAY SPEAKS
AT KINGVILLE TODAY

Will Address a Convention of
South Essex Liberals.

Hon. A. G. MacKay left this morning
for Kingsville, where he will today ad-
dress the convention of South Essex
Liberals. Candidates for both Houses
were chosen. Mr. A. H. Clarke, M. P.,
has tendered his resignation to the ex-
ecutive and will not be a candidate. A
successor will be named and a con-
ference also chosen for the Legislature.
Mr. MacKay will speak at the board
of trade banquet in the evening.

HON. JAMES BRYCE.
British Ambassador to Washington, Who
Will Speak in London on
Saturday.

RUSK LOCATED
IN WINGHAM

London Blacksmith Has Been
Taking an Interest in
Church Work.

CAN'T BE BROUGHT BACK

A Different Procedure Will Be Nec-
essary if He Is to Answer Charge
Laid by His Wife.

Rowland Rusk, the Ottawa avenue
blacksmith, who left his home some
days ago, has been located in Win-
gham, through an article which ap-
peared in the Advertiser, in which it
was stated that his wife had sworn out a
complaint, charging him with desertion.

Rusk, it is said, has been employed
for the past couple of weeks as assist-
ant blacksmith in Holmes' shop in
Wingham, and incidentally has inter-
ested himself in church affairs. He has
been placed with Inspector Sanders, who
has been in missions and church af-
fairs in this city.

In Church Work.

Upon his arrival in the town, he
asked the location of a church of a
certain denomination. The person ac-
cused by him happened to be a prime
member of the church, and after a
short chat invited Rusk to attend his
place of worship. The London man
declined the invitation, saying he had
been in missions and church af-
fairs in this city.

An Advertiser subscriber in the
town noticed the story published, and
informed the pastor. While no action
was taken at the moment, the police
of London have since been notified,
but it appears that Rusk cannot be
brought back on the warrant as now
sworn out.

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OXFORD CRAFT
CASES ON TODAY

Charges Against Buchanan and
McCarty at Elgin Assizes.

FIRST IN MANY YEARS

Large Number of Witnesses Called
and Trial Is Expected To Be
Prolonged.

[Canadian Press.]

St. Thomas, April 18.—The charges
of craft which rest against M. T. Buchanan,
of Ingersoll, former warden of Oxford
County, and B. B. McCarty, of Thames-
ford, formerly warden of East Nisour,
are to be investigated in the assizes
court, which opened here this afternoon
at 2 o'clock before Justice Middleton.

The Oxford cases are the only criminal
cases on the list, and furnish the first
criminal cases for Elgin County in five
years.

The grand jury will be addressed at 2
o'clock, and while craft charges are be-
ing considered, the circuit will proceed
with civil suits. If true bills are return-
ed, the trial of the Oxford men will com-
mence tomorrow morning.

George Tate Buchanan is here to act
as crown prosecutor, and W. T. McMillen
and J. G. Wallace, of Woodstock, will
defend the two. The cases are expected
to last all week, as a large number of
witnesses are to be called.

HARRISTON LADY
HIT BY A TRUCK

Aged Mrs. Doubleday May Have Re-
ceived Internal Injuries.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, April 18.—Mrs. Doubleday,
of Harriston, Ont., was knocked down
by an electric delivery truck this morn-
ing as she got off a street car on
Yonge street, while on her way to
visit her daughter on the neck and
may have received internal injuries.
Mrs. Doubleday is 75 years old.

BAKERS SUMMONED

Nine of Them at Toronto Charged
With Selling Light Bread.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, April 18.—L. Brown, F. W.
Chandler, J. W. Brandon and W. H.
Spill, four bakers, will be summoned
for selling lightweight bread. This
makes nine bakers summoned in a
week.

CREAM BY FREIGHT

Railway Commission Resumes Hearing
on Dairy Companies' Complaint.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 18.—The railway com-
mission this morning resumed its hearing
on the application of the dairy com-
panies of Montreal and the dairy
companies of Ottawa for an order com-
pelling the railway to carry cream in
baggage cars at the same conditions as
they now carry milk. At present cream
has to be shipped by express, and this
often involves considerable loss through
delay in delivery.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Mild. Showers.
FORECASTS.

Today—Fair, with higher temperature.
Wednesday—Moderate to fresh south-
easterly to southerly winds, with
some showers.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. Max. Min. Weather.

Munich. 43. 36. Cloudy.

Calgary. 43. 36. Cloudy.

8,000,000 Fish for Port Stanley

Eight million fry arrived in the city today from the Gov-
ernment fish hatcheries in Lake St. Clair, and were taken to
Port Stanley this afternoon and placed in Lake Erie. The fish
were mostly pickerel and herring, and are conveyed in special
cans. They attracted a good deal of attention from the crowd
at the depot.

A TAX RATE OF 23 MILLS
WILL LIKELY BE DECIDED UPON

Finance Committee Have Given Up Hope of Reducing It Below
the Above Named Figure for the
Present Year.

The finance committee have given up
all hope of reducing the tax rate to
22½ mills, and have practically de-
cided upon 23 mills.

At a meeting held Monday afternoon
the whole question was gone into thor-
oughly. At that time the rate was
23½ mills, but the water commis-
sioners relieved them of a little better
than half a mill, by guaranteeing to
meet the debt service on the Niagara
power.

That brought it down to 23 mills,
and every effort was made to reduce
it another half mill.
After scrutinizing every possible

item, however, it was found that noth-
ing could be done. Consequently there
was little left to do but make the
rate that sum.

Mr. W. M. Spencer and Mr. A. M.
Hunt, of the Western Fair board, were
present, and made a proposition for a
grant of \$3,000.

They outlined briefly the great bene-
fit to the city, and asked the committee
to adopt the proposition. The commit-
tee was not asked for much, and de-
clared Mr. Spencer's plan "very good."
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7TH REGIMENT UNDER CANVAS
FOR FOUR DAYS AT GODERICH

Move Is on Foot to Give Local Boys an Outing Which Should
Prove of Much Benefit to the Crack Corps—May Be
Trip on May 24th—Col. Otter Springs
a Surprise.

Gen. Otter paid a surprise visit to
this city last night, and inspected the
Seventh Regiment, when they turned
out for their usual weekly drill in the
armories.

He was greatly pleased with the
showing the men made, and expressed
his opinion to Col. Campbell and the
officers in warm praise, both for the
drilling and the general appearance of
the regiment.

It is likely that arrangements will
be completed very shortly by which
the Seventh and some of the city reg-
iments in the district will spend four
days under canvas at Goderich, while
the camp is on.

The officers are greatly in favor of
such a trip, as they say it will be a
great training for the men and give them
an experience that is much needed
among city regiments, that of actual
conditions of living in the field.

On many occasions attempts have
been made by the officers of various
city regiments to get their men under
canvas for a short time just for the
training they receive, and the present
is deemed a most favorable opportu-
nity.

The men themselves are greatly
pleased with the prospect of the out-
ing.

They also expect to have a short
trip to some neighboring city on the
24th of May. No place has been chosen
yet, but the committee of officers who
are looking after the matter are get-
ting in touch with several places which
would like to have the regiment over
the holiday.

A BIG KNITTING FACTORY
ORGANIZED FOR LONDON

Concern Will Soon Commence
Business in This City.

London will soon have a large new
industry.

A company is being formed under a
Dominion charter to manufacture knit-
ting goods, stockings, and other knit
goods, in this city.

It will be a branch of the large Mil-
lery Manufacturing Company, which is one
of the kind doing business in
America.

The London directors are Mr. Geo. M.
Reid and Mr. F. F. Harper. Other Lon-
don capitalists are interested in the
company.

"We will establish a large branch
here," Mr. Reid informed The Advertiser.
"We will arrange for a place of manu-
facture shortly, and we will employ a
large number of hands in our business."

RURAL DEAN HILL
MAY SCORE VICTORY

Test May Be Applied for Those
Who Are Entitled To
Vote.

The vestry meeting of St. John the
Evangelist Church will be held this
evening, and it promises to be a most
interesting occasion.

His Lordship Bishop Williams will pre-
side and conduct the business coming
up before the congregation.

It is expected that there will be
rather an interesting occasion, as both
sides are prepared to protect their
rights to the fullest extent.

It is rumored that the indications are
that the rector, Rev. W. T. Hill, will
score a victory.

For some time past the name of the
church has been closely studied, and it
has been found that all those who have
not taken communion at least two or
three times during the year are not en-
titled to vote on matters pertaining to
the vestry.

EAST MIDDLESEX
FOR RECIPROCITY

Hon. A. G. MacKay in Strong
Address Points Out the
Benefits.

THE BUFFALO MARKET

Comparison of Prices Shows Better
Figures for Hogs, Cattle and
Poultry Under Reciprocity.

"Resolved, that it is the firm
and well-considered opinion of
those in mass meeting assembled,
farmers and others, electors of the
east riding of Middlesex, that the
proposed reciprocal trade arrange-
ment between Canada and the
United States, which is now be-
fore our own House of Commons
and American Congress, will, if
adopted by both countries, prove
of great and lasting benefit to all
sections and classes of our Coun-
try, but more especially the agri-
culturalists."

The above resolution was carried
unanimously at a public meeting held
last night at Lambeth.

It was moved by Mr. T. H. Elliott,
and seconded by Mr. E. S. Hunt, two
well-known farmers of that district.

When it was put, the whole audience
rose as one man. Plenty of opportu-
nity was given those opposed to
show their position, but not a single
individual in the audience voted
against it. The result kindled great
enthusiasm in the audience.

A Great Crowd Out.

The town hall was filled to capacity,
many in the audience coming from a
considerable distance to hear Hon. A.
G. MacKay, the speaker of the evening.

The leader of the Opposition was
in fine form, delivering one of the
best speeches heard in Lambeth in
many a day. He combined his attention
to reciprocity, and dealt with the sub-
ject from every possible standpoint.

Mr. McWilliam, a former
Liberal candidate for East Middlesex,
and Mr. Alex. Lamont, of St. Thomas,
spoke briefly. Dr. G. A. Routledge, ex-
M. P., occupied the chair.

Dr. Routledge, in opening the meet-
ing, expressed his great pleasure at
seeing so large an audience. It showed clear-
ly that all were interested in the great
question of reciprocity. He was de-
lighted to have Hon. A. G. MacKay
present, as the electors of
Middlesex and vicinity would be certain to hear
a good speech.

"Not in many years, has any ques-
tion evoked so much interest and re-
sulted in such a large gathering. The
Liberal policy has ever been the
greatest good to the greatest number,
and in this the party is but following
out its great record."

The Party of Progress.

Dr. McWilliam spoke last. He
recounted some of the historic politi-
cal events of the past.

NEW RULE REGARDING
AUTOS IN THE STREETS

One Citizen Hauled Into Court
For Allowing Vehicle
To Stand.

A new feature of the bylaw in regard
to encumbering the city streets, was
heard at the police court this morning.

When Frank Taylor, of Park avenue, was
summoned for allowing his auto to stand
on the pavement for about two hours.

It happens that the auto was only a
short distance away from the corner
of Dundas and York streets, and had
been left there for some time. The
police officer who saw it, saw the re-
flection of the sun on the pavement,
and left the machine standing for
hours on the street, the whole thorough-
fare would be blocked.

"There is no question about it that
your auto has been encumbering the
street," the court told Mr. Taylor, "and
that you have been making a garage of
the street."

"How long may I let the machine stand
without breaking the law?" asked Mr.
Taylor.

"The bylaw says that vehicles are to
be left standing only long enough to give
business a chance to transact any
people a reasonable time to transact any
business," said the court. "No time is
specified."

"This isn't like a horse that is tied
to a post," said Chief Williams. "It will
run away. Still, suppose half a
dozen businessmen, did like Mr. Taylor,
and left their machines standing for
hours on the street, the whole thorough-
fare would be blocked."

"Well, we won't let the people see
only a few feet away stand with their
cars, and we can't allow an auto to
stand, either," said the court. "I am not
going to impose any fine this time, but
you mustn't do it again."

PERRY GRAHAM'S FUNERAL

Several Cabinet Ministers and Press
Gallies Men Will Attend.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 18.—Hon. Charles Fisher,
Hon. Charles Murphy and Hon. W. L.
Mackenzie King, with several members
of parliament and of the press, will
attend the funeral of Perry M. Graham, son of
the late Perry M. Graham, minister of
the interior, and a member of the
parliamentary press gallery during
this session.

REFUSED LEAVE TO APPEAL.

Toronto, April 18.—Mr. Justice Mid-
dleton has refused the application of
the Canada Mail Order, Limited, to
appeal in the decision of Chancellor
Boyd, who set aside the judgment of
Official Referee Cartwright, who
placed the firm in liquidation.

The amount for which the Hamilton
firm was placed on the list of con-
tributors was the amount over the 10
percent, which was paid in cash for
the stock.

FIVE HORSES LOST
IN STABLE FIRE

Valuable Animals Burned to a
Crisp on the Columbia Hotel
Premises Last Night.

THE WORK OF A FIREBUG

Stable Was Destroyed for the Second
Time Within 3½ Months—A
Lucky Pony Saved.

Five horses belonging to Mr. Thom-
as Lawrason, of the Sylvester Manufac-
turing Company, were burned to death
last night in a fire that completely de-
stroyed the stables at the rear of the
Columbia Hotel on King street, short-
ly before 9 o'clock.

The fire was undoubtedly of in-
cidental origin, as the firemen detect-
ed the odor of kerosene soon after
their arrival.

This is the second time within a few
months that this stable has been set
on fire, and makes a total of seven
horses belonging to Mr. Lawrason that
have been destroyed by fire. There is
no clue to the perpetrator.

The fire was discovered by a board-
er of the Columbia Hotel, who on
looking out of his window saw the
flames pouring out of the building.

An alarm was immediately turned
in. Assistant Fire Chief Scott, who
was in charge of the brigade, saw the
reflection, and was trying to locate
the trouble when the alarm came.

The firemen soon had several
streams playing on the blaze.

A Lucky Pony.

Mr. Charles James had a pony in
the stable adjoining, and some of the
men at the hotel got the animal out
with considerable difficulty. The
same horse was rescued a few months
ago under almost identical the same
circumstances.

There was no possibility of rescuing
the horses belonging to Mr. Lawrason.
The whole place was a mass of flames
when the firemen got to work, and
there was no chance whatever to get
them out.

Efforts were made to cut a partition
through into the Lawson stable, but
the flames were too hot to permit of
that.

It looked like a very serious blaze
for a few minutes, as there are many
frame buildings in the neighborhood,
but Assistant Chief Scott and his men
put up a gallant fight, and after a
short but rather interesting fight sub-
dued the flames.

A Big Loss.

The five horses were burned to a
crisp. They were valuable animals,
the loss totalling \$1,000. The loss on
the building was fixed at \$250.

This is the second time, as stated
above, that this stable has been burn-
ed. Last fall the place was discovered
to be on fire, and Mr. Lawrason's
horses were removed with some diffi-
culty. They were taken over to the
stables at the rear of the Harrison
House for safe keeping. Within half
an hour this stable was also burned,
Mr. Lawrason losing two valuable ani-
mals. No clue of the incendiary was
discovered at that time.

FIREBUG'S WORK.

"We could detect the odor of kero-
sene as soon as we arrived," said As-
sistant Chief Scott. "There is no
question in my mind but that the
place was set on fire. I saw the re-
flection out of the window, and had
just raised it to see what the trouble
was when the alarm came in. It was
a hot fire for a short time."

MAGISTRATE TALKED OF
A FIFTY DOLLAR FINE

And Patrick McCue Was Given a
Bad Night.

Patrick McCue, a citizen who has been
appearing regularly in the police court
for some years for drunkenness, got a
few surprises when he came up today
on the