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MAMMOTH DEMONSTRATION IN QUEEN'S PARK
SPLENDID PROGRAMME FOR LABOR DAYCommittee of Trades and Labor Council Have All in
Readiness for the Big Event.History of the Day Which Is
Acknowledged To Be
Labor's Own.

Today is the day of all days for organized labor. Unions may have excursions and picnics and celebrations during the year, but on the first Monday in September all unions get together and celebrate their Magna Charta day, the day when they are recognized officially as one of the mighty forces in the country.

The day takes rank among the patriotic holidays of Canada. London for twelve years now has been celebrating Labor Day, and the celebrations have become greater each year, with the result that there is less out-of-town travel on this day than on any week-end holiday of the year.

The First Labor Day.

The first Labor Day celebration held in Canada was held in Toronto in 1885. It was a comparatively small affair, compared with the celebrations of later days, but it gave promise of better things to come. In 1886 Montreal fell into line with a large demonstration. In 1891 Quebec followed the other cities. At that time, while the celebrations were generally held on the first Monday in September, the day was not officially recognized as a holiday, and at times there was some difficulty between men and their employers regarding it.

Considerable agitation began to make the day a public holiday, and the matter was brought to the attention of the House of Commons. During all these years the labor movement had been making considerable headway—so much so, in fact, that the unions were recognized as a force great enough to receive official recognition.

Act Passed.

In 1894, during the regime of the

MR. H. B. ARCHER,
President of the London Trades and
Labor Council.

late Sir John Thompson, an act was passed making the first Monday in September a national holiday for Canada. That act is still in force. In 1896 the cardinal principle of the labor agitation, at that time and since, the eight-hour day, was officially recognized by the Government by making the eight-hour day applicable to the Government printing bureau.

The first Labor Day celebration was held in London in 1895, the year after the act came in force. Every year since that demonstrations have been held, and all have been very successful. New and interesting features are introduced every year.

The labor unions are looking forward with much expectancy to the

celebration today in Queen's Park.

Parade Dispensed With.

The parade, one of the great features of other years, has been cut out this year, as it was considered too expensive, as well as involving too much time of the men engaged in it. This year the whole day will be spent at the park, and there will be enough doing all the time to make the most pessimistic forget his troubles and be joyful. The committee in charge have been enterprising and enthusiastic, with the result that they have gathered together a programme that will prove a splendid attraction and put the London celebration in the forefront of Labor Day exercises.

If the day is bright, nothing will prevent the workmen of London enjoying the best demonstration yet.

A Splendid Programme.

A splendid vaudeville programme will be given, in which such artists as Bert Harvey, Leroy Kenney, Master Frank Clegg, Victor Lewis, the Imperial Quartet, besides a strong array of dancers, will participate. It was expected that Onelda, which was billed as an extra strong attraction, would be present, but a telegram was received on Friday announcing that it would be impossible for the lady to be present.

The wires were kept busy by the secretary, and he announces that Bert Walton, the padlock king, a very strong attraction, will positively appear, and will delight the audiences just as much as Onelda would have done. The vaudeville programme will be also given in the evening, and is sure to attract a large crowd. The Twenty-sixth Regiment Band will play both afternoon and evening.

The Day's Events.

The afternoon programme is as follows:

Boys' race, 15 years and under, 50 yards—1 \$1, 2 75 cents, 3 50 cents.

Girls' race, 15 years and under, 50 yards—1 \$1, 2 75 cents, 3 50 cents.

Fat men's race, 200 pounds and over, 100 yards—1 \$3, 2 \$2, 3 \$1.

Men's race, 100 yards, open—1 \$3, 2 \$2, 3 \$1.

Relay—running race, one mile, for

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THE NORTH BRANCH AT BROUGH'S BRIDGE.

The above cut shows the north branch of the Thames at Brough's bridge, looking east. river is exposed, the flow of water being reduced to a mere bagatelle.

Dropped Dead in a Room of Hotel;
Mr. Martin O'Meara Dies SuddenlyCalled by Death While Walking
Through the House—Successful
Hotelman.

Mr. Martin O'Meara, proprietor of the Grigg House, dropped dead in a room of the hotel Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock.

Mr. O'Meara's death came with awful suddenness.

He had been ill for the past three years, and most of the time had found it necessary to employ a nurse to care for him.

For some time, however, he had been feeling pretty well, and on Saturday morning his spirits ran very high. To his son and several other persons he remarked that he never felt better and he ate a hearty breakfast and dinner.

The latter meal was partaken of quite late, and it was close upon 3 o'clock when he left the dining-room.

He chatted with several people in the hallway and then, as was his usual custom, he took his cane and began a walk about the hotel to see if everything was all right.

Died Almost Instantly.

He stepped into one of the rooms to look about it and as he did so one of the employees heard him exclaim, and then fell onto the bed. He had evidently attempted to sit down when the weakness overtook him, and had died almost instantly.

Dr. George H. Wilson, of York

street, was summoned and he declared death to have been caused by heart failure.

The late Mr. O'Meara was one of the best known and most successful

hotelmen in Canada. He was about 78 years of age, and was born in Nenagh, Tipperary, Ireland.

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Detroit Young Lady Lost in London;
Visitor to the City DisappearsPolice Asked to Locate Miss De
Pappi—Has Friends on
Hyman Street.

One of the strangest cases of sudden disappearance that has come to light in this city in a long time took place last night when Miss Irene de Pappi, a handsome young Belgian woman, who was visiting friends on Hyman street, disappeared as if by magic and has not since been located.

Miss de Pappi came to this city to visit Miss Anna Watson, of 148 Hyman street, yesterday and intended to stay here during fall week.

Felt Indisposed.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Watson went down town to do some shopping, leaving their visitor home as she had stated that she felt slightly indisposed and did not care to accompany them.

When the couple returned home about ten o'clock Miss de Pappi was missing, but no alarm was felt at her absence for some time as her hosts thought that she might have merely

decided to take a short stroll before retiring. When she had not returned up to midnight, however, they became alarmed and notified the police of the occurrence, besides telephoning the station master at the G. T. R. station.

No Word As Yet.

Not a word has been heard of the missing girl since her disappearance, however, and her friends and relatives in Detroit have been notified of the incident.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson have no theory to advance for the girl's disappearance except that she might have taken a walk out in the country and have become lost in the darkness. Even then, though she would have certainly found her way back to the city today some time. The case is a most puzzling one and the police refuse to talk on the subject at all.

The theory of premeditated flight is set at rest by the fact that Miss de Pappi did not take with her any clothes other than what she wore.

The Watsons and Miss de Pappi had been friends for a long time and they are greatly worried over her disappearance.

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ESTIMABLE LONDON

LADY PASSES AWAY

Very Sudden Death of Mrs. William Gurd, of 417 Princess Avenue.

In the death of Mrs. Mary Gurd, who died suddenly at Port Stanley yesterday, London loses one of its oldest and most respected ladies.

Mrs. Gurd had been visiting for a few days at the Port, and showed no signs of illness until yesterday morning, when she was suddenly taken ill. Medical assistance was at once called, but the lady expired shortly before noon.

Mrs. Gurd is survived by her husband, Mr. William Gurd, the local gunsmith; three children, Florence and Emma, at home, and Walter, of this city; two sisters, Mrs. William Skinner, wife of ex-Ald. William Skinner, and Mrs. Thura Burgess, also of this city; and a brother, Professor William Saunders, of the Ottawa experimental farm.

The late lady was a devout church worker, and for years had been a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Gurd was a daughter of the late William Saunders, of this city, was born in Crediton, Devonshire, England, and came to this city in 1849. For a number of years she has resided at 417 Princess avenue.

The funeral, which will be private, will take place from the family residence on Tuesdays to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

THE WEATHER.

TODAY—FAIR.

Observatory, Toronto, Sept. 1.—An area of low pressure which is developing over the great lakes tonight is causing showers and thunderstorms in Ontario. The weather in the Western Provinces has been fine and warmer, while in the east it has been fair and comparatively cool.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Atlin, 46-54; Vancouver, 48-59; Kamloops, 50-59; Edmonton, 38-48; Calgary, 36-46; Prince Albert, 36-48; Regina, 36-46; Winnipeg, 37-48; Parry Sound, 50-72; Toronto, 52-70; Montreal, 58-64; Quebec, 46-64; Halifax, 52-62.

FORECASTS.

Lower Lake and Georgian Bay: Strong breezes and moderate local gales, westerly to northerly; fair; cooler again by night.

Visitors Swarming Into London;
Large Crowds Arrive for the HolidayHotelmen Remark the Large
Number of People From
Outside Places.

On Dominion Day the statement was made by city ticket agents that Londoners appeared to be going en masse to Detroit, Buffalo and other points.

Now, according to local hotelkeepers, there is another story to tell.

From every point of the compass, and by all incoming roads, outsiders

are swarming into this city.

Swarming In.

"I have never seen so many out-of-town people registered at my hotel the night previous to a holiday, since I have been in business," declared a well-known hotelman last night, and a glance at the register supported the statement.

People from almost every point of the compass were registered there, and not a few of those registered were Americans. Detroit and Buffalo were especially well represented. Of course the bulk of out-of-town people here

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Three Italians of Title
Killed at Auto Races

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Rome, Sept. 1.—The automobile race for the Florio cup at Brescia today will long be remembered. It resulted directly or indirectly in the death of three prominent persons, two of them men of title and the serious injury of two other persons. The accidents were the worst that have occurred in the history of motor racing.

The first accident occurred last night. The Marquis Pallavicino was driving his auto from Rome to Brescia to witness the race. With him in the car were Signor Malvano, an eminent lawyer, a chauffeur, and a mechanic. Near Magenta, while the car was crossing the railway tracks a train suddenly dashed down at full speed into the side of the car. All the occupants of the car were thrown out on the track. Signor Malvano died immediately of a broken skull. The Marquis Pallavicino died in the hospital

at Magenta this morning of his injuries. The chauffeur was dangerously injured. The mechanic was the only one of the occupants of the car who escaped unhurt.

During the race itself at Brescia, Baron de Martino was entering the fourth round when his car suddenly capsized, pinning the baron underneath. The crowd witnessing this race was terrified for a moment, but men soon rushed to the rescue. It was too late, however, for the baron was already dead. The accident was apparently due to some sudden damage to the brake of the car which caused the driver to lose control of the machine, which blundered into the edge of the street where it was overturned and fell into a small ditch. The mechanic of the car was also seriously hurt.

The Florio cup was won by Minola, driving an Isotta-Fraschini car made in Italy.

Tragedy of a London Wedding Ring

A wedding ring has caused all kinds of trouble in this world since the invention of matrimony, and last week it caused considerable worry to a couple couple. The story has just leaked out.

The young persons were going to be married last Wednesday, and decided that last Sunday would be a good day for a rehearsal. Even matrimony to be successful must be rehearsed.

The leading actors and their assistants were assembled at the bride's home, and the ceremony was gone through with more or less success.

The little gold band was slipped over the prospective bride's little finger and she smiled as only a woman can smile when she has landed a man. Everything went as merry as the proverbial marriage bell until the groom came to the conclusion that he ought to have his ring back to finish off the real marriage the next week.

Ring Was Sticker.

Then the bride got busy. The ring

failed to come off. The groom probably learned finger measuring in a correspondence school, and not in the old-fashioned method of holding hands. She tugged and she tore, but the ring was on to stay, and the poor bride did not know whether she was married or whether she would be married. She tugged at the ring, but it failed to move. It was tighter than a sailor on shore leave. Her finger began to swell and she worried.

The whole family tried to separate the girl from her jewelry but there was "nothing doing." Then she became genuinely alarmed. Her finger was twice its normal size, and there seemed no chance for the doctor to get it off. He tried manfully, but he failed no better than the rest.

He then cut the ring in two. The groom hurried out early the next morning and had it fixed.

The ring would bind any woman to him for life, so he wanted it fixed and real badly.

Labor Day Is Last Day of the Holidays

Today is the last of the school holidays, and tomorrow the "kiddies" will be packing their books, and with longing looks will turn towards the schools. Some of them will confess that they are glad the holidays are over, and that they want to go back to school, but the boy—the healthy boy—will turn up his nose, and declare that the holidays are too short. There is never enough time for play. The routine of school life does not appeal to him, and work is not in his line.

Tomorrow the little army of clean-frocked youngsters will march to greet their new teachers. The summer is the time for promotion, and there will

be much wonderment on the morrow as to what the teacher will be like. Promotions are not too pleasant to the kiddies, and there is always sadness in the child's heart when he parts with his old friend, the old teacher.

There will be many changes in the staffs of the London schools. These changes were outlined last week in The Advertiser. There may be more. The teachers are anxious, as is Inspector Edwards also, that all the students be in their places on Tuesday morning. The work of reorganizing the different rooms is somewhat difficult at this season of the year, and it is very essential that the youngsters get away to a good start.

Filtration Out of Running Now;
Flow of River Kills Its ChancesChairman Darch and Commissioner Saunders Give Their
Views of the Situation.

Engineer Moore's statement regarding the flow of water in the Thames has caused a mild sensation.

It is well known to Londoners that Mr. Dabney H. Maury, the Peoria, Illinois, engineer, based all his calculations for a filtration plant for London on the assumption that the minimum flow of the north branch of the Thames was not less than 27,000,000 gallons per 24 hours.

The figures were credited to Mr. Moore by Maury, and now Mr. Moore says that the flow of the river as measured by him on Saturday last, does not reach 10,000,000 gallons per 24 hours.

The exact figures are about 9,200,000 gallons.

No Unlimited Supply.

The many citizens who had almost been convinced that the city should

look to river water for a supply, on the ground that an unlimited quantity of water was to be had in the north branch, now realize that they have been misled.

Chairman Darch's Views.

Chairman Darch, of the water commission, was seen by The Advertiser, and he gave his views to the reporter. "What do you think about the measurement and quantity of water in the north branch," was asked. "As to the measurement," Mr. Darch replied, "I consider it fairly accurate, as the water was measured by a weir the same as at Komoka."

"As to quantity I must confess that there was only between 3 and 9 million gallons daily. True, this amount would supply a city twice the size of London, or added to our present Springbank supply, a city three times our present proportion, but I cannot look upon this amount as an everlasting supply. Besides, in order to procure this amount in the dry season, it would be necessary to take ALL the water in the river. This would mean

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The Regiment Will Take 420 Men
To Bison City on Wednesday NextBand Will Muster About 50
Pieces—Regiment at Divine
Service on Sunday.

All arrangements have been completed for the trip of the Seventh Regiment to Buffalo this week. The regiment has had several splendid drills during the past two weeks, and are in excellent shape. The officers are confident that the men will give a good account of themselves.

Orders have been issued to the men to parade at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, and that they must have everything in readiness. They are requested to turn in their tunics and caps Tuesday evening to be packed.

Four hundred and twenty men will be taken on the trip with a band of fifty musicians.

A church parade was announced for yesterday morning, but the rain spoiled it. Service was held in the armories. Rev. Mr. Perdue, assistant rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, preached to the men. There was a splendid turnout.

Insurance Man Alleged To Be
Over \$900 Back in AccountsFormer Members of Stratford
Board of Education Jailed
by a London Man.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Stratford, Sept. 2.—With his accounts in a considerable tangle, Mr. Albert Yates, local agent for the Sun Life Insurance Company and the Imperial Guarantee Company of Toronto, was apprehended Saturday night, and brought before P. M. O'Loane in the morning.

The information was laid by Mr. W. B. McGregor, of London, representing the Sun Life in the Forest City, who asked that Mr. Yates should explain the state of his financial affairs. Mr. Quinn, of Toronto, superintendent of the Imperial Guarantee

Company, was also in the city representing his company.

It is said that Mr. Yates was somewhat inexperienced in business matters, and had not exercised care and attention with regard to the funds of the companies for whom he was the agent. He was remanded until Sept. 9, and as yet had not secured counsel.

Mr. Yates was for many years engaged in the woolen mills of Dutton & Sons, previous to his taking up the insurance some few months ago. He was a member of the public school board of 1905, he having, as labor candidate, defeated Mr. George McLagan.

To The Advertiser Mr. McGregor stated that Mr. Yates was behind in his accounts over \$900. He had been given time to make good, Mr. McGregor said, but had failed to do so.