LAST EDITION

London Advertiser

LAST EDITION

46TH. YEAR. NO. 19751 THE ADVERTISER, LONDON, ONTARIO, SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1909—SIXTEEN PAGES PRICE TWO CENTS.

A SLIDING SCALE FOR FARMERS WHOSE LANDS ARE CROSSED

Hydro-Electric Commission's Peculiar Business Methods Revealed.

SOME PRICES PAID FOR EASEMENTS

Sums Run All the Way From $10 Up to About $800—An Interesting Table of Figures.

Property-Owners.	First Price.	Settlement.
John Rogers	160	350
James Mitchell	95	220
Mr. Ruddick	85	145
Mrs. Wilson	95	335
Mrs. Sinclair	60	250
Marshall Sinclair .	40	80
Mr. Tovell	50	85
Mrs. Countie	10	10
Mrs. Patterson ...	45	170
A. Henry	200	795
Mr. Swarts	200	642
J. Wilson	100	300
E. Crockett	65	137
J. Nichol	155	345
W. J. Ovens	97 50	125
Total	$1,457 50	$3,989

Rather interesting, indeed, are the results of the petition of the Dorchester farmers against the price received from the hydro-electric commission for the right of way across their farms.

It will be remembered that some time ago the farmers in the township made agreements with the agents of the commission for the privilege of crossing their farms with the transmission line.

These were signed by the farmers, but after considering the matter for a time they decided that they had not been fairly dealt with—in fact, that the lines were dangerous, and they wanted a fair recompense for the danger incurred.

Petition Was Forwarded.

As a result a petition signed by every farmer in the township was sent to the Dominion Government asking that the agreements then may be quashed, and that they be given fair treatment.

In the meantime, the agents of the hydro-electric commission got busy, and with most of the farmers on the petition, new terms were made, and in practically all cases, large increases were given, some getting almost $600 more than under the old agreement.

Widows Suffered.

In the case of some widows who were not so familiar with the question, no better terms were obtained.

The facts are extremely illuminating and will afford a very great deal of explanation.

There seems to be no system of purchase, and the agents apparently could make whatever terms they saw fit.

It strikes the average layman that there must be something wrong when one farmer will receive $80 or thereabouts to cross his farm, and his next door neighbor will be paid perhaps $795 or nearly as much.

Not that the farmers are receiving too much money for the privilege of crossing their farms with these transmission lines in view of the accident that happened near the Falls last spring, but it seems to be somewhat strange that there is no uniformity of cost, nor apparently any check upon the transaction.

$2,500 to the Good.

The above figures were obtained after some difficulty, and are the exact amounts paid, or to be paid, the farmers for the right to cross their farms.

By circulating the petition the farmers are about $2,500 better off than before.

Some of the widows do not seem to have fared so well as the men who could not be cajoled into accepting the smaller sums for renting their premises for the uses of the line.

Part of the money expended for these lines must be borne by the people of the city of London. They will be required to put up their share of the cost, so matter what it may mean.

More Petitions.

It is stated that these facts have become known to many of the farmers along the route of the hydro-electric commission's transmission line, and the farmers are in consequence circulating petitions to be given a proper recompense for allowing the lines to be built across their property.

"It is a peculiar transaction," said a prominent city official today. "I would like to see it explained how one man could get nearly $800 for a right-of-way, and another man, his neighbor, get less than one-third of that amount."

KILLED BY FRIEND.

Binghamton, N. Y., Aug. 20.—George Savage, 15 years old, was fatally shot in an ice cream parlor in Whitney Point today by Blanche Stratton, a 15-year-old girl, who claims that the shooting was accidental.

During a lark, the girl took a revolver and pointed it at Savage two or three times, and finally pulled the trigger, and the boy fell to the floor with a bullet wound through the lungs, from the effects of which he died a few minutes later.

The examination of Coroner Guy shows that the revolver hammer had been snapped on one of the unexploded cartridges in it, as though an attempt had been made to fire it before, or as though it had been snapped at least twice.

The girl disclaims any knowledge of snapping the revolver at all, and says

ASSISTANT SUPT. A. J. NIXON,
Who Was Banquetted by the Shriners of Mocha Temple Last Night.

TRADE BOOMS IN U. S. AND CANADA

General Organizer of Carpenters' Union Speaks in Optimistic Vein.

NO TROUBLE IN LONDON

But Mass Meeting of Craft Will Be Held on Wednesday Next.

"Trade conditions are improving everywhere," said Mr. W. B. McFarlane, of Buffalo, general organizer of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, who is in this city.

"The outlook for the building trades is exceptionally bright. In Western Canada, there is a great boom on, and for the next few years a great deal of building will be done. In Eastern Canada the same is also true, but not to the extent that it is in the west.

Trade Normal in United States.

"On the other side the same holds good. Trade is almost normal again, and as a result building is going ahead. There are more contracts for building in New York than there have been for fifteen years.

"Peace prevails, too, in the trade. Fully seven-eighths of the disputes have been settled by arbitration, and in every agreement made nowadays there is an arbitration clause. This has lessened strikes greatly, and kept the men and their employers on good terms with each other.

No Trouble Here.

"I am not here in connection with any danger of trouble as everything is satisfactory here. The brotherhood has increased from 11 to 65 members in a year, so they are well organized. I see no prospect of trouble."

A mass meeting of carpenters and joiners will be addressed by Mr. McFarlane in the Carling Block on Wednesday evening next.

CONVICTS FIGHT DUEL

One Said To Have Told of Plans To Make an Escape.

Pittsburg, Aug. 20.—The discovery of the secret tunnel leading out of Riverside Penitentiary by which it is believed the high financiers there confined intended to make their escape, was followed last Monday by a desperate fight with knives between two convicts whose names the authorities withhold.

One of the combatants was so badly injured that he is expected to die and the other is in a serious condition.

The cause of the duel is not known, but it is believed to have been a result of the discovery of the tunnel plot, one of the convicts blaming the other for the revelation.

The seven hundred men were at dinner in the great dining hall when suddenly convicts A 4977 and A 6642 sprang from their chairs and clinched. The fight was fierce and for some time the guards could not interfere because the rest of the prisoners seemed ready to stampede in the excitement. The whole body of convicts was covered with riot guns before the fighters were pulled apart, both gravely wounded. Convict A 4977 is believed to be dying in the hospital. Another result of the tunnel plot discovery was the placing in irons of a number of the prisoners suspected of taking part in it. Among these is James Boyle, the kidnapper of Willie Whitla.

RATH PURCHASED.

Reading, Pa., Aug. 21.—Maurice Rath, the shortstop of the local Tri-State team, has been sold to the Philadelphia American League club. The price is not known. Cleveland, New York and Washington, of the American League, also were after him. Rath is the Tri-State League's leading rungetter. He has been hitting at a .300 clip most of the season. He will finish the season with Reading.

BARGE CAPTAIN DROWNED.

Montreal, Que., Aug. 20.—Aime Gervais, a barge captain of Yamaska, a deaf mute, was engaged in loading grain when he fell into the water. His cries were heard by the other workmen. Not recognizing them as for help no attempt was paid to them till it was too late.

NOT BLOCKING CHEAPER RATES

Govt. Has Always Been in Favor of Reducing Cable Rates.

HAS SPENT LARGE SUMS

Story That Ottawa Opposes a State-Owned Line Absolutely Untrue.

Ottawa, Aug. 21.—The report that Canada has blocked a movement for cheaper cable rates by declining to participate in a cable conference, is without foundation. The record of the present Government demonstrates that it is, and has always been, strongly in favor of cheapening cable rates. This is shown by the fact that the Government strongly promoted the state-owned cable which has been established between Canada and Australia. It is further shown by the financial assistance which was given to the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company. In return for the aid given Canada exacted an undertaking in writing from the Marconi Company that they were only to charge one-half for cable messages the rates charged by cable companies. The financial aid given by the present Government to the Canadian press cable service from Great Britain is another evidence of its desire to facilitate cable communication with the old land. The fact is the Government has always been strongly in favor of reducing cable rates.

THE MOORS ATTACK A SPANISH CONVOY

Fighting Desperate for a While, But Guns of Dons Prevailed.

Melilla, Morocco, Aug. 21.—The Moors yesterday made a daring attack on a Spanish convoy, consisting of a company of chausseurs, not far from one of the main blockhouses. For a while the fighting was desperate, but Spanish artillery was brought into action, and the enemy was driven off. The Spaniards had two men killed and six wounded. This attack was the most serious incident that has occurred on the line for a fortnight or more.

FATHER COOK LEFT HIS ESTATE TO POOR

Well-Beloved Woodstock Priest Passed Away After Six Weeks' Illness.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, Aug. 21.—The death took place at the hospital Thursday night of Rev. John Cook, formerly pastor of St. Mary's Church. The news will be received with sincere regret by many friends and acquaintances in the city and elsewhere. He appeared to be in his usual health all summer, up till five or six weeks ago. When the hospital quarantine was temporarily raised he was removed there for treatment. He was suffering from necrosis of the liver, and towards the end he failed rapidly. He was attended during his last illness by Rev. Father Stanley, pastor of St. Mary's, Rev. Father Goetz, assistant pastor, and Rev. Frather George Cook, his brother.

Deceased was born in the county of Longford, Ireland, 53 years ago. He was educated partly in Ireland, and partly in Canada. He was ordained into the priesthood twenty-five years ago, and served as priest at St. Thomas; St. Columbian, Seaforth, Stratford and Woodstock. He was a man of varied reading and liberal views. He possessed considerable ability as a pulpit speaker. He set up no claim to rhetorical eloquence, but his discourses were often rich in material and carried conviction by the simplicity as well as tre earnestness of their delivery. He was a man of quiet, retiring disposition, but sociable and companionable to a degree.

His aged mother, three brothers and three sisters survive.

The funeral took place from St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, this morning. He was deeply regretted by Catholics and non-Catholics in that city. He left all his estate, worth about $5,000, to the poor of St. Mary's congregation, of which he was a former pastor.

MADE A BIG HAUL

Russian Train Robbers Get Away With Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

Kislovodsk, Russia, Aug. 21. — A band of fifteen revolutionists have perpetrated a successful train robbery near here, as a result which they are 15,000 richer. They boarded a mail train bound for Rostov-on-the-Don as passengers. At a given signal they assembled, held up the train, and robbed the railroad cashier. The robbers then made off on horses that were being held in readiness by accomplices. In the exchange of shots one of the robbers was wounded, but his companions carried him away. A sergeant of gendarmes was mortally wounded.

MANY PERISHED IN TRAIN WRECK

Terrible Railway Disaster Near Santiago, Chili.

Santiago, Chili, Aug. 21.—A terrible railway disaster occurred yesterday when two trains came into collision, 30 miles north of Santiago.

Many persons were killed or injured. Both trains were completely destroyed. The monetary loss will reach $150,000.

DORANDO A BENEDICT.

Milan, Aug. 20.—Dorando Pietri, the well-known long-distance runner, was married today to Teresa Dondi.

A. J. NIXON HONORED BY MOCHA SHRINERS

Seventy-Five Guests at Complimentary Banquet Tendered Him Last Night.

GIVEN A SILVER SERVICE

Eulogized by Superintendent Gillen, Mayor Stevely and Many Prominent Citizens—A Very Pleasant Affair.

A complimentary banquet was tendered Mr. A. J. Nixon, assistant superintendent of the western division of the Grand Trunk, by the nobles of Mocha Temple, at the City Hotel, last evening. It was attended by 75 members of the shrine from this city and other points.

During the evening Mr. Nixon was presented with a very handsome set of silver knives and forks, and many flattering things were said of him. All the speakers eulogized his abilities, and fine character. Seldom has a gentleman come to the city who has made as many friends as Mr. Nixon, and every speaker regretted his leaving London, although pleased with his important appointment.

The Toast List.

The banquet was presided over by Illustrious Potentate A. L. Davis, who introduced the speakers of the evening.

After the dinner Chairman Davis called for the health of the King, and later Noble J. C. Spencer, of St. Thomas, introduced the toast to the "Corporation of the City of London." He referred to the fact that visitors are agreed that London is a beautiful city, and that the hospitality of its citizens is unbounded. The visiting nobles and Masons were never better entertained anywhere than in this city, and he was glad to introduce the toast. Noble Spencer regretted the departure of Mr. Nixon, whom he had found to be a gentleman, and a man of great ability.

Mayor Stevely.

Mayor Stevely responded with a short speech. He pointed out that all agreed that London was a beautiful city, and had a great future. It was a pleasure to live in such a city, and he felt it a great honor as mayor to respond to the toast. He was pleased also to be present to do honor to the guest of the evening. Since coming to London Mr. Nixon had made a host of friends, all of whom delighted to speak of his good qualities. He had met Mr. Nixon in a business way, and had never found a man more courteous or more collegial. He predicted great things for him in the future.

Too Much "Knocking."

Ald. Ferguson followed, pointing out the advantages of the city of London, both as a city to reside in, and as a business centre.

City Clerk Baker made a short speech, in which he spoke of the need of a different spirit in the city. There was too much "knocking," and not

(Continued on Page Ten.

LETTERS PATENT FOR CEMENT MERGER

Ottawa, Aug. 21.—Letters patent have been granted a company which is the result of the cement merger. The company is the Canada Cement Company, with a capital of thirty millions, and head office in Montreal. The incorporators are Sir Sanford Fleming, J. S. Irvin, Senator W. C. Edwards, John R. Boothall, of Ottawa; Senator Robt. MacKay; Rodolphe Forget, M. P., and Wm. Aitken, of Montreal, and F. B. Dunsford, of London.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

At New York—La Lorraine, from Havre; Mexico, from Havre.
At Boston—Cymric, from Liverpool.
At Copenhagen—Helligolav, from New York.
At Naples—Taormina, from New York.
At Genoa—Cretic, from Boston.
At Cape Race—Potsdam, from Rotterdam.
At Liverpool—Empress of Britain, from Quebec.
At Quebec—Pomeranian, from Havre.
At Montreal—Corsican, from Liverpool.

Father Point, Que., Aug. 21.—Steamship Prinz Adalbert, Canada Line, from Antwerp, inward, 11 p.m. yesterday, 119 passengers. Steamship Phila, Moss Line, from Liverpool, inward, 2:10 a.m.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Hamilton, Aug. 21.—The man being held at Windsor for the Hamilton police is William Marks, who is wanted here on a charge of procuring a young girl for immoral purposes in the foreign quarters of the city. Detective Blakely has gone to bring him back.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Aug. 21.—8 a.m.

Today—Light to moderate winds; fine.

Tomorrow—Southeast and southwest winds, fine, stationary or a little higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Today. 8 a.m.	Min.	Yesterday. Low.	High.
London	62	..	56	74
Victoria	50	50	..	..
Calgary	46	44	46	74
Winnipeg	68	46	46	78
Port Arthur	58	46	48	64
Parry Sound	52	48	54	70
Toronto	60	48	60	75
Ottawa	54	48	58	80
Montreal	42	52	60	70
Quebec	58	50	56	72
Father Point	54	48	..	..
Dawson	..	..	46	58
Atlin	..	..	38	52
Vancouver	..	..	54	70
Northwest	..	..	54	70
Edmonton	..	..	50	70
Point Albert	..	..	48	84
Moosejaw	..	..	53	96
Minnedosa	..	..	46	90
St. John	..	..	56	72
Halifax	..	..	62	82

WEATHER NOTES.

Pressure is decidedly high over the lake region and low in the Western Provinces. A few scattered showers have occurred from the Rockies to Manitoba, also in the Maritime Provinces, but the weather in Canada generally has been fine.

FRUIT SUFFERED BUT STILL PLENTY

There Appears To Be No Danger of a Famine This Year for Londoners.

DAMAGE AT NIAGARA

Appears to Have Been More or Less Exaggerated—A Glance at the Situation.

The reports of damage to the fruit crop in the Niagara peninsula by the recent hail storms, indicate that while it was very severe, it may not be as all inclusive as was at first feared.

Even now it is difficult to arrive at a correct estimate, as the reports received are very apt to exaggerate matters.

There can be no doubt, however, that the hail storms that visited that part of the country early in the week did a very great deal of damage. Some growers report the loss of thousands of dollars' worth of fruit, while other large farms, in the same locality, have come through unscathed.

The Peach Crop.

The peach crop suffered the most severely. The early peaches, of course, were largely ready for picking and hence only a moderate degree of damage befell them, and in any case the crop of these early varieties is very poor this year.

The later varieties, however, the Elbertas and Crawfords, the standard canning varieties, suffered severely. This was more than ever disappointing from the fact that everything seemed to point to the best crop, both in quantity and quality, that has been known for some years. Now a conservative estimate places the loss at one-third of the crop.

A Good Supply.

Even at this the supply will be much better than last year, but on the other hand the demand will be stronger too, as last year the high price of the fruit practically precluded the canning factories from buying. Now, however, their reserve stock is exhausted asd they will be compelled to buy. But even yet, if no further drawbacks arise a very fair crop will be gathered. This scarcity will effect Londoners as nearly all the peaches sold her come from Winona, Grimsby and Beamsville, the district affected.

Essex County produces quite a crop of peaches, but only a very limited quantity are handled in London, as they are not considered of as good quality.

The Plum Crop.

The plum crop, too, has suffered severely from the storm, though not perhaps to such an extent as the peaches. The crop was farther advanced, and consequently not so subject to injury. Even at that, however, in some places whole orchards were practically stripped of their fruit, and will be practically a total loss. This loss will also come largey on the fancy pums, though the Lombards, the great canning variety, which are about the latest variety, will also suffer considerably. The loss on the plums, however, will not be felt as much as on the peaches. Last year was a record one for them, and factories and private individuals were if anything oversupplied, and the natural result this year would be to lessen the demand in any case.

Pears Suffered Some.

The pear crop has suffered considerably, though not as much as the other fruits. This also is not of as much importance to Londoners as very few of the pears on the London market come from the Niagara peninsula. It is found that the northern counties can compete very successfully with the great fruit belt in this variety of fruit, and as it can be laid down here at a much more moderate rate than the other, it is the fruit most largely carried. The reports from these districts do not show any damage to the fruit, so it will only be indirectly that the scarcity will be felt here.

The grape vines suffered considerably from the storm, especially the newer vineyards, ond the crop will be considerably less than expected.

Fortunately, however, some of the fruit which was spoiled for general sale will be available for the winemakers, so the loss will not be as severe as was at first expected.

MOSTLY DRUNKS UP BEFORE THE MAYOR

Six Cases Engaged the Attention of London's Chief Magistrate Today.

The police court at which Mayor Stevely presided this morning was a comparative light one, only six cases being up for a hearing.

Peter O'Donahue, for being drunk, was assessed $1 or 3 days, but at Peter was suffering from a slight financial embarrassment which made $1 look big to him, he decided to take the days, especially as the idea was to Peter almost like going home.

A West Londoner who made his first appearance as a drunk, was permitted to retire, after he had listened to some words of warning.

James Whitehead was drunk and disorderly and as a result he had to pay $2 or take a week in jail. The later alternative did not appeal to him so he dug down and produced the cash.

Anthony Wimmer asd Edward Cookson, were enjoying themselves by having a friendly sparring match on the public street when a policeman happened along and gathered them in. This morning they faced a charge of disorderly conduct, but were finally dismissed with a warning.

Archie Clair, a lad about 18 years of age, appeared on two charge of being drunk, and having obscene pictures in his possession. The case was adjourned till the 25th, Clair being bailed to appear on that date.

—The funeral of Mrs. John Kerr (nee Boyle), grand-daughter of Mrs. Margaret Ward, of Springbank, took place in Petrolea this morning.

PLACE HYDRO WIRES IN GROUND BELL TO CONSIDER SCHEME TOO

Cost to the City Would Be $70,000, But Engineer Says It Would Be Money Well Spent—Mr. Sifton Will Recommend This Move to the City Council at Once.

On the advice of Engineer Sifton, the prices for underground work for the city's distribution system will be called for in a short time.

A number of the aldermen are of the opinion that the city should place as much of the wire as possible underground, as is being done in practically all the cities of Canada.

Bell Wires, Too.

This would be of considerable value at this time, as the Bell Telephone Company are at the present time placing a large number of their wires underground.

They have a large force of men at work on this job, and before snow flies there will be much of it done.

Will Consider Proposition.

So far they have not considered a proposition to put down-town wires underground, but it was stated today that if the city decided to open the streets for underground work, they would consider the proposition also.

Enginer Sifton and Consulting Engineer Kelsch estimated that it would cost $70,000 to put down a complete system of underground work. Both advised it, and stated that the benefits accruing would more than make up for the extra expenditure.

Engineer Favors It.

"I will recommend to the committee that this underground work be done," said Engineer Sifton. "If it all cannot be done now, part of it might, and the rest could be done gradually.

He is also considering an electric heating plant for the combined pumping and power station.

This system if adopted would do away with the necessity of stoves or furnaces, and would be optrated during non-peak hours, costing the city but little.

During peak hours, the heating would be supplied from storage batteries.

Perfecting Details.

"We are perfecting the details of the station," said Engineer Sifton. "We will get ready as soon as we can."

According to the plans all the upper story and the north section will be reserved for the power end, while the rest will be for the pumping plant."

The building will be 120 feet long by 31 feet deep.

Engineer Glaubitz is now considering tenders for its construction.

C. W. BENNETT STAYS WITH THE VAUDEVILLE

London Man Has Purchased a Theatre in Havana, Cuba—Has Many Houses in South.

Mr. C. W. Bennett, formerly of this city, has purchased a large theatre in Havana, Cuba, and will present vaudeville in that city.

Particulars of the deal are lacking at this time, but it is said to be a most important one.

In addition, Mr. Bennett has a large string of picture shows, and small vaudeville houses in South America.

VOLLEY OF BRICKBATS FOR MINISTER HALDANE

The Suffragettes in Sensational Demonstration at Liverpool and Glasgow.

Liverpool, Aug. 20.—Suffragettes who had gained admittance to unoccupied houses in the neighborhood, tonight sent volleys of bottles, brickbats and slates through the windows of a hall, where Secretary of War Haldane was speaking. Seven of the women were arrested. The police had to ascend a fire escape to the roof to arrest one of them.

Glasgow, Aug. 20.—A group of suffragettes gained access somehow to the roof of St. Andrew's Hall at 1 o'clock this morning. Presumably they intended to descend and enter the hall this evening, and interrupt Lord Crewe, who is scheduled to make a speech there.

A pelting rain has fallen steadily since midnight, and the women remained huddled on the roof, enduring the downpour until, just before sunset, the police got them to come down ladders, which were raised for the purpose, and which the women found great difficulty in negotiating.

HOBOES ON THE MOVE SAY THE CONDUCTORS

The Knights of the Road Are Travelling on Freights Nowadays.

The natives of Hobodom are on the move. Freight conductors on the G. T. R. and C. P. R. state that they have many passengers on every trip these days, and that it is with the greatest difficulty that the tramps are kept from the cars.

Dozens of the Knights of the Road and the Side-Door Pullman are on the move every day. Some of them are most persistent, and will board a train, no matter how often they are put off.

A story is told of a freight conductor, running east from London. In looking through the cars he discovered a lone "Willie" taking a sleep. The man was ordered off, and at the next stop the conductor made certain that the fellow was out of the car. However, a few miles down the line he again came upon him. The tramp was again thrown off, and the performance was repeated until the conductor lost patience. "Didn't I tell you to get off this train half a dozen times?" he asked. "Yes," the tramp replied, "but you didn't tell me not to get on again."

He was still sleeping when the train reached its destination.

BABY KIDNAPPED.

Topeka, Kansas, Aug. 21. — Marion Blakeley, the St. Louis World's Fair incubator baby, who was the cause of litigation extended over several years, was kidnapped from the home of her mother here today.

Two men and a woman were engaged in the kidnapping, and the child was obtained only after an exchange of shots, which, however, went wide of their mark.

The kidnappers fled in a buggy.

The police were notified immediately and a posse was soon in pursuit.

SPECTACULAR FLIGHT AT RHEIMS COURSE

Famous Aeroplanists Do Some Wonderful Manoeuvring for Practice.

Rheims, Aug. 20. — Aeroplanes flying in straight lines or making wide turns, or wheeling abruptly, travelling slow and fast, and low and high, was the spectacle offered 15,000 persons on the field of Bethany today. Two slight accidents occurred. M. Dumanest, driving an Antoinette machine, came to the ground sideways, and broke one of the runners of his aeroplane, and M. Goffroy, in an Ensant-Pelterie monoplane, with bright red tails, had accomplished a flight of a kilometre when the machine struck a hedge, demolishing its propeller. It will require two days to repair the latter injury.

This was the second last practice day before the commencement of the prize flights of aviation week, and many of the aviators took advantage of the beautiful weather to try out their craft.

Glenn H. Curtiss, the only American who is to compete in the races, commencing Sunday, made a successful practice flight of seven minutes. Although the motor of his machine was a bit erratic, the biplane sped straight on its course and without swaying.

Hubert Latham was applauded for a spectacular flight of ten minutes, and the crowd broke into cheering as M. Bleriot, driving a small 40-horsepower monoplane made a series of manoeuvres.

M. Somner, who recently, though unofficially, beat Wilbur Wright's record for duration of flight, speeded across the plateau during the afternoon, and was lost to sight in the haze. When he reappeared and landed he announced that he had made a voyage to the village of Vinney and return.

During the evening Count DeLambert and M. Lefebvre, both piloting Wright biplanes, braved the breeze, and simultaneously made evolutions, which demonstrated the ease and facility with which machines of the Wright model may be sailed. Lefebvre was particularly skillful in handling his craft.

George B. Cockburn, the English contestant, and Henry Farman and M. Fournier, brought out their machines during the afternoon and practiced starts.

The aviators are chuckling tonight over an offer received by Augustus Post, secretary of the Aero Club of America, from a Frenchman weighing 250 pounds, who says he will give $100 to each and every aeroplanist who will take him with them in their flights.

CHINESE GENTRY PROTEST

Rain and Wind Block Practice Flight of Aeroplanists.

Peking, Aug. 21.—The gentry of the province of Hupeh have telegraphed to Grand Councillor Chang Chi Tung a protest against the granting of the Hankow-Sze-Chuen Railroad loan of $30,000,000 to American and other bankers. They declare that if the throne sanctions this proposal they will refuse to recognize the imperial edict. The protest has been laid before the Government.

High officials in Peking regard this attitude of the gentry of Central China as a most serious menace to the system of central control and urgently demand that it be combatted. But in other quarters there is much doubt of the ability of the Government to control this expanding spirit of provincial sovereignty.

As a result of foreign and domestic opposition to his policies Chang-Chi-Tung, the foremost official of the empire, has been trying to resign for a month past. The Emperor, however, will not hear of it and has ordered the grand councillor to continue his duties.

ELIZA FOUND.

Kingston, Ont., Aug. 21. — Eliza Woodcock, who disappeared from Beaver Creek, was found after eight days in the woods. She will be sent to Rockwood Hospital, Kingston.