

EX-LONDON BOY NOW HEADS BIG PACKING FIRM

Takes Over Sulzberger & Co.
Interests in \$30,000,000
Plant.

HIS PHENOMENAL RISE
From Office Boy to President
His 25-Year
Climb.

MANY NEW POLICIES
Thomas E. Wilson, Who Lived
Here, Revolutionizing Meat
Industry of States.

Thomas E. Wilson, the former Londoner, who has become a power in the packing business in the United States, has established a company of his own, taking over the Sulzberger & Co.'s plant, the new firm being known as Wilson & Co. His rise has been phenomenal, and his friends and relatives here are not surprised at his advancement. R. Wilson, of the postoffice, is an uncle, and Mrs. Fred White, Ben Higgins and others are cousins.

The Chicago Herald has the following to say of the change:

Beginning today Sulzberger & Co., the \$30,000,000 packing corporation, will be known as Wilson & Co. The reason for the change is that Sulzberger & Co. is Wilson—Thomas E. Wilson, who on March 22 became president of the concern. It was his latest climb on the ladder which brought him, in a period of twenty-five years of service, from the position of clerk at \$8 a week, to that of head of the Sulzberger organization at a salary said to exceed \$100,000 a year.

A meeting of the board of directors decided the move. The directors felt that the name Wilson was just as valuable as the man Wilson in the short period that Mr. Wilson had been head of the firm he has worked wonders. Open Door His Policy.

"Of course I have plans for the 'new firm,'" said Wilson, laughingly. "Here's the keynote to all my plans." He pointed to the door of his office. It was open.

"It's the open door," he continued. "I don't keep my door closed, because it happens to be hot right now. I keep it open all the year round, to let the fresh air in and to let people in. I don't care whether it's the president of a bank or the poorest employee of the firm. Anybody who has anything in the nature of a grievance or an idea, can come in to talk with me, and talk with me as long as it is necessary to relate the grievance or expand the idea."

"The open door means 'get acquainted,' and 'get acquainted' means success. In our business we deal with three main factors—the stock raisers, the public, and our people—our employees."

Going to Get Acquainted.

"I am going to institute a campaign of 'getting acquainted' with the stock raisers. Not the great ranchmen who control thousands of acres, but the little fellows with 200 or 300 acres. I am going to try and help them grow better stock so that they will make more profit on it and so that the public will get better meat."

"I am going to try to get on better 'speaking terms' with the public. I want them to know that nothing is spared to reach the higher degree of cleanliness and value in our products. They won't believe it until we get acquainted with them and show them."

Mr. Wilson announced that the firm would go in more for hygienic products than formerly.

"We are going to manufacture fertilizer, which is something we have not done in the past," he said. "Of course we have always produced raw fertilizer, but we have no zone in for the manufacturing. We are also going to pay more attention to the refining of our oil products."

In Mr. Wilson's program the expenditure of more than \$500,000 for improvements is contemplated. This will include more efficient manufacturing facilities, improved working conditions and the application of the most approved methods of scientific management in the various plants of the firm.

FAILED TO APPEAR AND GOES TO JAIL

Debtor Who Did Not Answer Summons
Committed by Judge.

William Bourke was committed to the county jail today by Judge Macbeth for a period of ten days for his failure to appear in the first division court on a judgment summons.

The plaintiff in the action was Rev. J. Dagg Scott, and the amount of judgment given being \$73.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harris of Brandon are visiting Mrs. Harris' brother, Aleck Muir, and Mrs. K. King, street.

Miss H. A. Roden has returned home after an extended visit with friends in Freeport, New York and Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Colgate and family, Grosvenor street, have returned from a vacation trip to Florida. The home of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Mitchell, Rockwood.

Miss Cora Tracy of the De Koven Opera Company is spending her vacation with relatives in the city.

Lady Meredith is spending the summer at Scarborough, Maine.—Toronto News.

CITY BREVITIES

CAR CAUGHT FIRE.—An automobile, No. 6814, belonging to Stanley Evans, took fire last night at the corner of Dundas and Adelaide streets. The fire department was called and saved the car from serious damage.

ALMOST RECOVERED.—Donald Langdon, the 3-year-old ward of the children's shelter who ate a box of heart tablets, thinking they were candy, has almost recovered from the effects of the medicine. He is still in Victoria Hospital.

LITTLE GIRL BETTER.—Little Cora May Claxton, the 2-year-old South London girl who almost bit her tongue in two as a result of a fall from her carriage, is today reported as being much improved. The little tot is still unable to eat, but it is expected that a complete recovery will be made.

INQUEST TONIGHT.—The coroner's inquest to determine the cause of the death of Conductor Garret, Cutler and Brackman C. Stone, who lost their lives in the G. T. R. wreck of Wednesday last, will open at police headquarters at 8 o'clock this evening. It will be conducted by Coroner Maclearen.

NAME OMITTED.—The name of Miss Bessie Asstler, daughter of Rev. G. F. Asstler, pastor of the Christian Church, was omitted from the list of those who successfully passed the entrance to the Normal School. The omission was due to an oversight on the department of education. Miss Asstler will enter the Normal School here this fall.

INVESTIGATION HELD UP.—The official investigation into the G. T. R. wreck at Hale street on Wednesday, being conducted by Superintendent W. R. Davidson, cannot be completed until such time as the evidence that the injured men can be secured. Engineer Wright and Fireman Webb, both of Port Erie, who are in Victoria Hospital, are doing as well as can be expected, according to information from Victoria Hospital this afternoon.

WANT REPAIRS PAID FOR ON FRONTAGE TAX ASSESSMENT

Controllers Favor Classification
as Local Improvement.

ASKING CHANGED ACT
Legislature To Be Requested
to Amend Present
Statutes.

The Ontario Municipal Association will be memorialized to have the municipal act amended so that all repairs and improvements to roads and streets must be paid for as a local improvement, and not out of the general rate, as has been the custom for many years.

The board of control discussed the situation today, and decided that the change would be beneficial.

"When the debentures on a pavement run out, the city must pay the cost of repairs and improvements," declared Controller John M. Moore. "I contend that the property owners should pay. The same rule should apply to ordinary street work. If the road is graveled, the property owners on the street should pay for it. Then we would have fewer bad roads. I know several streets where the improvements have been excessive, and property owners in other parts of the city have to pay for it. I do not think it fair. Let every street bear its own burden."

The controllers agreed to this, and the Ontario Municipal Association will endeavor to have the law changed to permit of this.

FIGHTS GALORE RESTAGED DURING POLICE COURT

Various Kinds From Domestic to Street
Corner Type Represented.

George Pumphrey appeared in police court today charged with disorderly conduct and drunkenness, the charges having been laid by his wife and son. He was fined \$5 or the option of fifteen days in jail in addition to being bound over to keep the peace in the sum of \$50 for the next six months.

Go As You Please.

Charles Leith and George Clarke, who staged an impromptu fighting exhibition, bare knuckles and go-as-you-please style, at the corner of King and Queen streets last evening, were released to donate \$2 apiece or accept ten days in jail for their efforts to rejuvenate pugilism.

Accused By Mother.

John McGuire, charged with using abusive language towards his mother, will appear again next Tuesday when Mrs. McGuire will be summoned to give evidence.

George Waddell's Proclamation.

George Waddell was fined \$2 and costs on a charge laid by Fennel McKay, a boy, who claimed Waddell had struck him for no cause.

Waddell on the other hand maintained that McKay had made remarks to his wife on the street.

They Blamed Each Other.

Gerald Harden was fined \$2 and costs and Frederick Hopkins \$3 and costs, both being charged with disorderly conduct.

The evidence showed both had been fighting, and each blamed the other for starting the fight.

That's Right, Blame it on to one another. Of course, you're right, I suppose," commented Magistrate Judd, who made Harden's fine less because he pleaded guilty with less persuasion than Hopkins.

Six citizens, each charged with a breach of the motor vehicle act, paid some ranging from \$2 to \$10 as a lesson to in future obey the law.

Sidewalk Users Fined.

Five citizens were fined \$2 apiece for preferring to ride on the sidewalk in preference to the road.

Chas. Constable, for driving past a standing street car, let a \$2 bill to remind him not to let it occur again.

"Jaakey" Trespassed on Line.

"Two dollars or five days in jail," said the magistrate to "Jaakey" Butts, who pleaded guilty to trespassing on the L. and P. S. property.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

ROOMS FOR RENT—APPLY ALFRED TYLER, 355 Clarence street. 22c

SEARCH FOR WATER TO BE THOROUGH IN EVERY PARTICULAR

Various Possible "Fields" Will
Be Drilled.

750,000 GALLONS MORE

This Is Estimated Increase
Through New Pumps at
Horton Street.

In its effort to increase the water supply of London, by at least 2,000,000 gallons per day, the waterworks department of the utilities commission will conduct investigations in all the various possible fields, and will be drilling to sink wells in order to help out the present wells.

Six new Wobler lifts for the old wells are being ordered. It is expected that these will increase the supply of water from the present wells by at least 750,000 gallons.

Commissioner F. G. Mitchell and General Manager E. V. Buchanan are favorable to the Macgregor well scheme provided there is a sufficient quantity of water there. Some figure that there will be at least 1,000,000 gallons a day. It can be brought to the Ridout street pumping station by gravity, which is much in favor of that scheme, as it will not make it necessary to duplicate the pumping plant. There is sufficient capacity at Horton street to pump 6,000,000 gallons of water, possibly 8,000,000, if needed. The only thing needed is to bring the water to this station.

More Horton Street Wells.

Driller Harvey will sink some deep wells. There are two in the vicinity of Horton street that are not used, and Mr. Harvey will drill through them in order to see whether or not there is water-bearing strata lower down. Experts figure that there should be some water wells there.

There is not much hope of wells in the east end, although it is probable a well may be sunk there. A large body of water can be located at a low depth, but there is no impervious strata above it, so that the quality of water would be always open to suspicion. Deep wells in that vicinity have shown sulphur water altogether. However, experiments will be made there in order to see what can be obtained.

Want Water Close In.

The idea of the commissioners is to develop a field in close proximity to the Horton street plant, as it will be cheaper to handle the water from that station.

"It is all right to try and save the water, but we must look ahead to the future," said Commissioner P. G. Mitchell. "There is plenty of water to be found, and I think we can get it close to the Horton street plant. The well system can be increased. The Macgregor wells, if there is a sufficient quantity of water, will be all right. The water will flow into the Horton street plant by gravity, and we can pump it all. I think we should experiment in all directions. There is no doubt about water being available. We must get it."

Commissioner Mitchell also expressed the opinion that the Weber pumps could increase the present well supply greatly.

WILL PROCEED WITH STREET-OPENING PLAN

Board of Control Purposes to Go On
With Euclid Avenue Proposition.

Several petitions against the opening of Euclid avenue were presented to the board of control today, but as they were insufficiently signed the board decided to go ahead with the work.

Some of the property owners consider the price excessive.

DENIES ANNOUNCING DOUBLE-TRACKING

A. E. Silverwood Says He Told Rotarians It Would Be Done When Possible.

A. E. Silverwood, in a statement to day, denies that he informed the Cleveland Rotarians that the double-tracking of the London and Port Stanley was to be consummated at once.

"What I said in effect was that Sir Adam Beck, who was unable to accompany the trade expansion tour, and who had been asked by the transportation board to deal with the question of transportation, had stated that the line would be double-tracked as soon as conditions would permit," says Mr. Silverwood. "I certainly did not say that the double-tracking was to be proceeded with at once."

TAG DAY NETTED \$753

Organizations Made a Splendid Appeal
to Citizens Yesterday.

As a result of the tag day held for the returned soldiers yesterday \$758.43 was collected.

All parts of the city were canvassed. Miss N. Miller had charge of the work in the northern part of the city. Mrs. Rots Brown and Marjorie Croden covered the territory in the vicinity of Queen's avenue.

Sergeant A. C. Joseph, who returned from the front only recently, was another of the energetic workers. He was assisted by his son Carl, 8 years old, and Mrs. Joseph.

W. A. Gough, of the Peoples' Loan and Savings Company, assisted by counting the money and arranging it in compact form.

The record for the day was made by Mrs. George Wyatt, wife of Pte. Wyatt, a returned 34th Battalion man. She collected \$17.41. Miss M. Stevens collected \$29.17 and Miss M. Kyles \$28.

WAKENED, ST. JOHNS

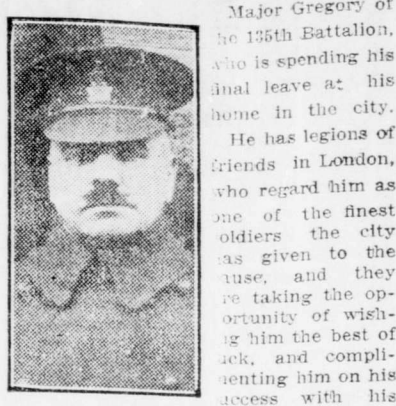
For This Heinous Crime Lobo Man Is
Remanded by J. P.

"It's a long, long way to Tipperary," sang William Thornton of Lobo, in a voice that could be heard a great deal farther than William anticipated as he wandered down the main avenues of St. Johns at an early hour this morning.

William's vocal efforts, which were noticeably more for volume than quality, attracted the villagers who protested. Indifferent to protests, William opened next with an oration on several subjects in which he attracted a still larger audience.

The "hard-hearted" constable refused to listen to William's wild outburst and gathered him in, and this morning he appeared before Justice Chittick on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He was remanded until Saturday for a hearing.

POPULAR OFFICER OF 135TH IS RECEIVING COMPLIMENTS ON WORK



BOARD'S APPROVAL ONLY NEEDED NOW TO BIND CONTRACT

Will Seal Street Railway
Agreements for Year.

EXPECTED NEXT WEEK

Little Fears of Carless Sunday
Though Bylaw Still
Unsigned.

The city council had a special meeting at noon today to discuss giving the London Street Railway Company the right to run Sunday cars May 1, 1917.

All the agreements, plans, etc., have been agreed to by the company and the city, and they only need the approval of the Ontario railway and municipal board to become binding. This assurance will be given within a week, and in the meantime, Mayor Stevenson, acting on instructions from the council, will sign the Sunday car bylaw until the officials of the Ontario railway board give that approval. It is possible that the company will not sign the Sunday car bylaw until the officials of the Ontario railway board give that approval. It is possible that the company will not sign the Sunday car bylaw until the officials of the Ontario railway board give that approval.

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NEW MOTOR FIRE TRUCK IN COMMISSION SHORTLY

Will Be Here in Ten Days, Says Report
—More Pavements Ordered.

The new motor fire truck, replacing the one destroyed at the G. T. R. Talbot street crossing, will be delivered in London within ten days. The board of control was notified today by the La France Motor Co. of Elmira, N. Y., that the truck had been completed and would be forwarded to London at once.

The agreements for the fifth truck, ordered some time ago, have been forwarded, and it is expected that it will be ready for service within two weeks' time.

City Engineer Brazier was instructed to make a report on the best system of storm drains for West London. It was decided to construct an asphalt pavement on Tecumseh avenue from Edward street to Wortley road, and a vitrified brick pavement on Bathurst street, from Wellington to Waterloo.

The board will obtain the report of Engineer Willis Chipman, made in 1912 on the best system of London, and will discuss it at the next meeting.

The bylaw giving the court of revision power to the board of control on vacant premises will be presented to the council at the next meeting.

RENEWED FRIENDSHIPS

Business Manager of Coop & Lent's
Circus Former Londoner.

A. E. Roote, business manager of Coop & Lent's circus that played London last night, has no means stranger to this city. As a matter of fact he is a former Londoner, for seventeen years ago he was manager of the old Grand Theatre in this city.

Mr. Roote has many friends in London, and he renewed old-time acquaintanceship with a number of them during the time he was in the city with his company.

DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED

Former Member of 33rd, Now in
Mounted Rifles, Reported.

Pte. Ernest May, 101425, former member of the 33rd Battalion, who was drafted to a mounted rifles regiment in England, is reported as being dangerously wounded in a private telegram received here today.

Fred Clements of 12515 Adelaide street has been advised by the militia department that Pte. Clements was admitted to No. 3 casualty clearing station, dangerously wounded. The date of his admission is given as July 22.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

DEATH OF WILLIAM BLAND.

William H. Bland, youngest son of the late Robert H. Bland, died in this city Thursday night. He is survived by three brothers, Thomas of Toronto, Richard of London, and Joseph, United States senator for Michigan, and one sister, Mrs. A. Crounch of London.

The funeral will be held on Saturday from the undertaking parlors of John Ferguson's Sons to Woodland Cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. McDougall Hay of Elora.

JAMES P. BROWN.

The death of James P. Brown occurred at his late residence, 25 Evers street, Thursday afternoon. He was 49 years of age, and had been living recently for some time. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mr. H. H. Hunsford of this city and Mrs. James Henshaw of Nissouri, and one son, Fred Brown of this city.

Funeral arrangements have not been fully completed, but the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon, between 1 and 2 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. Brown, 25 Evers street.

The funeral was held this afternoon from her late residence at 1:30. Interment was made at Brown's Hill.

COMPREHENSIVE RECRUITING PLANS FOR THIS DISTRICT TO BE EVOLVED AT ONCE

General Conference on August 3 Expected to Bring Them to
Head—New Battalions Forecast and Efforts to Fill Existing Ones Will Be Made Immediately.

Capt. E. B. Manning of Lieut.-Col. Williams' headquarters recruiting staff, is in the city completing arrangements for the recruiting conference, which is to be held here on August 2 next.

The meeting will be held in the Masonic Hall from 2 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon. It is expected that fully 200 recruiting officers, mayors, reeves, representatives of civilian recruiting organizations, and manufacturing concerns and tradesmen will come to the city. A party of nineteen men has been arranged as a delegation from Walkerton, where a bylaw and five women from Chatham have expressed their intention of being present. Numerous women representatives of the various recruiting organizations and the interests of the Women's Emergency Corps.

To Discuss Registration.

The meeting will discuss the general problem of recruiting in No. 1 Military District. It is believed that the question of conscription or registration will be discussed.

It is hoped to arrive at a basis of understanding with the manufacturers and tradesmen of the district, who have obviously no good reason for refusing to enlist should be urged to do so.

The recruiting officers hope to arrange a working agreement that will meet with the approval of the employers and which will disturb labor conditions as little as possible.

It is stated that a number of new battalions will be authorized as soon as those at present in the field are up to strength.

Capt. Manning is hopeful that the immediate result of the conference will be the rapid enlistment of a sufficient number of men to fill up the present units.

Some Wants Kiltie Unit.

Some engineers and men of Bruce County, are anxious for the authorization of new battalions. Bruce County wants a kiltie unit and it is stated that the money necessary for the extra equipment has already been arranged for.

Capt. Manning has been chief organizer of recruiting in No. 3 (Kingston) Military District. It is claimed that the system in vogue there is the most comprehensive and efficient so far involved for handling a very difficult question.

His wife, Mrs. (Capt.) Manning, is taking a strong personal interest in the matter, working chiefly among the women of the district.

SPECIAL SERVICE UNIT FORMED IN DISTRICT

Will Be Attached to 160th and Under
Lieut. L. Davis.

Lieut. L. Davis, late of the 73rd (Kiltie) Battalion, Montreal, and son of the Very Rev. Dean Davis, is to have command of the new special service company of the 160th Battalion.

His company will be composed of men of other units who have been found medically unfit to proceed overseas at the present time. A new order promulgated last week provided for the transfer of such men to form a special service company. It is intended to form a number of such units, composed of such men when they become sufficiently numerous. These will be available for guard, police, pickets and for similar duties.

London camp is now feeling the heavy hand of the military department in the matter of postal service. Consequent on the withdrawal of eight battalions, No. 1 Detachment of the Canadian Postal Corps, on duty in connection with the postal clerks, is to be reduced to four men to Camp Borden. At Borden there are more than thirty trained postal clerks, including in connection with the postal clerks, is to be reduced to four men to Camp Borden. At Borden there are more than thirty trained postal clerks, including in connection with the postal clerks, is to be reduced to four men to Camp Borden.

Now, notwithstanding the forthcoming departure from Borden of some seven battalions overseas, it is proposed to draft three more military postal clerks from London. This would leave one man here to handle incoming mail for three battalions, two A. M. C. units, district headquarters, the batteries, engineers and various details. The field staff at headquarters shows approximately 4,000 men on the strength of the camp, which is the same as last fall when a postal detachment of three was kept so busy that a request was made for more help.

Postal work at the camp includes the handling of hundreds of pieces of registered mail almost daily. In connection with the district paymaster's branch and other offices, headquarters' mail to and from the various active militia units of military district No. 1, comprises the eleven Western Ontario volumes, and naturally a considerable volume of personal letters to and from the men of the units here. In the last-named class, the addresses are in many cases indefinite, requiring considerable ingenuity on the part of the staff before correct delivery can be made.

Lieut. F. D. Sharma, commanding London detachment of the C. P. C., was on duty at the camp last year, but this year the detachment at the Heights is in charge of Staff-Sergeant Frank Anderson.

The convenience of being able to purchase stamps and money orders in camp is one much appreciated by all ranks, but apparently the privilege will be lost without a protest. It is obvious that one clerk cannot do the work of a postoffice at camp and make collections. If attempted, it would mean locking up the building so frequently as to destroy its usefulness.

"This is only London," seems to be the philosophy of the camp on the subject.

HAD PREMONITION OF DEATH ON FIRING LINE

Pte. Hugh McKay, Former Londoner,
Wrote to Mother Forecasting Death.

Letters received by the mother of Pte. Hugh McKay, son of the late Hugh McKay, cigar manufacturer, of this city, who was killed in the fighting in France, indicate that the young soldier had a premonition of his fate. A letter written just before he fell in action and received by his mother, now residing in Kingston, after his death, referred to this premonition that was proven by events that transpired between his writing and his delivery.

Mrs. C. Parker of Ridout street south is a sister of the dead soldier.

BUILDING CRUSHED STONE COUNTY ROADS

Gravel Scarce Near Parkhill, Hence
Use of Stone.

The building of crushed stone roads near Parkhill, to connect with road systems previously completed, is now in the course of operation. The roads at present under construction extend for one mile from the main street of Parkhill, between the townships of McGillicuddy and West Williams on the Rob Roy road, south of Parkhill.

The estimated cost of construction is \$2,500 a mile, of which the village of Parkhill is paying one-half, the townships assuming the balance.

Crushed stone is being used, not because it is regarded as a better road, it is claimed, but because gravel in that section is not so plentiful as in the south. It is said, is hard to road and will not settle as gravel does, but forms ruts that make the road rougher in the summer than those of gravel construction.

In the early spring the crushed stone road has one advantage, that it will dry up with greater rapidity. It has also been found more expensive in Middlesex to maintain stone roads than gravelled.

FIVE TOWNSHIP BRIDGES ORDERED

Dorchester Council Will Award Contracts
for Them on Saturday.

The Dorchester Township Council is tomorrow awarding contracts for five township bridges to replace wooden structures on extensively travelled highways. Two of them will be of steel, and the other of reinforced concrete construction. The steel bridges will be between concessions four and five, one being north of the River Thames and the other south. They will be 38 feet and 30 feet respectively, and will cost \$15,000 and \$10,000. The concrete bridges will be of 18 feet and 12 feet in length. The 18-footer will be on the Elgin road, while the others will be at Harriestown and Crampton. The estimate cost is \$500 and \$200.

Ashtons

Sport Oxfords and Sport Boots

Are on the wave of popularity this summer. They're so jaunty looking that they can be worn for summer street or dress wear, as well as for all Sporting occasions.

Oxfords ... \$1.50, \$2.00
Boots ... \$2.00, \$2.50

Ashtons

TAN CALF SPORT OXFORDS AND BOOTS

With Saddle Strap and Rubber Soles. **\$6.00, \$6.50**

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