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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. H. W. Lake, of the Molsons Bank, Ridgeway, has been promoted to the London branch as paying teller.
—Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock the firemen had a run to the residence of Mrs. S. N. Paul, 234 York street, where a chimney had caught fire. No damage was done.

STREET RAILWAY BALL.
The employees of the London Street Railway will hold their third annual ball Tuesday, Feb. 16.

MR. CARR'S CHILD DEAD.
The death of Vera, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. A. Carr, occurred Saturday morning from diphtheria. The child was about 6 years old.

DEATH AT HOSPITAL.
Mrs. Harrington, of Deckererville, Mich., died at Victoria Hospital Saturday morning. The deceased, who is about 50 years of age, has relatives at Byron, who will take charge of the remains.

DEATH ON PETER STREET.
The death of Mr. Alexander John McKay, insurance agent, occurred this morning at his home 23 Peter street. He was in his 71st year and resided formerly in Grimsby and Toronto. The funeral, Monday afternoon, will be private.

DEAN KILROY'S WILL.
By the will of the late Dean Kilroy, who died in Stratford, \$1,000 is left to the poor of that city. \$1,000 for a memorial window in his late church, and \$250 for masses. A number of shares of valuable stock go to his housekeepers, his library to Bishop McEvay, of London, and the residue of the estate to Miss Margaret Kilroy, his sister, of Windsor.

CUT EYE ON SIDEWALK.
Mr. Angus McNeill, of 240 Thames street, had to be taken to Victoria Hospital Saturday night. He fell at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets and sustained a bad cut over his eye.

—Mr. R. H. Harding, of Thorndale, has been elected president of the Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association, and representative to the Western Fair.

A SURPRISE PARTY.
Elder R. C. Evans and Mrs. Evans were unexpectedly waited on on Friday night by a party of between sixty and seventy persons. The company was under the direction of Elder Wm. Flagg, of the Latter Day Saints' Church. A pleasant time was had, lunch being served by the ladies. A programme consisting of vocal and instrumental music, recitations and speeches, was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Evans, delivered by Elder Flagg. Following the address was a presentation of a purse of money to Mrs. Evans.

DIED IN ALBERTA.
The many friends in London will hear with deep regret of the death of Mr. Thomas Higginbotham at High

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River, Alberta, on Jan. 30. Deceased, who was 82 years of age, was for many years a resident of this city, and last spring he went to High River with his son-in-law, Mr. H. Gould. The remains arrived in the city today, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Gould, and interment will be made in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

ELECTED OFFICERS.
The officers of West London Council, No. 27, C. O. C. F., for the ensuing year will be as follows: C. C. J. H. Jones; V. C., T. Brooks; treasurer, R. Webster; prelate, J. Hopkins; recorder, H. Burgess; marshal, O. Wootton; guard, J. Aiken; S. Y. Jones; sergeant-at-arms, W. Marshall; medical examiner, Dr. Teasdale; trustees, one year, P. J. Johnson; 2 years, W. J. Cook; 3 years, W. J. Saunders; P. C. Friend, W. A. Nixon and P. C. Friend.

A SUICIDE IN STRATHROY
Robert G. Graham Ends His Own Life With a Gun.

Victim of Despondency—Leaves a Wife and Family.

Robert G. Graham, a resident of Strathroy for many years, committed suicide Sunday afternoon by shooting himself with a gun. Graham had been despondent, and this was the reason for his action. He was 40 years old, and had a wife and three children, with whom he lived on Frank street, Strathroy.

About eight years ago he went to Denfield, prior to that conducting a successful elevator business. For two years he remained in Denfield, running a hotel there. After that he began drinking heavily, and about a year ago he took up his residence in Strathroy.

On Saturday he arrived home from some business trip, and found that to some of his friends recently he said they would see what the reason for his action. He was supposed to be that he intended to commit suicide. He had some severe losses financially lately.

On Sunday afternoon, about 2:30 o'clock, Graham went home with a shotgun. He placed the muzzle of the weapon against his body, and in discharging it a terrible wound was inflicted in his abdomen. The unhappy man died two hours later.

THE LATE ALEX. J. MCKAY

Death of an Esteemed Citizen of London From Pneumonia.

Mr. Alexander J. McKay, an old and much-respected resident of London, died on Saturday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. John Hislop. Mr. McKay had not been in vigorous health lately, but the immediate cause of his death was pneumonia, from which he suffered only four or five days. Mr. McKay was a native of Guysborough, Nova Scotia, and was in his 71st year, being born in August, 1833. While quite young he moved with his father's family to Beamsville, Lincoln County, Ont. He was a near relative of Mr. Beaton, from whom Beamsville took its name, and here he united with the Baptist Church of the village. In 1863 Mr. McKay, with his family, moved to Grimsby, joining the Baptist Church there. From Grimsby Mr. McKay subsequently came to this city, and resided here until 1881. His sons being desirous of studying for the ministry, the family at this time moved to Toronto. Here Mr. McKay joined the 13th Street Baptist Church, remaining a member up to the time of his death. About eight years ago, their children having settled at different points, Mr. and Mrs. McKay came to London, making their home with their daughter, Mrs. John Hislop at No. 23 Peter street, and where deceased died his last days.

Besides his widow (who is at present quite ill), deceased leaves the following sons and daughters: H. B. McKay, a Courtice Bros. & Co. Rochester, N. Y.; Mr. John Hislop, city; Rev. Wm. J. McKay, E. A. B. D., Stratford, Ont.; A. C. McKay, B. L. D., professor of mathematics, McMaster University, Toronto; Rev. R. R. McKay, B. A., Brandon, Man.; and Mrs. H. L. Stark, Roadside, Toronto.
Rev. Thomas S. Johnson will conduct the services at the funeral, which leaves No. 23 Peter street at 2 o'clock this (Monday) afternoon for Woodland Cemetery.

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A FIREMAN, FATALLY INJURED, DISPLAYS REMARKABLE NERVE

Crawls Under a Train, Unaided, Asks for a Doctor and Makes His Will.

An accident, which was attended with fatal results, occurred about 10 o'clock on Sunday morning on the Michigan Central at West Lorne, 26 miles west of St. Thomas. The victim was Thomas Van, a fireman, whose headquarters were at St. Thomas. Van was firing on the second engine attached to a long freight train, westbound. Water had been taken at the standpipes in the village yards, and the train was pulling out for Windsor, when the train's engine broke away from the cab, causing Van, who had just stepped back for a shovel of coal, to fall to the tracks. The train was going at a slow rate

TRAFFIC WAS GREATLY HELPED BY THE PAST TWO DAYS' THAW

Good Lot of Coal Rushed in by L. E. and D. R. R.—Street Railway a Sufferer.

Though the thaw that was so earnestly wished for brought with it many disagreeable conditions and even a financial loss to many people, yet it has served a good purpose, and through the opening up of the railway lines a better prospect of view than for a couple of days ago. The steam railroads made the best of their opportunities, and all day Sunday, double-headers on the Lake Erie brought long trains of coal and merchandise into the city. Traffic normal, and both passenger and freight trains were kept moving on practically schedule time.

The thaw, however, had anything but a good effect upon the fortunes of the London Street Railway Company. The thaw melted the snow and caused the rails to be flooded with water. Running through these small rivers, the water got into the motors, which, according to City Engineer Graydon, are not sufficiently protected, and the result was that motor after motor was burned out. At 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon not a car was running in the city, and the tie up was complete. As a consequence the many lost practically the entire day's receipts, and besides this tidy amount, they are also in for about \$3,000 for repairs to the cars.

In the evening several of the motors were repaired and were sent out on the lines, but they did not stop for passengers. It was a most disagreeable day and if the street railway people were inconvenienced by the snow, they were inconvenienced to a still greater extent.

Every sidewalk in the city was covered with water, and the tired pedestrians trudging along was at any moment liable to find the snow give way and send them sprawling. The inconvenience of the water running in over his rubbers and flooding his shoes. But there was no help for it, the water was there, and of business, and the only thing to do was trudge and wade along as best you could.

The great depth of snow and ice on the Dundas and Richmond street pavements caused the water to flow off the roadway on to the sidewalks, and Saturday night shoppers found it necessary to take to the road.

Between Clarence and Wellington streets on the south side of Dundas the conditions were terrible. Some of the merchants had a few days previously cleared the snow off their walks, and when the thaw came the spaces they had dug out soon filled full of water, in some instances six or eight inches deep.

The lack of street cars and the heavy disagreeable walking seriously affected the business Saturday and Sunday night. The people did not care to come out, and the only ones who braved the weather were those who had to do so. The evening was that despite all the unfavorable conditions as to transportation to the theater there were, nevertheless, large audiences at the Grand Opera House Saturday afternoon and evening.

FEARED A FLOOD.
From the manner in which the water was swamping the streets many people feared that a big flood in the river was on the tapis. This fear was further strengthened when at midnight the storm steadily grew in intensity until at day-break the downpour of rain was phenomenal for this season. The snow was melted from the roofs of buildings, and the quantity of "the beautiful" on the ground was materially lessened. The streets on Sunday morning were in a deplorable condition, and the

HARD LINES FOR FLORISTS
Very Little Sunshine So Far This Winter.
Only Sixty-Eight Hours in Two Months Has Shown Up.

This has been one of the hardest winters for the florists that they ever experienced. Sunshine is one of the chief requisites for the people who grow flowers, and this winter there has been a sad deficiency of it. During the whole month of December there were only 11 hours of sunshine, and last month but 27.
Mr. Gammage, asked about this by The Advertiser, said never in his recollection was there such a small amount of sunshine, and as a result the flowers have stood still.
And there have been other drawbacks. The consumption of fuel has been necessarily greater than for very many years. The shipping trade has been almost prohibited. The snow blockade has been particularly hard on the florists, and very little has gone out of the city from local florists. The chief losses kept back by the lack of sunshine, and for the other reasons, roses and carnations and other blooming plants.

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of speed at the time, and it was brought to a standstill after four cars and the tender of the engine had passed over the unfortunate man. Trainmen, who hurried to his assistance, found that Van had his left leg cut off above the knee, and that his left arm was also badly bruised about the body. Van was taken to the station, where he was attended by Dr. Webster, and the injured man was taken to St. Thomas in the caboose. At the Amnosa Wood Hospital there everything possible was done to save his life, but he died at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The nerve displayed by Van through the whole affair was phenomenal. Redeemer yesterday morning and at All Saints' Church, Toronto, in the evening.

Next Sunday the Bishop of Huron will preach to the students of McGill University, Montreal.
Rev. Dyson Hague will deliver an address at the meeting of the Anglican Young People's Association of Christ Church this evening.
Forty-six new members were welcomed last night by the pastor and officials of the Colborne Street Methodist Church at the quarterly reception service.

Rev. Wylie C. Clark, D.D., of Brampton, preached both sermons at St. Andrew's Church yesterday. Rev. Dr. Bethune, in the morning, and the rector, Rev. R. W. Howard, in the evening, preached sermons touching on the work of the King's Daughters, for whom special services were being held.

Rev. J. C. Farthing and Mrs. Farthing, of Woodstock, were presented by the congregation of new St. Paul's Church Friday evening with an address and two pieces of handsome furniture. The announcement was then made of Mr. Farthing's appointment as a canon of the cathedral, in which connection attendance at the gathering was very large.

In St. Peter's Cathedral, St. Mary's Church and the rectory of the city Sunday, blessed candles were distributed to the faithful by the pastors.

LADY EVANGELISTS HERE
Commence Series of Special Services at Dundas Church.

Notes of Interest From London's Edifices—Reception Service.

A series of evangelistic services was commenced yesterday in the Dundas Street Methodist Church by Misses E. Stafford Miller and Julie Leighton, who hail from Australia. In the morning, Miss Miller gave an account of the great meetings held in Australia recently by Dr. Turner, at which thousands are said to have been converted. In the evening Miss Miller delivered an earnest appeal to church members, warning them against falling into the error of the Ephesian Church, and allowing business or pleasure to so occupy the mind that no time could be left for true, loving service. What was needed, she said, was an active church membership, with every member alive to the needs of the poor, the sinful and the sorrowing. The services conducted by the lady evangelists are of an interesting character.

Miss Layton does little, if any, of the speaking, but sings a number of old-time Gospel songs. Miss Miller announced yesterday that a choir of children would be organized to assist in the services.

The new chair for the rector of St. Paul's Cathedral was used yesterday for the first time.
Rev. Edwin Holmes conducted the services at the Askin Street Methodist Church in the absence of the Rev. W. B. Howson, who is ill.
The much-appreciated musical service at the First Methodist Church last

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A RACE OF PIGMIES
Interesting Discovery Made by a Central African Expedition.

Paris, Feb. 8. — A letter received from a member of the Central African expedition, which is exploring unknown regions in the heart of Africa, states that in the region to the south of Dikakire the expedition found a race of troglodytes, none of whom were over four feet in height.

They appeared fairly intelligent and lived principally on the animals they caught on their hunting expeditions, bringing down their quarry with bows and arrows.
Their marriage ceremonies are simple, the males on reaching the age of 16, drawing lots for the females of the same age.
The journey across the country was accomplished without opposition from the natives.

A PRIVATE INFERNO
Wealthy English Recluse Had Satan in Chains Guarding Door.

London, Feb. 8.—A wealthy recluse, R. S. Wilson, of Tuxford Hall, Notts—who had one of the most curious collections one could imagine—died on Thursday, aged 73. He had in his grounds an inferno, which was a colossal edifice of Satan, bought in chains. His hell, as he described it to those very few visitors privileged to see his exhibition, contained effigies typifying lawyers, the priesthood, the woman with a proud look and a lying tongue and a tobacco devil. The whole was intended as an allegory, Satan being represented as the king of this world.

A PREHISTORIC WORK
Ancient Engineering Operations Are Found in Northwest.

Bozeman, Montana, Feb. 8.—Extensive prehistoric engineering work has been discovered in British America by Alexander S. Christie, sen., a civil engineer, of this city, who now is engaged in writing an extensive article on the work. The discovery was made by Mr. Christie near McLeod's Bay, at the northeastern end of Great Slave Lake. The work is excavated in a solid rock formation, and it is covered systematically with rock-cut inscriptions, a great part of which are still legible. We made an exploration and brought away copies of a large body of the inscriptions and the record of forty-six measurements. He since has succeeded in establishing the fact that the inscriptions purely are alphabetic, and in several instances has solved their meaning. He expects to return soon for a year's study.

Even the poor in England eat white bread. In most of the continental countries of Europe rye bread is the staple. The Russians use buckwheat. The Lapplanders have a bread made of oaten meal mixed with pine bark, and the Icelanders make their flour from lichen. Banana flour is used in the South Sea Islands.

OLD COLD CURE.
The advice given by a parent to his son at Oxford in the year 1686 against catching cold when attending the theater will not be without interest in the pantomime season. "Child, I heard that the players are gone down to Oxford, but I am unwilling that you should go to see them at, for fear on your coming out of the hot play house into the cold air, you should catch harm, for as I did once coming out of the theater at a public act when it was very full and steaming