

**LIVELY ROW AT POTTERSBERG
IN WHICH A SHOTGUN FIGURED**

Battle Between the Darts and the Flannigans Took Place on Saturday—The Case Now in the Courts.

Pottersburg was treated to a real live riot on Saturday night, and as John Flannigan, jun., a wholesale butcher is out on bail amounting to some \$400 to appear before Squire S. F. Glass on Thursday at 10 o'clock, while warrants and summons have been issued for a number of other parties.

For a long time, it seems, the Flannigans, and a family named Dart, who live just opposite them, have been at sword's points, and frequently there has been trouble as a result.

MET AT HOTEL.

On Saturday night Frank Flannigan and Jack Flannigan met Hiram Dart, the father, and Fred Dart, the son, in front of the Barnes House, and in some manner trouble began.

In a few moments fists were flying, and black eyes were becoming numerous.

Then, when the combatants were becoming weary of their exertions, reinforcements came along and the battle continued anew.

In some manner or another a man named Tassman became mixed up in the melee, whether through intent or not is not known.

At all events he is said to have come out second best.

ADDED INSULT TO INJURY.

For a time the Flannigans were said to have had a little the best of the warfare, but eventually they had to give ground and the other side carried the night right up to the Flannigan's front door, where, it is alleged, Mrs. John Flannigan took a hand in the row.

But still the Darts would not be denied, and there looked to be an excellent chance for the entire Flannigan family to be wiped out, when Jack Flannigan bethought himself of the family shotgun, which hung behind the kitchen door.

To think was to act. He ran in and secured the weapon, which is said to have been empty.

It served all purposes, though, for as soon as the Darts got a glimpse of the gun, which to them looked as big as a cannon, they decided that the fight could be postponed for the time being just as well as not, and departed for other and safer parts immediately.

CHARGES MADE.

Mr. Tassman then made his way to Squire S. F. Glass' house, and entered a complaint against Jack Flannigan, who was arrested by High Constable Hughes. Later information was laid against Mrs. Flannigan and Frank Flannigan, who in turn, is said, will enter complaints against the Darts and others.

Later on in the evening, when everything looked peaceful again, it is said that Jack Flannigan walked down street to the Pottersburg barber shop with the gun in his hands.

Whether he was looking for anybody or not, of course, cannot be said, but that is one of the questions he will probably have to answer when the affair is threshed out in court tomorrow.

Constable Mills is working on the case.

**Council Can't Sell Pt. Stanley Land
City Solicitor Meredith Says So**

Now Said That Mr. Price Will Open Negotiations With Another Municipality.

Mr. R. W. Price, of Port Stanley, was a visitor at the city hall this morning, and had a conversation with Mayor Stevely regarding the sale of the property at Port Stanley for an elevator.

It is not known what the conversation was, but it is understood that Mayor Stevely gave Mr. Price no encouragement regarding the purchase of the land from the city.

City Council Sell.

It has been learned that City Solicitor Meredith has given his opinion unofficially that the city cannot sell the property to Mr. Price or his company.

According to a former opinion, the

city cannot lease the property for any term of years.

This opinion, regarding the sale, is unofficial, but Mr. Meredith's written opinion will be submitted to the London and Port Stanley board tomorrow.

Puts a Damper On.

This effectively puts a damper on Mr. Price's efforts to obtain a suitable site for the elevator. He does not know what his next course of procedure will be, but it is quite probable that Mr. Price will consider the claims of another municipality which has offered him splendid inducements to establish there.

A Line of Boats.

He had already made arrangements for the line of boats from Montreal to Port William to stop at Port Stanley.

Whether the failure of these negotiations will have any influence on this matter is not known, but it is expected that Port Stanley will be made a port of call for these boats, anyway.

**Oil Cases Against Londoners Fail
All Non-Suited By Judge Elliott**

Methods of Getting Orders Were Not Above Criticism He Said.

"The National Oil Company, of Canada," or the "Liberty Drug, Oil and Chemical Company, of New York City, Montreal, P. Q.," as the case might be, received a severe body blow this morning at a special sitting of the division court before Judge Elliott, who held that, while the business of the company or companies, might be legitimate, the method pursued in getting orders was calculated to deceive the purchasers.

All the cases were non-suited. Fifteen jurymen had been subpoenaed for the occasion, but the first case on the list was tried without a jury.

Phone System for Victoria Hospital

A system of telephones for Victoria Hospital and the new isolation hospital will be installed.

It will be a switch board system, and will be up-to-date.

The estimated cost will be about \$700 per annum for phones alone.

An operator must also be employed. The system will connect the new

isolation hospital, the hygienic institute, and the nurses' home, besides the superintendent's office, house surgeon's offices, public and private wards and other rooms.

An estimate of the cost has been secured from the Bell Telephone Company, and will be submitted to the hospital trust shortly.

**PORT STANLEY POPULAR
WITH CLEVELAND PEOPLE**

Excursions Are Already in Sight—Board of Trade Wants Passenger Traffic on Certain Boats Resumed.

Mayor Stevely received a communication today from Mr. W. Bell, president of the Port Stanley Board of Trade, asking him to use his good offices to restore passenger traffic on the steamers Bessemer II. and Marquette, plying between Port Stanley and Conneaut, Ohio.

Since the destruction of the Shenango, passenger traffic has been cut off on these boats and Port Stanley people are anxious to have it restored, as it means a large number of visitors each summer to the lakeside resort.

A BIG EXCURSION.

Accompanying the communication was another communication from the Bartlett Tour Company, of Cleveland, asking what steanship accommodation could be furnished from 100 to 200 passengers from Cleveland to Port Stanley.

This company is working in connection with a large typewriter manufacturer in Cleveland, and they are anxious to bring a large number of their employees to the Port this summer for a couple of weeks to camp.

COME UP TOMORROW.

The communication will be considered at the meeting of the London and Port Stanley board tomorrow, and it is expected that an effort will be made to have the passenger traffic on these boats restored.

**Boardinghouse Keepers Have Trouble
But Men Who Beat Them Are in Jail**

Indian List Does Not Prevent Certain Persons Getting Drunk.

Fred Booth, the young Londoner, who was arrested in St. Catharines last week, and who pleaded guilty on Saturday to stealing a watch from his boardinghouse landlady, also was found guilty this morning of attempt-

ed fraud in that he tried to beat his board bill.

Booth was remanded for a week for sentence.

H. O. Taylor, another young man, who was found guilty last week of beating a board bill, was bailed to appear in a week in the sum of \$200. The bail was furnished by his brother, who is endeavoring to settle the affair.

John Hooper and Thomas Sullivan, two old timers, who have been on the water wagon on Saturday and each paid \$10 and \$2 costs this morning for their first breach of license law.

**South London Couple Were Injured
Cutter Overturned While Driving**

Mr. and Mrs. John A. McKellar Victims of Snow Piled on Streets.

While driving Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. John A. McKellar, of 145 Marley Place, in company with their grandchild, were thrown from a cutter and severely injured at the corner of Adelaide and Layard streets.

Mrs. McKellar has been very ill for five weeks, and yesterday Mr. McKellar decided to take advantage of the mild weather and take her for a drive.

At the corner mentioned above, the snow has been thrown to each side of the street by the sweeper of the street railway, and also by the trailing board, which is hung on every trolley.

As Mr. and Mrs. McKellar drove along, the cutter slowed in the trench, and when it struck the street railway rail, it turned over.

Mr. McKellar's head was split open, and Mrs. McKellar's wrist was very badly cut.

The couple were also very severely shaken up, and in Mrs. McKellar's weakened condition, serious consequences are feared.

J. B. Campbell, who was called, says the patients are doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

The little grandchild escaped with only a soaking in the slush of the roadway.

It is alleged that this is the sixth accident which has occurred near the corner of Adelaide and Layard streets within a few days.

**Mr. Asquith Refuses to Divulge
Contents of Kaiser-Tweedmouth Letter**

London, March 9.—The hope that the letter sent last month by Emperor William of Germany to Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the admiralty, in which it has been charged His Majesty attempted to influence Great Britain's naval legislation, and the British minister's reply thereto would be made public for the edification of the people was quickly dispelled by the exchequer, in the House of Commons this afternoon.

In a couple of curt sentences, Mr. Asquith, who was acting as premier, told A. J. Balfour and his other questioners that he had nothing to add to his statement of Friday, and that so far as he knew Lord Tweedmouth had nothing to add to his declaration that beyond the fact that immediately upon receipt of Emperor William's letter

the first lord of the admiralty showed it to Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, who agreed with the recipient of the letter, had no official character and should be treated as a private communication.

"It is clearly out of the question," continued Mr. Asquith, "to lay private and personal correspondence on the table."

A question from Amelius R. M. Lockwood, a Conservative member of the House, as to whether it was possible for a communication on such an important question to be regarded in any way as private drew a still curt "yes" from Mr. Asquith, and when he was asked to give the House of Commons an opportunity to discuss Lord Tweedmouth's conduct, the acting head of the government maintained a chilly silence.

**Wants Amount of Power City Desires
T. H. Fryer of Guelph Wants a Letter**

Mayor Stevely Says the London Council Will Authorize Him to Do So at Once.

A letter was received this morning from Mr. J. H. Fryer, Galt, secretary of the Western Ontario Municipalities Power Association, asking that the city of London forward the amount of power it desires to contract for with the hydro-electric commission at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Fryer says that all the munici-

palities have responded with the exception of London and Brantford, and one or two others, and the association is anxious to hear from these as soon as possible, so that the contracts for power may be received from the Government at the earliest possible date.

Says Council Will Do It.

Mayor Stevely will forward the communication to the council, and it will be sent to No. 3 committee.

"I expect the council will authorize me to contract for a certain amount of power very soon," said Mayor Stevely. "This matter must be settled soon."

Injunction Re Amalgamated Oil Co.

In the high court, Toronto, before Mr. Justice MacMahon, in the case of the London and Western Trusts Company vs. Township of Enniskillen, M. A. Secord (Galt) for plaintiffs, moved ex parte for an injunction restraining the defendants, their servants and

agents, from selling any of the property of the Amalgamated Oil Company of London, seized by the defendants for taxes. Injunction granted until Thursday next, with liberty to plaintiff to use further material on return of the motion.

**ELDER EVANS WAS
VERY SUCCESSFUL**

In His Work in Toronto—Now Leaves for Independence, Missouri.

Elder R. C. Evans, of this city, has just completed a period of four years in Toronto, where he lectured to a capacity audience of about 2,000 each Sunday night in the Majestic Theater. A handsome new Latter Day Saints' Church has just been completed there at a cost of \$15,000.

Elder Evans leaves at once for Independence, Mo., where he will attend a world's convention of his church.

**REV. MR. ROSS
DENIES THE STORY**

Rumor Said That He Would Return to Montreal Shortly.

A rumor was in circulation this morning that Rev. Dr. Ross, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, would return to Montreal shortly to resume college work in the Presbyterian College with which he was identified for many years.

"I have heard nothing of it," said Dr. Ross to The Advertiser. "I have no intention at this present moment of leaving London."

**HOSPITAL COMMITTEES
MEET THIS AFTERNOON**

In Connection With the Tuberculosis Hospital Plans.

The special tuberculosis hospital committee of both the city and the county councils will meet this afternoon at 4:30 when the special legislation in connection with the bill will be discussed.

The special legislation desired will probably come up for discussion in the House this week.

Hiram Cushman, a hostler in an Apin hotel, was arrested this morning by County Constable Corsaut on a charge of having assaulted and used abusive language to A. N. Black, a Melbourne hotelman.

Cushman will probably be bailed this afternoon to appear tomorrow at 11 o'clock before Squire Chittick.

**DEATH OF HIGHLY
ESTEEMED RESIDENT**

Mrs. Sarah A. Blackwell Has Passed Away.

An old and highly esteemed resident of this city passed away at the family residence, 510 York street, on Sunday morning in the person of Mrs. Sarah Ann Blackwell, wife of Mr. William Blackwell.

Mrs. Blackwell was in her 65th year and had lived in London for nearly forty years.

She was a native of Kent, England. Besides her husband, she is survived by seven sons and three daughters—Messrs. W. G. Blackwell, Amos, Frank, Peter, Ernest and Herbert, this city; George, of St. Thomas; Mrs. Charles Rudd, of this city; Mrs. Bisbee, of Beamsville, and Miss Hattie, at home. The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

EXPULSED FROM CHURCH

Rome, March 8.—In pursuance of his campaign against modernism, the Pope has decreed that the excommunication against the Archbishop of Paris, for "his syncretistic" views, and his reply to the papal encyclical against modernism, is not only expelled from the church and deprived of all ecclesiastical privileges, but all Roman Catholics are forbidden to hold any communication with him.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, March 9—8 a.m. Fair and cold today and on Tuesday.

Local Temperatures.

The highest and the lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Saturday were: Highest, 41.5°; lowest, 29° above zero. Sunday: Highest, 35°; lowest, 30° above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	24	18	Clear
Winnipeg	16	18	Clear
Port Arthur	4	12	Cloudy
Parry Sound	0	0	Clear
Toronto	14	14	Cloudy
Ottawa	6	6	Fair
Montreal	15	15	Fair
Quebec	24	24	Clear
Father Point	24	20	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The cold wave which was coming in over the Western Provinces on Saturday morning has spread eastward over Ontario and Western Quebec.

The temperature is below zero in Manitoba and Northern Ontario.

The barometer is high over the greater part of Canada, and there are some indications that a storm will soon develop near the Atlantic coast.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 12-14; Atlin, 32-34; Victoria, 38-50; Kamloops, 28-30; Edmonton, 4-30; Prince Albert, 24 below-2; Calgary, 8-44; Swift Current, 2-30; Winnipeg, 20 below-4; Port Arthur, 4 below-14; Parry Sound, 24-30; Toronto, 32-40; Ottawa, 28-36; Montreal, 30-38; Quebec, 22-30; St. John, 28-38; Halifax, 30-38.

**FOUR BUILDINGS TOPPLE
INTO A RAGING TORRENT**

Albion, Michigan, Stores and Bridges Are Swept Away By Flood From Kalamazoo River.

Albion, Mich., March 8.—Five Albion stores, two of which were in the new postoffice building, caved in Saturday night and Sunday as a result of the flood's ravages. The stores are peculiarly situated on or near the Kalamazoo River and the foundations were undermined by the water in the river, where it crosses Superior street, the city's main thoroughfare. Another wooden block is fast settling into the river on the other side of the street. Two bridges also went out.

The total loss is estimated at over \$100,000.

The two bridges carried away, one of which was in front of the stores, spanned the river at Superior and at Porter and Erie streets.

At the time of the cave-in, some of the buildings were occupied, but the tenants, warned by the cracking of glass, escaped in safety.

For a time Saturday night the city was cut in two parts and its only fire protection for twenty-four hours was that furnished by a steamer. It is expected that there will be better protection by morning, however. The gas main is broken, and will remain so for some time to come. The gas supply had been turned off for 26 hours, so no danger followed the breaking.

The Lake Shore Railroad tracks for three-quarters of a mile to the south were washed out. The Michigan Central and Michigan United tracks are all right so far.

To a great extent the trouble here is due to the washing away of the dams at Homer and at Concord Saturday. Hundreds of men were put to work Saturday night, and by late Sunday morning the huge ice blockades broken up. The water has begun to recede and the danger is now believed to be over.

**London's Sidewalks in Bad Condition
Talk of Action Against Street Ry.**

Snow Piled on Roadways Causes Water to Flood Walks.

There may be places where the streets were worse than they were in London yesterday, but they probably would be very hard to find.

A sea of slush was what greeted pedestrians when they turned their steps to go to church.

The sidewalks were inches deep with snow and water, and walking was almost out of the question.

London had it on Venice yesterday, in that city the people take boats when they want to go anywhere.

Londoners yesterday had to put on life preservers, and the average mortal was clad like a fire-fighter.

The roads were better than the sidewalks. It certainly would have improved conditions to have had the walks cleaned.

In other places it would not have made a particle of difference. This was especially true of streets along the street railway tracks.

The snow is piled up to such a height on the road that the water cannot get away in the gutters—in fact, it runs down on to the sidewalks.

Will Sue for Damages.

"I intend to sue the street railway company for damages," said a prominent merchant, who resides on Central avenue.

"The company has piled up snow to a considerable height in front of my place, and it is impossible to get the water away. The snow is shoveled off, but in its place there is water six or seven inches deep. I had good, stout rubbers on yesterday, and tried to get out of my house. The water was above my street-tops, and I ruined a pair of shoes."

"While I consider the city lax in not having the walks cleaned off better, still the company should have kept its part of the street in respectable condition."

Several other citizens talked along the same line, and it is said a number of them will consult lawyers, and make the street railway company responsible for the damage done.

**Quick-Witted Motorman Saved Life
of a Lambeth Lady This Morning**

Mrs. James Had a Very Close Call While Walking on the Tracks.

Only the presence of mind of a motorman saved the life of a lady on the line of the South Western Traction Company this morning about eight o'clock.

At Lambeth, Mrs. James, of that place, was walking on the tracks. Coming from the south was a car, with Motorman Connell at the front end.

Couldn't See the Car.

Mrs. James could not see the car

approaching her because of the high snow banks on either side, and she walked directly toward the danger.

When she did see it the trolley was only a short distance from her. She screamed, and the passengers in the car heard her cries.

Knew What To Do.

Motorman Connell at once put on the brakes and "plugged" his car, with the result that it jumped and pounded on the rails.

Its speed was so checked, however, that Mrs. James was given time to crawl to one side, just as the car ran twenty feet past her.

The passengers speak very highly of the good work of the motorman.

**No Redistribution of the Middlesexes
Geo. Neely, M. L. A. Makes Statement**

East Middlesex Conservatives Met Saturday and Selected Candidates.

At the convention of the East Middlesex Conservatives on Saturday afternoon, Mr. Peter Elson, M. P., and Mr. Geo. Neely, M. P. P., were nominated to contest that riding for the

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Police Court Statistics Completed

Police Court Clerk Moule this morning completed the quarterly police statement and forwarded it to the Government.

In the three months just passed, there were 140 convictions on summary charges, which include drunkenness, vagrancy, disorderly houses, common assault and breaches of the license law.

With the exception of the last, the convictions were much the same as in previous years, but owing to the aggressive attitude that both Inspector Galpin and Magistrate Love have assumed in regard to habitual drunks there are a great many more convictions for breaking the license law than in any previous year.

Will Analyze Ice Coming Into City

The Pere Marquette Railway is shipping large quantities of ice into the city from the Rondeau, and has made application to the board of health for its approval.

The company forwarded an analysis of the ice to Dr. Niven, the chairman of the board.

"There is considerable ice coming in, and we will have an analysis made of it," said Dr. Niven this morning. "The company's analysis is very good, indeed, but we will have to make our own analysis. The ice is for domestic consumption."