

## Niagara Power for London Next Fall

What interest have the people of London in Niagara power?

An answer to this question was furnished last night by Mr. George Armstrong, the head of the London Brass Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Armstrong said that just prior to the expiration of his contract for electrical power with the London Electric Company, a representative of the firm waited on him and told him that unless he was willing to pay an increase in price, which amounted to 125 per cent on his contract, he would be cut off.

As a manufacturer intensely interested, he wrote to the Toronto, Hamilton & Niagara Power Company, which has filed plans for the erection of power lines from Niagara Falls to London, asking the Company as to London's prospects for Niagara power.

Mr. Armstrong was informed by the Company that it would be in a position to deliver power in this city by the fall of 1906.

"The question of Niagara power," says Mr. Armstrong, "will be the most important that the City Council of next year will have to deal with."

And still Mr. Judd asks to be elected mayor!

## MILITARY HONORS FOR DEAD MINISTER

Impressive Ceremonies at the Funeral of Hon. Mr. Prefontaine in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Impressive funeral services occurred today at the Church of the Madeleine here over the body of Raymond Prefontaine, the Canadian minister of marine and fisheries, who died in Paris, Dec. 25. The Government rendered military honors. President Loubet was represented, and all the cabinet ministers attended. Marine Minister Thomson pronounced a discourse on the ties uniting France and Canada and Randolph Lemieux, the Canadian Solicitor-General replied in behalf of Canada.

The body will be transported to Canada by the British battleship Dominion.

## DIED FROM PARALYSIS

Mr. Henry Tierney, an Old Citizen in Only a Few Days.

The death occurred last night of Mr. Henry Tierney, husband of Catherine Tierney, at the family residence, No. 9 Regent street, aged 59 years. Mr. Tierney was the son of the late John Tierney, and was born in Quebec city. He came to London in early life, and had been a resident here ever since. Besides his widow, he is survived by one son, Edward, and five brothers and five sisters: George and Robert, Bay City, Mich.; Kearns, Montreal; William and Michael, this city; and Mrs. H. Tozer, Mrs. J. Tracey, Mrs. J. Walsh, Mrs. J. P. Lewis and Miss M. Tierney, all of this city. Mr. Tierney was only ill a few days, having been seized with paralysis on Christmas night. He never rallied and passed away last night.

The funeral will leave the family residence on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock for St. Peter's Cathedral. Requiem high mass will be celebrated at 9.30 a.m.

## FIRE IN A WOODBOX

Gave Firemen Run at Four o'Clock in the Morning.

At 4 o'clock this morning the policeman on the Dundas street west end beat noticed a glare in the offices of Bayly & Bayly, over the Agricultural Savings and Loan Company, corner of Talbot and Dundas streets. Heat once sent in an alarm from box 7, and the firemen responded promptly.

The firemen found a blaze in a woodbox behind a stove in one of the offices, but had it not been noticed at the proper time it would have resulted very seriously. The damage was slight. It was learned that the fire was caused by the dumping of ashes into a pall, which was afterwards placed in the wood-box.

## YERKES' MILLIONS FOR NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 29.—The Herald today says: "Colossal with the death yesterday of Charles T. Yerkes, the capitalist, it was learned from one of his business associates that he had bequeathed to the city his mansion in Fifth avenue, together with the great art galleries with it, the whole to be maintained by an endowment of \$1,000,000."

## FINANCING WAS OBJECTED TO

School Trustees Opposed to Method of Buying Ald. Matthews' Cottage.

At the final meeting of the Board of Education for 1905, held yesterday afternoon, Trustees Teasdale, chairman of No. 2 committee, brought up the question of the purchase of Ald. Matthews' cottage on Colborne street, for kindergarten purposes. The property is a short distance north of Princess avenue, and backs onto the Princess avenue school grounds. Some time ago the purchase was decided upon, and \$1 was paid over to Ald. Matthews to bind the deal, which was to be completed by the board of 1906. Eighteen hundred dollars was the purchase price. Trustee Teasdale was not satisfied to let the matter remain as it was, however. He told the board that Ald. Matthews wanted a payment made on the transaction, and despite the protests of Trustees Gammage and Strong, \$200 was ordered to be handed over to Ald. Matthews, who is to have the use of the place until April 1. The objections of Trustees Gammage and Strong were not directed altogether against the purchase of the property, but rather against the method of buying it. The deal was completed outright instead of being shouldered onto the board of 1906, and thus enabling the board of this year to claim a surplus of \$2,200.

Protests were unavailing, however, the Conservative majority outvoting Messrs. Gammage and Strong.

It is the general opinion that Ald. Matthews is getting a very good price for his property, which it has been said, was bought by him a year or more ago for \$800 or \$850.

## PLANS HUGE CHARITY

Rockefeller May Endow Fund for Old Age Pensions.

New York, Dec. 29.—John D. Rockefeller has under consideration the idea of an endowment for old-age pensions. Never before has there been such a probability that old-age pensions would be tried in this country. In Germany the Government has introduced compulsory old-age insurance, which has the old-age pension idea about it. In New Zealand old-age pensions are now receiving a trial. There are many difficulties in the way of successfully carrying out such a plan, but Mr. Rockefeller is one of the few individuals who could attempt to carry out such an idea, as he has the immense volume of funds necessary for a scheme of comprehensive proportions.

## Quake in West Indies.

Kingsburg, Island of St. Vincent, British West Indies, Friday, Dec. 29.—The islands of Grenada and Trinidad experienced yesterday at the same hour the earthquake which was felt here.

## Very Cheap Highwayman.

Traverse City, Mich., Dec. 30.—Carl Blackman, aged 9, was caught last night by a man who ran out from an alley. All the child had was a piece of sausage which he was carrying home for supper. The highwayman took this and ran.

## THE MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

Monday the people of London will choose a man for mayor of the city. But two candidates are in the field. One of these is Ald. Samuel Stevely. For nine years he has been in the public eye, and his opponents, in the effort to find some ground of attack, have resorted to statements which they have been compelled to withdraw.

The first of these was the statement that he was unfair to union men during the McClary strike. The answer to the charge was provided by the Molders' Union, when that body passed a resolution declaring the charge of the Free Press to be groundless. The resolution has been published in The Advertiser and speaks for itself.

Since that time, the Free Press, either ignorantly or willfully, has repeatedly made charges which it could not substantiate. All of the charges were ploys in the extreme. The latest is that Ald. Stevely attempted to engineer a trip for Ald. Forristal and himself to Winnipeg, to attend the convention of Canadian municipalities. The Free Press says he went so far as to put the expenses at \$200. Ald. Stevely had nothing to do with the affair. It was moved in the council by Ald. Gillean, seconded by Ald. Garrair, that Ald. Stevely and Ald. Forristal be named a deputation to represent the city of London at the convention, and the motion was defeated. Ald. Stevely being in the mayor's chair at the time and not voting on the proposal.

These are but samples of the accusations being made against Ald. Stevely by his opponents. The people are left to judge of the fairness of such tactics.

The other candidate is Mr. J. C. Judd, of the law firm of Meredith, Judd & Meredith, solicitor of the Grand Trunk Railway, the Bell Telephone Company, the Barber Asphalt Company, the London Electric Company, and other corporations.

In 1898 he put through the electric lighting contract for his own company, the London Electric, with the city of London, by which the people of this city are charged \$80 per light per year for each street lamp, whereas the people of Toronto only pay about \$65 per lamp for street lighting.

By his own admission, Mr. Judd put through the city council in 1898 a contract for the Bell Telephone Company, which did the citizens out of \$1,500 per annum for five years. Mr. Judd had a right to do this: he was working for the telephone company, not the city.

As a shareholder of the London Electric Company, he went to Toronto and sought to illegally obstruct any and all municipalities, London included, which might attempt to establish their own street lighting plants. Not only did he represent his own company when he waited on the committee of the Legislature, but he also represented half a dozen other lighting plants in Western Ontario.

He appeared before the city council night after night and sought to have the city electric company driven out of London because it was competing with his company, the London Electric.

Only at election times does he deny the fact that his firm does the legal work of the Grand Trunk and other corporations in London. The mayor of London next year will have to have stiff backbone in dealing with corporations, and it would be a pity to place ex-Ald. Judd in a position where he might have to turn down his clients.

The Grand Trunk will wish to close certain streets, and its tracks will be run overhead, or many subways will be needed to be constructed. Many property-holders will be interested. The company cannot lift a hand without the consent of the city, and the man who sits in the mayor's chair should be perfectly independent.

Ald. Forristal, who is out again for alderman, is said to have refused to allow his name to go on any party slate. He is being backed by the businessmen of both shades of politics, and is also very popular with the workmen, being the head of the London and Petrolia Barrel Company, which employs a large number of men. His election is looked upon as a certainty, as his record in the council has been fair and clean.

## BOYS' COLLEGE CONSUMED

Institution at Pickering, Ont., a Prey to the Flames.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Pickering, Dec. 30.—Pickering College for Boys was completely destroyed by fire this morning. Flames broke out in the apartments of Principal Porth, near the furnace, and soon spread. The village fire brigade is only equipped with a hand engine. Whistly sent assistance, but it was too late. Pickering College is a Quaker institution. Loss, \$50,000; partly covered by insurance.



## "AJAX DEFEYING THE LIGHTNING" STORY OF A REAL ROMANCE

FROM GLOOMY CASTLE CARTER

A Prisoner Released To Go To Old Country, and Rumor Says: Girl Has Gone With Him.

A romance of unusual interest developed this morning at the county jail, when an irate Scotchman, James McMunn, came to the authorities looking for information regarding William Morgan, a young Scotchman who was in jail on account of stealing. Morgan was released this week from the jail, and was started on his way home to Scotland, at the expense of charitable people. Morgan is suffering from consumption, and has no chance of recovery. He was fearfully addicted to liquor, and while drunk got into a couple of stealing scrapes.

Morgan came to the city last May from Hamilton, a city a few miles from Glasgow, Scotland. He was young and rather good looking, but appeared to be delicate. He was given employment in a barbershop. In the city lived a family who had come from the same city in Scotland, and in the family were two girls. Morgan renewed his acquaintance with the girls, and the affection that is said to have begun in Scotland ripened and they were married in the summer. It is alleged Morgan got into trouble shortly after, but the young woman visited him in the jail, and also when he was in the hospital. When he was released on Wednesday last, Morgan started for Scotland. On the same train was Mr. McMunn's daughter. Her family had not known of their marriage, and when their daughter did not return they were not suspicious until they read in the papers of Morgan's departure for the old land. They came to the conclusion that the pair had gone together. Mr. McMunn is now endeavoring to see if such is the case, and the whole story leaked out.

The father of the young woman was quite talkative this morning regarding the affair. He said that he had known Morgan for a long time.

## THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair and Milder. London, Saturday, Dec. 30. Sun rises, 7:51 a.m. Moon rises, 10:55 a.m. Sun sets, 4:40 p.m. Moon sets, 9:58 p.m. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 12 below—14 below; Victoria, 26—42; Vancouver, 31—37; Kamloops, 18—25; Calgary, 8—25; Winnipeg, 2—24; Qu'Appelle, 2—5; Winnipeg, 6—12; Port Arthur, 2—23; Toronto, 24—44; Ottawa, 28—35; Montreal, 22—40; Quebec, 23—34; St. John, 24—40; Halifax, 24—35.

FORECASTS. Saturday, Dec. 30—8 a.m. Today—Strong westerly winds; becoming milder with snow flurries. Sunday—Fair and milder.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary, 10 8 Fair. Winnipeg, 0 0 Rain. Parry Sound, 24 20 Rain. Toronto, 22 20 Rain. Ottawa, 22 20 Snow. Montreal, 24 24 Rain. Quebec, 26 26 Rain. St. John, 28 28 Rain. Father Point, 34 22 Snow.

WEATHER NOTES. The storm is now centered in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the weather is becoming cold both in Ontario and Quebec. It is fairly cold throughout Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 42°; lowest, 31.8° above.

## Trap Set for the Rebels; Annihilation When Caught

Russian Government Sending 30,000 Men to Round Up Livonian Insurgents—Moscow Revolt Crushed.

Riga, Dec. 28, via Eydtkuhnen, East Prussia, Dec. 29.—It is said that the new Governor-General with 32,000 additional troops is planning to uproot the revolutionary movement by surrounding Livonia and Courland and driving all the revolutionaries into a bag-shaped corner of Courland between Riga and Libau, where they will be annihilated, warships cutting off all escape by sea.

London, Dec. 30.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Times cables: The revolution at Moscow lasted exactly a week. Fighting ended yesterday and the streets are gradually being cleared of barricades. Electric lighting has been resumed. The reptile organs claim a victory for the Government, while the Liberal newspapers consider it a moral defeat. Admiral Dubasoff hastens to thank the troops without mentioning the police. This omission rather discounts the report that the police checked the movement by arresting all the leaders. The revolutionaries declare this report is false, and say that the struggle has been voluntarily abandoned owing to the deficiency of arms.

Relief Organized. The Duma is organizing relief and urging the authorities to abstain from further repression. The majority of the city fathers have resolved that events at Moscow were called forth by the absence of laws assuring the freedom promised in the manifesto of Oct. 30, and have expressed the hope that they will not lead to further delay in the introduction of liberal reforms.

The Slovo gives this curious explanation of the uprising at Moscow that the old Muscovite element were incensed by the Czar's unfavorable reception of the deputation which went recently to Tsarskoe-Selo to ask for the dismissal of Witte and the convocation of the Zemsky Sobor at Moscow. That is the reason why they made no attempt to check the revolution, which they could easily strangle without the aid of soldiers.

Many in Hospital. A dispatch from Moscow says that complete tranquility will be restored in a few days. All the temporary hospitals are crowded with wounded non-combatants. A Cossack officer yesterday beheaded a boy on the mere suspicion that he was carrying weapons. Two surgeons were killed by the troops while tending the wounded.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—M. Akymoff, a member of the senate has been appointed minister of justice in succession to M. Manukhin.

Traffic has been resumed on the Mitau-Hindau and Mitau-Riga railroads at Baranovitchi, government of Minsk. The troops subsequently restored order without bloodshed. The railroad service has been re-established there.

Kieff, Russia, Oct. 3.—Passenger service has been restored here on the Southwestern Railroad, and freight traffic is gradually being resumed.

## J. W. McKAY DEAD

One of the Best Known Citizens of St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 29.—John Westly McKay, one of St. Thomas' best known citizens, died yesterday morning.

Deceased was in business at Plingal for many years, and afterwards managed an extensive nursery business for a firm in New York State for some 25 years, making his headquarters in this city. He retired from business about ten years ago. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

## MORMONISM TO BE RULING RELIGION

Leader Jos. F. Smith Says It Will Eventually Encircle the World.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The prophecy that Mormonism some day is to encircle the world as the ruling religion of the universe was made last night by Joseph F. Smith, who with other Mormon leaders, spoke to an audience of 400 persons at the Latter Day Saints Church.

"All elders of our church are forbidden to entice people to our belief against their will," said Mr. Smith, "we do not seek to coax women away from their families. I want you to know that the church does not tolerate such wrongdoing."

"To you young men here tonight, I would leave this message: It is essential that you live pure lives, that you keep your word sacred, and that you be honest in your business dealings. Don't tear down other people's beliefs, but show them yours, and if yours is better they will choose it. This is our idea of religion."

## A HEAVY INCREASE

Customs Revenue for December \$9,218 in Advance of Year Ago.

The revenue of the London custom house for December shows an increase of \$9,218 37 over the same month of 1904.

In December of last year the collections totaled \$61,121 96.

During the month ended today the revenue amounted to \$70,340 33, or an advance of \$9,218 37.

## WINNIPEG OLD BOYS

Ex-Londoners in the Prairie Capital Elect Officers.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—The London Old Boys were out in full force tonight for the annual meeting of their association, when the following officers were elected: Patrons, William White, Jerry Robinson, T. W. Taylor, M. P. P. A. Hardy, George F. Bryan, T. H. Slater, George Laing; honorary president, Dr. J. A. McArthur; honorary vice-presidents, W. J. Christie, Capt. Peters, Col. Lindsay, Alex. Calder, H. E. Sharpe; president, A. L. Crossin; vice-presidents, Walter E. Gunn, Harry Chapman, A. Campbell, J. K. Gilmour; secretary, Fred J. Bucklin; treasurer, Frank Chittick; executive committee, Capt. Moore, W. M. Creighton, T. C. Keenleyside, George Booth, B. C. Dixon, George Sippl, J. M. Showler.

## NOTHING LEFT BUT THE WRECKAGE

[Special to The Advertiser.] Victoria, B. C., Dec. 30.—Messrs. Bullen have received a wire from Capt. Harris, of the ship Salvo, sent by order of the Dominion Government to the scene of the wreck of The Pass of the McElfort, near Barclay, found on the west coast of the island. Capt. Harris says no more bodies have come ashore from the wreck, and must have been completely broken up by the seas, as no trace of the vessel remains except the wreckage found on the beach.

## PRINTERS SEE VICTORY

4,900 New York Typos Will Secure Eight-Hour Day.

New York, Dec. 30.—The official announcement was made at the headquarters of the Typographical Union yesterday that 4,900 printers will be granted the eight-hour day on Jan. 2. Several firms granted the demand yesterday, and union officials declared that two-thirds of the employing printers in this city will concede the eight-hour day.

## ENORMOUS SEA SMOOTHERS CELTIC

Rips Out Part of Bulwarks, Floods Compartments, and Smashes Things Generally.

New York, Dec. 30.—The White Star steamer Celtic, which arrived today from Liverpool encountered on Christmas Day, a terrific hurricane from the northwest. An enormous sea broke over the starboard quarter and ripped out a section of the heavily-plated waist bulwarks. The uprights were snapped like pipe stems and several other sections were dented in. The portion swept away was held by rivets an inch and a half thick, but these to the number of 50 were driven apart. The water swept through the engineer's gangway, flooding various compartments and smashed windows, doors and headlamps.

## ROOSEVELT WRITES FITZ

Sends Him a Sympathetic Letter Upon Hearing of Defeat.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Tribune from San Francisco says: Robert Fitzsimmons has just received a kindly, sympathetic letter from President Roosevelt, which he treasures above all his worldly possessions. The President wrote "Fitz," when he learned of the latter's defeat at the hands of Jack O'Brien. Fitzsimmons telegraphed an appreciative answer to the President. He thanked him for his letter, and wished him the compliments of the season.

## Mangled by Train.

Hamilton, Dec. 30.—Elliot Longley, employed in the Imperial Cotton Company, while on his way to work this morning, accompanied by his sister, was struck by a Grand Trunk train and instantly killed. His body was badly mangled. The sister escaped injury.