

London's First Automobile Show in Full Swing at the Armories

LATEST IN THE MOTOR WORLD GREET'S EYES OF THE VISITORS

Almost Every Type of Pleasure and Useful Vehicle Is Shown.

SPECTACLE IS SPLENDID ONE

People of London and District Now Pin Faith in Motors.

All is in readiness this afternoon for the official opening at 7:30 tonight of the inaugural automobile show of the L. A. D. A., at the armories. As a matter of fact, the show is now in full swing.

Dozens of cars of all makes and types arrived in this city Tuesday and early today for the big display, and after an all night's task the floor of the great drill hall, presented a rather interesting appearance this morning.

Many of the exhibitors had completed their displays, while others rushed in their cars this afternoon. The finishing touches have now been put to the big exposition.

Scores of visitors are arriving in the city today for the opening, and it is expected that the rural constituencies will be fully as well represented as the city of London.

Big Business. The dealers are still of the opinion that there will be a great rush of business with the farmers this season, as all signs point to a boom in this department such as has been experienced with the farmers on the other side of the border during the past couple of years.

The residents of the rural communities are rapidly utilizing the motor car as the speediest and most satisfactory mode of transportation in districts far removed from the big centers, and as the auto is a big factor in business, as well as pleasure, it is catching on perhaps to a greater extent than among the urban population.

City business men, physicians, collectors, travellers, and others are prominent among the prospects and all are being urged along by their friends of various occupations who have tried out the motor car with satisfactory results during the past few seasons.

The Same Story. Doctors who have tried out autos, now contend that they would be absolutely unable to attend to their business if compelled to return to the horse-drawn vehicle.

Travellers have similar stories to tell, and one in particular who ran a low-priced car twelve thousand miles last summer, making weekly trips between London and Windsor, and other points, is most enthusiastic. His story is that he had absolutely no repair bills, one set of tires took him through the whole season, he was absolutely independent of train services, could go where he liked when he liked, and at a cost not in excess of railway transportation. The fact that the automobile is absolutely reliable under all conditions, and infinitely more so than the horse, is now accepted in all quarters. Proof of this is given by the amount of automobile fire apparatus purchased by Canadian and American cities and towns during the past year or so.

Auto Apparatus. London is the latest to fall in line, and several thousand dollars will be spent in motor equipment within the next few weeks. A perfectly efficient fire brigade will then stand to the credit of the Forest City, and under the most unfavorable circumstances it will be possible to reach outlying sections in a few minutes after an alarm is sounded. Many factories which are not now represented locally, have taken space at the Armories, and will have exceptionally fine displays.

DICKENS MEMORIAL AFFAIRS RULE THROUGHOUT EMPIRE

Great Novelist's Tomb Lavishly Decorated With Flowers Today.

[Canadian Press.]

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MR. A. G. FRASER, Manager of the L. A. D. A. Show at the Armories.

DARING ROBBERY IN SARNIA RESTAURANT

Unknown Man Struck J. Piper On Head With Heavy Cruet Stand.

MADE GOOD HIS ESCAPE

After Going Through Victim's Pockets and Stealing Nineteen Dollars—Police Working on Case.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Sarnia, Feb. 7.—J. Piper, a negro restaurant-keeper on Christina street, was knocked down and robbed of \$19 by a customer whose name is unknown. The assault and robbery occurred between 6:30 and 7:30 o'clock last night.

Some time after 6 p.m. a white man, whose identity is unknown, entered the restaurant, and ordered supper. When the restaurant-keeper entered the kitchen to fill the order, the stranger locked the front door, and concealing himself behind a cupboard close to the kitchen entrance, struck Piper with a heavy vinegar cruet over the head, knocking him to the floor, and took \$19 from his pockets.

The stranger then left by a door in the rear, covering his victim with a gun. Piper managed to regain his feet, staggered into the Hotel Northern next door, and gasped out that he had been assaulted and robbed. Meanwhile, the thief had disappeared.

Dr. Bell, who attended the injured man, reports his injuries as serious. Dr. Bell says the man was nearly dead from loss of blood. The police say the matter has not yet been reported.

FIRE AT MOOSEJAW

The Empress Hotel, Destroyed, Involving Loss of \$80,000.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Feb. 7.—The Empress Hotel here was gutted by fire last night and about \$80,000 worth of damage done in two hours. Seventy-five per cent of the loss was covered by insurance. The hotel was owned by Harry Meade.

PEACE CONFERENCE.

The Hague, Netherlands, Feb. 7.—It is announced today that the third peace conference of the powers will not assemble here before 1915. It is hoped that the Carnegie Palace of Peace will be ready for opening about the middle of 1915.

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and the British colonies by commemorative services, Dickens' carnivals and festive banquets.

The great novelist's grave in Westminster Abbey is lavishly decorated with flowers, including wreaths from many of the Dickens' Clubs of America.

Rochester Cathedral is the special mecca of great crowds of the author's admirers.

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South London Liberals, Attention!

The annual meeting will be held on Friday night, Feb. 9, in the rooms, corner of Craig street and the Wortley road. There will be short speeches and light refreshments will be served. All are invited. The usual euchre and whist evening will also be held.

HOLIDAY VOTING IS A MISTAKE

City Clerk Baker Is in Favor of Changing the Date in London.

WHAT THE FIGURES SHOW

A Falling Off in the Percentage of Electors Who Go to the Polls Now.

City Clerk Baker is in favor of changing the date of the municipal elections from New Year's Day to Dec. 15, or on a date about that time. He has carefully investigated the matter, and has come to the conclusion that voting on a holiday is a mistake. He has prepared some statistics which bear out his argument.

Ever since voting has been held on New Year's Day there has been a falling off in the percentage of electors who go to the polls. In 1905, the last year under the old system, 6,421 people voted, or 60 per cent. The year following, under the new system, 5,997 voted, or 57 per cent. In 1911, 5,842 voted, or 48 per cent, and in 1912, 6,508 cast votes, or 64 per cent.

The woman's vote has also slumped considerably. In 1909, 719 voted, or 25 per cent. In 1910, 622, or 18 per cent. In 1911, 383, or 11 per cent, and in 1912, 475, or 14 per cent.

School Voters. Few people on the list for school purposes only voted. In 1909, 111 cast vote or 8 per cent. In 1910, 170 voted, or 6 per cent. In 1911, 57 cast votes or 1 per cent, while in 1912, 46 voted or 2 per cent.

I think the figures submitted will bear out my statement that people will not vote on the holiday," said Mr. Baker. "The returns show that the percentage of voters who go to the polls has dropped from 60 per cent in 1909, to 18 per cent, rather than a serious falling off. People want to spend the day at home, and they do it. Workmen do not vote on the holiday as was expected. If they had an hour off at noon on a regular working day, most of the voters would vote. My own idea is that it would be advisable to hold the elections on or about Dec. 15, with nominations on Dec. 7."

BRITISH CABINET IN LONG MEETING

Fiscal Autonomy For Ireland Said To Be Subject Under Discussion.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Feb. 7.—A London cable says: The cabinet meeting called for yesterday lasted four hours. As the home rule bill was known to be under discussion this unusually long session is regarded as strong corroboration of the belief that the question whether Ireland should or should not be granted fiscal autonomy is a subject of serious ministerial difference.

With the opening of Parliament set for next week, the improved prospects of a split in the cabinet will go far to hearten the Opposition.

BERESFORD AT BERLIN

Lord Charles Is To Be The Guest of the German Kaiser.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Feb. 7.—A cable to the Times from Berlin says the correspondent learns that the Kaiser has extended a cordial invitation to Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who arrived in Berlin last night from Russia, to take luncheon with his majesty at the castle today. Lord Charles was one of the English parliamentary delegation which recently visited St. Petersburg and Moscow.

The Emperor's entertainment of Lord Charles will be particularly piquant because the admiral is regarded in Germany as one of the fatherland's most incorrigible English foes. He will, moreover, be the war lord's guest a few minutes after his majesty has opened the new Reichstag with the speech from the throne, which according to general expectation, will announce that vast increases in Germany's army and navy have been made necessary, chiefly by last summer's disclosure of the "English Peril" which menaces the fatherland.

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THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR, QUITE COLD. Toronto, Feb. 7.—A cloudy morning.

Today—Fresh southwest to northwest winds; light snowfalls today and colder. Tomorrow—Fair and quite cold.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours prior to 8 o'clock this morning:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
LONDON	25.5	7	Snow
Calgary	28	14	Cloudy
Winnipeg	20	14	Clear
Port Arthur	20	8	Clear
Parry Sound	24	14	Snow
Toronto	26	16	Snow
Ottawa	20	12	Snow
Montreal	20	12	Snow
Quebec	20	8	Cloudy
Father Point	22	16	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero. The western cold wave has increased somewhat in energy since yesterday morning, while a shallow depression has formed over the Great Lakes, attended by light snowfalls over the greater portion of Ontario.



Open the Cut-Out and Let Her Go!

NATIONALISTS MAKE A MOVE TO REPEAL THE NAVAL ACT

Bourassa's Man From Dorchester Gives Notice of Resolution.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—Albert Seveigny, the Nationalist member for Dorchester, has given notice of a resolution that the naval act should be repealed. The abolition of the navy was the chief plank in the Nationalist campaign. Mr. Seveigny's resolution is presented for the purpose of convincing the electors of Quebec that the Nationalists in the House are keeping faith with them.

The resolution cannot be discussed this session. The member for Dorchester failed to take advantage of the first three months of the session for the introduction of the resolution, but delayed until the Government had taken all the days of the week. Monday was the last day for private members' business. Mr. Seveigny gave his notice on Tuesday.

The Resolution. The only way in which the resolution could possibly be debated this session is by consent of the Government.

WIFE CRITICALLY ILL WHEN HOME NEAR LUCAN WAS BURNED

Nurse Started Kitchen Stove and Fire Spread Behind Walls and In a Short Time the House Was a Mass of Flames.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Lucan, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Johnstone Aikens, who is lying critically ill at her home five miles north of here, and her three little children barely escaped with their lives in a fire which destroyed the house early this morning. A nurse in attendance on Mrs. Aikens got up and started a fire in the kitchen to get some things ready for the patient, and noticed that the stove smoked badly. She went back and told of the affair, and was told that the chimney was simply smoking. By the

A DYNAMITE DART FOR USE OF AIRMEN

French War Department Has Invented a New and Terrible Weapon.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Feb. 7.—A new and terrible weapon has been invented by the war department—a dynamite dart, for use by airmen.

It is a hand projectile about six inches long, the size and shape of a lead pencil, but made of steel. The head is solid and very heavy, and extends two inches up the shaft. Above this the shaft is deeply grooved.

In action, when flying over a body of infantry or cavalry, the airmen has only to drop these missiles in bunches. Owing to the heavy steel head, the dart always falls point first, while the grooved shaft

ment. If Premier Borden is willing to give one of his days to the Nationalists, the abolition of the navy may be discussed. If Premier Borden is not willing to oblige, the naval bill is safe from the Nationalists for another session.

The resolution which Mr. Seveigny has put at the foot of the closed order paper is:

"That this House is of the opinion that the act creating the naval service of Canada should be repealed, because the said act establishes a policy of which the importance and consequences are far-reaching; that the said policy was not discussed before or prior to its adoption, and that it bears all the appearance of a scheme hastily and ill-advisedly prepared. That our duty to the empire cannot be satisfactorily discharged by the customary means of this measure; that the plan involves the creation of a force which will be utterly useless in time of war, and consequently of no benefit to the empire and to Canada; that to construct and equip the proposed navy, immense sums of money would be required; that the probable result in time of war would be the useless sacrifice of human lives without an iota being added to the fighting force of the empire, or Canada."

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WET WEATHER BAD FOR FAIR

Annual Report Shows a Big Cut in the Receipts for 1911.

DEFICIT OF OVER \$5,000

But Much of This Was Caused by Expenditure Which Was Made Out of Current Revenue.

At the annual meeting of the Western Fair Association, held this afternoon in the board of trade room, the financial statement for the year was presented. The balance from 1910 was \$9,739 12, and the balance this year \$4,315 82, a difference of \$5,423 30.

The falling off is due largely to the decrease in receipts caused by the wet weather, and the growth of the expenditure for extraordinary purposes. Repairs to buildings cost \$2,535 24, and the motor for Niagara power cost an additional \$1,800. These are assets, but the expenditures had to be met out of current expenses.

The receipts in 1911 fell off about \$1,500, caused by the rainstorm on Thursday of fair week. The evening performance was a total loss, and the attendance in the afternoon was greatly interfered with. It was stated at the Western Fair office that the ordinary business deficit would have been approximately \$1,000. With the extraordinary expenditures, however, the deficit is over \$5,000.

Receipts. The receipts for the year were \$44,115 71. Some of the principal sources of revenue were: Balance from 1910, \$9,739 12; entry fees, \$2,038 20; privileges, \$4,146 71; gates and grand stand receipts, \$2,182; cheese and butter sales, \$2,159 78; Ontario Government grant, \$1,166; donations, \$1,025, and smaller sums making up the amount. The expenditures amounted to \$39,799 89. Some of the big items being: \$18,214 79; printing and advertising, \$3,220 60; office expenses, salaries, \$2,808 13; general expense, \$1,706 07; grounds and buildings, \$1,706 07; \$5,525 24, of which the city paid \$2,000; attractions, music, \$4,561 85; cheese and butter, paid exhibitors, \$2,161 28, and several smaller items.

The assets of the association amount to \$5,247 96, and the liabilities are nothing.

President's Report. President W. H. Reid presented his annual report. He reported the fact that the surplus had been considerably reduced. Various causes, particularly bad weather, had contributed to this. The Western fair alone suffered, nearly all showing large deficits.

The fair itself was one of the best, if not the very best ever held in London. The exhibits were more numerous and of higher quality than in previous years, while the midway and other attractions were much above the average. The board of 1912 must set a high standard, and keep the fair up to the mark.

The city council treated the fair board generously last year, but President Reid hoped that the grant would be largely increased this year. All must admit the benefits coming from the fair. He thanked the directors for their assistance during the year, and for the manner in which they handled their departments.

MANCHU EMPIRE IS AT AN END!

Returned Missionary Gives His Views of the Great Upheaval in the East.

POWERS NOT INTERFERING

Rev. Dr. McGillivray Says That the Powers Will Keep Out of the Civil War.

Rev. Dr. McGillivray, a returned missionary from Shanghai, China, who is to address the Canadian Club shortly on "What the Chinese Revolution Means to Canada," is at present in the city, the guest of Rev. Dr. Ross, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

In an interview with The Advertiser today, Dr. McGillivray expressed the opinion that the newly-established Chinese republic will succeed, "but," he added, "you must give them time. The Chinese have a great capacity for self-government, a democratic spirit, and an ability to manage their own affairs if left alone."

"The Manchu Empire is at an end, but there is a possibility of the Chinese in time reverting to the imperial form of government. I think it is out of the question for a people who have lived under a monarchy for 4,000 years to suddenly set up a republic. They will need time for adjustment. The United States must not interfere."

No Foreign Interference. "There is not likely to be any foreign interference for two reasons. All of the western powers are afraid of one another. Then any interference would call down the retaliation of the Chinese. It is not the old China the powers have to deal with. It is the new China and even yet the Chinese may interfere in Manchuria."

"Under the republic the country will be open much wider to the evangelization and educational work of the missionaries. All perils to the missionaries is now past. I think Canada ought to allow Chinese students to come over and study here without paying a big tax. It would be a great thing for Canada to have them study Canadian conditions."

Twenty-three Years in China. Dr. McGillivray spent 23 years in China, about half that time in the interior, and the remainder in Shanghai, where he was engaged in editing a missionary journal and translating books into Chinese.

"The Chinese," Dr. McGillivray states, "are entirely without anything uplifting in religion. Taoism is simply a system of magic for frightening away evil spirits. Buddhism is very impure and very different from the original system of India. The Buddhist priests are ignorant and uncultured in contrast to the priests of India. The Chinese have added a heaven and a hell to Buddhism and otherwise adapted it. But Buddha to them is not the way to a future heaven. Their temples contain the inscriptions referring to Buddha as 'the savior from difficulties and bitterness.'"

CRUSHED TO DEATH. Sherbrooke, Feb. 7.—While working in the woods here, Ernest Taylor, of Cookville, was crushed to death by a falling log. Deceased leaves a widow and a three-months-old baby.

THE LEGISLATURE CONVENED TODAY

First Session of New Local House Opens With Usual Ceremony.

HOYLE MADE SPEAKER

Development of New and Northern Ontario Promised by the Speech From the Throne.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—A few minutes after 3 o'clock this afternoon His Honor Sir John Gibson, Lieutenant-Governor, opened the first session of the thirteenth Parliament of the Province of Ontario. From early morning until the hour of the formal opening the legislative halls presented a scene of animation.