

LONDON TANNERY IN BIG MERGER TO CONTROL CANADIAN TRADE

Fifteen Firms Are Included, Which Means 75 Per Cent of the Business—Yearly Earnings Are Now About \$1,000,000—Leather Prices Will Not Be Affected.

The Toronto Star says: A new twenty-million-dollar leather merger, to be known probably as the Canadian Leather Company, Limited, is being formed in Montreal.

It consolidates fifteen tanneries, and will control 75 per cent of the total trade in certain lines of the leather business.

The only Toronto firm to join the merger is that of Wickett & Craig, Limited. The other firms are: Anglo-Canadian Leather Company, Limited, Huntsville, Bracebridge, Toronto and Montreal.

C. S. Hyman & Co., London.

Robson, Leslie, Company, Limited, Oshawa and Montreal.

C. Gilbert, Son & Co., Montreal.

A. Pion & Co., Quebec.

Duclos & Payan, St. Hyacinthe and Montreal.

Seven smaller, but important, concerns in Ontario and Quebec will also become part of the Canadian Leather Company, which will take over the fifteen companies and partnerships, free of all liabilities.

Yearly Earnings a Million.

It is said that the turnover last year of these concerns amounted to \$9,885,000, and that the net earnings approximated \$1,000,000. By means of the consolidation a large amount, it is anticipated, will be saved in commission.

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POLE IN A WARLIKE MOOD USED UP IN A STREET BRAWL

It Is Said He Boasted He Could Whip Any Canadian That Came Down the Street—Some One Showed Him He Was Mistaken.

Egnes Trucash, a Pole, living at 87 William street, was badly used up in a street fight that took place on Saturday evening at the corner of King and Clarence streets. Trucash has a very badly blackened eye and kicks about the house.

It is said that the fight started when a number of Poles, who had been drinking freely, started to boast that they could fight any Canadian that ever walked and beat him to a finish. Somebody took them at their word and made an attack on Trucash.

It is said that his friends, instead of coming to his assistance, immediately ran away.

The police are investigating the case, and Trucash was arrested on a charge of being disorderly.

For lack of an interpreter, the case was not gone on with this morning, and was enlarged until Thursday.

Anthony O'Toole, an Indian lister, found it impossible to stay on the wagon this hot weather, and fell off. He was fined \$10 for being drunk.

Ed. Wyse, for allowing his dog to run at large, paid \$2.

Joseph Bertrand, a drunk, paid \$2.

TWO CASES TRIED AT HIGH COURT

One Was Decided and the Other Was Laid Over for Two Months.

The sittings of the weekly high court postponed from Saturday were held before Chancellor Boyd this morning, only two cases being down for settlement.

The case of Burgess against Burgess was again up. This is an application for administration by the court of an estate consisting of certain lands situated on Chelsea Green. In view of the fact that the administrator is endeavoring to sell the lands, the court ordered the matter to stand over until the first session after vacation, G. N. Weekes appeared for the motion, and F. H. Bartlett for the administrator.

The case of the estate of Ann Branton is an application to pay into court certain moneys to the credit of the infants, Louisa M. Inches and Marie McIntosh, and the payment of part of the first mentioned infants' share for maintenance.

An order was made for the payment of \$377.65, one-half to the credit of each infant, and for the payment of \$40 a year for maintenance of Louisa M. Inches for five years.

W. C. Fitzgerald appeared for the motion, and F. P. Betts for the official guardian.

BUSINESS IMPROVES IN THE OLD LAND

Mr. W. D. I. Wright Has Returned From Europe.

Mr. W. D. I. Wright returned from a trip to England on Saturday, and reports that business is booming in the old land.

"Trade conditions are greatly improved," he stated. "The factories are all busy, and the outlook is most promising. South Africa, New Zealand, as well as Canada, are making big purchases there, and the result is that all factories are very busy."

GREAT FIRE ON HUDSON

Loss in Spectacular Steamboat Blaze Valued at \$125,000.

Poughkeepsie, June 27.—Late yesterday afternoon the steamer Poughkeepsie of the Central-Hudson Steamboat Company, and the company's storehouse at Highland, opposite this city, were completely destroyed by fire. The motor boat Cardinal, the launch used by Coach Ned Ten Eyck, of the Wisconsin navy, was badly damaged. The total loss was about \$125,000.

STEAMERS REPORTED.

Boston, June 26.—Arrived: Bulgaria. St. Johns—Arrived: Siberian, Glasgow.

London—Arrived: New York, New York.

Antwerp—Arrived: Lapland, New York.

Philadelphia—Arrived: Celtic, New York.

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London—Arrived: Pomeranian, Montreal.

NEW COMEDY HOUSE

Klaw & Erlanger, With Frohman, Lease the Adelphi.

London, June 27.—Klaw & Erlanger, in association with Charles Frohman and George Edwards, have leased the Adelphi Theatre on the Strand, which was formerly the home of melodrama. They intend to produce musical comedies under the new arrangement. Marc Klaw sailed for home on the America today. Before leaving he said, in speaking of the new arrangement: "We intend to run the Adelphi in connection with the New Amsterdam in New York, playing English comedies at the Adelphi and American comedies at the former. We shall soon have another London theatre, where we will produce spectacular extravaganzas, which is not familiar to Londoners."

YARD LABORER WAS SCALDED AT MCLARY'S

Blast of Steam From a Boiler Struck Mr. W. Long.

Mr. W. Long, of Cronyn Park, a yard laborer at the McLary Manufacturing Company, met with a serious accident on Friday afternoon, whereby he will be laid off for two weeks. He was engaged in clearing away ashes for the purpose of making a road when a blast of steam from the boiler escaped and scalded the left side of his body.

Officials of the company state that the accident was due to the man's own fault. Steam is continually let off at this place, and he should not have been standing there. Dr. Black attended Mr. Long.

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NO STATEMENT YET CONCERNING NEW BLDG.

Mr. W. H. Wortman Confirms the Estimate of Loss at Big Fire.

Mr. W. H. Wortman, of Wortman & Ward, stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that he expected the loss at Saturday's fire would amount to between \$40,000 and \$50,000. This is partially covered by insurance, but Mr. Wortman declined to say how much was carried.

"I cannot say anything about rebuilding yet," he said. "We expect, however, to be able to go right on with our work in the molding shop. The west end of the building, not badly damaged, although the stock there was considerably injured by smoke and water. At the time of the fire we were employing about 100 hands. Most of these will be out of work. The insurance men are going over the property shortly and will make their valuation."

It is understood that as soon as the insurance valuations have made their valuation an engine will be secured and an effort made to run the machines which were uninjured. The firm is very busy.

DESPERADO KILLED IN RUSH ON HOUSE

[G. N. W. Dispatch.] Hamilton, June 27.—Mrs. Sarah Manning was seriously injured this morning by being struck by a G. N. W. train at the corner of Front and Main streets. The injured person is about 75 years of age, and she is suffering from a skull fracture and a broken rib, one of which, it is feared, is pressing the lung.

MIDLAND VISITED BY FIERCE FIRE

A Big Roller Rink and Several Shops Were Destroyed.

Midland, June 27.—Yesterday morning about 3 o'clock fire was discovered in Norman Toole's bicycle shop, an annex to the Palace roller rink, and in a few moments the rink, a lively barn and two dwellings to the east were in flames. The fire spread through the outbuildings behind the business blocks on King street, and in half an hour the middle section of the block was a seething furnace from Dominion avenue to Victoria street. It looked at one time as if the entire block would be wiped out. The brigade, by splendid work, kept the business blocks and residences on either side of the fire-swept area from suffering to any extent. The buildings burned were: The Palace roller rink, owned by M. H. Bennett, and an annex occupied by Norman Toole as a bicycle and repair shop; E. Gray's house and contents; James McDowell's house; M. H. McDowell, lively barn and dwelling; Smith Bros., cutters; the stables of John White, Dr. H. R. McGill and Thomas Argue; the partial structural of the dwelling owned by S. Terry, and several small buildings used by the merchants in the rear of their stores. The loss is believed to be fairly well covered by insurance.

TAFT'S SON IN AUTO RUNS DOWN LABORER

Latter Steps in Front of Machine and Is Probably Fatally Injured.

[Associated Press.] Beverly, Mass., June 27.—Robert Taft, with two college friends, Lind King, of Minneapolis, and George Harrison, of Washington, started out from the summer White House this morning for a spin along the Massachusetts coast.

Robert, who has been driving the automobile about the city considerably since his arrival last week, was at the steering wheel, and one of the friends sat beside him.

At Prides Crossing, about two miles from home, the streets were being oiled by a gang of men. The automobile was slowed down, the horn sounded and most of the men stepped aside. One of them, however, was not quick enough and the machine struck him, tossing him into the gutter. He was unconscious when picked up by Robert Taft and his two friends. The men said that the man's name was Michael Phistholla.

A nearby physician was summoned and the injured man sent to the hospital, while the President's son and his friends followed soon after.

The hospital surgeons said that the skull appeared to be fractured, and that the man was in a serious condition.

All those who saw the affair said that it was purely an accident, that the machine was going slowly, and that the man stepped directly in front of it.

FIREMAN WAS A GREAT SMASHER

Had a Great Time at a Fire Until the Chief Came Along.

A fireman with a pike came in for much criticism at the Wortman & Ward fire on Sunday morning when he smashed windows in what seemed to the spectators to be an uncalled for manner.

After the blaze had been conquered the fire station was one ordered in that the smoke be allowed to escape from the west building, which the flames had not reached.

One fireman went along with a pike and created havoc until he was finally stopped by the chief, who came on the scene.

Another fireman in the building raised the windows, and put sticks under them, but his mate appeared to be imbued with the spirit of wrecking and smashed sash, glass and all in half a dozen windows.

KATE LYNCH DEAD

Noted Because She Loved Animals and Hated Men.

Denver, June 27.—The funeral of Kate Lynch, "the lady who loved animals and hated men," was impressively solemnized yesterday at Hackett's undertaking establishment, 1401 Kalama street. The services were conducted by Mrs. Alexander Hays of 1350 Grand street, the dead woman's employer for fourteen years. A quartette was in attendance and the wretchedness of her life was demonstrated how deeply she loved her animals and how badly she was hated by men.

Kate Lynch dwelt alone ever since she came to Denver. Her home was the refuge of hundreds of stray dogs and cats during her lifetime. It is said of her that the reason she was hated by men was because she was driven from the home of a clergyman, where she had been employed, because the minister charged her with having committed a grievous sin. The child found refuge with a poor washerwoman, where she remained for years with her benefactor and her nine children. Miss Lynch formerly resided in Troy, New York.

BROWNE JURY STILL OUT.

Chicago, June 27.—At 11 o'clock this forenoon the jury in the Lee O'Neill-Browne senatorial trial had been out 67 hours, eight hours longer than the previous "endurance record" of 59 hours. There was no sign of an agreement so far as outward indications showed.

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WATER IN RESERVOIR INCREASES ANOTHER WELL BEING PUMPED

Cool Weather Lessens the Demand and Showers Are Promised—Million Gallons From the Wells and Another Million Can Be Easily Obtained.

The water commissioners will not at present put in another temporary pumping plant to furnish water for the city.

The additional well was attached today, and that will mean a million gallons a day from the wells being pumped, which is the capacity of the pump and air lift.

The reservoirs are being connected, ready to be used if there is any occasion. All that will be necessary to supply another million gallons of water within a week will be a pump and air lift. Both of these can be obtained in a short time.

The reservoir was a foot higher today than it was yesterday, there being 7 feet 2 inches of water at 3 o'clock. There is not nearly so great a demand for water today, the weather being much cooler.

Showers are promised for tomorrow, and that will be a great relief.

The additional water from the extra well will come in good, and will allow the reservoir to become full again. The extreme heat of the past two weeks will not likely be repeated.

"There is seven feet two inches of water in the reservoir," said Engineer Simkins. "The reservoir is gaining some, and with the lower temperature there is no doubt that the demand will decrease."

NEEDLE ENTERED HAND OF STRATHROY LADY

Miss Beer Was Taken to Victoria Hospital—Needle Was Removed.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Strathroy, June 27.—Miss Beer had her right hand pierced by a needle while cleaning a blouse. A needle, which had stuck in it and which she did not notice, was removed by a doctor. The needle was a foot higher today than it was yesterday, there being 7 feet 2 inches of water at 3 o'clock. There is not nearly so great a demand for water today, the weather being much cooler.

FIVE CENTS NET PAYS THE RENT OF METER

Niagara Power Prices Explained at the City Hall.

The schedule of prices for Niagara power for domestic lighting is being favorably considered throughout the city.

The only question regarding the price of light was that as to whether or not the figure quoted included lamp renewals and meter rent. Some thought it included neither the one nor the other.

Inquiry at the city hall brought the information that the 5 cents net included the meter rent, but that the question of lamp renewals had not been considered.

The practice of the London Electric had been to grant lamp renewals to their customers, and one of the commissioners stated to The Advertiser that the city could meet the London Electric in this, and grant lamp renewals to their customers also.

"There are a lot of details that will have to be worked out," said a commissioner to The Advertiser. "We will give the customer the most favorable possible rate, and will do for him what any company will do."

Manager Dark is working out his schedule, and will make a canvass of consumers this week, and will lay the city's proposition before them.

FIND OLD TUNNEL

Workmen Unearth a Subterranean Chamber Near Greenhills, Kent.

London, June 27.—Investigations were made recently of a mysterious subterranean chamber discovered by workmen in Station road, Greenhills, Kent.

The men were digging at a depth of ten feet, when they found a shaft. At a depth of another ten feet down the shaft was the chamber, which has chalk and mortar walls. At one end of the chamber is a spiral staircase, leading to an adjoining field, and at the other end are two entrances to passages, which are filled with debris.

The chamber is at present eight feet high, the floor being hidden by debris. A horse's skull, oyster shells and fragments of old earthenware were found. There is a family legend of hidden treasure on the estate, and it is possible that the chamber tunnels run to an old chantry, where underground passages exist.

STABBED NINE TIMES WITH A PENKNIFE

Toronto, June 27.—Ernest Holmes, a young Englishman, who stabbed James Carson nine times with a penknife outside of Hout's Restaurant, West Market street, two weeks ago, was by Magistrate Kingsford this morning committed to jail for 90 days with hard labor. The stabbing followed a quarrel.

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\$40,000 FIRE SUNDAY MORNING IN WORTMAN & WARD'S PLANT

Eastern Portion of Busy Factory Was Completely Gutted—Firm May Secure a New Site—The Water Pressure Was Satisfactory Says Chief Aitken—Some Features of the Fire.

THE FIRE. Wortman & Ward Manufacturing Company, corner William and York streets, \$40,000, building and stock. Insurance—Partly covered. New site may be secured.

Cause—Unknown. Water Pressure—Satisfactory, Chief Aitken says.

The Wortman & Ward factory at the corner of William and York streets, was damaged to the extent of \$40,000 by fire which broke out Sunday morning at 3:30. The main shop, including the planing mill, paint shop and shipping room which occupied the centre of the building, and the east wing, were completely gutted, but the good work of the firemen saved the western wing and the molding shop.

How the fire started is unknown, but about 9 o'clock C. B. Aitken, a man named Scott, noticed smoke coming from the building. He paid no attention to it for some time, thinking it was smoke from the engine room, but in investigating found smoke pouring from all the windows, and he telephoned in an alarm about 8:30.

A Bad Start.

When the brigade arrived they found that the fire had worked its way, through the whole lower portion of the main shop, and was spreading into the second story by means of an elevator shaft. The opening of the doors and windows to let in the lines of hose fanned the flames, and they broke out furiously in a dozen places.

In the east end of the building on the second and third floors were stored 250 chairs and tubs, which had just been completed, and which were to have been shipped to England today.

Oil and Paint.

All about was considerable quantities of oil and paint, used for finishing.

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FINED FIVE DOLLARS FOR SPEEDING AUTOMOBILE

Local Gentleman Appeared in the Police Court This Morning.

An auto owner, who pleaded guilty to exceeding the speed limit on Richmond street, between Dufferin and Central avenues, was fined \$5 by Magistrate Love this morning. He said that at the time he thought he must have been running 10, the country with a doctor to a little boy who was hurt.

P. C. Fysh, however, who laid the information, said the chauffeur had a fight with him at the time.

"I must fine you \$5," said the magistrate.

Another autoist, charged with driving without his rear light arranged properly, stated that when he started the light was all right, but owing, he thought, to rough roads, it had been so shaken that it went out.

"That is certainly a reasonable excuse," said the magistrate. "Some of the roads are pretty bad all right. I think that as you did everything possible, I will let you go."

STATIONARY ENGINEERS HELD ENJOYABLE PICNIC

Jolly Gathering at Springbank On Saturday Afternoon.

The stationary engineers held a most enjoyable picnic to Springbank on Saturday afternoon. Fully 150 took in the picnic. The races and games passed off very successfully.

Valuable prizes were donated for these games by Hunt Bros., D. H. Gillies, E. Leonard, London Engine Supply, Fairbanks Co., D. S. Perrin & Co., Lamb Penock Co., Queen City Oil Co., Canadian Oil Co., Canadian Boiler Insurance Co., R. A. Lyons, George Fowler, D. F. Campbell and H. Robinson. The Comets and Eureka played a game of baseball, which was won by the former 12 to 11. The batteries were: Veekes and Ropp, for the Comets; and Walters and Linke, for the Eureka.

Tables were set for 50 in the pavilion, the ladies served supper. The weather was ideal for the picnic, and the officers regard it as one of the most successful in the history of the society.

MUCH-NEEDED CHART WILL BE PREPARED

Break at Wortman & Ward's Fire Shows Up a Necessity.

The water commissioners have prepared a chart showing all the fire main connections in the city, both on the highways and in private concerns, as well as a complete set of drawings of the water mains and services in the city.

The necessity of this was called to the attention of the commissioners by the fire at Wortman & Ward's on Sunday morning.

"We had good pressure until the service main in the building broke," said Chief Aitken. "Then we were handicapped. We did not know where to turn it off, or we might have been in better position to have it shut off. A drawing, showing the location of these services should be given the department."

"We should have complete information on all mains, services and the like," said Commissioner Pocock. "The commissioners will see to it that such records are kept, both for their own information, and for the assistance of the chief."

TROLLEYS FOR TURKEY

Constantinople Offers Franchise for an Extensive System.

[By Associated Press.] New York, June 27.—Reut Bey, acting consul-general of Turkey in this city, announced today that the ministry of public works in Constantinople has invited bids for the construction of an extensive system of electric trolley lines in Constantinople.

To the successful bidder are offered the franchises of five lines decided upon by the government and such lines as the bidder may propose and the government may find desirable to include in the concession.

COMPANY COMMITTED

Hamilton Concern in Trouble Over Club-Purchasing Scheme.

Hamilton, June 27.—About three hours of the police magistrate's time was taken up today in listening to evidence against the People's Furniture Company, charged with breach of the trading stamp lottery act. It was sworn that about 400 Hamilton people had, on the company's representations, formed a club whereby they agreed to pay fifty cents per week until each had paid \$15. It was understood that furniture was to be distributed once a week for thirty weeks. The claim of the company was that only thirty people would be admitted to the club, whereas there were over 400. Several women had paid as high as \$10 and received nothing. The company, represented by Annie Lungair, was committed for trial.

LACROSSE PLAYER FINED.

Galt, June 27.—Donald Bethune, of the Preston lacrosse team, who was caught Andrew Hart, of the Galt team during the intermediate O. L. A. game played here Saturday, was fined \$5 without costs this morning by Police Magistrate Blake.