

GREAT GROWTH OF THE CITY IS SHOWN BY LATEST ASSESSMENT

Population Increase of at Least 2,500, While Assessment Advances \$2,500,000—The City's Strides During Past Seven Years.

There will be an increase in the population of the city of London this year of at least 2,500 over 1906, while the assessment of the city will show an increase of not less than \$2,000,000, with the probability that it will reach \$2,500,000.

These figures were given to The Advertiser today at the assessment commissioner's office.

The assessment of No. 2 Ward has been practically completed, and the returns will be made known in a day or two.

It is understood that the ward shows a gain of nearly 700 in population, and of about \$650,000 in assessment.

BIG JUMP IN TWO WARDS.

No. 1 Ward had a gain of 467 in population, and \$350,000 in assessment, so that the two wards of the city so far assessed, show an increase of over 1,000 in population, and about \$1,000,000 in assessment.

Assessment Commissioner Grant looks for big things in the way of population this year from Wards 3 and 4, which have yet to be gone over.

Ward 3 has for the past few years shown tremendous gains all around, and it is expected that this year will prove no exception to the rule. Hundreds of families have settled around the big factories in the southeast end, and as soon as a house is ready for occupants it is snapped up.

WARD FOUR'S GREAT STRIDES.

Mr. Grant says that Ward 4 has made wonderful progress this year. Its gain in population will be sure to be very large, while the number of new houses which have gone up in the ward has been something phenomenal.

On the whole, it is expected that Wards 3 and 4 will show a gain in population of about 1,500, and probably \$1,500,000 of assessment. Added to the returns from Wards 1 and 2, it looks as though there will be a population increase of about 2,500, and an assessment increase of about \$2,500,000.

Last year London's assessment was \$2,251,558, and the population was placed by Mr. Grant at 44,704.

Thus it is seen that based on the estimates for this year, the assessment will be \$2,500,000, and the population 47,204.

SEVEN YEARS' GROWTH.

In 1900, London's assessment was only \$1,744,160, and its population was 38,902.

Based on the calculations for this year, the assessment in seven years shows an increase of \$7,807,398, and the population an increase of 8,302.

If all the people who have settled around the city in the past few years, such, for example, as those who have built houses just east of the city limits and in Chelsea Green, were to be considered, the population of London would soar to about 55,000.

KING AND QUEEN OFF TO IRELAND

Visit to Dublin Exposition Is Special Object of the Trip.

London, July 8.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra started this afternoon for Ireland, the second visit since their accession. On the way their majesties will spend tomorrow at Bangor, and lay the foundation stone of the University of North Wales. The royal yacht is awaiting the royal party at Holyhead, and will convey them to Kingstown, where the King and Queen will arrive during the morning of July 10. One of the special objects of the King's present trip is to visit the Dublin Exposition.

DR. ORONHYATEKHA DEAD

Only Son of the Late I. O. F. Chief Passes Away.

Deseronto, July 7.—Dr. Acland W. H. Oronhyatekha, only son of the late Supreme Chief of the I. O. F., was found dead in bed at the family residence, "The Pines," today.

Although he had heart troubles for years it is only recently that he had been suffering from his effects. Mrs. Oronhyatekha, who has been visiting her former home in Norway, is on the sea, and is expected to arrive in New York on Wednesday.

The deceased was 33 years of age and was born in Frankford, Ont. He graduated in medicine from Trinity College, Toronto, fourteen years ago.

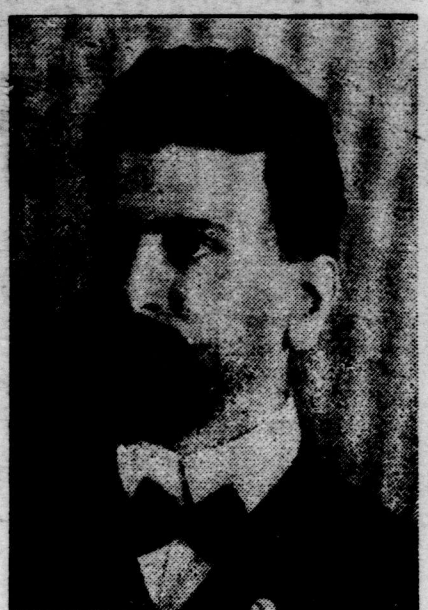
NO FURTHER DEFENSE

Standard Oil Company Will Be Sentenced Aug. 3 for Rebating.

Chicago, July 8.—The attorneys for the Standard Oil Company today declined to submit any further evidence in the investigation held on Saturday by Judge Landis, in the United States district court. Judge Landis then announced that sentence will be passed on the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, which was convicted of using illegal railroad rates, on Aug. 3.

WM. FRANK DEAD.

Grantford, Ont., July 8.—Wm. Frank, a highly esteemed and respected citizen, passed away early this morning. Deceased was until recently collector of taxes for this city. He came up his position about three years ago and since has lived a retired life. He was a strong worker in St. Jude's English Church. He leaves a widow, four sons and a daughter, all grown up.



MAYOR SCHMITZ, of San Francisco, Sentenced to Five Years in the Penitentiary for Wholesale Corruption.

FIVE YEARS FOR MAYOR SCHMITZ

San Francisco's Chief Executor Goes to Jail for Wholesale Grafting.

San Francisco, July 8.—Mayor Schmitz was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

Mayor Schmitz was recently convicted of wholesale corruption in connection with San Francisco dance halls and restaurants. He was the creature of Boss Ruef, who when cornered made a complete confession.

CITY OF MARRIAGES

Windsor Preachers Tied 685 Couples in Six Months.

Windsor, Ont., July 8.—Windsor still retains its reputation as being the "city of marriages," and as usual the majority of these were from the United States. City Clerk Lustig's figures for six months ending July 1 show that there were 685 marriages, an increase of 177 compared with the same period of 1906. All the ministers in the city shared in the wedding fees. There were also 145 births, and 128 deaths during the six months.

PLOTING CHURCH SCHISM

International League of Catholics Warring on the Church.

Rome, July 8.—The Vatican has been informed of the existence of a secret international league, embracing Teutonic and Anglo-Saxon countries, of which it is said many members are the subject of the capture of Caid Gon. Sir Harry MacLean, commander of the sultan's bodyguard, who recently was made a prisoner by the bandit Raisuli. The Knaass tribesmen, fearing the hostility of the sultan, are considering the advisability of opposing Raisuli.

OLDFIELD TRIES SUICIDE

Automobile Racer, Under Arrest, Attempts to Jump From Hotel Window.

Portland, Ore., July 7.—Brooding over his arrest on a charge of fraud for fake racing on Thursday, Barney Oldfield, the automobile man, attempted to commit suicide early today by leaping from a window of the Portland Hotel. He was restrained only by the efforts of his wife and a detective. He smashed the window with his bare hands, which were badly cut.

Oldfield's wife held on to his clothing until the arrival of the hotel detective. He had been drinking heavily since his arrest.

ANOTHER WARNING

Britain Not After Morocco Over Capture of General MacLean.

Tangier, July 6.—It is understood the British minister to Morocco, G. A. Lowther, is preparing to send a strongly-worded note to the sultan on the subject of the capture of Caid Gon. Sir Harry MacLean, commander of the sultan's bodyguard, who recently was made a prisoner by the bandit Raisuli. The Knaass tribesmen, fearing the hostility of the sultan, are considering the advisability of opposing Raisuli.

RUSH WORK ON WARSHIPS

U. S. Battleships Oregon and Wisconsin to Be Ready at Once.

Portland, July 8.—A dispatch to the Oregonian from Seattle, Wash., says orders have been given to rush the work on the battleships Oregon and Wisconsin, which are undergoing extensive repairs at the yard. The new battleship Nebraska, which went into commission a week ago, is to have alterations made, and the crew will be called out as soon as men can be brought here.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT STONEY POINT

Rifle Accidentally Discharged Sends Bullet Into Chicago Lady's Side.

Comber, Ont., July 8.—What came near proving a fatal accident has occurred at Stoney Point. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bussey, of Detroit, are visiting at Stoney Point, and while the former was examining a rifle it accidentally discharged, the bullet entering the left side of Mrs. Bussey, and striking a rib just over the heart. The bullet followed the rib to the back and lodged in the clothing. Dr. McNiven, of Comber, dressed the wound, and unless complications set in Mrs. Bussey will soon be well again.

SILVER JUBILEE OF BISHOP M'EVAY

Head of London Diocese to Celebrate 25th Anniversary of Ordination.

Londoners, and in fact the entire diocese of London, will congratulate Right Rev. Pergus P. McEvay, bishop of London, upon his silver jubilee, which will be celebrated tomorrow, he having been ordained to the priesthood on the 4th of July, 1882.

His Lordship succeeded Bishop O'Connor as bishop of London when the latter was named for the archbishopric at Toronto. Coming here from Hamilton in August of 1899, Bishop McEvay has won for himself the respect and admiration of all classes of citizens of all denominations. He has proven himself a wise and prudent administrator, and with the aid of the priests with whom he has surrounded himself, has built up by rapid stages, the diocese of London.

Bishop McEvay was born at Lindsay, Ont., on Dec. 8, 1854. He was educated there, at St. Michael's College, Toronto, at St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, and at Montreal College.

He was ordained a priest at Trenton in 1882, and served as parish priest at Fenelon Falls for a time, after which he was appointed rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, Peterboro, and chancellor of the diocese. In May, 1889, when Bishop Dowling was translated to Hamilton, he accompanied his lordship thither, where he became a member of the bishop's council and rector of St. Mary's Cathedral.

As stated, he came to London in 1899, to succeed Bishop O'Connor, and his term in London has been marked by great progress on the part of the church.

Priests are expected from all parts of the diocese tomorrow, as the event is one of great jubilation in Catholic circles.

INSULTED ITALIAN FLAG.

Brescia, Italy, July 9.—As the result of the arrest of a tramp for insulting the Italian flag during the military parade on Garibaldi Day, the labor exchange has voted a general strike, which has been effectively carried out. The situation is serious.

DREYFUS TO RETIRE.

Paris, July 8.—It is stated in military circles that Major Alfred Dreyfus, the former captain of artillery, who was sentenced on a charge of treason to imprisonment on Devil's Island, is shortly to retire from the army, accepting a pension.

OTTAWA HAS THEM TOO.

Ottawa, July 8.—Twenty-one Chinamen were arrested in a gambling joint last night. This morning at the police court ten were accused of keeping or being frequenters, and eleven were held as witnesses. The accused were remanded on \$100 each. Meantime the Chinamen's solicitor has threatened to sue the chief of police and the city for damages for the abuse of his clients in the police cells on Sunday night.

THE WEATHER.

FAIR AND COOLER. FORECASTS.

Toronto, July 8-8 a.m. Today—Fresh westerly wind; fine and warm, with a few local thunderstorms. Tuesday—Fresh northwesterly winds; fair and a little cooler.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Toronto	60	42	Fair
Port Arthur	60	52	Clear
Windsor	60	46	Clear
Parry Sound	66	54	Rain
Edmonton	72	58	Fair
Ottawa	70	60	Fair
Quebec	62	58	Cloudy
Father Point	54	48	Fair

The first column records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours preceding.

WEATHER NOTES.

Since Saturday scattered thunderstorms have occurred in Manitoba, Ontario and the Eastern Provinces, but the weather has been mostly fine and warm. The temperature was highest yesterday in Ontario, 82° being recorded at Toronto and 84° at Parry Sound.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	7-8 a.m.	Min.	Max.
Toronto	60-62	42	74
New Westminster	72-70	58	84
Edmonton	72-68	58	84
Swift Current	66-66	58	78
Port Arthur	50-50	38	64
Toronto	52-52	38	64
Quebec	54-54	38	64

Knows Nothing of Politics, Says Captain Frank Reid

Denial of Story That Partisan-ship Prompted him to Resign From Seventh.

The members of the Seventh Regiment are indignant today over the statement in a local newspaper that politics is responsible for the resignation of Captain Frank Reid. Captain Reid has been acting commander of the regiment since Colonel Little's retirement, and it is said that his appointment as lieutenant-colonel was expected any day. Whatever the motives for Captain Reid's resignation, his brother officers say that political interference was not one of them. This view is confirmed by Captain Reid himself.

"I resigned my command of the Seventh Regiment, solely because I felt that under the prevailing conditions I could not make a success of the corps," he said to The Advertiser at noon today.

Capt. Reid is not in the city, having been called to Kingsville owing to the serious condition of Dr. King, his father-in-law. However, he was called on the long-distance telephone and asked regarding the statement in the Free Press that his resignation was due to politics.

"I know nothing whatever about politics in the matter," he told The Advertiser. "I have decided to step down and out simply because I feel that under the conditions as they prevail at present I cannot make a success of the corps."

"I might say further that the Free Press called me on the telephone and told me that they understood that politics was at the bottom of my move, and I told them that I knew nothing of politics. I gave them my reason for resigning, which as I have already stated, was that I felt that I could not make a success of the corps with the present conditions."

The charge that politics has anything to do with the affair is a cowardly attack. The local officers have nothing to do with the appointment of Colonel Little's successor, which rests entirely with General Otter. "We are not permitted to talk of regimental troubles for publication," said a militiaman today, "but it is a pity that any city newspaper would stab the regiment in the back, after all our hard work in making it one of the first militia corps in Canada."

EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE STOVE YOUNG LADY IS BADLY BURNED

Miss Lamport, of West London, Severely Injured While Preparing Dinner.

By the explosion of a gasoline stove at noon today, Miss Mollie Lamport, of 86 Wilson avenue, West London, was probably fatally burned.

Miss Lamport was with her brother-in-law, Mr. Ralph O'Neill, groceryman, when the explosion occurred, and she was preparing the dinner on the stove when it exploded. The burning gasoline was scattered in every direction, a quantity of it igniting Miss Lamport's clothing. She called for aid, and in a very short time the flames were extinguished.

However, the young lady was badly burned, and there is considerable

Two Attempts at Burglary in South End of the City

Ottawa Avenue Homes Visited, But the Crooks Were Interrupted—Petty Thefts.

Two families of Ottawa avenue had an experience with burglars on Friday night last which they will not soon forget. Nothing was taken from either home, but this feature of the cases is attributable only to the fact that members of the families frightened off the burglars.

The cases were reported to the police, but the matter was kept a secret, and the information only became known today.

On Friday evening, Mrs. McFadden, wife of Mr. Charles G. McFadden, a well-known railroad man, of 450 Ottawa avenue, was sitting on her front steps about 10 o'clock, when she thought she heard somebody moving in the house.

She went into the sitting-room from whence she imagined the noise proceeded, but could see nothing, and thinking it was one of the children upstairs, she resumed her seat on the steps in front.

Burglars for Sure.

Twenty minutes later Edward McFadden, her son, about 15 years of age, came home from work, and he passed in through the front door. As he reached the sitting-room he heard a scrambling under a table which was covered with a large cloth, and the next instant two men jumped to their feet, and ran by him toward the back door. As they passed one of them struck at the boy, but only grazed him, pushing him to one side.

The boy at once gave the alarm, and the men of the neighborhood turned out, but they could not locate the cul-

COMPANY TO FIGHT TRACK EXTENSION

Street Railway Will Oppose Any Before 1911.

CITY BEATEN ON CENSUS MOVE

And Company Will Take Full Advantage of the Fact—City Engineer's Views.

If information secured from the city hall is to be relied upon the making of track extension by the London Street Railway Company is concluded until the year 1911 at least, and the different sections of the city which have been clamoring for better street railway accommodation will have to wait until the year named.

For many years the city has been compelling the street railway to build a mile of track for every increase of 2,000 in population over the figures decided upon when the company secured its charter. This was at \$5,000.

One of the clauses of Bylaw 216 by which the company is given a charter states that for every 2,000 of population gained by the city over the 35,000 named, a mile of track shall be given the city.

Under this arrangement several miles of new track were laid such as the Ottawa avenue line, etc. When the Ridout street belt was constructed, the city's population was fixed at 40,000, so that the city's 2,000 increase of population over that figure the city is entitled to a mile of new track.

According to the estimates furnished The Advertiser this year by the assessment commissioner's office, the city's population will not be less than 47,000, so that under the agreement with the company, the council must demand three miles of additional track—if the council had the power.

Where the Rub Comes.

But there's the rub. It is said that some of the aldermen from the north-east end of the city will shortly ask the company to construct a line to Central avenue, from Richmond street to Adelaide street, and down the latter street to connect with the Oxford street line, or, perhaps, right down Adelaide street to Central avenue to connect with the big belt.

Just as soon as the demand is made trouble is expected, for it is understood that the company has a card up its sleeve and that it will fight to the last ditch rather than increase its trackage in the city, which it claims, is already too large for the amount of business, and is burning the concern so that it cannot pay dividends.

Annual Census Not Legal.

It appears that the census taken by the city annually is not a legal one, and that the figures given out by Mr. Grant, while they undoubtedly are correct, are not authorized by any law, and that the company is not compelled to take any notice of them. The city learned this fact some time ago and applied to the Legislature for the necessary power to have a legal census taken primarily for the purpose of compelling the London street railway to give the city a mile of track for every 2,000 increase in population.

Though the matter was kept rather quiet, it is understood that the request was refused by the municipal committee of the Legislature. Thus the city, unless the Legislature should at some future date change its mind, must wait until the Government decennial census of 1911 comes around before it can make any legal demands on the company for more trackage.

If no new track is laid for the next four years the company will find itself face to face with the problem of putting down about ten or fifteen miles of track in 1911, but it is altogether likely the city will demand every foot of new track, in 1911 to which it is entitled, if the company does not now meet the corporation.

City Engineer's Views.

City Engineer Graydon thinks that under the circumstances the city should try and arrange for the double-tracking of Horton street, between Richmond and Clarence street, and also of Richmond street, between St. James and Oxford streets, so that the delays caused by cars having to wait for each other because of the single tracks, may be abolished. The company, it is understood, is perfectly willing to double track portions of its system, such as those named by Mr. Graydon, if the city will allow the double track to be considered as mileage. In the past the city has refused to do this.

Mr. Graydon also thinks that the company should lose no time in double tracking its crossing at the G. T. R. on Richmond street.

PETROLEA SHAKEN

Terrific Explosion in Nitro-Glycerine Works Outside Town.

Petrolea, July 7.—A portion of the Bradley nitro-glycerine works, a mile or so north of the town, was badly wrecked by an explosion here this afternoon. The shock was felt in Petrolea, and was distinctly felt in Petrolea, and many windows being smashed. There were no fatalities.