

COLD WEATHER CHECKS FLOOD ICE IN RIVER STILL UNBROKEN

Rainfall Last Night Was Eighteen Inches—A Great Quantity of Snow Has Been Melted and Carried Away—West London Nothing To Fear.

With the thermometer at no time lower than 23 degrees, rain falling at the rate of nearly two inches in thirty-six hours, and the immense quantity of snow melting as fast as possible, things looked exceedingly good for a big flood in the Thames this morning.

The change to colder weather, however, has altered conditions somewhat, and at noon today only a little over three feet of water was passing over Springbank dam.

Engineer Sluiceway reports that the ice has not yet commenced to break up, and anticipates no trouble.

The north branch is still frozen solid, and the south branch, from Hunt's dam back is also unbroken.

NO TROUBLE ANTICIPATED.

"I am not anticipating the slightest trouble," said Engineer Graydon to The Advertiser this morning.

"West London people need not worry about the snow that was dumped off the bridge.

"The rain has washed nearly every bit of it away, and even if it had not, when the ice broke it would have been carried down the river, and could not have acted as a dam and flooded West London.

"The breakwaters were never stronger or in better shape, and I am not worrying over floods in West London any more."

MILLERS ARE PLEASED.

The millers are exceedingly glad to see the weather turn colder again, they were fearing the breaking up of the ice, which means considerable trouble for them.

"The ice is still unbroken above our dam," Mr. J. I. A. Hunt told The Advertiser this morning, "and I sincerely hope it stays so.

"If it were to go now it would put us to no end of trouble before spring comes, on account of the anchor ice which would form. This would so diminish the power at the mill that we might have to shut down."

THE WEATHER.

The local observatory reports that 1.80 inches of rain has fallen since Wednesday night.

This is one of the heaviest rainfalls that has occurred in many months, and with so much snow in the country, if it were to continue, serious floods must inevitably follow.

It is hoped that no more heavy snowfalls will take place, and, if they do not, a great quantity of snow will have been got rid of harmlessly, and when the final break-up comes in a few weeks, there will be that much less water to swell the river.

No Level Crossing On Hale Street Township Council Rescinds Motion

Will Now Insist On Overhead Bridges Built By The Grand Trunk.

There will be no level crossings in London Township at Hale and Trafalgar streets, so the London Township Council decided at its last meeting.

In October last a motion was passed allowing the Grand Trunk Railway to have level crossing at the intersection of Hale and Trafalgar streets, the company to level the embankments, giving drivers a clear view of the tracks, and also to install an electric bell.

Since that time, however, there has been a decided aversion to level tracks, and the residents of London Township have been up in arms against the proposal.

Objected To It.

They impressed the fact upon the council that they would not have a level track at any price.

At the last meeting of the township council, Deputy Reeve S. Frank Glass

brought in a motion to rescind the former motion, allowing the Grand Trunk the right to have a level crossing. Deputy Reeve Gilson seconded, and after some discussion it carried.

The township will now insist that overhead bridges be built over these streets.

The Grand Trunk has been informed of the action of the township council.

Broughdale School Children. The matter of the Broughdale school children came up for discussion also.

The council asked the solicitor's opinion on the matter, and he said that the matter was entirely out of the hands of the council, and could only be settled by the school section at Broughdale and the city board of education.

The city has debarred Broughdale children from attending the London schools, and in order that they may attend, an arrangement must be entered into between the school trustees of the Broughdale section and the city school trustees.

The Broughdale residents, it is understood, will meet the board of education at its next meeting to discuss the matter.

Comic Opera Runaway On King Street

A comic opera runaway took place yesterday afternoon, and many citizens are laughing yet.

The Greek ice-cream man on Clarence street has a very lively horse. For a few days the water-pipes at his place of business have been frozen, and the Greek has been leading his horse to water in the lane behind the central fire hall.

Yesterday afternoon he took his steed to water, and tied it to a wheelbarrow while he went to get the water.

The animal's head was very close to an opening in the fire hall, out of which the firemen throw refuse.

While the horse was attached to the wheelbarrow, one of the firemen heaved some refuse out of the opening.

In the words of the classic poet of Harrietsville, "the horse took um-

brage at his environment," and started out the lane, wheelbarrow and all.

When once started, a regiment of horsemen and a dog could not check his mad career, as the prize essayist of a ladies' school would say.

Out on Clarence street he flew, and for once a wheelbarrow had an automobile beaten a couple of leagues for speed.

The animal turned west on King street and dodging everything, he turned sharply on to Ridout street.

There he did a few fancy gyrations, and slid almost a block on his ear.

Everybody within gunshot got a shower-bath, while the street was mopped dry.

The horse was rescued in a drowning condition and showed no desire for water that day.

The speed the horse traveled blew the paint all off the wheelbarrow.

No Snow Bylaw in Sight This Year

"I think a bylaw should be passed compelling every person to shovel off the sidewalks," said City Engineer Graydon this morning.

"The conditions in the city this winter have been very bad, and if such a bylaw had been in operation there would not have been so much difficulty for pedestrians."

There is much difference of opinion among the aldermen regarding this question.

Many think a snow bylaw would cause a hardship on the workingman, and consequently the council has refused for years to pass a bylaw compelling all owners or tenants of property to shovel the snow off the walks in front of their residences.

"This question has come up for

years," said Ald. Beattie, "and nothing has been done with it. It is generally the opinion that it would not be to the advantage of the poorer people, and on that account it has never been passed. Conditions have been somewhat unusual this winter, and perhaps that is the reason of the agitation."

The council will not likely deal with the matter this year, and no bylaw will be brought in to compel owners of property to clean the walks.

ROBBED OF \$6,000.

Paris, Feb. 15.—Charles Hastings, an American mine owner, was robbed here last night of a pocketbook containing \$6,000 by an expert English pickpocket.



EDWIN J. GUYMER, Who Has Been Missing for Three Years. From photo taken five years ago.

MOTHER AND SON WERE SUFFOCATED

Two English Immigrants Dead at Hamilton From Gas.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 14.—Mrs. Martin and her son, living at 336 Hughson street north, were found dead in their beds this afternoon, having been asphyxiated by coal gas.

"They had been dead for some hours. Two other children were in the house and are in a serious condition. They are an English family of immigrants."

The supposition is that they left the stove door open.

BENNETT'S IN QUEBEC

Theater Will Close for the Season on March 2.

This week's Dramatic Mirror announces that Bennett's in Quebec will close on March 2, but will reopen as usual next fall.

After March 2, dramatic attractions will be played in the theater, if they can be procured.

PANIC IN THEATER

Medicine Hat, Alta., Feb. 14.—The moving picture machine in the "Idle Hour Theater" blew up last night when the place was densely crowded. Fire broke out and a panic ensued. Coats and hats were lost in a wild rush for the door, and several of the audience were trampled upon, but all escaped serious injury, with the exception of the lessee, Charles Ness, whose hands were badly burned, and who is at present in the hospital. The theater was gutted and a new piano destroyed.

MANITOBA DROPS THREE-FIFTHS

A Straight Majority Will Be Sufficient To Put Local Option In Force.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—The Manitoba Government has abandoned the three-fifths clause in its liquor license bill. This is a most important change, and was vigorously advocated by the Liberals during the last campaign. Straight majority will hereafter, if the bill carries, be sufficient to put local option in force.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLDER.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Feb. 15—5 a.m.

Today—Strong winds and gales, northerly to northwesterly; local snowfalls to-day; turning colder.

Sunday—Fair and colder.

Local Temperatures.

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory yesterday were: Highest, 40.5°; lowest, 31.5° above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	22	0	Clear
Winnipeg	0	0	Fair
Port Arthur	16	14	Fair
Perry Sound	28	28	Cloudy
Toronto	34	34	Rain
Ottawa	34	34	Rain
Montreal	34	34	Rain
Quebec	32	32	Rain
Father Point	34	30	Rain

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 energetic depression which was advancing from the Southwest States yesterday morning is now centered near Lake Superior. It has caused heavy precipitation from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, chiefly in rain, but in some northern localities, however, as snow.

In the Western Provinces the weather has been fair and moderately cold.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Port Simpson, 38—40; Victoria, 42—46; Vancouver, 38—40; Edmonton, 28—42; Calgary, 18—42; Battleford, 4—28; Prince Albert, 8 below—28; Regina, 12 below—18; Winnipeg, 2—15; Port Arthur, 22—30; Perry Sound, 28—32; Toronto, 36—35; Ottawa, 34—38; Montreal, 34—40; Quebec, 30—40; St. John, 34—40; Halifax, 2—28.

Southeast Suffers From Floods Lack of Sewers Is Being Felt Badly

Cellers Are Filled and Pumps Will Have To Be Brought Into Service.

The southeast portion of the city is in a very bad way with the floods. Complaints by the score have reached City Engineer Graydon regarding flooded cellars, and he is having a very hard time keeping up with the demands for assistance.

Assistant Engineer Kirkpatrick has been working with a gang of men all morning in that district, but so far has been unable to make much headway. "There are any number of cellars flooded to the ceiling," said Mr. Kirkpatrick. "I think the fire engine will have to be used on some of them. I will try and see what can be done with some of the cellars with the ordinary pumps."

"In some of the holes in the east end there is ten feet of water. One

man bought a lot, and is going to build a house right near one of the ponds. If he does he will have to swim out every springtime."

"Conditions are very bad in the southeast section, near Cabell street, and all down in that neighborhood," said City Engineer Graydon.

"The amount of water lying there is very great, but what can I do? There is no drain of sewers there to take it away. The land is low, and the water collects there. No relief will be afforded until a storm sewer is built down Adelaide street from the Grand Trunk tracks to the river. Then later I would suggest that such a sewer be built out of the general sewer funds. It is very badly needed."

"The engineer's department can do but little in a case like this, unless something like that is built. Nothing but a storm sewer will relieve the low-lying district in the southeastern portion of the city."

Many cellars are flooded badly, and there are threats of damage suits.

Four Months of Commons Wasted By the Tactics of the Opposition

The Conservatives Have Not Permitted Any Progress To Be Made.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—It is now going on four months since the Houses of Parliament were called together on the 27th of November last, but apart from the passage of a special supply bill to provide for the shortage of seed wheat in the two new prairie provinces, the Opposition has not permitted a single item of Government legislation to pass and when the deputy governor came down this week to assess to the special supply bill, it was found that the

only other measures which had passed both branches of Parliament were five non-contentious railway bills.

It is only fair to say that the responsibility for this policy of hold-up does not rest with the Senate, but with the Lower House. Even in the committees of the latter a deliberate policy of obstruction has been adopted, whose like has never been known in the previous history of the Canadian Parliament. A single bill occupied the House for a week to the exclusion of all other business. Day after day the House has been given up to the ventilation of Opposition grievances, and these debates have been protracted far into the night, to the exclusion of all public business.

Hartwick To Appear in Court Monday Will Be Given Preliminary Hearing

Has Evidently Abandoned the Slow Process Starvation Method.

"James Hartwick will in all probability appear for hearing before the county magistrates on Monday." Such was the statement given out at the jail today. The aged prisoner has regained much of his appetite, and this morning partook of a large amount of gruel with evident relish.

Hartwick's mind also appears to be slightly stronger than it was a few

days ago, and while he is still weak, trouble is anticipated in getting him upstairs for the hearing, which will take place before Squire Chittick and possibly another county magistrate at 10 o'clock in the main courtroom.

Will Be Able To Appear.

The jail physician did not find time to pay the accused murderer a visit today, but stated that he thought it very possible that if Hartwick kept taking nourishment as he has done for the past few days, he would be strong enough to appear at the hearing all right on Monday. The doctor could see but little change, he said, in (Continued on Page Eight.)

Will Ask for Special Legislation For Proposed Tuberculosis Hospital

Another Meeting of the Joint Committee Was Held This Morning.

A conference took place at noon today in the mayor's office regarding the tuberculosis hospital.

The county council was represented by Messrs. Glass and Knapperton, and the city was represented by Mayor Stevely, Ald. Ferguson, Ald. Beattie, Ald. Stewart, chairman of the special hospital committee, and Dr. James Wilson representing the Blair interests.

Ask Special Legislation.

The sub-committee recommended that the city and county council ask for special legislation on the following matters:

That power be granted Mr. Blair to appoint a representative of himself on the hospital committee, and to have the minimum charge of the tuberculosis hospital.

That the city and county be empowered to grant Mr. Blair 5 per cent interest during his life time on the money invested, viz., \$20,000.

That the bylaw passed by the county council at its last session setting aside \$40,000 for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a tuberculosis hospital be validated.

The special hospital committee will meet on Monday evening prior to the council meeting, when the recommendations of the sub-committee will be considered.

New Feature.

The only new feature discussed will be the representative of the Blair interests on the trust.

According to the first draft there were to be five members on the trust, 3 from the city, and 2 from the county.

This will make six, the addition of Mr. Blair's representative making up the list.

It was decided to move quickly in the matter of securing special legislation, as the Provincial House is now in session and it is possible that some difficulty might arise to throw the matter back.

Both the city and county are anxious to finish the work this year if possible.

No Opinion Yet Re Port Stanley Lease

"City Solicitor Meredith has handed down no opinion yet on the extension of the lease of certain lots at Port Stanley, to Mr. Price for a term of 99 years," said Mayor Stevely this morning.

"I do not know, nor has the city solicitor yet said, whether we can lease the property for 1 year or 99 years. He has the matter under advisement, and I expect he will send his opinion to the London and Port Stanley board before its next meeting."

No Opinion Yet.

"No opinion has been given yet," said Ald. Beattie. "Mr. Meredith is preparing his opinion, and I presume it will be ready shortly."

"I do not know what the opinion will be. I can see no reason why the land could not be leased for 99 years just as well as 10 years if it were in the interests of the city to do so. There may be reasons I do not know of. That is

the reason the matter was referred to the city solicitor. We will get his opinion shortly."

"I have not received any opinion on the question from City Solicitor Meredith as yet," said City Clerk Baker.

The lease of the property to Mr. Price does not affect the Pere Marquette whatever, was the opinion expressed by a well-known citizen this morning.

Reverts to the City.

City Engineer Graydon this morning declared that the spur of road running to the beach at Port Stanley would revert to the city on the expiration of the lease with the Pere Marquette.

The agreement with the company has been made when the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway took the lease of the road.

It is understood, however, that the Pere Marquette has leased and bonded, or its agents have leased and bonded, practically all the property on the beach.

SHAH OF PERSIA MURDERED THE CAPITAL IN A TUMULT

Reports To London State That the Persian Ruler Was Assassinated, But No Particulars Given.

London, Feb. 14.—The Shah of Persia, Mohammed Ali Mirza, was assassinated yesterday in Teheran, according to rumors telegraphed to this city.

All particulars are lacking and the rumor is not officially confirmed. According to the stories there is a panic in Teheran and all messages sent out from there are rigidly censored.

Mohammed Ali Mirza, Shah of Persia, according to the ancient Persian formula of royalty, and sixth sovereign of the house of the Kadjars, was born in Tabriz, June 21, 1872. He was the eldest son of and generally recognized legitimate successor to Muzaffer-ed-Din, the former shah, who died at Teheran on Jan. 8, 1907. Mohammed Ali Mirza was not born of a Kadjar princess, however, and because of the established custom of keeping the succession in the line of this family on both sides, his right to the throne was contested by a younger brother, Aboul Fath Mirza, who was the first-born of a princess of the line.

PLACED LIGHT IN WINDOW FOR HER LOST BOY

Pathetic Story of the Disappearance of Edwin J. Guymer Three Years Ago, and Whose Parents Are Still Seeking Him—Said He Was Going for a Holiday.

Three years ago last September Edwin James Guymer, of 726 Princess avenue, left his home to take a two or three weeks' holiday.

Since then he has never been seen by any of his family, nor has any word been received from the missing boy.

He was then between 16 and 17 years of age, and had been employed at a local cigar factory, where he was learning the trade.

The Guymer family is composed of six children. The mother is middle-aged, and the father is a shoemaker with a small shop of his own in the east end.

WENT TO PORT STANLEY.

Previous to Edwin's departure he was apparently satisfied with the conditions in London.

Then one day he announced that he was going to take a trip to Port Stanley.

After the boy had gone his father was informed that the lad intended to run away from home.

Mr. Guymer at once boarded a train for the lakeside, and found his son walking along the dock watching the unloading of a large coal vessel.

When questioned young Guymer told his father that he had decided to take a short trip to Cleveland with a traveler named Moxworthy.

He stated that he would return to London in a couple of weeks at the outside.

Since then he has disappeared as if swallowed by the earth, and his anxious parents have not received a line from him.

SEARCH WAS INSTITUTED.

When the boy did not return within the time specified, no anxiety at first was felt, but when he failed to put in an appearance within a month a search was at once instituted, with the result that it was learned that young Guymer had been seen in Cleveland, but was supposed to have left for the west.

Later it was reported that he had been seen in Chicago, but this rumor was never verified.

Mr. Guymer is a man of but moderate means, but he intends to prosecute the search for his boy as long as he has a dollar left.

LIGHT IN THE WINDOW.

To an Advertiser reporter this morning, Mrs. Guymer, with tears in her eyes, told how a light had been left burning in the window of her home every night for a long time after the lad's disappearance in order that if he passed the house he might realize that his parents were lovingly awaiting his return.

The story of the mother was a pitiful one. She has tried by every means known to her to gain an inkling of the boy's whereabouts, but without results.

Each time she heard a footfall on the step or a knock she would hurry to the door, hopeful that some word had been received of her wandering boy.

MOTHER CANNOT UNDERSTAND IT.

Edwin, who is now about 20 years of age, is the second eldest of a family of eight, two of whom have died. He was said to have been a very bright youngster, who apparently loved his mother and his home above all else, and the mother cannot understand why the boy does not write, if he be alive, or why she has not heard something of it if he has been killed.

A further effort will be made to interest the Chicago police in the matter, as his mother feels that he is in that city, if living.

KNEW NOTHING OF IT.

About a year ago Mr. Moxworthy, the traveler with whom young Guymer supposedly went away, paid the Guymer home a visit, and was much surprised to learn that the boy was missing.

He stated that he had not known of the lad's movements, and did not know where he then was, but would make an effort to locate him.

Since then the Guymers have heard nothing from Mr. Moxworthy, and they now almost despair of ever locating their boy.

Weekly Sitting of Local High Court Several Cases Were Disposed Of

Session Was Presided Over By Mr. Justice Anglin—Some Cases Reserved.

At the weekly sitting of the high court for London before Mr. Justice Anglin at the courthouse this morning the following motions were disposed of:

Re Amalgamated Oil Company—Motion for winding up order, by G. N. Weekes.

An order having previously been made in Toronto to wind up, the latter motion was allowed to lapse.

Costs to be paid by the liquidator.

Re Chinese Ontario Ginseng Company—W. H. Winnett for the petitioner, D. A. MacDonald, for secretary-treasurer, J. G. Judd for the president.

Re Mrs. Allison Law—Motion by A. Greenless to have declaration of lunacy made, and for the appointment of a committee to handle the estate, valued at \$35,000.

Mrs. Law is the widow of the late John Law.

Order made to the master to appoint committee, and take security, and report upon a scheme for maintenance and management.

Crayston vs. Scott—T. H. Luscombe for motion; D. A. MacDonald, contra. Motion for an appeal from decision of a local judge, in which particulars were ordered to be given. Motion dismissed with costs.

The petitioner is a helpless cripple, having fallen six stories some time last summer.

Re Annie V. Daniels—Motion for order to bring action against liquidator of the defunct Birbeck Loan Company.

Petitioner, who acted herself, claimed she had been unlawfully compelled to pay moneys to company. Judgment reserved until after papers on file had been looked over.