

FAIR IS OFF TO A GOOD START
NEARLY ALL ATTRACTIONS INTickets Are Being Taken
Up at All the
Gates.MONDAY WILL
BE A BIG DAYBut Attendance Today Is Not
Expected To Be Very
Large.Today is the real opening day at the
Western Fair, and although the at-
tendance is not expected to be large,
all the gates are manned.Exhibits of all kinds are still piling
in, and it will not be possible to have
them all in shape before tonight at the
very earliest.Secretary Hunt today received a dis-
patch from the Peterboro Canoe Com-
pany, stating that their exhibit was
delayed in some manner, but will ar-
rive this evening, and be ready by
Monday. This is the first exhibit of
its kind ever placed at the fair, and
much interest is being taken in it.A large bunch of entries for the
speed events were received by mail yes-
terday, and the horse racing, which
begins on Tuesday, is certain to be
more classy than ever.

Athletic Events.

Entries for the athletic events also
continue to come in, and it is stated
that without doubt the events will
contain more entries than any ath-
letic events ever held off in London,
not excepting the big meet of the East
End Athletic Association held here a
year ago last Dominion Day.All of the crack runners of the vari-
ous surrounding townships and coun-
ties, as well as the cities and towns,
have entered, and with Bobby Kerr
as chief attraction, athletic day is
certain to be one of the biggest fea-
tures of the fair.The impressive given Canadian ath-
letes by the victory of Bobby Kerr in
England, when he defeated the cream
of the world in the 220-yard dash, and
made an excellent showing in the 100-
yard run, winning his preliminary heat,
has resulted in the production of any
number of classy young athletes, and
London itself will not be backward
about entries.The greatest rivalry exists between
the township teams and the London
Ramblers in the one-mile relay race,
and a rattling contest is assured.Then, there is the Y. M. C. A. team
race, the Kerr exhibition sprint, and
any number of other interesting events.
Manager Coe, of the Wild West
Show, wired Mr. Hunt that the show
would be on hand tonight, ready for
business Monday afternoon. Many of
the Midway attractions have also been
heard from.

Monday a Big Day.

"We are not quite in shape yet,"
said Secretary Hunt today, "but by
Monday all will be in ship shape, and
the regular programme will be run off,
beginning at 1:30."It has been customary to begin the
amusement programmes at 2 p.m. and
8 p.m., but owing to the length of the
programme this year, the performances
will begin at 1:30 and 7:30.While the attendance on Monday will
be big, it will perhaps not be quite
so large as on the following days, and
those desirous of seeing the great fair
under the most favorable conditions
should take the opportunity to do so
Monday—athletic day.

AFTER GOVERNOR FORT.

Sea Girl, Sept. 12.—An infernal
machine, addressed to Governor Fort,
of New Jersey, has been found in the
United States mails by postal au-
thorities. When the package, which
had aroused the suspicions of the pos-
tal authorities, was opened, it was
found to contain powder, bullets, and
matches. There is said to be no trace
of the sender of the infernal ma-
chine.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Sept. 12—8 a.m.
Light variable winds; fair and warm
today and on Sunday.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	42	42	Fair
Winnipeg	48	48	Fair
Fort Arthur	52	48	Fair
Fort Sn. Charles	54	50	Clear
Toronto	64	50	Cloudy
Ottawa	56	50	Fair
Montreal	60	54	Clear
Quebec	52	46	Cloudy
Father Point	58	44	Clear

The first column in the above table re-
cords the temperature at 8 o'clock this
morning, and the second column records
the minimum temperatures during the 24
hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The barometer is high throughout the
Dominion, with no indication of any im-
mediate change.A tropical storm is reported in the
Bahamas, and a falling barometer along
the south Atlantic coast probably indi-
cates a northerly movement.The weather is fine and warm and
winds light in all the provinces.

Local Temperatures.

The highest and lowest readings of the
thermometer at the local observatory for
the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. yesterday
were: Highest, 64.5; lowest, 44.MR. CHURCHILL
TAKES A BRIDEBrilliant Young Minister Weds
a Daughter of Sir Henry
Hozier.London, Sept. 12.—Winston Spen-
cer Churchill, president of the board
of trade, was married in this city this
afternoon to Clementine, daughter of
the late Sir Henry Montague Hozier,
who for 32 years was secretary for
Lloyds. The ceremony occurred at
St. Margaret's Church, the little edifice,
which stands in the shadow of
Westminster Abbey, where so many
fashionable weddings have taken
place, and attracted more attention
than any wedding this season, princi-
pally because of the social and politi-
cal prominence of Mr. Churchill, who
is one of the most discussed men in
the United Kingdom.The congregation attending the cer-
emony was most distinguished. The
Bishop of St. Asaph conducted the
ceremony, and Bishop Welton, who
was Mr. Churchill's head master at
Harrow, afterwards delivered an ad-
dress to the newly-married couple.Lord Hugh Cecil was best man. The
bridemaids were Nellie Hozier, a sis-
ter of the bride, and her cousins, Mad-
eline White and the Hon. Valentin
Stanley, Horatia Seymour and Claire
Frewen.A reception was held afterwards at
Lady St. Heller's in Portland Place,
where the numerous presents were
displayed. A wedding cake five feet
high was out at the reception.Later in the afternoon the couple
took a train for Blenheim Palace, Af-
ter the visit there they will go to Ber-
lin, until the opening of Parliament.

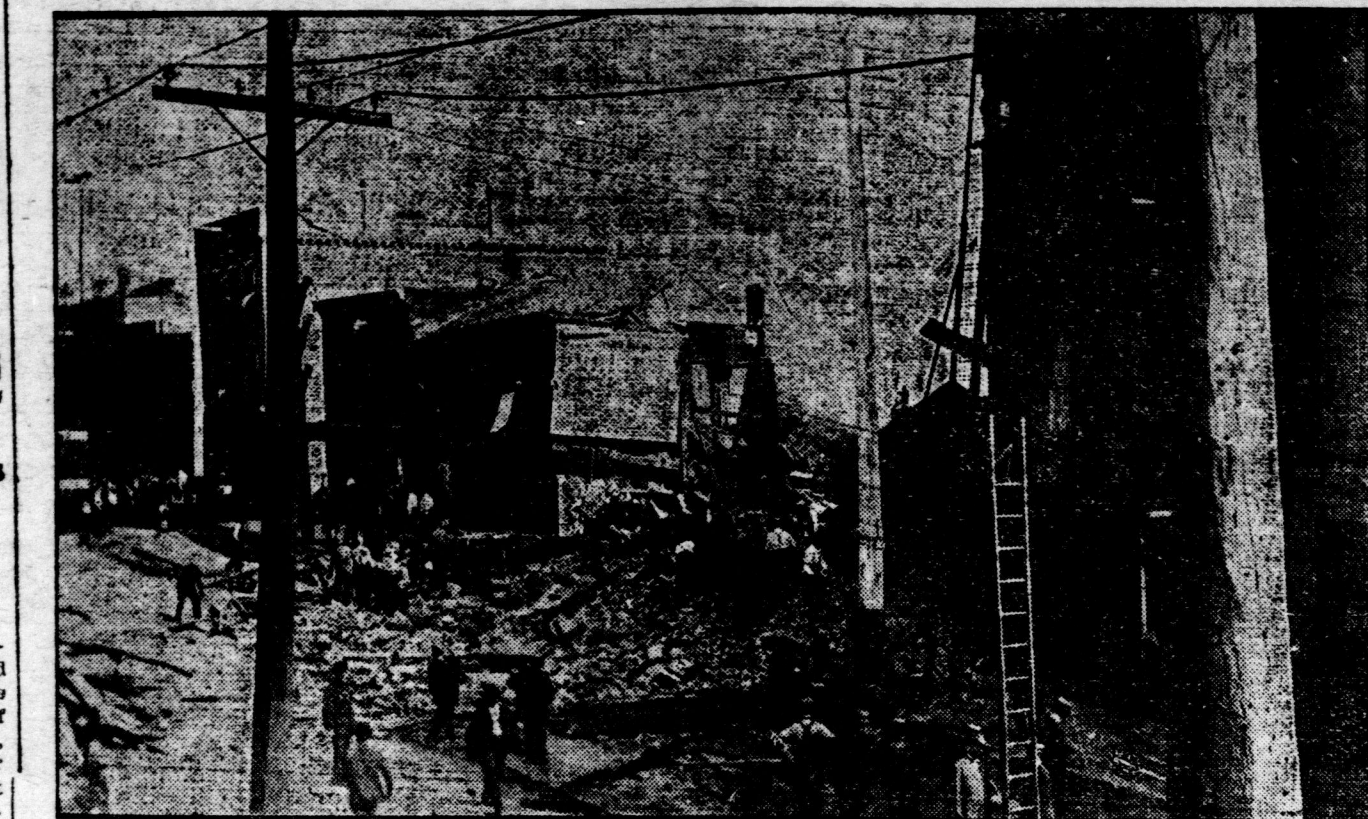
BJORNSTN'S JUBILEE.

Christiana, Sept. 12.—Bjornstjerne
Bjornson, the poet and dramatist, and
his wife, yesterday celebrated their
golden wedding anniversary on their
estate at Aulestad, near Lillehammer.
Their home was crowded with guests.
Gifts and congratulations were re-
ceived from all parts of Norway.GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT
OF LONDON'S EXHIBITIONFew men in London are better
known than the popular and capable
general superintendent of grounds and
buildings. To him is largely due the
unparalleled success of the Great West-
ern Exhibition of London, which has
attained a financial standing and promi-
nence second to no other institution of
the kind in the Dominion of Canada.For more than twenty years, the last
ten as general superintendent of
grounds and buildings, Mr. Brown has
donated the greater part of his time
assisting his contemporaries on the
board in building up an institution
which the city of London may be proud
to call her own. Possessing unbounded
enthusiasm, tireless energy and a
fearless, rugged honesty far above sus-
picion, he has a rare and vigorous
knack of accomplishing results and
carrying through to a successful com-
pletion, without fear or favor, whatever
he undertakes to do. A man of inde-
pendent, reliable character, with a high
sense of right, Mr. Brown has won
through the passing years the respect
and confidence of his co-workers in
the Western Fair Association, all of
whom believe that "Jim" Brown has no
superior in the experience and knowl-
edge of how to run a great exhibition
successfully. In September, 1899, the
Fair Association presented Mr. Brown
with a fine gold watch, appropriately
engraved, as a tribute to his worth andability, and in appreciation of his long
and valued services. The engraved
remembrance reads as follows:MR. J. P. BROWN,
General Superintendent of the West-
ern Fair."Presented to James H. Brown as a
mark of the high esteem in which he
is held by the directors of the Western
Fair for his untiring efforts on behalf
of that association."London's Population Grows 1,600
City Now Boasts of About 50,000Assessment Commissioner Grant
Completes the Figures for
the Year.Assessment Commissioner Grant and
his staff have completed the assess-
ment of ward one, and a most gratify-
ing increase has been noted.The total assessment of the ward
amounts to \$3,671,329 as against \$3,
353,614, an increase of \$317,715.

This will bring the total increase in

assessment for the whole city for the
year to about \$1,000,000, a very cred-
itable showing.The population has also increased
considerably, about 400, although the
exact figures are not available.It is now certain that the total in-
crease of population for the year will
total 1,600.This is about half the increase of
1907, which was one of the best for
some years.The population of the city last year
was 47,759, so that it is now about 49,
359, or very close to 50,000.

STRANGER IN THE SKY

An Airship Appears and Astonishes
the Natives of Magdeburg.Magdeburg, Sept. 12.—A large dirig-
ible balloon appeared over this city
from the north at 8 o'clock this morn-
ing, and began a series of man-
oeuvres. The people were astounded
at the sight, and the ease with which
the airship was handled. Thousands
stopped their work to gaze at the phe-nomena. This is the first time an air-
ship has been seen here.After a while the balloon disappeared
in the direction of Berlin.It probably is the military dirigible
balloon that left Berlin at half-past
10 o'clock last night under the com-
mand of Major Gross, of the army
ballooning department, who was ac-
companied by two brother officers. The
Gross balloon was scheduled to fly
from Berlin to Stettin and back, but
its position over this city indicates
that instead it has travelled to the
southward.RUINS OF THE BUSINESS BLOCK OF SEVEN STORES DESTROYED BY AN EXPLOSION AT BRANT-
FORD YESTERDAY—A TWO-YEAR-OLD BOY LOST HIS LIFE.

NO SIGNS OF GRAFT

Evidence Before Marine Department
Probe Favorable to the Government.Montreal, Sept. 11.—Evidence before
Judge Cassels in the marine department
inquiry today continued of a character
to dispel the insinuation that there
had been graft or rake-offs in connec-
tion with the purchases by the depart-
ment. There are a lot of witnesses to
be heard, many of whom are from
Sorel.KEEP OPEN
THE PLAYGROUNDSSo Long as the Weather Will Permit
Of It.Although no official action has been
taken, it is understood that the Child-
ren's Playgrounds will be kept open for
another week or two, or as long as the
weather is warm enough for the children
to play out of doors in the evening.The opening of the schools, had, of
course, reduced the attendance during
the day, but after school and supper the
children flock to the playgrounds in large
numbers, and it is felt that it would be
a hardship to close them at this time.

PREMIER'S TOUR THROUGH ONTARIO

Sir Wilfrid Laurier leaves Ottawa on Monday for a two-
week tour in Ontario. His schedule is as follows:

Monday, Sept. 14, leaving Ottawa 6:45 p.m., C. P. R.

Tuesday, 15th—7:30 a.m., arrives in Toronto. 9 a.m.—

Leaves Toronto. 11 a.m.—Arrives at Niagara Falls. 7:45 p.m.—

Leaves Niagara Falls. 9:50 p.m.—Leaves Toronto for Mon-
tréal.Wednesday, 16th, and Thursday, 17th—In Montréal. Manu-
facturers' banquet, 17th.

Friday, 18th, 10:30 p.m.—Leaves for Toronto.

Saturday, 19th, 7:30 a.m.—Arrives in Toronto. 8 a.m.—

Leaves Toronto for Strathroy. 12 noon—Arrives at Strathroy.

5:46 p.m.—Leaves Strathroy. 6:25 p.m.—Arrives in London.

Sunday, 20th—In London (stop-over).

Monday, 21st, 7:15 a.m.—Leaves London (Michigan Cen-
tral). 10:02 a.m.—Arrives in Tilbury. 6:46 p.m.—Leaves Til-
bury. 9:50 p.m.—Arrives in London.

Tuesday, 22nd—In London (stop-over).

Wednesday, 23rd, 8:30 a.m.—Leaves London. 10:50 a.m.—

Arrives in Clinton. 5:20 p.m.—Leaves Clinton via Stratford. 10
p.m.—Arrives in Toronto.

Thursday, 24th—In Toronto (stop-over).

Friday, 25th, 2 a.m.—Leaves Toronto. 10:40 a.m.—Arrives in
North Bay. 10:30 p.m.—Leaves North Bay.

Saturday, 26th, 7:15 a.m.—Arrives in Toronto.

Sunday, 27th—In Toronto (stop-over).

Monday, 28th, 9:30 a.m.—Leaves Toronto. 12 noon—Arrives
in Jackson's Point. 6:30 p.m.—Leaves Jackson's Point. 9 p.m.
Arrives in Toronto.Sir Wilfrid will speak in Cornwall on Sept. 30, and will
then return to Ottawa.MAJOR BEATTIE AND MR. GRAY
WITH MR. JUDD—PROBABLYConservative Convention Promises To Be Most Interesting, With
Three Candidates for Nomination—Ex-Ald. Matthews
Alleged To Be Working a Hold-up Game.There is likely to be a most inter-
esting time when the Conservative
convention is held a couple of weeks
hence.The battle for the delegates is on,
and Mr. William Gray's supporters
declare that William scored first blood
last evening.There was a caucus for the appoint-
ment of delegates for ward three. Mr.
Gray is quite strong in this section, and
when the delegates were appointed, it
was announced that William had cap-
tured 13 out of 16 delegates.The man who vouchsafed the infor-
mation to "The Advertiser" also said
that it looked like Mr. Gray all the
way, provided the Beck section in the
other wards delivered the delegates as
was promised.However, Major Beattie's friends are
confident of the result, and are sure
of winning they say. They point out
that in ward three alone Mr. Gray is
strong, and the fact that he did not
capture the entire delegation is a mat-
ter for congratulation.The situation is developing consid-
erable interest. Mr. J. C. Judd is in
the field, it is said, and is actively can-
vassing for the nomination. It is said
he has already captured some of the
delegates, and is the second choice of a
number more.

The Psychological Moment.

Mr. Judd is of the opinion that this
is the psychological moment to allow
his name to appear on the programme.

Warrant Out for Ex-Bank Manager

Montreal, Sept. 11.—A warrant has
been issued for the arrest of D. M.
Stewart, former general manager of
the Sovereign Bank, at the instance
of the Government, the charge being
sending false returns to the finance
department. Stewart cannot be found,and it is believed he has left the city,
although he was known to be here not
many days ago. Geo. Watson, K.C.,
of Toronto, along with Crown Prose-
cutor Hibbard, has been looking into
the matter, hence the issuance of the
warrant.

London Dogs at Toronto Exhibition

The competition at the dog show,
Toronto, this year, was the keenest it
has ever been, and that the London
dogs entered won at all shows, they
must be top-notchers. Every London
dog shown was in the money, while
J. H. Saunders won almost every-
thing in the Dachshund classes, taking
English bulldogs were strong this
year, there being 30 in all shown.Mrs. George Langley showed her
Great Dane, Imperator, taking third
prize. Albert R. Williams won one
English bull, Sally Bombard, and it
was admitted she was the best front-
ed English bull in the whole show-
ing. In the Dachshund classes, taking
English bulldogs were strong this
year, there being 30 in all shown.A BRANTFORD BUSINESS BLOCK
WRECKED BY AN EXPLOSIONSeven Stores on Colborne Street Almost Demolished by Accident
of Mysterious Nature Yesterday Afternoon—Two
Lives Lost by the Collapse.Brantford, Sept. 12.—Joseph Blay-
borough died this morning from injur-
ies received in the explosion yester-
day.Brantford, Sept. 11.—An explosion
of natural gas this afternoon totally
destroyed three buildings on the south
side of Colborne street, near Lorne
Bridge, and caused the death of two
persons, the possible fatal injury of
two others, and the serious injury of
three.

Dead.

JOSEPH BLAYBOROUGH, aged 26,
died at hospital.Two-year-old child of Mrs. Horn-
ing, died at hospital.

Injured.

MRS. HORNING, badly cut and
bruised; condition critical.CHARLES HORNING, aged six
months; condition critical.HENRY SMITH and wife, badly
cut and bruised.

Buildings Destroyed.

The buildings destroyed were:
Theatrical 43 Colborne street; bil-
liard parlor, owned by Jas. P. Doyle,
45 Colborne street; bake shop, owned
by Courtland Smith; bowling alley,
John Bouey, 45 Colborne street; liv-
ing rooms above 45 Colborne street,
occupied by Mrs. Mary E. Lake; grain
warehouse, occupied by J. F. O'Neal.
Buildings partly damaged: Boston
Chinese Cafe, 47 Colborne street; tail-
or shop of W. P. Henderson, 49 Col-
borne street; lunch parlor of J. L.
Williams, 51 Colborne street.The explosion, which occurred about
two o'clock, was felt throughout the
entire business portion of Brantford
and on the north side of Colborne
street and on King street the plate
glass windows were blown in for
blocks. The fire department and will-
ing workers were quickly on the scene
of the disaster. Fortunately there
(Continued on Page Sixteen.)NORTH MIDDLESEX LIBERALS
SELECT A M'GILLIVRAY MANMr. Alex. Smith the Unanimous Choice of Big and Enthusiastic
Convention at Ailsa Craig to Carry Banner
in the Federal Election.

[By Our Own Reporter.]

Ailsa Craig, Sept. 11.—At one of the
most enthusiastic and harmonious con-
ventions ever held in the riding of
North Middlesex, Mr. Alex. Smith, of
McGillivray, was nominated by the
Liberals to contest the seat at the
coming federal elections. His was the
only name to be submitted at the con-
vention, and it was received enthusi-
astically. There was a large repre-
sentation of delegates from all over the
riding. Splendid addresses were de-
livered by Mr. W. S. Calvert, M. P.,
Valentine Ratz, M. P., Duncan C. Ross,
M. P. P., and others.

Call for Nominations.

When the convention was called to
order, Mr. S. Cookson, of Granton,
the president, welcomed the delegates
to the convention. He was pleased to
see so large a representation undersuch unfavorable circumstances. He
referred to the splendid victory in
June last, and declared it to be the
greatest victory that North Middlesex
or any other riding had ever experi-
enced. The Liberals on that occasion
had demonstrated what they could do
under most adverse circumstances, and
they were again ready to show Sir
Wilfrid Laurier that they could do the
same thing again. He then called for
nominations, and the following names
were proposed:William Dawson, Parkhill—Proposed
by Mr. Stephen Nicholson.
Alex. Smith, McGillivray—Proposed
by D. Collins, Bidulph.
T. G. Turnbull, reeve of Lobo—Pro-
posed by Mr. D. Campbell.
Duncan C. Ross, M. P. P.—Proposed
by Mr. W. Bradley.
Valentine Ratz, M. P.—Proposed by
J. Hendrick.
W. S. Calvert, M. P. P.—Proposed by
D. N. McLeod, Parkhill.
(Continued on Page Five.)Dr. Kingsmill for Superintendent
Of the London Hygienic InstituteA Scramble for the Office—The
Building Is Now Well on
Toward Completion.The Hygienic Institute is being rap-
idly completed, and in a short time
will be ready for occupancy. The build-
ing, and will be quite an addition to
the hospital property.With the completion of the building
there is a scramble among Conserva-
tive medical men for the position of
principal or director of the institute.
Several prominent physicians have

put in an application for the place.

However, it was stated that Dr. H.
H. A. Kingsmill would get the position
over all competitors.It has been known for a long time
that he has been out for the office, and
a prominent Conservative worker this
afternoon stated that there was no
doubt that Dr. Kingsmill will get it.It is not known how many assistants
will be appointed, but it is probable
that there will be two or three.These positions will be given to
Conservatives beyond question. It
was stated that Dr. Neely, son of Mr.
George Neely, M. P. P. for East Mid-
dlesex, and at present on the staff of
Victoria Hospital, would be given one
of the places.Vaudeville Benefit for Jos. Smith
Local Theatre Comes to the RescueManager Driscoll Will Give Lib-
eral Percentage of Tues-
day's Receipts.Manager George F. Driscoll an-
nounces that Bennett's Vaudeville
Theatre will play a benefit perform-
ance on Tuesday next for Mr. Joseph
Smith, the man who is suffering from
consumption, and who has no place to
go. A percentage of the receipts will
be given Mr. Smith, and it is a liberal
one.This is not the first time that Ben-
nett's have come to the front and as-
sisted the needy.Citizens who desire to help a fellow-
being who stands in dire need, and
whose case is one of the most pitiable
that has ever come to the notice of
Londoners will have an opportunity
of witnessing one of the finest vaude-
ville bills ever presented here, and at
the same time contributing to the help
of a victim of the white plague.The action of Bennett's means that
they will not make a cent of the
theatre on Tuesday. The entire profits
practically will be handed over to Mr.
Smith.

Water Report Due Here on Monday

The report of Chief Inspector Howe,
of the Underwriters' Association, is
expected to be handed to the city on
Monday, and it will contain a few sur-
prises, even greater than has been
hinted, for the citizens of London,
when it is handed out.From reliable information it is
learned that Mr. Howe unmercifully
criticises the water supply, and has
some very straight things to say on
other matters.

"Make no mistake, that report will

make Londoners sit up and take no-
tice," said a prominent insurance man
this morning. "The underwriters are
not looking with any too much favor
on London at this present time, and
Mr. Howe will say some things very
pointedly. It will make good reading
for the citizens, as it will show them
what is thought of the present state
of affairs by an outsider."Miss Rowena Gardner, of Holm-
croft, left Monday to take a course in
Whitby Ladies' College.