

Important Events of the Year 1912 in London

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3. Mrs. Eldridge Staunton, of Toronto, a former resident of London, was killed when the ice bridge at Niagara Falls broke.

4. Herbert B. Crawford sentenced by P. M. Judd to fourteen months in the Central Prison for theft and forgery.

5. Local Orangemen passed resolution of sympathy for the Unionists in fight against home rule.

6. Automobile show opened in the Armories.

7. Waterworks commission estimated expenses for 1912 at \$1,300.

8. Twenty degrees below zero.

9. Mr. Edward Elliott, sexton of St. John the Evangelist Church, found dead in basement of church.

10. Missionary Sunday in Methodist churches of city.

11. Fifteen degrees below zero.

12. Mrs. Mary E. Anderson and family narrowly escape from asphyxiation at their home on Richmond street south.

13. Major McCrimmon appointed supervisor of cadets in Western Ontario.

14. N. W. Rowell addressed a large meeting in Holyday Her and admitted to be on the lookout for a gang of burglars who were operating in this district.

15. Missionary campaign of local Methodist churches.

16. Charles H. Drake, his sister-in-law and niece, instantly killed by G. T. R. train two miles east of city.

17. Six locomotives stuck in snow.

18. City engineer and 25 men had to work all day in sewers to combat the effect of sudden thaw which threatened to flood business district.

19. Dan Reynolds pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter and admitted killing Ed. Culver in a drunken brawl.

20. Reynolds was sentenced to life imprisonment and Pat O'Brien to 20 years in penitentiary.

21. Ontario Government made grant of \$7,000 towards obtaining better fire protection for the asylum.

22. Robert Griffith sentenced to one year in the Central Prison on a charge of bigamy.

MARCH.

1. William Johnston, aged 74, found dead in bed. Death due to escaping gas.

2. Gordon La Motte sentenced to 7 years in Kingston Penitentiary for theft.

3. Mr. John Hunter, a former chief of London volunteer fire department, died in Winnipeg.

4. The will of the late Thomas Kent was proved for a bequest of \$75,000 for charitable purposes of New St. James' Presbyterian Church.

5. Mr. William S. Groomer seriously injured, when struck by a runaway at corner of Wellington and York streets.

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7. Convention of Royal Black Chapter Knights of Ireland opened.

8. The frozen body of a baby girl found by three boys in Chelsea Green.

9. W. H. Oram, wife and family, of Worley road, had a narrow escape from death when fire broke out in their home and did damage amounting to \$3,000.

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21. Normal school results were announced at Brantford. Playgrounds were formally opened. Mr. S. S. Jones, well-known Collegiate teacher, died.

22. Colonel Sam Hughes visited London and looked over proposed city hall site.

23. Over 20 per cent of London's grammar pupils were successful in examinations. A heavy rain and wind storm passed over London and does considerable damage.

24. Frank Bowerman gives up management of the London Railway team. North end extension on street railway begins.

25. Walter Tait, a stone mason, was killed at a railway crossing.

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1. Col. Davidson, of the C. N. R., made a tour of inspection of the city.

2. John Murray and Peter Fairburn arrested by High Constable Hughes on a charge of blowing the safe in Hawke's Bay, Arva.

3. Board of trade against the practice of bonusing new industries.

4. Twelfth annual banquet of Western Ontario Alumni of Queen's University was held in Tecumseh House.

5. Ice jam in north branch of river broke, and all damage of a flood was thought to have been over.

6. River Thames rose ten feet in a short time, and threatened to flood low-lying parts of city.

7. A snowstorm prevented a show of Easter finery.

8. Murray and Fairburn, alleged safe-blowers, were committed for trial.

9. The Conservatives of North Dorchester decided to raise \$1,000 to defend Robert Sutherland, who was charged with having been elected by bribery and corruption.

10. Rev. Dr. Planders, of St. John, N. B., accepted the call to First Methodist Church, Stratford.

11. City hall committee refused to accept the offer of the county council for joint municipal buildings on a basis of 10 and 20 per cent.

12. Services of City Architect A. E. Nutter were dispensed with by city council.

13. Annual banquet of Life Underwriters' Association at the Tecumseh House.

14. White Star liner Titanic rammed by iceberg and 1,601 lives lost.

15. Rev. H. D. Whitmore inducted as pastor of First Congregational Church.

16. Eccles property proposed as a site for the new city hall.

17. Annual banquet of Irish Benevolent Society.

18. Sir William Mackenzie and Col. Davidson, of the C. N. R., visited the city.

19. The board of trade were notified that the boats of the Merchants' Line would stop at Port Stanley during the summer.

20. Capt. Wilson, of R. N. W. M. P., recruited several men for the police in London.

21. The majority of the pastors of local churches referred to the Titanic disaster in their sermons.

22. City council made a grant of \$600 towards the expenses of the Seventh Regiment at their annual camp.

23. Squire W. H. Niles died at age of 93.

24. Duke of Connaught consented to present diploma to graduating nurses at Victoria Hospital during his visit to city.

25. Rev. James Livingston, a former pastor of Wellington Street Methodist Church, died at Stratford.

26. Col. Hodgins recommended that medical camp be held in London.

27. Militia department of Canada announced that camp for Western Ontario would be held at Goderich.

28. Rev. Frank C. Harper preached his inaugural sermon in Chalmers Presbyterian Church.

29. Spring assizes of the high court commenced before Justice Riddell.

30. More cars were operated on street railway as a result of the checking by the city engineer's department.

MAY.

1. That the School of Honor places itself upon record as approving whatever legislation will effectively abolish the licensed bar, not only in the province but throughout the Dominion of Canada.—Resolution passed at the synod conference in London.

2. Plans for the C. N. R. coming to London arousing much interest and speculation. Mr. H. A. Brazier appointed assistant engineer to Mr. George Wright.

3. Twenty-six young ladies graduate as nurses from Victoria Hospital, Miss L. E. Wiseman of Kirkcaldy winning the gold medal. The special city hall committee decided to try and secure help from the Government for a new public building.

4. The manufacturers' committee decided to take steps towards annexation of eastern suburbs. The body of a male infant was found near the Dundas street boat houses.

5. A May snowstorm greatly irritates London citizens and depresses business in the city. Mr. Dudley Moore, a Londoner, reported killed in a test, war, arrived in the city unexpectedly and telling thrilling adventures.

6. London Electric will sell out at 50 cents on the dollar. The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic organization, held a conference in London.

7. The Minister of Education officially opened the new Alexandra School. The baseball season opened in London, and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Princess Patricia visited London.

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