

COBEQUID'S "S.O.S." CALL
HEARD, PROVING HER AFLOAT

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WRECKAGE NEAR YARMOUTH

If From Cobequid Only Proves That Some of Her Upper Works Are Washed Away—Sisters of Charity On Board

[Canadian Press.]
St. John, N. B., Jan. 14.—The faint purr of an "S. O. S." call from the missing steamer Cobequid was picked up at several points in the bay of Fundy at 10 o'clock this morning and revived hope for the safety of the vessel and the 120 people on board.

The wireless was not sufficiently strong or continuous to give the location of the vessel, but indicated that she had survived a tempestuous night and that there was still a chance for her passengers and crew.

ROYAL GEORGE HEARD CALL.
The Canadian Northern liner Royal George caught the cry of distress three times and heard the steamer Lady Laurier replying, asking for the location of the Cobequid, but no response from the Cobequid could be made out. The Lady Laurier went out from Halifax yesterday to take part in the search and ought to be near the wreck today.

CAPTAIN MISTAKEN.
It is still believed that the Cobequid struck on one of the Grand Manan ledges and that Captain Howson mistook the point for Brier Island, when he first called for assistance at daylight yesterday.

SISTERS OF CHARITY ABOARD.
It was learned today that one of the Sisters of Charity on the distressed liner was Sister Baptista, a native of

this city. She was for some time in the convent at Wellesley, Mass.

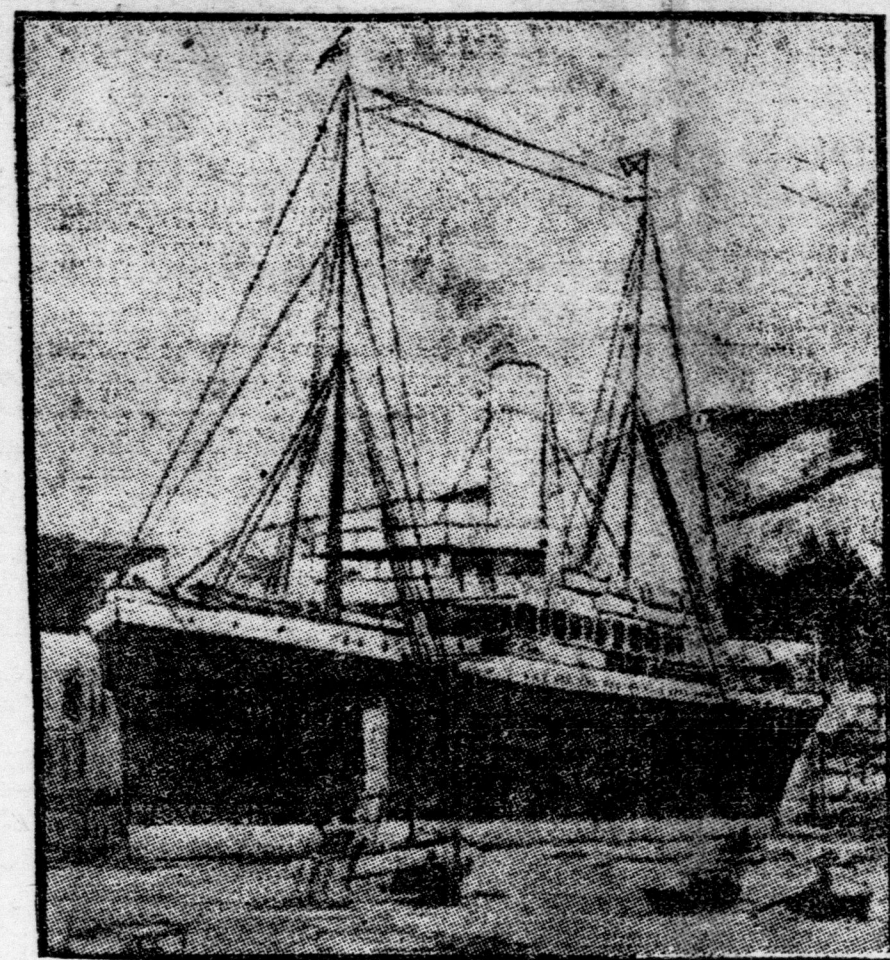
WHENCE THE WRECKAGE?
During the forenoon wreckage began to come ashore on the Yarmouth side of the bay of Fundy. It was apparently from a steamer and made plain from the weather conditions during the past 24 hours that some vessel, perhaps the Cobequid, was on the ledges of Grand Manan, and that part of her upper works had been swept away.

DENSE MIST ON BAY.
The weather conditions were a little more favorable for the search for the Cobequid today, but the cold wave caused a dense mist still to hang over the waters. The snow storm had passed, but the temperature remained several degrees below zero and a thirty-knot northwesterly whipped the tumbling sea.

WHERE HOPES LIE.
Hope for the vessel rests chiefly on the efforts of the United States revenue cutter Woodbury and the Canadian government steamer Lady Laurier. The Canadian cable steamer Tyrrian did not go out from Campbell.

Lieut. Randolph Ridgely, Jr., commander of the Woodbury, was last reported making a stubborn fight through the heavy seas with his staunch little craft. This forenoon he was beyond the range of his sending radio instrument and was thought to be close to Grand Manan.

THE LOST STEAMER COBEQUID

Collegiate Head
Opposes Biblical
Study In Schools

Says Subject Is Amply Provided For In Churches and Sunday Schools.

G. F. Rogers, principal of the Collegiate Institute, stated to The Advertiser today that he was not in favor of the introduction of Bible studies as an optional study in the public schools. He thought that such study was amply provided for in the Sunday schools and Bible classes of the different churches. The curriculum of the Collegiate Institute contained so many subjects of study at present that he felt there was little opportunity for any additional subject as far as his staff was concerned.

Mr. Rogers believed that only a few clerics were behind the movement for religious instruction in the schools. He did not believe that the general public shared their view in this matter. In reply to the question as to whether the subject would be soon introduced into the public school or collegiate institute, Mr. Rogers said he did not think it would. Since Dr. Seath had withdrawn his tentative plans for Bible instruction on account of the alleged immature publicity, Mr. Rogers doubted if the scheme would be introduced again by Dr. Seath, at least in the near future. If the Ontario Legislature was to take up the matter, then the plan might be adopted by law, but without some such action Mr. Rogers thought Bible instruction in schools would not reach the realm of the practical at present.

GENERAL STRIKE
AND MARTIAL LAW

Proclamation In Response To Strike, Surprising In Drastic Character.

[Canadian Press.]
Capetown, Union of South Africa, Jan. 14.—The proclamation of martial law throughout the Union of South Africa in response to the declaration of a general strike by the Federation of Trades is regarded as making the issue a clear one between the states and syndicates, or the system of rapidly organized sympathetic strikes. The origin of the dispute between the railroad employees protesting against the policy of retrenchment introduced by their employers has been lost sight of in the great sympathetic labor war which has brought the trade and commerce of the colony virtually to a standstill.

COLD SNAP BRINGS JOY
TO ICEMEN'S HEARTS

Harvest Will Start Tomorrow, For Ice Is Now of Required Thickness.

The present cold weather has brought the ice dealers what they have been looking for—thick ice. On Saturday before the thermometer began its low registrations the ice on the river was too thin for storage. It was cut only for present requirements. But with the appearance of Jack Frost the ice dealer received a real thrill of joy while other people shivered.

Cutting operations will begin tomorrow. A thickness of eight to ten inches is considered fair ice. That kind has now appeared on the river and the ice harvesters will be on the job with saws, pikes and tongs.

BRANTFORD SCHOOL
CLOSED BECAUSE OF COLD

Twenty-two Below Hard On Unemployed.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
The thermometer registered 22 below here last night, with a maximum for the last 24 hours of 3 below. The cold is being greatly felt, there being a number of unemployed here. The Alexandra school had to be closed down, as the cold froze out the hot air in the heating system. Brantford and Hamilton radial was tied up, coal contracting trolley wires and causing many breaks. The ice harvest is in full swing.

IF THE WEATHER WAS
ONLY LIKE THIS—EH?

[From Advertiser of June 30, 1913.]

**FANS, COOL DRINKS
AND JUNE BREEZES
ARE POPULAR TODAY**

Old Sol Once More Ruies and Forest City Folk Swelter.

Thermometer This Afternoon Was Around Ninety-Two In the Shade.

London has some "charming spots." It has "alluring spots." The literature of the city and the general consensus of opinion of citizens and visitors says that London has both. The "charming" and "alluring" spots may be according to the city year book, the alluring spots today were the cool ones. The "charming-alluring" spots were the cooler ones. The "alluring-charming" ones were the coolest. Today is not the first day that the coolness has been sought by sticky, perspiring, melting, fainting citizens. They have been hotter days this year—hotter by what the temperature says, but—well the days have been coming so thick and so fast when the thermometer has been in the red, that the alluring spots of the city have been dropping by the wayside. The "alluring-charming" spots of the city have been dropping by the wayside. The "alluring-charming" spots of the city have been dropping by the wayside.

Close to Ninety-Two. Early this afternoon, registered ninety-two. Wilted collars, sunburned noses, coatless males, summery-shimmery females, and a general perspiring populace bore testimony to the heat. Absence of tenement-houses and slum districts have prevented London from figuring in the list of cities where the heat has marked down its victims in large numbers, and where the toll of death, acted by the heat spell, has been swollen by greater and greater each day. The Forest City has not escaped unscathed so far. Infant mortality has increased, and deaths among the aged are numerous. These can be attributed indirectly to the general humidity.

Lakeside, riverside, country side and bayside have all their quota of Londoners today. There has been a general exodus to the summer resorts. Hundreds of families left Saturday for over the holiday, and hundreds were driven out of the city today to seeking the cooling seduction that may be. Of those who are left—well, a goodly portion of them at some time during the day sought and found temporary coolness in one of the soft, hard or medium drink emporiums of the city.

Fans in Demand. Electric fans, wooden fans, hand-worked fans, paper fans, folding fans, palm-leaf fans and baseball fans are being pressed into service to keep the cool of London. It's a big order. Back verandahs, front porches, shady spots under the trees, hammocks swinging on the lawn and various other expedients are being pressed into service to supplement the artificial breezes.

Ice is chinking in glasses, and the general effort is to keep cool. Every effort along that line, however, is apparently set at naught by that individual, and his name is legion, whose pet inquiry is: "Is it hot enough for you?"

The feeling that inspires under the collar makes the temperature look like a mutilated two-spot.

GERMANY'S DESIRE.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 14.—The presence here of the German armed cruiser Goeben and the protected cruiser Hansa and the coming of a super-dreadnought are interpreted as a desire on the part of Germany to have a sufficient naval force to co-operate with Italy and Austria should events require it.

LONDON BOARD OF TRADE WILL CARRY FIGHT
FOR WESTERN ONTARIO PARCEL POST ZONE
TO OTTAWA—PASSES STRONG RESOLUTION

Petition To Associated Boards

THAT WHEREAS we are credibly informed that in the parcel-post system to be inaugurated in the Dominion, the Province of Ontario will be considered a zone for the delivery department and that the rate for parcels will be the same from any one point in the Province;

AND WHEREAS under existing conditions the cities and towns of Western Ontario have built up a retail and wholesale trade in Western Ontario;

owing to the scale of charges used by the transportation companies, in which the distance the parcel is conveyed regulates to a large extent the cost of delivery;

AND WHEREAS the parcel post system described above will give decided advantage to mail order houses and other shippers of small packages in large eastern centres of the Province to the disadvantage of firms having built up such trade in Western Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the adoption of the parcel post system as described above would tend to intensify the centralization of trade with attending disastrous effects upon small towns and cities;

THEREFORE the Board of Trade of the City of London upon the representations of retailers and wholesalers on the Board membership request the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade to take such steps as may be deemed advisable by the Convention to be held during the third week in February of this year to urge upon the Dominion Government to reconsider the plan of parcel-post delivery organization;

SO THAT the cities and towns of Western Ontario may continue to benefit by the trade built up by them in Western Ontario, by the establishment of a territorial zone, such as the Western Ontario Peninsula or such subdivision of this territory as may be deemed advisable and expedient.

WARDENSHIP BATTLE
CAUSES SPECULATION

Interesting Contest Impending For Chief Officer of Middlesex County.

The fight for the wardenship of Middlesex County continues to create interest, and much speculation is rife as to who will be the man chosen when the council meets in this city Jan. 27. At present it looks as though the closest race will be between Reeve L. L. McTaggart, of Ekfrid, and Reeve John McTaggart, of Lobo. Both are strong contenders, and the contest will be an interesting one. To make the situation more interesting, four other candidates are in the field. Reeve J. W. Sawdall and Reeve John Morgan are strong possibilities, while Reeve C. W. Hawkshaw and Reeve Frank Roberts will probably contend for the Conservative votes on the council. The Liberals are in the majority on this year's council, however, and the chances are that one of the four Liberal candidates will occupy the chief seat for 1914.

"BLIND PIG" OPERATION
RATHER COSTLY ONE

Clarence St. Man Finds It So When Fined \$100 In Police Court, Today.

Antonio Anniss, convicted by Magistrate J. C. Joffe today of keeping a "blind pig" in his Clarence street restaurant, was given the option of paying a \$100 fine and costs, or spending two months in the county jail, in police court this morning. After spending work pulled on by Detective Harry Down.

Gordon Hanson, a 20-year-old youth, appeared against the accused, and stated that on different occasions he had purchased whiskey at Anniss's. Anniss and his wife both swore that they never had seen Hanson before, but the magistrate was inclined to believe the latter and found the accused guilty.

Aniss stated that he couldn't pay the fine, but after being in a cell for an hour he sent his wife out to get the necessary amount.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the twelve hours preceding 8 a.m. today: Highest, 3; lowest, -18.

The official temperature for the twelve hours preceding 8 p.m. Tuesday was: Highest, 7; lowest, -13.

FORECASTS.

Southerly winds, rising temperature, light snowfalls.

Thursday: Southwest winds and much milder.

London, Jan. 14, 1914.

Stations High Low Weather
Victoria 41 49 Cloudy
Calgary 40 16 Clear
Winnipeg 22 18 Partly Cloudy
Port Arthur 18 12 Cloudy
Perry Sound -26 Clear
Toronto -11 -12 Cloudy
Ottawa -20 -28 Clear
Montreal -22 -28 Clear
Quebec -16 -24 Clear
Father Point -Missing

The area of highest barometer with the accompanying cold wave is now centred in Eastern Ontario and will probably move eastward with diminishing intensity. Extremely low temperatures have been general from Ontario to New Brunswick, while in the western provinces the weather has been comparatively mild.

Meeting of Executive at Noon Today, Backs Up Retail Section's Stand in Matter.

Advertiser's Fight For District to be Brought Before Other Boards of Trade.

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On To Ottawa.

This resolution will be forwarded by Secretary Gordon Philip to the secretary of the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, and taken up at the meeting of that body in Toronto the third week in February. Representatives of the London board will be on hand to press for its adoption and the carrying of the fight on to Ottawa.

Copies of the resolution will also be sent to all boards of trade in Western Ontario, along with cuts of The Advertiser's map showing the zone that should be made of this section with London as the centre.

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TAKEN TO STATES;
ENGLISHMAN HELD

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INVITED ANOTHER GIRL
Father Got Letter and Informed Authorities, Who Took McKurdy in Charge.

[Canadian Press.]
Windsor, Ont., Jan. 14.—Robert McKurdy, an Englishman, who has given his home as several different places, is held by the United States immigration officials at Detroit on a charge of violating the Mann White Slave Act. McKurdy was given a preliminary hearing by Commissioner Hurd in Detroit and remanded until the sitting of a grand jury. McKurdy's capture is the result of an investigation conducted by Travelling Inspector Reynolds of the Dominion Immigration department and Inspector Clydesdale of the local staff at Windsor.

McKurdy is charged with taking Elizabeth Lockridge, of Wingham, Ont., into the United States for immoral purposes. It is claimed he lived with the Lockridge girl for a few months, and then left her. He wrote a letter to another Wingham girl, whose name is withheld, and requested her to come to Detroit and live with him. The letter was in error opened by the girl's father, who handed it over to the immigration officials. The girl, who is named in the letter, is now in the custody of the immigration officials.

ASSESSMENT TOO LOW
SAYS CONTROLLER COLES

Tell Other Members of Board That It Should Be Boosted—Will Discuss Proposition.

Controller W. G. Coles expressed the idea to the board of control this morning that the general assessment of the city was not high enough by far. He favored a better assessment and a tax rate of 18 or 19 mills. Controller Coles instanced a property for which the owner asked \$30,000, and which was found to be assessed for \$13,000, while the mayor told of another property valued at \$11,000, and assessed at \$3,300.

There was more or less discussion of the assessment problem following the reading of a communication from Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant asking that he be given some extra assistance in his office in order to cope with the large amount of work. He favored the appointment of two valuers for land and buildings only.

The controllers decided to meet the commissioner some evening in the near future to talk over the affairs of the assessment department and see what help is needed in the office.

To Discuss Early Closing.

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The city clerk was instructed to notify the owners of three new subdivisions that a copy of the surveys of (Continued on Page Eleven.)

BOUNDARY WATERS
SHOW POLLUTION,
SAYS M'LAUGHLIN

In Report To Commission, Covering Investigations In Lakes and Rivers.

SANITARIANS NEEDED

No Lake City Has Water Safe to Drink Without Treatment.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, Jan. 14.—Pollution of the waters of the Great Lakes and the rivers and streams on the Canadian boundary, along which live more than 6,000,000 people, was revealed today in a report to the international joint commission by Dr. Allan J. McLaughlin, of the public health service. The report showed extensive pollution in the waters adjacent to many of the large cities and declared that, owing to the present position of intakes, there is not a single city on the lake which can be said to possess water that is safe without treatment.

The remedy, Dr. McLaughlin said, should be sought in the best sanitarians in the world. The commission under treaty has no power to remedy conditions, but it will suggest the employment of world known sanitarians and authorities on public health and after investigation by these experts will recommend legislation to embody their views, to the Canadian and United States governments.

Dr. McLaughlin has spent about six months on the investigation, and his field covered every mile of boundary water from Duluth, at the head of Lake Superior, to the point where the St. Lawrence river leaves the New York State boundary. He had several assistants and they made use of every possible means to examine the water suspected of sewage pollution.

The field investigation covered the waters of the western end, central portion and eastern end of Lake Erie, the Niagara river, the western and eastern ends of Lake Ontario, as well as much other territory.

His report says, in part: The commission established laboratories for examination of samples of water at Fort Frances, Ontario; Port Arthur, Ont.; Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Detroit, Mich.; Windsor, Ont.; United States revenue cutter Morrill; Amherstburg, Ont.; Port Stanley, Ont.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Fort Erie, Ont.; Youngstown, N. Y.; Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.; Cayuga, (Continued on Page Eleven.)

OXFORD STREET LAD
TAKES LONG RIDE

While Parents Sought Him He Was Enjoying Bobbing Trip to Westminster.

While his parents anxiously sought him, fearing that he was exposed to the extreme cold of Tuesday night, William Annett, aged 12 years, living at the corner of Adelaide and Oxford street, went for a little sleighride on a passing bobsleigh. Apparently he enjoyed it, for he played on, unnoticed by the driver, until the home of Constable Alex. Shaver, in Westminster Township, was reached. The constable was at a loss how to deal with his unexpected visitor, but as the boy expressed no anxiety to get home, he put him to bed for the night, and this morning restored him to his parents in this city, who had spent an anxious night owing to his absence.

HAD GOOD SLEEP BUT
MADE NO PROGRESS

Sir James Whitney Remains In The Same Condition, Doctors Report.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Jan. 14.—After a sleep of eleven hours, Sir James Whitney was for awhile much brighter mentally this morning. Dr. Hermann Biggs of New York and Dr. R. A. Payne, were unable to conclude, that this was a favorable sign and their bulletin this morning indicated that little more than a halt in the retrogression in the patient's state, which began Sunday, could be registered. At one o'clock there were no evidences of a step forward.

Lawyer's Imagination
Working Overtime

County Engineer Charles Talbot is enjoying a quiet laugh at the expense of some of the lawyers attending the assessment of the improvements made to the old courtroom, and foremost among these complimentary remarks has been expressions of satisfaction that the ventilation system is so much better. Considerable amusement was afforded when the county engineer confidentially admitted that the new ventilation system is not yet in working order, and if there is any betterment in the atmosphere, it must be highly imaginary.