

## Wet Weather Is Bad for the Circus

Mr. George Adrian, one of the advance agents for the big Ringling circus, passed through the city this morning en route to Cincinnati on the Grand Trunk.

"This wet weather," he said to The Advertiser, "is important to more people than the farmers. To circuses and outdoor attractions means money. The wet and cool of the last few weeks meant over a million dollars' loss to the amusement enterprises of America."

"Just think of our men with from 500 to 700 people to feed every day, to say nothing of between 400 and 500 horses, and at least 200 animals, birds, reptiles, etc."

"These consume hundreds of bushels of oats, bales of hay by the score, pounds upon pounds of potatoes and other vegetables, to say nothing for the fuel required for cooking. A circus uses more canned goods, spices and things of that sort than go to make up the most ordinary bill of fare."

"On wet days wagonloads of ashes and sawdust have to be spread around in order that the people who visit the menagerie may not be inconvenienced by mud. On wet days the audience is never so large as at other times. Still the expenses are much larger."

"Last summer the rains and other causes made the season one of the most unprofitable that has been known in the circus business for some time. So far the season has been a poor one, chiefly owing to weather conditions. We are hoping for better weather soon, though, and then things will be all right again."

Mr. Adrian will join the circus in Cincinnati, where it will start on a tour of Ohio.

## Chinese Poll Tax Netted \$690,000

[Special to The Advertiser.]—Ottawa, May 19.—The poll tax of \$500 on each Chinese immigrant into Canada brought the federal treasury last year no less a sum than \$690,000. The arrivals of Chinese totaled 1,380, each paying \$500 on entry. Under the terms of the act half the tax goes to the Dominion and half to British Columbia, where nearly all the Chinese remain. Today the finance department is forwarding a check to the Provincial Government for \$345,000, being half the total amount received. Entries of Chinese in other provinces were as follows: Ontario 1, Saskatchewan 1, New Brunswick 4, Nova Scotia 3, Quebec 74.

## People Complain of Street Watering

Several complaints have already been made regarding the street watering on Dundas street. City Engineer Graydon has received some, but does not think they are well founded.

"There is not enough water put on Dundas street to wet a whistle," said one storekeeper this afternoon. "I have complained of it, and I think something should be done. It keeps us busy all day wiping the dust off our goods and showcases."

"The street watering is done well enough, I think," said City Engineer Graydon. "We do not put too much water on the streets, as I do not think it pays. I will look into the complaints."

## \$50,000 To Be Spent in London

The Grand Trunk pay car came into town last evening and all morning long a stream of railroadmen have been issuing from it with little green checks and happy smiles.

Something like \$50,000 passes out over the little counter in a few hours every time the pay car comes to town.

## An Interesting Address To Boys

Mr. R. Bowron, the well-known printer, addressed the boys of the Y. M. C. A., a few evenings ago, on "How to Train," and gave them much valuable information.

Later Mr. Bowron also spoke to the senior members on the order of the triangle, taking God as the base, and self and brotherhood as the side.

## Big Fish Shipments for the East

One of the largest shipments of fish that ever went through this city was seen at the Grand Trunk station last night, when 145 large boxes, consigned to American companies in Buffalo and other points, came in on the Pere Marquette express.

The fish-boxes were piled to the top of the car.

## A Summer Resort Down the River

It looks as though in the near future London will have a summer resort within a few miles of it, and none other than the land along the river-bank.

Last summer over a hundred families and camps spent part of their summer outing on the banks of the Thames between Wonderland and Springbank, and this summer there is such a rush of people wanting to rent the few available houses that it will simply be impossible for everyone who wants to go to obtain premises.

The water commissioners have received numerous letters, asking for information as to where premises can be obtained for the summer.

The people who wrote first have secured places; the others must wait until apparently, unless they can induce some enterprising real estate man to build them summer-houses.

Several of those who had houses last summer were so much pleased with the resort they had that they made arrangements at the time for renewing their lease of the houses.

They told the good news to others and now there is a shortage of houses. It looks as if intending campers will be fighting for a place to camp, soon as permission for all the more desirable places has been granted.

**Ideal Camping Ground.**  
There are spots along the river where no more ideal place for camping could be found.

## London Man Returns From the West

Mr. S. Wray, of East London, has returned home from a two months' trip through Western Manitoba. He found things much better than expected, money not so scarce, the banks anxious to let out the gold, real estate looking up and property changing hands. The farmers are wearing a smile. They have all their wheat sown and a large acreage than last year. They are finishing their barley

## THREE BOYS WERE THROWN INTO RIVER

Luckily All Could Swim and They Reached the Bank in Safety.

Arthur Wyatt, Gordon Parkinson and a boy named Kerr were unceremoniously dumped into the river near the forks on Sunday evening.

The three boys started out for a canoe ride, but somebody moved, and as the canoes are tricky things and object to sudden movements, this one showed its displeasure by upsetting.

The water at this point is about twenty-five feet deep, but as all the lads were able to swim they had no difficulty in recovering their canoe and in getting safely to shore.

## GUELPH BAPTISTS AGAIN UNITED

### First Church and Trinity Get Together After Eighteen Years of Separation.

Nearly eighteen years ago, owing to some points of difference between members of the First Baptist Church in Guelph, a separation took place, and a second church was formed, known as Trinity Baptist Church. It would seem that gradually these points of difference have now to a large extent disappeared, and as the pastorate of both churches are vacant, a conference of the officers of the two bodies was held, and a unanimous resolution passed, requesting the respective churches to appoint committees to act jointly in the preparation of a report formulating a basis of union.

The churches at once acted in the matter, and it was voted upon at the close of last Sunday morning's service. The vote was practically unanimous, over 95 per cent of the members at the largely-attended meetings being in favor of union.

According to the terms of union Trinity Church united with the First Baptist Church, under the name of Woolwich Street Baptist Church.

The property of Trinity Church will probably be sold, the proceeds to be disposed of as the members of that church shall direct.

The pulpits of both churches were vacated some months ago. Rev. L. H. Thomas resigning from charge of the First Baptist Church, and Rev. H. C. Speller retiring from Trinity.

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## ANGUS SHOP MEN WOULDN'T QUIT

### The Western C. P. R. Machinists Sought To Persuade Them To Strike.

Montreal, May 19.—An effort was made today to get the men at work at the C. P. R. Angus shops to go on strike as a protest against the decision of the arbitration commission sitting at Winnipeg to take up only the claims of the western section of the company's employees. Representatives of the western labor organization interested in the fight against a reduced schedule proposed by the company have been at work and it was stated today that a strong appeal was made to the men to strike for the purpose of strengthening their western allies. The Angus shopmen, however, decided that while they were in entire sympathy with their western allies, it would be prejudicial to their interests to strike at present. In the first place it would separate them from their interest in the company's pension scheme. In the second, they would be violating the spirit and the letter of the arbitration award. At the same time would be prejudicing their case before the arbitration commission. In consequence the men decided not to listen to the appeal to lay down their tools.

**Local Items**  
—W. O. Stevens signed an agreement with the Princess Rink owners Monday for a lease of the building to run a number of symphony concerts during the summer.

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**CONTRACTS SIGNED WORK TO BE RUSHED**  
Expected That Isolation Hospital Will Be Ready By First of Year.

The contracts for the Isolation Hospital were signed by the different contractors, and the work will be rushed ahead as soon as possible.

"We will get to work right away," said Ald. Sowat, chairman of the special hospital committee. "We are anxious to get it finished by the first of the year if it is at all possible. I think that we can do it, if we keep them working."

**The Water Question.**  
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## Defy the Sun

No matter how delicate your skin may be you can enjoy outdoor life to the fullest, and still retain a clear, velvety complexion by the aid of

### BALM-ZOIN

Apply it before exposure, and the sun cannot harm you. It is the daintiest possible lotion for any use.

### Strong's Drug Store

184 DUNDAS STREET.  
Strong's Baking Powder is in a class by itself. It is the best.

they do not approve of, until the commissioners have to come to it.

**REFUSE TO TALK ABOUT CHALLENGE**  
Norfolk, Va., May 18.—Wilbur Wright, the aeronaut, who, with his brother, Orville Wright, has recently made record-breaking flights, when shown last night's dispatch from London to the effect that Henry Farman, the English aeronaut, who holds the aeroplane record for that country, has issued a challenge to the Ohioans to an aeroplane contest in France for a stake of \$5,000, refused to make any statement on the subject.

He would not say whether or not he had received Farman's challenge through another source than the press dispatch and refused most positively to discuss either the challenge or anything regarding his machine or his plans for the future.

"I will talk to you on any subject except aeroplanes or my plans for the future," said he, after a moment's pause.

Wright went to Manteo from his camp at Kill Devil Hill early this morning, and will spend tonight there. Early tomorrow morning he will leave for New York, Orville Wright is expected to leave camp about the middle of next week.

It is said that the Wright brothers have a machine abroad and they, together with their machinist, Furness, will sail from New York some time during the next few weeks to enter their machine in contests in foreign countries. They are expected to return to this country in time to enter the Government contests at Fort Myer, Va., in August, after which they will again return to Manteo to make further experiments.

**C. P. R. Holiday Excursions.**  
Canadian Pacific will issue return tickets at single fare between all stations in Canada, Port Arthur and east, also to Detroit, Niagara Falls and Buffalo. Good going May 23, 24 and 25; returning on or before May 26. Tickets and full information at C. P. R. City Ticket Office, 161 Dundas street, corner Richmond.

**LATEST STOCK MARKET REPORTS**  
[Special Wire from Harris, Winthrop & Co., to H. C. Becker.]  
New York, May 19.—Noon.—Americans all showed marked strength in London this morning, and interest in them there is evidently awakening. Our market, while active, has shown some hesitation, but with fresh high figures in a number of issues. The leading issues are still thoroughly in the hands of the people who are advancing prices. Sales to noon, 650,000.

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Because it is governed on safe and wise principles. It is strong with the experience of over 50 years of active business in Canada. During these years of steady growth a Reserve fund of \$4,500,000, being \$900,000 larger than the Capital, has been accumulated, and the Bank never retains on its books a single bad or doubtful debt unprovided for.

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In this Bank for your spare money will prove to you—  
SAFE—Consider the figures given above.  
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