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Fire at London Asylum Causes Damage of \$5,000

Flames Confined to Laundry—
Splendid Work of the In-
stitution's Fire Dept.

A fire which broke out this morning at 6:15 caused \$5,000 damage to the laundry building at the London Asylum for the Insane, and for a time threatened to spread to other buildings of the institution.

Only the excellent work of the asylum fire brigade, under the direction of Chief Engineer "Sandy" McPhee, kept the flames from causing vastly greater damage.

The ignition of a wooden drying rack in the drying-room is given as the origin of the fire.

Shortly after 6 o'clock, James Currie, a patient who is employed in the bakery, noticed flames shooting from the roof of the laundry building, and he at once gave the alarm.

The excellent training of the fire brigade stood the authorities in good stead, and within a few minutes the fire-fighters were on hand, and had three lines of hose playing on the flames, with a pressure of over 100 pounds.

The fire was a stubborn one, however, and it was not until the building had been drenched with water for nearly an hour that the flames were subdued.

The building had a slate roof, and for a time it was found impossible to get at the fire, which was raging between the ceiling and the rafters. Finally, some of the slates were torn off, and then the blaze was extinguished.

Machinery Saved.
Dr. McCallum, the superintendent, says that nearly all the machinery was saved, and he places the loss at about \$5,000, it being confined to the building, which is two stories in height and of considerable dimensions.

The saving of the valuable machinery was very fortunate. A large mangle used in the department, and which is included in the machinery saved, alone cost \$1,000.

While the conflagration was in progress (Continued on Page Nine)

POWER UNION MEETING

Contracts for Municipalities To Be Ready
on Tuesday Next.

Ald. Matthews, vice-president of the Western Ontario Municipalities Power Union, has been notified that a meeting of the representatives of all the municipalities interested will be held in the city hall, Toronto, on Tuesday next, when contracts for the municipalities to sign will be ready.

There is to be a private meeting at 10:30 and a large public meeting at 11 o'clock.

Mayor Judd stated today that before any contract is signed for the city of London the matter will have to come before the city council. Thus the question will likely be taken up next Monday night.

Some time ago the city, estimated that it could use 6,000-horsepower.

CANADIAN WEST IS STRIPPING AMERICAN WEST OF FARMERS

Clergymen Tells of the Great
Exodus From U. S. to the
Northwest.

"The Canadian Northwest seems to be stripping the Western States of their farmers. Not only are the farmers going, but business men are everywhere selling out and crossing the line, where opportunities are greater."

This is the statement made to The Advertiser yesterday by Rev. Joseph Brown, of Glenburn, North Dakota. Mr. Brown is the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Glenburn, and is on his way to Columbus, Ohio, to attend the meeting of the Presbyterian General Assembly of the United States. He took advantage of his trip east to visit his mother, Mrs. Brown, of 627 Colborne street, who has reached the remarkable age of 95 years.

"Yes, our farmers are going to Canada in large numbers," he said, when asked regarding the exodus from the American west to Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. "In fact, the Canadian west appears to be stripping us of our farmers."

"At Lansford, a place with less than 600 inhabitants, I saw on one day alone no less than eighteen cars loaded with the household effects, farm implements and stock of farmers bound for the Canadian Northwest. I know also of seven families who left Glenburn for Canada this spring."

"There are at least one thousand farmers going every month from Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, to say nothing of the stream from the other states in the west."

"Bear in mind, the procession does not include only farmers who have been able to make both ends meet. There are scores well fixed financially, who are going into the Canadian west—men who can take with them as much as \$10,000 or \$15,000 in cash."

"Business men, too, are selling out everywhere and going to Canada."

"Have you heard of any American farmers returning after a stay in the Northwest?" was asked.

"No, not one. They appear to be able to do too well to return. The wheat grown in the Canadian west is better than can be raised in the American west, and there is a market for every pound of it. In fact, the millers in the Western States are buying from Canada—they have to do so to retain the American trade in flour."

"The twentieth century is certainly Canada's."

FISHERMEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Mistook "Derelict" for Oil Drum
and Thirteen Are Blown
to Pieces.

Victoria, B. C., May 13.—News of the destruction of a Japanese fishing boat, with the loss of thirteen lives, as a result of an explosion of a derelict mine off Toyama, was brought by the steamship Rio Jun Maru today. The fishermen mistook the mine for an oil drum and were trying to pick it up when it exploded, destroying their schooner. Of all on board, only one escaped. He was rescued by another fishing craft.

BOB COOK ROUNDED UP

A Mounted Policeman Too Much for
Former Orangeville Terror.

Winnipeg, May 13.—Word has been received here from Estevan of the arrest of Bob Cook, an outlaw from Dufferin County, Ontario, who is wanted in the east for breaking jail at Grand Valley and for threatening to shoot High Constable Marshall, of Orangeville, last March. A reward of \$100 was offered for him, dead or alive, and when he settled on a farm near here the Mounted Police promptly took a hand in the game. Sgt. Lett rounded him up and arrested him single-handed, although Cook is credited with having beaten three constables in a fight on the streets of Orangeville when they attempted to lock him up. He had a brace of revolvers, a rifle and shotgun, all loaded, in his possession when Sgt. Lett called. Cook is now in jail in Regina and will be sent east.

WEST YORK BY-ELECTION

Voting Will Take Place on Saturday
June First.

Toronto, May 13.—The Provincial Cabinet yesterday decided upon the date for the by-election in West York to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Hon. J. W. St. John. The nominations will take place on Saturday, May 25, and polling on the following Saturday, June 1. The returning officer will be Mr. John J. Keefe, editor of the Western Times.

CHEER UP, CHEER; CHANGE HAS COME

Fine Weather at Last, and It
Looks as if Summer Has
Arrived.

Saturday last the boulevards of London were covered with snow.

Yesterday the thermometer registered 78 in the shade.

In the sun it was—well, it was a great deal warmer.

People who had unpacked furs and had worn them with satisfaction on Saturday, yesterday ransacked the summer trunk, and clothed as airily as possible.

After all, there's no time like the good old summer time.

Hot weather, it is said, isn't conducive to good temper, but it isn't a circumstance to cold weather in May in the matter of making people think harshly.

Merchants complain that business the past few weeks has been at a standstill as a result of the bad weather.

Spring and summer goods were in the windows, but the people were not disposed to buy. They were satisfied with their winter clothes.

Men who sell refrigerators say that it is doubtful if a single sale of such articles has been made in London this spring. At home the people were burning coal fires, and thoughts of refrigerators never crossed their minds.

Though real estate sales have been very fair, the dealers claim that the weather has been so uninviting that people did not care to go around and inspect properties. Consequently, many prospective deals have been delayed.

Altogether, the spring has been very backward, but it is hoped that the present fine weather will make amends for the past.

FLOUR GOES UP.

Winnipeg, May 14.—Flour jumped another 10 cents per sack today in sympathy with the advance in wheat.

Conference Adopts Sir Wilfrid's Plan

London, May 14.—The Colonial Conference at its closing session today adopted the motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in favor of an all British subsidized steamship route from the United Kingdom to Australia, by way of Canada. A committee is to be appointed to inquire into the cost of such a route, and draw up definite proposals on the subject. The motion of Sir Wilfrid is designed to bring about a reduction in freight charges, thus giving an indirect form of preference to the British colonies, reducing the time from England to Australia to twenty, instead of thirty days, and in the end diverting some of the traffic now going by way of New York.

NEW PAVEMENT CANNOT BE LAID THIS YEAR

City Engineer Feels that New Roadway
for Dundas Street Must Go Over.

City Engineer Graydon thinks it is impossible to have a pavement laid on Dundas street, from Wellington to Adelaide streets, this year.

He feels that by the time the sewer is completed, it will be too late to commence the paving work.

It appears that the firm of Blight & Fielder, of Chatham, which is building the sewer, is progressing very slowly, and there is no reason to believe that the job will be completed inside of a couple of months, as it is said the worst part of the sewer has yet to be worked.

For several weeks the agent of the Barber Paving Company has been circulating a petition for a pavement on the street, and it is said this will shortly be presented to the council, asking for a sheet asphalt pavement.

Mr. Jerry Cassels, the company's traveling representative, told The Advertiser today that if the city wants a pavement on the roadway this summer, his firm can give it. He thinks the street could be opened up a block at a time, and that only half the street should be paved so as not to interfere with traffic.

Chairman Matthews hints that this could be done, but he declares that he will not consent to have the roadway torn up at fair time. He would rather allow the pavement to go over another year.

GUELPH FOLK HERE AFTER POINTERS

Looking Into Waterworks System—Royal City for Municipal Ownership.

A deputation from Guelph, composed of Mayor John Newstead, Chairman G. B. Ryan, Treasurer R. L. Torrance and Manager J. J. Hacking, of the Guelph waterworks department, were visitors at the city hall today, and this afternoon are being shown the waterworks department by Chairman Darch and Ald. Gillean, of No. 2 council. Commissioner Saunders and Mayor Judd.

The deputation is here looking for pointers, but as they did not visit the waterworks until 2:30 they had not had the opportunity of forming impressions along that line when they were seen by The Advertiser.

The quartet from Guelph have great faith in that city, and they boosted it along continually, though in a modest manner.

Until this year the waterworks were run by a committee of the city council, and the members of the deputation, especially Mr. Ryan, declared that it was conducted most unsatisfactorily.

Last January the people decided to appoint a commission, and it is that body which is now looking for pointers in London.

Wants Rolling Mills.

Guelph still has a longing eye after the London Rolling Mills, which came to this city from Guelph, and the members of the deputation stated today that they were very sorry when they lost the industry. They are glad to see the mills prospering, but they would much prefer to have the plant located in Guelph.

Guelph is an enthusiastic municipal ownership town, and the delegates spoke encouragingly of the prospects of civic ownership there.

Owens' Street Railways.

The street railway, which was a losing venture under private ownership, has been made to return 4½ per cent under municipal management.

Guelph also owns a spur line which connects Guelph city with Guelph Junction. It is operated by the C. P. R., the company paying the municipality 40 per cent of the gross receipts, as rental. Last year this amounted to about \$18,000.

The road is only fifteen or sixteen miles long, and it did not cost the city a great deal, so that it is turning out to be a very good investment now.

It appears, however, that municipal ownership in this line did not pay very well years ago, and it was turned over to a private company, since which time it has made good.

From London the deputation goes to Bradford this afternoon at 5 o'clock. At 4 o'clock an exhibition run is to be given by the local fire department for the benefit of the visitors.

HOTELMEN CONVENE.

Washington, May 14.—Hotel proprietors and clerks from every state and from many Canadian cities are here to attend the twenty-eighth annual reunion of the Hotelmen's Beneficial Association, which convenes here today. A business meeting will be held this morning, after which a luncheon for the delegates will be served. In the afternoon the visitors will be received by President Roosevelt, and tonight a banquet will be given in their honor.

BIG DOCK STRIKE AT MONTREAL

Fifteen Hundred Longshoremen
Are Out and Many Ships
in Harbor.

Montreal, May 14.—Fifteen hundred longshoremen are on strike in the port of Montreal. At 6 o'clock this evening they screwed the hatches on the holds of the ocean vessels now in course of unloading in port and left work quietly.

The trouble came suddenly. There was not a breath of dissatisfaction since the season began until the New York strike loomed large on the horizon. Then the men here felt they were not getting their dues and presented an ultimatum to the shipping concerns of Montreal that unless there was an all-round increase in wages by 6 o'clock there would be a general strike.

In the morning a letter was sent to the Allan Line, the Robert Reford Company, Limited (operating the Donaldson and the Thompson Line), the Dominion and Leyland Lines and the C. P. R., that the longshoremen of Montreal wanted 30 cents an hour for day work up to 6 o'clock, and after that 35 cents an hour for night work. The men demanded was 60 cents up to 6 and 70 cents after 6.

The Shipping Federation say that the agreement entered into with the men and the companies at the end of the strike in 1903 still remained valid, and that before it could be broken by the men there would have to be an official notification by the men that a rearrangement of the wage schedules was desired. The federation claims that this notification has not been sent this year, and therefore the strike is a violation of the binding agreement of 1903.

There are now sixteen ocean vessels in port, and tomorrow this number will be increased by two. Tonight there was very little work going on, and what there was was being performed by the stewards and crews of the various boats, who were quite happy to earn their 35 cents an hour, in addition to their regular pay as members of the crew.

CHARGED WITH MURDER DOES ATHLETIC FEATS

Thomas Noah Exhibits No Anxiety
Regarding His Fate.

For a man charged with the most serious of all crimes, Thomas Noah, the boyish-looking Indian, alleged to have caused the death of Absalom Fox, of Muncey, is taking life most happily.

The jail officials stated this morning that Noah had apparently not had a blue moment since his incarceration. Recently he has developed a tendency to perform athletic feats whenever he is allowed freedom in the jail yard. He is said to be quite an athlete, and can turn handstands and flip-flops with an ease that would make an old circus performer envious.

The Governor Carter says that as a rule when an Indian is arrested, there are a large number of visitors from his tribe, but in Noah's case the exception has proved the rule, for up to date he has had only one visit from a fellow Indian.

Noah has no anxiety about his fate. He has proven that he is a very clever runner, and in races with other prisoners in the jail yard he has always won out by a large margin.

"One would not think that he had a care on earth," remarked a jail employe. "Indeed, his even action would lead one to imagine that he takes his jail experiences as a new form of recreation."

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SHOWERS.

FORECAST.

Today—Fresh to strong southerly to southwesterly winds; fair and warm until night, then showers and local thunderstorms.

Wednesday—Showery.

Stations. S. E. Min. Weather.
Calgary..... 40 24 Fair
Winnipeg..... 32 24 Fair
Port Arthur..... 32 24 Fair
Toronto..... 68 32 Clear
Ottawa..... 48 44 Cloudy
Quebec..... 46 42 Cloudy
Montreal..... 46 38 Cloudy
Father Point..... 32 20 Clear

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

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 a.m. Monday were: Highest, 78; lowest, 46° above.

WEATHER NOTES.

Some local showers of thunderstorms have occurred in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys, also in the upper lake region, but the weather in Canada generally has been fine. Very cool conditions exist in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but the temperature is now likely to rise in the Western Provinces.

NEW IRISH COUNCIL MEASURE DOOMED BY DUBLIN CONVENTION

Almost Certain To Be Rejected
—Church Against the
Bill.

London, May 14.—The opinion in the lobbies of the House of Parliament on the prospects of the Irish council bill, which is designed to meet the demands for Irish home rule, took a very pessimistic turn last night because of the growing belief that the Nationalist convention, which is to be held in Dublin on May 21 and 22, will not accept the bill.

In this case, in accordance with an understanding between the Irish secretary, Mr. Birrell, and John E. Redmond, the Nationalist leader, reached during the negotiations which preceded the drafting of the bill, the Government will make no further attempt to proceed with the measure.

During the last few days Irish Catholic prelates have come out strongly in denunciation of the project. The Bishop of Limerick describes it as "a grotesque measure," while Archbishop Walsh says: "The bill seems so bad all around that I will find difficulty in saying anything to induce the convention to approve it."

It is believed the effect of these utterances will be to bring about the rejection of the bill.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR

Dundas Street Methodist Church Has
—Offerings Up to Mark.

The quarterly board of the Dundas Street Methodist Church held its annual meeting last night, and appointed Rev. E. B. Lanckey and Mr. C. J. Beal as representatives to the district meeting, which opens tomorrow in the Centennial Church.

The reports for the year were not complete, but they pointed to a highly satisfactory condition of affairs. The revenue from all sources has been fully up to the mark. The general offerings were well sustained throughout the twelve months. The subscriptions for missions totaled \$2,500.

ANALYSES NOT SATISFACTORY; COMMISSIONER DOESN'T WORRY

Samples of Water From Mc-
Gregor Well Said to Contain
Colonoid Bacilli.

The result of the analyses of samples of water taken from the McGregor well in Westminster, and sent to the Provincial Board of Health, are understood to be anything but satisfactory, and as a result there is a probability that the supply of water from the well may be condemned as unfit to drink.

In such event the city's supply of water for street watering will get a severe jolt.

It is said that the public analyst declares that he found in the water traces of colonoid bacilli.

If the germs are present in any considerable proportion it would be extremely dangerous to use the water, but Commissioner Saunders does not appear to regard the result of the analyses made as very serious.

Believes Husband Is Dead Sues for Life Insurance

Case of Special Interest Set for
Trial at Non-Jury Court
Next Week.

An action of the greatest interest to life insurance companies will next week be heard at the non-jury assizes next week by Mr. Justice Britton.

The plaintiff is Mrs. Mary J. Somerville, of this city, and the defendants are the Aetna Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn. The amount involved is \$7,065.90, the amount of a policy, with interest on the life of Mrs. Somerville's husband.

The plaintiff claims that her husband left his home in Toronto, in November, 1897, and went to Buffalo. While there he continued writing until December, of the same year, since which time nothing has been heard of him. Mrs. Somerville believes that her husband is dead, and therefore asks that the insurance be paid over. There are four children in the family. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons, for plaintiff; MacDonald, Shepley, Middleton & Donald for defense.

Other cases entered are: Reld vs. Wadson—W. J. Reld & Co., the local crockeryware dealers sue H. Wadson, a former hotelkeeper, of Port Arthur, for \$45.60, alleged to be due as part payment on a consignment of goods sold and delivered. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons, for plaintiffs; W. D. B. Turville, for defendant.

London Trust Company vs. Luskcombe—The London and Western Trusts Company, liquidator of the Birkbeck Loan Company, sue Thomas H. Luskcombe, W. H. Wortman and Andrew Durand, for approximately \$50,000, alleged to have been illegally paid out as dividends by the defendants, who were directors of the Birkbeck Loan Company.

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ENGULFED

Vienna, May 14.—It is reported here from Sarajevo, Bosnia, that the Turkish village of Mustajbasle, consisting of 30 houses, and situated on a hill, was suddenly engulfed last Sunday night, presumably as a result of volcanic disturbance. Several of the inhabitants of the village perished, the remainder escaping by flight.

TOWNSHIP LOSES IN BRIDGE CASE

Judge Macbeth Finds in Favor
of the County in Action
Recently Heard.

The application of London township to have farm bridges declared county structures has failed.

The evidence in the matter was heard by Judge Macbeth some time ago, and this morning his honor handed out his decision refusing the application.

Brough's bridge, on the Proof Line road, was included in the list, as was another in the northern part of the township which will have to be rebuilt this summer. The township relied on the decision given in two cases in eastern Ontario for success. In these cases, it was held that the approaches to bridges, where they protect the roadway, are entitled to be classed as a portion of the structure.

The township claimed that with the approaches the four bridges in question were of sufficient length to be declared county structures.

Judge Macbeth, however, ruled in favor of the county.

An appeal may be entered.

THROWS MANY OUT OF WORK.

The greatest damage done was that to the foundry, of which Mr. D. A. Forrester is the manager. It was a substantial building, and one of the principal industrial supports of the town, some 60 or 75 skilled employees being employed the year round. With the exception of the engine-room and the molding shop, the plant was entirely destroyed, together with all the stock, raw material, and a fine frame office on the opposite corner. The Rattenbury Hotel, a substantial wooden structure, standing on Victoria street, two blocks away, was also burned.

The trail of the fire.

The next heaviest loss falls on Dr. Evans' property, who had his dwelling and barn totally destroyed. Immediately adjoining the hotel is a laundry owned by Mr. Twitcheil, which was badly gutted. Two small stables opposite the foundry, and owned by Mrs. Whitehead, were also burned to the ground. This list completes the trail of the fire, and that the buildings in the immediate vicinity escaped with a slight scorching is considered miraculous. A strong southwest wind was blowing over the town, and this is attributed the fact that the flames jumped from the foundry to the house of Dr. Evans, some three blocks away. Dr. Evans' loss is estimated at about \$2,600. The destroyed dwelling was a fine two-story frame structure, and the barn was a new one. Houses immediately adjoining on Ontario street occupied by Mrs. Coutts and Mrs. Janor, were badly scorched, and for some time it was thought they could not be saved. Neighbors were busy with buckets and pails and the roofs were kept thoroughly soaked.

Wild Confusion.

In the vicinity of Ontario, King and within a radius of three or four blocks there was scarcely a house whose roof was not scorched. By 5:30 o'clock the firemen felt that they had the fire well under control, and then only were they permitted to gain a few minutes' respite from their arduous labors.

Victoria streets the scene was one of wild confusion, men, women and children running hither and thither, while household furniture was being carried from the dwellings onto the road.

How It Started.

It is the prevailing opinion that the fire originated from a spark from a smokesack lighting on the frame roof of a building at the foundry. The fire was first noticed by the painters at work in the foundry, and the alarm

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DISASTROUS FIRE AT CLINTON, ONT.

Thresher Works, Hotel and
Several Residences Gone.

LOSS WILL BE CLOSE TO \$75,000

Fire Department of Stratford and Blyth
Sent and Prevent Great
Destruction.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Clinton, Ont., May 14.—Clinton was visited with the most disastrous fire in the history of the town yesterday afternoon and evening, when the foundry of the Clinton Thresher Company, Rattenbury's hotel, Dr. Evans' house and barn, and Twitcheil's laundry, were totally destroyed and several houses adjoining badly damaged. The total loss is estimated at \$65,000, with a total insurance of \$24,000. The heaviest loser was the Clinton Thresher Company, whose plant was valued at \$50,000, with insurance of \$20,000. Rattenbury's hotel, valued at \$10,000, and insured for \$2,000, was also totally destroyed.

Five Hours' Battle.
The Stratford and Blyth fire brigades were asked for assistance, and by their timely arrival practically saved the business section of the town.

Never in the history of Clinton were the townspeople thrown into such excitement as that witnessed yesterday afternoon and evening, when for upwards of four or five hours the business center of the town was threatened by the most disastrous fire that has ever visited the trim little town. Had it not been for the almost superhuman efforts of the town brigade, valiantly assisted by the brigades from Stratford and Blyth, the whole business district might now be a smoldering heap of charred embers.

At 2:30 o'clock the fire was discovered in the foundry of the Clinton Thresher Company on King street, and before the brigade arrived on the scene the building, a two-story concrete structure, was a veritable seething furnace and beyond control. For a short time the brigade strove to master the fiery element, but steadily and with great rapidity, the flames gained on the firemen until they had to give up the task in an effort to protect the surrounding buildings, which had caught fire.

Throws Many Out of Work.

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