

AWFUL ELECTRIC CAR CRASH AT CHATHAM TWO DEAD, TWO DYING AND MANY INJURED

Wm. Broomhead and Wm. Donovan Killed in a Rear End Collision.

CAR BRAKES REFUSED TO WORK

Fast Moving Car Plunges Into One Ahead Crowded With Holiday Party.

THE DEAD

William Broomhead, decapitated.
William Donovan, crushed to death.
FATALY INJURED.

Michael Pleasance, both legs cut off.
James Pleasance, leg cut off.

INJURED.

Eight passengers—taken to hospital.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Chatham, Ont., Aug. 10.—A terrible street car accident occurred here at 10:20 this morning, resulting in death for two people, perhaps death for two others, and the frightful injury of eight others.

Today is civic holiday here, and the Salvation Army planned a monster excursion via Chatham, Wallaceburg and Lake Erie electric line to Erie Beach Park, on Lake Erie, directly south of the city. Two loaded cars left the city at 10 o'clock, the passengers taking up every inch of room. The cars ran close together. When South Queen's street was reached the first car forged ahead, but when opposite the fair grounds stopped, it is presumed, to let off or on a passenger. The car in the rear was bowled along full speed and at the critical moment the brakes refused to work. Terrific excitement reigned on the cars as the impact seemed inevitable, but scarcely anyone could jump because of the crowded condition of the platforms. When the crash came the rear platform of the forward car was smashed to splinters, as well as a portion of the body of the car.

The fate of the rear-end passengers is beyond description, arms and legs being mangled in a fearful manner. William Broomhead, violinist, who only last night played a solo in Park Street Methodist Church, met an instant death by having his head decapitated. Wm. Donovan, Wellington street, was crushed nearly beyond recognition. Michael Pleasance and James Pleasance, sons of the proprietor of the Rankin House, will die, the former having both legs cut off at the hips and the latter one leg and one arm off. Eight others were fearfully injured and were hurried to St. Joseph's Hospital. Their names are not yet known.

LATER.

Chatham, Aug. 10.—Michael Pleasance is now dead. His brother is sinking fast, and a Miss Donovan, sister of the boy killed, is reported dying. Her mother is among the worst injured, having both legs broken in two places.

Among those severely injured are: John Reid, Richard Stein and Miss Henry, Wilson Fields, Mrs. George Dunkley and her son, and a Mrs. Smith.

COWPATH DISAPPEARS

Hatch Shows Picked Up Their Beds and Walked.

The Cowpath is no more. Saturday night the Hatch shows drew good crowds, and there was considerable merriment along the path.

Chief Williams would not allow the shows to pack up on Sunday, so the tents remained as they were until after midnight last night, when the party, like Arabs, folded their tents, and silently stole away.

A special on the M. C. R. took them to Detroit, and from there the company will go to Owosso, Mich. The shows did good business while here, and are well satisfied.

GRAND OFFICERS OF I. O. O. F. ARE FLOCKING TO ST. THOMAS

One Thousand Delegates From Ontario Expected to Attend the Largest Gathering in History of the Order—The Programme for the Week.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Aug. 10.—Delegates for the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows of Ontario have already begun to arrive, and it is stated by those in charge that fully 1,000 delegates, the largest in the history of the grand lodge, will be in attendance by this evening.

This is the fifty-fourth annual session since the institution of the order in Canada, and it is the second that has been held in St. Thomas.

An international touch will be given the sessions by the presence of the grand officers of the Encampment of Michigan and New York states. They will take a prominent part in the sessions of Wednesday.

The sessions will last the whole of the week, and there will be a

striking feature of the work of Odd-fellowship every day.

Today's Programme.
Today's programme is not very elaborate, being merely the introductory day. There will be a reception of delegates in the afternoon and evening. Tonight the Unity Encampment of Ingersoll will exemplify the patriarchal degree in the hall of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 76.

On Tuesday morning the grand lodge really opens. In the morning there will be a reception of delegates, and at nine o'clock the sessions will open in the W. O. W. hall. The grand lodge officers will be escorted by the various cantons, and will be welcomed by Mayor Geddes.

The Rebekahs will also meet in the hall of Elgin Lodge and will be Continued on Page Nine.

TWO-WAY SERVICE IS BEGUN ON THE OTTAWA AVE. BELT

Very Fair Progress Made Thus Far, Although the Service Is Not as Yet Entirely Satisfactory—Mr. Graydon Says Two Turnouts Are Needed.

The Ottawa avenue two-way service was instituted this morning in accordance with the motion passed by the city council some time ago. So far the service has not been a decided success, but it is somewhat better than under the old arrangement.

The eastbound cars maintained practically a regular service. The westbound cars were not so satisfactory, and several trips were lost in the shuffle.

"The street railway will have to maintain the schedule," said City Engineer Graydon. "The council passed a resolution to the effect that the schedule would have to be maintained. If it is not, the council may proceed against the company. The city has the power, and it will be up to the council to see that its mandates are carried out."

Turnouts Needed.
He was of the opinion, however, that the company would have to put in a couple of turnouts, one at Rectory street, south of the Grand Trunk, and the other on Ottawa avenue, near Colborne street. With these it would be an easy matter to maintain a good service.

"With the two turnouts mentioned I do not see why a satisfactory two-way service could not be maintained," said Mr. Graydon. "These would take up about 500 feet of track, all told, and would not cost more than \$1,500 at the outside. I should say that for the expenditure of that much money a perfectly satisfactory service could be maintained."

Mr. McGuigan May Do the Work Of Building Hydro Transmission Lines

Commissioners Say They Have an Exceptionally Low Tender.

Toronto, Aug. 10.—The Globe today says: "There will be no tender accepted for the construction of the hydro-electric transmission line from Niagara Falls until after the cabinet meets on Tuesday." This was the emphatic statement of the Premier when approached on the matter. At the same time, the Globe has been informed that the commissioners have recommended the acceptance of the lowest tender sent in for the work, and it is understood that the tendered in question is Mr. F. H. McGuigan, formerly of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and more latterly connected with the Great Northern.

In any case it is known that the commissioners have urged that not only the lowest tender should be accepted, but that it has the additional qualification of being for the entire work, and that Canadian labor will be employed.

Hon. Adam Beck has stated that he regards as a great advantage to have the whole work in the hands of one contractor, as there would be less risk of delay than if it were divided. Mr. Beck also said that he was satisfied that the commission had got a "bed rock" price in the tender, which the board had recommended for acceptance. As a matter of fact, the tender was Continued on Page Nine.

All Quiet Locally in C. P. R. Strike

Things are very quiet around the C. P. R. roundhouse on Adelaide street, no trouble having manifested itself. A large staff of special constables has been employed, and it is impossible to gain admittance except by permission from the officials. No person is allowed inside the fence surrounding the building, and all visitors are referred to the offices.

The officials are very reticent, and refuse to talk of the strike. It is said that the strikers have a staff of pickets, who are doing their best to prevent men seeking employment from the company.

One of the men who is still working at the roundhouse informed The Advertiser today that all the vacancies have not yet been filled, although the places are being taken up by many of the city's unemployed.

No more men have gone out, and it is thought that those who are now at work will remain there, as positions elsewhere are very hard to secure. The constables have as yet met with no trouble from the strikers.

KICK MAY BE FATAL

Stratford, Aug. 9.—Edward Lloyd, an Englishman, aged about 17 years, is in the hospital as the result of a kick given him by Kenneth Douglas, about the same age. Lloyd underwent an operation, and is in a precarious condition, and Douglas is under arrest on a charge of assault. There had been bad blood between the two for some time. Douglas has been remanded to await developments in Lloyd's

EDWARD OFF TO MARIENBAD

His Majesty to Rest After Most Arduous Social Season in Years.

London, Aug. 10.—King Edward will leave this afternoon on his visit to Marienbad, where he will rest after his long and arduous social duties, during one of the most strenuous seasons London has witnessed in years. Exceptional interest is taken in the trip, as King Edward will meet Emperor William at Cobourg, Prussia, on Tuesday, and Emperor Francis Joseph at Ischl, Austria, Wednesday, on the way to his favorite watering-place.



Photo by Frank Cooper.
MR. FRANK CHITTIK,
Of Winnipeg, President of the International Association of London Old Boys.

FORMER LONDON YOUNG LADY HURT BY CHATHAM ACCIDENT

Miss Pearl Wanless Terribly Crushed and Bruised in Collision of Electric Cars This Morning—Was on Crowded Platform and Unable to Make Her Escape.

Mr. Fred Wanless, of The Advertiser newsroom, received word shortly after noon that his sister, Miss Pearl Wanless, aged seventeen, had been seriously injured in the collision at Chatham and was in a very precarious condition. Miss Wanless' chest was badly crushed and she was severely cut and injured about the forehead.

Were Standing in Vestibule.

Miss Wanless, with her father and mother, left Chatham this morning to go to Erie Beach, a distance of twelve and a half miles from Chatham, on the Wallaceburg and Lake Erie Traction line. Today is Civic Holiday in Chatham, and the car was well filled, compelling Miss Wanless and her father to stand in the rear

vestibule of the car. The mother stood just inside the door. While the car was standing still another car crashed into it. When the crash came Mr. Wanless saved himself by jumping. The mother also escaped injury beyond a few scratches, but the daughter was severely injured, being crushed by the timbers of the car.

Well Known Here.

Miss Wanless is well known in London, having, with her father and mother, lived here for several years. Two years ago the family, with the exception of Mr. Fred Wanless, again took up their residence in Chatham, it's former home.

Mr. G. J. Wanless, the father, of the injured young lady, was formerly a printer in the employ of The Advertiser.

One Cent for Drop Letters in London

The new rate of 1 cent per ounce on drop letters in cities went into effect in London today, and local merchants and professional men, who send out large numbers of letters, are accordingly happy, for it means a reduction in mailing expenses of one-half.

The general public welcomes the innovation, for a cent is a cent, and 2 cents seemed too much to pay for dropping a line to someone perchance in the next block.

The postal authorities have sent out the following circular: "Commencing today, the rate of postage on letters for delivery at main office, or any of the sub-offices within the area delivered by letter-carriers in the city of London, will be 1 cent per ounce weight, instead of 2 cents per ounce as formerly."

HORTON ST. CHILD HAD CLOSE CALL

Little Odell Phillips Ran in Front of a Horse on Saturday Night.

Odell Phillips, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. Charles Phillips, of 139 Horton street, had a very narrow escape from at least serious injury in front of her home about 7:30 Saturday evening, when she was knocked down by a buggy after the driver had saved her from going under the horse's hoofs.

She was standing with her mother on the sidewalk, when she suddenly released her hold of her mother's hand and started across the road in the path of the horse. Mrs. Phillips did not notice the child's danger until the driver had turned the animal with a jerk to one side.

The little girl was struck by the wheel, but beyond a few bruises was uninjured. The driver is being complimented for his presence of mind in saving the child's life.

WHITNEY OFF TO ENGLAND

Trip May Result in Some Changes in Provincial Legislation.

Toronto, Aug. 10.—Several matters of importance to the people of Ontario depend upon the forthcoming visit of Sir James Whitney to England. He leaves Toronto today, and probably some of his investigations will be reflected in legislation to be passed next session. Together with Hon. Nelson Monteith, minister of agriculture, who will leave in about a week's time, Sir James will do something towards shaping a new provincial immigration policy. Then there is the question of educational reforms along the lines of the old country. Since Hon. Mr. Monteith is to make the trip also, there is the report that he will remain a member of the cabinet. The old country visit, which will be of about six weeks' duration, will prevent Sir James taking part in Mr. R. L. Borden's federal campaign. Hon. Mr. Foy, attorney-general, will be head of the Government during the Premier's absence.

A False Alarm.

Some person sent in a false alarm at noon Sunday from box 92 at the corner of Mt. Pleasant and Douglass avenues, West London. The firemen had a long run as a result. The police are working on the case.



GEORGE H. O'NEILL, JUN.,
The Prize-Winning Baby at the Trish Benevolent Society's Picnic, and Son of Mr. Geo. H. O'Neill, of the Tecumseh House.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—THUNDERSTORMS.

FORECASTS.
Today—Light variable winds; mostly fine and warm; a few local thunderstorms, chiefly on Tuesday.

TEMPERATURES.			
Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	54	54	Cloudy
Winnipeg	50	54	Fair
Port Arthur	58	52	Cloudy
Parry Sound	62	52	Fair
Toronto	68	60	Cloudy
Ottawa	66	60	Cloudy
Montreal	68	54	Fair
Quebec	66	52	Cloudy
Father Point	54	54	Clear

The first column in 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.

WEATHER NOTES.
Since Sunday morning the weather has been everywhere fine, except that a few light scattered showers have occurred in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

RICHARD O'ROURKE FOUND DEAD ON G. T. R. WEST OF THE CITY HE WAS KILLED BY A TRAIN

Left His Home Sunday Afternoon to Take a Walk Along the Track With His Dog—Body Was Discovered by an Employee of the Road—Resided in West London.

The body of Richard O'Rourke, the 21-year-old son of Mr. J. J. O'Rourke, Charles street, West London, was found lying at the foot of the embankment of the Grand Trunk just west of Oxford street, on the road to Hyde Park, by Walter McGibbon, a section man of the latter place.

The young man had evidently been dead some time when found. Death was caused by a terrific blow on the back of the head, O'Rourke having been struck by a train.

Coroner MacLaren was notified by the Grand Trunk and will hold an inquest.

According to the statement of the boy's father, young O'Rourke left the house about 2 o'clock yesterday with his dog to take a walk.

The family knew he had gone down the railway as was his custom, and did not worry when he did not return at 6 o'clock.

When the family retired he had not yet returned, and while Mr. O'Rourke had some misgivings, he did not worry.

The dog returned some time in the night, but when the family had breakfast the son had not yet returned.

The Body Found.

In the meantime no report of a man having been struck had reached the Grand Trunk officials.

Mr. McGibbon left his home shortly before 7 o'clock to go over the line between the city and Hyde Park. He was accompanied by an engineer from London.

On approaching the Oxford street bridge, a body was noticed at the bottom of the hill. On investigating the men found O'Rourke lying with his face downward at the bottom of the incline.

An ugly wound in the back of the head showed that he had been struck by an engine. He had evidently been dead for some time as the body was cold and rigor mortis had set in.

G. T. R. Employees Honor Old Comrades Three Presentations Were Made

To Messrs. Robert Turton, Henry Terry and James Durkin.

There is a common superstition among railroad men that accidents run in triplets, or if there is one it is sure to be followed by two more shortly after. The employees of the G. T. R. roundhouse believe in triplets also, and one night last week they purchased three Morris chairs for men who had been pensioned off owing to old age.

Presentation to Mr. Turton.
Loading the chairs on a dray, they stopped first at the residence of Mr. Robert Turton, 405 Grey street. Mr. Turton has ridden an engine about two million miles, and in every accident he managed to land on his feet, but when the chair came, he was off his guard, and knocked out in the first round.

The surprise was so complete, the breaks went into emergency, and would not release for some time, so the silver of speech was long in showing itself.

Mr. William Reid, the orator of the roundhouse, made the presentation speeches, and he expressed the wish that all the recipients would like to wear out two Morris chairs apiece.

And To Mr. Durkin.

The last stop was at the home of Mr. James Durkin, Mr. Durkin has had for many years the herculean task of keeping the huge roundhouse clean, but the company kept him well supplied with new brooms, and he has probably done more sweeping in his day than any other citizen. Mr. Durkin is an Irishman. He cannot help it. He never tried, and never will now. Some how he had gotten word of what was coming, and when the party arrived at a late hour, the table set, and the host ready for any emergency.

Unfortunately the reporter was not there in time to hear the many kind and happy speeches, or to enjoy the festivities.

These three veteran railroad men have nearly reached the three score and ten limit, but bid fair to wear out the chairs in the long, and, we hope, peaceful evening of life.

A PRESENTMENT.
Windsor, Aug. 10.—It is learned that, impelled by a presentiment that some tragedy had occurred at home, William Overton, manager of the Dominion Fisheries Company, with headquarters at Winnipeg, cut short his

Coroner Notified.
The two men came to the city, and notified the Grand Trunk officials, who in turn notified Coroner MacLaren and High Constable Hughes.

The latter went through the dead man's clothes and found a postcard. The address read "Dick Roache," on a superficial examination, but on close examination High Constable Hughes made out "Dick O'Rourke."

The card was addressed to the young man at Thomas Taylor's barber shop, 97 Dundas street.

Mr. Hughes went to Taylor, and the latter accompanied him to the Grand Trunk depot, where he identified the body as that of Dick O'Rourke, of West London.

Mr. O'Rourke, the boy's father, was notified, and positively identified the body as that of his son.

Had a Premonition.

He had a premonition that something was wrong this morning. He is employed in Gerry's planing mill, and when he saw the engine and baggage car go west, he spoke to his companion and said:

"I bet there is somebody hurt. I wonder if it is my boy Dick." He went on about his work, and in a short time he was notified of his son's death.

The young man was the third son of Mr. O'Rourke, and is survived by his father and mother, and five brothers and two sisters—Bert O'Rourke, the well known ball player; John, Ben, set, Will and Charles, and Miss Lou and Miss Ada O'Rourke all at home.

An Inquest.
Coroner MacLaren will hold an inquest at 6:15 this evening.

"There have been no facts concerning the manner of the young man's death come out as yet," said Dr. MacLaren. "He was evidently killed some time during the evening, but just how is not known. We will investigate, and, perhaps, the necessary information will come out."

The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

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