

PRODUCER GAS WILL LIGHT STREETS FOR \$25 PER ARC LAMP PER YEAR FOR CITY

Important Statement of a Montreal Engineer.

Is Installing a Municipal Plant for Chatham.

Differs With Statements Credited to Hon. Adam Beck Re Producer Gas.

Mr. L. G. Read, consulting engineer of Montreal, was in the city today on his way to Chatham, where he is looking after the installation of a producer gas plant by that city for municipal purposes.

Mr. Read took occasion to differ with Hon. Mr. Beck in regard to certain statements credited to Mr. Beck re Niagara power:

"Mr. Beck and Mr. Richards have been making very hasty statements in the matter of gas engines," he said. "The Lackawanna Steel Company, of Buffalo, has recently installed 40,000-horse power of gas engines, and this too within a stone's throw of Niagara Falls.

"United States Steel Co. is spending three millions of dollars substituting gas engines for steam engines.

"A single English gas engine firm built and shipped last year alone over eleven hundred gas engines.

"A gas engine with the highest priced fuel will produce a kilo-watt hour (one and a half-horsepower) for a cost of only one cent.

Important Statement.

"The City of Chatham, Ont., is erecting, now, a municipal lighting plant to be equipped entirely with gas engines, and with an absolute guarantee that its street lighting current shall cost only \$25 per annum per lamp.

"Is London going to get such a

price from the hydro-electric commission?"

"Mr. Richards' statement that 'there isn't a successful producer gas engine plant in Canada,' is too absurd to answer.

"Two years ago there were practically no gas engines in Canada.

"Today there are probably twenty-five successful plants in operation and perhaps a hundred contracted for.

Nine Plants.

"I am putting in nine plants, now, myself, in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec alone.

"For a hundred thousand dollars the City of London can build a municipal lighting plant including poles, line, lamps and the most modern electrical equipment, and produce the current easily for \$25 per annum per arc lamp.

"Why should the London City Council assume any responsibility beyond the question of municipal lighting?" London now pays about \$78 per annum for each street light burned.

Western Fair Surplus Is \$3,500 Directors Are Very Well Pleased

Blame the Weather for It That More Money Is Not on Hand.

In spite of the very bad weather that prevailed during Fair week this year, the Western Fair board will have a surplus in the neighborhood of \$3,500. The directors will meet this afternoon, when the statement of the secretary-treasurer will be submitted. The success of the fair is very gratifying to the directors.

Much money was paid out for permanent improvements this year. The total sum set aside for this purpose was between \$5,000 and \$6,000, of which the city paid about \$2,000. The rest was paid out of the surplus of 1907. Thus the surplus fund, which has been allowed to accumulate for some years, was not touched at all. It amounted to \$11,667 54 last year, and is practically the same.

Blames the Weather.

"Had the weather not been bad," said Mr. W. J. Reid, the president, "we would have had one of the best fairs in our history. We certainly would have had a surplus of \$7,000. You must remember that we had very bad weather. We took in but a few dollars on Tuesday of fair week. As compared with last year we were \$1,300 out on that day. The rest of the week was not good either. So you see, we did well under the circumstances. We had the show, too. The entry money was about \$700 ahead of last year, which was the banner year."

Secretary Is Satisfied.

"The statement is very gratifying to me," said Secretary Hunt. "We had considerable difficulty, but we have a balance on the right side. The entry fees show an increase of \$257, of which \$338 more from the dog show. What we needed was the weather. The dog show was a great success. Over \$1,200 was given out in prizes, and yet there was a net surplus from the dog show of \$458.90. The prize list will be increased next year, and the show will be more ambitious."

Teachers Say School Is Unsanitary

In spite of the fact that the board of education has allowed the matter of improving the conditions of Telbot street school to be laid aside without taking action on it, those who are interested in the health of their children are not going to allow the matter to die out.

They insist that the odors are in the school, that they have been there for many a long day, that the improvements put in by the board are only temporary, and go but a little way towards ending the trouble, and are consequently a waste of the citizens' money.

They maintain that the health of their children is impaired, and they will insist on having conditions improved to their satisfaction or know the reason why. Everyone of the citizens who have complained have personally inspected the school on complaints of their children. They

have found conditions exactly as the children said they were, and they have all come to the conclusion that they know what they are talking about in spite of the remarks of Trustee Graham and Dr. Teasdale. They are not agitators, they say, but want common justice.

Dr. Niven Speaks.

Dr. Niven, chairman of the board of health, also insists that the conditions in the school are just as he represented them to be. "The statements of the teachers have not complained of the sanitary condition of the school without foundation," he said to the Advertiser this morning. "The teachers know the odors are there, and to others; and the teachers are prepared to go on record that the school is unsanitary. Today the odors were very obnoxious and dangerous."

Fell From Window to Flag Walk

Fred Pace, a young man employed at the customs house to place storm windows in position, had a very close call from serious injury yesterday afternoon, when he fell out of the first story window to the flagwalk below, a distance of perhaps ten feet or more, alighting on his head and shoulders.

The young man was rendered

unconscious by the fall, and remained so for over fifteen minutes.

Young Pace had been assisting Caretaker Greer and another man in placing in the storm windows, and at the time of the accident was standing on the window sill a long with a fellow workman. In some way Pace was crowded off the sill, or lost his balance, and fell. Pace is a son of William Pace, the painter.

ANOTHER FOR PRODUCER GAS EMPIRE BRASS CO. ADOPTS IT

Member of the Company States That the Engines Are a Success—Is Installing a 100-Horse Power Plant.

The Empire Manufacturing Company has announced that it will run all the machinery in its big new works in the east end by a producer-gas engine.

"There is no question at all about producer gas being the coming power," said a member of the firm to the Advertiser this morning.

"We are not going into this matter haphazard, and it is only after three years of the most careful investigation that we decided to put in a producer-gas engine."

"Our engine is being manufactured by an English concern, and is now on the way. We expect it will arrive in the city in a week or two, and will likely be in operation in about six weeks."

"The engine will be a 100-horsepower

machine. We have decided to run our machinery by belts and shafting, and not with motors as McClarys are doing. The reason for this is that our machinery will be all together, whereas in the McClarys works they are scattered throughout a number of buildings. This is a big advantage in using electricity, as it can be distributed so easily, but we have decided that it will suit our purposes better to run ours by shafting.

Plants Give Satisfaction.

"Engineer Richards is certainly very much misinformed, or else does not know what he is talking about, when he says there are no producer gas plants in Canada giving satisfaction. When I was in Montreal a few weeks ago I visited two of the largest show-

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YOUNG LAD GOES TO PEN

Incorrigible Woodstock Youth Heavily Punished for Theft.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, Nov. 7.—Bill Bates, an incorrigible young lad, of this city, was this morning sentenced by Magistrate Ball to 3 years imprisonment in the Kingston Penitentiary. He was charged with stealing \$1 from Roy Rudd, clerk in a cigar store. The money was taken from Rudd's pocket as he was going down the stairs, and Bates pleaded guilty. After his sentence he shouted at Rudd that he would "Beat his brains out; just watch."

Philip Burly, aged 18, was charged with an attempted indecent assault upon Annie S. Dyer, aged 4 years, at Embro, on Oct. 29. Burly was left in charge of the children in the absence of the farmer for whom he was working and his wife, and took advantage of the opportunity to attempt the assault. He left the village the same night and was arrested at Ayr. Burly pleaded not guilty and was remanded for one week.

LEADING DUTCHMEN AND WIVES DROWNED

Amsterdam, Nov. 7.—Minister of State Jonkheer Van Panhuys, his brother, Mayor Leek, and their wives were all drowned last night while out driving, their carriage falling into the canal at Hoogerkerk during a dense fog.

GRADE THEIR FEES TO FIT INCOMES

Hamilton Doctors Will Charge According to Patient's Income.

Hamilton, Nov. 7.—The doctors have decided to increase their rates, and will hereafter grade them according to the incomes of their patients. The charge per call to houses where the income is not more than \$1,000 a year will be \$1.50; from \$1,000 to \$2,000 the charge will be \$2; and from \$2,000 to \$4,000 the charge per call will be \$2.50. Where the income exceeds \$4,000 a year, the doctor will make whatever charge he sees fit. The charges for examination will also be graded according to the ability of patients to pay, and for office advice the minimum charge will be 50 cents. The same charge will be made for advice given over the telephone.

MR. BELCOURT BACK.

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—Hon. H. A. Belcourt returned to Ottawa today from Saranac Lake quite improved in health. He will stay the winter in Ottawa. His resignation is now delayed for some time owing to the difficulty in selecting a French candidate to contest the seat.

MRS. GEORGE GOODERHAM DEAD.

Toronto, Nov. 7.—Mrs. George Gooderham, widow of the late George Gooderham, died this morning.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—UNSETTLED. FORECASTS.

Today—Northwest gales; showery.

Friday—Westerly winds; a few local showers, but mostly fair, with about the same temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	20	18	Clear
Winnipeg	40	36	Cloudy
Port Arthur	32	30	Clear
Parry Sound	30	30	Snow
Toronto	38	35	Cloudy
Ottawa	38	34	Rain
Montreal	42	38	Rain
Quebec	42	38	Rain
Essex Point	42	38	Rain

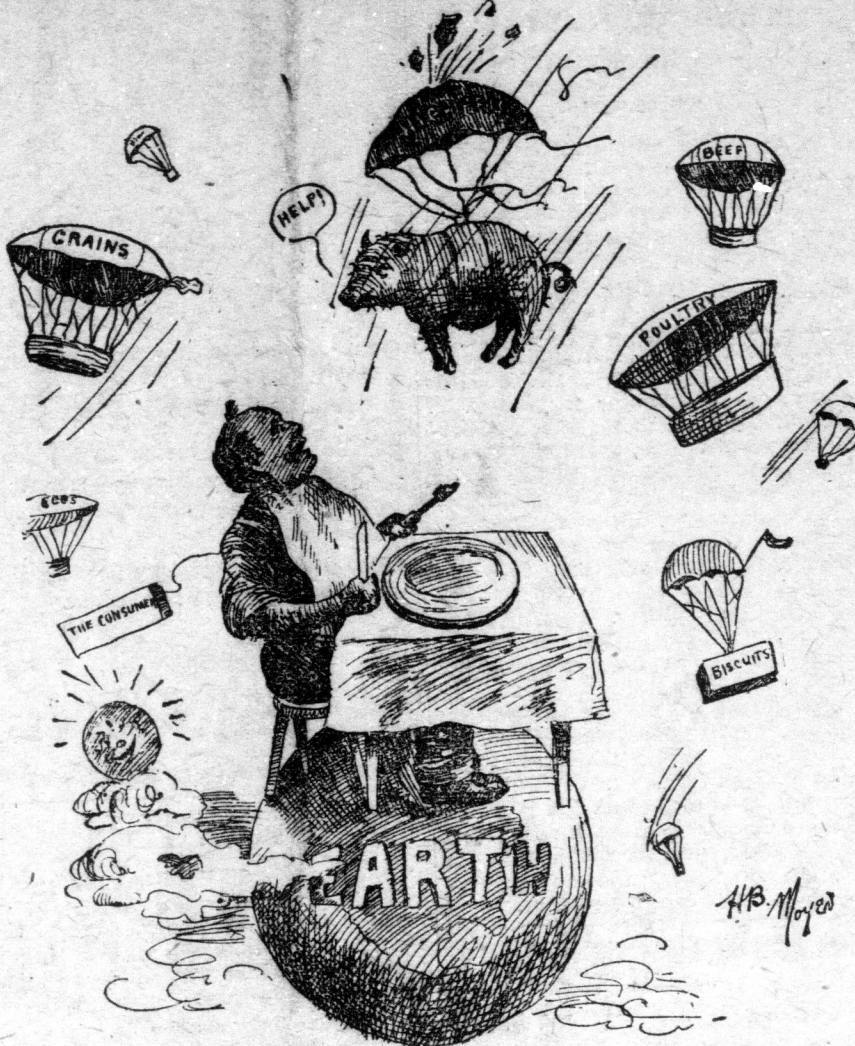
The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance which was south and east of Ontario yesterday has since developed into a severe gale, which is now centered just south of Montreal. Southeast gales are blowing in the Maritime Provinces and northeast gales on the great lakes. The weather continues comparatively mild in the Western Provinces.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures.
London, 27-53; Victoria, 52-66; Vancouver, 48-61; Calgary, 24-41; Edmonton, 22-40; Winnipeg, 32-50; Winnipeg, 32-50; Parry Sound, 24-41; Toronto, 40-46; Ottawa, 38-41; Montreal, 42-44; Quebec, 42-40; St. John, 42-50; Halifax, 42-54.



Something Coming Down at Last

Eight Ounces of Beer for Five Cents

The price of liquor is going up. Drinking is becoming more of a luxury every day, and it will soon be that none but the financially strong will be able to pick up "the white man's burden."

Yesterday a meeting of the hotel-keepers was held and it was decided to raise the prices of liquor. The glass of beer will not go up. The price of beer will cost the same, but the good old-fashioned schooner has to give way and take its place along

with the old brown jug and other relics of other boozing days. An eight ounce glass will be the vehicle of comfort now for the amber joy-producer which costs 5 cents.

Fancy drinks will take a climb. Mixtures formerly 15 cents will go to 20 cents, and other drinks that were formerly sold at 10 cents will go to 15 cents. The increased cost of the goods is responsible for the raise in the prices of liquors.

The new schedule of rates will be enforced next week.

Biscuits Advanced From 1 to 3 Cents The Retail Grocers Hold a Meeting

Grievance Against Local Wholesale Men Aired Last Night.

The Retail Grocers' Association of London held a largely attended meeting last night, at which the prices of different goods were run up.

Biscuits, for example, were increased in price from 1 to 3 cents a pound. Sodas go up 1 cent. Arrowroot biscuits were advanced 3 cents a pound, so that in the future they will cost 18 cents instead of 15 cents a pound.

Sore on Wholesalers.

A report was presented criticising the wholesale grocers of London for selling goods retail over the heads of

the retailers. It was stated that many private houses in London buy their goods direct from the wholesalers through the influence of travellers or members of the wholesale firm.

A strong resolution was drawn up, and it will be forwarded at once to each wholesale house in London.

May Buy Outside.

"We learned that every wholesaler in London has been guilty of the act," said the retail men said to the Advertiser today, "so that we cannot take our trade from the man who does the business and go to the man who doesn't do it here. But let me tell you what we can do. We can go out of town for our goods, and many of houses will be willing to pay the freight here for the sake of securing our business."

Drunkenness Is On the Increase

"Drunkenness has not diminished in London with the cutting off of several licenses," said Police Court Clerk Moulde this morning. "There were over 200 cases more in the police court this year than last. Of course, the population has increased considerably, and the rate may only be proportionate, but it seems to me that people are not becoming more sober."

Considerable Increase.

"The statistics show that there is a considerable increase in drunkenness," said Chief Williams, "but there are quite a number of cases also that do not get on the police court blotter. Some times first offenders come in, and when they sober up, they are allowed to go with a warning. They do not appear in the court at all. This would increase the number somewhat."

Bottle Brigade Increased.

"The lessening of the number of licenses and the increase in the price of liquor has increased the bottle brigade considerably," said a well-known hotelman this morning. "There is considerably more liquor sold in bulk than formerly. The man behind the bottle is the cause of quite a few jags nowadays, more so than formerly. It has also decreased the amount of treating to an appreciable degree. It costs a little to be a good fellow nowadays."

Canadian Club Expects 1000 Members

The Canadian Club is making an active canvass for membership, and the results so far are much better than anticipated.

"I think we will be able to get 1,000 members all right," said Mr. J. A. Cottam, the treasurer, this morning.

"The canvass is going ahead splendidly and the results are very encouraging," said Dr. Moulton will address the club on Monday next.

It is expected that a luncheon will be given shortly when Mr. J. S. Wilson, of the Toronto News, will speak.

Complained of Pere Marquette Service

Ald. Stevely, who was acting mayor today, had a visitor at the city hall who registered a complaint about the Pere Marquette service.

He declares that the passenger coaches are not in good repair, and

that the time made between the city and St. Thomas is very bad.

On Saturday last it took the train one hour and twenty-seven minutes to make the trip.

He wants the matter brought to the attention of the London and Port Stanley board.

Nervy Theft of Two Fine Overcoats

The police were notified yesterday afternoon of a rather nervy theft which took place on Tuesday evening in a Queen's avenue boarding-house. A young gentleman belonging to the Hermit's Club, in company with a friend, went to spend the evening

with a couple of young ladies. When they started to go home they found that their overcoats had been stolen from the rack in the hall. It was supposed that some sneak thief entered the house quietly and took the overcoats. The police are endeavoring to locate them.

NO FEAR OF COAL SCARCITY CAR SHORTAGE A MERE MYTH

Local Freight Agents Say That They Are Handling Business as Usual.

According to the best information The Advertiser was able to glean today and yesterday, there is no danger of a coal famine in London.

Master of Transportation Crombie stated that there has not been a single complaint lodged with his company by a coal man in regard to a car shortage.

Neither have any complaints of this nature been lodged with Car Distributor Harwood of the Grand Trunk.

And the Grand Trunk freight department claims that the situation in regard to cars this year is much the same as in previous years. There is plenty of business for all available cars, and some shipments are slightly behind.

Everything as Usual.

The Pere Marquette officials also deny any shortage of cars.

"We are going along as usual, and handling all shipments of coal in the usual way," said Chief Clerk Guy to The Advertiser.

Freight Agent Evans of the Michigan Central had the same story as the other freight men. The road is busy, but there is no car shortage. Also that they will rush for coal."

the business that comes the way of the Michigan Central is being handled; Stacked Full of Coal.

As far as could be learned, the local coal yards are stacked full of coal, and there is no chance of a famine, or anything approaching a famine.

"Why," said one dealer to The Advertiser, "if no coal came into London for a month, the city could be kept going, because most of the yards have prepared for a big winter's business. And if for the next two months they received only half the quantity of coal they usually receive, they would not run down to the bottoms of the bins. There's plenty of coal for London, and no cause for a scare, either as to a famine or an increase in price."

The Buffalo Story.

"The story that there is a shortage of coal at Buffalo is also dope," said a local freightman to The Advertiser.

"To say that because the miners laid off a few days within the past six months has resulted in a coal shortage, is to be simply ridiculous. The miners are working as steadily as they ever worked, and there is no strike and no possibility of a strike. Somebody is trying to get the people worked up, busy, but there is no car shortage. Also that they will rush for coal."

Action Against City for \$1,000

McBride Case Set for Trial at Assizes

Sixteen Cases Have Now Been Placed on the List for Monday.

There are now sixteen cases set down for hearing at the non-jury assizes which open here next Monday. The latest entries are as follows:

Payne vs. Lyman—Mary Payne, of Strathroy, seeks to prevent Donald Lyman, Catherine Patterson and Catherine Smith, from applying for letters of probate of the alleged will of the late Margaret McLellan, her sister. The plaintiff alleges that the will, which made others than herself beneficiaries, was not made in accordance with the law, and was drawn up at a time when the maker of it was in a state of weak mind and body.

Under the will the defendants are appointed executors of the estate, valued at \$2,200.

Folinsbee & Bartram, Strathroy, for plaintiff; Duncan C. Ross, for defendants.

Barnes vs. Barnes.

Barnes vs. Barnes, and Parkin—Wellington J. Barnes, a Pottersburg hotelkeeper, asks that his wife and her mother be made responsible and accountable for some \$2,000 which he turned over to them for safekeeping.

The money was deposited, it is alleged, in the Dominion Savings and Loan, which was notified by the plain-

tiff to refuse payment on the defendants' checks and as a result made defendants in an action for damages.

Purdum & Purdom for plaintiff; Meredith, Judd & Meredith for defense.

Barnes vs. Barnes—An action by Wellington Barnes to compel his wife to return certain lands which he turned over to her, he alleges, for convenience.

Purdum & Purdom for plaintiff; Meredith, Judd & Meredith for defense.

Westby vs. Gilbert.

Westby vs. Gilbert—Thomas Westby alleges that he paid the sum of \$200 as part payment on some land, and that the defendant, Sarah L. Gilbert, received the money, but refused to carry out her agreement to sell.

Blackburn & Weekes for plaintiff; Macpherson & Perrin for defense.

Seeks Damages.

Ideal Concrete Company vs. Grubb—The Ideal Concrete Machinery Company Limited, of this city, seeks damages from Wm. Grubb, a Mersea Township contractor, for alleged infringement of patents on concrete machinery, and an injunction to prevent further use of the same.

J. M. McEvoey for plaintiff; A. T. Boles, Leamington, for defense.

Against the City.

William McBride and Jannette McBride vs. city of London—An action to recover \$1,000 damages for injuries received by falling over an unguarded embankment along the Pipe Line road.

J. M. McEvoey for plaintiffs; T. G. Loan, which was notified by the plain-

Meredith for defense.

GREAT MILL FIRE AT SUDBURY, ONT

Sudbury, Nov. 6.—The large planing mills, sash and door factory, with complete plant, including yards full of lumber, lath, and supplies of the Sudbury Builders' Supply Company were completely destroyed by fire tonight.

High winds prevailed, and the fire burned so fiercely that little could be saved, machinery and everything in and around the mills going to destruction.

tion, C. P. R. and T. and N. O. freight cars were also burned before they could be moved. Water pressure was defective, but the firemen worked hard to save surrounding buildings.

Loss about \$50,000, with little insurance. Origin of the fire is unknown. Forty to fifty men will be thrown out of employment, and progress in building greatly retarded.

HITCHCOCK BACK IN HIS PART BREAKS DOWN AS AUDIENCE CHEERS

New York, Nov. 7.—Raymond Hitchcock, who gave himself up to the authorities yesterday, re-assumed his role at the Astor Theater at the matinee and evening performances yesterday, and was given a demonstrative welcome.

When Hitchcock disappeared a week ago an understudy took his place. The house was crowded last night when Hitchcock made his appearance, which was the signal for a rousing applause. The actor looked haggard and ill, and his voice was uncertain as he spoke his lines. Meantime his wife, who plays opposite him, was in tears, and with difficulty followed her cue.

At every opportunity the audience applauded with enthusiasm, until at the end of the second act the comedian stepped to the front of the stage, and in a tremulous voice said: "I want to

thank you all for your applause and encouragement. I hope I shall always deserve it."

Upon Mrs. Hitchcock's second entrance the action called upon her to shake her husband's hand. As they stood with their hands clasped the cheers were deafening, and for a moment both performers seemed unable to continue. Then Miss Zabelle placed her unengaged hand on her husband's shoulder and kissed him. At this Hitchcock broke down completely, and there were a good many wet eyes in the audience.

Wallace Beery, who rose in a day from the chorus to the star's part when Hitchcock disappeared, was in front during the matinee.

"I was the happiest man in New York when 'Hitch' came back," he said. "I tell you I was glad, even if it does put me back in the chorus."

Is There Too Much Home Work?

Complaints have been made of late that the children in several city schools have been getting too much home work, and that they have told the teachers that they could not do the work.

Inspector Edwards was spoken to about the matter this morning, and declared that there had not been many complaints.

"My instructions to teachers are that there should be no home work up to

the end of the second book," he declared. "In the third book there should be very little, no new work, and very simple work familiar to the pupils. The real home work commences in the fourth book, and the home work for the junior classes is not heavy. The entrance classes are supposed to do a little more work, but as far as I know it never exceeds more than an hour or an hour and a half's work. No complaints have been made to me on this matter."