

OVER FOUR FEET OF SNOW FELL IN LONDON SINCE JANUARY 1

Actual Figures of Local Weather Bureau Are 50 1-2 Inches—
Old Timers Cannot Remember Such a Cold,
Steady Winter.

The weather man got busy again last night, and added 2 1/2 inches more to the covering of snow which he has wrapped the country. The snow department seems to have been working overtime this year, and since the first of January no less than 50 1/2 inches of snow have fallen in London. Of this amount only 10 inches have fallen in February, but the month is only a little more than half over, and a couple of big blizzards would easily bring February up to January's record.

A STEADY WINTER.

Old residents, who have lived in the country for half a century or more, say they never remember a winter when the cold was so steady, or when there was such a general snowfall all over the province. It is freely predicted that there will be something doing in the flood line this spring and with about three and a half feet of snow on the level in the districts north of London, and several inches more than is usual here and south of the city, it looks as though there might be trouble, unless it goes away very gradually. A warm rain, followed by a couple of mild days would send the river up to the June level.

WATCHING FOR FLOOD.

The authorities at Springbank have orders to watch closely, and at the first sign of a thaw, fix things so that the water can pour over the dam. The heavy snowfall has been a severe test on roofs, and many of the old ones have not stood it very well, and carpenters say they have had many requests for estimates on roofing work for the spring.

During the night the mercury dropped steadily until it was only 5 degrees above zero. At 8 o'clock this morning it had risen to 10 1/2 above. The prospects are for fair, cold weather.

ASSESSORS AND THEIR CLERKS WILL BE APPOINTED TONIGHT

Mr. Harry Bennett to Leave City Clerk's Office and Go Into the
Assessment Department—No Change in the
Clerks This Year.

The assessors' clerks will be appointed tonight at the meeting of the finance committee, and from what can be learned, the following will be the staff for the coming year: Assessment commissioner—Stephen Grant.

Assessors—Martin O'Sullivan and Alf McCoubrey.
Chief clerk—Harry Bennett.
Clerks—A. E. Burwell, Arch Black and James Gilleen.

The only change of note in the personnel is the appointment of Harry Bennett as chief clerk, to succeed Mr. A. E. Jolly. Mr. Bennett has been in City Clerk Baker's office for some years, and has been very attentive to his duties.

Will Substitute Ladies.
This change—if it goes through—will necessitate the appointment of a suc-

ROUGH BEAT TICKET SELLER

Two of Notorious Gang Sentenced
by Police Magistrate This
Morning.

ASSAULT WAS BRUTAL
P. M. Said He Was Sorry a More
Serious Charge Had Not Been
Laid Against Prisoners.

Lawrence Stevenson, a young man living on the Wharfedale road in West London, was fined \$15 and 2 costs or two months in jail, by Magistrate Love this morning for assaulting a young man employed at a local skating rink a few evenings ago.

Harry Tozer, also of West London, who was with Stevenson and took part in the assault, was fined \$10 or one month in jail.

A Bad Crowd.
According to the evidence, Stevenson came to the rink intoxicated, and the ticket-seller when he noticed his condition refused to allow him in, and sent the other employee around to give Stevenson his money back and tell him to leave the rink.

Stevenson and Tozer, it was stated, attacked the young man, who presented a very battered appearance, having both eyes blackened and some of the cartilages of his nose broken. He has been under the doctor's care ever since. Stevenson alleged that the young man had attacked him and struck him with a belt.

Prisoners Lied.
"I do not believe a word of your story," the court said. "It is the same old story of West London rowdiness. One man will never stand up and fight but always has to get two or three and then beat some poor unfortunate. This sort of thing is occurring too frequently and I think a charge of criminal assault, occasioning actual bodily harm, should have been laid against you. You would then be liable to three years in the penitentiary. It is not long ago a West London gang jumped on a young fellow whom they would not have dared attack had he not been alone, and beat him so that I had to send one of the ringleaders to the Central for six months. This has got to stop. I fine Stevenson \$15 and 2 costs or two months in jail, and Tozer \$10 or one month."

Took the Month.
"I will take the month," said Tozer sullenly.
"You will take a good deal more than that if you are not careful and go talking back in that way," said the magistrate sharply. "I have a good mind to send for the crown attorney and lay a charge of criminal assault against you two."
Tozer subsided and said no more, while Stevenson wanted time to pay. "I will give you no time at all," said the court, and the men were led away to the cells.

CIGARETTE CAUSED A FIRE WITH LOSS OF \$5,000 TO \$6,000

Bad Blaze Last Night at Plant of the London Rag and Metal
Company, on Simcoe Street East—Firemen Had a
Long Fight Extinguishing Burning Rags.

Fire at the London Rag and Metal Company's place, on Simcoe street east, caused between \$5,000 and \$6,000 damage last evening. The greater part of the main storehouse, which measures about 80 feet by 50 feet, was destroyed, together with the contents. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

The blaze was discovered at about 8 o'clock by persons working in the London Canning Company's factory, a short distance away, the alarm being turned in from there.

The building was filled with rags, and the fire is attributed to either spontaneous combustion or a cigarette dropped by one of the employees during the day.

The brigade was on the scene for over two hours, and had great difficulty in combating the fire, which smoldered in the rags until the tons of bales had been soaked.

Mr. M. White, a member of the firm, stated that he was at a loss to account for the trouble, unless a lit cigarette had been dropped by one of the employees.

CITY'S STATION WON'T BE READY WHEN NIAGARA POWER ARRIVES

This Is According to the Statements Being Handed Out That
Niagara Power Will Be Here by May or June—City
Will Rush Work on Its Distributing Station.

The water commissioners will open the tenders for the power station equipment a week from Saturday, and an attempt will be made to award them within a very short time.

The commissioners are anxious to have the station ready when Niagara power comes to the city, but this can scarcely be hoped for until it is only 5 degrees above zero. At 8 o'clock this morning it had risen to 10 1/2 above. The prospects are for fair, cold weather.

It will take three months at least for the equipment to be delivered in the city after the contracts are awarded. This will bring the time well into June, and it will take some time after that to have the machinery installed. In no event can the power plant be ready before the middle of July, more probably the end of that month.

Here by May or June.
Those in touch with the hydro-electric commission state that power will be in the city by May, or at the very latest, June 1.

The city will then be a month or more behind with its plant. The towers are being erected, and the transformer stations along the line are practically finished.

It may be possible, however, to install some of the machinery and be ready when the power comes. Some power users, perhaps, some of the large users, might be supplied as soon as it comes.

To that end negotiations will probably be entered into with some of the companies at a very early date. The London street railway will need more power at that time, and they may be supplied.

Some of the other corporations may also be supplied with large quantities, and in that way an improvised system of power distribution kept up.

As soon as the by-law appointing Engineer Sifton as tree trimmer is passed on Monday the work of cutting the trees and stringing wires will be commenced. This work will be pushed through with all possible dispatch.

"We will hurry as fast as we can with the plant," said Commissioner Pocock. "The power will be here in May probably, and it will be about July when we are ready. However, we may be ready before that time. We will do so if possible."

IMPORTANT CHANGES LIKELY IN WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

Grand Encampment, Which Is To Be Held Here in March, Will
Be Sure to Prove a Most Interesting Session—Some
High Officers May Drop Out.

At the grand encampment of the Woodmen of the World, to be held here in March, there are likely to be many changes in the officers of the organization. It is not known who will be placed, but there will be many. Ald. J. H. Saunders, Mr. D. H. Bowen, Mr. A. B. Greer, and many others are mentioned in connection with the position.

There will be a fight for the position of head secretary. It was stated to the Advertiser today that T. H. Luscombe, of this city; J. Beattie, Stratford; Dr. Harrison, Toronto, and one or two more eastern men may be in the field.

It is hard to figure at this time who is the real favorite for the position. The contest will be an open one, and anything is liable to happen.

Fortunately the central fire station faces the burning building about half a block away, and the firemen were quickly on the scene. Taking in the situation at a glance, Chief TenEyck ordered the life nets to be put in use, and into these the men jumped from the windows or were taken down by means of ladders.

Bawden was dead when found by one of the firemen, but McCullough was breathing. Although several doctors worked over him he died shortly after being rescued.

The fire burned for about an hour and a half and the loss will be about \$6,000.

While the firemen were taking down the ladders another alarm was received for a fire at the Victoria avenue sub-station of the Cataract Power Company. A valuable transformer was burned out and all the electric lights in the neighborhood were out. The street car service was tied up. The loss will be about \$3,000.

HEAD OF FORESTERS WITNESS FOR DEFENCE

High Chief Ranger Stevenson
Tells of Forming of the
Union Trust Co.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Feb. 18.—When the Foster-Globe libel trial was resumed this morning, Supreme Chief Ranger Stevenson of the I. O. F. was the first witness for the defence. He told how in 1901 the I. O. F. organized the Union Trust Company, which took over the I. O. F. investments. He stated that he had found a mortgage on 44,900 acres of Northwest land to secure payment of the \$125,000 purchase price of the land bought by Messrs. Foster, Montague, McGillivray and Dr. Oronhyatekha as a syndicate. The Union Trust Company was named as trustee to hold the lands, subject to the I. O. F. mortgage.

As regards this deal, the defence maintains that the rakeoff charges were by Mr. Macdonald were not with reference to this, but to the subsequent Swan River transaction. On the other hand, Mr. Foster claims the charge covers this deal.
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Photo by Edy Bros.
CAPTAIN GORDON INGRAM,
Popular Officer of Seventh Regiment,
Who Was Warmly Welcomed by
His Company Last Night.

JOHN W. KEARNS GOES TO DETROIT

Popular P. M. Official Is Made
District Passenger Agent.
In Border City

HARRY JAMESON LEAVES

D. P. A. at Detroit—Will Associate
Himself With Buick Motor Com-
pany of That City.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Detroit, Feb. 18.—Harry W. Kearns, well known to many in London, Ont., has been named as district passenger agent of the Pere Marquette Railroad, and on March 1 will become connected with the Buick Motor Company. His successor at 7 West Fort street, it is understood, will be John W. Kearns, now travelling passenger agent of the Pere Marquette Railroad, with headquarters in London, Ont. The official announcement of the change will be made later by H. P. Moeller, general passenger agent, who is out of the city for a few days.

The appointment of Mr. Jameson is a direct selection made by W. C. Durant, president of the General Motors Company, and general manager of the Buick Company. The character and scope of Mr. Jameson's new duties will be made known to him by Mr. Durant, when the latter returns from a trip in the east.

Eighteen Years With Pere Marquette.
It is eighteen years since Harry Jameson connected with the Pere Marquette, in the capacity of ticket clerk in the union station here. Five years later he became travelling passenger agent, with headquarters in Milwaukee, travelling in the winter in London, and in the summer in Detroit as district passenger agent.

Few railroad men, if any in Detroit, have a wider acquaintance than Mr. Jameson, who has made hundreds of friends for himself and his line throughout the city and state. His unfailing courtesy, affability and energy have done much to create a favorable impression of the Pere Marquette among the travelling public. If well wishes help him, Harry Jameson is assured of a large success in the automobile field.

Mr. Kearns has been travelling passenger agent of the Pere Marquette out of London three or four years. He went to London from Detroit, where he was employed several years in the union station ticket office. He began his railroad service with the Grand Trunk, serving in various capacities in London for about twelve years.

While granting that Mr. Kearns is well acquainted with the city, and that he is the right man in the right place, Londoners will be sorry to hear that he will be compelled to leave this city and take up his residence in Detroit. As a railway official, he has made very many friends in London, and his advancement was only to be expected. He is a prominent member of the Irish Benevolent Society, and is very popular with all. Mr. Kearns is a brother of Mr. Sam Kearns, also a London boy, who is now superintendent of the New York Central Railway at Syracuse. Mr. A. E. McLean, managing director of John Dromole & Co., wholesale crockery, is a brother-in-law.

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VICTORIA HOSPITAL IS CROWDED NOW

One Hundred and Seventy-Eight Pa-
tients in Institution Today.

Not for many months has Victoria Hospital been so crowded as it is at the present time. Today 178 patients were receiving treatment. Contagious diseases show no diminution, notwithstanding that many of the patients have put in their prescribed time and been discharged. Others have taken their places so rapidly that the number is not reduced, and there are still 20 scarlet fever patients and 15 diphtheria cases.

THE WEATHER
TOMORROW—FINE AND COLD.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Feb. 18.—8 a.m.
Fine and decidedly cold.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
London..... 10..... 4..... Fair
Halifax..... 4..... 4..... Fair
Winnipeg..... 10..... 20..... Clear
Port Arthur..... 2..... 28..... Cloudy
Perry Sound..... 16..... 24..... Clear
Toronto..... 14..... 6..... Cloudy
Ottawa..... 12..... 4..... Fair
Montreal..... 12..... 4..... Fair
Quebec..... 12..... 6..... Cloudy
Father Point..... 6..... 12..... Snow

Minus (—) means below zero.
The depression which was in the Southern States yesterday morning has now reached Nova Scotia. It has given moderate snowfalls in Southern Ontario, a general snowfall in Quebec and snow and rain in the Maritime Provinces.

DISASTROUS QUAKE ON ISLE OF CRETE

Canea, Crete, Feb. 18.—A severe earthquake was felt throughout Crete at 6.38 o'clock this morning. It was accompanied with violent subterranean explosions. In this city a number of buildings were damaged, and a minaret of the Mosque crashed through the dome. In the village of Vafrepetro a house collapsed burying six persons in the ruins.

CITY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST MAYOR BEATTIE MAKES CHARGE

Other Places Can Procure Land for Factory Sites, But London
Can Do Nothing—Windsor's Action Continues to Rankle
in Breasts of Local Civic Daddies.

Unfair discrimination against the city of London in the matter of purchasing land for factory sites was virtually stated by Mayor Beattie at noon today, when he was speaking at a meeting of the city council.

The question arose when the matter of Windsor purchasing several parcels of land to be used for factory sites came up. That city is going ahead, laying plans for an industrial campaign, and is in the way of offering inducements to manufacturers to start plants there. The privilege is denied London, while other cities are practically in the same position as Windsor.

Under Special Act.
"Windsor is acting under a special act," said his worship at noon today. "Some year or two ago that city obtained power from the Legislature to purchase land for this purpose, and is now carrying out that scheme. Windsor can give sites for factories, but we have no legal right to do so."

Last year we went to the Legislature and asked that we be allowed to

set aside \$100,000 for the purpose of purchasing factory sites. What did they do to it? Why, we had no chance whatever. Every member from these municipalities objected to our claims, and as a result it was thrown out with scant courtesy. That's our difficulty. What is fair for other municipalities is not fair for London."

A suggestion was made today that all the tax lands for sale be bought in by the city, and used for the purpose of factory sites. There are many parcels of land ready for sale at the present time, but on inquiry none of them were found to be suitable for such purposes. During the past few years there have been very few parcels of land sold that were of any use for factory sites.

Toronto and other cities in the past have kept large tracts of these lands for factory purposes, and have been enabled to compete more than successfully with other cities in the matter of obtaining industries.

MR. FOSTER NON-SUITED ON SLANDER CHARGE

Court, However, Allows Him to
Proceed With the Libel
Charge.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Feb. 18.—Justice Macgeon-suit Hon. George Foster on the slander charge of the action for \$50,000 against Dr. J. A. Macdonald, of the Globe, but allowed the plaintiff to proceed with the libel charge today.

GRAND TRUNK EASILY RIGHTED STRANDED CAR

Springbank Which Jumped
Over Embankment Was
Put Again on Rails.

Car No. 108, which jumped the tracks at the first cove yesterday, and shot down a 40-foot embankment, was hauled up the slope again late yesterday afternoon by the aid of the crane on the Grand Trunk auxiliary. The auxiliary was run up from the east bound main line of the Grand Trunk, and stood on the north track of the street railway while at work. The wrecking crew set to work in a businesslike way and it was not long before the car was up the hill and turned around and placed on the tracks again. The damage to the car will not amount to more than \$50. After it was replaced on the tracks the rear-end had to be picked up while fresh trucks were placed under, and then the car was taken to the barns to be overhauled.

The Mob Falls Back.
The mob fell back to the body of Halliday lay upon the steps of the courthouse all night, Sheriff Nellis refusing to allow anyone to enter the yard to remove the body until daylight. Early this morning the situation was critical, as people were worked up to fever heat. The mob first began working shortly after dark, and as soon as the talk of lynching reached the mob, killing Thomas Halliday, son of ex-Mayor Thomas W. Halliday, and wounding three others.

Governor Denison ordered Company K of Chairo to assemble, and to report to Sheriff Nellis, but Capt. W. D. Graney was unable to collect his men until after daylight this morning.

The militia company from Birmingham proceeded at once to Chairo, and it is expected to report here about 11 a.m.

RUN ON LICENSES SAYS THE INSPECTOR

People Are Now Anxious to
Buy Jewelry for Canines.

There is a run on dog tags now. Inspector McCallum is having a busy time, and the money is coming in rather freely.

Since the muzzling ordinance came into force, there have been about two hundred licenses taken out. At the present time 210 pups have official license to parade the avenues. The revenue received amounted to \$420, of course.

This is taken to be a healthy sign, and it is expected now that the revenue from dogs will be fully up to former years.

The inspector will be given a dog next week. When in Toronto Mayor Beattie ordered one more for the city. It will be about three feet across and four feet deep—sufficiently large to capture the most ferocious Fido.

A law relating to dogs will be considered on Monday, and it is expected that something will be done in the matter.

BITTEN BY A COLLIE IN SPITE OF MUZZLE

A Man and a Girl Attacked by
Savage Canine on Streets
of Woodstock.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Woodstock, Feb. 18.—Mary Kennedy, a fourteen-year-old girl, when returning from school last evening was savagely attacked and bitten by a collie dog which wore the regulation muzzle. The girl noticed the dog acting strangely, and then saw it attack a man behind her, who kicked it off before any harm was done. It then turned on the girl, and after tearing her coat sleeve in three places managed to scratch her arm with its teeth before being driven off. The girl was taken to a doctor, who cauterized and dressed the wound, and he does not anticipate any serious results from the bite as the skin was not broken. The mother of the girl, however, states that there was blood on her underclothing. The girl, though feeling sick, attended school this morning. The chief constable has ordered the dog to be penned up, awaiting developments.

VERY SUDDEN DEATH.
Norwood, Ont., Feb. 18.—Mrs. Edward Toms died very suddenly at her home, about two miles west of here, last night, of heart failure. Mrs. Toms had been in her usual good health all day and was ill only about ten minutes.