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TRIPLE TRAGEDY AT WALKERTON TWO SISTERS AND FRIEND DROWN

Gertie and Bertie Obrecht and Fred Clarke, All Well-Known Young People of Walkerton, Carried Over Dam and Drowned, Only One of Party Escaping.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Walkerton, May 24.—Gertie and Bertie Obrecht, sisters, aged 19 and 20 years, and Fred Clarke, aged 21, were drowned here last night while boating at the dam over, which their boat was carried. The bodies were recovered about four hours later.

The town is in a condition of gloom today over the painful drowning accident last night. The two young sisters who lost their lives were stenographers in offices in town, and personally held in high esteem. They were both handsome, clever girls. The event was feelingly referred to in all the churches today. At the conclusion

of a baseball match on Saturday evening they went for a boating on the Saugeen River, accompanied by two young men named Clarke and Smith. The latter is the only survivor of the party. In the enjoyment of the occasion they remained on the water until about 9 o'clock, and heedlessly let the boat drift down towards the dam. By this time it was too dark to notice their position. Smith is yet too dazed to give a clear account of how it happened, but it seems that the boat upset at the dam and sank. It was a metal boat and immediately disappeared. All the occupants went over the dam, and the two girls and Clarke were drowned. None of them could swim. Smith was able to swim and managed to reach the shore.

Hon. Adam Beck Made a "Killing" On Horse Race in Toronto Saturday

Is Said That London Horseman "Cleaned Up" Fully Ten Thousand Dollars.

One of the biggest killings ever known at the Woodbine track was made on Saturday, when Hon. Adam Beck's horse Photographer won the first race at the heavy odds of 30 to 1 to 7 to 1. It was stated that Mr. Beck "cleaned up" fully \$10,000 himself, although all sorts of rumors were afloat Saturday night about the winnings. Some romances placed the sum as high as \$200,000, but it is quite probable that the total winnings of the Minister of Power were in the neighborhood of \$10,000, or perhaps \$15,000.

A Good Thing.
For some time it has been known among the followers of the ponies in town that a "good thing" would be sprung at the Woodbine—that Photographer would be the dark horse in the first race at the Woodbine. The odds were a long time in the making. There was a big field of horses, a large contingent from London went

down to Toronto to be in for the killing. 30 To 1.
When the book was made for the first race, Photographer, who had done fair work in the spring trials, was posted at good odds, some books offering as high as 30 to 1, while the prevailing price was 20 to 1. Mr. Beck and his commissioners placed a lot of money at the prevailing odds. In fact, so great was the play that the odds were hammered down, until at last the Photographer was 7 to 1, and some books offered only 5 to 1.

Photographer won, and the Londoners came out with many thousands to the good.
There were a great number of others in town who played the horse by wire, and many are considerably richer for that reason.
This is not the first killing to Mr. Beck. Some few years ago he put Prodigality over at Detroit and cleaned up a large sum on that horse.
It was stated in Detroit papers that it was one of the most successful bets ever made at the Highland Park track.

WHITNEY'S "SQUARE DEAL" AND THE FARMER.

Hon. A. G. MacKay's Seventh Letter to the Electors of Ontario.

The following is the Hon. A. G. MacKay's seventh letter to the electors of Ontario, published simultaneously with the Toronto Globe, by courtesy of that paper:
Under the head of "More for Agriculture," at Page 14 of the campaign pamphlet issued by the Government, it is sought to show that the present administration have been more liberal to agriculture than their predecessors. Let us examine the figures given on this page. Not including expenditures on colonization roads, which, though given on this page belong to public works the expenditures are as follows: 1904, \$146,481; 1905, \$405,534; 1906, \$432,296; 1907, \$480,317. The total revenue of the Province for the same period was as follows: 1904, \$6,128,358; 1905, \$6,016,179; 1906, \$7,149,478; 1907, \$8,220,419.

AGRICULTURE NEGLECTED.
Surely it is fair argument to say that as the total revenue of the Province increased the expenditure upon our great basic industry, agriculture, should have increased proportionately. Had this occurred, the expenditures in the three years following 1904 (the last year of Liberal rule), would have been as follows: 1905, \$445,000, or an increase of \$40,000; 1906, \$520,894, or an increase of \$74,413; 1907, \$606,481, or an increase of \$160,000 over what was actually expended in these respective years. So that when the figures actually given in the Government's pamphlet are analyzed they show clearly that, as compared with other departments and expenditures, that of agriculture has been decidedly neglected.

A WONDERFUL DOCUMENT.
Again, let us make the comparison, taking relative actual expenditures as the basis: The total expenditure of the Province in 1904 was \$5,267,000; in 1907 it was \$7,714,000; the expenditure on agriculture in 1904 was \$446,481, in 1907 it was \$480,317; in other words, the total expenditure of the Province increased in the three years of Conservative rule 46½ per cent, while the expenditure on agriculture in the same three years increased only 7½ per cent. Had the amount expended on agriculture increased in proportion to the general expenditure of the Province, the amount allowed for agriculture last year would have been, not \$480,317, but \$654,094, or \$173,777 more than was actually expended, and still this wonderful campaign document argues that the present Government is doing "more for agriculture than its predecessors."
Again, although the increase as to expenditure on agriculture from 1904 to 1907 is but 7½ (while in the intervening two years, the amount was actually less) it will be found that the cost of civil government increased 46 per cent, charges on crown lands increased 88 per cent, miscellaneous services increased 42 per cent, colonization and immigration increased 16 per cent, while the amount paid to legal hangers-on of the Government increased 240 per cent.

The Government now appeal to the electors and ask for "a square deal." Have the Government the hardihood to say, in the face of the foregoing figures, that they, during their tenure of office, have given all classes a fair and square deal?

A. G. MacKay

TODAY IN LONDON.

9 a.m.—Y. M. C. A. annual road race from association's building on Wellington street.
10 a.m.—Baseball at Tecumseh Park, Niagara Falls vs. London.
10:30 a.m.—Baseball at Queen's Park, Ramblers vs. Stars.
2 p.m.—Bowling on Thistle Club and London Bowling and Rowing Club greens, annual president-vice-president match.
Quoting on Forest City Club's new grounds, Horton street.
2:30 p.m.—Baseball at Queen's Park, two games.
3 p.m.—Baseball at Tecumseh Park, London vs. Niagara Falls.
Excursion to Port Stanley on Pere Marquette and traction line.
Seventh Regiment leaves for Galt at 7:45 via C. E. R.
"The Lion and the Mouse," at the Grand tonight.
Mr. J. M. McEvoy will address a meeting at Springbank tonight.

POLITICAL GOSSIP

The reports of the campaign in West Middlesex are most encouraging. Mr. J. C. Elliott, the Liberal candidate, is doing splendidly. He has the whole Liberal party behind him, is certain of election, and will undoubtedly poll the largest vote ever cast for a Liberal candidate in that constituency.

Many Conservatives have signified their intentions of supporting Mr. Elliott, as no Conservative candidate will be placed in the field.
Gillson's Fine Fight.
Mr. John Gillson is putting up a sterling fight in East Middlesex. He is meeting with splendid success in his meetings, and is looked upon as a debater of more than unusual skill. Mr. Neely's spoils policy is far from popular in his constituency, and his wabbling policy on the temperance question has lost him many supporters.

Close in East Elgin.
East Elgin is, perhaps, the prettiest fighting grounds in Ontario, and the campaign there is exceedingly close. No winning candidate has ever had much of a majority there. In the last election Mr. C. W. Vonnacott, the Liberal, will do well. He is making a strong canvas and is doing well. Hon. A. G. MacKay will address the electors of Aylmer on Thursday evening.

West Elgin Coming Back.
Mr. F. W. Sutherland, the Liberal candidate in West Elgin, bids fair to bring this once Liberal stronghold back into line. He is proving an exceptionally strong candidate. In St. Thomas he is gaining friends rapidly, and it is thought that the Railroad City will do splendidly by one of its cleverest men. Mr. Sutherland's long and most successful municipal experience is telling heavily in his favor, and the outlook is that he will have a great majority there. In the rural parts Mr. Smith is also doing well. It has been pointed out that Mr. Finley McDiarmid the late member has been a member for ten years and has not played one item of legislation on the statute books. In fact he opposed the automobile bill, a bill especially brought in for the farmers. This is telling against him as is also the ferryman, which is considered a most unfair piece of legislation. Mr. Sutherland looks good to win.

North Middlesex.
The campaign in North Middlesex is a merry one, and every day Mr. Duncan C. Ross is making great headway. Mr. C. C. Hodgins, the late member, looked upon the gerrymander as a distinct gain to himself, but it is now acting as a boomerang. He is now fighting for his political life in a constituency that looked very safe for him at the beginning. Reports from every section point to the fact that Mr. Ross will be elected. He is making a strong personal canvass, and is meeting with great receptions.

FIRE AT STRATFORD.
Stratford, May 24.—Shortly after 5 o'clock this morning the Stratford Brewery, on Birmingham street, was discovered to be on fire. The firemen were quickly on hand and succeeded in confining the flames to one section of the building. A few hundred dollars will cover the loss.

LEMIEUX FREED.
Quebec, May 24.—Lionel Lemieux, the young lad who was charged with manslaughter on the ground that while bicycling he ran into and knocked down an aged man named Rochette last Saturday, was freed of the charge in the police court on Saturday by Judge Angers, the case being dismissed.

THE WEATHER.

TODAY—FINE AND WARM
Toronto, May 24.—The pressure is high from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces and Lower St. Lawrence, and in Alberta.
The weather is everywhere fine, except over Lake Superior, where a few showers are occurring.
Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 45-60; Vancouver, 49-60; Edmonton, 44-74; Prince Albert, 60-76; Calgary, 46-72; Regina, 44-60; Winnipeg, 46-70; Port Arthur, 45-68; Parry Sound, 44-78; Toronto, 54-72; Ottawa, 58-73; Montreal, 60-72; Quebec, 54-74; Halifax, 42-76.
FORECASTS
Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay: Moderate to fresh winds, mostly east and south; fine and warm.

LIBERAL MEETINGS THIS WEEK.

Mr. J. M. McEvoy, the Liberal candidate, has made preparations for a series of meetings to be held every night this week, excepting Saturday. Most of these will be open air meetings, a decided novelty in London.

The programme is as follows:
Monday Night—Springbank Park. Mr. McEvoy, Dr. Routledge, Mr. John Gillson and other Liberals will address this meeting.

Tuesday Night—Corner of Cheapside and Maitland streets, in the north end of the city. Mr. McEvoy, and other speakers will be present.

Wednesday Night—Queen's Park. The principal speakers of this meeting will be Mr. T. H. Preston, late member for South Brant, and the best-informed man on labor questions in the Provincial House. Mr. McEvoy and Mr. W. Jeffery will also speak. The chair will be occupied by Mr. F. G. Rumball.

Thursday Night—Gerry's Flats, South London. Mr. McEvoy and others will speak.

Friday Night—The great rally of the campaign in the Princess Rink to be addressed by HON. A. G. MACKAY, leader of the Liberals of Ontario. Mr. McEvoy the Liberal candidate and Mr. T. H. Purdom, K. C., will also speak at this meeting.

These meetings will undoubtedly be largely attended. All the leading questions of the day will be discussed frankly and openly.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

EAST END BOY BADLY INJURED FIREWORKS EXPLODE IN POCKET

Another Boy, It Is Said, Set Fire To Them—Robbie Moore Now in Victoria Hospital—Physician Says That He Will Recover.

The first Victoria Day accident this year occurred Saturday afternoon, when little Robbie Moore, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Moore, of 176 Rectory street, received burns which it was feared for a while might prove fatal.

Saturday afternoon, about 2:30, Robbie, who is a pupil at Chesley avenue school, returned home from the farm of Mr. Johnston, in London Township, west of the city, where he usually spent his holidays.

He informed his mother that he could stay until Monday as Mr. Johnston was ill.

Procured Firecrackers.
He remained in the house about ten minutes, when he went out for a walk with his little brother Norman. At a nearby grocery he purchased some firecrackers, placing two packages in his right pocket.

The boys then walked on to the Hamilton road, where a sewer is being constructed.

They were watching the men at work when Robbie suddenly discovered that his pocket was a-fire. He attempted to remove the crackers, but as he did they exploded, burning his hand badly and terribly injuring him about the legs and abdomen.

Had it not been for the presence of

mind of his brother Norman and a playmate named Shortt he would undoubtedly have been burned to death.

Boys Saved Him.

They threw him to the ground. His brother filled his pockets with the wet sand of the trench, while Shortt cut open his trousers with his jackknife and removed the exploding firecrackers.

Although in great pain, Robbie ran to his home with his brother and told his mother what had happened.

She did not think the burns were serious at first, but later called Dr. Seaborn.

The little fellow was very plucky, although it was necessary to hold him down while the doctor was dressing the injuries.

The skin on his right leg was very badly burned while his flesh was fearfully lacerated.

The city ambulance was called and removed him to Victoria Hospital where he will be confined for a long time.

Will Recover.

Dr. Seaborn says he will recover. If any complications set in his case will be more serious.

It is not known how the firecrackers became ignited, but it is understood that one of the boys with whom he was playing thrust a burning match into his pocket, without realizing the possible effect of his "joke."

Trolleys Crash at the Capital Many Passengers Cruelly Crushed

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, May 24.—The opening of the holiday season was marred today when two street cars returning from Britannia collided with serious results. A small car ran into the rear of a larger car by reason of the controller breaking or refusing to act. Both cars were filled with citizens returning from the summer resorts and three were seriously injured by the impact.

Chas. Byrne, a lad, had his left leg taken off, and Fred Byrne, his brother, had his leg crushed and one broken. Mrs. Driscoll had both legs crushed. Eight others were less seriously hurt. The motorman escaped with a few scratches and the large number of other passengers had marvelous escapes.

The larger car was at once utilized to carry the injured to the hospital where operations were necessary on the first three.

Registration was completed on Saturday, with the largest number of registered voters of any day during the week.

The total number of names placed on the lists is about 2,500, which is considered a very good record.

The registered vote on Saturday was about 800.

Up to that time 1,707 had been placed on the list so that the total is about 2,500.

Both parties are well satisfied, and each claims that it has a majority of the vote.

Empire Day in Quebec.

Quebec, May 24.—Empire Day was fittingly observed yesterday in the schools, under the control of the Protestant board of school commissioners, at which addresses appropriate to the day were delivered, and programmes of songs rendered by the pupils.

Flags were conspicuous today on all public buildings and private residences in honor of Victoria Day.

CONGREGATIONS MOVED TO TEARS BISHOP M'EVAY ISSUES CIRCULAR

EMPIRE DREAMS
By the Rev. Dyson Hague
Dreams of Empire! Dreams of Empire! Britain's sway and Britons' trust! Yet the dream of dreams of Empire Is the Empire all for Christ. Yes, be it ours a grander Empire, As the Empire's sons to bring. The whole world won to God Our Savior And all men hailing Christ as King. London, Empire Day, 1908.

HAMILTON HEADS INTERNATIONALS

Defeats the Yankees in Final of Series and Goes To the Top.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Hamilton, May 23.—By hitting the ball hard the Hamilton ball team took the last of the series from Niagara Falls here today, and as a result are now lodged at the top of the International Baseball League. The local fans were treated to another good game, long pitching good ball for Hamilton, while the latter got to Comerford for twelve good hits. A running catch by McMillan, which resulted in a double play, was a feature of the game.

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Niagara Falls.....01100000—2 5 2

FORTY INJURED BY A RUNAWAY CAR

New York, May 24.—Forty persons were injured, two of them fatally, when a runaway trolley car crashed into another at Bayonne, N. J., today. The most seriously hurt were Frank Henderson, motorman of the runaway car, whose right leg was cut off at the thigh in the crash, and John Tyler, conductor of the other car, who was pinned in the wreckage and badly crushed.

Passengers in both cars were hurled from their seats by the shock, but it is believed all escaped with slight injuries. The runaway car was traveling fully thirty miles an hour when it crashed into the other car which was going in the same direction on the same track.

EXPLODED AND FELL

Sixteen Persons Injured by Explosion of Airship Gas Bag.

Oakland, Cal., May 24.—The great Morelli airship, the largest ever constructed, collapsed on its trial trip today, when about 300 feet above the ground, and dashed the sixteen occupants of the car to the earth. No one was killed, but all were seriously injured, suffering broken legs and arms and probably internal injuries.

The ascension was made in view of many thousand spectators, including many women, some of whom fainted when the accident happened.

The airship was 400 feet long, and carried 500 cubic feet of gas. It was propelled by six 40-horsepower engines.

While adjusting part of the harness of the horse he was driving Saturday, John Sigsworth, driver for French & Co., frightened the horse. It commenced to kick viciously, striking him in the ribs with one foot.

Sigsworth was knocked down, and the horse ran away. The wagon passed over him, cutting him over the eye.

The injuries to Sigsworth are very painful, and will lay him up for some time. A couple of ribs are fractured and his eye was cut.

A Quiet Wedding.

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Saturday afternoon at the residence of Mr. H. G. Martin, Hamilton road, when Miss Alice Evelyn Mannington was united in marriage to Mr. Joseph Burch. The young couple were unattended, and there were but a few intimate friends of the couple present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. Lowe, rector of St. Matthew's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Burch will reside with Mr. Martin for the time being.

A Peculiar Accident.

While coming out of the Grand Opera House on Saturday evening a stranger walked out on the street. An express wagon was coming down the street, but the stranger did not notice it. He was knocked down and the wagon ran over him. The crowd thought he certainly would be killed, or else badly injured. After the rig had passed the man got up, brushed off his trousers, asked the crowd what the matter was, and walked away. He was not even scratched.

People Officially Notified That He Must Leave London.

DEPARTS SOME TIME IN JUNE

A Windsor Priest Appointed To Administer the Affairs of the Diocese.

Circular.
To the Very Rev. and Rev. Clergy of the Diocese of London: Rev. and Dear Father,—At the earliest opportunity I desire to inform you and your good people that our Holy Father Plus X. has been pleased to transfer me—although unworthy—from the See of London to the Archbishopric of Toronto, through illness, of His Grace Archbishop O'Connor.

The pontifical brief is dated April 13, 1908, and was handed to me on May 21 by the Most Rev. Donatus Sbarretti, D.D., Archbishop of Ephesus and apostolic delegate to Canada, and I am therefore obliged to cancel all my appointments for confirmation and episcopal visitations in the Diocese of London.

The Right Rev. Monsignor Meunier, of Windsor, is authorized to act as administrator of the diocese until further notice. I take this occasion to thank most sincerely the reverend clergy, the religious communities and faithful laity of the Diocese of London for all the kindness, goodwill and hearty co-operation received from them. They always helped to make the yoke sweet and the burden light, and I part from them with the deepest regret, and pray Almighty God to bless you all, and ask a continuance of your prayers, including the prayers of the children.

F. P. McEVAY,
Archbishop of Toronto,
London, May 22, 1908.

The above circular was read yesterday at the morning services in both St. Peter's Cathedral and St. Mary's Church and was listened to most attentively by the congregations. Archbishop McEvoy will leave London some time during June, the exact date of his removal not being as yet known.

In the meantime, Monsignor Meunier, of Windsor, will administer the affairs of the diocese.

Rev. Father Aylward read the circular at St. Peter's.

The congregation was visibly affected, and many tears were shed because of the removal of his lordship, who had, indeed, endeared himself unto his people.

Father Aylward made a most feeling reference to his lordship, and the sentiments expressed were much appreciated by the congregation.

Father Aylward's Tribute.
It is with mingled feelings of joy and regret that I announce the removal of his lordship," said Father Aylward.

"I am very much pleased at the distinguished honor done him in his elevation to the Archbishopric of Toronto. I very sincerely regret his removal from the Diocese of London.

"During his term of office he has indeed been a father in God to us. He has endeared himself to us very much, and he is bound to us by the closest possible ties.

"We regret his removal from us, but we rejoice because he has been honored of the church.

"We will follow him with our prayers and best wishes, and hope for him the greatest possible success in the great work he has to do."

Congregation Wept.
Many in the congregation wept during the sermon, and at times Father Aylward's voice was quite choked with emotion.

He spoke of the former bishops of London who had been transferred to the Archbishopric of Toronto.

The late Archbishop Walsh was a former bishop of London, and a man of the loftiest ideals and noble character.

Father Aylward also spoke of the saintliness of character of Archbishop O'Connor, who had to retire from the archbishopric on account of ill-health.

Archbishop O'Connor was still greatly beloved in the Diocese of London, and he prayed that many years of usefulness would be spared him for the church.

In St. Mary's Church.
At St. Mary's Church Father Tobin also paid a glowing tribute to Bishop McEvoy.

In the removal of his lordship, the (Continued on Page Five.)