

## MAYOR BEATTIE WILL OPEN CEMENT CONVENTION TONIGHT A BIG DISPLAY IN THE RINK

Exhibits Are Nearly All in Place and the Building Presents a Very Fine Appearance—Decorations Are Splendid—Big Programme Has Been Prepared and the Convention Will Get Down to Business Tomorrow.

The cement convention is almost a fact now. This morning there was a very busy scene in the Princes-Rink, that has been stripped of its sheet of ice, and now has quite a sumptuous appearance with its hundreds of flags, its bunting and palms, and everything calculated to make the place attractive. The rink is lighted with a large number of arc lamps, which make the building as bright as day.

All this morning a large gang of men were working arranging the booths, placing the heavy exhibits in position and erecting decorative displays, and the exhibit bids fair to be one of the most successful exhibitions ever held in the city. There are some thirty exhibitors, and practically every available inch of space has been taken, and there will be little connected with the cement industry that will not be presented when the displays are all set up this evening.

The exhibitors are as follows: Whetlafer Bros. and Company; Canadian Concrete and Cement Review; John T. Hapburn, Toronto; Scott Machine Company, London; Summers Bros. Manufacturing Company, Urbana, Ill.;

Diamond Concrete Manufacturing Company, Chicago; Peerless Brick Machine Company, Minneapolis; Trussed Concrete Steel Company, Toronto and Walkerville; Ideal Concrete Machinery Company, London; London Concrete Machinery Company, London; Dennis Wire and Iron Company, London; Roman Stone Company, Toronto; United States Gypsum Company, Chicago; Down Draft Furnace Company, Galt; W. J. Anthistle, London; Canada Foundry Company, Toronto; Alfred Rogers, Toronto; Canadian Art Stone Company, Toronto; London Engine Supply Company, London; D. D. Smith, Elmira; Rapid Cement Machinery Company, St. Paul; Crapp Concrete Machinery Company, Chicago; E. R. Fenner, Chicago; McCall, Culvert Core Company, Winfield, Iowa; W. R. Golt Company, Port Erie, C. S. West, Kendallville, Ind.; London Foundry Company, London; H. Kilborne, London; R. North, London.

Already a number of representative manufacturers are present, engaged in superintending the erection of their exhibits, but the bulk of those interested in the convention are not expected to arrive until tomorrow.

## DIG BREWERIES IN A MERGER LOCAL CONCERNS NOT IN IT

Syndicate Bought Up Soo Falls Brewery and It Is Said Sudbury Brewery Is Also To Be Taken Over—Talk of a Merger for Whole of Ontario.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Sault Ste. Marie, March 27.—Representatives of a Toronto syndicate have just closed a deal for the Soo Falls Brewery for \$300,000. Sudbury Brewery, it is also reported, has passed under the same control. It is believed to be the beginning of a big merger to control all breweries in Ontario.

"That is the first intimation I have had of the matter," said Mr. T. H. Carling, manager of the Carling City company. "We have received no notification of the merger, nor have we been approached. It must have transpired suddenly. I was in Toronto the other day and spoke to several of the brewers there, but they gave me no intimation of any proposed merger. It may be possible that a merger is under way, but I know nothing of it."

Mr. John Labatt, owner of Labatt's Brewery, is out of the city, and could not be interviewed. The office staff knew nothing of the proposed merger. It was all news to them. However, Mr. Labatt is expected back on Tuesday.

Mr. Jos. Hamilton, of the London Brewery, stated that he knew nothing of the matter. "I know nothing of the merger," said Mr. Hamilton. "I have received no offer, nor have I been consulted in any way. It is all news to me."

Mr. J. W. W. Dispatch. Chatham, March 28.—While returning home early Sunday morning, John Tewksbury, bachelor of the Carling City, was knocked down by a horse-drawn wagon, and the driver, a farmer named O'Neil, reports having been struck on the head in the Township House yard and left there for some time.

ALL THE WATER CARTS  
WILL SOON BE READY  
In the Meantime All the Citizens  
Have to Do Is Swallow  
the Dust.

Four water carts are now doing duty on the pavements of the city. On Friday the whole force will be placed in commission, and street watering will then be done in earnest.

There were many complaints registered at City Engineer Graydon's office this morning regarding the condition of the streets yesterday.

"We did not sprinkle the streets yesterday," said Mr. Graydon. "As a matter of fact, we never do this work on Sunday, although it would be a decided advantage to the citizens. We will commence street watering in earnest on April 1."

A FASHIONABLE WEDDING  
Miss Eva Holmes Becomes the Bride  
of Mr. Arthur Chichester-Studd,  
of England.

A quiet but fashionable wedding was solemnized at 2:30 this afternoon in St. James' Episcopal Church, South London, when Miss Eva Holmes, eldest daughter of Colonel Holmes, formerly D. G. C. here, was married to Mr. Arthur Chichester-Studd, son of Mr. Studd, of England. The ceremony was performed by Very Rev. Dean Davis, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Naomi Holmes, and Mr. Hartley Greene was best man. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Among the relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. Marpole, of Vancouver, who arrived in a private car this morning.

## REV. MR. VINING WILL LEAVE LONDON

Pastor of Talbot Street Baptist Church Has Sent in His Resignation to the Board.

HE WILL GO TO EUROPE

Baptist University Is To Be Founded There—Congregation Deeply Deplore the Loss of Their Shepherd.

At the evening service in the Talbot Street Baptist Church last night, Rev. A. J. Vining announced to his congregation that he had decided to accept the call to found a Baptist University in Europe, and said that he expected to leave Canada about the middle of July.

Mr. Vining will proceed to London, England, and will then travel on the continent familiarizing himself with conditions in the different countries.

Going to Russia. In September he will, with Dr. Clifford, Mr. Shakespear, and Mr. E. B. Meyer, attend a large gathering to be held in Moscow. In October he is to give addresses at the meeting of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, which meets in Glasgow.

After that Mr. Vining will return to Canada, and will spend the winter raising funds to endow the university which is to be founded.

Resignation Regretted. His resignation was received with general regret, although at the same time there was a feeling of joy among the congregation at their pastor being chosen for such an important work.

Mr. Vining has been in London about two years and a half, and came here from London, England.

Before that time he was superintending of the mission work in the Northwest, and made a name for himself by the success which followed his efforts there.

RICHARD WILLIS WILL  
HAVE MILITARY TRIAL  
Was Discharged in Police Court  
and Given Over to Barracks  
Authorities.

At this morning's session of the police court, Richard Willis, arrested some days ago in Toronto on a charge of deserting from Wolsley Barracks and also of stealing from a barrack, was discharged and taken to the barracks under guard to stand trial by court-martial. The date of the trial has not yet been arranged.

A citizen charged with allowing his dog to run at large without a muzzle was found guilty and fined \$2.

A drayman who did not have a license was fined \$1.

HUSBAND FOUND MAN  
TALKING TO WIFE  
Desperate Fight Was the Result  
and Both Men Landed in  
Police Court.

Two men figured in the most spectacular street fight seen in London for some time last night.

One, while out for an evening walk, found the other talking to his wife on the street near the corner of Dundas and Park avenue, and immediately started to "beat him up."

The men fought fiercely for some minutes, and a crowd of several hundred people gathered to watch them.

The "other" man was getting badly used up, and had lost several teeth, and had much blood about his face when P. C. McRae arrived on the scene.

He took the husband in custody, and the "other" man north on Clarence street. He was in such a battered condition that P. C. Wallace Walker, who was coming down, arrested him, and took him to the station.

This morning the men appeared before Acting Magistrate Beattie, and the outsider was fined \$3 and the husband \$2. Both were warned not to repeat such conduct on the streets again.

COLLINGWOOD LADY  
RUN OVER BY TRAIN  
[G. N. W. Dispatch.] Toronto, March 28.—Mrs. James MacDonald, of Collingwood, had one of her legs cut off, and was otherwise seriously injured, at the Davenport station this morning by a train. Mrs. MacDonald had been visiting friends in the city over the Easter holidays and had gone to the station to take the train for home. Noticing a southbound train, she stepped on the tracks to cross to the other side of the station, when she was struck. She is now in the Western Hospital, and her condition is serious.

WOODSTOCK MAN  
MUST BEHAVE HIMSELF  
Thomas Montgomery Raised a Row at a Local Hotel.

Thomas Montgomery, of Woodstock, acted in such a disorderly manner in the Hodgins House on Saturday evening that he had to be thrown out. He remained outside the hotel, and invoked all kinds of vengeance on the house and everything in it in such strong terms that a policeman who happened along took him in charge for being drunk and disorderly. In court this morning Magistrate Beattie told Montgomery that he must behave himself after this when he comes to town, and fined him \$2.

## EIGHT U. S. JACKIES KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF BIG GUN

The Breech Lock of a Three Inch Gun On the Cruiser Charleston Blown Off During Target Practice Near Manila.

[Associated Press.] Manila, March 28.—The report that a fatal accident had occurred on the United States cruiser Charleston was confirmed today. Eight men were killed and several others slightly injured.

The cause of the explosion is not known. Rear-Admiral John Hubbard, commander in chief of the Asiatic fleet, has ordered an investigation. The bodies of the victims will be buried at Cavite. The Charleston, which is Rear-Admiral Hubbard's flagship, today returned to the firing range. Her commanding officer is Commander John H. Gibbins.

## LOOKS LIKE A MERRY FIGHT BETWEEN CITY AND COMPANY

It Is Said the People of London Will Be Given Lighting at 4-1-2 Cents Per Kilowatt Hour—London Electric Company Will Be Compelled to Meet This Rate—An Interesting Situation.

Domestic lighting will be furnished the citizens, it is said, for four and one-half cents a kilowatt hour, according to reports received at the city hall. This will be the net price after the discount has been arrived at for Niagara power. This is practically cutting the price in two, as at present the cost is 9 cents a kilowatt hour net.

The London Electric Company will probably meet that rate, although they have not definitely decided this to be the case. Some time ago it was officially announced that the company would meet any rate offered by the city. This, it was explained, could be done by the installation of improved machinery, which they intend putting in. However, Mr. C. B. Hunt, the manager, today refused to discuss rates at all.

The rate fixed by the commissioners, rather, shortly to be fixed, will put London in a good position, so far as domestic lighting is concerned.

Cost at the Falls. Mayor Dour, of Niagara Falls, Ont., where there is an abundance of power, stated to The Advertiser that domestic lighting cost 4½ cents a kilowatt hour in that city, although they were contemplating a lower rate.

That being the case, London is not at a serious disadvantage, and will furnish domestic lighting at as favorable terms as any municipality in the power zone.

Cost of City Lighting. The London Electric at the present time furnishes light for the city at 5 cents a kilowatt hour. This includes the public buildings, etc., but not for street lamps, which cost 23 cents per night.

The special rate is due to the fact that the city is making a big effort to push domestic lighting. It is the easiest method of obtaining a profit, and they are confident that they can make considerable money for the city on this part of the power system.

NO GRIEVANCES  
AGAINST HOTELS  
Mr. D. A. McDermid Announces  
That There Are No Complaints to Make This Time.

ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 19  
Walper House May Change Hands—Few Other Changes in the Management of Local Hostleries.

The annual meeting of the London board of license commissioners for the renewal of licenses for the year will be held on April 19. This was decided at the weekly meeting of the commissioners on Saturday night.

There will be few changes in the personnel of the license holders when the renewals are granted.

The Walper House may change hands in the interim, and a transfer will have to be granted if it does. So far as can be learned, that is the only hotel affected.

The London Temperance League have no grievance to present to the commissioners at this time.

"We will be represented at the meeting," said Mr. D. A. McDermid. "But we have no objections to make at this time. We will hold our annual meeting on April 1, and there may be something to develop at that. There is nothing now that I am aware of."

FUNERAL OF MR.  
FRANK H. STONEMAN  
Remains Were Interred in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The funeral of Mr. Frank H. Stoneman was held this afternoon from the family residence, 585 Central avenue, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, and was very largely attended. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Manning, of the Dundas Centre Methodist Church. The employees of the Wortman & Ward foundry attended the funeral in a body, and walked from the house to the grave.

The pallbearers were Messrs. William Scott, Alex. Scott, T. E. Pound, J. E. Doble, W. D. Wortman and Frank H. Spry. Among the beautiful floral offerings were a number of designs from the John Morrow Seres Company, of Ingersoll; a broken column from Wortman & Ward's; and wreaths from friends throughout the city. Among those attending the funeral were Miss Helen Stoneman, of Buffalo, and Mr. J. H. Custer, of Ingersoll.

CAPEHART GOES BACK. Montreal, March 28.—John Capehart, the former United States navy lieutenant, arrived here Saturday, and is wanted by the Hartford police on a charge of abduction and forgery. He waived extradition proceedings, and returned to Hartford in charge of a detective, Anna Beecher, the girl who ran away with Capehart and was with him when the arrest took place, went home with her father.

## TAFT SURRENDERS TO CANADA SECURES SMALL CONCESSIONS

Tariff Conference at the U. S. Capital Concludes With Notable Victory for the Dominion—Announcement To Be Made on Wednesday.

Washington, D. C., March 27.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, and Hon. George F. Graham, minister of railways, acting on behalf of the Canadian Government, at the White House, agreed to grant the United States enough tariff concessions to justify President Taft in giving the Dominion, in return, the benefit of the minimum schedules on April 1. The President will issue a proclamation to that effect on March 30, immediately after he returns from a visit to New York, where he goes on Monday to attend the annual dinner of his own class of Yale. Secretary of State Knox issued a statement yesterday afternoon in which he announced that the negotiations begun at Albany had ended satisfactorily, and that a proclamation of the happy outcome would be made at Ottawa and Washington next Wednesday.

The White House conference lasted an hour, and in addition to the President and Secretary of State Knox there were present on behalf of the United States the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Franklin MacVeagh, Chairman Emory, of the tariff board, and Charles M. Pepper, the tariff expert of the state department.

War Averted. "We are not at liberty to make public any details," said Mr. Fielding after the conference, "beyond the fact that the negotiations may now be declared to have reached a stage satisfactory to both sides, and that there will be no tariff war between the two countries. Each side was anxious to avoid a tariff war."

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## POSTAL MEN WANT INCREASE PETITION IS NOW IN CIRCULATION

Suggestion Is Made That the Salaries Be Made \$500 a Year to Start With and Run Up to \$1,500—Inside Men and Railway Clerks Affected.

A petition, which, it is believed, originated in Toronto, and after being largely signed in that city and in Hamilton, came here, is in circulation at the time of this issue, and is forwarded to Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, asking for an increase in wages for the inside men in the postoffice and the men in the railway mail service.

For some time there has been considerable dissatisfaction at the wages, and although communications have been sent to headquarters several times, the only result has been replies to the effect that the matter would receive consideration.

The Present Wages. Under the present scale the wages start at \$400 per annum and rise by \$50 a year to a maximum of \$1,200.

It is suggested that the department make the minimum salary \$500, raising it every year \$100 until \$1,500 is reached.

The men argue that the increased cost of living makes it impossible for them to live on the former wages, and that they feel justified in asking an increase on this ground. The petition will be circulated all through Western Ontario.

## DOG TAGS STOLEN IN ALL QUARTERS

Very Many Complaints Have Been Registered With Inspector McCallum.

Dog tags are being stolen with startling frequency this spring. Inspector McCallum has had more complaints registered on this score than ever in the past.

The reason given is that the dogs are muzzled, and can easily be robbed of their identification tags. The fact that the tags are now worth \$2 has something to do with it also.

"I have had numerous complaints on this score," said Inspector McCallum. "I am anxious to get the dogs to keep their receipts, and later in the season we will have no trouble in rounding up the people who have tags that do not belong to them. Then there may be trouble."

## VAST COAL AREAS IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

T. and N. O. Railway Commissioners Make Rich Discovery But Will Not Tell Location.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Ont., March 28.—The Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Company commissioners have been making some explorations in the wilds of Northern Ontario, and as a result of their endeavors what looks like a vast area of good coal has been discovered and samples are being tested. The commissioners have been keeping the matter a secret until tests should have been made. No one in the secret will say in what locality the discovery has been made.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.  
New York, March 28.—Arrived: Columbia, from Glasgow; La Sable, Naples, Philadelphia, etc.—Arrived: Carthagenian, Glasgow.

Queensdown—Arrived: Baltic, New York; Moxley-Caled, California, New York; Southampton—Arrived: St. Louis, New York.

St. John—Arrived: Lake Champlain, Liverpool.

Bremen—Arrived: Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, New York; Victoria, New York; Liverpool—Arrived: Virginian, St. John; Agnes—Called: Coptic, Boston.

Guantanamo—Arrived: Coptic, New York; Trieste—Arrived: Alice, New York; Genoa—Called: Ancona, New York; Barcelona—Arrived: Montserrat, New York.

Punta Delgada—Called: Samio, New York.

Hanfax—Arrived: Volturino, Rotterdam; Dominion, Liverpool.

Saragossa, Mass., March 28.—Steamer Chicago, from Havre for New York, was docked late today or 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Accompanied by New York, Steamer Nieuw Amsterdam, from Rotterdam; Martha Washington, Trieste.

Montreal, March 28.—The Allan Line steamer Cornithian, from St. John, N.B., for Havre and London, arrived at Havre on Saturday night.

PLEADED GUILTY.  
Niagara Falls, March 28.—Charles W. Scott, of Montreal, arrested here Saturday for passing a false check for \$15 on Mr. F. Frick, appeared before Magistrate Fraser this morning. He pleaded guilty and was remanded for sentence.

Garage Burned.  
Plainfield, N.J., March 28.—Twenty-two automobiles were destroyed and eighteen damaged when fire swept the garage of Brook Brothers, one of the largest in the state. Most of the machines were the property of residents of this city. This loss is estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The entire fire department of the city was called and was reinforced by the fire company of North Plainfield.