

## DEVELOP THE LAKE TRADE AND BOOST LONDON BUSINESS

Board of Trade Likely to  
Take the Matter Up and  
Visit Cleveland.

### CHATHAM ALIVE TO SITUATION

Maple City Is Going Ahead With  
a Scheme to Pull Business  
to That Place.

The London board of trade may get in touch with the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce relative to the development of shipping over the L. and P. S. Railway and the Southwestern Traction Company.

The Chatham board of trade has already taken steps in this direction, and will make a big effort to divert trade across the lake to that city.

The matter has been brought to the attention of the local board by several prominent merchants, and there is no doubt that something will be done in this line.

They point out that there is a very great body of trade from that city that can be diverted over the city's railway, and that if a systematic effort was made to get in touch with the Cleveland businessmen, a very great deal of advantage might accrue to London.

Big Business.  
"There is undoubtedly a great deal of trade going over other roads that could be brought to this city and distributed," said a leading businessman today. "In Cleveland there are half a million people, thousands of whom have goods to ship to this country. They are farmers, and the lake, and the possibilities along this line are very great."

"In addition, Cleveland is the centre of a trolley system, the greatest in the country. Traction lines run in all directions opening up a vast stretch of country. There are early fairs, etc., that could and should come over this line."

Develop Trade.  
"What I mean to point out is this—there is a trade there, that if properly developed, would yield a great revenue to the city railway, and benefit the city of London greatly."

"I remember the time that every ton of coal used in London came over the London and Port Stanley Railway. Now there is scarcely a ton of hard coal coming that way."

"I am convinced that if proper arrangements could be made, a large portion of this coal could be brought over our own road, and the Southwestern road to the great advantage of this city."

A Coal Road.

"If you remember the chief argument used in the L. and P. S. was that it would be a coal road, giving this city a decided advantage in this commodity. As a matter of fact it has practically failed of that purpose, although there is a great deal of coal for manufacturing purposes coming in through the Port."

Chatham Is Awake.

"I understand the citizens of Chatham are nurturing the prospects of boat connection, and the board of trade there will make an attempt to get in touch with the Cleveland board of trade, and discuss the question of traffic from every angle. The trade between the two cities can be developed, there is no doubt, and the local board of trade should carefully canvass the situation, and see what can be done along this line."

Although attempts made to run boats across the lake in the past failed, that is no criterion that a success cannot be made of it now. As I mentioned before, there are half a million people in Cleveland, and the traction lines touch many millions more, and there is no reason why advancement in trade cannot be made along all lines."

A Hard Coal Line.  
It is understood that all the hard coal comes via Erie, Pa. There is some talk of a line of boats from that port to Port Stanley to carry hard coal, but so far nothing definite has been learned.

It is said that a great deal will depend on the attitude of the Dominion Government on the request that Port Stanley be declared a port of call, and that a breakwater being built out on the east side.

Several members of the board of trade will bring the matter up at the next meeting, and it is predicted that one of the first trips the new boat makes across the lake will be that on which members of the boards of trade from London and Chatham will be on board to discuss the trade situation.

### STRIKE OF 27,000 AGAIN SEEMS LIKELY

U. S. Commissioner of Labor  
Unable to Bring About Peace  
With Firemen.

Chicago, March 21.—A strike of 27,000 on forty-seven railroads, seems imminent. When C. P. Neill, United States commissioner of labor, met the representative of the Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen and Engineers, and the general managers of the forty-seven railroads today, a peaceful settlement appeared as far away as ever. It was generally believed that today's session would be the last of the conference.

Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the inter-state commerce commission, returned to Washington Saturday night. It appears that he has given up the mediation conferences as hopeless.

### REVIVAL OF MINISTRELS IS MAKING A HIT

Liberals Are Working Hard and  
Will Put on a Splendid  
Performance.

The revival of the old-time Liberal Minstrels promises to be a great success. Practices are being held almost every evening, and the chorus work is well nigh perfect at the present time.

Mr. A. Robson has completed the elevated platform to be used in the first act, and all the other details have been arranged for. New costumes are being made, and the show promises to be one of the real hits of the season.

All the latest New York song successes are being used, and a large orchestra composed of London's best musicians will furnish the music. The dates set for the show are April 14 and 15, and there is no doubt a very large crowd will attend both performances.

There will be practices tonight and tomorrow night.

## WHY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CANNOT JOIN THE SECULAR TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES

Trenchant Arraignment of the Drinking Habit Together With a  
Explanation of the Church's Position on the Great  
Question, Especially in London.

Rev. Father Tobin, assistant rector of St. Mary's Church, East London, Sunday night gave the reasons why the Catholic Church cannot and will not join hands with the secular temperance bodies of London in the effort to suppress the liquor traffic.

"It is not because the church is opposed to such work," said Father Tobin, "or because the church does not recognize the fact that liquor, when drunk to excess, is a curse."

"The view of many of these temperance societies is heretical," declared the priest, "because they claim that liquor itself is bad, whereas we know that it is not. It is one of the works of Almighty God. It is the

abuse of liquor that is bad. Away back in the third century, and again in the thirteenth, we find sects arising who claimed that the use of liquor and of flesh meat was sinful. But the church combatted this view, and showed that it was only the abuse of liquor that was to be condemned."

Antagonistic to Church.

"Again, the church cannot help but take cognizance of the fact that many of the men who are prominently engaged in the work of temperance are also men who make it a habit to take part in demonstrations against the church, and sit on platforms where the church is slandered and abused. Com-

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## P. M. MAY ASK A NEW LEASE AND ELECTRIFY L. AND P. S. R.

Latest Story Is to the Effect That Present Operators of the Line  
Are Seriously Contemplating This Move—Others Are  
Said To Be Going Into the Proposition.

The next proposition to lease the London and Port Stanley Railway will carry with it an offer to electrify the road.

It was stated this afternoon on excellent authority that one or more companies are considering a proposal to electrify the line, and will, when the time comes, submit an offer.

The details of the scheme are somewhat vague, as the question is being merely figured out, but from what can be learned a proposition will be sent to the board shortly.

According to The Advertiser's informant, the Pere Marquette have looked into the question a little, and will undoubtedly go much further.

Not Serious Proposition.

They are in touch with some of the leading men interested in this city's progress, and are obtaining information as to the scheme.

It is claimed, that with the present roadbed, the problem of electrifying the line is not so serious a proposition, and that it can be done at a reasonable cost.

A couple of electric locomotives would handle the freight business, and

the passenger traffic could be handled by means of traffic cars.

The hydro-electric commission will be got in touch with the company, and all the information they possess will be given to them in order to facilitate the work.

Several Offers.

"Such a proposition would be of great value," said a leading businessman in discussing the idea. "The company could make us an offer along that line, and I am quite confident from what I have learned that there will be at least one company, perhaps more, that will make us an offer."

"It is a somewhat difficult matter to get the citizens of London to vote in favor of a money bill, but if the company makes us an offer to electrify the road, giving us a rental, and perhaps a percentage of the receipts, I do not see why we should not accept it. The value of the road will be increased greatly."

"The Pere Marquette lease has three more years to run, and they will have to be done, as it would not be fair to themselves, the city to wait until the last minute before anything is done."

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

Yesterday's Weather.

The disturbance which was north of Lake Superior on Saturday, based eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, accompanied early yesterday morning by thunderstorms in Ontario and Quebec, and local showers in the Maritime Provinces. The sunnier weather continued throughout the Western Provinces.

Temperatures.

8 a.m. Min. Max.

London, Saturday .....

London, Sunday .....

London, Monday .....

Calgary .....

Winnipeg .....

Port Arthur .....

Toronto .....

Ottawa .....

Montreal .....

Quebec .....

Father Point .....

Atlin .....

Port Simpson .....

Vancouver .....

Edmonton .....

Prince Albert .....

Moos Jaw .....

Qu'Appelle .....

Halifax .....

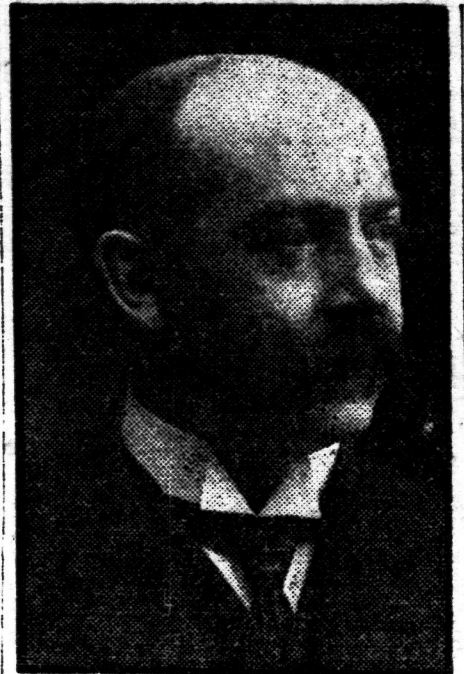
Forecasts.

Today—Southwest winds; fine and mild.

Tomorrow—Strong southwest and west winds; showery.

Weather Notes.

Showers and thunderstorms were general during Sunday morning in Ontario and Quebec. The weather continues warm in the Western Provinces, and temperatures of over 70 were recorded yesterday in parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan.



MAYOR BEATTIE.  
Who says he will support the change proposed in Victoria Hospital, if poor man is given a chance to say whether or not a clinic shall be held.

### SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR CHATTERSON

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]  
Woodstock, Ont., March 21.—Louis Chatterson, who last week confessed to firing a building and then robbing the firemen's quarters in their absence, was allowed to go on suspended sentence this morning.

## RIVER THAMES AGAIN SWOLLEN FIVE FEET GOING OVER DAM

Warm Rain and Summer Weather of Sunday Cause the Swamps  
to "Loosen Up," and the Water Poured Into the River—  
No Danger of a Bad Flood It Is Said.

The river was higher yesterday than at any time this spring and today there is a volume of water five feet higher going over the Springbank dam. There is some ice going down, but there is no danger whatever of a jam or flood.

The sudden rise was due to the heavy rain of Saturday night and the warm Sunday.

The river started to rise early, and at noon was rushing over the dam at a great rate. It continued to rise until nearly six feet of water was going over the Springbank dam. There was little variation all afternoon. In the night it commenced to go down somewhat, although at 10 o'clock this morning there was still five feet two inches going over the dam.

The highest mark.  
"The highest we had during the break-up was five feet ten inches," said Engineer Simmie, of the pump-house.

## TWENTY-FIVE PERSONS KILLED IN WRECK ON ROCK ISLAND

A Passenger Train Ditched at Marshalltown, Iowa, This Morning.  
Causing Dreadful Loss of Life and Many Injuries.

[By Associated Press.]

Marshalltown, Iowa, March 21.—Twenty-five persons are reported killed and a score injured today when a passenger train on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, derailed on the Chicago Great Western, went into the ditch one and a half miles north of Green Mountain, this county. All physicians in this city have been sent to the scene in automobiles.

Another Account.

Chicago, March 21.—An official report received at the headquarters of the Chicago and Great Western Railroad here, gives the number of dead in the derailed accident at Gladbrook, Iowa, today, as fourteen. Twenty-five persons were injured. Nearly all of the casualties occurred in the chair car, although two sleepers were also wrecked.

The train was a consolidation of two others, both known as the Twin City express, one having left Chicago at 4:15 p.m., and the other St. Louis at 2:15 p.m., yesterday.

WATER SURPLUS  
PLACED AT \$38,142

Will Be Submitted to the City  
Council at Regular Meeting  
Tonight.

CITY WATERCHARGES IN IT

On the Whole the Net Result Will Be  
About \$3,000 Better Than  
A Year Ago.

The estimates of the water commissioners for the year have been prepared, and will be submitted to the council at the meeting tonight.

As pointed out some time ago, the surplus for the year is estimated at \$38,142. This is about \$3,000 in excess of last year, and it is confidently expected that the revenue will show a still larger balance during the year.

The service extension cost is placed at \$6,000. The temporary estimates placed this at \$10,000, but the smaller sum is thought sufficient to carry the work through for the year. There was \$2,500 carried over from last year, and the total, the sum of \$7,500 still remaining.

There was a suggestion that larger amounts be placed down town, and it is quite probable that this will be done, although no mention was made of it at the meeting on Saturday.

Some salaries were raised, but the increases were not heavy.

On the whole the statement is very satisfactory.

Estimates are as follows:

Water rates from consumers .....

Water rates charged to city .....

Interest .....

Rentals .....

Expense.

Workshop account .....

Pump house main-tenance .....

Grounds and maintenance .....

Well drilling .....

Temporary pumping .....

Fence construction .....

General expense .....

Buildings and repairs .....

Office salaries .....

Other salaries .....

Insurance .....

Printing and stationery .....

Using .....

Stationery and postage .....

Net surplus revenue .....

Surplus revenue of year .....

Expenditure Against Revenue.

Service extension .....

Main extension .....

Motors and hydrants .....

Net surplus revenue .....

Annual charges .....

Net surplus revenue .....

Confesses to Theft  
FROM M. C. R. CAR

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]

Sandwich, Ont., March 21.—As the result of a three-days' confinement after his arrest on the charge of robbing a Michigan Central freight car of 22 tubs of butter, some crates of eggs, and cheese, to the value of five hundred dollars, Archie Drulard, of McGregor, has confessed. Drulard hired a horse and wagon, which he secreted about the M. C. yards, broke into the car and arranged his plunder, and when the train passed the horse and wagon he threw off the stuff he had collected at the car door.

Volley of Ink Wells  
ROUTS HUN MINISTERS

Magyar Parliament Members  
Bombard the Cabinet Until  
It Takes Flight

[By Associated Press.]

Budapest, March 21.—Stormy as have been sessions of the Hungarian chamber of deputies, the Hungarians today outdid themselves, and inkwells, books and other items were hurled at the heads of the ministers until the latter took refuge in flight.

Both Premier Kluken Von Hedeay and Count Serenyi, minister of agriculture, were struck by inkwells and their heads cut open.

WATER COMMISSIONERS  
MAKE SALARY BOOSTS

All the Officials Were Given a  
Raise at the Meeting on  
Saturday.

The salary of the secretary, Mr. Oliver Ellwood, at a meeting of the water commissioners on Saturday, was raised from \$1,600 to \$1,800; Mr. Geo. Tumbull, from \$1,200 to \$1,400; Mr. J. E. Carruthers, from \$1,000 to \$1,200; Mr. P. D. Selkirk was raised \$25; Mr. Simmie, engineer at the pump-house, was raised \$50, and Mr. H. McCann was given a similar increase.

RESTAURANT FIGHT  
WILL BE GIVEN HEARING

Benjamin Sturney Is Alleged to  
Have Assaulted Fellow-  
Worker.

Benjamin Sturney, a young man who has been employed in local restaurants, appeared before Mayor Beattie this morning on a charge of assaulting Frank Abdo, another waiter. Sturney admitted that he struck Abdo in the eye, but alleges he did so in self-defence. Sturney claims that Abdo came at him with a razor. Abdo claimed that all he knew about a razor was that he had shaved with one about three hours before the assault. He positively denied that he had the razor around at the time Sturney struck him, or that he made or threatened to make any attack on him with it. The court decided to adjourn the case until tomorrow in order that the evidence of another man who was present be taken. Sturney has figured in more than one case in the police court in the last few months.

ANOTHER CHARGE  
OF THEFT LAID

Frederick Steels, of London Township, who was committed for trial some days ago by Squire Wallis, of Hyde Park, on the charge of theft, faced another charge of stealing a watch and a sum of money from Mr. A. B. Graham, of Komoka. He was again committed for trial on this charge, and appeared before Judge Elliott this morning, when he pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by the judge. His trial on both charges will take place on Thursday.

## LOOKS LIKE A BUSY SEASON ON THE LAKE AT PORT STANLEY

It Is Said Several Lines of Boats Will Make Stanley a Port of  
Call—An Aylmer View of the Sunday Car Question.

Sunday cars to Port Stanley will mean that several boat lines will make Port Stanley a port of call, according to local ticket agents.

For five years the Merchants' Line, which runs from Montreal to Detroit, would have stopped at Port Stanley, but there was no way of getting their passengers to and from the Port on Sunday, and as a result this very important line refused to touch at that point.

It is understood now that the boats will call at Port Stanley and will carry merchandise and passengers. There may be others, too, but at the present time the Merchants' Line and the Ontario and Ohio Navigation Line are the only two lines that will stop at this port for passengers and freight, it is said.

## PRIEST PUTS BAN ON BEN HUR CATHOLICS MAY NOT ATTEND

Rector of St. Peter's Says Argument That Play Is Semi-Religious  
Will Not Excuse Members of His Congregation, Who  
at Heart Are Only Anxious To Be Amused.

Roman Catholics who were desirous of witnessing the performance of "Ben Hur" at the Grand this week were somewhat shocked Sunday, when Rev. Father Aylward, rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, spoke on the subject. He came out emphatically against the idea.

Father Aylward stated that he had been approached by a number of persons, who appeared to be under the impression that "Ben Hur" being a semi-religious production, would be outside the ban which the Roman Catholic Church places upon amusements during Lent.

No Doubt on the Matter.

Father Aylward cleared up this point, however, in short order.

He was surprised and shocked, he said, that any of St. Peter's congregation should hold any such view. Such a thing as attending the theatre under any guise in Lent, and especially in passion week, could not be tolerated. It might be all right to say that "Ben Hur" was a religious production, and carried with it a great moral, but Father Aylward told his hearers to be honest with themselves. They were out to be amused, and when they talked on the moral in the play they were seeking to deceive themselves, though they deceived no one else.

It is said many Roman Catholics families are giving tickets to Protestant friends today.

MAYOR BEATTIE  
LAYS DOWN TERMS

Will Agree to New Hospital Rule  
if Poor Man Has a Say as  
to Clinics.

Mayor Beattie will agree to the amendments proposed by Mr. J. C. Judd, K. C., chairman of the hospital trust, to make it compulsory that all free patients admitted to the hospital shall be under the care of the hospital staff, and not their own physicians, provided a clause is inserted in the effect that no patient shall be submitted to clinic without his or her consent.

"That would solve the problem and save further difficulty," said his worship. "I fancy that the crux of the argument at this moment, and if the clause I suggest is inserted there will be nothing further said."

It is not the most cheerful prospect to have a number of students and no patient when in the ward, and no person should be compelled to undergo it without his consent."

Same Argument.

That is the argument over which a big battle was waged in former years, and it seems likely to provoke a still further rumour.

It is not known for certain whether the arguments used today will result in this, but it is doubted that they will side with the proposal of his worship.

Mr. Judd was interviewed but refused to talk on the subject.

The argument used today, the medical school must eventually become an integral part of the Western University, and it would be folly to close the clinic hospital to the medical school.

The argument might be agreed to at the present time, but the future of the university will preclude any such possibility as practically closing the hospital to the students.

The Climax.

The climax will come on Thursday, when a meeting of the trust will be held.

It requires a two-thirds vote to amend the by-laws—that is four of the five trustees must vote for the change.

Three of them are at present committed—Messrs. Judd, Scretion and Harris.

Mr. T. G. Turnbull could not be reached today to get his opinion, and it now up to him to take a stand.

In some quarters it is stated that he will favor the change.

In that case there will be no resignation, but if he does not agree to the change, there will be.

A FORMER LONDON  
HOTEL KEEPER DEAD

The late Mr. Edwin Woodbury, of Strathroy, whose death is announced, was a former Londoner, and was well known to the old-timers of this city.

Over 30 years ago, he kept the Revere House, at the present time known as the Richmond House, at the corner of King and Richmond streets. He afterwards lived in Stratford, going later to Strathroy, where he resided at the time of his death.

He was very popular while living here, and his death is regretted by many old-time friends.

The O. and O. Line will be ready to commence operations in June, while the other line will probably come in earlier.

Sunday cars will probably run before that time, although Manager Mowat, of the Southwestern Traction Company, would make no definite announcement as to that. They will have to run the cars when navigation opens, which will be in May, or, at the latest, in June.

An Aylmer View.

Editor David Price says in the Aylmer Express: "The Rev. Jas. Rollins, of London, an officer of the Lord's Day Alliance, who has recently been at Ottawa putting up a fight to secure an amendment (Continued on Page Ten)."

## TOLL OF STORM KING ON EASTERN COAST

Eighty-Three Vessels Met With  
Shipwreck on British At-  
lantic Seaboard.

[Associated Press.]

Boston, Mass., March 21.—Two hundred and twenty-five persons perished by shipwreck and 83 vessels met with disaster off the New England and British North American coasts, or while engaged in the New England, Canadian or Newfoundland trade during the fall and winter season of 1909-10, which ended at 7 a.m. today.

Of the 83 vessels cast ashore, sunk, burned or involved in other mishaps, 13 were steamships, 10 were sailing ships, 4 were barkes, 2 were full-rigged ships, 4 were barks, 2 were schooners, and 62 were boats. A number of barges were lost, but they were not included in the list. The financial loss exceeds \$1,000,000.

NEW THOUGHT CULTS  
NOT A MENACE

Rev. Dr. Manning Delivered Scholarly  
Address to Ministerial Alliance.

To London Ministerial Alliance met this morning in the Y. M. C. A. parlors. After certain matters of routine business had been disposed of, Rev. Dr. Manning read a very able and scholarly paper on the subject, "The Authority of Christ," during the course of which he took occasion to speak of the prevalence of the cults of new thought. The speaker did not think that these were to be a serious menace to the doctrines of the authority of Christ. The church, he said, has nothing to fear