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TWO LONDON MEN WERE KILLED IN A SMASH ON THE C. P. RAILWAY AT GUELPH JUNCTION

Section-Forman Harry Weymark and Sectionman Gilbert Jones, Both of the East End, Lost Their Lives.

OPEN SWITCH CAUSE OF THE WRECK

Men Were Working on a Snowplow Sent Out From London and Were in Plow Standing on a Siding When an East-Bound Freight Crashed Into Them—An Investigation Is Being Held.

THE DEAD.

HARRY WEYMARK, section foreman, 844 Elias street, London.

GILBERT JONES, sectionman, 921 Princess avenue, London.

ACCIDENT—Head-on collision on C. P. R. at Guelph, Ont.

CAUSE—An Open Switch.

Section Foreman Harry Weymark, of 844 Elias street, and Sectionman Gilbert Jones, of 921 Princess avenue, were killed in a head-on collision that occurred at 7.30 last night in the C. P. R. yards at Guelph Junction, between a snowplow, which they had charge of and an eastbound freight train that was standing in a siding.

The snowplow left London yesterday afternoon with orders to run as an extra, and keep the lines open between Guelph and London.

It had made one trip, and was coming back.

Sleet Storm Raging.

The sleet storm was raging at the time of the accident, and although the plow was proceeding somewhat slowly through the yards, there was a cloud of snow being thrown up, which, it is supposed, prevented the men in the plow from seeing the freight engine. It is said the switch was open in front of the plow.

The crash was a terrific one, and threw the big plow clear of the rails and smashed the greater part of it into kindling wood.

The work of rescue began at once, and when Jones was taken out it was found that he had been instantly killed.

Died in Caboose.

Section Foreman Weymark was taken out alive and carried into the caboose of the freight.

He was so badly crushed that he died within an hour. The bodies of both the dead trainmen were taken to Guelph, where the coroner summoned a jury.

The remains were viewed this morning, and then were sent on to this city.

Superintendent McNeillie, of this city, is conducting an investigation into the accident today.

The Accident.

The snowplow was ordered east yesterday afternoon. The sleet storm was very bad, and was giving the company a great deal of difficulty in keeping their lines open.

The regular crew was not available, owing to illness, and Mr. Weymark and Mr. Jones were taken off the yard gang to man the plow.

The train had orders to run clear through to Toronto. At Guelph Junction a freight train took the siding to pass the snowplow.

The switch was left open, and the semaphore was set against the plow. However, at this point the storm was very bad. The engineer of the eastbound train could not see the semaphore, and his train struck the switch going at a good rate.

A Terrific Crash.

It was turned directly in front of the freight on the siding, and in a moment there was a terrific crash.

The big plow was caught between the two engines, and crumpled up.

Weymark and Jones were in it. The life was literally crushed out of them. Jones was killed instantly. His body was fearfully mangled. Weymark was badly smashed, but was taken out alive. He lived an hour afterwards.

The crews of the engines were not injured. They were protected by their

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LATE HENRY WEYMARK,
844 Elias Street, Section Foreman Killed Last Night in the Wreck at Guelph Junction.

Scene of the Wreck

The city of Guelph is located on the Grand Trunk, 70 miles northeast of London.

Guelph Junction is 16 miles from the city, and a spur line of the C. P. R. connects with the main line, running through from Toronto to London.

Last year there was an accident almost at the same spot, and it was caused by an open switch. An express from Toronto ran some distance up the siding and collided with a freight engine. The engineer of the express was killed and the passenger engine was badly wrecked.

A number of Londoners were on the train, but escaped without serious injury.

CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE HAND IN KEEPING CAMP IN LONDON

The city council will do something towards securing larger grounds for the annual military camp.

Mayor Beattie is of the opinion that arrangements such as were made last year will be sufficient this year at least to keep the camp in London. Eventually something will have to be done.

"It will be the duty of the council to do something," said his worship. "Last year we went into the question thoroughly with Col. Hodgins, and we made arrangements to lease some property for the military men. We also provided light and water for them. However, the camp was not so large as had been expected, and we were not called upon to use the extra land. If we make a similar proposition this year, there is no doubt that the camp will come here. It does not cost the city very much, and is of great benefit to the citizens.

Men Favor London.

"The military men are in favor of London. They have a good time here, and it is much easier to get men to enlist when the camp is held in a city such as this.

"However, the council should go into the question of securing larger and permanent grounds. Carling's Heights are not big enough. The camp has long since outgrown that place. It will be necessary to acquire more land. There are many suitable sites in the vicinity of London, and the Government could sell the Heights and purchase other property at no great expense.

"I expect the council will take some action soon. The camp will be held here this year, undoubtedly. Arrangements are already under way to secure property for the soldiers."

AN OUTBREAK OF SMALLPOX ON THE INDIAN RESERVE

Dr Mitchell, of Kilworth, today commenced a battle with an outbreak of smallpox on the Oneida Indian reserve that will in all probability be a repetition of that waged by the same physician four years ago under similar circumstances when his life was repeatedly threatened by the Indians on the reserve who strenuously objected to the quarantine.

Tuesday night two children, a son and daughter, of Charles Abrahams, were discovered to be suffering from smallpox, and the place was promptly put under quarantine.

Indians Are Elusive.

A number of other cases are being investigated today, but up until three o'clock this afternoon the doctor had been unable to obtain any definite information. He is accompanied by County Constables Shaver, of Westminster, and Dockstader, of the reserve, an Indian who acts as an interpreter.

Dr Mitchell has been unable to learn anything from the Indians who persistently spread false reports in order to shield those who are affected.

Pagan Rites.

It is said that pagan dances have been in progress at the Long House on the reserve for some time, and that the Indians have been mingling a great deal. It is feared that others will contract the disease. Four years ago a similar epidemic was encountered, and at one time the physician had ninty three patients in quarantine.

The only theory as to where the disease could have originated is that the two patients discovered Tuesday night worked until recently in the vicinity of Lucan where there was a slight outbreak.

Maintaining Quarantine.

There are now about nine hundred Indians on the reserve and the county constabulary has always been called upon to assist in maintaining quarantine.

The men on the reserve do not apparently fear to mingle with those suffering from the disease, and nothing could be done on the last occasion until a couple of deaths frightened the natives into submission.

Other Indians from the reserve have also gone working about the country, and it is reported today that two of them were discovered after a couple of weeks' search, in a woods near Lambeth. They are under the care of Dr. Roy Routledge, of that village.

HORSE BITES A SARNIA BOY INJURIES MAY PROVE FATAL

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Feb. 15. — A very serious accident happened at the home of Mr. Clarence Crockard, Plank road, whereby his little 7-year-old son may be maimed for life. The little fellow accompanied his father to the stable and walked into one of the stalls alongside one of the horses. Without a moment's warning the vicious animal grabbed the little fellow by the cheek, breaking his lower jaw in several places, and causing several other serious injuries. Drs. Hayes, Logie and Kinsman, of Sarnia, were speedily summoned and dressed the child's injuries. Owing to the serious nature of the injuries it is not yet known whether he will recover or not.

COLLAPSE LIKE CRYSTAL HALL IN THE HEART OF WINNIPEG

Three Score Persons Go Down With Building, But Only One Is Seriously Injured—Accident Due to Building Operations Next Door—Women Marooned on the Tottering Roof.

[Canadian Press.]

Winnipeg, Feb. 15. — Nares' block, in the centre of the city, collapsed at 8 a.m. today, carrying down in the debris three score of occupants. By prompt action all were rescued. Many of them were women, and their screams and terror rendered the work of the squads of firemen and police sent to their rescue most difficult. Mrs. John McLeavy, a woman of 70, was fatally hurt. Dozens were dug out of the debris and carried to safety, but severely injured.

How It Happened.

The collapse was the result of adjacent building operations, and the five stories began to crumble without warning. The various suites in the building were occupied by the following families: John Campbell, Alexander Watson, Allan Adamas, William Lewis, John McDonald, Milford Schmidt, J. Bloomfield, Sam Allen, George Simpson, John McLeavy, and Arch Campbell.

Narrow Escapes.

The men among the inmates escaped with the less serious injuries. Sixteen young women on the top floor were in a most precarious situation. They climbed to the roof of the shaking building, as all the exits were closed, and their screams of terror were heard for blocks. The scene of the accident was at the corner of Lombard and Main streets, in the heart of the big building district. The loss is $100,000.

SENATE LIKELY TO PASS BILL

Foreign Relations Committee Favors Reciprocity Agreement.

VOTE IS TO BE DECISIVE

Leaders on Both Sides of American Upper House Expect It to Pass.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, Feb. 15. Reciprocity with Canada today became the principal question before the Senate. In the judgment of Senate leaders on both sides of the chamber, if the McCall bill, to carry out the provisions of the Canadian agreement is permitted to reach a vote at this session the Senate will pass it by as decisive a vote as was recorded for it in the House last night.

The Senate committee on foreign relations met today, reported the Canadian agreement back to the Senate, and it was sent to the finance committee. It had been in the custody of the committee on foreign relations since coming to the Senate, but no action was taken regarding it. The effect of referring it back to the Senate is practical recognition of the fact that it contains nothing likely to involve the United States in obligations to Canada in conflict with the peaceful trade relations which exist with other countries.

TAFT REPUDIATES CLARK'S SPEECH

Says Latter's Annexation Spiel Was Most Unfortunate.

NO THOUGHT OF IT

President Says Hopes Whole World Will Consider It as Statement of Individual.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, Feb. 15. President Taft today, to some of his congressional callers, expressed astonishment that Representative Clark should have injected into the reciprocity discussion in the House yesterday any thought about the annexation of Canada. The White House is said to regard the remarks of Mr. Clark as most unfortunate and the President has made it known that he would like to have it understood throughout the world that his administration had no thought whatever of annexation when the reciprocity agreement was arranged.

The president, it is said, is hopeful that the people of Canada, Great Britain and the United States will look upon the speech of Mr. Clark merely as the expression of an individual who, in the sentiment thus expressed, does not represent the Democratic party or any party in this country.

Clark's Speech.

The annexation doctrine preached by Representative Clark, speaker-apparent of the next House, came in the course of his speech in the House yesterday in favor of the agreement. He said:

"I am for it, because I hope to see the day when the American flag will float over every square foot of the British North American possessions clear to the North Pole. They are people of our blood. They speak our language. Their institutions are much like ours. They are trained in the difficult art of self government. My judgment is that if the treaty of 1854 had never been abrogated the chances of a consolidation of these two countries would have been much greater than they are now."

Representative Norris said, as he understood it, Mr. Clark favored the bill for at least one reason, "that it will have a tendency in the end to bring Canada into the union."

"Yes," answered Mr. Clark. "I have no doubt of it."

Asked whether that would have a tendency to preserve peace with Great Britain, Mr Clark said:

"Why, certainly it will. I do not have any doubt whatever that the day is not far distant when Great Britain will joyfully see all her North American possessions become a part of this Republic. That is the way things are tending now."

In reply to Representative Clark's statements, President Taft sent a letter today to Representative McCall, of Massachusetts, whose name the reciprocity bill bears, declaring that "Canada is now and will remain a political unit." The letter in full follows:

I write to congratulate you sincerely upon the passage through the House of the McCall bill enacting into the law the reciprocity agreement with Canada. I sincerely hope that it will pass the Senate and become a part of our statutes.

"This agreement, if it becomes a law, has no political significance. No thought of future political annexation or union was in the mind of the negotiators on either side. Canada is now and will remain a political unit.

"I am very sure if this agreement becomes a law it will insure to the great social and economic benefits of both countries.

CONGRESS PASSES THE AGREEMENT

Reciprocity Agreement Accepted by Big Majority.

DEMOCRATS SOLID FOR IT

President Expects That the Senate Will Also Put It Through.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—President Taft's reciprocity agreement with Canada was ratified in the House of Representatives Tuesday night through the support of an almost solid Democratic vote. The McCall bill, carrying the agreement into effect, was passed, 221 to 92.

A majority of the Republicans present voted against the measure, the division being 78 ayes and 87 nays.

The Democratic vote was 143 ayes and only 5 nays. A majority of the Republican dissidents present voted for the bill.

The McCall bill now goes to the Senate. What its fate will be in that body is problematical. Mr. Taft believes that if a filibuster can be avoided and a vote taken the bill will pass. He is insistent that the Senate shall act one way or the other, and has indicated that he would call an extra session of Congress if it does not do so.

Bitter Debate on Bill.

The passage of the bill in the House came at the end of a long debate which at times was as bitter as has been heard on the floor of that chamber for years. The fight was confined almost wholly to the Republican side. Democratic members joined in from time to time, and taunted the majority members for their lack of unity.

The Democratic leaders also put in the claim that the reciprocity agreement was good Democratic doctrine, and declared they were glad to welcome Mr. Taft and many of the

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BISHOP OF LONDON FOR PHILADELPHIA!

His Lordship Knows Nothing of a Rumor Afloat in Toronto

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Feb. 15.—It is rumored in Roman Catholic circles here that Bishop Fallon of London is likely to succeed the late Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, who died on Saturday.

"We have heard nothing whatever of such a rumor," declared Mgr. Aylward. "His lordship is out, and so cannot speak for himself. I think there must be some mistake somewhere. There is absolutely no foundation to such a story so far as we know."

MR. FRED J. DARCH MAY TAKE TRIP SOUTH

Former Water Commissioner Needs a Long Rest—Is Overworked.

Mr. F. J. Darch, former water commissioner, is in poor health, and his condition is causing his friends some alarm. For the past two years he has been working extremely hard. During that time he has been one of the high court auditors for the I. O. F. and a water commissioner of London, and has also supervised his own business. In addition, he had addressed scores of meetings on behalf of the Foresters, and has taken an active part in Masonic work. As a consequence, he has been overworked, and it is beginning to tell on his strength.

Mr. Darch is contemplating a trip south for his health, and will probably leave within a couple of weeks.

CLARK'S SPEECH REPORTED SUPPRESSED

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Feb. 15. A special dispatch received here from Washington, D. C., today from a reliable source, states that Mr. Champ Clark's speech in Congress, in which he forecasted the annexation of Canada, has been suppressed in Washington, in the hope that it will not reach Canadian readers.

ANOTHER VOTE ON NORTH MIDLAND

This Is the Opinion Gleaned From an Interview With City Solicitor.

AGREEMENT DRAWN UP

Matter Will Come Before a Meeting of No. 1 Committee on Thursday Afternoon.

Another vote on the North Midland guarantee bylaw must be taken. That is the opinion of Mayor Beattie and Ald. Eckert, as a result of a conference with City Solicitor Meredith yesterday afternoon, when an agreement was drawn up to be presented to the finance committee at a special session tomorrow.

The representatives of the North Midland Railway Company will be invited to be present, and they will be asked to accept the terms.

"We went to Mr. Meredith's office and drafted an agreement," said Ald. Eckert, chairman of the committee. "It is perfectly satisfactory to us, but whether or not it will be to the committee or to the North Midland Railway is another matter. However, they will all have an opportunity to express their opinion on it on Thursday afternoon, when a special meeting will be held."

Not in the Bill.

"Will the guarantee be included in the city of London bill?" Ald. Eckert was asked.

"I hardly see how it can be," he answered. "However, that may be considered at the meeting. It is possible that it may be, but personally I cannot see how it can be done."

The directors of the North Midland Railway Company had not seen the agreement, and so could not give an opinion as to whether it would be satisfactory or not.

"They endeavored to secure a copy of it today, but were unsuccessful. The only copy is that held by City Solicitor Meredith. Other copies will be presented at the council on Monday night. It will be discussed at the meeting of the committee tomorrow."

Another Vote.

The result will be that another vote will have to be taken on the proposition. The municipal act provides that a vote must be taken on the agreement between the city and company under such circumstances, and a plebiscite was taken in January, the act being held to have been prepared.

Of course, the bylaw in question, the city contends, is now dead, but it is necessary to secure a vote, and it is considered it will probably under present circumstances.

The Mayor's Opinion.

Another vote will probably be taken on this question, said Mayor Beattie. "The result of the last one could be given yesterday. I do not like to be placed in a position of being in opposition to the proposition after having voted in favor of it twice before. However, there are certain points which must be cleared up, and in addition the city should be protected in some way. I have always contended that the city should be allowed to protect itself, and so stated in my inaugural address. I am in favor of anything that may be taken. I fancy that will be the result."

Neither his worship nor Ald. Eckert would give out any information whatever as to the nature of the agreement.

The agreement differs from that presented to the company, City Clerk Baker has a copy of the latter in his keeping, to be presented by the council at its meeting on Monday night. Neither was it in the hands of the conference taken place yesterday afternoon.

RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT BOOSTS IMMIGRATION

Thousands of Best American Farmers Headed for the Dominion.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 15. The reciprocity agreement is proving an immigration agent for Canada. W. D. Scott, superintendent of immigration, gave a committee of the Commons to understand this morning that the removal of American tariff barriers on foodstuffs has encouraged thousands from Western farmers, who are moving across the line to the broad virgin land of Canada, to raise wheat and cattle and send them back to be sold in the United States. Other settlers taking advantage of the reciprocity are being received at the rate of a thousand a day.

WIDOW OF BRIGHAM DEAD AGED 80

[Canadian Press.]

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 15. Harriet Cornelia Young, who became a bride of B. Young in 1851, died today at the age of 80 years. She was the last survivor but one of the widows of the Mormon leader. The one still living is Eliza Burgess Young. Mrs. Harriet Young leaves three children, and a number of grandchildren.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Mild.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Feb. 15. 8 p.m.

East and southeast winds, cloudy today and Thursday, not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Max.	Min.	Weather.
Victoria	42	4	Cloudy
Winnipeg	28	18	Cloudy
Port Arthur	30	18	Cloudy
Port Simpson	32	12	Cloudy
Toronto	36	6	Cloudy
Ottawa	36	6	Fair
Montreal	30	6	Fair
Quebec	30	14	Clear
Halifax	34	18	Clear

Minus signs denote below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

Temperatures have risen in all parts of the country. Yesterday has entirely disappeared from the high area which was over the St. Lawrence Valley, now moving off from the Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces.

Snow has fallen in Southern Alberta and in the Lake Superior district, and in the Maritime Provinces it has been mild with rain or snow.

Moderate to fresh easterly winds are now blowing from Lake Superior eastward, and they will extend over the Kingston.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Rain fell yesterday in Southwestern Ontario and it was comparatively mild throughout the more central portions of the Dominion. From Lake Ontario eastward to the Maritime Provinces the weather continued fair and cold. In the Western Provinces it was mild.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 22-40; Edmonton, 20-36; Battleford, 2 below-34; Prince Albert, 6-36; Moosejaw, 8-34; Moosejaw, 8-36; Port Arthur, 24-36; Parry Sound, 16-32; Toronto, 20-42; Ottawa, 8 below-32; Montreal, 4 below-30; Quebec, 12 below-30; St. John, 4 below-34; Halifax, 2 below-18.

TODAY'S FORECASTS.

The East—North and northeast winds; continued cold.

Lake Superior—Easterly winds; fair and moderately cold.

The West—Partly fair, with light local snowfalls; not much change in temperature.

$93,000 WORTH OF STAMPS SOLD

Huge Amount of Money Spent at the Local Postoffice Last Year.

BIG BOOST IN RETURNS

It Is Said the Revenue for 1910 Will Show a Big Increase Over the Previous Year.

Local postal officials stated to The Advertiser today that when the fiscal year closes next month, and the returns are made up, the figures will show the greatest increase in the volume of business that has ever been noted in London.

"London is growing a more and more important centre every year," said an official to The Advertiser this afternoon. "Last year's figures revealed the fact that the city was seventh in the revenue producing offices of the Dominion. We expect that this year's revenue will be at least $150,000, a big increase over that of last year. Our sources of revenue are from the sale of stamps, from the postoffice boxes, and from the collections we receive from the shipments of papers.

Sale of Stamps.

"Few citizens would think that the stamp vendors in the local office took in $93,000 last year for stamps alone. When you consider that this money was largely made up of amounts under 25 cents, you can imagine the number of people that call at the wicket every day for stamps."

"There are only a very few factories in London that have more employees than we have here, and that have such a substantial pay roll. In the postoffice department proper there are now 85 employees on the payroll, and they receive $6,500 a week. If the employees of all the various departments that are in the postoffice were taken in the number of employees and the amount of salary would be much greater.

The Distributing Centre.

"London is now the distributing centre for the whole of the district, and between the rapid growth of the city and the establishment of the rural free mail delivery and branch offices, the business handled here now has just doubled in the last fifteen years. The year which closes next month will be the greatest in the city's history by many thousand dollars.

"It is only a couple of years ago that the office was enlarged, but already we could do with more room. There are times when the big mass of mail matter is handled only with great difficulty on account of lack of space, but it is not likely that any application will be made for larger premises this year, as the Government thought when they made the recent improvements that they would do for some time."

ASQUITH REITERATES PROMISE TO IRELAND

Policy of Full Self-Government After Veto Bill Disposed Of.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Feb. 15. During the preliminary home rule debate in the House of Commons today, Premier Asquith reiterated his declaration that the Government's first task after the "Veto Bill" had been disposed of would be to carry out a policy of full self-government for Ireland.

FAMILY AT CHATHAM IN PERIL OF FLAMES

Early Morning Blaze Destroys Fruit Store of G. Favato.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Chatham, Feb. 15. At 2.30 this morning fire broke out in the fruit store of Gaspere Favato, Queen street, and almost completely wiped out the building. The cause of the fire is unknown. The place was covered by insurance. Favato has been trying to dispose of his business as he intends leaving the city, and this fire comes as a hard blow to him. The family, who live in the rear of the store, had some difficulty in getting out.

LATE GILBERT JONES.
921 Princess Avenue, Sectionman Killed in C. P. R. Wreck at Guelph Junction.