

## KILLED IN ELEVATOR ACCIDENT WILBER READ FELL FOUR STORIES

In the Factory of Reid Bros. & Co., on Clarence Street  
—Cause of the Mishap Is a Mystery—Lad  
Was Only Sixteen Years of Age.

Wilber Read, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Read, of Hyburn Avenue, London Junction, died at 10 o'clock this morning as the result of an elevator accident which happened yesterday afternoon about half-past five at the factory of Reid Bros. & Co., on Clarence street.

Just how the accident happened will probably never be known, as the elevator was in perfect working order apparently, and no parts of it are broken.

### How It Happened.

"Wilber Read was one of the brightest boys in the establishment," Mr. George M. Reid told The Advertiser this morning.

"He came here about a year ago after leaving the Collegiate, and worked on one of the machines. It is customary on Friday evenings to clear up all the boxes and store them away, and young Read had left his machine to take a number of boxes to the fourth floor.

### Elevator Fell.

"The next thing we knew of the affair was that the elevator was lying at the bottom of the shaft and the unfortunate boy on it, in an unconscious condition."

## Continuation Classes Are To Go Township High Schools May Replace

Radical Changes That Effect the  
Students in Rural  
Districts.

The new regulations about to be issued by Hon. Dr. Pyne, minister of education, will abolish the continuation classes in the rural schools. The continuation classes in the rural schools, which have been in existence for some time, are to be replaced by township high schools.

"The idea seems to be this," said a prominent educationist this morning. "The entrance examination was formerly thought to be the line of demarcation between the public school and the high school, or rather it was the line beyond which the majority of the boys and girls never went. It was thought that this meager education did not fit them for life, and an attempt was made to give high school work for pupils. The continuation classes resulted. This work did not give the best of satisfaction, as the work was too heavy for the teachers, although it resulted in giving high school education to students who in-

## New Hockey Sticks for Local Players

Mr. George Powell, secretary-treasurer of the London hockey team, was treated to a surprise package this morning in the form of an even dozen hockey sticks, especially made for the coming champions, and presented by the Hobbs Hardware Company, of this city.

The presentation was made by Mr. E. S. Fields, manager of the company. The sticks are of the best wood obtainable, and should be one of the winning the much-coveted championship. They were the object of much discussion among the players today, and from the favorable comments made, they are fully appreciated.

### Like Good Sticks.

Even as a baseball player likes a certain bat, so does the average hockey

## Education and the National Life

The regular monthly meeting of Knox Church Men's Association was held on Thursday evening, when Vice-Principal Dearness, M. A., of the Normal School, gave an address on "The Effect of an Educational Ideal on National Life and Character."

Mr. Dearness contrasted the Hebrew and Spartan systems of education. The former centered in the family, while the latter was all for the sake of the state, and aimed solely at producing warriors. He also mentioned the educational system of Germany.

What Luther did for Germany, Knox did for Scotland.

### Parish Schools.

The effect of the parish schools is seen in the character, religion and morality of the people, and it was these schools which made Scotchmen so prominent as leaders of men and progressive movements. The parish

## Convicted of Stealing From a Car Prisoners Remanded for Sentence

Grand Trunk Brings Home the  
Crime To Two  
Men.

After hearing the evidence of nearly twenty witnesses in the case of Joseph Lenehan and Perry Sinclair, charged with breaking into a sealed Grand Trunk car and stealing five cases of whisky, Magistrate Love found Lenehan guilty of being one of the party, inasmuch as he had endeavored to dispose of the whisky to several hotelkeepers.

Lenehan's bail was renewed in the sum of \$2,000 and he was remanded a week for sentence.

Perry Sinclair pleaded guilty to breaking into the car and was also remanded a week for sentence.

### Evidence Conclusive.

The evidence submitted was most conclusive, and it was shown that Sinclair and a switchman named James

Cotter, who has left the city, were seen near the car from which the whisky was stolen on the night in question, burning a case and the straw wrappings from several whisky bottles.

They were drinking from a bottle of whisky.

Shortly afterwards it was discovered by the car checkers that the car had been entered, and that five cases of whisky had been stolen.

The following morning Cotter and Sinclair tried to sell two cases of whisky to the proprietor of the Britannia House.

### Refused to Buy It.

He refused to buy, and young Lenehan came and took the whisky away in a cutter and tried to sell it to some other hotelmen.

Shortly afterwards Sinclair was arrested and Lenehan gave himself up. The evidence was of a character that showed that Lenehan was not directly concerned in breaking into the car, but he had been associating with the others and drinking the stolen whisky.

## Judgment Against the G. T. R. Mrs. John Lamond Succeeds in Suit

The Case Was Decided Friday in  
the Trial Court at  
Toronto.

In the trial court at Toronto yesterday, before Chief Justice Meredith, in the case of Lamond vs. the G. T. R., judgment was given for the plaintiff for \$900 and costs.

Judgment (L.) in action tried without a jury at London.

The plaintiff sued under the provisions of R.S.O., ch. 88, to recover damages for the death of her husband, who was killed on the night of 14th October, 1907, owing, as she alleged, to the negligence of defendants, and the action was brought for the benefit of the plaintiff and four children of the deceased.

He was a watchman in the employment of the defendants at the Colborne street crossing of their railway, in the city of London.

### The Accident.

According to the testimony of John Farmer, a brakeman in the defendants' service, he last saw the deceased alive a few minutes before his dead body was discovered lying between

the rails of a track called the "Old Port," and five or six feet from the west side of Colborne street.

When seen alive by Farmer, the deceased was on the sidewalk on the east side of Colborne street, between Taylor's and Walker's, carrying his lamp.

On this night, which was said to be very dark, a train crew was engaged in making up a train, which came from the old Grand Trunk yard, and was then backed eastward in order to put the two cars on the old track, west of Colborne street; it was then pulled across Colborne street eastward till the engine which was at the head of it was beyond Burwell street, the next intersecting street east of Colborne street; two cars were then backed on to the old Grand Trunk track.

### Cars Were Kicked.

After this was done, the train went eastward on that track about 100 feet east of Colborne street; two cars were kicked off, and ran across Colborne street. The brakeman was on the top of the western car, standing about two feet from the east side; he had a lamp in his hand and glanced westward, not looking, as he said, for anyone, thinking, as he so said, that it was not his business to look when

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## London Teachers Will Go To Buffalo Bison City Won By a Large Vote

Very Few Pedagogues Care To  
Go To Toronto, Hamilton  
or Detroit.

The teachers of the city have been holding a voting contest of late on the question of whether the teachers will hold a convention this spring, or take a trip to some city.

There were only 34 in favor of holding an association meeting, and 118 favored the trip.

Four cities were named to be voted on. They were Buffalo, Detroit, Hamilton and Toronto.

Buffalo was the favored one, getting 82 votes, while Toronto received 21, Detroit 13 and Hamilton 2.

It is alleged that two teachers, who voted for Hamilton, wanted a couple of days' sleep, but this could not be confirmed.

As a result of the voting, the teachers will take a trip to Buffalo schools some time in May.

About 160 teachers voted.

## Not a Case of Scarlet Fever in London

"For the first time in two years there is not a case of scarlet fever in the city," said Medical Health Officer Hutchinson. "There is very little contagious disease here at present, two

cases of diphtheria being practically all there is. There is considerable grip and colds, but nothing serious. The year 1907 was the healthiest year I remember in many years."

## POLICE CHIEF IN TOILS

Former Saratoga Officer Charged  
With Fraud at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Harold MacGill, accused of uttering a fictitious check, after a preliminary examination before Police Judge Weller, was identified by the police as a former chief of police of Saratoga, N. Y., having filled that position from 1888 to 1898. He nearly collapsed in court when his former position was revealed. MacGill is said to have advised in a paper about a week ago for a refined woman to accompany him to "wife and infant son" on an eastern tour. Mrs. Margaret Page answered the advertisement. He advised her, it is said, that she must be equipped with an elaborate wardrobe and accompanied her to a drygoods store, where he bought her a great deal of wearing apparel, it is alleged, paying for it with a check. After the purchases had been made, MacGill, it is said, borrowed \$100 from Mrs. Page, saying, she reports, that he could get no more ready money until the bank opened on the following day. After receiving the cash, MacGill is said to have countermanded the order for the goods and Mrs. Sage saw him no more until after the officers arrested him at the Emeryville race track.

Washington's Birthday.

This is Washington's birthday, and is being celebrated as a holiday in the United States.

## TRIED TO WRECK EXPRESS

But Freight Comes Along First and  
Plunges Into the Ditch.

Sedalia, Mo., Feb. 22.—An attempt to derail a eastbound fast passenger train on the Missouri Pacific railway for the purpose of robbery was made at Ottaville, 20 miles east of here, at midnight last night, a rail having been removed. The bad place in the track was struck by an extra freight train from St. Louis. The freight was wrecked, the engineer, Freeman and brakeman being seriously injured. The train that the wreckers endeavored to catch left Kansas City at 9:10 last night for St. Louis. It was supposed to carry considerable money.

The wreckers had removed a rail on Ottaville Hill, a mile and a half east of Ottaville, and built a fire between the tracks to bring the passenger train to a stop. The freight crew did not notice the fire until too late to stop, and the engine and several cars were derailed and badly damaged.

Robert H. Johnson, engineer; Eugene Rugstad, fireman, and Hugh Harvey, head brakeman, were seriously injured.

The injured men were brought to a hospital at Sedalia. There is no clue to the would-be robbers.

Engagement Announced.

The engagement is announced of Miss Agnes (Tattie) Moore, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Moore, to Mr. George C. Gunn.

## FOR A MILLION OF MONEY.

Attention is called to the first installment of The Advertiser's new story, "For a Million of Money," which appears in today's paper.

The story is by Arthur W. Marchmont, one of the most popular writers of the day.

It is a breezy, absorbing story of romance and adventure, and should be read by all.

Don't miss the opening chapters.

## ALLOWED GAMBLING ON THE PREMISES

William Mahon, of the Grand Central  
Hotel, Was Fined.

For allowing gambling to be carried on in his premises, William Mahon, of the Grand Central Hotel, was fined \$19 and \$4 costs this morning by Magistrate Love.

The charge was laid by Inspector Galpin, who last night went down to the hotel and found the proprietor there and several well-known young men playing cards.

The men were not summoned.

## STILL IN THE FIGHT

Toronto Hotelkeepers To Continue  
Fight Against Reduction of Licenses.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—The 144 hotelkeepers of the city have no intention of making a surrender to the license commissioners to cut off 34 hotels without a little more resistance. They look up on the Government's declaration yesterday as an expected reverse. What action will be taken next cannot be earned, but it is expected to manifest itself on Monday.

## LAWSON VS. KERRIGAN

Mr. Justice Clute Makes an Order  
Which Defendant Agrees To.

The most important case before Mr. Justice Clute in the high court for London this morning was that of Lawson & Jones vs. Kerrigan, a motion to commit Mr. Fred Kerrigan, of Lind, Kerrigan & Co., for contempt of court. It was alleged that the defendant ignored an injunction issued by Judge Elliott.

Justice Clute granted an order that the defendant should within three days file an affidavit setting forth that he did not intend to commit a breach of the injunction order; that he regretted having done so, and apologized to the court, and that he should pay the costs of the motion within three days.

Mr. Kerrigan's counsel agreed to this. In defense, Mr. Kerrigan claimed that the supply of power, heat and light had been already shut off before he was served with the injunction; and that there was really no disobedience.

Mr. Chauncey G. Jarvis appeared for Lawson & Jones, and Mr. T. S. Meredith, K. C., for Mr. Kerrigan.

This action for damages goes on, and comes up at the next assizes.

The motion to wind up the business of the Chinese Ontario Ginseng Company was adjourned by consent of parties until the 21st of March.

A motion for winding up the Miller Advertising Agency was also further enlarged.

## STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Feb. 21. Reported at. From. Comair, Queenstown, Boston. Laganian, Queenstown, New York. Pacific, London, St. John. Laura, Naples, New York. Victoria, New York, Hamburg. Toroman, Portland, Bristol.

## THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MILDER.

London, Feb. 22—5 a.m. Today—Fresh to strong west to south winds; fair and moderately cold today; a few light local snowfalls or flurries during the night.

Sunday—Fair, with higher temperature. Local Temperatures.

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory up to 8 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 23.6°; lowest, 19° above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary, 25, 26, Clear. Winnipeg, 25, 26, Clear. London, 25, 26, Clear. Port Arthur, 25, 26, Clear. Parry Sound, 25, 26, Clear. Toronto, 25, 26, Clear. Ottawa, 25, 26, Clear. Montreal, 25, 26, Clear. Quebec, 25, 26, Clear. Father Point, 25, 26, Cloudy.

Minus (-) means below zero.

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The pressure movements are still rapid, but the systems at present are not displaying any pronounced energy.

Snow flurries have been numerous in Ontario and Quebec, developing in a few localities into moderate snowfalls.

In the Western Provinces the weather has been fine, and in Alberta unusually mild.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Atlin, 22-38; Port Simpson, 38-48; Victoria, 22-50; Vancouver, 28-48; Kamloops, 14-30; Edmonton, 30-44; Battleford, 8-44; Prince Albert, 2-42; Calgary, 28-42; Regina, 8 below-24; Winnipeg, 12 below-12; Port Arthur, 2-14; Parry Sound, 10-28; Toronto, 18-30; Ottawa, 19-35; Montreal, 12-24; Quebec, 6-22; St. John, 14-34; Halifax, 22-32.

## Chicken Thieves Robbed Constable Cleaned His Roost and Invited Ruin

John Hopper and George Borland Finally Run To Earth  
By County Officers.

One of the cleverest captures that has been made by the county constabulary in a long time was effected last night, when Constables Shaver and Corsaut arrested John Hopper and George Borland, an ex-member of the city police force, at the home of the former, 744 Colborne street, on charges of chicken-stealing.

### Pleading Guilty.

When brought before Squire Chittick last night the pair pleaded guilty

to wholesale chicken-stealing, and were remanded until Wednesday next for sentence.

The operations of the men have extended over months, and their field of labor comprised almost every township in this vicinity.

### Fond of Chickens.

Equipped with a sleigh and a large coop, the men would drive out in the country and clean up everything in sight in the poultry line.

Complaints have been numerous, but it was not until a few nights ago, when the hold thieves paid a visit to Constable Corsaut's, own chicken-roost, that a clue was gained as to the thieves.

The same night a neighbor of Mr. Corsaut, who left him, was also sent for trial on this charge.

## Bennett Big Men Will Hold Meeting To Decide Re Closing the Theater

People Anxious That the House  
Shall Remain Open—Good  
Bills Get Business.

General Manager Bennett of the Bennett Theatrical Enterprise, accompanied by Booking Manager Clark Brown, of New York; Manager Driscoll, of Hamilton, and possibly the managers of the Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec houses, will be in this city tonight, and with the directors of the company, and Manager Ethier, of London, will consult as to the advisability of closing the theaters earlier than usual this season.

As was stated in The Advertiser some days ago, the matter has been

under consideration for some weeks, and now the die is to be cast.

Londoners sincerely hope that the management will see its way clear to keep the theater in London open until the middle of April at least.

The theater has become a necessity to very many Londoners, all of whom appreciate the sincere efforts that have been made to provide clean, wholesome amusement for them.

It is a fact, too, that not a week this season have the people of London failed to turn out in large numbers to the theater when the bill was a good one.

Unfortunately, on several occasions, the bills have not been up to the standard of the Bennett idea which the people have formed, and, of course, the patronage fell off.

With bills such as Bennett's has provided this week, there would be no reason to complain of the attitude of Londoners.

## Dr. Jas. D. Wilson Denies Assertion Didn't Influence Mr. James Blair

To Secure Seat On the Tuberculosis Hospital Board  
of London.

The attempt to make it appear that Dr. James D. Wilson influenced Mr. James Blair to have him appointed on the trust of the new tuberculosis hospital is not borne out by the facts of the case.

Both Dr. Wilson and Mr. Blair were interviewed this morning, and from neither of the gentlemen could it be discovered that undue influence had been brought to bear to make it certain that Dr. Wilson would be a hospital trustee for life.

Mr. Blair Was Willing.

"There is nothing in the article published in the Free Press to cause Dr. Wilson any worry," said Mr. Blair this morning. "It would pay no attention to it. So far as I am concerned, I was perfectly willing that Dr. Wilson should be a trustee, a sort of intermediary between myself and the city whereby the interests of both should be conserved. It did not occur to me that Dr. Wilson was anxious for the position. He is a competent man, and would make an excellent trustee. Dr. Wilson may have suggested that as trustee on my behalf, but he did not urge it at all. I do not think there will be any difficulty about this matter."

### Dr. Wilson's Position.

Dr. Wilson was also seen.

"The interview in the Free Press does me an injustice. In that it says I insisted on being Mr. Blair's representative."

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## Favors a Bill To Abolish Bonusing

"I think the bill introduced in the Legislature to prohibit bonusing is a splendid idea," said Ald. Beattie this morning.

"It should be made general, so that it will stop it altogether."

"There are many ways of getting past the law, and this should also be prevented. In London we do not bonus at all."

"We give free water, and sometimes rent taxes, but I think that even should be stopped, along with the rest."

"There has been a very great deal of bonusing done during the past few years, and it has not done a number of towns I know any good. I think the bill is along the right lines."

## No Bad Language On Canadian Pacific

An order has been issued by Mr. D. McNicoll, vice-president of the C. P. R., calling the attention of trainmen to instructions regarding swearing and the use of obscene language on trains.

Employees of the C. P. R. are not only instructed to refrain from swearing or using obscene language, but have been ordered to see that language of an offensive or annoying character is not used by passengers.

## MURDER AT MONTREAL

Quarrel Amongst Italians Ends in  
Fatal Use of Stiletto.

Montreal, Feb. 21.—An Italian named Antonio de Luca was foully murdered this evening by another Italian named Micela Viti. The two men, who had been friends, were out of work for some time, and had considerable drinking and loafing together. They were wrestling in the backyard of their boarding-house on Cadieux street, when their fun changed to anger.

Friends rushed out to part the two, and an Italian named F. Loretto had his thumb bitten off by Viti, who then drew his stiletto and stabbed prostrate de Luca. His stiletto pierced his victim's heart, who expired at once. Viti then coolly arose, wiped his stiletto and disappeared. Up to a late hour no trace of the murderer had been found.

A BIGAMY CHARGE.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 22.—Miss Lizzy Baker, of Yarker, found herself wife No. 2 of Alex. S. Babcock, of Huron, when the latter was tried for bigamy in this city.

The late Mrs. Rowell was one of London's oldest residents, having been born in London Township 82 years ago.

About twenty years ago she moved to this city permanently.

She is survived by one son, Mr. Newton W. Rowell, of Toronto, and two daughters, Mrs. Gordon Wright, 133 Elmwood avenue, after a long illness.

The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

## DEATH OF MRS. ROWELL

Well-Known Lady Passed Away in  
South London Today.

Mrs. Nancy Rowell, relict of the late Joseph Rowell, died this morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Gordon Wright, 133 Elmwood avenue, after a long illness.

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