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TOMORROW'S WEATHER.
Cloudy, Rain.

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Sun Rises Tomorrow, 7:44.
Sun Sets Tomorrow, 4:42.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

ALD. ECKERT AGAINST SALE

City Hall Deal Is Beginning to
Loom Large in Municipal
Campaign.

CITY TO SPEND MUCH

In Many Quarters Mayor Beattie's
Bargain Is Regarded as a Very
Bad One.

The sale of the city hall is going to cut some figure in the coming municipal elections, and a large number of ratepayers are asking the opinions of the various candidates on the question.

In many quarters it is thought that a bad bargain was made, while others declare that it was a good thing for the city, will stimulate building, and boom the town.

Ald. Eckert has opposed the sale of the hall from the beginning to the end. He thought the price was not sufficient for such a building and site, and he voted consistently against it in the council. He was of the opinion that much more money could be obtained for it, and wanted a bigger price for a very valuable asset.

Ald. Eckert's Position.
"I opposed the sale because I did not think it was good business," said Mr. Eckert. "My attitude through the whole transaction was consistent, at least. We should get all the money possible out of any asset the city possesses, and we should never give anything away."

Mr. C. M. R. Graham, who is also a candidate for the mayoralty, stated today that the disposal of the city hall was something for which this year's council should bear responsibility.

"The council is altogether responsible," said Mr. Graham. "I had nothing whatever to do with it. It is not for me to criticize or praise. It is the business of the present administration."

"Are you in favor of the sale or not?" he was asked.
"The transaction is closed, and it is for the present council to assume the responsibility," he answered. "It was their business altogether."

His impression was that the deal was settled, and that all there was left to do was to wait for the report of the auditor.

Attitude of the Aldermen.
Some of the ratepayers are concerned as to the attitude of the aldermen, and the auditor's report.

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TESTIMONY AIDS DR. MACGREGOR

Ray Sparling Testified Brothers
Suffered From a Heredi-
tary Disease.

USED PATENT MEDICINES

Swears That Nurse Showed Him
Poison Found in a Bottle at
Home—The Evidence Taken.

Bad Axe, Mich., Dec. 13.—The examination of Dr. R. A. Macgregor in connection with the death of Cyril Sparling, the 20-year-old Uby youth, was continued this afternoon. Ray Sparling, the only one of the four Sparling boys now alive, was on the stand during the entire day. His cross-examination has not been completed yet. Thus far the evidence introduced has all been in favor of Dr. Macgregor.

The evidence introduced, in favor of the defendant, was the statements and admissions of Ray Sparling to the effect that his three brothers were suffering from a disease of which he refused to divulge the nature and that they had been ill for two years. Previous to Peter's death, he also stated, they had taken much patent medicine, and the brothers themselves had decided to take out the insurance policy. After a conference among themselves, they selected the Sun Life Insurance Company. The policies at first ran to the boys' personal estate, but were changed to the mother's name because of the numerous proceedings necessary to settle the estate.

Faith in the Doctor.
Carrie Boddy Sparling, the mother of the boys, who is also implicated in the alleged poisoning, attends the examination. She is accompanied by Mrs. Peter Sparling. Mrs. Sparling still remains at the home of Peter Sparling. She is willing to talk to everybody, and her constant statement is: "I can't believe the boys were poisoned. Dr. Macgregor was so kind and good."

Dr. Macgregor takes a keen interest in the proceedings, consults his attorneys and makes notes. He says that he has a great deal of confidence in his counsel, and expects to be acquitted. The prosecution assured him of his confidence and friendship.

"I think more of you than ever," the letter concluded.
All of the testimony is being taken Continued on Page Eleven.

FOUR PROGRESSIVE SOCIETIES NEEDED FOR CITY OF LONDON

West London Man Made a
Popular Suggestion in
East London.

"What we want to do is to get four associations of this kind in the city and unite them together for the common good of the people," said Edmund A. Pocock, of the West London Improvement Society at the East End Progressive Association's banquet on Wednesday evening. "We have already got one in the east and one in the west end of the city," he continued, "and they are doing a world of good. It is now up to the north and the south to organize. We have decided to change our name to the West London Progressive Association, with the kind permission of these gentlemen in the East End, and both organizations intend working together with the common welfare of the city at heart."

New Branches.
"It is only a question of time before we have branches in the north and south sections of the city, and then we shall propose that a committee of three representatives from each association meet every week. With this executive

of twelve men representing every part of the city we would have a city council that would do more for London and would be of greater advantage to London than the present city council or any of the past or future councils. It is time that the citizens took this matter in hand, and I am sure that it would be of great benefit to all parts of the city."

East Enders Agree.
The members of the East End Progressive Association fell in with Mr. Pocock's suggestion, and Mr. Reginald Christian stated that the original object in organizing the East End society was for the benefit of the city at large, and the East End in particular. "We have made efforts to branch out into other parts of the city also," he continued, "but owing to the work we have had in the East End and we have had little time to really work the thing up. However, with the assistance of our brothers in the west end we will now direct our energies in forming sister associations in the north and south end. A body of men such as we have here can do a world of good for the city and the citizens."

Favor the Plan.
Other members of the East and West End Associations spoke in favor of the plan, and it is likely that in the near future the city of London will have two councils, one elected by the voters, and the other representatives of all parts of the city.

ACCOSTED GIRL ON THE STREET FRESH YOUNG MAN WAS FINED

P. M. Judd Unmercifully Roasted
Callow Youth Who Was
Arraigned.

A young man, whose parents, as the police magistrate remarked this morning, are eminently respectable, was the object of as scathing a denunciation as has flowed from the court in many a day when the youth was found guilty of accosting a young girl on Dundas street on two occasions.

He was fined \$10, unless he pays the money over before the 15th of the month he will "ride" a month with Governor Carter.

The evidence of the girl was to the effect that about a week ago as she started for home, she was accosted by the young fellow, who asked to go home with her. She passed by and refused to have anything to do with him.

Last night she was similarly accosted, but this time the youth walked on a few feet ahead of her until she came to her home on Dundas street. When she turned in his clasp he grasped her by the arm and walked onto the verandah with her. She asked him to wait a moment, and went into the house.

Realizing what was coming he left, but a gentleman in the place who was told of the occurrence, followed him to the corner, where he was speaking to a friend. The young fellow was "collared" and forced to return to the house. Later he was turned over to the police.

A Little Too Thin.
According to his own story in court this morning, he had accosted the girl previously on the street and was refused. He stated that last night he resolved to make an explanation, that he thought he met her at a dance, and that he followed her onto the verandah for that purpose, although she had twice objected to his company. He stated that the man who took him back to the house had given him roughly to the ground, but the court was of the opinion that the actions of the gentleman in question were perfectly fitting under the circumstances.

The prisoner had appeared before, charged with being drunk and disorderly. "I have known your father thirty years, and he has always conducted himself properly, and has never brought disgrace upon himself or family such as you have," said Magistrate Judd. "Only for this I would not have the slightest hesitation in sending you to jail for a month. There are too many of you hoodlums accosting decent girls on the street, and I intend to put a stop to it."

The father of the said man was in court, was warned not to supply the fine for him, but the youth was given until Dec. 15—his pay day—to hand the money into court.

"CHRISTMAS IS COMING."

By John T. McCutcheon.

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SPLENDID CATCHES AT PORT STANLEY

Fishermen Are Taking Advan-
tage of the Fine
Weather.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Port Stanley, Dec. 14.—The exceptionally fine weather here is proving of the greatest financial benefit to the fishermen, all of whom are busily engaged with their nets. Some splendid catches are being made. The fish are being taken at a rate that are being taken are finding a ready sale all through the district.

Most of the bigger boats have laid up for the winter. The Dominion Government cruiser Vigilant is here and with the exception of the officers all her crew have been paid off.

The fishing tug En-risprize has gone into winter quarters at Port Bruce.

The smaller boats will continue to work as long as the fine weather lasts, but all are ready to go into winter quarters at any time.

"The big steel steamer Empress of Midland, from Port Arthur, is here for the winter. She brought 125,000 bushels of wheat and oats."

APPEAL MAY BE TAKEN TO OTTAWA

Armed-Serg. Cross Is Likely To
Carry His Case to a Higher
Tribunal.

There is a possibility of considerable difficulty over the court-martial held the other day at the ordnance stores department.

Armed-Serg. A. J. Cross was accused of misdemeanor while on duty, and on hearing the evidence he was reduced to the rank of sergeant, two steps down with a loss of pay.

It is alleged that there is considerable ill-feeling over the matter among the men. It is openly stated on the streets that the trouble is due altogether to a difference between Cross and some of his superior officers.

This is denied at the ordnance stores office, and the claim is made that the man was properly disciplined for misconduct.

The case will be taken to headquarters, it is now said, and Col. Sam Hughes, minister of militia, will be asked to give his opinion on the matter.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Cloudy, Rain.
Police Cases.
Toronto, Dec. 14.—3 a.m.
Today—Light winds; fine, with not much change in temperature.
TEMPERATURES.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning:
High. Low. Weather.
London 41 28 Clear
Victoria 46 35 Cloudy
Calgary 40 20 Cloudy
Winnipeg 26 10 Snow
Port Arthur 29 20 Cloudy
Perry Sound 40 28 Fair
Toronto 43 23 Clear
Ottawa 38 26 Fair
Montreal 38 26 Fair
Quebec 36 26 Fair
Father Point 36 26 Cloudy
Fine weather prevails this morning throughout the greater portion of Canada, but unsettled conditions are likely to arise in the evening, and the region tomorrow. Temperature changes have been unimportant.

A SIMILARITY OF NAMES CAUSED PAINFUL MISTAKE

Horton St. Family Were Told
That Father Had Been
Killed.

This was taken as confirmation of the first report, and as a result, the family, including the mother and two daughters, were prostrated with grief. A woman was sent to a married daughter living in another part of the city, and kind-hearted neighbors gathered to offer what sympathy and assistance they could.

Rectifying the Mistake.
Then someone who had been instrumental in passing on the false report, discovered that a mistake had been made and no time was lost in rectifying it. The family had not yet heard that the report which had first reached them, was untrue, and in a moment their tears had changed to gladness.

Subsequently it was found that the mistake had occurred through the city directory giving the name of William Moore, 254 Horton street, as an employee of the McCormick Company, while Lawson H. Moore, of Maitland street, was listed simply as a confectioner without his place of work being given.

COL. LITTLE IS FAVORED BY OFFICERS OF 7TH. REGT.

His Name Has Been Sent to
Ottawa as Honorary
Colonel.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Dec. 14.—It is understood here that Col. J. W. Little, of London, brigadier of the Nineteenth Division, will be named to succeed Sir John Carling as honorary colonel of the Seventh Regiment, and the name has been submitted to the militia department by the officers of the regiment, and it will be ratified in a few days, it is expected.

Mr. Peacock was mentioned for the position, and it is understood here that he was very anxious to "take it. Such a commission would give him the privilege of entering his horses in the various military classes in the International and other horse shows. It is common talk here that Mr. Beck interviewed Hon. S. Hughes, Minister of Militia, and asked him to secure the position of honorary colonel of the militia department as a reward for his services.

In conversation with many officers of the Seventh Regiment here, it was stated that Col. Little's name had been submitted to the militia department as honorary colonel of the Seventh. They refused to discuss the vote or anything of that nature.

Col. Little was for years in command of the regiment, and did much to advance its interests.

LIVE 75 YEARS IN DELAWARE NEVER NIGHT AWAY FROM HOME

Geo. B. Peacock Pursued the
Even Tenor of His Way
to the End.

Having lived all his life, 75 years, in a village of a couple of hundred people, never a night away from home and never on a railway train, Mr. George Burridge Peacock, a shoemaker of Delaware, died Wednesday as a result of an attack of paralysis.

A PLEA FOR THE SMALL UNIVERSITIES

Professor Jennings References at the
Canadian Club Banquet Pleaded
Captain Murphy.

At the Canadian Club luncheon today, Prof. Jennings made a strong plea for small universities. While he did not specifically mention the Western, the connection was made by Capt. T. J. Murphy.

Whirled Around Shaft, Workman Met His Death In a Horrible Manner!

\$100 REWARD FOR
A MISSING WOMAN

Local Police Notified To Be On
Lookout for Emma Peter,
of Flint, Michigan.

The local police have been notified that \$100 reward is offered for the recovery dead or alive, or information that may lead to the recovery of Miss Emma Peter, of Flint, Mich. Miss Peter left the home of her sister, Mrs. Lavern Harmer, on Saturday evening, Nov. 4, 1911, to go to a nearby grocery store. She went to the store and left her order, and disappeared, and no trace of her has been found since. Miss Peter is 33 years of age, 5 feet 2 inches in height, weighed 120 pounds, has light complexion, blonde hair, wears glasses, and was wearing, when she left home, a blue gingham dress, black turban hat and light navy blue beaver cloth coat. The above reward stands good in the United States or Canada.

DR. BRUCE-SMITH SAYS JAIL IS SATISFACTORY

The Prisoners Are Well Fed
—A Few Changes Are
Recommended.

Dr. R. W. Bruce Smith, provincial inspector of asylums and prisons, in the report of his official visit on Dec. 6 to the London and Middlesex county jail, states that the general condition of the building as regards cleanliness was entirely satisfactory. The ventilation, however, was anything but good, largely on account of the structural defects of the building.

He reports that the prisoners were satisfactorily fed on an outlay of 7 cents per day for each, and that there were no complaints in regard to the food provided.

The discipline was also found to be excellent and the arrangement good. Sanitary improvements and new lavatories, however, are badly needed, and the property committee of the county council are urged to take steps to have the necessary improvements made.

An inside residence for both of the matrons is also urged, one of them at present having to secure outside premises.

The report also states that sufficient work is not provided for the prisoners to keep them from idleness.

Improvements to the heating system of the jail are noted and reported on as satisfactory.

The report adds, however, that the improvements to the courtrooms are going on much too slowly.

A KEEN INTEREST IN THE ELECTIONS

Travelers Will Vote For Candidates at
Meeting To Be Held on Saturday.

The keenest interest is being taken in the election of officers for the Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association to be held on Saturday. The ballot closes tomorrow night. From present indications, it will be the largest vote in many years.

The contest for the presidency is between Mr. Donald Ferguson and Mr. R. E. Davis. Both are popular with the travelling men, and are working industriously. Every available ballot will be polled. Both men are confident.

For the second vice-presidency, Mr. H. H. Rennie and E. N. Hanna are running, and there is another lively fight.

PREACHER FOUND DEAD

Rev. Dr. Gwilyne, Formerly of Can-
ada, Killed by Overdose of
Medicine.

New York, Dec. 14.—The Rev. David W. Gwilyne, 60 years of age, of Washington Heights, was found dead last night in a room in a Harlem Hotel, which he had occupied since the day before. The body was found in an empty vat that had contained a sedative. According to a hospital physician he had probably taken an overdose accidentally.

The Rev. Dr. Gwilyne was born in Wales, went to Canada when 30 years old and entered the ministry. Ten years ago he was pastor of a Protestant Episcopal Church here, and since his retirement from active ministry he has been engaged in missionary and educational work.

The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon at Delaware Cemetery, and the services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Leigh, of the Church of England, there.

Lawson H. Moore Killed in McCormick Mfg. Co.'s Works.

PUTTING ON BELT,
ARM WAS CAUGHT

Terrible Accident Witnessed
by Number of Women and
Girls—Inquest Ordered.

Whirled around a high-speed shaft several times, his body crashing against the ceiling at every revolution, and finally pounded against the floor, with his right arm torn almost from his body, Lawson Herbert Moore, familiarly known as Bert Moore, of 475 Maitland street, met with a horrible death while at his employment in the works of the McCormick Manufacturing Company this morning.

Moore, who was thirty-one years of age, lived with his wife on Maitland street. He had been employed by the McCormick Company for six years, and at the time of his death was foreman of a department in the big confectionery.

WOMEN AND
GIRLS PRESENT.

A number of women and young girls who were at work in the room witnessed the accident, and rushed to render assistance when his body was flung from the shaft. He was practically lifeless, however, and although Dr. Drake was summoned nothing could be done for him.

Coroner MacLaren was later notified, and ordered an inquest. The jury met at noon today and viewed the body, making an adjournment to a later date to hear the evidence.

This morning, John Nickle was called to place a belt on a pulley. Moore was present and volunteered to do the job as he had often done it before. He placed the leather over his arm and leaned in to slip it into position. In an instant his arm was drawn in, and while he gave an agonized shout, his body was lifted from the table on which he stood, and whirled about and pounded against the rafters at every revolution.

DROPPED LIFELESS
ON THE FLOOR.

Just how many times he was carried around, those who saw the affair were unable to tell, but before the machinery could be stopped he dropped from the shaft onto the table, and rolled lifeless on the floor.

His arm was almost torn from its socket, and he was battered and bleeding from many wounds.

Dr. Drake was called from his office a short distance away, but death had occurred almost instantly.

The body was given over to Ferguson's, and was viewed at the undertaker's parlors by the jury at noon. This is the first fatal accident in the McCormick factory.

A FORMER LISTOWEL MAN.

Moore formerly lived in Listowel, and Blythe, but has been here for many years. Mrs. Moore is a daughter of Mr. William Slater, of 535 Colborne street. He is also survived by two unmarried sisters, Bernice and Francis, of Toronto, and by his father, who resides with Mrs. Bryan, a married sister.

One brother, John, of Blythe, survives him, while a second brother, Rev. A. P. Moore, of Detroit, died but a few weeks ago. His mother also succumbed recently.

The deceased was known as a man of model habits, and was a member of Croydon Memorial Church.

No arrangements for the funeral have yet been made.

JURY VIEWED THE BODY.

The jury empaneled by Coroner MacLaren to conduct an inquest into the death of Mr. Moore met at Ferguson's undertaking parlors at noon, and viewed the body, which was identified for official purposes by Mr. James Craig. The evidence will be taken in an adjourned session at the police station on Monday evening.

The jurors are: Lewis H. Martin, Enaley Sutton, Wm. Aitkens, Jas. H. Neville, Robert Sheppard, John Spencer, Thomas Way, Thomas Egerton, and D. F. Kilgour, foreman.

BANKER BURROWS ILL.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—R. S. Burrow, manager of the Union Bank, who underwent an operation for appendicitis in a very low condition. Probability of his recovery is not good.



THE LATE L. H. MOORE,
Who Was Killed in the Works of the
McCormick Manufacturing
Company.