

WESTERN FAIR SURPLUS \$10,742 ANNUAL MEETING HELD TODAY

Report Says That Despite Bad Weather Conditions the Fair of 1907 Was a Great Success.

THE OFFICERS PRACTICALLY SAME AS LAST YEAR

Figures of All Departments Are Very Satisfactory—The Dog Show Proved a Big Winner—The Treasurer's Report.

The annual meeting of the Western Fair Association was held this afternoon in the city hall with a good attendance of members.

There was considerable enthusiasm expressed at the splendid success of the fair of 1907, in spite of the fact that the weather was anything but favorable.

President Reid, in his annual address, pointed to the fact that a cash balance of \$10,742.83 was in the bank with no liabilities.

This announcement was most welcome to the members and they greeted it with cheers.

The assets of the association at the close of the year were \$62,479.97, with no liabilities.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of President Reid is given:

"Another year in the history of the Western Fair has passed, and although as you all know, the weather conditions were very much against us, we are still able to report a net gain from this year's exhibition of \$3,336.21. This amount, however, together with a further sum of \$924.71, in all \$4,260.92, has been expended in connection with special repairs and improvements to grounds and buildings, in addition to which \$2,000 was contributed for the same purpose by the city of London. Two large lavatories were erected, and a system of sewerage, that was absolutely necessary, installed throughout the grounds. Your directors, seeing the large amount of work which will necessarily have to be done this coming summer, have, since the exhibition, about completed the alteration and addition to the administration building, which was laid over last year on account of other work which the board thought more necessary. Payment of \$680 has been made on account of this contract, and included in the special expenditure above referred to. (Continued on Page Ten.)

Morris Talks of a Canadian Circuit London Isn't Mentioned, However.

A New Yorker Proposes Big Things To Fight Keith Interests.

The Hamilton Herald says that it is the intention of William Morris, the vaudeville magnate, to establish a chain of vaudeville houses in Canada. Morris now books for the Savoy in Hamilton, and it is said he is looking for a theater in Ottawa, to oppose Bennett's. Nothing is said of a theater in London, however, as it is conceded that a third house here would not pay, and that Bennett's now control the field.

The First Move.

The article in the Herald is as follows:

One of the first moves in the vaudeville war, which will be resumed in earnest when the new circuit organized by William Morris begins operations next season, will be the formation of a Canadian syndicate, ultimately building or controlling theaters in most of the important cities of the Dominion. Negotiations with that end in view have been under way for some time, and the plans are now well advanced. (Continued on Page Nine.)

\$50,000 From Grand Trunk Pay Car

The Grand Trunk pay car steamed into the station this morning and for about an hour it was surrounded by a crowd of men, each of whom came away bearing his check.

"Our expenses are a little above the average this month," an official told The Advertiser, "for a while it looked as if it would be lower, as many of the men have been working slightly shorter hours than usual, but this was offset by the overtime that many of the men got in during the snow blockades of the last few weeks. Those few days cost the company thousands, and down east the pay roll is even larger than here. We will pay out about \$50,000 here. That is more than is usual at this time of the year."

HARDSHIP HIS LOT, TRIES TO DIE

Essex, Ont., Feb. 19.—Wearied of life, George Burling, 69 years old, walked into the one-room shack in which he lived at Cottam, and taking up his revolver, shot himself through the brain. He attempted to fire a second shot to make sure of the job, but had not strength to discharge the weapon.

Burling's life had been a constant struggle against hardship. He had been heard to threaten suicide. He is not expected to live.

Taylor Swears Collins Is a "Pro"

[Special to The Advertiser.] Hamilton, Feb. 19.—The Hamilton Hockey Club has forwarded to the O. H. A. secretary the affidavit of Hudson to the effect that Collins, of Collingwood, is a professional. Word was received this morning by Manager Ripplingwood that Collins will be thrown out.

ASKS FOR TWO YEARS' EXTENSION

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Feb. 19.—In the Legislature yesterday, Mr. Neely (West Middlesex), introduced a bill respecting the Southwestern Traction Company. It extends for two years the time for starting the construction of the company's line from London to Ingersoll. The line must be completed within three years thereafter.

Another Side To Alleged Cruelty Story

The aunt and uncle of the young English girl who told a story of alleged cruelty to Inspector Sanders, as reported yesterday, called on The Advertiser this morning, and gave their version of the affair.

They say that on Saturday night the girl returned a little before midnight, and they remonstrated with her for keeping so late hours. She became angry, and left the house, since which time she has been stopping at a hotel.

The girl's relatives are very respectable people, and are much annoyed at the niece's story.

"Her clothes are at our house yet, and she is welcome to come back, said the uncle this morning, "but there are certain lines of conduct I insist she shall observe."

The gentleman reported the facts to Inspector Sanders, and it is thought the girl will be prevailed upon to agree with her relatives, who are only acting for her good.

The uncle brought the young lady here six weeks ago, and he says, procured several positions for her, but as they were not to her liking, she would not accept them.

MASONS OF SCOTTISH RITE GATHER IN ANNUAL REUNION

Between Two and Three Hundred of the Craft From Many Points in Canada Meet in the Fourteenth Annual Session.

The fourteenth annual reunion of the Scottish Rite Masons of London Valley is taking place today in the red room of the Masonic Temple with a very large attendance. Fully 250 members of the craft are present, and the reunion promises to be one of the most successful ever held in London.

Brothers are present from all over Western Ontario, and many distinguished members from Hamilton, Toronto and other places are registering. In addition there are delegations from Woodstock, Windsor, Chatham, Ingersoll, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Kincardine, Stratford and many other places.

This morning the fourth and fifth degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite were exemplified by Illustrious Brothers Taylor (30th degree), Young (33rd degree), and Broderick (32nd degree).

The sixth degree was exemplified by

Illustrious Brothers Thomas Rowe and W. A. Piper, of this city.

At the afternoon session, the remaining degrees of the Lodge of Perfection were exemplified by prominent brethren of the order.

In the evening the 14th degree will be exemplified. It is expected that Sovereign Grand Commander Hon. J. M. Gibson, Hamilton, 33rd degree; Senator Wm. Gibson, St. Catharines; Judge McWatt, Sarnia; H. F. Howell, 33rd degree, Hamilton; Gavin Stewart, Hamilton; W. A. Kern, Woodstock, 33rd degree, W. A. Young, 33rd degree, this city, and A. E. Cooper, 33rd degree, this city, will take part.

There were many candidates who presented themselves for acceptance, and there will be plenty of work to do. The visiting brethren were entertained at lunch at noon today by the local brethren.

London Policyholders Are Affected By Failure of Mutual Reserve Co.

Certain Class of Policies Will Be Amply Protected—Others Not So Certain.

A prominent local insurance man this morning stated to The Advertiser that there would be many Londoners affected by the failure of the Mutual Reserve Insurance Company, of New York, for which a winding-up order was given yesterday at Toronto by Mr. Justice Teetzel.

It is practically certain that, if it is alleged, those who held assessment plan policies will be all right, as they have paid in, but it is understood that the reserve fund held by the Government will protect those who took out policies of the old line life insurance character.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. W. J. Wilson, at 7:30 p.m., who gave the opening address. Principal Ferguson then spoke, thanking those present for the manner in which they turned out, the school being filled to its fullest capacity.

The programme was then rendered: Solo, Miss Weston; chorus, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," children of principal's room; piano duet, Miss Lizzie Stinchcomb, Miss Ethel Campbell; address, Dr. W. J. Wilson; solo, Miss Jennie McGregor; duet, Miss Gladys Wright, Velner Wallace; address, Dr. Teetzel; address, Principal Ferguson; games in charge of the following teachers: Miss Knott, Miss Davidson and Miss Blackwell, and a phonograph selection by Mr. Wilcox.

After the programme, the mothers' club, and intend making a strong canvass to see if something cannot be done to get the school board to look after the school, and either build a new one and enlarge the grounds, or do something to improve the present state of the schoolhouse, as it is now a disgrace to the city of London, and totally unfit for what it is now being used.

The Mothers' Club desire it placed on record that they heartily endorse the sentiments expressed in the local papers re supplying suitable playgrounds for the children, as they know there is no place in the city of London that needs it more than the children of King street school.

The playground on which the King street school stands is but twenty feet wider than the school, and the only available place for the children to play is on the street, and it is almost a daily occurrence for one of the little ones to be hurt in some manner by a passing school.

The interior fittings are also in a dilapidated condition, being the same furniture used by the pupils' grandparents when they attended the same old school.

Famous Woman Anarchist in London

Mrs. Emma Goldman, the noted advocate of anarchism arrived in this city today from Toronto. While here Mrs. Goldman, who is on a lecturing tour, will stop at the home of Mr. M. Hornestein, 2 local furniture dealer, 299 Ottawa avenue.

Anarchism, said Miss Goldman, realized the great economic evils under which people were today suffering. It stood for the development of a proper individuality, from the point of view of the higher social side of life. Anarchism would not pay for one

wanted to be rich, but it would if one desired to live a perfect life. Society, as at present constituted, was dominated by two motives—that of gain for the individual, and that of gain for society. At present these two motives were opposed. The aim of anarchism was to reconstruct society, so as to bring the motives into harmony. To enforce her claims, society, organized armies, police, law courts, and built battlements. The true law needed no compulsion. A law which needed compulsion was not a law—it was an affront.

Watford Woman Dead in 119th Year

Hamilton, Feb. 19.—Word was received here today of the death near Watford of Mrs. Elizabeth Funn, the oldest woman in Canada. Mrs. Funn was an Indian woman and claimed to be 119 years of age. She had many children, but all predeceased her, and she had resided for the past few years with her grand-daughter, Mrs. Lance.

School Board Will Have a Surplus

The annual report of the board of education will be ready in a few days. So far as can be learned, the finances of the board are in good condition.

There will be a surplus of nearly \$400 in the Collegiate funds, and a slight surplus in the public schools funds, giving a surplus in all of between \$400 and \$500.



CAPT. W. J. REID,
President of the Western Fair Association.

BOARD APPROVED FREIGHT RATES

Of the Southwestern Traction Company of London.

The Ontario railway board have approved the freight tariffs of the Southwestern Traction Company and Sandwich, Windsor, and Amherstburg Railway, subject to a general inquiry into the matter of freight tariffs.

MR. FLANNIGAN SEEKS POSITION

Of Meet Inspector for the City of London.

It is rumored that Mr. John L. Flannigan, the local butcher, is looking for the appointment of meat inspector for the city.

So far there has been no office of that sort created, but it is expected that if an abattoir is established in the city, as it is now practically assured there will be, a meat inspector for the city will be necessary. That will hold good if the abattoir is either a private-owned institution or a civic abattoir.

This will not hold good if the abattoir is established by the Canadian Packing Company. In that case the inspection will be done by Government inspectors.

The Government does not appoint inspectors save in the case where an export trade is done, such as is the case with the Canadian Packing Company. The Government insists on a much higher standard than would be the case if it were either a civic or private-owned plant.

If the abattoir were established by some large packing firm doing business elsewhere in Canada, Government inspectors would be in charge.

THIRTEEN MONTHS FOR CHAPMAN

Slick Party Arrested Here Sent to the Central Prison.

Toronto, Feb. 19.—H. Chapman, who recently swindled a number of Italians out of sums ranging from \$7 to \$15 on a story of securing work for them at Queen's University, was today in the police court sent to the Central Prison for thirteen months. The men Chapman promised, would get \$2.50 a day for working only two hours a day, while they would use of the library and all the comforts of home. Chapman swore them to an agreement, acting himself as notary, and then ex-acted them in his capacity of physician. After getting the money Chapman left for Detroit, but was captured at London. He pleaded not guilty at the preliminary investigation, but today changed this to one of guilty.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Feb. 19.—8 a.m.
Today—Strong winds and gales, east to north, with snow.
Thursday—Fair and cold.

Local Temperatures.

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory up to 8 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 25.5; lowest, 15; above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	24	16	Fair
Winnipeg	0	-2	Fair
Port Arthur	4	-	Cloudy
Barry Sound	14	10	Cloudy
Toronto	26	24	Snow
Ottawa	8	-2	Snow
Montreal	4	-6	Cloudy
Quebec	4	-2	Cloudy
Father Point	6	2	Fair

Min. (-) became below zero.
The first edition 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 depression which was in Kansas yesterday morning has now reached the Ohio Valley, accompanied over the lake region by strong winds and gales and snow.

Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine, and for the most part cold.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.
Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 6 below-4 below; Atlin, 18-24; Port Simpson, 34-40; Victoria, 42-46; Edmonton, 2-22; Calgary, 4 below-14; Prince Albert, 8 below-12; Regina, 2 below-10; Winnipeg, 4 below-28; Toronto, 8-28; Ottawa, 4 below-20; Montreal, 20-31; Quebec, 2-12; St. John, 2-25; Halifax, 23-40.

CARTAGE RATES TO GO UP IN LONDON AND OTHER CITIES

Railway Companies Will Make Up Some of the Loss Caused by the Reduction in Freight Rates Which They Were Recently Compelled To Make.

Though the railways have not yet issued official circulars to that effect, on March 15, Canadian roads will charge an additional half-cent per 100 pounds for cartage. In the aggregate, this will mean a large amount of money.

Originally, in such centers as Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Hamilton, London and Ottawa, the first five classes of freight were delivered free to the consignee.

Then a charge of a cent and a half was levied by the railways. The two-cent rate, to go into effect on March 15, it will be said by the railways, will be due to the advances made by the cartage companies, but manufacturers and merchants offer a further explanation.

A DIRECT RESULT.

"This change will be a direct result of the reduction in freight rates that the railroads were forced to make a short time ago," Freight Agent Gordon, of the Grand Trunk, told The Advertiser this morning.

"It will be general on all Canadian roads. As things are now the railroads are really paying the cartage companies more than they are getting out of it themselves. Under the new tariff the railroad will be freed and the extra charge will be borne by the consignee."

Nothing New Re G.T.R. Improvements So Said Supt. Brownlee Today

Plenty of Business, But Money Is Tight—Storm Ties Up Trains.

Mr. W. Brownlee, general manager of transportation of the Grand Trunk Railway, accompanied by Superintendent Gillen, of Toronto, was in the city this morning for a short time.

"Nothing particular for publication," Mr. Brownlee told The Advertiser. "I have been making a trip over the western division. The storm that is sweeping over Michigan today is tying all our lines up in great shape."

"This train was due here at 3:30 this morning, and now it is 11:30. That will give you an idea of what the railroads are up against. These storms a couple of weeks ago cost the company over \$100,000."

"What is the business outlook?" "Well, we have lots of stuff to haul. Unless there is an improvement in money conditions, however, some of the work contemplated will be left over for a while."

"No, I cannot say anything about what we will do in London. Nothing has been settled at all, yet."

Hartwick Appears Much Stronger Necessary To Put "Muffs" On Him

To Prevent Him Doing Injury To Himself—Appears To Be Insane.

"He eats fairly well, and is apparently growing stronger, but he is still very much insane."

Such was the statement given out today at the county jail in reference to James Hartwick, the accused murderer.

The excitement of the hearing has not yet worn off, and on several occasions since Monday it has been found necessary to again apply the "muffs" to the aged prisoner's hands to restrain him from tearing his clothes off and doing himself injury.

Hartwick has not resumed his habit of yelling at night, however, and for this the other prisoners are devoutly thankful for with the racket sleep was out of the question.

The jail physician stated today that Hartwick appeared to be getting stronger every day, and that while the excitement attending the hearing had proved a trifle too much for the old man, for the time being, that he expected to see Hartwick regain his mind again shortly.

Oxford Street Car Struck a Cutter

A southbound Oxford car struck a cutter at the corner of King and Richmond streets this morning, throwing the driver out.

There was little damage done. The horse was stopped without much trouble.

The farmer was driving west on King street, and on reaching the corner he could not see the car, which was rapidly approaching from the south.

He saw that he could not get back, so he urged his horse, and succeeded in getting the animal clear of the track, but the car struck the rear end of the cutter, overturning it, and throwing the man on the road. He fell clear of the tracks, however. He held on to the reins, and the horse was stopped. The man's name could not be learned, as he refused to give it to anyone.

It was at the same corner and under similar circumstances that Fire Chief Clark had a close call some time ago. The cars are supposed to stop or slow down here, but the motor-men generally pay little attention to the rules.

Railway Fighting Off New Blizzard

Toronto, Feb. 19.—The C. P. R. have had snowplows out all morning, working in the deep cuts between Myrtle and Peterboro, where it is snowing pretty heavily. This is a bad piece of line when the snow comes, and the company are determined if possible to prevent any repetition of the bad tie-up of ten days ago.

Snow fences have been erected along stretches of the Goderich line, where there are also many deep cuttings. The trains from the east and north, while running fairly well on time, had quite a coating of snow upon them when they pulled into the Union Station this morning. A very severe snowstorm is reported to be raging in Michigan. The G. T. R. express from Chicago via Sarnia Tunnel, due here at 7:40, was reported 7 hours and 20 minutes late.

To Abolish "Have Something" Practice

"The immediate enactment of a provincial law making the treating system criminal, and abolishing the bar, will be among the new demands to be made by the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance at the meeting in Toronto, next week," said Secretary McDermid to The Advertiser today.

"The convention will be one of the biggest ever held, and it is expected that over one thousand delegates will be present."

"One of the attractive features will be the addresses of Dr. Purley A. Baker, of Columbus, Ohio, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, one of the strongest temperance men in America."

Shoots at Girl Who Rejected Him

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 19.—Another attempt at murder was made by shooting in a restaurant on King street this morning. Crazy with jealousy because a waitress named Flora Smith refused to have anything to do with him while he was drinking, R. J. Fleming, a porter in the Clarendon Hotel, shot at her, but fortunately the bullet only grazed the girl's throat. Threatening to shoot again, the man was grasped by the proprietor

of the restaurant, where the girl worked, and she ran off. Two girls went for a policeman, and Fleming gave himself up. He will be charged with attempted murder.

Strong opposition has developed against the attitude of the Manitoba Government in reducing the majority for local option from a two-thirds vote to a bare majority. A commission may be appointed to investigate the matter.