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GIRL WANTS MOTHER MOST PATHETIC APPEAL

Martha McWatters Tells Pitiful Story to Salvation Army

Asks Passage to Canada for Mother and Children

Has anyone any money to put to a good use?

This is what Staff Captain MacGillivray, of the local Salvation Army Citadel, wants to know.

The captain doesn't want the money for himself, but for a pretty little girl, who is making a brave attempt



Photo by Geo. Henry.
MARTHA MCWATTERS.

to bring her mother to Canada from the old country.

The story is a pitiful one, and it was told to Captain MacGillivray in the presence of an Advertiser reporter in the citadel yesterday afternoon.

It is as story which goes back for

some years, and the plot is laid in the city of Belfast, Ireland.

Whisky at the Bottom.

Years ago, a Mr. McWatters lived with his wife and four children in Belfast. He was only a laboring man, but he managed to keep the family in pretty fair circumstances.

Then he took to drink.

Matters went from bad to worse, and one day he disappeared altogether. That was eight years ago, and the mother and the four children have heard nothing of him since.

The mother worked for a time to keep the family together, but found that she could not support the four children, and she tearfully consigned two of them to the Barnardo Home in Belfast. The other two she has maintained ever since.

Wants Her Mother.

Six years since the eldest girl and one of the boys—both of whom had been in the home—were shipped to Canada. The girl was placed in a home near Milverton, and the boy near St. Catharines. The boy is still at the latter place, but the girl found her way up to London, and she is now living with a Miss Stiles, about two miles west of West London, in London Township.

Her name is Martha. She is about fifteen years of age, and is a good little girl. She says she is well treated by her mistress.

But she wants her mother. Lately she has been receiving pathetic letters from her mother, who is finding it very hard to eke out a living in Belfast, and who, like thousands of others is turning her eyes to the land of the golden west, where

"They say there's bread and work for all,
And the sun shines always there."

But the child has no money, and neither has her baby brother at St. Catharines. She yearns for the mother whom she has not seen for six years, and she wants her to come. Night after night she has cried herself to sleep, and often she has dreamed that the mother is with her again.

Came to London.

Yesterday she could stand the yearning no longer. She read in the daily papers of the good work that is being done by the Salvation Army, in bringing out people, and dressing herself she started for London.

When she reached the city she walked past the doors of the Citadel time and again, for she was afraid to ask the officials what she had come for—passage for her mother and the two children to this country.

It seemed so much to ask. Captain MacGillivray says it will cost about \$100.

Told Her Story.

Then she entered the Citadel. When she saw the staff captain her fears disappeared for he is a kindly man, with a good, honest face. She told him her story, and he at once became interested. And he decided to enlist the efforts of The Advertiser to raise the money to bring out the mother and the two children.

The little girl—Martha McWatters—was tearfully joyful. She was foot-sore, hungry, and tired, but she felt that her efforts had been well repaid. She showed some of the pathetic letters her mother had written her, and she wept with joy to think that the family might be together again.

Asks Contributions.

The picture of the little girl, which appears in The Advertiser, and was taken for this journal, would lead one to believe that she is much older than she really is. As a matter of fact, she is quite a little girl.

Any contributions toward a fund to bring out the mother to Canada, will be thankfully received by Staff Captain MacGillivray, who can be found at the citadel any day.



ONE EFFECT OF THE COOL WAVE.

Automobile Struck the Buggy London Men Have Narrow Escape

Alleged Reckless Driving of a Car at Dorchester Causes Two Accidents.

The reckless driving of a large automobile, said to be number 5212, through Dorchester yesterday resulted in two smashups, in one of which Mrs. Smith, of that place, received a badly broken arm.

Two young London men figured in one of the disasters also, but fortunately escaped injury, although their rig was badly damaged. The young men were Fred Preston, a representative of the London Business College, and Ed. Cook, a salesman for the Masuret Grocery Company.

Mr. Cook's story is that while the two were driving toward Dorchester on their way to this city yesterday afternoon, about 4 o'clock, they were

suddenly struck by a large touring car, traveling at a rapid rate of speed in the same direction. Both were thrown out of the rig into the ditch.

A little further on the car frightened a horse driven by a Mrs. Smith, of Dorchester, who with her little son was on her way home. The horse jumped into the ditch and the lady and the child were thrown to the ground, the former sustaining a broken arm.

Dr. Banghart, of Dorchester, attended the injured woman, who had been taken into a nearby store.

The police are looking for the owners of the car which arrived in the city yesterday afternoon with a broken spring. The number of the car, it is alleged, is 5212, and the drivers, if they can be located, will be charged, not only with reckless driving, but with damaging property and endangering the lives of at least three people.

Work Begins on New Reid Building Chatham Contractor Has the Job

Peter Smerlies Will Have a Pool Room, Etc., in the Structure.

Although the architects refuse to affirm or deny the report, it is understood that a Chatham contractor, whose name is Mr. B. Hogan, has been awarded the contract for the new Reid building, which will be occupied as a pool and billiard hall by Peter Smerlies.

When interviewed today Mr. McBride, of the firm of McBride & Farley, who is preparing the plans for the new structure, stated that so far as he knew no contract had been

signed, although there was a possibility that one would be drawn up within a day or two.

There is said to be some small hitch or another in the way of making the contract, but just what it is no one seems prepared to say.

This morning a sign calling for bricklayers and laborers, and signed "P. Hogan," was hung up in the windows of the old Crystal Hall, and it was reported that work would begin some time today.

The new building will be four stories in height and will contain a shoe shine parlor, bowling alleys, pool and billiard tables, and possibly other attractions. Mr. Smerlies will sign a new lease for a long term of years next week. It is understood that the terms of the new lease are practically the same as those of the old one.

Samuel Leff Fined \$50 and Costs Sold Liquor Without a License

Other Cases in Police Court Before Magistrate Love—Angus Cameron Again.

Samuel Leff pleaded guilty this morning before Magistrate Love to the charges brought against him by Inspector Galpin, of selling liquor without a license.

Mr. J. M. McEvoy, who represented Moses and Samuel Leff, entered a plea of not guilty in the case of Moses Leff, and the charge against him was withdrawn.

Samuel Leff admitted that he had been selling hard cider and an analysis of the stuff showed that it contained a very large percentage of alcohol. The Leffs keep a store on the corner of Nelson and Maitland streets.

It is alleged that Leff has been selling the beverage to numerous young men in the vicinity, causing them to become intoxicated. Magistrate Love imposed a fine of \$50, and gave Leff ten days in which to pay it.

Another charge of a similar nature brought against Leff was withdrawn.

Booze House Row.

The case of William Bentley, who charged E. B. Smith with assault, took up considerable time. Bentley was considerably disfigured, and bore evidence of having been badly used. In the witness box he stated that Smith and he occupied the same room at a boarding house, and that Smith had ill-used him for some time. Last Monday Smith was doing something that he thought he ought not to do, and when he remonstrated with him Smith threw him down and beat him. Later in the evening, when he went up to his room Smith pounced upon him, and smashed him up against the stove, cutting his forehead badly. After that he had thrown him down and kicked him brutally.

Smith's story in the box was that Bentley had attacked him with a

knife, and he produced a pair of trousers hacked in a most peculiar manner. The cuts, he said, had been made by Bentley.

Magistrate Love said he thought that drink was the real cause of the trouble, and fined Smith \$5 and \$3 costs.

A Booze Cargo.

William McDonald got a big cargo of booze on board last night, and went home and proceeded to make things interesting for his wife by giving her a practical demonstration of the quickest methods of breaking up furniture.

As most of the furniture belonged to the young woman, and she did not approve of her husband's conduct, she had him arrested.

Magistrate Love said he was seriously considering sending McDonald down to the Central for a holiday.

AN EARTHQUAKE.

London, Sept. 25.—The observatories at Lalbach, Austria, and on the Isle of Wight recorded a severe earthquake lasting one hour and a half at 10 o'clock last night. The distance is estimated at 7,000 miles.

LIBERALS, ATTENTION

Hyman Hall will be opened tomorrow night, when Hon. A. G. MacKay, the newly-appointed leader of the Opposition, will make his first appearance here since his appointment.

Mr. MacKay is recognized as one of the foremost platform speakers of Canada, and the Young Liberals were very fortunate in securing him. Mr. F. F. Farlee, M. P. for West Lambton, and Mr. George C. Gibbons, K.C., will also speak. The Imperial Quartet will sing. Don't forget the date. It will be a great gathering.

MITCHELL HOLDS THE PLANS; HAS PLAYED HIS TRUMP CARD

Row Over the Isolation Hospital Parchment Grows Decidedly Interesting—The Case of Engineer Stiles.

In the first round of the contest for the money demanded by Mr. Victor Mitchell for work done by him in preparing the plans of the isolation hospital, Mr. Mitchell scored heavily this morning.

Mr. James Bell, secretary of No. 2 committee, went to City Engineer Graydon this morning for the plans, as No. 2 committee is to meet tonight, and it was the intention to look over the plans and approve them.

Mr. Graydon did not have them, so Mr. Bell went to Mr. Mitchell.

The latter refused to give them up until he got the assurance that his bill would be paid. Mr. Bell could not give him that assurance, so he did not get the plans.

As possession is considered as nine points of the law, Mr. Mitchell's ground seems fairly secure.

Are Threatening Now.

It is alleged that several men in authority have threatened Mr. Mitchell's position if he does not give up the plans and stop his demands for his rights. So the fight waxes merrily.

Another phase of the trouble has just cropped up. Mr. J. A. Stiles, not long ago was appointed assistant to Engineer Moore of the waterworks department. It was understood at the time of the appointment that Mr. Stiles should take up his office in the engineer's office at the city hall.

Since his appointment Mr. Stiles has not been in the city hall. What he has been doing is not known to anyone in the city hall.

It is alleged that Mr. Mitchell has been doing nearly all the work in connection with the sanitary matter for over a year—work in the water commissioners' department, and whose bill for that work has been unceremoniously turned down by the commission.

SOME HOSPITAL EXPLANATION

Considerable confusion is being caused in the public mind in regard to the new hospitals for contagious diseases now under consideration.

The isolation hospital will be erected near Victoria Hospital. This hospital will be for the treatment of contagious diseases, such as diphtheria, scarlet fever, and other diseases of such a nature.

The present smallpox hospital will

continue to receive the patients suffering from that dread disease. It is located down the river west of the city.

The tuberculosis hospital is a totally different proposition, and will be erected in the county by both the city and county councils. This hospital will be for the treatment of consumptives, for whose care there is absolutely no provision at present. Both hospitals are absolutely necessary.

London Men Escaped Typhoid Fever; A Serious Outbreak at Petawawa

Officer, Formerly of Wolsely Barracks, Is Down With the Disease.

The typhoid fever outbreak at the Petawawa camp is rather serious, three deaths already resulting from the disease. Seven cases are at present in the Pembroke hospital, and there are quite a number reported at Stanley Barracks, Toronto. Among those in Toronto who have contracted it is Lieut. Hemming, son of Col. Hemming, at one time located at Wolsely Barracks. Some of the cases are reported as being dangerous. At Kingston, some cases are also reported.

The military authorities have instituted an inquiry into the matter, to discover the cause and prevent another such outbreak. Several physicians have already gone to the camp grounds to investigate.

Inquiry at Wolsely Barracks elicited the information that there are no cases in London. The boys all came back looking healthy and strong, and none have contracted the disease. Precautions are being taken to avoid such an outbreak.

Not a case has been reported so far among the artillerymen. The Sixth Field Battery was only at Petawawa about ten days, and it is possible that the men did not spend enough time there to contract the disease.

ELEVATED TRACKS AND DAMAGES

The elevation of the tracks in the city of London is becoming a live topic again, the agitation in Toronto and other cities for the abolition of the level crossing adding some stimulus to the matter.

The other day Controllers Hockin and Harrison of Toronto returned from a tour through the cities of Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit and Buffalo. In every one of these cities the people were determined to do away with the level track, and were anxious for elevation. The railroads were beginning to see the need of elevation as well as its advantages, and were doing the work slowly, of course, but nevertheless, certainly a very strenuous fight had to be put up in every city before this was accomplished, but it was accomplished when the citizens showed themselves determined in the matter.

Chicago now has 700 miles of elevated track, and there would soon be a 1,000 miles of such track in that city.

This cost the railway companies about \$41,000,000.

The Damages Question.

The arrangement is that the railway pays for the work and the city pays for the damages. So far the city has only had to pay about 10 per cent of that amount of a trifling over \$4,000,000.

"I heard of what the controllers saw in those cities," said a prominent member of the council this morning, "and I think they have the right idea. I am in favor of the viaduct every time. One has only to go to the Wharncliffe, and see the advantages there. What a fine thing for London it would be, if we had a viaduct under every street in the city, it would not cost the city an enormous amount of money, and would be of untold advantage. The council ought to get together and see if something could be done. We must have the viaduct. No more level crossings in this city."

INSPECTION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS

The special committee appointed to draft a bylaw for the inspection of public buildings met last night, and considered several bylaws drafted by other cities. These bylaws were carefully considered, and discussed. The Toronto bylaw was considered the best yet received, and a large portion of it will be incorporated in the Lon-

don bylaw. Over thirty clauses were considered last night. Two or more sessions will be necessary before the work is completed. It is expected that the bylaw will be the best yet evolved in Ontario.

Those present were Ald. Gillean (chairman), Ald. Gerry, Garratt, Stevely, Booth, Mayor Judd and City Clerk Baker.

Letter-Carriers Want Increases; London Figures in the Argument

Cost of Living and Wages in This City Compared—Before the Commission.

The commission appointed by the Government to inquire into, and receive memorials from civil servants in Toronto, and the west, opened its sessions in the Toronto postoffice at 10:30 yesterday morning. The commission consists of J. M. Courtney, formerly deputy minister of finance; Thomas F. Fiske, formerly manager of the Merchant's Bank, and P. J. Bazin, wholesale merchant of Quebec. Mr. T. E. Howe, of Ottawa, is secretary of the commission.

Among the items taken up were:

1. General operation of the civil service act.
2. Classification of service.
3. Salaries.
4. Temporary employment.
5. Technical employees.
6. Promotion.

7. Discipline and hours of service.

8. Efficiency and sufficiency of departmental staffs.

9. Retiring allowance, and any other matters which the commission consider it desirable to consider.

With Closed Doors.

Yesterday the letter-carriers, railway transfer agents, mail clerks and post-office officials were heard. The sittings are behind closed doors.

A long memorial was presented and read by the letter-carriers of Toronto and other Ontario cities in which many of the grievances of which every branch of the civil service complains, was set forth as well as some touching their own particular department.

According to the table of staple conditions shown, the cost of living for the average working man has gone up 58 per cent. In Hamilton it is higher than in New York. Added to this, rents have increased in the vicinity of Toronto from 95 per cent to 145 per cent.

Despite this increase the pay of letter-carriers is still the same.

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BOYS GIVEN ONE YEAR BEHIND BARS

The Youthful Burglars Pleaded Guilty to Robbing Houses.

In the juvenile court this morning, the two boys who were arrested by Detectives Nickle and Rider yesterday charged with housebreaking, pleaded guilty, and were sent down to the Industrial School for one year.

The fathers of the boys are dead, and from the stories told by the lads they have evidently been led away by older boys and sensational stories of the dime novel variety.

Each lad when arrested had a big revolver in his possession, and the very nature of the thefts would show the type of "bold, bad" burglar that the little fellows desired to emulate. The detectives have recovered the greater portion of the money that was stolen.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR, LITTLE WARMER.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Sept. 26—8 a.m.

Today—Moderate to fresh winds, mostly westerly; fair and cool.

Friday—Fair, with stationary or a little higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary. 32. 36. Fair

Winnipeg. 32. 36. Clear

Port Arthur. 36. 54. Clear

Parry Sound. 32. 38. Fair

Toronto. 46. 40. Clear

Ottawa. 40. 36. Fair

Montreal. 42. 38. Clear

Quebec. 38. 34. Clear

Father Point. 42. 38. Fair

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

WEATHER NOTES.

The pressure is low over the Gulf of St. Lawrence and in the South Pacific States, and generally high elsewhere. A gale is still blowing in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and showers have occurred in Quebec and are Maritime Provinces, also in the northern portions of Ontario.

Cool weather prevails in all portions of Canada, with widespread frosts last night in the Western Provinces, and light local frosts in the Ottawa Valley and in Quebec.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

London, 43—51; Dawson, 28—56; Atlin, 36—50; Victoria, 52—66; Vancouver, 54—60; Kamloops, 46—72; Edmonton, 38—51; Calgary, 38—52; Prince Albert, 38—51; Regina, 40—54; Winnipeg, 38—51; Fort Arthur, 38—52; Parry Sound, 38—51; Toronto, 46—54; Ottawa, 40—51; Montreal, 46—56; Quebec, 46—51; St. John, 54—64; Halifax, 58—68.

Serious Accident at Glencoe Fair; Young Man Run Over on Race Track

John Forsythe, an Oil Operator, Had a Very Close Call for His Life.

[By a Staff Reporter.] Glencoe, Sept. 25.—Notwithstanding the cool and somewhat unfavorable weather, the thirty-second annual fair will go down in history as one of the best exhibitions that the Moss and Elchid Union Agricultural Association has yet held.

All day long from all parts of the county visitors arrived, and every incoming train brought its quota to swell the throng. The directors place

the attendance at over 5,000, and one and all are well satisfied with the success that their efforts have met with.

The main building, with its large number of attractive exhibits, was the center of interest during the early part of the day, but when in the afternoon the judging of the horses commenced, the attention of the crowd was speedily diverted to this important event.

Judging the Horses.

The judges were kept exceedingly busy owing to the numerous entries in all classes of horses, and were unanimous in the opinion that a finer lot of animals had never been shown at Glencoe fair. Both the light and heavy breeds were well represented.

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