

DISTRICTS IN WEST FACE HEAVY LOSS BY WET WHEAT

Winnipeg Grain Experts Declare Western Canada Is On Verge of the Worst Calamity Which Has Ever Happened in the Prairie Provinces.

[Canadian Press.]
Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 31.—Wet grain in the west is declared to be a serious feature just now. Hundreds of thousands of bushels have been exposed to the weather all the winter for want of storage facilities. At Verigin, Sask., in one pile is 500,000 bushels covered with snow. This belongs to the Doukhobors.

It is not a question, said a grain man today, of the ruin of an individual. It is a question of the ruin of whole districts. We are on the verge of the worst calamity which has ever happened in Western Canada. From 15 to 20 per cent of the cars of grain which have come into Winnipeg have been wet, damp, or touched. The same proportion of the grain in the western country still undelivered must be in a similar condition. A few days of wet weather would destroy the value of every bushel of this grain. Today I heard of one elevator with 25,000 bushels which had already gone bad. The same thing may happen in a month to 10,000,000 bushels of wheat and to similar quantities of flax, oats and barley. What this would mean to our western interests is difficult to conceive.

EARLY CLOSING MOVE IN LONDON

Temperance People Will Seek to Curtail Hours of the Barrooms.

CLOSE BARS AT SEVEN

Matter Will Be Laid Before Alliance Meeting in Toronto in a Few Weeks.

Local temperance people have two very important items to bring before the members of the Ontario and Dominion Alliance at the annual meetings to be held in Toronto in a couple of weeks.

"We intend asking the Ontario convention to take up the question of early closing in London and other places, and appoint a strong delegation to go to the Government regarding it," said one of the leading workers this afternoon. "We want this and other cities to be given the power of closing the hotels earlier than they close now."

After 7 o'clock.
"More than half of the drinking that is done in the bars is done after 7 o'clock in the evening, and if we can get the bars closed at 7 we will have gone a very long way toward solving the great evil of the drink traffic. You can go into a great many of the city barrooms after 6 o'clock and it is astonishing the percentage of workmen that can be found there. Many of them never go home to supper at all, and when they do go home they are in an intoxicated condition."

Benefit Young Men.
"During the evening innumerable young men wander in, and we are confident that if we can get early closing we will benefit thousands all through the province. Some of the hotels are making a practice of cashing the men's pay checks for them. Of course, we can do nothing to stop this, but if we can get early closing there will be far more chance of the men taking their money home to their wives and families who need it than of the hotelkeepers getting the whole business."

Liquor From Quebec.
"Another thing we will take up is the bringing of liquor into Ontario from Quebec. As the law stands at the present time, if the whole province is closed there is nothing to prevent liquor being shipped in from Quebec. We will ask the Dominion Alliance at its session to take this up immediately with the Government and have legislation passed at Ottawa that will effectively deal with this question."

The delegates who will attend the convention from London are Mrs. Ashplant, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. William Heaman and Prof. James H. Bowman.

A RACE TRACK AT QUEEN'S PARK

Fast Ones Will Be Given a Whirl on the Ice.

The race-track at Queen's Park is being scraped and put in condition for ice-racing, and owners of speedy horses will have an opportunity from this time on to test the mettle of their animals to their heart's content.

Some of the more venturesome have been taking chances on the streets, many excellent contests having been witnessed, by a favored few. However, the police got after the offenders, and since that time there has been little of that.

The London Drivers' Association took the matter up, and decided to put the track at Queen's Park in condition, and it is being scraped and fixed up. It will be ready some time this evening.

"Those gentlemen who have speedy horses that they wish tested should come to the track," said a member of the association to The Advertiser. "All will be welcome and all will be given fair treatment."

GOV.-GENERAL'S MATCH

The Scarborough Maple Leafs Defeated by Orillia in the Semi-Finals.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 31.—Orillia defeated Scarborough Maple Leafs in the semi-finals of the Governor-General's match this morning by the following score:

Orillia—B. T. Stewart, skip, 166; E. Toogood, skip, 16, Total, 32.
Scarboro—A. Patterson, skip, 11; H. Thomson, skip, 16, Total, 26.

Orillia and Glanville play this afternoon.

GREEK ANXIOUS TO ENTER CANADA

Was Turned Back at Border, But Made Entry Later.

PLACED UNDER ARREST

Was Apprehended by Immigration Authorities and Is Now in Custody Here.

D. H. Cheyne, Canadian immigration agent at Windsor, last night took William Liakakos into custody in this city, charging him with unlawfully entering the country.

The prisoner, who is a Greek, is now at the police station, and will, it is understood, be taken back to Windsor for trial. The offence is proven against him by the fact that he had come through and located here, and was turned back, because of the fact that he could not meet the requirements, financial and otherwise, of the immigration authorities. His home was in New York State at the time, but he made his way in from Detroit.

When it was learned that he had come through and located here, steps were taken to trace him up. Liakakos had secured employment in a Dundas street confectionery store, and was discovered there by the immigration agent, who was assisted yesterday by the local detectives.

Several local Greeks are interesting themselves in the man, but he is still a prisoner. He will be held until definite instructions are received from the department by Mr. Cheyne.

PLENTY OF DEER IF HUNTERS WILL BE GOOD

Mr. George Heaman Has 20 On His Private Preserve—Some Get Away.

Mr. George Heaman, of this city, predicts that in a few years there will be plenty of deer in this district if the hunters do not molest them. At the present time several are roaming about the country along the shores of Lake Huron, the majority of them coming from Mr. Heaman's private deer preserve at Grand Bend. Three were seen recently near Exeter by the crew of the Huron and Bruce train, and another has been seen since.

"I have quite a number at my park," said Mr. Heaman. "There are a dozen or more, perhaps 20. However, I have lost a large number, probably 50, during the past few years. Some of them have lately been seen near Exeter, three in one grove. Another was seen near the lake. I believe there would be any number of deer if they were given protection. My own herd is doing well."

VICTORIOUS MARCH OF REPUBLICAN ARMY

The Chinese Rebels Have Disregarded Official Renewal of the Armistice.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Jan. 31.—The armistice between the Imperialist and Republican forces, which was officially renewed yesterday, is being disregarded by the Republican troops, according to a news agency dispatch received here today from Tien Tsin.

The Republican army is following up the advantage it gained at Kucheng, in the province of Anhwei, where it badly defeated the Imperial force commanded by General Chang Hsun on Tuesday. The victorious rebel army is now marching toward the city of Suichow on the Tien Tsin-Pankow Railroad.

A number of Mongolians are now endeavoring to negotiate for the purchase of arms and ammunitions at New Chang, the Manchurian seaport. Prince Xa left Peking this morning for Mongolia.

ENOUGH FOR PARIS

Brantford, Jan. 31.—At a special meeting of the Paris Town Council held last night it was unanimously decided not to change the bylaw restricting the number of hotel licenses to four and the petition signed by nearly four hundred residents was consequently rejected. Mayor Armstrong and others were of the opinion that four hotels were sufficient for a town of the size of Paris.

REGENT ST. WOMAN IS BADLY HURT

Now In Hospital, But No Formal Complaint Is Made to the Police.

CONDITION IS SERIOUS

It Is Alleged That Mrs. Cecil Haines Had Had Trouble at Home, and Was Struck by a Rifle.

Mrs. Cecil Haines, of Regent street, is lying in a serious condition in St. Joseph's Hospital as a result of injuries sustained in a rather mysterious manner.

The woman was taken to the hospital on Monday night in the police ambulance, and while she made certain statements to the officers in charge, no complaint has been laid.

Mrs. Haines rushed into the house of a neighbor on Monday night, with her head and shoulders saturated with blood from a wound in the scalp. She claimed that there had been trouble at home, and that she had been struck with a heavy rifle, the police say.

The same story was related at the hospital, but while the police have heard of the matter incidentally, no charge has as yet been laid against any person. Owing to Mrs. Haines' delicate condition the matter is considered quite serious.

The Haines family are well known to the police, and have lived in different parts of the city, being located at 15 Wellington road last summer, where a sister of Mrs. Haines committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid.

MURDER LIKELY IN RIDGETOWN DEATH

Body of Little Child Was Found Beside Pere Marquette Tracks.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ridgetown, Jan. 30.—This town was thrown into a great state of excitement today by the discovery of the body of a young child near the Pere Marquette tracks. It was first noticed by Mrs. McCauley, who at once communicated with the police. Dr. Marr, who made a thorough examination of the remains, gave it as his opinion that the child had been murdered.

The body had been partly eaten by dogs. An inquest will be held, and in the meantime the police are making a searching investigation. As far as is known they have no clues.

After further investigation the police have come to the conclusion that the baby had been dead for some time as its skin is very much dried up. It has been learned that a local man saw the body on Sunday, when some dogs were dragging it about, but imagined that it was a parcel of rubbish they were playing with. The remains have been buried and there will be no inquest.

CITY HALL SALE WAS GOOD FOR THE BANK

People Are Figuring Out the Deal On Basis of Price of Other Properties.

Many of the citizens are doing some figuring today on the value of down-town property. They have come to the conclusion that the Royal Bank of Canada did not make so bad a bargain when they purchased the city hall site for \$4,000.

For instance, Sir George Gibbons paid \$1,000 a foot for property opposite the Market Lane, on which there were no buildings whatever.

The other day Mr. Nicholas Frislock paid \$4,000 for 32 feet frontage on Dundas street, or approximately \$1,300 a foot.

The city hall, with a better location, and a better building, was sold for \$900 a foot.

"I am not very much good in mathematics, but it does look like a bargain to me," said a prominent businessman to The Advertiser today.

ORANGES IN LONDON TASTE LIKE LEMONS

California Crop Was Touched by Frost and Poor Ones Come Here.

The orange shipped to London in the largest quantities these days is to all intents a lemon.

Green, sour, with a skin that refuses to yield to teeth, nail or knife, it nevertheless costs more than the lemons, that are usually cheap and plentiful at this time of the year. Not only are most of the oranges sour, but all but a few of the others are frost-bitten and jukeless.

The California crop was touched by frost this year, and only the poor oranges are being shipped out at present. Grocers say that the good ones will not start to come until the culls have been cleared out. The price has been raised to the grocers, in some instances as much as 25 cents a case, but the consumer has not yet felt the pinch, except in the quality of the fruit.

"We are paying more for poorer oranges than in many previous years," said a grocer. "We couldn't charge people any more for the fruit that is being offered. Of course, we get a few cases of good ones. The Florida and Jamaica oranges are good fruit this year, and we are using all we can get our hands on."

Below Zero for Fourteen Days

Weather figures compiled by the bureau in South London show that the month of January now about over, was a very cold one. On sixteen days the thermometer dropped below zero, the coldest day being the 13th, when the mercury registered 2.5 below. The highest temperature—37.5 above—occurred on the 18th. The rainfall amounted to 1.04 inches, and the snowfall 3 feet 1 inch.

During January of 1911, the mercury registered below zero on only one day, when it was 8 below on the 18th. On the 27th the highest temperature was registered, namely 45.5 above. The rainfall was 1.69 inches, and the snowfall only 2 feet 1 inch.

MEDICAL MEN SIGN PETITIONS TO BLOCK THE HYPNOTISTS

Amendment Asked To Make It Criminal To Hypnotize for Exhibitions.

A petition is being circulated among the medical men of the city asking the Government to amend the criminal code, making it a criminal offence for any person to hypnotize another, for entertainment or otherwise, except in cases of scientific research before a medical society. The document is being largely signed, and will be presented to Major Thomas Beattie, M. P., when fully signed.

Medical men claim that such exhibitions as have been given in the city lately are detrimental to the mental and moral condition of the subjects, and they want to protect them from being imposed upon in this manner. The petition is being signed by nearly all the medical men, a physician informed The Advertiser. "There is no question but that the practice is detrimental to the best life of the subject, and it should be made a criminal offence to allow such practices."

TEN MORE MEN WILL BE ADDED TO THE LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

It Is Understood That Council Will Sanction the Move.

At the meeting of No. 3 committee to be held this evening, matters of importance regarding the fire department will be discussed.

Among the requests from Fire Chief Alden are the demand for 19 additional men, an auto for the chief, a motor combination truck, an aerial truck, the placing of the present aerial truck in the east end hall, and minor recommendations.

These questions have been discussed informally at previous meetings, but no action was taken. It is the intention to recommend immediate action so that, if possible, the Legislature may be asked, when the city of London bill is presented, to allow the council to issue debentures covering the cost of the improvements.

It is likely that ten more men will be added to the brigade shortly.

\$7,000 WILL BE RAISED BY ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Canvass of the Congregation Will Be Made for Big Fund.

At a meeting held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church last night, committees were appointed to make a canvass of the entire congregation for the purpose of raising the \$7,000 allotted to St. Andrew's as that church's share of the million dollars which the Presbyterian Church in Canada is raising for missions this year.

The Presbytery of London is undertaking to raise \$35,000, an even fifth of which will be raised by St. Andrew's Church.

The million-dollar fund is the Presbyterian Church's share of the amount which the Laymen's Missionary Movement aims at raising in Canada.

MANY FALSE ALARMS OF FIRE BOYS ARE BLAMED BY THE CHIEF

Ten Were Reported During the Month of January—The Statistics.

The fire brigade responded to no less than ten false alarms during the month of January. This constitutes a record and caused much unnecessary work for the firemen.

There are various causes given for the exceptional number of runs, boys interfering with the alarm boxes, excited citizens who imagined fires, and careless people.

"There is no doubt that boys caused some of the runs," said Fire Chief Alden. "They interfere with the boxes and give us a run, just for excitement. During the cold weather a number of people, left their windows open, and others seeing the steam and heat come out, imagined there was a fire, calling the brigade out. There were other causes, perhaps, but these two were the main reasons for the useless runs made by the brigade."

The figures.
During the month there were 26 alarms responded to. Of these 14 were fires, 2 were chimneys, and 10 were false alarms. Seven came in from boxes, 17 by telephone and 2 were verbal.

Of the first 30 of the month was that at Geo. White & Sons, which caused about \$20,000 loss.

PAPER BAG COOKING MAKES HIT IN LAND OF MIDNIGHT SUN

Advertiser Subscriber Writes From Fairbanks, Alaska, and Tells of New Year's There.

Mr. James McCracken, son of Mrs. James McCracken, of the Hamilton road east, lives in Fairbanks, Alaska, and is an Advertiser subscriber. In a letter received today he asks for a dozen Ermaline bags, because, as he puts it, "paper bag cooking" is about to have a run in Fairbanks.

"It is New Year's Eve," he says in his letter, "and it is very cold. The first bell has sounded to usher in the new year, and the huskies (elude dogs) are howling out their delight. In my mind's eye I see dear old London shrouded in darkness, and I can imagine I hear the whistles of the locomotives in the G. T. R. roundhouse."

FIRED ON DHOW.

Perth, Arabia, Jan. 31.—The Italian destroyer Granatiere yesterday fired three shells at a dhow anchored off Sheikh-Said. It then proceeded in the direction of Assabud.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MODERATELY COLD.
Forecasts.
Toronto, Jan. 31—8 a.m.
Today—Fair and moderately cold.
Thursday—Light local snow, but partly fair.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.
London..... 50 40 Fair
Victoria..... 50 40 Fair
Winnipeg..... 18 12 Cloudy
Port Arthur..... 20 2 Clear
Perry Sound..... 22 2 Fair
Toronto..... 28 12 Snow
Ottawa..... 20 12 Snow
Montreal..... 16 14 Snow
Quebec..... 16 12 Cloudy
Father Point..... 16 2 Cloudy
Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.
Shallow depressions exist in Minnesota and off the Nova Scotia coast, while a marked high pressure system covers the Pacific States.

Light snowfalls are again reported in Ontario and Quebec.

The weather remains abnormally mild in the Western Provinces.

FRENCH MEMBERS IN CAUCUS DEMAND SEPARATE SCHOOLS

Premier Borden Must Meet Wishes of Bourassa and Nationalists for Schools in Manitoba Extension—Steel Bounties Also Under Discussion at Government Gathering.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—The troubles in the Conservative party are not all settled yet. That fact developed at a caucus of Government supporters this morning.

The boundaries of Manitoba are to be extended, and the question has arisen whether separate schools shall be conceded to the Roman Catholics in the big stretch of territory, which is to be added to the province. It is understood that at a caucus this morning the French members from Quebec came out flatly with the declaration that if Premier Borden desired to have the continued support of Mr. Bourassa and the members who were elected through his influence, Manitoba will have to have separate schools throughout the whole of the enlarged province.

Premier Roblin and Hon. Colin Campbell are said to be willing to give the separate schools. However, there is a strong Protestant group from Ontario who are opposed to this.

Peacemakers Failed.
It is understood that efforts to bring the two sets of extremists together failed in caucus this morning in spite of the efforts of Premier Borden and his ministers.

It is not unlikely that as a result of this difference action upon the extension of the Manitoba boundaries will have to be put off for another session, as the Government is not willing to face again such a situation as it had to meet on the Lancaster bill.

The Boundaries.
When the boundaries are extended it will be found that the Province of Ontario has gained its point and will have territorial access to Port Nelson. In the first proposal, Manitoba was to have had both Port Churchill and Port Nelson. But Ontario has demanded a new arrangement which will enable the province to touch a port on Hudson's Bay and the Manitoba authorities have been compelled to yield to the demand.

Steel Bounties.
It is understood that the question of the steel bounties renewal was also discussed without decided being reached. Many of the members expressed the opinion that there should be no action taken respecting bounties or tariff changes until the proposed tariff commission has had the opportunity of investigating and reporting.

Most of the members expressed themselves favorably on a proposal to allow each member five hundred dollars a session, in addition to the twenty-five hundred dollars indemnity, the additional amount to be used for clerical assistance.

NARROW ESCAPE OF A TRAVELLER

Mr. J. J. Harkness Had a Close Call From Death at the G. T. R. Depot.

ALMOST UNDER WHEELS

Was Trying To Catch a Train, When He Lost His Grip on the Hand-rail.

Mr. J. J. Harkness, 125 Albert street, the well-known traveller, had a narrow escape from death on Monday at the Grand Trunk station. Fortunately, he was not slightly bruised, and was able to continue his journey to Chatham, where he was going on business.

He was in the station getting his ticket, and when he came out the train whistled. His luggage had just been put on, and he rushed across the platform to catch the coach. As he reached it, he seized the handrail, but the impetus of the moving train loosened his grip, and he was hurled headlong to the platform.

Over and over he rolled, while the spectators thought he would be cut to pieces.

A Quick Move.
Fortunately, the engineer was applying the brakes at the moment to test them when the emergency signal was given him. He reversed with all speed, and the train was stopped within a car length.

Mr. Harkness' friends, on the train, who had witnessed the fall, had pulled the cord, and when the train stopped, they rushed to his assistance. He was found lying on the track within a short distance of the wheels. Mr. Harkness gathered himself up, and after an examination it was found that he was but slightly injured, and he continued on the train to Chatham.

Had not the engineer been testing the brakes the moment the signal was given, thus slowing up his train, there is no doubt Mr. Harkness would have been killed. His friends are congratulating him on his escape.

A DOVER MERCHANT MEETS TRAGIC DEATH

Falls In Front of His Sleigh and Is Dragged and Choked To Death.

[Canadian Press.]
Chatham, Jan. 31.—While driving home from here late last night with a load of groceries, Frank Dubouque, aged 45, a merchant in Dover Township, was killed by a sleigh. He was dragged a considerable distance and choked to death. He leaves a wife.

LONDON LAWYER IS AN ARBITRATOR

F. H. McGuigan Company Is Seeking to Make Hydro-Electric Commission Pay Up.

The F. H. McGuigan Construction Company claim for \$40,000 against the hydro-electric for delays in connection with installing the hydro-electric commission, transmissio lines were heard Tuesday morning before an arbitration board at Toronto, consisting of Mr. Justice Teetzel, Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., Mr. Thomas H. Meredith, K. C., of London.

SUNK IN COLLISION.

Dover, Eng., Jan. 31.—The captain of the British schooner Glendover, of Plymouth, was drowned today, when his ship was run down and sunk by the British steamer Cambrian King, which left Savannah on Jan. 9 for Hamburg. The rest of the crew of the Glendover were saved, and landed here by the Cambrian King.

The Glendover was a ship of 125 tons net, built at Falmouth, Eng., in 1861.

JANUARY HARD ON OLD PEOPLE

Forty Per Cent of Sixty-Four Deaths Were of People Over Seventy Years of Age.

Pulmonary troubles were responsible for quite a number of deaths in London during the month of January, although there was not so much of it as many suspected. Pneumonia caused the death of seven, and tuberculosis three. Bronchitis and kindred complaints carried off half a dozen more.

The weather was very hard on old people. Of the 64 deaths recorded, no less than 26, over 40 per cent, were of people over 70 years of age. Eleven were over 80 years of age.

There were many infants who succumbed, sixteen deaths of children under one year being recorded, or just 25 per cent. The usual complaints were responsible, no sign of an epidemic being recorded.

The death numbered the same as January a year ago. This year was much colder, however.

MARRIAGES INCREASE.

Dan Cupid is very busy in his efforts of the year previous. Forty-four marriages were registered with City Clerk Baker, four more than in January, 1911.

The stock was very busy, showing a great increase. According to the figures 89 babies were born, as compared with 71 in January, last year, an increase of 18.

Of this number 9 were illegitimate. During 1911, 44 illegitimate births were recorded out of a total of 999 registered, or practically 4.4 per cent. If 1912 continues the record of January the number will show a great increase over any previous year.

BUILDING PERMITS SHOW AN INCREASE

Total for January of 1912 Is In Excess of Those for Same Month of 1911.

Building permits for the month of January show a decided increase over the same month last year, promising well for a big year's building during the summer months.

Twelve permits were issued for a total valuation of \$17,337. Last January there were 27 permits for a total of \$7,030. This year shows an increase of \$10,337.

Among the larger permits issued were those to George White & Sons, addition to east end works, \$10,000; F. B. Kilburne, two story residence on Bruce street, \$1,500; R. Stanley, two story brick veneer on Colborne street, \$1,100; R. H. Heesey, store and brick veneer on Pipe Line road, \$1,250, and R. H. Smith, two story brick veneer on Elmwood avenue, \$2,000.

"Prospects never were brighter," said City Architect Nutter. "I am looking for a big year."

LONDON STUDENTS WERE SUCCESSFUL

D. Constable and F. J. Foley Pass the Law Society Exams.