

Clique Suggests Raising Salaries To Repair Wrong Done L. C. I. Staff

Believed That Mr. W. C. Ferguson Will Accept Position in Toronto.

Robbed of promotion by the MacRobert clique of the school board, it is thought by his friends that Mr. W. C. Ferguson, B. A., English master of the London Collegiate Institute, will accept the offer of the position of modern language master in the new Riverdale High School, Toronto. Mr. Ferguson is at present summering on the Georgian Bay and cannot be communicated with.



MR. W. C. FERGUSON.

The Toronto News says of him that he is looked upon as one of the most efficient collegiate teachers in the Province. Nobody knows this better than the members of the London school board, and they know that his removal will be a heavy loss to the Collegiate. If Mr. Little had had his rights, Mr. Ferguson would have succeeded him as vice-principal of the L. C. I., but now the door has been closed to his advancement. He has reached the maximum salary of \$1,500. The salary in Toronto to begin with is \$1,400, but it goes up to \$2,200.

Clique Is Alarmed.
The members of the school board clique are in a state of alarm over the public censure which is raining upon their heads from all quarters. They realize that the interests of the Collegiate Institute have been jeopardized, and they propose to raise salaries all round in order to try to reconcile the staff to the injustice that has been done.

The suggestion of an all-round increase in the maximum salaries is put forth by their organ, which points out that the scale is much lower in London than in Hamilton and Toronto. There is no doubt that the salaries at the Collegiate are niggardly and should be increased. This idea did not strike the ruling element of the school board until the present time, when the institute threatens to fall to pieces through an act of injustice to the senior members of the staff.

Tragic Death of St. Thomas Man; Eats Oatmeal Containing Arsenic

Cyrus Winters Killed by Eating Poison in Regina Restaurant.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Aug. 14.—E. H. Chase, of this city, received news last night of the death of his son-in-law, Cyrus Winters, at Regina, from arsenical poisoning. Winters boarded at a restaurant, the proprietor of which loaned some oatmeal to a Chinaman keeper of a rival eating-house. The Chinaman returned the oatmeal, which was used, with the result that a number of the

boarders were taken violently ill. Three of the victims were taken to the hospitals and Cyrus Winters died. An analysis of the oatmeal revealed arsenic. Investigation developed that the Chinaman had plenty of oatmeal in stock and had no need to borrow. He was arrested and is still in custody. Winters was an employee of the London Cement Company, and was aged 30 years. He leaves a wife and child, who have been living with Mr. Chase ever since his son-in-law left for the west in May. Mr. Chase left for Regina this morning to bring the remains back to Inwood, where deceased's mother lives.

Col. Little Appointed to Command Of Nineteenth Infantry Brigade

Capt. Frank A. Reid Gazetted Colonel of the 7th Regiment—Makes Statement.

Seventh Regiment (Fusiliers)—To be lieutenant-colonel and to command the regiment, Captain Frank Aspinall Reid, vice Lieut.-Col. J. W. Little, who on completion of his period of tenure of command is transferred to the Nineteenth Infantry Brigade.

The above is an extract from militia orders issued at Ottawa, and it confirms the statement made in The Advertiser some time ago that Lieut.-Col. Little would be placed in command of the Nineteenth Infantry Brigade.

This brigade is composed of four regiments, all being city corps and being located as follows:

The Seventy-fifth at St. Thomas. The Twenty-first at Windsor. The Twenty-fourth at Chatham.

Col. Little has proven a very efficient, painstaking soldier, and did a great deal to place the Seventh Regiment in the front rank of the city corps of Canada. At Ottawa and Toronto, the regiment, under Col. Little, made a profound impression on the people, and at headquarters the colonel has been

regarded as one of the best men in command in the service. It was only to be expected that when he chose to drop out of the Seventh, he would be signally honored by the department of militia and defense.

Capt. Reid Gazetted.

Capt. Frank Reid has been gazetted colonel of the Seventh Regiment, to succeed Col. Little.

Capt. Reid has not definitely made up his mind to take charge of the regiment, but will probably do so, when several matters within the regiment itself are satisfactorily settled. He declares he wants everything to run smoothly. He denies absolutely that the matter of politics within the regiment is influencing his decision at all. He would not make any definite statement as to his refusal of some time ago to take the colonelcy of the Seventh Regiment.

"I want to talk the matter over with Col. Little first," he said. "I have always taken a deep interest in the regiment, and I am perfectly willing to do what is thought best for the boys. There are no political differences at all. Several matters within the regiment must be straightened out, and then everything will be satisfactory. I will be very busy with business affairs for some time, but, at that, I will do what is considered the best thing to do for the regiment. I will talk with Col. Little about it."

Peers Cheer Rosebery As He Castigates Govt.

Denounces Policy of the Liberals in Relation to Scotland.

London, Aug. 14.—Lord Rosebery made another of his meteoric appearances in the House of Lords last night and delivered an able speech against the Government. With great rhetorical brilliancy he denounced the Government's Scottish small landowner's bill. The rumor had gone forth that Lord Rosebery was to speak and the House was filled to listen to a liberal peer castigate a liberal cabinet.

Lord Rosebery declared that he wished the Government well, but he ridiculed its efforts to legislate for Scotland. His complaint was that the bill in question would "Croftize" Scotland. In the most scathing manner and with an abundance of dramatic gesticulation the speaker declared he would not be a party to the introduction into the healthy body of politics of the "Poisonous bacillus of the Irish-American system."

The Conservative peers were delighted and cheered Lord Rosebery to the echo. His speech was the event of the evening, but the Conservatives themselves doubt whether it will have much practical effect.



CAPT. FRANK REID, Gazetted Colonel of Seventh Regiment, But Is Undecided as to Command.

DEAD IN DITCH BESIDE TRACK

A Tramp Stealing Ride on Grand Trunk Near Woodstock.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, Ont., Aug. 14.—An unknown man was seen lying in the ditch beside the G. T. R. tracks at Centerville, seven miles west of Woodstock, early this morning, by the engineer of a freight train going west. The engineer telephoned to Woodstock from some place farther up the line, and Dr. McKay went up. He found the man dead, and he had apparently been so for several hours. His head was crushed in and he was lying face downward. Nothing was in his pockets but matches, and every pocket was full of them. There was nothing by which he might be identified. It is surmised that the man was a tramp, and while stealing a ride on a freight fell off and was struck by the same train. He was apparently about 50 years old. The body was brought to Woodstock and an inquest will be held.

BREAKMAN CONFESSES TO DYNAMITE OUTRAGE

Boulder, Col., Aug. 14.—John W. Reeves, a brakeman employed on the Colorado and Northwestern Railroad yesterday confessed that he was responsible for the destruction of the Colorado and Southern station by fire, and dynamite Saturday. Later Frank Kizzor, another suspect, also confessed. The result of their act was the wiping out of five lives and the injury of a half hundred others besides, and the destruction of property valued at half a million dollars. Reeves narrowly escaped lynching.

YOUNG LADIES WANT SUNDAY CARS HERE

Acting Mayor Gillean Hears Request and Gives Advice to Applicants.

This morning two young ladies approached Acting-Mayor Gillean and asked him how to get Sunday cars. Ald. Gillean told them to hustle out, get a petition signed, and then submit it to the council. They thanked him cordially for his information, and "hustled" out for the petition. The young ladies did not give their names. They are said to belong to London Progressive Association.

BOMB FOR A LORD IN HIS IRISH LODGE

Lord Ashtown Has a Narrow Escape From Death.

Clenmell, Ireland, Aug. 14.—Lord Ashtown had a narrow escape from death at his residence, Glenabery Lodge, early this morning. He was asleep in a room on the ground floor, when a terrific explosion, caused by a bomb, shattered one of the walls of his apartment, and destroyed most of the furniture, but did not injure Lord Ashtown, who only arrived at the lodge last night. The gamekeepers recently had trouble with poachers on the estate, and the outrage is attributed to them.

COAL SHUTES' BUILDING SLIGHTLY DAMAGED

Big Early Morning Blaze Brought Out Brigade at 6:30.

The fire brigade responded to a telephone call from the Grand Trunk coal chutes on Egerton street, about 6:30 this morning. The room of a building on the south side was found to be on fire. Owing to its height there was considerable difficulty in extinguishing the blaze, but within half an hour it was brought under control. Part of the roof and the side of the building adjoining it are affected, but the damage is slight. A spark from a locomotive started the blaze.

Dr. Tillmann Points Out Dangers of Filtered Water

Is Very Strongly Opposed to the Proposed Filtration Scheme.

"I am against filtered water," said Dr. W. J. Tillmann this morning. Dr. Tillmann has traveled extensively in the United States and had occasion to live for some time in cities where filtration plants are in operation. His experience there has led him to be very much opposed to the filtration scheme. "A filtration plant is in use in New Orleans, the water being taken from the Mississippi River. But this is not the water the people use. They put out tubs and other dishes when a rain comes on, and after the rainwater themselves instead of using the filtered river water. Another very noticeable feature is the fact that bottled spring water is used very extensively in the cities where filtration plants are used. This proves conclusively that the people who know do not care for filtered water."

"Then you are out-and-out for spring water?" asked the reporter. "Yes, I would not use filtered water under any circumstances," he declared. And yet it is said "all the doctors" are out for river water!

Union Men Deny Alleged Statements That Barbers' Strike Isn't Official

Strikers Say All the Unionists Are Behind Them in the Struggle.

Thursday night the striking barbers of London will hold a band concert in Victoria Park, when an excellent programme of music will be rendered. The men met last night and drafted a statement for the press, but a note in the statement refers to the objections raised by the master barbers to the holding of the concert in the park. The statement is as follows:

Strike Is Indorsed.
"In order to clear up any misconception in regard to our present strike, and to refute statements that are absolutely false, not only has the general secretary-treasurer indorsed our strike, but International Organizer Wm. Hubble is at present in the city, advise here by the executive board to send and assist the local union."

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Local Men Behind It.
"The London Trades and Labor Council has also indorsed the stand we have taken, and many of the local unions in the city have given us not only their moral support, but aided us liberally by financial donations. It must be fully apparent to the public that the master barbers have made many statements that time has proved to be misleading to say the least. The places of the striking journeymen have not been filled, and what is more, they cannot be filled. The local union is prepared at any time to meet the (Continued on Page Eight.)"

Salvage Work in the Crystal Hall

The work of salvaging the wreckage of the Crystal Hall and Long and Brewster stores commenced this morning. Contractor Bone, who has charge of the work, has a large staff of men with teams clearing away the debris, and it is expected that within a few days the wreckage will be cleared away. Considerable crockery smashed by the crash is being taken from the debris and it is thought that the salvage will exceed expectations. Mr. Frank Reid is also personally supervising the work.

Colborne Street Man Badly Crushed In Grand Trunk Yards at Simcoe

Mr. Fraser W. Ingram Seriously Injured While at Work on His Train.

Fraser W. Ingram, a Grand Trunk brakeman living at 145 Colborne street, this city, met with a serious accident yesterday afternoon at Simcoe. He is in a serious condition at present, although hopes are held out for his recovery. While coupling cars in the Grand Trunk yards, Ingram missed his footing and slipped under a car. One foot was caught, and was badly crushed between the ankle and knee. A Simcoe doctor was called and amputated his foot.

PREMIER GOES FISHING MODUS VIVENDI TO BE RENEWED

Ottawa, Aug. 14.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier leaves Ottawa tomorrow for Charlevoix Mills. He will spend a week at the Shawinigan Fish and Game Club, fishing and resting. He will return to the capital in time to meet Lord Grey on his return on the 25th.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Aug. 14—8 a.m. Today—Moderate winds, becoming variable; fine and comparatively cool. Thursday—Moderate winds, mostly east and south; fine; not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Ottawa 52 41 Fair
Parry Sound 58 47 Fair
Toronto 61 52 Clear
Ottawa 58 52 Fair
Montreal 59 56 Fair
Quebec 58 54 Cloudy
Father Point 52 51 Rain
The first column records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.
The pressure is low in the Western Provinces and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and a well-marked high pressure area covers the lake region and adjacent country. Local showers have occurred again in Eastern Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and some local thunderstorms in the Western Provinces. The weather has turned cooler in Ontario and Quebec, and warmer in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.
Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 65-75; Victoria, 50-68; Vancouver, 65-66; Battleford, 48-78; Calgary, 38-70; Regina, 42-76; Winnipeg, 42-79; Port Arthur, 42-76; Toronto, 54-70; Ottawa, 52-74; Montreal, 60-76; Quebec, 66-77; St. John, 55-66; Halifax, 50-74.

THE PROVINCIAL BUILDING INSPECTOR IS SUMMONED

Acting Mayor Gillean Backed Up by City Engineer Sends in the Request.

The provincial building inspector will be summoned to London immediately. Acting Mayor Gillean, acting under advice from City Engineer Graydon, decided to summon him to the city owing to the large number of complaints that have been received of late about unsafe buildings. Accordingly, a wire was sent to Hon. Adam Beck, member for London, informing him of the decision. No answer has yet been received to the request.

"We want someone to assume the responsibility until the council appoints a building inspector," said Ald. Gillean. "Numerous complaints have come to us lately, and something should be done. I was informed by another alderman this morning that the factory inspector had condemned one or more buildings as being unsafe. The inspectors came here on the quiet and made their report. Mayor Judd asked the council to lay the matter over until he returned from Port Arthur. His worship is making inquiries on the subject, and will make a report on his return. But it was the opinion of several aldermen that we should show the people that we are doing something."

FENCED OFF THE BUILDING.

Considerable attention was called to this matter this morning when City Engineer Graydon ordered the contractors who are tearing down the wall next to the Priddis building to put a fence out to keep the people off the sidewalk in front of the latter store. The front wall of the building was warped badly, and presented anything but a safe appearance. The wall looked to be very rotten, and City Engineer Graydon refused to take any chances with it. No danger is anticipated, but it is just as well to be on the safe side.

That there are many unsafe buildings in the city, was the opinion of many of the bystanders, and clearly emphasized the need of a building inspector.

MR. THOMAS JONES FOR INSPECTOR.

It was rumored at the city hall today that Mr. Thomas Jones, of Jones Bros., contractors, will be appointed building inspector for London at the first meeting of the council in September.

Mr. Jones is at present a member of the board of license commissioners, and is a prominent Conservative.

Operators Here Still at Keys Waiting General Strike Order

Montreal and Toronto the Only Canadian Points Affected.

The telegraphers' strike shows little change from yesterday. Neither the C. P. R. men nor the G. N. W. men of the local offices have gone on strike as yet. In all probability the G. N. W. operators will not strike, as they are not members of the "Telegraphers' Union, and therefore are not organized. The C. P. R. men all belong to the union, but as no strike has been ordered they are still at work. They are handling no messages from non-union men. The Associated Press operators are at work in nearly all the large cities, and although the usual amount of press stuff is not coming over the wires, still it is very satisfactory. Commercial messages are delayed a great deal, scarcely any messages being sent over the wires. "We handled over two-thirds of our usual business yesterday," said Mr. W. C. Furness, manager of the G. N. W. service. "The strike has not affected us very seriously. In Canada only Toronto and Montreal operators are out. We are getting some messages through to them. We are doing very little with the United States, as their system seems fairly well tied up. I look for an improvement within the next day or two. The men in the States seem to have little to strike over save the recognition of the union. Operators in California where the trouble started, receive from \$120 to \$160 a month, with increase for overtime. That is good wages, I think. We will have no trouble in our office."

DEATH OF MR. C. CLUETT

Well-Known Londoner Passes Away at Victoria Hospital.

The death took place yesterday afternoon in Victoria Hospital of Mr. Clement Cluett, 136 Emery street.

Mr. Cluett was born in England 56 years ago, having come to this country from Jackfield, Shropshire, in 1903. Since that time he has worked as shipper for the McClary Company.

Mr. Cluett, had been ill only five days, his death coming as a great shock to his family and friends.

A widow and two children, George and Bertha, all at home, survive their father. Mr. Aloysius Stone, organist in one of the Hamilton churches, is a stepson of the deceased.

The funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the family residence to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Bowen will conduct the services.



LIEUT.-COL. J. W. LITTLE, Appointed to Command of Nineteenth Infantry Brigade.

Engineer Graydon in Twain's Class

City Engineer Graydon was never intended to "waste his sweetness" amid levels and transits and other paraphernalia of an engineer's office. He's a humorist in Mark Twain's class. As for M. Quad or Ezra Kendall, he has them beaten a city block.

Today he received an anonymous card from a south end resident, asking why it is, that a certain William street grocer can water the roof of his barn and sheds every night at 10 o'clock, while other people cannot even water their lawns.

Mr. Graydon's answer is that he suspects the grocer has a hose and attaches it to the hydrant.

This answer is on a par with the answer given a country correspondent by the editor of a well-known weekly.

The correspondent wrote the editor as follows:

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