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## YEAR'S REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS EXCEEDED TWO MILLION MARK

Business of 1906 Exceeded by Five Hundred Thousand Dollars Last Year—Some Big Deals Were Made Last Month.

The assessment commissioner's office has issued a statement of the realty business of London for 1906. There were 1,259 transfers, against 1,172 in 1905. The properties were sold for \$2,033,485, and were assessed for \$1,447,822, or for \$585,663 less than they sold for. Thus the assessed value was only 71.1 per cent of the real value. In 1905 there were, as stated, 1,172 transfers of properties which sold for \$1,527,495, and were assessed for only \$1,126,061, or 73.65 per cent of the real value, the cash difference being \$401,844. It is seen from the figures that there were 87 more transfers in 1906 than in 1905. Last year the properties which changed hands brought \$506,080 more than the transfers of 1905. The last December there were 79 transfers, against 67 in December, 1905. The properties sold for \$149,462, and were

assessed for \$100,130, or 67 per cent of the real value. In December of 1905 the transfer considerations only amounted to \$54,860, and the properties were assessed for \$30,825, the assessed value being only 56.2 per cent of the real value. There were in 1906, 61 transfers of business properties. They sold for \$661,569. In 1905 there were 42 business property transfers, the consideration being \$343,330. There were several big deals in the transfers of last December. One was the purchase of the Oak Hall store on Dundas street by Grafton & Co., at a fancy figure, \$30,825, the assessed value being only 56.2 per cent of the real value. Another big deal was made by Mr. John Garvey, wholesale grocer, when he purchased the Jarvis property, opposite the central fire station, on King street, for the sum of \$30,000. Then there was the purchase of the C. S. and L. Company's building by the Bank of Nova Scotia at \$30,000. Another big deal was made by Mr. John Garvey, wholesale grocer, when he purchased the Jarvis property, opposite the central fire station, on King street, for the sum of \$30,000.

## RUSS REDS AGAIN FOOL OFFICIALS

Forge Govt. Cipher Code and Have Sentences of the Condemned Commuted.

Odessa, Jan. 7.—Six Terrorists have been saved from the gallows by resourceful revolutionists here, who conceived the bold plan of utilizing the official cipher to hoodwink the government. The Terrorists had been tried by court-martial and sentenced to death, and were awaiting execution when the governor-general received a cipher telegram from St. Petersburg, apparently bearing the signature of Gen. Pavloff, the military procurator, conveying the Emperor's order to commute the death sentences to hard labor for life. The order was officially put in effect, but the authorities have now ascertained that it was a forgery by revolutionists, who obtained access to the governmental private code, and successfully utilized it. According to the Russian law prisoners cannot be executed once their sentences have been officially commuted.

## GREAT FIRE AT BANGKOK

Chinese Trading Quarter Devastated at a Loss of \$3,000,000.

Bangkok, Siam, Jan. 7.—The Chinese trading quarters of Bangkok have been devastated by fire. It is estimated that the loss will amount to about \$3,000,000.

Bangkok, the capital of Siam, is situated about 20 miles from the mouth of the Menam River. Many of the houses are built upon rafts, a single raft frequently supporting eight or ten houses. Part of the city, however, is of modern construction, having electric illumination, and electric cars, while lines of steam railway run in various directions. The business of Bangkok is largely in the hands of the Chinese, who are about as numerous as the native Siamese. The estimates of the population vary between 250,000 and 600,000.

SEVENTH REGIMENT MINSTRELS The sale of seats for the Seventh Regiment Minstrel show is expected to appear at the Grand Trunk on Wednesday, Jan. 9. The show is a large and there is every indication that the performance will be witnessed by a large audience. The show will be a decidedly clever one, containing many original features. The company will include one hundred members of the regiment.

## UNKNOWN TRAMP MEETS DEATH ON GRAND TRUNK NEAR KOMOKA

Old Man Struck by a Train and Probably Instantly Killed—Remains Unidentified.

An unknown man was killed on the Grand Trunk Railway, near Komoka, some time Saturday night or early Sunday morning. Attempts to identify him have so far failed.

The stranger was about 70 years of age and was poorly dressed. It is thought he was a tramp, and was walking along the tracks when he was struck by an east or west bound train. The man was struck in the back and was probably instantly killed. One leg had been run over. Dr. Mitchell, coroner, of Komoka, was notified, but after an investigation decided that an inquest was not necessary. The remains are being held at Komoka by the Grand Trunk, in the hope that they may be identified.

## THE LOCAL OPTION VOTE

110 Ontario municipalities Will Vote on Question Today.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—One hundred and ten Ontario municipalities will vote on local option today. Twenty-eight of these are incorporated towns and villages, including Collingwood, Midland, Leamington, St. Marys, Port Elgin, Alisa Craig and Alliston and Toronto Junction. The licenses in these municipalities are 242 in number. In all but Orillia the vote is on total prohibition. There it is on shop license.

## SPECIAL 'PHONE SERVICE

Advertiser Has It Installed for Tonigh for Patrons' Convenience.

If you want to know the returns to-night call up telephone

The Advertiser has installed a special telephone service for the convenience of its patrons.

A special messenger service has also been arranged, and the moment the deputies conclude the counting of the votes, these messengers will rush the returns to The Advertiser.

The figures will be bulletined as they arrive.

Don't forget the number to call—'phone 517.

## NOT RESIGNING

Lord Strathcona in Canada on Private Business Solely.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—Lord Strathcona arrived here on Saturday evening by special train from St. John. In an interview he stated that private business had called him to Canada, and that there was nothing in the story of his intended resignation. He expressed great pleasure at the continued prosperity of Canada and the province, and said that he was in Canada for a short stay here will be of short duration.

## CEDED TAHITI TO BRITAIN

France in Exchange Gets Territorial Concessions in Burmah.

Melbourne, Jan. 7.—The Age, on the authority of missionaries, states that France has ceded Tahiti to Great Britain in consideration of territorial concessions in Burmah. Mr. Deakin, prime minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, has, he says, no information on the subject.

## CITY OF PANAMA SAFE

Pacific Steamer Supposed To Be Lost Has Been Sighted.

Mexico City, Jan. 7.—Alarm over the safety of the steamer City of Panama, which was caused by the finding of provisioned life-rafts washed ashore on the coast north of Santa Cruz, was allayed this afternoon by the receipt of a telegram from Mazatlan, signed by United States Consul Kaiser, and saying that the Panama had been sighted.

## Derailment; Two Killed; Broken Rail the Cause

Fatal Accident on the C. P. R. Twenty-Five Miles West of Fort William.

Winnipeg, Jan. 7.—The Transcontinental express, which left here on Saturday evening for the east, was wrecked Sunday afternoon at 3:30, one-half mile west of Kaminitiquia station on the C. P. R. 25 miles west of Fort William. Two men were killed and six injured. The wreck was due to a broken rail, which threw the mail car and five of the coaches following off the track. Several of them rolled into the ditch. The dining car and sleepers kept the rails.

The Killed.

H. Smith, dining car waiter, Montreal.

M. Campbell, dining car waiter, Montreal.

The Injured.

Lewis Konar, employe, Montreal, cut about the head.

A. M. Ferguson, Winnipeg, mail clerk, head and shoulders cut.

G. B. Keyes, Owen Sound, shoulder hurt.

W. Marstrand, Northampton, Eng., left arm and head cut.

H. Thompson, Sheffield, England, head cut.

R. Barber, London, England, shoulder and head cut and bruised.

The injured were removed to Fort William Hospital.

A Fort William dispatch says: Train No. 1 of the C. P. R. was derailed one mile west of Kaminitiquia station this morning, the wreck being caused by a broken wheel on one of the express cars. Reports received here state that the whole train is in the ditch, and may be in the river, as the track is very close to the water there. It is also reported that two of the first-class coaches are a total wreck, and that four persons are dead and about fifty seriously injured. A wrecking train has gone out with a hospital outfit, but is not yet back. All the available doctors were taken to the scene of the disaster, and another train is leaving tonight with further medical help from Port Arthur.

—Ray, Mr. Horne, secretary of the Upper Canada Tract Society, Toronto, occupied the pulpit of St. James Presbyterian Church last night, giving an address on the work of the society.

—The street railway company had a number of men engaged yesterday replacing worn out wires at the intersection of Dundas and Richmond streets. The work could not be done at any other time.

## NO REDUCTION IN PHONE RATES

But Company's Offer of \$4.-000 Still Holds Good.

## DO NOT FEAR INDEPENDENTS

The Bell People To Go Ahead With Business Without Further Attempt To Get Franchise.

If the city of London doesn't accept the Bell Telephone Company's offer for an exclusive franchise, the company will simply go on doing business as it is, and will not seek an exclusive franchise at all. This was the statement made to The Advertiser today by a gentleman who knows whereof he speaks.

There will be no reduction in 'phone rates. The company has notified the London office that this is final.

The company is, however, ready to give the city \$4,000, the sum offered some time ago, for an exclusive franchise. But the city will have to go to the company if the negotiations are to be reopened, as the company has closed its case.

Do Not Fear Opposition.

It is said the Bell people do not regard as serious the opposition offer of the Independent 'Phone Company. The Bell people point out that though Toronto has been open for 'phone competition for ten years no company has been formed to compete with the Bell people. In ten years Toronto has lost over \$100,000 by refusing to give the Bell people an exclusive franchise.

The day of special rates in London for doctors, nurses, dentists and veterinary surgeons has come to an end. The company is now charging business rates, or \$45 a year, for unlimited 'phones to persons following the above professions. Formerly, they were given a special rate of \$25 per annum.

Can Charge Any Rate.

This was by special agreement with the city, but this agreement expired Dec. 31, 1906, and now the company can charge any rate it pleases.

Such persons may, however, as formerly, put in limited 'phones at \$15 a year, and 2 cents a call.

The company is so far accepting orders for Blake transmitter 'phones, which cost \$5 a year less than the long-distance equipment, but it is understood that an order will be issued shortly instructing the local office to accept no order for the Blake transmitters which are declared by the company to be out of date.

STOPS PETER'S PENCE. Paris, Jan. 7.—It was announced today that the Pope will no longer accept Peter's Pence from France. All donations from French Catholics will hereafter be devoted to the support of the clergy in this country.

PLISBURG, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Dora Bonham, a bride of six weeks, died last night as she was about to embrace her mother after returning from her honeymoon. "It's so good to be home again, mother," the young woman said, and dropped dead. Heart failure was the cause.

## LYNX IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—That the severe winter is driving wild animals out of the woods is proven by the fact that a lynx was killed within the city limits on Saturday, and the same day, shortly after daylight, a coyote ran across Main street, in the center of the city, having come from the direction of the abattoirs. This is considered somewhat remarkable in view of Winnipeg's metropolitan abattoirs.

## THE WEATHER.

### TOMORROW—SHOWERS.

### FORECASTS.

Monday, Jan. 7—8 a.m.

Cloudy; showers tonight and part of Tuesday.

Tuesday, Jan. 8—Lower Michigan: Monday-Cloudy; probably local snow or rain, and colder in south portion. Tuesday-Fair; colder in southeast portion; light to fresh west to northwest winds.

### TEMPERATURES.

Calgary ..... 0 -16 Cloudy

Winnipeg ..... -34 -34 Clear

Port Arthur ..... 6 -4 Cloudy

Parry Sound ..... 32 32 Cloudy

Toronto ..... 36 36 Cloudy

Ottawa ..... 22 18 Cloudy

Montreal ..... 30 18 Cloudy

Quebec ..... 18 18 Cloudy

Father Point ..... 24 12 Cloudy

The sign - indicates below zero.

### WEATHER NOTES.

The weather remains extremely cold in the northwestern portion of the continent and generally mild elsewhere. Rain is falling over Michigan, attended by local thunderstorms.

Toronto, Jan. 6—8 p.m. The weather has been fair and continued mild in the lake region, fair and a little colder in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and fine and continued very cold in the northwestern portion of the continent. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver, 12-31; Prince Albert, 42 below-8 below; Swift Current, 20 below-30 below; Winnipeg, 22 below-6 below; Port Arthur, 10-22; Parry Sound, 28-40; Toronto, 30-44; Montreal, 20-22; Quebec, 8-20; Halifax, 22-30.

### LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 9 p.m. Saturday were: Highest, 42°; lowest, 25° above. Sunday: Highest, 42°; lowest, 25° above.

## Death of Ex-Tax Collector, Mr. Daniel Lester, at 88

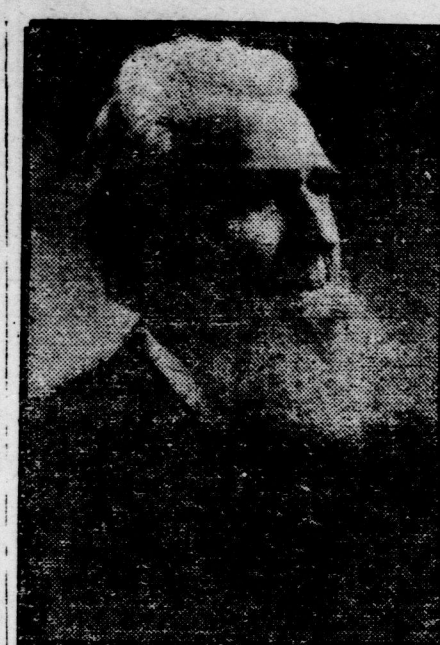


Photo by Frank Cooper. THE LATE DANIEL LESTER.

## A CONSERVATIVE SPLIT IN B. C.

### Wholesale Revolt Against the Machine Led by Sir H. Tupper.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 7.—The split in the Vancouver section of the Conservative party is declared to be healed. Newspapers of the party came out Saturday morning declaring all the troubles settled. By noon, however, the fight in the Tory camp was as fiercely waged as ever. Anti-machine champions, led by Sir Charles Hiltner Tupper, George H. Cowan, K. C., and John B. Williamson, president of the Canadian Conservative Club, are now hurling defiance against the McBride Government element. With every hail the chances grow better for the Liberal party, which is winning this city from the "solid five" Tories who represented it in the last assembly.

In an interview Mr. Cowan, one of the strongest of the best-element Conservatives of this city, said: "I declined to allow my name to be submitted as a candidate, because I am not in the field for any elective office. If I were I should want a nomination by the people who have the votes, the voice and the right to say who shall represent them. Party organization should be for the purpose of expounding party principles, and should not be used as a machine to advance the petty ambitions of individuals. It should be the instrument for good in the hands of the party, not the tool for mischief in the hands of party leaders and designing men. The party should be the master of the organization, and not the slave. He is a poor party man who is a poor citizen who will not strike at wrong wherever he sees it, and the time to strike is always opportune."

Sir Charles Hiltner Tupper expresses himself entirely in sympathy with the movement of protest against the predominance of the machine in the Conservative party. Said he: "I have been brought up as a Conservative, but am not a slave to the Conservative party. Conservatives should be free from the slavery of the machine."

TO REDUCE BRITISH NAVY Battleships in Commission To Be Cut Down From 33 to 26.

London, Monday, Jan. 7.—The Mail states, officially, that there will be a reduction of the British navy after the February maneuvers. The Channel Fleet will be reduced from 17 battleships to 14, with three small cruisers. The Atlantic Fleet will be reduced from eight battleships to six, with four small cruisers. The first and second armored cruiser squadrons will be reduced from six to four vessels. Thus the main squadrons of the British fleet in active commission will be reduced from 33 to 26 battleships, and from 16 armored cruisers to 12.

## WILL THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT BE LIABLE FOR \$12,000,000

### TUG GOES TO PIECES

Sky-lark Caught in Fog En Route From Port Colborne to Port Stanley.

Port Colborne, Jan. 7.—The tug Sky-lark, which left here Thursday afternoon for Port Stanley in a dense fog, ran ashore off Port Maitland, being unable to get assistance the tug went to pieces in Friday night's heavy gale and will be a total loss.

## SENSATIONAL ASPECT OF THE COBALT LAKE MINING TRANSACTION DEVELOPS.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—It is announced that before paying in the checks, amounting to \$750,000, making up the total of \$1,025,000, for the bottom of Cobalt Lake, the representatives of the syndicate secured from the Government a guarantee protecting them in their title, and guaranteeing them against any claims which might be brought, such as that of the Florence Mining Company.

This guarantee, if given, may place the Province eventually in a very peculiar position as regards this property. If the act which was passed in such a hurry on the last day of last session is declared ultra vires by the Dominion Government, of which there is a possibility, the result will be that the Florence Mining Company will have a statutory right (which the Government cannot take from them without indemnifying them) to the mineral rights under 25 acres of this property. If this value would probably be fixed by the price at which Cobalt Lake shares are selling, and as they are expected to reach \$5 before long, the value of the whole property, with its capitalization of \$5,000,000, would be \$25,000,000. The total acreage is only 46 acres, and the Florence Mining Company's claim is for 20 acres, so that the Government stand the chance of being called upon to pay at least \$12,500,000 for what they have accepted \$1,025,000 for.

## PENILESS, HE SUICIDES

Goes Through \$50,000 in a Year and Then Takes His Life.

North Bay, Jan. 6.—Harold Blackmore, 22 years old, out from England two years, committed suicide at Sturgeon Falls last night by jumping in front of the Winnipeg express. The body was badly mangled, the head and one leg being severed from the body.

Blackmore's parents died in England about one year ago, leaving him \$50,000, which he quickly got rid of, and lately he has been penniless, selling everything of value.

He will be buried in Sturgeon Falls at the expense of English relatives, who were apprised by cable.

## PEERESS KILLED BY SNAKE DIET

Romantic Career of an English Noblewoman Ended.

## SAVED FROM PAUPER'S BURIAL

Remarkable Events in the Wasted Life of the Beautiful Lady Douglas-Hamilton.

New York, Jan. 7.—Beautiful Isola Madinda Viola Douglas-Hamilton, second cousin of the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, the rage of the art world, the girl wit, declared to possess the most perfect figure of a decade, the girl who today might be reigning over almost any castle in England, has been identified positively by the British Government as the thin, old womanish creature who died a month ago in the Omaha poorhouse after eating live chameleons.

In ten short years she had lived up to the reputation given the house of her kinsmen, and after sacrificing everything in the world for a few short years of pleasure and misery, died a "Mad Douglasse."

Sir Percy Sanderson, British consul in New York, and Chief of Police Donohue, of Omaha, have completed the identification and now the disgrace of a pauper's grave will be obliterated.

## BROKE HEARTS IN MANY LANDS.

Into the little stretch of life between 15 and 25 Lady Hamilton crowded a variation of sensational episodes and remarkable experiences, and the end of her career was like the beginning—an insatiable desire for notoriety and attention. In the old days Lady Hamilton needed but little to renew her laurels, but the rolling of the years made it more difficult, and in trying to advertise herself as a snake charmer she ate the chameleons which caused her death.

In many of the countries of the world Isola broke hearts. Beautiful and charming, she won admirers easily, and through capriciousness discarded one after another, but in New York and many other places there were men who have not had time to heal so thoroughly but that men will weep over the ignominious end of the fair girl.

Just ten years ago Lady Hamilton and a step-parent disagreed in London. Only fifteen, she realized that her beauty dazzled, and that she could not have had time to heal so thoroughly but that men will weep over the ignominious end of the fair girl.

Isola knew all this and she realized how her relatives hated notoriety and how she could punish them. Then, the same spirit of mischievousness that later parted the lives of her relatives, caused her to do a boy's suit and go out on the streets of London to sell newspapers.

She simply ran away from home and was caught on the streets. That one touch of freedom spelled her fate. All that she had been, the girl who had been a moment became impossible, and six months later she resumed the ten-year frolic now ended. After her third disappearance she was heard from in New York, and her mother got Sir Percy Sanderson, then also in charge of the consular honors, to look her up.

The little girl had become noted in the art world. New York artists raved over her and she posed for famous paintings. She was dined and feted and spoiled. Then she went back to England, only to disappear again and be found in the Orient.

## CHAMBER OF MEN AND REPTILES.

She succeeded in finding her father's studio and lived with him for a few weeks. Her ways shocked him, and she left the studio with less than a dollar, to work in a drug store on Eighth avenue. Next she was in the studios of Paris and Berlin, and then in the Orient again, coming back two years ago with an assortment of poisonous snakes, which she charmed.

Meantime she had become a bride, while in a lion's cage, at an animal show in Buffalo.

Harry Elroy Russell, the man she loved, subsequently became her worst enemy, and he left her to resume his work as a lecturer at cheap shows. Once, at Revere Beach, Mass., as he began to lecture at a side show, he was astonished to find the wife who had left him, posing as "Dawn." Then, when she was to wed a relative of the late Sir Henry Irving, she caused Russell's death notice to be published. Finally, she capriciously refused to go to the altar with the other man.

On her second return from the east, when she was bound for St. Louis, she heard Russell was there. She was advertised as the living Tribby. At the St. Louis Fair she posed in a show called "Around the World," and once more the newspapers of three or four nations teemed with the narratives of what she was doing.

\*But the end was nearer than even she suspected. A year ago she was in Buffalo working as a kitchen maid. Her last effort to catch the public was about six weeks ago, when she ate the chameleons.