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SEVEN HOTELS ARE CUT OFF
IN TOWNSHIP OF LONDON

Temperance People Claim a
Majority of Sixteen Under
Three-Fifths Clause.

The local option campaign in London Township was comparatively quiet, but at the same time it was a very keen contest.

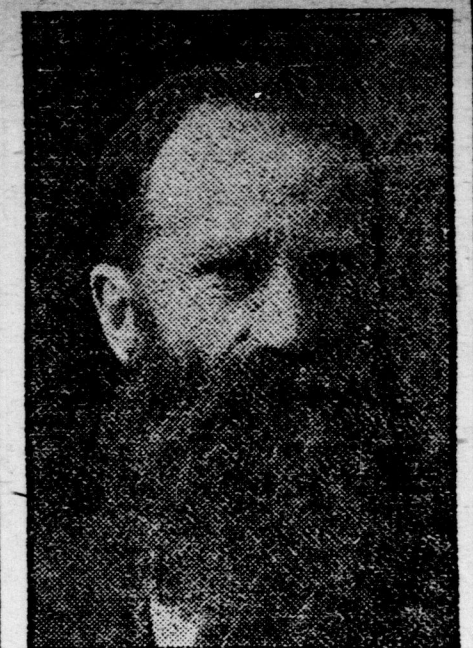
The temperance people had a good organization, and succeeded in getting out a large vote. The keen struggle for municipal offices brought out many voters also, and as a result, the local option advocates had the better of the battle. The majority in favor of the measure was not as large as some anticipated, but the temperance people claim that they have 16 votes more than the required number to carry local option.

"The majority is not large, but good enough," said Mr. Frank Whitehall, secretary of the London Township temperance committee. "We had a hard fight, and we won. We are perfectly satisfied."

Seven hotels are cut off by the vote of yesterday. They are the following: Birr, M. D. Coursey; Ilderton, B. Cunningham; Denfield, H. Bowman; St. John's, M. Larsen; Graham House, Hamilton road, Ben Graham; Hyde Park, Hiram Shain, and Clandeboye, Thomas Hennessy.

Three years ago local option was voted on, and was defeated by a very small majority. Pottersburg and Ealing then formed a portion of the township, but since that time these municipalities have joined the city of London. The three hotels having licenses there will be cut off in May, owing to annexation.

Only one hotel, that in the village, is cut off in Delaware.



JOHN GIBSON, An Ingersoll Citizen, Who Was a Leading Figure All Through the Local Option Campaign.

AN ICE PATROL FOR
TRACK OF THE LINERS

U. S. To Send Scout Ships To Give Warning of the Icebergs.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, Jan. 7.—Danger of a repetition of the Titanic tragedy has led the Navy Department to begin preparations earlier than usual for an ice patrol to warn of the presence of icebergs in the northern track of the Atlantic liners. Scout cruisers will be sent out early in April as an extra precaution.

Much remedial legislation was proposed after the Titanic disaster, but officials of the Navy Department believe that if regard is paid to the information dispatched by the hydrographic offices the peril from icebergs will be minimized.

ENTERTAINED THE
WATER COMMISSIONERS

Dinner Given the Members By Chairman Philip Pocock.

Chairman Philip Pocock, of the water commission, entertained the members of the board, and a few friends at dinner at the Tecumseh House last evening. The affair was one of the most enjoyable of the many given by Mr. Pocock, nothing being omitted that would assist in making it pleasant for all.

Those present were: Chairman Pocock, Mayor Graham, Commissioners John H. Chapman, William Wyatt, Dr. H. A. Stevenson, ex-Mayor J. H. A. Beattie, John Forristal, H. J. Gault, F. G. Jewell, A. Sreton, O. Ellwood, James S. Bell, J. H. Fowler and others.

DEATH OF MR. CHAS. MARR

Brother of Mr. John Marr Died in Denver.

Mr. John Marr, of Elliott, Marr & Co., received a telegram last evening announcing the death of his brother, Charles, in Denver, Col. Mr. Marr left at noon today for the west. The late Charles Marr was older than his brother. He had never lived in London. A week ago he took ill, and his case was diagnosed as cancer. He was operated on, but never rallied from the shock. He leaves a grown-up family.

START LONG TRIP

Le Pas, Man., Jan. 7.—Inspector French, Dr. Doyle and Sergeant Munday, all of the R. N. M. P., and Robert McGillivray, an assistant, with dog runners, started on the long journey from this town to Fort Churchill on Hudson Bay via Norway House and Split Lake yesterday. Inspection of the various parts en route will be made by the officers. Three dog teams accompany the party, and it is expected two months will elapse before their return. This will be the only mail trip made this year.

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BAPTISTS WILL HOLD
TWO WEEKS' MISSION

Great Evangelistic Campaign Begins in City On 19th Instant.

Yesterday the monthly meeting of the Baptists' Ministers' Association was held in the parlor of Talbot Street Baptist Church. All the members were present. The president, Rev. H. H. Bingham, occupied the chair. The minutes of previous ordinary and special meetings having been read by the secretary, Rev. Jas. H. Boyd, and confirmed, and business arising therefrom having been transacted, the members discussed with Dr. Troy, of New York City (who is at present conducting a two weeks' mission in one of the local churches) the plans for a united evangelistic campaign in all the Baptist churches of the city. Dr. Troy to act as missionary, and in the evening a further meeting was held in the parlor of the Y. M. C. A., when the ministers met representatives from the different churches and considered the whole situation.

C. N. R. TO BUILD
HOTEL AT HAMILTON

Two Sites Under Consideration On Which to Erect a Fine Structure.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—It is understood that the Canadian Northern Railway is seriously contemplating the immediate erection of a large hotel in Hamilton. Plans have already taken definite form, and it is understood that two groups of business interests in the American City are now working on the proposition. It is not unlikely that overtures will be made by the Canadian Northern with a view to having the interests of the respective groups harmonized and the project properly worked out.

The enterprise has unusual significance, in that it indicates the intention of this rapidly-developing transportation company to grapple with the hotel problem on a large scale. It is believed that Hamilton has been selected for the location of a new and handsomely-appointed railway hotel of its peculiar claims. The city possesses many large branches of American industrial concerns, which necessarily involve periodical visits from the heavy business men of Chicago and elsewhere. It is, moreover, rapidly developing as a commercial centre and a convention city, so much so that present accommodation is found to be inadequate. It is estimated that a new modern hotel, conducted on proper lines, would prove more remunerative than in any other city of its size in Canada.

GOVT. INVESTIGATING
EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

Complaint Is Made That Railway Construction Workers Are Being Fleeced.

Ottawa, Jan. 7.—The Department of Labor has been making a special investigation into conditions under which the workmen are engaged in the cities of Eastern Canada for employment on the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific line in Northern British Columbia, and finds that complaint is made of exorbitant charges by certain employment agencies, also that many workmen being engaged are shipped to the wilds without first providing themselves with blankets, boots, overalls, shirts, and other necessities which are only to be had at very high prices on the work. As respects the latter point, the inspector of the department, who recently visited Tete Jaune Cache, on the Grand Trunk Pacific line in British Columbia, writes that he met workmen who said they were told by employment agents that it was not necessary to take blankets and wearing apparel with them, as they could procure them at the camps at prices as low as in the eastern cities. It is the inspector's opinion that many of these men before being shipped long enough to recoup the sub-contractor for the outfit supplied, become tired of the job and commenced to wearily walk out of the wilds to civilization.

Since the latter part of August last all workmen engaged for this work have been transported from the place of engagement to the camp free of charge, and this offer of free transportation to British Columbia held out by eastern employment agents has had the effect of greatly increasing the supply. Some agents took advantage of this offer on the contractor's part to secure from applicants for work the highest fees they could obtain, and that the fees charged railway laborers ranged from \$5 to \$15 each.

One employment agency alone in Eastern Canada had shipped 2,000 men since August to the Grand Trunk Pacific construction camps in British Columbia. The information referred to is being brought to the attention of the local authorities, through whom licenses are granted to the employment agencies.

ELECTED OFFICERS

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ingersoll, Jan. 7.—At a well-attended meeting of the C. M. B. A. last evening, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Spiritual adviser, Father Gnam; president, John Frezell; first vice, John Moore; second vice, M. J. Morrison; recording secretary, J. T. O'Neill; assistant, T. Hoolihan; financial secretary-treasurer, W. M. Ryan; marshal, C. B. Ryan; guards, J. Comiskey; trustees for 2 years, Jos. Comiskey and A. Halter; representative to

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FATAL PNEUMONIA

Miss Norah Robinson, of Ailsa Craig, Died in Toronto.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ailsa Craig, Jan. 7.—The death occurred in Toronto yesterday from pneumonia of Miss Norah E. Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Robinson. Deceased was employed as a stenographer and had resided in Toronto for about a year. She was in her 22nd year. Besides her parents, three brothers and four sisters survive. The remains arrived here today and the funeral will be held to Nairn Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

HURLED UNDER SLEIGH
BOY'S NECK WAS BROKEN

Robert Jackson Was Going Home From Grist Mill With Feed.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Mount Forest, Jan. 7.—Robert Jackson, the 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Jackson had his neck broken when as he was driving home from the grist mill with his cousin, Cameron Elliott, with a load of feed, the sleigh slewed on a high piece of road, which had recently been repaired. The lad fell off and was crushed between the sleigh and the bage. The horses were stopped at once, and as quickly as possible he was lifted out, but death had resulted instantaneously. Besides his parents, he leaves one sister, Hazel. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon to the Mount Forest Cemetery. The pallbearers were Cameron Elliott, Wilfrid Elliott, Manley Brown and John Campbell. Miss Essie Jackson, of Wingham, is a cousin of deceased.

BULGARIA SETTLES
WITH ROUMANIA

Cedes Territory for Neutrality in Conflict With Turkey.

London, Tuesday, Jan. 7. A dispatch from Belgrade to the Daily Telegraph says that an agreement has been reached between Bulgaria and Roumania, by which the former cedes to Roumania for her neutrality in the conflict with Turkey a strip of territory whose boundary will be from near Olentz to near Cape Guirad. It will include Silistria.

Bulgaria, it is said, will also indemnify Roumania for certain expenses incurred by the latter.

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stood as follows: J. A. Mills 417, Geo. Boyce 287, Alex. Young 221, D. Bell 203. The defeated aldermen were W. A. Currie 200, W. Holmes 193, D. E. McDonald 173, A. Van Norman 157. The street-paving bylaw was carried by a majority of 60, and both the local option and Jackson bylaws were defeated.

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