

MAN KILLED, HOME BURNS, AT MARMORA

Electric Storm Takes Heavy Toll in Northern Settlement on Thursday

BARN SET ON FIRE

Stewart Airhart Leaves Widow and One Child—His Brother is Reeve

Thursday afternoon's electric storm took a heavy toll in the township of Marmora when Stewart Airhart, a young married farmer residing just north of the village of Marmora was struck by lightning and instantly killed while pitching hay in the mow of his barn shortly before five o'clock. His body was carried out by those who were in the barn with him at the time as the structure burst into flames. A team of horses were unharmed from the wagon, and led out to safety.

The storm was a violent but short electric disturbance. Considerable rain fell for about ten minutes. Mr. Airhart had been drawing in hay during the afternoon and was in the mow when the storm came up. Shortly after the building was struck it burst into flames.

The home of Mr. Airhart was also destroyed by the flames which were carried from the burning barn. The tragedy of the death of Mr. Airhart and the loss of the property here aroused the deepest sympathy for the stricken family as Mr. Airhart was held in the highest esteem by everyone in the village and township.

The victim of the bolt was a younger brother of Mr. Bruce Airhart, reeve of the village of Marmora. He leaves his widow and one child.

No other damage by the storm is reported from Marmora.

FINDS CHICKS IN EGG CRATE

Rancroft Times Reports Rather Startling Discovery by Merchant

The following is from the latest edition of the Rancroft Times, which reached this office today:

"One of our enterprising business firms had occasion to purchase a crate of eggs from a farmer one day last week. The following day a customer came in and asked for fresh eggs, on opening the crate the first section proved O. K. A queer sound came forth from the second section and being curious, the merchant investigated, and to his surprise found nine young chicks hatched out in the crate. Remembering he had a "birdy" at home who would welcome the young, he at once took them to their foster home, where they are doing nicely. Just how many more will arrive on the scene the merchant is not in a position to say. This is a new way of delivering chicks, and a convenient way for the merchants to increase their poultry flocks. Eggs for some months have been on the downward trend and its quite possible the farmers are endeavoring to see that the merchants and consumers are getting value for their money."

BET 13 MILLION AT SPRING RACES

Woodbine (Toronto) Leads With Fort Erie and Thorncliffe Next

TORONTO, July 15.—The total of \$13,017,872 was bet by the public at the four Ontario spring race meetings, the total for the gambling on the three Toronto tracks amounting to \$9,173,710 of this sum. The following table shows the pari-mutuel receipts at the four meetings held this spring, as reported to the Provincial Treasurer:

Fort Erie	3,203,982
Woodbine	4,052,388
Thorncliffe	3,261,822
Dufferin	2,399,682
Total	\$13,017,872

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Willoughby Wilkins wish to thank their friends and Societies for their expressions of sympathy in their late sad bereavement.

Some people refuse to lay up money for a rainy day for fear there will be a prolonged drought.

Freedom of London Conferred on Meighen

LONDON, July 15.—(By Granton O'Leary staff correspondent of Canadian Press)—With all the pomp and circumstance with which tradition surrounds the ceremony, the freedom of the city of London was presented to Premier Arthur Meighen today.

At twelve o'clock in the historic Guild Hall, the Lord Mayor and sheriffs, resplendent in quaint, almost medieval uniforms, received the guests, after which a special meeting of the corporation was constituted.

ANOTHER RAIN FOR HATFIELD

Nice Summer Shower Will Fill His Contract Now and Get Him \$8,000

LETHBRIDGE, July 15.—Hatfield, rainmaker, Medicine Hat, is a happy man today. Tuesday night it rained again, this time 3.0 inches, and leaving him only .24 inches, a nice summer shower, to go in order to fulfill his contract to deliver four inches of rain and get \$8,000.

Hatfield has done better the past month. For a while late in May and early in June he was desperate, as rains went north of him, south of him, around him, without falling on him. But since July 15, he has produced 2.21 inches of rain, and fulfillment of his contract now will be easy.

"I promised two inches of rain in July and I am delivering it," he declared today. "In some parts of my district I am doing better than that. At Bow Island on the western edge, Tuesday evening, two and a quarter inches of rain fell in 45 minutes."

Hatfield is confident he can do better next year by using two towers and placing them on the western edge of the district, and he will put that proposition up to the United Agricultural District of Medicine Hat when he meets the farmers Friday to discuss signing a contract for 1922.

SUCCESSFUL MUSIC STUDENTS

At the Toronto Conservatory examinations held at St. Agnes' School the following pupils of Miss Pearl Bowerman were successful:

Primary piano—(Honors) Marjorie Hickerson, Gladys Beasack. Elementary piano—(Honors) Elizabeth Ethier; (pass) Ruby Burt and Helen Graves, (equal.)

Theory.

Counterpoint—(Honors) Gracie Horie.

Junior Harmony—(Honors) Jennie Duff.

Primary Rudiments—Kathleen Tuck.

Elementary Theory—Marjorie Hickerson.

Prizes will be awarded to the following students: Piano and Theory, Marjorie Hickerson; Piano, Elizabeth Ethier.

Miss Dorothy Horie, pupil of her sister, Miss Gracie, was successful in passing primary piano with honors.

Mr. Fred Tice, of Toronto, is in the city visiting friends.

GOAL FOR CENTRAL ONTARIO AGAIN SHIPPED VIA BELLEVILLE

The Schooner Grace M. Filer, at the new dock is unloading four hundred and fifty tons of coal here, consigned to the Schuster Company for distribution in Central Ontario. The coal is being put into coal cars to be taken to its destination.

Last year the Schuster Company established the fact that coal could be shipped via the Oswego-Belleville route by water and then by rail for distribution in the central portion of the province cheaper than by the all-rail route. This year the performance is being repeated but no longer

YOUNG WOMAN IS RUN OVER BY MOTOR AT BUSY CORNER; NEED OF "TRAFFIC COP" URGED

A young lady was last evening an actor in an exciting drama which occurred on Bridge St. in front of the Post Office. She was crossing the street, a motor was approaching, she slipped and fell and the automobile passed over her, not hurting her in any way. After the motor had passed she got up, walked over to her car and drove off.

SMOKING ROOMS FOR THE WOMEN IN NEWEST CARS

C. P. R. will Introduce This Feature as Soon as Cars Can be Built

COMFORT FOR LADIES

Many Complaints That Men Were Better Looked After Brought Results

MONTREAL, July 15.—Sleepers with smoking rooms for women are soon to be introduced on the Canadian Pacific Railway lines. The Canadian Company will be the first in the world to provide for the needs of women travelling on sleepers on the same scale that men's comfort is arranged for.

A new standard sleeping car has been designed and fifty-six of such sleepers are now in the course of construction. Each has a large women's dressing room, about equal in size to the space allotted to the men's smoking room.

For a long time women have experienced much inconvenience in traveling long distances, owing to the extremely limited accommodation afforded them in the ordinary dressing room. Since the ranks of women cigarette smokers have grown the murmurs of complaint at the extra advantages which men enjoy in travelling have swelled in volume and many rebellious women have smoked in their berths.

Can Enjoy a Smoke

The C. P. R. has now undertaken to meet the needs of its women patrons and the new car has a well furnished smoking room, where women can enjoy their cigarettes. The dressing room is fitted with a big Chesterfield, where those who have no drawing room may come in and rest. It may also prove a boon to mothers travelling with children. In the dressing room are three corner wash basins with swinging mirrors, and an electric heater for curling frons.

Many other innovations have been introduced in the car. One of the most important of these are lights placed under the seats to light the floor at night, so that it will be easy to get up and down.

The car will be the longest sleepers in the service of the country, and are over 33 feet long. The additional length has been utilized in locker space, and to a larger smoking room for men as well as to the ladies' dressing room. The number of berths has not been increased, but the added length has been entirely to the easier operation of the car, and the comfort and convenience of its occupants.

An oculist's bill is apt to affect the eyesight.

"Why doesn't a man's taste for art depend on his palate?"

"Home is dearer to some men because they are never there."

BOIL THE WATER BEFORE DRINKING SAYS DR. YEOMANS

Dr. H. A. Yeomans, Medical Officer of Health, has issued a notice to all users of city water to boil it before using for drinking purposes. The season of the year is at hand when the water is not at its best, there being considerable of weed growth.

BUSY PREPARING FOR CONFERENCE

Dates on Which It Takes Place Offers Difficulties—American Agenda

FAR EAST QUESTION

Japan Still Has Not Committed Herself on Disarmament

WASHINGTON, July 15.—President Harding and Secretary Hughes have begun work on establishing the definite machinery for international discussion of armament limitation and Far Eastern problems. The work thus far embodies:

- 1.—Discussion with the interested powers as to the time of holding the conference, which, in the case of England, is proving somewhat involved owing to present and impending events within the British Empire.
- 2.—Preparation of the American suggestions for an agenda or program of procedure for the conference.
- 3.—Selection of the personnel of the American commission to the conference.

The first question has developed suggestions from London that a preliminary conference on Far Eastern problems be held at the British capital before the disarmament conference meets in Washington.

These suggestions are based on the fact that the Imperial Conference of the United Kingdom is now assembled in London, the Dominion Premiers are on the ground there, and as a matter of convenience, a conference devoted to questions in the Pacific might be advantageously held there. In addition, other domestic problems, such as the settlement of the Irish question, are occupying Lloyd George's attention at home, and the combined circumstances might make for a delay in calling the assemblage in Washington.

GET DOWN TO BUSINESS

It is the opinion of this Government, however, that though disposed to get down to business on the great problem as quickly as possible, it would be better to do it more slowly and do it right, rather than start hastily to convenience some nation.

If the conference is to enjoy maximum assurance of success, the administration believes, the discussions of armament limitation and Far Eastern problems should occur conjunctively and simultaneously—and at Washington.

The original suggestions sent out by Hughes prescribed this and with these suggestions England, France and Italy have formally expressed their accord in communications to the State Department.

In addition, however, to the technical involved in these acceptances of Washington as the scene of the conference, the administration believes that it would be to the best interests of all the nations involved if the whole discussion took place in the American capital. The reasons for this conclusion can be summarized thus:

No progress can be expected to word armament limitation until causes of friction in the world are removed. It would seem logical, therefore, that solutions of questions creating friction would have to be determined first. It would, however, be entirely within the province of the conference to fix its agenda so that conferences on Far Eastern questions and armament limitation could go forward at the same time, solution and different phases of the one permitting the simultaneous decisions relative to the other.

Were there independent conferences on each, held at different capitals, it is pointed out, there might follow embarrassments resulting from indications that action on the part of one conference was entirely dependent upon results achieved in the other.

Hence the government will politely but firmly adhere to its belief that the whole conference should occur in Washington.

REPAIRS TO BRIDGE

The Department of Highways is having minor repairs put upon the Bay bridge, such as flooring and so forth.

VOTE TO REDUCE THEIR OWN PAY 100 PER HOUR

Building Trades Council Agree to Wage Cut at Toronto Meeting TO BOOST BUILDING

Cost of Living Reductions Allow Drastic Step in Wage Problem

TORONTO, July 15.—Following an all-day conference between the members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the Toronto Building Trades Council, the Builders' Exchange, the Brick manufacturers and the building contractors, held yesterday in the board room of the C.M.A., the representatives of the building trades went on record as favoring an all-round cut of 10 cents an hour in wages, with the view of stimulating the industry in the province. At the same time it was pointed out that the brick manufacturers and others supplying the main items in the construction of buildings will make efforts to reduce the cost of the materials in order that the industry may be boosted and that more men may be given employment. There were 19 representatives of the building trades present, and after a spirited controversy regarding the cut in wages, the resolution was passed unanimously. Senator Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor in the Federal Government, was chairman.

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Gagnon Case Now Being "Played" in New England—Refusal by Quebec

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The Gagnon woman, who was found guilty of causing the death of her eleven-year-old step-daughter by the most horrible forms of torture is serving a life term at the Kingston Penitentiary her sentence of death having been commuted to imprisonment for life. Her husband is also serving time in the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary as an accomplice and their children are living a few miles from Quebec in a home, while the surviving twin baby who was born in the Quebec jail is living with a family which adopted the infant. Should an attempt be made to play "Le Martyre D'Armand Gagnon" in the province, it is understood that the authorities would refuse the necessary permission.

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W.C.A. FUND

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:

Mrs. Denmark, Victoria, B. C.	\$5.00
Miss Eva Pantor	\$5.00
Miss Emma McMichael	\$5.00
Col. A. P. Allen	\$2.00
Miss Ruth Vincent	\$2.00
Miss Josephine Tickell	\$2.00
Dr. Cleaver	\$2.00
A Friend	\$1.00
Mrs. Craton	\$1.00
A Friend	50c

Mrs. Craton's name should have appeared on a former list.

The total amount acknowledged through the press now amounts to \$3,196.65.

A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

Scarfolding On Which Four Men Were Standing Gave Way

Tweed—While in the act of raising a barn at his brother's, Denis Bosley, Tweed, and three of his workers had a narrow escape. A temporary scaffold on which the four men were standing gave way. Three of the men fell while the fourth, Frank Cassibault made a lunge for the pulley platform which he skillfully managed to hang on to by the skin of his teeth until assistance was brought to him. The three men who fell were seriously injured. Mr. Bosley was hurt both internally and externally. Gabriel Labarge was badly bruised and J. Lafrairie received a nasty cut over the eye. None of the injured men had any bones broken and judging from the manner of their fall they were lucky to escape still more serious mishap.

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News About People and Social Events

Mr. and Mrs. Sandford Burrow, and family have returned home from a holiday at Sandbanks.

Miss Martin, of Rochester, N.Y. has been visiting her sister, Mrs. G. L. Sims, Bridge St. West.

Misses Ethel and Ada Ketcheson left today for a month's trip. They will go as far west as Winnipeg and will travel by boat from Saratoga up the Lakes.

Mrs. Thos. Finnegan, who is in Belleville General Hospital under the care of Dr. J. A. Faulkner is progressing favorably and is expected home early next week.

His Lordship Bishop Bidwell, of Kingston, passed through the city yesterday. He was met at the G.T.R. train from the east by ex-Mayor H. F. Ketcheson and driven to Marmora where he held confirmation services in the evening.

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King is at his summer residence in Kingsmere this week. The latter part of the month he goes to western Ontario on a speaking tour. He will be at Aurora on the 27th, Brampton the following day, Tilsonburg the 29th, Hamilton the 30th and in Picton August 1.

The marriage arranged between Major Willis O'Connor, aide de camp to His Excellency Lord Byng, and Miss Hyacinthe Shaw will take place on Saturday next at Westminster Roman Catholic Cathedral, London. A reception will be given afterward at the house of the bride's aunt, Lady Hammick, Brunswick Gardens, Kensington. Major O'Connor and his wife will return to Ottawa by the Empress of Britain, sailing July 21.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. George Edwards and family wish to thank their many friends, also the members of Oxford Lodge, S. O. E., the choir and officials of St. Thomas' Church for their kind expressions of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes sent to them in their recent bereavement. Special thanks are extended to the nursing staff of the Belleville Hospital for the extreme kindness shown during the recent illness of the late Mr. Edwards.

TO FORM NEW PROVINCE

PORT ARTHUR PAPER REVIEWS STORY OF SECESSION PLANS

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., July 15.—The Port Arthur News Chronicle states today that a meeting is to be held in this city shortly to organize a committee which shall work to the end of organizing a new province in northern Ontario.

FOUR FALL 2,600 FEET

All Were Men and Bodies Were Hardly Recognizable

MODESTO, Cal., July 15.—Four men were killed here today in an airplane accident.

The left wing of the plane crumpled when it was about 2,600 feet above the ground. The plane caught fire as it fell and within a few minutes was a mass of flames. The machine struck high voltage wires in the fall.

The bodies were so badly burned that they were unrecognizable. Three of the bodies were thrown clear of the plane while the fourth was buried in the debris.

Spectators declared they believed all four were dead before the machine struck the ground.

NEW FERRY SERVICE

DESCRIBES FERRY CONNECTIONS PRINCE EDWARD AND MAINLAND

DESERONTO.—For the past sixty years there has been a ferry a little this side of the West house connecting Prince Edward county with Deseronto and vicinity, but last year, owing to the increase of traffic with automobiles, the service collapsed and the boat used became unserviceable. Last spring Mr. H. S. Cronk and his family built a new and serviceable ferry boat, which is recognized as a commendable enterprise by the Cronk family and the boat is now plying between the points and is very convenient to a large number of people.

PROMOTIONS AT AVO

NO. 2, SIDNEY

To Sr. IV.—Clinton, To Jr. IV.—Fred Morris, Edith Morris, Harold Mott, Jack Bell, Ida Sarley, Ruby To Sr. III.—Wesley, Reid, Howard Calnan, Blanche Helm, Harold Cross.

To Jr. III.—Alpha Scott, Edith Wiseman, yes.

To Sr. II.—Stewart Sarley.

To Jr. II.—Orville Vandervoort, Ralph Walter Denyes.

To Jr. I.—Bert Scott, Thompson, Vina Sarley.

"OLD E ONFRONT IS CASU

Tree Planted in Quarter of Itsel Misses Hun

"A TALE TO U There Before Many Are Now Commu in Life

"The Old Elm" tale it could tell well the old elm by seven o'clock today a thunderous crash "Everybody knows " for "the old elm has passed beneath. It was up the "good old days" when cheap and when there and no September 16th ley by the hundreds of bushes hauled in care to the docks, it saw horse cars and Belle cars in the good old d go, and it has seen B permanent pavements nables arrive. Perch of "concrete walks a pavements spelled dry old elm" for the rot he "The old elm" was front of the arstal House on Arbour Day the only tree on the pa Front Street.

The fall of one-quarter was quite a sensation, any person or animal have been an obituary bus-load of people hof fifty feet north, nobody walk, and a horse had across the road. With ting the mighty branch Then a scene was those of the old days, ing remember when t up into corduroy on. But youngsters and old today. The branch he moved as it blocked the street and indeed, pletely obstructed the. Out came axes and saw men. By noon a little been made, and the work ed this afternoon, all in heat.

Masonic Funer for Late Mr.

All that was mortal of Alderman John Canning rest in Belleville cemetery on Monday. An impressive service was held at the Hotel street by Rev. D. W. Masonic ritual being Bro. W. J. Hume, of Lodge. The services were taken by the Rev. say. The last sad rite der given by W. B. Wor. Bro. D. Barragors were J. McCarthy, W. H. Faulkner, Geordrew Reid and F. M. were many in attendance quies and numerous f had been received.

Many Attend F of Late Mr.

The obsequies of t loughby Wilkins took Wednesday afternoon residence, Octavia Str Church, where Rev. Swayne conducted the impressive service. F. having been taken a Bro. A. Gael, Noble G pah Lodge, assisted by I. Geen. The funeral attended, the hearers b R. H. Ketcheson, Walte Laster, C. F. Cochrane