

**INCREASE IS SLOW
IN POPULATION**

Half the City Will Not Show Gain
of Much More Than
150.

LONDON'S CENSUS FIGURES

Are Not Any Too Reassuring, But
Assessment Is Going Ahead at
Rapid Rate.

The assessment commissioner has not yet completed the returns for Ward 4, but the work will be finished within a week.

So far as can be learned the reports are satisfactory so far as the assessment itself is concerned, and a substantial increase, amounting to perhaps \$200,000, will be added to the taxable property in that ward.

The population figures, however, are not extremely encouraging, the population showing but a slight increase.

The figures are not complete as yet but it was stated today that the increase would be between 75 and 100.

Ward 4 shows an increase of 41 more in population than last year, so the increase in half the city is not 150.

It is quite likely that Ward 1 will not show much growth in population, although there has been a healthy increase in South London, but Ward 2 will not show more population than last year, so the increase in the necessary 600 increase to make the population 50,000.

**THREE MEN KILLED
IN A STREET DUEL**

Brook Haven, Miss., June 14.—It being feared that serious trouble would result in Meadville, county seat of Franklin County, Mississippi, as the result of a bloody street duel there late today, in which three men were killed and others are reported to have been seriously injured, the Brook Haven company of militia left at 6 o'clock for the scene by order of Governor Noel.

BRAZIL'S NEW PRESIDENT

Nilo Peçanha Is His Name and He's
a Man of Peace.

Rio Janeiro, June 15.—Nilo Peçanha, who has succeeded to the presidency of Brazil, following the death yesterday of Dr. Penna, has issued a statement to the effect that it is his purpose to do his utmost to conduct the Government along peaceful lines and maintain amicable relations among the political parties of the country.

REV. G. G. HUXTABLE DEAD

Veteran Montreal Minister Was Taken
Ill at Conference.

Montreal, June 15.—Rev. G. G. Huxtable, the veteran Methodist minister, died in the General Hospital yesterday morning. Although seventy-eight years of age, Mr. Huxtable was present at the opening of the Montreal Conference last week, at Pembroke, just towards the end of the conference, however, he was considered in good health, and was brought home with considerable difficulty. He rapidly became worse, and on Saturday had to be removed to the hospital, where he died, death being due to diabetes and blood poisoning.

Rev. Mr. Huxtable was a well known figure throughout Eastern Ontario and Quebec. He had an active career both in the ministry and in campaigns in the interest of temperance. He was superannuated about five years ago, and came to live in Montreal. He leaves a widow and four children, two sons and two daughters.

GOLD IN SASKATCHEWAN.

Paynton, Sask., June 15.—A gold and silver mine was discovered seven miles south of here last week, and a large number of claims have already been staked. The town was practically deserted yesterday, as everybody left to stake out a claim.

The gold and silver is in quartz and gravel, and was analyzed by A. Forbes, M. D., of Duluth, Minn. One sample of quartz assayed \$399.14 in gold to the ton, and \$36 in silver, and a sample of gravel went \$26 10 in gold to the ton.

A MONSTER ENGINE.

Montreal, June 15.—The Canadian Pacific is just completing the biggest locomotive ever built in Canada, which was designed by Mr. H. H. Vaughn, and built at its Ames shops. This monster locomotive is 70 feet from end to end, and with the loaded tender, weighs nearly two hundred tons. The boiler, which is about the size of two ordinary boilers, contains the equivalent of 4,000 feet of heating surface, and will develop 2,200 horsepower. The engine is of the Mallet articulated type, and is practically two engines under one big boiler. It will be tried out this week, then be sent west for use on the heavy grades in the Rocky Mountains. It is proved a success a number of similar ones will be built.

A "CAPITOL" QUESTION.

Little Rock, Ark., June 15.—Governor Donaghey and two members of the state commission formerly took possession yesterday of the unfinished capitol after breaking through a door which was locked by the contractors, Caldwell & Drake, of Columbus, Ind., when the Legislature adjourned last week. The governor left structural engineers in charge of the building. Last night George W. Caldwell, of Caldwell & Drake, appeared in court and pleaded guilty to the charge of breaking and entering. The new capitol which has cost nearly \$1,000,000 already and which engineers say is only about half completed, has been the bone of political contention in Arkansas for years.

Legislators have been charged in the courts with grafting in connection with the capitol and the Governor Donaghey was elected governor on the capitol question. He, as a contractor, has been opposing Caldwell & Drake in the construction of the building for years.

**ATE GUN COTTON
WILL SHE EXPLODE?**

New York, June 14.—A dispatch to the Herald from Omaha says: Helen Wells, a 20-year-old girl, last night attempted suicide by eating a quantity of gun-cotton. All day today the girl has been resting on a heavy mattress with a double set of springs, and tied in such a manner that she cannot move a muscle.

In the meantime she is being dosed with chemicals in an effort to dissolve the explosive. Late last night the girl was attacked by a woman roommate and was severely beaten. She was taken to the police station, and while in the surgeon's room was left alone a moment. She seized a package and swallowed the gun cotton with which the surgeon was experimenting.

She was carefully placed under arrest and slung in a canvas bag, and with other persons placed on the bed with springs. Unless she explodes in a day's time the doctors hope the explosion will have become dissolved and the girl be out of danger.

**HOTELS CANNOT
ACCOMMODATE**

Are Unable to Look After 700
Delegates Who Will Be Here
for Masonic Convention.

GRAND LODGE MEETING

Great Gathering Will Take Place in
July in This City—The Situation.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced by the billing committee of the Masons of London in providing quarters for the delegates who will be present at the grand lodge meeting here in July.

It is expected that about seven hundred Masons from the Province will be in the city, and the delegates at that time will make it quite difficult to find billets for them all.

The hotels will not be able to handle all the visitors, said Mr. John Graham, chairman of that committee. "We are having a list of available private houses prepared, and we will get them accommodated in that manner. All of the hotels are filled up, many of the delegates writing ahead for their rooms. In this way they have looked after themselves. There is a large number we will have to look after ourselves, and while we cannot get hotels for them all we expect to have room for all, and will give them a good time."

The Grand Lodge.

The grand lodge will meet on July 20, 21, 22, and 23. A great deal of business will be transacted. A contest for grand senior warden is promised. This office generally comes to the city where the grand lodge is held, and the warden will go to a London man.

Three names have been mentioned in connection with this office—Wor. Bro. Thomas Rowe, of St. John's, No. 20; Wor. Bro. William Allen Young, of Tuscan Lodge, and Wor. Bro. E. W. M. Flock, of Kilwinning, No. 64.

So far as can be learned these are the only names mentioned for the honor.

**DROWNED WHILE TAKING
SHORT CUT TO ALTAR**

Young Woman Sees Her Fiance
Fall From Bridge and
Drown.

New Brunswick, N. J., June 15.—While on his way from South Amboy, N. J., to New Brunswick, with his sweetheart, to be married, Joseph Kobatch, of South River, walked into the open draw of the New York and Long Branch Railroad bridge across the Raritan River early yesterday and was drowned. The girl, Miss Anna Kieh, of New York, who was visiting friends here, was thrown into the water after her betrothed by one of the bridge tenders.

The girl was taken back to the home of her friends.

She said Kobatch persuaded her to cross the railroad bridge with him to save time. He carried a suitcase and had about \$50 in his pocket. The night was dark and Kobatch did not know the draw was open, and walked right into the water.

STEAMER RELEASED

Amherstburg, June 15.—The steamer Wyoming, which went aground yesterday morning on the Lime Kiln Crossing, was released at 6 o'clock this morning. She is now unloading her cargo, and the work is expected to be finished about midnight tonight.

The Tank Conference.

Mayor Stevely and City Solicitor Meredith left for Toronto this morning to meet the representatives from North Bay, Peterboro, Hamilton, St. Catharines, and many other cities to discuss the question of septic tanks. The conference was organized by Mr. Willis Chipman, of Toronto, and the discussion will revolve about the threatened loss of the city of a Chicago firm. It is probable a test case will be made.

Death of Mrs. Burwell.

Mrs. K. A. Burwell, relict of the late Isaac Brock Burwell, formerly of Canada, died on Monday at the residence of Mr. Gilbert Harris, St. Catharines. She was 85 years of age. The Burwell Memorial Cemetery on Wednesday.

**CRACK SHOTS ARE
UNDER SUSPICION**

Is Said That Too Many Soldiers
Are Making Good for
Efficiency Pay.

AM P NEWS OF INTEREST

First Hussars Had a March Through
the Country—Minstrel Show on
Heights Tonight.

There are likely to be some interesting developments as a result of an investigation which is taking place in connection with the scores which some of the soldiers have been making at the Cove ranges, and which entitles them to first-class efficiency pay.

Yesterday a very close watch was kept, and it is believed some of the soldiers who are fairly good shots have been shooting under different names for those who were not so good, so as to enable them to get higher efficiency pay. The orders contain the following notice:

Disqualification Notice.

"Disqualification"—Any cases of the following nature occurring during military practice are to be considered as disqualifying the soldier concerned from any grant of efficiency pay, and the musketry instructor is to report such cases to the camp commandant at once, in order that the offenders may be punished, and the necessary deductions made by the camp paymaster.

1. Any man firing or attempting to fire for another by impersonation.

2. Any person allowing another person to fire on his behalf.

Officers Suspicious.

As stated in The Advertiser last week, the exceptionally high scores which were made and which entitled to both the 100 and 200 yard ranges. A number of cases have been brought to the notice of the officers, and some have been made one or even two points less than the required score at 100 yards, but have exceeded the score considerably at the longer range. For several days it was usual in cases of this kind to average the score, and allow the man his efficiency pay if he made a total of more than 28 at the two ranges.

Minimum of 14 Points.

Now, however, instructions have been received that at least 14 points must be made at each range, and the soldier shooting is not entitled to any efficiency pay. Where there are such a large number of men to shoot, and it is practically impossible for most of them to go to the ranges more than once, the problem is a difficult one to adjust, but the authorities are trying to get around it by allowing all who shoot a score of at least 14 points at both the 100 and 200 yard ranges to be considered as having made a total of more than 28 at the two ranges.

All Well.

In the meanwhile things are going along quietly at camp. The crowds of visitors attending regularly every afternoon and evening, and the routine of the camp life is broken by baseball games, foot races and sports of various kinds.

Yesterday the First Hussars had a run of several miles out around the country for practice, and greatly enjoyed the outing.

Several of the patients, who were in the hospital, have been discharged. None of the cases are of a serious nature.

The Orders.

The Second Infantry Brigade is furnishing the duties today, and the First Infantry Brigade will furnish them tomorrow.

The medical officer for the day is Lieut. Davis, A. M. C., and he will be relieved tomorrow by Major J. D. Balfour.

Lieut. Ashbaugh, A. M. C., is in attendance at the ranges today, and will be relieved tomorrow by Major J. D. Balfour, of the Sixth Field Battery.

Pte. G. Searle, No. 1 Company, C. A. S. C., has reported for duty, and has been taken on the strength.

Lady's Locket Lost.

A lady's gold locket and chain were lost at the camp on Sunday afternoon. The locket contains a gentleman's photograph.

The First Hussars report at the service ranges for practice today.

The members of St. John's Athletic Club will give a minstrel show in the mess tent of the Twenty-sixth Regiment this evening. The show is for the soldiers only, and no admission will be charged.

UNITED STATES WANTS SLICE.

Pekin, June 15.—Acting on representations made by Henry P. Fletcher, charge d'affaires of the American Legation, China has agreed to ratify the foreign loan of \$27,500,000 from British, German and French bankers for the construction of the Hankow-Szechuen Railroad. It is stated that this refusal, coupled with the representations made by the United States ambassadors in London, Paris and Berlin, will result in arrangements being made in Europe for American participation in the loan.

SLAVONIA A LOSS.

Liverpool, June 15.—The captain of the Cunard Line steamer Slavonia, which was wrecked last week on Flores Island, in the Azores, telegraphs that it is impossible to save the vessel, and that she will be a total loss, together with all the baggage of the saloon passengers that was in the hold.

**BLACK HAND BOMB
FOR AMERICAN MAYOR**

Latter Had Signed Warrants for
Arrest of Blackmailing
Gang.

Toledo, Ohio, June 15.—A Bellefontaine special says that a bomb thrown at 3 o'clock this morning wrecked the parlor of the home of Mayor Niven, of Bellefontaine. Fire followed, but was extinguished.

Mayor Niven issued warrants in the Black Hand cases last week. Bloodhounds have been secured to follow the trail of a man seen running from the scene at the time of the explosion.

**FATHER SUES SON
ON ASSAULT CHARGE**

Latter, a Londoner, Ordered to
Pay Full Amount of
the Suit.

Hamilton, June 14.—A peculiar case was heard here this afternoon, when a father sued his son for damages for assault, and obtained a verdict for \$200, the full amount claimed.

The plaintiff, a Londoner, is the plaintiff, and B. W. A. Johnson, of London, Ont., the defendant.

They had given an entertainment in a tent at Wroxeter in August last. After the performance an altercation took place, and in the melee Johnson pater had his shoulder dislocated, some ribs broken, and also suffered internal injuries.

The son claimed that his father began the attack, and was injured in consequence.

Judge Snider gave judgment in favor of the plaintiff for the full amount of the suit.

**BREACH OF CONTRACT
CHARGED TO LONDONER**

Elgin County Court Hears Case
of Amusement Company
vs. Mosack.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, June 14.—At an adjourned session of the county court this afternoon Judge Colter heard the case of the Port Stanley Amusement Company against Charles J. Mosack, manager of the City Hotel, London, formerly of Berlin, for \$500 damages for breach of contract.

Mosack, it is charged, leased the Inverurie Hotel at Port Stanley for \$2,500 per year. Later, he refused to take the hotel, and the company claimed that they lost \$500 in the transaction, for which they are suing.

Testimony was given by John Ferguson, secretary of the Port Stanley Amusement Company; B. F. Honsinger, St. Thomas; George Rowley, of the G. N. W. St. Thomas; Charles J. Mosack, London; and Hugh M. Douglass, formerly proprietor of the Fraser House.

After hearing the evidence, the hearing of argument by counsel was postponed until Monday. The case was represented by Mr. Mosack, while Letch & Green appeared for the plaintiffs.

**DROPPED THE FENDER
AND SAVED BOY'S LIFE**

Roy Cooper Had a Very Narrow
Escape on Richmond Street
Monday Afternoon.

A young lad named Roy Cooper, who is a member for the S. N. W. Telegraph Company, had a very narrow escape from serious injury, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the intersection of King and Richmond streets, when he was struck by a street car while crossing the tracks on a bicycle. Cooper, who was going east on King, looked for any approaching cars while crossing Richmond, but for some unaccountable reason failed to notice a northbound car coming up at a rapid rate, which struck the rear end of his wheel and threw him to the ground.

Only the quick mind of the motorman in lowering the fender averted a bad accident. As it was the corner of the fender struck his bicycle and pushed him clear of the tracks.

Outside of a bad scare for both the boy and the motorman, no damage was done.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR; WARMER.

FORECASTS.

Today—Western wind; fine.

Wednesday—Fine and warm.

Thursday—Fine and warm.

Friday—Fine and warm.

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**RETAIL GROCERS
RAISE PROTEST**

Against the School Book Contract
Going to the T. Eaton
Company.

ALLEGED IT IS UNFAIR

Action of the Government Is Condemned—Resolution Will Be Sent to
Premier and Dr. Pyne
and Others.

The Retail Grocers' Association of this city are greatly opposed to the action of the Ontario Government in awarding the contract for schoolbooks to the T. Eaton Company of Toronto, and at a recent meeting passed a resolution condemning the giving of the contract to that firm.

The Retail Grocers' Association of London have also sent in individual protests to the Government, and at the present time a movement is being formed to send an official delegation to Toronto bearing the signatures of all the retail grocers of the Province. A large number of the wholesalers and jobbers will also support the resolution.

The resolution of the retail grocers is as follows:

"Resolved that we, the Retail Grocers' Association of the city of London, Ontario, in protest against the awarding of the contract for printing schoolbooks to the T. Eaton Company, of Toronto, for two years:

"In the first place, they are not publishers.

"Secondly, their only idea in taking the contract was for their advertisement inside every book.

"We protest against the T. Eaton Company being allowed to use the schoolbooks as an advertising medium."

Association's Position.

"The association think it unfair to us and to every detail dealer, that the Government should award the contract to the T. Eaton Company," said Mr. Ed J. Ryan, the president of the association. "The T. Eaton Company are not restricted to the advertisement they make in the books, and by means of the lower price of schoolbooks they will be brought directly into competition with every retail dealer. There is no doubt that the contract is lower than the cost of printing the books, but the company figure on the advertising and leverage it will give them all over the Province."

"Want Protection.

"It is good business for them, but it is not good business for us, and I think the Government should give us some protection. If the T. Eaton Company may use schoolbooks for advertising purposes, every firm should be given the same opportunity."

"The books are sold by this company at wholesale rates, and in this manner an unfair advantage is given them."

The Booksellers.

"We have sent a letter of protest to the Government, and I understand all the retail booksellers in the city and the Province have done the same," said Mr. William Mills.

"It is the thin edge of the wedge, and it is time some action was taken. In a short time, the Eaton contracts will cover the whole series of books, and we will be prohibited practically from selling any school books."

"They are going to use the book for the contract price and make it pay, but the advertisement, and the right to put whatever slip or circular they like in the book, will make them make up for this loss. If one book is bought it is more than likely all the books needed will be purchased from the company also. It is not at all fair to us."

Copies of the resolution passed by the Retail Grocers' Association have been sent to Mr. James Whitney, Hon. Dr. Pyne, minister of education, and Hon. Adam Beck.

EXTRADITION TREATY.

Paris, June 15.—The Franco-American treaty of extradition has been ratified, and was today promulgated here.

FELL 100 FEET.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 15.—The body of a man found early today at the water's edge under the cliff close by the upper steel arch bridge has been identified as that of John W. O'Neil of this city. The man had fallen about one hundred feet to the rocks below.

GOES TO MEET CZAR.

Berlin, June 15.—Emperor William left here this morning at 10 o'clock on a special train for Danzig where he will embark on the imperial yacht Hohenzollern and proceed to the gulf of Finland to meet Emperor Nicholas of Russia.

A DEFIANT CARDINAL.

Bordeaux, June 15.—Cardinal Andrieux, who has been summoned to court charged with having incited a breach of the laws by the allocation he pronounced at the cathedral on the occasion of his enthronement, has sent a letter to the king in which he formally refuses to appear in court to answer any charge in connection with a separation law. The cardinal writes that the law became non-existent for Catholics the minute the supreme court, the incorruptible guardian of the morals of individuals and nations, condemned it as inimical to the prosperity, authority and liberty of the church."

WOUNDED BY LION.

Nalvasa, British East Africa, June 15.—A member of the party of T. C. Selous, the noted African hunter and George Mokili, a nephew of the late Senator McMillan, of Michigan, was brought in here yesterday mortally wounded by a lion. The man's name is Williams, and he was in the service of Mr. McMillan as a secretary. The encounter with the lion occurred in the Sotik district where the party has been shooting. The Roosevelt party left here ten days ago for the Sotik district, but nothing has been heard of the expedition since its departure.

**BOILING WATER MADE
BRUTE RELEASE HOLD**

Bulldog Killed a Foxterrier on
Pall Mall Street—A Sick-
ening Sight.

One of the most vicious dog fights ever seen in London was witnessed yesterday afternoon on Pall Mall street, where a score of spectators, between a bulldog and foxterrier, with the results that the latter was killed, its neck being almost severed from the severe chewing that the bulldog gave him.

The affair lasted only a few minutes, as the foxterrier was dead shortly after the fight started, but great difficulty was met with in trying to force the bulldog to release his hold on the terrier's neck.

All efforts to do this were futile, even with the aid of a baseball bat and a huge iron poker. Not until an enterprising housewife appeared on the scene, with a kettle of boiling water, which she proceeded to pour all over him, did the bulldog evidence the slightest inclination to quit, even then he only stopped for a minute, and went at his victim with more ferocity and tenacity than ever, finally another kettle was procured, this time nearly twice as hot as the first, and was poured over the bulldog's head. The bulldog's dead canine's neck and ran madly down the street, before any attempt could be made to capture him.

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**CHURCH UNION
MAY COME UP**

Bishop of Huron Is Likely to
Raise the Question in the
Synod.

THE CHURCH HYMNAL

Will Also Likely Be Referred to—
Other Important Matters Up
for Debate.

It is expected that the Bishop of Huron's charge to the synod in Bishop Cronyn Hall this afternoon will deal with a number of matters of importance. Among these the question of church union will likely figure prominently, and will present the two sides of the question very fully.

The layman's missionary movement will also be alluded to by the bishop, and very favorably. The bishop is a strong supporter of the movement, and it is expected that he will urge the church union will likely figure prominently, and will present the two sides of the question very fully.

The church hymnal will, it is expected, be another point in the bishop's address.

The past year has been one of almost unprecedented prosperity in the diocese, and this fact will in itself afford abundant scope for a very bright and optimistic view of the future.

The first business of the opening session this afternoon was the election of secretaries and auditors. This proved a lengthy business of business, and the results were not known at the time of going to press.

**TACTICAL EXERCISES
FOR AMBULANCE MEN**

Will Establish and Maintain
Field Hospitals All Night
Tonight.

The ambulance field units that are in camp will have their first experience in tactical exercises tonight, when they will establish hospitals all night. The field units will be supposed to be attached to a force which is defending the city, and are supposed to be posted from the ridge at the sixth concession of London Township to the asylum sidroad.

The offensive force is supposed to make attack some time during the early part of the evening, and the battle will rage all night until dawn.

The ambulance field units will be supposed to throw exactly the movements they would in a real battle, and will establish a series of hospitals at different points. The field units will be under the direction of Lieut. Col. Belton and Col. Hayes.

**SECRETARY M'DERMID
STILL WELL PLEASED**

Never Was a More Orderly
Camp in London, He
Says.

The London Temperance League are more than pleased with the results that are following the action of the militia department in prohibiting the sale of liquor in camp.

"There never was a more orderly camp in London," Secretary M'Dermid told The Advertiser this afternoon. "Of course, some of the boys are coming down town and getting drunk, but the majority of those who do so are men who are in the habit of drinking more or less regularly; it was the boys we wanted to save, and I think by making it impossible for the younger fellows to get drunk at the camp the militia department has done a great work. The officers say that the men have been most attentive at all their work and haven't the slightest fault to find."

**SYNOD OF HURON
OPENS SESSION**

Delegates From All Quarters Are
Already in City and More
Are Coming.

FIRST BUSINESS MEETING

Held This Afternoon at Three o'clock
—Archdeacon McKenzie's Im-
pressive Sermon.

The delegates to the Synod of Huron are rapidly gathering, and this morning there was a very good attendance at the opening religious service in the cathedral.

The first business session opened at three o'clock this afternoon when the official roll was called. From those present this morning, however, it would seem that the very large majority of those belonging to the synod will be on hand.

This morning's service was of a very impressive nature. The Venerable Archdeacon McKenzie of Grace Church, Brantford, preached a powerful sermon that dealt with the reason that the church had lost some of its power by falling away from principles of Christ's teaching by being careless of the poor and afflicted, Christ tending more and more to minister to the wealthy and well-to-do at the expense of their more needy brothers.

The service was in charge of the Very Rev. Dean Davis, the head of the chapter, assisted by the canons and archdeacons.

Archdeacon McKenzie chose for his text, Luke iv, 18: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor."

"These words were apparently the very first read by Christ in the synagogue of Nazareth," said the archdeacon, "and he applied them to himself, and so I would make no mistake if I said that it was one of the most decided credos of the life and work of Christ."

"Christ had no wealth, no political influence, no culture, as the world counts culture. Born in a despised village of a down-trodden province, among a class of toilers, he chose his apostles from the same class, stern, rough-tongued Galilean peasants. It was not the only time he spoke like this, but it was the first time he spoke of the house of Israel. This, of course, referred to his own ministry. I come not to call the righteous, but sin