

## T. W. CROTHERS SUCCUMBS AT OTTAWA HOME

Widow Finds Senator Dead in Room When Friend Visits Home.

### ST. THOMAS MOURNS LOSS

Former Minister of Labor Beloved by Constituents in West Elgin.

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—(By Canadian Press.)—Hon. T. W. Crothers, former minister of labor in the Borden cabinet, who was appointed to the Senate two months ago, died suddenly at his home on Carling avenue, Ottawa, on Saturday evening.

The late Mr. Crothers, who was 71 years of age, had been in poor health for the last month, but not until a couple of weeks ago had his condition given rise to any serious fears.

On Saturday, however, the senator appeared brighter than he had been for some days past, and during the afternoon he went to his room, which he had been using as a study. When his wife went to call him to meet an old friend who had called at the house, she found he had died in his sleep.

Senator Crothers was born on the 1st of January, 1850, at Northport, Prince Edward County. He was educated in the public schools and at Albert College, Belleville, where he received his degree of B. A.

After completing his education he became head master of the Wardensville High School. He later studied law and began practicing in St. Thomas in 1880. The deceased was first elected to the House of Commons in 1908, and in 1911 he was sworn in as a member of Sir Robert Borden's cabinet, taking over the portfolio of labor, which department he administered until his retirement on account of ill health in 1918. He was appointed to the senate in succession to the late Hon. W. C. Edwards.

### MOURNS CROTHERS' DEATH.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 11.—St. Thomas was greatly shocked when word was received of the sudden death in Ottawa Saturday of Thomas Wilson Crothers, representative of West Elgin, including the city, in the federal house since 1908.

It was known generally among his many friends that Mr. Crothers was suffering from poor health for some time, but his death was totally unexpected. That it should have occurred so soon after his appointment to the senate, even before he had the opportunity of taking his seat, added greatly to the shock.

Mr. Crothers was known and beloved by supporters and opponents alike from one end of the riding to the other. Although during an election when but a young man, he was first elected to represent West Elgin in 1908. In 1911 he was again elected, and with the coming of the Borden Government to power he was made the minister of labor, an office he held until just before the recent election, when he was appointed to the senate by Premier Meighen.

### Was School Principal.

When but a young man he sought his fortune in Western Ontario, becoming principal of the Wardensville High School.

In 1878 he moved to St. Thomas, later entering Osgoode Hall, Toronto. While still a student at law Mr. Crothers entered the political arena, accepting the nomination of the Conservative party in West Elgin. He was opposed by Dr. Casagrande, who after a strenuous fight, defeated him by eleven votes.

On graduation he took up the practice of law in St. Thomas in a partnership with Mr. Robinson. Later he went into partnership with Samuel Price, who is now chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

Although he was always keenly interested in politics he did not again take an active part until 1908. Soon after coming to St. Thomas Mr. Crothers married Mary G. Burns, daughter of Dr. I. A. Burns of this city.

Besides a widow he is survived by one son, Wilson, and one brother, H. Crothers, of Kingston. A second brother died in Kingston only two weeks ago.

The body will be brought to this city for burial, arriving at noon Monday, via the Dr. Casagrande funeral home. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon. Interment will be made in St. Thomas Cemetery.

### ORDER TWO GREAT LAKES STEAMERS IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 11.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—The first shipbuilding order received on the Great Lakes for a long time has been received by Swans of Wallsend from Canada. The order is for two steamers for the Great Lakes trade, one to be built at Wallsend and the other at Londonderry.

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## CHARITY GANG OF BOY BANDITS HELD BY POLICE

Claim Series of Robberies Committed in St. Thomas To Aid Poor.

### WANT TO GO TO MIMICO

Two of Lads, Out On Probation, Plead To Share in Punishment.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 11.—When five boys, the oldest of whom is fifteen years of age, who were arrested on a series of theft charges by the police Saturday night were arraigned in police court Saturday morning, a uniquely, but well-organized gang of juvenile robbers, was discovered, and a long record of petty thieving was uncovered.

As a result, two of the boys now face terms in the Industrial School at Mimico, while the other three, including the leader of the gang, have been remanded to jail for a week.

While two of the boys, who were remanded and who perhaps will be let out on probation, were being moved to jail, they begged the police to be sent to Mimico along with their pals.

"We are just as guilty as the others," they said, "we want to go with them. We are sick of this town anyhow," they added.

The leader looked only 12 years old, but he claims to be 15. He is sharp-fledged and bright. As he was not rounded up until court was about to adjourn he, with two others, was remanded. Other boys who were in the gang, but who were very young, were allowed out on probation.

Minister Interceded.

It was reported by the police that a local minister had interested himself in the boys, and was interceding on their behalf.

The story told by the boys in court, some of them speaking with considerable pride, was an astounding one. It evidently cleared up the mystery surrounding several robberies which occurred in this city during the past few weeks.

The whole gang was governed by the mind of the one small boy. He called himself the "King of Diamonds," and to all others admitted within the circle he gave similar titles, such as "King of Clubs," "Jack of Hearts" and "Jack of Spades." Each one joining, according to the evidence given by one small lad, was assessed a certain initiation fee. This rule, however, did not meet with the favor of some of the older ones, and some have never paid.

One of the first three boys captured carried a black book, in which was kept the names of the gang's activities. A record was kept of all goods stolen and turned over to the custodian of the booty.

### Gang Has Catechism.

In the book was several questions and answers which evidently each boy learned to repeat from memory. One question was:

"Do you know that there are many unemployed in St. Thomas this winter?" With the answer:

"Yes, I know there is much unemployment and suffering in St. Thomas, and I also know that the winter will be hard and cold for many."

This bit of catechism perhaps throws some light on the motive of the crimes. One boy claimed that they were purely philanthropic, as it was the gang's intention to help the poor and needy this winter. Each boy had received instructions from the leader to turn all goods over to the custodian, who in turn had instructions to bring all booty to the leader on Christmas eve for distribution among the poor and needy.

The lad who had the black book admitted that he had been made secretary of the organization by the leader, but he claimed that he had tendered his resignation one week ago.

Other of the boys claimed that they had been induced to commit crimes by the "King of Diamonds," who had expressed a desire to get even with several merchants of the town and members of the police force. He held up to them promises of rewards and promotions.

### Took Milk Away.

Among the pile of stolen goods recovered were toys of various kinds, including a high-priced electric locomotive, and many card games. Some of the lads had new shoes, which they admitted they had secured from one merchant under false pretences. They also confessed to have robbed the Wellington Street School milk fund of \$5.

One boy admitted he was the leader of the gang when he faced Magistrate Maxwell, but he declared that he knew nothing of the various crimes committed.

Among the stores robbed were Richardson's butcher store, G. A. McMurtry & Co.'s hardware store and J. H. Gould & Co.

The apprehension of two of the lads on a charge of truancy by R. J. Newton, school attendance officer, caused the downfall of the gang, and Detective McCully rounded up others of the organization without difficulty.

Magistrate Maxwell was amazed at the revelations made, declaring that it was the worst case of juvenile crime ever to come to his attention. It was almost too startling to believe, he said. The boys will perhaps appear in court again Monday.

### DROWNS AS ICE BREAKS THROUGH

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—While fishing on Saturday through a hole in the thin ice of Fox Creek, which runs through Hull, Laurent St. Jean, aged 32, went through the ice and was drowned.

### REMOVING BUOYS FROM GREAT LAKES

WINDSOR, Dec. 10.—(By Canadian Press.)—Steamer navigation on the Detroit River is gradually closing down, and many of the buoys which guard certain sections of the waters on Lake St. Clair are being taken up by the United States marine authorities. Buoys are being maintained in parts of the St. Marys River as long as weather conditions permit.

### GIVE ASSIGNMENT NOTICES.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—(By Canadian Press.)—Notices of assignment under the bankruptcy act by 35 business firms are contained in the forthcoming issue of the Canada Gazette.

### NO-RAIL TROLLEYS.

LONDON.—The council has decided to operate rail-less trolley cars between West Norwood and Lee Green, a distance of eight miles.

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL HAY PRICES RISE ON CITY MARKET

Egg Prices Remain Steady At 75c to 90c Per Dozen.

Hay was plentiful on the local market on Monday, and the quality was considerably better than that offered during the past week. The prices were higher, ranging from \$17.20 per ton.

Over 100 loads were reported sold during the past week.

There was a poor demand for straw. Several loads were offered, but sales were slow, and the prices lower, now quoted at \$9.11 per ton.

Potato sales are very slow, and the demand is very light, with prices easier at \$1.50 to \$1.65 per bag.

Live hog prices are firmer, with an upward tendency. They are now quoted at \$22.50 to \$23.50 per 100 lbs.

Two loads of oats were offered and sold at \$1.25 per cwt.

Butter sales were extremely slow, and good quality sold at 40¢ to 45¢ per lb. Eggs are firm, strictly new-laid are selling from 75¢ to 80¢ per dozen. Crated eggs sell from 62¢ to 65¢ per dozen.

### GRAIN, per Cwt.

Barley, per cwt., \$1.40 to \$1.50  
Buckwheat, per cwt., 1.40 to 1.50  
Oats, per cwt., 1.15 to 1.25  
Do, new, but., 1.15 to 1.25  
Wheat, per cwt., 1.65 to 1.75  
Do, new, but., 1.15 to 1.25

### GRAIN, per Bushel

Buckwheat, per bu., 67 to 72  
Oats, per bu., 55 to 62  
Do, new, but., 55 to 62  
Wheat, per bu., 95 to 100  
Do, new, but., 65 to 72

### Hay, per ton

Hay, per ton, 17.00 to 20.00  
Straw, per ton, 9.00 to 11.00

### Vegetables

Cabbage, new, each 10 to 20  
Do, per doz., 1.00 to 1.50  
Celery, per bunch, 7 to 15  
Do, per doz., 1.00 to 1.50  
Hubbard squash, each 10 to 25  
Lettuce, per doz., 60 to 80  
Mushrooms, each 10 to 40  
Onions, green, doz., 30 to 40  
Do, 11 quarts, 1.10 to 1.50  
Do, 12 quarts, 1.10 to 1.50  
Do, 13 quarts, 1.10 to 1.50  
Peppermint, new, each 10 to 45  
Do, per bu., 1.25 to 1.50  
Do, per doz., 1.00 to 1.25  
Parsnips, per bu., 1.00 to 1.25  
Pumpkins, each 10 to 15  
Radishes, per doz., 40 to 60  
Spinach, per bu., 1.00 to 1.00  
Turnips, per bu., 75 to 1.00  
Vegetable marrow, 10 to 15

### Fruits, retail

Apples, per bbl., 3.00 to 5.00  
Do, No. 1, bag, 3.00 to 5.00  
Do, cooking, bu., 1.00 to 1.75  
Do, eating, bu., 1.50 to 1.75  
Do, per piece, 35 to 40

### Honey, Wholesale

Honey, 5-lb. pails, 80 to 90  
Do, strained, lb., 17 to 19  
Do, comb, 20 to 25

### Honey, Retail

Honey, 5-lb. pail, 20 to 25  
Do, strained, lb., 20 to 25  
Do, comb, 40 to 45

### Dairy Products, Retail

Butter, creamery, lb., 40 to 45  
Do, dairy, lb., 40 to 45  
Do, crocks, lb., 40 to 45  
Eggs, new-laid, doz., 75 to 90  
Dairy Products, Wholesale

Butter, creamery, lb., 40 to 45  
Do, dairy, lb., 40 to 45  
Do, crocks, lb., 40 to 45  
Eggs, doz., basket, 60 to 70  
Do, per crate, 62 to 75

### Poultry, Dressed, Wholesale

Chickens, each, 1.00 to 1.75  
Do, per lb., 25 to 35  
Ducks, per lb., 25 to 35  
Geese, per lb., 25 to 35  
Do, each, 2.00 to 2.50  
Old fowl, per lb., 18 to 25  
Old fowl, per lb., 18 to 25

### Poultry, Dressed, Wholesale

Old fowl, per lb., 20 to 25  
Chickens, per lb., 20 to 25  
Ducks, per lb., 20 to 25  
Geese, per lb., 20 to 25  
Turkeys, per lb., 20 to 25

### Live Poultry

Chickens, per lb., 18 to 18  
Do, 1st, per lb., 18 to 18  
Do, 2nd, per lb., 18 to 18  
Ducks, per lb., 18 to 18  
Geese, per lb., 18 to 18  
Turkeys, per lb., 18 to 18

### Live Stock

Hogs, alive, cwt., 9.25 to 9.25  
Sows, fat, cwt., 4.00 to 4.00  
Pigs, small, pair, 8.00 to 10.00  
Dressed Meats, Wholesale

Helfers and steers, 11.00 to 12.00  
Cows, beef, 400 to 500  
Lbs., per cwt., 8.00 to 9.00  
Beef, hinds, lb., 15 to 16  
Do, fronts, lb., 9 to 10  
Hogs, dressed, cwt., 13.00 to 13.00  
Lamb, choice, cwt., 20 to 25  
Do, hinds, lb., 30 to 35  
Do, fronts, lb., 22 to 25

### Wool Unwashed

Wool, coarse, per lb., 7 to 7  
Do, medium, per lb., 10 to 11  
Do, fine, lb., 12 to 13

### HAY

TORONTO, Dec. 10.—Baled hay—On track Toronto, extra No. 2, per ton, \$27; mixed, \$18; loose hay, No. 1, per ton, \$27.

Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$12.

### FLOUR

TORONTO, Dec. 10.—Manitoba flour—On track Toronto, cash prices: first patents, \$7.50; second patents, \$7.50; Ontario flour—30 p.c. patent, bulk seaboard, \$4.50.

### MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—The flour situation was active with strength in winter wheat grades.

Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents firsts, \$7.50.

### LIVE STOCK

Toronto, Dec. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,887. Packers and butchers are in the market for anything of choice quality for the Christmas trade. Nineteen half beefs brought \$12, with others selling down to \$8. One load of choice heavy steers averaging 1,400 lbs. brought \$8.40, and a load of butcher steers averaging 955 lbs. brought \$7.50. Quotations: Heavy beef steers, \$7.50 to \$8; butcher steers, choice, \$6.75 to \$7; good, \$5.50 to \$6; medium, \$4.50 to \$5; common, \$3.50 to \$4; butcher cows, choice, \$4.25 to \$4.75; butcher bulls, good, \$4.25 to \$4.75; common, \$2.50 to \$3; feeding steers, good, \$5.50 to \$6; fair, \$4.50 to \$5; stockers, good, \$4.50 to \$5; fair, \$3.50 to \$4. Calves—Receipts, 250. There is a light run of calves, and the quality is above the average. Tops are selling from \$12 to \$13. Quotations: Choice, \$10 to \$12; medium, \$8 to \$10; common, \$5 to \$8.

Milk Cows—Choice, each, \$80 to \$100; springs, choice, \$90 to \$110. Sheep—Receipts, 2,880. Choice lambs are going at 12 to 15¢. Handy weight sheep are steady at \$5.50 to \$6. Quotations: Ewes, \$1.50 to \$2; lambs, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,907. Hogs are strong at \$9.75, 1 o. b. and \$10.40 fed and watered. Quotations: Choice, \$10.40; select, \$10.40; light, \$9.40; heavy, \$9.40; sows, \$1.75 to \$4.40.

East Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 12.—Cattle—

Receipts, 3,550; dull; butchers, 15¢ to 25¢ off, fancy strong; shipping steers, \$7.75 to \$9.75; a few fancy at \$10; butchers, \$7.50 to \$9.25; yearlings, \$9.11 to \$11.75; heifers, \$4.50 to \$7.50; cows, \$2.50 to \$7.50; a few at \$8, bulk at \$3.25 to \$5.25; stockers and feeders, \$5.50 to \$6.50; fresh cows and springs, \$4.00 to \$135.

Cattle—Receipts, 2,200; market slow at \$7.12.

Hogs—Receipts, 17,600; 10 to 15¢ lower; heavy, \$7.75; mixed, \$7.75 to \$8; Yorkers, \$8.25 to \$10; light Yorkers and pigs, \$8.25 to \$9.50; roughs, \$6.75 to \$8; stags, \$4.65; mixed sheep, \$5.50 to \$6.

### GRAIN

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—Opening: Wheat—Dec., 1¢ to 1¢ lower at \$1.05 to \$1.10; May, 1¢ to 1¢ lower at \$1.08 to \$1.10; June, 1¢ to 1¢ higher at 42¢; May unchanged at 44¢.

Barley—May unchanged at 53¢; Flax—Dec., unchanged at \$1.60; May unchanged at \$1.75; Rye—Dec., unchanged at 83¢.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Opening: Wheat—Dec., 1¢ to 1¢ lower at \$1.14 to \$1.15; May, 1¢ to 1¢ lower at \$1.14 to \$1.15; Corn—Dec., 47¢; May, 53¢; Oats—Dec., 32¢; May, 38¢.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Large deliveries here on December contracts had a bearish effect on the wheat market today in the early trading. Liberal receipts at Kansas City and predictions of an increase in the United States visible supply total were also bearish factors. Selling, however, lacked vigor. Opening quotations, which varied from unchanged figures to 1/2¢ lower, were followed by slight setbacks all around. Corn had a downward tendency, owing to late receipts here. After opening 1/2¢ to 1/2¢ lower, the market continued weak.

Oats paralleled the course of other cereals.

### PROVISIONS

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Provisions were depressed in line with hog values.

### BEANS

Ridgeway, Dec. 12.—Beans—Selling price, \$2.15 to \$2.20; very dull.

### EXCHANGE RATES

New York, Dec. 12.—Sterling exchange, 100 shillings, \$24.25; Canadian exchange, 7.13-16 per cent discount.

### GOLD AND SILVER

London, Dec. 12.—Closing: Bar silver, 35 3/4 per ounce.

### CANADIAN STOCKS

Toronto, Dec. 12.—A. J. Pattison & Co. today received the following quotations on Canadian stocks in London: Canadian Pacific Railway, 144; Canadian General Electric, 104 1/2; Canadian National Railway, 104 1/2; Canadian Northern Railway, 104 1/2; Shawinigan Falls Power, 116.

### LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 12.—Closing prices today were:

British 5 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 4 1/2 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 3 1/2 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 2 1/2 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1 1/2 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/2 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/4 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/8 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/16 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/32 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/64 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/128 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/256 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/512 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/1024 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/2048 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/4096 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/8192 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/16384 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/32768 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/65536 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/131072 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/262144 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/524288 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/1048576 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/2097152 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/4194304 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/8388608 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/16777216 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/33554432 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/67108864 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/134217728 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/268435456 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/536870912 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/1073741824 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/2147483648 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/4294967296 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/8589934592 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/17179869184 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/34359738368 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/68719476736 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/137438953472 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/274877906944 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/549755813888 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/1099511627776 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/2199023255552 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/4398046511104 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/8796093022208 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/17592186044416 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/35184372088832 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/70368744177664 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/140737488355328 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/281474976710656 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/562949953421312 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/1125899906842624 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/2251799813685248 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/4503599627370496 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/9007199254740992 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/18014398509481984 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/36028797018963968 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/72057594037927936 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/144115188075855872 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/288230376151711744 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/576460752303423488 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/1152921504606846976 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/2305843009213693952 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/4611686018427387904 per cent loan, 99 1/2; 1/92