

FIRE AT CARLETON PLACE WIPES OUT MANY BUILDINGS

Midnight Conflagration Destroys Thirty Buildings Including a Church, Entailing a Loss of at Least Three Hundred Thousand Dollars.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Carleton Place, May 18.—Fire broke out here about midnight, and before

the flames were subdued there was a loss of \$300,000. The first started in Singleton's store on Main street, and destroyed half a dozen buildings there. Then the high wind carried the flames back on to Beckwith street, a swell residential quarter, where it wiped out an entire block. Thirty buildings in all were destroyed, including Zion Church and the manse of St. Andrew's. The fire department gave assistance, the flames being quenched at 6 o'clock this morning. No lives were lost, and nobody hurt.

Cause Unknown.
Carleton Place, Ont., May 18.—Fire which started in McGonigle's butcher shop, Bridge street, shortly after midnight, from a cause unknown, and was fanned by a strong southwesterly wind, rapidly spread, and at the time of writing was still burning fiercely, and had done damage estimated at fully \$300,000. The best business section of the town is in ashes, and the finest residential district had been

guttered, and the handsome Zion Presbyterian Church, recently renovated at a cost of \$20,000, is burned to the ground.

Wind Helped Flames.
Shortly after the start of the fire it was seen that the local brigade were unable to cope with the flames alone, so a call for help was sent to Almonte, which town responded by sending down its fire engine manned by a competent crew. This, in addition to the two local engines, did their best to stop the spread of the fire, but to no avail, the high wind carrying cinders and burning embers in all directions. Starting in McGonigle's, the flames destroyed the adjoining store, belonging to J. Fraser, and the Singleton block. The wind then swept the course of the flames along Beckwith street, towards the C. P. R. tracks. Zion Church was one of the first buildings on this street to catch, and the magnificent edifice was soon the prey of the all-devouring flames. Its value was estimated at about \$40,000, and nothing now remains but the ruins. From the church the fire leaped to the Masonic Hall, a flimsy structure, which soon went. The beautiful new residence of the late James Gillis, valued at \$15,000, then caught and was soon destroyed.

LONDON PEOPLE FEAR COMET ONE LADY HAS LEFT HER HOME

Has Gone to Mamma Until the Storm Blows Over—The "Oldest Inhabitants" Are Getting in Their Deadly Work Just Now.

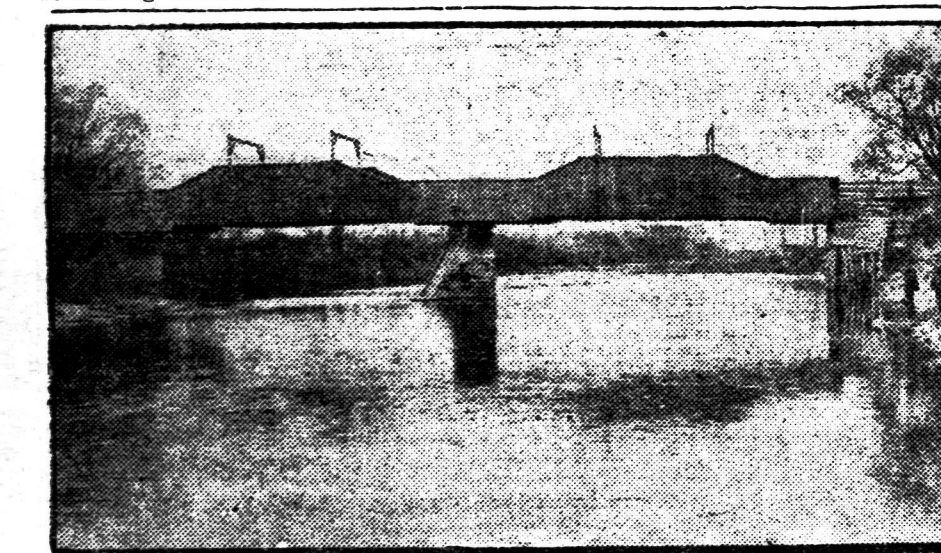
The earth will sweep through the comet's tail this evening.

It has done this at stated periods for over four thousand years—authorized version, or millions of years—revised version, with little difficulty or trouble. However, there seem to be many people worrying as to what is going to happen tonight. One lady, of the timid sort, informed her friends that she was not going to die in the city, and left for her mother's home near London. She is firmly convinced that a dire calamity is going to happen, and desired to spend her last hours with her mother.

There are several like this, many imagining that the earth will be put off her regular course in the starry patrol, and the inhabitants thereof will be snuffed out.

Its Last Visit.
The calamity howlers are looking for something different. "The Oldest In-

habitant" has been coaxed from his lair, and he is telling what happened three quarters of a century ago when the comet last paid the earth a visit. That year, they claim, was a cold one. In July one could pick icicles off peach trees. There was frost every month and the crop failed, and there was general want and suffering. The blue ruin prophets are predicting that this summer will see a total failure of the crops, and are looking for all sorts of trouble. It may be added in this connection that the crops never looked better, and that with any kind of weather for the next two months there will be plenty of wheat and vegetables and fat cattle to keep the world eating for a day or two. The joyous-minded are arranging for comet parties, and will spend the evening in song and laughter, in spite of the fact that dangers are foreseen in the visit. It bids fair to be a pleasant evening for a large number.



THE OLD MEADOW LILY BRIDGE.
This bridge crosses the Thames a couple of miles east of the city. It is shortly to be replaced by a modern structure. The old one was built 25 years ago.

MANY THOUSANDS PAY LAST TRIBUTE

Pass Bier of Dead Monarch at Rate of Eight Thousand an Hour.

London, May 18.—The greatest crowd ever formed in line in this city waited patiently under oppressive atmospheric conditions today, to pay a tribute to the memory of King Edward, whose body lies in state at Westminster Hall.

The queue, six and eight abreast, extended nearly seven miles from the entrance of the hall through the adjacent streets at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and was being constantly lengthened.

The sun shone brightly after a night of rain and with little air stirring, the heat was excessive. Many persons, men as well as women, fainted from exhaustion, and ambulance attendants were busy all along the stream of humanity.

The doors of the hall were opened at 4 o'clock. Many thousands were already in line, and by noon the total number who had passed the bier, including those who secured entrance yesterday, had exceeded 100,000. Some 8,000 moved silently through the hall every hour, but the waiting lines grew more rapidly.

LOOTED A BANK.

Boston, May 18.—George W. Coleman, after admitting today that he looted the National City Bank, of Cambridge, of \$309,000, was sentenced to fifteen years in the county jail at Greenfield, Mass., by Judge Hale in the United States district today.

MINUTE GUNS WILL BE FIRED IN LONDON

Orders Are Expected to Have Local Artillerymen Fire Guns for Late King.

Orders are expected from Ottawa tomorrow prescribing the military ceremonies to be observed on Friday in connection with the funeral of King Edward. Minute guns will be fired here at noon by the 6th Field Battery and at twenty-four other military points from Halifax to Vancouver. At all places where military units are stationed every available officer and man is to be present on parade at the place where the salute is to be fired in dress review order. It is expected that the order will state that 68 guns shall be fired, one for every year of the late King's life. If this is not stated, 101 guns will be fired. When the first and last guns are being fired, troops will present arms. During the firing of the salute they will be stationed with arms reversed. After an appreciable pause, during which the crape will be removed from the colors and black from the drums, the royal salute will be given by the troops playing arms and bands, when present, presenting arms and playing "God Save the King." If a band is present in parade with the troops, it will play during the firing of the salute Chopin's Funeral March, and after a pause, The Dead March in Saul.

DIDN'T LIKE THE BOSS.

Hanilton, May 18.—Twenty-five foreigners employed by the Dominion Power and Transmission Company, went on strike this morning because they did not like the actions of the boss, and because the company would not grant them an increase from 17 cents per hour to 20 cents per hour. The men were working on the cement mixing machine at James street north, and walked out about 8 o'clock this morning. They attempted to get the other men who were working on the tracks to go out, but the arrival of the police put a stop to that, and the strikers left for their homes.

LAST TRIBUTES PAID TO DEAD

Funeral of Ex-Mayor Dr. John D. Wilson Was Held This Afternoon.

CORTEGE A LONG ONE

City Council Attended—Nearly Every Important Body in London Was Represented—Floral Offerings Very Beautiful.

The funeral of ex-Mayor Dr. John D. Wilson, held this afternoon at 3:30, from the family residence, at 2300 Queen's avenue, to Woodland Cemetery, was one of the largest and most impressive seen in London for a long time.

An immense crowd of citizens lined Queen's avenue and the adjacent streets this afternoon to watch the funeral procession pass along. Expressions of the deepest sympathy for the family were heard on every hand, and the opinion was general that London has lost one of the very best citizens the city has ever had.

A Notable Funeral.
The city council attended in a body, and in the cortege were members of the board of trade, the board of education, nearly all the city physicians, members of the hospital trust and other civic bodies, representatives from Tuscan Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Odd-fellows, Foresters, Woodmen, Workmen, the Irish Benevolent Society, and a very large number of personal friends from both the city and out of town.

The Services.
The funeral services were conducted by Canon Dunn, of St. Paul's Cathedral, assisted by Very Rev. Dean Davis of St. James' Episcopal Church, South London. The Masonic services were in charge of Worshipful Master Alex. Gillean, of Tuscan Lodge. The pallbearers, chosen from Tuscan Lodge, were Bros. H. C. McBride, W. L. Young, C. H. Ziegler, Col. Fisher, S. J. Radcliffe and J. H. Chapman.

The honorary pallbearers were Messrs. F. W. D. Brodick, Charles Glass, E. B. Smith, Dr. P. P. Drake, J. S. Niven and Dr. Aiken, of Toronto.

The Last Tribute.
Hundreds of citizens visited the house today to have a last look at the late doctor. The coffin was surrounded and covered with most beautiful wreaths, which came from friends throughout the city, and from many out-of-town places. The offerings included a pillow from the brothers and sister, and wreaths from the Irish Benevolent Society, wreaths from the Canadian Club, hospital trust, Tuscan Lodge, the resident physicians of Victoria Hospital, "Poor Old Kitchen" from the Doctors' Bridge Club, board of trade, Conservative Club, Conservative Association, Court Victoria of the C. O. F. D., and Mrs. Niven, Mr. and Mrs. William Gray, Anderson & Nelles, Mrs. McWhinney, Mr. and Miss Harris, Mrs. Ronald Harris, Mrs. S. Stirling, Mrs. York, Mrs. Underhill, Mr. H. Smallman, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Gibbons, Miss Labatt, Miss Mary Roche, Miss Shaw-Wood, Sisters of Loretta Convent (Stratford), the medical faculty of the Western University, and Mrs. R. W. Bayly, Dr. G. Clarke, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hyman, Dr. and Mrs. Sterling Ryerson (Toronto), Mrs. Aiken (Toronto), Mrs. A. C. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, Miss C. Barker, Mrs. J. Stevens, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Broderick, Mrs. Farran and Miss Cora, Mrs. J. W. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Lay, the Nurses of Victoria, and Mrs. R. H. Charles Glass, Mrs. Becher, Dr. Becher, "A Friend," and from the official board of Victoria Hospital.

HENDERSON'S CASE.
Ottawa, May 18.—The justice department has under consideration today the case of Robert Henderson, the 17-year-old youth, who is under sentence of death at Peterboro, and for whom the jury added a recommendation of mercy.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR. FORECASTS.

Today—Strong westerly winds; clearing and cooler.

Thursday—Fair.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	42	34	Cloudy
Winnipeg	48	34	Cloudy
Edmonton	48	34	Cloudy
Regina	48	34	Cloudy
Saskatoon	48	34	Cloudy
Brandon	48	34	Cloudy
Winnipeg	48	34	Cloudy
Montreal	48	34	Cloudy
Quebec	48	34	Cloudy
Peterboro	48	34	Cloudy
Halifax	48	34	Cloudy

Moderate westerly gales are blowing on the Great Lakes this morning.

There has been a general rainfall in Ontario, and light local rains have occurred in the Western Provinces. Cautionary signals are displayed at lake ports.

TUESDAY'S WEATHER.

The disturbance which was approaching the Great Lakes from the southwest on Monday night was last night centred over Lake Superior. A few scattered showers occurred yesterday in the Western Provinces, and rain fell in Western Ontario, and in the Great Lakes region.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 41-71; Dawson, 34-46; Atlin, 22-42; Victoria, 42-54; Vancouver, 48-60; Edmonton, 42-55; Calgary, 44-60; Regina, 40-66; Qu'Appelle, 34-64; Winnipeg, 28-60; Port Arthur, 40-64; Fanny Sound, 44-70; Toronto, 48-72; Ottawa, 42-72; Montreal, 48-72; Quebec, 44-72; St. John, 42-58; Halifax, 38-60.

WATER PROBS.

Maritime Provinces—Fresh to strong southwesterly winds; fair, followed by shower toning. Lake Superior—Fresh to strong northwesterly winds; not much change in temperature.

Western Provinces—Local showers, but mostly fair, with a little lower temperature.

Washington, May 18.—Forecasts: Eastern States and Northern New York—Partly cloudy in the south, showers in the north portion, cooler in the west portion. Thursday—Fair; moderate to brisk southwest winds.

Western New York—Partly cloudy tonight; cooler in central and east portions. Thursday—Fair; westerly winds.

Lower Lakes—Brisk west to southwest winds; fair tonight and Thursday.



By Staff Photographer.
THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC TRANSFORMER STATION.
The building is situated south of the Hamilton road, and east of the city. Power will there be stepped down before it is sent into the city.
By Staff Photographer.

CIVIC MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE BRILLIANT AFFAIR

Civic Dignitaries, With Local Troops, Will Take Part—Large Number of Invitations Have Been Issued—All Arrangements Completed.

The arrangements for the civic services in St. Paul's Cathedral on Friday, May 20, at 10 a.m., in commemoration of King Edward's death have been completed. The High School Cadets will also parade, and it is expected that fully 150 militia men and veterans will be in the march.

The officers of the regiment, as well as the officers of the garrison in the city, will meet Col. Hodgins, D. O. C., at 9:15, and will parade to the church.

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TODAY IS THE COMET DAY CELESTIAL CRISIS AT HAND

Halley's Visitor From the Unknown Will Be Nearest Earth at Eleven o'Clock This Evening and May Show It by Electrical Flashes.

[Associated Press.]
New York, May 18.—Today is Comet Day.

Halley's comet will today come closer to earth than at any time during its present sojourn, and as it turns this evening the pole of its orbit, our watchful astronomers tell us that the planet earth with all its human freight will glide quietly through the long tail of the celestial visitor. To many, who are superstitiously inclined, the promised passage through the tail, and the crisis in the comet's flight is an event regarded with fear and apprehension. The scientists fortified by their accurate knowledge of the comet's idiosyncrasies, have no fear of danger. But they regard it as an event of great importance, and all of them will be found this evening at their instruments eager to observe whether any faint phenomena—such as magnetic disturbances in the compass, interference with wireless apparatus or showers of meteors and shooting stars attend the passage of the mysterious visitor.

Passes Tonight.
About 11 o'clock tonight the comet will pass between the earth and the sun. No human eye will observe the passage, for it will occur on the other side of the earth in broad daylight, where the glare of the noonday sun will blur the less brilliant comet.

The comet has been hiding itself in the sun's glare for the past two days, but it will be visible from the earth again by Friday when it will be seen against the sunset in the western horizon, just north of the planet Mars. It will be there every evening for several weeks.

Nothing To Fear.
As to the passage through the tail of the comet, the scientists have repeatedly assured us that there is nothing to fear. The earth has passed through very similar tails before—for example, in 1861, when the globe was whisked through the tail of a comet without any one being the wiser. In Continued on Page Ten.

ASTRONOMERS GALORE IN THIS FAIR CITY

Every Other Londoner Knows More Or Less About the Astral Stranger.

Have you made your will yet? According to the scientists, we are to pass through the tail of Halley's Comet tonight some time between 9 and 11 o'clock. Just what will happen they are not prepared to say, and the ordinary mortal does not know whether or not to seek refuge in a cyclone cellar or not.

The passage of the earth through the comet's tail will be one of the most important periods in the history of Halley's comet.

The comet appears to be the sole topic of conversation upon the streets of London tonight. Our atmosphere has something to say upon the subject, and even those who never heard the word astronomy are eagerly discussing it, and hazarding guesses as to what will happen when the tail hits the earth.

Scientists seem to think that not the slightest change will be noticeable. The globe will travel through the tail part of the comet. Our atmosphere is so much denser than that of the comet that no difference will be noticeable beyond possibly some magnetic phenomena.

TWO ARRESTS UNDER NEW BETTING LAW

Proprietor of an "In'o" Bureau Charged With Keeping a Gambling House.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, May 18.—Charles W. Garner was arrested this morning by Inspector Kennedy and three city detectives. He represented himself as manager of the Co-Operative Bureau of Information, having an office on Adelaide street. He was taken into custody under the new law, as having a gaming house. In one of the letters which he had circulated he said: "I am instrumental in placing bets for cliques of horsemen, crooks, or sharks, or whatever you may call them. They get the money and I am in on the deals." Harvey Rosenberg was a short time afterward arrested on the street charged with taking bets. The police believe the two men worked together in the game.

WESTERN ALUMNAE

Meeting Held to Make Arrangements for Reception to Graduating Class.

A special meeting of the executive of the alumnae of Western University met yesterday to make arrangements for the reception to be tendered the graduating students at the conclusion of the convocation ceremony on the 27th inst.

In addition to the executive, the following honorary officers were present: Mrs. George Robinson, Mrs. Talbot Macbeth, Mrs. C. R. Somerville and Miss Helen Gibbons.

It was announced that the Ton Cortese orchestra will play at the convocation and afterwards at the reception.

The honorary officers were shown over the grounds and expressed much pleasure at their appearance.

Arrangements are under way for a field day, on which tea will also be served by the ladies.

DR. CHAS. McLEAY

Physician Was Located in Territory Roosevelt Visited.

Dr. Charles McLeay, who was formerly in partnership with Dr. Eccles of this city, but is now located in British East Africa, arrived home at noon today, and left shortly after for Watford, where he will spend a few days with his father, Mr. William McLeay, of that town. It was in Dr. McLeay's territory that Col. Roosevelt spent a large portion of his time during his recent shooting trip through Africa.

ANIMATED SCENES IN LONDON'S WEST END

Scores of Royal Personages Arrive at London for Edward's Obsequies.

London, May 18.—The arrival of a score of royal personages with their suites today made the West End the scene of animated animation. Buckingham Palace, where most of the members of royalty are staying; Marlborough House still the residence of King George and Queen Mary, and other royal homes, opened their doors again throughout the days as calls of courtesy were exchanged.

PORTER SPRINTS TO CATCH HIS TRAIN

Had Been Chasing His Hat, and Express Got Good Start.

George Jackson, the colored porter on Grand Trunk express, No. 6, did a sprinting stunt at the station this morning as the express was pulling out that made "Tom" Longboat look like a has-been.

Jackson was standing on the rear vestibule when the breeze caught his official cap and hurled it about 20 feet out of the platform. He jumped and started for the hat, but before he could reach it a man on the platform got it, and threw it at the train. Jackson turned around, thinking the hat would land in the vestibule as he right. He had just caught the railing when he saw the hat strike against the side and fall between the rails. The express was gathering speed by this time, but the porter got his hat, and although the vestibule was going at a lively rate, and had a good start, he managed to board it when it was past the Clarence street crossing.

THREE MONTHS HARD FOR PERJURER

Woodstock, May 18.—Eli Parmer was this morning sentenced to three months' hard labor for perjury, by Magistrate Ball. He pleaded guilty, and gave evidence against John Whyte, charged with subornation. The sentence was made light in consideration of his confession, and because of his scarlet fever penitents in the contagious wards at Victoria.

FIVE DIPHTHERIA CASES REPORTED

There Are Now Eight Patients in Victoria Isolation Hospital.

So far this week five cases of diphtheria have developed in the city. There are now eight diphtheria patients in the contagious wards at Victoria Hospital receiving treatment. It is believed that the scarlet fever epidemic which threatened to be a serious one, has been effectively checked, as no new cases have been reported for several days. There are fifteen scarlet fever penitents in the contagious wards at Victoria.