

**FIRE AND PANIC IN SCHOOL
THREE SCORE CHILDREN PERISH**

The Town of Collinwood, Ohio, Near Cleveland, Over-
taken By Terrible Disaster This Morning.

FOUR HUNDRED PUPILS CUT OFF BY THE FLAMES

Doorways Become Choked By Struggling Masses, Preventing
Escape—Floors Crash Into Cellar, Precipitating Unfor-
tunates Amongst the Fiery Debris—20 Bodies Found.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 4.—In a fire which completely destroyed the
common school building in Collinwood, a suburb, today, seventy-five chil-
dren lost their lives.

The fire was started by an overheated furnace. The flames quickly
spread, but a panic ensued when the building filled with smoke, and the 400
children attempted to escape.

There were but two exits in the building that were available. One soon
became choked with the children, who madly dashed for the open air.
Those who fell in the doorway were trampled upon by those behind, and
soon the doorway was impassable. The frightened and panic-stricken chil-
dren turned to get out through the windows and any other means that
could be found. Escape was cut off by the flames, which by this time had
spread throughout the rooms. The building was of brick, yet this did not
retard the progress of the fire.

CRASHED INTO CELLAR.

In a few minutes the lower floor fell, precipitating scores of children to
the basement, among the burning embers. The scene about the building
was heart-rending. Quickly the news of the terrible catastrophe spread
throughout the village and hundreds of parents were crowding about the
building in search of their girls and boys.

TWENTY BODIES FOUND.

In a few minutes twenty bodies had been taken from the ruins. Plain-
ly the writhing or stilled forms of dozens of others could be seen in the
basement. Nearby factories dismissed their men and instructed them to
assist in the rescue. They braved the fire and made heroic efforts to save
those who were not dead.

It is reported that between fifty and seventy-five children were burned
to death. Scores of others who escaped from the building were injured. The
structure was burned to the ground. A force of men have been put to work
in the debris searching for bodies.

SOME OF THE DEAD.

Among the known dead are: Edna Eahner, 12 years old; Bernie Schu-
bert, 10 years old; Willie Weisbarth, 7 years old; —, Meyers, 6 years old;
two Buschman girls, 10 and 12 years old; Hugh McElraith, 10 years old;
Thomas Thompson, 9 years old; Eddie Kehl, 11 years old; —, Roster, 10
years old; two Woodmeyer girls, 10 and 12 years old; Harold Sanderson,
12 years old.

Missing: Lizzie Lyon, Emma Heinge, Peter Heninger.

Injured: Glen Barber, 10 years old; Mildred Schmidt, 10 years old.

At 11:30 twenty-five bodies had been recovered from the ruins, and
were taken to the shops of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway
Company, where the company's physicians are attending the injured.

Practically every ambulance in the eastern part of Cleveland was
called, as well as every available physician. Many children rescued are be-
lieved to be fatally injured, either by fire or by being trampled upon. Scores
of children have been taken to the city hospitals.

**Cost of Educating Pupils Is \$19.80
Compared With \$21.94 in Province****Inspector Edwards Makes His
Annual Report On the
Public Schools.**

Inspector Edwards, at the board of
education meeting yesterday, sub-
mitted the following statement of the
attendance and cost of educating pupils
in the public schools:

In 1907 there were enrolled in the
public schools 6,172 pupils, and in the
kindergartens 1,432 pupils, a total of
7,604; as compared with a total of 7,
473 for 1906—an increase of 131.

The aggregate attendance for 1907
was \$40,698, and for 1906 the attend-
ance was \$51,204, a decrease of 10,506,
which is partly explained by the fact
that St. George's school was closed for
some time during September owing to
the new rooms not being completed.

The Kindergarten.

The aggregate attendance in the
kindergarten for 1907 was 107,588, and
for 1906 it was 190,202, an increase of
7,386.

The daily average attendance in the
public schools for 1907 was 4,334.6,
and for 1906 it was 4,387.65, a decrease
of 53.05. The average for the whole
Province is 53 per cent.

The daily average attendance in the
kindergarten was 555 for 1907 and 517
for 1906, an increase of 38.

The average attendance in the public
schools was 70 per cent, and in the
kindergarten 35.7 per cent of the total
enrollment.

The Cost.

The cost per pupil enrolled, for
teachers', officers' and janitors' salaries,
fuel and supplies, was \$15.86.
Including interest on debentures
and new buildings the cost was \$19.80.
The cost per pupil enrolled in cities
for the Province was \$21.94.

**Interprovincial Grocers' Association
London May Move To Form at Once****Retail Grocers' Association Will
Hold a Meeting This
Evening.**

The regular meeting of the Retail
Grocers' Association will be held in
the association's rooms, 428½ Rich-
mond street, this evening, when a
number of important questions will be
discussed.

It is likely that steps will be taken
to initiate the formation of an Inter-
provincial Grocers' Association along
the lines suggested by Mr. E. F. Moore,
editor of the Canadian Grocer, at the
recent banquet.

The idea, as outlined by Mr. Moore,
has appealed strongly to the members
and he has been written to for fur-
ther information on the subject.

Strong in London.

Mr. Moore has made a close study
of the American associations, and in-
tends to use all his efforts to intro-
duce similar organizations into Can-
ada.

Mr. Moore particularly favors Lon-
don as the place to commence op-
erations, as the grocers' association here
is recognized as perhaps the strongest
in membership and finances in Can-
ada.

It is expected he will be heard from
shortly in regard to the matter, and in
the meantime the members will dis-
cuss plans for organization tonight.

Arrested On Charge of Embezzlement

Charles H. Joyce, a young man em-
ployed by the Metropolitan Insurance
Company, was arrested by the detec-
tives last night on three charges of
embezzlement.

It is alleged that Joyce, who is a
collector, has appropriated funds which
he collected.

The discrepancies are said to have
occurred in September last.

Joyce was not asked to plead, but
the case was adjourned for a week,
ball being accepted in the sum of
\$1,400—personal bail amounting to
\$800, and two sureties of \$800 each.

**HORSE RAN INTO WINDOW
TWO PEOPLE ALMOST HIT**

Animal Belonging to Graves & Co. Smashed the Window of
Heintzman & Co., Piano Warerooms—Rev. Messrs.
Garrett and Booth Have Close Call.

Suddenly frightened on Clarence street this morning, a horse owned by
O. B. Graves & Co., and driven by Mr. John Twitcheen, furnished a very ex-
citing runaway on Dundas street, winding up its race by jumping into the
plate glass window of the Heintzman & Co. piano warerooms, on the cor-
ner of Clarence street.

NARROW ESCAPES.

No person was injured, although two had narrow escapes.
The horse was badly cut up, but not seriously hurt.
Mr. Twitcheen was driving up Clarence street when the horse became
frightened at something on the walk. It jumped sideways very suddenly
and overturned the sleigh with Mr. Twitcheen underneath.

The horse then pulled itself free from part of the sleigh, and on
reaching Dundas street turned west, with only the shafts and the front bob.
It ran almost to Richmond street when it was captured.

MORE DAMAGE.

A man took hold of the lines and attempted to drive it back.
The animal became thoroughly frightened again and made an effort to
get away.

It made a dash for The Advertiser building, but turned aside in time to
avoid a collision.

The driver finally got the animal on the road again and drove eastward.
On reaching the corner it made a beeline across the street at a furious
gallop.

CLOSE CALL.

Rev. Mr. Garrett and Rev. Mr. Booth, of the Christian Workers'
Church, were talking at the corner, and seeing the horse they beat a hasty
retreat.

The animal missed the Gas Company's windows narrowly, and shot
across the street towards Heintzman & Co.'s warerooms.

CRASHED INTO WINDOW.

As it struck the sidewalk it slipped, and crashed headlong into the heavy
plate glass window.

It struggled violently, and kicked the heavy window into bits.
Several men then rushed up and caught the horse.

BADLY CUT.

It was bleeding badly from several cuts on its legs, and the animal
was seriously injured.

The employees of Heintzman & Co. were badly frightened when the
crash came.
Pieces of glass were scattered all over the place, but there was little
damage.
One of the pianos was injured.

**Ash Wednesday Ushers In Lent
Season of Self-Sacrifice Is Now On****Good Resolutions Are Prevalent
—Slump In Meats Will
Follow.**

This is Ash Wednesday, and Lent
has begun.

For forty days many of the accus-
tomed festivities of the winter season
will be dispensed with.

The Lenten resolution is now to the
fore, and everybody is swearing off
something, even to taking sugar in
tea, etc.

In the police court yesterday three
gay and festive revelers who were
charged with being drunk and disor-
derly gave as an excuse that they
were just out having a last little time
before Lent began.

Magistrate Love sympathized with
them, and as they had done no harm
they were allowed to go.

Slump in Meats.

Always at the commencement of
Lent there is a noticeable diminution
in the demand for the butcher's goods,
and this year is no exception to the
rule.

Several butchers who were spoken
to said that for a month or so no
things will be somewhat quieter than
usual for them.

The grocers, on the other hand, feel
the benefit of Lent in an increased
demand for eggs, fruit, pancake flour
and vegetables, all of which things
are popular during the Lenten ses-
son.

As to Weddings.

Even Cupid takes a rest, for Lenten
weddings are not in good form in cer-
tain circles.

Milliners are busy people now on
getting in supplies and making
fancy hats, for as soon as Lent is
over the Easter millinery display
will be in striking contrast to the
more sober things worn in Lent.

**Mrs. Just Found Guilty of Theft
But Does Not Acknowledge Crime****Arraigned in the Police Court
and Remanded for
Sentence.**

Mrs. Anna Just, who was arrested
on Monday afternoon on a charge of
stealing a diamond ring from A. T.
Treblecock, a local jeweler, was found
guilty of theft this morning by Magis-
trate Love and remanded for a week
for sentence.

Mrs. Just pleaded guilty to taking
the ring, but according to her story,
a clerk knew that she had taken it.
She denied having deliberately stolen
the ring.

The ring was not missed for some
time and not then until it was dis-
covered that another ring had been
substituted in the case.

Even then it was not known until
Mrs. Just was arrested that it was she
who took it.

The domestic difficulties of Charles
Shaw and his wife occupied consid-
erable time, but were finally straightened
out.

Mrs. Shaw charged her husband with
non-support, but he stated that he had
been willing to support her all the time
if she would live with him.

This Mrs. Shaw refuses absolutely
to do, alleging that his treatment of
her has been brutal.

Case Settled.

The case was settled by Mr. Shaw
agreeing to pay \$2 a week towards
the support of his wife and two chil-
dren for four weeks and after that
time \$5 a week.

He was bailed in the sum of \$100
to appear again in a month.

The first habitual drunk to ask to
be placed on the Indian list is Thomas
Sullivan, and he acknowledged that
he was an habitual drunkard and
wanted to reform.

He will be given a chance.

**Engineer's Dep't. Doesn't Fear Flood
W. London in No Danger From River****Thames Will Have a Chance To
Carry Away Much Water
Before Real Thaw.**

With a thaw imminent, many peo-
ple in West London are beginning to
worry about a flood.

There is a great body of snow on
the ground in this district, and a great
deal more in the north country along
the course of the Thames.

With these facts in mind, and the
possibility of a sudden thaw, some
have become anxious.

However, there seems to be no cause

for worry, as the ice will hold for a
considerable length of time yet, and
the water will have a chance to get
away as it did a couple or three
weeks ago.

No Chance of a Flood.

"I think there is no chance for a
flood," said Assistant City Engineer
Kirkpatrick this morning. "The
breakwater is in fine condition and
it will withstand any flood."

"The Grand Trunk bridge is an im-
provement over the old one, and
there is not so much danger of an ice
jam at this point. This will reduce
considerably the danger of a flood."

We are not looking for any serious
trouble."

**ANARCHISTS PLAN
A "RED" FUNERAL**

Burial of Shippy's Would-Be
Assassin Causing Chicago
Some Anxiety.

Chicago, March 4.—Lazarus Aver-
buch, the young Russian anarchist
who attempted to assassinate Chief of
Police Shippy and was himself slain,
was one of the body of men who called
upon Corporation Counsel Brundage
several weeks ago to secure permis-
sion for the parade of the "unem-
ployed." This permission was denied
because it was believed it would bring
about a clash between the "reds" and
the police.

The disposition of the body of Aver-
buch is presenting a puzzling problem
to the authorities. Despite his atti-
tude of sworn enmity to society, there
is no wish to deny him the ordinary
privileges of the burial rite, provided
it be performed with the utmost priv-
acy. No friends have called to view
the body, however, and unless his sis-
ter informs the undertaker today that
she is financially able to bury the body
it probably will be interred in the
poorhouse.

The police when they arrested the
girl found in her possession a trifle
over \$19, which is believed to be all
she had, and it is thought that the
county will be obliged to inter the
body of Chief Shippy's would-be mur-
derer.

Anarchists in the Ghetto district last
night decided to ask the authorities
for the body, the purpose being to give
Averbuch an anarchist funeral.

Olga Averbuch, sister of the dead
man, will be asked to make formal
demand for the body. It will then be
taken to a west side lodge room and
services held in accordance with the
anarchist belief. Small groups of
Ghetto anarchists met in the homes of
the members, and discussed the pos-
sibility of obtaining the body of Aver-
buch. The plan to act through the
sister of the dead man was suggested
at a meeting held at Maxwell and
Canal streets.

AMUSING CASE
IS COMING UP
In the Police Court Tomorrow Morning
—Alleged Abusive Language.

An amusing case will be heard in
the police court on Tuesday morning
as a result of information which was
laid before Magistrate Love this morn-
ing by a Hebrew resident named Lat-
tis, who lives in the southern part of
the city.

Mr. Lattis and his wife appear to
have had some difficulty over some-
thing, and he has laid an information
against her, charging her with using
abusive language towards him.

The trouble is said to have origin-
ated over a boarder who has been
saying that Lattis's home, and to whom
Mrs. Lattis is alleged to have been
paying more attention than her hus-
band thought she should.

When Mr. Lattis remonstrated with
his better half she is said to have told
him in good plain Yiddish to keep his
nose out of her business.

NOT MUCH HEADWAY
IS BEING MADE
In Hauling Away the Ice From the
City Streets.

An effort is still being made by the
London street railway to take the ice
and snow off the streets, as the bylaw
calls for.

Some days ago, City Engineer Gray-
don instructed the Street Railway Com-
pany to do so, but so far little headway
has been made.

The company has a couple of teams
and a car drawing away ice, and two
or three gangs of men at work.

Not much headway is being made,
but Manager King expects that the ice
will be got rid of shortly.

THE WEATHER.
TOMORROW—MILDER.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, March 4—8 a.m.
Today—Easterly winds; fair.
Thursday—Easterly winds and milder.

Local Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures
recorded at the local observatory up to 8
p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 25.5°; low-
est, 2° above zero.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary 2 -6 Cloudy
Winnipeg 14 11 Snow
Port Arthur 20 16 Cloudy
Parry Sound 2 0 Clear
Toronto 12 8 Fair
Ottawa 18 16 Cloudy
Montreal 18 16 Cloudy
Quebec 18 14 Snow
Father Point 2 -4 Fair
Minus (-) means below zero.

The first column in the above table re-
cords the temperatures at 8 o'clock this
morning, and the second column records
the minimum temperatures during the 24
hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.
The pressure is high and the tempera-
ture is low over the greater part of Can-
ada, with over the Western and South-
western States the pressure is low and
the weather milder.

Temperatures between 10° and 25° below
zero are reported from Saskatchewan.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.
Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson, 14 below—6; Atlin, 6 below—16;
Port Simpson, 24—36; Victoria, 36—46; Van-
couver, 35—53; Easterville, 2 below—16;
Edmonton, 8 below—8; Prince Albert, 4—
12; Calgary, 20 below—8; Regina, 2 below—
12; Winnipeg, 10—28; Port Arthur, 8 below—
20; Parry Sound, 6—28; Toronto, 22—23;
Ottawa, 16—24; Montreal, 14—26; Quebec,
14—22; St. John, 14—22; Halifax, 22—30.

**LONDON CAMP WILL BE HELD
COL. PETERS, D.O.C., SAYS SO**

Nothing in the Rumor That Annual Drill Will Be Dispensed With
Because of the Big Celebration in Quebec
In August Next.

When interviewed by The Advertiser this morning in reference to the
rumor which has been circulating to the effect that the military camps
in Ontario and Quebec will be canceled this year owing to a large military
demonstration in connection with the Quebec tercentenary, Col. Peters, D.
O. C. of No. 1 district, stated that he had heard nothing from headquarters
in reference to such a possibility.

"We are going ahead as usual with our preparations for our encamp-
ment," said the officer.

WOODSTOCK SOLDIERS.

It is said that the Twenty-Second Regiment of Woodstock may be one
of the regiments to be taken to Quebec to take part in the tercentenary.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review says: Will the Twenty-Second Regi-
ment, the Oxford Rifles, be one of the regiments to be taken to Quebec
next August, to participate in the tercentenary of that historic city? It is
believed by the officers of the regiment that it will be thus honored, and
everybody hopes for the trip, for it would be one of the most enjoyable va-
cations which might be taken.

20,000 MEN.

It is the intention of the militia department to take twenty-thousand
of the Canadian militia to Quebec to assist in the celebration of the three-
hundredth anniversary of the founding of Quebec, which is being made an
event of national importance. Whether or not they are able to carry out
their wishes in the matter, depends upon the appropriation which is made
for the purpose. They expect, however, to get enough to take the entire
twenty thousand men to Quebec, and in that event, officers of the Twenty-
Second have no doubt that the local regiment will be included.

The celebration will last about a week in August. The troops present
will take part in parades, etc., and will live under canvas during the stay.

**A Nice Point of Law for Merchants
Hamilton Case Re Window Dressing****Cannot Prosecute a Man for
What He Has Done On His
Own Premises.**

The Hamilton Spectator says: The
city cannot legally prosecute anyone
for what he does on his own premises,
unless it is a nuisance. That in effect
was the judgment given by Judge
Monck yesterday afternoon in dealing
with the Trudell & Tobey appeal from
the magistrate's conviction.

It will be remembered that Trudell
& Tobey did some clever window ad-
vertising. They had a man in the

window trying on suits and displaying
the merits and defects in them. This
caused a great crowd to collect out-
side, and the sidewalk was blocked.
Constable Campbell got busy, and
when the two T's refused to remove
the man in the window they were
served with a summons.

Found Guilty.

The magistrate found them guilty
of breaking a city bylaw by causing
obstruction in the street, and fined
them \$25.

The appeal against this conviction
was heard yesterday by Judge Monck.
The question raised was one of broad
interest, not only to the two T's, but
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**Conservatives Win in New Brunswick
Premier Robinson's Gov't Defeated****Liberal Administration Loses
After Twenty-five Years
of Power.**

St. John, N. B., March 3.—The Op-
position to the Provincial Government,
led by Mr. J. D. Hazen, has carried
the provincial elections by a big ma-
jority. They will have about thirty
seats in the next Legislature out of
forty-six. Hon. W. P. Jones, solicitor-
general; Hon. L. P. Farris, minister of
agriculture; Hon. E. H. Allen, provin-
cial secretary, and Hon. D. J.
Purdy, without portfolio, are among
the defeated. Party lines were not
drawn tightly in the contest, as the

Opposition had a few Liberal candi-
dates. The cry that the Government
had been too long in power—twenty-
five years—was a popular canvass. An
unpopular highway act and enormous
prices for public school books also
helped in the Government defeat.

Dr. Fugatey, Hon. H. R. Emmerson,
Senators Gilmore and King, and other
Federal members, tried to stem the
tide, but in vain.

The Opposition do not claim it a
Conservative victory, as they raised
no Federal issues.

The Opposition had the help of O.
S. Crockett, G. W. Fowler and G. W.
Garmon in the last few days of the
campaign.

The Vote.

St. John City—Hatheway (Opposi-
tion), majority 635; Maxwell (Opposi-
tion), majority 116.

**Important Move Re Crystal Hall Suits
Defense Asks for Specific Particulars****As To the Grounds Upon Which
the Different Actions Are
Being Brought.**

Mr. J. M. McEvoy, on behalf of
Kernohan & Wilson, contractors, who
have been made joint defendants in
the suits resulting from the Reid
disaster, yesterday made a motion be-
fore Master-in-Chambers Cartwright,
at Toronto, for particulars as to
specific acts of negligence upon which
the various plaintiffs in the suits base
their claims.

Important Move.

In other words, if the motion is

carried, the plaintiffs will have to
show whether they intend to sue on the
grounds of poor architecture, weak
supports, or other causes, for the dis-
aster.

Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons made a
similar motion a day previously, and
both motions are now under consid-
eration.

Mr. Smirlies.

It is understood that the reason Mr.
Peter Smirlies, the other named de-
fendant in these suits, is not defended,
is that he holds that, as an American
citizen, he cannot be sued on this side
of the border.

"They will have to come to Grand
Rapids to sue me," Mr. Smirlies is al-
leged to have recently stated.

Jerry McDonald Buys the Iroquois

It is understood that the Iroquois
Hotel, which was formerly owned
jointly by Mr. J. McDonald and a
west end attorney, has been purchased
outright by Mr. McDonald.

No figures have been given out, but

It is understood that Mr. McDonald's
former partner made approximately
\$6,000 on the sale.

Mr. T. Lewis, the manager, has
severed his connection with the house,
and it is understood has formed no
plans for the immediate future.

Prince Is Not Likely To Come Here