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Today's Weather: A little colder.

With Strathcona on H. B. Co. Staff Tells of Famous Empire Builder

W. Thomson Smith, of This City, Associated With High Commissioner During Stirring Days That Marked the Conquest of the Northwest.

There is one man in London who knew Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, through association with him when the latter was plain Donald A. Smith, of the Hudson Bay Company's service and that man bears the same name as the young Scotsman who rose from the ranks to be Canada's High Commissioner in London and a millionaire many times over. That Londoner is W. Thomson Smith, of 286 Dufferin Avenue, also a former Hudson Bay Company employee, later a bank manager at Strathroy and now living retired here.

W. Thomson Smith was born in St. Andrews, Scotland, nearly 77 years ago, and in 1859 signed his articles of apprenticeship with the Hudson Bay Company and came to this country. He sailed into Hudson Bay on one of the company's ships, the "Prince of Wales," Capt. Heard, and landed at York Factory. Remaining there for several weeks, he started up the Red River for what was then Fort Garry and is now the City of Winnipeg, and the small inland steamer upon which he sailed took a full month to make the journey.

Frontier Life With Strathcona.
At Fort Garry, Mr. Smith worked as a clerk in the company's offices and stores, and with Strathcona, saw much frontier life in his dealings with the Indians, half-breeds and prairie traders.

It was in 1870 that W. Thomson Smith met his illustrious namesake, Donald A. Smith. The latter was born in 1820 and entered the Hudson Bay Company's service as a clerk in the thirties. He was stationed for several years on the Labrador Coast and was sent up to Fort Garry by the Canadian Government as a special commissioner to meet Louis Riel and settle the first rebellion, in which assignment he was successful. It was there that the two Smiths met, Donald Smith being at the time about forty-nine years old and W. Thomson Smith about seventeen years young.

W. Thomson Smith describes Donald Smith as being a genial man and popular with his associates.

With Donald Smith again, in W. Thomson Smith served later in

the service of the company at Fort Pelly, Fort Simpson, Fort Alexander and Fort Francis, and had another meeting with Donald Smith in 1872, and has been associated with him at various times.

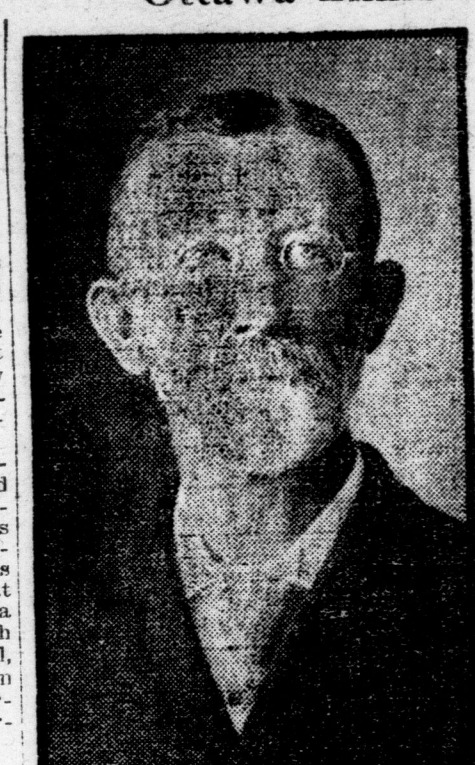
W. Thomson Smith was in charge of the company's station at Fort Francis when he resigned from the service and went back to Scotland to visit his relatives. He returned a couple of days later via New York and came to Strathroy, Ontario, where he became manager of a new branch of the old Federal Bank, the head office of which was in Toronto. This was in 1876 and Mr. Smith remained in his position as manager for a number of years. With his wife, he spent 1884 and 1885 in California, but returned to Strathroy to open the new branch of the Bank of Canada.

Six years ago, he left the service, and moved to London. Lord Strathcona was a warm personal friend of the late Hon. David Mills, and through this friendship became one of the original stockholders and directors of the Northern Life Assurance Company of this city, at its organization 17 years ago. Since that time he has served continuously as a member of the directorate. Although his residence in Ottawa and Montreal, and later England, made his position as a Northern Life director an honorary one, he always took a deep interest in its affairs.

MR. CARLING AT HIS HOME.
Mr. T. H. Carling commented on the eagerness to entertain visitors to London, which Lord Strathcona always displayed. "I only met him on several occasions in England about eight years ago," said Mr. Carling. "I remember attending a reception which he tendered to Canadians at Knepworth Hall, his country estate, about 20 miles from London. About 1,300 guests were present. He was a princely entertainer, and Canadians in England were always warmly welcomed by him. He was one of the most agreeable men I have ever met."

He always held a reception and entertainment for Canadians in England a day or so after Dominion Day at Knepworth Hall, which was formerly the estate of Lord Lytton.

London Man at Ottawa Exhibit



WILLIAM MCNEIL.

TAKEN OFF WRECK BY BREECHES BUOY

The Captain and Crew of Seven Rescued In Storm Off Monomoy Point.

Chatham, Mass., Jan. 21.—Captain Hart and his crew of seven men were rescued by the use of the breeches buoy, when their vessel, the New York two-masted schooner General Adelbert Ames, was wrecked off Monomoy Point today. The Ames was bound from St. John, N. B., for Philadelphia. The schooner struck before daybreak on Bears Shoal, and later slid over into the rip north of Shovel Lightship, and about 200 yards off shore. The lifesavers in their surf-boats were driven back by wind and wave, and the beach gun was brought out. The only knoll where the wrecked vessel could be anchored was, fortunately, directly opposite the stranded schooner. The crew of the Monomoy Point Life Saving Station, working waist deep in the icy water, fired four shots before getting a line across the Ames.

The General Adelbert Ames was built at Camden, Me., in 1881, and registered 462 tons net.

ONLY TWO INJURED ON DERAILED TRAIN

Canadians In Cars of Intercolonial Express, Which Were Thrown On Sides.

Moncton, N.B., Jan. 21.—The Intercolonial Railway express train which left here at 2:30 this morning for Halifax and Sydney left the rails at Sidsdale Curve east of Sackville at 4:20 o'clock. The whole train went off except the engine, and the cars are all on their sides.

The track is badly torn up. It is believed a defective rail was the cause.

CANADIANS ABROAD.
[Canadian Press.]
Sackville, N.B., Jan. 21.—Among the passengers on the wrecked Intercolonial train were Alfred Wood, of Montreal, president of the R. J. Tooke Company; R. J. Chute (?) of the Toronto Chemical Company; P. J. Baker, Canadian manager of the Multigraph Company; and W. Baker, of Montreal. The only passengers hurt were Mr. Ross, mail clerk, and Mrs. M. Fraser of West River. Both had their backs strained.

DIES AS HE REACHES VICTORIA HOSPITAL

Morris Garrett while visiting at the residence of 810 Lorne Avenue, was suddenly stricken with a hemorrhage last night.

He was rushed to Victoria Hospital in Smith, Son and Clarke's ambulance but died as he reached the institution.

CONVERTS BOARD TO NECESSITY OF MEAT INSPECTION

Actual Evidence of Its Benefits Opens Controllers' Eyes.

SEE TUBERCULAR GERMS

Five Out of Sixteen Hogs Shown To Visitors Affected by Disease.

The new plant of the Dominion Abattoir, Limited, has been in operation for a period of six months. During that time 734 head of cattle and 3,333 hogs have been destroyed. Of the 734 head of cattle, 65 were found to be infected with tuberculosis and were destroyed, and of the 3,333 hogs, 758 bore germs of the same disease and were held and destroyed.

And yet—in the face of such evidence as this—there are some people in London who contend that meat inspection is unnecessary and a waste of money. Yesterday afternoon, Controllers J. E. Moore, W. G. Coles, and Hubert Ashplant, Aldermen, Tancock and George Haney and local newspapermen visited the abattoir in East London with Chairman Dr. F. L. Burdon and Messrs. W. H. Abbott and R. J. Haslett, of the board of health, and saw a few things that caused their eyes to open with surprise.

The Actual Evidence.
Under the chairmanship of Manager E. Bechthold and Dr. W. R. Bell, the Government meat inspector at the plant, the party saw sixteen fat, sleek, freshly-killed, dressed hogs. To the casual observer the carcasses suspended in a long row looked all alike. There was nothing to distinguish one from another. But five out of the sixteen were diseased; they appeared to be in the same excellent condition as the remaining eleven, but a little sign—"Condemned"—hung on each one, indicated differently. The entrails of these five animals were displayed on a separate table, and two members of the party saw them.

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DEFINITION OF "GROCERY" IS PERPLEXING PROBLEM

Magistrate Judd Has to Decide What Really Constitutes a Grocery Store As Result of New Bylaw.

The grocers early closing is giving Magistrate J. C. Judd, a fine point of law to settle for he has the duty to solve of what a grocery store really is.

In police court this morning, A. E. Ginsberg, Mrs. C. Bird, George Henley and Mrs. E. Glider appeared, charged with a breach of a new by-law. The defence was that they were not grocery stores, but general merchants and were therefore within their rights in keeping their stores open after the hours set for the sale of groceries. The sale of fruits, candy and tobacco, made them general merchants, they contended.

After hearing the evidence, the cases, save that of Mrs. Glider, were adjourned until Monday. Finding that she possessed a cigarette and restaurant license, the police withdrew the charge against the latter.

James Brophy, whose potatoes have been causing his frequent appearance of late was given 21 days.

John Quinn, on a charge of creating a nuisance in an alley was dismissed.

FIVE MET DEATH IN BURNING HOUSE

Alpena, Mich., Jan. 21.—Five persons were burned to death here late last night in a fire which destroyed the residence of Samuel Bloise. The victims were Mrs. Bloise, three children and her brother-in-law, H. L. Bloise, a 14-year-old son, and an infant.

LOOKS LIKE SUICIDE.
[Canadian Press.]
Hamilton, Jan. 21.—The mangled body of the man struck a short distance from Oakville by a radial car last night was identified as William Pollock, 52 years old, a Bronte fisherman. The car crew said that Pollock stepped in front of the car, after being warned of its approach.

ASK CONTROLLERS TO RESCIND EARLY CLOSING BY-LAW

Grocers' Deputation Makes Request for Abolition of Restrictions.

WILL PRESENT PETITIONS

Request for Laying of Steam Pipes Presented—May be Granted Temporarily.

A deputation of grocers opposed to the early closing bylaw waited upon the board of control this morning, asking instructions as to the best way of rescinding the bylaw. Harry Coates, a member of the deputation, stated that the bylaw was working great hardship on the grocers by shutting business in the outlying districts of the city. The deputation was instructed to prepare a petition asking that the bylaw be rescinded, and if sufficient signatures could be secured, the council would have no choice but to repeal the bylaw.

The mayor explained that the council had no voice in the matter whatever. The law required that where a certain number of names was secured to a petition similar to the one submitted the council should pass a bylaw, and that within four weeks.

The two petitions submitted at the last council meeting by the people opposed to early closing were valueless, one not having sufficient signatures and the other being improperly headed. It merely stated that the undersigned were not in favor of early closing.

Want to Lay Steam Pipe.
A communication was received from City Solicitor T. G. Meredith to the effect that the request of the Cook-Fitzgerald Company to run a steam pipe across Bathurst street from their present building to the old Southern building, could not legally be completed with under Section 3 of the Municipal Act. The mayor will confer with the management of the company to see whether the work can be done under the head of temporary arrangements.

A communication from the Canadian Peace Centennial Association asked that this city hold a peace celebration in the summer. The matter will be referred to the members of the Historical Association in this city.

Coal Dealers Obeying Law.
A report from Inspector McCallum showed that the coal dealers of the city were living up to the regulations in regard to scales. Two loads of coal, weighed on three different scales, and also on the city scales, showed practically the same weight.

Mary Grant, clerk of London Township, submitted an account of \$122 for names added to the assessment roll at the time of annexation. Controller Moore moved, seconded by Controller Coles, that \$75 be offered in settlement of the account.

JAMES TAYLOR TO BE RE-EXAMINED

Minister of Justice Has Acted on Petition on Behalf of Murderer.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Branford, Ont., Jan. 21.—There will be a further medical examination of James Taylor, sentenced to hang on Friday next for the murder of Charles Dawson, thirteen-year-old boy. This morning a night telegram was received, stating that following on the receipt of the resolution of local medical men asking for a further examination and the petition with 400 signatures, the minister of justice has ordered a further examination by experts. The order from Ottawa may mean a stay in the execution.

Plan Alterations to Bank Building

Imperial Bank Will Extend Present Quarters in Spring.

Extensive alterations to the Imperial bank building, King and Richmond streets, will be undertaken early in the spring. The bank premises will be enlarged to include the cigar store of A. Wolfe to the south of the present premises and the red stone front will be extended south. Interior alterations to the stories above will be made by this afternoon. A. J. Goodall, the local manager, was not prepared to state the amount of the improvements, although he stated that the work would be commenced early in the spring. Plans are now being prepared by local architects.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WILL ACCRUE TO QUEBEC PROVINCE

Lord Strathcona's Holdings There Estimated at Eighty Millions—Interesting Stories of Incidents In His Life.

[Canadian Press.]
Quebec, Jan. 21.—The death of Lord Strathcona will have a material effect on the revenue of the province for the current year. It is understood that the immense holdings of the late high commissioner of Quebec, and calculations are easily made that the revenue from the estate will amount up to millions of dollars.

It is said it was anticipated that the value of the holdings was about \$80,000,000, and if so the succession dues at eight per cent, would amount to \$6,400,000. This amount will very likely be modified when the value of the estate in Quebec is known, as this very point has arisen over the judgment of the privy council in the Cotton case. At all events, the province is expected to benefit to the extent of several millions by the death of Lord Strathcona.

ALL EARNED LEGITIMATELY.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Jan. 21.—There are many stories of the late Lord Strathcona's great wealth, and the means taken to secure control of so much money, but all agree that not one cent was earned in any other than a legitimate manner. Dr. Rutherford, ex-M. P. for Macdonald, and now an official of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Calgary, was discussing Lord Strathcona's wealth at the Windsor Hotel the other day, and related what he had heard from his own lips a year or two ago in the London office. Entering the private office of the high commissioner, whom he found in the best of spirits, the doc-



LORD STRATHCONA.

tor said: "You seem in good humor this morning. Is there any more money rolling in at this time of day?" and at once his lordship told of how he and Lord Mountstephen had gone into a Northern Pacific deal some time ago, and that morning their checks, Continued on Page Eleven.

LORD STRATHCONA HOPED HON. ADAM BECK WOULD BE CHOSEN AS SUCCESSOR

Writes Letter to Londoner Expressing His Preference For Next High Commissioner—Will Mr. Beck Receive High Honor?

Close friends of Hon. Adam Beck, state that there is a serious possibility of his succeeding Lord Strathcona as Canadian High Commissioner. According to information which reached The Advertiser from an inside source, Mr. Beck some time ago received a letter from Lord Strathcona, in which the latter expressed a preference for Mr. Beck as his successor.

FRIENDS IN ENGLAND.

Mr. Beck and Mrs. Beck and Lord and Lady Strathcona became fast friends while the former were in England, and Lord Strathcona made a grant to the Alexandra Sanatorium at the time it was built. A few weeks ago it was stated that Lord and Lady Strathcona had made an additional grant to the sanatorium, but this has not been confirmed, none of the local directors being aware of the donation.

The fact that Mr. Beck now has an establishment in England and that he has contemplated the sale of part, if not all of his "Headley" estate has strengthened the belief that he anticipated leaving London. That his property would be taken over in the spring by others, has been repeatedly stated. Mr. Beck, so far as is known, has not made his intentions public.

MAY NOT STAND IN WAY.
He will be urged by many of his friends to remain in Ontario to carry through the programme of hydro radicals but many will not seek to place anything in the way of his acceptance of so distinguished an honor.

THREE KILLED; SIX INJURED BY EXPLOSION AT OTTAWA

Occurred In Pavilion Where Live Stock Show Is In Progress—Besides Human Loss, Many Valuable Animals Were Killed.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 21.—Three persons were killed, half a dozen seriously injured and property loss to the amount of about \$100,000 was sustained, caused by an explosion of the heating plant at the Howick pavilion this morning, where the eastern Ontario livestock show is being held.

Howick pavilion proper is a huge structure of cement and steel, with an addition of about 150 feet square at its eastern end partly of wooden construction. It was in this addition that the explosion was being held, and here fat stock show was being held.

This part of the structure is completely demolished at one corner and the whole interior is a mass of wreckage, from which it proved a herculean feat to remove the dead and injured men and the scores of killed or maimed animals. Flames which broke out shortly after the explosion threatened to consume the wreckage, but were quickly subdued by the fire department.

Was Boiler Empty.
Examination of the wrecked boiler by experts at noon leads to the belief that it was empty and practically red hot, when the explosion was caused by an influx of cold water. The engineers in

charge deny that such was the case, claiming the boiler was half full of water and carried only 20 pounds of steam. A rigid investigation has been ordered.

Fortunately the disaster happened before the forenoon crowds began to flock to the show, else the loss of life would have been fearful. Live stock attendants were the only persons in the building at the time.

TWENTY-FIVE HORSES KILLED.
About 25 horses, valued at approximately \$65,000, were killed and many others injured. They ranged in value from \$200 to \$5,000. The heaviest loser was George Pepper of Toronto, who lost eight horses valued at about \$20,000. These were all well known show animals, including Calgary Lass, who took second prize in the high jumping events yesterday; Outpost, Creighton, Lord Minto and Billie.

Other losers were—T. W. Rodden, of Montreal, five horses valued at about \$17,000, including Blue Mouse, who won first prize in the champion saddle class at the New York live stock show a few weeks ago; Col. Allison of Morrisburg, Hackney stallion, valued at \$5,000; R. Ness and Son of Howick, Quebec, four stallions valued at about \$10,000; D. J. Greig of Bysonville, Que., two horses valued at \$400 each; William Nessey of (Continued on page 11.)

LONDON MEN SAFE WHEN EXPLOSION OCCURS AT CAPITAL

Messrs. Oke and McNeil, Judges at Ottawa Exhibition Where Fatal Accident Occurred.

WIRE FRIENDS OF SAFETY

Richard Oke of Broughdale and William McNeil, 1075 Waterloo street, who are known throughout Canada as poultry judges, were in attendance at the poultry division of Eastern Ontario live stock exhibition at Ottawa today when a fatal explosion occurred, killing three persons and six seriously injured.

Mrs. Oke received word by wire at noon today from her husband that an explosion had occurred but that both he and Mr. McNeil were uninjured. Whether they were in the pavilion at the time the explosion occurred is not known, but as dispatches say, it was before the crowds began to arrive, and it is unlikely that the Londoners were within the danger zone.

Messrs. Oke and McNeil are acting as judges at the show.

RUSSELL C. WETMORE.

[Canadian Press.]
Cleveland, Jan. 21.—Russell C. Wetmore, 65 years old, vice-president and treasurer of the American Shipbuilding Company, died last night from pneumonia.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 12 hours preceding 8 a. m. today: Highest, 34; lowest, 28 (above).
The official temperature for today: Highest, 33; lowest, 15.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLDER.

Toronto, Jan. 21, 8 a.m. Forecasts.
Strong north and northwest winds, cold with snow flurries. Thursday: Strong northwesterly winds, partly fair and colder.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today.
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria 46 42 Rain.
Calgary 10 -8 Clear.
Winnipeg 10 -16 Clear.
Port Arthur 12 -12 Cloudy.
Perry Sound 22 4 Snow.
Toronto 33 14 Snow.
Ottawa 16 6 Snow.
Montreal 8 4 Snow.
Quebec 10 -2 Snow.
Father Point 2 -20 Cloudy.

The disturbance which was centred in Michigan yesterday is now over the New England States and the Western cold wave is spreading over the Great Lakes. A fairly heavy snowfall has occurred in Southern and Eastern Ontario. Cautionary signals are displayed at Advance

