

ENGINEER IS TAKING LEVELS FOR G. T. R. TRACK ELEVATION

Nothing New Has Transpired But the City Engineer Is Taking Care to Have All Information Ready So That City May Put Up a Fight for Subways On Certain Streets.

Assistant Engineer Wright and staff are today engaged in taking levels on the Grand Trunk from the Wharncliffe road east. The purpose of this is to obtain information as to whether or not it will be possible to have subways along the line of the proposed elevation of the Grand Trunk tracks. There is a desire to have a subway at William street, and this is one of the prime objects of the work.

Just Looking Ahead.

"It is necessary that the city be fortified by all the information that can possibly be obtained," said City Engineer Graydon in discussing the question. "Mr. Wright will be engaged a couple of days at this work. I do not know when the matter will be taken up, but I presume it will have to come up shortly."

Mayor Beattie has received no information as to when the Dominion railway commission will sit in this city.

"I have heard nothing about the question for some time, and it will be some time yet, I presume, before anything is decided," said his worship. "We can do nothing but wait the pleasure of the commission."

PREPARING POWER CONTRACTS FOR CONSUMERS IN LONDON

Engineer Roberts Has Returned From a Conference at Toronto—Engineer Sothmann's Report On the Niagara Power Local Plant Tenders Will Soon Be Made Known.

Engineer D. P. Roberts returned last night from Toronto, where he has been attending the meeting of the hydro-electric engineers. The reports of several sub-committees were gone over and they will be formulated into a comprehensive report, to be issued by the commission very shortly.

The form of contract to be submitted to power and light customers was considered, and several drafts of the model form were taken up.

Many amendments were introduced. A complete form will be available for the municipalities very soon.

Routine Business.

REAL ESTATE HAVE THEIR WARPAINT ON

Talk of Asking for a Bread Investigation in London in Near Future.

BAKERS ARE DOWNCAST

Say There Is Now No Hope of Fighting the Bill.

The bread question continues to be an exceedingly live issue, not only with the bakers, but with the citizens. The bakers so far have taken no action in regard to the bill.

All the bread men spoken to by The Advertiser said they did not know yet what they will do.

Asked if they thought there was any chance of successfully fighting the measure, they agreed that there is not.

Every Man for Himself.

"London bakers never have stood together," said one man. "In this city it is every man for himself. I do not think the bakers as a whole would agree to anything."

A leading baker was asked if a pound-and-a-half standard loaf can be made under present conditions and sold for 5 cents. He said it could not.

In the recent matter sent by the Real Estate Owners to Toronto, it was alleged that in Chicago an investigation proved that bread can be made for 2 cents a loaf.

BOARD OF WORKS WILL TALK SEWERS

Engineer Chipman's Recommendation Will Be Discussed at Meeting Tonight.

The board of works will meet this evening to consider the recent report of Consulting Engineer Willis Chipman regarding the sewer systems of the city.

The sum of \$50,000 will be asked for in the estimates to do this work, but there is an absolute certainty that it will be cut out.

It will be impossible to get that sum of money out of the general rate unless the council desire a 30-mill tax rate, and some of the aldermen are of the opinion that a proper scheme embracing the whole city, not South London alone, should be considered.

There is also the sum of \$8,000 in the estimates for a storm sewer in East London, but it will be rudely dealt with, in all probability.

Big Problems.

As a matter of fact, it has been placed there before, and has always met the same fate.

"It is a big problem, and the council will have to deal with it," said City Engineer Graydon. "A storm sewer system as complete as the one recommended by Mr. Chipman for South London should be constructed in the east and north sections of the city. That will mean the expenditure of a great deal of money, but the city will have to come to it."

OH! LOOK AT THE COMET

Can Be Seen These Evenings at the Twilight Hour.

Everybody who owns a field glass or telescope of any kind should turn out tonight to look at the famous Halley's Comet, which will not be on exhibition again for generations. Between 6:30 and 7:30 tonight is the most propitious time, though on Feb. 18 it will be still more brilliant.

Halley's Comet has a habit of reappearing from public view for decades and even centuries at a time, and if you catch a glimpse of it tonight you may be able to set your grandchildren's mouths agape in future years by discussing on it, which is an opportunity not to be lightly neglected.

HOME IS SCOURGED BY SCARLET FEVER

Four Children of Mr. R. Giese of South London, Succumb to the Disease.

TWO DIED IN ONE NIGHT

Father and Mother Are Completely Prostrated—A Very Sad Case of a Stricken Family in South London.

Two more of the little children of Mr. and Mrs. R. Giese, of 51 Askin street, are dead in Victoria Hospital of scarlet fever.

Crawford, a 6-year old boy died shortly after nine o'clock last night and at five o'clock this morning his little 4-year-old brother succumbed to the disease.

Just a week ago Tuesday the baby girl passed away, and a week ago Friday another child died. The remaining child, of a family of five, is also very ill in the hospital.

A Malignant Case.

The type of scarlet fever that has scourged the Giese home is one of the most malignant that has ever occurred in the city and from the outset the children have been in a dangerous condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Giese are completely prostrated by the loss of their four little ones.

The fifth child is very ill, but the doctors hope to save the little one.

TWO DIVISIONS OVER NAVAL BILL

Mr. Borden's Dreadnought Amendment Defeated by 129 to 74.

MONK'S PLAN SNOWED UNDER

The Proposal for a Plebiscite Defeated by 175 to 18.

Ottawa, March 10.—There were scenes of wild enthusiasm in the House of Commons this morning when the closing stage was reached of a debate which has lasted since February 3, and produced over 100 hours of speech-making by eighty members. It had been expected that the Government's bill, providing for the establishment of a navy, would receive its second reading before the House adjourned, but at 1 o'clock, after the amendments of both Messrs. Mank and Borden had been defeated, Mr. Northrup sprang a surprise by moving the adjournment, in order that he should have an opportunity to move another amendment, and, unwilling to prolong the session further, Sir Wilfrid Laurier agreed to the motion.

The close of the debate was marked with intense interest, and when the division bells pealed forth their summons the scene presented in the House was at once stirring and picturesque.

Cheers and Songs.

Every member who could possibly be present responded to the urgent call of the whistles, and the galleries were crowded to their utmost. A touch of the color being lent to the ensemble by the brilliant dresses of a large number of ladies, the earlier in the evening had attended a reception given by the wives of the cabinet ministers. Just before the question was put the French-Canadian members struck up "O Canada," and immediately afterwards the members rose en masse and joined in singing "God Save the King," which was followed by three rousing cheers, led by Dr. Clark, of Red Deer, for Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and the Opposition ranks replied with a salvo for Mr. Borden.

Mr. Monk's Amendment.

The first vote took place on Mr. Monk's amendment calling for a plebiscite, the result being an overwhelming defeat of the proposal of the member for Jacques.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—MILD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, March 10—8 a.m.

Today—Fair; not much change in temperature.

Friday—Stationary or a little higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.	High.
London	35	44	28	32
Victoria	46	44	28	32
Winnipeg	20	24	0	20
Port Arthur	28	4	0	20
Montreal	28	6	12	28
Quebec	28	2	14	26
Father Point	28	12	—	—
Dayton City	—	—	—	—
Atlin	—	—	—	—
Vancouver	—	—	—	—
Kamloops	—	—	—	—
Edmonton	—	—	—	—
Battleford	—	—	—	—
Prince Albert	—	—	—	—
Calgary	—	—	—	—
Moosejaw	—	—	—	—
Regina	—	—	—	—
St. John	—	—	—	—
Halifax	—	—	—	—

Minus (—) means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

Fair weather prevails generally, with moderately cold conditions from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces, and with higher temperature in the Western Provinces.

CAMP ON CARLING'S HEIGHTS TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT

London Is Said to Have Won Out in the Plebiscite Being Taken to Learn Which Place Is Best Suited for the Holding of the Annual Drill.

No interview between Col. Hodgins and Mayor Beattie as to larger camp grounds for the militia camp has taken place as yet, but it will be arranged as soon as possible. The information sought for before the conference has not yet been obtained. Both are awaiting that.

From what can be learned, temporary arrangements will be made for this summer, and the camp will be held on Carling's Heights as usual.

The canvass among the officers of this district regarding the best place to hold the annual camp, is said to have resulted in almost a unanimous opinion that London was in every way the proper place to hold the annual drill. Many of the officers declared that personally they had little preference, but it was very difficult to obtain men to go to some smaller place for the camp.

However, the question of providing a larger site will be taken up seriously within a very short time. A number of prominent military men are in favor of the scheme as outlined in The Advertiser, and it is understood that they have taken the matter up in a practical way.

Nothing Official.

No information of an official nature could be gleaned, however, but it is certain that something will be done along the line suggested.

Some of the Western Fair directors who are interested in military matters are also looking into the proposition.

SCHOOLS SHORT OF "MATERIAL" GRAVE-ROBBING THEN FOLLOWS

Gross Facts Brought Out in the Legislature Committee, at Toronto, on Wednesday—Some Stern Facts for the People of London—A Word About the Workings of Grave Robbers.

The somewhat unsavory subject of the need for obtaining bodies for medical purposes at the different medical schools of the country, has been brought into considerable prominence by the application for power to open a school for anatomy in Hamilton for research purposes, which will naturally be a considerable additional drain on the available supply of "material," which does not now meet the demands.

Public opinion appears strongly against the granting of bodies of indigent friendly people for anatomical purposes, but it is very evident to any thinking person that, disagreeable as the thought may be, it is absolutely essential that the different medical schools should receive enough bodies for anatomical purposes, and that if they are not obtained in the way authorized by law they will undoubtedly be secured in other ways.

The public seems to be of the opinion that it is a commendable thing to thwart the efforts of the anatomy inspector to obtain bodies, and in this matter doctors and coroners are as much to blame as the uninitiated public, or more so, for they must realize the need for such supplies more than the public can.

In London District.

Since Dec. 19, the anatomy inspector for this district, Mr. John Ferguson, has disposed of three bodies, two of which went to the Western Medical school.

MANY KENT COUNTY FARMERS ARE MAROONED BY FLOODS

Jam Moved a Few Yards Yesterday but Today It Is as Tight as Ever—Cattle, Chickens and Pigs Drowned.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Chatham, March 10.—The four-mile jam at Prairie Sliding moved forty rods yesterday afternoon then stopped, and now shows no further signs of moving. Marooned farmers are still in dangerous circumstances, as the current is

LONDON WILL LOSE MONEY BY NEW ASSESSMENT LAW

Income Exemption for Householders Is Increased to \$1,200—For Non-Householders the Exemption Is Placed at \$900—Assessment Commissioner Speaks of Effect On City.

The action of the Legislature in raising the exemption on income tax from \$1,000 to \$1,200 in the case of householders, and from \$600 to \$900 in the case of single men, will have a serious effect in London, and will mean the loss of considerable revenue.

Assessment Commissioner Grant opposed the amendments when they were being considered by the committee, and insists that a mistake is being made.

Those Who Will Benefit.

"This action will not effect the real wage-earner at all, as he seldom reaches that salary," said Mr. Grant. "There are few men now that we can obtain income tax from, as the percentage of men obtaining higher salaries than the minimum is somewhat limited. A considerable number will be quite freed from contributing to the cost of governing the city."

"I cannot tell off-hand how much actual money it will cost the city, but I am convinced that it will reach quite a sum of money. It is certain to make a big difference in our receipts. However, it has become law, and we will have to abide by it."

PRELIMINARY NOTICE HAS BEEN SENT OUT REGARDING THE DOGS

Mayor Stern Judge No Excuses Will Go If Your Dog Is Out Without a Muzzle.

Mayor Beattie dealt out justice at the police court this morning, and showed himself to be just as stern as Magistrate Love in fining citizens who allow their dogs to go unmuzzled.

William Hynd, of St. George street, told the court that the grocery man opened a gate while his dog was being fed, and the canine ran through it and got out for a few minutes.

"You should have looked after it," said the magistrate. "Two dollars, please."

Patrick Howard, of 611 Richmond street, admitted that his dog was out. Mr. Howard said the dog has a muzzle but didn't have it on at the time.

"Put it on after this," suggested the court, "and two dollars, please."

Another citizen came up before court began and paid his \$2.

AGED CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

Daniel McMillan, for more than half a century a drayman in London, died at his home, 423 Grey street, last night. Mr. McMillan had been ill for the past two years. He was 69 years old, and came to this country when a young man, from Barrie, Invernesshire, Scotland. He never married, and is survived by one brother, John, who resided with him. The funeral will be held on Saturday morning at St. Mary's Church, and requiem high mass will be sung at nine o'clock. Interment will be made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

BANKERS HAVE A NEW TEST TO PUT THE CLERKS THROUGH

Scheme Which Has the Bertillon System of Identification "Faded"—Manager Can Tell If a Man Is Fond of Ladies Or If He Likes Highballs and Automobiles.

Local bankers state that during the past few weeks there has been a regular series of bank robberies by clerks, and that more than \$2,000,000 has been taken in six months.

American banks have suffered particularly from defalcations, and one of the institutions in Cambridge, Mass., a couple of days ago lost \$160,000 through the manipulations of a \$12 a week clerk named Coleman.

Another New York bank estimates their losses at several hundred thousand dollars through thefts by clerks.

New Tests.

A local banker showed The Advertiser the following tests which he states several American banks are now trying to see if their clerks are to be trusted or not.

"Test for gambling propensity: Let the examiner have a ticker and a photograph concealed in the room. During conversation set the ticker going and have a voice from the photograph cry out:

"'Atchison up three points, or 'Reading off and going down,' and carefully observe the result."

"If the examined man appears to take no notice, he may be recommended for continuance in office, but if his lips quiver nervously and he thrusts his hands in his pockets, and his eyes flit back and forth, while his face flushes with anxiety, then the examiner should recommend that all the funds and securities be spiked down without delay."

Test for the drink perfl: Place before the men different colored pieces of paper, with the names of the various liquors conspicuously printed upon them—water, coffee, beer, wine, whiskey, highball, etc. Ask him to glance rapidly at each in succession, and repeat often. Notice particularly on which his glance rests longest, and to which it returns oftener.

Through the Eyes.

If his eyes rest longest on water or coffee, the danger from a perverted appetite is minimized. But if his eyes are attracted by "highballs" then put out the red signal in the report. A half second's lingering on the word "whiskey" is also a bad sign.

Test for domestic virtue or undue female influence: Let the examiner have some woman call up the cashier suddenly on the phone, with a message something like this:

"John, oh, John, the baby has cut another tooth." The examiner should note the effect of this message. If the man seems elated, if his eye brightens and his voice softens, and he looks proud and happy, it indicates that he is safe in that direction. The baby anchor will hold in any case. But if he shows indifference or vexation, the domestic tie is not strong enough to warrant absolute security. He will bear watching.

ELECTRICITY AND WATER MEAN MILL ON TAX RATE

Finance Committee of This Year Is Not Lying in a Bed of Roses—Nearly All the Spending Bodies Have Sent in Estimates and Rate Will Soon Be Struck.

The finance committee will get down to the question of striking the tax rate within a few days, as the estimates are now rapidly coming in. The majority of the spending bodies have handed in their figures.

The board of education are \$10,700 higher than last year, the hospital trust \$3,700, the library board \$1,200, the police commissioners about \$1,000, the board of health are about \$1,200 less.

The council committees are much in advance of last year, but, of course, they will be cut down somewhat.

Water Surplus.

The water commissioners have not placed their estimates in the hands of the city clerk as yet.

They will be ready on Saturday. A line could not be got on the figures, but it is expected that the surplus will be a trifle larger than last year.

City Auditor Jewell is preparing the debenture debt charges, and will have them ready Monday night. Including Niagara power and waterworks debentures, the increase will be about \$22,000 this year, almost a mill.

Everything will be ready for Monday night, and the gentle art of pruning estimates will be indulged in by the finance committee.

A NEW CHURCH FOR TALBOT ST.

Committee Has Been Appointed to Look Into a New Baptist Edifice.

THE OLD SITE TO BE SOLD

Old Edifice, It Is Said, Could Be Remodelled Into an Apartment House—New Church in the Near Future.

The matter of a new church for the Talbot Street Baptists is again to the fore, and a committee, of which Mr. Walker Finch is chairman, will present a report at the annual business meeting, which is to be held on Wednesday evening next, regarding the old church.

A New Site.

For some time past the necessity of a larger church has been apparent, and it is expected that something definite towards obtaining a new site and erecting a church will be done shortly.

If the old church can be disposed of at anything like a reasonable figure, the work of building the new church will be gone on with at once.

It is said it would make a fine apartment house.

LONDON LADY RESIDES IN GLACIER COUNTRY

Prof. and Mrs. Bowman Are Anxiously Awaiting News From the West.

Professor and Mrs. Bowman are awaiting news of their daughter, Mrs. Dr. Gordon, formerly Miss Madeleine Bowman, of this city, who is now living at Glacier, British Columbia, in the heart of the district where the recent avalanches caused such destruction and loss of life.

In a letter written a short time ago, Mrs. Gordon stated that there was snow at Glacier 40 feet deep, and that the skating rink there was made in a space that was surrounded by snow nearly 20 feet deep. Several small avalanches, she stated, had occurred there.

ENGLISHMEN TO HOLD A BIG CELEBRATION

St. George's Day Will Be Observed by a Demonstration in City Hall.

The Englishmen of the city are planning to hold a big gathering in the city hall on April 25, on St. George's Day.

The matter is now under consideration, and it is expected that the arrangements will be completed shortly. The gathering will be extended to a number of ladies to be present and take part in the celebration. It is expected that several prominent speakers will be present and will give addresses of a patriotic nature.

LANCASTER FEARS TOO POWERFUL TORONTO

Objects to Some Amendments to the H. W. and G. Railway Bill.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 10.—Two amendments intended to safeguard Toronto's control of its local transportation business were submitted to the railway committee of the House of Commons today, when further consideration was given to the Hamilton, Watford and Grey's Railway Company's bill. One was by Mr. Bristol, that the company should not, without consent of the city council, of Toronto, be expressed by Elmer upon such terms as might be agreed upon, receive, or discharge passengers between its terminal in the city and the present westerly limits of the city.

The other amendment was proposed by Mr. Nesbitt, and was to the effect that the company should not engage in any intermediate local traffic within limits of the city of Toronto, but should be entitled as such points in city as might be determined by the board of railway commissioners, to receive or discharge passengers going to or coming from points outside the limits of the city.

Mr. Bristol pointed out that Mr. Nesbitt's amendment would prevent the company and municipality from getting together if they wished to negotiate.

Mr. Lancaster denounced Mr. Bristol's amendment as a most outrageous proposal, which would give the city of Toronto powers it was not entitled to.

Another amendment was proposed, giving the railway commission power to locate stations within Toronto, and this was under consideration when committee adjourned.

CHESTER McLEOD DEAD

Young Man Died After a Brief Illness With Pneumonia.

Chester P. McLeod, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McLeod, 12 Market square, died last night after a brief illness with pneumonia. Deceased was only taken ill on Saturday last. He was in his twenty-sixth year. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon, but the arrangements have not yet been completed.