

## SIXTY TOWNS AND CITIES ARE REPRESENTED AT CONVENTION

Ontario Boards of Trade Begin Sessions Thursday With Program Full of Live Subjects of Municipal and Provincial Interest.

A. C. Pratt, M. P. P., Port Dover; Col. H. Brock, president of the Toronto Board of Trade, and Sir George C. Gibbons will be among the speakers at the complimentary banquet to be tendered by the London Board of Trade to the representatives of the Associated Boards in Ontario Thursday night. Sixty-four boards will be represented, and there will be more than 120 visitors.

The convention opens at 11:30 tomorrow morning. More than thirty important resolutions, ranging over a wide variety of subjects, will be discussed. As the majority of them are in the interests of the entire province as well as of the particular boards of trade, standing sponsor for them, most of them will probably be incorporated by the convention.

**Want Duty Remitted.**  
Owen Sound board of trade will move a resolution urging the remission of the duty on the bituminous coal which is used on the lake steamers. Coal dealers in Owen Sound complain that Canadian steamers, on account of the higher price in Canada, necessitated by the duty, always go to American ports to take in coal.

Port Dover board will urge a resolution asking for improvements to the Port Dover harbor.

Busy little Belleville's board of trade will present no less than eight resolutions, not the least interesting of which is one asking the Associated Boards to suggest to the local boards the desirability of interesting the agricultural population in their work, and encouraging farmers to become members. Belleville also stands behind a resolution calling for the assimilation and co-ordination of commercial laws.

**Many Matters for Discussion.**  
Other resolutions are in favor of: A uniform Dominion insolvency law, similar resolutions from Guelph and Belleville. Reciprocal demurrage—Owen Sound, Guelph and London. Reformation—Guelph. Municipal government by commission—Guelph. Encouragement of the cattle industry—Guelph. Government railway development of Ontario—Toronto, Guelph.

**To Protect Creditors.**  
Legislation dealing with bulk sales to protect creditors in the event of dealers selling out to wholesalers—London. The appointment of a provincial fire marshal—Hamilton, Guelph. Good roads—Belleville, Guelph. A parcel post system—Belleville, Sudbury, Toronto.

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**DROWNED IN THAMES AT DUNDAS STREET BRIDGE**  
Body of Man About Thirty Years of Age and Well Dressed Taken From the River—Harry Tozer Makes the Discovery.

The body of a man was recovered from the Thames River near the Dundas street bridge about 3:30 this afternoon, and removed to the river bank, where it lies pending the arrival of a coroner.

So far no one has been able to identify the remains. The victim of accident or suicide, whichever it may have been, was apparently 30 years of age.

**UP TO MR. BECK TO SAY IF TROLLEYS ARE TO BE TIED UP**  
Traction Company Arranges to Give Power to City System If Commission Gives Word.

At Present Bound by Contract Not to Give Power—No Reply From Mr. Beck.

It rests with Adam Beck to say whether the people of London shall have their street railway service crippled for two weeks.

General Manager Warburton, of the London and Lake Erie Transportation Company, this morning told Mayor King, of the London Street Railway, that the former company is quite willing to supply power for the street cars if Mr. Beck gave permission.

When the London and Lake Erie gave the hydro a contract for power, it was the hydro's obligation to sell power to any other company without the permission of Mr. Beck.

Arrangements have been made whereby the power can be turned on this afternoon and the street cars given full power instead of half power. They are operating at half speed for the present, as a result of the burning out of apparatus.

Mr. Warburton wired Tuesday night to the hydro commission to get permission to give the street railway power, but no reply has been received.

## A DAY WITH GEN. JONES AND HER ARMY

Their Feet Are Sore, Their Legs Are Tired, Their Skirts Are Muddy; But Will They Give Up? Never! No—Never!



"General" Jones and Her Suffragette Soldiers, on Their "Hike" to Washington.

## CANON TUCKER SEES TAFT RECEIVE WORD OF MADERO'S DEATH

Sits Three Seats Behind President in Church of St. Bartholomew.

Canon Tucker saw the telegram announcing the death of Madero in Mexico City handed to President Taft while he was attending service in the Church of St. Bartholomew, New York, on Sunday last. Canon Tucker was in New York to speak in the afternoon in the splendid new Church of St. John the Divine.

"In the morning," he told The Advertiser today, "I went to the Church of St. Bartholomew, and having a letter from the dean of the diocese, I was shown to one of the best seats in the church. A few moments later an usher asked me if I would mind moving back a couple of seats, as President Taft was expected, and that seat had been reserved for him. Presently President Taft and Mrs. Taft entered, accompanied by an aide-de-camp. They were just two seats ahead of me, and I was able to get a good look at the President."

"While we were worshipping, a messenger came down the aisle and handed a telegram to the aide. I learned afterwards that this was the message telling of the killing of Madero in the streets of Mexico City. The President rose at the close of the service, and putting his coat over his arm, walked out of the church before the congregation began to leave. He left immediately for Washington."

Canon Tucker was much pleased by the hospitality extended to him while visiting in New York. The Church of St. John the Divine he characterized as being perhaps the most complete institution on the continent. It is beautifully situated, near Grant's monument, on the banks of the Hudson River, and in close proximity to the famous Columbia College, which is attended by 11,000 students. The building is constructed of gray stone, and presents a very handsome appearance. No amount of money or effort has been spared to make it complete. A school will be maintained to train men for the choir of the church, and this feature alone will cost about \$12,000 annually, according to Canon Tucker.

J. Pierpont Morgan is erecting a synod office on the grounds, which is being built and furnished without regard to expense.

Canon Tucker spoke on the subject of "The Bible" to a congregation of about two thousand persons.

## THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLDER AT NIGHT.

Forecast.

Toronto, Feb. 26—8 a.m.

Today—Southeast winds; with light snow or sleet.

Thursday—Northeast winds; snow at first; colder by night.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
LONDON	21.5	12	Snow
Victoria	49	30	Clear
Calgary	4	3	Clear
Winnipeg	12	28	Clear
Port Arthur	28	4	Clear
Parry Sound	18	6	Cloudy
Toronto	22	16	Cloudy
Ottawa	10	12	Clear
Montreal	12	4	Cloudy
Quebec	10	8	Clear
Bathurst Point	16	10	Clear

Minus (—) means below zero.

**Weather Notes.**

The cold wave which was in Alberta yesterday has spread over the Western Provinces, and the southwestern disturbance is now moving towards the Middle States.

The temperature has risen very considerably in Ontario, but continues low in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

## STEAM AWAY CHEAPER SAYS WHITTENBERGER

General Superintendent of Grand Trunk Says Talk of Electricity Being More Economical Is Simply "Bosh" to Railwaymen.

"Operation of a railroad by electricity costs far more than it does by steam," said General Superintendent E. Whittenberger, of the Grand Trunk, in an interview with an Advertiser reporter today.

"There are a few places on the Grand Trunk system that are electrified," said Mr. Whittenberger, "but if it were possible to run the trains with coal over those spots you may rest assured that we would do it. Take, for instance, the tunnel between Port Huron and Sarnia. Trains were run through there by steam power for a long time, but on account of coal gas it had to be stopped and electricity substituted."

**Operated at Loss.**  
"It costs us a good deal more to run those trains through the tunnel by electricity than it did by steam. All this talk about operation by electricity being cheaper is all bosh, because as soon as any railroad finds a way to operate trains cheaper than they are doing, they will quickly grasp that opportunity. The Grand Trunk and every large railroad system in the country is watching the progress of electricity these days, and as soon as it is seen that that is a practical and cheap method of locomotion, you can rest assured that it will be adopted."

**The Long Coal Haul.**  
"Anyone who sits down and figures for a minute the long haulage of coal that all the railroads have to make to supply their engines with power at different points on the line, will soon realize that if a railroad was sure that steam would be eliminated by the stringing of overhead wires, electric power would soon be used."

Asked if he had heard whether his company intended making any offer for the lease or running rights over the London and Port Stanley Railway, Mr. Whittenberger replied that he had not. "The newspapers would hear of that sooner than I would," said he.

mental defectives, to provide institutions for the care of the feeble-minded and that municipalities be called upon to pay for the maintenance of their wards up to 21 years of age.

**Downey Objects.**  
Mr. Joseph P. Downey, superintendent of the Orillia Hospital for the Feeble-Minded, expressed hearty sympathy with the objects of the deputation, but dissented from the methods suggested. He objected to the reference that Orillia was only used for idiots, and submitted figures to show that a great deal of self-sustaining work was being done by the inmates. He did not think that training schools would meet the need, as the larger percentage of feeble-minded were of the unimprovable class. He scorned the idea of treating "high-grade defectives" on a silver salver and establishing a fancy sort of an institution for their cure.

With two more cottages Orillia had facilities for looking after an additional 200 children. It would be better for the Government to enlarge Orillia or build another institution, rather than erect training schools, which, he did not think, would serve the purpose in mind, and not prove profitable, as some municipalities were now objecting to the charge of ten cents per day levied for the care of children sent there.

Mr. J. L. Starr, commissioner of the juvenile court at Toronto, gave instances of no less than thirteen cases that he had dealt with since he received an invitation to join the deputation last Thursday.

**Five Thousand Feeble-Minded.**  
It was pointed out that there were 5,000 feeble-minded persons in the Province, of which 2,000 were children. Most of these required custodial care in training schools. The deputation asked that representations be made to the Dominion Government to extend more care at entry ports in the inspection of immigrants to have a bureau of record of the mentally defectives in Ontario, to have more municipal responsibility in the issuance of marriage licenses, to prevent the marriage of

## Ghostly Air Fleets Nightly Soar Above the British Isles

British Government Alarmed by Appearance of Mysterious Strangers—Commissions Famous Aviator To Form Air Corps and Solve Puzzle.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
London, England, Feb. 26.—While some are inclined to believe the airship reports are a joke, it is evident that the Government treats it as a serious matter. Ghostly air fleets were reported again last night, this time over Hull, one of Britain's biggest shipping and naval ports on the North Sea.

It became known here this morning that Canada's Graham White, Britain's most prominent aviator, has had long conferences with Premier Asquith and officials of the army and navy departments last night, following the latest

vision by aircraft. After the conference White left for the north of England, much secrecy being made regarding his movements.

It is believed he has been commissioned to immediately organize a coast guard airship service for Britain and to ascertain immediately what is the nationality and business of the strange intruders. It will be remembered the Commons the other day passed a law providing that such aircraft might be considered spies and treated accordingly.

White is recognized as a dare-devil, and his air policy may be expected to do something sensational.

## MR. BECK GETS INTO TIMBER LIMITS OF NORTH COUNTRY

Ontario Minister Is Owner of Large Tracts Near Iroquois Falls in New Ontario.

Intends to Use Wood On Land for His Box Factories in London and Hamilton.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Cochrane, Feb. 26.—The activity of Hon. Adam Beck around his concessions at Iroquois Falls, and the extensive logging of wood at Kelson for use in his box factories at London and Hamilton, are a marked indication of the growing importance of the north as a centre of the lumber industry.

**Owens Land Areas.**  
Hon. Mr. Beck is the owner of several large areas of white wood, which heretofore has not been considered of any use. He has now shipped several carloads of balsam of gilead, poplar and other varieties of white wood.

These carloads have been shipped for experimental purposes only, and have proved entirely satisfactory, as the wood is quite odorless, and, therefore, much more suitable than pine.

**May Build a Mill.**  
It is most probable that as the season advances Mr. Beck will establish a sawmill and kilns where the wood can be cut and dried, thus saving a considerable amount of freight.

## DOMINION ALLIANCE BITTERLY ASSAILS THE THREE-FIFTHS

Great Gathering at Annual Convention of Ontario Branch of Association.

Remedial Legislation Will Be Demanded as Result of West Lorne Decision.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Feb. 26.—The annual convention of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance opened a two-days' convention this morning in Massey Hall, with one of the largest gatherings of delegates ever registered for an opening session. Over six hundred delegates from all over Ontario were seated when Mr. Joseph Gibson, of Ingersoll, called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock. Secretary Ben. Spence confidently predicts an attendance of from twelve to fifteen hundred this afternoon.

**Assails Three-Fifths.**  
After greetings from Mayor Hockin and Controller McCarthy, the report of the executive committee was presented and considered clause by clause. This occupied the greater part of the morning session. Brief reference was made to the increase in liquor advertising, but satisfaction was expressed that a greater number of papers were now refusing this class of business. The practice of a prominent distillery of sending out sample bottles of liquor, which frequently fell into the hands of boys, was vigorously denounced. The famous West Lorne decision was reviewed, and it is certain that a demand will be made for remedial legislation covering this point.

The Alliance still bitterly assails the three-fifths clause in local option contests. Last election local option contests were forced in 77 municipalities. Majorities for local option were polled in 63 and majorities against in 14 of the 83 victories the three-fifths was attained in only 26.

**One For Suffragettes.**  
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## BOUGHT FIRST COPY OF THE ADVERTISER SOLD IN THIS CITY

Late John W. Jones Told Story of Purchase of Initial Paper in 1863.

Retained Ancient Newspaper Amongst Valued Souvenirs of Early Days.

Mr. J. W. Jones, who died suddenly in this city early this morning, had the distinction of having purchased the first copy of The Advertiser that was sold in London. When The Advertiser was first published Mr. Jones was one of the first to advertise in this paper.

In the quarter-century edition of The Advertiser published on Monday, Oct. 29, 1888, the following interview with Mr. Jones, in connection with the first issue on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1863, was published:

"Do you remember The Advertiser coming out in '63?" asked one of its representatives of Mr. J. W. Jones.

"I guess I do. I bought the first copy of it, and I think I have it up at my house now, if I am not mistaken. Yes, it must have been in 1863, for I went into business in '62, and I advertised in The Advertiser when it first came out."

"How did it get along at first?" "Oh, it boomed from the start. It was a little two-sheet paper then, but was always lively, and it took. The Rev. J. H. Robinson was the man who was really at the back of it."

"In what way?" "Well, there was a paper here called The Morning News, which failed. Mr. Robinson was getting out a church paper from the same office, and when the News failed the plant fell into his hands, and he let the Cameron boys have it."

"Sold it to them?" "No. He said: 'Boys, there is that plant. Go in, take it, and start a paper. If you succeed, pay me for it; if you don't, I am no worse off than I would be if I let it lie idle there.' So the Cameron boys did get in, and the paper boomed."

"And you got the first copy?" "Well, if it wasn't the first, it was mighty near the first. I was standing next door to the office when somebody said: 'The Advertiser is coming out,' so I went, and there was a boy bringing an armful from the press, and I got the first one that was sold. Man alive! how those papers did sell that night. They went off like hot cakes."

"Had the paper any policy then?" "It was just a newspaper. John Cameron announced that owing to the youth of the proprietors they would abstain from politics, and they did for a long time. It was some good while before they meddled, but they were gradually coming out."

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Several Officials, Including the Manager of Chateau Laurier, Are Coming Here.

A Number of Suitable Sites Available in the Heart of Business Section.