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LONDON, ONTARIO, MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1911—TEN PAGES.

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## FORTUNE OF \$25,000 GOES TO THE CHURCH

Death of Mrs. Bridget  
Dewan, a Wealthy Ad-  
herent of Roman  
Catholic De-  
nomination.

### SITE IS GIVEN FOR NEW CHURCH

Half of the Money Goes to the  
Dominican Order.

Mrs. Bridget Dewan, 510 Waterloo  
street, an old resident of the city, died  
suddenly on Saturday, and by her  
death the Roman Catholic Church  
and its various charitable organiza-  
tions will receive a large amount of  
property. The aged lady's wealth is  
estimated from \$10,000 to \$25,000, but  
it is probable that about \$25,000 will be  
the correct figure.

Mrs. Dewan lived with another old  
lady named Mrs. Ryan. The latter is  
well-known, and Mrs. Dewan had  
lived with her for some years. Early  
last week Mrs. Dewan was taken ill,  
and had to take to her bed.

Nothing was heard of her condition,  
and on Saturday morning some of the  
neighbors thought that something  
must be wrong, as they had not seen  
Mrs. Dewan for some days.

They tried to go into the house but  
Miss Ryan had all the doors locked,  
and it was impossible to get in.

Forced the Door.

About noon some of the men in the  
neighborhood decided that there sur-  
ely was something wrong, and they  
forced the door.

Mrs. Dewan was found to be ill in  
bed, and in an unconscious condition.  
Dr. W. J. Tillmann was summoned at  
once, but when he arrived the woman  
was dying. Nothing could be done for  
her, and she passed away in an hour  
or two after his arrival. Pneumonia  
was the cause of her death.

For over forty years she had resided  
at the corner of Chesapeake and  
Waterloo streets. For many years she  
conducted a little grocery store there.

Her maiden name was Hobbs, and  
she and her brother were the only  
children. Her parents had considerable  
money, and left it to the two chil-  
dren. Father Hobbs died and the money  
reverted to his sister.

Since that time, by judicious manage-  
ment, it has increased until Mrs. Dewan  
had a tidy sum. Her husband  
died some years ago, and as there  
were no children, Mrs. Dewan decided  
to leave the money and property to  
the church.

Money for the Church.

As her brother was a member of the  
Dominican Order, she left half her  
fortune to them.

The house and land at the corner of  
Waterloo and Chesapeake streets was  
willed to the church to be used, it is  
understood, as the site of the new  
church soon to be erected in the north  
end of the city.

The remainder, or practically all of  
it, will go to the Sisters of St. Joseph.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll, of Mich-  
igan, are relatives, and it is understood  
that a small sum of money will go to  
them.

Mr. James Dewan, King street, is a  
brother-in-law.

## THE YOUNGEST SON OF RAILWAY MINISTER DEAD

P. M. Graham, of the Brock-  
ville Recorder, Dies After  
Short Illness.

[Canadian Press.]  
Brockville, April 17.—P. M. Graham,  
youngest son of Hon. G. P. Graham,  
died at an early hour this morning in  
the General Hospital, following a short  
illness, which did not assume a serious  
aspect until Saturday. For a number  
of years the deceased was con-  
nected with the staff of the Brock-  
ville Recorder, and this session went  
to Ottawa to represent his paper. In  
the press gallery, Graham was identi-  
fied with the Forty-first Regiment,  
commanding C Company. His parents  
and surviving brother, Wm. N. Gra-  
ham, Ottawa, were with him when the  
end came.

### CANADA GETTING PICK OF ENGLAND

The Quality of Immigrants Is  
Steadily Improving.

INCREASE FIFTY PER CENT.

Expected That There Will Be 165,000  
Newcomers This Year.

Ottawa, April 17.—Mr. W. D. Scott,  
superintendent of immigration, who  
has just returned from a two-months'  
tour of immigration agencies in Great  
Britain, predicts that the immigration  
to Canada from Great Britain this  
year will be at least 165,000, an in-  
crease of 50 per cent. over last year.

The quality of the immigration is  
steadily improving, Canada getting the  
pick of the men who are leaving the  
mother country to seek new homes  
abroad. Mr. Scott says that it is now  
practically impossible to book either  
a steerage or a second-class passage  
on any steamer bound for Canada from  
at Victoria, B. C., this morning. This  
is the largest number of Chinese ever  
landed at that port from any one ship.  
The toll tax at \$500 per head yields  
\$85,000 to the country's revenue.

## POISON CAUSES LONDONER'S DEATH

Michael Long Victim of an  
Overdose of Laudanum.

TAKEN TO INDUCE SLEEP

Passes Away in the Hospital at Ann  
Arbor, Michigan.

Michael Long, the London shoe-  
maker, who took laudanum in the hos-  
pital last week, died in the hospital  
there on Saturday. Long had been  
suffering between life and death ever  
since taking the poison in an effort to  
overcome sleeplessness and nervous-  
ness, from which he had suffered for  
some time. The funeral was held at  
Ann Arbor this morning, and both  
Mrs. Long and Mrs. Bolton, a sister of  
Long, attended it. An advertiser  
told that there was no doubt that Long was tak-  
ing the laudanum in an effort to ob-  
tain sleep, as he had been using it  
for some time to overcome nervous  
trouble. Long left a letter, but its  
contents are not known at present.

He was about 60 years of age, and  
followed the trade of shoemaker, at  
which he was an expert. While he  
was employed at the Cook-Fitzger-  
ald factory.

## TASCHERAU BURIED

Many Public Men Pay Final Tribute to  
Late Jurist.

Ottawa, April 17.—The final tribute to  
one of Canada's greatest sons was paid  
today when Sir Henri Elie, Tascherau,  
former chief justice of Canada, prime  
judge and member of the privy council,  
was laid to rest in the great cortege  
which accompanied the remains to the  
grave were included, in addition to men  
public in official life, those of all ranks  
and classes. The cortege was con-  
ducted at Sacred Heart Church by Arch-  
bishop Gauthier. The chief mourners  
were Elie's wife, Tascherau, Du Port,  
Quebec, and Masters De Montarville, Maurice  
and Edwards, sons, and a number of  
other relatives. Hon. Alexander Tach-  
erau, of Notre Dame Du Port, Quebec,  
among the public men present: Sir Wil-  
frid Laurier, Hon. J. H. Macdonald, Hon.  
Sidney Fisher, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick,  
Hon. Clifford Sifton, Sir Sandford Fle-  
myng and Sir Louis Davies. The remains  
were interred in Notre Dame Cemetery  
here.

## Y. M. C. A. WANT GRANT INCREASED

Say They Will Lose Subscrip-  
tions by Installation of  
Niagara Power.

A REQUEST IS PUT IN

Ald. Eckert Says He Does Not See  
Why the Matter Should Have  
Come Up.

The Y. M. C. A. have asked the  
finance committee to increase their  
annual grant from \$200 to \$325 this  
year. The request is due to the fact,  
they claim, that Niagara power has  
been installed in the building.

Some time ago the water commis-  
sioners received a request to install  
light and power in the Y. M. C. A.  
The request was agreed upon and the in-  
stallation was sent to prepare the build-  
ing.

Work had been nearly completed,  
when the commissioners received or-  
ders to stop the men, as the Y. M. C. A.  
could not take the power. It was  
claimed that there were many sub-  
scribers to the association who would  
withdraw their subscriptions if power  
were taken from the commissioners.

However the workmen finished the  
work of installing the wires and other  
equipment, and since then the energy  
has been turned on.

Increase the Grant.

The other day the finance commit-  
tee received a request to increase the  
grant from \$200 to \$325, the amount  
necessary to overcome any loss in  
subscriptions.

The communication will come  
through the council tonight, later to  
be taken up by the finance commit-  
tee.

Ald. Eckert, when the matter was  
brought up, said that the increase was  
due to the fact that the Y. M. C. A. expected to lose  
some subscriptions owing to the ob-  
jection to the installation of Niagara  
power.

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## DOUBLE-HEADER CRASHED INTO GRAND TRUNK CABOOSE ON CITY OVERHEAD BRIDGE

Conductor Haynes Saved  
His Life by Narrow  
Margin.

FIRE FOLLOWED  
A NASTY CRASH

Accident on Sunday Afternoon  
on the Wortley Road,  
South London.

The caboose of a fast eastbound ex-  
tra freight, en route from Smiths  
to Toronto, was burned on the Wortley  
road bridge about 3 o'clock yesterday  
afternoon, when a double-header coal  
train, drawn by engines 2502 and 2313,  
in charge of Engineer Hugh McGinnis  
and A. Rennie crashed into it.

The extra freight had been stopped  
by the semaphore at Talbot street be-  
ing set against it, and the heavy coal  
train, coming down the grade at a fast  
rate of speed, was unable to stop in  
time, and notwithstanding that the  
emergency brakes were thrown on, the  
coal train skidded into the caboose  
with force enough to smash in the rear  
end and upset the stove.

A Narrow Escape.

Conductor Haynes, who was in charge  
of the extra, happened  
to be in the caboose of the coal train,  
and he made a  
quick climb out and down the side,  
escaping just in time to miss a severe  
shaking-up.

Immediately following the  
collision, flames broke out, as some  
of the hot coals in the stove were  
blown out and down the side, and  
in among the oil and oily waste in  
the caboose.

The fire burned fiercely, and only  
the prompt action of the crew, the way  
freight in cutting the fire, and the  
fact that the rest of the train  
freight was free from being burned.  
As it was, a car containing corn  
was somewhat scorched.

As quickly as possible the city fire  
department was summoned, and when  
they arrived, the chemical engines  
were used with good effect.

The caboose, however, was a total  
 wreck.  
Its rear trucks were torn completely  
off by the force of the collision.

Engine 2502 had its headlight and  
cowcatcher torn off.

Superintendent Bowker and For-  
estier, who were on hand quickly, and  
the work of opening the line was rush-  
ed forward, and shortly after 6 o'clock  
all the streets were cleared.

The extra eastbound freight was  
drawn by engines No. 1250, in charge of  
Alfred Cooper, of Stratford.

The loss will be about \$500.

Opposition Will  
Keep on Blocking

But Antagonism to Reciprocity  
Is Now Only Lukewarm.

AN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

If Measure Passes U. S. Senate Agree-  
ment Will Be Quickly Ratified.

Ottawa, April 16.—When Parlia-  
ment reassembles on Wednesday it is  
probable that the burden of continuing  
the reciprocity debate, and therefore  
of delaying the most part with the  
Opposition members. So confident  
is the Government that the measure  
will pass, that it is not even consid-  
ering the possibility of a campaign  
to educate the public.

The education campaign of the past  
few months has been effective  
in overcoming the strenuous opposi-  
tion to it worked up in the chamber  
of the House of Commons. It is felt  
that any sincere or serious opposi-  
tion to the pact is now nonexistent,  
and even Conservative members ad-  
mit that their stubborn resistance to  
the agreement is not proving polit-  
ically expedient. They will, how-  
ever, keep up the fight in the Com-  
mons pending developments at Wash-  
ington. Once it is made clear that  
the United States Senate will ratify  
the agreement it is generally expected  
here that the debate in the Commons  
will be speedily closed and the agree-  
ment be promptly ratified.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is hopeful that  
the situation may be defined suffi-  
ciently by May 12 to enable him to  
leave for the Imperial Conference  
with the assurance that the final rat-  
ification of the agreement is only a  
matter of time. He will not leave Ottawa,  
but will instruct Canada's representa-  
tion at the conference to Sir Frederick Borden  
and the Hon. L. B. Borden.

The Boy Scouts  
A Big Battle Is On This Afternoon.

The battles of the Rebels and the  
Federalists of Mexico are being repro-  
duced in the north end of the city this  
afternoon, and unless the loyal forces  
are able to cope with the difficulty,  
a swarm of Boy Scout troops will be  
sent on to the north by St. James street,  
and on the west by the Thames.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION TO HAVE ART GALLERY

Nucleus Has Been Secured in  
Valuable Paintings.

The board of education have purchased  
the nucleus for an art gallery. Recently  
three original paintings, two by Mr. Geo.  
Chavignaud, French-Canadian land-  
scapes, and one by Mr. J. P. Hunt, this  
year, an Ontario landscape, were purchas-  
ed. The former cost \$75, and Mr. Hunt  
was given \$125 for his painting.

"Every year we have appropriated \$200  
out of the college institute funds to  
purchase pictures," Chairman Weekes ex-  
plained. "A considerable portion of that  
sum—in fact, nearly all of it—has been  
expended in purchasing reproductions.  
This year we decided to buy originals, and  
we have purchased the three pictures  
mentioned. They will increase the value  
of the collection, and will be a great help  
I think they are very fine."  
They will be placed in the gallery at  
the Collegiate.

## A TRAGEDY OF THE STAGE

"Joy Rider" Girl Got a Wire  
That Father Was Dying  
in Boston.

LEFT SHOW IN LONDON

Another Message Telling That He Was  
Dead Was Suppressed Out of  
Sympathy for the Lady.

Miss Lucie Gover, one of the show  
girls of "The Joy Rider" Company,  
which appeared at the Grand on Sat-  
urday afternoon and night, almost  
turned the entire company into tears  
by her sad experience of the afternoon.

Miss Gover was just entering the  
stage door when the manager inter-  
cepted a boy with a telegram ad-  
dressed to her.

"Miss Gover, Miss Gover," shouted  
the lad.

The manager took the message, and  
as customary, opened it, for no one is  
allowed to deliver a telegram to an ac-  
tress or actress "back stage."

The message read:  
"Lucie Gover,  
"Joy Rider" Company, London, Ont.:  
"Your father is very ill. Come at  
once."

"MOTHER."

The manager thought the inter-  
ruption and decided to tell the girl. When  
she read the message, she burst into  
tears, and asked to be allowed to leave  
at once for home.

Her request was granted, but before  
she reached the depot from her hotel,  
a second wire was received with the  
words:

"Father is dead. Mother."

The last telegram was not shown to  
the girl. She is young and pretty, this  
being her first season on the road, and  
no one had the heart to tell her.

"I'm glad I kissed him good-by,"  
she said, as she boarded the train. "I  
wrote him and mother yesterday. On  
Thursday I had a letter from him. He  
was at home. I wonder if he will  
live until I get back. Oh! I didn't  
know I was so far away from my  
relatives."

The manager of the company and  
Manager Minihnick, who were with  
her, turned away, and begged her to  
enter the car as the train was about  
to move.

"It was the hardest job of my life  
to keep my composure before that  
girl," said Mr. Minihnick. "It's just  
another more tragedy of the stage. Many  
a man and woman laugh behind the  
footlights when their hearts are  
breaking."

SOUTH LONDON LADY  
PAINFULLY INJURED

Mrs. John Moore Thrown Against Seat  
When Car Travelled Around the  
Corner.

Mrs. John Moore, 191 Langarth street,  
was painfully injured on Saturday after-  
noon on a Ridout street car at the cor-  
ner of Ridout and Emery street. The  
car travelled round the corner so fast  
it is alleged, that the passengers were  
thrown from their seats.

Mrs. Moore fell against the side of the  
seat, and two other women were thrown  
against her. She was taken to her  
home, and Dr. Thompson was summoned.  
While her injuries are not necessarily  
serious, they are extremely painful, and  
she will be laid up for a week.

None of the other passengers were  
hurt, although some of them were  
shaken up considerably.

ANOTHER MINERS' STRIKE

Likely To Be Called in the Province of  
Nova Scotia Shortly.

Halifax, N. S., April 17.—The United  
Mine Workers of America scale commit-  
tee met here this morning to discuss with  
the mine operators and conditions of  
employment in the mines of the province.

The mine operators did not accept  
their invitation and the United Mine  
Workers of America will not decide upon  
rates of wages and conditions of em-  
ployment which, if not accepted by the  
mine operators, will doubtless mean a  
general strike.

TORONTO MURDER CHARGE

Toronto, April 17.—Next Friday morn-  
ing Frank Russell will face a charge of  
murdering Vito Giocchino, in the Italian  
affray on Good Friday night. At the  
same time Donato will be charged  
with attempting to murder Frank Male,  
another of the Italians in the fracas.

## A THRILLING ESCAPE FROM BLAZING STORE

Mr. and Mrs. Wood and  
Maid Driven Into Cold  
by Midnight Fire.

STORE WAS  
BADLY GUTTED

Family Compelled to Fight Way  
to Roof in Night Clothes.

THE FIRE.  
Premises—117 Dundas Street.  
Cause—Unknown.  
Loss—\$3,500.  
Insurance—\$2,200.

Clad only in their night robes, Mr.  
and Mrs. W. C. Wood, and their maid,  
Miss Eliza Smith, had a thrilling es-  
cape from a burning building at 117  
Dundas street shortly after 1 o'clock  
Sunday morning. They had to climb  
out of the rear window, work along  
the roof of the next building, and sum-  
mon aid. The women suffered greatly  
from exposure. The restaurant and  
candy shop formerly conducted by Mr.  
John Friend was completely gutted.

The fire was noticed shortly after 1  
o'clock. Mr. Wood, who had been up  
two nights before until late, retired  
shortly after 10 o'clock. Mrs. Wood  
looked after the business, closing the  
store, and retiring about midnight.  
Their room was on the third floor. Miss  
Smith, who slept on the second floor,  
retired previous to Mrs. Wood.

Awakened by Smoke.

So far as Mrs. Wood could see  
everything was all right when she re-  
turned. About 1 o'clock she was awak-  
ened by the dense smoke coming into  
their room. She was not sleeping  
soundly, and awakened quickly. She  
at once awakened her husband. They  
went to the next floor, and found the  
place filled with stifling smoke. Mrs.  
Wood ran to the maid's room to call  
her. The latter was sleeping soundly,  
and it was with considerable difficulty  
that she was aroused. The two women  
then groped their way to the rear  
where Mr. Wood was trying to open a  
door leading on to the roof. It was  
with difficulty that he located it,  
the place being very dark. The women  
were suffering greatly when Mr.  
Wood at last forced the door open.

Took to the Roof.

The party then climbed out on to  
the roof, crossing to the next place,  
where Mr. W. Smith, the undertaker,  
resides. He climbed down six feet to  
where he could reach a window, and  
told them of the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood were immediately sent in,  
and Mr. Wood endeavored to get the  
women down to the Smith apartments.

For five minutes they had been  
standing on the snow-covered roof, ex-  
posed to the biting wind, and were  
greatly exhausted.

Mrs. Wood and Miss Smith were  
cared for, going later to Mr. Wood's  
sister's room.

In the meantime the fire brigade had  
been summoned. The central company  
arrived on the scene early, and soon  
had several lines of hose playing on  
the fire. The whole interior of the  
building was a mass of flames when  
they arrived.

Fire Horses Fall.

No. 2 Company started out promptly  
on receipt of the alarm, but met  
with a mishap on Dundas street, near  
Waterloo. The pavement was ice-cov-  
ered, and when the horses reached the  
point where there is a considerable  
slope in the pavement, they lost their  
footing on the ice. They slid along for  
a considerable distance, and it was by  
the merest chance that both were not  
killed.

However, they were not badly hurt.  
Fireman Gilroy had a foot painfully  
crushed in an attempt to get the ani-  
mals on their feet.

The whole department were soon at  
work, half a dozen streams being  
played on the blaze.

An Explosion.

There was an explosion of gas,  
shortly after they arrived, the plate-  
glass windows being smashed into a  
thousand pieces. Several firemen had  
narrow escapes from being struck with  
flying glass.

Once they got the water on the fire  
it was soon overcome. After an hour  
and a half's battle, they put it out.

Mr. Smith's residence was filled with  
smoke, and the occupants had to get  
out. The cellar and back part was  
filled with water also. The damage  
there will be trifling, however.

"We certainly had a wonderful es-  
cape," Mr. Wood stated to The Adver-  
tiser. "Had Mrs. Wood been two min-  
utes later, we surely would have been  
smothered. The place was simply  
dense with smoke, and we could see  
the flames through it. It was far from  
a pleasant experience. Had my wife  
not awakened when she did, we never  
would have got out alive. It is a good  
thing it was no worse."

The Loss.

Mr. Wood estimates his loss on con-  
tents at \$3,500, with an insurance of  
\$2,200. The building is owned by Mr.  
J. S. Stewart, of Toronto. The loss on  
the building is placed at \$3,000, with  
some insurance.

The origin of the fire is not certain,  
but it is thought that it came from  
a gas range in the front part of the  
store. A lunch had been prepared on  
it shortly before Mrs. Wood retired,  
and it is suspected that the blaze may  
have been caused by that.

The store will be reopened shortly.  
"It was a merry blaze for a time,"  
said Fire Chief Aitken. "The stuff in  
the store burned up very quickly, and  
we looked to have a hard fight on our  
hands. However, we got it under con-  
trol in good time. The pressure was  
excellent."