

**BANNERMAN COMPLETES LIST;  
TAKES OFFICE FIRST OF WEEK**

Grey, Morley, Asquith, Holdane, Earl Elgin, Bryce, Gladstone, Aberdeen and Reed in Ministry.

London, Dec. 9. — Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, having completed his cabinet, the King will return to London tomorrow and receive the Liberal Premier in audience at Buckingham Palace Sunday night, in order to give his formal approval of the ministry. The members of the Balfour cabinet will give up their seals of office at a privy council meeting to be held on Monday, and then their successors will be officially given out on Sunday evening.

The new British ministry will substantially be as follows:

Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs—Sir Edward Grey.

Lord High Chancellor—Sir Robert Threlkeld, K. C.

Chancellor of the Exchequer—Herbert Henry Asquith.

Secretary of State for India—John Morley.

Secretary of State for the Colonies—The Earl of Elgin.

Secretary of State for War—Richard Burdon Haldane, K. C.

Secretary of State for Home Affairs—Herbert John Gladstone.

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland—The Earl of Aberdeen.

Chief Secretary for Ireland—James Bryce.

**RUSHING WORK  
TO THE LAKESIDE**

Traction Company Has Hundred Men Now at Work South of St. Thomas.

Owing to the fact that the city of St. Thomas has not as yet put in switches to meet the lines of the South-western Traction Company, it is probable that Manager Welch will be compelled to ask for an extension of the time given the company to complete the road into the city, Jan. 1, 1906, being the date set in the agreement.

Manager Welch states that everything is running smoothly, however, St. Thomas is treating the company right and it is probable that experimental cars will be running between London and St. Thomas in four or five weeks. Commercial connection will be established by the early spring.

Large gangs of men are now at work south of St. Thomas, grading the line to Port Stanley. About 100 men are employed, and the company is hiring every man who applies for work. In order to push ahead the grading the company is also bringing in gangs of Italian laborers. The aim is to complete the grading and lay the rails, snow or no snow. The grading to Port Stanley will be ready for the ties in a few weeks, and the concrete work for the bridges at London and St. Thomas has been finished. The steel is expected next week. The terminal at the lakeside will be opposite the post office, and in time the road may be continued across the creek if public convenience requires it. As yet no "playground" has been selected for the patrons of the road.

**MCCOLL MAY APPLY**

Athlete Said to Have Eye on High Constable McLoud's Job.

Although the dismissal of High Constable McLoud was only made by the county council this morning, and it does not take effect until Dec. 31, there is already some talk as to a successor.

Certain it is, the salary paid the Middlesex high constable is so small that no little difficulty will be experienced in getting a competent man for the place, unless the monthly check is made a great deal larger than heretofore. This is not at all unlikely, as many of the councilors are of the opinion that the high constable should be paid a salary which would enable him to devote his entire time to the office. Among those mentioned as possible applicants for the position is John D. McColl, a former member of the city police force, and at one time an athlete of considerable fame. McColl, since leaving London, has been keeping a hotel at Lucan, and later in New Ontario. He is at present in the city, and is said to have expressed his intention to apply for McLoud's position.

**High Constable Also Goes;  
Is Dismissed From Office**

McLoud's Services Dispensed With on the Grounds of Inefficiency.

High Constable McLoud was dismissed from office by the Middlesex county council this morning. Both the amendment and motion submitted at yesterday afternoon's meeting were withdrawn, and in their stead a new motion was submitted by Councilors Lewis and Cousins, that McLoud be dismissed, such dismissal to take effect Dec. 31.

McLoud was present and asked for the privilege of addressing the council, which was granted. He claimed that

his alleged inefficiency was due, not to himself, but to the insubordination of the county constables. He had endeavored to make them do their duty. He had done his duty by the county of Middlesex, and he was the only high constable who had dismissed a constable for falsifying his accounts. Were he given another chance with good men under him, he would show the council that he was not inefficient. He tried to do his duty, and all this trouble was due to that fact.

After McLoud had finished, the motion was introduced, and passed without a dissenting voice and with absolute unanimity.

McLoud was much surprised, as he expected a favorable verdict. His successor will not be named until the January session.

**PITIALE CASE  
OF YOUNG MAN**

Dying of Consumption and Friendless, Is Sent to the Hospital to End His Days.

A sermon in favor of establishing a sanatorium for the cure of consumptives—a sermon more eloquent than words can tell—was preached by the pitiable arrival of a consumptive in this city this morning from the west.

At noon Ticket Agent Ruse telephoned Inspector McCallum that a man suffering from consumption, and without money or friends, was in the waiting-room of the depot. The Inspector referred the case to Medical Health Officer Hutchinson, who at once left for the station.

There the doctor found a young man apparently in the last stages of the disease. He was worn to a skeleton, but his hands were bleated terribly.

In reply to the doctor's questioning, the man gave his name as Charles Ballantyne. He had come from Chicago yesterday, having purchased a ticket as far as London. At Stratford his strength gave out, and he was carried from the train, the crew being afraid he would die in the car. He spent the night there, and finally Mayor Beckett gave him an order to enter Victoria Hospital here. When he reached London he was so weak he could scarcely speak, his answers coming in gasps. He could not tell much about himself. He was born at Markham 21 years ago. He had been ill with the disease in Toronto for over a year, but a short time ago he went to Chicago, where he says he thought he might be able to work. On the way he caught cold, his complaint being thereby aggravated, so that he attempted to return at once. It is evident that as he has no friends, he left Toronto in an almost hopeless effort to shift for himself.

Dr. Hutchinson says the man should have been placed in a sanatorium months ago, but, of course, the Province is but poorly equipped to look after such cases. In London there is no hospital for consumptives, so that the best the city can do for the unfortunate Ballantyne is to shelter him and give him ordinary medical attendance until the curtain rings down.

Ballantyne was taken to the hospital in the ambulance fifteen minutes after Dr. Hutchinson saw him. As he is a county patient, the county will be compelled to pay for his stay there.

**Kuroki's Turn.**

Tokio, Dec. 9. — Gen. Kuroki and staff made a triumphal entry into Tokio today. There was a great demonstration of enthusiasm.

**High-Handed This.**

Niagara Falls, Dec. 9. — Arthur Joseph Blackburn, an English tourist, on his way from Canada to London, refused to pay the immigration officials at this port the necessary \$2 head tax and was arrested here last night.

He put up a stiff fight. Blackburn was to have sailed from New York today on the Umbria.



From the New York World.

**THE LAST PROP.****TRIPLE MURDER  
ACT OF INSANE**

Shelbourne Tragedy Due to Business Worries.

**VICTIMS SLAIN WITH AN AXE**

Homicide Set Bedding on Fire to Wipe Out Evidence of Terrible Deed—Coroner's Inquest.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Shelburne, Ont., Dec. 8.—Wednesday night all the members of the family of James Coulter, lot 19, concession 8, northeast of the Toronto and Sydenham road, Melancthon Township, were alive and in their usual health, ready to start for the morning. A daughter, who lived several lots away from the homestead, Coulter having murdered his wife, his 12-year-old daughter, and his 11-year-old son yesterday, and afterwards suicided.

The deed appears to have been committed shortly after dinner. Coulter had a load of axe, and he had a daughter, who lived several lots away from the homestead, Coulter having murdered his wife, his 12-year-old daughter, and his 11-year-old son yesterday, and afterwards suicided.

**Saw Smoke Coming Out.**

A neighbor passing by on the road had his attention attracted by the smoke, and on entering the house found Coulter face-downward on the floor. Further investigations brought to light the other horrifying details. A doctor was immediately summoned from Horning's Mills, but could do nothing for any of the unfortunate victims. Coulter and his wife being dead when the doctor arrived, and the boy and girl passing away without regaining consciousness. Coroner Rooney, of Shelburne, went to Shrigley last night to view the bodies, and will proceed there this afternoon.

County Crown Attorney W. J. L. McKay, of Orangeville, will also go to hold an inquest.

The deceased's half-brother, who lives in the same neighborhood, when interviewed this morning, could think of no possible explanation for his brother's terrible act, other than a possible worry and brooding over the recent sale of his farm and the purchase of another property. He had wished to withdraw from the bargain made for the purchase of the other farm, offering to pay \$100 to have the deal declared off.

It is the most horrible crime in the history of Dufferin County.

It is supposed Coulter murdered the boy in the barn first, by striking him with an axe, and then shot his wife and daughter and himself.

The town is shocked by the awful news. It is the subject of conversation on the street, in the stores, and elsewhere.

**LATER.**

An Inquest Held.

Dr. Rooney, coroner, held an inquest this afternoon and evening, which was attended by County Crown Attorney McKay of Orangeville.

Dr. Moore, of Horning's Mills, told about finding the bodies and described the wounds.

The verdict of the jury was: "The said Mary Coulter, Ida Coulter and Willie Coulter, came to their deaths at the hands of James Coulter, deceased, who killed them with an axe, and that he afterwards shot and killed himself with his own revolver. We believe the same James Coulter was temporarily insane while he committed the several deeds of violence mentioned."

**ROTHSCHILD ON G. T. R.**

Montreal, Dec. 9.—The important announcement reached the Grand Trunk office by cable yesterday that Hon. Nathaniel Charles Rothschild had been elected a director of the company to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late L. J. Sergeant. Mr. Rothschild is a member of the noted London banking house of that name which recently became identified with underwriting the bond issue of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

**THE WEATHER.**

Tomorrow—Cooler, With Snow.

London, Saturday, Dec. 9.  
Sun rises, 7:30 a.m. Moon rises, 3:12 p.m.  
Sun sets, 4:41 p.m. Moon sets, 5:57 a.m.

Light snowfalls have occurred in Manitoba and scattered showers in British Columbia, while elsewhere in Canada the weather has been generally fair. Temperatures have been lower in Manitoba and the Northwest Provinces, but little change has taken place in other districts. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Port Simpson, 28-32; Victoria, 35-41; Vancouver, 38-44; Kamloops, 30-34; Calgary, 8-23; Edmonton, 14-26; Qu'Appelle, 20-22; Winnipeg, 6-20; Port Arthur, 18-24; Parry Sound, 32-42; Toronto, 32-42; Ottawa, 22-40; Montreal, 34-48; Quebec, 30-36; St. John, 32-44; Halifax, 30-38.

**FORECASTS.**

Saturday, Dec. 9.—5 a.m. to 12 p.m.—Variable winds; cloudy, with scattered showers.

Sunday—Strong northwesterly winds; cooler, with snow flurries.

**TEMPERATURES.**

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	18	8	Fair
Winnipeg	22	8	Fair
Parry Sound	32	20	Rain
Toronto	34	24	Rain
Montreal	36	26	Fair
Ottawa	32	24	Fair
Quebec	30	20	Fair
Port Arthur	18	8	Fair
London	34	24	Fair

**LOCAL TEMPERATURES.**

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 45°; lowest, 23° above.

**REBELLIOUS TROOPS  
KILL OFFICERS**

Latest Tale of Russian Massacre Comes From Harbin.

**POSTAL STRIKE PETERING OUT**

The Situation at St. Petersburg Improved—Workers Prepare for a Walkout Next Month.

Harbin, Manchuria, via Warsaw.

Russia, Poland, Dec. 8.—Many officers are being killed by rebellious troops. Reserve officers are not permitted to return home. All messages from Manchuria are censored.

St. Petersburg, Thursday, via Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 8.—A much more optimistic feeling prevails in Government circles at the prospect of a complete collapse of the postal telegraph strike and the definite passage of the danger that it might be complicated by an immediate general strike throughout the empire.

The workmen's council and the railroad men affiliated organizations this afternoon came to a final decision that it would not be wise to employ the supreme fighting tool except to achieve the highest political aims and to reserve all their strength for the great struggle projected for the middle of January. In the meantime they will devote their energies to perfecting and extending their organizations and to the accumulation of their resources.

The bourse today responded promptly to the better outlook for a settlement of the postal telegraph strike, and the recovery of Russians on the foreign bourse Tuesday. Industrials became steadier and imperial funds advanced to 77.

**YORK LOAN AFFAIRS**

Writ Has Been Issued on Behalf of a London Lady.

The several hundred London shareholders of the York County Savings and Loan Company will watch with interest the result of the step taken by the 1,200 Hamilton shareholders, who want a Government investigation of the company's affairs.

The Londoners have not as yet taken any united action, but they may in the near future. Some whose payments were due placed their claims in the hands of solicitors and succeeded in getting their money. Others are following suit.

Yesterday Mr. George C. Gibbons, K.C., issued a writ on behalf of Miss Belle Robertson, who has a claim against the company for nearly \$150. The writ was forwarded to Toronto, where it will be served on the company.

**INDIVIDUAL PLUMBERS FINED;  
SCORED BY JUSTICE CLUTE**

Several Plead Guilty to Conspiracy, and Fines Aggregating \$2,100 Imposed—Their Methods Condemned.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Accepting the plea of guilty, entered by counsel yesterday afternoon, Justice Clute this morning imposed aggregate fines of \$2,100 on individual members of the Master Plumbers' Association.

The first four pleaded guilty to conspiracy with members of the local union No. 46, and Justice Clute imposed the following fines: William Mansell \$500, Fred Armstrong \$300, J. H. Wilson \$250, James McKittick \$250.

The second group pleaded guilty to conspiring among themselves, and were fined as follows: R. W. Harrison \$250, G. H. Cooper \$250, Robert Ross \$300, P. J. Hayes, sentence suspended. The master plumbers have paid their fine of \$5,000.

In giving judgment Justice Clute was most severe in his condemnation of the plumbers' tactics. They might not understand law, he said, but no man gifted with conscious honesty could act as they did.

**CONSTABLES GOT  
WALKING TICKET**

Quartet Dismissed From Force as Recommended by the County Council.

The four county constables—Northgroves, Corsaut, Paisley and Sadler—were dismissed from their positions by Judge Macbeth yesterday afternoon. The officers were called before the judge and the recommendation of the county council was read to them. Each of the constables was represented by counsel, but no charges were made and no defense given.

Judge Macbeth merely said that he would act on the recommendation of the council, and dismiss the constables. He would give them until the end of the year to finish whatever business they now had in hand.

The constables took their dismissal rather philosophically.

**HIGH HONOR FOR CANADIAN**

Deputy-Minister Gourdeau a Knight of Legion of Honor.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Lieut.-Col. Francis Gourdeau, deputy minister of marine, has been signally honored. He has just been made a Knight of the Legion of Honor by the French Government. This is for his services at the Paris Exposition, where he was one of the Canadian commissioners.

It was also for services he rendered in connection with supplying funds and assistance for the crew and passengers of a French steamer wrecked off Sable Island. The decoration consists of a ribbon and the crest of the French Government, surrounded by diamonds. To wear this decoration British subjects have to first get the consent of the King. This was readily granted by the Governor-General. There are only half a dozen Canadians, including Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who have been so honored.

**PLUMBERS FINED  
TEN THOUSAND**

The Toronto Associations Are Heavily Mulcted for Conspiracy to Restrain Trade.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—Ten thousand dollars was the heavy fine imposed by Mr. Justice Clute this evening upon the Central Supply Association and the Master Plumbers' Association at the conclusion of the celebrated conspiracy trial. The fine is divided between the two associations, but the individual members have yet to be sentenced. Immediately upon the conclusion of counsel's addresses Judge Clute gave judgment, finding the defendants guilty of conspiracy in restraint of trade.

**HOWARD CONVICTED**

Stole White on a Spree, and Was Not Punished.

William Howard was convicted before Judge Elliott this morning of stealing a gold chain and ring from a companion in April last, during a drunken spree. Howard was allowed to go on a \$100 bond to appear when called on for sentence.

At the time the theft took place Howard and his friend were drinking. Running out of funds, the friend gave Howard his ring and chain, which were pawned for \$1.65. The money was soon spent for liquor, and more cash was needed. Howard then took the pawn ticket, and sold it to John McFalls, a bartender, for \$1.65. Howard went with McFalls and they obtained the jewelry. When the owner sobered up he missed his ring and Howard's arrest followed. On the stand this morning Howard practically admitted the crime. His counsel, Mr. J. M. McEvoy, made a strong plea for leniency, and characterized the affair as merely the outcome of a debauch.

The judge administered a stinging rebuke to Howard. There was no doubt as to his guilt, but he would not sentence him this time, he recognized the truth of his counsel's plea, and also that Howard had never been in trouble before. He accordingly suspended sentence.

**Murdered in Court Room  
While Seeking Justice**

New York, Dec. 9. — Elsie Parker, a young actress, was stabbed to death today at the doorway of the courtroom where she had come to secure justice, where she had come to secure justice, and by the man whom she had summoned there for punishment. She fell from her, and indeed, only a few seconds after a policeman had once rescued her from the hands of the man who killed her. This man was William Williams, a colored youth, who was infuriated at the girl because he was charged with beating and assaulting her. He had been living with her up to the middle of the week, when they three minutes. The court, which was thrown into an uproar, was immediately suspended. Williams was arrested on the spot, arriving there rested.

**Elevated Tracks for  
G. T. R. Through the City**

Mayor Campbell Has Good Reason to Believe Such Is Plan of Company.

Mayor Campbell made the important statement today that he has reason to believe that the Grand Trunk Railway contemplates running through London by overhead trestles next year.

When the matter was first broached to the company by his worship some time ago, Mr. Hays intimated that this would cost a great deal of money and that the city would have to stand a portion of the cost.

Since that time his worship has received information which leads him to believe that the scheme of the company is now to run the trains overhead instead of constructing subways. If this is done the trestle will extend from Ridout street on the west to Egerton street on the east.

Thus all through trains will go direct through the city without any delay whatever, and street cars, vehicles and pedestrians will pass underneath the tracks.

The company will, however, need to have their tracks for shunting purposes on the ground, and the city is considering the advisability of coming to some agreement with the manager so as to have the shunting as far as possible done at night. It would of course be done principally in East London.