

TRAVERS REFUSED INFORMATION;
CROWN REFUSED TO PROCEEDCase Against Ex-Provisional Directors of Farmers' Bank Was Up
in Police Court This Morning, But Was Once More
Adjourned—Crompton Summoned to Court.

[Canada Press.] Toronto, Jan. 26.—It was confidently expected that the case against the ex-provisional directors of the Farmers' Bank—Mr. John Ferguson, Alexander Fraser, A. C. Lowmes and John Watson—charged with conspiracy to defraud the Farmers' Bank of \$10,000, would be proceeded with this morning.

Crown Attorney Corley sprang a surprise when he announced he would be unable to go on for a week.

Travers There. The arrival of W. R. Travers in the city hall, accompanied by Detective Gubrie, early in the morning, made it look as if the crown would get busy on the case today, but there was a disappointment for those who expected it.

When the case was first called Mr. Corley informed the magistrate he was not ready.

"Your worship, in the case of the directors of the Farmers' Bank I had expected to have information from Travers to permit me to go on with the case today, and without this I am unable to go on with the investigation."

I expected yesterday that I would be able to, but Travers refused to give me the information until he had seen Mr. Dewart, and I cannot safely conduct the case until I know what Travers is going to say," said Mr. Corley.

"When do you expect to go on?" the colonel asked.

"That depends on what Mr. Dewart says."

Mr. Rose, K. C., for the directors, said: "At present it seems as if the crown were going on statements made by Travers. I don't see why the evidence of Mr. Travers in the witness box cannot do."

Col. Denison—A man who is sentenced to six years in the penitentiary does not mind being sent down for ten

days for refusing to answer questions. Mr. Corley—But when a man is seeking the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, as I am, he has to be more than careful.

"Perhaps Mr. Corley is not so confident in Mr. Travers' statement now," suggested the colonel with a smile.

"That's my view of the case," said Mr. Rose.

Mr. Rose then complained of the delay in the investigation and said he wanted to get through with it, as there were no sessions for six weeks.

"The case won't take that long," replied the colonel.

The case was then adjourned till Tuesday.

T. C. Robinette, K. C., has been retained to defend George Wishart, of New York.

"We will bring Wishart back when we are ready, and not before," said he. "He wants to come back, but we won't let him till we are ready."

Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., has been retained to defend Beattie Nesbitt.

Another Warrant. Toronto, Jan. 26.—At 10:15 today Inspector Duncan swore out a summons against Fred Crompton on the charge that "On the 4th of January, 1910, contrary to law, he did accept, receive or take, or pledge assignment or hypothecation of notes of the Farmers' Bank of Canada from W. R. Travers, vice-president of the bank."

Crompton is said to have got the notes from the bank and to have held them, turning them in from time to time and getting 5 per cent interest.

Inspector Duncan has received a check for \$10,859.65 from Crompton, through a lawyer, as he did not consider himself entitled to it. The charges are laid under section 129 of the bank act. The penalty is a fine of from \$400 to \$2,000 and two years in prison.

VERY SUDDEN DEATH
OF REV. HECTOR CURRIEPastor of Thedford Presbyterian
Church Passes Away.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Thedford, Jan. 26.—Rev. Hector Currie, pastor of the local Presbyterian Church for thirty-five years, died suddenly at 2 o'clock this morning of heart trouble.

Rev. Currie was one of the most prominent clergymen in this part of the county, the local church being his first and only charge.

He was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, in September, 1846, and came to this country in 1872, settling in Thedford. He was married to Miss Eliza Currie, who survives him. One son, Jarvis, of Manitoba, and one daughter, Miss Sophie, at home, survive.

Mr. Currie was in his usual good health on Tuesday, when he drove down town to visit one of his flock. Yesterday he was ill with acute indigestion, death resulting at 2 o'clock from heart failure.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

MANY CELLARS ARE
BEING FLOODED NOW

Wild Weather is Causing Trouble for
the City.

The wild weather is already causing some trouble with sewers, and two notices have been sent to the city regarding flooded cellars.

In the downtown district many cellars are flooded, and the merchants are looking for redress from the council.

It is understood that others will follow the example set by the merchants who have sent notices, and will ask for damages from the city.

The conditions so far are not so serious as in other years, but yet much inconvenience has been caused.

THE TARIFF QUESTION
WILL BE DISCUSSED

Main Topic for Board of Trade Meeting Friday Night.

The tariff question will be the main topic of discussion at the board of trade meeting on Friday evening.

Some of the merchants are very much interested in the recent tariff changes, and the attitude of the farmers regarding the duty on agricultural implements, and several merchants will place the claims of the manufacturing interests before the board.

REBELS DEFEATED.
Washington, Jan. 26.—The revolution of Honduras was defeated on Monday in the neighborhood of San Antonio, Honduras. They were defeated, and it is reported Colonel

Valencia, a leader of Gen. Bonilla's army, was killed. Minister Merino, at Tegucigalpa, telegraphed to the state department today.

RUSSELL VS. PERRIN
JUDGMENT RENDEREDTotals \$240.40, Ninety Dollars
of Which Is For Damages.

Mr. Justice Britton has given judgment in the case of Russell vs. D. S. Perrin Company, one of the cases arising out of the elevator accident in which one lad was killed and a couple of others injured. The judgment is for \$240.40, \$90 of which is damages.

Alex. W. Russell, father of the boy of sixteen years of the same name, who sued on behalf of his son, received \$10, \$50 will be placed to the credit of the son, \$100.40 will be paid for hospital and medical expenses, and \$50 for the plaintiff's legal costs. Besides this the company will pay \$5 additional costs.

FELL THROUGH TRAP DOOR
BLAZING LAMP IN HAND

But Mrs. William Rowe, of
Dreaney Avenue, Did Not
Suffer Serious Injury.

Mrs. William Rowe, of 100 Dreaney avenue, fell through a trap door into the cellar at her home last evening while carrying a blazing kerosene lamp, but escaped serious injury, assistance being rendered by her husband preventing a serious fire.

Mr. Rowe was in the basement of his home when his wife approached the trap door carrying a lighted lamp. The lamp was carried by her, dropping several feet to the cellar floor. The lamp was smashed and ignited the blazing oil about her. The fire was extinguished with great difficulty, when it was discovered that Mrs. Rowe had escaped with no more serious injury than a number of bruises.

ESTIMATES TO BE READY
SECOND MEETING IN FEB.

Ald. Eckert is Taking Steps to
Avoid Delay in Civic
Business.

It is expected that estimates will be ready for consideration by the city council by the second meeting of that body in February.

They are not usually taken up until March, but Ald. Eckert, chairman of the finance committee, is anxious to have the estimates ready well in advance in order to give the council plenty of time to discuss them.

"We are getting the committees in shape so that we will have everything ready in readiness at an early date," he informed The Advertiser.

"We want to get an early start on our work so that when the spring opens we will be in a position to commence work at once."

The board of works are getting their ready now, and will present them very soon. The same is true of the other spending bodies.

MR. H. J. GLAUBITZ,
Engineer Appointed by Water Commissioners to Take Charge of
Niagara Power in London.SIR CHAS. DILKE
DEAD AT LONDONWas One of the Most Brilliant
of England's Public Men.

SCANDAL SPOILT CAREER

Was Famed as Authority in the
Domain of Foreign Affairs.

[Canada Press.] London, Jan. 26.—Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke died today. The immediate cause of death was heart trouble, though he had been in an enfeebled condition since the recent election, the strain of the campaign having affected him severely. He went to the south of France to recuperate, returning to London on Saturday last. Soon after reaching home he took to his bed.

Dilke's Career. Sir Charles had represented the Forest of Dean division of Gloucestershire in Parliament since 1882. He was recognized as one of the most brilliant minds in politics, particularly in the domain of foreign affairs, and but for an odd divorce scandal that afflicted his career, probably would have held the highest office in the gift of his country.

He was born in 1843, and was educated at Cambridge, and admitted to the bar in 1865. He was under secretary of state for foreign affairs in 1880-82, and president of the local government board in 1882-85. Subsequently he was a member of several royal commissions, and wrote extensively of national and international political affairs.

His first wife, Katherine, daughter of Capt. Arthur Gore Sheld, died in 1874, and in 1885 Sir Charles married Emily Frances, daughter of Major Henry Strong, and the widow of Col. Patton, rector of Lincoln College, Oxford. It was during their marriage that the scandal resulting in the separation of Donald Crawford and his wife occurred. Lady Dilke, who was a beautiful and talented woman, remained loyal to her husband throughout this trouble. She died as the result of the rupture of a blood vessel on Oct. 24, 1904.

Masons in Hamilton. A number of Scottish Rite Masons are in Hamilton this week attending the annual reunion of the Valley of Hamilton, and receiving degrees. Among those who are present are Messrs. W. Allen Young, A. E. Connor, A. E. Somerville, A. N. G. Day, Lennox, George M. Miller, T. G. Davis, Frank Miller, and others. There will be a reunion in this city during the last week of February.

A number of prominent Scottish Rite Masons from all over Ontario will be present. There will be a long list of candidates received.

THE WEATHER
Tomorrow—Mild.
FORECASTS
Toronto, Jan. 26, 5 a.m.
Today and Friday—Cloudy and mild, occasional sleet and rain.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. Min. Max. Weather.
Victoria. 41. 52. Cloudy.
Calgary. 35. 45. Snow.
Winnipeg. 25. 35. Snow.
Parr. 30. 40. Snow.
Toronto. 35. 45. Cloudy.
London. 35. 45. Cloudy.
Ottawa. 35. 45. Snow.
Montreal. 35. 45. Snow.
Quebec. 35. 45. Snow.
Halifax. 35. 45. Cloudy.
St. John's. 35. 45. Cloudy.

A very severe cold wave covers the country from the Yukon to Saskatchewan, and a number of the most severe cold waves in the history of the province are being experienced.

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EXTRA TONIGHT!

The Advertiser will issue an extra tonight giving the outlines of the reciprocity treaty.

The news will be given out at Washington and Ottawa simultaneously, and will be put on the wire, it is expected, at 4 o'clock.

It is impossible to announce at what time the extra will be published, but it may be on the street shortly after 6 o'clock.

CHIEF WILLIAMS BELIEVES
WILSON BOY WAS DROWNEDLocal Officers Take No Stock in the Kidnapping Theory, But All
Do Not Agree With the Chief's Belief.

Local police officers take absolutely no stock in the theory that little Freddie Wilson, who has now been missing for a week, was kidnapped. The subject is one in which all the men are keenly interested, and has been widely discussed by them. All believe that the lad is dead.

"I think he is drowned," said Chief Williams. "I don't think for a moment that he was kidnapped. As far as I know, there would be absolutely no reason why anyone should take the boy. I think he has fallen into the river."

Other members of the force think that the boy has wandered out into the country and has been frozen.

Opinion Divided. "I can't think that he is drowned," said one officer, particularly after the thorough search the fire department have made of the river. I think the little chap got lost and wandered into the country and got cold and tired and just laid down some place and died with the cold. It is a wonder that with this open weather he has not been found if he is in any of the fields, but he may have gone into an empty house or a barn."

Mrs. Wilson, the boy's mother, is a Toronto lady, and prior to her marriage was Miss Dora Brown. Her mother has since her daughter's marriage, come to London and now lives in West London.

Reciprocity Statement This Afternoon

[Canada Press.] Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The Dominion cabinet may have to announce when he rises at 4 o'clock this afternoon. An army of newspapermen spent the morning in trying to get an inkling of the reciprocity agreement at Washington. The most absolute secrecy prevails, and both sides of the House

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\$100 REWARD
FOR LOST BOY

City Council Takes a Hand in
the Search For Freddie
Wilson.

\$10,000 FOR FIRE ENGINE

Debentures to This Extent Were
Authorized at a Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon in City Hall.

At the special meeting of the council held yesterday afternoon, it was decided to offer a reward of \$100 for the recovery of Freddie Wilson, the Nelson street lad, who has been missing for a week.

The council also passed a motion asking the Legislature to grant the council permission to issue debentures in the sum of \$10,000 to purchase a fire engine.

Mayer Beattie read the communication from the Women's Canadian Club, asking that the council offer a reward for the recovery of the Wilson boy.

"I move that we offer a reward of \$100," said Ald. Cooper. Ald. Morgan seconded.

A question arose as to the locality of the matter, and his worship ruled that the council could make a grant of \$100 to the family on the grounds (Continued on Page Nine.)

STREET RAILWAY WILL
TALK NIAGARA POWER

Annual Meeting of Company Will
Be Held On February
First.

The annual meeting of the London Street Railway Company will be held in this city on Feb. 1.

It is expected that Mr. Everett, the president, will be on hand, together with Mr. E. W. Moore, and also Cleveland, one of the directors.

At this session the question of power will be taken up. While the question has been gone into extensively by the officials of the company, no decision has been arrived at, nor will there be, until after the meeting.

The facts will be presented by the company officials, and in addition it is expected that a representative of the Niagara-Pelee commission will be present to explain the offer made some time ago. It is confidently expected that the company will agree to the terms set forth by the commission.

STREET CROSSINGS
IN BAD CONDITION

Board of Works Will Likely Hear of
the Matter.

The condition of certain downtown crossings is creating much criticism these days, and the board of works will be asked to do something to make them passable.

At the present time, it is almost impossible to cross them, the slush and dirt being inches deep.

At the corner of Richmond and Dundas, Clarence and Dundas, King and Richmond and York and Richmond they are particularly bad.

"The board should have the ice chopped away to allow pedestrians to cross without having to swim," said a citizen.

Lake Superior—Moderately cold today, but becoming cloudy, with some light snowfalls.

The West—Fair and very cold.

GOVT. ANNOUNCES THIS AFTERNOON
DETAILS OF RECIPROCITY PACTCabinet Council Held This Morning With Delegates Fielding and
Paterson Present—Capital Crowded With Big Financiers
and Great Audiences Expected to Hear Result
of Conference.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The result of the trade negotiations, which have been conducted between representatives of Canada and the United States for the past fortnight, are to be announced in Parliament at 4 o'clock this afternoon. At that hour Hon. William Fielding, finance minister, will be accorded the courtesy of the floor, and the country will know before it eats dinner what are the new trade relations between Canada and their neighbors to the south, for practically every newspaper of importance in the country has arranged to publish an extra containing the news. This is one evidence of the great interest which the country is taking in the announcement. Another is the gathering at Ottawa of representatives of great interests from all parts of Canada. There are men here representing the steel concerns of Sydney, Montreal, Hamilton and the Soo. There are representatives of the Nova Scotia coal interests, of lumber, pulp and paper interests, and representatives of all sorts of manufacturing concerns.

Some Cases of "Nerves." In the presence of almost assured tariff changes, there is a good deal of nervous apprehension exhibited by those masters of millions. There is a general belief that Mr. Fielding and Mr. Paterson have done what is best for the country, but individually in-

convenient to them. However, there is a general hopefulness, and a desire to know the best or the worst as soon as possible.

Big Crowd To Attend. It is certain that the galleries of the Commons will be crowded this afternoon with a distinguished company, and Hon. Mr. Fielding will have a most attentive audience, no matter how long he may speak.

Hon. Mr. Fielding arrived last night, and was welcomed back by a delegation of Nova Scotia members of Parliament, and by a compact contingent of newspapermen. He declined to talk, but looked thoroughly fit. The struggle which he has had with the American trade commissioners has apparently been a tonic, for Hon. Mr. Fielding appears to be in better health than when he left. The attack of facial paralysis which has been troubling him since the autumn is disappearing, and little evidence of it can be seen.

This morning Hon. Mr. Fielding left his residence at 11 o'clock and drove to his office in the east block. From there he went to the council chambers, and gave to the other members of the Government the first statement on the negotiations which they have had.

There are all sorts of reports afloat of free fish, free potatoes, concurrent legislation, and arrangement by treaty, but on the eve of the announcement these predictions are made with less certainty.

MIGHT TAKE WILSON
BOY TO ENGLAND

Mother Says Someone Is Detain-
ing Her Son Who Is Lost
a Week.

NO TRACE OF THE LAD

No Reason Can Be Assigned For Any-
one Keeping the Little Fellow
Away From His Home.

The whereabouts of the missing Wilson child are still veiled in mystery. Although an entire week has elapsed since his disappearance, no trace whatever has been discovered of the little fellow.

The police still cling to the theory that the boy has been kidnapped, and are using forcible means, but claim that they themselves have not the slightest trace of any person who would be likely to take their child from them.

Mr. Wilson has no relatives in Canada whatever, and Mrs. Wilson has only her mother, Mrs. Brown, of 17 Alexander street, West London, and one sister in East London.

It is quite impossible to conceive of anyone keeping the little fellow in hiding with a view to deriving pecuniary gain from such an action. Mrs. Wilson stated that no one had ever placed any life insurance on the child, as both she and her husband had always opposed the idea of child insurance.

No one taking the child, according to Mrs. Wilson, can have been actuated by personal malice or spite, for neither of the parents can remember having had any personal enemies. The mother still believing that the child is alive, now thinks that someone, having taken the little fellow for some reason, is now afraid to give him up for fear of proceedings being taken against the person or persons detaining him. She holds fondly to the belief that some person has picked up the little fellow in his distress and cold, that he probably has taken ill, and that his rescuers now fear that they may be charged with kidnapping. She stated that if her boy were only returned to her safely, that neither she nor her husband would for one moment desire any prosecution to be instituted against those who have been detaining him.

"I would gladly give a million dollars if I had it, and let the matter drop, if they would only return him to me," said the mother.

Now that the city council have decided to offer a reward, Mrs. Wilson is hopeful that something will be heard of the child.

No Prosecution. "Mr. Wilson has no relatives in the city; all his people are in England," she declared, "and my relatives would go further away to avoid trouble, perhaps even to England, or somewhere else."

"I would not have it thought that any proceedings would be taken against the people who have him, in case he is returned safely. They might take him further away to avoid trouble, perhaps even to England, or somewhere else," said the boy's mother.

According to his mother's story he can be easily identified by his fingers, if they will observe certain scars over his right eye.

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HONORED NAMES
ON MONUMENT

List Which Will Appear On
Shall To Be Erected in
This City.

WILL ARRIVE IN SPRING

Montreal Sculptor is Hard at Work
and is Making Much Progress—
Description of the Monument.

Pte. W. G. Adams, Seventh Regiment Fusiliers, wounded at Paardeburg, Feb. 18, 1900, died of enteric fever at Bloemfontein April 16, 1900.

Pte. J. A. Donigan, Twenty-Sixth Regiment Middlesex Light Infantry, killed in action at Paardeburg Feb. 18, 1900.

Pte. D. L. Moore, R. C. R. L. died of enteric fever Feb. 14, 1900.

Pte. R. Smith, Twenty-Sixth Middlesex Light Infantry, killed in action at Paardeburg Feb. 18, 1900.

Pte. F. G. W. Floyd, Seventh Regiment Fusiliers, killed in action Zand River, May 10, 1900.

The above is a list of the London heroes who died during the South African war of 1900, and whose names will be inscribed on the tablet on the soldiers' monument which is to be erected in Victoria Park next summer.

The work is being rushed forward as speedily as possible by Mr. Hall, the Montreal sculptor, and it is reported that the memorial will arrive in this city in the late spring.

The monument is about 20 feet from base to peak, the figure of the soldier being about half that height. If present plans are carried out it will be located immediately behind the guns. As the date of the unveiling cannot be fixed for some time, it will be impossible to arrange for a few weeks to have any particular person of note officiate. However, a big celebration will be organized by the committee in charge, and it is understood that a number of prominent people will be in attendance.

The bronze tablet is being prepared in the old country.

GLAUBITZ WILL
MAKE CHANGESNew Engineer Has Taken Charge
of the City's Electrical
Department.

REARRANGING THE STAFF

It Is Said There Will Be No General
Dismissals—Mr. Dark Still at
Work.

Engineer Glaubitz has taken charge of the waterworks engineering department, and is already formulating plans for the reorganization. He will not make known what he intends doing, but it is understood that several changes will be made for the purpose of giving economical and businesslike administration to the department.

There will not be wholesale dismissals, but there will be a rearrangement, and the personnel of the staff at the city hall and power stations may be considerably changed.

Mr. F. R. Dark, manager of the department, will be kept at the work until he is relieved. He has been doing for a couple of months at least.

Mr. Val Clow is in closer touch with the waterworks, but is devoting himself largely to the