

# Vote for the Waterworks' Bylaw and Spring Water

## ELECTRICAL STORM BAD ONE BARN BURNT, HORSE KILLED LIGHTNING WREAKS HAVOC

Much Damage Is Reported From the North as Result of Last Night's Storm, But London Escaped Any Great Loss—Band Stand at Springbank Struck and Set on Fire.

After a day which was unusually sultry and oppressive, one of the most terrific electrical disturbances that has occurred in several years swept over the district north and west of London last evening about 6 o'clock, and then, after raging for nearly an hour and a half in the city, passed off southward.

Reports which are coming in from the country indicate that considerable damage was done, and in many districts, especially north of the city, it is feared that the loss to the wheat and fruit crops will be heavy.

In the city the electrical display was most brilliant and continuous, but London escaped the heavy hailstorm that in addition to the damage done

by lightning is likely to cause such a heavy loss to the farmers.

### 'Phones Burnt Out.

Manager Beard of the Bell Telephone Company stated to The Advertiser at noon that nearly 60 local telephones were burned out.

Considering the severity of the storm, Manager Beard says that the telephone company got off lightly. The damage has already been repaired, and the system in complete working order again.

The usual trouble with long distance connections was experienced, and the reports coming in would indicate that the storm was general all over Southwestern Ontario. Around Guelph it (Continued on Page Nine.)

## Percy Young Drowned at Port Bruce Baiting a Line, Wave Struck Boat

Was Well Known in London—Father is the Well Known Quilter.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Port Bruce, Ont., June 20.—Percy Young, son of George Young, one of the best-known fishermen on the Canadian side of Lake Erie, was drowned last night in the lake.

The body was found this morning, washed up on the beach. The young man, who was but 24 years of age, went out in a rowboat last night to bait a night-line.

He was at work on the bait, half a mile from shore, when a wave struck the boat, and he was thrown out.

The wave was the precursor of a storm, and soon the lake was lashed into a fury.

Young was a poor swimmer, anyway,

and in the rough water he stood no chance.

After a few struggles he sank. Efforts were made to reach him, but the waves pounded over the beach at such a rate that nothing could be done.

This morning the body was found, where it had been thrown high and dry on the sands.

The boat was found floating along the shore, right side up, showing that it had not been capsized. Bruce Young, a cousin of the deceased, was drowned in the same way, and at the same place, about a year ago.

This makes the fourth drowning at Port Bruce within ten years. The late Percy Young was well known in London, the family being among the best known quilters in the Province.

The elder Young took part in many quilling games in London.

## Soldier Boys Who Cannot Shoot Well Are a Swindle on People of Canada

Officers of Instruction Talk Plain to the Men in Goderich Camp.

[By Our Own Man.]

Goderich, June 19.—One of the best branches of military training and one in which every good soldier should be proficient, is the musketry practice under the very able instruction of Capt. W. A. McCrimmon, Seventh Fusiliers, London, assisted by Q. M. Instructor Blake-Foster, Sergt.-Instructor Black, R. C. R., Q. M. Sergt. Instructor Dunlop, R. C. R., and Sergt. Youngman, R. C. R.

When a company is brought down to the ranges the boys are first taken in hand by Sergt. Youngman, who lectures half an hour on "Aiming." Here they are shown the proper position of holding the rifle to the shoulder, adjusting the sights at from 200 to 1,000 yards, loading and unloading, charging and uncharging magazines.

Sergt. Youngman then has the men place their rifles over tripods, which are four and a half feet from the ground. As each man places his rifle on the tripod he takes aim at a target 40 yards away.

After he has what he thinks is a perfect aim, the soldier leaves his rifle still on the tripod and takes two paces back. The lecturer then signals each man's rifle as they were left by the men, and at the same time points out the defects in their aim.

A Rifle Lecture. From Sergt. Youngman the company is taken in hand by Sergt. Instructor Black, who lectures for a half an hour on the "Rifle and the Triangular Method of Judging Sighting." By this method and other tests, Sergt. Black finds which eye each man should use in aiming.

Sergt. Black is most interesting, especially in his talk to the men of the absolutely essential part of being a good marksman.

Sergt. Black is correct when he tells the men that an infantry soldier who is not a good marksman is only a swindle on the public—an eater of rations, and a waster of ammunition.

The next test is of long-distance

sighting. There are seven different objects that range from 100 to 1,300 yards. The men are, before the test, impressed with the necessity of placing the object at a distance in yards as the sights for long-range firing are all in yards.

On this work the company is given a sure of merit, which, with the shooting, entitles them to efficiency pay.

Ross Rifle. The sub-target gun machines are under the instruction of Q. M. Sergt. Here the men shoot with the much-criticized Ross rifle, although no ammunition is used in the sub-target machines, the score is registered on a small piece of cardboard.

After the men have spent several hours listening to the lectures and practising on the sub-target they are ready for the ranges, where Capt. McCrimmon and Lieut. Gibson, R. C. R., look after the shooting.

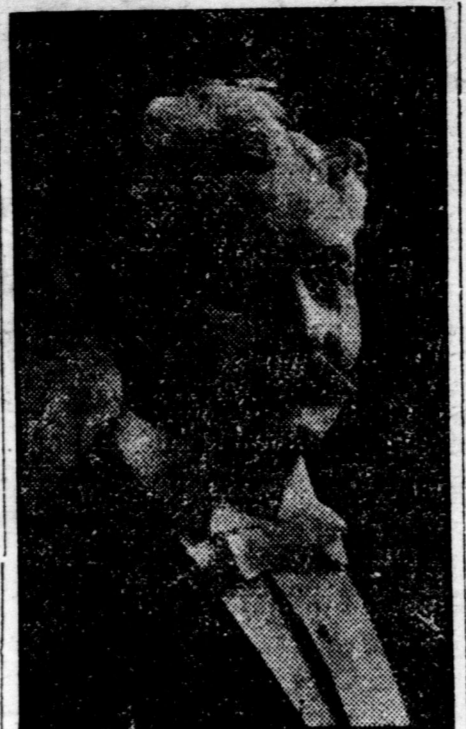
Every man is served fourteen rounds of ammunition with which to shoot. This course of instruction, with the shooting, takes each company one day, and is undoubtedly the most interesting and practical part of a thorough soldier's training.

A Big Soldier. "Tiny" Lawrence, of Guelph, who stands 6 feet 3½ inches, is in camp taking his annual training with his regiment. He is the man who suffered an attack of appendicitis at the London camp three years ago.

Drill instruction is being carried on in camp by Q. M. Sergt. Instructor Bingham, Drill Sergt. Johnson (Seventh Regiment), Sergt. Dunkley (R. C. R.), of the new Ross rifle, 300 of which were served to the Twenty-sixth Regiment Tuesday. These are the first and only Ross rifles in camp among the volunteer regiments.

Bandmaster Pococke of the Twenty-sixth Regiment leaves for Toronto today. He is an examiner in the Toronto Conservatory of Music. In his absence Bandmaster J. Shaw will be acting bandmaster.

—Mr. W. Norman Humphries and wife (formerly Nona Johnston) have returned from their wedding trip, and have taken up their residence at 370 Dundas street.



MR. HARRY COLLINS, Supreme Treasurer of the I. O. F. and Past Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of America, who is dying in Toronto.

THAW MUST WAIT Wants Order Committing Him to the State Asylum Modified.

New York, June 18.—Counsel for Harry K. Thaw applied to Justice Dowling in the supreme court today to modify the justice's order by which Thaw was committed to the state asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan, at the conclusion of his trial for the murder of Stanford White.

Thaw has occupied Sheriff Chanler's apartments over the jail in Poughkeepsie since May 4 last, when he was taken to Poughkeepsie to the writ of habeas corpus sued out by his counsel.

He now seeks to be transferred to some other asylum than Matteawan. Col. Franklin Bartlett appeared for Thaw, and District Attorney Jerome opposed the action. Decision was reserved.

SIR WILFRID PARKER GOES TO BELLEVILLE Called To See Mother, Who is Ill—Returning To England.

Montreal, June 20.—Sir Gilbert Parker, British member of Parliament and author, who was a passenger to Quebec yesterday on the Empress of Ireland, has gone to Belleville, Ont., on a hurried visit to his mother, who is ill.

His visit to Canada will be a short one, as he wishes to get back to London for the last two or three weeks of the present session of the British House of Commons. Asked if they had heard anything in London of the Bourassa movement in Quebec, Mr. Parker said: "We hardly had time to even think of it before I left London, but I may say that in a general way a conviction and a Labor party will be able to make any headway."

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So far as can be learned there has been no official communication received on the question, but it is expected that notification of the suit will be sent to the city shortly.

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Definite information is expected within a few days on the matter. It is stated that the city will fight to the last ditch, as City Solicitor Meredith has given his opinion that the railway has no case.

DEATH OF VETERAN EDITOR. Los Angeles, June 20.—Donelson Caffery Jenkins, in the 80's and 90's, one of the best-known newspaper editors in the United States, being owner and chief editor of the New Orleans Delta, and later of the Picayune, died at Sierra Madre today, aged 83.

THE WEATHER. TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate to fresh westerly winds; fine and very warm.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary 46 46 Cloudy. Winnipeg 54 42 Fair. Port Arthur 54 54 Fair. Fanny Sound 56 56 Clear. Toronto 52 52 Fair. Ottawa 54 54 Fair. Quebec 50 50 Fair. Father Point 48 48 Rain.

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES. Local thunderstorms occurred last evening in Ontario and Quebec, but the weather in these Provinces has been mostly fine and very warm.

Local Temperatures. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at local observation stations during the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 83°; lowest, 68°.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 46-62; Vancouver, 46-54; Edmonton, 46-62; Banff, 46-54; Calgary, 46-64; Regina, 52-70; Winnipeg, 52-60; Port Arthur, 52-74; Fanny Sound, 54-60; Toronto, 52-56; Ottawa, 54-58; Montreal, 49-58; Quebec, 54-52; St. John, 48-54; Halifax, 50-76.

## HARRY COLLINS IS DYING SUPREME TREASURER OF I.O.F.

Well-Known and Very Popular in London—Is a Big Man in the Shriners, and Was Present at the Installation of Mocha Temple in the Spring.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, June 20.—Harry Collins, supreme treasurer of I. O. F. is dying of acute indigestion and diabetes. Mr. Collins had his salary reduced last night from \$7,000 to \$4,000.

Mr. Collins is the man who created a sensation by announcing his candidature for S. C. R. against Stevenson, and whose campaign suddenly collapsed.

Collins had been ill for some days and it is thought that the bitter disappointment of defeat and the humiliation of salary reduction precipitated the crisis.

The family have been summoned to the sick man's bedside.

Well-Known Here. Mr. Harry Collins is well-known in the city, especially among the Masons and Independent Foresters. He has paid several visits to London, and has many close personal friends.

His last visit to the city was made on March 27, when he attended the inauguration of Mocha Temple. Mr. Collins attended the degree work which he enjoyed immensely.

He is an ardent Shriner, and looked with expectancy to the banquet. As the evening wore on he became quite ill.

Dr. H. A. Kingsmill, a close friend of Mr. Collins, attended him, and he advised him to retire early.

Mr. Collins was slated for a toast, but he could not wait. The Shriners, however, held the

banquet, while he delivered a speech to them.

It was a splendid effort, and was listened to with rapid attention by the Nobles of Mocha Temple. He was visibly overcome by his effort, and it was with difficulty that he reached home. He recovered, but later was not so well.

Mr. Collins is a past imperial potentate of the Mystic Shrine of America, the only Canadian who was ever given that honor.

Dr. Kingsmill Notified. "I received a telephone message this morning from Toronto," said Dr. H. A. Kingsmill, "saying that Mr. Collins took a bad turn this morning about 3 o'clock, and the doctors hold out no hope for his recovery. He has been ill for some time, nearly a year now, I guess. He was not well when he was here in March last. He is a fine fellow; one of the best."

Mr. A. L. Davis, illustrious potentate of Mocha Temple, is another particular friend of Mr. Collins, and had been associated with him in the Shriners for many years.

"Harry Collins is a prince," said Mr. Davis. "Masonry loses one of its best men when Harry Collins passes. He was very much interested in our temple here. We will be extremely sorry to lose him."

Mr. Collins is an Irishman by birth, but came to this country when quite young. He has been quite successful, and well known in many lands. He is particularly popular among the Masons in the United States, and is a public speaker of more than ordinary ability.

PERE MARQUETTE WILL SUE LEASE TO CUT NO FIGURE

Official States That His Company Must Be Paid for the Bridges Erected on the Line of the L. and P. S. R.—City Will Fight the Action to a Finish

The impression that the Pere Marquette would withdraw its suit against the city for the cost of the bridges erected by the company over the London and Port Stanley Road, provided a long term lease was given the company, does not coincide with the views expressed around the city hall today, and by officials of the company.

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## STRONG POINTS, WATER SCHEME SPRING WATER, HIGH PRESSURE

MAJOR HEMER AT GODERICH CAMP

Speaks Highly of the Course of Instruction—A Bridge Carried Off by Storm.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Goderich, June 20.—Major R. L. Hemer, adjutant-general of musketry and of the School of Musketry, Ottawa, visited the camp here today. He inspected the new ranges and noticed the course of instruction given the militia under Capt. McCrimmon. The course of instruction given to the men in camp here is the best I have seen in Canada, and I am very greatly pleased with the work being done by Capt. McCrimmon and his aides," said Major Hemer.

Bridge Swept Away. A very heavy windstorm raged over the camp today ending with a slight rainfall in the evening.

The pontoon bridge over the Maitland River, which was erected by the Royal Canadian Engineers, was carried away by the wind, and the men of the camp will have again to walk to town, which by the road is two and a half miles.

The Friday evening the officers of the Thirty-third Regiment, Humer, Rangers, will be banquipped by the town council of Goderich. The excursion steamer Greyhound, of Detroit, is in port. A party of 400 soldiers are holding a three-hour moonlight excursion tonight.

Clever Capture. Sergt. Gilmour, R. C. R., who is in charge of the camp police, made a very clever capture today in the camp grounds. A young man was wanted in Goderich for the theft of \$3 worth of jewelry. A detective from the town gave Sergt. Gilmour a description of the man wanted. He was found in the camp grounds, and when searched had the stolen goods in his pocket.

An athletic meet will take place today at 2 p.m. There will be no afternoon parade.

J. P. DONNELLY DEAD WAS FRIEND OF NELSON

Detroit, Mich., June 20.—James P. Donnelly, a former resident of Port Arthur, Ont., died in the Isle of Pines, Cuba, on May 28. Mr. Donnelly was born in Quebec, March 28, 1831, and was employed by the Dominion Government as Indian agent for several years. His father was a surgeon in the British navy, and a close friend of Admiral Nelson.

Emily A. Baby, granddaughter of Francis Baby, the Windsor pioneer. He was a brother of the late Dr. E. D. Donnelly, a prominent Windsor physician.

Mr. Donnelly is survived by five children. He was 77 years old, and went to the West Indies a short time ago for his health.

The high pressure system will cost \$21,600. It takes in the business and manufacturing districts, and meets with the approval of the Underwriters' Association.

The filtration plant, which will be held as a reserve in emergency, will cost \$85,000.

New mains will be laid throughout the city at a cost of \$2,000.

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## THE TAFT AND SHERMAN TEAM MAKE A STRONG COMBINATION

Commendatory Comment on the Republican Convention's Choice Secretary Taft's Unique Career—Sketch of James S. Sherman, the Nominee for Vice-President—What the Newspapers Say.

London, June 20.—Most of the morning newspapers and the weeklies which are issued today print editorials on President Roosevelt's great triumph in securing the nomination of Secretary of War Taft for the presidency. The Daily Chronicle says: "To save the life of his policies, he loses his life as president. It is an interesting phenomenon in the working of the American constitution."

Paris.—The nomination of Secretary Taft for the presidency has been regarded by the press as a foregone conclusion. The Petit Republicain considers Mr. Taft's nomination a victory for the spirit of imperialism. "The great democracy," this paper says, "after avoiding this spirit for so long, ends by yielding to it; it is a bad symptom."

The Temps says the services rendered by Taft for the republic will be taken up.

There is no doubt the recommendation of the committee will carry. There was some agitation to have one of the judges declare on the petition, several who signed the petition declaring that they signed it under a misapprehension.

It is not thought that any action whatever will be taken in regard to this.

Council Will Deal With Carling St. A special meeting of the council has been called for Tuesday at 12:15 o'clock to consider the contract for the Carling street pavement, between Talbot and Ridout street.

The contract for an asphalt-block pavement for Carling street, between Richmond and Talbot streets, has not been let.

The tender of Blight & Fielder calls for \$2.58 per square yard, with 24 cents a square foot for curbs.

City Engineer Graydon has figured on the contract, and it is thought that the price will be about the same as the contract of the Forest City Pav-