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London as a Lake Port. The subject of the disposal for 30 years, of the London and Port Stanley Railway, is at present before the citizens.

(1) The London and Port Stanley Railway, which is owned by the city, is now under lease to the Lake Erie and Detroit Railway.

(2) Thirteen years of the present lease have yet to expire. The present lease includes certain more or less important clauses as to freight rates from Port Stanley to London, and vice versa.

(3) The L. E. and D. R. R. which have thirteen years of their present lease unexpired, are now asking that a lease for seventeen years be added on to the present unexpired thirteen years—that is, 30 years in all.

(4) There are three points of importance to the city involved. First, is the amount of yearly rental offered an adequate amount?

(5) As to the first point, the amount of yearly rental, while important, is not of first importance.

(6) As to the question of now granting seventeen years more in addition to the thirteen years yet to run, the two arguments are as follows: Against extension—That with the Dominion and provincial development going on, our railway to Port Stanley might be of much greater value in thirteen years, and that we had better stick to our present bargain, and do whatever seems best thirteen years hence.

(7) The matter of vital importance to the city is that the London and Port Stanley Railway should be the means of putting London, to a certain extent, on an equality with Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton as a lake port.

(8) To sum up: The amount of yearly rental is important, but not of first importance. The length of lease is obviously important, but it also is not of first importance.

AROUND THE CITY.

—We regret to hear that Judge R. M. Meredith, of the high court of Ontario, is in poor health, and that he has been compelled to apply for leave of absence to recuperate.

—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup Has been used for over FIFTY YEARS by MILLIONS of MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEething, with PERFECT SUCCESS.

Chicago and Northwestern Railway, is in the city. —A blazing chimney at the London Pant and Overall Company gave the fire brigade a run at noon today.

—Mrs. Tracy and little son, Harold, of Kansas City, Mo., left for home on a visit to friends and relatives here, much improved in health.

—The Kingston Whig reports that a first year's student at Queen's University, named Pod, from near London, lies dangerously ill at the hospital there from meningitis.

—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gates, of London, Bermuda, where Mr. Gates is recuperating after a recent and very severe attack of typhoid fever.

—The ladies of the Grand International Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers wish to thank Dr. Drake for the handsome screen given to them for their room in Victoria Hospital.

—The "Two Ours" Scottish Song," which was lately given in the First Presbyterian Church, will be repeated in the new St. James' lecture room tomorrow evening, at 8 o'clock.

—Alfred Johnston, the man brought last week from Toronto, where he had served three months in the Central, appeared before Squire Lacey yesterday.

DEATH OF MISS F. L. SAGE. Many readers of The Advertiser will be pained to hear of the death of Miss Frances Louisa Sage, the youngest daughter of Mr. Willard Sage, of this city.

BAGANZA—DOBBYN. The marriage is announced at Chicago, March 4, of Miss Ada Dobbyn, youngest daughter of Mr. J. Dobbyn, grocer, Dundas street east, to Mr. Fred Baganza, of the wholesale firm of Lyons, Brown & Co., Chicago.

THE NAPIER POSTMASTER. The death occurred yesterday of John Hutton postmaster of Napier, and for nearly thirty years clerk of the township of Metcalfe.

"THE HADADAYS." The most enjoyable entertainment was given on Monday night by the young ladies of Askin Street Methodist Church, the lecture hall of the church being crowded.

IRWIN NOT BE CARVED. Bay St. Paul Merchant Refuses to Allow the Doctors to Perform an Operation—He is Well Now.

Bay St. Paul, Que., March 4.—Our general contractor, Mr. Arthur Patin, a married man, aged about forty-two, is very dear to him, yet, when the doctors, four or five of them, wanted him to submit to an operation, and all declared that it was the only way his life could be saved, he refused point blank and dismissed them.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION. The item of \$30,000 to wind up the accounts for the Paris exhibition was explained by Mr. Fisher, who said that the total cost was \$315,000, and Canada's share of the cost of the building was \$75,000.

PRIZE FOR CANADA'S EXHIBIT. Mr. Fisher reviewed the awards obtained at the exhibition, which indicated the Canadian exhibit had reflected the greatest credit upon the Dominion.

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DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Canada Will Contribute to the Pacific Cable Construction.

The Paris Exhibition—Praises for Canada's Exhibit—Many Orders Coming Here.

Ottawa, March 5.—This afternoon the House of Commons, in committee, adopted unanimously the resolution of the postmaster-general authorizing the payment of the increased amount which Canada is required to contribute towards the Pacific cable under the revised estimate, based upon the contract now in force.

THURSDAYS FOR GOVERNMENT. Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved that government orders have preference on Thursdays for the remainder of the session.

PACIFIC CABLE RESOLUTION. The house then went into committee upon the following motion by Mr. Mulock: That whereas the Pacific cable act, 1889, his excellency in council is authorized to guarantee payment of five-eighths of the principal sum of one million seven hundred thousand pounds sterling to be applied in establishing direct submarine telegraphic communication between Canada and Australia, and whereas, in lieu of said sum of one million seven hundred thousand pounds, it is estimated that for the purpose aforesaid there will be a sum not exceeding two million pounds, which sum of two million pounds the government of the United Kingdom is willing to advance, therefore be it resolved: (1) That the government is authorized to guarantee payment of five-eighths of the principal and interest of and up to the securities to be issued by the government of the United Kingdom for raising the said sum, namely, two million pounds, so to be advanced; (2) that the section three of said act be repealed.

MR. MULOCK EXPLAINS. Speaking to the resolution Mr. Mulock said: This resolution to some extent changes the financial scheme, as authorized by the Dominion act of 1889.

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Catarthone Cures Child of Catarthone. Perth, Ont.—I cannot withhold my testimony as to the great value of Catarthone as a remedy for Catarthone, one bottle having cured my daughter of that trouble, and I heartily recommend it to all suffering from that disease.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. See E. W. Groves' signature on each box.

TO CURE THE GRIP IN TWO DAYS. Laxative Bromo-Quinine removes the cause. Blank-mange means literally white food; hence chocolate blanc-mange is something of a misnomer.

Rev. Dr. Drummond was tendered a reception on entering the fifth year of his pastorate over Knox Church, St. Thomas.

A Harvest of Bargains

..Silks and Satins..

We will clear out several lines of SILKS and SATINS—over 1,800 yards—at a small fraction of the original cost. They go on sale Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

COLORED SATINS—Over 1,000 yards Colored Satins, worth from 35c to 50c per yard, your choice on Friday for, per yard 19c

210 yards Cheanne Tossor Silk, beautiful goods, worth 75c per yard; they go on sale Friday morning at, per yard 39c

280 yards Fancy Silk Poppins, worth 45c yard, in seven shades, beautiful new goods, your choice on Friday for, per yard 25c

ANOTHER LOT of those 23-inch Fancy Silks, "All-Pure" Washing Silks, very fine, every yard worth 75c, per yard, on sale Friday at, per yard 39c

THERE ARE OTHERS MORE EXPENSIVE, BUT JUST AS BIG BARGAINS AS THE FOREGOING AT 50c AND 75c PER YARD.

These lines are all new goods, bought for this sale. They are not in the house yet, but will be on our counters Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

GRAY & PARKER

150 Dundas Street. Phone 1182.

OFF FOR AFRICA!

Forty-One Men From This District Ready to Start

As Members of the Baden-Powell Constabulary—Names of Those Accepted—Time for Enlistment Here Expires Tonight.

Up to noon yesterday there had been accepted 41 applicants for enlistment on the Baden-Powell constabulary, for service in South Africa.

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THE STORM KING

Raging in Many Sections—Severe Cold and Blizzards Prevail.

St. Joseph, Mich., March 5.—The worst storm of the season is on here tonight. An intensely cold northwest wind has stopped the regular run of business.

Grand Haven, Mich., March 5.—The worst blizzard experienced here in years prevails today. At no time during the day has the mercury been above five degrees, and coming over the icefields of Lake Michigan makes the wind terribly bitter.

Oswego, N. Y., March 6.—The most severe storm of the winter began here last night. The snow is still falling. All trains are late and the country roads are impassable.

SOUTH HURON LIBERALS

Nominate Mr. Fred Hess for the Legislature—Enthusiastic Convention at Hensall.

Hensall, March 5.—One of the largest and most enthusiastic Liberal conventions ever held in South Huron was held here today to choose a standard bearer for the next provincial election.

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Telegraphic Briefs.

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Delegates from 25 states and from the District of Columbia and the Province of Quebec, are attending the annual session of the National Council of Knights of Columbus, at New Haven, Conn.

An unknown man jumped from the suspension bridge into the Ottawa River and was drowned.

Immigration returns compiled at Winnipeg for the month of February show that the total number of arrivals was 922, of which 232 came from the United States.

Alfred E. Canning, formerly a well-known bricklayer of Toronto, met with an accident at Montreal, which will probably result fatally.

Galt, March 5.—A house on John street, occupied by Arthur Sigsworth, caught fire at an early hour this morning.

Mr. Millar, superintendent of the Salsbery Dairy Company, is inspecting the herds and stables of the farmers near London this week.

Diphtheria and scarlet fever cannot spread where Vapo-Cresoline is used. All Druggists.