FLAMES DRIVE NORTH ONTARIO SETTLERS FROM HOMES

North Ontario Settlers Crowd Trains to Escape Fires, Deserting Homes

Slackening of Wind Gives Rangers Chance To Check Flames and Save Town of Moneta.

North Bay, June 20.—Every train from the north is filled with begrimed settlers, men, women and children, individuals and families, who have forsaken their farms and the various small settlements in the path of the forest fires in the Porcupine district, around Timmins and Porquis Junction. It is stated that scores more are waiting at Timmins in the special train that was sent to bring them out, but which has orders not to start unless the emergency justifies the clearing of the country.

About midnight there was a slackening of the gale that was blowing fire and destruction over the territory and the fire-fighters were able to work with more effect on the terrific blaze. Temiskaming Railway officials today say that the immediate danger in the Timmins and South Porcupine districts is past.

Worst in History.

According to those who fled, the situation at Timmins and South Porcupine on Thursday night and Friday was the worst in the history of that country since the disastrous Porcupine fire of 1911. Scenes reminiscent, if not parallel, to those which marked the Haileybury holocaust of October last occurred in Timmins up to almost midnight on Thursday, when it was discovered that the ground fires which had been smouldering slowly for a month and a half had suddenly burst into fierce activity and were threatening the townsite of Moneta, just south of the Timmins corporation limits. Fanned by a gale of its own making, the fire gained headway despite the desperate efforts of fighters. It drew to within 100 feet of the spur line at Moneta.

Sparks on Streets.

Smoke, dust and cinders poured in terrific gusts through the streets.

Women with children in arms and dragging others filled the streets and thronged Timmins to await the arrival of train No. 47 from North Bay. The power transmission line which supplied the town with power was burned through. All available power was turned on to the pumps.

The town was in darkness except for the glare of burning pieces of bark that were swept across the town.

Organization o fthe volunteer firemen was completed in six or seven companies, and 250 men fought the fire against lively gale until nearly midnight, when suddenly the wind fell, and, seizing their opportunity the fighters applied more water from the Mattagami River.

Blaze Subsides.

The fire, which all through the fight had been climbing to the heavens in spiral tongues of flame, returned to earth and subsided into ill-smelling, smoldering muskeg. The calm which followed the fight of early night failed to allay the fears of the begrimed residents of Moneta, who had received the scare of their lives.

T. and N. O. train No. 47, which reached Timmins about 11 o'clock at night, with two extra coaches, was met by a crowd who besieged the crew with demands that the return trip be started at once. The demands were, however, refused, although the crew was given orders to stand by in case of emergency.

Nearly forty families, it is claimed, boarded the train at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, and left for southern and safer climes.

CITY TO START ACTION AGAINST ONE PLANT

City Solicitor Outlines Plan On Annexed District Problem.

Upon advice of City Solicitor Meredith, the city of London will commence action against but one of the delinquent firms in the annexed districts of East London, and not the 20 or more as was first anticipated.

The city treasurer conferred with Mr. Meredith yesterday and it was the latter's opinion that a cingle test case would serve the purpose adequately and be far less expensive than a "blanket" suit.

City authorities anticipate a long and highly involved case through the courts and the outcome problematical. It is felt, however, that should the municipality win the first test case, the other firms who refuse to pay their additional school tax would then fall in line rather than fight it out in the courts with every possibility of defeat.

Mayor Wenige and the city treasurer considered the question again today, and it is more than likely that either the McCormick Manufacturing Company or the Ruggles Truck Company will be singled out for the test.

Mayor Wenige is optimistic as to the result in any event and voices the opinion that if the city wins the judgment could be made retroactive. If this were posible it would be the means of adding many thousands of dollars to the city treasury, as the amount under dispute for one year is in the neighborhood of $15,000.

FAVOR BUILDING DAM TO HELP UNIVERSITY

Premier Drury Believes Contemplated Construction Would Be Beneficial.

The idea of placing a dam across the Thames and thereby having still water opposite the University of Western Ontario, which was explained to the premier when he was here at the laying of the foundation stone, appealed with particular force to Premier Drury, who has always been fond of boating and aquatic sports. The idea of the still water, which is the dream of the board of directors of the university, is to supply a quiet stretch for rowing, which will some day be added to the athletic side of university life in London.

This will also enable the fair co-eds, together with the men at varsity, to paddle their own canoe down the bosky dells of Father Thames, and will as well provide a suitable experiment station for the biological work of the science department. This is a need that has been lacking for the scientific work of the university, and for which, it is claimed, there is abundant justification. It will allow a greater, a more natural and a more comprehensive study of aquatic life, and in this way the proposed scheme will benefit London's seat of learning in three valuable ways. At the present time there is no definite arrangement as to procedure, and it is not decided whether the dam should be built at Springbank or at a point nearer the city. Later on, after the stretch of quiet water has been obtained, it is hoped to be able to straighten the river opposite the new buildings so that the rowing stretch may be further improved.

Old Customs.

Palm Sunday customs formerly included the sanctification of flowers and branches of palm, or boughs of various trees when palm could not be procured, and the flowers and branches were then distributed and carried in procession after being fumed with frankincense from censers. After the reformation Henry VIII. declared the carrying of palms on this day to be one of the ceremonies not to be condemned or dropped, and the custom still holds, palm from Spain being available, though not in such demand as in parts of the continent, and falling far below flowers in public estimation.

CHOIR OF ST. ANDREW'S PICNICS AT SPRINGBANK

Enjoyable Outing Held and Heat Fails To Daunt Merrymakers.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church celebrated the hottest day in London for about a millenium by holding their annual choir picnic at Springbank yesterday. Going down to the park they kept cool driving in their cars, but once down there, races and games, which were carried on enthusiastically proved that the church choir are in pretty good trim. Seventy-five sat down to supper in the cool of the evening, such as it was, and came back to the city feeling that mere weather had little to do with the success of a worthwhile choir picnic.

The baseball game, which was thrilling throughout, and which ended in a tie, was between a team captained by Rev. H. K. Harris, and a team led by J. Bell. C. E. Wheeler, organist of the church and father of the choir, thought it the best ball game he had seen in years.

C.N.R. SOCCER SENIORS DEFEAT WESTMINSTER

Stage 3 to 1 Victory Yesterday Afternoon on Hospital Grounds.

C. N. R. senior soccer team defeated Westminster Hospital in a game played yesterday afternoon at the hospital, by the score of 3—1. Astles was the big scorer for C. N. R., scoring two of the tallies, while Haywood scored the other. Westminster's lone goal was somewhat in the nature of a fluke, the ball hitting the C. N. R. right half, Burgess, and glancing into the net.

The railway lineup was as follows: Mason, Burgess, Crinnon, W. Burgess, Dick, Cuthbert, Evans, MacFarland, Haywood, Astles and Bearchill.

The C. N. R. team will play a game against a C. N. R. team from Leaside, Toronto, at Springbank Park on Saturday, the occasion of the C. N. R. picnic.

FORMER LONDONER DIES AT NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.

George McGee Passes Suddenly Following Attack of Acute Indigestion.

Special to The Advertiser.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 20.—George G. McGee, aged 19, native and until eleven years ago resident of London, Ont., being the son of Alfred R. and Lettie McGee of that city, died suddenly at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon of acute indigestion at his home here, 713 Walnut avenue.

Mr. McGee who was a partner in the McGee and Fermoile restaurant here at 2441 First street, was ill only a few hours. After coming to this city eleven years ago Mr. McGee for a time was connected with the Empire Hotel here. Later he entered a partnership with Herbert Gibson and conducted the Ontario House at Youngstown, N. Y. He operated a restaurant in Falls street here with Mr. Gibson but several months ago entered partnership with Phili pFermoile in the operation of the restaurant on First street. Besides his parents, Mr. McGee is survived by his widow and a brother, John McGee, and a sister, Mrs. M. Gorley, both of London, Ont. The body was taken Tuesday morning to London, Ont. where funeral services and interment will be held.

Pennsylvania is in the forefront in the development of the junior high school. There are now fifty-two such schools in the state, with an enrollment of 30,955 students.

RANEY DECLARES PROHIBITION LAW IS MERELY STEP

States Act Not Perfect, But a Move in the Right Direction.

SPEAKS AT BELWOOD

Special to The Advertiser.

Belwood, Ont., June 20.—At Hon. W. E. Raney's meeting here last night the enemies of the O. T. A. were defined by Dr. Gow of Toronto as the rag-tag and bob-tail of society.

The attorney-general himself referred to the temperance act as one that was by no means perfect, though he characterized it as a step in the right direction. He said that no act man could devise would entirely wipe out the liquor evil.

The meeting, which was well attended, marked the second day of Hon. W. E. Raney's campaign in this constituency, East Wellington.

Mr. Raney characterized the financial record of the government as a record of achievements, and said all the invoices collected were used to the benefit of the province.

Denied Extravagance.

He referred to the charges of extravagance, including the $100 coal scuttle, that have been levelled against the government and said that with the exception of five items the current expenditures for the last year were $60,000 less than the Conservatives spent in 1919. The five items on which increased amounts were expended included, he said, education, mothers' allowance, good roads and others, all for the benefit of Ontario.

In regard to the criticism of dispensaries, Mr. Raney said the liquor was bought cheaper than it could have been obtained in Quebec or British Columbia. In any case, he mentioned four-fifths of the amount sold on prescriptions was not for medical purposes. He deplored this fact and admitted the O. T. A. was not perfect, but characterized it as a step in the right direction.

Stamp Out Evil.

There is no law he said which can be devised by the will of man which will entirely stamp out the evil.

In conclusion he said the only fear that the riding would be lost to the government was if some of the electors refrained from voting.

Dr. Dow of Toronto, after explaining in full the Shevlin-Clarke timber deal, made by the last Conservative government, said that a man who had handled the affair as Howard Ferguson, then minister of forests, had done was not fit to be in the premier's chair. He said that the most charitable thing that could be said of the former minister of lands and forests was that he was careless and inefficient. He charged Herbert Lennox and Dr. Forbes Godfrey with keeping up a bombardment against the O. T. A., and said if Ferguson was premier, they would be among the men from whom the cabinet was formed. He also said Mr. Ferguson was formerly openly against the O. T. A. and even now was willing to take either side of the question.

MAYOR WILL ACCEPT WILSON'S CHALLENGE

But He Wants Expenses Guaranteed and a City-Wide Fight.

If Ald. William Wilson will deposit a marked check with any reliable person, to guarantee payment of expenses, Mayor Wenige will resign and oppose him at a special election to test out the feeling of the people on the city hall question.

"The election must be held throughout the city, and not in ward two, as suggested by Ald. Wilson." The mayor adds, however: "The city hall issue is not a ward issue. Ald. Wilson should appreciate that fact. His readiness to run in ward two alone would indicate to me that he is only viewing this important question from ward two's standpoint. This is a question that interests the entire community."

Undaunted by threats of injunction proceedings, Mayor Wenige contends that in any event all discussion about the city hall, at the last session is actually out of order.

"The question was really closed at the previous meeting," he argues. "We were merely courteous to Ald. Leonard Douglass in extending him an opportunity to state his case. Otherwise he would never been able to secure the two-thirds vote of the council necessary for a reconsideration."

RUNAWAY FREIGHT CAR CAUSES HAMILTON SMASH

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, June 20.—A runaway freight car in the Canadian National yards about noon today caused a bad smash of freight cars and completely bloced the entrance of trains to the station platform for some time. The car jumped a switch and crashed into some other freight cars, which were thrown in all directions.

OUT-OF-TOWN BOWLERS ON THISTLE GREENS.

Another group of the visiting bowlers who are offering strong competition in the three trophy events at the Thistle Club, is shown herewith. Standing (left to right)—W. Thorell, Ridgetown; George Laing, Ridgetown; Dr. Turner, Dutton; Major Heamen, Exeter; Dr. McGill, Mitchell, and Mike Durkin, also of Mitchell. Bottom row—Conley, St. Thomas; Manson, Toronto Victorias; Capt. Dowding, former paymaster 33rd Battalion, who is well known to many Londoners; Dowell, Dutton; Christie, Exeter.

BOWLERS CONTEST SCOTCH DOUBLES AT THISTLE CLUB

Fifty-Eight Rinks Start Play in Three Big Trophy Events.

SET STRONG PACE

Fifty-eight rinks, thoroughly representative of Western Ontario's best bowlers, are today in the thick of play in the three big trophy events at the Thistle Bowling Club's thirteenth annual Scotch doubles. Play began at 9 this morning, and at 11 a.m. the second draw of the first round had possession of the greens.

One of the features of the morning's play was the exceptional game of Owen and F. Brown, London Thistles, who by their consistent play won over Johnston and Allen, 19 to 8. This pair, if they hold their pace, should be well up in the trophy standing.

Heaman and Creech, oldtime mates from Exeter, and far-famed for their prowess on the green, and feared for their achievements in the way of capturing silverware, and Manson and Dowding of Toronto Victorias, with a like reputation, are playing strong games.

The results:

Free Press Trophy—First Round.

St. Thomas.		Ridgetown.
Baines		Thorald
Mitchell	15	Laing 22
Durkin and win by default.		Dr. McGill, Mitchell.
Dutton.		Lon. Thistles
Dr Turner		Wilson
Dr. Dowe	10	Morren 17
Lon. Thistles.		L. R. C.
Smith		Emberton
Swift	15	Webb 13
L. R. C.		L. R. C.
Tobias		Turnbull
McDonald	6	McDougall 19
Lon. Thistles.		Lon. Thistles
Aikenhead		Oates
Tretheway	26	Buchanan 6
Lon. Thistles		Port Stanley
Barrie		McDonald
Browne	19	Dr. Mothersell 4
Lon. Thistles		Lon. Thistles
Johnston		Owen
Allen	8	F. Brown 19
Ont. Hospital.		Lon. Elmwoods.
Abbott		Haskett
Rev. Hosie	14	Kompass 21
Rodney.		L. R. C.
Burnett		Morrison
Campbell	23	Wheeler 5
L. R. C.		Woodstock.
Hartry		Dr. Williams
Jarvis	16	Dr. Krupp 13
Seaforth.		Tillsonburg.
Thompson		Brookfield
Bechely	25	Dr. Weston 5
L. R. C.		L. R. C.
Chantler		Farrow
Hynd	18	Farrow 14
Aylmer.		Tillsonburg.
Newell		Grass
Hanley	18	Dr. Hoover 14
St. Marks.		Exeter.
Dr. Hoskin		Rev. Trumper
Coleman	24	Rowe 4
L. C. R.		Rodney.
Hindmarsh		Davies
Casselman	9	Galbraith 21
L. R. C.		Tilbury.
Oke		Cooke
Fairful	14	Richardson 11
Aylmer.		Lon. Thistles
McKellar		Ross
Gillett	16	Rath 14
Lon. Thistles		Walkerville.
Lutz		Rowland
Mara	18	Cornwall 21

WILL TRY POLE FLIGHT.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, June 20.—A French ex-army officer, whose name is withheld, intends to make an attempt to reach the North Pole by air now that Raold Amundsen has abandoned the scheme.

Pretty Girl, Facing Murder Now Discovered to be Man

Strange Case of Masculine and Feminine Personalities, Revealed in Chicago Court.

Special to The Advertiser.

Chicago, June 20.—Mrs. Francis Thompson, 32, identified as the "smiling blue-eyed girl bandit" who killed Richard C. Tesmer, was unmasked as a man by physicians today. Dr. David J. Jones, city physician, and Dr. Clara Sieppel of the morals court made the examination, disclosing one of the strangest cases of masculine and feminine personalities ever brought before Chicago police.

Mrs. Thompson was arrested yesterday and identified by Mrs. Richard Tesmer as the girl who killed Tesmer during a robbery in the rear of his "Gold Coast" home. She was dressed in feminine attire.

The prisoner now on police records as Fred G. Thompson has been the legal "wife" of Frank Thompson, also known as Frank Carrick, for thirteen years, she and Thompson, who also is held, told police.

For hours after the arrest and identification, "Mrs. Thompson" convinced police, physicians and newspapermen that he was a woman. Preparations were made to take her to the women's detention ward, when Doctors Jones and Sieppel made their discovery of the prisoner's true sex and police placed him in the men's ward at the Hyde Park station.

CANDIDATES AT MEETINGS DESPITE BROILING HEAT

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drawing a large salary as a servant of the public should be permitted to enter public life. Hydro enterprises could not do otherwise than deteriorate and become a political football if brought into politics.

At the Rolling Mills.

At the Rolling Mills, Miss Armstrong was introduced to the men by Harold White, whom she thanked heartily for the privilege of being allowed to speak. She said her mission this election was to seek the votes of the public in order that she may be an instrument of progress in the legislature.

"I hope to remove the obstructions, social and physical, which prevent little children, mothers and workers of all descriptions from realizing their ambitions," Miss Armstrong said. "I am a believer in old age insurance. Nothing is more deplorable than to see aged people, unable to support themselves, being forced to accept the charity of others. My platform is for happy homes, domestic contentment, and national and provincial prosperity."

After Miss Armstrong's speeches her hearers applauded enthusiastically. Many of the men at McClary's remembered her as the woman who did such good work during The Advertiser European trip contest, which was won by the woman superintendent of the factory.

Owing to the intense heat, workers at the rolling mills were given a half holiday, but hundreds remained at the factory to hear the magnetic Liberal candidate discuss her platform and submit reasons for soliciting their support.

Dr. Stevenson Talks.

Dr. Stevenson, speaking to the roundhouse employees, was most emphatic in his charges that Sir Adam Beck had at different times adopted a "dog in the manger" attitude concerning hydro power in the province.

The Labor man declared to the workers that when the proposal was made to electrify certain of the steam roads in Ontario, Sir Adam threw cold water on every move by telling that there was no power.

"Sir Adam wouldn't admit there was enough power when someone else wanted to do the work," the doctor charged, "but he was quite willing to come across with the power if he were allowed to wield the boss' whip."

Dr. Stevenson then told how the matter was taken to Sir Henry Thornton, with the result that the C. N. R. president promised his every aid, and gave the assurance to Premier Drury that no trouble would be encountered when it came to the question of power.

His Coal Scheme.

Dr. Stevenson also laid before his audience an elaborate scheme whereby coal would be brought from the western provinces to Eastern Canada by the Druryites for $10.30 a ton. He related how every year thousands of cars stand idle for a few months in the west waiting for the fall harvest, and declared that the co-operation of Sir Henry had been enlisted to use these cars during June, July and August to bring coal east.

"Hughie" had a wad of parliamentary bills in his pocket which, he claimed, had been passed by the Farmer Government. In all, 44 bills had been passed in two years.

"I have delivered the goods every time," he told his audience forcibly. "I got you all these roads that are bringing commerce into the city, and if I am elected this time I will continue to aid the workingman."

Dr. Stevenson answered charges from other candidates that he had bucked bills relative to the welfare of London with "No such thing," why the old line parties did it," and then went on to explain how he was absolutely unblamable, adding that his efforts were held up many times by "technicalities" introduced by lawyers in the house.

take part in the pastimes and pleasures of the workingmen is no reason why I should be held up," he said at one time in his address. "That is nothing against me."

His Campaign Manager.

William Tite, campaign manager for Dr. Hugh Stevenson, the Labor nominee, was one of the noon-day speakers at the C. N. R. roundhouse, devoting considerable time and effort in a general denunciation of J. M. Donahue, "moderate" candidate.

Dr. Stevenson's right-hand supporter, declared that he was more than satisfied that Mr. Donahue had been merely edged into the fight at the instigation of the Tories in order to cripple the Labor vote. "Fellow workers, you know that as well as I do," assured Mr. Tite, "It was to split you men on this issue. There are a lot of other more important things around here than beer.

"You know that the Tories have never championed Labor. You know that Miss Armstrong was brought out to get the Labor women vote, but you fellows can't be fooled."

Then Delegate Tite turned his undivided attention during the remaining portion of his address to J. M. Donahue. "You fellows know that he owes his living to the Labor party. We aided him for more than a year, and now he has turned traitor to the cause."

Mr. Donahue.

Quoting the statement, "I thought that even Donahue must admit that his platform did not make for such an institution as the university," made at McClary's by Miss Armstrong yesterday, Mr. Donahue told the workmen of that factory today he could cite cases where the most intellectual men of the world were strong anti-prohibitionists.

The Independent candidate told the workmen of such famous people as Plato, Socrates, Sir John A. Macdonald, and others, who took their drinks and were stimulated to higher things. Mr. Donahue pointed out that proper use of alcohol is not incompatible with the highest culture. He referred to such old universities as Oxford and Cambridge, and said he was quite sure that the professors there imbibed.

Referring to Miss Armstrong's statements again, Mr. Donahue said he admitted no such thing, and that he could not find any outstanding figure in literature and history who had ranged himself alongside of prohibition.

Says O. T. A. Iniquitous.

"The O. T. A. is an iniquitous piece of legislation," said London's "wet," "and I have heard it said that one man could do nothing to change it. I have not the idea of going to Toronto and changing the whole act, but I believe it is time the wets got together. Already in Windsor, Brantford and Toronto there are men who are striving for the same thing I am. I think the referendum is not a fair way to handle the question."

Mr. Donahue declared the O. T. A. was iniquitous because it discriminated between rich and poor, maybe not in wording, but in effect. He pointed out that when a man is caught with liquor, if he is rich he can pay his fine and go, but if he is poor he must go to jail for three months, and forever after he is branded as a criminal.

Speaking of Sir Adam Beck, Mr. Donahue said that when Sir Adam was summoned before the hydro investigating committee he complained he did not have counsel to represent him.

"I agreed he should have had counsel to present his case," Mr. Donahue declared, "but now he is asking to go to the legislature to plead his own case, where there are lots of friends only too ready and capable to present his case for him. Any litigant who takes his case from his counsel is indeed in great peril as well as the cause he would further."

Sir Adam Silent.

Sir Adam Beck is understood to be slightly indisposed, and for the last two or three days has been taking things easy. He held no meeting today, and if the present extreme heat continues may not be able to hold any public meetings. Sir Adam, who is always a hard worker, regrets very much that he is unable to conduct his campaign more vigorously, but feels that just now he must obey orders and rest.

Another Leaning Tower.

Describing the city of Mosul in Mesopotamia, the only building of importance is the Great Mosque, whose remarkable leaning minaret forms a landmark which can be seen by approaching travelers long before the low-roofed city comes in view. It is probably considerably more than 200 feet in height, and, to an untrained eye, appears to be as much out of the perpendicular as the Leaning Tower of Pisa. If the Great Mosque were in Europe, instead of an inaccessible city of inner Asia, it would be visited by thousands of tourists and picture postcards of it would be seen everywhere.

Students of Paris Hold Annual Quatz Arts Ball

Mad Night Is Brought to Conclusion by Helter Skelter Rush to Banks of Seine.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Paris, June 20.—In a mad, hilarious, semi-nude, very intoxicated travesty of the last days of Pompeii, Paris art students wound up their annual Quatz arts ball today with a tumbling, helter-skelter rush to the banks of the Seine as though all the lava of Vesuvius—or the more modern Etna—was at their heels. Many plunged fevered brows in the muddy river. Some couples leaped in altogether. Then cabs and taxis and policemen and even an ass cart were pressed into service to take the revelers home.

By a coincidence, the fete this year was a "Pompelian carnival," depicting the last days of that wicked city before the cinders and lava of Vesuvius laid it at rest. The ball was as gay and as undressy as precedent demands. Few Americans got in. Many who had paid high prices for tickets were turned away at the gates of Duna Park, where the dance was held.

It rained steadily throughout the night, rendering what costumes the guests wore more revealing than before. In the early hours this morning these were partially discarded before the mock flight to the river began.

HOT SPELL FORCES CANDIDATES OUT TO OPEN MEETINGS

Toronto Conservatives Stage a Well Attended Gathering in Massey Hall.

LEADERS ARE BUSY

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, June 20.—Although the Conservative mass meeting in Massey Hall in this city last night was well attended, the hot weather prevailing in all parts of the province is driving some of the political speakers to the street to find their most receptive audiences in many of the bigger cities and towns.

In Toronto last night organized counter-attractions of the outdoor variety to the Tory meeting gathered large crowds at prominent corners and in the parks. Reports of big outdoor gatherings come also from Ottawa, London and Hamilton. The Laborite candidates especially favor this method of reaching the ear of the voter.

Premier Drury and some other members of the government are continuing the campaign in Southwestern Ontario today, Mr. Drury speaking at Petrolea and Dresden. Wellington Hay, the Liberal leader, left his own part of the province to carry the war into Central Ontario at Peterboro. Messrs. Ferguson and Nickle, the Conservative leaders, fresh from the enthusiastic acclaim of the party meeting in Massey Hall last night, are speaking today in Barrie and Galt, respectively.

The mixed time difficulty in daylight-saving cities is giving the party organizers some concern. Eight to six are the voting hours Monday—standard time—or nine to seven daylight-saving time. This raises the question as to whether the nine o'clock office man, who usually votes on his way down to business, will take time on his way home to his leisure at night to cast his ballot.

LONDONERS SWELTER AS MERCURY CLIMBS

Thermometer Reaches 94, Almost Reaching Record Mark of Last Year.

Londoners experienced tropical heat yesterday and today—94 in the shade—the hottest of the year—and tieing with the hottest day of last year.

For a few minutes yesterday, while the thermometer was quivering up around the century mark, the sweltering citizens working with their coats off and sleeves rolled up, had hopes of a rain storm breaking over the city to relieve them. Along Ridout street children were standing with bathing suits on, ready to dash out and enjoy the downpour, but no luck—the expected storm only brought more heat and more sultry weather.

The only lucky persons yesterday were the children who went in the Thames River garbed in their Saturday night bath dress. At Dexter's the kids squirmed with the joy of relief from hot homes and hot streets. Many of the tots were out looking for the street sprinklers in the hope that they could have a free shower bath of cold water.

The hottest day of last year was June 24, when the thermometer knocked a home run, and scored 95 in the shade. Yesterday the mercury climbed to one degree below that of last year, reaching 94 in the shade during the afternoon, and 67 during the night.

It looks as if Lake Erie will give a bathing party tonight for overheated Londoners to take a jump in the lake and cool themselves off.

Farmers of this district say the crops are thirsting for water, and according to many, unless relief is afforded soon, the outlook is grave. Although London was blessed with a slight shower yesterday, not a drop fell at Springbank and the surrounding district.

CLAIM U. S. SHIPS SEIZED BY SOVIET CARRIED LIQUOR

Vessels Alleged to Have Been Trafficking Against Russian Laws.

HAD FURS ABOARD

Associated Press Despatch.

Nome, Alaska, June 20.—Liquor aboard for trafficking was a factor in the detention of four United States trading schooners at East Cape, Siberia, by the Russian soviet government, according to information received here today. That the Bering Sea is held in addition to three boats reported yesterday was learned today.

In the opinion of the masters of two United States trading schooners returned here, their fate, had they attempted to traffic along the Siberian coast, would have been the same as that of the four detained at East Cape, while their crews are under arrest and forbidden communication with their home country, except through soviet censors.

Besides a license for trading, it is reported that the soviet has imposed an extremely high tax on skins exported from Siberia. J. Costell of Nome, owner of the Bainda, one of the seized schooners, is reported to have a thousand fox skins that he has been trying to ship out of that country by that vessel.

Persons here familiar with conditions in Siberia point out that Alexander Karieff, manager in that country for the Hudson Bay Company is a brother of Theodore Karieff soviet governor of the Whalen district.

The seized boats are regarded as competitors of the Hudson Bay Company for the trade of Northern Siberia.

The entrance of liquor into Siberia is resolutely opposed by the soviet authorities, according to the latest information received here from Northern Siberia.

Obituaries

WILLIAM HENRY REEVES.

William Henry Reeves, of 90 Waterloo street, passed away yesterday after a short illness. He is survived by his widow, Teresa Reeves, two sons, Norman and Wilfrid, London; three brothers, Edward and Albert of the city, and Jack of Detroit; four sisters, Mrs. Lyons, London, Mrs. Plaskett and Mrs. Calhoun of Detroit; and Mrs. Scoyne, Komoko. The funeral will be held on Thursday to Woodland Cemetery.

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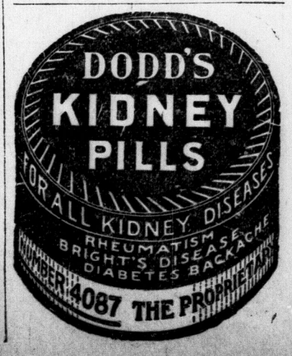
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