

CRASH TO STREET AS FIVE BUILDINGS NEW YORK BURN

Two Men Perhaps Fatally Injured as Red Hot Fire Escapes Falls.

LOOK FOR WILD MAN
Police Believe East Side Fires Were Started by a Fanatic.

Special to The Advertiser.
New York, Feb. 23.—Two men were dashed five stories to the street when a red hot fire escape fell, and an aged woman leaped from a high window to the pavement early today, while hundreds were forced to the street in their night clothes as fires swept through five buildings on the East Side. The three are reported in a dying condition.

Scores of detectives are scouring the section for a "wild appearing man," who is believed to have started the fires, which took place within the period of an hour and a space of three blocks. Three alarm bells turned in, and all available apparatus rushed to the scene. Several firemen were injured by flying glass and falling timbers. Several platoons of police reserves were called to keep back the crowds of panic-stricken relatives, who stormed the lines again and again, in fear that their families had perished in the flames.

Thrilling rescues were made as women and children were carried down, scaling ladders from the upper stories.

Officials believe the fires to be incendiary origin, particularly because of the number within so small a district and in so brief a period.

PARTISANSHIP PROBE BEGINS WITHIN WEEK

Col. Wm. R. Mayberry of Ingersoll Says Duties Will Probably Begin Soon.

Col. William R. Mayberry of Ingersoll, in speaking to The Advertiser over long distance telephone at Ingersoll, today, corroborated the report that he had officially received the commission to investigate alleged cases of partisanship among government employees in this province, and that his duties would probably commence within the next week.

He has received instructions regarding the exact nature of his work, Col. Mayberry told The Advertiser, but just at the present time he did not feel inclined to make a statement, pointing out that his duties as special commissioner to investigate favoritism have not really begun as yet.

The commissioner did give out the information, however, that he had been notified of particular cases to be investigated immediately, and that if other matters did not interfere he would commence the actual investigation work in a few days or so.

Col. Mayberry refused to disclose the nature of the cases he has been notified to investigate, or what departments were involved. Notices were sent out regarding the progress of the work, later on, he said, and until that time he was powerless to discuss what procedure he contemplated taking.

The office of the commissioner to investigate alleged cases of partisanship among government employees is a new one, and was created with the idea of rendering more efficient and economical. In the past, the custom has been to appoint a special commissioner for each case. Col. Mayberry has been a well-known figure in public life for 41 years, and a few years ago was Liberal M. L. A. for South Oxford.

WARD TWO RATEPAYER URGES MAYOR BE FIRM

Challenges Wenige To Adhere to Program Laid Down in Inaugural Address.

Mayor Wenige has been tendered an offer of physical combat—under certain stipulations, however. He must adhere to the program of his inaugural address if he wishes to avoid a fist encounter next election with a well-known resident of ward two.

Seemingly aroused by the what he termed as "the lack of support among the councillors," the latter party called at the mayor's office this morning, voicing intense disapproval of the aldermen's attitude to date, with two or three exceptions.

It seems that he is a ratepayer in ward two, therefore being more interested in the activities of the council's representatives from that district.

"Don't you bother what the aldermen do," warned the mayor's visitor, "you go right ahead with your program and stand out if you have to do it alone. If you do as you have promised, you'll be in next year again and the year after. If not you'll have a fight on your hands with me."

"I'll stand pat," assured his worship, "don't you worry for I know that I have public sentiment behind me. Whether I have the councillors or not, the people want a lowered tax rate and it is my determination that they shall have it, if I have anything to say about it."

With a parting shot that "it might be necessary to have at least one new alderman in ward two next year," the interested and interesting ratepayer left, seemingly well satisfied.

LOSES TWO FINGERS.

While working for R. H. Smith, a painter, this morning, John Van was taken to Victoria hospital, when two fingers were amputated.

NEW DIVISION COURT CASES.

Eight or a dozen small cases were brought up in the ninth division court this morning. All writs were for less than \$100. Cases involving \$100 or more are scheduled for this afternoon sitting. Judge Judd is presiding.



DEAN MCKIBBEN IMPROVING.

Dr. Paul McKibben, dean of the faculty of medicine of Western University, who has been ill at Victoria Hospital for some time past, is slightly improved today. He spent a good night and attending physicians say there is a slight change for the better in his condition.

VARISITY MUSEUM GETS OLD STYLE MICROPHONE

Dr. A. Hoson of Parkhill Adds Several Interesting Articles to Collection.

Several interesting additions to the museum of Western University Medical School have been made during the past few days, including an old style microphone, donated by Dr. A. Hoson of Parkhill, who graduated from this institution in 1889. This machine was used by Dr. Hoson when he taught biology at the Collegiate Institute here in 1884, and later while acting as a part-time professor at the Medical School, which was then situated in a small building on St. James street.

The microphone, which is an instrument used to cut very thin sections of tissue for microscopic work, is an indispensable adjunct to the study of histology. The relic presented is a crude one compared to modern machines, a crude blade of the safety razor style being used to do the cutting.

Dr. Hoson has also presented a set of lantern slides, which he used at early demonstrations to the museum. An old volume, "The Art of Preventing Disease, or the Art of Restoring Health," published in 1794, has been added to the historical section of the Medical School library through the generosity of A. S. Graham of London. This old volume was written by George Wallis, and contains many fallacious statements based on medical knowledge of the 18th century.

URGES PEOPLE ELECT L. AND P. S. COMMISSION

Alderman McKay Declares System Should Be Altered at Once.

It is time that the London and Port Stanley Railway commissioners were elected by the popular vote of the people," declares Ald. Frank McKay, member of Labor's to representatives from Ward Three.

"All commissions or spending bodies should be elected," he reasoned, "and the Port Stanley board should be no exception. It is true that six elected aldermen sit in the London and Port Stanley board, but they occupy the position of a board of directors, and not of a governing body. They have as much to say as any landlord might have to say legally to his tenants. The commissioners transact the business."

Ald. McKay explains, of course, that he is not criticizing the members of the present board or any board, but is advocating their replacement by a body elected by the people.

SEVERAL OFFENDERS HALED INTO COURT—Case of Deaf Mute Adjourned.

Even death will not call off an income tax collector. In police court today the name of a man charged with failing to pay income tax for 1920 was read aloud by the clerk. There was no answer. Investigation showed the man had been dead for two years.

Vernon Morse, a deaf mute, gave an affirmative nod of the head when he was informed a similar charge had been preferred against him.

Then he wrote: "How much do you want?" and handed the paper with the question on it to Chief Robert Birrell.

The case was adjourned until Tuesday, to allow the introduction of an interpreter.

In the case of R. Wilson, similarly charged, it was decided that proof of delivery of certain letters was necessary. The case was adjourned until Tuesday.

The case of Isaac T. Fox, also charged with failing to make income tax returns for 1920 was adjourned at the request of his solicitor, Messrs. & Cluff, who desired to collect further evidence for the defense.

John Pownall, 35, of 102 Louisa street, Kitchener, was arrested in a Chinese laundry on a vagrancy charge. She was remanded one week.

John McCann, drunk, registered formal protest against the hypocritical rampant in dry countries. Nevertheless, he was fined \$10 and costs.

John declared he was a seafaring man, who had fought John Barleycorn in every port in the world.

However, since McCann has been in drydock in Ontario his troubles have been manifold. Just three short weeks ago he pleaded guilty to a charge of being intoxicated when brought before Magistrate Graydon.

"Do you work?" asked the judge. "Yes. How do you think I live?" "They run you in if you have only the smell on your breath in this country," the garrulous one declared, as he was led away.

DEMANDS STANDARD FOR CHIROPRACTORS

Dr. F. C. Routley Addresses Hippocratic Society of Western University.

ASKS REGULATION

Says Man Who Was Bricklayer Yesterday Can Be Chiropractor Tomorrow.

That under existing Ontario statutes, any man is eligible to become a chiropractor within a very short time, without any previous educational requirements being laid down, was the declaration of Dr. F. C. Routley of Hamilton, secretary of the Ontario Medical Association and editor of the Ontario Medical Journal, addressing the Hippocratic Society of Western University at the Medical School Thursday night. Dr. Routley stated that medical men of the province are determined that chiropractic practitioners in the province be regulated similarly to physicians and that the Ontario legislature is being urged to draft rules governing their conduct.

"A man who was a bricklayer yesterday can practically become a chiropractor today," said Dr. Routley, who declared that advertisements published by certain United States chiropractic schools published such an inducement for prospective students in their literature.

Not Clearly Defined.

Under present regulations the practice of medicine is not clearly defined and all the allopathic men desire that a medical bill be legislated definitely clearing this point. He characterized the present system as dangerous in that it allowed men with a superficial knowledge of drugless therapy to administer their art to the public, and thus put the patient's life in danger.

Dr. Routley also explained the aims and objects of the Ontario Medical Society, pointing out the work accomplished by that body. One of its duties is to co-operate with the government in guiding the discipline of medical practitioners throughout the province. The association now numbers in its membership 3,500 doctors and was organized 42 years ago.

Ontario Meetings.

Speakers for various meetings throughout the province have been provided by the association, there being 231 qualified men available to talk on medical subjects in any community. The association is determined to provide positions for senior medical students during vacation periods in which each can practice as a locum tenens.

Concluding his address, the doctor explained the workmen's compensation act of Ontario, as it applies to the practice of medicine, outlining methods of procedure of the profession under its regulation.

The speaker at the meeting included J. Walker and W. Martin, fourth-year medical student, who outlined the history of the medical profession in this district. Their discourses dealt with early practitioners in the vicinity of Sparta and Athens, and concluded with a brief resume of the history of Western University, and the profession in London. Their remarks were illustrated by lantern slides.

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ONE MILLION LOSS BUILDING RAZED

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exhausted when he reached the street with his living baggage, he collapsed. Other officers, who risked their lives to effect rescue were Constables McGregor, Wright and Kuhn.

The fire also uncovered the nearest man in Hamilton. Mrs. Berryman, one of the tenants, stopped to thrust her furs and silks into a grip which she set on the sidewalk. As she turned to look at the fire from which she had narrowly escaped, a thief picked up the grip and made off with it.

Fire Marshal Bishop, who happened to be in the city, was a witness of the fire and is holding an investigation. The building hung over the street in big red letters: "Sensational, Yes, Sensational."

Last night the Lister estate, owner of the building, was insured for \$500,000, half of which is covered by insurance. Just what the loss suffered by the tenants of the building is hard to estimate, but it will be very large.

The Lister building has a frontage of 140 feet on James street and 89 feet on King William street. The McKay building, adjoining, has a frontage of 70 feet on James street.

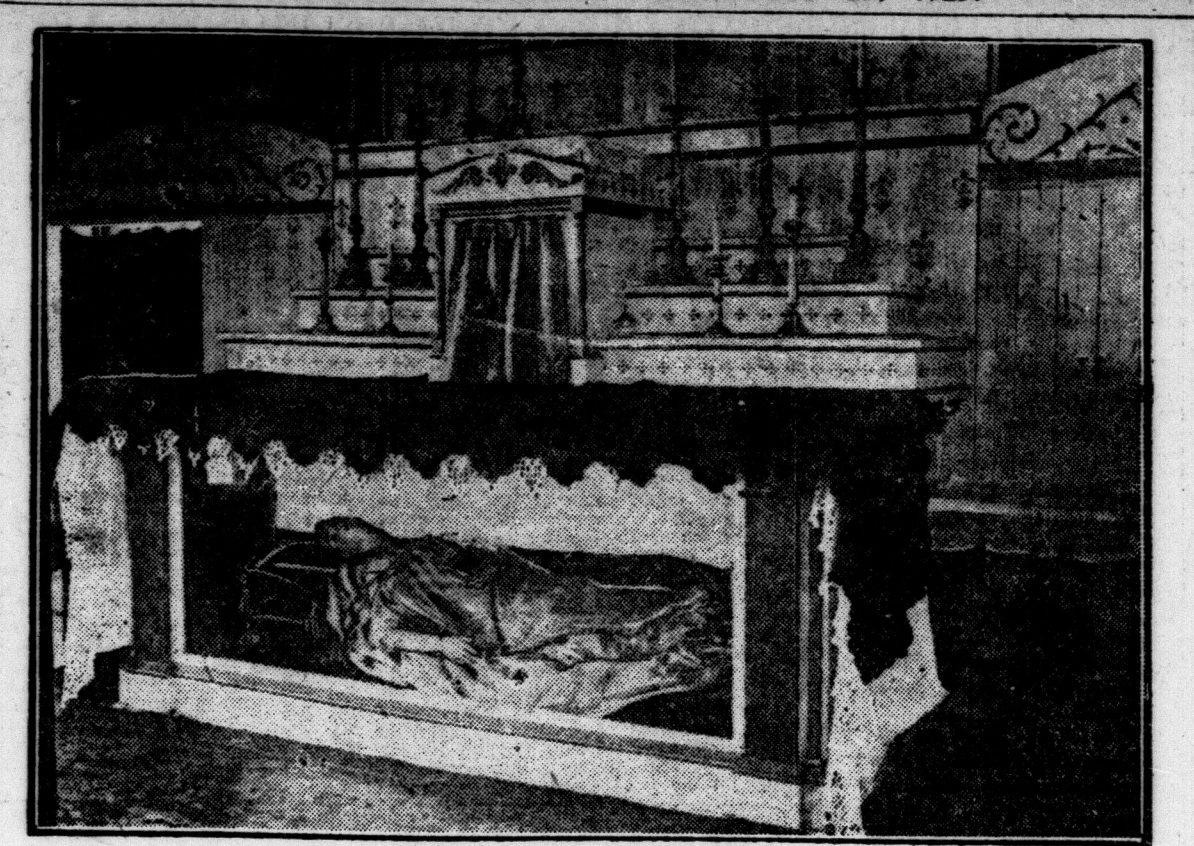
The ruins will be cleaned up and a modern fireproof building will be erected at once.

EX-FIRE CHIEF VOLUNTEERS.

Special to The Advertiser.
Hamilton, Feb. 23.—People turned out by the fire flocked to the welcome warmth of a nearby restaurant and throngs went to the police station for shelter. Ex-Fire Chief Ten Eyck, who retired from office at the first of the year, was one of the first on the scene and spent many hours fighting the flames. He and another volunteer were trapped in the cellar of one of the burning buildings and were forced back. Fireman Rowan suffered severe injuries.

The Lister building contained over a hundred offices, and many tenants had no insurance on their property. Mayor Chertoff, court interpreter, stated that many valuable documents, which could never be replaced, were consumed when his office was burned.

A peculiar feature was that a meeting of the civic board of control had been called today to see if the damage had been insured. The McKay building's estimates could not be clipped. The very piece of apparatus, a hose tower, the purchase of which had been ridiculed by members of the council, was one of the most useful at the conflagration. It is predicted that very little will be cut from the estimates at today's meeting.



FAMOUS MONTREAL SHRINE DESPOILED BY THIEVES.
The shrine of St. Philomena, under the altar of the church by that name in Montreal, was recently broken into and a quantity of jewelry stolen, including a diamond-studded bracelet and all other so-called freak laws. Above is shown the wax effigy of the saint, who was a thirteen-year-old Christian martyr of the third century.

BOARD IS INSTRUCTED TO PAY \$2,000 ACCOUNT

Central Collegiate Reserve Is Now Near Exhaustion.

The Kingston Construction Company, builders of the Central Collegiate Institute, with whom the city and certain local contractors have been involved in litigation for some time, has instructed the board of education to pay over \$2,000 to Esckett & Co., a local contracting firm, out of money withheld by the board from the builders of the Central School.

It is not likely, however, that the board of education will meet this request until after the appeal of the Kingston Company against a decision of the X-Board is decided.

The matter will be discussed at a meeting of the board and committee of the board this afternoon.

Already the city has paid out a total of \$7,000 out of the sum of \$17,000 withheld from the Kingston Company. If the company loses its appeal against the Nobbs Company decision, the board will be required to pay out the amount involved, which including possible costs, may mean another \$7,000. As this will bring the total money paid out near the total of the reserve fund, it is not likely that the board will at once meet the latest request of the construction company.

The various sums paid out have arisen from claims of sub-contractors. The Kingston Construction Company, as it applies to the practice of medicine, outlining methods of procedure of the profession under its regulation.

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REORGANIZE RAILROADS OF THE RUHR VALLEY

France and Belgium Begin Plans For Taking Over Whole System.

Berlin, Feb. 23.—Mortimer law has been declared in Ruhr valley, says despatch to the Central News, in consequence of yesterday's disturbances in which French soldiers fired on a crowd with fatal results.

REORGANIZE RAILROADS.

Dusseldorf, Feb. 23.—Reorganization of Ruhr and Rhineland railways, which are to be taken bodily from Germany and placed under French and Belgian, began here today.

M. Breaud, assistant director of the state railways of France, will be named director-general of the reorganized system.

The profit will be shared by France and Belgium as part of the sum due in reparations. Besides M. Breaud, general secretary of the ministry of public works, and Gens. Degoutte, Payot and Thirard attended the conference today.

MAY CREATE BUFFER STATE.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Brussels, Feb. 23.—Belgium opposed the proposal to create a separate Rhineland state. Foreign Minister Jaspar stated today.

Although the proposition of a Rhineland state has not been officially advanced by France, there has been some agitation in the country in favor of the creation of an autonomous buffer state.

BLACK TROOPS INCREASE.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Cologne, Feb. 23.—Three Ruhr towns were occupied by black French troops, Thursday, it was reported here today. Kupferdorch, Volbert and Werdien were taken over by the colonials.

German sources report the French are increasing the number of colored troops in the occupied zones.

ALABAMA LEADS STATES
IN PROHIBITION CASES

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Feb. 23.—Forty-four per cent of the time of the United States district attorneys is devoted to prohibition enforcement, John D. Harris, budget officer of the department of justice, told the House appropriations committee recently. It was disclosed yesterday when reports of the hearings on the third deficiency appropriation bill were made public.

E. M. Kennard, administrative accountant, put into the record a statement that during the last fiscal year 37,141 of the 70,000 civil cases instituted were prohibition cases.

"Free Men" Score Cigarette Laws

Will Work For Repeal of Certain Legislation in Utah.

Associated Press Despatch.
Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 23.—Decision to form the "Free Men's League of Utah" to work for repeal of the state anti-cigarette legislation and all other so-called freak laws, was the outcome of a meeting of prominent Salt Lake residents yesterday.

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MAY MOVE A VILLAGE IN QUEBEC PROVINCE

600 Inhabitants of St. Cyriaque May Have To Build Homes Elsewhere.

Special to The Advertiser.
Quebec, Que., Feb. 23.—The removal of an entire village is one of the problems facing the Quebec Running Steam Commission, as a result of the decision to award the contract for the damming on the Chicoutimi and Saguenay rivers at Kenodami.

St. Cyriaque, a parish having a population of about 600 inhabitants, is the affected territory. Its church, its schools, its utility establishments will be removed to a new site in a few months, as well as the residences of the inhabitants. The commission will have to pay them sufficiently to allow the building of a village at some distance from the river, and the residents of St. Cyriaque will have to resume their normal life within a few months.

The Kenodami dam work, which is to start next week, will allow working men to find work during the whole year around, instead of the present short season of a few months.

The town of St. Cyriaque will be affected in many ways. The paper industry being affected in winter and having sometimes to close.

FAMOUS BRITISH POET PAYS VISIT TO LONDON

Sir Henry Newbolt Will Speak in Majestic Theatre Tonight.

Majestic Theatre will be packed tonight, Sir Henry Newbolt, C.H., L.L.D., speaks on "Literature and Life." If he desires to leave the Women's Canadian Club and the Rotary Club, who are bringing him here, to take a walk in the city.

Sir Henry, who claim, will be one of the greatest educational treats offered to the public in London, and the town is offered free of charge.

He needs little introduction to the world at large, for next to Kipling he ranks highest in the British Empire. He has been in keeping alive the glorious traditions of the British navy, told us verse and story. For his work as an educationalist he was honored by knighthood.

WESTERN LABOR MEMBER COMING TO CONVENTION

J. S. Woodworth, member in the federal house from Centre Winnipeg, will be the principal speaker at the convention of the Ontario section of the Dominion Labor Party to be held in the local Labor Temple tomorrow.

The convalescence will open at 10 o'clock in the morning and continue all day.

It is expected that many of the Ontario Labor members will also be present and deliver speeches pertinent to the aims and immediate plans of the Labor Party.

On Sunday next Mr. Woodworth will be in the city, and will speak at the Askani Street Methodist Church.

AWARD NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGIATE STUDENT

At the monthly meeting of the student body of Brescia Hall, which is an integral part of Western University, College of Arts, it was decided to award a partial resident scholarship valued at \$150 to the collegiate student entering the college whose marks prior to entry are the highest of all applicants.

The award is conditional that the winner become a resident scholar of Brescia Hall and it will become effective this year.

SAYS MEN DETERMINED TO STOP FUTURE WARS

William Ward Addresses the Members of Kiwanis Club at Noon Luncheon.

As one of the inevitable results of the war, men of every nationality are making up their minds that in spite of statesmen and politicians there shall be no more war, that a spirit of brotherhood shall bind together every nationality.

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CONDEMN FRENCH ACT IN OCCUPYING THE RUHR

Gathering of 14,000 Americans Indorses Resolution For U. S. Intervention.

Special to The Advertiser.
New York, Feb. 23.—Resolutions for American intervention in the Ruhr dispute, adopted by 14,000 persons who gathered for approval in Madison Square Gardens last night, speakers condemned France's action, are to be forwarded to President Harding today.

The meeting was guarded by six hundred police, including bomb squads and reserves, sentiment of audience and speakers were in conflict in the meetings that packed the Gardens in two days.

SHIPPING BILL APPEARS TO BE UPON LAST LEGS

Filibustering Opponents Still Going Strong, May Bring Up Other Legislation.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Feb. 23.—With its filibustering opponents in the Senate still going strong, the administration shipping bill appeared today to be on its last legs. Another day of life apparently was to be given the bill, but it seemed probable that its doom would be sealed not later than tomorrow, either on a motion to reconsider, or to replace it with other legislation.

Prospects for the measure had darkened to this point today after another filibuster ending with a recess at 11:30 last night, and which brought a number of private conferences during the day between Republican and Democratic leaders looking to some definite action by tomorrow night.

WOMAN'S LIFE PERILED AS FIRE WRECKS STORE

Sandusky, Mich., Feb. 23.—The life of Mrs. Krizman, of Argyle, was periled early Thursday morning, when fire destroyed the general store operated by her husband. Mrs. Krizman was alone in the store when flames were discovered and had difficulty in making her escape. The loss is estimated at \$20,000, partly covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown.

STEALS \$20 FROM FRIEND, IS ARRESTED IN LONDON

Herbert Brockett, arrested by city detectives last night, at the request of Stratford police, was taken back to Stratford at noon today to stand trial on a charge of theft. His trial opened at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Brockett, it is charged, stole \$20 in cash from the clothing of a companion in the house where they roomed.

It is only a short time ago that Brockett was found by brothers from whom he had been separated since his going overseas.

Will Exterminate Hawaiian Rabbits

Gunboat Will Be Despatched From San Francisco.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Feb. 23.—So numerous have become the rabbits on Laysan Island in the Hawaiian Islands national bird and game reservation, the government has announced it would despatch an expedition from San Francisco about March 21, to exterminate the rabbits.

The rabbits, introduced some years ago by a German then living on Laysan, have become such an extensive colony that the little vegetation on the island is threatened with destruction, and with its disappearance several species of small land birds peculiar to Laysan will perish, it is said.

COUNCIL OF RESEARCH IS URGED FOR CANADA

Sir Clifford Sifton Proposes New Department of Scientific Investigation.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Suggestion that Canada should have a central advisory research council, which would have under its wing all the scientific branches contained in the different government departments, was voiced by Sir Clifford Sifton to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association here last night.

Sir Clifford Sifton proposed a proposition which involved the appointment of a board of governors of about twelve men and the establishing of what amounted to a new government department solely for scientific research.

He said that such a body should not be under the direction of a political minister.

Hon. James Robb, minister of trade and commerce, said that his department was doing its best to carry on the work which had been started by Sir George Foster in a scientific way. He regretted that finances at present would not allow much latitude. A few years ago, he said, Canada exported little but raw material. Now, only 44 per cent of her exports were raw materials. The rest were finished and partly finished goods.

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SEVERAL SHIRE HORSES PRESENTED TO CANADA

Additional Gift Being Made Following Announcement From King.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Feb. 23.—In addition to the gift of shire horses from the king to the Canadian government, the Canadian government has announced that it will be shipped to Canada in a month or more.

The purchasers have declared that they did not care at what price they sold the horses so long as the animals would be appreciated in Canada.

These shire horses will be exhibited at a show in London after the war. The show is over and they will be shipped to Canada in a month or more.

The Duke of Devonshire, colonial secretary and former governor-general of Canada, is now president of the Shire Horse Society.

RECEIVE NO TIDINGS OF MISSING TRAVELER

Whereabouts of Fred H. Leach Still a Puzzle to His Friends.

No trace has as yet been found of Fred H. Leach, the salesman, employed by Standard Macintosh Company of this city, who was reported missing on Feb. 5, shortly after leaving on a business trip through Western Ontario, and whose sample case of goods was found in a station a few days later.

Neither the company where he has worked or the Dundas street home where he lived have had word of his whereabouts. The police have had no reports.

His friends are extremely anxious, for they can see no solution to the mystery except perhaps financial matters. Efforts will be made to get in touch with relatives of the man. As far as it is known he had no home except the boardinghouse where he roomed.

EXPRESS DETERMINATION TO OPPOSE CHURCH UNION

Canadian Press Despatch.
Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 23.—Express determination to retain the identity of the Presbyterian Church against efforts of church union, the province's Presbyterian Associations was organized at a meeting here last night.

Rev. R. G. McBeth was appointed president of the organization.

CALLS MICHIGAN SPUDS TOO DARK TO SELL WELL

Grand Rapids, Feb. 23.—The color of Michigan potatoes hurts them in the markets of the east. E. E. Conklin, market investigator of the United States Department of Agriculture, now in Grand Rapids on an inspection tour, declares.