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LONDONER DIES FROM INJURIES AT INGERSOLL

London Laborites Buckling On Armor For Coming Fray

THINKS COST FOR FREIGHT WEST'S BIG DRAWBACK

Prominent Farmer Believes Little Profit Derived From Great Wheat Crop.

FEED FOR ANIMALS

Surplus of Grain Reduces Price and Growers Take Alternative.

The increased wheat production in the Canadian west this year, nearly one-fifth greater than in 1922, according to official figures from Ottawa, is apparently not going to mean any greater purchasing power for the farmer according to a London man who has a large farm in the wheat belt and who farms it in the most efficient way.

When The Advertiser made its survey of business conditions some months ago in London, some of the manufacturers interviewed then stated that the prosperity of the eastern manufacturer would depend to a considerable extent on the buying power of the western farmer and on the European market for wheat. They based the position of the prairie farmer on the price he would get for his wheat. The latest figures from the International Institute of Agriculture in Rome show that ther is a wheat surplus in the world of 233,000,000 bushels for which there is no market.

The London man referred to in the foregoing, giving the facts of his own farm said: "I received 70 cents for my wheat this year, at least that was the net price after paying the transportation charges which were 24 cents a bushel to Winnipeg. I have a whole section out in Saskatchewan and after deducting all my overhead I ended the year exactly even. I had neither made any money nor lost any with this exception that I had not made interest on my investment in the land."

Varied Experience.

This man who has a large and varied experience in the west extending over a long period says that the average farmer out there this year will probably have no net gain to spend and that his buying power will be no greater than last year and perhaps not as large. He adds that nearly every farm in the great wheat belt in Saskatchewan is mortgaged

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LIGHTED TREES SOURCE OF MUCH ADMIRATION

Christmas Evergreens in Park and on Hospital Grounds Attract Attention.

The decorated Christmas trees in Victoria Park and on Victoria Hospital grounds are proving a source of much admiration by citizens who pass by during the evening. The trees, decorated by the public utilities commission, present a striking appearance when the many-colored lights are swinging to and fro among the limbs.

Several inquiries have been received from private citizens relative to the decorating of trees in front of their homes, and it is hoped that several will take advantage of the offer in order that even the streets may assume a Christmas appearance. The only charge to the citizens is that of installation.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Fair and mild.

Thursday — South and southeast winds; mild and becoming showery.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	50	38	Fair
Calgary	50	22	Clear
Winnipeg	44	24	Fair
Port Arthur	36	32	Cloudy
Parry Sound	24	22	Clear
Toronto	31	26	Foggy
Kingston	24	22	Cloudy
Ottawa	20	10	Fair
Montreal	16	12	Fair
Quebec	12	6	Cloudy
Father Point	12	2	Fair
St. John	16	4	Clear
Halifax	28	10	Fair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 37; lowest, 2.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 32; lowest, 24.

Barometric Readings.

Tuesday—8 p.m.—29.58.

Today—8 a.m.—29.49.

THE "LOVELIEST CHILD" SITS FOR HER PORTRAIT.

J. P. Hunt, the London artist, has already begun work on his portrait of Ella Mae Scoyne, Western Ontario's Loveliest Child. The first sitting took place yesterday, when Ella Mae and her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. eVrcy Scoyne, paid a visit to Mr. Hunt's studio. The Advertiser will present the portrait to the city as an official record. Ella Mae and her loveliest companions will be introduced to London at the Children's Party in the Winter Garden Saturday.

ROYAL MILLINERY FIRE PROBED BY AUTHORITIES

Jordan Arrives in London From Toronto to Carry Out Investigation.

COPPER WIRE FOUND

Employees and Hydro Inspector Are Called to Give Evidence.

Investigation in connection with the fire which occurred in the Royal Millinery and Ladies' Wear Company 246 Dundas street, on Dec. 11, was ordered by provincial authorities yesterday. Deputy Fire Marshal Edward Jordan of Toronto who arrived here to conduct the inquiry, heard several witnesses this morning in Fire Chief John Aitken's offices.

This afternoon Mr. Jordan gave out the following statement:

"It has been proven that a piece of copper wire was under a fuse in the Royal Millinery store. I am not going to say definitely that this was the cause of the Royal Millinery fire, but I want to warn the public against the use of such contrivances as a substitute for a new fuse."

This morning numerous employees of the Royal Millinery gave evidence. This was practically all of an indefinite character.

William Rider, inspector of hydro wires for this district, also gave his version of the conflagration's cause. He said a copper wire pressed against the damaged fuse and thereby took away any protection which the fuse itself afforded against fire.

Two short-hand writers from Toronto were on hand to take evidence which was exhaustive. The marshal will leave for Toronto this evening after the inquiry. There he will file his report and any further action will depend on the conclusions of provincial officials.

An electrician from the Campbell Electric Company also gave evidence.

To The Advertiser Fire Marshal Jordan said he thought the cause of the fire would never be fully revealed.

"This business of tampering with wires by people without electrical knowledge is dangerous," the fire marshal said. "Everyone should be warned against it. Nobody ever seems to know how, why or when the wires were tampered with."

STUDENTS TO VISIT WESTMINSTER PATIENTS

Lit of South Collegiate Will Take Gift Baskets Christmas Morning.

As a token of appreciation for their services in the past, the soldier patients at Westminster Hospital will receive baskets of Christmas cheer on the holiday morning from the students of London South Collegiate.

The Literary Society, headed by the president, Donna Gracey, has taken up a collection from the students for this purpose, and a committee will be appointed to visit the hospital on Christmas morning and distribute to each bed patient a basket containing fruit, nuts, games, etc.

Law Will Nab Skunk Shooters

If a skunk happens to roam close to your home, on matter how much you resent his proximity, you must not shoot him unless you wish to pay a fine.

Col. Emmerton, district game warden, informed The Advertiser that skunks, being fur-bearing animals protected by game laws at this time of year, cannot be destroyed unless the bold would-be destroyer wants to take the chance of being caught by the Ontario Fish and Game department.

"They may be nuisances," Col. Emmerton said, "but they get the same protection as other furry creatures like black squirrels."

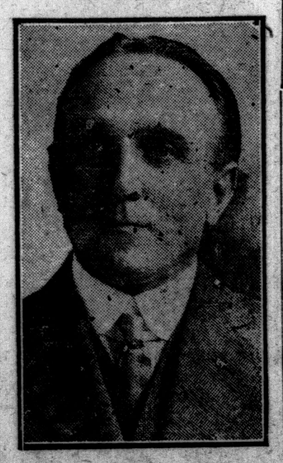
WISTFUL GAZES SEEN AT BARREN ICE RINKS

Everything in Readiness for Skating But Frost is Elusive.

We want ice!

Such is the wistful cry of the children of London when they pass the spots where the various open air skating rinks, erected by the public utilities commission, are wont to exist.

All is in readiness for the heavy frosts that will make the needful ice surface but so far there is not much hope of the rinks being ready by Christmas. The lights are all up, the side boards and checkrooms erected, but the main ingredient of a skating rink, ice, is still missing.



ACTING MAYOR TODAY.

Ald. Edmund Hayden, who maintains city should fulfil its bargain with the London Street Railway and allow ten years for company to pay its portion of the new Richmond street pavement.

HAYDEN SAYS CITY SHOULD KEEP WORD

Acting Mayor Declares Street Railway Should Be Given Time to Pay.

"BARGAIN IS BARGAIN"

Ward Three Alderman Believes Company Will Easily Finance Proposition.

Acting Mayor Ed. Hayden stated today that "a bargain was a bargain," and he failed to understand why the London Street Railway Corporation should not be allowed to pay for it's portion of the new Richmond street pavement in ten annual installments.

This would be in accordance with the provisions of a resolution passed in the city council before the work was commenced, but there are members of the council who also feel that this resolution should be rescinded as the job was done under bylaw 916 and, therefore, the company had no right to any extension of time in payment. They pointed out that no agreement had ever been formally drafted between the city council and the company.

"A bargain is a bargain," stated the acting mayor. "And I don't see why certain members of the council want to go back on it. It was a fair proposition in my mind, and we intended to give the company no more rights than we would a householder —ten years in which to pay for their local improvements."

"I am not in favor of any move to 'finance' the company, but I did feel that something like this had to be done this year when the company was in such a shape financially and we had to have the worst pavement in the city re-constructed."

"There would be no trouble about payment in ten annual installments, and if the city ever does purchase the road, the remaining cost of the track allowance can easily be deducted from the purchase price."

"CASEY" YOHN IS STILL AWAITING HIS TRIAL

Former London Man Must Face Charge of Shooting at January Sessions.

John "Casey" Yohn of this city is still waiting trial in Detroit for the shooting in August last of Floyd Johnston, a Detroit gas station attendant. His final hearing has again been adjourned and he will come up again some time early in January.

Robert Savelli of Detroit, who was supposed to have been a native of Hamilton, Ontario, is held on the same charge.

While admitting his participation in the robbery of the gas station at Harper avenue and Grand Boulevard, Yohn still maintains that he did not intend to shoot Johnston, and that his victim was pushed into him by Savelli, and his gun was accidentally discharged.

AUTHORITIES DELAY TRIP TO IDENTIFY AURORA MAN

Decide to Postpone Action on Receiving Opinion of London Police.

ACTION SUSPICIOUS

Farley's Plan to Fight Extradition Cause Commissioner Cuddy to Favor Action.

The attorney-general's department has not yet decided whether to send a man to Aurora, Ind., to identify Lorenzo D. Farley, who so strikingly resembles George Ernest "Pat" Norton, Melbourne bank robber.

Commissioner Cuddy stated the department had first decided to send someone, but on learning the opinion of London police officials that Farley was not Norton, decided to postpone the matter, which has not yet been definitely decided.

The fact that Farley has stated he will fight extradition to Canada with might and main, is looked upon as being suspicious by the commissioner, and he will again take up the matter with the attorney-general's department, he stated.

The chief difference in the appearance of Farley and Norton was pointed out by police officials yesterday as being in the nose. Farley's nose is rather wide and flat, while Norton's is fairly long and narrow.

Indiana authorities were queried on this point by The Advertiser, and it is learned that Farley's nose is broken. The prisoner claims the injury occurred previous to 1920, but did not say just how many years before.

When a citizen of London, who knew Norton well was handed the photograph of Farley, he immediately commented on the wide nose of the Indiana suspect. The reporter pointed out to him that Norton's nose might have been broken since he escaped from the citizens of Melbourne the day the Home Bank was

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THE PRESSES WILL STOP WHILE OLD SANTA CLAUS SIGNS THE ADVERTISER

Eight Copies of Friday Evening's Paper Will Be Signed by Santa Claus.

FINDERS ARE LUCKY

Girls or Boys Who Find Them Will Be Introduced to Santa Claus.

Here's a chance for eight little girls or boys to have a visit with Santa Claus!

On Friday afternoon eight copies of The Evening Advertiser will be signed by Santa Claus himself in big red pencil.

Any little girl or boy who brings one of these signed copies to The Advertiser office Saturday morning will be introduced to Santa Claus and will have the honor of riding with him to the Winter Garden to attend the party.

Santa Claus is coming to London Friday afternoon. Nobody will be able to see him on Friday, because he has been very busy getting all his toys made, and he wants to rest, so that he'll be ready, bright and early, for the big party Saturday morning.

But on Friday afternoon Santa Claus will spend a few minutes in the pressroom of The Advertiser, where the big new presses that print The Advertiser every day are kept.

The paper on these presses is on a huge roll, which unwinds like a spool when the press is running. After a few papers have been run off, the press will be stopped, and Santa Claus will sign his name on the big white roll of paper in red pencil—"Santa Claus." Then the press will start again, and his signature will disappear somewhere among the thousands of Advertisers that come pouring out at the other end of the press.

This will be repeated eight times. Santa Claus will sign on an inside page, and nobody can possibly know what papers his name is on, because the press goes so fast.

Santa Claus is going to sign his name eight times—once for each of his eight reindeer, Dancer, Dasher, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen, and he hopes that somebody will find every one of The Advertisers with his name.

TELLS OF LABOR'S PLANS.

Alderman John Colbert, who stated today that the drafting of a new policy by the Labor Party would be considered at Friday night's meeting.

ACCIDENT TAKES LIFE OF VICTIM

Tennyson Brill Passes Away—Believed to Have Been Hit by Engine.

INQUEST TO BE HELD

Tennyson Brill, 37, of 737 Princess avenue, died from shock at Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, early this morning as the result of being struck by a shunting engine at the C. N. R. yards in Ingersoll at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Brill had lived in London all his life and for many years had been employed as brakeman on the C. N. R. He resided with his mother, Mrs. L. Brill, on Princess avenue. When news reached Mrs. Brill last night that her son had met with an accident she immediately left the city for Ingersoll, where he had been taken to the hospital. She motored to Ingersoll with neighbors.

Yesterday afternoon Brill himself could not say exactly how the accident happened. It is thought that either his clothes caught in some manner on the moving train or he was struck by a shunting engine. He was dragged for some distance before the train was stopped. When found he was sitting holding his mangled leg, which was almost severed.

When he was being taken to the hospital yesterday afternoon he showed considerable pluck. He asked a friend to give him a cigarette and smoked it with apparent relish.

At the hospital it was found that his leg was horribly mangled. Physicians were forced to amputate it. Shortly after 9 o'clock he went under the anaesthetic and the operation was performed. Although he came out of the anaesthetic the shock of the accident was too great. He became weaker, and at 2:30 this morning died.

Mr. Brill was a popular and well-known Oddfellow. He is survived by his mother and five brothers, Fred, Llewelyn of Windsor; Calvin of Walkerville; Austin and Palmer of this city, and one sister, Mrs. Lipkey of Brantford. The body was brought to London today, and it is expected burial will take place from his mother's residence on Friday.

Coroner Dr. Canfield viewed the body at the hospital this morning, and an inquest will be held on Friday, Dec. 28.

Mild Weather Continues And Weatherman States No Snow On the Horizon

Doctors State Warm Weather Not Causing Any Additional Sickness.

RECORD FOR DOMINION

Average Man Experiences Grand and Glorious Feeling of April.

December, having set a record so far with wonderfully mild weather, promises, if the weatherman is to be believed, to continue in its present way of doing things. Sunny mornings, mild evenings, soft winds to cool the busy steam-heated man from the average office, this is the way December has treated Londoners in 1923. Snow has been very rare, and when it did appear was only that wet kind of snow that has no place in Eastern Canada. It lasted only a few hours.

To find another year in which December was as snowless as this we have to get back to 1877, when there was only .03 inches of snow. This was the Dominion record and still is for the whole month.

To date, however, this December is one better. In the 18 days that are past there has not been sufficient snow to record a fall, and there is apparently no sign of a storm or a blizzard or anything like that in sight. But to prevent any undue apprehension or joyful welcome, it would be wise to refer to the old-timers who remember the December of 1872 with its 38 inches of solid, firm snow in the month. That was a winter to talk about. The average depth of snow in December is 13 inches.

The highest December temperature on record was on the last day of the year 1875, when it rose to 61, and the coldest was on Dec. 21, 1871, when the mercury fell to 21 below and the whole city shivered in Arctic breezes. The average temperature for all Decembers is 26.2.

Will it be a green Christmas. The weatherman is not prepared to say. There are no official records kept of green or white Christmases at the observatory. Snow is recorded when it comes, but not when it goes or how long that particular fall remains. So it is a matter of memory whether we have had many green Christmases. But the weathermen think that they are not unusual. In London they figure that one in every three or four is a green one—that is, the ground is bare of snow.

As to the health side of the question, always a ticklish matter in any weather or season, it seems that this mild weather has been no harder on suffering humanity than any other and colder month. As one medical man in a position to know the affairs of the city health fairly well puts it, "Diseases are not, as far as I can see, a matter of the weather at all. We seem to have a regular and recurring epidemic of certain diseases both in children and adults every so often, but the weather is never the same at two different epidemics. Just now there are measles, scarlet fever and chickenpox in the city to a certain extent, but I don't call the weather responsible in any way."

The average man on the street stretches his hands over his head and indulges in that grand and glorious feeling usually due about April 1 when the promise of spring is in the air.

MISS MARGARET GILMORE,

who will this afternoon at Alexandra School be presented with the Robb medal for gaining the highest standing in the entrance classes of last year. Miss Gilmore is now a student at Central Collegiate.

Winter Gardens Await Children

Everybody at the Winter Gardens is getting ready to welcome the children at the party Saturday.

This morning Dan Macaulay, leader of the Winter Gardens Orchestra, announced that every member of the orchestra had offered to play for Santa Claus and the girls and boys.

It is a generous act, which is appreciated, and The Advertiser is glad that the children's party is going to have such fine music.

LOCAL LABOR PREPARING TO LAUNCH NEW POLICY

London Party Members Believe in Being Ready for Federal Fight.

HAVE GOOD REASONS

Defeats in Recent Campaigns Attributed to Lack of Preparation.

The local Labor political forces scent a battle afar off, and already they're buckling their belts for the fray.

The London Labor Party meets on Friday night, and Ald. John Colbert stated today that more than likely the members will consider the drafting of a policy for the next general election.

"I think that it is quite likely that this will be one of the questions brought up for consideration. There is already some talk of an election in 1924, and no doubt there will be one the following year, anyhow," he said.

The Labor leaders are evidently concluding that preparedness is a very important factor in the fight, and many of the Labor defeats in this city can be traced, some of the Labor men say, to a noticeable delay in getting ready for the fight.

Federal by-elections in the Maritime provinces and an occasional rumble from Ottawa has renewed interest locally, and throughout the country, and Labor is evidently determined that no challenge is going to pass unnoticed in London.

During the last campaign Arthur Mould carried the Labor banner in the local fight, and naturally many of the Labor followers submit that he should have first choice if it should be the party's intention to again contest the seat.

Exclusive of Dr. Hugh Stevenson, who represented London in the provincial legislature, Arthur Mould rolled up the biggest Labor vote ever polled at an election of this nature in this city.

IRENE IS UNABLE TO ATTEND PARTY

Santa Claus, Though, Will Pay Visit to Her Home on Saturday Morning.

The doctor says that little Irene Roach, who was named second of the four Loveliest Children, won't be able to come to the children's party in the Winter Garden Saturday morning.

Irene is recovering from scarlet fever at her home, 130 Garfield avenue. The quarantine period ends on Friday, but the doctor thinks Irene would be better at home and Irene says she doesn't want to risk making any other little girls ill.

It's pretty hard luck. The Advertiser told Santa Claus about it last night and he is very sorry. Before he goes to the children's party Saturday morning he is going to pay a visit to Irene in her home and give her the prize she has won and wish her a merry Christmas.

ALD. DOUGLASS SCORES ATTACK ON ENGINEER

Challenges Statements re Richmond St. Paving Published in Local Paper.

Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the board of works, today scores what he terms as an "unwarranted attack upon City Engineer Near and his department" by a local publication.

The chairman feels, as does the engineer, that the facts in relation to the testing of the Richmond street and other pavements have not been fairly presented to the public, and he challenges the statements as to the cost, submitted by the local paper in question.

Ald. Douglass gives positive assurance today that this question will be adequately dealt with at the appointed time and promises that the people of London will be furnished with the truth in the matter.

ANOTHER $2 RECEIVED.

The Advertiser wishes to acknowledge receipt of $2 from an anonymous giver for the family of Ernest Blanchard, war veteran, whose home was burnt recently.