

VALUABLE HELIUM WELLS LOCATED IN PEEL COUNTY

Province Comes Into Possession of Good Supply of Rare Gas—Used For Airships and For Lending Efficiency to Electrical Machines.

Special to The Advertiser.
Toronto, Dec. 7.—The province of Ontario, through field work done by Professor J. C. McLennan of the University of Toronto, and Colonel R. B. Harkness, natural gas commissioner, and through the policy of its government in claiming the properties involved on behalf of the crown—has come into possession of important helium wells, their location being in the county of Peel, at Inglewood, a short distance from Brampton. Announcement of the acquisition of the wells was made over the week-end by Premier Ferguson, who expressed the view that, for scientific purposes, they would assume world-wide importance.

Very Rare Gas.
Helium is a very rare gas, much lighter than air, which came into special prominence during wartime as a result of its utility as a filling for dirigibles. Since then it has received world-wide scientific notice because of endeavors to liquefy it in which Professor McLennan was finally successful. It is now promising to assume some considerable commercial importance as a packing for electrical generating machines, whereby their efficiency will be greatly increased, and as an explosive in combination with other chemicals. It is of importance in research because it is a tremendous conductor of heat and will reduce a commodity to low temperature as 450 degrees Fahrenheit below zero, thus permitting the investigation of the properties of substances at a very low temperature.

In a statement upon the subject of the newly discovered Inglewood wells, which he issued last evening, Professor McLennan told of his discovery of the gases of Canada with a view to the commissioning of two years ago by the department of mines at Ottawa to examine the highest helium content of any natural gas known to exist in the British Empire. The wells are said to be shallow, and the gas supply moderate in amount, but it is estimated that they will provide at least 100,000 cubic feet of helium per year.

Urges Plants.
The Natural Resources Council of Canada, Professor McLennan stated, "has expressed the opinion that a

SEEKS RECOVERY OF FOUR STEERS BOUGHT

West Nissouri Farmer Brings Suit in County Court Over Cattle Deal.

The plaintiff, John Hobbs, West Nissouri farmer, was the chief witness this morning in his suit in county court against John, Richard and Robert Smith. According to Hobbs' testimony, in March of this year he purchased four steers from John Smith, who resides in West Nissouri township, paying for them \$170. The next month Richard and Robert Smith, farmers of Westminister and brothers of John, came to Hobbs' place, accompanied by a bailiff, and took possession of the animals, saying that the steers belonged to them by virtue of a chattel mortgage held by them and that John Smith had no right to sell them.

Mr. Hobbs told the court that John Smith had told him nothing of any mortgage. Cross-examined by Jared Vining, Mr. Hobbs swore that he did not know that it was a common rumor that Richard and Robert held a mortgage on their brother's property and were going to sell him out.

Evidence was still being taken this afternoon. McEvoy & Henderson are appearing for Mr. Hobbs and Jarvis & Vining are handling the case for the Smith brothers.

Mr. Hobbs is asking either recovery of the steers or the \$170 he paid John Smith for them.

GEN. KING WILL INSPECT FIVE UNITS THIS WEEK

Carrying out the annual inspections of the active militia in military district No. 1, Brigadier-General W. E. King, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., officer in command of this district will inspect the following units during the week: Tonight at the armories the First Hussars of this city; tomorrow, the Elgin Regiment, St. Thomas; on Wednesday, "C" Company of the Wellington Rifles at Fergus; on Thursday the Highland Light Infantry of Canada at Galt, and on Friday the headquarters staff of A. and B. Companies of the Wellington Rifles at Guelph.

DEATH OF MRS. CAIN.

The death of Mrs. Margaret Cain occurred Saturday morning at St. Joseph's hospital in her 90th year. Mrs. Cain was born in Ireland, and had been a resident of this city for 75 years. She was in ill-health for three years and had spent a period of three months in the hospital previous to her death.

The funeral was held this afternoon from her late residence, 201 Mount Pleasant avenue to Mount Pleasant cemetery, the services being conducted by Mr. Hamilton.

Hunt Revived, Fox Escapes

Special to The Advertiser.
Ingersoll, Dec. 6.—The first chase, as far as is known in this district, in years took place a few days ago near Banner. A fine specimen of red fox was "jumped," and led the dogs for some time. The fox was fired at, but the animal eventually made its escape.

ITALY IS FLOODED WITH U. S. MONEY

Americans Beg Italians To Accept More Funds Than Can Be Used.

By HIRAM K. MODERWELL.
By Cable to The Advertiser and the Chicago Daily News. Copyright, Rome, Dec. 7.—"So much American money is being offered us that we don't know what to do with it." That is one Italian businessman's comment upon the rush of American capital to Italy since the adjustment of the Italian debt to the United States. Before the settlement there had been no important American investment in Italy for years. Today, when Signor Volpi has barely had time to return from Washington, \$15,000,000 in American money is known to have been arranged in loans, investments and stock and bond flotings in the New York market.

COMFORT IMPORTANT IN FALLS PROBLEM

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run to waste simply because it is beautiful. "Concerning this very point, Steinmetz, the greatest American electrical engineer, said: 'If a tremendous pile of coal were on fire, blazing away, and such a spectacular sight that people travelled from the end of the world to see it, it would be beautiful and magnificent, would the authorities of the land stand by and let the pile of coal burn away? And similarly, the Niagara Falls, just because the falls are beautiful they should not be allowed to remain beautiful merely for beauty's sake.'"

Furthermore, in my opinion, the falls cannot be destroyed by the diversion of water for power purposes, because it would not be feasible to take so much water that there would not be sufficient left to carry the ice from the great lakes above in winter time down over the falls and into Lake Ontario.

Beauty in Utility.
"Canadians have always believed in beautiful things of utility, and this policy accounts for the superb scenic development along the Canadian side of the Niagara. In this connection we have Springbank park as a demonstration of how the construction of the necessary works of utility, our water system, may be used together with beautiful surroundings.

"Touching on this point," said Mr. Buchanan, "I have seen this past summer we visited the Falls, the Clyde, two of the most beautiful falls to be seen anywhere, not massive in size, of course, compared with Niagara Falls, but nevertheless, exquisite falls. These Clyde falls are disappearing because every drop of water in the river above the falls is being diverted to develop 15,000 horsepower of electricity. Here is the case of a beauty spot being obliterated for the development of electricity, but how much more valuable that electricity for the removal of smoke, dirt and squalor in nearby cities and the easing of the housewife's burden than merely the preservation of the falls as a beauty spot, which only a few people, tourists if you wish, could visit and enjoy."

"Similarly with Niagara Falls, and in this case their beauty will be but little disturbed, but if we were sacrificing the beauty of the falls," declared Mr. Buchanan, "how can that compare with the beauty and happiness brought to hundreds of thousands of homes of working people in Canada because comparatively few people travel to the falls, and then usually once in a lifetime when on their honeymoon they go to Niagara Falls and see the falls?"

"It is pleasing to note in Mr. Hoover's interview his concession that it is a similar matter of equity and fair dealing of working people in Canada because made by the United States, either at Niagara Falls or elsewhere, for her share of the water being diverted at Chicago from the great lakes system."

"Mr. Hoover's comment that super-power methods have made steam-electric energy so cheap it is not worth while to transmit hydro-electric power from the St. Lawrence river to New York and that Canada cannot do so well with steam-electric plants, because this country is far from the coal fields, is merely in line with my interview given to The Advertiser a day or two ago regarding the development of Ontario power on the St. Lawrence river and the establishment of auxiliary plants for the development of steam-electricity."

CONVICTED WIFE-BEATER GETS SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Convicted on a charge of wife beating, Eli Waucosh, a Muncie Indian, was allowed to go on suspended sentence this morning by Magistrate Hawhawk in county police court.

Sentence was suspended on condition that the prisoner pay the costs of the court, amounting to \$15.75. Constable Nelson, mounted policeman at the reserve, brought Waucosh in when his wife complained that he had assaulted her.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

Ship At From
Samaria.....New York.....Liverpool
Columbia.....New York.....Bremen
Amer. Legion.....New York.....Buenos Aires
Pittsburg.....New York.....Antwerp
Chicago.....Bordeaux.....New York
Rochester.....Hamburg.....New York
Albert Ballin.....Hamburg.....New York
Rotterdam.....Plymouth.....New York

"Pawnee Bill" Coming To London



On the left, with long flowing hair, is the evangelist who is coming to London with Billy Matheson, ex-prizefighter evangelist. He claims to be "Pawnee Bill," the famous bandit, who with Jesse James and Buffalo Bill conducted many holdups in the old days in the Western States. He says he was converted at one of Matheson's revival meetings in Hamilton. He says that he served as a spy in Germany during the war, and for his services in this capacity he received a complete pardon from President Wilson of his sentences for previous crimes. On the right is Billy Matheson. The two say they will conduct evangelistic services in various parts of Canada.

Native Londoner Picked To Do Historic Pictures

John Innes Will Paint Nine Scenes on the Early Life of British Columbia For the Hudson Bay Company.

Added distinction has come to one of London's native sons, who already has had a distinguished career in the field of art, in the shape of a commission from the Hudson's Bay Company to paint a series of eight historical pictures depicting the early life of the province of British Columbia.

The artist is John Innes, son of the late Dean G. M. Innes, who for many years was dean of Huron and rector of St. Paul's cathedral here. Last year Mr. Innes won an international reputation through a canvas eight feet by six in size depicting the scene in Stanley park, Vancouver, when the late president Harding delivered there what proved to be his last public address.

This message of international good will was one of tremendous importance to both countries and the artist has succeeded remarkably in depicting the scene. After being exhibited in nearly every city in Canada, the canvas was presented to the United States government and now hangs in the house of assembly at Washington.

John Innes was born in London, and received his education here at Dufferin college. Soon after graduating he went west and took up ranching in Alberta near Calgary. Here he found plenty of subjects for his brush and it was his pictures of cowboy life that first brought him prominence. He painted a set of six pictures depicting broncho-busting, which were promptly purchased by the governor-general of Canada, Earl Grey.

When the South African war broke out he went to the scene of the fighting as war correspondent for the Toronto Mail and Empire and his articles and sketches were the subject of much favorable comment.

News of his latest big commission from the Hudson's Bay Company has been received by Lieut.-Col. Innes Carling of this city. The first of the series of eight pictures has been completed and is being shown at the gallery of Sir James Douglas, being sworn in as governor of the new colony of British Columbia by Mr. Justice Sir Matthew Begbie.

LONDON MOTOR CLUB LEADING THE WAY

Has Higher Percentage of New Members Than Any Other Ontario Club.
A report for November from the head office of the Ontario motor clubs at Toronto shows the London club to be leading in the membership drive campaign that has been continuing since June among the motor clubs of the province. London has led this group each month to date.

The report for the month of November complete gives London first position with a percentage of 93.08 on an objective of 1,000 members. Hamilton ranks second with a percentage of 83.24 on their objective of 2,100 members. Kitchener takes third place.

The London club is in danger of losing its position owing to a campaign put on by the Hamilton club during the latter part of November that has added 500 members to their club. The object of retaining the lead the London club have four motor club campaigners put on a special drive in London to secure many members during the month of December.

MILITARY PROMOTIONS IN DISTRICT GAZETTED

In the latest edition of the Canada Gazette, published at Ottawa, the following officers of military district No. 1 have received appointments and promotions:
S. A. Fraleigh (149th Bn., C. E. F.), now of the Lambton regiment, has been appointed lieutenant of that unit; Lieut. C. E. Morgan (153rd Bn., C. E. F., now of the Wellington rifles, to be captain in that unit; To be majors, Capt. J. M. Brown (110th Bn., C. E. F.), now of the Perth regiment, and Capt. J. M. Brown (110th Bn., C. E. F.), now of the Perth regiment, and Capt. J. M. Brown (110th Bn., C. E. F.), now of the Perth regiment.

LONDON TOWNSHIP TAXES ARE LOWER THIS YEAR

Taxpayers generally throughout London township are expressing deep satisfaction at the lower tax bills they will have to foot this year.

One resident of the township who has an office in the city rejoicing over a ten-dollar drop in taxes over the last year.

"Last year I paid \$70 and this year I am called upon to pay only \$60. That ten will come in very handy just before Christmas." This reduction is made in spite of the fact that large sums have been spent in the township during the year on highway paving.

GOES TO HER SON FROM SICK BED

News of Murder Charge Reaches Mrs. Pirie in Sanatorium.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Mary Pirie came to New York at the risk of her life to be near her 19-year-old son Gordon, who is charged with murder. Yesterday, for the first time, she learned that the boy had confessed killing 18-year-old George Nye, Jun., with whom he had grown up.

It is only three months since she left her son in the apartment at No. 586 East 141st street, the Bronx, where Nye's body was found under young Pirie's bed last Sunday night. The news had been kept from her in the sanatorium at Orwell, N.Y., where she was being treated for tuberculosis, contracted when nursing her husband, who died of it a year ago.

"We don't want to tell mother," her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Ferguson, had said. "The first thing she will do when she hears Gordon is arrested is to get up from what may be her death-bed and hurry here to help him. The doctors won't be able to keep her."

Yesterday at Orwell the doctors weren't able to keep her. A sister-in-law, Jessie Pirie, broke the news to her, and she fainted. When she was revived, she made preparations to leave. The doctors warned her she was risking her life.

"If it's the last thing I do," she said, and took the transfer for New York. Defends His Bringing Up.
"My boy was raised better than that," was all she would say last night. Earlier yesterday Gordon Pirie was taken into Bronx homicide court for a hearing. District Attorney McGehean was satisfied that an indictment for murder could be found by Monday, so the case was adjourned to that day.

Pirie said nothing, but looked straight ahead of him. Magistrate Farrell directed detectives to protect the boy from further photographing by taking him out of the court room through the magistrate's chambers.

Robert Rooney, one of Pirie's companions, recalled yesterday that he was invited to share the Pirie apartment with Nye on the night of the killing. "I don't think he intended to kill us both," Rooney said. "It's more likely that if I had been there he wouldn't have had a row."

Pirie's family is rallying to his support, although they have little money.

He was of medium height, thin features and a shabby blue coat with cap pulled closely about his head and ears.

Although the police were at first inclined to believe the man was a practical joker, definition of complaints against him prompted them to place extra constables on duty in the vicinity.

J. C. ELLIOTT, M.P., JUST PLAIN "JACK"

Has Neither Title of "Judge" or "Senator" Thrust Upon Him.

J. C. Elliott, member-elect in the federal house for the ridings of West Middlesex, is still plain "Jack" Elliott, despite stories from Ottawa that he is soon to be elevated either to the senate or to the bench in consideration of his resigning his seat so that the premier may run in that riding.

He was interviewed by an Advertiser reporter this morning.

"Good morning, senator," began the reporter hopefully, but receiving only a smile and a shake of the head he amended it to "Good morning, your lordship."

Another shake of the head indicated that both guesses were astray.

"There's nothing to it at all," said Mr. Elliott. "Yes, I've seen the story from Ottawa, but I've heard nothing at all officially. So far as I am aware that has been no change in the situation since the election. My position has altered."

Earlier Rumors.
Shortly after the election it was rumored that Mr. Elliott was in Ottawa, but I've heard nothing at all about that. He was also rumored to be resigning his seat to let Mr. King to run in West Middlesex.

At the time Mr. Elliott pointed out that he felt that he owed a duty to the friends in West Middlesex, of all political parties, whose votes had returned him as a member. Unless he received some intimation from them that such a course was desired, he would not consider resigning the seat, although willing to make a personal sacrifice if it were deemed best for the Liberal party as a whole.

Mr. Elliott has had no official intimation either as to the cabinet portfolio, the senate or the judgeship. But if it happens that Santa Claus leaves one or more of the gifts in his stocking, it will afford great satisfaction to hundreds of his friends and admirers both in his own constituency of West Middlesex and in this city.

SEA HAWKS SINK TALONS IN Y.M.C.A. PREP SHIELD

The Sea Hawks of the Y. M. C. A. prep school, succeeded in winning the prep shield for the month of November.

Attendance on the gym floor, at the Bible groups and also the marks on the monthly tests count in the winning of this monthly award.

The shield was presented to the winners last Saturday by Mr. E. J. Jenkins, who gave the boys a talk on "Boys of the World." During the program Jack Fletcher contributed a piano solo.

Leather Goods As Gifts

That Are Beautiful, Useful and Lasting
We list here just a few suggestions from our immense new Christmas stock.

Underarm Bags
Priced From \$2.50 to \$12

See Our Underarm Bag Specials
About 50 different designs and patterns, all nicely lined and fitted. Priced at \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.98

Suitcases
Genuine smooth cowhide \$11 to \$40
Real Leather Suitcases \$6.50 to \$12
Patent Heavy Drill Suitcases, black or tan binding \$7.75 to \$15.00

HAT BOXES
Heavy patent drill, fancy linings, best of nickel locks and catches
Prices \$5 to \$12

Writing Cases, Etc.
Writing Cases, complete \$2.50 to \$12.00
Collar Cases, for hard or soft hats \$1 to \$5
Key Cases 25c to \$1.50
Military Brushes, in leather cases \$1.50 to \$12
Boston Bags \$1.49 to \$10.00
Billfolds 50c to \$5.00
Pullman Slippers, in leather bag \$3.00

Fitted Toilet Sets, Etc.
Fitted Toilet Sets \$4.50 to \$13.50
Unfitted Toilet Cases \$1 to \$8
Handkerchief Cases \$2.00 to \$3.50
Music Cases \$1.50 to \$5.00
Jewel Boxes \$1.50 to \$10.00
Bridge Sets \$1.50 to \$8.00
Playing Cards in Case, and Score Cards 25c to \$1.50
Change Purse 35c to \$4.00
Leather Jewel Boxes \$1.50 to \$12

Leather Novelties 25c to \$2.00
Shopping Lists, Coat Hangers, Whisks, Clothes Brushes, Combs in Leather Case, Manicure Sets, Scissors, Ash Trays, Cigarette Cases, Tobacco Pouches, Cigarette Holders in Leather Case, Book Ends, Nail Files, Match Cases, Phone and Shopping Lists, Drinking Cups, Men's Leather Hickok Belts with Initial Buckles, and many others.

Club Bags
Genuine smooth cowhide, leather lined. \$10 to \$40
Real Leather Club Bags, full size, good linings. \$3.98 to \$7.00
Imitation Leather Club Bags \$1.50 to \$3.

BAZAAR AT ST. MARTIN'S.
The doors of St. Martin's church bazaar opened this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. There are booths with displays of every variety of valuable and useful articles, floor and bridge lamps, quilts, blankets and a fine array of fancy work. Lunch and refreshments will be served throughout the evening, and there will be keno every night with prizes for the winner. The fair will run for the first four days of this week in the parish hall at the corner of Dufferin and Cathcart street.

A small deposit will hold any article till Christmas.

SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY

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