

COAL SITUATION NOW MORE SERIOUS THAN EVER, SAY DEALERS

Some Have No Anthracite Left
To Sell.

OTHERS' SUPPLIES LOW

All Expecting Shipments To
Arrive Any Day, But Are
Anxious.

According to information obtained today from several local coal dealers, the hard coal situation has never been as serious as it is at the present time.

The city has never been for years so closely on the verge of a hard coal famine as it is today.

Some of the dealers claimed that they had not an ounce in stock, and others stated that their supply would be exhausted in a very few days, unless an additional supply was received.

All the dealers have been expecting shipments every day, but only a few cars have arrived this week.

With the release of a large number of passenger locomotives on the G. T. R. next Monday, it is expected the movement of coal from Black Rock will begin in real earnest.

In the meantime the dealers will divide their supply in such a way as to make the supply last until the arrival of more shipments.

The holidays taken by the miners was a contributing cause to the shortage, and added to this the lack of motive power to move waste coal was on the cars, has created the most serious hard coal situation that citizens have had to face.

LT.-COL. GRAHAM TO LOOK FOR PARLIAMENTARY HOUSING

Rumor Says He Is Expected in City
Soon—Has Ottawa Ambitions.

It was rumored today that Lieut.-Colonel M. R. Graham will be in London shortly.

From friends of his, it has been learned that he will come to London to step in the breach caused by the death of William Gray, M.P., who was a former member of the Salvation Army corps or band.

According to his friends, and will demand that, when the by-election comes to fill the vacancy by the demise of Mr. Gray, he be considered.

SALVATION ARMY S. S. SENDS BOXES TO FRONT

Remembering All Former Members of
The Local Corps.

The members of the Sunday school of the Salvation Army Citadel, Clarence street, are packing boxes to send to all the boys in England and at the front who were former members of the Salvation Army corps or band.

The boxes contain candy, cake, chocolate, and other comforts.

The usual Christmas tree was not held by the Sunday school this year, owing to the alterations being made in the building. The money thus saved was added to later donations by the members and used to purchase the comforts for the boys in khaki.

This Ointment Possesses Power To Heal the Skin

Two Cases Which Prove the Extraordinary Healing Power
of Dr. Chase's Ointment.

The use of Dr. Chase's Ointment is wonderfully satisfactory because you can actually see the results accomplished. It is surprising what change can be brought about in a single night by this great healing ointment.

Mr. George Heavill, 119 James street, Peterboro, Ont., writes: "As a healing ointment, I consider Dr. Chase's the best obtainable. I had a large running sore on my leg, and although I had tried all the prescriptions of two doctors I was unable to get any relief from the pain or to get the sore healed. One day my druggist handed me a sample box of Dr. Chase's Ointment, and I used it with such good results that I decided to give the ointment a fair trial. Altogether I used four boxes, and I am glad to be able to say that the sore on my leg is entirely healed up. Since this experience with Dr. Chase's

Ointment I have recommended it to many people."

Mrs. W. W. Oliver, Port George, Annapolis County, N. S., writes: "I am going to tell you my experience with Dr. Chase's Ointment. There was a spot came on my face something like a mole, but it kept getting worse, and several doctors whom I consulted said it was skin cancer, and that it would have to be cut or burned out. I hesitated having this done, but changed my mind when my brother recommended Dr. Chase's Ointment. Before I had finished one box of the ointment this skin trouble had gone, and has not bothered me since. I cannot praise Dr. Chase's Ointment too much, and you are at liberty to publish this letter."

If you have never used Dr. Chase's Ointment send a two-cent stamp for sample box, and mention this paper. Price 50 cents a box, all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

Graham Bros.

Big Stock-Reducing Sale

WHITE PLEATED FRONT SHIRTS. Regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 lines. For79c

BLUE GINGHAM SHIRTS, pleated fronts, fast colors75c

BLACK STIFF HATS, samples, worth \$2.00.....95c

COLOR SOFT HATS, samples, worth \$2.50...\$1.35

LINEN COLLARS, odd lines, good shapes...5c each

COLOR SOFT HATS, samples, worth \$1.50...69c

ODD LINES MEN'S SHIRTS AND DRAWERS AT AND BELOW COST.

MEN'S COMBINATIONS, all weights. Special line for\$1.00 and \$1.50

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DUNDAS AND RICHMOND STREETS.

NO Cure Guaranteed MORE CORNERS

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THERMOMETER ONLY SHOWED 11 BELOW; CITIZENS DOUBTFUL

At Any Rate, This Morning
Was the Coldest of the
Winter.

The citizen, who, early this morning, trailed down stairs, neatly clad in bathrobe and bedroom slippers, to open a frost-coated window, poke his head out and glance inquisitively at the family thermometer, drew his head in with great alacrity and made full speed for the room where a steaming radiator made the best efforts of King Win or futile. It was the coldest morning this winter.

The thermometer registered 11 degrees below zero, but nobody believed it. Even the thickest-skinned person realized that the temperature was at least 20 degrees below. However, the official record of the weather bureau was to be accepted and it claims that the lowest temperature up to 8 o'clock this morning was 11 degrees below and that the highest attained during the twelve hours previous was 8 degrees above.

On January 11 last, 36 degrees above was the highest temperature and 21 degrees the lowest.

Four and a half inches of snow fell here on Wednesday.

POSTOFFICE REARRANGES MAIL FOR NEW SCHEDULE

People Between City and Lucan Crossing
Will Get Morning Papers.

In a circular just issued by the head office of the Grand Trunk Railway passenger department at Montreal, the cancellation and changes that directly affect the city, as announced in Tuesday's edition of The Advertiser, are confirmed.

On the Stratford and Goderich division, two trains, No. 29, leaving Stratford for Goderich at 10 a.m., and No. 22, leaving Goderich at 4:50 p.m., have been cancelled. Both these trains carried mail, and their removal will affect the mail service.

On the Toronto, Stratford and London division three local arrivals of trains leaving Stratford have been cancelled: No. 171, leaving Stratford at 12:30 p.m.; No. 172, at 4:20 p.m.; and No. 37, at 10 p.m.

The cancellation of a number of parcels, dining and sleeping cars is included in the circular, and will be taken into consideration by the local post office authorities when making arrangements whereby mail and newspapers for Stratford, Denfield, Hyde, and Goderich will be taken to the local post office on the train leaving here at 6:30 a.m., and there make connections with the Stratford and London train leaving Stratford at 8:30 a.m. The mail bags will be transferred to the southbound Huron and Bruce train at 9:30 a.m., and residents along this line between Lucan Crossing and the city will receive the morning mail only a little later than has been the custom.

This arrangement will be appreciated by a district that otherwise would have been unable to have received mail and newspapers until the evening.

PERSONALS

Miss Margaret Cotter, St. Joseph's College, Adrian, Mich., is spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Coleman, 65 Stanley street.

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NEWS

BANK CLEARINGS.—London's bank clearings this week totalled \$2,625,871, a decrease of \$91,708 over those of the corresponding week in 1916, when they totalled only \$1,616,963.

FIRST RECEPTION.—Mrs. W. W. Chown, 12 John street, will receive for the first time since coming to London Friday, January 12th, from 8 to 6.

ATTACHED TO 14TH.—Lieut. H. Pinkerton, 2nd Regiment, has been attached to the 14th Battalion, where he will be employed as supernumerary until a vacancy occurs.

NEW JUDGE TO PRESIDE.—The first weekly high court for this year will be held at the courthouse on Saturday next. Mr. Justice Macdonald, of the newly-appointed justices, will preside.

RAILWAYMEN ILL.—Superintendent Charles Forrester of the Grand Trunk and Chief Clerk Ernie Williams are both away from their offices because of slight illnesses. Both are expected back to duty in a short time.

ACTION FOR \$200.—Action to recover \$200, claimed as rent for pasture land for cattle, has been entered by John O'Connor in the county court against John Loe and Donald McDougall of Lobo Township.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET.—Lakeland Church Men's Brotherhood is holding a "Father and Son" banquet on Friday evening in the church dining room. The purpose is to bring together and aid in promoting understanding between the boys and the grown-ups.

SHOULD SEND IN NAME.—A subscriber who sends in a letter regarding the conduct of a man in a shell factory should send in his name as an evidence of good faith if he expects his letter to be published.

BLOTTER WAS CLEAN.—A clean sheet at police court today made it unnecessary for the magistrates to ascend the bench. This is the first time in three months that not an entry has been made on the police court blotter.

ORGANISTS MEET.—The Organists' Club of this city will hold its next meeting at the residence of E. W. G. Quantz Thursday evening next. This is done to give the members of the club an opportunity to hear "The Messiah" tonight.

SKATING PARTY.—The boys of the High School Club, which is composed of students of the middle and upper schools, are holding a skating party on Friday night. The girls of the school have been invited to attend.

"SUNDAY AT HOME."—"Sunday at Home" is the subject of an interesting address to be given by Mrs. A. T. Anderson at the next meeting of the Alexandra Mothers' Club to be held in the kindergarten room on Friday at 8 p.m. The guests will be welcomed and refreshments will also be rendered.

TRIAL ON MONDAY.—James F. Smith, claiming to be a C. P. R. brakeman, appeared before Judge Macdonald in the county court today and pleaded guilty to a charge of attempting to obtain money from the railway by means of a fraudulent trial by judge, and the date was set for Monday forenoon next at 11 o'clock.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY.—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Pike and family held a very successful New Year's party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burrows, 445 Horton street. Card playing, music and dancing were enjoyed. The party broke up in the early hours of the morning, the guests wishing the hosts and hostess a very happy new year.

HOLD SPECIAL SERVICE.—Members of the Salvation Army who are in khaki uniforms will be on duty at the South London Citadel Thursday evening. Pte. Woodrich will sing and other members will take part in the program. The service will be in charge of Capt. Ashby, Salvation Army chaplain, 2nd Central Postal Directory.

WOUNDED IN ARM.—Pte. William Wilson (12101) has been officially reported admitted to No. 26 General Hospital, Etaples, on January 1. This information was contained in a message received by Mrs. Mary Wilson, 29 Major street. Pte. Wilson is reported as suffering from a severe gunshot wound in the left arm.

FIRST TRIP ISSUED.—The first trip to be issued in the county court this year was taken out Wednesday. S. O. H. Jones has entered action against Joseph Petch of Stratford, executor of the estate of the late Wm. Barron, claiming \$197 for medical supplies and attendance during an illness of the latter.

INSPECT EAST END HALL.—The board of works will inspect the East End Hall on Saturday. A. C. G. Moorehead is of the opinion that the place can be made up and made revenue-producing. It is expected that a decision as to the future of this place will be reached by the board of works on Monday. The building is valued at \$18,000, and has produced no revenue.

NEW ACT REMOVED.—A report current in the city that a new head act is to be introduced on January 18. The rumor says that the act will permit the owners to sell a loaf of any weight, provided that the weight is stamped on the loaf. Local bakers say they have had no word of the new law and Inspector McCallum has no confirmation of the rumor.

DOZEN FARMERS ATTEND.—Over a dozen young farmers were present at the opening lecture of the six weeks' course in agriculture, which commenced at Lucan this week under the supervision of the Middlesex branch of the Ontario Agricultural Department. Mr. Reid delivered an address on the digestive troubles of horses and cattle, emphasizing preventive means by a few simple remedies. His address dealt also with the lighting and ventilation of stables.

CONCERT FOR ENGINEERS.—Members of the Engineers' Guild enjoyed an excellent concert in their quarters on Tuesday night. A program of dances, songs, recitations and instrumental selections was given by Master Sam Munro, Miss Dorothy Munro, Miss Reno, Miss S. Higman, Missy Loretta, Missy Loretta, Master Lombardo, Miss Davis, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Munro, Mrs. McCallum, Lance-Corporal Etches and the Lombardo Brothers' Orchestra.

THIRTEEN WON BIBLES.—An interesting feature was introduced into the service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning, when C. R. Somerville, on behalf of the session of the church, presented Bibles to thirteen members of the Sabbath school who had attended a regular church service every Sunday throughout the session of the church. The church has decided to again make some recognition of perfect church attendance amongst the Sabbath school scholars during 1917.

GREEK MET GREEK.—A fight occurred in the Alexandra Cafe Wednesday between two Greeks. One of the Greeks tried to collect his wages. They spoke in their native tongue, so bystanders were unable to get the full benefit of the remarks. Then a war started. Sugar bowls were used as weapons and both men clashed to the ground. A real boxing match was conducted for some time until another Greek friend arrived and quickly threw one into the street. The patrons of the cafe escaped from the "war zone" by the rear entrance.

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THE DIARY OF MARS.

British troops pushing northeastward from the Suez Canal region on the Sinai Peninsula have carried their advance to the border of Palestine. They have captured the defensive entrenchments of Rafa, 30 miles northeast of Asia, on the Mediterranean, taken by the British last month and about 70 miles southwest of Jerusalem.

The attack was carried out by Australian troops and a camel corps and was followed by the defeat of a Turkish relief force four miles east of the Rafa position. In the operation 1,500 unwounded prisoners and four mountain guns were taken, according to the British official report.

Greece has followed up her formal acceptance of the ultimatum of the Entente powers by beginning the delivery to the Entente naval authorities of six batteries of mountain guns. This is in accordance with the agreement reached after the surrender of Athens last month in connection with the Entente demands, among other things for the delivery of Greek army artillery.

Naval losses by the British are announced today. The admiralty ship Cornwall, an auxiliary vessel, a seaplane carrier, have been sunk.

The campaign of Field Marshal von Mackensen, in Northern Rumania, continues to be pressed with vigor and momentum all along the line from the Danube to Fokshani, the Russians have been pushed back to the Serezh position and are fighting to retain the railroad junction at Marset, where the lateral line joining the two north and south main line railways in Moldavia connects with the westerly road.

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