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**\$10,000 DAMAGES
ARE ASKED FOR**

Writ Was Served Upon Thomas
Stephenson by J. H. Wilkins.

**ALIENATION OF
WIFE'S AFFECTIONS**

Is Alleged Against the Defendant—
Stephenson and Wilkins in
Partnership.

Mr. J. M. McEvoy, acting on behalf of Joseph H. Wilkins, a local liveryman, has issued a writ against Thomas Stephenson for \$10,000 damages, charging him with alienating his wife's affections, and with having criminal conversation with her.

Messrs. Wilkins and Stephenson are partners in the Forest City livery business at the rear of 61 Dundas street. It is understood that the alleged alienation of Mrs. Wilkins' affections as set forth in the writ took place quite recently.

The case will come up in the usual list of high court cases.

Mr. Joseph H. Wilkins lives at 99 Fullarton street, and Mr. Thomas Stephenson at 208 Simcoe street.

**BRING ALL THE
FACTS TO LIGHT**

Members of Council Appear in
Favor of Smallpox Hos-
pital Investigation.

It will now be for the city council to say whether or not there shall be an investigation into the charges made concerning the smallpox hospital.

The whole question is to be submitted to that body on Monday night, and they will discuss it.

There is no doubt that an investigation will be ordered, although the nature of it has not yet been determined.

A number of the aldermen are in favor of a committee or commission from the council, inquiring into the conditions prevailing there, while there are also some in favor of allowing the county judge to make an investigation.

At the city hall today, the opinion was generally that the council would ask that all the facts in connection with the treatment of patients in the hospital be brought to light, so that the citizens generally would be able to determine the exact state of affairs.

Some of the members of the board of health want to conduct the investigation themselves, but there will be some objection to that, as it was pointed out by Ald. Stevenson that the board itself is under a cloud in connection with the charges made.

**WARM WEATHER
AND EARTHQUAKE**

Some People in London Connect
the Two—A Remarkable
Winter.

Is the warm weather due to the disturbances that culminated in the earthquake at Messina?

There are many weather-wise people in London who make this claim. They point out that since a week or so after the earthquake the weather all over Canada has been unseasonably warm.

They also look for a continuance of this, and declare that the disturbances have changed the climatic conditions greatly.

Whatever may be the explanation, there is no doubt the weather is warm, remarkably warm for mid-winter.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SNOW.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Jan. 28—8 a.m.
Fair and cold today, followed late tonight and during Friday by easterly gales, with snow.

TEMPERATURES.	
Stations.	Today.
London	27
Victoria	38
Calgary	32
Winnipeg	12
Port Arthur	12
Perry Sound	4
Toronto	18
Ottawa	20
Montreal	18
Quebec	12
Dawson	-40
Kamloops	28
Edmonton	18
Bathurst	18
Prince Albert	2
Moos Jaw	8
Qu'Appelle	6
St. John	10
Halifax	14

Minus (—) means below zero.

A secondary disturbance has developed south of Nova Scotia, and the weather is likely to continue stormy along the Atlantic coast.

A pronounced disturbance now forming west of the Mississippi is likely to move eastward, followed by a cold wave, which is already setting in over the Western Provinces.



MISS ETTIE SOWLER,
London Girl Who Died in Detroit Under
Suspicious Circumstances.

**70 CANDIDATES
NOW IN THE FIELD**

First Ballots in European Trip
Contest Must Be Deposited
by Saturday.

Seventy candidates for the trip-to-Europe contest.

Every mail increases the number of those availing themselves of this, the greatest prize ever offered to the residents of London and Western Ontario.

The contest has awakened an interest unique in this part of Ontario. This is proved by the large entry list, and the many inquiries received by The Advertiser. An opportunity to visit England, Ireland, Scotland and France at no expense whatever, is worth a few weeks' work, and every contestant entered has friends who are willing to assist her.

The Trip.
The time is well selected for the journey, Europe will be seen at its best. A detailed description of the itinerary will soon be published.

Now is the time to enter. There is not a single nominee, so far as the votes cast show, who has a safe lead over any other. Every one of the 70 candidates has a chance. There are no handicaps; it is a fair and open race.

The more entries the better the contest; it increases the opportunities of each candidate.

A Reminder.
It should be remembered that the ballots printed in the newspaper must be marked within fifteen days after issued, and sent in to The Advertiser, otherwise they will not count.

The last day on which the first ballot, which appeared in The Advertiser, will be received will be Saturday next. On Monday it will be void. Candidates should see to it that all ballots are sent in not later than that date.

Here are the 70 candidates:
DISTRICT NO. 1.

All that territory within the city limits, north of and including both sides of Dundas street, and west of and including both sides of Wellington street.

Miss Katie McLaughlin, 226 Hyman street.

Miss May I. Mountjoy, 120 Mount Pleasant avenue.

Mrs. Norman A. Roberts, Richmond and John streets.

Miss Margaret Wilson, 262 Dundas street.

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**A CAMPAIGN
FOR INDUSTRIES**

City Council May Inaugurate
One—Time To Do
Something.

The city council may inaugurate a campaign for industries.

The mayor hinted at noon today that he would bring the matter up before the council on Monday night, and see what can be done.

"I am opposed to exemptions, on principle," said his worship, "but we must do something to protect ourselves. Here we have other municipalities coming right into the city and bidding for industries that have been here for years. They have taken many from us already, and I think it is high time this was stopped. I do not know what will result from it, nor just what form the campaign will take, but we are going to take some steps to put ourselves on an equal footing, at least, with other cities. It is time we did something."

MOTOR CARS DESTROYED

\$75,000 Damage Done to a Montreal
Plant Early This Morning.

Montreal, Jan. 28.—The Comet Motor Company's premises on Juvet street were gutted by fire early this morning, causing a loss estimated at \$75,000. Thirty motor cars were in the building, which were the property of the company, and the other fifteen were owned by citizens. The loss is covered by insurance.

**LADY TRIPPED IN
FRONT OF A TRAIN**

Close Call of a Londoner on the
Grand Trunk Railway
Yesterday.

A young lady had a rather exciting experience at the Richmond street crossing of the Grand Trunk yesterday morning at 11:18 as train No. 23 pulled out for Windsor.

No. 1 just left the station when the young lady started across the tracks. She had gone but a few feet when she noticed No. 23 bearing down upon her, and being badly frightened, appeared to be helpless.

A pedestrian pulled her to safety as the train swept by. The lady fainted, and was escorted to her home by two medical students, Messrs. H. G. Lindsay and Joseph Taylor.

**SEVENTH REGIMENT
FOR TICONDEROGA**

London Citizen Soldiers Will
Likely Have Big Outing
This Summer.

The officers of the Seventh Regiment are in communication, it is understood, with the committee of management who have in charge the Champlain celebration, which will be held this summer in Ticonderoga, New York.

It was stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that it was practically certain that the regiment would make the trip, which will be one of the most enjoyable outings the Seventh has yet enjoyed.

The outing is a direct result of the impression made by London's soldier boys at Buffalo a year ago last September, when they received compliments from Governor Hughes and other state dignitaries.

This will be another link in the series of triumphs enjoyed by London's crack regiment, the men having made profound impressions at Ottawa, Buffalo, Quebec, Trenton, and other places.

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**CLOSE CALL OF
NORTH ENDERS**

Mrs. and Miss Boyce Almost
Suffocated in a Fire This
Morning.

MICE MEDDLED
WITH MATCHES

Causing Bad Blaze in a Local Grocery
Store—Much Damage Was
Done.

Fire which was discovered about 2 o'clock this morning, and which was caused by mice nibbling a package of matches, gutted the store owned by J. W. Boyce, on the corner of Pall Mall and Alfred streets, and destroyed practically all the stock. The building and stock was insured.

At about 2 o'clock Mr. Boyce's daughter, who is 17 years of age, was awakened by the fire, and as the house was filled with smoke, she called to her parents. Mr. Boyce hastily arose and awakened his wife, after which he turned in the alarm from a box.

Almost Smothered.
Mrs. and Miss Boyce were nearly smothered in the smoke, which filled their rooms above the store, and in all probability have been unable to get out had it not been for the efforts of Mr. Boyce, who dragged them down stairs.

With the aid of a policeman, he made an attempt to extinguish the flames, but had made little progress when the fire department arrived.

The flames were confined to the room in which the fire started, as the doors were kept closed.

Mr. Boyce is unable to say what the damage will amount to.

**VOTE OF PEOPLE
WON'T BE REQUIRED**

Likely That Council and Legislature
Will Exempt Casket Company.

It is thought that it will not be necessary to take a vote of the people on the by-law granting the Globe Casket Company exemption for 20 years.

Ald. Beattie explained that if the request to the Legislature were backed up by the city council, there was hardly a probability of the Legislature refusing to grant the desires of the people.

This is provided the request is for only 10 years, but there is a possibility that an application for a 20-year exemption may not be favored by the Legislature, in which case a vote of the ratepayers, a majority vote, next January, would be required.

**CASKET COMPANY
REMAINS HERE**

Agreement Was Reached With
Manufacturers' Committee.

**TAX EXEMPTION
FOR TWENTY YEARS**

Except for School and Local Improvement Charges—Free Water for Company.

The Globe Casket Company will remain in the city. At the meeting of the manufacturers' committee yesterday afternoon, it was decided to recommend to the council that the firm be given exemption from all taxes, except school rates and local improvement charges, for a term of 20 years.

This was, in substance, the demand made by the company and is acceptable to the committee.

There was a large attendance of the members of the committee, and a great deal of interest was shown in the matter.

The Company's Position.
Mr. C. H. Ivey, on behalf of the company, put their case before the committee at considerable length. He reviewed the history of the concern, of its establishment here about seventeen years ago, and its steady growth ever since.

"I am not in a position to go into the figures, but the actual money loss of the firm through the fire will amount to \$90,000," said Mr. Ivey. "Personally, I fear it will be greater. I do not desire to go into the reasons why the loss was so great, as I do not desire in any way to hurt the best interests of this city."

"I have no ambition to stampede an exodus of industries from London. There will be a decision in a few days as to our future, and then we will be in a position to tell definitely what we will do."

Flooded With Propositions.
"Since the fire we have been flooded with propositions from other cities and towns. I might say they have come in by the score. We have not paid any attention to the offers from the smaller places, but there are some from the larger ones that demand attention. I will not tell you what inducements were offered."

"What we want from the city of London is largely determined by what we can get from other places. It is necessary, considering any offer that the break in business be as short as possible. We have one offer by which we can go into a factory, and be at work inside a month. London could not compete with that, for I am glad to say we have no vacant manufacturing space. The insurance rate in this place is less than \$1 while in London, it is something like \$4.30."

"That is a great difference. The insurance in London amounts practically to nothing."

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**VICTOR WELLS MAY
NOT BE DEPORTED**

Toronto Home Declares He Has
Always Been Hardworking
and Industrious.

Inspector McCallum, on the instruction of No. 1 committee, not long ago ordered that Victor Wells be deported, as he was a charge on the municipality and should be sent back to England.

On investigation Mr. McCallum discovered that he was from the Pagan Home, a branch of which is located in Toronto, and so he sent the young man there.

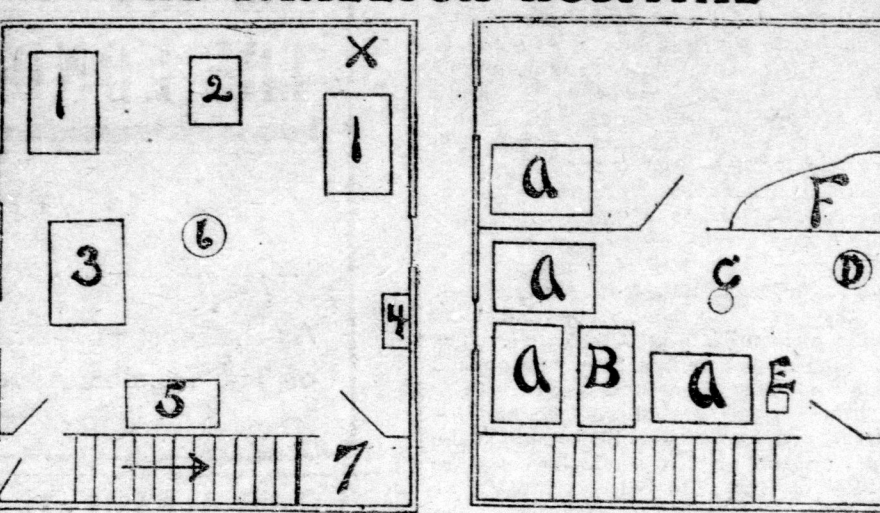
This morning he received a communication from Mr. R. R. R. of the home, stating that the facts of the case as given by Inspector McCallum were wrong, and that the boy had been an industrious and hardworking young man, and if anything had been wrong with him physically it was due to conditions here, and not to anything prior to his coming. He stated that Wells would be kept here for a few days, and if not taken care of would be sent back to London.

Inspector McCallum had a conference with Mayor Stevely about the matter, and it was decided to wait until the meeting of No. 1 committee, before taking action.

The case is undoubtedly one of deportation," said Inspector McCallum. "The young man has been a charge on the municipality for a long time. He has been ill and will never work again, in my opinion. I got his history, and four of the five children are charges on a municipality, and the other is in an asylum. The letter I received stated that he had worked on the farm for four years, and had regularly sent contributions to the home. That may all be, but for the past year he has been a constant charge on the city of London. He does not belong to us and I merely had him sent where he belonged."

WELLAND SETTLES

Welland, Jan. 28.—The town of Welland has paid to the Methodist Church the sum of \$13,000 in accordance with the judgment of the court in the suit against the town for the burning of the church as the result of the igniting of natural gas by a steam roller.

THE SMALLPOX HOSPITAL

The above cuts show the plan of the upper and lower floors of the much-discussed smallpox hospital. It will be readily seen from the diagrams that sanitary arrangements are conspicuous by their absence.

It is probable that the city council will order an investigation into the hospital.

It has not yet been definitely decided whether the county judge or a committee will make inquiries into conditions prevailing there.

The following is the key to the plan:
Ground Floor—1 Beds, 2 Wood Cook Stove, 3 Dining Table, 4 Sink, 5 Lounge, 6 Baseburner Stove, 7 Pantry, x Wood pile.
Second Story—A, Beds, B, Canvas cot, C, Stove pipe and drum, D, Water closet, E, Small table for lamp, F, Pile of tents.

**Two Killed in Freight Wreck
Trains Crash in Blinding Storm**

Accident at Harriston Was Very
Costly to Life and Property.

The Dead.
Root, trainman, Palmerston.
Smith, trainman, Palmerston.

The Injured.
James Artell, Palmerston, shoulder hurt, and several others.

Harriston, Jan. 27.—Two freight trains collided in a blinding snowstorm at Fulton's Mills, 4 miles northwest of this place, between Harriston and Clifford, at noon today, and two lives were lost. Those killed were trainmen, Root and Smith, both of Palmerston.

James Artell, also of Palmerston, had his shoulder injured, and it is believed that others sustained injuries.

The collision occurred on a grade, and the locomotives telescoped each other. A number of cars were also derailed. Traffic will be delayed for ten or twelve hours.

The collision was between a train coming from Southampton and one on the way to Owen Sound. On one of the trains there is said to have been a driver unaccustomed to the road, and he took the wrong track. It was terrible weather, the driving snow making near objects indistinguishable. The big train for Owen Sound, drawn by a Mogul engine, crashed into it with terrible results. Assistance was at once dispatched from this town.

An auxiliary was called to the wreck from Palmerston, and the track was cleared by night. The damage to the engines and rolling stock will be very heavy.

One report stated that five were killed, but later news confines the number to two, with three or four injured.

**Heroic Act of Westminster Man
Seriously Ill, He Saves Neighbors**

Dashes From a Sick Bed and
Puts Out Fire at Critical
Moment.

The family of Mr. John Bowden of Brick street had a remarkably close call from being burned in their home yesterday morning early and only the prompt action of a neighbor, Mr. William Thompson, prevented the house from being destroyed.

Mr. Thompson has been very ill all winter and has been confined to his bed for many weeks. About 5 o'clock in the morning he chanced to awaken and saw flames shooting from the chimney and from the roof. Although in a very weak condition he dressed hurriedly, secured a ladder and taking an old overcoat, beat out the fire on the roof. He then aroused the neighbors and the family, a bucket brigade was formed, and after a half-hour's work the fire was extinguished. It had undoubtedly started from the blazing chimney, and in a short time, but for Mr. Thompson's prompt action, the house would have been in flames. He was very weak from the reaction which set in after his great effort, and is still quite ill. The deed is regarded as a most heroic one and the hearty thanks of the Bowden family has been extended to Mr. Thompson.

The damage to the house will amount to about \$100, as a large hole was burned in the roof.

**MAN WAS DEAD,
BUT DEAD DRUNK**

People Who Saw Phoned Police
Who Went to Park in a
Great Hurry.

Late last night a telephone message was sent to the police station, stating that a man was lying dead in Victoria Park.

The patrol went up in a big hurry and found Nelson Henry lying on one of the pathways in a state of intoxication known as "dead."

In court this morning Henry was fined \$10 for the trouble he put the police to, but not having the money he will spend 21 days reformatory.

Lillian Fryer, a young girl, who says she came here from Galt, was remanded for a week on a charge of vagrancy. The girl has been wandering about the streets for several weeks, and it is believed that she has been beating some of the boarding-houses. The police are investigating the case.

Charles Walsh met a man he didn't know, and never saw before, and the man gave him whiskey. The magistrate had heard the story before, and Mr. Walsh will serve for a week in jail.

John Hall, a vag, who has been in jail for several days, was ordered to be deported, and the necessary papers have been filled out.

Ben Goodacre, a drunk and vag, was remanded for a week.

John Kendrick, a drunk, was remanded for a week.

Arthur Lenehan paid his fine for assault, and was finally discharged.

A RHODES SCHOLARSHIP.

Winnipeg, Jan. 28.—A dispatch from Regina says George M. Smith, aged 20, of Calgary, and a fourth-year undergraduate of Toronto University, has been selected as this year's Rhodes scholar for Alberta and Saskatchewan.

**LONDON GIRL
DIES IN DETROIT**

Police Investigating the Death of
Miss Ettie Sowler, of Mait-
land Street.

**CIRCUMSTANCES ARE
MOST SUSPICIOUS**

The Girl Was Only 17 Years of Age
—Left This City About a
Week Ago.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Detroit, Mich., Jan. 28.—As a result of the sudden death of Ettie Sowler, 17 years old, of 386 Maitland street, London, Mrs. Eliza Landau is locked up at the central police station charged with manslaughter, and the girl's mother, Mrs. Kate Durance, of London, is detained at the same station as a witness, and she may yet be charged with complicity in the death of her young daughter.

The girl's death was caused by a criminal operation. She was brought to Detroit by her mother last Saturday and taken to Mrs. Landau's home. When she died is a mystery that the coroner and police are trying to solve.

Left London a Week Ago.
When seen this afternoon at the family residence, 386 Maitland street, Oscar Sowler, a brother of Ettie Sowler, stated to The Advertiser that his sister was 17 years old and had worked at Somerville's box factory until about a week ago, when she was taken ill.

Together with her mother she had gone to Detroit.

Mrs. Durance, he said, was formerly Mrs. Sowler and lived in Bothwell for many years.

About twelve years ago, when Mr. Sowler died, she married Mr. Durance. He died about a year after the marriage, and the family then moved to this city.

Mr. Sowler stated that he had a brother living in Rodney and another in Ridgetown. He did not know of his sister's death until this morning someone came to the house and told him what had happened.

Mrs. Durance is well-known in this city, having done washing for a number of families.

The Story.
Detroit, Jan. 28.—Dr. Eliza Landau, in whose place at 184 Howard street, Ettie Sowler, aged 17, died, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detectives High and Larkins, and locked up at Central Station, charged with manslaughter.

The woman denies all knowledge of the circumstances attending the girl's death and adheres steadfastly to her first story in which she claimed that Ettie was brought to her place last Saturday by her mother, who asked for a room and said nothing of the girl's condition.

Mrs. Kate Durance, who lives in London, Canada, admits that she took her daughter to Dr. Landau's for an operation and implicates the woman. She is being detained at the central station as a witness.

Mother Confesses.
To Coroner Bennett yesterday morning, Mrs. Durance denied that her daughter had undergone an operation. Her death, she said, followed a series of vomiting spells. Later, under the examination of Capt. McDonald and the detectives, she admitted that she stood in an adjoining room in the house on Howard street while the operation was being performed.

When the physician had told what the police say was a series of falsehoods, Mrs. Landau was brought face to face with her accuser. It did not affect her in the slightest degree, so far as changing her story was concerned.

The attention of the police was first attracted to the case by Coroner Bennett, who was asked by Undertaker Frank J. Blake to investigate. Blake was called to the house yesterday morning to prepare the body for burial. He was frankly told that the girl had died without medical attention.

Physicians Scent Crime.
Coroner Bennett ordered a post-mortem. The latter, conducted by County Physicians Grimes and Stapleton, disclosed the fact that the girl's death was due to a criminal operation. The physicians gave it as their opinion that death occurred before 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, when Blake was told the girl died.

Coroner Bennett believes, judging from the condition of the body, that the girl died several days ago.

Mrs. Durance, however, who returned to her home after the operation was performed, says that she received a letter from Ettie dated Monday, and previous to a telegram from Dr. Landau, telling her of her daughter's death.

Dr. Landau, who is 68 years old, has

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