

Playmate Threw a Piece of Metal; Edith McGuffin Loses an Eye

Regrettable Accident to a Bright
Little Girl of Dufferin
Avenue.

Edith McGuffin, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. John McGuffin, of 463 Dufferin avenue, was struck in the eye with a piece of metal last evening and it was found necessary to remove the optic.

The little girl, a beautiful, playful child, was playing on the lawn with a neighbor's boy, a little chap of about her own age, and the latter was amusing himself, as boys will, by throwing stones or anything he could find.

His careless little playmate wandered in front of him, and at the time

the lad was about to throw a piece of metal.

It is understood the metal was a Mergenthaler slug—that is, a line out of a newspaper, which is cast in one piece.

The slug was thrown with great force for a boy so young, and it struck the little girl straight in the eye.

The optic was burst by the impact, and the child was knocked in a semi-conscious condition.

Dr. Cowen and Dr. Henderson were called, and they had the patient removed to Victoria Hospital, where the eye was removed.

It was stated today that the little girl is doing very well under the circumstances, and that she will recover. Her parents are heartbroken, however, and they have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.



JAMES J. CLARK.

Of West London, Who Disappeared a
Week Ago, and Has Not Since
Been Heard From.

MOST MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE; JAMES J. CLARK IS MISSING

West London Man Went to
Detroit on Aug. 17 and
Cannot Be Located.

Mr. James J. Clark, who resides at the corner of the Wharncliffe road and Wyatt street, West London, has been missing since Saturday, Aug. 17, and his disappearance has caused his relatives and friends great anxiety.

Mr. Clark left on a business trip to Detroit last Saturday morning along with his little daughter and a neighbor's little girl, who were going to visit relatives in that city.

Started for Home.

On Saturday evening he left his daughter with relatives in Detroit, and as they thought started for London, his relatives are almost distracted.

allowing his daughter to remain for a few days longer with her friends.

Mr. W. Clark has not been heard of since, and although his wife and relatives in this city and in Detroit have done everything possible to locate him, all search has been without avail.

His strange disappearance cannot be accounted for. He was a man in robust health, and was employed as manager at the Dyer Cigar Company's factory.

Mr. Clark's disappearance has caused great alarm among his friends, as they fear he has met with foul play.

Mr. Clark was devoted to his family, and was one of London's most respected citizens. There was no reason why he should remain away, and his relatives are almost distracted.

Robert Roadhouse, Cobalt Striker, Former Socialist Candidate Here

Is Continuing His Lively Speeches
in the Silver Region—After
Whitney Government.

Robert Roadhouse, the representative of the Western Federation of Miners, who has been at the head of the Cobalt strike for some weeks, is a well-known former Londoner.

He was born in Hamilton, but came here about twelve years ago to work for the McClary Manufacturing Company in the enameling department. He was at first a union man, but later when the Socialists for a time secured a footing in London, he was impressed by their doctrine and he joined their ranks.

For several years after he left the employ of the McClary company, he

worked as a teamster, driving a sand wagon for a Hill street employer. Then he went in for politics altogether, and his speeches on the streets of London were very lively.

He was the Socialist candidate in 1900, and with Major Beattie, the Conservative candidate, opposed Hon. C. S. Hyman for the London seat. He secured in the neighborhood of 260 votes, the other candidates polling over 3,000 each. He then dropped out for a time, and later went to Hamilton.

In that city, which is his old home, he has been frequently arrested for making fiery speeches to excite crowds on street corners. Now he is in the Cobalt region, and he is continuing his policy of talking plain.

He is a man of about 38 years of age, with prematurely gray hair, but

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Sixth Field Battery Home on Sunday

The Sixth Field Battery of London, under Major Mills will leave Petawawa this afternoon, arriving in London Sunday at 11:30 over the C. P. R. Reports from the camp declare that the work of the London corps at the camp has been very fine, and has been exceedingly satisfactory to the commanding officers.

Satisfaction was expressed more

than once at the proficiency of the London battery, a volunteer company, and Major Mills was complimented very highly. The men were in competition with the permanent artillery, and their work suffered little by comparison with the splendid showing of the Britishers. The locals took a high stand in all branches of their work.

The engineers arrived at the Barracks today from Petawawa.

Commissioners Agree To Lower The Flash Board

Meet the Workers of the Grand
Trunk Railway Re Cove
Bridge Piers.

The water commissioners through City Engineer Graydon were notified that the Grand Trunk wanted the river lowered about three feet to enable them to get out the piers on other work at the Cove bridge. The company estimated that the work could be done in a couple of days if the commissioners would grant its request.

MODEL SCHOOLS AGAIN
Will Not Be Put Out of Business This
Year.

The department of education will continue the model school this year owing to the fact that the new normal schools will not be ready. It was its intention to do away with them, but this will not happen until 1908.

Inspector Edwards is receiving many applications from students desirous of entering the model, and a large attendance is anticipated.

NORTH BAY COLLECTIONS.

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—John McDougall, commissioner of customs, who has just returned from a visit of inspection to Northern Ontario, says North Bay collections now average \$5,000 a month. Cobalt has justified the establishment of a customs house for Haliburton, New Liskeard and Englehart.

THE SEVENTH SHOOTERS
MADE A FINE RECORD

The members of the Seventh Regiment rifle team which recently returned from Toronto where they took part in the Long Branch shoot are busy receiving congratulations for the excellent showing made.

The team finished second in the city of Toronto match, being defeated by a few points by the Governor-General's Footguard.

Individual members of the team also did well and took several prizes. Captain Taylor and Pte. F. N. Allen showing up particularly well.

The team was made up as follows: Major Hayes, Captain McCremin, Captain Taylor, Color-Sergeant Hayes, Pte. F. N. Allen.

NEW FACES ON THE TEACHING STAFF

Board of Education Will Be
Called Upon to Make Many
Appointments Shortly.

The fall term is the beginning of the school year and many changes in the personnel of the teaching staffs of the city schools will take place.

There will be many transfers and applications to be received and considered, and the board of education will have considerable work to do at its next session.

There are many vacancies to fill, both on the Collegiate and public school staffs.

BOLD BURGLARS AT RIDGETOWN

Masked Men Hold Up the
Michigan Central Night
Operator.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Aug. 24.—Between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning two masked men walked into the M. C. R. depot at Ridgetown, covered the night operator with revolvers, blind-folded him and dragged him outside, and then robbed the till, securing only \$24. Detective Heenan is on the trail today.

OFF TO HELP HARVEST WHEAT

Six Hundred From This Neigh-
borhood Leave for the West
on Tuesday.

Almost 600 young farmers and others from London and surrounding points have procured tickets for the C. P. R. excursion to Manitoba and the Territories which leaves on Tuesday next. They are sorely needed out in the wonderful country of grain and good wages. The enormous crops must be harvested, and the annual cry for help has been sounded.

Annually several hundred young men from this vicinity alone make the harvesting trip, and those who go once generally go again.

However, many of those who go out to the Northwest do so with the idea of making it their future home, and judging by the marvelous stories of success which drift eastward, failure is an unknown word in the land of grain and fortune.

FIRST CHURCH NAMES DELEGATES

To Wait on Presbytery Re
Call to Rev. Dr.
Pidgeon.

The following gentlemen have been named a committee to wait upon the presbytery at Toronto in connection with the call extended to Rev. Dr. Pidgeon, of Toronto, by the First Presbyterian Church of London: Dr. Merchant, principal of the Normal School; Mr. John Cameron, postmaster; Mr. J. C. Jarvis, Mr. Edward Reid and Dr. Hodge.

The committee will leave on Sept. 2 for Toronto, where the case of the First Church will be presented to the presbytery. Rev. Alex. Henderson, interim moderator of the First Church, will accompany the committee.

Dr. Pidgeon's congregation at Toronto Junction is credited with a very warm desire to keep him, and a vigorous opposition will likely be set up to the claims of the First Church.

POLICEMAN'S NERVE SAVED THE LIFE OF AN EAST LONDON LAD

Ten Year Old Son of W. M.
Chamberlain Had Exciting
Experience Today.

This morning between 9 and 10 o'clock a horse attached to one of the Globe Casket Company's delivery wagons ran away, threw the driver out onto the street, and dashed madly along for several blocks with a little 10-year-old child clinging to the seat of the rig, and at every moment in danger of being hurled headlong to the pavement, which would have meant serious injury, if not instant death.

P. C. William Grutch came to the rescue, and stopped the runaway in a manner which reflects great credit on

the officer, for he probably saved the life of the child.

Horse Took Fright.

The driver of the wagon, Mr. Robt. Howard, was returning to the factory by way of King street. He was about to turn onto Adelaide street when his horse, which was a spirited animal, took fright and bolted. As the rig swung around the corner one of the wheels dropped into a hole in the road which had been left where the excavation for a sewer had been made. Before he could regain his balance, Mr. Howard was hurled from his seat to the roadway, but fortunately he escaped injury, other than a severe shaking up.

The horse then dashed at full speed north on Adelaide street, with the little

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Capt. Midford Advises Londoners Against Going in for Filtration

Says There is Plenty of Spring
Water in This Vicinity
for All Purposes.

Capt. A. G. Midford, an expert engineer, an authority on the water question, who for many years was in charge of the Havana, Cuba, waterworks, is an out-and-out advocate of spring water. He, moreover, declares that the city of London would be exceedingly foolish to spend much money on a filtration plant when there is enough of the very best spring water at Springbank to supply London and a half dozen cities of the same size for many, many years to come.

London is in the midst of a natural watershed, with plenty of the best water everywhere. He found fault with the city for calling in American specialists when there were in Canada many engineers who had given the water question just as much study, and were acquainted with the topography and

nature of Canadian soil, and the opinion of such men was of infinitely more value than the so-called American experts.

"There is enough of the finest spring water at Springbank to last this city and a half-dozen like it for many years," he said. "Why London is situated in one of the finest watersheds in this country if the people only knew it. I could sink a well right in the center of Richmond street and get water. It is all about you. Anybody who has been at Springbank, and studied the question closely will come to the same opinion."

Give Canadians a Chance.

"But you Canadians run after Yankee engineers, and what they tell you is taken for gospel. Why don't you give some Canadian a chance. There are just as many clever engineers in this country as any other; in fact, Canadian engineers are the best. If one is to believe the history of engineering in America. These Canadians know the country, they are acquainted with the

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Lorrie and Load Fell on Driver; Serious Accident to Chas. Ross

A Well-Known Young Man, Who
Resides on the Hamilton
Road.

Mr. Chas. Ross, son of Mr. H. L. Ross, the grocer, living at the corner of the Hamilton road and William street, met with a serious accident this morning at the M. C. R. freight sheds. A chum of his who drives a M. C. R. lorry went on the Grand Trunk excursion to the Falls, and Charlie Ross took his place to allow him to go. He had driven his lorry to the freight shed and had unloa-

ded a 2,500-pound carboy. The vessel was put at the front end of the lorry, and Ross continued to work at the other end. Suddenly the carboy shifted, and rolling to the other end of the lorry over on Ross. The team became frightened and dragged the upturned lorry and carboy over the prostrate driver. He was taken out from under and Dr. J. B. Campbell called.

His knee and hip are badly crushed, and his entire body is bruised and cut. His injuries are not considered fatal but he will be laid up for some time.

His escape from death is considered a little short of miraculous. Ross was removed to his home.

Switchman Run Over in G.T.R. Yards

At 2:30 this afternoon a young man named Jennings, employed as a switchman by the Grand Trunk Railway, was run over in the east end yards, east of Egeron street.

One arm and one leg were cut off, and

he was otherwise badly injured. He was taken to Victoria Hospital, where his life is despaired of by the physicians.

His mother was summoned, and was with him during the operation at the hospital. His full name is Hugh Jennings, and he resided at No. 513 Hill street.

UNDERWRITERS ELECT

Toronto, Aug. 23.—The National Life Insurance Underwriters' Association this morning elected officers as follows: President, C. J. Edwards, New York; vice-presidents, H. Cox, Toronto; W. H. Herwick, St. Louis; J. W. Whitington, Los Angeles; secretary, W. A. Waite, Detroit; treasurer, E. L. D. Weekes, Litchfield, Conn.; Geo. Allen, Montreal, and A. H. Vipond, Montreal, are on the executive.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE.
FORECASTS.

Toronto, Aug. 24.—8 a.m. Today—Fresh to strong westerly to northwesterly winds; fine. Sunday—Moderate to fresh west to northwest winds; fine and slightly cooler.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather
Toronto ... 68 62 Cloudy
Ottawa ... 64 62 Cloudy
Montreal ... 62 62 Rain
Father Point ... 62 56 Fair
Calgary ... 48 46 Clear
Winnipeg ... 56 48 Clear
Port Arthur ... 54 48 Fair

WEATHER NOTES.
The depression which was situated in Manitoba yesterday morning has now reached the lakes with diminishing energy and pressure has become comparatively high again over the western portion of the continent. Very fine weather has prevailed in the western provinces, also elsewhere in Canada except in the far western region where rain has fallen heavily.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.
Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 41—75; Victoria, 54—76; Vancouver, 51—75; Barkerville, 40—62; Calgary, 44—78; Edmonton, 44—72; Battleford, 50—70; Prince Albert, 50—64; Regina, 52—70; Winnipeg, 58—70; Port Arthur, 52—64; Pelly, 50—75; Montreal, 58—76; Quebec, 50—74; St. John, 52—64; Halifax, 51—72.

Mr. John White for Spring Water; Strongly Opposed to River Filtration

Describes Impurities of Thames
—Favors N. Branch Springs
and High Pressure.

Mr. John White, president of the London Rolling Mills Company, and of the London bolt and hinge works, one of London's foremost captains of industry, is a strong advocate of spring water, as the following letter shows:

To the Editor of The Advertiser: Inasmuch as there is to be a vote taken on the question of water supply, it is necessary and right that the voters be given all the information obtainable on the subject.

Some of our prominent citizens advocate filtered river water, and it has been said that the people are prejudiced against river water only because of their ignorance of the methods and principles of filtering. This may be true. For myself, I do not profess to be an expert on filtering, and am not in a position to say that the river water cannot be made absolutely pure. But for the past 40 years I have traversed the north branch from the city limits to its origin, or perhaps I should say, to its many places of orig-

in, for there are numerous small streams that are tributaries to it; and from actual observation I can say something about the impurities that go into the river and streams connected with it.

Starting at the city limits and following the north branch to a point away beyond St. Marys, on a hot summer day, we find that nearly all the farmers on both sides of the river pasture animals on the river flats, or allow their horses, cattle, pigs, sheep, ducks and geese to have free access to it. These animals naturally seek the water, not only to drink, but to stand in to escape the flies and heat of the sun; and we find cattle in herds of from 5 to 25 standing in the river for hours at a time on almost every farm.

Nor is this all. Let us follow up each of the small streams, and there are dozens of them, that empty into the river, some of which have their origin many miles back from it. The conditions of these are, in many cases, worse than the river itself, as the barnyards are located only a short distance from the stream so as to be convenient for watering cattle, etc., and all the stock on the

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Four Thousand People Took in G.T.R. Excursion to Niagara Falls Today

Many People Compelled to Hand
Back Tickets for Lack of
Accommodation.

Over four thousand took in the Grand Trunk excursion to the Falls this morning. This was a larger crowd than last year, and one of the largest in the history of these excursions.

Four trains of eleven cars each were necessary to handle the crowd and they were all uncomfortably loaded.

The excursionists were "hanging on by their eyebrows," one railroad man said.

The first train left at 5:15 a.m. and was heavily loaded. The next train at 5:30 and the third left at 6 a.m. The fourth was due to start about 6:30, but it did not get away until nearly 8 o'clock.

The engine that was bringing the empty cars from Toronto broke down, delaying the train over an hour.

Quite a number were left at home. One man appeared at the wicket at the depot at 10 o'clock and handed in four tickets. He said that it was impossible for him or his family to get on the train.

Rev. Vining's First Sermon Sept. 15

Rev. A. J. Vining, of Thorndale, who, as mentioned in yesterday's Advertiser, has accepted a call to the Tabernacle Baptist Church, will preach his first sermon on Sept. 22. Rev. Mr. Ross, the present pastor, will preach his farewell sermon on Sept. 15.

Mr. Vining first studied at Woodstock College, along with Mr. J. W. Westervelt, of this city, and later took his degree at McMaster College in Toronto.

Among the various churches in

which Mr. Vining has officiated as pastor are the Windsor Baptist Church, and the Logan Avenue Baptist Church in Winnipeg.

For a number of years the Rev. Mr. Vining has been identified with the Northwest Baptist Church missions, and for the past two years he has represented the Northwest missions in England.

Mr. Vining was in the city today making arrangements for a residence on Queen's avenue.

Model School Certificates Granted

Last year the department of education, thinking that it would be the last year of the Model School, granted students who were not yet eighteen years of age, or who had not passed sufficient examinations to qualify them for non-professional certificates, the privilege of attending the Model School, the certificates to be granted as soon as they reached the legal age, or passed the proper examinations.

There was quite a number of these at the Middlesex Model last year. Today the county board of examiners granted ten of these certificates to the following teachers:

Miss Ella Armour, Miss Christine Campbell, Mr. William A. Campbell, Miss May Dyer, Miss Jean Glenn, Miss Mabel Grant, Mr. Stanley Sinclair, Miss Lillian Nixon and Miss Myrtle Justin.

What effect do large picnics out of London to other places have on local business? London business-men who have pondered over the question for years declare that the big excursions hurt every kind of business for the time being but the railroads.

Even the market business suffers to no little extent. Take the big Grand Trunk picnic today to Niagara Falls, for example. Over 4,000 people left on the trip. Of that number more than half at least are married people. Perhaps 1,500 of the odd two thousand are accustomed to visiting the market on Saturday, and each person would spend on an average of \$1 or more. That means \$1,500 which ordinarily finds its way into the pockets of the market dealers will be spent in some other manner.

Then there are the other dealers throughout the city, such as butchers, bakers, etc., whose businesses also suffers on such occasions.

Officials of the street car system claim that picnic days to other cities are of little benefit to the local system. Whereas a person might spend

25 cents a day riding about the city, they would use but two tickets on picnic days in going to and from the railroad station. And if the hour of return is late they might use but one.

A large proportion of the single people who take in the picnics usually board in restaurants and have meal tickets, which means that the price of a day's meals is spent elsewhere.

There was a time when people carried their own lunch baskets to picnics. Now, as a rule, when the excursionists go to places where cheap meals can be easily obtained, the custom has practically been done away with. When baskets were carried, local grocers, butchers and bakers, of course, benefited by the sale of picnic goods. Now these dealers hate to see picnics advertised.

The picnickers, however, do not worry their heads about the troubles of the dealers, and the tendency for taking trips to other places seems to be growing stronger all the time.

Each holiday takes more people out of town than the same day the year before, and the excursions of all kinds are being largely patronized.

A Sarnia Opinion of River Water

The Sarnia Observer says: The water supply problem has overshadowed politics for the time being in London, and the Free Press is expending all its frantic foolishness on the subject, being a furious advocate of filtering the water in what is called the "north branch" of the bifurcated drainage ditch that unites at "the forks" and forms the little stream called the River Thames, flowing from the city to Lake St. Clair. Among

the many crazy things that have appeared in that journal in support of its pet scheme is the assertion that the water of the north branch, into which is discharged the sewage from the farms and hamlets and towns along its banks from above St. Marys, till it reaches London, is purer than Lake Huron water, which, the Free Press writer says, is polluted by the refuse from the couple of hundred vessels that ply upon it during the season of navigation. It is useless to reason with such ignorance, as a statement of that kind discloses.