

PROPHECY MADE IN 1853, FULFILLED IN BOER WAR; AGAIN DURING GREAT WAR

Remarkable Utterance by United States Officer At Opening of Old Great Western Railway in London 68 Years Ago—Interesting Event Recalled by Clipping and Picture From English Paper Published in January, 1854.

Look closely at the picture less you fail to recognize correctly one of the old historic landmarks of London. The reproduction is from an old copy of the Illustrated London News (London, England), dated January 21, 1854. The official opening of the Great Western Railway took place on December 15, 1853, and when the corner of the platform and station shown in the right foreground of the picture is actually a corner of the present Grand Trunk station or not may give rise to some discussion. The engine-house, which stood south of the station on ground over which the London and Port Stanley electric trains approach the Richmond street station, was torn down some years ago.

Historic Landmark. Why the artist of the great English pictorial journal saw fit to sketch a meagre corner of the station is not apparent. Is it possible the Grand Trunk station was regarded as an architectural monstrosity even when it was brand new? It has been sketched, photographed and done in oils and crayons by so many artists during the past 68 years, that it has come to be recognized as an inviolate architectural relic and historic landmark of the city.

The Ark of the Covenant. So much so that the Grand Trunk Company, although anxious to erect a new station having seen checked through sheer force of public opinion, which most certainly would demand the imposing of extreme penalties upon any one who would dare to demolish the Ark of the Covenant which London made with the historic old Great Western Railway nearly 70 years ago. The Grand Trunk, which has now become historic in turn, has faithfully observed that covenant in so far it never materially disturbed or altered the outward symbol of that covenant.

Gigantic Undertaking. The article which accompanied the sketch in the Illustrated London News reads as follows:

Nearly Seventy Years Ago. "The opening of the central section of the Great Western Railway, which took place at London, Canada West, on the 15th of December, 1853, was hailed by the inhabitants with an expression of popular gratitude suited to an event which is calculated to exercise an important influence on their town and the adjacent district. "Not many years have elapsed since the site on which the town of London now stands was a wilderness, and it is not more than a village; but in the general impetus which has been given to the progress of the town within the few years London has received its full share; handsome brick buildings are rapidly displacing the wooden shanties of the original settlers, and the event just mentioned, the town is put in connection by railway, not only with the shores of Lake Ontario, but also with the Atlantic.

Cause for Rejoicing. "In England, even previous to the time at which railways were first brought into operation, the traveling was comparatively good, but in Canada, although the road from Hamilton to London, 80 miles distant, is esteemed one of the best in the province, travelers at certain seasons of the year must make up their minds to be twenty hours in performing the distance by stage, besides running the risk of being upset perhaps more than once by the way. Under such circumstances it is little to be wondered at that the opening of a railway in that province should be an event of general rejoicing.

Prophecy Uttered. "After the arrival of the train the spectators were entertained at a public dinner. The mayor of the town—who is also a director and has taken a very active part in pushing forward the undertaking, presided. Numerous appropriate toasts were drunk. The health of her majesty was received with great enthusiasm; but the festivities of the evening were not more remarkable for anything than the very good feeling expressed towards the mother country by the American gentlemen who were present. Gen. Clarke, from the States, in responding to the health of the president, expressed his sentiments to the effect that if any nation should lift a finger against the parent country, her children from this side of the Atlantic would be seen flying to her relief.

Sketch Represents the Train. "The sketch represents the train passing the company's engine-house and workshop, and approaching the passenger station. The engine-house, next the square building, partly lighted from the top, on the left of the sketch, is well arranged and capable of containing seventeen locomotives."

Recent Action at Windsor Has Aroused Interest in Science in London and District—Only Burning That Destroys Sweat Glands Removes Tell-Tale Markings.

As a result of the report that the Windsor police department intends to open a finger print bureau in the near future, an added interest in this science of identification has sprung up in Western Ontario. Today an Advertiser reporter learned that there are already a number of students of the art in this city, independent of the police, who are naturally interested, and that some of them have made considerable headway in its study.

For the information of the readers of The Advertiser, a short article on the matter was secured from a student of the science, who has made almost perfect marks in every phase of the subject, and from his account of the work it may readily be seen that if such a bureau was established here still greater success in the detection of crime than is now obtained would result.

Finger Print Science Opens Unlimited Scope For Crime Investigator

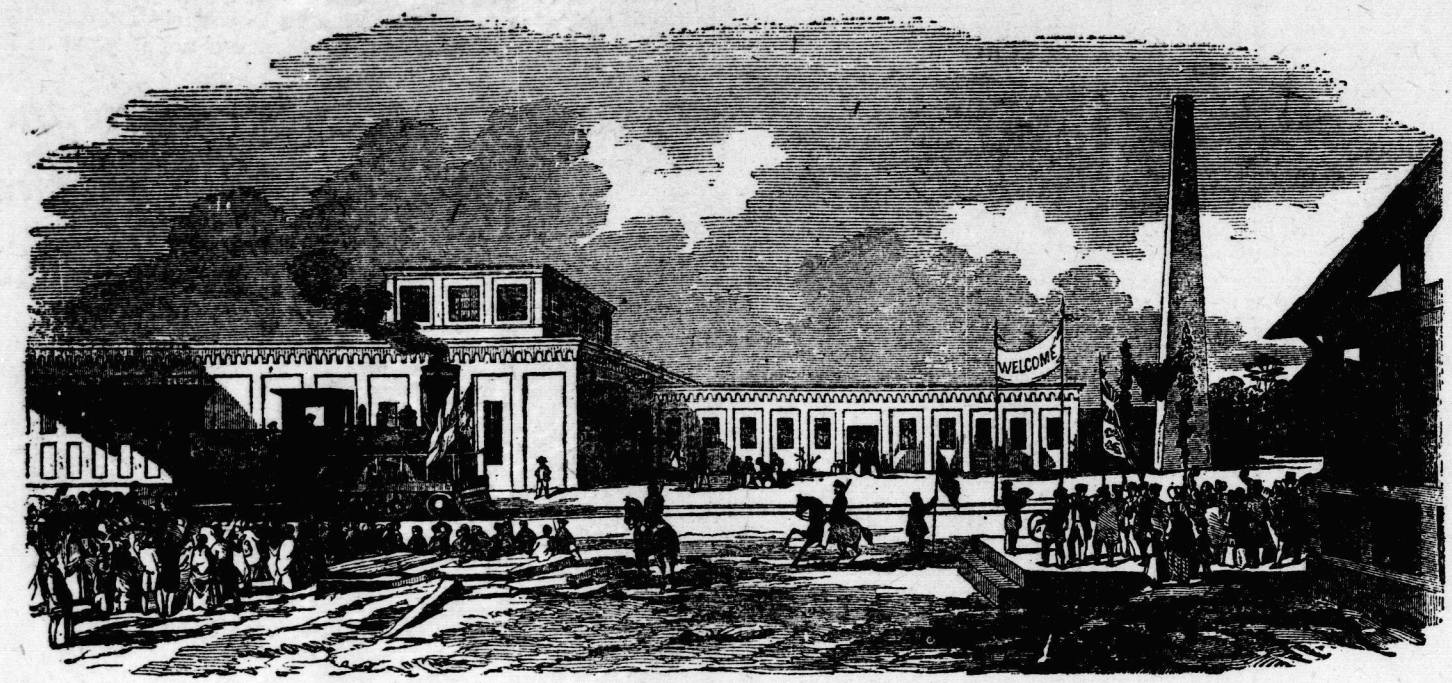
Of all existing science the finger print science, or method of identification, is general than any other, notwithstanding the fact that it is perhaps one of the oldest of the sciences, for it is a known fact that the Chinese monarchs over two thousand years ago used the thumb print in order to know that a person is 'who he is.'

"It was not until recent years, however, that a deep study of the science of finger prints was undertaken by Sir Francis Galton, who wrote a very entertaining account of the history and development of the science. To the casual observer, finger prints mean nothing more than the patterns from dirty or greasy fingers left upon some suitable surface; but to the student, or finger print expert, they may be the means of furnishing a vast amount of interesting information which may be either good or bad for the person leaving the prints."

One cannot begin to give an account of the finger print system of identification in a newspaper column; it requires a volume in itself, but a brief outline may prove interesting to some readers. There are still a great number of people who are not yet convinced that there cannot be two finger prints alike, and that as a means of identification they are not reliable. Now this idea is erroneous, because of all the millions of prints taken throughout the entire population of the earth there has not yet been two found to be exactly alike.

Sixty-four Billions to One. "Sir Francis Galton figured that the chances were sixty-four billions to one against there being two alike. M. M. V. Balchard, a French student, finger prints, addressed a report to the French Academy of Sciences, and in that report he computed the chances to be only one billion to one against two finger prints being alike. Balchard wrote that any finger print is divided into four hundred squares, each square will contain...

EPOCHAL EVENT IN LONDON'S GROWTH



Reproduction of steel engraving by English artist of the official opening of the Great Western Railway, recently the G. T. R., but now part of the Canadian National Railways System, on December 15, 1853. The picture was published in the London Illustrated-News, London, England, on January 21, 1854, six weeks after the event. It was accompanied by a brief account of the occasion, which is also reproduced in this issue of The Advertiser.

GREENFIELD TO PRESENT SLATE IN NEAR FUTURE

Alberta Premier Will Submit List of Ministers At the Edmonton Meeting.

LABOR PARTY TO PROTEST Claim Election in Edmonton Riding Conducted in an Irregular Manner.

Greenfield, Aug. 6.—Premier-elect Greenfield announced last night that he would present the slate of his cabinet to a conference of farmer members-elect to be held in the city of Edmonton next Thursday morning. It was learned here the Labor party in Edmonton has decided to protest the entire election in Edmonton riding on the grounds of alleged irregularities in voting. The independent candidates, it is understood, are co-operating.

NINE MONTHS BEHIND TIME OF CONTRACT

Pine Lawn Houses To Be Finished November 1, 1920.

NO PENALTY CLAUSE Chairman Cunliffe Is Silent, Pending Completion of Inspector Piper's Report.

Although contracts for the erection of dwellings on Pine Lawn were signed by Chairman E. R. Dennis of the London Housing Commission and Hayman & Willis, contractors, on September 30, 1920, requiring that these houses be completed by November 1 of the same year, none of these houses are yet completed, over nine months after the time limit specified.

A penalty clause inserted in the contract calls for a blank amount to be forfeited by the contractors for every day's delay after November 1, but, as yet, no penalty has been paid.

"The houses are not completed until they are turned over to the commission by the contractors, and none of them have been taken over as finished yet," J. W. Cunliffe, present chairman of the London Housing Commission, informed The Advertiser today. "However, I am not going to say anything more about it, and the reporters will get no further information from me until after Building Inspector Piper completes his inspection and hands in his report."

Never Enforced. "I have never in my 33 years experience seen the penalty clause in a contract enforced, excepting once," Building Inspector Piper informed The Advertiser. "I never did," replied the building inspector. "Contractors do not usually get that far behind, because it is to their interest to finish as soon as possible. It is certainly a long time to be overdue on a contract."

"They ask \$5,100 for a house over on Garfield avenue," declared a prominent city official, who demands that his name be withheld at present, "while one may purchase a better house on one of the best paved residential streets in the city for a small sum additional. It is a condition of affairs I cannot understand."

GAINS TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE. Duluth, Minn., Aug. 6.—Pinkey Mitchell of Milwaukee gained a technical knockout over Neal Allison of Duluth in the ninth round of a scheduled ten-round fight here last night. They are welterweights. Allison was badly beaten when the referee stopped the fight.

Government Census Shows London's Population 53,592

Ottawa, Aug. 6.—By Canadian Press.—The census branch here has issued the following preliminary population figures for the census just taken. The figures are subject to revision:

City.	1921	1911
Victoria	38,775	31,660
Brantford	29,372	23,132
Kingston	23,096	18,374
LONDON	53,592	46,300
Stratford	15,978	12,946
Woodstock	9,659	9,320
Oshawa	11,552	7,438
Brockville	9,057	9,374
Hull	22,867	18,222
Sherbrooke	23,095	16,405
Halifax	70,203	46,619
Charlottetown	12,329	11,203

JAPANESE HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN CONFERENCE

Press and People Not at All Enthusiastic Over Possible Results.

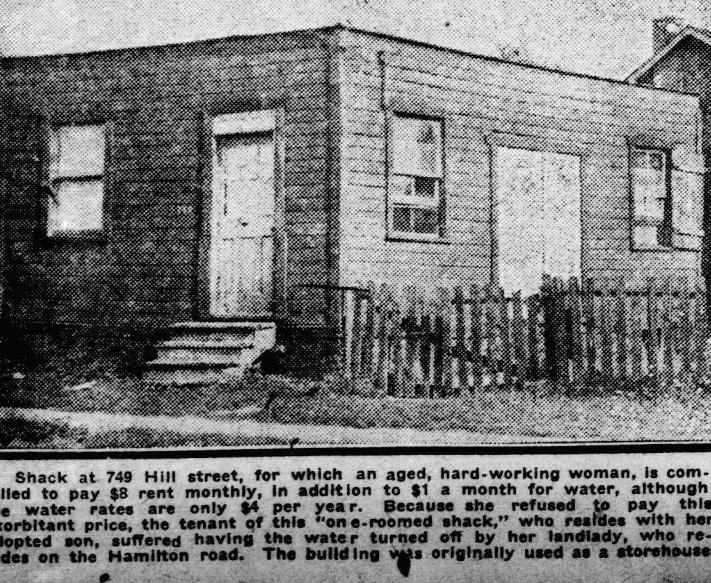
London, Aug. 6.—That the practical results of the Washington conference cannot be reckoned upon with any degree of confidence is the conclusion of the Japanese press and public opinion. The Japanese press, which was recently communicated to the London newspapers by the Japanese embassy.

Civil Servants Are Liable To Income Tax

Ottawa, Aug. 6.—Dominion civil servants all over Canada are not exempt from municipal income tax of last year. In the important test case of the city of Ottawa vs. Hon. W. H. Bruno Nantel, which was recently heard before His Honor Judge Constantineau in the county court, judgment was handed down last night in favor of the city for the amount of its share, \$214 for 1920 on the income of Mr. Nantel as a member of the board of railway commissioners of Canada.

SILESIAN REPORT WITHHELD. Paris, Aug. 6.—The Havas Agency says it understands the commission of experts charged with a preliminary examination into the question of the division of Upper Silesia has virtually ended its work. In view of the impossibility of reaching a unanimous agreement on the results of the plebiscite in Upper Silesia, the experts decided to deliver to the supreme council their report showing the different solutions suggested.

USED AS RESIDENCE



Shack at 749 Hill street, for which an aged, hard-working woman, is compelled to pay \$8 rent monthly, in addition to \$1 a month for water, although the water rates are only \$4 per year. Because she refused to pay this exorbitant price, the tenant of this "one-roomed shack," who resides with her adopted son, suffered having the water turned off by her landlady, who resides on the Hamilton road. The building was originally used as a storehouse.

POPULATION OF LONDON IS MORE THAN REPORTED

Official Census Does Not Include Recently Annexed Districts.

WELL OVER 60,000

Government Calculations Are Made in Accordance With Electoral District Limits.

While official Government figures, following the recent Dominion decennial census, place the population of the city of London at 53,592, it is pointed out that this does not include the annexed districts, such as Pottersburg, Knollwood Park and Ealing, with a total population of 6,692, which brings the population of London proper to 60,284. The annexed districts are included for Government census purposes in the electoral district of East Middlesex, and the population of the former, according to official figures of the city assessment department, is 6,692. Figures released from Ottawa with regard to London specify only the federal electoral district of London, which is minus the annexed districts, the low population of 53,592 being thus explained.

AFGHANS WILL SUPPORT TURKS, FIGHT BRITAIN IF NECESSARY

Relations Between Tribesmen and Empire Depend On Britain's Attitude in Conflict.

Constantinople, Aug. 6.—Relations between Afghanistan and Great Britain depend on the attitude of Britain toward Turkey, it was declared by the Afghan ambassador to the Turkish Nationalist Government. He declared his country would stand by Turkey as a loyal ally, and would declare war on Great Britain if that country took the part of the Greeks.

Lovers' Knot On One Side, Dollar Mark On Other

New York, Aug. 6.—The New York World today disclosed a standing jest that it says has been perpetrated for years by architects of the million dollar St. Thomas' Episcopal Church on the dozens of fashionable brides who have gone to the altar through the famous "brides' door" since the church was completed ten years ago.

Carved into the granite capital over the door, says the newspaper, is a huge dollar sign, slightly conventionalized but unmistakable. A photograph of the door, reproduced to bear out the story, shows a beautiful and finely chiseled decoration surmounted by a double ball, on one side of which is carved a conventional true lovers' knot, and on the other the somewhat similar, but strikingly different, "3" mark. Donald Robb, architect, who was in charge of the design for the designers of the church, is quoted as having admitted designing the dollar mark, saying it was "done in fun" and asserting he could not see that it was a subject for newspaper comment.

Mr. Robb declared architects frequently have hidden satire and humor in their designs.

CANADIAN STOCKS QUOTATIONS. Toronto, Aug. 6.—Special cables to A. J. Pattison, Jun., and Co. report the following quotations today of Canadian stocks in London: Canadian Pacific, 157; Canadian Gen. Elec., 100 1/2; Canadian National, 20 1/2; Canadian Steamship Voting Trust, 20 1/2; Dominion Steel Commons, 31 1/2; Shawinigan, 12 1/2.

VETERANS MUST AGREE ON UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS BEFORE ANY AMALGAMATION

Dominion Secretary of G. W. V. A. Declares Combination, Including All Returned Men's Organizations, Not Possible Until Various Bodies Can Agree On Unemployment Question—Clear Cut Policy Is First Necessary, Otherwise Dissension Would Follow.

Toronto, Aug. 6.—Declaring that before amalgamation of all veteran organizations in Canada can be accomplished they must first demonstrate that unity is practicable by co-ordination of their forces on the Dominion-wide problem of unemployment, C. G. MacNeil, Dominion secretary of the G. W. V. A., stated this morning that he had not committed his organization to any action that would result in immediate amalgamation. The decision in that respect, he added, would come from the members through their delegates at the forthcoming convention of the G. W. V. A. at Port Arthur this fall.

"Any form of amalgamation entered into at the present time without a clear decision as to the policy and aims of the united body, would tend to create dissension, and would put the ex-service men of Canada in a far worse position than at the present time," Mr. MacNeil declared. "Immediate action must be taken to provide against the serious unemployment that now exists in the country, and which has every indication of becoming far worse during the winter. If we can demonstrate to unemployed ex-service men that we can secure results by unity on such a grave problem, then they will lend whole-hearted support to the formation of one body, including all existing organizations, and those men who are at present without affiliation with any organization."

CANADIAN TEACHERS' FEDERATION HOLDING ANNUAL CONVENTION

Delegates From All Provinces Are Meeting in City of Toronto.

ORGANIZED IN CALGARY Alberta Representatives Insist They Be Given Places On School Boards.

Toronto, Aug. 6.—Teachers from every province in Canada were present at the first annual meeting of the Canadian Teachers' Federation in the board room of the school administration building. This is the organization that was formed last year in Calgary. It set out to better the condition of the teachers financially and otherwise, and in Alberta the teachers had a rather strident battle with the school boards.

In the east relations between teachers and trustees have been more amicable, and an evidence of the good feeling existing was shown in the Toronto Board of Education's decision to give the teachers a raise of 10 per cent. Each province is entitled to three delegates, and most of them were fully represented this morning.

Reports From Delegates. A feature of the morning session was the reading of the reports from the various provinces as to conditions of the profession. That of Alberta was particularly interesting, in view of the advanced demands made by the teachers there, and the conflict that followed when the teachers went on strike. One of the reports from the Ontario teachers' association was that the Ontario teachers' union had been successful in securing a 10 per cent. raise in salary, and that the teachers were generally willing to listen to reason.

Another session was held during the afternoon, and tonight the Toronto teachers' council tenders an informal dinner to the delegates at the King Edward Hotel at 6 o'clock.

NO FORMAL WELCOME FOR PREMIER UPON ARRIVAL AT HALIFAX

Meighen Will Entrain Immediately For His Home in Ottawa.

Halifax, Aug. 6.—Clivic and political circles are under the impression that Premier Meighen, who is expected to arrive on the Carmania this evening, will take train immediately upon disembarkation for the capital, and that there will be no formal reception here of the premier on returning from the imperial conference.

GREEKS CONTINUE ADVANCE. London, Aug. 6.—Two Greek divisions are advancing from a town 58 miles southeast of Constantinople, which has been in the hands of the Turkish Nationalists, says a Constantinople dispatch.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 82; lowest, 54.

BAROMETRIC STANDING. Friday—8 a.m., 29.36; 8 p.m., 29.21. Today—8 a.m., 29.12.

TOMORROW—UNSETTLED AND COOLER. Toronto, Aug. 8—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—Moderate to fresh southerly winds; warm, with showers or thunderstorms tonight.

Sunday—Fresh to strong westerly to northwesterly winds; a few scattered showers, but partly fair and turning somewhat cooler.

PICTURESQUE MEDLEY ON CITY MARKET

Many Types, Colors, Sounds, Make Strange Harmony in Covent Garden.

TOWN AND CITY BLEND

Old Market Square Is Saturday Mecca of a Wide Countryside.

In Covent Garden (London, Ontario's, Covent Garden) the flowers bloom, the gladioli nod and smile, the sweet peas demurely beckon, and the marigolds and asters stage a riot of gay colors and market days. Three times a week the old, grey square becomes a swaying throng of busy, bargaining men and women; a babel of voices, the stirring monotone of the Canadian blending with high Celtic and broad English, with overtones and undertones of a strident American, musical Italian, plashy splashy Yiddish, and the rapid chatter-battering of the Mongols, Chinese, and others.

In Covent Garden, town and country blend. From the green fields and rolling hills of old Westminster's lovely farmlands and gardens, from the sandy hillsides of the Cotswolds, from the rolling monotone of the Canadian blending with high Celtic and broad English, with overtones and undertones of a strident American, musical Italian, plashy splashy Yiddish, and the rapid chatter-battering of the Mongols, Chinese, and others.

Here the Orient meets the Occident, and a Syrian grocer purchasing his supplies, perchance, buys them from an Oneida farmer who has driven a tired-looking sorrel nag all the way from the Long-House country at Southwood. The Anglo-Canadian comes with a basket and a careful purchaser in the Semite woman from Clarence street, but she takes no less than half a dozen live fowls from this and, despite the fact that several young hopes of Israel clutch at her skirt and she pushes at them with a baby.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS ON POLICE FORCE EXPECTED SHORTLY

One, and most likely, more appointments will be made by the London Police Commission at the next meeting, which will be held on the latter part of August or the first part of September. One sergeant will be appointed to succeed the late Sgt. Thos. Noonan.

As the desk sergeants now work eight hours a day instead of dividing the day into two shifts, and as this has necessitated a third man working on the desk, it is probable that a third desk sergeant will be appointed to the post, to present the third shift is worked by patrol sergeants, each of the outside men taking his turn.

Photos Transmitted Across Atlantic by Wireless Method

Annapolis, Aug. 6.—Transmission of photographs and written documents in fac-simile across the ocean by wireless has been accomplished. Two successful tests of this epoch-making feat were made within the last three days at the powerful naval radio station here. A photograph and a written message having been sent to Malmesbury, the French radio station.