

BRANTFORD POLICE REPORT.

Chief Wants Pool Room Licenses Taken From Hotels.

Grand Valley Radial Partly Tied Up by Storm.

An Industry That Might Be Got For Hamilton.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Brantford, Jan. 30.—Chief Slemis submitted his annual report on the work of the police department to the police commissioners here yesterday afternoon. The document was an exceedingly interesting affair, showing a big increase in the matter of police work in this city during 1908. In all, some 1,100 occurrences were reported, over 800 of which the department cleared up. Over 1,700 convictions were registered in 1,123 instances. The foreign population has reached the figure of 1,093, and of these 197 were offenders during the year. Chief Slemis made some caustic comment about a certain hotel, "the bar-room of which was the resort of thieves," he said, citing instances where the police had made arrests and secured convictions of frequenters at the place. He urged that poolroom licenses in connection with hotels be cut off. The Chief asked that the police force be increased in strength. The request was laid over by the commissioners, who complimented the officer on his report. Judge Hardy was re-elected chairman.

THIRD UP. The Grand Valley Radial to Paris and Galt was pretty well tied up last night, as a result of yesterday's drifting snow storm. The cars were all late and snow had difficulties in getting through. The road is extremely hard to keep open during the winter, at best. On the London & Hamilton, cars generally were late yesterday afternoon.

GENERAL NOTES. Mr. Alfred Watts has been re-elected Chairman of the Brantford Water Commission, a position which he has occupied for 18 consecutive years, with efficiency and ability.

The County Council adjourned yesterday. The finance committee reported a balance on hand of \$14,567.32. The Council is seriously considering making improvements to the dilapidated old Brantford Court House and a special committee has been appointed to look into the matter.

A couple of well-known Brantfordites were recently held at Buffalo in connection with a chicken fight pulled off there for \$1,000 stakes.

The Women's Hospital Auxiliary here has collected \$5,400 for a new nurses' home at Niagara Falls, and are now awaiting the gift of \$5,000 from the city.

A. G. Ryley, President of the McCas Key Register Company, of Canton, Ohio, was here yesterday in connection with locating a branch of the firm in Canada. Temporary quarters have been secured at Hamilton, but a committee of investigation will be here in two months. The firm employs 500 hands at its works in Alliance, Ohio.

NO TROUBLE.

Snow Storm Had Little Effect Upon Railway Traffic.

Hamilton suffered little from the storm that has been sweeping over the country since Thursday night, although traffic on the railways yesterday threatened to be tied up. The drop in temperature last night probably saved the situation, the hail and sleet which fell in some localities turning to light fluffy snow, which was easily whisked aside by the snow plows. After a twenty-four hour fight the electric lines were running on scheduled time this morning, without the loss of a trip. Snow plows were kept at work all night and the sweepers have been in constant commission on the street railway since 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Superintendent Miller reported that there was no trouble to-day.

On the steam roads trains were running late, owing to conditions in the middle west. The gale that raged yesterday on Lake Ontario spent its force on the shores of the Beach, and residents of the mainland say that it was one of the most spectacular storms in years. Waves, mountain high, crested with snow and sleet, smashed against the huge ice banks with terrific force, shooting white spray many feet in the air. The bombardment of the shore throughout the night kept nervous people from sleeping.

The country roads are fairly level, although the snow is deep and, in some places, the drifts are bad. Few farmers came to the city to-day.

A TRAGEDY.

Discarded Husband Shoots Wife and Kills Himself.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 30.—P. C. Edwards, a commission merchant, this afternoon fatally wounded his wife, tried to kill his little daughter and blew off the top of his head.

The couple had separated in Richmond two years ago and the woman came here and opened a boarding-house. The man followed and was warned to stay away. Last evening the woman found him in the front hallway and he opened fire without a word. Richard was 65 years old and the wife 38.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

Mrs. George W. Black will receive on the first and second Wednesdays of February at 90 Hunter street west.



Sir Edward Grey, English Foreign Secy.

The Grand Vizier and Sir Edward Grey succeeded in preserving peace in the Balkans—Bulgaria has withdrawn her reserves from the frontier.

THE EARTHQUAKE NOT DISASTROUS.

First Reports of Tidal Wave and Quake in Spain Grossly Exaggerated.

London, Jan. 30.—The city of Barcelona is reported swallowed up by a tidal wave.

A news agency despatch represents several towns and villages as having been devastated. It adds: "There was a frightful panic in Barcelona. There were subterranean roarings, followed by a wave which submerged a considerable part of the coast. Promenades and buildings at Barcelona disappeared into the sea. The loss of life is not yet known."

A TIDAL WAVE.

London, Jan. 30.—Late despatches confirm the report that Barcelona has suffered very greatly from a tidal wave, following the movement of the earth. It is said in one despatch that the city was overwhelmed, and that the loss of life was very large.

It is urged here that the sources of the despatches, none of which comes from Barcelona direct, that the telegraph lines have been destroyed. The time of the earthquake is not given. The disturbance is also reported to have caused considerable damage along the northern coast of Morocco, where several hundred persons are said to have been killed. Further details are anxiously awaited.

Barcelona is the second largest city in Spain, situated on the Mediterranean, in the northeastern part of the country. It has a population of 450,000.

Murcia, where the shock is also reported to have been felt, is in southeastern Spain, a short distance inland from the Mediterranean coast.

LANDSLIDE ALSO. Madrid, Jan. 29.—Earthquakes are reported from many places in the east and south of Spain, notably in the neighborhood of Barcelona, Murcia and Malaga. The disturbances caused slight panics. A considerable landslide destroyed the village of Romara, near Tetuan, Morocco, and scores of persons were killed or injured.

A special received here from San Sebastian, Spain, says that a terrible earthquake has devastated several towns and villages in south and southeastern Spain.

FOUND DEAD.

Merritt's Street Lighting Plant Now in Operation.

Canal Lock Tenders Want to be on Civil Service.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 30.—James McManey, a well known citizen, was found dead in his bed last night. He was unmarried and about fifty years of age. Heart disease was the cause.

Merritt's new municipal lighting system, just completed, was set in operation last night, and worked admirably. The Sangster lamp is used throughout the village, and the current is supplied by the Ontario Power Company at Niagara Falls. C. H. Mitchell, of Toronto, electrical engineer, explained the system at a public meeting in the Town Hall, at which Lincoln's warden, T. A. Allan, of North Grimsby, and the members of the County Council were present by invitation. It is said that Grimsby and Beamsville will also shortly municipalize their lighting systems.

The Welland Canal lock tenders have decided to send a deputation to Ottawa to ask the Government to place them on the civil service list, and to provide a superannuation fund by withholding a certain percentage from their monthly pay.

SAIL ONCE MORE.

Crew and Passengers of Republic Sail on Romanic.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 30.—Bearing fifty-nine passengers and forty-seven of the crew of the steamer Romanic, which went down off Nantucket shoal last Saturday, after being rammed by the Florida, the White Star liner Romanic sailed from this city early to-day for the Azores and Mediterranean ports. Ten of those who continued their interrupted voyage were saloon passengers and 49 were in the steerage. Among the saloon passengers were five women who had suffered the ordeal or being transferred twice in lifeboats, after their ship had received her death blow.

The Romanic also carried twenty-eight mail bags for the Azores. These are said to have been the only articles, besides a few personal effects, that were rescued from the sunken Republic.

Boost Hamilton.

At the same time boost Made-in-Hamilton goods. Nowhere can you get a better baking powder than that made by Parke & Parke, druggists. It is made from tested cream of tartar and pure baking soda, combined in the exact proportions. Sold at 15c per 1/2 lb and 25c per lb.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

If the Con. Club is thus going into the vaudeville business it may have to take out a license. I will speak to John Brick about it.

It's possible enough that the policemen may think that they have as good a right to take a little something for the stomach's sake as had Timothey.

The snow storm should put a little money in the pockets of the unemployed as well as help the Magistrate to collect a few fines.

Bruce-Smith may also object to the practice of making the jail a half-way house to the House of Providence.

If we were all to stay away from church because the father was bad the minister's sermon might be taken as read.

I told you not to take them off.

Now let us see how few drunks can be turned on the streets at night.

That \$48 fine shows that it is not always cheaper to move than to pay rent.

Perhaps the expert opinion we will get at the foot of the throne won't be to our liking.

How is the boy getting along with his lessons? Do you ever show him an evening how it is done?

It would be more or less of a risk for the probation officer to allow Toronto out on parole, still it should have a chance to reform.

See our Kickers' Column. Use it if you want to make a kick.

You should have been up on Mount Hamilton yesterday to hear the wind whistle through your whiskers.

If the Mayor and Magistrate take my advice there will be no fireworks on Monday. The groundlings are chuckling over the prospect.

"A reliable newspaper like the Times."—Judge Teetzel.

I think the public will be mighty glad when this power matter is settled for good, and when it is the city will have a chance to begin to grow again.

It's a wonderful work that is being done by the Victoria Order of Nurses, and the beauty of it is that it is the people who need it who feel the benefit of it. Long may it continue the good work.

The Herald is quite ready to cry "Catastrophe or not," but it takes to think that anybody should think that it is paid for being a traitor to the city.

To justify their fair fame the police might let the Commissioners smell their breath.

Detective Miller may be up from Toronto any day now for "Varden Gage." It's a long time since anybody was tried in this country for high treason.

Keep away from the lay to-morrow.

There may be some color of excuse for passing over Trustee Watkins. But the Tory machine can do some pretty mean things and get look as if it were performing a holy duty.

All those hysterics about a greater Hamilton may not do any harm, but a Tory machine can do some pretty mean things and get look as if it were performing a holy duty.

MINE DISASTER.

One Man Entombed and Others Meet Death.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 30.—As the result of the explosion of fire damp, following a discharge of dynamite in a new mine at Ashford, one miner was entombed yesterday 4,000 feet from the opening of the shaft which runs into the side of a mountain. One miner was suffocated to death while two escaped with injuries. Jack Norrill was cut off in the mine by falling rock. It is thought that he is dead. Foreman William Dinkler's body was recovered. Foreman Dinkler lost his life while trying to save Norrill.

MURDERER TO TALK

North Dakota Will Listen to Condemned Man.

Bismarck, N.D., Jan. 30.—L. D. M. Noth, who is to hang soon for murder, a few days ago asked the Legislature for permission to address it on capital punishment and his request was granted to-day.

Noah says he is a student of criminology. He says he is not opposed to capital punishment, but he wishes to present his views in public before he dies.

STRUCK BY STORM.

Hamsburg, Miss., Jan. 30.—Bassfield, a small town thirty miles west of Hamsburg, was visited by a disastrous storm yesterday. Two large stores were completely demolished and numerous other buildings unroofed. A torrential rain followed.

Bain & Adams' List.

Ripe strawberries, pineapples, mushrooms, limes, rhubarb, radishes, new beets, new potatoes, butter beans, green, Boston lettuce, cauliflower, spinach, endive, cucumbers, Spanish onions, peppers, new cabbage, squash, sweet potatoes, celery, parsley, radishes, Neuchâtel and square cream cheese, Quebec cream cheese, Educator biscuits, maple syrup, muffins, crumpets, pea-fed bacon, ham, haddie, ciscoes, oysters, kippers, blotters, pigeons, Spry apples.—Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

NO FAVORS FOR THE COMMISSION.

Government Power Scheme Should be on Same Footing as Any Other Corporation.

Wentworth County Council gave some consideration to the Hydro-Electric Power scheme this morning, and by a unanimous vote, decided that the Power Commission should be on exactly the same footing as any other power corporation in the matter of right of way.

Councillor Binkley opened the discussion with a motion to the effect that the County Council petition the Ontario Legislature to grant no privileges to the Hydro-Electric Commission for the erection of the towers and poles throughout the county.

In speaking to the motion he said that he had been given to understand that the Commission was going ahead with the erection of the towers in some places on the county or township roads, and some in private property, without the consent of the township Councils or County Council. Councillor Binkley was of the opinion that these towers were dangerous. He advocated making the Commission buy an independent right of way, and fence it in, so there would be less danger to the travelling public.

Councillor Waite said the agents of the Commission had been in the vicinity of Ancaster of late, and in two places had erected towers, one of which is on the road, while the other is in the middle of the farmer's field. He understood that they were put there on a 30-year contract at \$15 a year.

Councillor Hills did not think the Council should interfere with the scheme, which, he believed, is going to prove of immense value to the county, and the Province of Ontario in particular. He did not know there was Cat aract and anti-Cat aract feeling in the Council, and if the resolution, as presented by Councillor Binkley, was to that effect, then he would enter his protest.

Councillor Binkley said his object in presenting the resolution was simply to make the Commission or its agents come to the Township Councils, or the County Council as the case may be, and do business through them. He did not think the Commission should be granted any special privileges, any more than any ordinary company buying right of way through the county.

When presented in that light all the Councillors fell in line, and the resolution passed without a dissenting voice.

WILSON WAS REMANDED.

Crown Not Ready to Go on With Case To-day.

Theft of Tools is Charged Against Bert Osborne.

Two Young Men of Good Families Take Time.

William Wilson, John street, south, charged with forgery by M. W. Attwood & Son, appeared at Police Court this morning, in the dock, but his case was not proceeded with, as the Crown did not have the evidence ready. No other charges have been laid yet, but it is expected that there will be three or four more before the case comes up on Monday, to which day it was laid over. Wilson seemed to be entirely at ease in the dock and had nothing to say.

Bert Osborne, 19 Sydney street, was arrested at his home in the wee sma' hours of this morning by a squad of policemen, headed by constable May, on a charge of stealing tools from Peter Cheeseman, King street west. The Crown was not ready to proceed and Osborne was remanded to the jail till Monday. It is alleged that he stole a trowel and some other small articles from Cheeseman's brick yards and pawned them.

Andrew Swanson, no address, asked for a month and was obliged. He wanted to escape the cold weather.

Gerald Wilson, Buffalo, and Hugh Fagan, Toronto, were the names claimed by two young men who were arrested by T. H. & R. Detective McDonald, charged with riding a blind baggage from Buffalo to this city. They are both Hamilton men, however, and their names are known to the police, who say they come from good families. The young men pleaded guilty, and were fined \$5 each and \$3 costs, or 21 days. They took the time.

Charles Flynn, 70 Sheaffe street, and John McDonald, Bethel Mission, were fined \$2 each for being drunk last evening.

THE BIG STORM.

Wind and Storm Caused Much Suffering in the West.

The Blizzard Struck New York This Morning With Full Force.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Chicago and the middle west arose to-day with official assurance that the worst of the storm which devastated this section of the country yesterday was over and that it would be quickly followed by clear, cold weather, while the east inherited the blizzard.

The damage done by wind and sleet can scarcely be estimated. Many cities and towns are isolated by wire and train service is demoralized. In the south the storm was the most severe in recent years and the story of wrecked buildings is almost a duplicate of that sent from the north and northwest.

The heavy snowfall in the States to the west and northwest of Chicago is the most serious result of the blizzard. The delay in freight traffic and passenger service will probably continue for some time.

In Chicago the blizzard subsided materially before the morning business was resumed. Elevated and surface lines were impeded. In the downtown district the cars moved at a snail-like pace. The suburban trains also were greatly delayed.

STORM IN NEW YORK. New York, Jan. 30.—The centre of the western blizzard, which has been approaching since yesterday, reached this city in full force this morning. The fall of snow began before daylight and employees of the street car lines and railroads promptly attacked it in a desperate effort to keep the lines open. Thousands of men were put to work by the street cleaning department and the main thoroughfares down town were in fair condition for the rush of office employees to their offices.

HELD DEBATE.

Law Students Discussed Subject of Capital Punishment.

The Hamilton Law Students' Association got off to a good start last evening when the first debate, "Resolved that capital punishment should be abolished," was decided. Messrs. John Platt and Leo Brennen upheld the affirmative side of the question, while the negative was looked after by Messrs. Chas. N. Galvin and Wm. K. Schweiger. The large crowd present enjoyed the discussion, which at times became heated. The affirmative speakers showed great oratorical abilities and also that they prepared their matter very well. Their opponents, however, made a slightly better impression on the judges, as they refuted many of the strong arguments of the affirmative and also brought forward several new ones. The judges, after lengthy deliberation, decided in favor of the negative.

The association is entering a member in the oratorical contest to be held under the auspices of the Canadian Club on March 19th.

LEFT TO PICK THEIR MAN.

Deputation in Toronto To-day to Engage Lawyer.

Hydro Construction Department to be Moved Here.

F. C. Bruce Will be New Parks Board Chairman.

Mayor McLaren, Ald. Allan, Ald. Jutten, Secretary Brennan, of the Board of Works, and City Solicitor Waddell are off on a mysterious trip to Toronto to-day. Although no one around the City Hall appears to know the mission of the deputation, it is understood it is in connection with power matters and the lawyer the city will engage to make a report on Justice Anglin's decision.

The power committee agreed that the name of this man and the report he will make shall be kept secret until it is laid before the Council.

So severe was the storm on the lake yesterday that the water for a great distance from the shore was the color of mud. It was so dirty that City Engineer Barrow advised caretaker Hunting to shut the intakes off, although the water in the basins is very low. The big waves battered down the ice banks in front of the filtering basins, and if the wind shifts around it will clear the ice away and make filtration easier.

A Toronto despatch announces that the construction department of the Hydro-Electric Commission will be moved shortly to Hamilton to superintend the work of building the transmission lines. It is proposed to have two main departments, an engineer's and an accountant's. At Hamilton or Dundas will be situated what is known as the chief operator's department.

Frank C. Bruce will be elected chairman of the Parks Board when it meets next month to organize. At a special meeting last night the estimates were considered, and the commissioners decided to ask for \$10,200, or \$1,200 more than last year. With the Dundurn refreshment privileges, which amount to \$320, the board will have \$10,520. The increased appropriation asked for is more than made up by the \$4,000 required for the mountain park payments and interest. The estimated expenditure is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Labor \$2,500, Miscellaneous 500, Dundurn debentures 2,720, Mountain drive debentures 1,250, Museum 800, Zoo 700, Parks 700, Works accounts 1,900, Feed 500, Lighting 700, Water 300, Coal 150, Insurance 200, Mountain Park payments and interest 4,000, North End Park 1,000, Mountain drive maintenance 500, Repairs to chapel 400, Cement work 450, Repairs to castle 250. Total \$10,520.

Next week will be an exceptionally busy one in municipal circles. In addition to the regular committee meetings the special committee to report on a scheme for reorganizing the engineer's department will meet and Mayor McLaren will likely call a meeting of the special committee which will report on the organization of the proposed industrial committee.

The health report for the week shows four cases of diphtheria, two of scarlet fever and one each of measles, whooping cough and chickenpox.

The harbor inspection, arranged for yesterday afternoon, was called off on account of the weather.

SUDDEN CALL.

Respected Resident of Binbrook Died Yesterday.

A well known and very much respected resident of Binbrook, Mrs. McAllister, wife of Mr. Joseph McAllister, passed away yesterday at the age of 66 years. Deceased had been quite ill for a month, but during the early part of this week had improved so much that her people had hopes of her recovery. She was able to sit up on Thursday. Yesterday she was suddenly stricken with her old trouble, the heart, and Dr. McIlwraith was quickly summoned. He did all that was possible, but she passed away in spite of his best efforts. Deceased was a native of Ireland, but had lived in Binbrook ever since her marriage. She is survived by two sons, Messrs. Dennis and John McAllister, at home, and four daughters, Mrs. Thomas Murphy, wife of Postmaster Murphy, of Hall's Corners; Mrs. P. C. Kenny, of this city, and Misses Catharine and Margaret, at home.

The funeral will take place on Monday at 9:30 to St. Joseph's Church, Binbrook.

BUFFALO FIRE.

One Woman Died of Injuries—Another's Spine Hurt.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 30.—Mrs. Woolley, wife of Al. Woolley, a hotel-keeper of Rochester, whose name was yesterday given as Alice Duffy, and who was burned in a fire in a rooming house in this city, died early to-day. Another Rochester woman, Josephine Walker, was burned and her spine was injured in jumping from a window.

The Iron Moulders' Union gave a ball in the hall at the corner of King and Walnut streets last night. There was a large gathering. Red's orchestra supplied music.



Now a constitutional ruler.

A NERVY JOB.

Says He Wrote \$5,000 Order at Point of Revolver.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 30.—Fleetwood Lester, travelling salesman for the Southern Supply Co., and his wife, are in jail, charged with holding up Hardway Young, President of the company, at the point of a revolver, at the former's home yesterday, and robbing him of \$5,000.

It is charged that Lester telephoned to Young to come to his home to discuss the sale of Lester's stock in the company. When Young entered the Lester home, it is alleged Lester forced him, at the point of a revolver, to write an order to his cashier directing him to pay Mrs. Lester \$5,000.25, the alleged amount of Lester's stock. Mrs. Lester obtained the amount of the order through the cashier and then returned to her home, where Young was held practically a prisoner, and gave the money to her husband.

Two hours after his release Young swore out warrants charging robbery, and they were arrested.

Bes' Quality of Briar Pipes.

A lot of extra good briar pipes in cases with genuine amber mouthpieces and silver fittings are shown at peace's pipe store. Go round and get a good pipe in a case, at 107 King street east.