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LONDON AND DISTRICT

A fire which broke out in the kit-
chen of a cottage at 518 Grosvenor
street gave the firemen a long run to
the north end yesterday afternoon.
The blaze was extinguished with a
loss of about \$10.

It has been semi-officially an-
nounced that the next point to be
visited by the members of the passenger
ticket agents' association will be Win-
nipeg, with a side trip to Edmonton.

Major Carpenter left yesterday for
Ottawa, where he will today attend
the annual dinner of the Canadian offi-
cers who were in command at the fa-
mous battle of Passburg during the
Boer war.

Considerable interest is being
taken in the visit to London of Dr. W.
T. Grenfell, the Labrador missionary,
who is to deliver an address in the Me-
morial Church on March 5. Dr. Gren-
fell is among the fisher folk of the
Labrador coast, and covers 2,000
miles of ice-bound coast. His address
is decidedly entertaining, and shows
the great hardships that have to be
endured in prosecuting the work.

The senior class of the First
Methodist Church presented Mr. and
Mrs. William C. Benson, of this city,
with a handsome piece of bronze last
evening. Mr. J. S. Barnard made the
presentation, and Miss Trebilcock
read the address. Many very com-
plimentary references were made to
Mr. and Mrs. Benson's long connection
with the First Methodist school. Mr.
and Mrs. Benson leave shortly for
Calgary.

Messrs. Harry and John Yates, of
this city, are at Larder Lake, in the
Cobalt district, with a party of por-
spectors, and are said to have found
quartz, containing gold, on claims
which they have staked out. Associat-
ed with the Messrs. Yates are Messrs.
H. Kennedy and M. Bergin, of
Montreal, and Mr. J. E. Brown, of
London. Each member of the party
has staked out claims, on some of which
nuggets as large as a pin's head have been
discovered. Naturally they are very en-
thusiastic over the prospect.

NEW STORY TOMORROW.

A new serial story, "Out of the Dark-
ness," will begin in tomorrow's
("Thursday") Advertiser. This is a high-
class story by one of the most popu-
lar English novelists, and will appeal
to all intelligent readers.

DEATH OF FORMER LONDONER.

Mr. Harry Rymill, of Oxford street,
is in Chicago, attending the funeral of
Mrs. Rymill's mother, Mrs. George
Elms, who died in that city the other
day of pneumonia. Mrs. Elms was a
former well-known resident of this
city, her husband having been a promi-
nent contractor here for a great many
years. Deceased had reached the ad-
vanced age of 87 years.

WILLIAMS-GILCHRIST.

The residence of Mrs. Thomas Mor-
rison, 190 Spadina avenue, Toronto,
was the scene of a pretty home wed-
ding on Feb. 21, when Miss Minnie
Gilchrist, adopted daughter of Mr.
Thomas Morton, of Orillia, and Mr.
Charles Williams, of this city, were
united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Laker,
of Parkdale. The bride was attended
by Miss Violet Morrison, while Mr.
William Wilson, of this city, was the
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Grand Opera House on Friday night. A
big show would attend, as he is a
very interesting lecturer. The follow-
ing is from the Baltimore Telegram:
"If it were not for the smile, one
would think Elbert Hubbard and sor-
row were companions to the death, but
the wonderful smile tells a different
story. It says as the poet, as can be
seen in the face of the speaker, and his
magnetism is very pronounced. His
voice is deep, musical and well modu-
lated. His opinions, though regarded
among unorthodox emanations, have a
sensible basis, and he radiates con-
fidence to such an extent that many
absorb it."

CONCERT AT ST. PAUL'S.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, West
London, held its annual entertainment
and supper Monday, at which the fol-
lowing took part: Mr. Bert Webb acting
as accompanist; Miss Wilson, Mrs.
Nichols, Miss Smith, Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Webster and Mr. J. E. Brown, vo-
calists; Adjutant Hakik, banjo; Mr.
Tindal, banjo; Mr. J. V. Miles, violinist;
Dyer, reader. Adjutant Hakik, of
the Salvation Army, is deserving of
special mention for his fine voice, in
playing and singing. After the pro-
gramme, which comprised 24 numbers,
all present spent a social hour. Rev.
Dr. Nixon, pastor, occupied the chair.
The entertainment was a decided suc-
cess in every way.

MRS. BABINGTON'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Thos.
Babington took place yesterday after-
noon from her late residence on Cen-
tral avenue. Rev. Canon Dunn con-
ducted the services. The pall-bearers
were Ald. Matthews, H. Jones, James
Grey, J. L. Johnston, E. L. Babington
and M. J. George. The late Mrs. Bab-
ington had been a resident of London
for many years, and was very highly
respected. She was born in England,
and came to Canada many years ago.
For a time she resided in Montreal.
She is survived by a family of three
daughters, and one son. The daugh-
ters are: Katie, at home; Alice, in To-
ronto, and Mrs. John A. George, also
of Toronto; Mr. E. R. Babington,
architect, of Toronto, is the son.

THE TIME FOR HARVESTING.

There was a large attendance at yes-
terday evening's special services in
Adeleide Street Church, and a good af-
ternoon meeting. Rev. Dr. Sowerby
giving an address on both occasions. In
the evening, Dr. Sowerby spoke from
John 14, principally verse 35, drawing
from it the lesson that right now is the
auspicious moment for "reaping a har-
vest of precious souls." From the
marvelous outcome of Christ's conver-
sation with the Samaritan woman at
Jacob's well, the preacher demonstrated
that none are so deeply sunk in sin
that Christ's love cannot transform and
save them. Rev. W. M. Walker, Rev.
A. J. Bowen and the pastor took part
in the services. Mrs. A. E. Brown
sang very sweetly "I'm Coming Home"
and "A Clean Heart," the audience
joining in the chorus. The special
services will be continued afternoon
and evening.

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Final Meeting in Present All Saints'
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At All Saints' Church last evening,
Bishop Williams confirmed a class of
22 candidates. The confirmation should
be a memorable one, as it was the last
to be held in the present building.
Twelve men and ten women composed
the class. The sermon was from Mark
xii, 30, "Thou shalt love the Lord with
all thy heart and with all thy soul and
with all thy mind and with all thy
strength."

No meeting will be held at the
church this evening.

Rev. J. S. Purdie, of St. Paul's Ca-
thedral, gave an instructive address to
the A. Y. P. A. of the church on Mon-
day evening.

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SUICIDE NEAR PARKHILL

A Well-Known Farmer Hangs Himself
While Mentally Depressed.

Parkhill, Ont., Feb. 27.—While suffer-
ing from a fit of despondency, due to
ill-health, Mr. John R. McDonald, a
farmer residing within a short dis-
tance of Allisa Church, committed suicide
by hanging. His body was found sus-
pended from a beam in his barn. He
leaves a widow and three children.

HOUSE DIVIDES ON PRISON LABOR

Trenchant Criticism of Whitney
Government's Contracts by
Mr. Preston.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Feb. 27.—The first division
of the session took place in the Legis-
lature yesterday, the issue being the
prison labor contract question. The
Government's majority was 37, the
vote being taken on Mr. Hanna's
amendment to Mr. Preston's motion.

Mr. Preston vigorously condemned the
present reform, and urged the need of
reform, and the Provincial Secretary
defended the Government's course so
far, and intimated that the problem
would shortly be solved by the removal
of the prison to a farm, and the aban-
donment of the contract system.

Before the orders of the day the Pre-
mier denied the rumors of cabinet
changes, involving the retirement of
the Attorney-General, and the taking
of Mr. Downey into the cabinet. He
also announced an administrative ap-
pointment. Mr. W. A. Preston had
finally been confirmed in his seat for
Port Arthur and Rainy River.

AGRICULTURE AS SCHOOL STUDY

The Ontario Government May
Introduce a Unique
Experiment.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—The Globe says: It
is understood that the Government will
bring down a measure this session in-
augurating an important experiment
in the teaching of agriculture, which,
it is hoped, will eventually extend
over the whole of Ontario with re-
sults beneficial to the farming com-
munity in particular and the Province
in general. In brief, the scheme em-
bodies the co-operation of the trustees
of county high schools, the department
of education and the department of
agriculture. The trustees of several
high schools have already signified a
readiness to enter into the scheme, and
indeed have agreed that it be tried.
The two departments named have ar-
rived at a working plan so far as the
matters are concerned. All that now re-
mains is the passing of the legislation
necessary to put it into effect and a
note for the Government's part of the
expenditure in the experiment.

The plan provides a grant to each
high school that will establish as one
of its regular classes a class in agricul-
ture, and will agree to appoint a
teacher in which the schools are
situated. In fruit-growing sections
the plan of ground adjacent to or in the
neighborhood of the school, which will
be used for actual and practical ex-
periments, and to provide the equip-
ment for the class, whatever that may
be. The material for the experimental
plots will, however, be furnished by
the experimental department of the
Ontario Agricultural College. The
classes will specialize according to the
agricultural wants and conditions of
the districts in which the schools are
situated. In fruit-growing sections
particular attention will be paid to
fruit culture. In essentially grain-
growing or vegetable-raising sections
these branches will receive the great-
est attention.

The teachers selected for the carry-
ing on of the work will be men who
have taken high standing at the On-
tario Agricultural College, and who in
other respects are qualified for the
work. There are already available sev-
eral such Ontario Agricultural College
graduates, who have also had experi-
ence in teaching public schools, and
these will be promptly engaged upon
the passing of the legislation and start
their work in the four or five schools
selected for the experiment. Care will
be taken to provide that they receive
adequate salaries, and towards this
part of the Government grant will go.
In no case, it is said, will the salary
be less than \$1,000, and it may be
more than that.

The teachers will devote their time
exclusively to agricultural work. If
their time is not monopolized, in their
respective high schools, it is to be
available for assisting or encouraging
agricultural and nature study in the
rural schools. Their services will also
be utilized in a general agricultural
campaign throughout the country.
They will keep in close touch with the
agricultural department, sending in
information as to pests, new and in-
teresting developments in connection
with farming, and the general condi-
tions in respect thereto. In fact they
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der the public accounts systems. The
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cents per day per man, yet the Taylor-
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Preston that the price being paid by
the Taylor-Scott Company ran from 40
to 50 cents per day.

Mr. Preston went on to say that he
believed the Government's retention
of the contract labor system had had
a great deal to do with the by-elections
in East Hamilton and West Middlesex.

Mr. Preston quoted exhaustively sta-
ments to show the rates paid for con-
tract labor where the system was in
force in the United States. They ran
from 40 cents to 85 cents per man per
day.

Mr. Preston closed by referring to
the rumored intention of the Govern-
ment to remove the Central Prison to a
farm, where the prisoners would be
given farm labor. He approved of
this idea and also suggested that the
good roads movement could be helped
by having the convicts make cement
tile for culverts, which could be sold
to municipalities at cost price.

Mr. Hanna's Reply.
Mr. Hanna spoke at length in reply-
ing to Mr. Preston. The Government
had not waited for the motion to stir
it into action, for the speech from the
throne had intimated that the ques-
tion was under consideration.

Mr. Hanna said that a full inquiry
would undoubtedly show that from 1874 to
1906, the Province had not made a
cent of profit out of the prison labor.

The present Government on taking
office found four classes of manufac-
turing going on at the prison. One-
quarter of the prisoners were making
goods for use in the public institutions,
and this work was continued. The
brush and broom contract in force since
1893 was discontinued. The old govern-
ment in its dying hours had re-
newed the binder twine contract for
five years, but the new Government
cancelled this, and made a new one,
which was \$4,000 better for the Province.

As for the woodenware contract, the
new Government found there had been
great losses in the purchase of ma-
terial, and sale of product. Out of 51-
000 feet of basswood supplied under a
contract made by the old government,
22,000 feet were rejected as culls by the
contractor's own inspector, and the
contractor admitted he had never been
made to conform to his specifications.
Varnish for which the Province paid
\$2 per gallon was supplied by the same
contractor to the retail trade at 75
cents.

The Government looked around for
a responsible firm to take over the
contract, and it was given to the Tay-
lor-Scott Company. Nothing else could
be done under the circumstances, for
it was necessary to keep 1,300 or more
prisoners employed. Since July 1, 1906,
not less than 40 cents per day had been
received by the Province, and on some
classes of work, 50 cents per day.

From a financial standpoint, the
Taylor-Scott contract was the most
profitable the Province ever had, while
it competed less with free labor than
any other, while the company was not
underselling the market as had been
done in the past.

Coming to the remedy, Mr. Hanna
said that the course which would
probably be adopted before the House
met again would be the securing of a
farm of 400 acres or so, convenient to
the city, where the prisoners could be
occupied with agricultural and other
outdoor labor. This had been adopted
by many progressive states. The Gov-
ernment would also consider the estab-
lishing of a branch prison in New
York, Illinois and Massachusetts.

Ontario's farm labor was eminently
suited to short-term prisoners. There
would mean there would be no compe-
tition with free labor. Thus the new
Government would in three years have
solved a problem before which its pre-
decessor had stood helpless for 32
years.

Mr. Hanna then moved the follow-
ing amendment:
"That this House approves of the
announcement made by the Govern-
ment, that the whole question of prison
labor has been for some time under con-
sideration, and will be inquired into
forthwith with a view to arriving at a
solution which will prevent for the
future any competition of prison labor
with free labor."

Labor Disapproves.
Mr. Studholme (East Hamilton), in a
long speech, in the course of which he

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