PRICE TWO CENTS.

SPECTACULAR COLLISION ON G.T.R. STRATFORD BRAKEMAN INJURED

Way Freight Backed Into 110 MILES AN HOUR Mogul Engine in East London.

COAL CHUTES CAUGHT FIRE

Water Pressure Was Very Bad and Firemen Had Difficulty Fighting Flames.

One of the most spectacular colwhich has occurred in the ing just west of Egerton street, and the old coal chutes between Mogul engine, No. 729, in charge of En- the trial trip, and I guess can do it gineer Butler, of Sarnia, and the still better if necessary." caboose, one loaded car, and engine No. 536, of the way freight, No. 119, from LOCAL EMPLOYEES Stratford. Engine No. 536 was in charge of Engineer Snyder, of Stratford.

The total damage will amount to about \$3,000, and Brakeman Close, Stratford, who was standing on top of the wrecked caboose, had his ankle broken by jumping. He is at present in Victoria Hospital, where he was taken by the city ambulance.

Rear-End Collision.

The collision occurred in a very simple manner. The way freight from and engineers, when spoken to today Stratford had only arrived a few minutes after 7 o'clock, and engine 729 was no intention of asking the comhad backed into the race course siding pany for an increase in wages.

one loaded car was backing eastward the east, and the clouds of steam from raise." his engine, blowing directly in front of his cab, prevented Engineer Butler from seeing the cars coming eastward. increases being asked for by any of the

Brakeman Jumped.

Brakeman Close, of Stratford, had ARTHUR STRINGER just climbed out through the window in the top of the caboose, when he saw what was about to happen. He in stantly jumped, and alighting on the frozen ground, broke his ankle. The collision occurred a second later, and it was lucky for Brakeman Close that he jumped when he did, for the caboose on which he was standing a

Locomotive Suffered.

The east end crashed into the front

The west end of the caboose, where was cut through by the heavy goods Oxford. ear behind it, as if it were paper, and the end of the goods car penetrated SIX NEW WELLS

Wreck Caught Fire. There was a fire going in the stove in the caboose, as the crew shortly expected to get their breakfast.

stove was knocked endways and the burning coals flew all over. In the confusion following the fision and the escaping steam from the mogul, and looking after Brakeman Close, no one thought of the fire, and in a few minutes flames broke forth in seethed through it and shot up into the phur.

The dense black smoke and the

Coal Chutes in a Blaze. Suddenly it was discovered that the water can be obtained. fire was shooting through the windows

on the south side of the caboose, and in a few moments the western end of the coal chutes was blazing merrily. The fire department was at once called, and at the same time the city ambulance. By the time the brigade arrived, a fierce blaze was in progress, and, fanned by the gale which swept down the tracks, it was feared that the fire might spread to the immense coal piles only a short distance away.

Water Pressure Poor.

Streams were run in as quickly as posible from Egerton street, but poor water pressure handicapped the The streams would not reach 25 feet

firement greatly. in the air, and the pressure behind them was not sufficient to break the windows in the caboose. The brigade confined their efforts to trying to save the coal chutes and the goods in the car which had telescoped into the van, and the end of which was blazing

Firemen Won.

The railroad men lent their assistance and most of the merchandse was taken out and piled along the track at a safe distance. After about half an hour's work the fire on the coal chutes was extinguished, the timbers for a was extinguished, the timbers for a distance of twenty feet being so badly burned that they will be useless. Had the collision occurred a hundred feet further east, nothing could have saved the whole big wooden structure from (Continued on Page Nine.)

WEATHER NOTES.

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The Atlantic storm has passed to the eastward over Newfoundland, and another disturbance from the Pacific coast is now centred in Iowa, and will cause snow throughout Ontario.

The weather is moderating in the weather is moderating in the weather is moderating in the western Provinces.

MADE BY MOGUL

Big Engine on the Grand Trunk Railway Is a Flying Machine.

Grand Trunk officials had any The hance of seeing what the big new Mogul 1334 can do in the way of speed. Express No. 23, owing to its eastern MOVE FOR NEW connections being late, pulled out of London yesterday 35 minutes behind

Engineer Crouch let the big engine out, and it made up the lost time in short order, and the train pulled into Windsor exactly on time. "Engine 1334 is the fastest one on this division," said an enthusiastic engineer this morning to The Adver tiser. "It made 110 miles an hour on

NOT IN MOVE

Grand Trunk Men Say They Know Nothing of Rumored Demand for Increases.

Grand Trunk conductors, brakemen stated that as far as they knew there

ever called to discuss the matter," a gineer Butler was coming up the sid- conductor stated, "and as far as I ing at a lively clip to get some more know, none will be called. We have an agreement with the company, and its residence has two years almost to run.

All the Masonic lodges of the city, again be selected, it is understood, and affair will be passed over without any affair will be affair will Engine No. 536, with the caboose and terms are satisfactory as far as we are on the race course slding, which is the concerned in this district. I have not Templars and Shriners, will occupy the first vice-president. first one north of the old coal chutes heard that the men on the eastern runs new temple. and only about two feet from it. A have asked the men on this division to very strong wind was blowing from co-operate with them in securing any TEMPLEMAN ELECTED

Superintendent Nixon stated that he had had no intimation of any general

WILL ADDRESS CLUB

Be Here at an Early Date.

moment before was telescoped from Club, announces that Arthur Stringer, lilogical, and in the event of its being both ends. Recommends a Closer Scrutiny Two Thousand Delegates of the of mogul 729 tearing the headlight and successful novels, has consented to south on the first boat, and will proplates away, and ripping off steampipes give an address before the club at an ceed direct to Ottawa to resume his Steam blew in clouds from the broken London boy, receiving his education early date. Mr. Stringer is an old office. at the Victoria School, and the Col- G. T. R. COLLISION Brakeman Close had been standing, legiate Institute, and later going to

TO BE DRILLED

The Those Put Down Show No Signs of a Smaller Flow.

More wells will be sunk immediately. Six more have been staked out, and drilling will be commenced in a day or two. The two new wells continue to show a dozen places from the caboose. It plenty of water, and there is no diminuwas not long before the fire reached tion of the flow. There is still a prothe compartment where the oil and nounced odor from the second well, alwaste are kept, and with a roar it though the water does not taste of sul-Some declare it to be sulphur, while the majority believe it to be iron. Samples of the water have been sent escaping steam made the confusion Dr. Amyot, the provincial analyst, and his report is eagerly awaited. Some of the new wells will be sunk on Gerry's Flats, where it is expected good

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW-SNOW, COLDER. FORECASTS.
Toronto, Feb. 9-8 a.m. Today-Easterly gales, probably turning to sleet or rain in the western districts.

Wednesday — Light snow becoming

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Father Point	8	
Dawson		-50
Atlin		-22
Vancouver		33
Kamloops		16
Edmonton		-26
Battleford		-36
Prince Albert		-32
Mooselaw		-25
Qu'Appelle		-32
St. John		16
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WEATHER NOTES.

MR. ARTHUR STRINGER, Famous Author, Who Is Shortly to Address the Canadian Club of London.

Night to Further the Scheme.

is rapidly assuming definite form. Last night a meeting of representatives from the different lodges and CAPTAIN REID chapters in the city was held in the Masonic Temple, and the situation was thoroughly canvassed.

The proposed temple will be for the ise of Masons only. It will not contain offices or stores. On the ground floor it is expected that there will be a large auditorium, in which public meetings can be held, and where large Masonic reunions can be handled. On the second floor will be lodge rooms and other necessary

apartments. The plans are being prepared, and will be submitted to the lodges as soon as a satisfactory set can be agreed be commenced this year. It will take from tomorrow, some time yet, perhaps next year, to So far as car

undertaking, and getting everything in sociation.

BY ACCLAMATION

No Opposition to the Minister in zie will again be treasurer. Comox-Atlin Vote.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 8.-Hon. William Templeman was today elected by STEWART INSANE acclamation for Comox-Atlin. A very President Lawson Announces He Will steadying enect on the structure papers, the attitude of Conservative papers, steadying effect on the situation was like the News-Advertiser and Province, of Vancouver, which both deprecated opposition to the minister President Lawson, of the Canadian as not only likely to be futile, but as the well-known author of "The Silver British Columbia. The heads of the Poppy," "Wiretappers," and other Conservative organizations took a similar view. Mr. Templeman will come

WAS INVESTIGATED

Cause Is Said to Have Been Steam, Which Obscured Engineer's Vision.

An investigation into the collision held in Superintendent Nixon's office lished where they will be, as far as of \$25,000 was now on its way and before both of them were severely has been given out, but it was learned that the cause of the collision was the steam from engine 729 blowing ahead of the cab and preventing Engineer Butler from seeing the other train approaching. Brakeman Close had not reached the top of the van in time to see the engine or he could have signalled his engineer in time to prevent the collision.

THE SCOTCH BLOCKS AVERTED A TRAGEDY

Respond to the Brakes.

Toronto, Feb. 9.-What might have been a terrible level crossing tragedy was averted this morning at the Don crossing only by the successful working of the scotch blocks. A King street car was coming west just as the Montreal express was approaching. J. H. Bannon, the station agent, gateman and operator, lowered the gates and set the scotch blocks and the derails, but although the motorman of the car applied the brakes, the car did not 6 respond. Going at the rate of seven or eight miles an hour, the car crashed into the scotch blocks, and was derailed. It was crowded with men and women going to work, but though all got a good shaking up, no one was hurt. The scotch blocks were smashed to pieces, but they stopped the car.

STARVED TO DEATH. Toronto, Feb. 9.-News of the strange death of an old man, Samuel Cobb, near Powassan, Parry Sound District, has

A NEW SCHEME FOR CASKET CO.

Assessment Will Now Be Fixed at \$17,000 for Twenty Years.

There will be a meeting of the council this evening to pass the bylaw giving the Globe Casket Company exemption from taxation for 20 years.

A different arrangement has been arrived at than at first proposed. The motion passed by the council was that the company be given exemption from

There was some difficulty about the business tax, but it seemed that this brought up. had been eatisfactorily arranged.

However, City Solicitor Meredith thought he had a better solution, and charges are baseless, and MASONIC TEMPLE solicitor for the company, a new bylaw was drafted.

The former assessment of the com pany was \$50,000. The rate for school Another Meeting Was Held Last pany was \$50,000. The rate for school taxes and local improvements amounts Meredith thought it wiser to make the fixed assessment of the company onethird of the amount of the assessment, or \$17,000, and make the company pay The proposal of the Masons of the pass the Legislature more readily. That and that they made a thorough exity to build a temple for themselves is the new bylaw, and it is generally amination of the institution. They city to build a temple for themselves is the new bylaw, and it is generally agreed to by the aldermen.

by the Western Fair

Association.

The annual meeting of the Western It is expected that the building will Fair Association will be held one week So far as can be learned, there will At all events the board of health

The lease of their present place of ident of the board for some years, will their duty. In other words, the whole

Ald. J. H. Saunders was selected as second vice-president last year, and effort to have the county judge probe will probably be re-elected to the same the matter. position again.

efficient secretary, will be continued in debate will ensue. ommittees, but these will not be many, the repair, and enlarging of the hosor very important.

SAYS THE JURY

on All Feeble-Minded Persons.

Shelburne, Feb. 8. - "John Spantheir death by wounds inflicted with a club at the hands of George Ernest Redmond. The attendance was imbelieve can be accomplished by care- cause would follow speedily. ful consideration of the question."

BANK CLEARINGS

Sure Barometer of Improving Business carefully." in Canada and the United States.

"The report of the bank clearings, just published, shows gains all along the line, as compared with last year," Stopped Loaded Car That Wouldn't said a local banker this afternoon. of money cleared, but eighth in the "London stands eleventh in the amount percentage of increase in Canadian cities. Toronto and Calgary show the biggest increase among Canadian cities.'

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	Boston 178,226,000	28
1	Philadelphia 139,255,000	16
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	Pittsburg 42,103,000	5
200	San Francisco 34,450,000	6
r	Toronto 28,000,000	36
t	Montreal 26,804,000	14
1	Winnipeg 10,948,000	6
1	Vancouver 3,973,900	26
	Ottawa 2,978,000	6
1	Quebec 1,894,000	*2
1	Halifax 1,670,000	*1
3	Hamilton 1,269,000	
1	Calgary 1,351,000	36
1	St. John 1,165,000	6
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	Edmonton 729,000	28

DALMENY ENGAGED. London, Feb. 9 .- The engagement is Henry George Grosvenor.

BLOCK PROBE

Smallpox Charges Will Likely Be Shelved.

MEMBERS PAID **VISIT TO PESTHOUSE**

Messrs. Clark and McMechan Went on a Tour of Private

There will likely be a merry row today at the meeting of the board of health when the charges made against the smallpox hospital management are

With equip the building, and not too much money with which to run the place.

What They Found. In order to secure first-hand dence as to the nature of the place to about one-third of the tax rate. Mr. two members, of the board of health, Harry Clarke and J. H. McMechan went down to the hospital on Saturday, it is stated, and made a tour of in spection of the building. It is not known whether they went all taxes. Mr. Ivey agreed to that, and into the hospital, but The Advertiser

found it clean, and well-kept, it is said, and the internal arrangements of the place are as satisfactory as it is possible to make them with the limited means at the disposal of the board.

hospital, and she in turn had something to say regarding the conduct of the young lads who were incarcerated noon at the board meeting. After the Doctor.

In fact, it is understood that the war will be carried into Africa, and sent from Victoria Hospital, if he takes a decided stand on the matter complete the work of financing the be no change in the officers of the as- will vote that the conditions at the

> others connected with it, have done alded the arrival of the special train Will Oppose the Probe. The board will certainly oppose any

Ald. Stevenson will hold his ground. Mr. A. M. Hunt, who has been an it is expected, and a very interesting ward and Emperor William in one his present position, and Mr. McKen- be recommended, and the council will Empress daughter, following, in a secbe asked to set aside a certain sum ond. There may be some changes in the in the estimates, probably \$2,000, for

IRISH MEET TO TALK HOME RULE

League Are Gathered in

Convention.

Dublin, Feb. 9.-The national con house and James Spanhouse came by vention of the United Irish League possible, self-supporting, which we that another remittance for the Irish burned. Opening the proceedings, Mr. Redmond emphasized the importance of ARMORIES MESS

the occasion. He said: "Ireland's good name is at stake. and Ireland's capacity for self-govern-SHOW INCREASES ment will be judged by the conduct of this assembly. Therefore, everyone who speaks should weigh his words Therefore, everyone Inspector Galpin Says He Contem-

> An attempt to tack on to the resolution pledging the support of the convention to the Irish party an the general election was defeated. It became apparent early that Mr. Redmond was in control of the convention, and the speeches of the Sinn too friendly with the Liberals were existing. shouted down. William O'Brien was It is likely, thought Mr. Galpin, given a distinctly hostile reception that such organizations will have to when he lauded Secretary Birrell's land bill. He was constantly inter-

Ferry Steamer Destroyed at Her Pier at a Loss of \$35,000.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 9. - The Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Company's ferry steamer, running between Willoughby Spit and Old Point Comfort, was burned at her pier early today. Three of her crew were burned in their bunks. The pier also was destroyed. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is about \$35,000 to the steamer, and \$5,000 to the pier.

-Mr. F. E. Weiss, travelling paslived alone in the shack on his little of the fifth Earl of Roseberry, to Nashville Railway, was in the city blived alone in the shack on his little Dorothy, the younger daughter of Lord yesterday. Mr. Weiss' office is in Deferm

MESS WILL PAY FINE IMPOSED

Sergeants of the Local Military Organization Will Not Fight the Conviction.

The members of the recently established united non-commissioned officers' mess, who were convicted a short time ago of selling liquor without a license, have finally decided that they will not attempt to appeal from the magistrate's conviction.

It appears that this new organization, which is composed of the sergeants of the Sixth Field Battery, the First Hussars, the Army Medical Corps and the Army Service Corps petitioned the non-commissioned of ficers of the Seventh Regiment, who have a similar mess in the armories. to join them in fighting the decision Stevenson, it is said, all the members to join them in fighting the decision of the board are convinced that the This the latter did not wish to do, that the and the former, which is considerably board did the best possible under the the smaller organization, did not feel circumstances, with limited means, to like fighting the appeal alone, so they today, which brings the count up to will pay their fine and the matter will

ROYAL PROGRESS THROUGH CITY

Mr. Meredith considered that it would was informed that such was the case, An Escort of German Princes for the English King and Queen.

with the woman in charge of the bearing the uncle of Emperor William number to the credit and his wife arrived at the Lehrter candidates. Railroad station at 11 o'clock. There Likely Be Chosen Again in the hospital. All this information, had assembled to meet King Edward, candidates 500 votes, he may give two Emperor William, the Crown Prince, them among any number of candihis eldest son, the other princes of the royal house, including Prince Henry of the subscription calls for: Prussia, the Emperor's brother; Chanthat Dr. Stevenson will be submitted cellor Von Buelow, Foreign Minister to a gruelling on the smallpox case Von Schoen, and a number of other night members of the cabinet and high offiof the investigation, as it is expected cers of the court. A squadron of the Queen Victoria Regiment of Dragoons of which King Edward is honorary and including both sides of Wellingcolonel, was drawn up within the sta- ton street. hospital are not so bad as painted, hospital are not so bad as painted, and the band of this regiment her- Miss Katie McLaughlin, 226 Hy-

> with music. King Edward and Emperor William greeted each other and repeatedly kissed each other on the cheek. These exchanges over, the procession of the march to the palace was at once

formed. At the head was the squadro of dragoons, and then came King Ed carriage, with Queen Alexandra and The route of the march to the palace

was lined with large crowds that had cluding both sides of Dundas street. been walting at least two hours. The Miss Velma Hayes, 574 Adelaide weather was cold and nipping, but still street
the people stood patiently to witness Miss Ella Dickie, 860 Hellmuth the progress of the Emperor and his Within the Brandenburg gate, the

mayor, Herr Kirachmer, and the aldermen of Berlin, welcomed the visiting royalties. The mayor delivered a hearty address of greeting, to which street King Edward made a brief reply. The mayor's daughter then presented Queen Alexandra with a bouquet. The Pariser Platz, where these greetings were exchanged, was elaborately de- Miss Lillian Gaze, 696 Colborne corated with evergreens and garlands

of artificial flowers. DRAGS BLIND FATHER

Stewart while of unsound mind. We mense, the delegates from all parts of Bullagh, 5 miles north of here, in the strongly and unanimously recom- Ireland and Great Britain aggregating township of Turnberry, has been de- Miss Ida Willis, 398 Adelaide mend that a close scrutiny should be kept upon all feeble-minded people in the province of Ontario, and that people in the province of Ontario, and the people in the province of Ontario, and that people in the province of Ontario, and the people in the people in the province of Ontario, and the people in the peo the province of Ontario, and that ne- were read. The greeting to the league for several years, was dragged out of at Egerton street this morning was cessary refuges and retreats be estab- from America announced that the sum the burning house by his son, but not

SAFE FOR PRESENT

plates No Immediate Action.

When License Inspector Galpin was spoken to regarding the likelihood of amendment instructing the party to spoken to regarding the likelihood of oppose and embarass the Liberal any prosecution being commenced Miss Winnie Grimason, 229 Richmond street Government by every means in its against the officers and sergeants' power" because of Premier Asquith's mess at the armories, he said that he refusal to make home rule an issue in did not expect to take any further Miss Eva McDowell, 240 King action in the matter. The affair had been drawn to the attention of the Miss Louisa Babbage, 253 Grey Government, and an investigation Feiners charging that the party was will be made into the state of affairs

they wish to sell liquor. BURNED IN THEIR BUNKS HON. MR. SUTHERLAND IN HYMAN HALL

pay a license fee, as a club does if

Will Address a Meeting To Be Held on Friday Night.

Hall on Friday evening, when Hon. R. F. Sutherland, M. P., formerly speaker Miss Lily Arthur, Lambeth of the House of Commons, will deliver an address. Mr. Sutherland is one of the brightest men in the House and is an excel- Miss Rosa Fraser, Poplar Hill.

ways most enjoyable.

The gathering promises to be a most senger agent for the Louisville and a large attendance. announced of Lord Dalmeny, eldest son Nashville Railway, was in the city Every Liberal is invited to be pres-Keep Friday evening open for Miss Irene Marriot, Sarnia .. Hyman Hall.

LATEST COUNT

Standing of the Candidates in All Districts Up to Saturday Night.

MANY NOMINEES MAKE BIG GAINS

Several Have Five Figures to Their Credit-Advice to the Candidates.

The votes in The Advertiser's free European trip contest have been coming in such numbers that the work of the counting-house staff is like the

labor of Sisyphus. It will be seen by the vote published Saturday night, that great strides have been made by many of the contestants. Each day the number of ballots received is increasing, and Monday's andi Tuesday's votes will likely

ouble in some cases the figures published today. The majority of the contestants seem to be doing well, and some surprising advances are shown.

While there is yet plenty of time, it s wise to get the vote now-rather than wait till towards the end of the contest. It will be easier to get a subscription now than it will be two months hence, when the ground will have been more thoroughly covered.

Questions Received. A number of questions have been received as to whether a subscriber may divide his yote and permissible. If, for instance, a man has a thousand votes, he may give two dates, providing that the total does not exceed the amount of votes that

Following is the vote up to Saturday

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE. All that territory within the city

man street Miss May T. Mountjoy, Mount Pleasant avenue Miss E. Ball, 664 Talbot street ... 7,996 Miss Maude Underwood, 209 Queen's avenue Mrs. Norman Roberts, Richmond and John streets Miss Vera Rowe, 245 Queen's

avenue

street

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO. All that territory inside the city limits, east of, but not including Wellington street, and north of and in-

avenue Miss Annie Fitzpatrick, 763 Maitland street Miss Annie S. Stevenson, 391 Dundas street Miss Nellie Weston, 868 Dundas Miss Mabel Connor, 474 Princess avenue Mrs. M. Callander, 772 Hellmuth avenue

Mrs. Ronald Emery, 338 Dundas street DISTRICT NUMBER THREE. All that territory inside the city FROM BURNING HOUSE limits, south of, but not including Dun-

das street, and east of, but not including Wellington street. Miss Edna Calhoun, 318 Grey York street Miss Margaret Edgar, 130 Dreaney avenue Miss Gertie Foley, 543 King street 2,388 Miss M. Wells, 196 Inkerman

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR. All that territory inside the city sides of Wellington street, and south not including Dundas street.

Bruce street Miss Flossie Campbell, 273 Talbot street Miss Mollie Fox, 213 King street Miss Margaret F. Holman, 128

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

The County of Middlesex outside the city limits. Miss Rosa Longfield, Mossley ... 13,929 Miss Margaret Simmie, Byron. 12,435 Miss Ethel Earl, Egerton street. 9,633 Miss Grace Shepherd, Lambeth. Miss Ethel Grant, Chelsea Green 5,792 Miss Sylvia Oliver, Kilworth There will be a meeting at Hyman Miss Rebecca A. Wilkins, Adelaide

Miss Gladys Malcolm, Littlewood 1,653 Miss May Little, London Junclent speaker. His addresses are al- Miss Rebecca Robinson, Lucan. DISTRICT NUMBER SIX.

The Counties of Lambton, Kent and

(Continued on Page Ten.)

Miss Edith Glanville, 153 Wharncliffe road Miss Vera B. Hewer, 8 Ingle-Miss Maude Wheatcroft, 254 Hill street street street Mrs. H. Hundertmark, jun., 150

Miss Lena Griffin, 562 King

Simcoe street ...