

CONSERVATIVE MEMBER OPPOSES DROPPING OF NEWMARKET CANAL

Says That Minister of Railways Is Wrong in Declaring Canal Useless—Inquiry Into the Civil Service Is To Be Held Behind Closed Doors.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 15.—There is trouble with one Conservative member over the announcement that the Newmarket Canal is to be abandoned, J. A. Armstrong, who represents the riding, says that there should be an inquiry before this work is abandoned, and he proposes to bring the matter up in the House. He does not agree with the opinion of the Minister of Railways that the work is useless.

Hector Chauvin, K. C., brother-in-law of Henri Bourassa, this morning

began an official inquiry into charges of partisanship which have been made against several hundred employees of the public works staff in Ottawa. This morning he recorded the confessions of those who admitted they had been busy on election day. Tomorrow he will examine those who deny the charge, and witnesses.

The Morine inquiry into the civil service of Canada is to be conducted behind closed doors. It is felt by the Government and Mr. Morine that the desired ends can be more easily reached in this way and that there will be less criticism.

Chief Justice Meredith of Ontario will probably be the commissioner to inquire into the Farmers' Bank.

STEAM PIPES TO BE A BIG ISSUE

Council May Want Clause Providing for Termination of Franchise on Notice.

IT MAY MEAN A FIGHT

Company Contends That It Would Be Unfair to Go to Large Expense For Short Term.

The city council will settle down to business tonight, the first regular meeting after the inauguration. There are no communications, and the ordinary business is not heavy, so the session need not be very long.

The finance committee has little other than routine. The board of works has a recommendation to allow the Helen Costume Company and Greene, Swift & Co. to cross certain streets for erecting purposes at \$10 a street. A rider has been inserted in the agreement to the effect that the companies must remove their pipes at six months' notice.

It is understood that the companies will refuse to accept this amendment, contending that it would be unfair to ask them to go to a large expense, only to have to remove their whole business within a year or so after it was put down. There is no question that this will create considerable discussion in the council.

No committee will have some important matters for consideration, such as the calling of tenders for an automobile for the fire chief, the securing of an auto combination wagon, the appointment of seven new men to the department, and the request for debentures for public comfort stations.

MUST AGAIN TAKE UP MATTER OF ROADWAY

Port Stanley Board Will Have to Secure Further Consideration.

The agreement between the city council of last year and the village of Port Stanley, relative to opening up a roadway up the hill, closing Smith street, and connecting a road along the beach, was not carried into effect, and as a result negotiations will have to be opened with the new council looking to the settlement of this problem.

According to the opinion of City Solicitor Meredith it was necessary to have the incorporation of the London and Port Stanley board, the shareholders of the road, the city council, and the lessees.

The city council and London and Port Stanley board of last year consented. At the meeting of the shareholders at 11 o'clock today, the whole matter was filed.

Mayor Graham, who was the only shareholder present, declared that he refused to validate the agreement because the present council had not studied the question, and he did not propose to lend his name to something that he was not prepared to defend. He had not had time to go into the matter thoroughly, and until he had, nothing would be done.

It is his intention to take the board to Port Stanley early in the spring to look over the whole situation, and come to some definite conclusion on the matter. When this was done, it would be possible to open up negotiations again.

THREE VILLAGES PASS THE HYDRO BYLAWS

Crediton, Dashwood and Centralia Vote in Favor of the Commission's Power.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, Jan. 15.—Hydro-electric by-laws were carried Saturday in London, Crediton, Dashwood and Centralia. These are the last of the municipalities in the Huron, Grey and Bruce area voting on cheap power by-laws. Word was received at the offices of the hydro-electric commission today that only three votes were polled against the by-laws in the three municipalities.

F. W. Southman, chief engineer of the commission, and P. A. Gaby, assistant chief, have just returned from an inspection trip of the transmission line from Toronto to Dundas and out to Smithville. They followed the right-of-way and made the trip both afoot and by motor car.

GETTING READY FOR CALLERS



SCENE—PREMIER WILTON'S BOUDOIR.

PREPARATORY PRACTICE for suitable reception of next deputation from the WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

REQUESTS FOR MEN POUR INTO OFFICE

Article in The Advertiser Brings Applications by Score From Farmers.

FARM HELP IS SCARCE

Domestics To Be Brought to Country Are Also in Great Demand.

Last Wednesday an article in The Advertiser announced that Major McGillivray, of the Salvation Army emigration department, with headquarters here, would personally bring 500 men from Great Britain for Western Ontario.

Notwithstanding the difficulties of rural communication for the past week Major McGillivray has already received more than fifty applications from the length and breadth of Western Ontario from farmers anxious to secure farm laborers.

Applications have come from Essex and Niagara on the one hand, and the farthest corner of the Bruce peninsula, and Northern Ontario on the other, practically all the applicants mentioning The Advertiser, and those who called personally bringing the paper with them.

Many requests for domestic servants have also been received by the bureau, who will probably be early sailing of domestics while in England in February. Major McGillivray will sail on the S.S. Granplan on Feb. 2, and all applications should be sent in before that date.

MRS. MORPHY DIES

Widow of City's Pioneer Jeweller Passes Peacefully Away.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morphy, widow of Mr. Andrew Morphy, London's pioneer jeweller, who died about a year ago, succumbed to an illness of six weeks' duration at her home, 386 Queen's avenue, this morning.

Mrs. Morphy was the mother of Mr. Alfred Morphy, the local jeweller, and of Dr. Morphy, of Lachine, Mich. The arrangements for the funeral will probably be made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, where the remains of Mrs. Morphy's husband were interred.

SEINE IS FALLING.

Paris, Jan. 15.—The Seine, which has been rising rapidly since Dec. 30, threatening a repetition of the great floods of two years ago, began to fall again today and the hydrometric authorities consider that the danger of an inundation is over for the present.

JOHN COFFAN DEAD.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 15.—John G. W. Coffan, vice-president of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, died this morning. He was ill twelve hours with apoplexy.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—VERY COLD.

Forecasts.
Toronto, Jan. 15—8 a.m.
Today—Strong northwesterly to northerly winds; clearing and decidedly colder. Tuesday—Fine and very cold.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	29.5	5.5	Fair
Calgary	16	12	Clear
Winnipeg	14	32	Cloudy
Port Arthur	2	22	Clear
Parry Sound	14	8	Snow
Toronto	22	16	Snow
Ottawa	2	2	Snow
Montreal	0	2	Snow
Quebec	4	2	Snow
Father Point	—	—	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.
The pressure is low over the Lower Lakes and the Middle Atlantic States, attended by light snowfalls in Ontario and Quebec.

Another pronounced cold wave is centred in the Northwest States, but it is being quickly followed by much milder conditions.

BUGLERS SOUNDED LAST CALL IN HONOR OF DEAD COMRADE

Seventh Regiment Escorted Remains of Walter Smith to Grand Trunk Station—Double Funeral Was Held in Mosa Township Sunday Afternoon.

The remains of Walter Smith, the little bugler of the buglers of the Seventh Regiment, who was killed at the North Glencoe crossing of the C. P. R., together with his brother Henry, a week ago, were returned to Glencoe yesterday afternoon, the only remaining brother, Herbert, of Seattle, having arranged upon his arrival here for a double funeral there this afternoon.

The remains of Walter were brought to this city after the accident, while the body of Henry has been at his home near the scene of the fatality.

Seventh Attended.
The funeral cortege was escorted from the undertaking parlors of Smith, Son & Clarke by the members of the Seventh buglers, the last post being sounded at the Grand Trunk depot. Lieut.-Col. Campbell, Major McCrimmon, and Capt. Ingram were in charge, while six members of the bugle band acted as pallbearers. British Oak Lodge, S. O. E., and the members of the A. O. F. were also in attendance.

Rev. G. A. McKenzie, pastor of the Christian Women's Church, officiated for the family, while Bro. Whittier read the service of the A. O. F. Bros. Gramlich and Yeo conducted the burial service of the Sons of England at the station.

Last Post Sounded.
The last post was sounded at the Grand Trunk in the presence of a very large audience, many of the victims' friends being in attendance. His brother Herbert, accompanied the remains to Glencoe.

Among the floral offerings were wreaths from Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and family, the sergeants of the Seventh Regiment, Herbert Smith, the advisory board of the S. O. E., employees of Brighton's bakery, the girls of the Gaste Cigar Factory, Mr. and Mrs. Brighton, bugle band of the Seventh Regiment, Rocket Club, British Oak Lodge, S. O. E., Mr. and Mrs. D. Cameron, Court Magnolia, A. O. F., and others.

A LARGE FUNERAL.
[Special to The Advertiser.]

Glencoe, Jan. 14.—The double funeral of the victims of the recent crossing accident was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of the late Henry Smith, and was one of the largest ever held in this district. Friends gathered from miles around, and the cortege extended for a long distance. Interment was made at the Kilmartin Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Maxwell, and were of a most impressive nature.

GIRL DASHES AMMONIA IN FACE OF WOULD-BE MASHER

Followed From Picture Theatre She Used Improvised Weapon of Defence With the Desired Effect—Left Blinded on the Street.

A young lady residing in the south section of the city while downtown on Saturday evening, visited a Dundas street picture theatre for a short time, and was followed from the theatre by a young man, who on reaching York street, stepped up to her side and asked if he might accompany her home. On being refused he persisted in his intentions, and commenced a conversation about the weather.

The young lady had with her a bottle of ammonia, which she carried on account of occasional spells of faintness from which she was suffering. Drawing the bottle from her dress she drew out the cork and emptied the contents in the face of her would-be knight-errant. He was temporarily blinded by the fumes and liquor, and was left standing helpless on the street. Since then nothing has been heard of him, nor was he known to the young woman who so promptly rid herself of his attentions.

ONTARIO GOVT. BLUNDERS IN BUYING OUT COMPANIES

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—The Ontario Government is disappointed in having failed to secure for four million dollars the Electric Power Company of Central Ontario, of which T. B. MacAulay, of the Sun Life, Montreal, is the head. The company has some twenty developed powers on the Trent

Canal and supplies such places as Peterborough. Assuming that the company could be acquired for four millions, the Ontario Government went ahead with arrangements and quoted prices to the various towns it proposes to supply with power. Now Mr. MacAulay wants more money, and the hydro-electric commission is up against it.

WOMAN DIES ON TRAIL TAKING FOOD TO FAMILY

Mother Perishes On Plains of Saskatchewan During the Blizzard of Sunday.

[Canadian Press.]

Swift Current, Sask., Jan. 15.—In an effort to carry provisions to her family of small children, Mrs. Alex. Cardineau perished on the trail nine miles north of here, on Sunday. A blizzard was blowing, and it was 50 below at the time. She started to walk home at 4 p.m.

ICE FLOE BREAKS TAKES MANY TO DEATH

Over One Hundred Russian Fishermen Perish in the Caspian Sea.

[Canadian Press.]

Astrakhan, Russia, Jan. 15.—By the breaking away of an ice-floe, 199 fishermen have been driven out to sea in the neighborhood of the village of Ganuscaian. Nothing has been heard of them since, and no trace of them has been found by the small boats which went out to their rescue. It is believed that they have all been drowned in the Caspian Sea.

WORKMEN AND EMPLOYERS URGE NEED FOR STATE INSURANCE

Sir William R. Meredith Takes Evidence Informally and All Are Agreed That the Present Machinery of Settlement—the Courts—Is Obsolete and Unsatisfactory.

State insurance, a workman's compensation act as in England, the trial of all cases where claims for injuries are made by a judge without a jury, a joint committee from the employers and the unions to settle all claims for injuries—these, and many other solutions of the question of compensation to workmen when injured while at work, were offered to Sir William R. Meredith on Saturday afternoon, when he held an informal discussion on the matter in the city hall on behalf of the Ontario Government.

All the trades were represented, and the employers of labor also were present in considerable numbers. Much interest was taken in the matter, and the discussion upon which all were unanimous was that the present conditions were not satisfactory.

Sir William promised if possible to have a bill introduced at the coming session of the Legislature. In opening the session he pointed out that the hearing would be perfectly informal, and he asked every person present to express his ideas freely.

For the Builders.

Mr. L. H. Martyn, on behalf of the Builders' Exchange, pointed out that conditions at present were not favorable.

"What we want is not protection

but insurance," he stated. "We protect ourselves in a measure now by insuring ourselves against accident. That is not satisfactory, as a lot of money is wasted in defending suits and the like, which benefits no person but the lawyers. Our idea is that state insurance, such as given by the Washington act would be highly beneficial. When a man was injured while at work he would be in a position to receive assistance when he most needed it, and the question of damages would be settled automatically. I do not think the burden of carrying the insurance should be placed all on the men. The trades should bear a considerable portion of it. We builders particularly are called upon to defend suits unnecessarily, and everyone of us has had to pay considerable sums of money for practically nothing. If this money were paid into insurance, there would not be so much trouble."

In Favor of English Method.

Mr. Joseph T. Marks, on behalf of the Trades and Labor Council, informed his lordship that the labor men were in favor of the compensation act as operated in England. That gave the workman plenty of protection, and to their mind worked out most satisfactorily. In their opinion the business should carry all the risks.

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COAL COMPANY TO BE HEARD FRIDAY

Messrs Fleming and Woollatt Ready to Meet Board at Any Convenient Time.

A DEFINITE PROPOSAL

Ald. Moore Elected Vice-President After Tie Vote, Which Mayor Uses Casting Vote.

At the inaugural meeting of the London and Port Stanley Board held at 11:15 o'clock this morning, Mayor Graham, following the usual custom, was elected president for the year. The officers elected were as follows: President—Mayor C. M. R. Graham. Vice-President—Ald. J. P. Moore. Secretary—City Clerk S. Baker. Treasurer—James S. Bell.

There was a tie vote for the position of vice-president, Ald. Moore and Ald. Asplund being nominated. Mayor Graham, however, voted for Ald. Moore, and the latter was elected.

To Hear Them on Friday.

The proposition of the Lake Erie Coal Company to electrify the London and Port Stanley road, will be received on Friday afternoon next at 4 o'clock. Mayor Graham stated that he had communicated with Messrs. Fleming and Woollatt, representatives of the company, and they declared their willingness to meet the board at any convenient time. The directors decided that Friday would be the most acceptable day, and the secretary was instructed to communicate with the gentlemen.

They will submit their figures and a definite proposition," said Mayor Graham. "Then we will know exactly where we stand, and we can get out a report of our own on the cost of electrifying the line."

The questions of securing land at Chelsea Green for siding accommodation for the Peter Marquette, the paving of Bathurst street, and repairing the right-of-way in that section, and the proper care of the picnic grounds at Port Stanley, were laid over.

Will Meet at Port Stanley.
The whole board will go to Port Stanley in the spring to inspect the grounds there, while Ald. Coles, Spittal and Moore will investigate conditions at Chelsea Green and Bathurst street, and report to the board.

CUTS NOT SERIOUS

Pollocks Charged With Wounding Allowed Out on Bail.

Mike and Phil Reboch, two Poles, who were charged by another of their countrymen, Zeno Cheskik, with assaulting and wounding the complainant's son, were allowed out on bail this morning by Police Magistrate Judd.

Mike was arrested some days ago, while Phil was missing until Saturday night, when he came to the station, accompanied by Mr. Jacob Harris, and gave himself up to the police. Mr. Harris put up \$100 bail for each, while personal recognizances of the same amount were taken from the prisoners, to appear again on Wednesday for trial.

It is said that the cuts on Cheskik's face are little more than scratches.

BIGAMY CASE

Fred James, Arrested in Windsor, Was Remanded for Sentence.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Chatham, Jan. 15.—Fred James, charged with bigamy, was remanded for sentence by Magistrate Stannorth today. James admitted being married to wife No. 1 in Hamilton, but said he subsequently discovered that she had children to two other men previously, and was keeping one of these children on his money. She afterwards ran away, it is alleged, with a man named Tom Murray, with whom it is alleged she is now living in Chatham. Wife No. 2, Mabel Parsons, is about to become a mother. She claims the father of her child is a married man named Shaw, and that James married her out of pity to save her from disgrace.

JEREMIAH COLLINS ON HIS LAST MARCH

Famous Old Bearer of the Irish Flag Expires in South London.

RESIDED HERE 55 YEARS

Came to City as a Youth of Twenty and Had Many Stories of Early Days.

Mr. Jeremiah Collins, who had resided for 55 years in London, forty years of that time being spent in his little home at 65 Wharfedale road, who was known to a great many Londoners as the flag-bearer of the Irish Benevolent Society, died on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Collins had been in poor health for three or four days, but his condition was not considered serious. He resided alone, but his nephew, Mr. J. Collins, jun., resided next door, and with his family attended to the needs of his uncle.

Saturday afternoon Mr. Collins was suddenly stricken with an attack of heart failure, and expired, after a few minutes' suffering, at 11 o'clock, a physician and priest being with him at his death.

Custodian of the Flag.
He was a member of the Irish Benevolent Society, and was custodian of the great green flag which he proudly carried at the head of the procession to the pikes at Port Stanley every year.

Mr. Collins was also a member of the veteran firemen, and took part in the demonstration given by the surviving members of that body at the Old London Bazaar last summer.

Seventy-five years ago he was born in Ireland, where two sisters are still living, and came to this country when a young man. For two years he made his home in Toronto, but later removed to this city.

A Great Old Story-Teller.
He had many interesting stories of the early days, and entertained his friends and children of the neighborhood in which he lived with his reminiscences.

One brother, John, of Leslie street, West London, survives him. Arrangements have been made to hold the funeral tomorrow morning from his late residence, 65 Wharfedale road, South London, to St. Peter's Cathedral, and interment will be made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. It is likely that the officers of the J. P. S. will be in attendance.

MAYOR, THE CLERK AND TWO REPORTERS

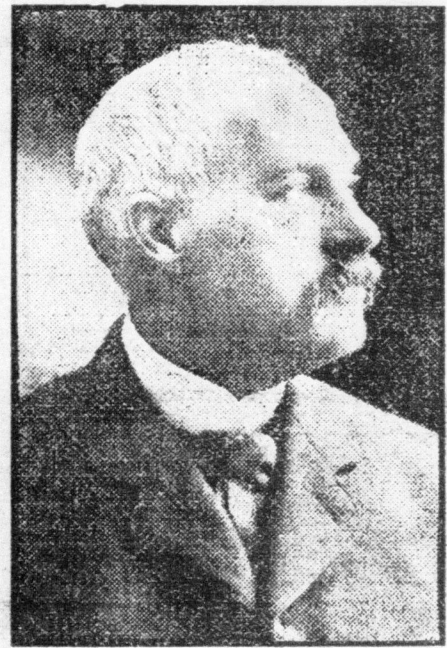
As Usual They Make Up the Attendance of Port Stanley Shareholders.

The annual farce of electing the directors of the London and Port Stanley Board was enacted this morning at the city hall.

Every year notice is sent out that on the third Monday in January the annual meeting of the shareholders will be held. The mayor, together with City Clerk Baker and the reporters only attend, and the directors called at a previous meeting of the council are voted for.

This morning the usual happened. Mayor Graham was present, voted the following as directors—Alfred Moore, Coles, Wright, R. F. Blandford, G. E. Rose, H. Asplund, W. Spitt and Mayor Graham, and passed a accounts.

The only matter of importance dealt with was the opening up of certain streets at Port Stanley, which he filed.



MR. J. H. MCMCHAN, Former Alderman and Businessman, Who Died Following Stroke of Paralysis.

DIES HOUR AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AT HOSPITAL

Mr. Robert Robinson, of Kirkton, Expires Before Operation Can Be Performed.

Mr. Robert Robinson, of Kirkton, died yesterday morning in St. Joseph's Hospital, one hour after his arrival at the institution from his home. Arrangements had been made to perform an operation to remove an obstruction, but his death occurred before anything could be done to relieve him.

Mr. Robinson, who was in his 65th year, had until a week or so ago been in excellent health. He was a blacksmith. The remains were forwarded to Kirkton by Smith, Son & Clarke this morning on the 10:26 train on the G. T. R. The funeral will be held from his late residence on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his wife and four sons and one daughter. The children are: Robert H. Ernest E., and Melville L. of Byth; H. Franklin, of Norwich, and Mrs. Alfred Paul, Kirkton.

SWITCHBOARD GIRL PLAYED THE HEROINE

Stuck to Post in Burning Hotel Until All the Guests Were Awakened.

[Canadian Press.]

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 15.—Fire of unknown origin early today destroyed the Pasadena Hotel, a favorite winter home of many easterners. The loss will reach \$250,000.

At 1 o'clock the entire main structure had been destroyed, and the flames finished their work on the north wing, newly opened this season. No lives were lost.

Practically every room in the hotel was occupied and when the fire started, bell boys and elevator men, under the direction of Manager Wilson, rushed from door to door, aided by the operator at the telephone switchboard, who sat at her desk calling room after room, until every guest in the hotel was awakened.

RELIEF EXPEDITION REACHES CITY OF HO-NAN

Band of Daring Englishmen To Rescue Any Foreigners That May Be in Peril.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Jan. 15.—A relief expedition which started from Tien-Tsin late in November, under the command of Capt. Sowerby, a member of the League of Frontiersmen, and consisting entirely of Englishmen, has reached the city of Ho-Nan, in the Province of Ho-Nan, and reports that all is well there, according to a dispatch received here today.

The destination of the expedition is Sian-Fu, in the Province of Shensi, and the object is to rescue any foreigners who may be in the vicinity.