

## CALCUTTA MAGAZINE BLOWN UP ELEVEN KILLED, 26 WOUNDED

Explosion at Military Station Causes Death of Eleven Native Soldiers and Non-Commissioned Officers and a Score of Injured Will Die.

Calcutta, Dec. 7.—An explosion in the magazine at the military station here today resulted in the killing of eleven men and the wounding of twenty-six others. Most of the injured will die. The casualties were all among native soldiers and non-commissioned officers. At the time of the explosion the men were engaged in converting ball cartridges into blank cartridges. It was at first reported that the accident was the work of agitators, but this rumor was quickly disproved.

## The Collegiate Reopens on Wednesday

Principal McCutcheon of the Collegiate stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that the school will reopen on Wednesday morning, sure. The regular monthly examinations which should have been held on Friday, Dec. 4, will be held on Friday, Dec. 11, as follows:

First year—French, literature, science and Latin.  
Second year—Geography, arithmetic, grammar and history.  
Third year—Geometry, literature, Latin and chemistry.  
Fourth year—Geometry, physics, Greek, biology, French and mineralogy.

## Council Cannot Grant a Monopoly In the Matter of Public Abattoir

County Will Have To Be Consulted Re Canadian Packing Company's Proposal.

The communication from the Canadian Packing Company, asking what terms the city will give them if they decide to remain in London, will be considered at the council this evening, and will be referred to the manufacturers' committee.  
City Solicitor Meredith has not yet given his opinion about the city's right to establish an abattoir here, but it is expected within a day or two. It has been officially announced,

however, that he will declare that the city cannot grant the request for one abattoir only without the co-operation of the county council.  
The city can establish an abattoir, but another could be placed in the county, and could slaughter animals to be sold for consumption in the city of London.  
No monopoly could be granted without the consent of the county. It is thought, however, that this can be easily arranged.  
The county would not run counter to the desire of the city in this matter, and would probably agree to allow the Canadian Packing Company to establish a plant in the county for the purpose of slaughtering all the animals to be consumed in London.

## This Woman Wanted Only \$50,000 City Hall Officials Having Trouble

All Sorts of Queer People Are Looking for Money Nowadays.

The city hall is a great place to study human nature, perhaps, it were better to say the freaks of human nature.  
Not that the officials are in any way freaks, but there is generally an odd character or two in evidence.  
The other day a man who said he was George Bernard Shaw, with a deep dark, secret in his life, and with a woman pursuing him, called on the mayor, and asked for a million dollars. His worship was just out of that sum, but he told the man to call again and he would have the million for him. The man promised to compromise for a cash consideration, and was given 25 cents.

Only Wanted \$50,000.  
This morning a lady called. Her request was somewhat more modest than the man. She asked only for \$50,000. She explained that twenty years ago she loaned the city \$25,000, and in the meantime she had neither received interest nor principal. So she wanted the money.  
She was referred to City Engineer Graydon, who is the peace-maker, but he "ducked," and she came back to City Treasurer Bell. He declared that he could not pay the whole amount this morning. The woman was obstinate, and said that she would sit there until the crack of doom, but that she would get the money.  
So she took a chair and waited.  
The pangs of hunger got the better of her shortly after noon, however, and she went out, saying that she would keep on coming until she got the money.

## Railways Pleased With Regulation

The provision which the American authorities have made for allowing meat killed in Chicago to come over the border and through Canada to points in the Eastern States, is most satisfactory to the railroads and all roads are now extremely busy making up for the trade they lost when the quarantine against live stock prevented them from handling any cattle.

One whole train of 45 refrigerator cars went through the city last night and during the last twenty-four hours more than 150 beef cars all loaded down with dressed meat have gone through the city to Buffalo and other eastern points. Railroadmen state that for the next few days there will be a big rush of dressed meat going through and all up for the trade they lost when the quarantine against live stock prevented them from handling any cattle.

## Drowned While Crossing the River

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Chatham, Dec. 7.—Emil Huyder, a Belgian employed in the Wallaceburg sugar factory, was drowned in the Sydenham River at Wallaceburg this morning. Huyder and three companions attempted to cross the river in a small boat. The boat began leaking,

and sank when in the middle of the river. Two swam ashore and one was rescued by an Indian, who plunged into the water and brought him ashore. Huyder, however, sank before assistance could reach him. The men had been advised not to use the boat, as it was old and in an unsafe condition.

## County Council Again in Session

The county council met this afternoon at the county buildings at 2 o'clock with Warden Graham, in the chair. The afternoon was taken up with the hearing of communications.  
Several important matters are booked to come up at the session—the letting of tenders for county supplies, the

hearing of petitions from different sources, the question of the condition of the roads, the amount to be paid to Victoria Hospital for county patients cared for at that institution, and the recommendation concerning the reorganization of the county constabulary, along with other matters of greater or less importance.

Have You Seen It?  
The first cutter arrived this morning. Of course, this is not the first time that a real cutter glided smoothly over the snow this winter, but on the last occasion it was merely a slight jaunt

for the newness of the thing. This time there is a real excuse for it, and it looks as if cutters will be the vogue for some days at least. There is some good sledding on the highways and many are out enjoying it. This is the real thing in winter.

## Terrible Toll of the Storm King

Halifax, Dec. 7.—More than half a hundred seamen have lost their lives off the upper North Atlantic Coast during the past few days as the result of a storm of unprecedented severity, and it is possible that the turbulent sea has claimed even a greater toll of lives. The reckoning, itemized as accurately as the meagre reports will allow, is as follows:

Dec. 3.—Seventeen members of the crews of three fishing schooners drowned off the Newfoundland Coast.  
Dec. 4.—Twenty-eight members of the crew of the steamer Soo City, which is believed to have sunk in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.  
Dec. 5.—Seven members of the crew of barge 101, which went down off the coast of Nova Scotia.

In addition to this death toll, which includes no passengers, there developed a mystery tonight in the discovery of life belts, bearing the name "S. S. Stanley," which were washed ashore with the wreckage from the Soo City. No steamer of that name navigating in this vicinity has been reported, and in lieu of any other explanation it is said that those life belts might have been a second-hand purchase for use aboard the Soo City.

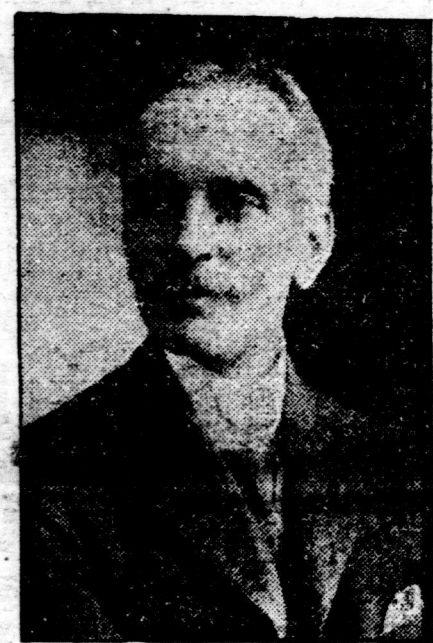
## Application for New Radial Railway Tillsonburg to London Is Route

City Notified by the Mayor of Tillsonburg—Matter Will Be Considered Tonight.

An application will be made at the next session of the House of Commons for a charter for a radial line from Tillsonburg to London, with branch lines to Port Burwell, Aylmer and other points.

Mr. W. S. Law, of Tillsonburg, has forwarded a copy of the route of the proposed road to Mayor Stevely, and it will be considered at the council meeting tonight.

He points out that he helped to construct the present line from Port Burwell to Ingersoll, and a line to Port Dover, and is confident that this radial road will go through.



ALF. ROBINSON,  
Secretary of W. O. C. T. Association.

## PEOPLE FAIL TO WAR ON THE MOTH

Parks Commissioner Pearce's Advice Has Been Acted Upon.

The citizens have not rallied to the request of Parks Commissioner Pearce to destroy the tussock moth clusters on the trees.  
"I am afraid that the citizens have not done the work," said Mr. Pearce. "It would mean only a few minutes' work, but so far as I can learn, very few people will do that. I think I shall make another request for them to destroy these egg clusters. It means a very great deal to their trees."

## QUEEN'S REGRETS

Rowdiness of Students, Several of Whom Are Fined.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 7.—Five students were fined \$10 and costs each for disorderly conduct on Saturday night, when the police and students clashed, which the colleges were seeking to force the opera house. One student had his case dismissed. Mr. F. King, counsel for the students, said the plea of guilty was not personal to those arrested, but they admitted guilt on behalf of the students' body, and as such were open to censure. The students did not approve the misconduct of many of their fellows, and Queen's authorities condemned the whole collision, and said steps would be taken to prevent a repetition. The Alma Mater Society, it was intimated, would meet, by resolution condemn the raiding and rioting, and pay all damages that had been done. Principal Gordon also spoke, his remarks being along the same lines as Mr. King's. The police had done their duty, he said.

## PRESENTATION TO A POPULAR LIBERAL

The South London Liberals Honor Mr. John Laing.

A number of the members of the South London Liberal Club called on Mr. John Laing on Saturday evening and presented him with a fine travelling bag prior to his departure for England, where he will spend the winter. Mr. George Norton made the presentation. He expressed the wish of the members that Mr. Laing would have a pleasant journey, and that he would return in the spring to take his place again in the club. Other visitors made short speeches. Mr. Laing made a brief reply, in which he thanked the members for their kind remembrance.

## SUPT. NIXON IS VERY EMPHATIC

Denies Absolutely That Grand Trunk Are Raising Rails in London.

City Engineer Graydon received a very pointed letter this morning from Mr. A. J. Nixon, assistant superintendent of the Grand Trunk, here, stating most emphatically that the Grand Trunk are not raising their tracks at Wellington, Waterloo, Ridout or any other streets.

"The company are only making a few repairs to the tracks, and have not interfered with the levels in any way, whatever."  
He complains that every time somebody sees a Grand Trunk employee working on the tracks he comes to the conclusion that the company are trying to elevate their tracks throughout the city while the citizens were not looking.

"I said in the beginning that the company were not elevating their tracks and they are not," said Mr. Graydon. "They have made some repairs, but that is all."

## KEEP WALKS CLEAN OR GET IN TROUBLE

Police Chief Williams Issues Warning to Citizens.

Chief Williams will get after the violators of the snow bylaw. This morning he sent notices around to all ratepayers affected by it, informing them that the bylaw will have to be obeyed in the future.  
"Last year there were some complaints that the bylaw was not enforced," said Chief Williams. "There will be no such complaints this year, as we intend to make everybody comply with it. If they do not, then there will be trouble."

## MRS. INGERSOLL WINS.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The supreme court of the United States today decided in favor of Mrs. Ingersoll. In the case of Mrs. E. Ingersoll, widow of the late Robert G. Ingersoll, against Joseph Coran and others, involving a claim of \$100,000 by Mrs. Ingersoll on account of services rendered by her husband in breaking the will of the late Andrew J. Davis, a Montana millionaire.

## THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

FORECASTS.  
Toronto, Dec. 7.—8 a. m.  
Today—Strong winds and gales, north-west to west, clearing and turning decidedly colder.  
Tuesday—Westerly to south-westerly winds, fair and decidedly cold.

| Stations.        | Today. | Yesterday. |
|------------------|--------|------------|
| London, Saturday | 21     | 30         |
| London, Sunday   | 6      | 22         |
| London, Monday   | 36     | 22         |
| Calgary          | 10     | 16         |
| Winnipeg         | 2      | 22b        |
| Perry Sound      | 2      | 24         |
| Toronto          | 36     | 14         |
| Ottawa           | 20     | 12b        |
| Montreal         | 16     | 20         |
| Quebec           | 16     | 20b        |
| Father Point     | 10     | 10         |
| Port Arthur      | 8      | 6b         |
| Dawson           | 2      | 10b        |
| Victoria         | 34     | 24         |
| Vancouver        | 29     | 24         |
| Kamloops         | 18     | 24         |
| Katmona          | 10     | 10         |
| Battleford       | 10     | 10         |
| Qu'Appelle       | 30b    | 30b        |
| Halifax          | 8      | 36         |

WEATHER NOTES.  
The shallow depression which was in the South Pacific States Saturday morning has since developed into an important storm, which is now centred in the Lower Lake region. Snow has fallen heavily in Quebec, and very stormy weather is indicated for the Maritime Provinces. The cold wave has greatly moderated in the west.



JOHN T. GREEN,  
President of W. O. C. T. A., who reports business rapidly improving.

## DEATH SUMMONS MR. JAMES BLAIR

One of City's Oldest and Best Known Citizens Passes Away.

One of London's oldest residents, in the person of Mr. James Ankettell Blair, died at his late residence, 50 Alma street, Saturday evening, after a brief illness.

Mr. Blair had quite a few eccentricities. He resolutely refused to tell anyone his age. It is believed, however, that he was somewhere between 80 and 85 years of age.

Mr. Blair was born in Ireland, coming to this country with his parents in 1842 and settling in the township of McGillivray. He resided in that locality for several years, subsequently moving to London, where he had remained ever since, a period of over 50 years, and becoming a well-known figure in its life.

Mr. Blair was twice married, his first wife being like himself, a native of Ireland. Later he married Miss George, the daughter of Rev. Dr. George, principal of Queen's College, Kingston, who also died some years ago, leaving no children. For many years Mr. Blair was a prominent member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, which he attended in the old frame church days, before the present edifice had been built. Latterly he had been connected with New St. James', and was a staunch supporter. The very handsome woodwork of the pulpit, is an evidence of Mr. Blair's generosity, he having presented it to the church as an evidence of his goodwill.

The last few years of his life he had devoted to literary work. He was a great reader, and wrote verse of considerable merit.

In 1872 he became connected with the Dominion Saving and Investment Society and acted as inspector for that company until advancing years rendered it necessary for him to retire from active work.

Mr. Blair always showed an active interest in all charities, and was keenly interested in the welfare of the poor. Though a man of quiet disposition, he had many friends, who unite in regretting his death.

The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The service at 2:30 o'clock will be conducted by Rev. James Ross, D. D., and Rev. T. H. Mitchell, of New St. James'. The interment will be made at Woodland Cemetery.

## MAY APPOINT AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

The First Assistant at Toronto May Get the Position.

It is more than probable that the council will move to appoint an electrical engineer at its meeting tonight. At the last meeting of the special power committee it was decided to recommend that the matter lay over for some time, but it is thought that the council will overrule the recommendation of the committee and appoint an engineer.

The most popular applicant for the place is Mr. E. Richards, the first assistant in Toronto, and it is quite likely that he will be given the place.

## THE TAMPA IS SAFE

Wreckage on Superior May Be That of the Clemson.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 7.—The growing belief here since the steamer Tampa arrived safely at Fort William on Saturday, is that the wreckage seen on Lake Superior came from some boat which was wrecked a long time ago, and which is now being battered to pieces by the waves. While it is reported that the freighter Clemson, overdue at Duluth, is sunk, it is believed here the vessel has anchored in shelter, and will arrive when the present storm is over. A. B. Wolvin, owner of the Clemson, is not so hopeful. The Wolvin Steamship Company has tugs out searching both shores of Lake Superior from Duluth to the Soo. The Clemson is a first-class bulk carrier, 448 feet long and 5,531 gross tonnage. She carried a crew of 24 officers and men.

## WESTERN ONTARIO TRAVELLERS IN FLOURISHING CONDITION

Association Holds Annual Meeting and Re-elects the Executive—Finances in Flourishing State and Business Outlook Is Bright.

At the annual general meeting of the Western Ontario Commercial Travellers' Association, held on Saturday afternoon, President John T. Green and his staff of officers were re-elected for another year. There was a large attendance of members, and the financial statement was submitted. It was highly gratifying to all, and showed the affairs of the association to be in first-class condition.

Business Is Good.  
One of the most pleasing features of the president's annual address was his reference to business conditions. From every quarter the most optimistic reports were received. Conditions were rapidly assuming a normal aspect. During the past month business had increased wonderfully, and everywhere merchants were hopeful.

In opening the meeting President Green expressed his pleasure at seeing so large a representative of the membership.

Thanksgiving Day.  
The change in the day for holding Thanksgiving Day was a matter of congratulation. It had been made at the request of the commercial travellers and allied interests, and he thought that the change was in the interests of all concerned. The people had taken kindly to it, and they were fully justified by the result in advocating the change.

Business conditions were rapidly improving, said Mr. Green. The effects of the recent financial stringency were rapidly disappearing, and a better tone was noticeable. The universally good crops and higher prices for all products had materially assisted in overcoming the depression. He was confident the country was entering upon an era of prosperity greater than had ever been experienced.

In conclusion he thanked all the officers and members of the association. (Continued on Page Ten.)

## The Suffragettes Create an Uproar Refuse To Hear Lloyd-George

Chancellor Tells Them Government Is in Favor of Women's Vote.

London, Dec. 7.—The gulf between the Suffragists and the Suffragettes, the latter being the term generally used to describe the militant section of the female agitators, who believe in street riots and attacks on cabinet ministers as the quickest means of attaining the suffrage for their sex, was further widened on Saturday by a fierce demonstration indulged in by the Suffragettes at Albert Hall against David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer.

The chancellor was addressing a suffrage meeting under the auspices of

the Woman's Liberal Association. He had hardly got beyond announcing that he was present with the object of making known the Government's intentions regarding the problem of woman suffrage, when a great uproar broke out. Strident voices from all parts of the hall shrieked: "We want deeds, not words." The stewards of the hall, and there were 350 on hand to deal with the anticipated disturbance, at once moved down the aisle of the women who had interrupted the speaker with the idea of ejecting them. They found them chained to their seats.

Chained to Seats.  
There then began a confused struggle between the men and the women, but finally the chains were cut, and the suffragettes expelled. But the numbers of the disorderly seemed to increase rather than decrease. Some of the

## Move To Stamp Out Tuberculosis

Widespread interest is being created over the little Christmas stamp issued by the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives, Secretary J. S. Robertson, of Toronto, reports that at the head office letter and

phone orders are crowding in from all over, "Send me \$55 worth, C. O. D." in a message from G. A. Moon, of St. John, N. B. London, Ont., Bible classes have already taken \$95 worth. A well-known society lady of Toronto sent her

check for \$25 worth. A meeting of all the young ladies' Bible classes in this city is called for Tuesday evening, Dec. 8, at the First Methodist Church, to which every young lady of every Bible class in the city is specially asked to come, where the whole information will be fully discussed. One thousand volunteers are wanted to each handle as many as convenient of the stamps. Every dollar goes direct to the free hospital at Muskoka. Stamps are done up in 25-cent, 50-cent and \$1 envelopes. Stamps and full information can be had from W. J. Underwood, 377 Richmond street, Federal Life office, London, or R. L. Watson, Globe Casket Company's office, East London.

## Gang of Gem Thieves Are Captured

Winnipeg, Dec. 6.—Four men and one woman, thought to be one of the most dangerous gangs of diamond robbers from Chicago, are under arrest here. They were captured by accident last night while trying to rob Port & Markel of some valuable diamonds. The woman and one man were in the diamond vault, with one of the jewelry store proprietors examining jewels, when the man substituted a great phoney diamond for a genuine funds.

one. Detected in the act, the proprietors pretended to put his hand on a concealed gun and the two surrendered. They were taken to the station handcuffed and three confederates were found later in an obscure house. They have pawn shop tickets from Chicago and other large American cities. A trunk full of rare jewelry representing thousands in loot was discovered. The crooks are well dressed and appear to be well provided with funds.

## Young Swiss Tailor Has Recovered

Selkirk Mergethaler, the young Swiss tailor from Hamilton, who some time ago shot himself in the head in the wash-room at the City Hotel, has sufficiently recovered to be able to leave Victoria Hospital tomorrow.

The affair has been reported to Crown Attorney McKillop, who stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that he could not say yet whether Mergethaler will be arrested on a charge of attempted suicide. If after hearing

Mergethaler's story the crown attorney decides that an attempt at suicide was made, Mergethaler will probably be arrested at once.

If, on the other hand, Mergethaler's story satisfies the crown, he will be allowed to go, and will proceed to his home in Hamilton.

Mergethaler has completely recovered and although he will always have a hole in his skull, where the bullet went through, it will be far enough up on his head so that he can comb his hair over it, and the scar will be invisible.

## Only Eight Protests in Ontario

Toronto, Dec. 7.—When the time for the filing of protests in connection with the recent Federal election expired at 1 o'clock Saturday, but eight protests in Ontario in all had been entered, four by the Conservatives, and four by the Liberals. This included South Ontario and West Peterborough, which were entered during the week. Those entered today were: By Liberals—Nipissing, North Lanark, Norfolk and Centre York. By Conservatives—Ottawa (Sir Wilfrid Laurier's seat) and Welland.

The entering of a protest does not mean that it will go to trial. Cross-petitions may also be filed within the next fifteen days.

In Manitoba seven of the eight Conservatives are contested.

The petitions are against Alexander Haggard, Winnipeg; S. H. Bradbury, Selkirk; Glen Campbell, Dauphin; W. H. Sharpe, Lisgar; Dr. Roche, Marquette; W. D. Staples, Macdonald, and A. J. Melgren, Portage la Prairie.

A REPRIEVE FOR BILLIK.  
Springfield, Ills., Dec. 7.—Herman Billik, sentenced to be hanged Dec. 11, for the murder of Mary Vzaral, was today granted a reprieve until Jan. 29. The reprieve was granted by acting Governor Sherman.