

COUNCIL WILL TAKE ACTION TO HAVE GAS SUPPLY PURIFIED

Brantford People Think They Have Been Most Unfairly Used By New Company Which Plans To Supply London and Other Places in District.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Brantford, Dec. 15.—Complaint follows complaint in rapid order, re Brantford's new gas supply from the Tilbury fields, with which it is proposed to supply London and other places, replacing that from the Haldimand fields. Almost without exception citizens are objecting to the new gas, with its sulphurous smell which permeates through everything despite the efforts made by many to do away with it by overhauling their appliances. Action by the city is promised.

Today Acting Mayor J. H. Spence had the city clerk dig up all the documents of the gas company's rights in the city, and these will be laid before the city collector, possibly this afternoon. If it is at all possible the city will make the company purify the gas before sending it out to the people, for the members of the city council, as individual users, are very indignant over the matter.

Were Not Notified. The fact that the new gas was turned on by the company without any notification to the citizens as to the nature of the gas is being commented upon with vigor. The company admits that the new gas is not

good for lighting purposes and is notifying consumers to that effect.

The using of gas containing sulphur is prohibited by an act of the Dominion Parliament, and it is claimed the company is breaking the law, in allowing the gas to be used for lighting. It is felt, however, that the company did not do the right thing by the people in not giving them notice when first it decided on getting the gas that it was not suitable for lighting.

A Heavy Expense. During the past year a large number of houses have been erected in which gas fittings for lighting were placed, and besides this a large number of gas fixtures have been installed in old houses at heavy cost. These appliances being absolutely useless now the money so spent being wasted through the company not having given their citizens any notice.

In addition to the small permeating many houses in the city it also is observable on some of the streets in the city, evidently because some of the pipes are leaking. On Brant avenue last evening the smell was very distinct about 11:30, while this morning on Colborne street there was also an odor perceptible. The officials of the company still maintain that the gas is all right if proper appliances are used.

JURY SAYS DEATH OF REV. R. ROSS WAS ACCIDENTAL

Bring In Verdict at Coroner's Inquest In New York On Saturday.

NO BLAME ATTACHED

The Driver of Auto That Killed London Pastor Is Exonerated By Jurors' Decision.

The inquest into the death of Rev. James Ross, D. D., who was killed in New York city by an automobile on Tuesday, Nov. 18, was held in the American metropolis on Saturday. After hearing the evidence of the man who was in the automobile which caused the death of Dr. Ross, and of spectators, together with that of the physicians who attended him, the jury brought in a verdict of accidental death, in which the blame was not placed on anyone. The driver of the automobile, Leon T. Stowe, testified that he was driving on the first street, expressed the greatest regret for the accident, but said it was wholly unavoidable. Dr. Ross had stepped from the shadow of another vehicle, directly in the path of Stowe's machine. The minister was hurled to the pavement and his skull fractured. A copy of the evidence taken will be secured and the details will be made known later on.

BRITISH MYSTERY SHIP SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED

Battle Cruiser "Tiger" Is Expected To Break All Speed Records.

[Canadian Press.] Glasgow, Scotland, Dec. 15.—The British battle cruiser "Tiger," known as the "mystery ship," was launched today at the Clydebank shipbuilding works, where her keel plate was laid on June 29, 1912. Details of the new vessel have been guarded most strictly by the admiralty. It is known, however, that her engines are designed to give the hitherto unattempted horsepower of 100,000, calculated to develop a speed which will eclipse that of any naval vessel afloat. Official reports state that the "Tiger's" dimensions are: length over all, 700 feet; beam, 90 feet; displacement about 30,000 tons. Her armament is said to comprise eight 13.5-inch guns in pairs in turrets on centre line and twelve 6-inch guns in casemates, with two 21-inch submerged torpedo tubes.

RESULT IN MACDONALD TRIUMPH FOR ROGERS

Evidence Enough of Corruption To Result in Unseating of Candidate.

[Canadian Press.] Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The Free Press, commenting on the resignation of the aid, declares Hon. Robert Rogers "will doubtless regard the achievement of Saturday as one of the nearest things to a triumph of machine politics." The Liberals of Macdonald walked into an ambush and were slaughtered," says the Free Press, which admits that "the Conservatives can claim with justice that the result shows the Dominion Government is holding its strength in Macdonald," but declares the victory is Rogers' and Borden's, not Premier Roblin's. The Free Press says evidence of corruption and impersonation exist which would undoubtedly insure the unseating of Morrison "if anyone thinks it worth while to waste time and money in a pursuit so politically unprofitable."

NO LONDON SLUMS SAYS DR. HUTCHINSON

Medical Health Officer Dr. T. V. Hutchinson called the attention of The Advertiser today to a story sent out from Toronto concerning the probability of London acquiring a slum district. The story was unearthed from the annual report of the medical health officer in 1912, and printed in the report of the provincial board of health. In the report attention was drawn to certain undesirable conditions amongst the foreign classes in the city, but Dr. Hutchinson states that there has been a great improvement within the last year. "Through the medium of the police court and by other means, Dr. Hutchinson is succeeding in eliminating conditions that might lead to slums. "There will never be a slum district in London as long as I am medical health officer," said the doctor, and added: "The southeastern section of the city, which was the one complained of, is not congested, and there is too much room there for slums."

PREMIER IS BACK

Sir James Whitney Is Not Quite Well Yet. [Canadian Press.] Toronto, Dec. 15.—Sir James Whitney, who has been in the south for his health, is expected home any day. He is said to be much improved in health, but not yet quite himself. The calling of the Legislature will depend on the wish of the Premier. Matters are being got into shape for the session, but it is easily a month away and perhaps more.

PROMINENT MEN HOLD VARIED OPINIONS ON NEW NAME FOR CITY

London Businessman Whose Sudden Death Occurred in Winnipeg



REV. WILLIAM AITKEN DEAD. Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 15.—The death of Rev. William Aitken, father of Sir Max Aitken, member of the British Parliament, occurred Saturday. He had been in indifferent health for the last ten years. He had been a minister almost fifty years.

Rochester Girl Whose Romance Ends on Arva Farm



MISS MARIAN AVERY, the 20-year-old daughter of respectable Rochester parents, who posed as the wife of Joseph Chobotzky, the man arrested by Detective Doyle, of Rochester, at the farm of W. Turner, near Arva, on Saturday afternoon, Chobotzky, it is alleged, abandoned his wife and two children at Rochester last July and eloped to Canada with Miss Avery. The Rochester police have no charge against her, but she returned to the city with Chobotzky and Detective Doyle on Sunday morning.

Expressions of Opinion on Proposed Rechristening Differ.

GORDON PHILIP FAVORS PROPOSAL

Great Advertising Value Attached, He Declares in Interview.

MANY OPPOSED

Either Say Time Is Too Late or Dislike Any Change.

Many varied and varied the expressions of opinion secured this morning by The Advertiser on the suggestion of Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore that the name of London should be changed to Tecumseh. While the feeling is apparently strongly against a change at this late hour, there are those who are enthusiastic over the proposal. Industrial Commissioner Gordon Philip is one of these. He believes that the change would be of inestimable advertising value to the city. His brother officials at the city hall seem a unit, however, in opposing any innovation as a change of name. Historical associations that cling round the name London seem too strong for many to break by a rechristening of the city. Others again are convinced that the change should have been made years ago. They seem to feel, however, that the time when such a change was possible are long since passed. Dr. C. T. Campbell, one of the foremost members of the London Historical Society, who has been a champion of a changed name, suggests Georgian, as was originally intended. The expressions of opinion follow:

THOSE IN FAVOR

Industrial Commissioner Gordon Philip would be the greatest advertisement we could have. There are many obvious reasons why the change would be advisable. Assistant Children's Aid Inspector Richard Sanders might be all right to change the name. It is certainly a matter to be considered.

THOSE WHO SAY "TOO LATE"

Dr. Clarence T. Campbell was of the opinion that a distinctive name would have been better for London, but he thought it was too late now to change it. In any case, there was already a village named after Tecumseh, and if London, yet it was in the wilderness of Upper Canada on the present site of London in the latter part of the eighteenth century. The name would be additionally appropriate, he said, now that the city is in the name of King George V. is reigning.

Major Thomas Beattie, M. P., expressed the opinion that while it was a pity the city had ever been named London, yet it was difficult to change the name now. It was somewhat annoying for Londoners when away from home to have to make clear which London they were from, he said, but he thought it would be people could be induced to change the name at this late date. Tecumseh would have been a preferable name had the city been named that from the first.

THOSE IN OPPOSITION

Relief Inspector J. W. McCallum—I do not believe that the average taxpayer would wish to incur the expense of having all deeds and other documents signed. Why change horses when crossing a stream? City Clerk Samuel Baker—Never since I have been city clerk has there been so optimistic a feeling in the city. Then why go back to Tecumseh? School Inspector C. B. Edwards—My reverence for historical associations is too great. The history of the city is nearly 100 years old. We're an honor to Old London. School Trustee A. M. Hunt—I don't think much of the plan. It is not of so Continued on Page Eleven.

WERE ABSENT-MINDED

Shoplifters Present Unusual Plea When Captured on Saturday.

Four cases of shoplifting were detected at the Smallman & Ingram store on Saturday last. In three of the cases, women figured, while the fourth was committed by a small boy. One of the women attempted to smuggle an expensive hat out of the store by concealing it beneath her coat. A lady detective, of whom a number are now employed by the firm, caught the woman in the act, and after making sure that she intended leaving the store with it, approached her, and ordered that she come to the private office. A search was made, and the hat was found. There were the usual tears and shallow excuses, and after a sharp reprimand, the woman was allowed to go. The other three were not so costly articles, but their illegal owners were all caught and taken to the private office, where two of them said, there were so "heavily absent-minded they had forgotten to pay for them." They were given an opportunity to do so, and quickly tendered their money.

NORTH END RESIDENTS COMPLAIN OF SERVICE

Want Return To Old Cheapside Line of Street Railway—Blame Council.

Residents of North London are loud in their condemnation of the street car service under the new city schedule. Only a couple of cars run over the Cheapside line, they say, and it is impossible to get better service than 20 minutes at the best. "Why some of us have to ride down to Victoria Hospital via the East End of the city and return by Wellington street in order to get to work," said one man. "The other schedule was much better for us than the present one. We haven't a chance to blame the street railway on this occasion, and it is up to the city to get a better service for us."

CANADIAN CLUB HEARS OF LIFE IN LABRADOR

Told of Mission Work and Hardships by Dr. H. Mather Hall.

Some of the intricacies and difficulties of life on the coast of Labrador were related to the Canadian Club at an enjoyable informal luncheon at the Tecumseh House at noon today, by Dr. H. Mather Hall, head of the Harrington Bay Hospital, one of the hospitals under the supervision of the famous Dr. Grenfell and the Deep Sea Mission.

Dr. Hare is making a tour of Canada lecturing on the work in Labrador, in an effort to secure much-needed funds with which to carry on the extensive activities of the mission. The people in his district, he said, were Canadians not aliens. They were descended from people who came out from Devon and still spoke the dialect of Devon. In the district also lived about 500 Indians for whom he was responsible. He was the one doctor on that part of the coast and his job was to travel from one end of it to the other by dog teams in the winter and in a motorboat in the summer, and to diagnose which frequently break out among them. Epidemics are frequent, he said, and are brought into the country by outside traders. "The climate is another thing we have to fight against," he continued, "and it is usually so unfavorable that we come to regard it as a personal matter and feel that we have a personal grudge against it."

Dogs are the only means of transportation there, and they are also the means of effectually barking any effort to raise sheep, cattle or poultry. "These dogs can bite through the ordinary wire netting as a tinmith would cut it with his shears, and it is hopeless to try and keep chickens or sheep, or even cattle, on account of them. But they are necessary and we have to put up with them," he said. The food supply is a constant source of worry. "We grow cabbage and eat the leaves, we grow carrots and eat the tops. We eat everything that has food value, even down to seeds drowned in the fishing nets," said Dr. Hare. As to the work of the hospital, he stated that it was absolutely non-sectarian and philanthropic in character, and well deserving of support.

Dr. Hare was heard with great attention by the members present. The president, Mr. Jared Vining, presided.

FIVE BURN TO DEATH IN TRAIN WRECK

Molten Metal Dumped Into River When Cars Left Trac.

[Canadian Press.] Johnston, Pa., Dec. 15.—Five men were fatally burned here today when a hot metal train was wrecked at the Cambria Steel Works. The train was made up of six loaded cars, each carrying fifteen tons of molten metal. It was speeding to the Franklin plant when two cars left the track and toppled over into the Conemaugh River. A terrific explosion followed as the hot steel came in contact with the water.

Success to Injuries From Auto Accident



WILLIAM NASH.

"SALOME" COMPANY IS "ON THE ROCKS"

Players Here a Week Ago, Had to Wire For Funds to Get Home.

[Canadian Press.] Hamilton, Dec. 15.—The "Salome" Company, backed by Sheehan and Beck, of Chicago, went on the rocks here after the performance at the Grand on Saturday. Many of the players were stranded and the wires were kept busy with messages to some appealing for funds. The company has been up against it for some time, and few of the players got their full salaries, most of them having to content themselves with just enough to live on.

The company played in London a week ago last Friday and Saturday.

SIR WILFRID WILL ADDRESS STUDENTS

Liberal Leader to Speak at Many Gatherings in Toronto.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier left today for Toronto to address students of Toronto University. He will make speeches to the various societies.

AGREES TO ASSIGN

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, Dec. 15.—The firm of Richardson & Co., stock brokers, have consented to assign on the petition of Geo. D. Hart, a creditor, who has a claim of \$17,000 against the concern. A receiver will be appointed today.

FARMERS DEMAND TARIFF REDUCTION OF GOVERNMENT

Want Wheat and Flour Put On the Free List at Once and Are in Ottawa.

BRITISH PREFERENCE

Suggest That It Be Increased to Fifty Per Cent. as Soon as Possible.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Twelve men, representing the organized farmers of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario, are here asking for tariff reductions. Wheat and Flour. They ask that Canada shall put wheat and flour on the free list so that Canadian wheat and flour may obtain free entry to the United States. They ask that the British preference be increased to 10 per cent. for the benefit of Canada and Great Britain. They ask also that the 17 1/2 per cent duty on agricultural implements be removed and farming implements of all sorts be put on the free list. No More Bonuses. They ask that no more bonuses shall be given to railways or industrial enterprises and they want a better inspection of grain at the ports. The deputation will probably obtain an audience from the Government some time tomorrow.

MANY IMMIGRANTS ARE AFFECTED BY TUBERCULAR GERM

Investigation by Sanatorium Aid Society Reveals Pathetic Incidents.

HOLD BAZAAR IN APRIL

Women Will Raise Funds for Winter's Work in This Manner.

That many families recently arriving in London from the old land are affected with tuberculosis, is being revealed by the investigations of the Ladies' Sanatorium Aid Society, through the work of their nurse, Miss Hanson, and today several children, and at least one adult, all victims of the white plague, are being removed to the sanatorium at Byron. A thorough discussion of these cases took place at a meeting of the society held on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Stevenson, Elmwood avenue, when many pathetic instances were reported. In one family, 21 children, the three youngest, aged 8, 7 and 3, respectively, showed marked symptoms of tubercular trouble. In another household visited by the nurse, the mother and two children were found to be afflicted, an unfortunate side of the matter being that the father is subject to mental lapses. Through the efforts of the Sanatorium Aid Society, the mother and children are being cared for at the sanatorium, the father is being looked after, and the home will be occupied by the mother and children.

Two families of twelve were found living together in three rooms in the north end of the city. Six out of thirteen had been removed to the sanatorium, and are now under the observation of the nurse, and receiving milk from the society. These families were quarantined for scarlet fever in the city of Quebec upon the arrival of the ship. They had apparently contracted the disease on board, and were detained in quarantine before they were allowed to come on to London.

Will Hold Bazaar. The members of the Sanatorium Aid Society feel that the winter will prove a hard one on their resources, and it was unanimously voted at Saturday's meeting to conduct a bazaar in this city on April 3. At this bazaar the jewelry recently bequeathed to the society by a woman interested in the erection of the preventorium, will be disposed of.

The need of a third clinic day is strongly felt by the Sanatorium Aid. Two free clinic days are now conducted each Tuesday and Thursday at the outdoor department of Victoria Hospital, and it is proposed to add a third, to be termed "Mothers' Day," Continued on Page Eleven.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 12 hours preceding 8 a.m. today: Highest, 42; lowest, 31. The official temperatures for the 24 hours preceding 8 p.m. Saturday were: Highest, 32; lowest, 21.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARMER.

Toronto, Dec. 15—8 a.m. Moderate to fresh westerly to southerly winds; fair today and on Tuesday. Tuesday—Higher temperature. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria. 44. 44. Cloudy. Calgary. 48. 28. Clear. Winnipeg. 26. 20. Cloudy. Port Arthur. 36. 8. Clear. Montreal. 46. 8. Clear. Toronto. 42. 14. Cloudy. Ottawa. 44. 22. Clear. Quebec. 40. 16. Clear. Montreal. 36. 8. Cloudy. Port Arthur. 42. 22. Cloudy. Pressure is low in the Northwest and over Newfoundland. Elsewhere it is high. Fine weather prevails generally, the temperature being still abnormally high in the West.