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Depositors at Toronto and Branches Take Matter Philosophically.

STATEMENT BY MGR. TRAVERS

Thinks That the Institution May Yet Be Able to Pay 100 Cents on the Dollar.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 20 .- The latest word from various small towns throughout Ontario where the Farmers Bank had branches fails to indicate anything in the nature of panic among the depositors. Quite a large amount of stock was sold in the vicinity of Local offices have been instructed to close for 90 days, but have no information as to the cause of suspension. The wonder of the situation is the philosophical manner which depositors and creditors received the news of the suspension.

Ont., Dec. 20.-The Farmers Bank branch here did not open up for business this morning. There were no special features and everything was quiet.

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mob" in front of the head office con- the student crews. Police reserves company gave an excellent service. sisted of three reporters and one pho-Apparently the result of the Lindsay trial is fully anticipated.

Toronto, Dec. 20 .- "The failure of the Farmers' Bank of Canada to meet some \$20,000 of its paper in the clearing house, Toronto, this afternoon, followed by the notification from Mr. ment, caused me to notify Mr. Dun-can Coulson, chairman of the Toronto District of the Bankers' Association, loss of the occurrence. He in turn has ers' Association, who will, if he sees fit, appoint a curator to take charge of the affairs of the bank."

Such is the position of the Farmers' Bank as stated last night by Mr. A. Bradley Patterson, manager of the

banking act it has 30 days to meet its from Montreal to the description obligations and resume business. If laid, has commenced.

'Traffic is splendid," said Mr. Gillen. "We are very busy and the outget the steel all laid," said Mr. Gillook is for continued heavy business."

Mr. John Knight, secretary of the Canadian Bankers' Association, left Montreal for this city last night. He is due to arrive this morning, and will take charge of the situation temporarily. Within a comparatively few days it is expected a curator will be appointed, as provided by the banking act, who will assume the direction of affairs during the time of suspension While no announcement has been made, it seems probable that either Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson, or Mr. W. E. Stavert will be selected. The latter acted as curator in the winding up of the affairs of the defunct Ontario

The precise position of depositors and shareholders cannot yet be determined. Under the procedure of the banking act the holders of notes will have preference if settlement is necessary. Next will come the Ontario Government, who are believed to have deposits in the neighborhood of \$20,-000 in the institution, and following in order will come the general depositors, the contributories and the share holders. Hen. A. J. Matheson, the provincial treasurer, was not in the city yesterday, and an official statement of the Government's account at the Farmers' Bank could not accordDeath of His 6-Year-Old Son by ingly be secured. It is understood that the Province's account was some time ago approximately \$40,000, but it reported that the amount on deposit at the present time cannot be more than half that sum.

Lindsay Disclosures Blamed. The officials of the bank attribute the present state of affairs to the re-velations made during the trial at Lindsay, which closed yesterday, and to the judge's comments, but the view of other bankers was that suspension was inevitable. Whatever the cause, Victoria 46 it is certain that for some time the Calgary 50 bank has had to meet an increasing Winnipeg 12 number of drafts, and although nothing in the nature of a public run has taken place, it has been rumored in was approaching a crisis.

The officials were loth to give out any information as to the position of the institution. Mr. J. G. the FitzGibbon, the chief inspector and chief accountant, informed the Globe that he had absolutely nothing to say.

They were cutting at the dashoduled provinces. The eastward progression of the disaster provinces. The eastward progression of the disaster provinces were put to him the reply was the same."

Mr. W. R. Travers, the general manager of the bank, while not disaster of the bank was unterprovinced as a first provinced to the bank as suspended temporarily. I cannot say now how long it will read and massing a few farms as possibly see our way to the the bank has suspended—it may be only for a few days, it may be for 96 days, it may be for

THE BANK'S REPORT

The latest report of the Farmers Bank available	is that of Oct. 31.
A report as of Nov. 30 has been sent to Ottav	va. but it was
stated at Ottawa last night that the figures would	
until tomorrow. The figures for Jan. 31 and Oct. 31	are as follows:
LIABILITIES.	are an ioneme.
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Jan. 31, 19	
Circulation\$ 364,	
Due provincial governments 45,:	26,635
Deposits payable on demand 188,4	164 214,669
Deposits payable after notice	579 1,278,634
Other liabilities	75,356
Total liabilities	377 \$2,051,08
ASSETS.	72,002,00
	136 \$1,143,445
Current loans in Canada\$1,214,	
Loans to directors	
Overdue debts	
Bank premises	
Other assets 150,	743 112,67
Total assets\$2,612,	922 \$2,670,19
Average amount of specie held\$ 9,	533 \$ 7.54
	638 19.55
Greatest amount of notes in circulation 408.	
	944 6.82
	217 13.04
Deposited with Government for security of note	21,
	000 20,25
	197 88,22
	915 7,90
	281 4,53
	438 15,72
Company bonds, debentures and stocks 368,	
Call and short loans on bonds in Canada 534	436 489 13

STRIKE RIOTS AT WINNIPEG MOBS WRECK STREET CARS

Call and short loans on bonds in Canada.....

Last dividend, 4 per cent.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Rioting in con- were called out, and a number of ar-nection with the street car strike oc- rests made. A belt line car in the Toronto, Dec. 20.-The suspension curred here this evening. Many cars factory district was the first to be atof the Farmers Bank is a surprise to were attacked, their windows being tacked. smashed, and a number of passengers A number of passengers and a number of passengers and a number of passengers. of the Farmers Bank is a surprise to those who anticipated any great excitement. Up to 10:30 the "clamorus several cases the mobs gave chase to with eighty cars in operation the

sisted of three reporters and one photographer. Absolutely no excitement. LIVERY BARNS AT TILLSONBURG **DESTROYED BY FIRE TODAY**

[Special to The Advertiser.] lered by insurance. The stables were Tillsonburg, Dec. 20. — This place the property of the Arlington Hotel, was visited by a serious conflagra- and were rented for livery purposes followed by the notification from Mr. tion about 9:30 this morning, when by Mr. David McHarg. Several of the bank had temporarily suspended payment of notify Mr. Dunwere completely destroyed. Nine The only animal in the barn that porses were destroyed, together with escaped the flames was an old white many rigs and sets of harness, and the horse of little values. The origin of he at least \$3 000 well covthe fire is a mystery

of the occurrence. He in turn has presumably notified Sir Edward Coulson, president of the Canadian Bank- GRAND TRUNK BEGINS THE WORK tiser. "The Bankers' Association are presumably notified Sir Edward Coulson, president of the Canadian Bank- to meet just such was raised in St. Thomas, and has to the reception committee.

Bradley Patterson, manager of the supermeasurement of the Grand Trunk, was in the city this afformation of the Grand Trunk, was in the city that afformation of the Grand Trunk, was in the city that afformation of the Grand Trunk, was in the city that afformation of the Grand Trunk, was in the cit The Farmers' Bank of Canada will that the work of distributing the new make a smooth-running roadbed, but first lien upon assets. not open its doors today. Under the 100-pound rails, with which the line to guard against broken rails and "The shareholders w banking act it has 90 days to meet its from Montreal to Chicago is to be re-spread rails."

Superintendent U. E. Gillen, of the len, "but when we do we will have the



GEORGE VANSTONE, Causing

THE WEATHER FORECASTS.

Tomorrow-Fair and Cold. Toronto, Dec. 20-8 a.m. Today-Fresh to strong winds, nort

snowfalls.
Wednesday-Fair and cold TEMPERATURES. Stations. Winnipeg Port Arthur..... Parry Sound....... 36 Toronto 34 Ottawa 34 Quebec Father Point..... Minus (-) means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES. Snow has fallen throughout Ontario and Quebec, and heavy rain has occurred in the Maritime Provinces.
YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

NORMAN KIMBALL DIES OF INJURIES

Second Victim of the Bursting of Saw at a Bee in London Township.

VERY SAD FEATURE

Daughter Was To Have Been Married and Died Shortly Before Her Wedding Day.

Mr. Norman Kimball died at Victoria Hospital this morning at seven o'clock as the result of injuries received Monday morning in London Township by the bursting of a buzzsaw. His demise makes the second death following this accident. Monday afternoon the injured man

was brought to the city by his brother, Mr. George Kimball. He was fearfully injured. One piece of flying steel struck him on the chin, literally cutting it off.

Another tore a large piece off his scalp, while the side of his body was riddled with flying pieces of steel. He westerly and northerly; colder, with light was hurried to the operating table on his arrival, but from the first his case was hopeless. Dr. W. J. Stevenson operated upon him, but it was impossible to do anything to save the man. Mr. Kimball lingered until this morn-

ing, when he passed away.

The Accident. Mr. Sinclair had a large quantity of wood to saw, and he asked some of his neighbors to assist him. Yesterday morning they commenced work. The engine was working ex-

condition. They were cutting at full speed with Dickenson handling the saw, with

HYDRO-POWER CELEBRATION **OPENS AT ARMORIES TONIGHT**

Mayor Beattie, Mr. Beck and Mr. Pocock Will Speak at Formal Opening of Exhibition and Seventh Regiment Band Will Discourse Sweet Music.

vening at 8 o'clock in the armories. At a meeting of the decoration committee held at noon today in Mayor Beattie's office the details were worked

Ald. Richter will act as chairman, and the speakers will be Hon. Adam and the cost of lighting. Beck, Mayor Beattie and Mr. Philip

the appearance of the Seventh Regi- to make this business go, and I think ment Band, which will render a fine programme of music during the exhi- zens generally." bition, which will be formally thrown open to visitors tonight.

and is undoubtedly one of the best couple of thousand on the street. given here in a long time.

the display and the programme. The play.

The opening celebration in connec- Armories will be open this afternoon tion with the completion of the local also, and I expect a number will avail Niagara power plant will be held this themselves of this opportunity of seeing the exhibition."

An Inquiry Office.
The water commissioners have fitted up an office in the Armories, and will have two clerks there all the time to answer questions regarding power

"Any person wishing information Pocock.

Arrangements have been made for said Chairman Pocock. "We are out we will have the support of the citi-

According to information received at the city hall, over 600-horsepower "We will have a fine opening," de-clared Ald. Richter. "The exhibition the Armorles over 7,000 incandescent itself is well worth anybody's time, lights are in use, while there are a In front of the city hall there is a "We will have plenty of music, and large sign brilliantly illuminated, and am sure the citizens will appreciate it is one of the features of the dis-

NOTEHOLDERS WILL NOT LOSE. DEPOSITORS NOT LIKELY TO IN FAILURE OF FARMERS' BANK

it May Be, However, That the Shareholders Will Lose-Local Lambton Reform Association Bank Men Talk of the Crash—Manager Travers Is Well Known.

The failure of the Farmers' Bank; and perhaps may receive something in will not seriously affect Londoners. return. here was not large.

nere, and in this district, but the numto stand even a double liability tax. per is not arge, and the amount in-

hit to any extent. They had some chary of this bank. trouble for a time with their customers, but they stood firm, and conse-

Depositors Are Safe.

lose no more than they have invested, and failed to make it go."

ISLAND NOT LOST GOOD WORK OF IN MIGHTY QUAKE

Report of Disaster in Central Be Pure Fiction.

San Salvador, Dec. 19.—The report emanating from Port Limon, Costa Rica, that as a result of a terrific earthquake an island in the Hopango Lagoon, in the interior of Salvador, had disappeared, with the drowning of many women and children, is entirely without foundation.

Only a slight earthquake has occurred recently in this section, without damage.

To Go to the Citadel on Saturday, and week we had a huge delegation from the west. They said if the Government toould not meet their demands they could not give the Government their support. If possible, I would hold up both hands for free trade. The less we are taxed the better. But we must remember that the requirements Chicken Thief Sent recently in this section, without damage to property or loss of life. Hopango Lagoon, which lies to the southeast of San Salvador, is in a normal state.

CHARGE OF UNLAWFULLY **DETAINING CHILDREN**

Under Arrest by Local Detectives Today.

out street, by Detectives Egelton and Christmas dinners will be distributed DOESN'T LOOK GOOD Down, on a charge of unlawfully detaining two little children, a boy and clarence street Citadel, but after girl, aged 6 and 8, respectively.

The charge was laid by W. Little, of Christmas there will still be much reliandsay, father of the children. Lind-lief work to be done, such as supply-lit is Said G. T. R. Will Not Take Back

Any New Men.

take Hill back. A young woman who said she was Col. Chandler and the other officers a sister of Mrs. Little, told The Ad- of the army extend an invitation to vertiser that Mrs. Little is at 427 Ridcellently, and the saw, which had been out street, and that she left Mr. Litused before, seemed to be in perfect the and took the children because he did not act in a proper manner.. Mr. Hill, the young woman stated, was going to try and start Mrs. Lit-

If, however, there is not The bank had no branches in this bility clause in their stock agreements, city, and the volume of business done and will have to make up the balance. A large percentage of the depositors There are some shareholders living are farmers, who took few shares, and, as a rule, they are in a good position No Business in London.

"The bank did not business what-As a matter of fact, some of the ever in London. Of course, some of the wholesales had a little business bank, and as a result none of them are fact that the merchants have been

"The same old excuses for the failquently are saved from any financial ers' Association crushed the directors, and Hon. George P. Graham from which is not at all true. If a bank is Mr. Pardee's residence to the town founded on strong principles, it will hall.

OF LAYING 100-POUND RAILS cases, and they will be protected. The same is true of the bills in circulation. They will be taken up by the various banks throughout the country.

The potes of connection with the Merchants Bank or many personal popularity of Mr. Cook, in opening the meeting, said the gathering showed that the branch at Berlin. He severed his splendid turnout, as there were many personal popularity of Mr. Cook, in opening the meeting.

The potes of connection with the Merchants Bank present who made no claim to be of

"The shareholders will suffer un-said one manager. "He is a man of sented Mr. Pardee with a congratu doubtedly. The extent depends alto- undoubted ability, but apparently he latory address, expressing the grati-"Traffic is splendid," said Mr. Gilen. "We are very busy and the outsets. If there is sufficient to meet the people generally what ability he had. his rise the people generally what ability he had. liabilities, all well and good—they will However, he tackled a big proposition,

THE S. A. ARMY

American Is Declared To A Splendid Dinner Will Be Provided For the Poor of

To Go to the Citadel on Saturday, and See What Is Being Done To Make Christmas Pleasant For Many People.

other appeals, but it is very desirable that the public interest in this good accommodation by dredging Sarnia the next half-year. William Hill, a former resident of other appeals, but it is very desirable the Lindsay, Ont., was placed under arrest that the public interest in this good today at his boarding-house, 427 Rid- work should not relax. Two hundred say police have been notified, and it ing coal and food to poor families, and was stated at the police station today assisting others who are in distress, that they are sending a man here to in various ways.

An Invitation. of the army extend an invitation to the public to visit the Citadel on Saturday and see the distribution of the contain a piece of beef, a plum pud-ding potatoes a turnin tea a loss of Christmas baskets. Each basket will ding, potatoes, a turnip, tea, a loaf of bread, candies, nuts, and possibly some other dainty, if the contributions to the army pots are large enough. One

CHRISTMAS STOCK WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Guelph Novelty Shop Badly Damaged by Flames This Morning.

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 20.—Fire broke ou at 4 o'clock this morning in the base-ment of a three-story building on Wynd nam street, occupied by the Bowles Syn dicate Company. The company has been in business here only two or three months and carried a line of five, ten and fifteen cent goods. All three floors were thoroughly stocked with a complete line of Christmas novelties valued at between the and fifteen thousand dellars. Almost ten and fifteen thousand dollars. Almost the entire stock was destroyed. The dam-age to the building will be about \$2,000. The adjoining stores suffered slightly from smoke and water.

Mr. Bowles, the head of the Bowles Company, is well known here in busi-ness circles, having been manager for some time of Woods' Fair.

SARNIA HONORS MEMBER PARDEE

Presen's Him With Address.

SPLENDID RECEPTION

of Railways Delivers an Address - Big Crowd Cut.

wholesalers saw trouble coming, and with the country branches, but of late F. Pardee, chief Liberal whip and refused to do business through the it has not been heavy, owing to the member for West Lambton. The gathering was presided over by Mr. Thos. H. Cook, president of the Sar ure of the bank are in evidence. The nia Reform Association. The Sarnia people are being told that the Bank- Citizens' Band escorted Mr. Parder

There is no question about were Dr. Fairbank, Petrolea, Messrs Among those on the platforn tiser. "The Bankers' Association are prepared to meet just such Manager Travers.

Manager Travers.

The majority of bank managers Brown of Cambachia and Brown of Cambachia."

Burnham, of Sombra, Dr. P. M. Brown of Cambachia.

and redeemed at par. The notes of connection with the Merchants Bank, present who made no claim to be of any chartered bank are perfectly segoing to New York, where he spent the same party.

cils of the party and nation, and al luding to him as a fitting successor t the best of the brilliant names which had shed lustre on West Lambton i In reply, Mr. Pardee said: "I ca

hardly convey to you my heartfel gratitude for the reception you hav accorded me tonight, and I can as sure you that, whether I continue represent West Lambton for less more years in the future, this recen tion will atone for many of the har knocks that public life bestows on an man who realizes his position as representatives of the people. week we had a huge delegation from of the east are vastly different, and both the east and the west must give and take. I have had numerous in-terviews with the railway officials,

and I have received word today from Ottawa that negotiations are still in Colonel Chandler, of the Salvation progress between the Government and Army, stated to The Advertiser today the railway officials relative to the that the public are this year respond- reinstatement of the men."

Hon. Mr. Graham paid a high tri- duce the visible supply of liquor ne-

Any New Men.

It was stated on unquestionable which Snell held on the outside. The authority to The Advertiser this af- latter then suddenly became affected ternoon that the Grand Trunk have with a species of moral chilblains, and taken back all the strikers that they decided that the straight and narrow intend to. There are seven men who was at least the safest highway, dewent out in London who have not yet spite the fact that no defunct poultry

List of Contributions by the Different Congregations Announced Today.

REV. J. G. INKSTER IS WELL PLEASED

While All Sums Allotted Were Not Realized Very Good Work Was Done.

The collections taken up in the different churches for the Byron Sanatorium for Consumptives will total well over six thousand dollars, according to the statement handed out by Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, of the First Pres-

byterian Church, who was in charge of the campaign. Colborne Street, Hyatt Avenue and Empress Avenue Methodist Churches and the Christian Workers' have yet to be heard from. Some of these have decided to take up another collection on New Year's Day, and it is expected that the fund will be increased to a considerable extent. The Roman Catholic churches and the churches of the city of St. Thomas will make their returns later.

Well Pleased. "While we did not get the \$10,000 we started out to get," Rev. Mr. Inkster told The Advertiser this afternoon, we are exceedingly gratified at returns made by the smaller churches. Every one of them exceeded the amounts allotted to them. large and wealthier churches come up to their allotments, as we expected Sarnia, Dec. 19. - Citizens of all they would, we would have had the shades of politics thronged the town money we wanted. We are, however, hall tonight to do honor to Mr. F. greatly pleased with what has been

Methodist

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e	First Methodist	\$1	,100.00
٠. ا	Dundas Centre		478.85
	Askin Street		315.90
-	Centennial		163.24
a			130.00
ŧ	Hill Street Richmond Street		52.55
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n	High Street		11.50
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χ.	St. Andrew's	. 4	519.48
	St. James'	•	260.38
1.	Vroy		
			174.50
-	King Street		83.50
	Chalmers		33.50
ζ,	Hamilton Road	6	31.77
e	St. Pauls		21.75
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У	Total	\$1	,761.40
f	Anglican.		
	Memorial	9	616 55
e	St. Paul's Cathedral		312,50
	St James'	5	291.34
1.	St. James' St. John's		250.74
-	St. George's		114.53
-	All Saints'		72.61
i -	Christ Church	•	58.06
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CHARLES LANCASTER

we are taxed the better. But we must remember that the requirements Chicken Thief Sent Down by Judge Macbeth For South London Offense.

Charles Lancaster, whose conscientious and consistent efforts to re-William Hill, of Lindsay, Placed ing very favorably to the army appeals for aid towards the Christmas dinner for London's poor. The Salvation Army is very grateful to all those who have contributed either by "keeping the not boiling" or in any in the contributed either by "keeping the not boiling" or in any in the contributed either by "keeping the not boiling" or in any in the contributed either by "keeping the not boiling" or in any in the contributed either by "keeping the not boiling" or in any in the contributed either by "keeping the not boiling" or in any in the contributed either by "keeping the not boiling" or in any in the certainte the happy fulletide, nor yet
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the celebrate the happy fulletide, nor ing the pot boiling" or in answer to ham made a favorable reference to stowed away in the institution pro-

> Lancaster, on a certain evening, a few weeks ago, imparted a secret to his friend, Donald Snell. He advised Donald that Alfred G. Taylor, FOR THE STRIKERS of the Base Line, possessed a number of chickens, and also reminded his friend that no fowl was listed in either the Snell or the estate. That night the pair made for the Taylor barn, and thirty chickens died under protest, and entered a bag was included in the