

CRAIG AN ALLEGED DEFAULTER TRUST CO. MAKES STATEMENT

In Which It Is Alleged That Well-Known Young Man Is Apparently Behind in His Accounts—Spent Money Rather Freely.

"Craig is apparently a defaulter. The whole shortage is embodied in one transaction on the 1st of February, 1908. The London and Western Trusts Company has security for the full amount, and will not lose one cent."

The above is the statement issued by Mr. John S. Moore, manager of the London and Western Trusts Company, in whose employ Mr. Walter Craig had been until a week ago. The amount of the alleged default is not known exactly, although there are rumors to the effect that it is very heavy. Some place the figure at \$10,000. This may be too heavy, but the loss, it is said, is considerable. Mr. Moore would not make any statement as to the amount. There is talk that the Guarantee Company that is on Craig's bonds will take action against Craig at once.

Well Known.

Craig was well known for his connection with various local athletic clubs, and was prominent as a football player. He has not, however, been active at the latter pastime for some years, but last year was picked by a Hamilton sporting writer as a candi-

date for an all-Canadian intermediate championship team. For some time it has been suspected that Craig has been spending a little high. He used to spend money like a sailor on occasions, and had the champagne habit. He was known to spend as high as \$10 an evening for drinks, and in other ways was thought to be moving rather swiftly. Craig bet heavily on the horse races also, and was quite a heavy loser very often.

He left the city rather hurriedly, and it was rumored that he was much behind in his accounts. However, assurances were given that he was all right, and the rumors were thought to be mere idle fancies. Now it is alleged why he made so hasty a flight from the city.

Craig's family live in South London, and are very respectable people.

PROMINENT ATHLETE.

Last season he played scrimmage for the local inter-provincial Rugby team, and was looked upon as a player of no mean ability. This winter, Craig has devoted much of his spare time to bowling, at which pastime he was almost as successful as at football.

For a long time he has been a member of the Hermitage, and has always taken an active part in the social events conducted by that popular organization.

COLDEST DIP IN FOUR YEARS 20 BELOW SUNDAY MORNING

The Weather Man Cleared the Streets on Saturday Night—People Couldn't Stand the Cold—The Figures for Some Years Past—Sunday a Record Breaker.

Saturday night and Sunday morning the weather man surpassed all his records for cold snaps since Jan. 5, 1904, the night of the big blizzard, which destroyed the Sterling building at the corner of York and Clarence streets, in which Chief John A. Roe lost his life.

On Saturday night the mercury went down gradually until at an early hour Sunday morning it touched the lowest mark of the season at 20 degrees below.

On the morning of the fire in January, 1904, it went down to 22 degrees below. The three lowest temperatures in the last seven years are 26 degrees below in 1902, 22 degrees below in 1904, and 20 degrees below Sunday morning.

Last year the lowest point the mercury reached was 16.5 below, and the year before it only went down to 14 degrees below.

COLD DIP GENERAL.

The cold dip was general, and from places all around London low temperatures are reported. The thermometer started to go down early in the afternoon, and dropped steadily until at 10 o'clock in the evening the mercury showed twelve below.

Everybody who was downtown hurried home and took especial care before they went to bed to see that a good fire was laid on, which would last until the morning.

For railroadmen and for belated travelers, who were forced to wait in some small way-station, where there was more frost than fire, the evening was a particularly unpleasant one, and more than one traveler said things as he kicked his feet against the floor in a vain endeavor to keep warm.

FLOWERS SUFFERED.

Many a local conservatory went by the board Saturday night. Flowers which had been carefully nursed all winter were found frozen on Sunday morning, and great was the regret thereat.

There has been a great change in the temperature, however. This morning at 8 o'clock it was only 3.5 below.

Brainy Collie Saves a Boy's Life Found Lad Overcome By the Cold

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Feb. 10.—Clarence W. Mattis, an 18-year-old lad was saved from freezing to death Saturday night by a farmer's collie dog. Young Mattis is employed in a livery stable, and undertook to drive a traveler about eight miles into the country. He was poorly clad for such a cold drive, as it was between 15 and 20 below zero. On the return trip his hands became so numb he lost control of the horse and fell out of the cutter. He started up a lane towards the light of a farmhouse, but collapsed and fell in the snow. How long he lay there is not known, but he would undoubtedly have frozen to death had the barking of the farmer's dog not attracted attention. The animal led the farmer right to the spot. The boy may lose his hands and feet.

London Old Boys Are Called To Meet

Secretary B. C. McCann, of the Old Boys' Association, has called a meeting of the local association for the city hall tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, for the election of officers. The meeting will be held in No. 2

committee room and a large attendance is requested. An effort will be made to make the reunion this summer the best yet held. Keep the date in mind.

City Auditor Is Going Over the Books

City Auditor Jewell is at present going over the annual statement of the London Street Railway for the purpose of discovering whether it would be in the interests of the city to purchase the plant.

So far nothing can be learned as to what his opinions on the subject are. It is expected that he will have finished his report on it in a short time, when it will be submitted to the council for their approbation.

Liberal "At Home."

The Liberal Club will hold an "At Home" on Wednesday evening in Hyman Hall. A splendid programme is being arranged. Refreshments will be served, and a good time is anticipated.

Six Rinks Coming.

Six rinks of the Queen City Curling Club, Toronto, will be in the city tomorrow afternoon and evening playing with the Thistle Club. Some great curling is expected.

Pitiable Condition of Aged Grey Street Couple Were for Hours Without Fire at 20 Below Zero

Awful Experience of Mr. and Mrs. John Britton, 88 Years of Age.

Some of the neighbors heard that Mr. Britton was ill, and came with food, but the old man refused absolutely to let any one nurse him but his wife.

A Pitiable Case.

Late on Friday night, as near as can be learned, Mr. Britton was taken suddenly worse, and his wife got up to get him a warm drink.

In the dark she tripped over the edge of a piece of carpet. All through the night she lay on the floor, unable to move, and suffering excruciating pain from a fractured hip. Her feeble husband was unable to get up, being too weak from his illness.

Fire Went Out.

In the meantime the fire went out, there being no one to attend to it. All through the morning, and up to about 4 o'clock in the afternoon the old people lay helpless in the freezing house, and when finally a neighbor ventured

in with something for the old man she found them both nearly dead with cold and pain.

Help was at once summoned, and the doctor pronounced the condition of Mrs. Britton to be so serious that she was at once ordered to Victoria Hospital.

Refused To Leave Husband.

The old lady refused absolutely to go and leave her husband, so it was decided to take him, too.

At present both are in the hospital, Mr. Britton suffering from such a severe cold that it is feared pneumonia will develop, and his wife with an injury which may prove fatal, and which will beyond doubt cripple her for life.

To the Home.

The authorities have decided to send both the old people to the home as soon as they can leave the hospital, and this morning made arrangements to that effect.

Isolation Hospital Ready by 1909 Such Is Ambition of Mr. Stewart

Meeting of the Committee Has Been Called for This Evening.

A special meeting of the hospital committee and the hospital trust will be held this evening in the city hall, when the new plans for the isolation hospital will be considered.

Conferences have been held this week between City Architect Nutter and the members of the hospital trust, and a

solution of the difficulties has been effected. Mr. Nutter knows now exactly what the board wants, and the plans will be prepared accordingly.

Adopt Original Plans.

It is expected that the original plans of Mr. Nutter will be adopted by the committee. They have been examined and have been found to be satisfactory. It is thought that the plans will be ready shortly, and that work will be commenced as early as possible.

"We want to have this hospital finished by Jan. 1, 1909," said Ald. Stewart, "and we are going to see that it is ready by that time."

Fighters Went Through Window Were Fined By Police Magistrate

Though the Groceryman Who Suffered Did Not Want To Prosecute.

William Cooper, George Coley and Joseph Murray, were the central figures in this morning's police court. The three young men were charged with being drunk and disorderly.

Murray and Coley got into a fight in West London on Saturday evening in front of Pinneke's grocery store. Murray tried to throw Coley through the window and in the struggle, the

big plate glass window was smashed. Mr. Pinneke did not wish to prosecute, but on general principles, Magistrate Love fined Murray \$10 and Coley \$5.

Cooper was only found guilty of being drunk and was fined \$2.

Alfred Evans, charged by J. Morley with keeping a vicious dog, Mr. Morley claimed the dog bit him and that he had to go to a doctor.

The case was settled by Mr. Evans agreeing to send the dog to the country and pay \$1 for the doctor's bill. The case of A. Stinchcombe charged by D. C. Hartford with assault was left over for a week.

City's Chances of Purchase Not Bright London Street Railway in Big Deal

In Which All Western Ontario Companies Are Said To Be Interested.

Whether or not the city has capital enough available to purchase the London Street Railway, is the question being asked on the street these days. The opinion seems general that the city has not enough debenture leeway to purchase the company outright.

The assets of the company, according to the annual report, amount to \$1,411,000. It would take this amount, guaranteed, to buy the company out, probably considerable more.

"There has been nothing done as yet regarding the purchase of the London Street Railway," said Mayor Stevely this morning. "The auditor is still considering the financial statement in order to see whether it would be in the city's interests to purchase the company. If it is not in the city's in-

terests to do so, the matter will be dropped."

Anxious to Sell.

"There is no doubt that some of the London Street Railway people are anxious to sell," said a prominent citizen this morning, "but they are the minority shareholders. The other chaps are not so anxious to sell, except they get their price, which will be no small one. The company is in better condition to earn money than it has been in some time, and they will not let it get away from them until they see something bigger."

A Big Deal.

"There is a big deal on with electric railway people of Ontario at this present moment, and the company, I understand, will play an important part in it. I do not think the railway can be purchased at any figure but an outside price. I may be mistaken, but that is the way I figure it out."

Niagara power will not be here this year, and it will not give the council any trouble at all this year, and so that feature of it will be left in abeyance.

Church Complains of Few Marriages The Annual Report of St. Mary's

The Financial Statement Is Very Satisfactory—Great Growth of Congregation.

The annual financial statement of St. Mary's Catholic Church was issued yesterday and showed the finances of the church to be in a very healthy condition. The total receipts for the year amounted to \$9,459.02, and the expenditure \$8,275.62, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,183.40.

The report showed that \$934 had received communion during the year.

There were 44 baptisms, 14 marriages, and 23 deaths. The average age of the latter was 53 years and 1 month.

The total church debt is \$25,655, and the total insurance is \$28,700.

But Few Marriages.

In the congregation there are 339 families with 1,565 souls. Of these, 483 are children under 14 years of age. One paragraph is of special interest, and is quoted.

"There are 198 who may be classed as young men and 187 as young ladies—and, oh, so few marriages."

Father McKeon and Father Tobin are parish priests.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Feb. 9. Reported at. From. Lunenburg.....Halifax.....Liverpool Tunsian.....New York.....Liverpool Lucania.....New York.....Liverpool St. Paul.....New York.....Cherbourg Laurentian.....Boston.....Glasgow Sylvania.....Boston.....Liverpool America.....Cherbourg.....New York Campania.....Liverpool.....New York Cervona.....London.....Portland

Zeeland.....Antwerp.....New York Moskva.....Lithau.....New York St. Louis.....Plymouth.....New York Cedric.....New York.....Naples Columbia.....New York.....Glasgow Ivernia.....Boston.....Manchester

Board of Education. The board of education will meet tomorrow afternoon. Regular business is on the card.



WALTER CRAIG. Young Clerk Who Is Alleged by the London and Western Trusts Company To Be a Defaulter.

DEATH OF MRS. KENNEY

Well-Known Thames Street Lady Has Passed Away.

The death occurred this morning at the family residence, 238 Clarence street, of Mrs. Margaret Kenney, wife of Mr. William Kenney. Mrs. Kenney was in her 45th year, and is survived by her husband and three sons.

The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Garrett, of the Christian Workers' Church.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.

FORECASTS. Toronto, Feb. 10—8 a.m. Fair and milder today and on Tuesday. Local Temperatures.

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory on Saturday were: Highest, 11° above zero; lowest, 6.5° below zero; Sunday: Highest, 14.5° above zero; lowest, 20° below zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	21	20	Clear
Winnipeg	25	18	Cloudy
Port Arthur	18	16	Cloudy
Parry Sound	19	—	Cloudy
Toronto	19	—	Cloudy
Ottawa	2	—	Cloudy
Montreal	2	—	Cloudy
Quebec	0	—	Cloudy
Father Point	4	—	Cloudy
Minus (—) means below zero.			

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The severe cold wave which was centered over Lake Superior on Saturday morning has since moved slowly southeastward to the New England and middle Atlantic coast.

The weather over the continent is now everywhere moderating, and there is no immediate prospect of a return to extreme cold.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 30 below—14 below; Atlin, 4 below—10; Vancouver, 35—41; Victoria, 38—40; Edmonton, 10 below—18; Calgary, 8—30; Regina, 4 below—18; Winnipeg, 14—22; Port Arthur, 6—24; Parry Sound, 28 below—14; Toronto, 11 below—16; Ottawa, 10 below—14; Montreal, 10 below—4; Quebec, 12 below—6; Halifax, 2 below—12.

MOTHER AND FIVE CHILDREN PERISH IN BURNING HOME

An Entire Family in New Liskeard Wiped Out Before the Eyes of Husband and Father.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

New Liskeard, Feb. 10.—A terrible tragedy occurred at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, when the wife and five children of Lawrence Haacke, formerly of 8 Bleeker Place, Toronto, were burned to death before his eyes. The mother and family were upstairs getting dressed, and the father was in the kitchen, when flames broke out from the stove, cutting off the only

means of escape. The fire spread so rapidly that Haacke was hurled back and almost suffocated when he attempted to reach his wife and children. By the time he had placed a ladder to the upstairs window, the place was a roaring furnace. The victims are the mother, Netta Haacke, Vera Margaret, 12 years old; Mabel, 10; George, 7; Clarence, 5, and Anna Evelyn, 3. The bodies of the victims were shipped to Toronto for burial.

Men and Teams Flocking To City Because of the Wages Being Paid

Said That the Gangs of the Street Railway Have Practically Deserted.

The action of the council in increasing the pay of laborers to \$1.50 a day and teamsters to \$4.00 a day, in the face of the protests of City Engineer Graydon, is having a most serious effect upon the London Street Railway, according to the engineer.

The company has been paying \$1.25 a day to laborers and \$3.50 a day to teamsters, but when the city boosted the wages, a number of the men and teams left the street railway and applied to Engineer Graydon for work.

Can't Accommodate Them.

"I can't accommodate them," the engineer said to The Advertiser. "They would like to work for us on account of the money, but we have but very little for anybody to do now."

Manager King, when seen by The Advertiser, denied that any of his men had left him.

"So far as I am aware, all the men and teams we had at work last week are with us yet," he said.

Trouble in Sight.

The dumping of the snow on certain streets, Wellington street for example, is riling many residents and threats of petitions to the council and also of injunctions are heard on all sides.

"We don't want all the snow from the pavements dumped in front of our doors," one man said. "If they continue to do as they have been doing there will be trouble."

Express Plunges Into Stock Train Latter Was Blocking the Main Line

Several Passengers Hurt in Accident at Port Colborne Today.

Port Colborne, Feb. 10.—No. 35 express from Buffalo, due here at 8 a.m., collided with a through stock train from the west, which was standing on the main track in Port Colborne yard, several cars with the engine, being derailed. Conductor Buchanan, of the

express, had a shoulder and his back bruised. Expressman Williamson and Baggageman Stewart were badly shaken up, and several passengers were slightly injured, as follows: Mrs. H. Predman, of Buffalo, back injured; D. Hyman, Niagara Hotel, Buffalo, shoulder bruised; C. E. Clifford, Buffalo, right hip injured; George Weyand, Buffalo, right wrist cut; W. Tullman, Buffalo, left knee injured; L. Considine, Buffalo, back injured; Mrs. Dell Ridgeway, knee injured. The morning was hazy. The auxiliary from Bridgeburg cleared away the wreckage.

\$100,000 Fire at Latchford, Ont.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

New Liskeard, Feb. 10.—A serious fire broke out last night at Latchford, causing an estimated loss of \$100,000. The King Edward Hotel was damaged to the extent of \$20,000, with \$14,000 in- surance. Armstrong & Kingston are the

proprietors. A. Tuck, barber, lost \$600 insurance \$400; Alexandra Hall, loss \$10,000; Empire Lumber Company store, loss \$20,000, insured. Postoffice, assay office and other buildings are reported a total loss, but wires are down and information is incomplete.

Sudden Death of Well-Known Citizen

Mr. George E. Carrothers, of No. 311 Horton street, one of London's most highly respected citizens, died very suddenly at his home last evening. Mr. Carrothers was apparently in the best of health, and after fixing the stove for the night, took a glass of hot lemonade and prepared to retire.

He had hardly gone to bed, when Mrs. Carrothers heard him choking, and upon going to him found him unconscious.

He never rallied, and passed away before a physician could arrive.

Mr. Carrothers was in his 63rd year, and was well known and very popular. Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. G. H. Williams, of Spokane, Wash., and Mrs. Walter Logan, of this city, and one son, Mr. Ernest, at home.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

\$300,000 for Battlefield Memorial

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—Premier Goun and Hon. Mr. Turgeon of the Quebec Government, are here today interviewing the government in reference to a grant for the battlefields memorial project of the governor-general. It is understood that a sum will be placed in the estimates for

this purpose. Just how much has not yet been decided, but it will be somewhere between \$300,000 and \$400,000. A commission of members and senators selected from both sides of the house, will be appointed in connection with the matter. Messrs. Goun and Turgeon will also have an interview with his excellency the governor-general.

Greatest Blockade in the History of the G. T. R. Yards Filled From the Coves To East London

The need of a larger Grand Trunk yard in this city, was probably never more strikingly in evidence than late on Saturday night, when nearly a dozen freight trains from the west were stalled and blocked the local yards for several hours.

The blockade was one of the worst that has ever occurred and the trains extended in regular order from the yards in the east end nearly to the Cove bridge.

After considerable delay, in which the crossings from Wellington to Adelaide street were blocked for many minutes, it was decided to cut some of the trains.

This was done, and the roadways were cleared again, although in many instances the strings of cars were left so as to block the sidewalks and belated passersby had to walk out into the middle of the road, in the deep snow, and then walk back again to the sidewalk.

With the thermometer down to 20 below the delay was a most unpleasant one for the brakemen who had to run the cars, climb down and uncouple, and then a few hours after climb out of their warm cabs and couple the trains together again.

It was fortunate that the through early morning expresses were all late, or they would have been detained for no little time, as the jam of freight cars was not moved until nearly six o'clock in the morning.