

HARDWARE DELEGATES INSPECT M'CLARY'S MAMMOTH PLANT AFTER BUSINESS SESSION

Delegates Continue to Arrive and List of Visitors Swells—Some Excellent Papers Read at the Morning Gathering—Hardware Exhibit Is a Most Attractive One—Membership of the Association Grows.

The second session of the hardware convention was held this morning with a large attendance of the delegates. A constant stream of arrivals rapidly increased the number in the city, and the figures show well above the 250 mark. In addition, there are many firms and representatives of companies present who have not registered.

The quota of visitors will run over four hundred, and from the attendance standpoint, the convention will be by far the greatest ever held by the hardware men.

Mutual Insurance. There was a great deal of business transacted at the morning's session. Mr. D. Brockbank, the president, occupied the chair.

One of the most interesting features of the meeting was the exhaustive report on mutual insurance brought in by Mr. J. W. Peart, of St. Marys. This paper dealt with the problem from every side, and was really a very excellent report.

A discussion of some long followed a large number of the delegates favoring the idea of mutual insurance. Mr. A. S. Macgregor was present, and delivered an address on the subject from the standpoint of the insurance companies.

No definite action was taken on the subject, but it will be taken up later.

Science of Business. Mr. L. L. Loring, of Montreal, read a lengthy paper on the "Science of Business." He dealt with the qualifications necessary to success, and dealt particularly with the mental qualities necessary for the proper carrying on of trade, and advocated a more thorough intellectual equipment for trade. The paper provoked a great deal of enthusiasm, and was very popular among the delegates present.

A number of committee reports were read, and a considerable amount of routine business transacted.

It was the intention to hold a "Question Box," but the discussion on the many other topics occupied all the

BAD BLAZE IN HURON COLLEGE \$5,000 DAMAGE TO ROOF

Fire at Institution Last Night Which Is Said to Have Originated From a Gas Heater or a Defective Chimney—Firemen Found It Awkward to Fight—Subdued After a Long Siege—Western University Damaged Also.

Between \$4,000 and \$5,000 damage was done to Huron College and the Western University by fire shortly before 9 o'clock last evening. The blaze originated either from a defective chimney or from the bathroom gas heater. The firemen had an hour's battle with the blaze before it was put out. The fire was first noticed by one of Principal Walker's daughters. The house was filling with smoke, and when she went out she saw the flames bursting through the roof. She immediately telephoned in an alarm. P. C. Fyfe was on his beat, and at that moment he saw the blaze and went to the college. The firemen from No. 4 hall were soon on the scene, and laid two lines of hose in a hurry.

CEMENT CONVENTION WILL BE BIG AFFAIR

Arrangements Are Being Pushed Ahead by Secretary Hunt.

Arrangements are already being made for the Canadian Cement and Concrete Association convention to be held here in March.

Mr. A. M. Hunt, secretary of the local committee, is at work in his spare moments making arrangements for it, and from all reports it will be a big success.

The Princess Rink has been secured, and spaces will be allotted to the different exhibitors.

A delegate will be sent to the American Concrete Convention to be held in Chicago this month, to solicit exhibitors for the Canadian show. A large number of dealers from all over Canada have been approached, and from all indications the greater majority of them will report in March next.

Literature is being distributed in large quantities, and a rapid fire campaign will be kept up.

The Officers. The officers of the association are the following:

President—Peter Gillespie, lecturer in theory of construction, University of Toronto.

Vice-president—Gustave Kahn, Toronto.

Chairman of finance committee—Mr. C. F. Fuller, London.

Councillors—T. L. Dates, Owen Sound; Gustave Kahn, Toronto; J. G. Murphy, Toronto; Kennedy Stinson, Montreal; C. H. Thompson, Toronto; D. C. Raymond, Montreal; C. M. Campbell, Toronto; Ivan McDonald, Toronto; Jas. Pearson, Toronto; A. E. Uren, Toronto.

All of these gentlemen are connected with large firms in their respective cities, and judging from the personnel

LOCAL BARBER DIED SUDDENLY AT WORK IN KING STREET SHOP

Sudden Death of Mr. Levi Perrin, Who Resides at 272 Colborne Street—Had Just Finished Work on a Customer When He Sat Down and Passed Away Immediately Afterward—No Inquest.

Levi Perrin, a barber, employed by Mr. W. H. Finch, King street, died suddenly about 10:30 this morning, while sitting in a chair.

Mr. Perrin had finished a customer, and sat down for a few moments in a chair. He appeared in his usual health, but suddenly pitched off the chair on to the floor, lifeless.

Dr. R. Ferguson, the coroner, was called immediately, and examined the man, but he found that Mr. Perrin had died instantly.

Dr. Ferguson declared that death was due to natural causes, and that an inquest was unnecessary.

"Mr. Perrin evidently died of heart failure," said the coroner. "He was a man of apparently 35 years of age and

"IN OUR OPINION TIME IS RIPE FOR A VOTE ON LOCAL OPTION"

So Said the Temperance and Moral Committee of Wellington Street Methodist Church Last Night—Proposal Is To Be Laid Before the London Temperance League at Once.

"IN OUR OPINION THE TIME IS RIPE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A LOCAL OPTION BYLAW IN LONDON, AND WE, AS A COMMITTEE, UNANIMOUSLY INDORSE A PROPOSAL FOR ITS SUBMISSION, AND RECOMMEND THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE TEMPERANCE LEAGUE OF LONDON."

The above extract from the report of the temperance and moral reform committee of Wellington Street Methodist Church, presented by Chairman James Loney, at the official meeting of the quarterly board last night, is the first move towards a local option vote in London.

The proposal was unanimously endorsed by the members present, as it

OPPOSITION BADLY POUNDED AT RENEWAL OF NAVAL DEBATE

Conservative Followers of Borden in Right-About-Face Attempt to Raise a War Scare But Their Arguments Are Badly Riddled by Government Speakers.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—There was a vigorous banging of the imperialist drum and an impressive waving of patriotic flags by members of the Opposition in the House of Commons today, as they proceeded to line up behind their leader in the right-about-face movement from the navy resolution adopted unanimously last March. References to the step to which they committed themselves last session were conspicuous by their absence in the speeches of Messrs. Middlebro, Burrell and Sprunt, who labored in turn with high-sounding phrases and end- less expressions of loyal sentiment, to justify the change which had come over the spirit of the party's dream.

Their whole defence of the proposal to contribute two Dreadnoughts to the imperial navy was based upon an assumption of imminent danger of attack from Germany, an assumption which they endeavored to bolster up with copious quotations from speeches by British politicians delivered in the summer of last year.

Every word of criticism they offered upon the Government's naval policy recoiled upon their own heads, and rebounded with even more terrific force upon the head of their colleague, Mr. Monk, who listened in grim silence to the ultra loyal sentiments of the Opposition.

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HYDROPHOBIA HOSPITAL HERE MEDICAL MEN ARE INTERESTED

Scheme to Have Patients Treated in the London Hygienic Institute—Would Obviate the Necessity of Sending Persons Bitten by Dogs to New York.

Medical men are greatly interested in a proposal to equip the hygienic institute so that hydrophobia patients can be treated here instead of being put to all the trouble and expense of being hurried to the Pasteur Institute in New York for treatment. Several prominent physicians are taking the matter up, and in view of the comparatively large number of persons that have been bitten by dogs in the district recently, will endeavor to have something done as quickly as possible.

Cost Would Be Heavy. It would cost considerable to equip a department in the institute for the treatment of patients who had been bitten by dogs, but if London were made the Canadian centre for the treatment of such cases it would mean

that people from all over Canada, and possibly many from near American cities would come here for care.

Inspectors Notified. Inspectors all through the district have been notified from headquarters regarding the order to muzzle or to put all dogs, under penalty of \$200, so far no instructions as to the carrying out of the order have been received, but it is expected that they may be received at any moment, and all dogs will be destroyed which are found running at large unmuzzled. Inspectors all through the district are keeping a close watch for outbreaks of rabies among cattle and horses, and several suspicious cases have been quarantined and are awaiting developments.

There is a run on dog muzzles and chains in all the local stores.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY AT WINNIPEG LONDON BARBER FROZEN TO DEATH IN THE WEST

Dispatch to Advertiser Tells of Death of Patrick Flannigan.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Winnipeg, Feb. 9.—Henry Swartz, storekeeper, aged 46, shot his wife this morning at their home, 579 Stella avenue, and then turned the revolver on himself, dying instantly.

Swartz was a German. He returned from Europe last night, tried to effect a reconciliation with his wife, and then, forcing his way into the house, murdered her.

TRIPLE MURDER IN A CLEVELAND HOUSE Cleveland, O., Feb. 9.—The bodies of three persons, all of whom had been murdered, were found in a vacant house on Rivered Avenue this morning.

PRACTICAL SCHOOLS ARE BADLY NEEDED

Weak Points of Technical Schools Pointed Out at Builders' Convention.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

Paper Read on This Subject Which Is of Interest to All Men Who Figure on Contracts.

At the evening session of the Canadian National Association of Builders' Exchanges held in the Bank of Nova Scotia Building, Mr. W. E. Ramsay spoke on the question of technical education. There was much crying need, said the speaker, to meet the conditions as they existed today in the matter of skilled mechanics.

The Government had done what it thought wise, by establishing technical schools. This was all right in its way, but the speaker did not think that it filled the bill. These schools taught the theory more than the practice, and the speaker urged upon the gathering the necessity of using every influence with the Government to induce the adoption of the American method of trade schools, where the youth of the country, who were inclined to learn, could receive an education on practical lines. These schools could take hold of a young man and make a fairly good, ordinary plasterer, or other workman, of him in a year's time.

Indenture of Apprentices. Another theory that might meet the needs of the case would be to revert to the old practice of the indenture of apprentices. Some years ago the period of apprenticeship was seven years, now by improved methods the time could be shortened to three or four years.

The first year of apprenticeship should not be consumed in carrying coal and doing chores, but the master should take an interest in the apprentice, and do his best to instruct him. He should not be paid a negligible salary of \$1.50 a week, but every cent that he was worth.

In the discussion that followed, the speaker of opinion seemed to be that Mr. Ramsay's arguments were well put.

Awarding Contracts. The next speaker was Mr. E. Dennis, of the Dennis Wire and Iron Company, who addressed the gathering on the subject, "Reform in the Present Method of Awarding Contracts."

The speaker devoted most of his time to the matter of compensation for tendering. Can a satisfactory method be devised for remunerating contractors for figuring on contracts? he asked. The speaker showed the unfairness and economic waste of a dozen or more contractors taking off the quantities from an architect's plans. He instanced the action taken by the Illinois Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, in appointing a committee to investigate and report on the present system of competitive tendering.

This committee submitted an exhaustive report, showing that the cost of figuring on a contract averaged 2 to 3 per cent of the total value of the work. In addition to this the head of the firm would have to spend 21 per cent of the total value of the work in business in overhauling estimates. These figures were considered a very conservative estimate.

The speaker went on to state, that in 20 cities in Canada in 1909 there was a grand total of building permits for over \$8,600,000. According to the figures quoted by this committee, the cost of estimating this work amounted to \$1,800,000, and this amount was spent in fruitless, in figuring on contracts that the tenders did not get. This abundantly evidenced the enormous economic waste that existed under the present system.

The Remedies. The speaker suggested a number of remedies, some of which he considered utopian and impossible of accomplishing, while others he considered more practical.

As a practical remedy he suggested the appointment of quantity surveyors, as was the custom in England and (Continued on Page Nine.)

DEPOSED SULTAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Paris, Feb. 9.—A special to the Matin from Vienna says that Abdul Hamid, the former Sultan of Turkey, was recently seized with a paroxysm of frenzy, and attempted to strangle himself with a silk handkerchief. He was prevented from suicide by a servant, and was subsequently placed in a strait jacket. There is no confirmation of the story obtainable here.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—VERY COLD.

FORECASTS. Toronto, Feb. 9.—8 a.m. Today—Cloudy, with light local snow or snow, followed tonight by strong northerly winds and a change much colder. Thursday—Strong northerly winds and very cold.

TEMPERATURES. Today. Yesterday. Stations. a.m. Min. Low. High. London. 34. 28. 34. 44. Victoria. 26. 4. 28. 44. Calgary. 26. 4. 28. 44. Port Arthur. 26. 4. 28. 44. Parry Sound. 26. 4. 28. 44. Toronto. 26. 4. 28. 44. Ottawa. 26. 4. 28. 44. Montreal. 26. 4. 28. 44. Quebec. 26. 4. 28. 44. Father Point. 26. 4. 28. 44. Dawson City. 26. 4. 28. 44. Vancouver. 26. 4. 28. 44. Edmonton. 26. 4. 28. 44. Battleford. 26. 4. 28. 44. Prince Albert. 26. 4. 28. 44. Regina. 26. 4. 28. 44. St. John. 26. 4. 28. 44. Halifax. 26. 4. 28. 44.

Minus below zero. WEATHER NOTES. An area of low pressure which now extends from the Ottawa Valley to Tennessee is likely to develop into an important disturbance near the Atlantic coast, while an area of low pressure now coming over Manitoba will bring a pronounced cold wave over Ontario and Quebec. Storm signals are displayed along the Atlantic coast and in Newfoundland.

MOTHER WAITED AT DEPOT FOR ARRIVAL OF HER DAUGHTER WHO HAD DIED ON THE TRAIN

Pathetic Incident at the C. P. R. Station—Mrs. Copner, of 373 Central Avenue, Did Not Know That Mrs. Eldridge, Her Daughter, Had Passed Away and Was Waiting to Welcome Her.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Feb. 9.—Lying stretched out in the women's toilet room of the C. P. R. Ottawa train, which reached here about 7:55 this morning, Mrs. M. L. Eldridge, of 190 Sparks street, Ottawa, was found dead by the porter at the Union Depot. Mrs. Eldridge was on her way to London, Ont., to her mother's home at 373 Central avenue. She had a sleeping berth on the train, and at 7:50 she asked the porter if it was time to get up. Being told that she was in the toilet room, she was not seen again until the porter became curious to see what was the matter with her. Dr. A. H. Beatty, C. P. R. doctor, was called to see her and said death was due to heart trouble. Word was sent to her relatives.

A Pathetic Feature. The body was removed at Toronto, and will be brought to the city this evening. Mrs. Copner had been advised by telegram last night of the intended visit of her daughter, and when the C. P. R. express from the east pulled in to the station shortly before noon Mrs. Copner was on the platform.

Not finding Mrs. Eldridge, she concluded that she had changed her mind and came via the Grand Trunk, and taking a car Mrs. Copner hurried to the G. T. R. depot.

In the meantime the C. P. R. officials had been notified, and sent a local clergyman to the house to break the news.

Completely Prostrated. Mrs. Copner was completely prostrated when she heard of the death of her daughter.

Mrs. Eldridge was 25 years old, and was married a year ago. For a time she lived in Montreal, and recently moved to Ottawa. She had not been in good health for some time, and was coming on a visit to her mother to see if the change would benefit her.

The Survivors. It is expected that the remains will be brought to London this evening. Besides her mother, Mrs. Eldridge is survived by three brothers, Oswald of Toronto, Aubrey of New York, and Valde of Los Angeles. All the brothers and her husband have been notified.

LONDON LADY HOME FROM THE ORIENT Tells of the Work of the W. C. T. U. in Japan.

Miss A. Caroline MacDonald, daughter of Postmaster MacDonald, and national secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association in Japan, is home on a visit to her parents, prior to leaving for Germany, where she will attend the women's convention, which commences in May.

A New God. "There is a new god in Japan," she told The Advertiser this afternoon, "and that god is Learning. Everywhere there is the greatest desire for knowledge. My headquarters are in Tokio, the educational centre of Japan. The Y. W. C. A. there now has eighteen branches, with 1,500 members. Our work is exclusively among the young women. In Japan boys and girls are educated together until they reach the high school age, after which the government provides separate schools for the girls."

A Big Problem. "The problem of finding accommodations for the girls is a very serious one in any big city, but in Japan under conditions that are common, it is much more so."

"Last year we built two large houses in which 60 girls are accommodated. The work is growing rapidly. Weekly Bible classes are held regularly, and the girls are well attended."

"I have nothing but the kindest things to say of the Japanese. They have always used me and the others of the association most kindly and courteously."

OBLIVION FOR PEERS KEIR HARDIE'S PLAN Newport, England, Feb. 9.—In his address to the Independent Labor Party today, President James Keir Hardie threw cold water on the suggestion that the Laborites in the forthcoming Parliament should be followers of the Government.

President Hardie declared that the policy of the Labor Party remained unchanged, and was to sweep the House of Lords into oblivion. The same unqualified independence which had produced so many labor measures in the past must continue to work for ends yet to be won.

BALA HOTELMAN KILLED BY EXPLOSION A Lighted Lantern Ignites Acetylene Gas.

Bridgeport, Ont., Feb. 9.—Thomas McDevitt, the eldest son of Wm. McDevitt, proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, Bala, was instantly killed late last night. It appears the young man went to the acetylene house with a lighted lantern and on his opening the door of the building an explosion occurred. The doors struck him with terrific force, breaking both arms and fracturing his skull, causing instant death. The young man was about 23 years of age, and recently married Miss Fairhall, Belmont House, Lake Joseph.

In the second explosion within a year, the summer house, which here at 7:35 o'clock this morning was derailed near Union, 60 miles west of St. Louis.

CONDUCTOR KILLED. St. Louis, Feb. 9.—Conductor Richard Reach, of St. Louis, was killed, and three persons injured when the Rock Island train, No. 8, from Kansas City, was derailed near Union, 60 miles west of St. Louis.

STEAMERS ARRIVED. Cape Race, Feb. 8.—Signalled: St. Louis, from Southampton; Martha Washington, from New York; Oceania, from London—Arrived: Minneapolis, New York.

PEARLY'S NEW HUNT Washington, Feb. 9.—The National Geographic Society, which resolved at a meeting here yesterday to send an American expedition in search of the South Pole, confidently expects and financial assistance from outside sources to warrant the expedition.

It is the plan of the society that the expedition be headed by Captain Bartlett, who commanded the Roosevelt in Commander Peary's successful quest of the North Pole, and that the other members of the party be selected, except Commander Peary, under the search for the undiscovered Antarctic "bottom of the earth." The proposal is that the quest be made in the Roosevelt, already equipped for such an undertaking, and that the start be made from Coats Island. This is on the opposite side of the Antarctic region to that which is to be explored by the British expedition under the command of Capt. Robert F. Scott, R. N.

The directors of the Geographic Society believe financial assistance will be forthcoming in time to begin the exploration not later than September next.

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