

## CUSTOMS RETURNS VERY BIG ABOUT \$1,000,000 TOTAL

Eleven Months of This Year Equal to Twelve Months of Previous Year—A Very Encouraging Report for London.

The end of March marks the close of the official year for both the customs and inland revenue departments, and from present indications, the customs returns will come within a very few thousand dollars of the million dollar mark.

The year just closed was a banner one and the highest in the city's history.

Had it not been for the storms during January and February there is no doubt that the customs returns would have passed the million mark.

**Busy Month.**

The month of July, 1937, was the busiest month on record for the local office and the receipts amounted to \$102,361.13.

Collector Elliott reports that the returns for March will show up well.

In the inland revenue department, this month the factories are only being allowed as much tobacco as they need for their immediate wants, as owing to the revision of the tobacco rates and the issuing of a uniform stamp the authorities are stockpiling to let the manufacturers stock up with tobacco at a low duty, when it

will probably be increased very shortly.

The figures are as follows:

| Customs Returns. |            |
|------------------|------------|
| 1906-7.          | 1907-8.    |
| April .....      | \$6,513.26 |
| May .....        | \$9,101.41 |
| June .....       | \$2,504.75 |
| July .....       | \$2,504.75 |
| August .....     | \$2,504.75 |
| September .....  | \$2,504.75 |
| October .....    | \$2,504.75 |
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| December .....   | \$2,504.75 |
| January .....    | \$2,504.75 |
| February .....   | \$2,504.75 |
| March .....      | \$2,504.75 |

Totals .....

Inland Revenue.

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## No Arrests In the Thamesville Case

Provincial Detective Reburn, of Toronto, is in the city, and will remain for some time.

It is said that he will represent the attorney-general's department at the inquest on Harry Bartlett at Mount Brydges on Monday.

He has been at Thamesville investigating the sensational robbery that took place in that village on March 19.

No arrests have been made in connection with that case, and it is not likely that any arrests will be made, as no description can be obtained of the robbers.

Detective Reburn will probably assist in the Bartlett case as well as the investigation into the death of the infant found at Pottersburg yesterday afternoon.

## Land Case for the Local High Court

Two motions have been set down for trial at the weekly sitting of the high court for London, which will open at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning before Chancellor Boyd.

Dixon vs. Dixon—Motion for order for partition or sale of lands, formerly owned by Margaret Holt, of McGillivray, and devised by her will to parties to the application. Meredith, Judd & Meredith for motion.

The maker of the will died a number of years ago, and left her property, amounting to some 50 acres of farm land, to her daughter, Rebecca Dixon, during her life, after which the property was to revert to James Dixon, a son.

Upon the death of the latter, the land was to be divided into three shares, one-third to the plaintiff, William Dixon, and a like amount to George Dixon, and a like amount to Rebecca Dixon.

Both Rebecca Dixon and James Dixon have since died intestate, as has

George Dixon, one of the heirs, and the plaintiff seeks to have the property disposed of according to law.

As a result of the death of George Dixon there are a large number of claimants for the two-thirds not bequeathed to the plaintiff.

**Another Case.**

Horton vs. Duncan—Motion on behalf of George R. Duncan, of Detroit, for an order empowering him to dispose of certain property in this city free of dower to his wife.

Meredith, Judd & Meredith for motion.

The plaintiff is a laborer, and for two years has been living apart from his wife, who is known in London as Susan Thomas, and claims that by law she is disentitled to all property. The property in question comprises lots 16 and 17 on the north side of Trafalgar street city and some land in the broken concession front of London townships.

## 7th Boys Will Go To Quebec in July

It is absolutely certain that the Seventh Regiment will go to Quebec.

Sir John Carling, honorary colonel of the regiment, had an interview on Tuesday with Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia, who assured him that London's regiment would be taken to Quebec to celebrate the tercentenary of the battle of Quebec.

Col. Reid has received a letter from Sir John Carling, assuring him of these facts, and preparations for the trip will now be commenced in earnest.

"The whole regiment will go," said Col. Reid when asked about the matter. "Sir John Carling assured me of that fact. The boys are in splendid shape, and should give a good account of themselves."

## MEXICO CITY SHAKEN BY QUAKES

Mexico City, March 26.—Mexico City experienced two severe earthquake shocks today. The final shock occurred at 4:30 o'clock this evening, lasting for four minutes and twenty seconds. No lives were lost, and the property damage was insignificant. Numerous walls were cracked. A second and much more severe earthquake shock occurred at 9:17 o'clock

tonight. Walls were cracked and clocks all over the city were stopped. The theater crowds rushed to the streets.

The people are considerably alarmed over the repeated shocks. No great damage has yet been reported, though a number of walls have fallen. For a short time telegraph communications were interrupted.

## Improvements in London Postoffice

Some important timesaving facilities will shortly be installed in the local postoffice, among the most important being an elevator for carrying the mail bags and larger parcels from the ground floor to the parcel rooms upstairs.

It is not definitely known, but it is expected that a number of racks for

mail bags will also be added to the equipment.

At times the employees are very short of space, and when a few tons of extra mail comes in they are put about considerably to handle it.

The business in the local office is steadily growing, and the estimates, which passed the House yesterday, include \$6,000 for increased facilities.

## All Immigrants Must Come Direct

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 27.—An order-in-council was passed today providing that all immigrants should come direct. The former order, which was declared illegal by the courts, delegated this power to the minister of the interior instead of ordering it to

be done. The new order has been declared within the powers of the government by the department of justice. The objection taken before was that the governor-in-council could not delegate the work to the minister. An act will be passed, also, but a new order serves the purpose for the present.

## JAM CAUSES FLOOD AT BRAMPTON

Brampton, March 27.—The Etobicoke rose very quickly yesterday from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m., caused, no doubt, by a jam somewhere, after which time it gradually subsided. The water was running five feet deep in places. On the main street several stores were flooded and stocks damaged. Horses had to be removed from their stables, flood was the worst since 1878.

for fear of drowning. Several residences were flooded, necessitating the removal of furniture. This morning the entire area of the flats resembles a lumber yard in disorder, the lumber belonging to C. A. Irvine, lumber merchant. The factory of the Canada Shoe Company is closed today on account of the boiler-rooms being flooded. The flood was the worst since 1878.

## Will Use Gravel, Not Broken Stone Unless Council Rescinds Motion

City Engineer Graydon Tells the Board of Works What He Will Do.

The controversy over the use of gravel instead of broken stone in the Dundas street pavement was not settled last night, the board of works again putting it over for another week.

When the question was brought up, City Engineer Graydon read City Solicitor Meredith's opinion on the matter. He pointed out that the city engineer had power to use gravel instead of broken stone in the base if he thought wise, the bylaw and agreement clearly giving him that right. As to the expediency of it, Mr. Meredith had nothing to say. He, however, advised that if there was to be any rebate for the use of gravel, the amount should be settled upon before the work commenced. It would not be necessary to draw up a new agreement to use gravel.

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Ald. Saunders thought that the committee should get all it could for the city, and if the rebate could be obtained, the city should have it. "As far as I am concerned," said City Engineer Graydon, "I would not make the change unless instructed to do so by the council. I will use gravel instead of broken stone unless the council rescinds the motion passed some weeks ago, calling for the use of gravel instead of broken stone."

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Ald. Stewart thought that there was

still a possibility of getting a rebate. In spite of the fact, he declared, that the head office had refused to make any allowance, he tackled the matter over with the agent of the Barber Company, and he was convinced that a rebate would be given. The amount suggested by the agent was \$383, as that was the whole sum that could be saved if the right quality of gravel and cement was to be used.

Ald. Ross thought the city should have the rebate, if there was any. It would do no harm to lay the matter over for another week, and make an effort to get the rebate.

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## Nothing New, Says Chief Williams But Police Are Working on Case

If Bartlett Was Murdered the Murderer Will Be Apprehended

"I don't know anything new today on the Bartlett case," said Chief Williams to The Advertiser this afternoon. "We are following it, and after the inquest we will know what to do definitely. Until that is settled there is little to be done, for we have nothing tangible to go on."

"There is no hurry. This thing may take time, if it develops into anything serious. A few years ago, when Pegleg Brown was in the city, there was a great cry for the police to get somebody as quickly as possible. It took us quite a time, but we got him, and hanged him. This case will take some time, too."

**An Improbability.**

One of the chief difficulties with the effort made to attach the man, Alfred Brown, with the murder, is the fact that under ordinary circumstances it is quite improbable that this man would call repeatedly at the water-works office for Bartlett's pay, if he had killed him.

According to the story he called at least three times, and it is hardly probable that he would call so often when he knew that he was leaving himself open to suspicion and capture.

Such a thing as cashing another man's check is known to occur on railways, and such cases are often reported to the police.

A man would get another man's check when the owner did not turn up, and cash it, and in a few days the real owner would come along, and then an effort would be made to capture the miscreant.

## Ex-Police Officer Not the Man Charge Against Him Fell Through

Magistrate Love Dealt With a Number of Cases at Carling Street Mill.

John Moore, a former member of the police force, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at the police court today. The case became quite a lengthy one, as Moore denied altogether that he was the man.

He was accused of having used profane language on the street also.

P. C. Taylor laid the charge, and stated that he was absolutely sure of the man.

Moore's daughter, however, swore that he was at home at the time stated.

Magistrate Love let the accused go, stating that if he had sworn falsely it would be punishment enough for him to know it.

A young man who created a disturbance in the Jubilee Rink was found guilty of being disorderly and paid a fine of \$1 and 44 cents.

**Auditorium Case.**

Secretary Wilson, charged with breaking the bylaw by allowing persons to stand in the aisles of the Auditorium, was allowed to go on condition that he does not repeat the offense.

The manager of a local poolroom, charged with allowing a boy under 21 to play pool, explained that the boy was well grown and was apparently of age.

The court concurred in this view and the charge was dismissed.

Colin Johnson and Walter Johnson have been engaged in the junk business without taking out a license. The former was fined 75 cents and the latter \$2.

Wm. Tucker, an old-time drunk, was fined \$10 and placed on the Indian list. Frank Cahill paid \$2 for imbibing too freely.

## Peanut Men Once Again in Court

Once more the representatives of the London peanut trust appeared in court charged with refusing to move their pushcarts from the corner of Clarence and Dundas streets.

Magistrate Love was a little more severe with them this morning, as they were represented by him that the recent accidents resulting in horses crashing through plate glass windows are due to the peanut roasters.

James Lampotus was fined \$3, and told that next time he come up he will have to pay the maximum fine of \$50.

Lampotus talked for five minutes most volubly and waved his hands, but what he was trying to tell the court no one could make out.

Gus Mungo, a comparatively new arrival, was fined \$2, and told to keep moving after this.

James Stathis, the most recent arrival, was allowed to go, as he can not speak a word of English, and did not understand the rules.

An interpreter explained to him that he must keep going after this, and he promised to do so.

## Judgment in Division Court Cases

Judge Macbeth has given judgment in the three cases in which he reserved decision at the last sitting of the east end division court.

The claim of Henry Wickerson for \$14 against John Shore, has been non-suited. This case contained a nice legal point.

The plaintiff claimed to have plowed up certain sections of the river bed with the intention of later removing gravel therefrom. In the meantime the defendant is alleged to have come along and taken the loose gravel away.

**Verdict for Plaintiff.**

Henry Wickerson, of Byron, received a verdict for \$3.60 with costs, Evoy for plaintiff.

**Wins His Case.**

William Hunter vs. Lemuel Cole—Claim for wages. Judgment for plaintiff for \$19.73 and costs. J. M. McEvoy for plaintiff.

**Papers Ready for Hartwick Committal**

All the papers necessary for the removal of James Hartwick, the insane murderer of his wife, to the Hamilton Asylum for the Criminally Insane, have been made out and the aged prisoner is liable at any time now to be removed.

It was announced at the jail today that the Hamilton authorities might arrive today or tomorrow.

It was stated by a well-known local attorney that in the event of Hartwick recovering his reason he would have to appear for trial on the charge of murder.

However, the old man's recovery is entirely unlooked for. He is over 70, and none too strong physically, and it is altogether likely, in the opinion of local medical men who have examined him, that he will end his days in the asylum.

**Acting Mayor.**

Ald. Donald Ferguson was acting mayor today. Mayor Stevely is still in New York, and will not return until Monday.

## MIDDLESEX WILL GET A GRANT OF \$7,700

For Good Roads in the County—Good Work of Deputation.

As a result of the arguments laid down recently by the special good roads committee, the Government has decided to grant the sum of approximately \$7,700 as its share of improvements made on Middlesex County roads last year. Much of this work was begun before the new bylaw governing such improvements went into effect, and was not finished until after the new law had been effected. The county had asked for \$10,000, and will make another effort to secure the remainder of the amount due.

**BABY WAS FOUND IN A CREEK**

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who lives only a short distance away. The constable removed the covering of old cloth, and found in it a common grocery's box with the top nailed down tightly.

When the cover was prised up the box was found to contain the remains of a well grown baby boy, weighing fifteen pounds.

The little fellow had dark brown hair, and was apparently a healthy child.

**Choked to Death.**

The lips and tongue were still quite red, and the only marks on the body are some abrasions on the left side of the face, and some marks about the throat, which would indicate that the baby had probably been choked to death.

The marks on the face are probably due to the box, as the body was lying face downward when discovered.

The infant was dressed in a long blue gingham dress, and had on a little shirt.

**Inquest Ordered.**

Coroner Ferguson was notified, and after going over the ground decided to hold an inquest this evening.

The county police have information which they believe will be sufficient to cause the arrest of certain parties as soon as the inquest is over and believe they will have no difficulty in bringing the guilty ones to justice.

The child's clothing also furnishes a strong clue, but until the jury return a verdict the evidence the authorities have will not be made public.

**THE SHRINERS HAVE COME**

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There are also many others present from outside places.

The majority will come in this afternoon and on the early evening trains.

Buffalo will send about 25, including Illustrous Noble Gen. Fox, Illustrous Noble Floyd Westbrook, Illustrous Potentate of Ismaili Temple, and Illustrous Noble Frank Gilbert, past illustrious potentate.

**Evening Session.**

At this evening's session, which commences at 7 o'clock, an address will be presented to Past Imperial Potentate Harry A. Collins, of Toronto, who will officially inaugurate the shrine.

Illustrous Noble Collins is one of the best-known Masons in Canada. He was initiated into the order in 1868, occupying all the chairs in the lodge. He was initiated into the shrine in 1888, joining the Moslem Shrine in Detroit. Shortly after this he organized the Ramesses Shrine in Toronto, and the next year was appointed an officer of the Imperial council. He occupied other offices, and in 1905 was chosen Imperial potentate for North America. Collins is also supreme treasurer of the I. O. F.

The Moslem Shrine, which is to be inaugurated, has only been organized a short time. It has 175 charter members, and will tonight initiate 150 candidates.

**"The Climbers."**

Edward Warden... Mr. Byron Douglas Richard Sterling... Mr. Gordon Edwards Blanche Sterling... Miss Amelia Bingham Mrs. Hunter... Miss Adeline Wesley Jessica Hunter... Miss Marie Hanna Clara Hunter... Miss Angela McCaull Miss Hunter... Miss Jane Wheatley Mr. Mason... Mr. Thos. Irwin Miss Godesby... Miss Jane Gordon Johnnie Trotter... Mr. Jas. Spottiswoode Howard Godesby... Mr. Gordon Mendelssohn Dr. Steinhart... Mr. Lawrence Barbour Jordan... Mr. Francis J. Ford Leonard... Mr. Geoffrey Gurney Master Sterling... Master Lynch

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**Toronto and Montreal Service.**

Eight Grand Trunk trains leave London for Toronto daily, except Sunday, as follows: 3:20 a.m., 6:10 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 11:23 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 6:53 p.m., and 8:55 p.m.

The 3:20 a.m., 11:23 a.m., 4:25 p.m., and 6:53 p.m., also run on Sunday. The 4:25 p.m. and 6:53 p.m. make through daily connections at Toronto for Kingston, Brockville, Montreal and all points east.

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## Local Items

—St. Thomas Journal: Stepping through an open trapdoor yesterday morning, Mrs. A. Northcott, of London, fell into the cellar, sustaining a severe shock and injuries to her back and spine.

—Huron College appointments for Sunday are as follows: Merlin, A. Miller; Holmesville, W. B. Hawkins; Theodora, S. S. Hardy; Morpeth, H. Hutton; Asymen, W. Neville Ward; Napier, E. Heaven; Aged People's Home, W. H. Roberts; Protestant Orphans' Home, E. Hawkins.

**Building Permit.**

Mr. Albert E. Roberts, 963 Dame street, was given a permit to make alterations on his dwelling on Dame street by the city engineer's department this morning.

**Death of Mrs. Kelly.**

The death took place this morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. T. O'Hara, 769 Waterloo street, of Mrs. Julia Kelly, relict of the late John Kelly. Mrs. Kelly was 71 years old, and a native of Ireland. She came to this country when quite young, and settled in Montreal. About ten years ago she moved to London. She is survived by one son and two daughters, Marcus P. Kelly, of New Mexico; Mrs. D. J. Steele, of Sherbrooke, Que.; and Mrs. T. O'Hara, of this city. The funeral will take place on Saturday morning to St. Peter's Cathedral, and later the remains will be sent to Montreal on the afternoon express for interment.

**DEATH OF MR. THOS. ROBINSON**

Brother of Mr. George Robinson, of This City.

Mr. George Robinson, brother of Mr. Thos. Robinson, of Robinson, Little & Co., of this city, died at Sioux City, Iowa, hospital on the 25th inst., as the result of an accident. No particulars as to the cause so far.

Mr. W. E. Robinson left last night to attend the funeral to be held there on Saturday afternoon.

**COMPROMISE ON 'PHONE BILL.**

"That is about correct so far as I could learn in Toronto," said Ald. Ferguson this morning, when shown the dispatch to The Advertiser from Toronto, saying that a compromise on the Bowyer telephone bill would be affected by placing a clause into exclusive franchise, giving rural companies connection with the monopoly.

"I understand that the railway commission now can order that connection to be given," continued Ald. Ferguson. "This matter of telephone is under the control of that body, and if a company wants connection, application can be made to the railway commission, and that will be given."

So far as I know the Bell Company very seldom refuses such connection to a substantial company. I have known several cases where they have granted this connection. The clause will do all that the Bowyer wants, and will not effect the telephone companies very much.

**Annual Meeting.**

The annual meeting of the Huron diocesan branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society will be held in Bishop Cronin Hall on March 31 and April 1 and 2. On the first day there will be Holy Communion in the cathedral at 11 a.m., with sermon by the bishop. In the afternoon there will be a meeting of the board of management and in the evening a paper by Rev. Henry of Essex, and questions and answers on auxiliary topics. The second day will be taken up with the president's address, election of officers and reports, and a paper by Mrs. Tilley. In the evening a public missionary meeting will be held and addresses given by Rev. Eberton Tyson, of Japan, and Rev. T. B. Westgate, of Africa. The third day will be occupied with unfinished business, a quiet hour, and a paper by Mrs. Boomer. The junior branches will meet at 4:30 p.m., and will be addressed by Rev. Messrs. Ryerson and Westgate.

**LIVE STOCK MARKETS.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 27.—The receipts from the Union Stock Yards, Toronto