

SPRING PLOWING ON LONDON STREETS

Ice and Snow Being Carted
Away and Charged to
Street Railway.

Spring plowing has commenced, but it is on the paved streets of the city, and not on the fertile fields of the surrounding country. Dundas street between Wellington and Clarence resembled the ice fields of the Arctic Circle when the city's workmen got busy with it yesterday. Snow was found to be almost a foot deep on the street.

Under the street railway agreement the company is required to keep the snow between the tracks and the sidewalks down to a level of six inches on certain streets designated by the agreement. They have not the teams available, so the city is doing the work and charging it to them.

In addition to this the city is plowing out gutters throughout the city so that the water will have a free course. Both Dundas and Richmond streets were badly in need of snow removal. On Dundas street most of the snow had been kept clear of the tracks by the sweeper and had been piled up on each side of the track. The snow cleared from the sidewalks was also thrown to the centre of the street, so that a noticeable increase in the height of the highway took place.

This was not conducive to pleasant traveling for vehicles, so most of them sought the car tracks on the best route. They found it a much easier matter to get in than to get out. Automobiles which got in the tracks at Wellington street had to travel to the switch at Richmond street before they could get out. Even the two big fire trucks were trapped in this way.

Tuesday an automobile was going eastward in the north track on Dundas street. It was suddenly confronted with a street car going in the opposite direction. It attempted to get out of the track, but found it impossible. The driver had to reverse and proceed backward all the way to Richmond street, while the street car followed closely behind.

CHINAMAN FINED; SMOKING OPIUM

Sleepy Celestials Arrested by
Watchful Cops.

Wong Jim and Cheu Ling each were fined \$25 and costs in police court Tuesday for smoking opium at 341 Clarence street at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. Wong John paid \$25 and costs for having the drug in his possession, and Wong Park was dismissed on a similar charge.

From 1 o'clock until 2 o'clock the police had the house under surveillance. Police Constables William McCullough, William Middaugh and Roy Brammer entered the house, while Louis McCaushey watched through a second story window. The opium pipe was seen to disappear. Later it was found nailed underneath a table. Cheu Ling threw a purse containing \$50 and a small quantity of opium into the stove. It was recovered by the police.

When searched at the station a bottle of opium tablets was found on Wong Jim. In a trunk owned by Wong Park was a case of dried opium, which he said had been there for fifteen years. Wong Jim had a suitcase full of accessories, which he claimed belonged to a St. Thomas Oriental. When the police were about to take it back to headquarters, he cried: "Policemen go 'way, Policemen steal!"

W. R. Meredith appeared for the defendants.

SAYS INCREASE IN PRICE OF GROCERIES GOING TO CONTINUE

Wholesalers Decide To Stop
Discounts.

TORONTO, March 2. — The Ontario Wholesale Grocers' Association, at its annual meeting held here today decided that uniform terms on groceries should be set, with no discounts of any kind and interest at the rate of seven per cent be charged at the end of 30 days.

The Nova Scotia Wholesale Grocers' Association had requested the Ontario association to appoint a delegation to co-operate with the Nova Scotia association in an effort to block the continuation of the excess business tax, and Hugh Blain of Toronto and H. W. Chamberlain of Ottawa, were named to accompany a delegation from Nova Scotia to Ottawa to present their case to the Government.

President W. P. Eby of this city, in his official address, predicted a still further increase in the price of groceries, which would continue during the present reconstruction period.

BUSINESS WILL BOOM ON L. AND P. S. THIS YEAR

Commissioner Pocock Tells Reasons
Why.

That the London and Port Stanley Railroad will have the best season in its history this year is the optimistic prediction of Philip Pocock. Last year the revenue reached a million dollars, but this year the business is expected to exceed that amount.

There are several things that will add to the success of the railroad, according to Mr. Pocock, and one of these is the renovated "Teddy Roosevelt," the passenger steamer that plied daily between Port Stanley and Cleveland during part of last summer. The boat is being repainted and many new features are being added, among them a lunch counter, which is being installed to add to the comfort of the excursionists. The boat will be put on the lake early this season and will continue to cross Lake Erie until the water freezes over next winter. Last year the excursions to Cleveland did not start until the latter part of July, and as the boat had been purchased from the Government immediately before it was put into commission the company had not time to fit it up. Mr. Clark, president of the boat company, will be in the city within a month's time to make the arrangements.

It is not known whether a freighter will ply between Port Stanley and Cleveland or not. In all probability, if Mr. Clark can see enough freight business in sight when he visits in the city, Port Stanley will become a regular port of call.

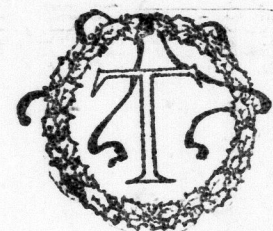
According to Mr. Pocock if the agitation throughout southwestern Ontario to have the P. M. R. electrified proves successful the London and Port Stanley Railroad will be benefited considerably. In his opinion electrification would be the best thing that could ever happen to the Port Stanley, as it serves a populous and fertile district. It is not a trunk road and the many towns along its right of way would be helped by a rapid local service, such as is possible on an electric system.

With connections with the London and Port Stanley Railroad in St. Thomas much traffic that would be picked up in the country west of that city would come on to London, because it is the largest city in Western Ontario, and therefore a drawing card to shoppers.



Millinery

The Opening---Thursday and
Following Days



THE big spring show will open tomorrow and we cordially invite you to inspect our beautiful exhibit of new spring fashions in the millinery and ladies' ready-to-wear sections, an exhibit which pays eloquent tribute to the charms and graces of womanhood.

Paris Says Flowers!

With the promise of spring our millinery department has blossomed forth like a garden. Paris has said, "Let there be flowers," and so it is, flowers for trimming. Exquisite are the blendings of the colors. Now and then a touch of ribbon adds a softening touch. All sizes and shapes are well represented, but it would be folly for us to attempt to give you a word picture of the beautiful creations. You just must see them.

The New Hats Are "Cire"

There is a new inspiration in the spring millinery. It is "cire," which means "shiny" according to the French. The new hats are gleaming. They are bright with flowers and fruits and bright surface straws and gleamy satin, for Paris says, "spring millinery must shine."

Some Hats Are Napoleonic

A few of the new fashions are Napoleonic hats which turn away from the face in becoming fashion. New flower trimmed hats. Hats of new shiny straws cellophone and raffia. Come tomorrow and inform yourself on the new spring fashions.

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