

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Refusal of Brantford Township's Offer for Damages.

A \$50 Fine for Violation of the Liquor Law.

Satisfactory Ending of the Sayman Litigation—A Blaze at Woodstock—Continental Union Meeting at Listowel.

BRANT.
Mr. Merrill has resigned his position as English master in the Collegiate Institute, Brantford, on the score of ill-health.

H. D. Lewis, accountant in the Bank of Commerce, Brantford, has been appointed to the Orangeville agency. He was on Monday, made the recipient of a suitable testimonial by the customers of the bank.

The offer of the Brantford Township Council to settle the claims for damages amounting to \$200, and which is now pending in the county court, has been refused. The council offered without prejudice \$50 in each case. The lawyers for plaintiffs have intimated to the council that the offer cannot be entertained.

On Sunday morning was placed on the altar of St. James' and St. Paul's, two handsome little mission churches in Brantford, freeing them both from debt. It is the intention of Grace Church people now to proceed with the erection of another mission chapel in the west ward of that city, to be known as St. John's Church.

ELGIN.

Charles Krone, M. C. R. Freeman, fell into an engine pit at the roundhouse, St. Thomas, Monday, and, striking his face against the pilot of an engine, fractured his cheek-bone. His leg was also severely bruised.

A gymnasium in connection with the Y. M. C. A. at St. Thomas has been opened.

A boys' brigade is to be organized in connection with Knox Church, St. Thomas. Work on the new Methodist parsonage at Port Stanley is progressing rapidly.

Isaac Nelles, of Sarnia township, Haldimand county, father of Mrs. E. H. Wilcox, St. Thomas, died on Sunday night, aged 58. He was the father of seventeen children, of whom fourteen survive him.

ESSEX.
Balld English, of the Central Prison, Toronto, was in Windsor a day or two ago and took Gabel to that institution, where he will serve a year for bigamy.

Geo. McKee, a farmer living on the Huron line, in Sandwich West, is missing. For some time he has not been at his right mentally, the trouble arising, it is said, over a disagreement with the township over a drain.

Sandwich women will have a benefit concert on Dec. 13.

Leamington people deny that there is a riot in that town.

After Dec. 5 the stations on the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway between Merlin and Leamington will be opened for passenger traffic.

The Board of Education of Windsor have accepted the resignation of Edward Elliott, a teacher in the high school, to take effect Jan. 1.

Mr. Keeley, the Canadian Government Inspector of telephones, has arrived in Windsor and loaded the cables and fixtures for repairing the Government cable from Pelee Island to the mainland. The steamer Energy has been chartered until the cable is repaired.

LAMPTON.
Hugh Cameron, brakeman, has died at Sarnia from the effects of injuries received in the Grand Trunk railway yards at the tunnel.

Wm. Cuthbertson was found dead in bed at the Swiss Hotel, Port Huron, Sunday morning. On Friday he was taken with a severe chill, but was supposed to be getting better on Saturday. The doctor's claim that heart failure was the cause of his death. Cuthbertson was formerly a well-to-do farmer of Lambton, but of late has spent much of his time around saloons. Among his effects were found securities to the amount of nearly \$3,000. The deceased had two brothers in Sarnia. The remains were taken to that place for burial. Cuthbertson was 65 years of age.

The Sarnia Presbytery will meet at Napier to induct the Rev. Archibald McDesmond into the charge of Napier and Brookville on Tuesday next, at 11 a.m. Rev. Mr. Jordan is to preach. Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson to address the minister, and Rev. Mr. McMillan to address the people.

MIDDLESEX.
Mr. Fortner, who was killed at the barn raising at Putnam on Friday last, was buried on Saturday. A large number of people were present.

The gentlemen who have undertaken the cleaning out of the Cartwright dam, Dorchester Station, and stocking it with trout, will have one of the most beautiful and pleasant summer resorts in Western Ontario.

OXFORD.
The Plattsville Milling Company have sold two cars of flour for shipment to the West India Islands.

S. B. McCay, druggist, Norwich, was fined \$50 and costs by Police Magistrate Field at Woodstock Monday for allowing liquor to be drunk on his premises contrary to law.

It is understood an arrangement has been arrived at whereby all the prosecutions arising out of the recent assault case at Norwich will be settled. Those who were fined for assaulting Sayman have paid up, and will not enter an appeal. Wm. King will not give his recognizance to prosecute the detective at the spring assizes for alleged perjury, and although C. L. Papp has been committed for trial it is understood that no one will appear against him before the grand jury. Thus ends the litigation that promised to be both vexatious and costly.

J. Braden's China Hall, Woodstock, was badly damaged by fire Monday morning. The origin of the fire is not at present definitely known, but is supposed to have started near the furnace. Mr. Braden had a stock of china and fine earthenware which was valued at from \$4,000 to \$5,000. A portion of the stock was only partially damaged by smoke and water, but the more expensive goods were totally destroyed. Mr. Braden had an insurance on the stock and fixtures in the Guardian Company of \$1,500 and in the Liverpool and London and Globe Company of \$1,500. The building is owned by the estate of the late Jonathan Martin. The damage to the building will not exceed \$10,000, and is covered by insurance in the North British and Mercantile, \$2,000; Commercial Union, \$2,000, and Norwich Union, \$1,000.

PERTH.
Rev. Dr. Willoughby, of Toronto, has accepted, subject to the approval of conference, an invitation from the Listowel Methodist Church, to be the successor of Mr. Livingstone, in June next.

On Sunday liberal collections were taken

up in the churches of Stratford in aid of the General Hospital of that city.

A well-attended meeting was held in the town hall, Listowel, Monday evening, to hear the question of "Continental Union" discussed by Mr. Elgin Myers of Toronto, and D. McCallum, of Goderich. There was a fair representation of ladies in the audience. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. G. Hay, and the best of order obtained throughout the meeting. The presentation of the case by the speakers of the evening was favorably received by the audience, and at the close Rev. James Livingstone, although not approving of the policy adopted, paid a tribute to the manner in which the subject had been placed by the speakers. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Thos. Male, seconded by Mr. Bradley, and both gentlemen, in speaking of the motion, stated that they had received a number of new ideas which made them more favorably disposed towards continental union than they had hitherto been. The motion was carried.

Rev. Dr. Kilroy, of Stratford, is in Windsor attending the bedside of his mother, who is very ill.

HE WON'T GET IT.

Mr. Beers' Claim of \$7,000 Salary for Doing Nothing Disallowed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—By a decision just handed down by the Supreme Court General Term, William H. Beers, late president of the New York Life Insurance Company, will not be able to collect any portion of his salary of \$97,500 a year, granted to him by the company last February. The salary was voted to him by the directors of the company as a sort of pension for his past services, on condition that he should retire from the office of president of the corporation. Mr. Beers had been president for a number of years, with a salary of \$75,000 a year. When charges of mismanagement were discussed by the stockholders, several of the latter insisted that Mr. Beers should retire. Mr. Beers claimed that the trustees offered to give him half his original salary in consideration of his resignation. Mr. Beers resigned, but when he applied for this first quarterly installment of his salary, his successor, President John A. McCaul, repudiated the contract.

Both parties then resolved to submit the matter to the Supreme Court. Judge Van Brunt, with Judge O'Brien and Judge Lawrence, after a long and careful consideration of the case, rendered the opinion adverse to Mr. Beers. Among other reasons given for the ruling of the court, the learned judge said:

"The idea of the past services is the one which permeates the resolutions and the agreement. It is a condition precedent, apparently to justify the action of the trustees, because they seemed to realize that the payment of such an enormous salary, in order that a man might sit with his arms folded and render no services whatever to the company, could not otherwise be justified. This Board of Trustees has no power to make a perpetual contract. If they can employ a man to do nothing in a so-called advisory capacity as long as he shall live, there is no reason why they could not employ every clerk, accountant and messenger boy or other employee for some length of time and thus take the management of the business of the corporation out of the hands of the owners of its assets, viz., the policy-holders."

HALF A MILLION.
The W. C. T. U. Wants That Number of Pledges for Exhibition at the World's Fair.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The Women's Christian Temperance Union has a big scheme on foot. It has undertaken to secure 500,000 temperance pledges for exhibition at the World's Fair. It is securing these through the Sunday schools. All the Sunday school secretaries of Jersey City, Hoboken and Bayonne have been secured, and they are now securing signatures from all the children whose parents are willing that they should sign.

When the lists are full they are to be sent to the local authorities, who will send the requisite number of cards back for a renewal of the signatures. These cards are alternately red, white and blue, and they will be on exhibition at the World's Fair.

AN EIGHTEEN-POUND TUMOR
Removed From a Woman 72 Years Old in New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The St. John Institute, on Broadway avenue, conducted by the good Sisters of the Order of the Red Cross, is doing a noble work for women sufferers. An extraordinary operation was performed there under the auspices of the Andro clinic of the institute a few days ago. It was the successful removal of an eighteen-pound abdominal tumor from a Bridgeport woman, over 72 years of age, who had suffered with the tumor for 34 years.

The woman, who is the widow of a Union soldier, rapidly recovered from the shock consequent on the operation, and her case is remarkable in view of the claim that there is no record of a similar successful operation upon any subject over 60 years of age. The operation was performed by Drs. Lesser, Steger and McNicholl.

A BOY MURDERER.
Shot a Man Who Taunted Him With His Dead Mother's Failings.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Va., Nov. 22.—John Mayden, aged 14, was convicted on Saturday of murder in the second degree. He will be sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment.

Mayden killed Samuel Wernerberg, a neighbor. The Wernerberg and Mayden families quarreled frequently, and Mr. Wernerberg had taunted the boy with the shortcomings of his dead mother. Mayden swore revenge. He saved enough money to buy a cheap revolver, and during one of the periodical quarrels he shot Wernerberg dead. Then he shot Mrs. Wernerberg twice, seriously wounding her. Mayden's father was present when the murder was committed, and he will be tried as an accessory.

Alle lawyers volunteered to defend the boy, and the case has been fought bitterly. A new trial will be sought.

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