

West London Items of Interest

DEEPENING CHANNEL OF RIVER THAMES

Contractor Boss Is Now at Work Near Dundas Street Bridge.

Contractor Boss is now working immediately south of the Dundas street bridge, dredging the channel in the vicinity of the boat-houses.

The channel is being deepened and widened, and places that were very shallow last year will now pass good-sized boats.

The harbor in front of the boat-house at the foot of Dundas street is being dredged to a much greater depth than it was last year.

The work is progressing very favorably, and it is expected that by the opening of the season a great improvement will be made.

STAGNANT WATER IS A MENACE

To the Health of the People of West London.

It is understood that certain residents of West London will bring the attention of the city council to the unsanitary condition of certain ponds in low-lying land in that section.

The two most objectionable are on the flats west of the Wharfcliffe road, and in the valley south of Dundas street, near the Wharfcliffe road.

The stench from these stagnant pools in warm weather is very unhealthy and consequently very objectionable.

The council will probably be asked to build the drains from these ponds, as they are a menace to the health of the residents.

PEOPLE COMPLAIN OF WEST LONDON ROWDIES

Who Stand on Street Corners and Insult Pedestrians.

The citizens of West London continue to complain of the action of certain rowdies who congregate at

street corners and insult pedestrians. The police have made several attempts to break up the gang, and a number of the offenders have been hauled into court.

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DRINKING FOUNTAIN WANTED FOR SUBURB

West Londoners Will Likely Petition the Council.

Several prominent residents of West London will shortly apply to the city council for a drinking fountain for dogs and horses to be placed probably at the corner of Dundas street and the Wharfcliffe road.

There is not a fountain in that district at present, and it is felt that one is badly needed.

The temperance people of that vicinity, however, the plan, as it is said that many men now visit bar-rooms in the city, whereas they would otherwise be satisfied with a drink of cool, refreshing water.

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NO IMPROVEMENTS THIS YEAR SAYS THE G. T. R. MANAGER

Mr. Brownlee Declares the City of London Made the Mistake of Its Life When It Didn't Accept the Company's Proposition Two Years Ago.

"You may take it from me that there will be nothing doing in Grand Trunk construction work in London this season," said Manager Brownlee, of the Grand Trunk, to The Advertiser at noon.

"We had expected to be able to go something in the way of a new station for London this summer, but in the present condition of the money market and the large losses which we sustained this winter we find it impossible to say when they will get them now."

The Outlook.

"What is the outlook for this season?"

"Well, I should say it was good. There has been a noticeable improvement in the way of a new station for London this summer, but in the present condition of the money market and the large losses which we sustained this winter we find it impossible to say when they will get them now."

"Traffic is good and we are not expecting to have to make any reduction in our staff."

"Emigrant traffic lately has been heavier this season than for a long time."

"In the last few months we have carried over a quarter of a million emigrants to New York."

"These are people who are merely taking advantage of the dull times to go home and visit their relatives and friends in different parts of Europe."

"They will all come back again sooner or later."

"Late last year, traffic eastward has been very heavy. I should say that it would amount to at least 60 per cent of the total."

New Coaches.

"We are getting twenty-five new coaches made at Pullman and they will shortly be placed on the lines here."

"It is a good thing that we got our improvements to the west of the city done before the financial strain overtook us. We are feeling the benefit of them now. I should say that the removal of the grade west of London has meant a saving to us of at least \$20,000 a year."

"We now send out a freight train with only one engine, where formerly two were necessary to climb the grade. Besides this there is a big saving in coal."

Big Engines.

"We are going in for big engines entirely for our freight traffic. Probably no railroad in the world handles such a large percentage of fast freight as the Grand Trunk."

"Fully 90 per cent of our freight is of this kind, and we must have fast engines to handle it."

"The Pennsylvania railroad is an

example of a road that handles what is known as slow freight, such as ore and that class of freight."

"Our ore traffic is comparatively small. There is more money in the fast freight."

"I had a comparative statement prepared a short time ago and it shows that our engines present are just twice as heavy as they were nine years ago."

"They haul more than twice the loads they used to haul then. The tendency is for bigger and faster engines all the time, and the Grand Trunk intends to keep ahead of its competitors in that line."

Sarnia Tunnel.

"Our electric work at Sarnia tunnel has proven most satisfactory, and is saving us a great deal of money besides facilitating the handling of fast freight."

"We will relay about 38 miles of the track between London and Sarnia the coming summer. This was rendered necessary as the rails gave a great deal of trouble last winter."

United States Outlook.

"I have just returned from the meeting of the railroad superintendents in New York, and I can tell you that the outlook in the states is far worse than it is in this country."

"Things appear to me to be prosperous here to what they are there, and the general impression among the superintendents who spoke at the meeting was that there will be little improvement until after the election is over."

"The outlook here is much better. There is an enormous emigration going on to the Northwest, and as there are no manufacturing interests there, and the people must have things, it means that the railroads will be kept busy hauling it to them."

"The railroads have a great steady-going effect on the country in general, however they give."

"If things are good in the west this year, by which I mean, if there is a good crop, there is no doubt that things will be much improved by the end of the year. But a period of readjustment had to come."

Going Too Fast.

"The country was going too fast, and we were all getting too extravagant."

"People had the idea that they could have everything they wanted and spent recklessly."

"We are going to a certain extent true of the railroads, but we are not overstocked with orders."

"It was time for us all to learn that we were going too fast, and the lesson we have had will, no doubt, be beneficial."

Local Items

Former Londoner Married.

The wedding took place at the American Baptist Union Church at Bhamo, Upper Burma, on March 18, of Ethelwyn E. Naylor, of Shanghai, China, daughter of Mr. G. W. Naylor, of Toronto, and Walter T. Clark, M. D., of Tai-Fu, China, son of Mrs. A. M. Clark, of this city. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clark are working in China in connection with the China Mission.

Death of Mrs. Meek.

The death occurred in Chatham yesterday of Mrs. Katherine Meek, wife of the late Alfred Meek. Mrs. Meek was very well-known in this city. The remains will be brought from Chatham this evening and the funeral will be held from the residence of her son, Mr. Herman Meek, 627 Piccadilly street, to Woodland Cemetery.

Off to California.

Mr. James A. Groshov, of Dundas street east, left Tuesday morning for San Francisco, California, where he has secured a position with a large mercantile company. On Monday evening a number of friends met at his home to bid him good-bye, and presented him with a handsome pair of solid gold cuff links in remembrance of the many good times they had enjoyed together.

Will Not Prosecute.

A member of the Lord's Day Alliance wishes to correct the impression that the alliance are going to prosecute the London Street Railway for the work it did in moving their tracks last Sunday. The work was of a character for it to be done on Sunday and no prosecution will result.

The Victorian Nurse.

Mrs. Boomer gives the following reasons why the London branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses should have the support of the citizens. The nurse has been in the city for more than 1,355 visits under the supervision of local medical men. The patients were from nearly all the churches, and in many cases were either wholly gratis, or paying but a very small fee. Therefore, it seems only fitting that the churches should be asked to bring the plea for the support of this good work before their congregation on Vic-

toria Day. Consent to do this has already come from several of the clergymen of the city.

FLAMES SWEEP ART EXHIBIT

Fire Does Great Damage To the Academy of Art at Toronto.

[Special To The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 29.—Starting in a pile of rubbish, fire broke out this morning in the Royal Academy of Art, situated next to the Princess Theater, this morning.

An exhibition of paintings opened last week and the walls were lined with valuable works of art. Most of the pictures were badly damaged, but the insurance was not very high, as much as the not very art-loving public would have paid. The pictures were insured for \$15,000, although they were valued by the artists at \$150,000. A moderate estimate places the damage at \$4,000 for the pictures, and \$2,000 for the building.

Among the losers was W. Smith, St. Thomas. His two pictures, "Misty Morning" and "Snow Storm," were burned. Among the other losers were Muriel X. Bolton, Quebec; W. H. Chapp, Montreal; J. W. Foster, Toronto; Hahn, C. M. Mony, St. Martin; A. G. Reid, Henrietta, St. Martin; L. V. Smith, all of Toronto, and G. Horne, Russell, D. Park McMillan, E. Dyonnet, all of Montreal.

Conservatives and Their Candidate

Said Mr. Beck Will Secure the Nomination Again.

The delegates for the Conservative convention of Friday night have nearly all been chosen, it was stated to The Advertiser.

It is said that Hon. Adam Beck will be the choice of the convention, although Mr. William Gray will contest it, and may be on hand himself.

Threat of Suicide in Missive

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handed him the letter in question. Whether his sister was dead or alive he could not say. He had absolutely no clue as to her whereabouts.

He knew nothing more about the case than the letter revealed, which was practically nothing. Last Friday Mr. Sinclair had received a letter from his sister, and from the tone of it, suicide would be the last thing she would think of.

Then asked where his former home was Mr. Sinclair declined to answer. He also declined to state the St. Thomas address of his sister.

No Trunk There.

Inquiry at the Grand Trunk station elicited the fact that no trunk bearing either the name of Sinclair or Clay was being held there, so far as known, and it would be impossible to locate the trunk in question without the number of the check, which is in Mr. Clay's purse, wherever that may be.

Detectives Not Working.

The local detectives are not working on the matter, for they believe that if the woman had committed suicide, the fact would have been discovered ere this.

It is the supposition that she had intended to take her life, but later changed her mind, and had lost the letter she had written before securing an opportunity of destroying it.

The missing woman is said to be very handsome, of medium height. She is a brunette, and is 28 years of age.

ROSSIN GIVEN THREE MONTHS TO SELL OUT

[Special To The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 29.—At a meeting of license commissioners today the Rossin House, one of the best-known hotels, and for years one of the first-class houses of Toronto, was given three months in which to sell out.

MAY PATCH UP THEIR DIFFERENCES

Council and Board of Education May Get Together.

An effort will be made to patch up the differences existing between the council and the board of education tomorrow night.

A committee from the council composed of Ald. Beattie, Ald. Greenlee, Ald. Gerry, Ald. Stevenson and Mayor Stevely will confer with the committee of the board of education in order to find out if some arrangement can be made whereby the architect can be used by the board in the building of the Lorne avenue school.

It will mean a considerable saving of the citizens' money, provided an agreement can be reached, said Mayor Stevely.

LOST THOUSANDS IN THE FISHERIES

[Special To The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 29.—Fishing privileges granted by the Fishery Department to Canadian northwestern waters were again inquired into by the public accounts committee this morning. J. G. MacKenzie, manager of the British Mariner Fish Company, confirmed previous evidence that the department time the operation had been attended with considerable loss. Operations by the Athabasca Company, with which he was connected, resulted in a loss of twelve to fourteen thousand dollars last year.

NOTHING NEW IN MOIR CASE

But Orangeville Man Says He Saw Him Fishing Near St. Jacobs.

There is nothing new in the Moir case. Rumor apparently retired from the scene of activity about the same time as did the London officers, and as a consequence not even the semblance of a report as to Moir's whereabouts has been received at police headquarters.

The following story comes by wire from Orangeville:

"David Livingston of Orangeville, formerly of Berlin, spoke to Moir, the man who shot and killed Sergeant Lloyd at Wolsley Barracks. He saw him on Sunday evening last, near St. Jacobs. Moir was fishing. Livingston knew Moir well. Moir still had military clothes on and carried revolvers."

If the above story be true, Moir must have been taking a two or three days' vacation around the vicinity of St. Jacobs, for the hotel people at Heidelberg, four miles from there, are positive that Moir stopped there a week ago last Monday, while the bartender at the St. Jacobs Hotel is equally positive that Moir had his place a visit on the next night. Therefore, if all the stories be true, Moir must have spent a week ago Sunday in fishing at St. Jacobs, then walked over to Heidelberg and spent the night there. The following morning Moir must have started for St. Jacobs again. Sort of a round-about course for a fugitive from justice to pursue.

BARBER PLANT VISITED BY THIEVES

Machinery Stolen and Destroyed—Loss About \$300.

Some valuable machinery and material belonging to the Barber Asphalt Company, and which has been stored in the company's building on Bathurst street, just east of Adelaide street, has been destroyed by vandals during the past winter.

The company used the building as a temporary quarters for their machinery during the winter. When work was finished last fall the machinery was in good repair.

During the winter, however, a number of trespassers made this building their rendezvous, and a large portion of their time there.

The result has been that a large amount of machinery has been stolen and a lot more of it destroyed.

The agent of the company estimates the damage done to be considerably over \$300.

The police have been notified, and are on the lookout for the miscreants.

The Barbers' and Wigmakers' Union in Vienna is very stringent in its examination before it will admit any new members to the society. Only fully competent persons are allowed to practice.

LATEST STOCK MARKET REPORTS

NEW YORK.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, For The Advertiser.

Open High Low Close

Amalg. Copper..... 67 67 1/2 67 1/2

American Sugar..... 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2

American Locomotive..... 47 47 1/2 47 1/2

American Foundry..... 34 34 1/2 34 1/2

American Leather..... 13 13 1/2 13 1/2

American Cotton Oil..... 27 27 1/2 27 1/2

Atchafalpa..... 10 10 1/2 10 1/2

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ANY PRESCRIPTION

You may have written for you can be put up here. You have a perfect right to bring prescriptions written on other druggists' blanks to us, and the doctor who wrote them will undoubtedly be glad you came here. He surely will be if he is acquainted with our methods. All compounding in our Prescription Department is done by competent, registered pharmacists, and only pure, potent drugs are used