

BURIED UNDER LOAD OF WOOD NARROW ESCAPE OF TEAMSTER

Mr. William G. Riddler, of 328 Cheapside Street, Was Almost Suffocated Through a Peculiar Accident—Saved By Another Teamster.

Mr. Wm. G. Riddler, of 328 Cheapside street, had a miraculous escape from death on Thursday afternoon, while coming to the city with a load of cordwood from Mr. McGuffin's farm near Poplar Hill.

That Mr. Riddler is alive today is due alone to the fact that another teamster, Mr. W. Tupholme, of London Township, happened to be following some distance behind him on the same road.

When about two miles from Hyde Park the sleigh on which the wood was piled swerved suddenly and upset.

Mr. Riddler was sitting on a board at the side of the sleigh, as is the custom of those hauling wood on such rigs, and before he could move he was buried beneath the whole load.

Mr. Riddler remembers nothing of what happened after that, as he was rendered unconscious. It seems, however, that Mr. Tupholme was about half a mile behind, and when he came up he saw what had happened.

His first thought was to look for the driver, and being unable to find him, he commenced to toss away the wood as fast as he could.

Badly Injured.

It did not take him long to extricate Mr. Riddler, and when he got him out he feared for some time that the man had been suffocated.

Placing him in his sleigh he drove at once to Hyde Park and placed Mr. Riddler under the care of Dr. Ross.

After some time Mr. Riddler recovered consciousness, and upon examination it was found that several of his ribs had been fractured and that he had sustained severe injuries to his back and abdomen.

In addition, his face is very badly cut and bruised.

Mr. Riddler is at present in a very serious condition and is suffering severely.

Dr. Ross states that he had a very close call from death by suffocation, but hopes that if no complications set in he will recover.

City Council Has Surplus of \$8,000 Water Board Turned in About \$7,000

Alderman Gillean Also Came To Rescue With a Cool \$5,000.

The city council will have a surplus of about \$8,000 this year.

The council received \$7,000 or thereabouts more than was estimated from the water commission, and Chairman Gillean, of No. 3 committee, turned over \$5,000 back to the council, making a total of over \$12,000.

The hospital trust, however, has an overdraft of \$2,500, and No. 1 committee will also have an overdraft of perhaps \$1,500. This was due to the taking over of the Proof Line road, the city having to pay \$1,500 for that purpose, for which there was no provision in the estimates.

The board of education will also run a little ahead, the collegiate account being perhaps \$200 or \$300 to the good, while the public school account is also a little on the right side.

No. 2 committee will break about even.

City Should Pay for Maintenance Failing This Let the People Pay

To Have Tuberculosis Victims Placed in Gravenhurst—Plea of One Who Knows.

The article in last evening's Advertiser concerning the two young men, aged 18 and 20, who are suffering from consumption, and who might be saved if they were placed in a sanatorium, has created much interest amongst those who take an interest in the condition of their fellow-beings.

A Windsor lady, who is visiting in this city, called on The Advertiser to urge that the matter be kept before the citizens until something is done to save the young men.

"Your council does not contribute anything toward the maintenance of the Gravenhurst institution," said the lady to The Advertiser, "and the least they can do now is arrange with the management to pay so much per week until the young men are at least taught how to take care of themselves."

Puts It Up to the City.

"Later on you will have a sanatorium of your own, but what is to become of the victims of the disease until such times as the sanatorium is ready for occupancy?"

"The city of London is rich and powerful. Why can it not pay a small sum weekly to the sanatorium at Gravenhurst to save the two young men?"

"And why cannot a number of good people in London arrange with the institution to pay for the maintenance of the patients until the local sanatorium is ready? If a certain number of people would pledge themselves to pay only 25 cents per week, they could save two lives."

"I would suggest that the council immediately take the matter up. Or that failing this, a number of people get together and write the Gravenhurst people for terms, and then arrange to collect so much weekly to pay for the keep of the two young men."

"The other unfortunate victim referred to in last night's Advertiser could be cared for at Weston, if the city or some charitable people would arrange to pay for his keep."

The lady quoted is a lady who knows. She has been through the mill, her daughter having suffered from tuberculosis. The daughter was sent to Gravenhurst and is now pronounced cured.

TUMULT IN INDIAN CONGRESS BREAK UP WITH FREE FIGHTS

Scrimmage Follows Discussion of Home Rule for India.

Surat, Bombay, Dec. 27.—After two days of futile efforts to elect a president the Indian National Congress broke up this afternoon in a free fight, during which the police had to be called in.

The congress, which meets annually, was of especial interest this year, owing to the agitation for home rule in India. When the delegates assembled yesterday the moderates and extremists at once locked horns on this issue and the meeting was adjourned amid much disorder.

When the delegates re-assembled today their overheated passions broke loose a second time, and the platform from which moderation and constitutional action had been advised was rushed by the extremists in a body, who loudly demanded the speedy establishment of complete home rule. Chairs and tables were broken in the scrimmage and table legs and other pieces of shattered furniture were used by the delegates as bludgeons on each other. The fighting became fierce and many delegates sustained serious injuries before the police finally came in and cleared the hall.

Local Coal Teamster Seeks Damages

Mr. J. F. Faulds has issued a writ for damages against May Bros., coal dealers, on behalf of James E. Tait, of Dundas street.

Mr. Tait was employed by the defendants. Last August he fell from a car and broke his leg.

The defendants allege that Tait himself was responsible for his injuries. It is further alleged that instead of going home at the noon hour on the day of the accident, the plaintiff at-

FATAL LENOX CRASH SAME AS ONE IN 1903

Detroit, Dec. 28.—The collision at Lenox, Mich., last night between southbound Grand Trunk passenger train No. 5 and a northbound freight train, was an almost exact duplicate of a wreck which occurred four and a half years ago. On a clear night in the summer of 1903, train No. 5 collided with a northbound freight at the same hour and at the same place. At that time also the freight had left the main line and allowed the passenger train to pass. The switch was left open, and the resultant crash, two engineers were killed. James Foley, special agent of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, who was a passenger on No. 5 last night, was also on the train at the time of the wreck. In both cases he escaped unhurt.

DOES NOT AFFECT CANADIAN MILLS

Cotton Operatives Not Likely To Be Laid Off in the Dominion.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—It is announced that the big curtailment in the wage list of the New England Cotton Mills, will not likely have any effect on the cotton mills in this district. Canada, it seems, is not sufficiently convinced of the American stringency to have to lay off men employed in these mills.

The heads of the three largest cotton firms, the Dominion Textile Company, the Montreal Cotton Company and the Canadian Colored Cotton Company, who together practically control the cotton industry in Canada, are loath to express a definite opinion as to what policy the mills will pursue later on. At the present moment all the looms are spinning as usual, and there has been no talk of a let up.

"There is no use in saying that we are looking for a boost in business after the New Year," said Mr. A. B. Mole, of the Dominion Textile Company, "and then find that we must haul in our horns directly afterwards. So far as I can see, business will probably run along in much the same fashion as in the past, no curtailment and no expansion."

GALE ON BRITISH COAST

Many Wrecks Reported—Disabled Liner May Have Bad Time.

London, Dec. 27.—An easterly gale has been prevailing for the past 80 hours and still shows no signs of abatement. Terrible seas are running along the British and Irish coasts. Many wrecks have been reported. The Canadian liner Lucania was not able to enter Queenstown.

None of the incoming steamers sighted the Leyland line steamer Cambrin, before reported with her shaft broken in tow of the steamer William Cliff, and it is the opinion among seafaring men that the Cliff had to cast the Cambrian adrift. If this is the case the Cliff will stand by the disabled vessel and take her in tow again when the weather moderates.

MILD AT MONTREAL

Remarkable Spell of Weather for This Season at the Metropolis.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—A rainstorm has been in progress in this vicinity for the past 24 hours and shows no signs of letting up. The limited amount of snow which has fallen this winter is about on its last legs and sleighing for heavy teams in the downtown district is now almost an impossibility. The temperature has been above the freezing point for a week or more. This is considered a remarkable mid-winter weather for this part of the country.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLDER.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 28—8 a.m.

Today—Fair; a little colder tonight.

Sunday—Fine and a little colder.

Local Temperatures

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory yesterday were: Highest, 47°; lowest, 33° above.

TEMPERATURES

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Atlin, 4-12; Vancouver, 38-40; Battleford,

18 below-10 below; Prince Albert, 25 below-5; Calgary, 4 below-34; Regina, 20 below-2 below; Winnipeg, 19 below-14 below; Port Arthur, 6-35; Parry Sound,

24-22; Toronto, 34-46; Ottawa, 8-40; Montreal, 12-40; Quebec, 8-34; St. John, 15-42; Halifax, 24-34.

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance which was over Lake Superior yesterday morning has now reached the Lower St. Lawrence Valley, with much diminished energy.

The western cold wave is also becoming less pronounced.

Rain has fallen from the lake region to the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Mild weather is setting in again over Alberta.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Atlin, 4-12; Vancouver, 38-40; Battleford,

Real Estaters Opposed To Increase Given Deputy Returning Officers, Etc.

Weekly Resolution Was Passed—Also Niagara Power Resolution.

The real estate owners, at their meeting last night, held a warm discussion on the action of the council in raising the salaries of the officials connected with the municipal election, and the prices paid for polling booths.

It was pointed out that there are many persons to whom the rental of the polling booths at the former figure would be most welcome.

The members also thought that any number of officers could be found who would be more than glad to do the work at the former salary.

The Resolution.

The following resolution was passed: "Resolved, that the R. E. O. A.

Ald. Stevely Opposed the Removal Of the Wellington St. Car Line

Thinks It Should Remain Where It Is—First to Oppose Move.

The removal of the Wellington street line is causing considerable interest in the north part of the city.

Ald. Stevely was most active in getting the street railway to consider the question of giving a better service to the north end, but the removal of the Wellington street line was none of his affair.

When the matter was first broached in committee he opposed it strongly. He wanted the loop, which is needed, and which would be of great service to that section of the city, but he was not in favor of touching the Wellington street line.

Municipal Field Will Be a Big One Many Candidates Are Appearing

The Aldermanic Aspirants Will Likely Number About Twenty.

The municipal field is going to be quite large in spite of the fact that there has been little doing of late.

Candidates are coming out of their shells quietly, and when the nomination papers are filed on Monday morning there will be a large number ready to start.

Several well-known citizens have signified their intentions to again try for honors.

BAD ROADS MAKE A POOR MARKET

Bad roads were chiefly responsible for a poor market today.

Poultry was the chief line of business.

Turkeys were away up, and sold for as high as 17 cents retail, and 14 to 15 cents wholesale.

L. and P. S. Board and Ottawa Ave.

The London and Port Stanley board held its regular meeting at noon today, when the reports of the directors and the financial statement were read.

The directors' report dealt with the work of the year, referring to the refusal of the board to grant the request of Manager King, of the London street railway, regarding the derail switch to be placed at the Ottawa avenue crossing.

The board of railroad commissioners was notified that the city was opposed to granting the request of the board.

There was little else of interest. The financial statement was very satisfactory.

Financial Statement.

Receipts—Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway.

Rental for twelve months, to Sept. 30, 1907, \$10,000 00

Children Are Too Eager for Calendars

Down-town merchants are complaining about the number of small boys who come to their stores daily and pester them for calendars.

These youngsters are not satisfied when they get one calendar, but go from one place to the other, and often collect as many as half a dozen.

Not content with this, they spread the news, and in the course of a day or so a hundred or more children put in an appearance, all demanding calendars.

Many of the calendars cost considerable to get up, and aside from the annoyance and loss of time occasioned by the children, it would mean a big financial loss to any merchant who undertook to furnish every child in London with a calendar.

Several merchants are speaking strongly in favor of adopting the plan in vogue in many of the large factor-ies of the United States. There everyone who really wants a calendar can get a splendid one by paying a merely nominal fee. This plan, it is said, has proved most successful in doing away with all trouble.

Mocha Temple is Name Decided On

The fact that a shrine will be established in London shortly, is creating great interest among Masons, and the move is considered a good one by all.

Western Ontario Masonry is growing rapidly, and it is assuming a very great importance.

The new temple will be called the Mocha Temple, and will start out with a membership of two or three hundred. Of course, the boundaries of the shrine will have to be described as yet, and that will make a difference in the membership.

The dispensation is expected very soon.

TRAINS CRASH IN DENSE FOG FIVE G. T. R. TRAINMEN KILLED

Fast Express From Port Huron To Detroit Plunges Into a Double-Header Freight.

Detroit, Dec. 27.—Speeding through a dense fog at 40 miles per hour, Grand Trunk passenger train No. 6, which left Port Huron shortly before 7 o'clock tonight for this city, collided head-on with a double-header freight train, one mile north of Lenox, Mich.

Five trainmen met death, four being killed instantly, the fifth dying three hours later. All of the passengers escaped injury except a baby, who was only slightly hurt by being thrown out of its mother's arms and over a seat when the trains crashed.

The dead are: Engineer Bennett, of the passenger train; Engineer Bohowski, of the freight engine; Fireman Boughner, Fireman Albert McCall, Switchman W. G. Taylor.

The passenger locomotive plowed under the engines of the double-header and the trainmen were burned in the wreckage. Their bodies were terribly mangled and scalded by the escaping steam.

Engineer Fred Haugh and Fireman Washburn, of the second freight engine, escaped death. Haugh was caught in his cab, but was taken out unhurt.

Washburn jumped and was only slightly injured.

All the dead trainmen lived in Detroit.

The freight train had switched from the main track to a siding to allow the passenger train to pass. It is unofficially charged that the switch was not properly closed, and on account of the heavy fog which prevailed, the passenger crew could not see that the target was set against them.

Popular Loan Is Popular in London Citizens Ready To Take It All Up

Outside Brokers Also Bid for It—The Names of the Tenderers.

The finance committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon, when tenders for the popular loan debentures were opened.

As was forecasted, the debentures were subscribed fully three times over.

The popular loan idea brought forward by Ald. Stevely proved to be a splendid success, as the total issue was oversubscribed by local parties.

The debentures are 5 percents.

The amount of debentures to be sold is \$94,920, and there was the sum of \$99,830 04 tendered for this issue by citizens.

All the local tenders, with a few exceptions, were at par, some going a little above par.

Several brokerage firms tendered, but were all under par, the best offer being 99 cents on the dollar.

The local tenders were all for amounts over \$500, in fact there was only one tender for that sum, another for \$600, and the rest for \$1,000, and over. One citizen wanted \$10,000 worth, and another one asked for \$12,000. The other sums vary.

"I certainly am well pleased with the success of the scheme," said Ald. Stevely. "It is even better than I anticipated. The citizens of London have great faith in their own credit."

The other members of the committee.

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Health Officer Seized the Turkeys Diseased Poultry Offered on Market

Clerk Maker Spotted Them and Soon Had Dr. Hutchinson On the Trail.

Dr. Hutchinson, medical health officer, seized a number of turkeys on the market this morning. They belonged to a farmer living in the neighborhood of Mount Brydges. He made his escape and was not arrested.

The turkeys were in fair flesh, but had either died natural deaths or were diseased.

The man evidently "tumbled" that there was trouble brewing, for he took across the market and got away, leaving the turkeys behind.

They will be destroyed.

Position Offered Windsor Teacher Galt Man Wouldn't Come To London

The Board of Education at Last Secures a Physics Teacher for Collegiate.

The board of education held a special meeting last night to appoint a successor to Mr. D. V. McLean, who resigned not long ago.

At a previous meeting of the board, the position was offered to Mr. DeGuerre, of Galt, but the latter refused.

SUFFRAGETTES INVADE NEW YORK SEEK SUPPORT OF U. S. SISTERS

New York, Dec. 28.—The first attempt at an aggressive suffragist campaign in New York will be made on next Thursday evening. It is planned to hold at that time an open air meeting in Madison Square at which the principal speaker will be Mrs. Boorman Wells, an English woman, who has been sent to the United States by the suffragettes of England to secure the moral support of American women. It is her plan to establish a campaign similar to that in England during the progress of which dozens of women have been arrested and imprisoned on charges of disturbing the peace.

Among those who have declined are Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Mrs. Belle DeRivera, Mrs. John S. Crosby and Mrs. Harry Hastings, all well known in the American suffrage movement.

DR. BEATTIE NESBITT SUES GLOBE

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, ex-registrar for West Toronto, one of the candidates for the mayoralty this morning issued a writ against the Globe Printing Company for unjust damages. The claim is that an article in this morning's paper headed, "The Real Nesbitt," is libelous, and so also is an editorial, "A Question for Decent Citizens."

Wedding Announcement.

Dr. D. G. Fleming, Chatham, announces the engagement of his only daughter, Marion Jean, to Mr. Herbert London, of Stratford, and eldest son of Mr. J. S. London, of Toronto, the wedding to take place at Eastern