

**ADVISED AGAINST
WILSON PROPERTY**

City Solicitor Opposed to Purchase Because L. & P. S. R. Had No Money.

FINAL MEETING OF BOARD

President Beattie Read His Annual Report—The Receipts and Disbursements.

The final meeting of the London and Port Stanley Board was held at noon today.

The financial statement of receipts and disbursements was presented. For the first nine months of the year, the sum of \$13,800.53 was received as follows:

Rental, \$7,500; interest on rental, \$1,947.45; and percentages of earnings for 1909, \$4,353.07.

The disbursements were \$333.86, of which \$225 were for the Ottawa trip, and \$88.86 for City Auditor Jewell for the usual audit and the special audit presented at the beginning of the year.

Against this was set \$125 received for a shed at Port Stanley, making the net disbursements \$208.96. This leaves a surplus of \$12,591.56.

The total surplus will be in the neighborhood of \$13,000. There is the sum of \$2,500 yet due as rental, and this together with percentage of earnings, etc., will bring it up to last year's income, or perhaps increase it somewhat.

The report was adopted, and ordered printed in the minutes.

President's Address.

Mayor Beattie, as president of the board, read the report of the directors, which is as follows:

"Dec. 19, 1910.
To the Shareholders of the London and Port Stanley Railway Company:

"Gentlemen,—Your directors beg to report that in the early part of the year, the following was the position:

**A HANDSOME WATCH
GIVEN MR. WEISBROD**

Former London Railwayman Was Honored on Leaving For New Position.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—At a big gathering of C. P. R. trainmen here this evening, Trainmaster T. E. Weisbrod, who has been transferred to Cranbrook, B. C., was presented with a very handsome gold watch. Mr. Weisbrod a short time ago was transferred from Winnipeg to Brandon. He left for Cranbrook tonight, following the presentation.

Mr. Weisbrod is a well-known former Londoner, and is a brother-in-law of Master of Transportation James Crombie, of the Grand Trunk.

**ASSISTANT NAMED FOR
ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL**

Mr. C. K. Bluet is recommended for Position.

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**HESLOP BAILED
SUM OF \$4,000**

The Case Was Adjourned Until January 13, Owing to Condition of J. B. Fowler.

PRISONER IN POLICE COURT

Wife Is in the City Today—It Is Not Known as Yet Whether She Will Be Asked to Give Evidence.

The case of William Heslop, who is charged with assaulting and wounding James B. Fowler in West London last Saturday night, was adjourned in the police court this morning until Jan. 13.

An adjournment was deemed necessary on account of Fowler's inability to appear in court for the purpose of giving evidence. He is reported to be recovering, however, in St. Joseph's Hospital, and it is hoped that his condition will be sufficiently improved for him to take the witness stand two weeks from today.

Mr. J. M. McEvoy, counsel for Heslop, was successful in having his client admitted to bail to the amount of \$2,000 himself, and two sureties of \$1,000 each, a total of \$4,000, the latter to be approved of by Crown Attorney McKillop.

Heslop's wife was in the city this morning, having voluntarily returned to London. It is not known yet whether she will be asked to give evidence.

The case of Robert Hughes, who is charged with seduction, was adjourned for one week. Hughes will appear on Jan. 5.

**A HUSKY YOUNG MAN
WAS VOLUNTEER STOKER**

Alex. McKay, of Wingham, Wanted to Help Fireman at City Gas Plant.

Alexander McKay, a husky young gentleman who "put into the grape" too deeply a couple of days ago, explained the situation before Squire Chittick at the court house this morning, when he appeared to answer a charge of threatening and laying in wait for Arthur Wilcox, the complainant, and a friend named Perkins. He paid the costs and was allowed out on suspended sentence on proving no personal recognition.

Alexander's home is in Wingham, but three relatives reside in Westminster Township. He came down to London to celebrate the Merry Yule, and proceeded to assist the stokers at the gas company's plant, despite their protests, while in a state of shocking intoxication. It is said that an x-ray photograph was taken of his small ribs with pinch bars and shovel handles, and as he was not favorably impressed with this demonstration, he nailed his colors to a pole in Westminster, and waited for the arrival of his friends from the gas plant, who reside outside the city.

The arrest was made this morning by High Constable Hughes and Constable Cousart. It is alleged that Alexander took a dislike to sundry pink and blue elephants which cavorted about the ceiling, and in a demonstration against the manager removed a pair of the plaster. He was able to secure the money to pay the costs, and was allowed to go.

DIED SUDDENLY

Former St. Thomas Woman Had Stroke at Windsor.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]

Windsor, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Lillian C. Jackson, wife of James Jackson, sergeant of the police force, died yesterday at the family home from the effects of a paralytic stroke.

Frank, 12 years old, the only son, died a little less than a year ago, after a lingering illness resulting from injuries he sustained while playing at soccer.

Jackson was born in St. Thomas 44 years ago, her father, J. R. Smellie, being a former customs officer.

SHOT HER HUSBAND

Wife Was Jealous Because He Went With Another Woman.

[Associated Press.]

Boston, Dec. 30.—The office boy employed by a downtown insurance firm unlocked the door of the office this morning and found Mrs. Lillian M. Green sitting in one of the chairs with a revolver in her hand, and her husband, Joseph M. Green, the janitor of the building, groaning on the floor, with two bullet wounds in his body.

The woman told the first policeman that she shot her husband because he left her two weeks ago for another woman. At the relief hospital Green was found to have received one bullet in the head and the other in the stomach.

Green was 29 years old and lived in Roxbury, and his wife, who is 25, said that she boarded in Brookline. She was locked up to await the result of her husband's injuries, which may result fatally.

TO COMMEMORATE VISIT.

Amoy, China, Dec. 30.—An inscription commemorating the visit of the businessmen, representing chambers of commerce in the cities of the Pacific coast of America in October, 1910, has been placed on a stone of Kanput Temple, where only events connected with the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia and the German fleet in 1898, the visit of the United States battleship fleet in 1909, and the presentation of a loving cup by the American warships to the Chinese navy in the present year.

**LIBERAL VICTORY
IN ST. JOHN'S, QUE.**

Provincial Government Nominee Swept The Country.

MAJORITY A RECORD ONE

Result Considered a Complete Answer to the Claims of the Nationalists.

St. John's, Que., Dec. 29.—Mr. Marcellin Robert, the Liberal nominee in the St. John's by-election, was today elected over Mr. Henry Hebert, the successful candidate, by a majority of 663, this being the largest plurality obtained in the county in many decades. The successful candidate literally swept the county from end to end, his opponent obtaining a majority in but one poll, that of Henrysburg, whilst at Roxham an even break occurred. These two polls are classified as "swing" polls, and the Liberal victory in the county, which comprises four polls, and which turned in a majority of 62 in favor of Mr. Robert, voting was brisk throughout the county, and it is said that one of the largest votes in years was registered.

A Large Majority.

The final vote has not yet come in, but the returns telephoned from the various divisions show the above result. While the official counts may vary a good deal one way or the other, it is certain that the Liberal candidate has a large majority.

Mr. Marcellin Robert, the member-elect, in discussing the result, stated that the overwhelming victory would be an unequivocal answer to the Nationalists, showing them that the people of Quebec were not to be carried away by appeals to prejudice and sectionalism. "St. John's County," he continued, "wants none of such tactics. Quebec was misrepresented by the recent Drummond-Arthurs election, his opponent, the Liberal candidate, was not to be carried away by appeals to prejudice and sectionalism. The people of St. John's, Liberal and Conservative, Catholic and Protestant, English and French, were not to be duped.

"Naturally I am gratified by the turn of events, and the overwhelming majority obtained by my party, but I am not inclined to boast. The hard work of the Liberal supporters, and the help of the Nationalists, and the fact that many Conservatives of long standing came over to our side rather than give adherence to a candidate with Nationalistic connections."

**SENTENCE SUSPENDED
ON CHARGE OF THEFT**

James Stephenson Hauled Into Court By His Former Employers.

James Stephenson, a young man of 19, who has been in Canada for the past six years, was allowed to go on suspended sentence by Judge Elliott this morning, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing an overcoat from Fred Krantz, of lot 6, con. 13, London Township, who laid the information.

Stephenson appeared before the judge shortly after being committed for trial by Squire Chittick, who heard the evidence of Krantz, his partner, Andrew Vermett, and High Constable Hughes. Stephenson claimed that the stolen overcoat at \$10, but later cut this in two.

Stephenson, who had been allowed to wear the coat around the premises by Krantz, his employer, claimed that when he was leaving he took it with him, intending to return it. His own clothing had been stolen from a Park Avenue Hotel, he declared, and he made no complaint as he did not want to get his "friend" in trouble.

Stephenson gave personal recognition for \$100 and was released on suspended sentence.

FREIGHT RATES

Railroads Are Demanding an Advance of \$34,000,000 To Meet Increases.

[Associated Press.]

Washington, Dec. 30.—General arguments in the matter of general advance of freight rates before the interstate commerce commission at Washington, D.C., will be heard Jan. 1 next. The railroad rates throughout the country demand an advance of \$34,000,000 in order to meet the increase in the cost of the United States, and that \$27,000,000 of this amount is to be obtained by rate advances on the classification of territory, from what are called the class rates, which affect all Buffalo shippers. It has been estimated that 25 per cent of the total increase would be realized from first, second and third class freight.

**NOTICE IS SERVED
ON LONDON ELECTRIC**

All Poles Which in Any Way Interfere With Niagara Power Must Be Removed.

A FIGHT IS IN SIGHT

London Electric People Refuse to Discuss the Matter at the Present Time.

There is more trouble brewing between the London Electric Company and the city.

The difficulty is over the poles, and it is very probable that the threatened lawsuits about which considerable has been heard during the past few years will be brought to a climax.

A working arrangement was made with the company on certain streets, Hamilton road, for example, by which the high-tension wires of the city's distribution plant were given right of way.

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**GOVERNMENT AGREED TO PAY
COUNTY \$3,000 FOR GOOD ROADS**

An Old Account Standing From 1908 Will Be Settled to the Advantage of Every Township in Middlesex.

Mr. S. F. Glass, reeve of London Township, and chairman of the special committee appointed for the purpose of taking up the matter of a certain unpaid grant from the Government to the county of Middlesex, received word this morning that the Minister of Public Works has agreed to pay over the money to the county after some years of negotiations and friction. This means that about \$3,000 will come to the county now as a pick-up, and this sum will be divided amongst the different townships pro rata, according to the amounts of the unpaid grant to which they were entitled from the Government.

The facts of the case are these: In 1907 and 1908 the county of Middlesex was carrying out certain good roads improvement under an act of the Ontario Legislature, whereby a certain proportion of the cost would be paid by the Government. In 1908 this act was repealed, but the county had gone on with the work to stop, and the fact that the act had been repealed, when the bill for the Government's share was presented the Legislature refused to pay, on the ground that the act has been repealed. The matter was allowed to remain dormant for some time, when a committee was named to go into the question again with the Government. Mr. Glass was chairman, and associated with him were Messrs. John McFarlane, reeve of West Nisour; County Auditor Stanley and Engineer Talbot.

The result of their efforts is seen in the following letter received from Mr. T. G. Meredith, the county's solicitor: "S. F. Glass, chairman of special committee, county council of Middlesex: Dear Sir,—I am glad to be able to inform you that I have just received a letter from the Minister of Public Works in reply to mine, in which he says that Mr. McLean's report was duly received and acted upon last week, when an order-in-council was passed providing for the payment to the Middlesex County claim of the amount due. I have not advised the clerk of the county council, as I suppose you would prefer to do."

**LONDON POSTOFFICE SWAMPED
WITH ELECTION CIRCULARS!**

London postoffice has been swamped with municipal election literature. Monday is polling day, and before that time the mail carriers will distribute, if possible, between 40,000 and 42,000 circulars, the majority of which deal mostly with the fixed assessment by-laws.

The Christmas rush is over, but the postoffice staff is still hustling night and day in an effort to distribute the election literature in time to be of any use for the purpose for which they are intended.

Business Very Heavy.

The figures have not as yet been compiled, but Postmaster McDonald declares that fully one-third more pieces were handled in the Christmas business of this year than in the same season of 1909.

On the Thursday before Christmas last year 13,000 pieces were received and distributed locally. Half that number came from outside points.

This year a new record for London was established, and it is thought that the busiest day will show about 160,000 or more pieces distributed.

REID, INTERESTED IN THE SCHEME, AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT MR. HUGH KENNEDY, A WELL-KNOWN MANUFACTURER AND PROMOTER, OF GALT, IS BEHIND THE DEAL.

They have secured premises in the city, and will commence at once to make the machines. It is understood.

All sorts of cars, runabouts, etc., will be made.

**KNITTING FACTORY FOR LONDON
LEASES CLARENCE ST. BUILDING**

An industry employing forty hands will be started shortly after the new year on Clarence street, in the premises formerly occupied by the Gorman-Eckert Company, near King street.

The machinery is on the way, and some of it has already arrived. It is being cleared by local representatives of the firm, which has a very large factory in the United States.

It will be a knitting factory, and undoubtedly it will be one of the best of its kind in Canada.

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**CORONATION MEN
TO BE PICKED SOON**

Col. H. H. McLean, of New Brunswick, Will Be Commandant of Force.

700 SOLDIERS TO GO

Will Mobilize at Quebec at the End of May, and Will Leave in a Special Boat.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The work of organizing the contingent which is to represent Canada at the coronation will be commenced early in January. The first move will be the appointment as commandant of Col. H. H. McLean, member of Parliament for Queens, Sunbury, New Brunswick.

The various corps throughout Canada will be assigned a certain number of places among the seven hundred available on the contingent, and they will be allowed to name the men whom they think should be sent to London to represent them.

The contingent will be mobilized at Quebec, near the end of May, and after a week or two of polishing at that city, will take transport for London. A special boat will probably be secured for the service.

Canada pays the expenses of the contingent to the dock at Liverpool, and from that point, but while the contingent is in England the men will be the guests of the British Government, and the expenses will be met by them.

**RECEPTION TENDERED
REV. D. S. HAMILTON**

Former London Pastor Returns From the West For a Brief Visit.

A large number of members of his former congregation of the First Congregational Church, and other friends in this city, attended the reception tendered to Rev. D. S. Hamilton held in that church last evening.

Hamilton's fiancée, Miss Irene Walker, of Pond Mills, to whom he is to be married on Saturday, was also present at the reception.

Addresses of welcome were made by Mr. John Gunn, Rev. Mr. McKennie, Rev. Mr. Jarvis and Rev. Mr. Walker, while messages of regret were received from Rev. Mr. Whiting, of the First Methodist Church; Rev. Mr. Graham, of the Wellington Street Methodist Church; Rev. Mr. Walker of South London, and Mr. C. R. Chapman, who were unable to attend.

In his reply, Mr. Hamilton stated that London will always be dear to him, as the city in which he has done his most successful and best work, and as the city in which he learned to love.

Rev. Mr. Peatfield, who succeeded Mr. Hamilton as pastor of the First Congregational Church, occupied the chair.

After the ceremony on the C. P. R. for Toronto, and later they will continue the trip to Winnipeg, where Mr. Hamilton is now situated.

A feature of the programme was a very well-rendered recitation entitled "His Time Had Come," by Miss Anshelme.

**CAPT. TOM WASTIE
ILL IN CALIFORNIA**

Was at One Time Chief of London Fire Department.

Capt. Thomas Wastie, formerly of this city, but now of San Jose, Cal., is reported to be dying. Word was received here today that his condition is very serious, and that he would not live long.

Capt. Wastie was well known in this city. He was first chief of the paid fire department of London. He was also chief of the volunteer fire department, and was for a time captain of one of the companies. Capt. Wastie was also one of the members of the first Wimbledon rifle team. Years ago he went west, and resided in California for some years.