

BUSINESS IS SATISFACTORY LOCAL MEN ARE OPTIMISTIC THE FUTURE APPEARS BRIGHT

Railways, Factories, Bankers Interviewed by The Advertiser—All Have the Same Story of Returning Prosperity—Some Shops in London Are Working Overtime Now.

London manufacturers and business-men are most optimistic regarding the outlook at the present time, and are pleased with the increase in business that they enjoyed during the summer.

It is safe to say that in all manufacturing lines things are going on well, and many factories are working overtime in order to keep up with trade. Railroad men are particularly optimistic. One of them, pointing to a string of old cars, en route to the car shops to be repaired, remarked:

Repairing Cars.
"When you see us using cars like that you can just bet that we don't know what to do for them. Those cars haven't been out of country sidings for over a year, and we are going to fix them up a little and press them into service."

Passenger traffic men state that their returns for the year will establish an entirely new record, and expect them to be anywhere from 10 to 15 per cent ahead of anything in the past. They say the outlook for 1910 is even better.

Bankers Satisfied.
Bankers say that conditions are good in every way. All paper is being met promptly, and there is a good circulation all over the country.

The customer returns have been climbing steadily ever since February, and every month shows a substantial increase over the same time last year.

What They Say.
Col. Gartsshore, manager of McClary's

**TAMPERED WITH LIGHTS
THREE YEARS IN JAIL**

Hobo Wright Was Sentenced for Putting Out Switch Lights Near Chatham.

Chatham, Ont., Sept. 22.—John B. Wright, who for eighteen years, was a Pere Marquette brakeman at Benton Harbor, Mich., was this morning sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for putting out and taking away switch lights at Prairie Siding, using axle waste for a fire and smashing a Pere Marquette switch light in Chatham. After honorable service Wright admitted he took to hobnobbing as something easier.

**MOORS LOSE HEAVILY
IN MOROCCAN BATTLE**

Madrid, Sept. 22.—Dispatches from Melilla state that more than 600 Moors were killed in the Spanish battle, including some of the principal chiefs. The celebrated Chief Miziam was captured.

**MANUEL BETROTHED
TO ALEXANDRA**

Lisbon, Sept. 21.—According to the local newspapers, the engagement of King Manuel to Princess Alexandra, the daughter of the Duke of Pife, will be officially announced at Windsor Castle on Nov. 15, the King's birthday.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.
Sept. 20.—Reported at New York—Main, from Bremen; Victoria, from Genoa; Zealand, from Antwerp; Hamburg, from Genoa.

At Boston—Devonian, from Liverpool; At St. John's—Siberian, from Glasgow; At Glasgow—Victoria, from Montreal; At Liverpool—Mauretania, from New York.

At London—Minnehaha, from New York; Mount Royal, from Montreal; At Christiansand—C. F. Tietgen, from New York.

At Hamburg—President Grant, from New York; Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, from New York.

At Cherbourg—Kron Prinzessin Cecilie, from New York.

At Naples—Argentina, from New York; Duca di Genova, from New York; Germania, from New York; Themistocles, from New York.

New York, Sept. 21.—Arrived: Steamers Friedrich der Grosse, from Bremen; Curonia, from Liverpool.

Montreal, Que., Sept. 22.—The Allan Line Royal Mail steamer, Virginian, from Liverpool, for Quebec and Montreal, was reported 120 miles east of Belle Isle at 7 a. m., Sept. 22.

Father Point, Que., Sept. 22.—S. S. Manchester, Mariner, Manchester Line from Manchester, inward at 11:50 p. m.

LEGISLATURE TENDERS.
Toronto, Sept. 21.—Tenders for the steel work, new roof and other requirements for the reconstruction of the burned wing of the Provincial Parliament buildings, were opened by the sub-committee of the cabinet in charge of the work today.

The committee met in the offices of Hon. Frank Cochrane, and there were present Hon. Col. Hendrie, the chairman, Hon. Messrs. Cochrane and Reame, and Mr. A. W. Campbell, deputy minister of public works.

The figures were subsequently submitted to the full meeting of the cabinet, but no decision was reached, pending conference with the architect. Hon. Col. Hendrie, the chairman, said the Government expected to award contracts immediately and push the work to completion.

WRIT FOR \$10,000 DAMAGES AGAINST LONDON STREET RY.

Father of Boy Maimed in East London Seeks Recompense for Injuries to the Lad—A Case of Alimony Entered for the Assizes—Parties Live in Lobo Township.

Another case has been entered for the non-jury sitting of the coming assizes. It is that of Louisa McIntyre, who is taking action against her husband, James Cameron McIntyre, a farmer living in the township of Lobo, to obtain alimony.

According to the statement of claim they were married in 1886, and lived together till April, 1908. During that time it is claimed the conduct of the defendant toward the plaintiff has been so violent and over-bearing that the plaintiff is in fear of her bodily safety and even life. Three times it is claimed the defendant assaulted the plaintiff, and twice he appeared before a magistrate. The plaintiff claims that having no means of support, and having been compelled to incur debt for her support and medical attendance, and as the defendant has property valued at \$5,000, that she is entitled to alimony. She also claims interim alimony dating from the issue of the writ for \$9 a month.

Mr. J. M. McDevoy acts for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Macpherson & Perrin for the defendant.

\$10,000 Damages.
A writ for \$10,000 damages has been issued by Mr. Angelo Famularo on behalf of his infant son, Vincent Famularo, against the London Street Railway Company, for injuries received to be tried at the jury session of the coming assizes.

It is claimed that the car at the time was running at a high rate of speed. The motorman, too, it is claimed, was an inexperienced man, and was not paying proper attention to his car. Had he been exercising proper care it is claimed he could have dropped the fender and saved the child.

On account of the increased cost of bringing up the child, and the expenses incident to the accident, as well as for the permanent injury to the child, the claim for \$10,000 and costs of the action has been entered. Messrs. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons, for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Vevey & Dromgole for the defendants.

METERS FOR PRIVATE HOUSES A NEW MOVE IS DECIDED UPON

Water Commissioners Will Put a Gauge in Places Where Closets Are Used—Ten Per Cent of Services To Be Metered by End of the Year.

Approximately 10 per cent of the city will be metered at the end of the year if the plan adopted by the water commissioners at their meeting yesterday afternoon is carried out.

Engineer Moore recommended that all services where closets are used be metered. The board accepted the suggestion, and the money appropriated for that purpose last year will be spent.

It will be remembered that \$12,000 was set aside in the accounts for this year for meters and hydrants. Of this amount \$2,000 was expended on the hydrants and practically \$4,000 on meters.

There remain \$6,000 still to be expended, and this sum will be utilized for that purpose at once.

Meters in Use.
At the present time, all the large consumers, motor users and the like, are metered. Few private residences have been metered and it is now the intention of the board to meter them.

To be exact there are at the present time 593 meters in use. Of these 216 were installed this year. The money still in hand will equip about 53 meters for houses, making the total number about 1,143 in use, or at most 10 per cent. There are now 12,170 services in the city.

A Rapid Growth.
This is a rapid growth, and shows the trend of public opinion. Complaints have been in use in London but a few years.

"I have not worked out a plan for installing meters, but I think, and it is a fact, that at least 50 per cent of a ward as we can. The system will be gradually metered I think, and it should result in a large saving of the water supply."

**MILK PRICES
ARE TO AVIATE**

Scarcity of Fodder Is Likely to Result in a Boost in Price.

SEVEN CENTS A QUART

Present Price Is Six Cents—The Situation To Date as Sized Up by the Milkmen.

There is quite a strong possibility that within a month or so the price of milk will be increased in London. "We will not make any increase for the winter months, unless we are compelled to do so by the higher prices we have to pay ourselves."

The majority of the city dairymen buy their milk on contract from the farmers, and the summer contract holds till the first of November, and consequently there will be no change till that contract runs out. There has been a good deal of talk among the farmers of increasing their contract price during the winter. This move is due to the very great shortage in the crops.

Some of the farmers report that they have had to half till their fields while they were formerly hardy knew what to do with it. This with the scarcity in the hay and oat crop is creating an unusual situation, and many of the farmers consider that they cannot sell the milk as low as it has been during the summer.

Should the increase come, however, it is not likely that it will go higher than 7c a quart, the present price being six cents.

This move seems to be fairly wide spread. Toronto milk dealers met on Monday afternoon to consider the situation and some of the move in favor of an immediate increase. The decision on the matter was, however, held over for two weeks to permit of careful inquiries being made into the conditions governing the milk supply.

DRIVEN ASHORE

Pensacola, Florida, Also Receives a Visit From Hurricane.

Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 22.—The storm attained its greatest velocity at 2 a. m. when it reached 64 miles an hour from the southeast. Two small schooners were driven ashore on the west beach. At the navy yard the coal wharf was damaged and five large coal barges beached. At Fort Barrancas a launch was sunk and the wharf damaged.

Two men were reported drowned in attempting to cross the big lagoon, eight miles west of the city, while endeavoring to reach Fort McRae in a small boat.

REPENTANT YOUTH ALLOWED TO GO

Took a Valise, But Became Sorry and at Once Gave Himself Up.

Peter Brown, a young man who some days ago appropriated a valise at the Grand Trunk station, and a short time afterward came to the police station and gave himself up, appeared before Magistrate Love this morning and was allowed to go.

"I don't think you are a thief," said the court. "You have every appearance of being respectable, and the fact that you did not open the grip or take anything out before giving yourself up, leads me to think that you must have been suffering from some temporary aberration at the time. You may go."

A case of non-payment of wages between Louis Penol and Eddie Dallas was settled out of court.

W. H. Ford, charged by W. W. Goodall with keeping a vicious dog, was able to prove to the satisfaction of the court that the animal had never bitten anyone, and the case was dismissed.

Three first-timers were allowed to go.

JUMPED A SWITCH.

South Braintree, Mass., Sept. 22.—The rear of the train from Newport to Boston, familiarly known as the "Boston train," over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, jumped a switch in the station yards here, striking a switching engine and injuring three persons. None of those injured are believed to be in a serious condition.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COOLER.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Sept. 22.—3-8 a. m. Today and Thursday—Strong winds and showers, shifting to westerly; showery; Thursday—Cooler.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a. m. Min. Weather.
Victoria. 57. 55. Cloudy
Vancouver. 52. 50. Cloudy
Calgary. 52. 50. Fair
Edmonton. 52. 50. Fair
Port Arthur. 56. 54. Cloudy
Perry Sound. 52. 50. Fair
Toronto. 58. 56. Cloudy
Montreal. 58. 56. Fair
Quebec. 52. 50. Fair
Father Point. 50. 48. Fair

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.
Toronto, Sept. 21.—Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 59-73; Dawson, 49-63; Kamloops, 44-60; Edmonton, 38-50; Battleford, 38-50; Prince Albert, 38-50; Calgary, 44-60; Moosejaw, 43-59; Qu'Appelle, 44-56; Winnipeg, 46-59; Port Arthur, 56-62; Perry Sound, 52-74; Toronto, 58-72; Ottawa, 46-70; Montreal, 48-68; Quebec, 48-68; St. John, 43-56; Halifax, 44-50.

WEATHER NOTES.
The disturbance which was over the Lower Mississippi Valley yesterday morning now covers the upper lake region, and is expected to reach the Great Lakes by strong winds and gales, and heavy rains.

Frosts were very general during the night in the Western Provinces.



DR. FRANK BILLINGS.
Who Will Address the Western Medical College Alumni on Friday.

ADDED SEWERS CAUSE TROUBLE

Willis Chipman Wires That He Will Be Unable to Come to London This Week.

THE PRESENT SITUATION

Engineer Graydon Says That Despite His Reports Sewers Have Not Been Properly Cared For.

According to information gleaned at the city hall today, Mr. Willis Chipman, the consulting engineer of Toronto, will not be able to come to London this week to make a report on the sewer system, but he will come next week. It depends altogether on his report as to whether or not another engineer will be called in to give independent advice on the conditions now prevailing.

It will be remembered that Mr. Chipman built the big sewer system, and at the time of its construction he declared it to be adequate for many years to come.

Additional Sewers.
Since that time, however, a large number of additional trunk sewers have been constructed, and in the opinion of many about the city hall the outlet is too small for the quantity of sewage now being carried to the river.

As pointed out yesterday, the chief difficulty is in South London, where the complaints have been too numerous to mention. Complaint has been confined to that section, however, as the East End sewers have been giving great trouble, and the Queen's Wharf sewer has also been a source of worry.

Changes Necessary.
City Engineer Graydon is of the opinion that the sewer system, with a few changes of minor importance, is sufficient to carry off the natural sewage, but that the storm water and the street flushing added to it taxes the sewer beyond its capacity.

He also states that contrary to his advice the sewers have not been looked after as they should have been to prevent backing up.

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Break in a Pipe.
The chief reason for the present serious state of affairs being brought to the attention of the council was due to a break in a pipe carrying the excess from the synchro station at Evergreen avenue. About 25 feet of this pipe was broken not long since, and instead of the sewage being carried to the river, it was poured into the street.

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Afraid of Litigation.
The aldermen were afraid that the effect of many of the side drains and smaller sewers are badly constructed, and it has been shown by recent investigations that this is the case. To what extent the trouble can be traced to that is not known, as the investigations are not thorough enough.

Mayor Stevely Speaks.
Mayor Stevely declared that the council has a perfect right to hold a star chamber session to discuss the situation.

"We thought the matter of sufficient importance to hold a secret session," said his worship. "I do not see why the press should be admitted to every gathering of that nature. We have had few such meetings this year, but we consider this to be of sufficient importance to hold a secret session if you like to call it such."

"We held a secret session because we did not desire any alarmist stories to be circulated," said Ald. Ferguson. "The whole sewer situation needs thoroughly going over, and a report made upon it. We did not care to frighten the people, but the fact is that we must deal with this problem."

ARTESIAN WELLS ARE HELD UP OVER A LEASE OF THE LAND

London Street Railway and Ald. Ferguson Cannot Get Together on the Proposition—B. V. Hole Serves Notice That He Cannot Proceed.

Contractor B. V. Hole has notified Hon. Adam Beck that it is impossible for him to go ahead with his contract on the combined power and water station, owing to the fact that he cannot obtain possession of the land recently purchased from the London street railway, and upon which the pump-house is to be erected.

The property is leased by Ald. Donald Ferguson, and is used for a lumber yard, having possession until May 1, 1910. To give possession of the land it will be necessary for him to move all his lumber and seek quarters elsewhere. To do so he asks to be reimbursed in the sum of \$200.

The London Street Railway Company refuse, it is stated, to pay that amount of money, and Mr. Beck does not consider that he is called upon to pay it. As a result construction work has ceased.

A Business Proposition.
"It is simply a business proposition," said Ald. Ferguson. "I leased the property and my lease does not expire until next spring. I have a large quantity of lumber on the premises which will have to be moved. I think that \$200 is a very small sum—the least it

can be done for. I asked that amount. Surely the city or any person would not blame me for seeking to be reimbursed for my trouble. I have no desire to hold up the building operations but in all fairness I should be paid for my trouble and expense in getting my lumber away."

Manager King Speaks.
"I understood the matter was settled," said Manager King of the London Street Railway. "I thought there must be some mistake about the matter when I heard of it. We sold the land, and we thought the transaction was satisfactory to all concerned."

"I have been notified that work has ceased," said Hon. Adam Beck. "We cannot get possession of the land, so we are at a standstill."

To Remit Rent.
The offer to remit the rent was made to Ald. Ferguson, amounting to about \$50, but this was not satisfactory to him, and the deal falls through. Ald. Ferguson stated that he had been put to considerable expense and inconvenience owing to a trip from Owen Sound and return, owing to the mix-up, and that he intends to stick to his offer, \$200, or remain where he is until his lease expires.

STREET CLEANING BY DAY LABOR NEXT YEAR

Engineer Graydon Is in Favor of a Change in the Present System.

Street cleaning will be done by day labor next year.

That was the statement made by City Engineer Graydon this afternoon. "I think it would be much better that the city should have the street cleaning done by day labor," said the engineer. "The contract work has not been satisfactory, and I think we can save the city a very great deal of money by doing it as I suggest."

We have the proper appliances, and we can do the work much better than it is being done at the present time."

A number of the aldermen are in favor of the suggestion, and it is quite probable that it will be accepted.

SAUNBY EXPROPRIATION NOT CONSIDERED

Apparently, However, the Commissioners Are Favorable to That View.

The expropriation of the Saunby property did not come up at the meeting of the water commissioners yesterday afternoon as anticipated.

Chairman Jones was not in good health, and asked that as much business as possible be laid over for a subsequent meeting to be held when the other members desired.

Commissioner Darch intended bringing the matter up, but he was unable to suggest that the property be purchased.

"We will discuss the question at our next meeting," said Commissioner Darch. "We intended dealing with it yesterday, but we put it over until the next meeting, when it will come up."

From what can be learned the majority of those interested in the matter are in favor of expropriating the property, and the council have been suggesting that a dredge be placed on the river.

A YOUNG PRISONER ESCAPED FROM MIMICO

Was Captured on a Farm on the Governor's Road and Will Be Sent Back.

A young boy of about 15 years of age, who escaped from the Mimico Industrial School, where he has been confined on a charge of theft, was arrested on a farm on the Governor's road yesterday afternoon, and appeared before Squire Chittick, who remanded him to jail pending the arrival of the officer from the institution to take him back.

Balliff Salter, who came this morning to take the lad, says that the boy and his brother, who is also in the institution, have a very bad record, both of them having been confined several times, and on each occasion of their release have celebrated by several new thefts. The little fellow who was arrested here, comes from Camlington. He was working on a farm there at the time of his escape, it being the custom to permit some of the boys to earn money by working for nearby farmers. Very few of them, said the balliff, were granted this privilege, ever attempt to escape. The boy in question, however, accompanied by another boy of about the same age, did make the attempt and have succeeded in eluding the police for some weeks. The latter was also working in this locality for a while, but has since been seen in Toronto, where the detectives are on the lookout for him.

Will Visit Dorchester.
Right Wor. Bro. W. Wallace, D.D. G.M., will visit Merriw Lodge, No. 244, A. F. and A. M., at Dorchester on Thursday evening. A large number of the local brethren will go with him.

WATER COMS. WANT TO HOLD SURPLUS

Pass a Resolution to Make Commission Independent of the City Council

SAY SYSTEM IS WRONG

Commissioner Darch Gives His View on the Subject—Other Matters at Tuesday's Meeting.

The water commissioners desire that the waterworks business should stand on its own foundation, and at the meeting held yesterday afternoon a resolution was passed asking the council to have the London bill so changed that the department will be independent of the council.

At the present time the city council pays the debenture charges out of its revenue, and all the commission's surplus is turned over to the council.

The commissioners were of the opinion that the department should attend to its own affairs, independent of the council.

The Resolution.
The resolution, as moved by Commissioner Darch yesterday, was as follows:

"That the city council be requested to secure from the Legislature such changes in the London waterworks act as will empower the water commissioners to hold its own funds, so that after providing for the city water rates and the interest and sinking fund on its outstanding waterworks debentures, any balance may be held over from year to year to be used in extension work."

Says System Is Wrong.
"I have favored this for a long time," said Commissioner Darch. "I am convinced that the present system is wrong, and does not give the citizens an adequate idea of the waterworks department."

"My idea is that the waterworks should be kept entirely separate from the city council, and put on a surplus into a fund to pay off the debentures, and provide money for main extension. As we gradually paid off our indebtedness, we would have in demand for water, and consequent increase in revenue, would give us large sums of money to discharge the indebtedness, we would be able to reduce the price of water."

Much Confusion.
"There is a great deal of confusion regarding this matter at the present time. The council makes a big showing each year with the surplus from the waterworks, and I think we should control it."

Chairman Jones heartily concurred in Mr. Darch's position, and maintained that the two accounts should be kept separate. The resolution passed without opposition, and will be sent to the council.

Other Matters.
Mr. J. O'Brien, of the Wharfside road, West London, asked for water extension on his street. Engineer Moore will report.

A communication was received from the city council stating that \$30,000 had been placed to their account for the new pumping plant. A check for \$11,000, for work done by Hon. Adam Beck this spring, was made out in his favor.

Thomas Robins, Cathcart street, between Tecumseh avenue and Briscoe street, asked for water service. Engineer Moore will report.

Those present were Mr. William Jones, chairman; Commissioner Darch, Mayor Stevely, Engineer Moore and Secretary Elwood.

Mrs. Jane Smale Dead.
Mrs. Jane Smale, wife of Mr. Fred Smale, of 28 Forward avenue, died in Victoria Hospital this morning after an illness extending over several weeks. Mrs. Smale was 44 years old, and besides her husband, is survived by six small children. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Jumped the Track.
A Springbank car jumped the track at the pump-house yesterday afternoon. It was replaced after an hour's work. No damage was done.