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### CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

J. Goodge has taken out a building permit for a 1½ story frame dwelling on St. Andrew street.

The Allan Line have notified Mr. F. B. Clarke that the Parliam, which was damaged by a collision of Halifax, will be ready for service in June.

The House of Refuge committee of the county council met at Strathroy on the 5th of this month and paid accounts amounting to \$1,215.35.

Mr. Fred Wilson, of 499 Central avenue, left for Chicago this morning, where he has secured a lucrative position. He has many friends in London who will be glad to hear of his success.

Mrs. Ellen Benson, Waverley Place, wishes to thank the members of St. Peter's Church, Catholic Order of Foresters, and the Ironmolders' Union, No. 27, and all other friends, for kindnesses extended her on the occasion of her son's death.

The Seventh Regiment Bugle Band will give a percentage of the receipts of the London Vaudeville Theatre on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings next week. The proceeds will be used by the band to secure new bugles, the instruments now in use being worn out.

Mr. S. Pickles, instructor in manual training in the Normal School, will give an illustrated lecture in the collegiate institute on Thursday, April 13, at 8 p.m., showing how the subject is taught, and the mental, moral and physical advantages which it affords with it to the pupils. Every citizen should be interested, for it is a live subject nowadays.

MR. GREENLAW WILL SING.  
Mr. Albert E. Greenlaw, of the Fish Jubilee Singers, will sing at the evening service in the First Congregational Church tomorrow.

EX-ALD. NUTKINS INJURED.  
While alighting from his wagon on Waterloo street north yesterday, ex-Ald. Nutkins missed his footing, and fell, injuring his knee so badly that he will be confined to the house for a week.

VEAL SCARCE.  
Dr. Hutchinson made a trip of inspection over the market today, with an eagle eye peeled for "slink" veal. Only four carcasses of veal were on the market, however, and these, in the opinion of the doctor, were not minors.

DELIGHTFUL DANCE.  
The young bachelors of this city were hosts at a delightful dance, which was held in the Masonic Temple last evening, the music being contributed by the well-known Finney's orchestra of Detroit. About 160 were present, and the novelty introduced in the musical programme were very pleasing to all.

AN UGLY WOUND.  
Cyrus Bush, who lives at Ettrick, near Hyde Park, was splitting wood yesterday afternoon when a piece struck him in the face, inflicting a deep wound in the temple. Dr. Ross, of Hyde Park, was called and found it necessary to put stitches in the wound. Bush is very weak from loss of blood, but no serious results are anticipated.

NOT BACK OF THE DEAL.  
Dr. Mason, of Detroit, who has secured a fourteen-year lease of the Tecumseh House, stated today that his father, Mr. Denis Mason, of this city, was not in any way connected in the deal. "Persons of friends of mine in Detroit are behind the move," said Dr. Mason, who added that he expected to take possession of the Tecumseh about May 1.

PICTURES FOR CITY HALL.  
Hon. C. S. Hyman, M. P. for London and acting minister of public works, has presented two handsome pictures each to City Engineer Graydon and City Clerk Baker. They represent scenes in Eastern Canada and are handsomely framed in weathered oak, being about 30 by 40 inches square. Those for Mr. Baker's office are a view of Montreal harbor and a view of the breakwater at Western Head, Queen's county, N. S. One of Mr. Graydon's pictures is a view of Blomidon or Mill Creek, Cape Breton county, N. S.; the other being an engraving of a lion, in Hart county, N. S. Both officials are very grateful to Hon. Mr. Hyman for the splendid gifts.

Every Man

Hates Himself

If he wakes up with headaches and bad tastes in the mouth. Something to settle the stomach is needed. That dull, heavy feeling must be lifted, an appetite must be created. Get a tumbler of water, some sugar, and then pour in a stiff dose of Nervine. You'll feel tip-top in a few minutes. Nervine invigorates, braces, tones, puts vim and snap into your movements. You'll be fitted for a hard day's work by taking Nervine—nothing better. Large bottle, 50c; small, 25c. Everywhere.

### FORGERY AND FRAUD.

A couple of days ago a short, stout woman in a light coat, aged about 25 years, went to a local sewing machine firm and purchased a machine, giving in payment a check whose face value was \$20, and receiving \$10 cash in change. The check, which was signed "Thomas Wilkie," was afterwards found to be a forgery, and the police are now after the strange woman.

### COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT.

The most striking and popular musical event that has happened in this city for some time will be the concert to be held in the Grand Opera House on Tuesday evening as a testimonial to Mr. Cyril Dwight-Edwards, the English baritone, who came to London just two years ago, after making a tour with Madame Albani. The project, to which a very large number of lady patronesses have given their support, has met with general approval among the music-lovers of London, and will undoubtedly be a great success. Mr. Dwight-Edwards himself will take part and among other very attractive numbers, will render a beautiful song which has been composed by a talented musician especially for the occasion.

### PATRICK WAS LAME

Y. and M. Said to Have Been Shot at Mrs. DeMille's house in Court

The case of the three young men charged with using insulting language towards Mrs. May De Mille, of Eglinton street, London Township, and willfully damaging her property, came up before Squire J. B. Smythe at 10 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. John McEvoy was acting for the complainant, and Mr. W. R. Meredith, jun., for the defendants. The latter, who were present in court, were George Patrick, Walter Roper, and William Proctor. Patrick was lame by reason of a shot which he received in one leg last Sunday night, when the trouble occurred, and entered the room on crutches.

Mrs. De Mille herself was first put in the box. She identified Patrick and Proctor as two of the young men who came to her place last Sunday night between 11 and 12 o'clock. She was unimpaired by the case, however, and Mr. McEvoy said that he, therefore, had at present no means of pressing the charge against her. Mrs. De Mille said, however, that two other men accompanied Patrick and Proctor to her house.

She said that if I would not let them in they would break the door, and all the windows. I said that no matter what they did they could not get in."

### VANDERBILT AS AN EXILE

Balked in Building Plans Refuses to Reside in New York.

New York, April 8.—George Vanderbilt has abandoned New York in anger. He has leased his Fifth avenue palace to Henry C. Frick for ten years, with the privilege of extending the lease. He thus has shattered rudely the cherished dream of his father, who had hoped to see his son, George, as the chief seats of the Vanderbilt family for generations to come.

The northern one of the mansions will remain in possession of Mrs. William D. Oane, his sister. The ownership of the house always will remain with the Vanderbilts. George could not sell it if he would.

George Vanderbilt has been in the sulks with New York. He has the Vanderbilt traits in his determination to have his own way. He is as stubborn as was his brother Cornelius. When he started to put up a porte cochere he wanted to finish the job. He did not figure on the opposition of neighbors, who were more powerful than he, if not so rich.

Members of the Union Club, that central sun of male socialdom, which is right across the way from the Vanderbilt home, declared the porte cochere obstructed the view from their expansive windows. Other neighbors also objected. Mr. Vanderbilt was appealed to personally at first to moderate the plans of his porte cochere. His reply was that he best knew what he wanted for his own house. The plans suited him, and that was sufficient. He would go ahead, and he did.

The city authorities were asked to enforce the building laws, and after a lively fight Mr. Vanderbilt had to bow to the majesty of the law and the rights of his neighbors. He left his magnificent house and henceforth will divide his time between Baltimore, Bar Harbor and Europe.

The total coal production of the United States is now at the rate of 1,600,000 tons a day, and the consumption of coal by railroads is equal to 40 per cent of this, or 640,000 tons a day. The fuel bill of a railroad contributes about 10 per cent of the total expenses of operation, and 20 to 40 per cent of the total cost of running the locomotives. A locomotive will consume on an average \$5,000 worth of coal per annum, and for a road having an equipment of 1,000 locomotives the coal bill is approximately \$5,000,000.

## PROSECUTIONS MAY BE STARTED AGAINST BUYERS OF SLINK VEAL

The London Township Board of Health Considers Such a Step—To Consult Crown.

The London Township Board of Health held a meeting in the township offices, Richmond street, at 11 o'clock this morning, when the complaints regarding the purchase and shipment of "slink veal," from the township to this city, were considered. After various letters had been read, and the opinions of Dr. C. C. Ross, of Hyde Park, the township health officer, and Medical Health Officer Hutchinson, of this city, secured, it was decided to have the township inspectors consult with Crown Attorney McKillop as to the advisability of prosecuting the parties who purchased the calves from farmers, and also to the parties who had in turn purchased them from the buyers.

The secretary read a number of letters, which went to show that certain buyers in the vicinity of Dorchester have been purchasing calves an hour old—none of them a day or so old—and shipping them to London parties. One of the letters was signed "A Friend of Humanity," and was addressed to the township health officer, and was signed with him as to the advisability of prosecuting the parties concerned. It is consequently likely that the inspectors will swear out an information, and that the prosecution will begin at once. If the information is laid, the parties will be prosecuted under section 195, of the criminal code, and also under section 11, of the public health act.

Dr. Ross stated that one of the calves shipped to London from Ingersoll had been weighed, and it did not tip the scale 27 pounds. He also had information to show that the parties pur-

chasing the calves here did not pay an average of 50 cents apiece for them.

Mr. Edmund Meredith, M.P.C., the township solicitor, was asked for his advice. He replied that the whole matter rested on whether the calves were true, and if so, whether the sale could, of course, be prosecuted for cruelty to animals, if the reports presented were true. There is nothing in the criminal code which states that calves must be a certain age before being slaughtered. The act states, however, that no person shall sell or use any diseased meat, fish or fowl, which by reason of disease "or any other cause," is unfit for food, and Mr. Meredith advised that the parties named should be prosecuted under this section. He did not make this statement, however, without Dr. H. Hutchinson and Ross had declared in emphatic terms that a calf is not fit to kill for food until it is at least two weeks old. In this connection Dr. Hutchinson pointed out that the city bylaw prohibits the sale of veal under two weeks.

It was also announced that, under the circumstances, Crown Attorney McKillop is ready to proceed with the case if authorized to do so by the board of health, and on motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by J. W. Elliott, it was resolved to have the inspector immediately swear out an information, and consult with him as to the advisability of prosecuting the parties concerned. It is consequently likely that the inspectors will swear out an information, and that the prosecution will begin at once. If the information is laid, the parties will be prosecuted under section 195, of the criminal code, and also under section 11, of the public health act.

Hamilton Needham (chairman), H. B. Kennedy, W. A. Langford, J. W. Elliott, and Dr. Ross and Hutchinson and Solicitor Meredith were present.

## GALPIN NAMED AS INSPECTOR

Prominent Conservative Club Worker to Succeed Mr. James Brown.

This week's issue of the Ontario Gazette announces that Mr. A. R. Galpin, of 112 Simcoe street, has been appointed license inspector for London, vice Mr. James Brown.

There are many aspirants for the position, among the number being several prominent members of the Conservative Club. The choice of Mr. Galpin was decided upon by the executive of the club, and it is understood that not a little disappointment exists in some quarters as a result. Mr. Galpin has been an active worker in the club for years. He will commence his duties shortly.

The Gazette also announces the appointment of Mr. Thomas A. Sheehy, of Arva, to be bailiff of the eighth division court of Middlesex, in place of Mr. C. E. Smith, resigned.

## COL. BUCHAN WILL GO TO MONTREAL

Number of Appointments in the Scheme of Military Reorganization in Canada.

Some of the appointments in connection with the scheme of military reorganization in Canada have been decided upon. It is understood that Col. Otter will assume charge of the Western Ontario division, with the rank of brigadier. He will continue to reside at Toronto, and act as D. O. C. Col. Numerow will be given command here, will go from Kingston to take charge of the Province of Quebec military division, with headquarters at Montreal. Lieut.-Col. Gordon, of Montreal, will have charge of the Eastern Ontario division with headquarters at Kingston. Col. Murray, now inspector at Kingston, Canada, will be given command at Halifax, that position needing a capable artillery officer. Lieut.-Col. Wilson will be given command of the Canadian Field and Garrison Artillery.

The preliminary examination of Harry Donnelly, for stealing a watch from Lyman Palmer, took place before the police magistrate this morning, and after hearing the evidence, which was purely circumstantial, the magistrate sent him for trial and refused to take bail.

Donnelly's past record counted against him. He has been up for drunkenness and, as the magistrate said, he is a "cuss." He is "in the cups" and he is likely to take anything that he gets his hands on. The evidence against him was given by the complainant, Palmer, who said that he had been around with Donnelly, and had had quite a few drinks. Palmer said he went to sleep, and when he awoke he missed his watch. He could not remember that anyone had been with him excepting Donnelly.

A bartender named Macpherson stated that Donnelly had come to him with the watch, and asked him to keep it until Palmer had sobered up.

Mr. McKillop did not like this man's story, however, because it did not coincide with the story which P. C. Downey, who arrested Donnelly, said the accused had told him at the time. The magistrate, who undoubtedly counted against the prisoner more than did for him, there was no evidence for the defense, his counsel submitting that no case had been made out.

The magistrate thought, however, that the strongest kind of a case had been made out. He remanded Donnelly for a week for sentence, and on a charge of being drunk he fined him \$20 or 21 days in jail. He refused to take bail, and he was committed to the workhouse to a higher court to procure it.

A woman of respectable appearance, pleading guilty to a charge of stealing an ostrich feather from a downtown millinery store. She went into the store, and stole a feather, and she tore a large plume from one of the hats. She was observed and seen to put the feather in her coat, and afterwards was brought to the station by Detective Nickle. She had no excuse to make for her morning. The magistrate was extremely considerate with the woman and allowed her bail to be taken in his private office away from curious eyes.

The magistrate said that there were peculiar circumstances connected with the case, and he wished to inquire into it. With the crown attorney's willingness, the case was adjourned until Tuesday.

Charles Alexander Reid, who was remanded a week ago after pleading guilty to a charge of stealing a watch, came up for sentence. Incidentally, another charge, that of stealing a ring, was also brought against him, and he was remanded for a week.

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City Engineer Graydon, after going over the report of the man he had stationed on the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets to watch the street cars, has sent Manager Carr a letter in which he demands more cars for the South London and South street lines. The reason for this is that the report of the special timekeeper shows that the company is not maintaining the schedules as laid down by the city for these lines. The services on the other lines is declared to be satisfactory.

Manager Carr was seen by The Advertiser today in regard to the matter. He stated that the number of cars being run by the company at the present time are ample to maintain the schedule, providing no delays are encountered. But cars on the South street line are being constantly delayed by the Rectory street crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway, statements prepared by Mr. Carr, showing that it is a common thing for cars to be held up there for between 15 and 20 minutes. As long as this state of affairs exists, it will, of course, be impossible for the company to maintain a schedule, even if a dozen cars were run on the line.

Mr. Carr, it is understood, proposes to suggest to Mr. Graydon that the company be allowed to adopt sliding schedules, to overcome the difficulty. In other words, Mr. Carr proposes to ask the city to allow him to take cars off lines during slack hours and place them on other lines when the traffic is heavy enough to warrant it. By a very clever system which is carried out by the company, Mr. Carr is able to tell the exact hours upon which the traffic is light and heavy, at all hours, on all lines in the city. For example, the South London cars do but very little business between 9 and 11 o'clock in the morning, while other cars are crowded at that hour. If the city engineer demands, however, a car off the slack line and place it on the busy one.

The correspondence being carried on between Mr. Carr and Mr. Graydon, the subject is of the most friendly character, and it is likely that the schedule matter will be settled in an amicable manner at once.

As regards all-night cars, Mr. Carr

fears they would not pay, though they might if they were run till 1:30 a.m. As to Sunday cars, he says he is ready to run them any time the people ask for them.

## WERE OPPOSED TO THE CHANGE

Temperance Workers Wanted Mr. Brown Retained as License Inspector.

In connection with the appointment of Mr. A. R. Galpin as license inspector for London, a prominent local clergyman, who is also prominent in temperance matters in this city, stated to The Advertiser today that the temperance party had left no stone unturned to have Mr. Brown retained as license inspector. "He is an efficient official," he said, "and we did not feel that Mr. Galpin was the class of man who should succeed him. Consequently when we found that both Mr. Beck and Mr. Hanna were determined to remove Mr. Brown, we asked that, instead of Mr. Galpin, Mr. George Rowntree be appointed license inspector. We felt that Mr. Galpin was not sufficiently pronounced in his views regarding the liquor traffic, and we feel so still. But our representations carried no weight with the Whitney Government, and now I suppose we shall have to make the best of it, and give Mr. Galpin all the support possible."

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## Wood's Fair WALL PAPER.

It is quite evident that the public realize that Wood's Fair is the place to buy Wall Paper. The quality suits, also the prices suit, the assortment will please the most fastidious. Visit this department next week and be convinced. Best quality Varnish, sale price, can, 15c and ..... 20c Aluminum Paint, sale price, can ..... 25c A complete assortment of Beaver Brand Paints.

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\$9.00 Bed was ..... \$12.00  
\$30.00 All-Brass Bed was ..... \$37.50

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## BRITISH ARMY STORES SCANDAL

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Unfortunately for the success of this astonishing scheme, which was carried out with the greatest possible secrecy, the cases refused to sink, and a few days later were strewn the shore of Table Bay.

Hundreds of the cases were picked up by the unemployed of Cape Town and sold to Hebrew dealers, the provision in many instances finding their way back to England, where they were sold again.

Robert Cheves, manager for Messrs. Spence & Co., of the Reunion Sugar Estates in Natal, has made a sworn

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