

SCHOOLS OPEN TUESDAY NEXT HOLIDAYS ARE THING OF PAST

Many of the Schools Have Been Refitted and Improved—Some Changes in the Teaching Staff—Collegiate Institute Opening—Separate Schools Open Same Day as Public.

The eight thousand children that form London's school population have nearly all arrived home, and most of them are busy getting their books ready for the general opening that takes place on Tuesday morning.

Back from the lake shore, from the farms in the country, from the camps by river and lake and from the many other places where healthy boys and girls spend their holidays, children have been coming all week and it will be some time before the schools will be closed to the new crop of healthy-looking crowd of boys and girls that will assemble again on Tuesday morning to delve into books and all the problems of school life. The majority of the students are glad to get back.

Too Much Holidays.

There is, of course, a time when to the student it seems as if a holiday would be the most welcome thing in the world, but even a holiday can become monotonous if it is too long-continued, and the boys and girls will be glad to return and meet their old schoolmates and play the old games with them again in the school yards.

The Collegiate.

The Collegiate Institute students

will find many changes. Down in the basement where part of the drills were formerly held, a domestic science room has been established. What was formerly the boys' lunch room is now a large and well-appointed dining-room, where in days to come, the young ladies who would become proficient cooks will serve what they have cooked.

In connection with the dining-room is a large pantry and kitchen. It is stated that in the very near future the members of the board of education and some newspapermen are to be taken up to the domestic science dining-room and shown what a really good dinner is like.

Teacher to Be Appointed.

The place of Miss McIntosh, domestic teacher for several years, has not as yet been filled, but a meeting will be held shortly, when an appointment will be made.

The idea of having a dining-room added to the domestic science kitchen is to give the girls an inkling of how to tastefully arrange a table. It is all right to be able to cook a meal well, but unless it is attractively arranged, it is not a success.

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Promotion for Supt. Brownlee L. J. Ferretor Coming to Canada

Both Men Well Known Through Connection With G. T. R. Here.

The announcement that Superintendent W. G. Brownlee, of the Grand Trunk, is to go with the Grand Trunk Pacific in the capacity of superintendent, and will shortly be transferred to Winnipeg, where his headquarters will be, is received with considerable interest by railroad men all over the country, and particularly in this city.

There is no more popular official on the road than Mr. Brownlee, and he is considered one of the most practical

railroad men that the Grand Trunk has ever had. He has always stood very high in the estimation of General Manager Hays, of the G. T. R., and in placing him so that he can work with Mr. Morse, railway men consider that it is a further mark of Mr. Hays' appreciation.

Now that the traffic on the Grand Trunk Pacific is growing heavier every day, Mr. Brownlee will soon be in charge of one of the most important systems of transportation in Canada. Mr. Brownlee will be succeeded by Mr. L. J. Ferretor, general superintendent of the Wabash, whose headquarters are at Peru, Ind. Mr. Ferretor is also well known locally, having been divisional superintendent of the Grand Trunk at London up to 1899.

Fire Department in a Test Today To Show Inspector the Pressure

The fire department was booked to have a test this afternoon for the benefit of Inspector Howe, of the Canadian Underwriters' Association. The idea is to have the apparatus called to the market and as many lines of hose laid as were used at the Westman fire, so that the inspector may see exactly what the fire pressure here is, and how the telephone Acting Chief Aiken stated to the Advertiser today that Inspector Howe had tested a number of hydrants in

South London with an inch and a quarter nozzle, and that the average pressure was found to be about fifty pounds. This Mr. Aiken said, is very good.

The firemen were called at noon today to the corner of Horton and Talbot streets. A grocer named Johnston attempted to inform the department that a glass on one of the boxes was broken, but the telephone operator misunderstood him, and sent in a fire alarm.

London Old Boy Killed in the West

Charles Foster, one of London's Old Boys, who visited here during the celebration, was killed in a railway accident at Batavia, Iowa, on Sunday morning last. Deceased had spent a pleasant holiday in London in company with his wife, visiting Mr. Nelson Foster, at 429 Nelson street. He was a telegraph operator, being located at Dunning, Neb., and was on his way home when the accident occurred. No definite particulars have been received as to how he was killed. He left here with his wife, and while he visited in Chicago for a few days, the latter went on to St. Louis to spend a few days with her mother.

He was on his way to join his wife when the accident occurred. The incident takes place at Tilsonburg today, where his father and mother live. He spent a pleasant holiday with his parents before coming to London. He resided in this city for some time, and will be remembered by many as a part in the labor demonstrations some years ago. In the first labor demonstration given at the park he performed very cleverly on the slack wire. Many labor men in London will regret to learn of his sudden death. Further particulars are expected by his relatives in a day or so.

Injured While Getting Off a Car

While attempting to alight from a Springbank car last night on Ridout street near the corner of King, Mrs. Antonio Latino, a Syrian woman, residing on Dundas street, near Waterloo, was thrown backward, alighting on her head and shoulders. Mrs. Latino escaped serious injury, apparently sustaining nothing worse than a severe shaking up. However, the accident may yet prove a serious one, as Mrs. Latino is in a very delicate condition.

Mrs. Latino and her husband had been down to Springbank with some friends residing on King street near Ridout, and were alighting at King street to visit their friends at their home.

The street railway authorities state that the lady got off the car backward, before it had come to a full stop.

Assessing the Civil Servants Salaries

Assessment Commissioner Grant was pleased today to hear that the court of revision of Toronto had decided that the salaries of servants in the employ of the Dominion Government are assessable. Mr. Grant stated that he has assessed the salaries of civil servants in London as usual, and that in all the assessments amount to about \$25,000.

It appears that it was in London that the first test case was brought in to the courts. A gentleman named Buck, residing on Queen's avenue, had a pension from the Dominion Govern-

ment, and Mr. Grant undertook to assess it. Mr. Buck objected and went to law. He also left the city and resided in Sarnia.

In a couple of courts, Mr. Buck's contention that his pension, or even his salary, as a civil servant, was not assessable, was upheld, but in the Privy Council he lost his case.

Mr. Grant says that there is nothing in the Ontario assessment act which exempts civil servants, and the question now is whether any enactment of the Dominion Government will override the Ontario act.

CITY IN DEAL WITH S. R. CO. CUT OFF ENTRY TO G. T. LAND

Closing of West End of Bathurst a Year Ago Produces a Pretty Muddle in Which City Street Railway and Grand Trunk Are Involved.

The city of London, the London Street Railway Company, Hunt Bros., and the Grand Trunk Railway are in a beautiful tie-up as the result of the closing of the west end of Bathurst street a year or so ago. In brief, the Grand Trunk has just learned that when the street was closed the city cut off all means of entering a lot owned by the G. T. R. on the north side of Bathurst street, running alongside the river and abutting the company's embankment.

It was to accommodate the street railway that the street was closed. The company wanted to build an addition to its power plant, and erect extra barns, and offered to pay the city the valuation which the assessment commissioner should put on the ground.

The sum agreed upon was \$650, and rumor says it has not as yet been paid, though the deal is a couple of years old. Some Objected. People along Thames street objected to the closing of the street end, but it is understood that the street railway overcame this difficulty by paying the objectors cash sums.

Accordingly the street railway people went ahead and erected a building right on the street, and a bylaw was passed authorizing the deal. All that remains to make the matter perfect, so far as the bylaw is concerned, will be the paying over of the \$650 agreed upon.

Enter the Grand Trunk. But it never occurred to the city that the closing of the street meant the cutting off of the entrance to a piece of property owned by the Grand Trunk. And the company never learned of the matter until Hunt Bros., who were given a lease of the land, tried to get into it, and found that the only way open was an air route. As no flying machines were to be rented handily, the Messrs. Hunt lodged a complaint with the Grand Trunk, and today Freight Agent Gordon took the matter up with Ald. Beattie, acting mayor, and City Clerk Baker.

Mr. Gordon was able to produce a clause in the municipal act, which says that the city council has the power to close up a right-of-way on any man without providing him with another means of entering his property. Consequently the city and the company are very likely to come to a fight, as it is said it is the set rule of the Grand Trunk to sell property it owns to no one, even though the said property should not be used for 50 years. This rule is laid down owing to the trouble it occasions to get a deed transferred.

Ald. Beattie advised Mr. Gordon to put his complaint in writing and to send it to the council at once. As the land is built upon, there is no doubt that the street railway people will hold what they have.

GROCERS HAVE A SPLENDID TIME BIG PICNIC AT SPRINGBANK

Last Half Holiday of the Season Given Over to Merrymaking—Programme a Grand Success—Baby Show a Feature—Pillow Fight Caused Roars of Laughter.

Fifteen hundred members of the Retail Grocers' Association of London and their friends went down to Springbank yesterday afternoon to hold their annual picnic and, incidentally to celebrate the last Wednesday half holiday of the year. Everybody had the best kind of a time. The weather was perfect and the committee in charge of the arrangements had mapped out a programme consisting of all the best features of all the best picnics held this season. Added to this were the grocers themselves, and these gentlemen in the past, by their enterprise and genuine good fellowship have taught people what the word picnic means.

There was something doing every minute, and no dull spots on the programme. The grocers learned long ago that to make an outing a success you have to keep everybody going, and with this end in view they had something for both young and old at the time, and something that was attractive, so that if it hadn't been for darkness the crowd would probably be there yet cheering the ball players.

The Ball Game. The ball game was the real thing, and the north and south teams played it to a finish. The Lea Pickling Company donated a handsome silver trophy, which when won three times in succession becomes the property of the winners. Each nine, before the game, had designs upon the silverware. Mr. Park-

er, the young gentleman who officiated in the box for the gentlemen from the south, handed out an assortment of couldn'ts.

A glance at the list of statistics will show that the men from the south had a regular batting bee, and this, coupled with some poor fielding and a bunch of errors by their opponents, gave the southerners the game by a score of 12 to 5.

Mr. Mike O'Hagan, the talented umpire, who hands out decisions in the East End League on Saturday afternoons, officiated and gave general satisfaction. The lineup was as follows:

South.	North.
May.....Left field.....Luck	Young.....Centre field.....Hayes
Janes.....Right field.....Bird	Trehlock.....First base.....Falkner
N. McLeod.....Second base.....Donohue	O'Dell.....Third base.....Morgan
Vigent.....Short stop.....Henderson	Parker.....Pitcher.....Boug
J. McLeod.....Catcher.....Shaw	

One of Many. The ball game was only one of a long list of attractions. There was a baby show held in the band stand in front of the pavilion. Forty-one of London's hope of the nation were held aloft by loving mothers, while Messrs. Wm. Trunbull, W. V. Corrigan and E. J. Eccleston tried for half an hour to decide which three were the prettiest. (Continued on Page Ten.)

SHORT WEIGHT FRUIT BASKETS

Many Complaints Being Made to Market Clerk but He Is Powerless to Act.

Daily complaints are being received by Market Clerk Maker and the other market authorities over short-weight fruit baskets, but the officials in question are powerless to take action without the sanction of the city council.

Recently in Hamilton hundreds of baskets of short-weight fruit were confiscated, and the shippers fined 25 cents for each short-weight basket. The law on the subject is very plain, it being required that all baskets containing less than eleven full quarts of fruit be so stamped on the side of the basket. This had not been done in the Hamilton case.

The local canning factory officials state that while they themselves are not affected by the short weights which are being sold on the market every day, they have noticed that any number of ten-quart baskets of fruit are being sold for eleven-quart measure.

"We weigh all the fruit we buy," said one of the officials, "and therefore cannot be imposed upon. However, it is an injustice to the people of London when short measure is given, and in any other city in the country the goods would be confiscated and the sellers fined. The market clerk has no power whatever on the market, and his usefulness is seriously impaired by his lack of authority."

PRaises WAY THE FIRE WAS HANDLED

Insurance Man Pays a Tribute to Late Chief Clark.

In a letter to his head office in Toronto, one of the most prominent insurance agents in London writes that he considers the fire in Westman's hardware to have been exceedingly well handled, and he gives credit to the late chief and the men of the brigade. He also states that the water pressure was excellent.

A lady who is visiting in St. Catharines writes her brother as follows in regard to the chief's death: "London is certainly a calamity town, and this latest disaster was a cruel one. I knew Chief Clark quite well; he had many a little chat with me, and I liked him greatly. Stern duty exacts a heavy sacrifice when he collects the toll of his worthy, brave life, and as the other victims have borne, too, according to report."

MRS. R. ABRAM DEAD

Wife of the Well-Known Ex-Alderman of South London.

Mrs. Hannah Abram, wife of ex-Ald. Robert Abram, died this morning at the family residence, 80 Askin street, after an illness extending over many months.

Mrs. Abram was prominently connected with St. James' Episcopal Church in South London. She was 50 years old, and is survived by her husband.

The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery, the services being conducted by Very Rev. Dean Davis.



MR. HARRY PRATT,
Who Was Signally Honored at the L. O. F. Convention Yesterday.

POPCORN STUCK IN HER THROAT

A Springbank Picnicker Had a Narrow Escape From Choking.

Two accidents, neither of which resulted seriously, occurred at Springbank during the grocers' picnic yesterday. Early in the afternoon Mrs. Pugh, who keeps a store at the corner of Grey and Rectory streets, was eating some popcorn when a large piece stuck in her throat. For a few minutes it seemed as if Mrs. Pugh was going to choke, but she finally succeeded in getting the popcorn dislodged.

While watching the ball game Mrs. Matthews, of William street, was struck in the chest by a swift liner, and was very nervous for some time afterwards.

A young man was hit in the head by a high foul fly and had his hat broken.

TO TAKE CONTRACTS OFF THEIR HANDS

G. T. P. Guarantee of \$200,000 Will Be Confiscated.

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—The Grand Trunk Pacific has taken steps to cancel the contract with the Reynolds Construction Company for the building of 150 miles of the Abitibi section of the National Transcontinental.

The contract for the construction was awarded to the Grand Trunk Pacific, which sublet to the Reynolds Company, an American concern. They have done a good deal of preliminary work, but have failed to make adequate progress with the roadway. The National Transcontinental Commission have been kept informed by their engineers as to the progress of the work and recently served notices on the Grand Trunk Pacific that there would have to be thirty-five hundred men put on the work in September, or the contract would be taken off their hands, and the commission would do the work itself, while the two hundred thousand dollar guarantee of the Grand Trunk Pacific would be confiscated.

It is understood that the National Transcontinental Railway Commission is awarding to O'Brien and McDougall the contract for the construction of 150 miles of road between Lake Superior Junction and Nepequin. The firm is composed of M. J. O'Brien, of Renfrew and Aleck McDougall, of this city.

THIRTY MINERS ENTOMBED.

McAlister, Okla., Aug. 26.—A mine explosion occurred in coal mine No. 1 at Halley, Okla., near here, this forenoon. Thirty miners are said to have been entombed.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Aug. 27-3 a.m.
Today—Easterly winds and fine.
Friday—Moderate southeast winds; fair and moderately warm.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Weather.
Calgary	34	24	54	Fair
Winnipeg	56	40	60	Clear
Port Arthur	54	42	58	Fair
Perry Sound	54	46	60	Clear
Toronto	62	52	68	Clear
Ottawa	56	48	62	Fair
Montreal	58	50	60	Clear
Quebec	56	50	60	Clear
Father Point	52	40	60	Clear

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.
The weather continues showery in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and rain is falling in Nova Scotia.

Elsewhere it is fine.

Cautionary signals are displayed along the Atlantic coast.

ROBT. H. FOSTER IS HIGH CHIEF DEAN DAVIS IS VICE RANGER

Independent Order of Foresters Concluded Convention Yesterday—Session Proved a Most Profitable One—Question of Increase of Rates Ventilated—Other Important Matters.

High Chief Ranger—Robert H. Foster, Hamilton.
Vice High Chief Ranger—Very Rev. Dean Davis, London.

High Secretary (re-elected)—Dr. Henderson, Sarnia.

High Treasurer—William McAndrew, Hamilton.

High Physician—Dr. McGregor Brown, Camlachie.

High Counsellor—John Porter, Simcoe.

High Auditors—J. W. Sheppard, Cayuga; Frank Metcalfe, Blyth.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

High Journal Secretary—R. A. Harrington, Chatham.

High Orator—Rev. D. H. Dayfoote, Simcoe.

H. S. H.—Robert Gilmour, London.

H. J. W.—J. H. Laughton, Parkhill.

H. S. B.—Richard Coburn, Blenheim.

H. J. B.—Thomas King, Appleton.

High Marshal—Edward Jones, Warrington.

High Assistant Marshal—Benton Lancaster, St. Marys.

High Conductor—George B. Manton, Moncton.

High Assistant Conductor—N. P. Wile, Essex.

High Messenger—Daniel Robinson, Sarnia.

High Assistant Messenger—A. H. Philip, Grimsby.

High Organist—Companion C. Loy, Hamilton.

The election of the above officers yesterday afternoon brought to a close the thirty-first annual convention of the High Court of Ontario of the Independent Order of Foresters.

The elections, as has been expected, were keenly contested and when the ballots were counted there was comparatively little difference in the votes for many of the candidates.

The convention is regarded by local Foresters, as well as by the visiting delegates, as one of the most successful ever held.

The question of the readjustment of the rates, which has been uppermost in the minds of all the members for some months, was ventilated in the most thorough manner, and the majority of the delegates are now in a position to explain to the members of their courts the reasons advanced by the supreme chief officers for increasing the rates.

Brothers McGillivray and Matheson handled the rate question in a splendid manner, and went into the (Continued on Page Ten.)

CASE OF SMALLPOX IN LONDON WAS LOCATED ON QUEENS AVE.

Placed at Once in the Hospital—Home Is in Glencoe—Case Was a Puzzler to the Physicians Who Was Called—Three People in Quarantine for Twelve Days.

Harry Davenport, a young Englishman, boarding on Queen's avenue, near Richmond, was taken to the smallpox hospital yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock suffering from the disease.

Davenport's home is in Glencoe, a week or more ago he went to that place and took part in a relay race. He became ill when he arrived home, and a physician was called. The doctor did not regard the case serious, and for a week attended the patient.

Yesterday the young man developed

symptoms of smallpox, and Dr. Hutchinson, one of the best experts in Canada, was called in. He at once recognized the disease, and ordered the patient sent to the smallpox hospital.

Davenport's mother came up from Glencoe to see him, and she, together with the man and his wife with whom the young man boarded, were placed in quarantine. They will be kept twelve days, when, if they have not developed the disease, they will be liberated.

Davenport worked in a local factory. He is about twenty years of age.

Roberts Pleaded Guilty To Theft

Edward Roberts, who was arrested on Sunday for stealing was given a hearing by Magistrate Glenn yesterday, at St. Thomas. Roberts pleaded guilty and was remanded until Friday for sentence. Roberts admitted stealing the rings from Miss McKillop of Roseberry Place. Detective Egleton, of this city,

was present and is positive that Roberts is the man who committed many thefts in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, parents of the prisoner, together with his wife and infant child, were in the courtroom and were greatly affected. They intend staying in Canada until Roberts is sentenced, and will then return to Long Island, New York.

Oct. 28 or 29 for Dominion Polling

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—Satisfactory reports as to the progress being made in the work of getting the voters' lists printed and ready for the coming general elections are received by the Secretary of State from various points where the lists are now being printed. It is pretty well assured that everything will be in readiness for polling by the end of October, and, as already foreshadowed, the election date will probably be either Oct. 28 or 29.

The lists to be used will be those of 1907, the lists for 1908 not being yet prepared or ready for printing. In the case of Ontario the lists to be used will be those of the recent provincial elections, and in the cities there will be no new registration of voters under the provision of the election act relating to manhood suffrage in cities. According to the act the special registra-

tion in cities is allowable before a general election only where a year has elapsed since the last registration. The lists for the coming election will contain fully 250,000 more voters than the aggregate of the lists of 1904.

In respect to criticisms being made in the Opposition press as to the cutting down of the time allowed for appealing from the lists now being prepared by the judges in the unorganized districts of New Ontario under the provisions of the act passed at the last session, it may be pointed out that the judges are simply following the precedent established by the White House Government. No special instructions were sent out to the judges from Ottawa, they being left entirely free to carry out the provisions of the election act in an impartial and regular manner.

Is Not Fighting the Hydro-Electric

Hamilton, Aug. 27.—W. C. Hawkins, general manager of the Cataract Power Company, emphatically denies the accusation in a Toronto morning newspaper that his company had sent out emissaries to block the building of the hydro-electric transmission line by playing on the fears of the farmers in connection with danger from the towers supporting the wires. Mr. Hawkins says the report is ridiculous.

In the face of it. In the first place he says that the Cataract Company is not an opponent of the Government commission now that the company has made a bargain with the city of Hamilton. Furthermore, his company does not serve the Niagara peninsula other than St. Catharines and Welland. The company's business at those two places, he says, is about assured. In view of that, he cannot see how the report originated.

Attacked Little Girl in East End

Michael Reno, a young Italian, who was arrested last night on a charge of molesting two little girls on the Hamilton road, on Tuesday afternoon, was fined \$10 in the police court this morning by Acting Magistrate Greenlees.

The evidence was to the effect that while the little girls were playing Reno came up and grabbed them by the arm. Reno was given a severe lecture. A young man while in a drunken condition last night attacked a hackman and threw a brick and a beer bottle at him. The hackman's hat was badly damaged in the fray. The prisoner was fined \$2 and 75 cents costs and ordered to pay \$1.50 for a new hat. Three first-time drunks were allowed to go.