

LONDON FIRE FIGHTER MEETS DEATH IN HOTEL W. H. SECCOMBE A VICTIM OF SUFFOCATION

Overcome in Basement a
Few Feet From a
Window.

GUESTS TAKEN
DOWN LADDERS

Chief Clark and His Men Do
Excellent Work—Blaze Not
a Serious One.

DEAD.

Assistant Foreman W. H. Seccombe,
of South London department.

INJURED.

Francis Falkner, a London traveler,
who was overcome by smoke.

GUESTS IN THE HOTEL.

First Floor.

Miss M. Rankin, New York City.
C. Connelly, Toronto.
O. C. Little, Menasha, Wis.

Second Floor.

H. Bernstein, Toledo, O.
A. Jordan, Toledo, O.
Charles Taylor, London.
F. Nash, London.
Dr. J. M. Adams, London.
John Dobson, London.
W. F. Jamieson, London.
J. E. Cortson, Hamilton.
Wm. Shaver, Winchester, Ont.
A. R. Phillips, London.
W. Brandie, London.
W. H. Thompson, London.
A. H. Reynolds, London.
C. W. Bird, Charles Parkins and
Paul Dauber, members of the London
baseball team.

Third Floor.

George Fletcher, London.
Frank Wells, London.
James Twitchen, London.
George Davis, London.
Herb Youmans, London.
John Newton, London.
Francis Falkner, London.
Arthur Somerville, London.
P. M. Ward, London.

HOTEL STAFF.

About fifteen in all.

In a fire which broke out in the City
Hotel, Saturday, shortly before mid-
night, Assistant Foreman William H.
Seccombe, of the South London com-
pany, and residing at 173 Wortley road,
was smothered in the cellar.

The house was filled with guests at
the time, but all were got out safely,
the firemen taking about twelve down
the ladders.

Several of the firemen were over-
come by smoke, but none seriously af-
fected, with the exception of Sec-
combe.

The loss on the hotel will probably
be \$1,000.

Manager Discovered Fire.

A few minutes after 12 o'clock,
Manager H. Irvine, of the hotel, was
going about the house preparatory to
closing up for the night.

A strong odor of smoke was detected
in the hotel, and Mr. Irvine com-
menced to investigate.

The volume of smoke increased very
rapidly, and on Mr. Irvine going into
the cellar he discovered the hotel to
be on fire. He called the engineer and
they attempted to put out the fire with
buckets, and an alarm was sent in by
telephone.

Looked Like Bad One.

Fire Chief Clark and his men turned
out quickly, and in a few minutes all
the companies in the city were at the
fire.

They soon had seven streams play-
ing on the flames.

When the brigade arrived the fire
was most threatening, and it looked
as if the hotel were doomed.

From every window poured volumes
of suffocating smoke.

The fire looked to have a great start,
and it seemed as if nothing would save
the hotel.

Saving the Guests and Others.

The firemen's first concern was for
the inmates of the building.

Ladders were run up to all the win-
dows, and the guests aroused.

Manager Irvine notified him that he
had awakened a number of the guests
and that many were out.

A large crowd had gathered, and
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FUNERAL OF THE FIRE HERO WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY

Arrangements Made for the Burial of the Late W. H. Seccombe
—Had Been Injured Many Times—A Member of the
Department for Fifteen Years.

The funeral of the late fireman,
William H. Seccombe, who was suffo-
cated in the City Hotel fire Sunday
morning, will be held tomorrow after-
noon from his late residence, 173
Wortley road, South London.

Mr. Seccombe was born in Illinois,
Nov. 6, 1861.

About twenty-five years ago he
moved to London Township, a few
years later coming to London.

He had been a member of the South
London Fire Company for over fif-
teen years, having secured a position
there less than two years after the
hall was erected.

During the time that he was on the
brigade he was injured three times.

By falling while at the bridge de-
partment building of the Grand Trunk
east of Adelaide street, two years ago,
and at the Sterling fire, of 1904, when
Chief Roe met his death.

According to one of the men at the
funeral, Mr. Seccombe had been in-
jured many times.

He was a member of Royal Arcan-
um, South London Council, No. 682.

He is survived by a brother and
sister, Fred, of Chicago, and Mrs. E.
Parsons, of Windsor, both of whom
have been notified, and also his wife
and four daughters, May, Rheta, Hilda
and Kathleen.

It is likely that a public funeral
will be held, and that the mayor and
council, with the members of the
fire department will attend.

South London hall, the late Mr. Sec-
combe had a very serious accident
twelve years ago.

He was ascending a ladder at the
back of the hall and when about
twelve feet from the floor he lost his
balance. He fell on his head and was
rendered unconscious. It was thought
for a while that he was killed, but he
was brought around after some time.

Pains in His Head.

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A Friend in Need!

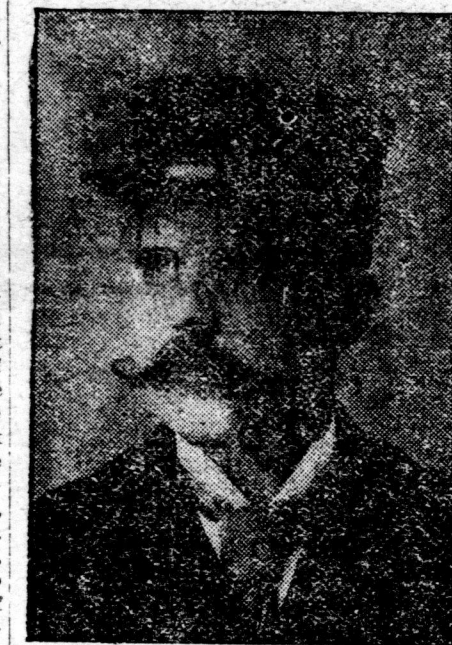


AMERICAN POWER CORPORATION—"Say, Adam, you're
what I call a friend in need! I was afraid I might have to string
wires and carry the 'juice' to London and other places at my
own expense. The 'Canucks' of the Electrical Development
Company did that for Toronto, and see what happened to them!
But you fellows propose to bring the wires right to my door and
buy my power on the spot. Thanks, old chap, for relieving me
of the risk. As Whitney says: 'A lot of them fixin's may have to
be thrown on the scrap heap tomorrow.'"

A SECOND VICTIM OF RAILWAY WRECK

Postal Clerk Curran Succumbs To In-
juries Received at Owen Sound.

Owen Sound, May 31.—Robert E.
Curran, railway postal clerk, was the
second victim of the railway wreck
in the Canadian Pacific yards on
Friday night. He succumbed to his
injuries at an early hour this morn-
ing. When admitted to the hospital
he was regarded as amongst the least
seriously injured, and a fracture of
the collarbone was thought to be
the greater part of the injuries. He
complained, however, of having struck
his head against something when the
collision came, and death was the re-
sult of a hemorrhage of the brain,
which was followed by convulsion.
When seen yesterday by Dr. Beatty,
the chief surgeon of the C. P. R., who
came up to ascertain the extent of
the injuries, he was regarded as pro-
gressing favorably. He leaves a
widow and three children, who
reside here. The remains will be
taken to Teeswater tomorrow for in-
terment.



FIREMAN W. H. SECCOMBE,
Who Was Suffocated in the City Hotel
Sunday Morning.

Celebrating Wiping Out Mortgage Entire Family Goes To Death

Father, Mother and Two Chil-
dren Drowned at Phila-
delphia.

Philadelphia, June 1.—An entire
family, consisting of William Elden-
man, aged 38 years, his wife, Eliza-
beth, aged 37, and their two children,
Anna, aged 17, and William, aged 7,
of West Pensauken, N. J., were drowned
in Pensauken Creek, below Riverton, drowned.

N. J., yesterday by the capsizing of a
small rowboat. The family was tak-
ing an outing, partly in celebration of
the fact that the father had just
cleared off the mortgage on a home he
had purchased.

While rowing down Pensauken
Creek, the boat was caught in the
swift current and carried against a
snow moored in the stream. The boat
was overturned and all the occupants
thrown into the water, and before as-
sistance could be rendered all were
drowned.

Famous Painter Brutally Murdered

Paris, May 31.—A sensation has
been caused in the art world here by
the brutal murder of the distinguished
painter, Adolphe Steinheil, who was
found gagged and bound to a bed, declares
his valet, who were found strangled this
morning in the Rue De Valenciennes, in
the former's residence, which adjoins
the studio of Seymour Thomas, the
American portrait painter. The house
was ransacked of everything of value,
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Two Liberals in West Middlesex

Mr. J. C. Elliott, of Glencoe, Lib-
eral, and Mr. John P. McDougall, of
Ekfrid, Liberal, were nominated for
West Middlesex today at a well-at-

tended meeting in Mount Brydges.
Mr. Elliott was nominated by Mr.
Henry Hartley, and Mr. McDougall by
Mr. Samuel Oakes.

The candidates speak this afternoon.

Petition To Change Date of Elections

A petition is being circulated among
the travelers of the city, asking that a
vote be taken next January on the
matter of changing the date of the
municipal elections.

Mr. S. Manness has the petition in
hand and it is being very largely
signed.

The council last winter recommended
that the date be changed so that the
large number of travelers in the city
should be given an opportunity of vot-
ing, but now they are practically dis-
franchised.

The Ontario Legislature refused to
change the date.

Mr. Manness suggested that the vot-
ing be done on the Monday before
New Year's.

MAURETANIA MOVING FAST.

London, June 1.—Despite the fact
that she is using but three propellers
the Cunard Line steamer Mauretania,
which left Liverpool May 27, is making
a remarkable run to New York. She
has already broken one ocean record,
that for the best day's run, accord-
ing to a wireless telegraph dispatch
received here by the Cunard Steam-
ship Company. She covered 635 knots
from noon, May 30, to noon, May 31,
averaging 26.5 knots an hour.

M'EVROY AND BECK NOMINATED FOR ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

NOMINATIONS FOR NORTH MIDDLESEX

Large Gathering of Electors at
Ailsa Craig—Nominations
in East Elgin.

Ailsa Craig, June 1.—The nomina-
tions for North Middlesex were held
here at noon today Mr. C. C. Hodgins,
of Lucan, insurance agent, and late
member for the riding, and Mr. Dun-
can C. Ross, of Stratford, barrister,
late member for West Middlesex, were
placed in nomination.

There was a very large gathering
in the town hall, and the meeting was
most enthusiastic.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald, editor of the
Globe, was present, and delivered a
splendid address on behalf of Mr.
Ross. Mr. Ross spoke briefly, but dealt
particularly with the gerrymander. He
made a most telling address.

Mr. Hodgins spoke on his own be-
half, and dealt with the issues of the
campaign at considerable length.

East Elgin.

Aylmer, June 1.—The nomina-
tions here today for East Elgin were very
interesting. Two candidates were
placed in the field.

Mr. A. C. Brover, farmer of Yar-
mouth, late member for the riding,
was nominated in the Conservative in-
terests.

Mr. C. W. Wonnacott, farmer, of
Malahide Township, was named as
Liberal standard-bearer.

The candidates were not represented
by outside speakers.

East Middlesex.

Mr. George Neely, M. P. P., Con-
servative, and Mr. John Gilson, Lib-
eral, were nominated for East Mid-
dlesex at Dyer's Hotel, Pottersburg,
this afternoon.

Mr. Neely was nominated by Mr. F.
E. L. Talbot, seconded by Mr. A. Gar-
rett. Mr. Gilson was nominated by
Mr. W. E. Grieve, seconded by Mr. A.
Bailly.

The nominations were greeted en-
thusiastically by the audience, and
this afternoon both candidates will
speak.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, June 1—8 a.m.

Today—Moderate to fresh northerly and
westerly winds; fine.

Tuesday—Moderate, variable winds; fine
and warm.

Local Temperatures.

The highest and lowest readings of the
thermometer at the local observatory for
the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Saturday
were: Highest, 77.3°; lowest, 62°. Sunday:
Highest, 59°; lowest, 42°.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary 64 50 Cloudy

Winnipeg 60 42 Clear

Parry Sound 52 42 Clear

Toronto 58 56 Clear

Ottawa 54 46 Fair

Montreal 46 44 Cloudy

Quebec 44 42 Cloudy

Father Point 42 36 Cloudy

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

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Port Simpson, 42—50; Victoria, 46—58;
Vancouver, 42—64; Edmonton, 44—72;
Prince Albert, 40—74; Swift Current, 44—72;
Winnipeg, 44—72; Port Arthur, 42—64;
Parry Sound, 50—66; Toronto, 56—70; Otta-
wa, 54—64; Montreal, 50—60; Quebec, 48—50;
Halifax, 46—60.

The Naming of Candidates Today Went Off Quietly.

SPEAKING IN THE AFTERNOON

Mr. McEvoy Arraigns Whitney
Administration—Mr. Beck
States His Case.

THE CANDIDATES.

Hon. Adam Beck, manufacturer
—Proposed by Mr. J. H. Chapman,
merchant, and seconded by Mr. A.
W. White, manufacturer.

Mr. John M. McEvoy, barrister-
at-law—Proposed by Ald. George
W. Armstrong, manufacturer, and
seconded by Mr. James Gray, mer-
chant.

The election campaign was officially
inaugurated at noon today, when the
above gentlemen were nominated for
the coming provincial election.

At 12 o'clock noon Mr. E. H.
Johnston, the returning officer, called
for nominations, after reading the writ
of election.

In a very few minutes, Mr. John H.
Chapman nominated Mr. Beck. He
spoke briefly, and declared that after a
review of the record of Hon. Adam
Beck in the Provincial House he
thought he was deserving of re-elec-
tion.

Mr. Arthur W. White followed, and
declared that it gave him not a little
pleasure to second the nomination of
Mr. Beck. He had served the people
well, declared Mr. White, and should
be returned.

Referring to the Niagara power
question, he said that Mr. Beck was
worthy to be returned again. Mr. Beck
had promised to deliver power here at
\$23.50 per horsepower and should be
given an opportunity of making good
his promise.

The Liberal Candidate.

The Liberal candidate's nominators
did not appear until shortly before 1
o'clock.

Ald. Armstrong declared that it gave
him great pleasure to nominate Mr.
John M. McEvoy, barrister-at-law, as
a fit and proper person to represent the
city of London in the Provincial
House.

"Mr. McEvoy is a splendid candi-
date, and will make a worthy rep-
resentative," said Ald. Armstrong. "The
candidate whom I nominate and myself
are both in favor of cheap power, but
we want to know that it is cheap. We
want to know what we are getting. It
is not a question of the cheapness or
deariness of power. Cheap power is a
great boon to us. There is no doubt
of that, but we want cheap power, not
estimates. The principle of cheap power
is not in dispute at all—it is merely a
question of price."

Mr. Jas. Gray, of Gray & Parker,
seconded the nomination. He con-
sidered Mr. McEvoy a proper candi-
date to represent the city.

There was but a handful of people
in the city hall at the time the no-
minations were made and there was
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MR. JOHN M. McEVROY,
Who Was Named by the Liberals as Their Candidate.