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The session and managers of the Knox Church, together with representatives of the other three South London churches, have been called to meet to take action regarding a statement made by the pastor of the first-named church, Rev. J. G. Stuart, regarding an alleged evil place of resort on the southern boundary of the ward. A week ago yesterday Mr. Stuart made a reference to the place in his sermon, and as a result has been served with a writ by Mr. E. Scatcherd, counsel for a man named Riddell, one of the lessees of the place. The managers and others of the church have now been called with a view to taking immediate action to have the licenses cancelled. They will represent to the board of license commissioners that the presence of such places is totally uncalled for, and that from them there is grave danger to the morals and welfare of the youth of the city.

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. Malcolm McGugan, M. P. for South Middlesex, recently had his leg broken.

—Mr. A. B. Munson, of Stanley street, who has been seriously ill, is reported to be much better today.

—Mr. Joe Jackson has given up his position in Mitchell, to accept a situation with a wholesale hardware firm in London.

—Globe: Miss Dora Labatt (London, Ont.) as Miss Hector are staying with their aunts, the Misses Harris, in St. George street.

—Saturday, Mrs. Celeste, wife of Mr. John M. Plannery, and sister of Mr. Oscar Hodgins, died at Detroit. The interment takes place at Crediton.

—The family of the late Robt. Palmer wish through these columns to thank most heartily, many friends who remembered them so kindly in their recent sad bereavement.

—Miss Pauline Mowatt, Miss Wilson, Miss Murdoch, Miss Lane and Messrs. Pink, Fitzgerald, Moulie, Webster and Riddle are to take part in a concert on Tuesday evening in Hamilton Road Methodist Church.

—With bags nailed in front of them to keep off the cold, a gang of Bell Telephone men worked all day Sunday repairing the break to the South London service, which was caused by the fierce storm of last week.

—Sunday night about 7 o'clock a chimney caught fire at the residence of Mr. A. H. Morgan, 257 Talbot street, and it was found necessary to send for a fireman from the Central station to extinguish it. No damage resulted.

—This evening between 20 and 30 members of Richard Oeur de Lion Precinct, No. 4, Knights Templar of this city, will pay a visit to St. Elmo Precinct, Stratford. The Order of the Temple will be conferred upon a number of novitiates at the Classic City.

—The new manager of the Bank of Commerce here, Mr. Jeffrey Hale, of Brantford, has taken charge. Mrs. Hale and Miss Jessie Hale will remain in Brantford for some time yet. Before leaving Brantford Mr. Hale was presented with a handsome electric fan from the staff of the Bank of Commerce there.

THE LOST IS FOUND.
Mr. C. A. Thomas, of this city, had a coat stolen from the Grand Central Hotel, St. Thomas, Wednesday night. It has been found in a lumber pile near the L. E. and D. R. R. station there, but the thieves have not been found.

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night at his home, lot 7, concession 1, Delaware Township, after an illness of a week. He was in his 58th year, and is survived by a widow, three sons and three daughters. The latter are Mrs. C. McKinley, Lobo, Misses Maggie, of London, and Miss Hattie at home. The sons are John, Jerry and Ross, at home. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

A CHARMING HOSTESS.
Marlette Leader: Miss Lizzie McLean, of Ilderton, Ont., has returned home today, after an enjoyable visit of over four weeks with friends and relatives at Mariette, Brown City, Laurel, Salsburg, Center, Flynn, Index and Clifford, Michigan. She was the charming hostess of several parties given in her honor while here. Her aunt, Mrs. A. McTavish, and daughter, Mrs. C. Roberts, of the same place, who accompanied her here, left for their home a week ago last Saturday.

A PRETTY PICTURE.
Mrs. Joseph Brown, of Horn street, was the hostess of a delightful "At Home" on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Brown, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. F. H. Parker, resolved in the pretty yellow drawing-room, decorated with smilax, palms and flowers. The tea was served by Mrs. Brown, Mrs. F. H. Parker, Miss Nora Brown, Miss Maudie McLaren, Miss Caro Perry and Miss Kathleen Rutherford, who were the delectable of guests. The decorations on the table were red and green, carried out in tulip, rhododendrons and smilax. The lights shined with the same color, which cast a glow over the tempting display of dainties.

FEBRUARY 25 CHOSEN.
The St. Andrew's concert, which was to have taken place a week ago, but was postponed, will now be held on Feb. 25, that date having been secured from the management of the Grand Opera House. It is understood that the committee of St. Andrew's in charge of the concert have definitely arranged for the re-engagement of most of the artists who were announced before, and it is probable that all those who were to have appeared here will take part in this time also. Madame Shotwell Piper, Mr. Harold Jarvis, Helen Wyck Shafar, and Cyril Dwight-Edwards have been re-engaged. It is most likely that the entire programme will be given as before announced. The

Unknown Man Is Fatally Injured by C. P. R. Train

Struck by a Freight at O'Brien's Crossing—Died On His Way to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Late on Sunday afternoon a C. P. R. freight train, going west at a fast rate, struck on unknown man at O'Brien's crossing, in London Township, a few miles west of this city. The storm was blowing hard at the time, and it is thought that this prevented the victim hearing the approach of the train. The freight was in charge of Engineer McAllister, and Fireman Howie, and when the man was struck the locomotive was reversed and the brakes applied. It was too late, however, to save the man's life. The body had become entangled in the front gear of the locomotive, and was carried fully 200 yards before a stop was made.

When the engine crew found that the victim was still alive, they hurried to the scene, where they found the man lying on his back, his head under the wheels of the locomotive, and his body broken. The man was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, but he died in the ambulance before he reached the institution.

Dr. MacLaren, coroner, was at once notified, and the body searched for a means of identification. The deceased was evidently about 25 years of age. He wore a light mustache, with curly hair, blue eyes, light, clear complexion, height about 5 feet 8 inches. His clothing consisted of a black overcoat, brown check coat and vest, and a pair of trousers. His boots were topboots, and worn. The pockets contained a silver Waltham watch, medium size, with screw back, a gold-plated link chain, 25 cents and a Chinese coin, two handkerchiefs, one a new silk, and the other a red bandana. The initials "C. P." were on the inside of the left boot.

Other of his possessions were three lead pencils, a small comb, some smoking tobacco and a flask that had seemingly contained medicine. There was also some advertising literature, but nothing whatever by which he could be identified.

O'Brien's Crossing is the spot where three members of one family were instantly killed some years ago.

Jack Frost Is Still King; A Record-Breaking Winter

Bizzards, Snow and Cold Snaps
Just Like the Good Old-Fashioned Sort.

The man who lamented that the winters nowadays were not what they used to be, when the country was new, has been put out of business this winter. Since the middle of November, or at least since the 18th of that month, the ground has been covered with a considerable depth of snow, and the jingling of sleigh bells has replaced the rumbling and grinding of wheels. Since snow began to fall, it is said that out of 75 days, snow has fallen 65 days.

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At one time the London, Huron and Bruce line held the record in this part of the country for snow blockades. Now, the London and Port Stanley line holds the record. On Saturday night, the L. & P. S. line was blocked for two days, ten locomotives being stalled at Westminster, together with three trains. It cost a pile of money and much labor to open up the line, and the Lake Erie officials had about made up their minds that the worst blockade of the winter was over.

The road was operated Saturday without difficulty, but Sunday morning a light engine left this city for St. Thomas for the purpose of keeping the line open if possible, as the snow was drifting in a threatening manner. The engine only got as far as Westminster, at about the same place as the previous blockade occurred at the summit of the hill, when it plowed into a drift, and was unable to either go ahead or back out.

Many attempts to release the locomotive the crew sent to London for help, and another engine, with a carload of shovels, was sent to the scene at once. A mile and a half from the imprisoned locomotive the shovellers found it necessary to dig out and dig a roadway for the relieving train.

The storm blew in such fury, however, that their efforts proved futile, and as fast as they dug out the snow it was blown into the trench again, consequently the men gave up in despair.

Snowplows were then sent from St. Thomas, and an attempt was made to force open the line, but with only small success. At noon today the engine stuck in the drift, and Superintendent Tait said the chances for its relief looked very bad for some hours at least.

The engine from London and the gang of shovellers were also working like beavers at noon.

GRAND TRUNK SUFFERS
All day Sunday the Grand Trunk officials had the big snowplows patrolling the lines to rid the roadbed of drifts. It was a battle royal with the snow, but it was also a drawn battle. On the western section of the Grand Trunk, the storm almost overcame the efforts of the officials, and the train service was demoralized. No. 8, due in this city at 12:30 from Windsor, did not reach here till 8 o'clock this morning, being about six hours late.

No. 4 from the Tunnel, due here at 3 o'clock, reached here at 8:40 today. On the east end, Nos. 1 and 3 were very late, and did not arrive till long after scheduled time.

Every attempt was made to maintain the freight as well as the passenger service, but it was a difficult job. If a freight train became stuck it was cut in sections, and one or two cars, as the case might be, moved at a time.

A blockade occurred on the St. Mary's branch last night, and although a couple of plows and a gang of shovellers had been at work for some time, the line was still closed at noon today.

The Grand Trunk also report that owing to the great fall of snow and the recent rain and sleet, the sidings all along the western division are in a bad way, and great difficulty is being experienced in keeping them open. The company are earnestly praying for a good thaw.

ON THE C. P. R.
This winter the Canadian Pacific Railway is having things comparatively easy. The company find it necessary to keep the big plows going almost all the time, but this suffices to keep the road open. All trains are cut in two, and locomotives are making trips with half the usual number of cars.

The express from the west this morning was just one hour late—remarkably good time considering the weather.

THE STREET RAILWAY LINES.
Knowing exactly what to expect from the storm, the officials of the London Street Railway Company had their cars and the big broom out all day Saturday night, and all day Sunday, keeping the more open lines clear. The only lines not in working order were the West London and Wellington street north lines. During the previous morning the West London line gave no trouble, but Sunday afternoon the snow drifted three and four feet high over the tracks at the north end of the suburb. As a result the cars are only being run a short distance up the Wharncliffe today, and are being shifted into the city again. The Wellington street cars, owing to the presence of drifts, go no further than Regent street. Late Saturday afternoon the Pottersburg line was opened up, and cars are running regularly today.

Old Woman Found Frozen to Death in Her Home

Sad End of Mrs. Mary J. Ball, of Elizabeth Street.

Scantily Clad, She Had Huddled Beside a Small Box Stove.

Fire Went Out, and She Lost Her Life—Little Food and Wood in House.

Seated on the floor beside a small box-stove, in her humble home, about 60 years of age, was found at 490 Elizabeth street, Sunday afternoon, frozen to death.

The old woman had lived for many years in East London, and was regarded by her neighbors as somewhat queer. She kept to herself, and once in a while earned an odd shilling telling fortunes for the young people of the district.

Sunday, Mr. B. Penhall, a neighbor, noticed that no smoke issued from the chimney of the widow's home, and in the afternoon he became alarmed, and notified Inspector McCallum. The latter, having no power to break open the door, notified Dr. Hutchinson, the health officer, who at once proceeded to the house on Elizabeth street. After a short consultation with the neighbors, the doctor ordered two men to break open the door.

As they did so a pathetic sight was revealed. The old woman, scantily clothed, and with a small shawl about her shoulders, was huddled on the floor, with one arm in her lap and the other by her side obdurate, and no amount of persuasion could induce her to forsake her own hearthstone, regarding herself as independent, she died there. It is said that certain charitable disposed persons in this city have been in the habit of assisting her. Dr. Hutchinson last night notified Mrs. Taylor of her mother's death.

This morning Dr. MacLaren, the coroner, held a consultation with Crown Attorney Magee, as to the advisability of holding an inquest. The coroner

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stated to a representative of The Advertiser that it seemed to him there was something wrong in London when an old woman such as Mrs. Ball was allowed to be left uncared for until death ended her sufferings.

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ASIATIC LABOR.
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