

**CUSTOM COLLECTIONS \$989,020
INCREASE OF \$116,941 FOR 1907**

London Returns Are Very Gratifying—Trade Took a Tremendous Jump Last Year—Two Last Months Show Falling Off.

That London's trade is growing by leaps and bounds is evident at once by a glance at the customs returns, which show that last year's collections amounted to practically one million dollars.

But for the fact that the railways are not storing such immense quantities of coal as in former years, in all probability the figures would have been well over a million.

PROSPEROUS YEAR.

"The year has been a most prosperous one, in fact, one of the largest in the city's history," said Collector Elliott, "and merchants all report that business has been good. The falling off in collections in the last two months of the year is not any indication that trade has been any lighter. Besides, the duties on coal being lighter owing to no big shipments being made by the railroads, there seems to be a disposition on the part of merchants in this district to buy more largely from Canadian manufacturers."

ARE INCREASING.

"These purchases are constantly increasing. A number of American firms have within the last year or two established branches in Canada and are supplying goods which formerly had to be imported and duties collected on."

THE COLLECTIONS.

The total collections for the year are \$989,020 44, as compared with \$872,079 07 in 1906, an increase of \$116,941 37.

The returns for December show a decrease of \$6,279 80, the figures being \$72,919 90 for the last month, compared with \$79,199 70 for December, 1906.

**Police Will Break Up a Bad Gang
Which Exists in West End of City**

Have Been Terrorizing People of West London for a Long Time.

It seems as if certain youths of West London have forgotten the lesson Magistrate Love gave them early in the fall, when he fined half a dozen of them for acting in a disorderly manner.

During the week the police officers have been very busy and as a result of their work a dozen young fellows will appear in court shortly and answer charges of rowdiness.

Citizens of the west end say that the conduct of these boys is absolutely intolerable and that it is impossible for

women and children to go about at nights in some sections without being insulted.

The young hoodlums have of late grown more than usually bold, and have thrown stones through the windows of houses, in one or two instances narrowly missing the occupants.

Organized Gang.

The gang have been going about in different districts kicking people's doors and throwing sticks and stones against their houses, and when the owners remonstrated with them, they were subjected to language of the worst kind.

Numerous articles have been destroyed, and the main object of the boys seems to have been to do as much damage as possible.

**Fears for Fate of Mount Royal
With Four Hundred Aboard**

The Missing C. P. R. Liner Is Now Twenty-five Days Overdue.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 1.—The C. P. R. liner Lake Champlain arrived in port this morning from Liverpool, after a 14-day voyage of heavy westerly gales and high seas. The steamer did not sight the overdue Mount Royal during the voyage, and those on board were rather surprised at learning that the ship has not yet arrived in port.

Whether the steamer Mount Royal, now 25 days out from Antwerp, has gone to the bottom, with Capt. Purcell and the four hundred persons on board, passengers and crew, is a question that is causing great anxiety among C. P. R. officials and others. There has been grave anxiety ever since the Lake Michigan arrived a week ago without any word of the Mount Royal, and every arrival on this side is questioned for news of the missing steamer. There are, of course, many possible reasons for the delay; stress of weather, breakdown of the engines, etc., but those who know are capable of seeing that even were these responsible, there should have been word of some sort before now. Not one vessel arriving within the past three weeks has reported the Mount Royal; not one has seen any steamer in difficulties, or one vessel towing another. The absolute silence is regarded as ominous.

A Terrible Disaster.

If the Mount Royal has foundered, and there are many who think that any other solution can be found, the disaster will rank as one of the greatest in the history of Atlantic shipping. All most four hundred persons were on board and if the seas overcame the steamer it is almost beyond the range of possibility that any could have been saved.

May Be Mount Royal.

Montreal, Jan. 1.—The Canadian Pacific authorities have received advice that their steamer, the Lake Champlain, which arrived at St. John, N. B., today, reported that she passed a four-masted steamer off Sable Island slightly steaming westward. The steamer displayed no signals. The officials are of the opinion that the steamer is the overdue Mount Royal, which is now 25 days out from Antwerp.

The Municipal Campaign in the City

The day after New Year's finds municipal matters very quiet. There is very little doing—no excitement, and no stir.

The large field of candidates gives the electors plenty of scope for choice, and it is probable that the elector will assert his independent judgment with better results than for many years past.

All the candidates have qualified. No objections have been registered against any, and it is now certain that the field of 23 will go to the electors for approval.

Seven of last year's council are going again, with a fair chance of election.

'Twas A BIG HAY DAY ON MARKET

The market this morning resembled nothing so much as a vast hay field. Forty loads of hay were there, and as a consequence prices tumbled. On Tuesday hay sold from \$17.50 to \$18. Today the farmers were glad to get rid of their loads at \$14.50 to \$15 a ton.

The local buyers, when they saw the

large number of loads on hand, were inclined to be shrewd, and many of them put off buying until later in the day, when it is predicted that hay will be sold still cheaper.

Sales were rather slow, and farmers who were fortunate enough to sell out promptly at \$15 a ton were looked upon as being very fortunate.

When discovered he was in an unconscious condition, and Dr. Stevenson, who was summoned, found that the scalp badly cut in several places. Hodgkinson is at present at his home on Hill street, and is in a very critical condition.



THE NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM OF THE ASKIN STREET METHODIST CHURCH, WHICH WILL BE OPENED SUNDAY, JAN. 26.

**600 Men in the G. T. R. Carshops
250 Employees To Be Added at Once**

One Hundred Will Be Taken On Within a Few Days—Big Thing for East End.

The work of roofing the new erecting shop recently added to the Grand Trunk car works in the east end was completed this morning, and work is being rushed on the machine shop. It is expected that the job will be completed shortly.

The benches and tools in the erecting shop will be fitted up at once, and one hundred men will be taken on shortly to build cars.

As soon as the other shop is completed another hundred and fifty men will be required, making a total of two hundred and fifty, or a grand total of six hundred and fifty men in the whole shops.

The shops are very busy at present and cannot turn out new cars fast enough, as they are so busy with repairs.

**Fatal Collision at Tillsonburg;
Engineer Walker, St. Thomas, Killed**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, Jan. 2.—There was a fatal wreck on the Air Line at Tillsonburg at 3 o'clock this morning by which Engineer John Walker, of St. Thomas, was killed, and Brakeman John D. Cline, of Windsor, was very seriously injured. Two Wabash en-

gines running light, were taking the siding together, when they were run into by a G. T. R. freight. All three engines were smashed. Walker was on the Grand Trunk engine, and Cline on one of the Wabash's. Others of the crew escaped without injury. Three freight cars were smashed.

**Old Boys' Reunion in August Next
No Truth in Postponement Story**

Associations in All Quarters Are Enthusiastic and Promise Big Delegations.

There have been persistent rumors of late that the Old Boys' reunion, which will take place next August, was to be postponed on account of the money stringency.

Not long ago several prominent citizens discussed the matter, but the unanimous conclusion reached was that the Old Boys' reunion must be held next August.

There is not a word of truth, so far as can be learned, in the story that the celebration will be postponed. There is no reason for the postponement.

Where there was a possibility of money being tight, it is found that the Old Boys' associations are most enthusiastic, and they will be on hand in large numbers. Many of them are now perfecting plans for the return, and it is said that it will be one of the best of the kind in the city—which is saying considerable.

Despite all rumors to the contrary, the Old Boys' reunion will be held next August.

**Farewell To Rev. Herbert McKenzie
Presented Purse By Congregation**

And Mrs. McKenzie Was Also Remembered—Address Presented.

The farewell services of Rev. Herbert McKenzie, of the Christian Workers' Church were conducted yesterday afternoon and evening.

Rev. Mr. McKenzie leaves this afternoon for Cleveland, where he will take charge of another branch of the Christian Workers' Church.

At last night's meeting Rev. Mr. McKenzie was presented with a purse

of gold by Mr. Herbert Wilson, and the following address, which was read by Mr. Wm. Ludbrook:

Address To Pastor.

"To Rev. Herbert McKenzie, Beloved Pastor and Brother:

"On the occasion of your closing a long and successful pastorate in this church and entering upon a new sphere in the city of Cleveland, we desire to express to you and to your dear wife, our deep and heartfelt appreciation of the constant self-sacrificing devotion to the cause of God and the well-being of your people which has been yours throughout your pastorate."

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**William Hodgkinson Fell Into Ashpit
C. P. R. Employee Seriously Injured**

Was Found in an Unconscious Condition By His Fellow-Employees.

William Hodgkinson, an employee of the C. P. R. roundhouse, was so seriously injured there last night by falling into an ash-hole, that he may not recover.

At present very little is known as to how the accident occurred, as Hodgkinson was not found until some time after it happened.

**SUDDEN DEATH OF
DR. PHILIP STRATHY**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Jan. 2.—Dr. Philip Strathy, Spadina avenue, son of Mr. H. S. Strathy, until recently general manager of the Traders' Bank, dropped dead this morning of heart failure.

**GOVT. REFINERY
TO GO WITH MINT**

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 2.—There will be a refined construction in connection with the Ottawa mint. Gold and silver, which comes from the smelter, cannot be relied upon as being of the proper degree of purity, the proper consistency or fiber for coinage. The cost of the refinery will be in the vicinity of \$15,000.

**WALKERVILLE TROLLEY
DIVES INTO A DITCH**

Walkerville, Ont., Jan. 2.—An east-bound car on the Windsor and Tecumseh line, with trailer attached, heavily loaded with holiday pleasure-seekers on their way to the roadhouses along the river front, left the rails a few miles from here, yesterday, plunging into a four-foot ditch filled with water. Some of the passengers sustained minor cuts and bruises by being thrown against the seats, but no one was seriously hurt. One boy was thrown against a post and severely bruised.

Most of the passengers got out of the cars in time to avoid a wetting.

**FELL DOWN STAIRS
Mr. Ed. Guillemont Painfully Injured**

New Year's Day.

Mr. Ed L. Guillemont, the druggist, met with a painful accident yesterday morning.

He was going into the cellar, when several steps from the bottom he slipped, and fell headlong to the floor.

A lady was in the store at the time, and, hearing the fall, she called in a couple of gentlemen off the street who investigated.

Mr. Guillemont was just getting up, and they assisted him upstairs. It was found that his back was badly wrenched, and one of his ribs was fractured, besides other bruises. Mr. Guillemont is out today, although still suffering from his fall.

MISS LOFTUS ILL

New York, Jan. 2.—Miss Cecelia Loftus, the actress, who was operated upon for appendicitis yesterday, is reported better today.

She is still in a serious condition, however. The strain of the long series of one-night stands in New England and Canada is said to have brought on the attack, which made an operation necessary.



H. R. LITTLE, Who Won the New Year's Road Race Yesterday in Handy Fashion.

THE WEATHER**TOMORROW—FAIR.**

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Jan. 2-8 a.m.
Moderate westerly winds, with fair weather today and on Friday; not much change in temperature.

Local Temperatures

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory yesterday were: Highest, 43°; lowest, 23.5° above.

TEMPERATURES

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	14	10	Clear
Port Arthur	4	2	Fair
Perry Sound	25	24	Cloudy
Toronto	25	24	Cloudy
Ottawa	16	10	Cloudy
Montreal	20	12	Cloudy
Quebec	14	8	Fair
Father Point	12	6	Fair

Minus (—) means below zero.

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.

An extensive area of high pressure covers the greater part of the United States and Canada, accompanied by fine weather and moderate temperatures.

The lowest temperature reported this morning was 16° below zero, in Manitoba.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 32 below—4 below; Atlin, zero—4; Victoria, 35—44; Vancouver, 32—42; Edmonton, 22 below—5 below; Battleford, 26 below—8 below; Calgary, 10—34; Regina, 20 below—4; Winnipeg, 12 below—5; Port Arthur, zero—16; Perry Sound, 22—30; Toronto, 25—34; Ottawa, 16—24; Montreal, 16—25; Quebec, 6—16; St. John, 18—30; Halifax, 24—36.

**OLIVER IS TORONTO'S MAYOR;
THE POWER BYLAW CARRIED**

Beattie Nesbitt Third in Strenuous Contest for the Mayoralty Honors of the Queen City.

Toronto, Jan. 1.—Joseph Oliver was elected mayor of Toronto yesterday, with a total vote in excess of that received by his two principal opponents, and more than double that cast for Nesbitt. Barred ballots cast against him, Dr. Beattie Nesbitt last night went down to utter defeat. When he emerged breathless his first words were: "This is a Grit city, but I'm going to keep on fighting until it is Tory Toronto in municipal as in parliamentary elections."

"So far as I am concerned, the fact that I am not elected does not interfere with me at all." (Laughter, and cries of "Oh.") "I never sought office, and I am not seeking office now. My sympathies lie with the great Conservative party, because I believe they are the party of progress in the Dominion of Canada. I want to shake hands with every Conservative who opposed me in order to harmonize and unite the party. What do I care whether a man votes for me or not?" (Laughter and cheers.) "I want to see the power by-law carried. I want to see Toronto Tory Toronto, and it will be Tory Toronto."

"I also want to thank those Liberals who stood by me, and I want to say right here that the Toronto Globe has laid down a plan of campaign upon which these elections must be fought in the future. I have never asked anything but the Queen's rules in any fight I have entered. I tell the people whom the Globe supports that I am willing to fight under any rules they like to lay down. I said nothing before the campaign, because I was in

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**December Much the Same as Year Ago
Two Months' Local Weather Figures**

Lowest Temperature Recorded Was 7.5 Above Zero—Other Facts.

There was comparatively little difference between the temperatures recorded at the local weather for December, 1906, and 1907. The highest registration in December, 1906, was 47, and the lowest 3 degrees.

Last month the highest mark reached was 49, and the lowest 7.5 degrees. In December, 1906, there were 29

days in which the thermometer registered below 40 degrees above zero. In the same year the temperature went below the freezing point eleven times.

During the month just closed there were 25 days upon which a temperature lower than 40 degrees was reached, and eleven days when it was below freezing.

The Rainfall.

The rainfall for December, 1907, was 2.82 inches, a trifle over that of 1906, when the fall registered was 2.41 inches.

The highest registration in temperature last month was reached on the 10th, when the thermometer registered

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**New Year's Day Quiet in London
Fine Weather Marked Year's Opening**

Citizens Engaged Themselves in Many Ways—Were No Accidents.

The New Year got away to a good start in London yesterday.

The weather was fine, cool and crisp, just the sort of weather that makes Canada's climate the best that is.

The sleighing was not good, and that fact took somewhat from the pleasure of the day, but the citizens generally took long walks instead. It was very pleasant. The day was spent in various ways.

The skating rinks were crowded in the afternoon, and at the Cove there was a merry throng of skaters, fully a thousand strong.

The theaters played to good business at night.

The rally of the Methodist churches at the First Methodist Church was one of the finest yet held, and there was a large attendance.

Dan Cupid had the time of his life, getting as many as possible married off before the new year got well advanced. So in that manner the New Year opened with a burst of glory. There were many New Year's couples in London yesterday, and the trains had many newly-weds on board.

The railroads were kept busy. The traffic yesterday was large, and there were many visitors to the city.

No accidents of any kind were reported. The water wagon had its usual large crowd of passengers yesterday, and there was the usual number of strap-hangers who fell off.

On the whole there was little happening of a riotous nature. The police were not busy.

The day was one of the most pleasant kind.

A Heavy Fine for a Gambling Man

Magistrate Love at this morning's session of the court dealt with six young men, charged with gambling, in a manner which is likely to disparage any attempts to start a gambling joint in this city for some time to come.

The men implicated were surprised by Sgt. Birrell and a couple of officers on Sunday morning over a barber shop off a King street.

Two of them were not in the building at the time, having just left, but they were also summoned, and together with four others and the keeper, lined up on the benches at the court.

The men evidently thought the shortest way out of it was to plead guilty at once and trust to the leniency of his worship.

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TRAIN TURNS TRIPLE SOMERSAULT

Barrie, Ont., Jan. 1.—A remarkable railway accident happened seven miles north of here at 7:30 this morning, when the southbound Penetang express, in charge of Conductor Thomas Patton and Engineer H. Hawker, left the track and making three turns fell 40 feet without seriously injuring anyone.

The engine remained on the rails, but the express, baggage and passenger cars went down, and, taking fire from the stove in the second car, were all destroyed shortly after the people had left the cars.

Most of the passengers and crew got cuts, bruises or sprains, but there were no bones broken, though their injuries are said not to have been serious.

The following were brought to Barrie Hospital: H. Greenwood, H. Cameron, Mrs. J. T. Trace, John Houden, all of Elmville; Chas. A. Herron, C. Spearin, Dr. Leatherdall, D. Willoughby, Penetang; Wm. Hunter, Barrie; Fred J. Perrin, Toronto; James McVeigh, New Flos; Miss Allen, Alliston; Conductor Patton, Express Messenger Arthur Stone, and Baggage-man Harry Hamilton, all of Barrie, were slightly injured. A couple of lengths of rails were torn up, but traffic was not delayed. The cause of the wreck has not yet been ascertained.

MARCHED NUDE THROUGH TOWN

Fort William, Jan. 1.—Twelve of the Doukhobor pilgrims who are stopping here for the winter started on another march today, and despite the fact that the thermometer registered ten below zero, set out, minus wearing apparel of any kind. Seven men and five women were in the party and for over half a mile they marched, chanting their mournful dirge. The line of march was right through the center of the town, and citizens could hardly credit their eyes when they beheld the marching band of nude pilgrims.

The police were soon on hand and the band was rounded up into a downtown poolroom, where they continued their march round the tables while the police decided what next to do. They were finally hustled into cabs and taken back to their house where the entire party of ninety has resided since they came to the city. Strange to say, none of them appear to have suffered any evil effects.

KILLED BY A KICK FROM A HORSE

[Special to The Advertiser.]

West Lorne, Ont., Jan. 2.—William Bell, aged 20, an Englishman, who had been in Canada but a year, was kicked by a horse and killed yesterday, on the

farm of Mr. Binks, con. 8, Alldboro. Bell was working around the animal in the stable when it kicked him, inflicting injuries from which he died shortly afterwards. So far as known he had no relatives in Canada.