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LONDON AND DISTRICT

Nonagenarian Dead.

At the advanced age of 90 years, James Quick, of 453 King street, died on Sunday at his late residence. The funeral will be held on Tuesday to Woodland Cemetery.

Leg Fractured.

Fassack Pollock, of 443 Ottawa avenue, suffered a fracture of his leg Monday afternoon, when a bale of junk slipped in some manner and fell on him. He was taken to Victoria Hospital, where house surgeons attended him.

"The Call of the Wild."

There was an encouraging attendance at the evangelistic meeting held by Rev. Dr. Yeall in the First Congregational Church on Monday evening. Tonight he will speak on "The Call of the Wild." There will be special singing by Miss Roth.

A Branch in Calgary.

The Calgary Herald says: C. S. Hyman & Co., who are large eastern leather manufacturers, have recently announced that they will locate a branch in this city, and have been corresponding with the city in regard to purchasing a site. It is the intention of the company to erect a large wholesale warehouse in East Calgary.

In Charge of Strikes.

Mr. Alf. Carroll, organizer for the Garment Workers' Union of America, left today for Hamilton and Toronto, where he will have charge of the strikes now in progress in those cities. He has just returned from Montreal, where he added 3,200 members in five weeks, when word came for him to go.

Meeting Postponed.

The conference arranged for Monday night between the board of works, No. 3 committee and the water commission, relative to the requests for heating franchises from the Helena Costume Company and Greene-Swift & Co., was postponed, owing to the absence of Chairman Philip Pocock, who was suddenly called to Toronto. The meeting will probably be held on Thursday night in connection with the regular meeting of the board of works.

Fire in a School.

The fire department had a run to the Colborne street school, between York and King streets, shortly after 8 o'clock this morning. Some shavings and kindling placed too close to a box stove in the building caught fire, and ignited the partitions. The firemen were summoned by the janitor, and the blaze extinguished with small loss. Being before the school hour, there were no pupils around at the time.

Star Lodge Social.

The Star of the West Lodge, No. 126, Canadian Order of Oddfellows, held its

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in their clubrooms on Carling street. Over 200 members and their friends were present. Much interest was taken in the game of carpooling between the ladies and gentlemen, which was won by the former, 5 to 2. A programme of much interest followed. Dr. B. E. Wilson presided, and those who took part were Messrs. J. Flairn, Edgar Westby, J. Smith, R. Allen, Miss Lena Fleury, Miss Edna Dean, Miss McDermid, Miss Vera Mennuel.

DR. MERCHANT TO**SUCCCEED HUGHES?**

Toronto Rumor is Going the Rounds in This Regard.

The Toronto Star says: Dr. F. W. Merchant, formerly of the London Normal School, who is still investigating bilingual schools, is the latest educationist to be mentioned as successor to Chief Inspector James L. Hughes.

Dr. Merchant is inspector of model schools, and gossip has been doing much to his credit. He is a man of education, when that veteran official retires. He is said to be one of the big "outside men" thought of by trustees to succeed Mr. Hughes.

A UNANIMOUS CALL**TO HILLSDALE PASTOR**

Invitation Extended to the Rev. F. C. Harper by Chalmers Church.

A unanimous call was extended to Rev. Frank C. Harper, of Hillsdale, by the congregation of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Monday night. Rev. T. H. Mitchell, as interim moderator, presided at the meeting. The pulpit of Chalmers Church has been vacant since the removal of Rev. Walter Moffat to Millbank. Rev. Mr. Harper preached in the church on Sunday and created a favorable impression.

AMBROSE APPLETON ILL

Former Londoner Stricken With Paralysis at Windsor.

Word has been received here that Mr. Ambrose Appleton, proprietor of the Manning House, Windsor, was stricken with paralysis Monday evening, and is in a serious condition.

Mr. Appleton is a former Londoner, and is still remembered among the older hotelmen in the city. Coming to London quite young, he started work in the Grand Trunk car shops. Later he purchased the hotel now known as the Duke of York, which he managed for a number of years.

He is known to travellers from coast to coast, and is very popular. "I know him well," said Mr. Jerry McDonald. "He is a very fine fellow, and I regret to hear of his serious illness."

MUTUAL CONCESSIONS**TO PREVENT STRIKE****An Early Settlement of English****Coal Trade Dispute Seems****Assured.**

[Canadian Press.] London, Feb. 27.—An early settlement of the dispute in the coal trade which has threatened to throw nearly a million miners out of employment on March 1, is apparently more than probable, although it cannot yet be definitely announced.

The executive committee of the miners' federation has agreed to meet representatives of the owners, together with some members of the Government and representatives of the board of trade, at the Premier's official residence in Downing street this afternoon. This meeting of the disputants with the mediators in an effort to smooth away the rough places is confidently regarded as foreshadowing the avoidance of what promised to be the greatest industrial struggle of modern times in this country.

This clearing of the atmosphere, followed a conference between Premier Asquith and some of his colleagues with the members of the executive committee of the miners' federation, 150 of whom discussed the situation with the premier for nearly two hours this morning.

Mutual concessions are to form the basis of the expected settlement of the dispute.

PETROLEA PEOPLE ARE**WITHOUT GAS OR WATER**

Water Mains Break and Moisture Collecting in Gas Pipes, Causes Endless Trouble.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Petrolia, Feb. 27.—Petrolia is having its own troubles, both with water and gas, well on time.

Several breaks have occurred in the water mains, the latest being on Front street, opposite Church's harness shop.

The gas company is having a great deal of trouble from water collecting in the mains. Many citizens have been without a supply for several days.

A peculiarity of the case is that some of the people have a good supply while their neighbors, who take from the same line, have none.

It is fortunate that the weather has been mild for the last three days or much suffering would have resulted.

ROADS BLOCKED

Men Are Out Shovelling All Through Lambton County.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Petrolia, Feb. 26.—The storms of the last few days have closed up many of the country roads. Gangs of men are engaged in shovelling them out all through the district. The Oil Spring road has been closed completely for several days. Trains have been running fairly well on time.

Alex. Holmes returned on Sunday from Gold Coast, West Africa, where he has been drilling for the past nine months.

Mrs. James Joyce, who died recently, was buried in Hillsdale Cemetery.

KING SOLOMON**LODGE AT HOME**

Fifth Annual Affair Will Be Held on Thursday Evening.

The fifth annual "At Home" of King Solomon Lodge, A. F. and A. M., will be held in the Masonic Temple on Thursday evening. Invitations have been issued, and it is expected that a large number of visitors will come to the city to take part in the affair. Bro. F. G. Copp is chairman of the lodge, and Bro. B. G. Wilson is secretary.

The various committees are as follows: Printing—Wor. Bro. Hugh McPherson and Rt. Wor. Bro. T. G. Davis. Reception Committee—Wor. Bro. A. M. Trick, Bro. J. H. Hobbs, Bro. W. J. Armstrong.

Refreshment Committee—Wor. Bro. J. H. Thompson, Thos. Wedderburn, H. McPherson, William Wilson, John Hobbs, Rt. Wor. Bro. T. G. Davis and all past masters.

\$50,000 WILL BE**SPENT ON FAIR**

Thirty-five Thousand Dollars Was at First Thought To Be Enough, But It Was Found Insufficient.

The Western Fair will expend \$50,000 this year, it is expected, on the annual exhibition.

Last year the expenses amounted to over \$40,000, and at the recent meeting of the finance committee, the sum of \$35,000 was mentioned as the probable limit of the expenditure this year.

However, the situation has been canvassed, and it is now thought that the expenditure should be increased in order that the fair should be brought more prominently before the public, and also to bring some additional features to the show.

A meeting of the board of directors will be held in a few days to discuss this proposition.

A NEW TURKEY

Mr. Robert Ward, a County Constable, Now on Duty at the Jail.

Mr. Robert Ward, well known for years as a county constable, has been released by the jail authorities as a turnkey.

CASE NOT DEFENDED

Mosa Action Which Did Not Take Long to Dispose of.

Mr. John M. McEoy, acting on behalf of Elliott & Moss, of Glenora, was yesterday permitted to enter another case for trial at the spring assizes, now in session before Chief Justice Falconbridge.

This action, number 11 on the jury list, is brought by Caroline Lucinda Craig, of Mosa Township, against Chas. P. Tigner, a farmer of Adelaide Township, and was commenced on Sept. 25, when John Chapman served the writ on Tigner, who, however, never appeared as required by law.

In consequence, judgment was given, and the court will now assess the damages.

DOUGLAS GRAND**LIKES THIS CITY**

Meets Old Friends Here, "The Best in the World."

The plans for the new building to be erected on his premises on Dundas street, the stores which were destroyed by the Chapman fire, are being rapidly prepared by Mr. H. C. McBride, the architect, and will be ready within a day or two, there will be several alternate schemes presented, and when Mr. Grand sees them he will decide which to adopt for his purposes.

"The building will be five stories in height, at least," said Mr. Grand to The Advertiser. "There are a number of other details to be gone into before the final settlement is made. The structure will probably be of reinforced concrete, although even that has not been settled. In any event, the building will be erected as early in the spring as possible. That is as far as I have gone now."

"I am greatly interested in dear old London, and want to have a stake here. The best and happiest years of my life were spent in London, and I still desire to retain my interests in this city. That is why I am building. I see many changes since I left, but it is always a fine spot to visit. I always meet a lot of my old-time friends here, good fellows, the best in the world."

Mr. Grand left for Toronto yesterday, to dispose of some property there, and he will return to London later in the week.

FORMER LONDON LADY**DIED IN GUELPH**

Mrs. George R. Dolby, Formerly Miss Annie McHarg, Succumbs to a Brief Illness.

The Guelph Mercury says: A sad death took place on Saturday when the grim reaper called away Mabel Annie McHarg, wife of Mr. George R. Dolby, 88 Ontario street, in her 34th year, after a brief illness. She leaves to mourn her untimely death, a son, 4 years of age, and a two-weeks-old baby, and her husband. Three brothers and two sisters also survive, they being Mrs. J. P. Begg, of London, Mrs. S. Green, of London; David R. McHarg, of London; Harry McHarg, of London, who is engaged on the London-Toronto G. T. R. express, and Will, in Detroit. The funeral takes place from her late residence on Tuesday to the Union Cemetery.

The late Mrs. Dolby was a daughter of the late Mr. John McHarg, for many years G. T. R. stationmaster at London.

AN ARTISTIC RECITAL

Programme Rendered by Pupils of Mr. Charles E. Wheeler.

A large and appreciative audience attended the recital given in Heintzman Hall on Monday night by the pupils of Mr. Charles E. Wheeler. "The Norwegian Bridal Procession," by Greig, arranged for two pianos, was admirably presented by Misses Marjorie Ross, Ruth Young, Nena Watson and Jessie Mitchell. Miss Edna Ramsay, of Mount Brydges, played Mozart's "Concerto in D Minor" with rare understanding and technique. Chopin's "Nocturne" was artistically given by Miss Marjorie Ross. Beethoven's "Sonata," by Miss Vera Leach and his "Concerto in D Major," by Miss Blanche Munroe, were both excellently rendered. Two pretty numbers, Forsyth's "Nocturne" and Hebert's "Mountain Brook," were given by Miss Ruth Young. Miss Munroe also contributed Liszt's "Rhapsodie Hongroise" extremely well. Miss Ramsay gave evidence of especial musical ability in "The Witches' Dance" of Paganini. Vocal numbers by Miss Libbie Smith, "The Valley of Laughter" and "Rejoice with Me, O Sea," were greatly appreciated by all.

The orchestra parts to the concertos were played by Miss Munroe and Mr. Wheeler. These recitals will be given from time to time.

THIRTY-TWO PERISH**IN CONGO WRECK**

Passengers and Crew Go Down With the Foundering of a Government Steamer.

[Canadian Press.] Brussels, Belgium, Feb. 27.—