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\$250,000 WORTH OF TURKEYS SHIPPED

West Is Making Big Demands Upon London This Year.

\$1,200 FOR CAR TO VANCOUVER

Railway Men Say That Even at This Figure There Is Nothing in It for Company.

The Grand Trunk has just compiled a statement showing the cost of the traffic that has been handled by them in this city for the last forty days. According to the figures there have been 87 cars, or an average of more than two cars a day leaving the city. The large majority of the cars were filled with turkeys going to the western markets.

It is estimated that more than \$250,000 worth of turkeys have been shipped in this period.

Scarce in West.
Turkeys will be expensive in the west this year, as the shippers have to pay on an average two cents a pound for all the birds they ship.

A car of turkeys went to Vancouver a few days ago, and the freight charges on it were \$1,200. Railway men say there is very little in it for the railway company, even at that price, as the car has to be iced at many points en route, and has to be most carefully looked after until it reaches its destination. Besides the turkeys there have been large shipments of eggs for the west.

Trade Is Increasing.
One of the largest shippers in this vicinity recently told The Advertiser that he was sending five times as much stuff to the west now as he was a couple of years ago. At that time nearly all the turkeys went to England. Now, only a small part goes to England, as there is a splendid market for it all in the west. Every year the dealers say the market is growing better, and in a short time hardly any produce of this nature will go to England and the European markets.

Large Shipments.
In addition to the 87 cars that have gone there will be very large shipments west for several weeks to come, and altogether there will, it is estimated, be more than a million dollars' worth of Middlessex turkeys going to western markets. Dealers say that notwithstanding this large export trade there will be plenty of turkeys for the home market and prices will not show any change.

A Profitable Business.
Farmers in this vicinity have found turkey-raising very profitable, and every year are raising more and more. London is the most important shipping centre in this part of Ontario, and if the industry continues to grow as it has in the last five years will soon be the leading distributing point in the Dominion.

At present only Toronto and Montreal are ahead of these places, simply lead because they handle the through traffic of the Dominion.

OPPOSE WINTER CARNIVAL

The Montreal Board of Trade Passes Resolution Against It.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—A resolution was today passed by the Montreal Board of Trade in opposition to the plan for holding a winter carnival here in January, the council of the board of trade taking the same grounds as the railways, that such a carnival would prove bad advertising for Montreal and Canada.

Despite the opposition of railways and board of trade, however, the movement for the carnival is going ahead fast. Already \$10,000 of the \$15,000 needed for the carnival has been secured.

FUNERALS COST \$4,200,000

All Personal Effects of Late Emperor of China Burned.

Pekin, Dec. 10.—The funeral of the Emperor of China today was notable for a strange admixture of ancient Chinese customs with western forms and practices, a fact which shows the modernization of the nation in recent years. Many of the old grotesque funeral forms that have been observed for centuries were today ignored.

In accordance with an ancient custom all the personal effects, clothing, costly furs, etc., belonging to the late Kuang Hsu have been incinerated. The property thus destroyed was worth a great deal of money. It is estimated that the post-mortem expenditures in connection with their late majesties will amount to at least 6,000,000 taels (equal to about \$4,200,000).

COST OF THE NEW HOSPITAL WILL BE ABOUT \$13,000 A YEAR

Some Information in Regard to What It Will Cost To Provide for Sinking Fund and Maintain the Two Buildings Recently Erected on Victoria Hospital Grounds.

The new isolation hospital will be ready within a month or two for occupancy, and in the meantime the citizens will have an opportunity to study out the real cost of this place to them.

The buildings erected will cost, when completed, about \$52,000. The annual interest and sinking fund will amount to approximately \$10,000.

The cost of maintenance will be somewhat heavy. There will have to be two house surgeons, two matrons, two staffs of housemaids, and two sets of nurses.

There will have to be a man to look after the furnaces and the heating arrangements.

The furnishing will also cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

The heating of the building will be no easy matter, and it will have to be heated all the winter whether occupied or not.

There were various estimates of the cost of running the institution varying from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per annum.

With \$10,000 interest and sinking fund, and \$3,000 at least maintenance

charges, the load to be borne by the city will amount to fully \$13,000 a year.

The Income.
To meet this expenditure will be the income from the patients.

The vital statistics for the year are none too favorable on that score. Last year there were 44 cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever, an average of about two a week, considering overlapping.

The year before was a little worse, but the year before that there were but few.

Four a Week.
The average for the last five years would not be over four a week for these diseases.

Four patients a week to meet a weekly expenditure of \$100, is not very encouraging to the citizens who pay the freight.

The only necessity for such a building will be in the time of an epidemic, which comes not very frequently.

Then temporary relief could have been afforded.

It looks very much as if the city had a load to carry in the new hospital.

Estate of \$100,000 Left to Charity Jas. A. Blair's Will Filed for Probate

Provision Is Made for the Handling Over of \$20,000 for a Tuberculosis Hospital.

According to the will made by the late James A. Blair, any agreement entered into by the city and himself, with reference to the establishment of a tuberculosis hospital, will be carried out.

Some time ago Mr. Blair offered the city \$20,000 to establish a tuberculosis hospital, the city to pay the interest until his death, and then the money would revert to the corporation.

As was expected, Mr. Blair provided for this, and the money is still at the disposal of the city for the purposes intended.

Estate of \$100,000.

Practically the entire estate amounting to \$100,000 is left to charity. There will be some debts to pay out of this money, of course.

Half the income will be devoted to charity, and the rest will be applied on the principal until it again reaches the sum of \$100,000, when the whole income will go to charity.

It is understood that the debts do not amount to a very considerable sum, and that the interest will soon bring the amount up to \$100,000.

If, however, the \$20,000 offer is accepted by the city for a hospital, it will, of course, take some time before the principal reaches \$100,000.

No Specifications.

No charities are specified in the will, except the agreement concerning the tuberculosis hospital.

From the wording of the will it is understood that he intended specifying other charities, and making other agreements for the distribution of his money for charitable purposes, but no such agreements are now known to the executors.

In case none were made by him, the money will be distributed at the discretion of the executors.

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Cabinet Refuses To Commute Death Sentences of Murderers.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 10.—New Westminster, B. C., will have a hanging-bee on the 18th inst. The cabinet in council has decided not to recommend commutation of sentence in the cases of three murderers now under sentence to be hanged there on that date. The case of a negro named Jenkins,

who was found guilty of the brutal murder of a woman near the international boundary line, south of New Westminster, last summer, was before the cabinet yesterday, and it was decided to let the law take its course.

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Cogent Testimony Re Water Scarcity

One of the most eloquent pleas for some sort of a scheme to increase the present supply of water for the city was contained in an advertisement in the city papers, asking that the citizens be careful in using water, as the supply in the reservoir was being rapidly used up.

"During the fall, the supply was pumped to the utmost," said Engineer Moore. "The weather was dry, and our supply was taxed to the limit keeping up with it. For a few weeks we were able to keep even with the demand, but during the past two weeks, since the advent of cold weather, the demand has increased greatly. Now the reservoir is being drawn on, and we are encroaching seriously on our reserve supply. I have asked the citizens to be careful and not use any more water than is necessary. We must keep a reserve in case of fire. I think we will be able to keep pace with the demand if care is exercised."

Lively Election in London Township

There will be contests for practically every municipal office in the London Township council.

Reeve Kimball has announced that he will seek another term. Mr. S. Frank Glass, at present second deputy reeve, will also be a candidate. Both men are well known, and the race will be a keen one.

Mr. R. W. Jackson has decided to offer himself for the first deputy reeve. He will be opposed by the

present incumbent of the office, Mr. J. H. Hodgins. Mr. Hodgins has been 13 years in the council, and has been warden. Both are well known, and a lively fight will result.

For the second deputy reeve position, Mr. Christopher Brooks, his opponent has not been named.

It is understood that Mr. John Gillson, the third deputy reeve, will not again be a candidate. No names have been mentioned for the place.

WITNESS MURDERED?

Man Whose Evidence Was of Great Importance Found Dead.

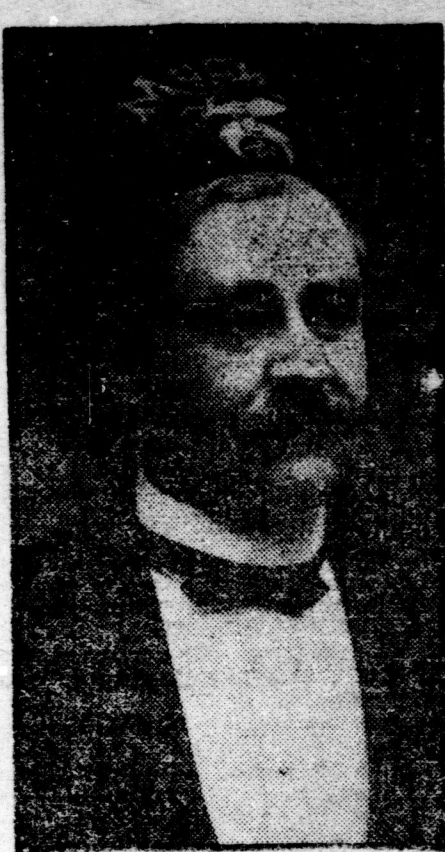
Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 10.—A Lockport, N. Y., special says:

"A strange sequel to the recent William Henry Harmon murder case comes in the finding of the body of John Burke, alias 'Burt' and 'Scott,' in the hydraulic raceway, below Depot Hill, in this city.

The dead man was the only living

witness to the murder of Harmon, who was killed by an alleged footpad several months ago. George Gasset, of Rochester, was tried for the murder, and acquitted. A day or two ago, Martin Donohue, of Lockport, was arrested charged with perjury alleged to have been committed during the Gasset trial. Gasset also is to be tried later on a charge of burglary and robbery, it being alleged that he had robbed Burke the night of the Harmon murder of \$22.

The sudden death of Burke removes the main witness against Gasset, and Lockport authorities are investigating a theory of foul play in the case.



MR. A. L. DAVIS, Illustrious Potentate of Mocha Temple.

ONE MAN KILLED ANOTHER WILL DIE

Fell 150 Feet From a Building in Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Joseph Bennett was killed and Fred Sellers had his back and leg broken in a hundred and fifty foot fall from the new gas tank at the East End yesterday. Both men were at work on the top of the building, when the scaffolding broke. An accident to the ambulance necessitated the transfer of the injured men and the delay proved fatal to Bennett, who died as he was being put in bed. Sellers will probably die.

A BRAW SCOTCHMAN ON A RAMPAGE

Afforded Citizens a Hearty Laugh at Noon.

A braw Scotchman afforded a number of citizens at noon today a most refreshing laugh. Contrary to the canny nature of his race, he imbibed not wisely, but very often, and as a result he was in fine fettle.

Just to show that he was a sport, he started up King street near Clarence and unhooked a burst of speed that would do Bobby Kerr, T. Longboat, Alfie Shrub, or any of them, justice.

"Look out for Scotty," he shouted, and although he steered a somewhat uncertain course, taking with the wind very often, he made Richmond street in fast time.

Fully 150 people gathered to see the demon athlete, and cheered by their encouraging cries, he stepped another block westward in fast time.

When last seen he was still sprinting but always keeping well within the saloon zone.

CITY ENGINEER DEMANDS MORE EXITS

Thinks That St. Andrew's Hall Does Not Meet the Requirements.

City Engineer Graydon is after unsafe buildings, and the other day he wrote to Rev. Dr. Ross, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, calling his attention to the fact that there were an insufficient number of exits in the schoolroom. He advised that the board of managers take some steps to increase the number of exits, and thus afford greater protection to the children attending the school.

This morning Dr. Ross acknowledged the letter and promised to bring the matter to the attention of the board of governors at the earliest possible moment.

NOBEL PRIZES

That for Physics Goes to Former McGill Professor.

Stockholm, Dec. 10.—The Nobel prizes have been awarded as follows: Chemistry, Ernest Rutherford, professor of physics, University of Manchester, formerly of McGill University, Montreal; physics, Prof. Gabriel Lippman, France; medicine, to be divided between Dr. Melnikoff and Prof. Paul Ehrlich, of Frankfurt-on-Main; and literature, Rudolf Eucken, of Jena.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MILDER.

Forecast: Moderate easterly winds, fair and cold. Friday strong breezes to moderate gales, south-easterly to south-westerly, mild, with some light falls of snow or rain.

TEMPERATURES.

Today. Yesterday. Max. Min. Max. Min.

London 10 10 26 26

Calgary 6 14 35 35

Perry Sound 4 14 16 16

Toronto 10 15 28 28

Ottawa 8 14 22 22

Montreal 8 14 22 22

Quebec 8 14 22 22

Port Arthur 24 20 16 16

Vancouver 38 43 32 32

Prince Albert 12 16 28 28

Victoria 40 46 32 32

Kamloops 28 32 20 20

Edmonton 18 22 10 10

Saskatoon 18 22 10 10

Halifax 20 20 10 10

Paralyzed on Way to Physician Sheldon Resident Stricken Blind

Mr. John Tanner Now in Victoria Hospital at Point of Death.

While on his way on Tuesday morning to consult Dr. H. A. McCallum in regard to some mental trouble from which he has been suffering for some time Mr. John Tanner, one of the best known residents of Sheldon, Ontario, was stricken with paralysis on the way from the Grand Trunk station, and is at present in Victoria Hospital at the point of death.

No hopes are held out for Mr. Tanner's recovery. Mr. Tanner is a patient of Dr. Mc-

Callum, and had consulted him some time ago in regard to some pains in his head.

Stricken Blind.
He was on his way to see the doctor on Tuesday, and immediately on stepping from the train, was attacked by blindness.

To his nephew, who accompanied him, Mr. Tanner stated that he could see nothing at all. He complained of pains in his head, and after walking a little way, was unable to go any further. Dr. McCallum was notified, and as soon as he saw Mr. Tanner's condition, had him hurried to Victoria Hospital.

Mr. Tanner is a young man, and is highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends in Sheldon.

Firm Wants To Supply Water to City Will Make a Proposition to London

Said To Have Had Men Prospecting Around Springbank—Say Plenty of Water.

It is understood that an offer will be made by an engineering firm in Canada to supply water to the city. They will sink deep wells and will allow the city to collect the water.

A couple of the representatives of the firm were in town this week and made a thorough inspection of the Springbank property. They came to

the conclusion that there was plenty of water there and that it could be obtained by drilling.

Investigated Springbank.
"They will make a proposition to the city very shortly," said a prominent citizen who met them. "They did their work very quietly, very few people knowing that they were here. They investigated Springbank, studied the conditions, and are confident that they can deliver the water. Their idea is to sink wells and furnish the water. They have no scheme of pumping or anything like that, but merely to furnish certain quantities of water. An offer will be made within a few weeks."

Christmas Warning Against Fires Is Issued by the Underwriters

Fire Chief Is Also Taking a Hand in Matter and Is Watching Merchants and Others.

The fire underwriters, of Toronto, are sending out notices to all the businessmen of the city calling their attention to the dangers of fire at entertainments in the Christmas season in churches and elsewhere. The timely materials used in decorating and the danger of their coming in contact with live wires is impressed upon them, and great caution is urged upon all merchants.

Fire Chief Aitken has notified the merchants also and is keeping a close watch on all to prevent any calamity at the festive season of the year.

The Circular.

The communication is as follows:

Dear Sir.—Following our usual custom at this season of the year, I beg to call your attention to the dangers to life and property from Christmas decorations, dis-

plays, etc., which are frequently made at this time of the year. The use of Christmas greens, jarvest specimens and other inflammable materials, such as draperies, scenery, cotton, to represent snow and the like (especially in connection with electric and other lighting systems), is decidedly an increase of hazard, it being impossible to make displays of that nature perfectly safe.

A Pointer.
The third statutory condition of your insurance policy reads in part as follows: "Any change material to the risk, but within the control or knowledge of the assured, shall avoid the policy, as to the part affected thereby, unless the change is promptly notified in writing to the company or its local agent."

In addition to the danger to property from displays referred to, the danger to life in crowded stores or places of meeting, by reason of a panic occasioned by a fire, even though it be small and easily controlled, is so great that the underwriters, who have made a study of such hazards, would fall in their duty should they not give this warning.

No Danger From the Cattle Disease

Toronto, Dec. 10.—There hasn't been a single case of foot and mouth disease discovered in this province, and now that the worst of it is over, we are pretty sure to escape."

So spoke Dr. A. E. Moore, of Ottawa, who is stopping at the Queen's

He is here in the interests of the Dominion Government, and is acting as a sort of supervisor over those who are watching the border towns to prevent any breaking of the embargo.

"We have taken every precaution necessary, even down to the smallest details."

Fanatic Chief Makes His Escape

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 10.—Efforts of the police to find James Sharp, hailed by his ten fanatical followers as a second Messiah, failed to reveal his movements after Tuesday's bloody fight with the police. The only clue so far secured is that shortly after the fight he had his hair trimmed and his long beard shaved off. Chief of Police Albrecht has offered a reward for his capture.

Sir Richard To Lead the Senate

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Sir Richard Cartwright, senior member of the Privy Council after the Prime Minister will, it is understood, be Government leader in the senate, in succession to Hon. R. W. Scott, ex-secretary of state. Sir Richard, though some-

what inconvenienced by physical disabilities, is mentally as alert and vigorous as ever, and his long experience of public affairs, his close touch with all Government legislation, and his rare ability in parliamentary debate, amply fit him to lead the upper house with dignity and tact.

A Ball for the Tuberculosis Hospital

A ball will be given by the ladies interested in the tuberculosis hospital, early in January.

A number of them who are taking a deep interest in the proposal met at the office of Mayor Stevely this morning and discussed the matter at considerable length.

It was decided to give a monster ball to assist those who have the project in hand to furnish and equip the institution.

The ladies will also assist in obtaining a favorable vote for the bylaw in January.

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Those present at the conference were Mayor Stevely, Ald. Beattie, Ald. Stewart, Dr. John D. Wilson, Mrs. Stevely, Mrs. E. B. Smith, Miss Graydon and Mrs. Dewart.

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CASTRO AT BORDEAUX.

Bordeaux, Dec. 10.—President Castro of Venezuela, disembarked here today from the French steamer Guadalupe on which he sailed from La Guira, Nov. 25. The landing of the President and his party was effected without incident.

Mr. McKone Accepts.
Word has been received from Mr. J. L. McKone, of Brantford, accepting the position as assistant principal of one of the city schools. He will come as soon as he can be released by the Brantford board. He will commence work Jan. 1, if possible, but no later than Feb. 1.

SHEIKS, PASHAS AND NOBLES ON WAY

Noise of Instruments of the Desert Is Heard.

THE SHRINERS ARE COMING

Great Gathering of Distinguished Personages Is Expected in Mocha Temple.

From far and near come the tidings that many great and noble sheiks and pashas and nobles have commenced their long journey across the sands to the oasis of London, where the nobles will hold a great convocation tomorrow.

The noise of the instruments of the desert are being heard in the distance, and before the portals of evening have fallen many well-known and beloved pashas will have arrived in the city to the accompaniment of the sackbut and bass drum.

A Great Celebration.

For this will be one of the greatest celebrations in the first year of Shayk A. L. Davis. The Oasis of London was the last discovered of the nobles, but it is a lovely resting-spot for weary travellers.

The desert is very hot, and rumor says that the weary pilgrims will find the way long and hard before they reach the oasis.

Tomorrow's Programme.

In the morning the Immediate Past Imperial Potentate Frank C. Roundy, will arrive from Chicago, and he will be welcomed by all the nobles and pilgrims of the desert.

In the afternoon he will preside at the election of officers and other affairs of the temple.

In the evening the pilgrims will be welcomed across the desert and afterwards there will be feasting and then some more feasting. Several pashas will give wise words of counsel to the brethren.

There will be something doing when the Shriner comes to town. And they are coming in mobs.

Everybody is asked to move out of the way and give the visitors everything not nailed down.

POPE RESUMES AUDIENCES

Presented by Duchess of Norfolk With 300 Chaperons.

Rome, Dec. 10.—The Pope, appearing greatly restored in health, resumed his audiences today. The Duchess of Norfolk was one of those received by his holiness. She presented to him 300 chaperons the gift of 40,000 Catholic women of Great Britain.

LEGS SHOCK PITTSBURG

Dancers Compelled by Police to Put on Tights and Shoes.

Pittsburg, Dec. 10.—In tears and tights Miss Gertrude Hoffmann and twelve other shapely young women went through the dance set to Mendelssohn's "Spring Song" at the Duquesne Theatre tonight, where they are appearing in "The Mimic World."

Miss Hoffmann also wore a lot of unusual clothes in her Salome dance.

Chief of Police Thomas A. McQuaide moved against the dances this morning, and told Miss Hoffmann that if there was any more of such nude work as that of last night the whole outfit would sleep in cells at the police station.

"I'll back the wagon right up and let you all come to the station and put your clothes on," said McQuaide to Gertrude, who had been inclined to take the matter lightly.

"But what will we do in the 'Spring Song?' You know, Mr. McQuaide—" "I know that there's got to be more clothes on that bunch. Get some tights and some shoes. I don't want any more of this bare-legged business, and I won't have it," snorted McQuaide.

And tonight under the