

DOG CATCHING BURGLAR NABBED IN ACT OF ROBBING WAREHOUSE

John Weaver Arrested by
Detective Nickle Last
Evening.

COLORED MAN PLAYED HONEST

Was Approached by Weaver to
Watch for Police, But Gave
the Show Away.

John Weaver, a young man who has appeared in the police court a great many times, last evening attempted one of the most daring daylight robberies that was ever planned in London, and that he was not successful was due to the honesty of a colored man who was in the city from Woodstock on a visit.

P. C. McRae was on duty last evening on the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, about 6:30, when the colored man walked up and told him there was going to be something doing at a big red building down on the west street, indicating Clarence street.

"I know something," he said, and gave a description which enabled the officer to form the conclusion at once that Weaver was the man in the case.

Watch for Police.
The colored man stated that he had been told by Weaver to stand out in front of the door of the Reid Crocker building and kick the door if he saw an officer coming. Weaver, he said, was going to sell the stuff he stole to a Jew, and would pay him afterwards.

P. C. McRae knew it would never do for him to go near the Reid building as he had his uniform on. He hurried across to the police station and told Detective Nickle.

It was raining at the time and the detective, under cover of his umbrella hurried down at once to the place.

The colored man was standing there as he had been directed, but he did not know the officer.

Nabbed the Prisoner.
Detective Nickle went to the rear of the building, and it wasn't long before he saw Weaver climbing through one of the ground floor windows with a big bag on his back. He at once seized him.

Weaver fought desperately, but was no match for the detective, and was soon overpowered and taken to the station. In the struggle his coat was torn to shreds.

Pleaded Guilty.
He appeared in court this morning and at once pleaded guilty, when asked, and was remanded for a week for sentence.

"Can I get bail?" was all he said. "Certainly not, on a serious charge of this kind," said the court.

Weaver was sworn in yesterday as a dog catcher for the city. He has for some time been addicted to the use of drugs, and on many occasions has appeared in court for drunkenness and stealing. He is comparatively a young man, but has a long record in court.

A sad feature of the case is that his young wife and little child are ill.

GOVERNMENT AID TO FIGHT COMPANY

Municipalities Are Evidently
Afraid of Claim of Cameron
Septic Tank Company.

The Ontario Government will be asked to interfere in the threatened suits against London and many other municipalities regarding septic tanks. At a meeting yesterday afternoon held in Toronto it was decided to wait on Sir James Whitney, and bring the matter to his attention.

"The question is so large that a majority of the delegates were of the opinion that it should be taken up by the Government," said Mayor Stevely. "As a matter of fact, the claim of the Cameron Septic Tank Company is so far-reaching that it not only affects the municipalities meeting here, but also many municipalities contemplating the disposal of sewage. Individuals might be affected also, as they claim that they have the right to collect royalty on any inclosed system for the disposal of sewage."

People Viciously Interested.
"That being the case the whole people of Ontario are vitally interested, and we think that it is a question for the Government to look into."

"There are hundreds of municipalities in Ontario, a large number of them in New Ontario, contemplating putting in inclosed systems, and they are affected, so you see it is widespread."

"If the company have so great power by their patent it is high time it was rescinded. That was the opinion of Dr. Hodgkiss, provincial health officer, with whom we also consulted."

"Our engineers presented a voluminous report covering the whole field of controversy. In their opinion the municipalities are not liable. They claim that the Cameron patent dates from 1886 only, while prior to that time the same system was in operation, and was not patented. It was not theirs by right of discovery."

"I do not think we will have to pay royalties. There have been no patent in Canada yet, and there is grave doubt as to the ability of the company to collect them."

"It looks as if we will fight them to protect ourselves, or else the Government will protect us."

"There were thirty representatives at the meeting and it was a good one."

A BOLT HIT THE PARSONAGE AND FIRED A WAREHOUSE

Last Night's Terrific Storm Cut Capers at Delaware and St. Marys
—Several Persons Having Narrow Escape From Death.

Last night's electrical storm cut capers in most districts surrounding the city, but was particularly destructive at Delaware. The storm, which made a magnificent spectacle, rolled up from the southwest about 7 o'clock, and broke over the village with terrific force.

A bolt struck Johnson's warehouse and general store, setting it afire, but a bucket brigade of townfolk by hard work managed to put it out.

Another bolt struck the Methodist parsonage, ripping up a section of the flooring and badly shocking Mrs. Freeman, who was alone in the house at the time. The telephone system was also burned out, the operator receiving quite a severe shock.

Stone Town Caught It.
St. Marys, June 25.—A severe elec-

trical storm passed over the Stone Town on Wednesday at noon. A bolt struck the grandstand at the South Perth Agricultural Society grounds and badly wrecked it. During the storm a spruce tree in front of H. H. Stevenson's house, Water street, was struck and shattered. Some of the flying splinters came within two feet of Mr. Stevenson, who was sitting on his verandah at the time.

Another storm visited the town yesterday (Thursday) afternoon. The telephone service suffered considerably, and two houses were struck. Bert Gould's house, Queen street, east ward, had a part of the siding ripped off by the electric fluid, and a chimney was shattered on the residence of Mr. B. E. Thackeray, high school teacher, St. John street. A number of transformers of the electric light department were burnt out.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS FEED WELL CAMP STATISTICS INTERESTING

Men Got Away With 17,000 Pounds of the Roast Beef of Old
Canada—1,000 Pounds of Cheese as a Side Line—
Total Cost of Feeding Was \$4,000.

The returns for the camp which closed last week show some interesting figures. Notwithstanding that the camp this year was a comparatively small one, the men consumed 22,000 pounds of bread, 17,000 pounds of prime roast beef, a ton and a quarter of breakfast bacon, 18,000 pounds of potatoes, and a proportionate amount of other vegetables, 2,500 pounds of beans, and a quarter of a ton of split peas. Slightly more than a ton each of butter, jam and sugar were used, 1,000 pounds of cheese, 600 pounds of salt, 400 pounds of coffee, 300 pounds of tea and 24 pounds of pepper. The total cost of feeding the men was in the neighborhood of \$4,000.

No Chance to Lose.
Of the bread used the Army Service Corps baked more than 13,000 pounds, and in doing so used up about 62 cords of wood.

The 300 horses in the camp had to satisfy themselves with some 60,000 pounds of hay and 1,100 bushels of oats. Their maintenance cost in the neighborhood of \$1,200.

For transporting the men and their supplies to and from camp the railways received between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

Each man received 50 cents a day regular pay, and in addition efficiency pay, based on his shooting, of from 20 to 60 cents extra. Fully one-third of the men made the necessary scores, entitling them to first-class efficiency pay, or 60 cents per day.

HIGH SCHOOL EXAM. RESULTS READY BY THE FIRST OF JULY

At Least an Effort Will Be Made to Publish Them Then—It Is
Not Likely That Many Will Be "Plucked" This Year—
Examinations Not Hard for Children.

There was very evident relief in the faces of the children, as they filed out this morning after their last written examination. The boys, however, were somewhat tempered by the thought of the reading that was to come in the afternoon, for it takes a steady nerve to face an oral test without flinching, no matter how slight the examination.

"Everyone seemed to be fairly satisfied with the examinations," said one of the presiding examiners. "We have heard very little complaint of any nature, and I think that most of the children have done very well. As for the heat, I don't think that it has troubled them as much as it has us, who have little to do but watch them working."

Even the terrible arithmetic paper that has been such a nightmare to the young ladies, and the equally terrible grammar, for the boys, have been passed with very little complaint.

"At least, not as bad as I thought they would be," said one boy. "At least, not as bad as I thought they would be." And that seemed to be the general opinion.

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Ready July 1.
An effort will be made to have the results of the examination ready by the 1st of July, though that will mean a great deal of work for the men charged with the examining of the papers of the 423 pupils trying the examination. If not at that date, however, it will not be delayed much later.

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IN ONLY ONE CASE WAS REDUCTION MADE

Court of Revision Dealt With
Ward Four Appeals on
Thursday Night.

At the session of the court of revision held last evening 24 appeals against assessment in ward 4 were taken up, but in only one case was there a reduction made, and that amounted to but \$200.

This was in the appeal of Mr. William Taylor, of 315 Central avenue, whose assessment was reduced that sum.

In all the others the figures of Assessment Commissioner Grant were confirmed.

"The number of complaints was the smallest I can remember," said City Clerk Baker. "The reduction was extremely small."

"I am gratified at the results of the appeals," said Mr. Grant. "The number of appeals was small, very small, and in only one case was a reduction made. That speaks well for the department, I may be pardoned for saying, as it shows that we are as careful as we well be."

The members of the board present were Mr. Philip Pocock, chairman; Mr. A. T. McMahon, Sheriff Cameron, Assessment Commissioner Grant and Secretary Baker.

Vote on Money Bylaw.
This evening a public meeting will be held in St. Marys Town Hall to discuss the \$40,000 public school building bylaw. The voting takes place next Monday.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES TALK CONTRACTORS' COMBINE

Have Been Investigating and
Claim That Suspicious
Are Well Founded.

Tenders for the brickwork of the Worthy road school are coming in, and it is more than likely that there will be plenty of competition when the offers are considered on Thursday next.

The announcement that the board of education would erect the Worthy road school by day labor has caused the contractors to sit up and take notice, and they will be ready with their tenders.

It is openly charged that the brick-masons were in a combine on the matter, and had decided to allow one member of the society alone to figure on the job.

Only one tender was received, and the members of the board became somewhat suspicious. Inquiries were made, and what was learned has convinced some of the trustees that their suspicions are about correct.

The Contractors' Position.
The contractors, on the other hand, state that there is not enough brickwork in the building to make it worth tendering on. They say that a large part of it is cement work, and it would be too much trouble, as well as too small a job, to tender on.

Fault was found with City Architect Nutter's plans, and they say the difficulty lies with them.

At all events, there will be some tenders at the next meeting of the board of education.

THUNDERSTORMS NOW IN FASHION

Six Big Ones Have Occurred in
a Little Over 24 Hours.

SOME PECULIAR STUNTS

Fire Alarm System Was Paralyzed
Yesterday—Girl Was Rendered Unconscious—Other Mishaps.

Six big thunderstorms in quick succession and more than an inch and a half of rain in a little over twenty-four hours is a phenomenon that is causing citizens to sit up and take notice. It is a very long time since so many violent electrical disturbances swept over the city in such a short space of time, in fact a great many people state that never, so far as they can remember, was there such a series of heavy storms. To make matters worse the weather man promises more.

Right on Schedule.
A peculiar feature of the storms of Wednesday and Thursday was that there were thunderstorms between 12 and 1 and between 4 and 5 o'clock on both days. This is to put it mildly a little unusual. The theory has been advanced that so much thunder and lightning is caused directly by the two eclipses, one of the sun and the other of the moon, which took place recently. It is probable, according to astronomers, that the eclipses did have something to do with the peculiar weather. But why the storms should be so heavy in this vicinity and not in other places is unexplained.

A Terrible Storm.
The storm that passed over yesterday at noon, while lasting only a short time, was of a terrific nature, and shortly after 4 o'clock there was another one which was still more violent. The lightning was most violent. The rain fell in torrents and the streets speedily became miniature rivers. While the storm was at its height the lightning struck the hose-tower on the East End Hall and ripped apart the top off and did other damage.

Alarm System Paralyzed.
"Our fire alarm system was completely paralyzed by the storm for more than an hour," Chief Attkin told The Advertiser. "What with the telephones badly crippled and unable to be used at all while the lightning was on, and the fire alarms out of business, we would have been in a bad way had there been a big fire any place. However, we were fortunate. It is a long time though since we had such a series of heavy electrical storms."

The Bathurst Street Escape.
In the storm yesterday at noon, Mr. and Mrs. Riddle, of 141 Bathurst street, had a narrow escape from being killed, when a bolt came through the roof of their house and passed between them in the dining-room. Mr. Riddle was brushing his hair at the time, and the lightning knocked the brush from his hand.

"It was the closest I ever got to lightning," said Mr. Riddle. "I don't want any more for a while. My wife is very nervous, even yet."

Rendered Unconscious.
In the storm of Wednesday afternoon a young woman named Jennison, who was working in a dressmaking parlor on Dundas street, near Wellington street, was bolted and rendered unconscious. Dr. Drake attended her and she soon recovered.

Heavy Storms Have
Cleared Air Somewhat

High Temperature Is Receding
Now Bearable—But Don't
Think of the Future.

The heavy electrical storms of yesterday afternoon and evening have had a tendency to clear the air somewhat, and though the weather is still very warm, the air is considerably fresher, which makes the high temperature more bearable. Last night the lowest temperature recorded was 64 degrees, while at 8 o'clock it was only 69 degrees, which is some 15 degrees lower than yesterday at the same hour. The highest temperature registered yesterday was 87 degrees, though naturally on the public streets, with the buildings and pavements attracting the heat, it would have been considerably higher than that. The lowest during the night was 64 degrees.

Everyone has begun to hope that there will be a little break in the temperature before the regular summer weather begins, to give them time to get a little accustomed to it. Garden parties are about the only thing that seems to be able to flourish in this weather, and the periodic thunderstorms are putting a little too much of the adventurous citizen into these for the average citizen.

JUNE FESTIVAL
OF THE Y. W. C. A.

Was Held on Verandahs Last Night—
Will Be Repeated Tonight.

On account of the bad weather last night it was necessary to hold the June festival of the Y. W. C. A. on the verandahs, instead of the lawn of the residence.

The verandahs were prettily decorated with Chinese lanterns and the tables with daisies, making a very pretty sight.

During the evening Miss Lenore Tuttle rendered some piano selections, which were very greatly appreciated, while Miss Finnigan gave two delightful readings. Mr. Wm. Wortman also gave a number of piano selections.

Joe cream, strawberries and cake were served on the side verandah, and home-made candy was served in the hall. Despite the unfavorable weather a very fair number of people enjoyed the evening. It was decided to repeat the festival tonight, when among those taking part will be Miss Nora Little and Mr. Harman.

ALL DEPENDS ON INSPECTION REGARDING INSURANCE RATES

LONDON STANDS WELL
UP IN BUILDING INCREASES

Tremendous Gain Is Shown by
the Figures Compiled
for May.

The June number of Construction notes enormous increases in building operations in all provinces.

In Ontario all the cities, except Port William, show increases over May of last year. Toronto had permits for \$1,887,532 of new buildings, a gain of 55 per cent.

Berlin records an increase of 190 per cent, while London's gain is 76 per cent, and Peterboro's 54 per cent. Brandon, Man., shows a gain of 564 per cent, and Sydney, N. S., of 465 per cent.

RAT CAUGHT FIRE
BRIGADE WERE CALLED

Blaze on Pipe Line Road Caused
by Most Peculiar Mishap.

A broken match and a young lady's "rat" were responsible for a fire at the home of Mrs. Callaghan, 20 Pipe Line road, last night.

It seems that a young lady who was arranging her hair lit a match, and in doing so it broke and fell on her "rat," which lay on the bureau.

The "rat" blazed up and set fire to some clothes hanging close to it. The fire was a merry row in a few moments. The brigade made a fast run and soon had the fire out.

The only damage done was to the clothes, the wall and the dresser.

NO SPECIAL FAVORS
FOR HAMILTON CITY

City of London Will Fight Any
Attempt Along This Line Re
Niagara Power.

The city of London will not, if it can help it, allow Hamilton to come into the Niagara power scheme unless that city assumes its share of the responsibility and expense.

"I have no definite information as to the exact words used by Mr. Lobb, solicitor for the hydro-electric commission," said his worship, "but the city of London will not consent to any arrangement that will give Hamilton preferential treatment. We want that city to be responsible for its share of the transmission line, and its maintenance, and all the rest of it. Hamilton should join with us in working out this proposition, and under no other ground will I consent to have them come in. No short-term agreements and easy tariffs for them. They either come in or stay out. That is the way I feel about it, and I am certain the council are of the same opinion."

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THE WEATHER.
TOMORROW—COOLER.

Forecast.
Toronto, June 25-8 a.m. Today—Moderate winds; local showers and thunderstorms, chiefly this evening and tonight. Saturday—Generally fair and becoming a little cooler.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. Today. Yesterday. Low. High. Low. High. London. 73. 65. 67. 87. Niagara. 70. 62. 64. 85. Port Arthur. 62. 54. 78. 80. Windsor. 64. 56. 80. 82. Toronto. 74. 62. 84. 86. Ottawa. 70. 64. 84. 86. Montreal. 74. 66. 86. 88. Quebec. 64. 58. 86. Father Point. 48. 40. 66. Dawson. 40. 32. 58. Victoria. 50. 42. 68. Vancouver. 58. 50. 76. Kamloops. 60. 52. 78. Edmonton. 44. 36. 64. Battleford. 46. 38. 66. Moosejaw. 43. 35. 63. Qu'Appelle. 48. 40. 66. St. John. 50. 42. 68. Halifax. 60. 70. 80.

WEATHER NOTES.
The weather remains very cool in the Western Provinces, attended by numerous showers, while it continues very warm from the lakes eastward, accompanied by scattered showers and thunderstorms.

Mr. Howe Will Be Here
Shortly and Will Tell
London Where It
Is At.

MAYOR STEVELY
ON CONFERENCE

Says the Underwriters' Representative Talked of More
Engines.

The underwriters did not commit themselves on the Beck well scheme, according to the statement made by Mayor Stevely today, nor did they say what they would do in case the people passed it.

Some criticism was offered against it by Inspector Howe.

"We laid the scheme before Inspector Howe as well as we could," said Mayor Stevely. "He offered some criticism of it. He thought there should be a larger reservoir capacity, and he was also afraid that the increased pressure from Springbank would reduce the quantity of water from that section, and would consequently give us little more water than we had at the present time. He also was afraid that the wells would not last. He said that there was trouble with the wells in Berlin."

Situation in Berlin.
"Berlin is still getting its water supply from wells," was ventured. "Inspector Howe did not mean to say that wells had been abandoned in Berlin."

"No; he did not say that," answered the mayor. "However, he did state that they had to sink more wells."

"Of course, they sank more wells, and got more water, although some of them did not pump as much as in the first instance," his worship was informed.

"They seem satisfied with wells there all right," answered the mayor. "I am only stating what Mr. Howe said, and I do not know that it would be wise to continue to sink wells."

"Did the underwriters appear anxious to make any proposition whatever?" was asked.

No Proposition.
"No; they did not make any proposition," he replied. "I do not think they will either until Mr. Howe's complete report is in. That will take some time."

"He did tell us that the proposition voted down last June was a good one, and that they would have been satisfied with that."

The Two Schemes.
"Does not the Beck scheme, with the \$25,000 worth of mains, together with the extra mains provided for in the other bylaw, give as good water distribution and pressure as would be provided by the north end scheme?" was asked.

"Yes, I suppose it does, except that it does not provide for a reservoir of sufficient size," answered the mayor. "In that scheme we had the river to fall back on in case of fire."

"And in the Beck scheme you have a practically inexhaustible reservoir underground to supply all the water necessary," he was told. "Does that make any difference?"

More Engines.
"I did speak to him about fire engines in connection with the Beck proposition, and he did say that London should have more of them to get a lower rate," said his worship. "I presumed from what he said that with plenty of engines, and the water we have in the city, we were now justifying the insurance rate we are justifying."

However, we will not know what the underwriters record do until Inspector Howe's full report is put in."

MEETING POSTPONED
UNTIL MONDAY

Owing to the Fact That Mr. Kemp
Could Not Attend.

The annual meeting of the Charity Organization Society and Humane Society to have been held this afternoon has been postponed until Monday owing to the fact that Mr. H. R. Kemp, who was to play an important part in the proceedings, could not attend.

He is to be presented with a Royal Humane Society medal for bravery, but he could not get into the city today.

It will be remembered that Mr. Kemp at great risk rescued Mr. R. L. McDougall one night last summer near Wonderland. McDougall had upset a canoe, and was in imminent danger of drowning when he pulled out by Mr. Kemp.

PUMPING PLANT
IS COMPLETED

Water Commissioners Now Ready to
Use Artesian Wells.

The water commissioners have their temporary pumping plant completed to turn the extra mains provided for in the other bylaw, give as good water distribution and pressure as would be provided by the north end scheme?" was asked.

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