

TIRED OF LIFE, OLD MAN DIES THOS. RAWLINGS GAVE UP FIGHT

Suddenly Drew Himself Up and Dropped Dead—It Is Alleged To Be a Case of Carbolic Acid Poisoning—Investigation Is Proceeding.

Tired after a long and fruitless struggle with his enemy, drink, Thomas Rawlings, of this city, is supposed to have ended his life by taking carbolic acid about 11 o'clock this morning.

Rawlings was well known about London, being for many years hostler in a number of hotels here.

His habits were very irregular, his worst enemy being himself.

WENT INTO HOTEL.

Rawling entered the Harrison Hotel this morning shortly after 10 o'clock, going into the barroom.

He passed quickly through the bar into the lavatory, and in a few minutes emerged.

He then asked the bartender for a glass of ale, which he drank.

Rawlings immediately entered the sitting-room, taking a chair near the window.

Suddenly Mr. Harrison, the proprietor, saw the old man twitch, and an ashy paleness come over his features.

FELL TO THE FLOOR.

He attempted to stand up, but fell in a heap on the floor.

Mr. Harrison called Dr. Teasdale, but the old man died shortly after the doctor arrived.

BOTTLE FOUND.

On investigation, it is said, that a two-ounce bottle that had contained carbolic acid was found lying on the lavatory floor.

Rawlings is supposed to have taken the poison shortly after entering the house.

The late Mr. Rawlings was about 65 years of age, and had been in the city for many years.

He was born in Norfolk, England, coming to London many years ago. He amassed a considerable sum of money, but fell into bad habits and soon was a hotel roustabout.

EMPLOYED AROUND HOTELS.

Rawlings was known about many of the hotels, where he was given more or less steady employment, his drinking habits preventing him from keeping a job any length of time.

Lately his employment has been very intermittent, and he had been morose and despondent.

He was a bachelor.

PITIALE APPEARANCE.

Rawlings presented a very pitiable appearance this morning. His clothing was very bad.

On one foot was an old shoe, and on the other a dilapidated overshoe.

His coat and other garments were ragged and torn.

An old felt hat pulled down over his ears almost covered his unshaven face.

Not a cent was found in his pockets.

LOOKS LIKE SUICIDE.

"It looks like a case of suicide," said Dr. Teasdale to The Advertiser. "I am investigating it, but have not yet formed a final opinion. There are circumstances that would lead me to believe that it was a case of suicide, but I cannot say as yet."

Neither Coroner MacLearen nor Coroner Ferguson have been notified of Rawlings' death.

Relatives in the city have taken charge of the remains.

He has a brother living in London Township, and other distant relatives in the city.

Western Fair Board Want \$2,000 For Improvements To Buildings

Council Will Be Expected To Hand Over This Sum.

The estimates of the Western Fair board called for the expenditure of a considerable sum of money this coming year.

About \$7,000 will be spent on enlarging the buildings, and making them more attractive.

The board will ask the council to make a grant of \$2,000 to paint the buildings.

Estimates for the cost of the painting were submitted by Col. Gartschore last night, and asked for the expenditure of \$2,000 for this purpose.

However, it was felt that the council would hardly spend that much money this year in view of the fact

that the estimates are going to be so very high this year, and a considerable amount of pruning will have to be done.

\$2,000 Will Do It.

The sum of \$2,000 is thought to be just about the correct thing, and the Western Fair directors will be delighted if they get that sum of money.

They intend making all the improvements for which estimates have been drawn up.

Col. Gartschore expressed himself as hopeful that the Western Fair will receive a grant from the Dominion Government.

Toronto, Winnipeg and Sherbrooke already receive such grants, and Calgary also has an application in.

It is thought by the board that the importance of the Western Fair will lead the Department of Agriculture to make a grant similar to that of Toronto for the Western.

Word is expected shortly on that matter.

Municipal Election New Year's Day Nomination Day Ten Days Previous

Council Last Night Decided Upon the Change—Matter Now Goes To Legislature.

The Legislature will be asked to amend the London bill so that the date of election in future will be New Year's Day, and nomination day ten days prior.

No. 1 committee recommended, at its last meeting that this should be done, and as predicted there was little opposition.

There was considerable discussion regarding the day of nomination, but it was decided to make the date of nomination ten days prior to New Year's Day.

Nomination Day.

Ald. Beattie was in favor of making nominations ten days before New Year's.

If nominations were held on Christmas it would spoil the day for a very large number of people, and would benefit but few.

That was the reason he would suggest a different date.

He thought it would be a splendid thing to have the elections held on New Year's Day.

Opposed the Change.

Ald. Greenlee opposed the change. He thought that while it would convenience a few to make the change it would inconvenience a great many.

Ald. Moorhead thought that the change would be a great benefit to the workman.

Ald. Parsons favored the change. He thought many citizens could put up with the inconveniences, but the travelers could not.

The ten days suggestion met with favor, and the Legislature will be asked to amend the act, making New Year's Day election day, and ten days prior to that date nomination day.

Big Whist Match.

Tonight the big whist match between the Central Rooms and the South London Liberals will take place in Hyman Hall. All are invited.

DOGS ATTACKED A HORSE ANIMAL DIED OF WOUNDS

Was Hitched To a Sleigh and Was Being Driven By Its Owner, Who Was Also Attacked By the Brutes in West London—Police Have Been Notified.

One of the most ferocious attacks that have ever been made by vicious dogs was reported this morning when it was learned that on Saturday afternoon, as Mr. Charles Bayes, of Edinburg avenue, Oxford Park, West London, was driving to his home his horse was attacked on Woodward avenue by three dogs, two of which were bulldogs and one a large collie.

ATTACKED THE HORSE.

It was stated to The Advertiser that the dogs attacked the horse in the most vicious manner each of the bulldogs gripping one of its hind legs while the collie fastened its teeth in the animal's nose.

The horse has belonged to Mr. Bayes for many years and was used for light work around his farm.

It was utterly unable to resist the attack of the dogs which bit it a number of times before they were finally driven away by Mr. Bayes.

ATTACKED THE DRIVER ALSO.

It is stated that the dogs also made an attack on Mr. Bayes, but he drove them away with his whip.

The terrible wounds caused by the dogs' teeth were dressed by the owner of the horse, but to no purpose, and, after suffering intense pain, the animal died on Saturday morning.

It is alleged that the bulldogs belong to a Mr. Boyce who recently left the city.

The police are working on the case, and it is likely the dogs will be shot.

Opening Session of Spring Presbytery Rev. T. A. Watson Selected Moderator

The regular spring meeting of the Presbytery of London opened its sessions this morning at 10:30 in the First Presbyterian Church. There was a large attendance, among whom were noticed Dr. McDonald, Glencoe, moderator; Clerk A. Henderson, Rev. Messrs. Rollins, Nichol, Pidgeon, Orr, Reid, Weir, Moffat, MacKay, Scott and Drs. Ross, Munro, Nixon and McCrae, ministers, and Messrs. Young, Gilmore, Best, Stuart, Stewart, Gibson, Cameron, Patterson, McArthur, Law, Waugh, Woods, McVicar, Jelly, Watson and Ballantyne, elders.

Rev. T. A. Watson, Thamesford, was elected moderator for the next six months. The Presbytery expressed its gratification and thankfulness to God for the complete recovery of Rev. T. R. Shearer, of Melbourne. There was some discussion as to whether the Alex. Stuart, K.C., to defend its action manse of the Rev. Mr. Rae, formerly before the synod.

Dr. McCrae was appointed to represent the Presbytery at the home mission committee in Toronto this month. Rev. Jas. Rollins, on behalf of the Kirk Street session, asked permission to hold regular services at the mission on the Hamilton road.

Documents in connection with the appeal to the synod of a minority of the congregation against the induction of Mr. Campbell to the eldership were read. Though there had been an irregularity in the matter, the appeal was allowed. The synod will have to decide whether the appeal is to be maintained.

The synod was held under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, of which deceased was a member.

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The pall bearers were Rt. Worshipful Brother O. Ellwood, Worshipful Brother James O. Weldon, Dr. Seaborn, Brothers Talbot and Hyatt and Ald. Booth.

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FESSANT-COMFORT

Well-Known London Accountant Wedded to a St. Thomas Lady.

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Seventh Recruits.

Those desirous of joining the Seventh Regiment should make application to the commanding officer at once, as the non-commissioned officer and recruit classes begin this week, the object being to have no raw recruits when the regiment goes to Quebec.

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SACRED CONCERT MONEY DIVIDED

Ex-Ald. Gilleen Turned Over the Funds Today.

Ex-Ald. Gilleen today turned over the proceeds of the sacred concert, held in Bennett's last Sunday evening.

Half of the sum went to Inspector McCallum for relief, and the rest to the Children's Aid.

Another concert will be given next Sunday evening for the orphans' homes in the city.

CIVIC PARTY ARE OFF FOR TORONTO

Mayor Stevely May Kill Two Birds With the One Stone.

Mayor Stevely, Ald. Booth and Ald. Stewart left today for Toronto, where they will attend the tuberculosis convention.

It is expected that the city of London bill will come up in the Legislature on Thursday.

If it does Mayor Stevely will stay over as the bill is very important.

TAKING SNOW FROM THE CITY STREETS

Manager King Has Put a Number of Men at Work.

Manager King of the London Street Railway has a number of men taking away the snow from the city streets, as directed by City Engineer Graydon.

"There is not as large a number of men as I would desire, but I expect Mr. King will increase the number," said City Engineer Graydon this morning.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. H. COOKE HELD SUNDAY

Body Interred in Mount Pleasant Cemetery With Masonic Honors.

The funeral of J. H. Cooke, who died recently in Denver, Colorado, was held from the residence of his brother, 1040 Mary street, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Sunday afternoon and was very largely attended.

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NO TICKETS BEING SOLD POINTS NORTH STRATFORD

Railwaymen Report the Snowdrifts as the Worst in Many Year—All the Plows of the District Are at Work Opening Up the Lines.

Railroad men are sincerely hoping that Sunday's storm is the last of the season, and are unanimously of the opinion that this winter has been the worst for blockades in the history of Canadian railroading.

Never, they claim, have the roads been tied up for such long periods and by such a regular series of storms as during the last six weeks.

The loss already amounts to more than half a million dollars, and the loss of trade consequent upon their not being able to move goods is very heavy.

STILL PARALYZED.

The lines north of Stratford are still paralyzed and an order has gone forth to ticket agents to sell no tickets for points north of Stratford.

It is many years since anything like this has occurred, but this winter the company has been compelled to issue the order several times.

The Bruce line has fared a little better, and this morning the first train since Saturday evening got through.

All the available Grand Trunk snowplows are being concentrated in the district north of Stratford, and it is expected that by tomorrow morning trains will be got through.

NOT GENERAL.

Sunday's storm appears not to have been general, as the eastern and western connections are running fairly close to schedule.

Lively Time Over Askin St. Report Warm Attack On Architect Nutter

Deputation Waited On the City Council Last Night and Lodged Complaint.

The Askin Street Church trustees board is not in good humor over the report of City Architect Nutter regarding the new school room, and a deputation was sent to the city council last night to protest against the report.

The deputation was accompanied by a couple of very pointed communications, which spoke in anything but complimentary terms of Mr. Nutter and his inspection.

One communication declared that the school room was not yet completed.

Mr. Nutter, in his official visit, had spent but a few minutes on the plans, and did not look upon the specifications or contracts.

The woodwork was not so dangerous as had been pointed out, as it was placed over steel beams and could not be dangerous.

The school room was planned after that of Wesley Church, Toronto, which was considered perfectly safe.

Victim of a New Official.

"We think we are the victims of a new official, who evidently thinks he must condemn the first building he

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Ontario Government Presents Budget Claims a Surplus of \$606,173.58

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Toronto, March 3.—A surplus of receipts over expenditures amounting to \$606,173.58 is disclosed by the public accounts of the Province of Ontario for the year 1907, which were laid on the table of the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Hon. Mr. Hanna, the provincial secretary.

The financial statement for the year's business indicates that the revenue collected during the period amounted to \$8,320,658.81 and the expenditures were \$7,714,485.23.

At the commencement of the year the balances to the credit of the Province in special and current bank accounts were \$3,497,239.62, and at the close the balances totaled \$1,674,084.05.

The reduction in the figure is largely accounted for by the advance of \$2,429,329.15 to the Temiskaming Railway. By two loans the Government raised \$8-

\$400,004 for the construction of that important public work some time ago.

The Total Revenue.

By the advance of the sum mentioned above, the provincial treasurer has been able to provide funds for the extension of the Government railway without resorting to the expedient of floating a loan. The total revenue for 1907, including balances, was \$11,817,658.81. The receipts of the Province have risen steadily in the past few years. In 1905 they were \$6,016,176, and the expenditures were \$5,396,616; in 1906 the revenues were \$7,149,478, and the expenditures \$6,720,178.

The Dominion Subsidy.

The statement of revenue shows that the Province received from the Dominion of Canada in all \$1,734,329.68 as compared with \$1,339,287 last year, on account of subsidy of population.

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