

FRIDAY NEXT PUBLIC HOLIDAY PROCLAMATION IS ISSUED

Official Announcement On the Subject Settles All Doubt On the Matter—Mayor Beattie Makes a Statement in Regard to the Matter.

Friday next, the day of the King's funeral, has been declared a public holiday.

A proclamation, signed by the Lieutenant-Governor, appears in the Ontario Gazette, and is the official declaration.

In addition, the council have issued a proclamation asking businessmen and manufacturers to refrain from work as much as possible on that day.

A great deal of misunderstanding has been prevalent on the subject, but the official proclamation from the Government makes it absolutely certain that Friday will be a public holiday, during which no person will be expected to work.

Mayor Explains.

"We had no power to proclaim an official holiday," said his worship. "We merely issued a proclamation asking the citizens generally to refrain from work as much as possible on the day of the King's funeral. The Government proclamation is different, and sets that day apart as a holiday."

A number of manufacturers and businessmen intended closing their shops and stores Friday morning, or until after the funeral, being of the opinion that two holidays in such close proximity would tend to disorganize their business.

It is not known, however, what action will be taken now that it has been made certain that Friday is a holiday. It is quite likely that the citizens generally will observe the day as a day of mourning for the dead King.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN TO ATTEND MEMORIAL SERVICES

Inspector Edwards Has Announced the Arrangements Made to Mark the Occasion of the Funeral of King Edward VII.

Inspector Edwards has completed arrangements for school services in the churches on Friday, the day of the King's funeral.

Memorial services will be held in the churches throughout the city, at the same time the civic service to the occasion, will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral.

It is expected that hundreds of children will be present at the services, and their parents will attend. Special music, appropriate to the occasion, will be given by the children.

C. B. Edwards, will be given by the children.

Aberdeen school will attend All Saints' Church and Rev. T. B. Clarke, the rector, will preach. T. B. Clarke, Colborne street and Princess avenue will go to the First Presbyterian Church and Rev. J. Gibson Inkster will be the speaker.

Chesley avenue school will attend the Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church, and the services will be conducted by Rev. J. W. Baird.

Empress avenue school will go to St. George's Church, West London, and Rev. Dr. Sage will read the burial service there.

HUSBAND WAS IN A TIGHT BOX BIGAMY CASE WAS DISMISSED

Could Not Prove That His Own First Wife Was Dead, But He Laid a Charge of Bigamy Against the Second Woman He Had Wedded.

Richard Hobbs, who charged Mrs. James Crow, Hobbs' former wife, with bigamy some days ago, was hauled over the coals by the magistrate today. The police court this morning, and escaped being made a defendant in a similar case by a narrow margin.

Hobbs was the chief witness and his evidence, which brought out the fact that he himself has been married twice, was so contradictory that the court dismissed the case.

Hobbs stated that he has a son 21 years old, that he has six children by the first marriage, with Miss Mary McGivern, but that his memory is so extraordinarily poor that he cannot remember when his matrimonial troubles commenced.

Died in the States.

He also claimed to have received a letter from his first wife's mother, then living in Niagara Falls stating that Mary had died somewhere "in the States."

This epistle arrived at his home "between two and six years ago," and was read to him by his housekeeper.

His wife was "not worth inquiring about," so he decided to enter the field again.

D. Cupid located the prospect and became Mrs. Emily Wench, now Mrs. James Crow. "She gave me two candies in the home of a woman on Grey street, and I liked her right away. They made me feel kind of queer, but I felt good, too, for I wouldn't have married her. That feeling kept up over Sunday and it was kind of working off when we got married."

Oh, You Candies!

Mr. Ed. Meredith, K. C., became interested but could not discover where the magic candies could be procured. "I would like to know where they could get them," he said. "Many people could use them."

Mr. S. W. Howard, of Christ Church, was the first witness called.

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COMET SWITCHES ON TWENTIETH THEN IN THE EVENING SKY

On the 23rd Celestial Wanderer Will Cause an Eclipse of the Moon and On Wednesday Or Thursday Tail Will Sweep Through the Earth.

The comet! He is on his way, and singing as he flies; The whizzing planets shrink before The spectre of the skies; Ah, well may regal orbs burn blue, And satellites turn pale— Ten million cubic miles of head, Ten million leagues of tail.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

The popular pastime with Londoners just at present appears to be rising early in the morning to get a glimpse of Halley's comet.

On the 20th inst. the comet changes from the morning to the evening sky, and no early morning sessions will be necessary to see the celestial wanderer.

Eclipse of the Moon.

On the 23rd, just about the time the comet is setting, there will be an eclipse of the moon, which should tend to give a good view of the comet. The best view will be obtainable about the 22nd. From the 18th to the 20th it sets, too, after the sun.

On the 18th it passes directly between us and the sun, and later it appears to even greater advantage in the evening sky.

This morning the comet was much lower than the planet Venus and about 20 degrees to the left. After this the comet, or at least, its head, can hardly be seen clear of the morning twilight. Even after the head gets too near the sun to be seen, the tail may be observable in the mornings of the 17th and 18th, extending upward and to the right from the eastern horizon, perhaps broad and fan-shaped, and the effects of the perspective, since the end of it will be much nearer to us than the head.

Wrapped in Its Tail.

On the evening of the 18th or the morning of the 19th the comet passes between us and the sun, and the earth will be enveloped in its tail if the latter is long enough.

If Wednesday evening is clear it will be of great interest and importance to look for an illumination of the sky. In the early evening just after the sunset the comet's tail will be in the east but a few hours later it will have passed over toward the west. If, as it is sometimes supposed, the tail is a hollow cone of light there will be two occasions on which the sky will be illuminated.

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A "BIG-BROTHER" MOVEMENT STARTED

Children's Aid and Ministerial Alliance to Co-Operate in New Work.

PROTECTION FOR YOUNG

Elder Brothers To Care For and Advise Boys and Girls Who Are Unprotected.

A deputation from the Children's Aid Society waited upon the city Ministerial Alliance this morning with a view to securing the co-operation of that body. The deputation consisted of Mrs. Talbot Macbeth, Mrs. E. Yarker, Mrs. F. E. Leonard and Sheriff Cameron.

The result of the meeting was the inaugurating of the "Big-Brother Movement," which has been successfully undertaken in numerous instances. The idea of this movement is that men and women be picked from the churches who will act as an elder brother to younger people who need such care and advice.

Indifferent Parents.

Sheriff Cameron gave an excellent address along Children's Aid lines. He suggested that much of the obstreperousness of youth develops in homes where parents were indifferent to the welfare of their children, or where the mother, a widow, has to go out and work by the day. It was frequently from such homes that the white slave traffic secured a foothold, and an effective means of supervision with a proper care and control over young girls at the age when they are entering the life activities of the world was necessary.

The efforts of the London Children's Aid Society was indicated by the fact that it had a record of over 500 children placed in foster homes since the organization of the society. These children have grown up under normal conditions in the community in which they were placed, and have no distinctive badge such as institutional life confers.

What induced the Children's Aid Society to seek the co-operation of the Ministerial Alliance, was the discovery of the delinquency that they were powerless to deal with existed in the community, and their discoveries in this direction are to be credited to the fact that they have secured the Children's Protection Act to the utmost.

"Big-Brother" Idea.

The "Big-Brother" idea was suggested by the Rev. Thomas Mitchell, and enthusiastically taken up by the ministers. It was moved by the Rev. Thomas Mitchell, and seconded by the Rev. A. K. Birks that the thanks of the Ministerial Alliance be tendered to the deputation, and that a number of big brothers be placed at the disposal of the society.

An excellent paper was read by the secretary, the Rev. G. A. McKenzie, on the subject, "Are We London Christians Asleep?" It was decided to adjourn the discussion on this paper until the September meeting.

A message of sympathy was tendered to the president, the Rev. A. J. Bowen, who has been ill for some time, on motion of Dean Davis and Rev. H. A. Graham.

Dr. Wilson's Death.

The matter of the death of Dr. John D. Wilson was one of the first items on the agenda. This was the first intimation to many of the ministers, and many were the remarks of appreciation and esteem made. Dr. Wilson's activity in bringing the Victoria Hospital to London and his work among the poor, often without remuneration, were gratefully referred to.

THE PREMIER LEAVES FOR ANCIENT CAPITAL

With Ministers Brodeur and Graham Will Look Into N. T. R. Terminals.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, May 16.—Mr. E. C. Senkler, late legal adviser to the Government in the Yukon, has been appointed to the position of minister for the Northwest Territories. He will be stationed at the Pass, and will have charge of the administration of law and order in the territory to be opened up by the Hudson Bay Railway.

St. Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux left for Quebec this morning, where they will be joined by Hon. George P. Graham and Hon. L. P. Brodeur. The ministers will look into the matter of the proposed railway connection between the city and the new Quebec bridge and the plans for the proposed drydock and ship repairing plant at Levis.

ROOSEVELT VIEWS BODY OF EDWARD

London, May 16.—Theodore Roosevelt, special United States ambassador to the funeral of King Edward, arrived in London this morning, was received by King George at Marlborough House, and later visited the throne room in Buckingham Palace, where the body of the late King is privately lying in state.

BACK TO WORK.

Des Moines, Ia., May 16.—Seven thousand Iowa mine workers resumed work in the mines today after a suspension of over six weeks. As a result of concessions granted the miners, the operators have advanced the price of all coal mined in the thirteenth district 2 cents a ton.

GUILTY OF PERJURY.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 16.—U. G. Walker, formerly president of the defunct South Cleveland Company, was sentenced to five years in the Ohio State Penitentiary today. Walker was found guilty of perjury in making false statements to the state bank examiner.

EX-MAYOR WILSON DIED TODAY VICTIM OF BLOODPOISONING FOUGHT DEATH FOR MONTH

Popular Physician Passed Away at Ten o'Clock This Morning—Suffered a Final Collapse at Two o'Clock Life Story of One of London's Most Valued Citizens.

Dr. John D. Wilson, ex-mayor of London, died at his home, 280 Queen's avenue this morning at 10 o'clock. An official statement, as given to The Advertiser by Mrs. Niven and McCallum, who were in attendance throughout Dr. Wilson's illness is as follows:

The Statement.

"Dr. Wilson died from blood poisoning, caused by a wound in the index finger of the left hand, made by a needle-pointed instrument while he was removing a tonsil from a child's throat. The finger was in the throat behind the tonsil when it was wounded. This occurred on Tuesday, four weeks ago last Tuesday.

"The finger swelled a little on that day and the swelling increased. On the following day it caused him considerable pain.

"On Thursday evening about 6 o'clock he had a chill, and through the night became very ill. It was thought for some time that the poison might locate in the arm pit but while it swelled considerably, no matter formed there.

"Later some formed at the elbow and knee, and was removed about a week ago. From this the germ Continued on Page Eight.



DR. JOHN D. WILSON.

THREE FIRMS AGREE TO NEW SCALE

Cigarmakers in All the Big Shops Are Out Today, However.

MAY SETTLE TROUBLE

Men Have Named Another Committee to Wait Upon the Employers—Both Sides, as Usual, Claim They Are Confident.

Another effort is being made to settle the strike of the cigarmakers. On Friday night and Saturday noon all the large union factories closed down, and the men walked out.

Some of the smaller shops, the Osborne Company, the Patrick Cigar Company, and the factory of James Donnelly, agreed to the new scale, and the men are at work in these shops this afternoon.

A meeting of the union was held this morning, and a committee, composed of Messrs. Kelly, Grant and McKenzie, was named to interview the employers once more, and arrange a settlement if possible.

This committee commenced their duties at once, and will continue until an answer has been received from all the manufacturers in the city.

Absolutely Refused.

The bosses so far have absolutely refused to pay the scale. They claim that it is impossible to pay it and continue in business, in view of the strong competition, and they will fight any effort to force the higher rate upon them.

A compromise is being suggested, and among the union men themselves there is a strong feeling in favor of a settlement, if it is at all possible.

However, no scale satisfactory to all parties has been suggested as yet, but there are indications that the men will get together and come to an arrangement.

No Outside Organizer.

So far no outside organizer has put in an appearance. The local union is handling the strike themselves, and has not yet called in any outside assistance.

No agreement is reached, the men claim they will continue the strike indefinitely, and they appear certain they will win.

Manufacturers claim they are well situated for a prolonged strike, and will fight it to a finish.

A meeting of the strikers will be held tonight to obtain the report of the committee sent to interview the manufacturers.

Meeting This Morning.

The committee from the Cigarmakers' Union, now canvassing the manufacturers to get their feeling on the strike situation, have not yet come back.

Some of the bosses have not yet been seen. The proposition of the Jose Gaste Company was favorably received by the union, and a meeting this morning, and it looks very much as if a compromise agreement will be reached not only with that firm but the others involved.

RAIN CHECKS FIRE.

St. Paul, Minn., May 18.—Forest fires which threatened Walker, Minn., and the State Tuberculosis Hospital, near there, have been checked by a light rain, and temporarily the danger is passed. The same report came from Bemidji. It was cloudy there and the prospects for a heavy fall of rain were promising.

CAR QUARANTINED.

North Bay, May 18.—A car forming part of a special train with about 600 passengers for Ireland for the west, is in quarantine here with about sixty passengers. Swedes, in consequence of the discovery of two cases of diphtheria on board. The victims, a girl of 22 years, and a 14-year-old sister, are housed in a building near the stock yards.

LOOKS LIKE WAR.

Lima, Peru, May 16.—A Government transportation regiment of artillery, a hospital corps and a big cargo of ammunition and other munitions of war, sailed today for Tumbez, a port on the northwest coast of Peru, not far from the northern boundary.

Official advices received from Ayakvaca just south of the Ecuadorian frontier report that troops of Ecuador have been seen approaching.

DOCTOR WILSON'S DEATH DEPLORED

Prominent Citizens Pay Tributes to Passing of a Model Londoner.

POOR LOSE A FRIEND

Doctor's Services and His Purses Were Always Open to the Needy—A Pathetic Review of a Well-Spent Life.

The most sincere expressions of regret are heard throughout the city regarding the death of Dr. John D. Wilson. Not many physicians of London, and very few of its citizens, ever enjoyed such widespread popularity, and throughout his illness the interest of the people was shown in a striking way by the number of telephone calls at both his own office and the newspaper offices.

Dr. Wilson's friends were numbered among rich and poor. He was ever ready to assist those who needed it, and was most unostentatious in all that he did. The Advertiser today secured the following tributes from those who knew him best:

Mayor Beattie: Dr. John D. Wilson was one of London's most useful citizens. He always allied himself with the poor, and was ever ready to do the good of the city, and was most self-sacrificing, giving both his time and talents unceasingly. To his efforts in a very large measure was due the relief of the consumptive people of the city now have. He was in every way a most valuable citizen, and London has sustained a very great loss.

"I deplore exceedingly the death of Dr. Wilson," said Commissioner Phil Pocock. "He was an excellent citizen, one whom it was a great honor to know. I have been associated with him in many things, and I always found him a very fine type of man. His sympathies for all charitable objects was unbounded, and wherever he possibly could he did all in his power to help and relieve the unfortunate. He was a public-spirited citizen in every sense of the term, and we can ill afford to lose him. I cannot speak too highly of him. His loss is a personal one to me."

Mr. Adam McMahon, president of the board of trade: "London has lost one of its very best and most public-spirited citizens. The poor of the city have lost one of the best friends they ever had, and few people ever knew the amount of good he did in a quiet way. As a member of the board of trade he was always deeply interested in anything that would promote the welfare of the city, and was untiring in his efforts."

Chairman Joseph Judd, of Victoria Hospital trust: "Only those who were closely associated with Victoria Hospital had any idea of the work Dr. John D. Wilson did there. His knowledge made him a most valuable man to the city. London owes, among other things, Victoria Hospital and the Tuberculosis Sanatorium to John D. Wilson's work."

C. B. Edwards, president of the Canadian Club: "As a citizen John D. Wilson was one of the best. As a man he was kind, generous and generous to a fault. He was a hard and untiring worker for the city's good, and his death is a great loss to London."

Mr. George C. Gibbons, K.C.: "Dr. Wilson was largely the originator of the Canadian Club in London. He was a man of high character, and London has lost a splendid citizen."

BROTHER AND SISTER PERISH IN WHIRLPOOL

A Double Tragedy Amongst Members of the Columbia Mountaineering Party.

Vancouver, B. C., May 16.—Walking along the edge of a 50-foot cliff, Miss Tement slipped over into the whirlpool of Capilano Canyon on Sunday afternoon. Attracted by her scream her brother, Thomas Tement, aged 25, tried to rescue her, but both sank in the chilly glacial stream and up to midnight neither bodies had been recovered. Some three hundred people witnessed the double drowning, including half a dozen friends.

Band Will Play.

The band of the Seventh Regiment under Bandmaster Slatter, will render a programme after drill at the Armories at 9:40 tonight.

PREMIER SCOTT BOOSTS WEST

THERE'S ROOM FOR THOUSANDS

Head of the Government of Saskatchewan in London After a Trip to Great Britain—Visited Relatives in London Township This Afternoon.

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CITY COVERED WITH THE HYDRO POLES

It Is Said That City's Plant Will Go Over More Territory Than the London Electric.

\$66,000 HAS BEEN SPENT

Work to Date Has Cost This Sum—It Is Rumored That Traction Company Will Get Power at \$35 a Horsepower.

All the city has been covered by the poles of the hydro-electric with the exception of Dundas and Richmond streets, and that section will be supplied by underground work.

Over half the city has been strung with wires, and the brackets for the street lighting have been put up. A large portion of the work will be put up during the coming week.

Altogether \$60,000 approximately has been laid out for the work to date. That includes part payments on the powerhouse, and land for the east end sub-station.

Contracts for \$40,000 or \$50,000 have been let, on which there has as yet been no delivery.

The poles traverse a greater area than the present street lighting system, and cover practically all the city.

The Total Cost.

It is thought that the whole distribution plant can be erected within the sum voted for that purpose, \$235,000.

The contracts have been considerably lower than the estimates in practically every department, and the city will save several thousands of dollars to come and go on.

As soon as the underground matter is finally settled a plan for ornamental street lighting for the downtown sections will be worked out.

Designs in use in many cities in the United States and Europe are being received with estimates of the cost. If the ideas of the commissioners prevail, London will be one of the finest lighted cities on the continent.

As to Prices.

No report of the hydro-electric commission's schedule of prices for power for traction companies has been received.

It is understood that the price will be well under \$25 per horsepower, and will be a uniform price for such companies in every city and municipality in the power zone.

The form of contract for the consumers has not yet arrived, but it will be along shortly.

JUNIORS DEFEATED

Knox Church Nine Won Game on Saturday Afternoon.

The Askin Street Methodist Juniors were defeated by the Knox Church Juniors on Saturday afternoon at the Cove Ranges diamond, by a score of 8 to 5. Hatterley, Knox Church—Murray and Ellwood, Askin Street—McMurtry, Arthur and Wallace.

Umpire—Herman Aitken.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, May 16—5 a.m. Today—Southeasterly winds; fair, with a little higher temperature.

Tuesday—Easterly winds; fair at first, rain by night.

TEMPERATURES.		Today.	Yesterday.
Stations.	Sam. Mm.	Low.	High.
London, Saturday	61	40	62
London, Sunday	61	40	62
Vancouver	61	40	62
Calgary	61	40	62
Winnipeg	61	40	62
Port Arthur	61	40	62
Pasadena	61	40	62
Toronto	61	40	62
Ottawa	61	40	62
Montreal	61	40	62
Quebec	61	40	62
Father Point	61	40	62
Dawson City	61	40	62
Atlin	61	40	62
Vancouver	61	40	62
Edmonton	61	40	62
Qu'Appelle	61	40	62
Halifax	61	40	62

WEATHER NOTES.

Rain has fallen in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, while from Ontario eastward the weather since Saturday has been fine, with rising temperatures.

SUNDAY'S WEATHER.

Since Saturday's heavy showers have occurred in Saskatchewan and light showers in Alberta, while rain fell last night in Manitoba. Elsewhere in Canada the weather yesterday was fine and moderately warm.

TODAY'S PROBS.

Maritime Provinces—Moderate variable winds; fine and moderately warm.

Lake Superior—Strong southwesterly winds; rain tonight.

Manitoba—Strong winds; cooler, with occasional rain.

Saskatchewan—Northwesterly winds; cool and showery.

Alberta—Fair and moderately warm.

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"Thousands of people are immigrating every year, and there is plenty of room for thousands more," he says. "The country is in a very prosperous condition, and the new wheat lands are rapidly being filled up. Districts that were considered second and third class a few years ago, are rated with the best of them since the railways have gone through."

"The people are no more seriously inconvenienced by the cold weather in the west than they are here. There was an early spring this year, and a great deal of seeding was done remarkably early."

Business conditions in the west are good.