CONTROL OF STREET RAILWAY LIKELY TO REMAIN WITH BOARD

Little Chance of City Getting Its Wish.

SCHOOLS VOTING PLACES

These Will Be Used as Such Wherever It Is Deemed Advisable.

The civic deputation that went to Toronto yesterday relative to the city of London bill had interviews, after the bill was settled, with ministers and members relative to the clauses cut out, to be covered by general acts.

There were many such. One of the important questions was that to place the London street railway under the control of the city council, covered by the agreement under bylaw 916, not under the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board. The clause was cut out of the city of London bill early in the session, as it was not thought wise to give special legislation to any municipality. It has developed, however, that the Legislature is not anxious to curtail the powers of the Ontario Railway Board, but will continue its power. Just what good the board is nobody seems to know, but it must remain. City Clerk Baker was satisfied today that the Legislature would not amend the act, and would leave the company still under the control of the railway board.

Two Votes Needed.

The amendment to the Industrial Association's bill simply provides that there shall be a vote of the ratepayers when land is bought, and also when it is sold. This is the way Brantford handles it. The city was more favorable to one vote, namely to purchase land, the selling being left to the association. However, the private bills committee would not agree to that. The city can guarantee the bonds of the Industrial Association, and that should cover any delinquencies. There are ways of doing things. Other municipalities do them. The city representatives are satisfied.

Will Use Schools.

The city will get the schools for voting purposes. Hon. I. B. Lucas, chairman of the private bills committee, was authority for the statement that the Legislature would give all municipalities, where it is thought advisable to do so, the right to use schools for voting purposes. This will save the city about $700.

The clause to buy and sell goods on commission is now before the Legislature in the form of a general act. Its settlement will be arrived at shortly.

City Clerk Baker is satisfied also that the bread sales act will be amended, providing for a fine of $50 and more, instead of $5, as at the present time. It has not been reported to the House as yet, but it will be ready in a very short time.

"We will do all right," said City Clerk Baker.

SIX LONDONERS DUE HERE DURING NEXT WEEK-END

Party of Returned Soldiers on Their Way, Expected Saturday or Sunday.

Six Londoners will be in the next batch of returned soldiers due to arrive in London shortly. There are 21 all told. They should arrive here either Saturday or Sunday. The Londoners are G. A. Chater, 445 Waterloo street, A. Christie, 208 Piccadilly street, E. J. Gardner, 20 Cartwright street, J. Johnston, 29 Richmond street, F. Ablion, 533 Lovett street, and Thomas K. Griffith, 895 Smith street.

The others are: H. Murphy, W. Smith Stratford; F. E. Preece, R. S. Richardson, A. Spooner, Galt; Pte. Beckerson, Windsor; J. Shannion Sarnia; F. J. Atkinson, Strathroy; E. Mason, Ingersoll; F. Fordoff, Hespeler; A. E. Wade, Preston; G. R. Scoyne, Blenheim; William Black, James Alma Fox, Robert Ervine, Goderich; Albert E. Clark, Wardsville; Daniel Cameron, Clifford; George R. Archer, George R. Dinnock, 23 Grantham avenue, Galt; Alexander Covertery, Thamesville; James Jackson, Stratford; Samuel Mosking, E. Detroit, U.S.A.; Frank Ingham, Ingersoll; Emmet Laughlin, Southampton; A. P. R. Spafford, Blyth.

WOMAN RUNS ELEVATOR AND MAKES A SUCCESS

London has at least one woman elevator operator. When an advertisement recently appeared for an "elevator boy" for the Royal Bank building, one of the applicants to reply was a woman. She was the wife of a soldier, an argument in her favor. Moreover, she succeeded in overcoming any prejudices that might exist on the grounds that, being a woman, she could not work an elevator as well as a man. In any case, she was given a trial, and has been making good. It is said she isn't finding it any harder than other women do washing, scrubbing, sweeping and the other light tasks that are "woman's work."

COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS NATURAL GAS QUESTION

Likely to Accept Chatham Offer for Domestic Gas at Limits.

The city council will shortly deal with the proposition of R. L. Brackin, Chatham, for supplying pure natural gas for domestic consumption. The offer has been in the hands of the city council for some weeks, but has not been touched, owing to the action of the council in asking the Legislature for power to distribute natural gas.

Now the council will deal with the proposition. It is expected that it will accept the offer to deliver gas to the city limits for distribution. The price will be 20 cents at the limits. The board of control may deal with it on Friday morning.

EARLY, FINE SPRING IS WEATHER PREDICTION

Prophets Say Winds Will Be From Warm Quarters.

The amateur weather prophets are out with good news, and are freely predicting warm weather. It is pointed out that the prevailing winds during the equinox will be the prevailing winds for the next three months. The winds during the present equinox have been from the south, southwest and southeast. This is from the quarter where the warm weather is delivered, and it is asserted that the spring will be early, and very fine. This is hailed as good news, and almost everybody is hoping that the weather prophets do not fall down on their game.

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CITY BREVITIES

BANK CLEARINGS.—The bank clearings for this week show $2,041,401 as compared with $2,046,042 for the corresponding week a year ago.

PERMITS TOTAL $20,000.—Permits were issued this morning by Building Inspector Piper to Bert Weir for three story and a half veneer houses on Dorinda street, to cost $1,400. The permits for March to date total over $20,000.

ATTENDING CONFERENCE.—E. R. Wilson, general secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., and A. T. Taylor, physical director, are in Hamilton today attending a conference of the employees of the Y. M. C. A., that is being held in that city.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED. — Col. and Mrs. A. E. Somerville announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Irene Isobel, to Thomas Francis McNellis of Detroit. The wedding will take place quietly at Easter.

MEETING ON H. C. OF L.—The high cost of living committee of the city council will meet this afternoon to confer with the Rotary Club and other organizations relative to civic gardens, and the like. There will be deputations present.

TO WEAR MOURNING BADGE.—The National Chapter, I. O. D. E., has issued a request that members of the order wear a bit of royal purple ribbon beneath their badges for six weeks in memory of Her Royal Highness the late Duchess of Connaught.

SUES ON NOTES—The Standard Bank has taken action in the county court against A. W. Humphries & Co., formerly of Parkhill, but now of Regina, Sask., to recover $343.91, claimed to be the amount of promissory notes given by the defendant in favor of the bank.

TO PRESENT PLAY.—"The Old Peabody Pew," a dramatization of the charming story by Kate Douglas Wiggins, will be presented by the Young People of the Adelaide Street Baptist Church, under the direction of Miss Georgia Newbury, Tuesday evening, March 27, at 8:15 o'clock.

TAKING MUSKETRY COURSE.—Three officersfrom the 122nd Battalion, three officers from the 153rd Battalion and five officers from the 241st Battalion will attend the fourth musketry course, which opens at Toronto on April 4, according to today's mobilization camp orders.

TWO JUDGMENTS GIVEN.—In the case of the Saskatchewan Loan Company, plaintiffs against John Craig, to recover $673, judgment for that amount has been awarded in the county court. The Canadian Bank of Commerce has also been awarded judgment in the county court against R. M. and J. Williams for $281. Reports of both judgments appear in today's issue of Bradstreet's report.

OFFICERS TRANSFERRED.—The following officers of the 149th Battalion have been transferred to casualties, Military District No. 1, and have been attached to No. 1 Special Service Company for quarters and rations, effective today: Major R. G. Stewart, Hon. Capts. F. C. Smyth, A. Kelly, J. M. McGillivray, Lieuts. B. S. Johnson, E. Baty, J. R. White, D. W. Towse, T. L. Irwin, J. E. Egan, R. A. C. Olle, H. Pinkerton.

HOME WAS BURGLARIZED.—The home in Akron, Ohio, of Charles Currie, president of the London Street Railway, was burglarized during the past winter in the absence of the family in the south. Returning to Akron a few days ago to open up their home Mrs. Currie and two daughters found the house in confusion and a number of valuables taken. Mr. Currie had come on to London and efforts were made to locate and notify him here.

PTE WEBSTER ILL.—Pte. Peter Webster, formerly of Webster & Graham, this city, who enlisted with the 24lst Highlanders at Windsor last fall, is lying critically ill with pneumonia at Windsor. The relatives have been notified of his condition, and grave doubts are expressed as to his recovery. He had a good business in London, was popular, and successful. The call came and he responded. Since that time he has been training with his battalion, and has also done much in a recruiting way.

ACKNOWLEDGES INSURANCE.—City Treasurer James S. Bell has received a letter from J. H. Spratley, 54 Springfield road, East Ham, London, England, acknowledging the receipt of a check for $1,000, the policy on his son, Pte. Herbert George Spratly, who formerly lived at 103 Tecumseh avenue. Pte. Spratley enlisted with the 18th Battalion, and was killed some months ago. He was 20 years of age, and had resided in London for some years. Mr. Spratley sent a £5 note to be devoted to the care of disabled soldiers here.

QUAKER OATS COMPANY HERE PERMANENTLY, AND MAY BUILD LARGE MILL

Peterboro Work Will Not Affect Local Activities at All.

The announcement that the Quaker Oats Company would rebuild in Peterboro will not affect its plant here. It will take some time to reconstruct, and get the building in operation. The present mill here will be retained permanently, and another mill may be erected shortly.

The policy of the company, it is announced, will be to have several large mills in different parts of the province.

London will probably get another big mill, provided the elevator at Port Stanley is built this summer.

CLEARING UP FREIGHT

With the raising of the G. T. R. freight embargo placed by the company Friday last in view of the threatened United States railroad strike, hundreds of tons of freight destined to American points have been released in the past 48 hours.

The accumulation will be cleared up, it is expected, by Saturday.

The situation at Black Rock and other points on the Niagara frontier, where a congestion has existed since last November, is gradually becoming normal.

The transportation officials decided some weeks ago to concentrate their efforts upon one certain point. By this method the blockade has been gradually released.

Hundreds of cars were frozen to the rails, and it was necessary to resort to chopping away the ice before they could be released. With the advent of milder weather the locomotives were able to operate with less trouble, and consequently were capable of a greater hauling capacity.

Railroadmen estimate the haulage capacity of an engine is to be over 35 per cent less in winter than during the warmer months.

WEDDING BELLS

CHEYNE—STEVELY.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Stevely was the scene of a pretty wedding at 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, when their eldest daughter, Florence Maud, was married to Capt. Wilfrid T. Cheyne of Sarnia, of the 149th Overseas Battalion.

Only immediate relatives witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. H. T. Ashby, rector of the Church of the Redeemer.

The rooms were beautifully adorned with flowers for the occasion, the bridal party standing beneath a floral horseshoe.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore the wedding gown that had been her mother's, a rich robe of white silk with lace garniture and knots of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white orchids and lilies of the valley.

The young couple are remaining in the city for their honeymoon, owing to the fact that the groom's battalion is leaving in the near future.

The wedding gift of the battalion to the popular officer was a handsome silver tea service.

STREET RAILWAY IS WILLING TO RAISE ITS WAGE SCHEDULE

Offers 2-Cent Increase To Car Crews.

NOTICE OF OFFER POSTED

Men Asked To Sign Agreement To Accept the New Rates.

The London Street Railway Company has decided to give a further increase to its employees, the announcement following a conference last evening between the officials and the men.

The scale at the present time runs from 21 to 26 cents an hour. The new scale will run from 23 to 28 cents. Notice to that effect has been posted, and also a call issued for the employees to sign an agreement to that effect. The company has increased the wages of the men 5 cents an hour in the last year, according to statements made by officials.

The following statement has been issued by the company:

"A meeting was held between the officers of the company and a good-sized representative delegation of the motormen and conductors at the company's office last night to consider the matter of rates of pay for the motormen and conductors, it having been previously brought to the attention of the company by previous delegations that the increase made February 16 was not satisfactory under existing conditions. As a result of this conference, and after careful consideration as to the very best that could be done, a notice was posted of proposed new rates, and in order to determine whether such offer will be satisfactory to most of the men, they are asked to sign an agreement to that effect. The notice making the offers is as follows:

March 21, 1917.

Notice.

To Motormen and Conductors:

The company regrets that the voluntary increase of one cent an hour given the motormen and conductors last month, and which became effective February 16 was not satisfactory, and being desirous of doing everything in its power to relieve the men against the present excessive high cost of living, due to the existing condition of things throughout the world, the company has for the purpose of an amicable adjustment, authorized the management to make the following offer of further increase in the pay of motormen and conductors for the remainder of the year 1917, the same to become effective from March 19, as soon as two-thirds of the men have signed agreements that same is satisfactory:

While on spare list	23c per hour
Remainder of first year	25c per hour
During second year	26c per hour
During third year	27c per hour
After third year	28c per hour

Spare men booked for show-up in the morning, and not getting a run will be paid for one hour's time.

Arrangements will be made so that men relieved at corner Dundas and Richmond streets will not be required to report at Lyle street office.

Individual agreements in two parts to be signed between the company and the men.

Approved:
H. H. HUMESTON, Superintendent.
C. B. KING, Manager.

MUST PAY TO COURT

Robert Smith Will Donate Towards Family's Upkeep.

Robert Smith, colored, appeared in police court today, charged with non-support, the information having been laid by his wife, Mary Smith.

Mrs. Smith testified that her husband drew a salary of $12 a week, but that he had contributed only $3 in the past month to the support of his wife and two children. He also boarded at home, but contributed nothing towards his board, his wife said.

Smith, in his own defence, flatly contradicted his wife's testimony, and said he gave her "lots of money."

"How much?" asked the magistrate.

"I cannot remember," replied Smith.

The magistrates decided that the easiest way out of the difficulty was to order Smith to pay $5 a week into court.

This was quite agreeable to the wife, but Smith said: "Well, that's pretty steep, your worship."

"What's the difference? You say you give your wife lots of money, and she says you don't, so pay it into the clerk, and then there will be no dispute," said the magistrates.

Smith reluctantly consented to abide by the order.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hunter announce the engagement of their daughter, Freda Irene May, to Herrmann Banbrook, C.E., of Detroit, Mich., son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Banbrook, Medina, N. Y. The marriage will take place the latter part of April. b

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George Doidge of Queen's avenue, employed by the London Street Railway, is in Victoria Hospital to undergo an operation.

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Dr. F. L. Burdon and his daughter, Miss Florence, returned to the city yesterday, after spending about two months at Baycona and other points on the east coast of Florida.

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Mrs. E. B. Smith returned home last evening, after spending a few days in Toronto.

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Rev. H. H. Bingham and Mrs. Bingham are leaving this morning to spend a couple of days in Buffalo, where they will attend the wind-up of the Billy Sunday campaign.

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Mrs. W. D. Taylor has returned to Belmont after spending a few days in London.

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Mrs. D. A. Scott is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. L. G. Kindree, 88 Inkerman street.

WOMEN PLEAD GUILTY; REMANDED FOR SENTENCE

Two sisters, one married, and the other single, whose homes are in a Middlesex County village, pleaded guilty before Judge Macbeth today to the theft of articles of wearing apparel from Smallman & Ingram's store to the value of $39.

They were remanded to jail until Saturday for sentence.

It is alleged that both have been guilty of similar offences in the past, and an investigation of their past conduct and a search of their homes will be made today.

The thefts were committed on Tuesday afternoon, the two women having arrived in the city on the morning train.

For several years the police have had but few complaints regarding shoplifting, the case of the two Scots girls a few weeks ago being the first in over a year.

The married woman who pleaded guilty today has a family of four small children at her home.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

BURIED AT WOODLAND.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Burdick, relict of Amos Burdick, and resident of the city for 76 years, was held this afternoon from the residence of her son, George, 644 Queen's avenue. Mrs. Burdick was a member of the Cronyn Memorial Church since its erection, and in the absence of the rector, Rev. R. W. Norwood, the funeral services were conducted by Venerable Archdeacon Richardson of St. John's Church, who was at one time the rector of the Cronyn Memorial Church.

Mrs. Burdick's three sons, George A., Henry and William, acted as pallbearers with her three grandsons, Russell Bishop, George Burdick of Detroit, and George Burdick, jun.

Interment was made at Woodland Cemetery.

LONDON BOY GOING OVERSEAS IN DRAFT FROM VET. COLLEGE

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LIEUT. (DR.) W. TORRANCE GALBRAITH, whose home is at 2 Duke street, this city, left on Wednesday to go overseas with the Canadian Army Veterinary Corps.. Lieut. Galbraith is an honor graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, and is going overseas with a draft composed of about fifteen young men from that college. His mother, one sister and one brother reside in this city.

Another London boy, Lieut. (Dr.) A. C. (Jack) Wagner, who was formerly a well-known hockey player in this city, and whose sister, Mrs. Lombardo, lives at 34½ Hope street, is also going over with the same draft.

SPRING IN ENGLAND, BUT SOLDIER HEART YEARNS FOR BATTLE

Pte. Fred Young Would Fain Go Back.

DISCUSSES LIVE TOPICS

Hopes Lincoln's Spirit Will Yet Influence the White House.

Pte. Fred Young, cheerliest of soldiers and a man of perception and vision, writes another of his bright letters from England. Shocked, wounded, and then wounded again, he still harbors the hope that he may be fit to return to the trenches. Here is his letter:

St. Leonards-on-Sea,
Sussex, England,
March 7, 1917.

Dear Friend,—There is a saying in some parts of England that "a peck of March dust is worth a king's ransom." But it would hardly hold good in sunny Sussex, for "March dust" on the well-kept streets of Hastings and St. Leonards is more persistent than popular.

On street corners, flower girls are selling small bunches of snowdrops, crocuses, violets and other springtime flowers at 2 cents a bunch, and blackbirds, thrushes and robins in hedgerow and tree, are loudly proclaiming the arrival of spring. There is an undiminished charm in our seaside environments, and a bronze statue of Queen Victoria at the entrance to Warrior Square Gardens, seems to possess a peculiar significance in wartime, as the memorial to the sorrowed queen, faces seaward across the historic waters of the Channel. Those American test ships, the Orleans and Rochester, must have passed within hailing distance, on their successful voyage to Bordeaux, and there is a general feeling amongst the man in the street, that America has, in that case at least, called Germany's bluff.

The good news of the recapture of Kut and the British advances on the Western front have had a heartening effect, and while everyone knows that within a few days now, freedom and tyranny will be locked in a death struggle for supremacy, no one fears the result.

The Heroic Spirit.

One day, in the summer of 1915, we saw French battalions marching along the cobbled roads of France, on their way to the front, and they were blithely singing those stirring words of the "Marseillaise" which translated into English are: "O Liberty, can man resign Thee, once having felt thy generous flame; can dungeons, bolts or bars confine Thee, or whips thy noble spirit tame?" It thrilled us, for we know that when the question contained in that song was flashed across the broad Atlantic in August, 1914, Canada had promptly answered "Liberty or Death."

And for nearly three years she has been backing up that decision with blood and treasure, and today, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, she is still singing "Those dear rights we'll still maintain, and swear to yield them never." Are'nt you really proud you're British?

The action of the pro-German senators in thwarting President Wilson's attempt to arm American merchantmen, has placed the American situation in a new light in the eyes of the average Englishman. Newspapers are devoting considerable more space than formerly to the subject, one paper declaring in placard type that "America must come in." We quite agree with Sherman that war is hell. We also know that it demands a high price, but we were reading in a book the other day—it wasn't a war book either—that one cannot pay to high a price for the privilege of finding and keeping one's own soul.

Another Milestone.

We are devoutly hoping that the spirit of Abe Lincoln will continually hover around the precincts of the White House at Washington, until it arouses the old principle of 1861 that made "freedom" their watchword.

The arrival of letters and birthday parcels from friends and relatives in Canada and the United States reminded us that we were passing another milestone on our journey, and gave practical proof that after two years of absence we were not forgotten by the folks we can't forget, and a little birthday party given in our honor, on English soil, shows that the milk of human kindness, has by no means dried up.

Last year on our natal day, stretcher-bearers had gently carried us "into a ward with its whitewashed walls, where the wounded and dying lay" in France, and our calendar slipped a cog, but nil desperandum, a fellow isn't beaten till his shoulders touch the mat.

If our luck still holds good, we may yet be able to send our letters to you with the envelope marked "On Active Service," instead of bearing the usual penny postage stamp. And a penny saved is a penny earned, isn't it?

"Never give up, there are chances and changes,
Helping the hopeful a hundred to one.
And through the chaos high wisdom arranges
Lasting success if you only hold on."

And you know what Kipling said about "holding on" in his famous poem "If."

Yours, as ever,
FRED YOUNG.

153RD BATTALION WILL COME HERE BEFORE LONG

It is expected that the 153rd Battalion, which has been quartered in the barracks at St. Thomas since last fall, will be transferred to London in the near future, and will occupy the quarters in Queen's Park here, that will be vacant on the departure of the 149th Battalion for an eastern training camp.

OTHER EFFORTS TO END GAS FRANCHISE WILL YET BE MADE

Struggle Does Not End With Committee.

CITY MAY WAIT A YEAR

Or Question May Be Taken To Courts and Decision Asked.

The attempt to confiscate the franchise of the City Gas Company after 1929 will not cease with the action of the private bills committee yesterday in refusing the application of the city council to establish the contention that the franchise does expire in 1929.

It was hoped that the private bills committee would grant the request, Sir Adam Beck doing all he could to line up the committee. However, the members did not see that they were concerned about the agreement made with the company by the Legislature. The matter, in their opinion was one for the court to decide, and the courts should be the place for the decision. Both parties have the right to appeal there, and the City Gas Company merely asked for that right and privilege. The committee agreed that this contention was proper, in spite of the opposition of Sir Adam, Hon. I. B. Lucas, and one or two others.

Some Hopes of House.

Later the opponents figured that the House might turn down the committee but late last night the opinion was gathered that the Legislature would not interfere with the committee's report. An attempt will be made to have this done, information to that effect having come to London. Sir Adam is determined to get even, and he is not sitting idle. In conversation however with a large number of Conservative members, the idea was not favorably considered. They were of the opinion that the only place to determine how long the franchise has to run was the courts, and these were open to the city.

Mayor Stevenson stated to The Advertiser that the clause would come up next year again. He did not think an appeal would be made to the courts just now, but that a further attempt would be made to cancel the franchise through the city of London bill. He was hopeful that another committee might reverse the action of the present committee.

"It will come up again another year," said his worship.

Ideas May Change.

However, the aldermen have not received their instructions from Sir Adam as yet, and it may be that another course of action will be determined on as soon as these instructions are given. He intimated to friends in Toronto last evening that the courts would be asked to end the franchise.

Much stress was laid by Sir Adam on the fact that Sir William R. Meredith, when he drew up the agreement, did not intend to make the franchise perpetual. The wording of the agreement seemed to the committee quite convincing that the franchise is perpetual.

The City Gas Company officials stated today that there was no quarrel with the city so far as it was concerned. It had carried out every agreement made with the city, and no complaints had ever been made against it.

"The company is ready to sell out at any time, on a valuation as a going concern," said Mr. Henderson to The Advertiser. "We are ready to talk business at any time.

Sell as Going Concern.

"We want to base our price on the company as a going concern. We will ask nothing for the franchise, but if the city want to buy us out, we can be bought. No person has ever approached us with a proposition of any kind. That is the reason we cannot understand the present action. We have been fair, and we will be fair all the way through."

This feature was broached last night at Toronto, and discussed by certain members.

"There are other ways of settling this thing," said one of the spokesmen of the opposition to the company.

Just what was meant could not be definitely known, but a process of worrying the company may be followed. What will be gained cannot be foreseen at the present time, but it looks as if there might be some trouble of some sort worked up for the purpose.

The council will discuss the matter at an early date.

THAMES NOW RISING AND WITHIN 2 FEET OF CAR LINE RAILS

Highest Level For Years at Some Points.

ONE JAM AT WOODLAND

This May Cause Further Rise in Waters of the River.

Indications of a considerable rise in the water of the River Thames are becoming more marked. The ice blocks which were frozen together by the cold weather Saturday night and Sunday, broke apart this morning and swept down stream. The north branch outside the city limits, which remained unbroken during the mild spell, began to give way in places today and ice blocks from there added to the jam which floated away from the forks, at the foot of Dundas street. Every bend in the river has formed a haven for the floating ice and the quantities which pile up at these places are doing much to prevent a serious blocking of the water by leaving a channel clear in the centre of the river.

Depends on Dam.

There can be little change in the situation, however, until the ice above the dam at Springbank gives way. This is still an unbroken sheet from the Pump House to Riverview, although the ice beyond there broke yesterday. This has caused a jam at Woodland Cemetery which seems likely to be responsible for a considerable rise in the height of the water.

The rails of the Springbank car line which runs close to the south river bank at a number of places, are reported to be within two feet of the water. Residents of the district say that he river has reached the highest level for this time of the year that they have seen for some years. Little property damage is expected along that portion of the river for the houses for the most part are a considerable distance from the water in places where the banks are not high enough to prevent the rising water from spreading.

Bad Near Sewage Beds.

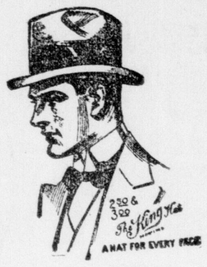
One of the lowest spots is near the sewage beds. Water there has come further inland than at the majority of low spots on the river banks.

Within the city there has been no appreciable increase in the height of the water. The flats, at the foot of Kent street have been inundated but not to a great depth. The south branch of the river is reported to be almost entirely clear of ice and no ice jams have occurred in the north branch above the Dundas street bridge.

RESUME TRAIN SERVICE.

Paris, March 22.—The first regular train service between Paris and Soissons since the early days of the war will be started tomorrow by the Northern Railroad.

GREAT HAT BARGAINS



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Dissolution of Partnership Sale

STIFF HATS		SOFT HATS	
Regular $1.50 lines, at	50c and 75c	Regular $1.00 lines, at	25c and 40c
Regular $2.00 lines, at	$1.00 and $1.35	Regular $1.50 lines, at	75c
Regular $2.50 lines, at	$1.65	Regular $2.00 lines, at	$1.45
Regular $3.00 lines, at	$1.85	Regular $3.00 lines, at	$1.85

BEST CHRISTY STIFF HATS. REGULAR $3.50, at $2.00
BEST STETSON STIFF HATS. REGULAR $4.50, AT $3.00

These special reductions in Hats and also greatly reduced prices in all lines of Men's Furnishings for Friday and Saturday.

JOHN GRAHAM & CO.

DUNDAS AND RICHMOND STREETS.

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Good Run of Sap Is Promised So Far, With Weather Just Right

Indications so far point to a large run of sap this year, with a consequent abundant supply of maple syrup and sugar. A period of cold nights and warm days is considered by the farmers to be the most favorable weather for sap gathering, although it has a detrimental effect on wheat crops.

Wednesday, the first day of spring, was one of the best days this year for the maple sugar industry. There was a better run of sap yesterday than any day since the trees were first tapped, about a week ago.

ACTIVE RECRUITING FOR NEW UNIT BEGINS FRIDAY

Sergt.-Major Walker, Late of 18th Battalion, In Charge.

Active recruiting for the Overseas Company of the 7th Regiment will begin tomorrow at the armories, when an office will be opened in charge of Sergt.-Major Edward Walker, and it is hoped that with the co-operation of the civic recruiting committee, the company will be recruited up to strength in a short time.

Sergt.-Major Walker is a soldier of long experience. He was a color-sergeant (company sergeant-major) in the 7th Regiment for a number of years, and has since been invalided home after over a year's service with the 18th Battalion at the front. No officers have been appointed as yet, but it is expected that Major Ingram, officer commanding London's new unit, will announce the names of the officers in a few days.

HAD HEART FAILURE

John McKeagan Collapsed While at Work Today.

John McKeagan, 742 Charlotte street, suffered an attack of heart disease while at his work at Hyman's tannery at 11 o'clock today, and fell unconscious to the floor.

The efforts of workmen to revive him were unsuccessful, and the city ambulance was called and conveyed him to St. Joseph's Hospital. Dr. Tillmann was called and pronounced his condition as not serious.

He left the hospital for his home during the afternoon.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Thomson & McKinnno, brokers, Royal Bank Building, report fluctuations in New York stocks for The Advertiser as follows:

New York, March 22.

	Open.	High.	Low.	1:30.
Trunk Lines and Grangers—				
Baltimore & Ohio.	78⅞	78⅞	77¾	78
Erie, com.....	28¼	28¼	28	28
Erie, 1st pfd.....	41	41	40⅝	40⅝
Great Northern...	114¾	..	..	..
Illinois Central...	103¼	..	..	..
New Haven.....	45	46	45	46
New York Central	98	98	97	97
St. Paul.....	84¼	84¼	83½	83½
Pacifics and Southerns—				
Atchison, com....	104	104	103⅝	103¾
Canadian Pacific.	158	..	..	..
Col. Southern....	23	23	22¾	22¾
Northern Pacific..	105¾	105¾	105½	105½
Southern Pacific..	95⅞	96⅛	95⅞	96⅛
Southern Railway	28½	28⅝	28⅜	28½
Union Pacific.....	139	139½	138⅞	139
Coalers—				
Ches. & Ohio.....	59¾	59¾	59½	59⅝
Lehigh Valley....	69½	70	69¼	69¼
Pennsylvania....	54⅛	54¼	54	54⅛
Reading Railway.	96½	96½	95¾	96
Industrials—				
Allis-Chalmers ...	29½	29¾	29¼	29¼
Am. Beet Sugar..	92⅛	93	92⅛	93
American Can....	48⅜	49	47⅞	48
Am. Locomotive..	73⅞	73⅞	72¾	73¾
American Sugar..	111⅛	..	..	..
Am. Smelters....	106½	106⅞	105⅞	106
Am. Tel. & Tel...	127½	127½	127⅜	127⅜
American Can....	53¾	53¾	50⅝	50⅝
Baldwin Loco....	57½	58⅜	56⅞	57¼
Central Leather..	95⅞	95⅞	94⅝	94¾
Corn Products....	24¾	25⅞	24¾	25¼
Crucible Steel...	52⅝	53⅛	52⅝	52⅝
Distillers	22¼	22½	21	21
Dome Mines.....	18⅝	18⅝	18½	18½
General Electric..	167	..	..	..
General Motors...	118½	119¾	118⅛	119¼
Goodrich Rubber.	56½	56½	55	55
G. Northern Ore..	36¼	36¼	35¾	35⅞
Inter. Nickel.....	45½	46¼	45⅜	45¼
Maxwell Motor....	53¾	54¼	50½	51⅝
Marine, com.....	32¼	34⅛	31¾	33¾
Marine, pfd.....	90⅞	92½	89½	92
Pacific Mail.....	234	251	234	251
Studebaker	103	103⅛	101½	101½
U. S. Rubber.....	60½	60½	60	60
Western Union...	97⅛	97⅛	97	97
Coppers—				
Anaconda Copper.	85½	85½	85⅞	85⅛
Butte & Superior.	47¼	47¼	46½	46½
Chino Copper.....	58¾	58¾	58	58
Inspiration	62⅛	62⅛	61⅛	61½
Miami Copper....	41¼	41⅜	41¼	41⅜
Nevada Con.....	24½	..	..	..
Ray Consolidated.	29	29¼	28¼	28¾
Tennessee Copper	16¼	16¼	16⅛	16⅛
Utah Copper.....	114	114⅜	113	113
Oils—				
Am. Cotton Oil...	44¾	..	..	..
Am. Linseed Oil..	20¼	..	..	..
Cal. Petroleum...	25	..	..	..
New Mexican.....	93½	94¼	93½	93½
Texas Oil.....	229½	..	..	..
Steels—				
Bethlehem Steel..	147	147	144	144
Crucible Steel....	71¾	71⅞	70	70½
Lackawanna	87¼	87¼	85¾	85⅞
Pressed Steel Car.	81	81	80¼	80¼
Republic Steel....	85	85	83¾	84
Railway Steel....	53	54¾	53	53¾
Sloss-Sheffield....	72½	73	71⅞	71⅞
U. S. Steel.....	116⅝	116¾	115⅝	116
Bonds—				
Anglo-French 5's.	92¾	92¾	92⅝	92⅝

for Breakfast—

Time saved in the morning often means the difference between comfort and rush. Chocolatta is the quickest drink to serve, for all it needs is boiling water. It has all the nourishment of pure chocolate, to which is added milk and sugar in powdered form.

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UNABLE TO ESCAPE, OFFICERS PERISH SITTING AT TABLE

Canadians Stumble Across Dramatic Incident.

Canadian Headquarters in France, March 22—(By Stewart Lyon, Canadian Press correspondent).—The civilian population behind the Canadian front is jubilant over the display of "voluntary elasticity" by the enemy. On that part of the western battle line between Noyon and Arras, the enemy still holds his trenches here and there. The raid on Tuesday morning by the Canadians proved that. It resulted in the capture of a number of prisoners with a minimum of loss.

A Dramatic Incident.

A dramatic incident is reported from a part of our front on which, early in the war, stubborn battles took place between the French and the Germans. Some Canadian soldiers, searching the field quarters, noticed a grass-grown mound of curious shape. On penetrating the mound they discovered the entrance to a dugout in which were four German officers seated at a table, where sudden death had overtaken them. Their equipment was still hanging on a wall. The cause of their death was asphyxiation, either from gas entering the dugout or from the closing of its entrance by shell fire. If the latter, knowing there was no hope of escape, the officers must have sat down around the table waiting the end. Many other like tragedies may be discovered later.

DANGER NOT ALL OVER, SAYS LAW OF RUSSIA

London, March 22.—Andrew Bonar Law, member of the British war council, in moving in the House of Commons this afternoon a resolution of greeting to the Russian Duma, said:

"Events in Russia have been following one another with such startling rapidity in the last thirteen days that they have arrested the attention of the whole world even amidst the greatest convulsion ever brought upon the earth by the action of man.

"What happened in Russia reminds us of the early days of the French revolution. It is too soon to say all danger is over in Russia."

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]
Chicago, March 22.

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
May ...	184⅛	186½	183¾	186½	184¼
July ...	156	157⅝	155⅝	157⅝	155⅞
Sept. ...	143⅛	144¼	142¾	144¼	143¼
Corn—					
May ...	110⅞	112⅜	110⅝	112⅜	110⅞
July ...	109⅝	110½	109⅜	110⅜	109⅜
Sept. ...	107½	108⅞	107½	108⅝	107¾
Oats—					
May ...	58⅝	59	58¼	59	58¾
July ...	56⅛	57⅛	56	56¾	56¼

CHICAGO PROVISION MARKET.

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Chicago, March 22.

| Pork— | Open. | High. | Low. | Close