

## HAMILTON TROOPS INVITED 13TH AND THE HIGHLANDERS MAY COME TO CITY MAY 24

**Boys of the Ambitious City Like London, But the Expense of Entertaining the Visitors Is a Big Problem—If They Come They Will Spend Three Days in the Forest City.**

Hamilton, March 30.—A few days ago the Thirteenth Royal Regiment received an invitation for one of the best trips in military circles since the three-day visit to Buffalo a few years ago, says the Spectator.

The invitation was for a visit to the headquarters of the Western Ontario brigade at London, for May 24, when three days' field practice will be held.

If the local regiment accepts the invitation the western brigade officers have so kindly extended, the men will leave here on Saturday afternoon, May 22, and not return until the following Tuesday, taking up the three days in field work on a large scale, in which the whole western brigade and several outside contingents will take part.

**Like London.**

London is an ideal place for such a visit, being near enough to be reached easily and being well provided with accommodations. Since the military council refused to allow Canadian regiments to go south of the line as guests of the Yankees, the local boys have had no decent trips, a sham attack in the muddy valley of Dundas being the best.

At present the scheme to visit London is hardly completed. At London, trouble is being experienced in finding so large a celebration and a like difficulty is to be surmounted here before the trip is assured.

## WINDSOR LIVERYMAN MURDERED STRUCK DOWN AT HIS BARN

**Chester Perkins Dies From Injuries Inflicted, It Is Alleged, By a Man, Formerly of Stratford, Ontario, Who Was Captured by Police Hiding at New Tunnel.**

Windsor, March 30.—After an all-night hunt by the Windsor police, Joseph Thompson, of Pontiac, Mich., was arrested about 9 o'clock this morning, charged with the murder of Chester Perkins, the liveryman, last night.

Thompson was found near the Michigan Central tunnel, and taken to police headquarters. Thompson was formerly of Stratford, Ont.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]

Windsor, March 30.—Chester Perkins, a Windsor liveryman, was struck down in front of his own barn last night about 10 o'clock by a man known as "Scotty," who has disappeared. Perkins was sitting in a chair in front of his place at the time. Thompson, one of the barnmen, attracted by the sound of the body falling, went out and found Perkins prostrate and unconscious. Perkins was removed at once to his home, where he was attended by Dr. P. A. Dewar, but he expired about midnight. Coroner J. S. Labele is investigating, and the police are still hunting for "Scotty," who it is supposed crossed over to Detroit.

The trouble which led to the fatal assault is said to have arisen over Perkins' refusal to rent a rig to "Scotty" on account of the latter being intoxicated. Little is known of "Scotty's" antecedents, the man having made his debut in the city only last Sunday. The police are handicapped in their investigation by the fact that they did not learn of the assault until after Perkins' death. Perkins was sitting in a chair in front of his place at the time. Thompson, one of the barnmen, attracted by the sound of the body falling, went out and found Perkins prostrate and unconscious. Perkins was removed at once to his home, where he was attended by Dr. P. A. Dewar, but he expired about midnight. Coroner J. S. Labele is investigating, and the police are still hunting for "Scotty," who it is supposed crossed over to Detroit.

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## THE JARVIS STREET BAPTISTS WANT REV. T. T. SHIELDS

**Pulpit Committee of Toronto Recommend the Pastor of Adelaide Street Baptist Church—Toronto Congregation One of the Largest and Most Wealthy in Canada.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 30.—The pulpit committee of the Jarvis Street Baptist Church, at a meeting tonight, decided to recommend that a call be extended to Rev. T. T. Shields, of Adelaide Street Baptist Church, London.

The matter will come up at a meeting on April 6, and there is every reason to believe that the committee's recommendation will be sustained.

It is stated that for some time the pulpit committee have had in mind to recommend a call to Mr. Shields, as they have watched his work in London with more than usual interest.

The call is one of the most important in the province, as the Jarvis Street Church is one of the largest Baptist Churches in Canada, and is a wealthy congregation. It is stated that Mr. Shields' ability as an organizer first attracted attention to him, and after fully investigating his work for some time the pulpit committee decided to recommend that he be asked to take charge of the church.

## STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS BADLY NEEDED IN CANADA

**Speakers at Cement Convention Brought Matter to Attention of Dealers—A Banquet Will Be Held on Thursday Night.**

The cement convention delegates spent the morning discussing standard specifications for building purposes.

There was a large representation of delegates present, and the discussion proved most interesting.

The President, Mr. Peter Gillespie, occupied the chair, and Mr. R. E. W. Hagarty acted as secretary.

Throughout the country, it was said, there is no standard of specifications, and the result was considerable confusion in the building line. Each municipality was a law unto itself in the matter, and the cement men thought it better to have a standard set.

As a result of the conference this morning, considerable headway was made towards this objective, and it is expected that before the session closes, proper specifications will be given for moderately-priced houses, as well as other buildings.

A report from the committee of last year was presented, and was taken up clause by clause.

The report was not adopted at this session, but it will probably be amended and accepted later.

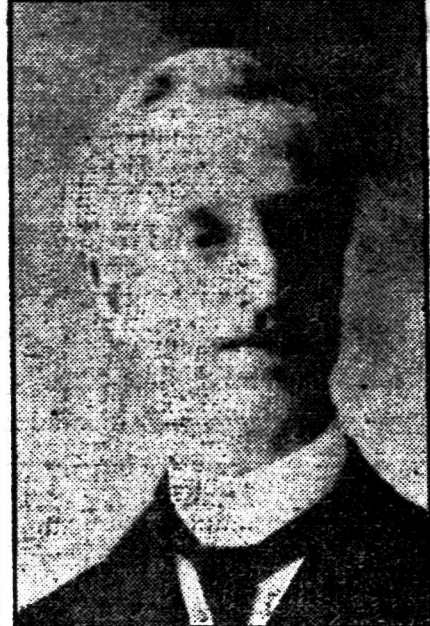
**The Exhibition.**

The cement exhibition at the Princess Rink attracted quite a crowd this morning, and it is expected that there will be a still larger attendance this afternoon and evening.

Thursday has been set aside as Citizens' Day at the exhibition, and a cordial invitation was extended this morning by President Gillespie to all Londoners to attend the exhibition. Everything is in smooth working order and will be found interesting.

The attendance has been very gratifying. There are said to be large numbers of farmers present expected, but this is owing to the fact that they are now very busy seeding, and have no time to attend exhibitions. However, the number of farmers present is larger than expected, and will increase.

A complimentary dinner will be tendered the council and dealers at the Trenchum House on Thursday evening.



REV. T. T. SHIELDS,  
Pastor of Adelaide Street Baptist Church, Who Will Be Called by Jarvis Street Baptist Church.

## REDMOND WOULD AMEND RESOLUTIONS

**Wants Legislation Affective Upon a Second Rejection by House of Lords.**

[Associated Press.]

London, March 30.—The Nationalists at a meeting over which John E. Redmond presided, today decided that while giving general support to the Government's veto resolutions, they would vote in favor of amendments, making the legislation by the House of Commons effective upon a second rejection by the Lords, instead of upon the third rejection, and removing the condition that two years must elapse between the introduction of a bill and its final passage by the House of Commons.

## 57 CASES OF SCARLET FEVER WERE REGISTERED

**Death List Is Not Out of Proportion to the Number of Cases, Says M. H. O.**

There have been 57 cases of scarlet fever registered with Dr. Hutchinson, medical health officer, since the 1st of February.

Prior to that time there were many cases of the disease, but the epidemic commenced about the first of last month.

There are signs that the disease is being mastered, but cases continue to be reported. Two were recorded today.

There have been seven or eight deaths from the disease, the death of four cases children being due to the virulence of the outbreak.

"The death list has not been out of proportion to the number of cases," said Dr. Hutchinson. "In the majority of instances the disease was of a very mild type, but in others it was a very virulent type."

## TARIFF ANNOUNCEMENT THIS AFTERNOON

**Agreement Reached Between U. S. and Canada Given to Public at 4 o'clock.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 30.—Hon. William Fielding and Hon. George Graham reached Ottawa today with the new tariff agreement in their possession. To a large delegation of waiting newspapermen, the ministers declared that the first communication which Canada would have from its representatives would be made to Parliament this afternoon.

They at once drove to the east block, where the cabinet was in session, and made a report of the agreement to the Government. This afternoon shortly after the House meets at 3 o'clock, Hon. Mr. Fielding will make a statement from his place in Parliament. It is not likely that there will be any serious comment or criticism from the Opposition on the agreement, but the Conservatives' attitude upon the agreement will not be declared until a later date, after they have been time for the agreement to be looked into. It is probable that there will be an Opposition caucus on the subject tomorrow.

It is understood here that Hon. Mr. Fielding has succeeded in having the American arrangements changed, and that instead of giving out the tariff statement at noon President Taft will defer the proclamation until 4 o'clock this afternoon. It will be announced in Parliament at Ottawa at the same hour.

## THE WEATHER

**TOMORROW—WARM, LOCAL SHOWERS.**

Toronto, March 30.—8 a.m. Cloudy. Southern winds; warm for the month part fair today and on Thursday; a few local showers.

**TEMPERATURES.**

| Stations      | 8 a.m. | Min. | Weather |
|---------------|--------|------|---------|
| Toronto       | 44     | 34   | Cloudy  |
| Calgary       | 48     | 34   | Fair    |
| Winnipeg      | 44     | 32   | Snow    |
| Port Arthur   | 48     | 36   | Cloudy  |
| Fort Snelling | 70     | 44   | Cloudy  |
| Toronto       | 68     | 50   | Fair    |
| Ottawa        | 68     | 50   | Fair    |
| Montreal      | 68     | 50   | Fair    |
| Quebec        | 68     | 50   | Fair    |
| Father Point  | 68     | 50   | Fair    |

**WEATHER NOTES.**

The western low area is moving very slowly northeastward toward Lake Superior.

The weather continues warm in Ontario and comparatively cool in Eastern Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

The temperature is below the freezing point this morning in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but higher farther west.

## LONDON'S TAX RATE THIS YEAR WILL BE LESS THAN 24 MILLS

**Finance Committee Will Begin Work With the Knife on Friday Next—Some Aldermen Want a 25-Mill Rate, It Is Said.**

The finance committee will commence pruning the estimates on Friday evening next at the regular meeting.

All the spending bodies have sent in their estimated expenditure for the year, and the finance minister and his colleagues will make a mighty endeavor to get the rate down to ordinary proportions.

It is expected that the rate will be between 23½ and 24 mills on the dollar, a slight increase over the past year.

Some of the members of the council are boosting for a 25-mill rate, and will make a plea for that in the council when the meeting to strike the rate is held.

**Hand-to-Mouth.**

Their claim is that the city had been living from hand-to-mouth, so to speak, and little has been done to improve the conditions of the roads and streets.

As the citizens are prepared for a high rate, they consider it would be advisable to give them a stiff tax rate and do many of the things that need to be done.

Mr. Stevenson is one of the advocates of a high rate.

**One Argument.**

"We had better have a good rate of taxation, and do something," he stated. "If we can get along on 24 mills, let us make it 25 mills, and expend the surplus on the streets and roads of the city. Many of them are in a deplorable condition, and with a new rate and plenty of gravel we could put them all in proper condition. Next year we would not be compelled to pursue the hand-to-mouth policy, but would be in a better position."

However, it is not likely that the rate will be made any higher than it need be.

The finance committee do not expect to finish the work on Friday night, and may sit the following day.

## RAILWAY COMMISSION "MAY" TAKE UP TRACK ELEVATION

**Third Vice-President, Mr. E. H. Fitzhugh of the G. T. R. Was in London With His Party Today and Made the Above Statement—"It's a Pity Something Cannot Be Done," He Said—Nothing New Regarding Plans.**

Mr. E. H. Fitzhugh, third vice-president and manager of the Grand Trunk, and party, consisting of Chief Engineer H. H. Kelly, Superintendent C. E. Gillen, Mr. Blaikie, Assistant Superintendent Bowker, and other officials, passed through the city shortly before noon today on their way west.

Mr. Fitzhugh, when seen by The Advertiser, declared there was nothing new regarding track elevation, nor was there anything of public importance in his visit to London.

"We are merely passing through, on our way to Port Huron, and through Michigan," he said. "It is a trip of inspection, and so far we have found everything to our satisfaction."

**TRACK ELEVATION.**

"What about London's perennial topic of interest?" he was asked. "Track elevation?" he asked. "Oh, there is nothing new to mention in regard to that. As I was coming in I did not feel well pleased with the prospect, I must admit. It is a pity, that something can not be done. The city, apparently, lost a grand chance when the offer of Mr. McGuigan was not accepted."

"The railway commission will probably take up the matter in a short time," continued Mr. Fitzhugh, "and probably a solution of the difficulty will be arrived at."

**SILENT AS TO PLANS.**

As to future plans for the company, Mr. Fitzhugh was silent, and would not mention any great projects that might be undertaken.

The train remained in the city, pulling out for Port Huron. They will return east in a few days.

## \$30,000 WORTH OF DIAMONDS AROUSE DETECTIVES OF U. S.

**Alleged That Couple Who Were in London Tuesday Are Doing Their Best to Get the Brilliants Into Uncle Sam's Dominion—Left for Port Huron at Once.**

Two American secret service men have been watching a couple from the east who are suspected of attempting to smuggle \$30,000 worth of diamonds into the United States, either at Detroit or Port Huron.

The couple came to the city yesterday, but went through with the detectives following them.

Some days ago a report was forwarded that a man and woman were in Montreal, and had in their possession \$30,000 worth of diamonds.

Two secret service men were detailed on the case, and located the pair in Montreal. They came to Toronto with the officers in close pursuit. All stopped three days in that city.

**Were in London.**

Yesterday the couple came to London. They remained in the city a few hours, changing trains.

**LOOKS BAD FOR WOLTER**

**Umbrella in His Room Identified as That of Dead Girl.**

[Associated Press.]

New York, March 30.—As the first step in the process of hurrying the trial, a formal inquest into Ruth Wheeler's death was held today. The coroner's jury, after hearing the evidence, held Wolter for the grand jury.

Wolter, who made his first public appearance since his arraignment, showed many signs of the ordeal he had been undergoing since the murder charge was laid against him. Katie Miller, his young woman companion, who is being detained in the case, came into court shortly after Wolter. She glanced at the prisoner, but he took no perceptible notice of her.

Both Pearl and Adelaide Wheeler, sisters of the dead girl, testified at the inquest to the facts concerning the search for their sister, which have already been brought out. The Miller woman, who was the one who testified to the facts concerning the search for their sister, which have already been brought out. The Miller woman, who was the one who testified to the facts concerning the search for their sister, which have already been brought out.

## WANT COMMERCE COMMITTEE

**Retail Merchants Say Ontario Government Gives Them Too Little Attention.**

Toronto, Ont., March 30.—The Toronto branch of the Retail Merchants' Association, at the annual meeting, held last night, passed a resolution, expressing the opinion that the Ontario Government was not devoting enough time and attention to legislation dealing with commercial matters, and asking the provincial board of the association to interview the Government, and urge upon it the advisability of appointing a committee of commerce.

R. W. Dockery was elected president and G. E. Gifford secretary of the branch for the coming year.

## MANGLED BY GEARING

**James Hobson Suffers Terrible Injuries While Oiling Machinery at Pontiac.**

Pontiac, Mich., March 30.—James Hobson, 40 years of age and single, foreman of a crew working in a sand pit at Waterford, had his right arm torn from his shoulder, his left arm broken in several places, his right side badly lacerated, and several ribs broken while oiling machinery yesterday morning. The right arm was caught in the gearing, and the body was drawn in. Hobson tore himself free and fell twenty feet to the floor below, where he was found unconscious by workmen, and rushed to hospital in Detroit. The doctors say he will die. He has one sister somewhere in Canada.

## JAMES LEID'S BODY WAS FOUND IN A FIELD NEAR THAMESFORD



MR. A. M. HUNT,  
Manager of the Cement Show in the Princess Rink.

## NIAGARA POWER WIRES WERE INSPECTED TODAY

**Commissioners Found Everything in First-Class Condition—Nearly All Poles Up.**

The water commissioner, Messrs. McMahon, Phil Pocock, W. Wyatt and Mayor Beattie and Engineer Roberts, made a tour of inspection of the work being done on the distribution line throughout the city today, and found everything in a most satisfactory condition.

The tree trimming has advanced rapidly, and practically all has been covered with the exception of South London.

A very great deal of wire stringing has been done also, and few more poles remain to be erected.

"We found everything in good condition," said Commissioner Pocock.

Some available sites for an East End sub-station were viewed, but no bargains were closed.

## MENELIK OF ABYSSINIA GATHERED TO HIS FATHERS

**Famous Black Monarch Claimed To Be a Descendant of King Solomon.**

[Associated Press.]

Addis Ababa, March 30.—Menelik II., King of Abyssinia, is dead, at the age of 68 years, and in the 21st year of his reign.

Prince Lidj Jeassu, grandson of the late monarch, is heir to the throne.

The king was stricken with apoplexy last fall and never recovered his health. For many weeks his death has been expected.

When he was able no longer to carry on the affairs of state, Ras Tseme, the regent, with the approval of the principal chiefs, took over the reins of government. At the same time Empress Taytu was deprived of all power of interference in the government, and her appointments made among her favorites were annulled.

Prince Lidj Jeassu was proclaimed heir to the throne on May 13 last. He is 14 years old, and little less than a year ago was married to the granddaughter, 7 years of age, of the late Emperor John, and niece of Empress Taytu.

The ancient empire of Abyssinia, or Ethiopia, includes the kingdoms of Tigre, Amhara, Spon, with other territories and dependencies. Its area is over 200,000 square miles, and the population is estimated at between nine and eleven millions.

Menelik was elected king by the Abyssinian chieftains, over Ras Mangasha.

He claimed to be a direct descendant of Solomon by the Queen of Sheba, and styled himself "Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Juda, Elect of the Saviour, King of Kings of Ethiopia."

He was captured in his youth by the governor of Kondar, who had usurped the throne under the title of Theodore III.

Menelik made war on Theodore and his successor, the Emperor Johannes. He finally married his daughter to the Ras Area, the Emperor's son, and was tacitly acknowledged heir to the throne. Ras Area died, Johannes was killed in battle, and Menelik became Negus of Abyssinia. He refused to acknowledge the domination of Italy over his country, and compelled the Italian army to capitulate in Adowa in 1896, when a treaty was signed recognizing the absolute independence of Abyssinia. Since then peace has crowned Menelik's policy toward foreign powers, and the country has prospered with the introduction of improved methods of government and commerce.

## DIED TOGETHER.

St. Catharines, Ont., March 30.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tovey, of Bertie Township, died of pneumonia, within an hour of each other. Mr. Tovey was 78 and his wife 76 years old. They had been married 40 years.

## JOHNSTONE ILL.

Belleville, Ont., March 30.—John Johnstone, school inspector for Belleville and South Hastings for over 30 years, is lying at the point of death as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

## Old Man Wandered Away and Evidently Died From Exposure.

**NO INQUEST WILL BE HELD**

**Dr. Neff, of Ingersoll, Does Not Consider One Necessary—Mind Was Feeble.**

The partly decomposed remains of the late James Leid, who wandered away from the Aged People's Home on Richmond street north, on Nov. 23 last were found lying in a field near Thamesford, about ten miles from London, last evening.

The old gentleman was mentally unbalanced, it was stated at the home today. Miss McCollum declares he was a mild-mannered, agreeable person, and had never had any trouble at the institution.

In November last he wandered away, and it was feared he was drowned in the river.

Instead, he travelled eastward, and evidently died of exposure in the field of the farmer, by whom his body was found.

**Coroner Notified.**

Dr. Neff, coroner, of Ingersoll, was notified, and after an investigation decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The doctor called up London, and asked is anybody from this city was missing.

The police recalled the disappearance of James Leid, and Miss McCollum, assistant matron of the Aged People's Home, was sent to Thamesford. She had no difficulty in identifying the remains, and the old gentleman's name was also found marked on some of his clothes.

**Worked in McClary's.**

For years James Leid worked in the stonemasonry department of McClary's, until old age compelled him to give up his labors.

He is survived by a daughter, in London, Mrs. Armstrong, of South London, and one son, Mr. James Leid, of Pennsylvania.

No inquest will be held, Mrs. Armstrong will bury the remains.

Mr. Leid was admitted to the Aged People's Home on May 29, 1908.

**A Pitiful Death.**

Dr. Neff, the coroner, stated to The Advertiser over the long distance telephone today that the old man had evidently been walking along the railway tracks, northward of South London, and partially numb. Seeing a light in a farmhouse, the home of a Mr. Brown, near by, he attempted to walk across the fields. It is surmised that in attempting to get over a high rail fence he fell, and being too weak to get up, he died of cold on the farm of Mr. Alex. Willis, which is next to that of Mr. Brown.

Drs. Brown and McCollum, of Thamesford, were also called and viewed the body.

It is said the old gentleman was intending to walk into his home in Pennsylvania.

## FIFTY SOLDIERS KILLED IN CRASH

[Associated Press.]

Berlin, March 30.—A private dispatch from Mulheim-Am-Rhein states that 50 soldiers were killed outright or wounded, in a collision of a special passenger train with a military train today. No details or official confirmation of the accident had been received this afternoon.

## THE PENNSYLVANIA INCREASED WAGES

[Associated Press.]

Philadelphia, March 30.—It was announced this afternoon that the six per cent wage increase given to the Pennsylvania Railroad's employees also applies to employees on the Pennsylvania's lines west of Pittsburgh, who receive less than \$300 a month.

## WHITE LEAD THIEF AGAIN REMANDED

Haggar Will Come Up For Sentence on April 6th.

Christopher Haggar, charged with stealing 400 pounds of white lead from Cowan & Co. and John Young, came up before Judge Edward Elliott this morning, and was remanded until April 6 for sentence.

## RUSH TO EUROPE WILL BE GREAT

**On One Block of Central Avenue Fifty-teen Residents Have Booked Passages.**

The rush to Great Britain and the continent from London this summer, promises to prove unprecedented. Local agents are kept busy booking passengers for the old country.

On one block of Central avenue there are fifteen residents, who have made arrangements to go to Europe shortly.

## RINGER'S BODY FOUND.

Pictou, March 30.—The body of Chas. E. Ringer, son of Richard Ringer, of this town who was drowned in the bay, last fall, was found this morning about two miles from town. Ringer left home one Sunday afternoon last fall, and the next morning his boat was found with his overcoat on the shore. He was about 50 years of age, and leaves a widow and three children.