

## HARDWARE MEN SWINDLED BY SLICK WHITE LEAD CROOK

Cowan's and Young's Were 'Phoned to Send the Goods Up to 496 King St.—Then They Were Taken Away by the Thief—Police Hot on the Trail.

One of the smoothest swindlers that has operated in the city for some time victimized Cowan & Co. and Young's hardware yesterday to the extent of \$26.

After 4 o'clock in the afternoon each firm received a telephone message, asking that 300 pounds of white lead be sent up to 496 King street at once for Lewis Bros., painters. Cowan's sent their man up at once with the 300 pounds of lead, and when he arrived there he found that the house was unoccupied, and he left the lead in a shed at the rear.

**Sent the Lead.**  
Mr. Young, fortunately, only sent up 100 pounds on his order, as his delivery wagon was very heavily loaded. The lead was left at the shed, where the other firm's lead had been placed.

About 5:30, Mr. Young, in conversation with a member of the Cowan firm, learned that they had also received an order of lead and had filled it. He thought the matter over, and finally called up Lewis Bros., and learned from them that they had a large stock of lead on hand and required none. They had not ordered any, nor did they know of any having been ordered in their name.

**L. AND P. S. R. EARNINGS JUMP  
INCREASE OF \$844 IN 1909**

City Council's Revenue for 1909 Was Boosted in Many Quarters—As a Result the Council of 1910 Starts Out With About \$12,000 in the Treasury.

The city council surplus for the year 1909 amounted to \$11,271.69. According to the yearly financial statement issued by City Auditors Jewell and A. Dale, the present council started with the sum above mentioned in the treasury. The council of 1909 commenced with a surplus of \$12,276.12, so that last year's council just about held their own.

The surplus of 1909 was due to the fact that the waterworks turned in \$3,360.65 more than was estimated, and Tax collector Hayes handed over \$1,793.72 more than was figured on. There was also an increase of \$960.05 in license fees, \$844.40 in L. and P. S. R. earnings, and \$679 in statute labor and dog taxes. The council did not depend as much as was intended on streets, the sums saved being the following: Streets, \$1,577.23; street cleaning, \$767.44; compensation for injuries, \$874.20; coroners' inquests, \$402.20; waterworks election, \$328.61; fire halls, \$980.37; interest, \$940.35; sewer re-

Mr. Young sent his man up to 496 King street, at once, and when he arrived he found that the lead was still where it had been left in the shed.

**Get the Goods.**  
He noticed also that a number of labels from other cans of lead had been torn off, and were scattered about. He telephoned back, and Mr. Young told him to leave the lead in the next house until the morning, with instructions that no one was to take it away.

This was done, and shortly after 6 o'clock, a young man, who is described as being of medium height, clean shaven, dark complexion, and apparently a foreigner, called at the place, and said he had been instructed to take the goods away.

It was turned over to him, and has not been seen since, although the police have learned that it was taken down to a house in the south end and removed from there last night late.

It is thought that the swindler who ever he is expected to have the firms charge the lead up to Lewis Bros., and thought that nothing would be heard of the matter until the bill was presented some weeks later, by which time he would have gotten safely away.

The detectives are working on the case, and expect to make an arrest shortly.

**Some Overdrafts.**  
There were some overdrafts, for instance, administration of justice, \$355.67; board of health, \$2,123.67; asphalt repairs, \$293.45; bridge repairs, \$398.87; city hall expenses, \$206.57; printing, \$864.44, and relief, \$501.29.

The surplus on the whole is derived as follows: Surplus over estimates from outside sources, \$5,374.37; increase in receipts and decrease in expenses, \$12,213.90; total, \$17,688.27. The total overdrafts amounted to \$6,416.58, leaving the net surplus, \$11,271.69.

The increase in the earnings of the L. and P. S. R. is a good surprise, and it is expected that there will be a considerable growth during the coming season.

The present council is starting the year with a good surplus, and it will go, and it is expected that there will be a considerable distance towards keeping the tax rate down.

**MISSION WORK IN THE WEST  
WILL BE PUSHED WITH VIGOR**

Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church Set Aside Sum of \$2,250 for the Cause—All Reports Presented at Meeting Today Were Very Satisfactory.

The seventh annual meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, met this morning in St. Andrew's Church, with Mrs. John Somerville, the president, presiding. The session opened with a Scripture reading by Mrs. Donald McLean, a prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit at the meetings by Mrs. W. J. F. Mallagh, and the opening words of greeting by Mrs. James Rollins, president of the London Presbyterian.

Following the opening exercises, reports from the various presbyteries, some 22 in number, were received, and also reports from a number of auxiliaries and mission bands not in the presbyteries. These outlining the work that had been done by the different organizations, and showed the energetic and progressive spirit that permeated all the organizations.

Following this record of work came the reports of the various officers and committees.

**Board of Managers.**  
The report of the board of managers was presented by Mrs. Donald McDonald, the secretary of the board, and outlined the work of the society during the year.

It spoke of the improvements and gifts to the various hospitals in the west, the most important of which was the building of a nurses' home at Vegreville, installing an electric lighting and hot-water plant in the hospital at the same place, enlarging and improving the Mission House at Edmonton, and the installing of furnaces and other permanent improvements at Atlin.

A paid secretary for publications the report stated had also been appointed with very beneficial results.

**Work in the West.**  
Realizing the advantage of educational work in dealing with the incoming foreigners in the west, the board had set aside \$2,250 for that work, \$900 of which was being spent in helping Galician students studying at Manitoba University.

The list of mission stations for the following year was then as follows: Latchford—North Bay Presbytery;



Photo by George A. Henry, Dundas St. Mr. J. W. KEARNS, Who Was Today Presented With a Purse of Gold by His Friends.

## EARL GREY'S VISIT ON APRIL FIFTH

Will Arrive Here at 11:30 and Leave for Toronto at 4:25, After the Ceremonies.

**BIG SHOW IN ARMORIES**  
Premier Whitney or Hon. Mr. Hanna Will Also Be Here—Guard of Honor For His Excellency.

Arrangements were completed at the meeting of the London Health Association yesterday afternoon for entertaining His Excellency Earl Grey on the occasion of his visit to the city on April 5 to open the tuberculosis Sanatorium and the "Made-in-London" Exhibition.

The Governor-General will arrive in the city over the Grand Trunk at 11:30 o'clock. He will be met by Hon. Adam Beck, president of the associations, the directors, and a guard of honor furnished by Col. Hodgins, D.O.C.

A special car will be in waiting to convey the party to Springbank. They will then be conducted to the sanatorium in carriages.

The London Street Railway Company have made arrangements to send several cars to Springbank for the convenience of the party who desire to be present at the opening.

All public and civic bodies, physicians, clergy, councils of Elgin and Middlesex, and the public generally are invited to be present.

The Provincial Government will be represented, either by Sir James P. Whitney, the premier, or Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary. Hon. A. G. MacKay, leader of the Opposition, has also been invited. His Worship Mayor Beattie will represent the city.

After the ceremonies at the sanatorium, luncheon will be served the vice-regal party and the directors at the residence of Hon. Adam Beck. At 3 p.m. his excellency will open the "Made-in-London" Exhibition at the Armories.

Earl Grey will leave for the east at 4:25 over the Grand Trunk.

Mr. W. M. Spencer sent a check for \$400, making his subscription to the sanatorium \$500. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Spencer for his fine gift.

**Plans Approved.**  
Plans for the laundry, water-pumping system, recreation building, workshop, and doctor's cottage, were submitted by the architect, Mr. W. G. Murray, and were approved of. Tenders will be called for the work at once.

The board was notified that the Lord Elgin Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire would furnish the two wagons for men and women in the infirmary. A suitable tablet will record the gift.

**Mr. Dibbs Recovering.**  
Word has been received here that Mr. David Dibbs, formerly of the post-office staff, now of Denver, is recovering nicely from a critical operation he underwent recently in the hospital there.

**THE WEATHER**  
TOMORROW—WARMER.  
Tuesday's weather.

Widespread depression, accompanied by midsummer temperatures, covered the western part of the continent yesterday. Maximum temperatures of mild degrees were recorded in the Western Provinces, and over 80 degrees in the Western States. Warm weather also prevailed in Ontario, while in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces it was milder than Monday. Local showers occurred in Quebec and New Brunswick.

**Temperatures.**

|              | Min. | Max. |
|--------------|------|------|
| London       | 34   | 48   |
| Dawson       | 12   | 30   |
| Port Simpson | 32   | 42   |
| Atlin        | 32   | 42   |
| Victoria     | 42   | 52   |
| Vancouver    | 42   | 52   |
| Edmonton     | 32   | 42   |
| Battleford   | 32   | 42   |
| Port Arthur  | 32   | 42   |
| Calgary      | 32   | 42   |
| Winnipeg     | 32   | 42   |
| Port Albert  | 32   | 42   |
| Parry Sound  | 32   | 42   |
| Toronto      | 32   | 42   |
| Montreal     | 32   | 42   |
| Quebec       | 32   | 42   |
| St. John     | 32   | 42   |
| Halifax      | 32   | 42   |

**8 a.m. Weather Reports.**

|             | Temp. |
|-------------|-------|
| London      | 38    |
| Victoria    | 52    |
| Calgary     | 62    |
| Winnipeg    | 60    |
| Port Arthur | 48    |
| Parry Sound | 52    |

**Forecast.**  
Today—Easterly winds; fine and cool. Tomorrow—Southeast winds; fair, with higher temperature.

## PURSE OF GOLD PRESENTED TO A PROMINENT RAILWAYMAN

Mr. John W. Kearns Surprised and Honored by a Number of His Friends at the Travellers' Club This Morning—Pere Marquette Official Was Remembered by Friends on Many Railways.

Mr. John W. Kearns, until recently Canadian passenger agent of the Pere Marquette Railway, with headquarters in London, and who is now district passenger agent of the Pere Marquette, with offices in Detroit, was surprised by a number of his friends at the Travellers' Club this morning when he was presented with a purse of gold, and was told some very nice things about himself by Mr. W. E. Duperow, of Toronto, on behalf of his brother railwaymen.

The party dropped in on Mr. Kearns at the club and at once got down to business.

**Tribute to Mr. Kearns.**  
Mr. Duperow stated on behalf of a large number of Mr. Kearns' friends among the passenger and freight agents of the different railways he desired to tell him that he had always been a warm favorite with all, and that each and every man was glad to hear that he had been advanced by the Pere Marquette Railway.

"We could not give you a watch," said Mr. Duperow, "because, unlike most passenger agents, you own one of your own (laughter). Had all railway passenger agents been as pros-

## \$5,000 ACTION AGAINST G. T. R. DAMAGES FOR EMPLOYEE'S DEATH

Parents of the Late Cecil Burchell Institute Suit—Young Man Was Killed While at Work at Brantford, Ont.—An Alleged Slander Case Entered for Trial.

Two more jury cases have been entered for hearing at the coming assize. The London and Western Trust Company, administrators for the estate of the late Cecil Burchell, are bringing action against the Grand Trunk Railway, on behalf of Robert J. Burchell and Elizabeth Burchell, of London, England, the parents of the deceased, who was killed near Brantford, on Oct. 6, 1908, while employed as fireman by the defendant company, in a collision with a work train returning from Burford.

The action is for \$5,000 damages. Messrs. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons are for the plaintiffs, and Mr. W. H. Biggar for the defendant company.

**Alleged Slander Suit.**  
Norman L. Campbell, of Stratford, is bringing action for \$5,000 damages against Robert W. Nicholson, a coal merchant, of Stratford.

On Oct. 25, 1909, and Dec. 28, of the same year, it is alleged, that the defendant spoke and published certain statements, tending to accuse the plaintiff of theft.

The action is for damages to reputation sustained thereby. Mr. E. Travers, of Stratford, for the plaintiff, and Mr. H. C. Pope for the defendant.

## AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE SAYS THERE WILL BE NO WAR

Tells Great Delegation of Manufacturers From Along Canadian Border That They Need Not Be Alarmed Over the Tariff Situation.

[Associated Press.]  
Washington, March 23.—Representative Alexander, of Buffalo, headed a large delegation representing the white pine interests, the grain interests, and nearly all of the manufacturing concerns from Duluth to the Atlantic Ocean on the Canadian border, that called upon Secretary of States Knox today to present a combined appeal to him to avert a tariff war with England. Mr. Alexander pointed out that a trade of over \$200,000,000 was involved.

Governor George E. Prouty, of Vermont, made an eloquent plea in behalf of the New England interests, which will be adversely affected.

**Need Canada's Timber.**  
Mr. L. P. Graves, a leading lumber merchant, of Buffalo, also addressed by Secretary Knox. When they had concluded, the secretary informed the delegation, which numbered a hundred persons, that while his official position and the state of negotiations with Canada prevented him from discussing the subject with as much freedom as he would like, still he felt that he might assure them that the negotiations were progressing and that they should not feel unduly alarmed at the prospects.

The delegation left the state department very much relieved in mind. Other phases of the matter were set out at length by the speakers, who were listened to with great interest by the secretary at some length, making a point that white pine lumber, which was absolutely essential to the building industry of the United States, was no longer to be found in the American market.

**Richmond St. Factory Was Scorched by Fire**  
\$200 Damage Done to the Building of Mr. Frank Dwyer Last Night.

Fire did \$200 damage to the building used as a cigar factory by Mr. Frank Dwyer, at the rear of his residence, 591 Richmond street, about 7:30 last evening.

There are several frame structures in the neighborhood, and it was feared that the blaze would spread. However, the firemen were soon on hand, and confined the flames to the one building.

The damage done was principally to the roof. Shortly after the fire was discovered, the flames shot up, and it looked like a very serious fire for a few moments.

The fire originated, it is thought, from a small rubbish fire in the rear of the buildings. The loss is covered by insurance.

## MAN WITH TREMENS APPEARS IN POLICE COURT

Delusions, Remanded to Jail for a Week.

A young man who on many occasions has shown marked inability to keep his hold on the water wagon, was found rambling about the streets at two o'clock this morning, and when he appeared in court seemed to be under the impression that he had been arrested twice. He told the court he didn't think he was drunk, but that some policeman had taken him down and put him in a cell and lost the key. He said he had knocked and knocked, and that finally somebody had come, and started to scrub out the next cell, and then got off on another tack and told the court he had been up a little while before and had been remanded until Wednesday.

Chief Williams intimated that "had them badly," and the court decided to remand him to jail for one week.

Harry Marshall, a young man, charged a couple of days ago with being a vag, was let go.

The case of William Honduras, charged with selling candy on Sunday, was enlarged for another week.

## REV. C. MOCKRIDGE DEAD

Son of Former Hamilton Rector Passes Away in Kentucky.

Charles Mockridge, a son of the late Rev. C. H. Mockridge, one-time rector of Christ Church, Hamilton, died in Louisville, Ky., Monday night. At the time of his death Mr. Mockridge held the post of rector of All Saints' Church, at Dorchester, Mass. Dr. Mockridge, who was 36 years old, was married but three weeks ago, following an operation in a Boston hospital, to Miss Louise Tyler, of Louisville. He was educated at Trinity College, Toronto, and was one of a family of four sons, all Episcopal clergymen.

**Moving to London.**  
Robert Hooper, Delaware, has sold his residence to Mr. McDiarmid, of Montana, formerly of St. Thomas, and is coming to London to live.

## DEATH TAKES TOLL OF THREE IN TEESWATER BOATING TRAGEDY

Mrs. Joseph Semple, Her Daughter and a Mrs. Elliott, a Visitor From the Old Country Perish in Swift Water of Teeswater River.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Teeswater, March 23.—A sad drowning accident occurred at Joseph Semple's farm, 4 miles from here, yesterday, when Mrs. Semple, her daughter, Crissie and Mrs. Elliott, a relative from Liverpool, England, were drowned in the Teeswater River. Mrs. Elliott's daughter, Miss Elliott, was the only one of the party saved.

The river runs through the farm, just below the house, and they had intended rowing up the river and crossing over to neighbors, but owing to the swollen condition, and the strong current at this spot, the boat was swept down the river, and overturned before those on board had taken hold of the oars.

The accident was seen by Miss Kate Semple, who immediately called her brother, who managed to rescue Miss Elliott, as she was being swept around a bend in the river. The girl was almost gone, and did not recover consciousness until this morning.

The bodies were recovered early this morning. The family of Joseph Semple is well-known and highly respected in the community. Three daughters and one son survive their mother and sister.

The Elliotts, mother and daughter, had planned to end their visit in Canada in time to return home next week.

## IS ONTARIO GOVT. TAKING HAND IN HOSPITAL CHANGE?

Rumor Says That Mr. Hanna Is the Gentleman Who Is Behind the Movement to Allow Students to Hold Clinics in the Public Ward of the Hospital.

The Ontario Government, it is alleged, is taking a deep interest in the fight for a closer public ward at Victoria Hospital, where patients may be attended only by physicians of the hospital staff.

Hanna is determined that the hospital shall form an integral part of the Medical School, or better the Western University, before any Government aid is given.

It is also taken for granted that all these matters must be settled before the Western University question is taken up.

As announced some time ago, in The Advertiser, Sir James Whitney is going to hold a conference in which the whole university situation of the province will be taken up.

Mayor Beattie has not changed in his attitude. He is still willing to open the wards to the students, provided no clinic is held without the consent of the patient. This is not considered broad enough, and will not be accepted by the other trustees.

The meeting of the trust on Thursday afternoon will settle the trouble. Three of the trustees are committed to the exclusion of physicians from the ward save the hospital staff, and it is confidently expected that Mr. T. G. Turnbull, the county representative, will take the same stand on the question.

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"We will meet on Thursday to settle the matter," said Mr. Judge. "As announced before we will tender our resignations unless our views prevail. We are right—there is no doubt about that, and it is just as well that we retire if we are not sustained."

**Mr. Hanna's Position.**  
The statement is made that Mr.

**SEVENTH REGIMENT MEN  
FOR GUARD OF HONOR**

Will Escort Governor-General of Canada While in This City.

A picked guard of honor will be chosen shortly to escort Earl Grey on the occasion of his official visit here to open the "Made-in-London" exhibition at the armories next month.

**RAIDED SUGAR BUSH  
AND CARRIED OFF SAP**

Several Farmers in Vicinity of Lobo Suffer From Sugar Thieves.

The residents of the vicinity of Lobo are considerably worked up over the depredation carried out in a sugar bush near that locality, Donald Campbell, of Lobo, ex-reeve of the township, was one of the sufferers, on Saturday night a party of thieves, whether in mischief or through malice, it is not known, went to Mr. Campbell's sugar bush, and boiled down and carried away all the sap that had been collected.

Another case shows that even more deliberate meanness and malice is resorted to in the sugar bushing. Mr. W. J. Thomas had 30 barrels of sap that had been collected, deliberately drawn from the barrels and thrown on the ground.

So far the county police have had no notification of the occurrences.

## JOHN THOMPSON SEEKS TO LOCATE HIS MOTHER

Hamilton Police Asked to Assist London Man in His Search in That City.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Hamilton, March 23.—John Thompson, 347 Wellington street, London, has asked the Hamilton police to assist him in locating his mother, who he has not seen for twenty years. She is believed to be residing here, Thompson, when an infant was placed in the House of Providence at Dundas. Later he went to work for a farmer at Chatsworth, and then drifted west, in search of his parents. A family named Russell told him his mother was in Hamilton. His father is a railroad engineer in California.

**NO TROUBLE OVER  
THE DUAL POSITION**

Dr. Harrison Will Hold Two Jobs for the Woodmen of the World.

There will be no trouble over the election of Dr. Harrison, of Toronto, to the dual position of head consul commander and head physician of the Woodmen of the World.

There was a rumor some days ago to the effect that an effort would be made to test the validity of the election, but that will not be done. His election was effected at the grand encampment, and the question then arose about his election to the two positions, but the delegates upheld Dr. Harrison, and all opposition was dropped.

"There will be nothing of that sort attempted," said a prominent Woodman today. "Dr. Harrison was elected at the head camp by the delegates. They were questioned as to the validity of the election at the time, and they were greatly in favor of it. Consequently, it would be to challenge the power of the head camp to protest against the election of Dr. Harrison, and I do not think that will be done. The delegates have spoken through the election, and it would be folly to dispute their decision."

The newly-elected officers have taken charge of the business of the order, and everything is working smoothly.

**Board of Works.**  
The board of works will meet tonight instead of on Thursday evening. There is not a great deal of business to be transacted and the session will not likely be a strenuous one. A special meeting will be held on Monday in all probability to open the tenders for the year's supplies.