

LATEST NEWS OF WESTERN ONTARIO.

GAS COMPANY WILL LIVE UP TO LAWS

Settlement Finally Reached in Vexed Question at Chatham

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CHATHAM, Feb. 28.—The natural gas question has at last been settled and the citizens are assured that in the immediate future they will be provided with cheap light, heat and fuel. At the meeting of the city council last evening, the company agreed to live up to the requirements of the statutes, and also agreed to put in house purifiers.

On this condition, the council will allow them to turn the gas into the city mains. It was a stormy meeting and some of the aldermen said things for which they repented this morning, and it is said that apologies were in order for the personal references of the evening before.

Secretary White Resigns
A. H. White, resigning his position as secretary of the West Kent Agricultural Society, on account of ill-health. At a meeting of the directors, his resignation was accepted and R. A. Harrington was appointed in his place at a salary of \$300 a year. Besides acting as secretary Mr. Harrington will be expected to act as sort of manager of the fair.

One Smallpox Case
Medical Officer Dr. W. R. Hall stated this morning that there is at present only one very mild case of smallpox in Chatham, and when this case is liberated next week, he expects to be able to report that there is absolutely no smallpox in the city. There is no contagious disease in the city at the present time, with the exception of this mild case of smallpox and a couple of cases of measles.

BRANTFORD MARKET ABSOLUTELY FREE

Council Will Probably Remove All Present Restrictions On Trade

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BRANTFORD, Feb. 28.—At a meeting of the building and grounds committee last night the Brantford market by-law which at present exists received a thorough discussion with a view of doing away with the restrictions which at present exist in regard to the vending of meat and other produce and making the market absolutely free.

The committee were favorably impressed with the scheme to abolish restrictions and restrictions as regards the conditions of trade on the local market. They will report to the council favorably on a new market by-law which will allow the sale of produce and meat to retailers and for domestic use at any time and in any quantity. Hitherto merchants have been prevented from buying after 10 o'clock on market days.

SMALLPOX PATIENT IN INGERSOLL HOME

Young Michigan Girl Found Suffering From Dread Disease

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INGERSOLL, Feb. 28.—A case of smallpox was discovered here to-night in the home of Lorenzo T. House on Whiting street. The patient is a sixteen-year-old Michigan girl, who has been visiting the family for a week past.

She has been sick for several days, but not till to-day was Dr. Coleridge called in. He was suspicious as to the nature of the disease, but his opinion was confirmed by the medical health officer, who immediately had the house placarded and the family placed under quarantine.

NEW PHONE SYSTEM

Glencoe District Branch Now Has Over Fifty Subscribers.

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GLENCOE, Feb. 28.—The Bell Telephone Company have busy here lately installing telephones. They now have fifty subscribers, including the branch offices at Appleton, Wardsville, Newbury, Woodgreen, Stratford and Kilmartin. Communication with the branch offices is free to subscribers, while a fee of ten cents is charged to non-subscribers.

Mr. J. G. Lethbridge, of Stratford, was re-elected mayor at the annual meeting held in Toronto a few days ago.

Mr. Daigley, his sale of imported fillets at London last week was a great success, both in point of numbers present at the sale, and in the prices realized.

The postal authorities have yielded to the wishes of the people in the north corner of Elfrida township, and have opened a post office in the store of Ernest Coleman, to be known as North Elfrida.

Mr. H. H. Steer, carpenter, has secured Canadian and United States patents for a safety attachment for what is known as a shaper in woodworking machinery, and has sold the United States patent for \$3,000.

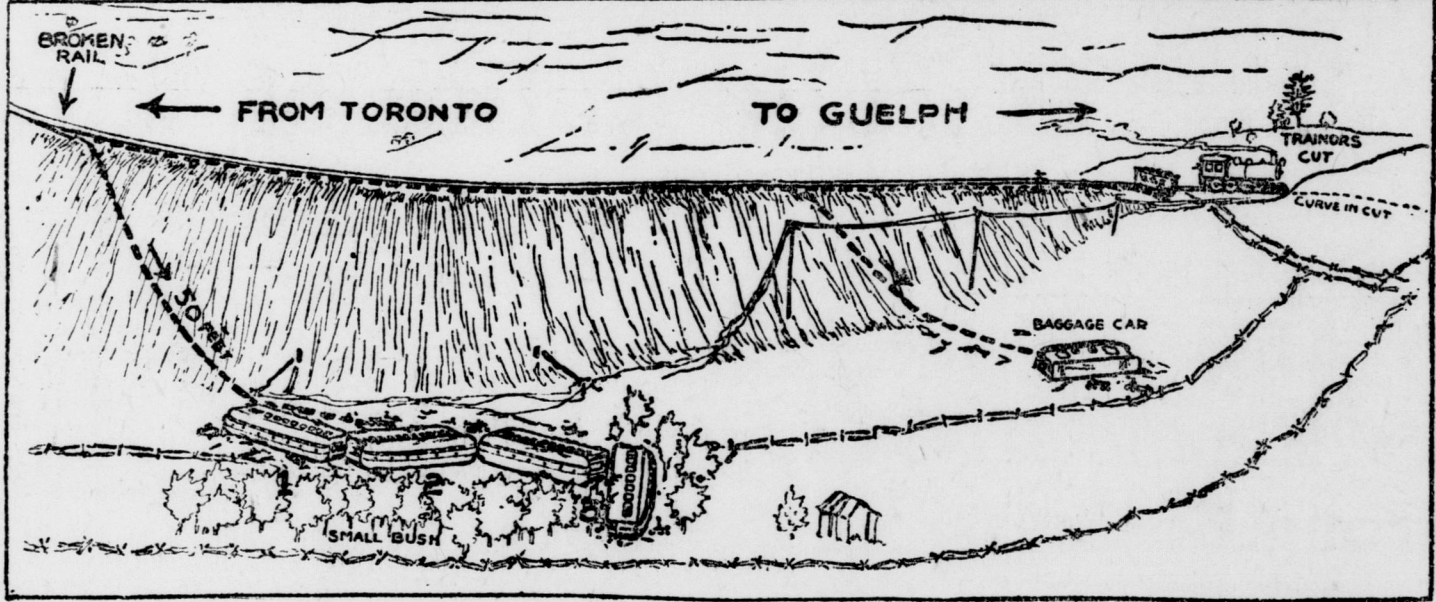
The county of Middlesex and township of Metcalf have decided to build a new steel and concrete bridge over the Sydenham River, two and a half miles west of Stratford.

It is claimed that more voters were sworn at the recent election of West Middlesex than ever was known in the history of the riding.

The lady hockey enthusiasts of Glencoe will have a game at the rink on Monday evening.

People in a small way of business feel gratified that the minimum business assessment has been reduced from \$250 to \$100. They have always considered it as an injustice to tax a poor person for the privilege of making a living at some small enterprise.

MITCHELL MAN IN WRECK.
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THE SCENE OF THE RUN-OFF
No. 1—Where Rankin was killed. No. 2—Where baby was killed. No. 3—Where O'Donohue was killed.

Cooped Up in Box Car With Fighting Stallions

(DUEL TO THE DEATH)

Paisley Bros., of Lucan, Have Terrible Experience Between London and Stratford as Witnesses of Deadly Struggle

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STRATFORD, Feb. 28.—Cooped up in a box car on a fast freight train, with two savagely fighting stallions, was the terrifying situation experienced by Paisley Bros., Lucan, this afternoon. When the train finally reached here, the two animals, valued at over \$1,000, were dead, the other was badly injured and both men were severely bruised and cut as a result of their efforts to separate the enraged animals.

The two stallions were being shipped to Montana and were in a paucity horse car attached to a special freight ahead of passenger train No. 5. Just after the train had passed the Cove bridge, near London, one of the animals, alarmed at the jolting of the train, began to rear and plunge madly, and in an instant had broken the bars by which it was held. Immediately it commenced a fierce attack with teeth and hoofs on its mate, which was more severely fastened and failed for the time to break loose. The two men made every effort possible to drive back the vicious brute, but in the close area and gloomy interior of the car it was risking their lives to make a move. Back and forth the two horses reared and plunged, the free animal biting and kicking, the other defending itself with its hoofs and neighing in utter terror. That the two brothers did their best to

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"GOD HOUSE" GOODS PUT UP FOR SALE

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WINDSOR, Feb. 28.—The "God House," who holds a chattel mortgage given by J. R. Swinden on behalf of the Israelite colony, says a full settlement must be made. He has instructed the bailiff in charge of the "god house" to advertise the goods for sale.

"Mrs. Mason can't bluff me," declared Mr. Tourangeau, who is a brother of an official in the public works department of Ontario. "I hold the mortgage given by the recognized agent of the colony, and it must be paid. Mrs. Mason will gain nothing by saying she is not responsible. I can produce Swinden in court if he is wanted."

The impression is strengthened that the trouble is the result of a falling out between Swinden and Mrs. Mason. The former has resented the authority exercised by the latter. Like poor old Dowie, he has been shunted to the cellar, but he refuses to stay down.

Pupils Secure in Brantford Schools

Public School Board Take Every Precaution Measure Against Danger by Fire.

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BRANTFORD, Feb. 28.—The Brantford Public school board have taken every precautionary measure in the event of fire breaking out in the schools of the city. The board in a body visited all the buildings yesterday and inspected all the means of escape.

At the North Ward school a kindergarten class, which was stationed in a room on the second floor of the building, owing to over-crowding of the building was dismissed until arrangement can be made for new quarters.

In all the schools a fire drill has been inaugurated and will be held daily. Order and precision in retiring from the school have impressed the school board as important consideration in view of the recent disastrous conflagration of the Hochelaga schoolhouse.

FRAZER-COOK

Popular Stratford Lady Wedded to Ellice Man.

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STRATFORD, Feb. 28.—The wedding took place yesterday of Miss Charlotte May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Cook, and Mr. Wilmet Frazer, of Ellice. The ceremony, which was a quiet one, was performed by Rev. T. G. Gifford, of St. James' Church. The young couple immediately left for their home in Ellice.

At a special meeting of the Stratford Horticultural Society Mr. T. H. Lennox was appointed secretary, vice W. P. Henderson, deceased. Dr. J. A. Bohlman was re-appointed treasurer. A resolution of condolence was passed to the family of Mr. Sanderson, the late valued secretary of the society.

Mr. T. Palmer, who for the past five years has been choristmaster and organist of St. James' Church, has resigned to accept a similar position with St. Paul's Church, Toronto. The promotion carries with it a considerable increase in salary and offers a much wider field for his well known abilities. He is not only a splendid musician, but a very estimable gentleman, whom many in this community will be sorry to see leave. The resignation takes place at once.

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SAYS WINDSOR GAS ALDERMAN FLATLY DENIES ASSERTION OF COMPANY RE ITS PRICE

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WINDSOR, Feb. 28.—W. C. Kennedy, on behalf of the Windsor Gas Company, claims that Windsor has the cheapest fuel gas of any city of its size in the province. He is now making a tour of various places to prove his assertions.

Ald. Arnold replies to-day that Windsor does not enjoy the enviable distinction of being the cheapest. The alderman is trying to have the council take steps to block down legislation sought by the gas company to increase its capitalization and bonded indebtedness.

He challenges the gas company to deny that there is a deal to sell their plant to some American capitalists and also to deny that an option has been given for the plant and the company wants the legislation blocked until the company agrees to supply gas at a cheaper rate.

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GOLD WATCH CHAIN FOR INGERSOLL MAN

Friends of J. A. Henderson Show Regret at His Removal

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INGERSOLL, Feb. 28.—Mr. J. A. Henderson was the recipient this afternoon of a handsome gold watch chain as a memento of the friendship he has formed with the employees of the St. Charles Condensing Company during the six years he has been identified with that firm.

With his fellow-employees, Mr. Henderson was always affable and courteous, and in leaving to make his home at Ayr he has their hearty good wishes for a full measure of prosperity. He has always been a trusted employee and held the highest regard of all. Accompanying the presentation was a nice wordy address emphasizing Mr. Henderson's many good qualities.

Mr. Henderson is an enthusiastic curler, and in this connection he will be greatly missed by the members of the Recreation Club.

Captain Pynn, who has been at the head of the local corps of the Salvation Army for the past year, will farewell on Sunday. The latter part of next week Captain and Mrs. Pynn will leave for their home at Ayr. Captain Pynn has not yet been assigned his new field of labor it is not his intention to return to Ingersoll.

The marriage was solemnized here yesterday afternoon by Rev. E. E. Marshall, Duke street, of Wm. Thomas Smith and Miss Margaret Mary Schott, all of Woodstock. The happy couple will reside in Woodstock.

Mr. J. H. Healy has returned to town for a few days after having spent several months in New Ontario. A largely attended and very pleasing concert was given in the King Street Church this evening.

CORPORATIONS SEEK TO BOYCOTT COUNCIL
Protest Lodged Against Windsor's Petition for Lighting Commission

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WINDSOR, Feb. 28.—This city is having a private bill prepared to empower the council, under certain conditions, to make a factory lighting plant, now in charge of the light committee in the city, to be a public utility.

Word has been received that a protest has been lodged against the formation of a commission to investigate this is the work of corporation influence. The council will hold a special meeting Monday night to take the final steps before the bill comes before the private bills committee of the legislature. A deputation will go to Toronto next Thursday and seek to have the bill ratified.

GET RURAL PHONES
Bell Company Makes Proposition to Extend System to Mt. Forest.

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MT. FOREST, Feb. 28.—The special meeting called to consider the extension of the telephone system to rural sections was well attended. A large number of farmers were present, showing that rural neighbors are awake and aggressive.

Mr. Brown, representative of the Bell Telephone Co., addressed the meeting and proposed a company connection with Bell subscribers for the sum of \$3 each.

The matter of extension to Pike Lake, the popular summer resort, was the only one to materialize. The cost of this extension will be about \$200. The company was proposed to organize a company and issue shares at \$10 each. The following provisional officers of the proposed company were then appointed: President, Mr. Marshall Wright; secretary, Mr. Alfred Hutchison; treasurer, Mr. W. Long. The proposal of a continuous service for Mount Forest met with the approval of the Bell representative, who promised that Mr. Forest increased the list of subscribers to the requisite number that an all-night service would be granted to the town.

The Mt. Forest agricultural society have decided to hold a seed and stock show during the month of April. Messrs. Forster, Beaton, Davison and Douglass were appointed to prepare prize list and to make such other preparations as were necessary.

Miss Mabel Hanley, who has been the guest of Mrs. D. A. McDonald for several days, returned yesterday to her home in Kingston.

Miss Marie Murphy, after spending several days under the parental roof, returned to her home in Ayr.

Mr. S. J. Orr, railway express messenger, Niagara Falls, returned to his duties after spending several weeks with her mother and sister at the old home.

MITCHELL WEDDINGS
Miss Pattan and Miss Ida Littlejohn Yesterday's Brides.

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MITCHELL, Feb. 28.—A very quiet and private marriage was solemnized at the home of Mrs. Richard Wilkinson, north ward, yesterday, when her adopted daughter, Miss Ida Littlejohn, was united in marriage to Mr. George George. The ceremony took place in the presence of a number of friends and relatives. The young couple were married by Rev. Mr. Garbutt, Methodist minister. After receiving the usual congratulations a sumptuous wedding dinner was served, and the young couple took the 4 p.m. train for London, where they will spend their honeymoon. On returning to Mitchell again they will remain until about the last of March, when they will begin the journey to their western home.

Miss Ida Littlejohn, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Littlejohn, north ward, and Mr. Herbert Parr, of Stratford, were quietly married yesterday, the marriage taking place at the Methodist parsonage. Rev. Mr. Garbutt performed the ceremony, only the immediate friends being present. The young couple will make Stratford their home at present.

BUILD NEW CHURCH
Watford Congregation Has Now \$4,500 of \$7,000 Needed for Purpose.

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WATFORD, Feb. 28.—At a largely attended meeting of the congregation of Wednesday evening, the matter of building a new church, which has been under consideration for some months, was discussed. It was concluded that the old building had outlived its usefulness, and was inadequate to present requirements.

The pastor, Rev. Mr. Garbutt, expressed their views, it was decided to erect a new church, edifice and school room at a cost not to exceed \$7,000. The sum of \$4,500 has already been subscribed for this purpose.

The following building committee was appointed: The rector, Messrs. B. Richardson, W. J. Howden, C. A. Class, T. Dods, E. D. Swift, E. A. Brown, Harris, with Thos. Woods.

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