PRICE TWO CENTS.

## SIX-YEAR-OLD BOY WAS DROWNED IN HENRY BAKER FALLS IN AT BLACKFRIAR'S DAM

Swept Away in the Rush NEW MANAGER OF GRAND of Icy Waters.

#### THE BODY NOT YET RECOVERED

Little Fellow Was Sitting On Abutment When He Lost His Balance.

pouring over the dam near Blackfriars Bridge yesterday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock, Harry Baker, the 6-year-old son of Mr. Harry Baker, 56 the river and was drowned.

No trace of him has yet been found. Shortly after the scholars had been school, a number of them went to the And Sum for Trips Is Struck health what looked like a large deputabridge to watch the water and ice pouring down the river at flood.

Rode Ice Floes

Some of the larger and more ven turesome boys went down the river, where they amused themselves by riding ice floes.

Harry Baker, with his companion Charlie Robinson, of 16 Empress avewent to the bridge, but turned south, and stood at the breakwater jus

They amused themselves by throwing stones into the river at the blocks of ice for a time, and then Harry Baker went out on the timbers of the abutment at the dam and sat there for Hollow Pretence That the Late velopment Company by reason of the

Young Robinson continued to throw stones into the river while Baker watched him.

Boy Had Disappeared, Shortly after, Robinson went for some more stones a little distance from

be seen. He commenced to cry, and some of the neighbors who heard him ran to

s assistance. He told them that Baker had fallen into the river, but no trace of him could be found.

Fell Into Whirlpool. The spot where he fell in is a whirlpool just below the dam. Tons and tons of ice and snow have been pouring over the dam, and the body of the boy was carried away in

Owing to the volume of water and ice pouring over the dam it is impos-

sible to drag the river. A watch was maintained along the the body has been found.

No Trace of the Body.

This morning the breakwater is being patroled, but at a late hour no drowned boy.

Charlie Robinson, the 6-year-old companion of Harry Baker, was seen but could not give a definite idea as to how the accident happened. Lost His Balance.

It is thought that the lad attempted to turn around on the plank abutment. which is only about a foot wide, and, losing his balance, fell into the river. So far as can be learned, there was no other witness of the tragedy.

The dead boy was the eldest son of Mr. Harry Baker, who is an employe of E. Leonard & Sons. Mr. Baker is an Englishman, and has lived in the city about a year and a half.

There are two other children, a little Fear the Shock.

Mrs. Baker has been very ill, and the shock is a very serious one for

The boy was highly spoken of by the neighbors, and was a very pretty flaxen-haired chap, with a bright winning manner. He was a pupil of the West London school.

This is the first fatality of the river this season. Four years ago two young students of the Medical College were thrown from a canoe at this dam, and Duncan McMartin, was drowned. His

body was never found. Little hope is entertained of finding the body of young Baker.

Still Searching.

The body of little Harry Baker who was drowned in the Thames yesterday afternoon near Blackfriar's bridge, has not yet been found, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

No trace of it can be found, and it is the opinion of experienced rivermen that it will not be located for some time yet, if at all. The water is very high, and floating

ice makes it impossible to drag the Wm. Adams, of 140 Clarence street, The water is so deep that it would prove unavailing anyway, it

GEO. S. M'LEISH IS NAMED Selected by Mr. A. J. Small to Fill the Vacancy---Announces That Some Excellent Attractions Will Be Seen in

London Before the Close of the Season. Grand Opera House by the proprietor,

riving in London last night. experience, having been connected Mayor of Tokio," and others. with some of the best companies on the road in America. He says that the best attractions of doners.

Mr. George S. McLeish, of Montreal, the season are yet to come to London, has been appointed manager of the and in proof of his statement cites the following: Mrs. Leslie Carter, Mr. A. J. Small, of Toronto, and has Bingham in "The Climbers," and "The George Primrose, a local boy; Amelia already entered upon his duties, ar- Frisky Mrs. Johnston," "The Red Mill," Frank Daniels, Cheridda Simp-Mr. McLeish, who is 39 years of son in "Red Feather," "Forty-Five age, and was born in Sherbrooke, Minutes from Broadway"; Kathryn Quebec, is a man of wide theatrical Osterman, "Madame Butterfly," "The Sava, 's "Madame Butterfly"

certainly prove a rare treat for Lon-

### Wilson avenue, West London, fell into No Junkets for Board of Health Finance Committee Uses the Knife the cut.

Out of the Board's Estimates.

There will be no junketing trips for the board of health this year. The appropriation of \$200 in quietly and effectually chopped off last year. evening by the finance committee of he city council.

tion was appointed to go to Ottawa, and some unkind things were said about the mayors, past and present, who have refused to sign checks for trips abroad.

Mayor Stevely and Ald. Beattle have come to the conclusion that the estimates of the year will stand a great deal of attention, and that some very board's estimates for this purpose was or the tax rate will be very high this careful pruning will have to be done,

They determined to make a start by cutting off the junketing trip of the

### Whitney Helped Put Act Through Body Blow From Hon. Geo. W. Ross

Government Tied Up the Province.

Ottawa, March 13 .- Hon. George W. the abutment, and when he turned to ively replied to the allegations made tered at the Falls. Mr. Ross pointed over the plant of the Electric De-

conditions imposed in the agreement Whitney Government has been made with the company by the Ross administration. Mr. Whitney, with dramatic vehemence, laid upon his predecessors in office the blame, if blame there is, for the clauses in the agreement preventing the Ontario Ross, in an interview today, effect- tition with the companies now char-Government from entering into compeby Premier Whitney in the course of out, in the first place, that Mr. Whithis remarks on the power question in ney himself indorsed these agreethe Legislature this week, to the ef- ments, and in the second place, that fect that the present provincial adminthe argument that the Government | The Channel Is New Practically going over last night and early this tering into any agreement to take ing plants by agreements with the Continued on Page Nine.

### Messrs. Beck & Gamey Have Troubles

The Toronto Star says: There is said to be good foundation any moment involve a large expendifor the story that the Hon. Adam ture, and it is thought that this should Beck is to be given a newly-created be handled by a department, rather river until a late hour, but no trace of portfolio, that of minister of power. Premier Whitney has declined to discuss the matter.

It is known that Mr. Beck is to have a hard time in London, as antrace has been discovered of the other Conservative, and former candidate, Mr. Gray, is in the field.

The Niagara power problem may at

than a commission. Mr. Gamey is also having trouble in his riding, and has not been near the Parliament Buildings for some days. It is said that the department of lands, forests and mines is to be divided to give him a portfolio, but not until he has proved his claim to it by winning the next election contest.

### ST. THOMAS MAN FOUND DROWNED

[Special to The Advertiser.] Lynn, just outside of the town limits of the river above, where the body was this morning. Papers found in the found, and it is supposed it was the pockets would indicate that the man's property of this man. The body was \$10 65. The Muncey postmaster had name is Daniel Ross, of St. Thomas, removed to Hoffman's undertaking- appeared suspicious of the order and the body has the appearance of having rooms and a coroner's inquest has been been in the water for a considerable called for this afternoon

length of time. About a month ago an Simcoe, March 14.—The body of a overcoat containing a watch and a

## There are two other children, a little girl 3 years of age, and a newly-born A New Industry for the East End the document, which later was proved to have been raised from \$1 65 to

It was announced at the meeting of and will enlarge the plant as the nethe manufacturers' committee last cessity demanded.

evening by Assessment Commissioner Grant, that a Steel Culvert Company, with branch offices in Yale, Mich. and two others in Minnesota and Wisconsin, would establish an industry here to manufacture steel culverts. Messrs. H. E. Beach and R. H. Menary, of Yale, Mich., have been in tion from the firm before the commit-

This will be the only company manufacturing steel culverts in Canada. They are used extensively in the United States in railway construction, and the promoters do not fear the competition of cement culverts, of which there is a large number manu-

factured here. There was no official communicathe city, and have rented a part of the tee and it asked for no assistance Gillis property in the east end, and whatever.

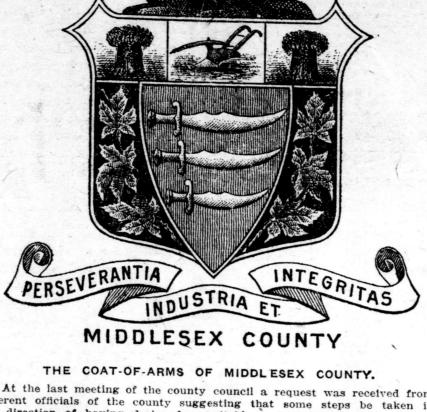
would establish a plant here shortly. Ald. Ferguson expressed himself as The company expects to employ highly pleased with the prospects of about 35 men at the commencement, locating this industry in London.

### Action for Damages Against the City

he would enter suit on behalf of Mr. otherwise injuring himself. for injuries received through a defec- age, tive walk on Clarence street.

Mayor Stevely was notified this on Clarence street, near the Iroquois morning by Mr. R. M. C. Toothe, that Hotel, breaking his shoulder, and He holds the city liable for the dam-

The suit will probably be defended Mr. Adams fell early in the winter by the city.



At the last meeting of the county council a request was received from lifferent officials of the county suggesting that some steps be taken in the direction of having designed a suitable coat-of-arms for the county, and dies made, so that all stationery and other printed matter on which it could be used would bear the county's crest.

A committee was appointed with power, consisting of S. F. Glass, chairman, J. C. Knapton, secretary of the jail and county buildings committee, and County Clerk Robson. The result of their labors may be seen in

#### WILLIAM YEATES RESIGNS DR. DRAKE TO BE APPOINTED

Former, Who Now Resides in Hamilton, Finds It Inconvenient To will not attend the annual meeting of versity, the church intends to make a Come To This City To Attend Meetings --- Mr. Hanna Has Resignation.

Official word of the resignation of | sor, but it is said that the Conservacense commissioner, is expected in a few days, in fact, it is said that the resignation is already in the hands of Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial sec- Hon. Adam Beck's, and is said to be

of this city, and consequently finds it

Mr. William Yeates, of Hamilton, li- tive Club has agreed on Dr. Drake to succeed Mr. Yeates.

Friend of Mr. Beck's. Dr. Drake is a personal friend of

highly satisfac' "y to the Beck wing Mr. Yeates is no longer a resident of the party, which is now in control. The appointment will also be satisvery inconvenient to attend meetings. factory to the other commissioner, He has been on the board since the who have insisted on the appointment of a good man.

Dr. Drake is a practicing physician and is at present physician for the Speculation is rife as to his succes- Grand Trunk Railway.

### London Tp. Bridge Washed Away Thames Causes Damage Down River

Clear of Ice-No Danger of a Flood.

There is five feet of water going over the Springbank dam at present, so Engineer Simmie, of the pumping

Very little ice is going over, although there was a great quantity it is thought.

HOMER COMMITTED

Young Muncey Indian Charged With

Forgery to Elect. Isaac Homer, the accused Muncey out by the London shops. Indian forger, was this afternoon for-

Chittick. A nephew of Homer's was the chief Simcoe, March 14.—The body of a colored man was found in the River pair of mitts was found on the banks of the alleged forgery his uncle had given him a money order calling for

> had paid but \$5 65 on account. Upon receiving the money the wit-

\$10 €5: Homer will appear for election trial in a day or so.

The Princess of Wales has sent to the Church Army of England an order Montreal ...... for a large number of shirts, to be Quebec made by the wives of prisoners who Father Point .... are under the care of the society.



LITTLE HARRY BAKER,

Evening.

In the river, little ice is floating, although there is a great quantity of it lodged along the banks of the river. This will not be moved unless the water rises considerably. There is no danger of a flood, as

the worst is over. The river is running wild further fifth concession of London Township being torn away by the flood. The water is gradually subsiding

and will reach normal in a few days,

-Brantford Courier: Superintend-

ent Tiffen of the G. T. R. was in

Brantford yesterday in his private

#### car. He was accompanied by Mr. T. Treleaven of London, superintendent of the carshops. The car was an especially handsome one, just turned

mally committed for trial by Squire - THE WEATHER.

> TOMORROW-A LITTLE COLDER FORECASTS. Toronto, March 14 8 a.m. Today-South and east winds; light snow or rain tonight. Sunday-A little colder; light local sleet.

Local Temperatures. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 45°; lowest, 31° above zero

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Calgary ..... Winnipeg ..... -18 -20Clear Port Arthur.... 4 Parry Sound .... Clear ...... Fair

Minus (-) means below zero. The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this the minimum temperatures during the 24 meeting of the Real Estate Owners' hours previous. WEATHER NOTES.

The low area which was over Ontario resterday is now centred in New Brunswick, and that which wos over Southern British Columbia is now in Minnesota, moving quickly toward Ontario, accom- \$3,000. panied by light snow and rain. The weather continues very cold in Manitoba and the Western Provinces, and comparatively mild from Ontario

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 42 below-12; Atlin, 14 below-10 b w; Port Simpson, 36-42; Victoria, 44-52; Vancouver, 34-55; Kamloops, 44-58; Edmonton, 6 below-4 below; Battleford, S below-2; Prince Albert, 18 below-zero Calgary, 26-28; Regina, 8-14; Winnipeg 8 below-zero; Port Arthur, 2-22; Parry Sound, 28-40; Toronto, 32-46; Ottawa, 20-Who Was Drowned in the Thames Last John, 19-36; Halifax, 14-36.

# \$50,000 FOR HURON COLLEGE BISHOP WILLIAMS ANNOUNCES

KNEW ARMSTRONG IN ENGLAND

Superintendent Heard of Victoria Hospital stated to The Advertiser to-day that two young men with whom the late Fred Armstrong had been chumming while in St. Thomas visited the hospital and identified him as coming from Maidstone, in Kent, Eng.

also after he came to this country, and are at a loss to understand why he should have wanted to change his name

Superintendent Heard has also re eived letters from different parts of the country regarding the matter. The remains are being held pending instructions from the father, Mr. Chas. Friday evening next, when the matter Armstrong, who lives at Maidstone,

#### A FIFTY PER CENT CALL

Sovereign Bank Shareholders May Get Off Comparatively Easy.

Montreal, March 14. - Mr. D. M Stewart, former general manager of the Sovereign Bank, it is announced, Stewart is said to have handed all his a big theological center. time ago, and is consequently not professors and make an important imqualified to attend. There is some talk provement in the college in general." ing. It is not believed anything will come out, excepting under pressure. persons throughout the diocese have The view is expressed here that a 50 signified their willingness to contribute per cent call is the worst that the substantial amounts toward the enshareholders may fear. It had been dowment fund, and there is little doubt hinted that the full double liability that the required amount could be

A Plan Is On Foot To Strengthen Anglican Institution.

BE SECURED

They knew him in that place, and Within the Next Five Years --- A Big Improvement in College Contemplated.

> An important meeting of the council of Huron College will be held on of raising an endowment fund of \$50, 000 for the theological department will

in all probability be launched. "In five years more Huron College will be 50 years old," Bishop Williams told The Advertiser this morning. "and it is our aim to raise a fund of \$50,000 in the next five years.

"Now that there is some likelihood of

the shareholders on Monday. Mr. special effort to make Huron Cellege stock over to the bank authorities some will be able to secure a number of new

It is stated that a number of wealthy

### Jap Fleet Off for Secret Service May Be a Threat to China

A Powerful Cruiser Squadron | will sail today on secret service. The Ready to Sail at Moment's

Notice.

Hong Kong, March 14 .- Information caused a sensation in the navy, and has been received here from Formosa some action in this department is sur-

cruisers Yakumo, Akitsushima, Asama and flotilla of smaller vessels have been coaled ready to sail at a minute's notice since March 7. At Sasebo, the naval station, everything is exceedingly busy. The Tatsu affair has

### that the first Japanese naval squadron | mised. \$100,000 Amusements at the Port Board of Trade Hears Proposition

down, it is stated, a bridge on the Of American Who Would Trans- by stating that it had been called at form the Old Time

Resort.

The proposed improvements at Port Stanley occupied almost the entire at- the support of Londoners, as well as tention of the board of trade last the people of St. Thomas and Port night, the regular order of business Stanley. being either postponed or passed over in as brief a manner as possible. The following gentlemen were admitted to membership upon vote of the mayor: J. C. Park, W. C. Wood, A. J. Morgan, Samuel Baker, C. A.

Ross and W. P. Irving. Mayor Stevely. the suggestion of President Rumball and Manager Mower, of the Southwestern Traction Company, who had called at his office yesterday and laid the plan for Port Stanley improvements before him.

He thought the movement was in the right direction, and well worthy From Hon. Mr. Lemieux.

His worship then read a letter of

appreciation from the Hon. Mr. Lemieux for the treatment he had received in London. "When Mr. Lemieux was here." concluded the mayor, "I spoke to him about the establishment of a form of

#### Mayor Stevely opened the meeting (Continued on Page Six.) Real Estate Owners Dissatisfied With the Hospital Expenditure

Committee Named To Go To the Institution and Investi-

The statements that have appeared in the press this week regarding the expenditure at Victoria Hospital, together with information that was given last evening, furnished food for Association last night. One of the members stated that the month just passed had been one of matter up with them also. the largest in the history of the in-

Crack at Physicians.

stitution, and amounted to nearly

It was also stated that certain physicians are violating the rules of the penditure of public revenue and institution in regard to the admission taxes has appeared in the public of inebriates by bringing them in press, that would indicate either inunder another name.

diagnosis was given as ear trouble. over this matter and intend bringing quiry into this matter for the benefit body to deal with the matter.

Committee Appointed.

As a result of the discussion on the expenditure it was decided to appoint a committee to go down to the hospital and investigate.

The members allege that there is something wrong somewhere, and they intend writing to other cities for information regarding the cost of running their institutions.

The members are at a loss to undermorning, and the second column records a good deal of warm discussion at the stand why such extensive repairs should be necessary to a comparatively new building, and they intend investigating the matter thoroughly, expenditure for repairs during the and asking the council to take this

Repairs Extensive

The Resolution. The following resolution was passed egarding the matter:

"Resolved,-That, whereas, matter affecting the administration and excapacity of the management or ad-A case was mentioned where a man ministration of Victoria Hospital as was placed in the "D. T." room as it shown in the expense account set is called, for a couple of days, and his forth in said press report, that a committee, consisting of the chairman It was stated that many of the of the standing committees of this physicians of the city are aroused association be appointed to make in-38; Montreal, 26-42; Quebec, 2-28; St. it up before the council, asking that of the association, the general tax-