

ROYAL ARCANUM DELEGATES
FILL THE HOTELS OF THE CITYSeventeenth Session of the
Grand Council Opens
Tomorrow.HIGH OFFICERS
ARE ATTENDINGBig Banquet Will Be Held in
the Tecumseh House
Tonight.

The hotels of the city are nearly filled up, and practically all preparations have been completed for the opening of the seventeenth session of the Grand Council of Ontario, Royal Arcanum, which will take place in the Knights of Pythias Hall, Dundas street, tomorrow morning, and continue throughout the day.

Grand Secretary Harry Brown arrived in the city last evening, and with the able assistance of the local officers has been getting things in readiness.

The Committees.

W. H. Baker, of Toronto, grand regent, has appointed the following sessional committee:

Credentials and Distribution—Bros. J. A. Cottam (chairman), R. K. Cowan and R. W. Rennie, all of London.

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City Will Have North End Extension
Or No "T" Rail Will Be PermittedCouncil Took a Decided Stand
On the Matter Last
Night.

All the differences at present existing between the city of London and the street railway regarding the "T" rail, the North End extension, the use of gravel in the Dundas street pavement for the railway allowance, the Ottawa avenue derail, and other matters must be settled by agreement before the company will be allowed to use the "T" rail on Dundas street.

That was the attitude of the council last night when the bylaw allowing the company to use the "T" rail

No Passengers On the Big Coal Boats
Passenger Service May Be InstitutedL. and P. S. R. Board Had an
Interview With Magnates
Yesterday.

A deputation from the London and Port Stanley board made a trip of inspection to Port Stanley yesterday afternoon. They went down by special train, accompanied by Superintendent Peatt, Assistant Superintendent Gibbula and Mr. Trump, of the Pere Marquette, and Mr. A. Leslie, of the Pittsburgh and Bessemer Coal Company.

A visit was made to the Price El-

Wonderful Operation at Victoria
Patient Chatted With the DoctorsLocal Man Felt No Pain When
Incision in Abdomen
Was Made.

The first operation in London in which local anaesthetic has been used was performed in Victoria Hospital yesterday, and it was entirely successful.

There have been only a few such operations in Canada, the first one taking place in Toronto a short time ago.

It is also said that a similar operation was performed in Hamilton recently.

The operation here was for strangulated hernia, and was performed by two local surgeons.

The patient was a very bad case, and it was thought extremely dangerous to use ether or chloroform.

So it was decided to use the local anaesthetic.

The abdomen was infiltrated with the anaesthetic, and soon the abdominal section was made.

Chatted With Doctors.

The patient was perfectly conscious during the operation and chatted with those in attendance. He watched them work, and expressed opinions as to the conditions of the organs which had been taken from his body.

DR. G. P. WESTLAND
HAS PASSED AWAYWell-Known Londoner Is Dead
After a Long Illness.

Dr. George P. Westland, one of London's most highly esteemed residents, died at his home, 287 Queen's avenue, this morning, after an illness extending over a year and a half.

Dr. Westland was in his 73rd year, and came to Canada from Liverpool, Eng., when 18 years old.

He settled in Toronto and later graduated from the Ontario College of Physicians.

For many years he had lived and practiced in this city.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons and one daughter, Messrs. Frank W., of California; Dr. W. S., of this city, and Mrs. Fred Fraser, of Montreal.

The funeral, which will be private, will be held from the family residence on Thursday afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

WILL NOT CHANGE
UNIVERSITY SITEWestern University Would Be Erected
on Present Beautiful Location.

The Western University authorities wish a contradiction of the statement that there is any present idea of changing the site of the university to South London or elsewhere. They claim that no more beautiful location could be found than the present one, and say that no object would be served by changing it.

Principal Waller, of Huron College, also says that land has been reserved on the present site for a university building. It would be obviously impossible, he says, for Huron College students to take full advantage of the arts course unless the university building were close at hand. He points out that at McGill the theological college is about to move to the university, and in Toronto also the divinity colleges were being located in Queen's Park, so as to be at the door of the Provincial University.

BRITAIN MAY BUY
BRAZIL'S BATTLESHIPS

London, April 7.—Interest has been aroused in naval circles by the report that the British admiral is considering the purchase of the two big battleships now being built in this country for Brazil. It is pointed out that Brazil has no need for two such powerful ships which, in addition to their original great cost, will be expensive to maintain. It is certain that Great Britain will buy these vessels should this be the only way of preventing their falling into the hands of another European power.

MR. J. A. COTTAM,
Of London, Grand Orator of the Royal
Arcanum.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, April 7—S. a.m.

Today—Moderate to fresh north to

west winds; fair and a little cloudy.

Wednesday—Fresh or strong easterly

winds; becoming showery.

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, 60.5°; lowest, 31.5° above

zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary 16 14 Cloudy

Winnipeg 12 12 Cloudy

Port Arthur 14 10 Clear

Parry Sound 28 28 Clear

Toronto 40 40 Cloudy

Ottawa 34 34 Fair

Montreal 24 24 Clear

Quebec 26 24 Fair

Father Point 32 30 Cloudy

SMALL HOUSES SCARCE
LOCAL BUILDERS BUSYMills Are On the Hum and Everything Looks Good for a Big
Summer's Work in the Building Line—Some
Big Jobs in Sight.

"There will not be a small house to rent in London by the end of April," was the way one real estate agent expressed himself when asked by The Advertiser this morning regarding the prospects.

"I have had a very busy time the last few weeks. The demand for houses from \$15 to \$25 a month is also very good. Quite a number of people seem to be wanting houses of this kind in order that they may take in a few boarders or roomers. I have quite a number of inquiries from persons outside the city for houses.

"I have already rented several nice houses to people who are moving in from outside towns.

Keeping Busy.

"I have enough work to keep me busy for three months," said a well-known contractor, "and am not looking for any more. My work is of all kinds, and includes a number of new buildings besides repairs and alterations to old ones.

"I don't think I will be putting

things too strong if I say the brick makers will be kept busy supplying blocks for local trade alone. Last season there were several million bricks brought in from outside points, and it looks to me as if some of us may have to go out of town very shortly if we want to get our orders filled on time."

Mills Busy, Too.

"We have lots of work," said the manager of one of the city's biggest sawmills, "I should say from our advance orders that there is nothing wrong with the building trade. Lumber prices, I do not think, will be any higher than formerly."

Big Jobs.

Among the larger contracts which will be commenced shortly, are the Hobbs Plate Glass Works, McMahon & Granger's warehouse, the isolation hospital, the new fire halls, the hygienic institute, a new chapel for Mount St. Joseph, and a new Salvation Army Citadel. One sawmill is getting out the woodwork for 26 new houses of various sizes.

JAMES COTTER FOUND GUILTY
OF BREAKING INTO BONDED CARA Stiff Defense Was Put Up, But the Evidence Was Against the
Prisoner—He Was Remanded a Week
for Sentence.

James Cotter, the Grand Trunk engineer who was arrested in Windsor a few weeks ago charged with breaking into a bonded car in the local yards, was found guilty this morning and remanded for a week for sentence.

The crown showed that Cotter had been in the vicinity on the night of the theft, that he and Sinclair, who was recently sent down for 18 months in connection with the case, had been seen in the shanty burning straw wrappings from whisky bottles, and that Cotter had tried to sell cases of

Pond Mills Lady's Narrow Escape
Bad Runaway in the South EndWas Thrown from the Rig and
Severely Cut—A Close
Call.

Mrs. Arthur Baty, an aged lady of Pond Mills, had a remarkably close escape from serious injury, or possibly death, in a runaway this morning, when a rig in which she was seated became overturned, causing her to be dragged a distance of perhaps 50 feet beneath it.

Mrs. Baty had come into the city on business, and was backing her horse out of a laneway leading to the barn of Mr. George Jackson, the Wellington street butcher, at 261 Ottawa avenue, when the rig bumped into a large gate, which swung over from its fastenings. The horse became frightened and kept on backing up, with the result that the rig was overturned, and Mrs. Baty thrown beneath it.

\$33,186 Greater Than for 1907
Board of Education Adopts FiguresEstimates, This Year Greatly
Exceeds Those of Last
Year.

The estimates were put through by the board of education at a special meeting held yesterday afternoon. There was little discussion.

The total amount asked for from the city council will be \$177,179 06. This is an increase over last year of over \$33,186, due to the increase in the salaries of the teachers, and also owing to the increase in operating expenses.

The Collegiate figures were placed at \$33,953 11.

The total expenditure for the year is estimated at \$39,200, of which \$2,329 25 is for sinking fund and interest.

The total receipts for 1908 are estimated at \$7,576 14.

Last year the board asked for \$143,893.

Public Schools.

The public school will need \$143,225 95. The total expenditure was estimated at \$145,569 86. The receipts were estimated at \$2,216, with sinking fund and interest, amounting to \$5,872 09.

DR. HARWOOD DEAD.

Sandwich, April 7.—Dr. Charles Harwood is dead at his home here from a complication of diseases. Dr. Harwood was born in Palermo, Ont., 63 years ago, a son of a retired English army officer. Before becoming

AN UNFAIR AND UNJUST BILL
IS MR. WHITNEY'S GERRYMANDER"Hypocritical Humbug," Says Liberal Leader MacKay in Searching
Criticism of Proposed Redistribution—A Conservative
Member Attacks Measure as Unnecessary and Unfair.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 7.—The Legislature yesterday was occupied mainly with strong criticism of Mr. Whitney's proposed gerrymander.

The debate on the redistribution bill was resumed by Hon. Mr. MacKay, who said the time was inopportune for a redistribution. He thought his amendment, favoring a postponement of a redistribution until after the next census fitted the case best. Since the last redistribution in 1885, the Liberal majorities had varied from 25 to 3, while now the Conservative majority was 40 or over. This showed that neither party had an undue advantage. The last British redistribution

Council Kills the Gravel Proposal
Broken Stone for Dundas StreetTerms of the Original Contract
Will Not Be Interfered
With.

The gravel vs. broken stone argument was finally settled at last night's meeting of the council when it was decided not to interfere with the present contract, but compel the Barber Company to use broken stone in the construction of the work. The council voted to a man in favor of broken stone.

When Ald. Gerry, chairman of the

Policeman Ewen Sticks To His Man
Although Badly Beaten By RowdiesThree Young Men Arrested
Charged With Interference
With an Officer.

Ralph Heard, William Froggett and Jacob Fox were arrested last night as a result of interfering with P. C. Alex. Ewen, while he was arresting James Carrothers for being drunk and disorderly and for using vile language on the streets.

P. C. Ewen had arrested Carrothers when the three young men, it is said, attacked him, and did all they could to make him drop his man. The officer resisted and was successful in retaining his hold, although he suffered somewhat severely, his face being badly bruised from the blows of the young rowdies.

Penalty Is Heavy.

The crown was not ready to proceed this morning, and Heard, Fox and Froggett were each bailed in the sum of \$100 to appear tomorrow morning. Carrothers pleaded guilty to being disorderly and was fined \$5. The penalty for resisting arrest is a heavy fine or three years in the penitentiary.

BLAME ATTACHED TO NO ONE
FOR EDWARD COLEY'S DEATHCoroner's Jury Brings in Verdict That the Deceased Was Acci-
dentally Struck By a Yard Engine in the
Yards of the C. P. R.

After hearing all the available evidence into the cause of the death of Edward Coley, the jury which investigated the case last night, under Coroner Ferguson, brought in the following verdict:

"That Edward Coley came to his death about 11:35 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, by being accidentally struck by a yard engine at the Adelaide street crossing of the C. P. R. We exonerate the employees in charge of the engine from any blame for the fatality."

The Evidence.

Trevor Burgess, who was with Edward Coley on the night of March 31, said Coley left him to go down the track, saying he was going to see a friend. Coley had had three drinks of beer during the evening. In his pocket was a small bottle of whisky, which had not been opened and which the doctor used to stimulate the patient after the accident.

Engineer's Statement.

James McAllister, engineer on the yard engine which struck Coley, said he was making up trains at the time of the accident. Witness saw Coley in the yards. As Coley was not dragged at all he thought he must have fallen on the tracks. There were no marks on the engine to indicate that he had been struck and knocked down. Witness was positive the engine bell was ringing.

Dr. Reason, who attended Coley, gave a description of his injuries.

Yardman's Story.

Yardman Joseph Calk said he could not understand how the accident occurred unless Coley stepped in front of the engine. When witness saw him he was walking at the side of the tracks. In speaking to witness after Coley said it was all his own fault, he had not noticed the engine. The engine was not going more than two or three miles an hour.

Perfectly Sober.

Thomas Davidson, with whom Coley lived, said Coley left home shortly after 7 o'clock, and was perfectly sober. He had not been drinking this winter.

Coley had one sister living in England.

The jury was as follows: Foreman, Joseph Brown; James Dean, M. McGraw, R. Northgrave, S. J. Henderson, E. J. White, N. J. Lord, A. G. McLeod, J. W. McGuire, G. W. Francis, Frank Farnsworth, L. W. Crawford, H. Thorne.