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Edwin Coon was sentenced to pay fine of \$100 and \$38 costs or months in jail for violation of local option law. He took the jail. Jerome Wardam, of South Haven, was given 90 days in fail for running

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Probabilities: Toronto, Sept. 26 — 1 a.m.—Lower lakes: Generally fair and warm, with moderate to fresh south

and west winds, and a few local showers at night. Local temperatures: The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory here on Saturday were 64 and 50 degrees above; on Sunday, 69 and 52 degrees above.

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-James McMullen, M.P., was in the -Mrs. Easton, of New York, is visiting her niece, Mrs. C. B. Hunt, Wort-

ley road. -The steamer Flora of Port Stanley has arrived at Windsor, where she will remain for the winter.

-The executive committee of the Synod of Huron will meet in Cronyn Hall on Thursday afternoon next. -A number of delegates from this city attended the Brotherhood of St. Andrew convention in Hamilton last week.

-Hon. David Mills, minister of justice, will be in the city for a few days. He is suffering from a cold. Mr. J. D. Clarke, his private secretary, accompanies him.

-The annual picnic of St. Andrew's Sunday school scholars was to have been held at Springbank Saturday, but owing to the weather was postponed until next Saturday. -Josephine Grayson, of this city, has

just returned from Aylmer, where she gave two exhibitions of jig dancing. This week she goes to Drumbo fair, and next week to Tilsonburg. -The voters' lists that will be used in the plebiscite next Thursday are exactly the same as the lists used in

the provincial elections on March 1, 1898. If you had a vote at that election, you can vote on Sept. 29. -The first 'cross country run of the London Hunt Club was held on Saturday afternoon, Dr. H. R. Abbott acting as master in the absence of Mr.

Adam Beck. The run was free from accident, and greatly enjoyed. -Mr. Vernon Nicholson, of Ottawa, who has been visiting his father-inlaw, Sir John Carling, for the past week, returns home next week, accompanied by Mrs. Nicholson, who has been visiting her parents for the past

three weeks. -The Montreal Star, referring to recent concert given by Mr. W. H. Hewlett, of this city, says: "Mr. Hewlett has attained an enviable place in the rank of solo organists, and in his demonstrations he evidenced his ability in a manner highly pleasing to the

audience." -The Bishop of Huron occupied the pulpit of the Church of St. John the Evangelist yesterday morning and evening, delivering powerful discourses. He was assisted by Rev. Principal English. Rev. W. T. Hill, the rector, who underwent an operation last week,

is progressing favorably. -The officers and members of the Conservative Club met on Saturday evening in their rooms on Dundas street, for the arrangement of preliminaries connected with the club's winter programme. Addresses were made by Messrs. Logan, Morgan, Evans, Es-

sery, Dromgole, and the president. -A prohibition meeting was held at Queen's Park yesterday afternoon, when addresses were delivered by Rev. Joseph Edge, of Wellington Street Methodist Church; Rev. W. J. Ford, of the Centennial Methodist Church, and Mr. Duncan Marshall, of Toronto. The orchestra of the First Methodist Church furnished music.

-Yesterday Christ Church presented a very pretty appearance. The occasion was the annual harvest thanksgiving service, and the edifice was tastefully decorated with flowers, fruits and products of the fields. Rev. E. W. Hughes, of Tilsonburg, conducted the services, and the choir, under Mr. J. T. Dalton, rendered music appropriate to the oc-

casion. -George Northcott, one of the Cuban heroes, whose parents reside on Tecumseh avenue, is progressing so well that last week he was removed from his tent to the hospital, where his mother is continuing to assist in nursing him. The attack of typhoid fever was so severe that several doctors gave up hopes of George's recovery, and his

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many friends will be pleased to learn that all danger is now about over. Mr. Northcott is lying at Fort McPherson, few miles from Atlanta, Ga.

-Chief of Police Williams has received word that a police officer in Taylor, Tex., was shot dead a week or two ago in a hotel there. The officer in question at one time arrested Madie Brown, the supposed murderer of P. C. Michael Toohey, on the charge of burglary, who, while serving time for the crime, escaped from the Texas jail. It is supposed that Brown or his friends killed the officer in revenge.

GOOD WORDS FOR THE WESTERN

The editor of the Mitchell Recorder, who was judge in the fruit department at the recent Western Fair, says: "It is gratifying to all citizens of the west to hear the very common verdict of the many who attended the London fair, that the quality of the exhibits in almost every department was either quite equal, or superior to, what was seen in Toronto, and that everything was shown to better advantage. Being a judge at both places, we know this to be the fact in the fruit department. London is to be congratulated on its splendid fair this year, and the whole west rejoices at its success.

HUTCHINSON—BELL.

A happy event took place last Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. J. McDonald, near Ilderton, when his daughter, Miss Belle, was united in mas daughter, Miss Bene, was united in marriage to Mr. F. Hutchinson, of the same place. Rev. J. Wilson officiated. The bride was assisted by Miss Olive C. Cater, of this city, while Mr. J. McDonald, brother of the bride, acted as green man. groomsman. After the ceremony, the ed over 60. partook of a most tempting wedding repast, after which dancing was indulged in until the early morning. The many handsome presents testified to the esteem in which the popular young couple are held.

REV. DR. BATTISBY PREACHES. By exchange, Rev. Dr. Battisby, of Chatham, yesterday occupied the pulpit of First Presbyterian Church, London. His morning discourse treated of "The Power and Victory of Faith." The evening sermon was on the subject of "Unstable Christians." The audiences were large, and the sermons powerful. Dr. Battisby is tall and straight. He conducts the general parts of the service in a quiet manner. But when he gets into his discourse, the whole man seems to wake up. His expressions are forcible and condensed, the outcome of a vigorous mind, with a strongly individualistic, and often quaint and unexpected turn of expression. Dr. Battisby was heard in London yesterday with great satisfaction. Chatham is to be congratulated on possessing a preacher so interesting and so vigorous. His Chatham pastorate is just of age—

### TO SEE THE WORLD

Edward Hughes Left Home for That Purpose, and Met a Cruel Death-His Remains Taken to Burtt, Mich.

The body of the late Edward Hughes, the unfortunate young man who died at the city hospital from the effects of injuries received by falling under a westbound freight train Saturday, near the Wortley road bridge, was shipped to Burtt, Mich., last night. Miss Lidia Hughes, of 106 Adams street, Detroit, a sister of deceased, arrived here yesterday morning, and made arrangements to have the body taken to her father's home in Burtt, Mich. The poor girl was heartbroken, and feared the effects of the shock upon her mother would be most serious. She had not seen Edward, she said, since early in July, when he visited her in De-troit. He was of a jovial disposition, and the favorite of his father, who carries on a blacksmithing business at Burtt. About A.g. 15, Edward grew tired of business, and quit his father's employ, as he said, to "see the world," taking all the money he had. He went to Detroit, and on Thursday night came to London from Buffalo. He hung around the East End, and jumped the fatal freight, which he be-lieved would enable him to reach home. He had only gone a short distance when a jolt of the cars threw him off the "bumpers," beneath the train, which mangled his limbs. The remains were placed in a beautiful casket at Ferguson's. Edward was only 17 years old, and leaves a father, mother, one brother and three sisters to mourn his untimely end. During his absence his people had heard nothing of him.

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WO RALLIES FOR THE "YEAS"

Prohibition Meetings in the City Hall and Opera House.

A Large Audience Greets Mr. Newton W. Rowell.

The Arguments for Prohibition Eloquently Put-Rev. Ira Smith, Mr. H T. Essery and Mr. Marshall at the

#### At the City Hall.

The prohiition rally in the City Hall on Saturday night drew a fair-sized and enthusiastic audience.

Dr. Roome, ex-M.P. was elected chairman, and seated on the platform with him were Dr. Saunders, W. R. Hobbs, Wm. Bowman, E. T. Essery and Edward Bath, of England. Dr. Roome made a short address, in

which he said prohibition was the most important question that had been submitted for discussion since confederation. He had never been in favor of a plebiscite upon questions of this kind, as he considered it was the duty of statesmen and legislators, who were the people's representatives, to lead, instead of waiting for the people to tell them what to do. government, however, had had this plank in their platform, and he congratulated them upon the pledge having been carried out. (Cheers.) It was the duty of every elector to take a stand one way or the other, bea stand one way or the other, because a small vote meant, nothing, as
it in no way represented the voice of
the people. If the people of Canada
declared in favor of prohibition, it
would be the duty of the government to pass a prohibitory measure. If they pelieved the abolition of the liquor traffic a good thing for Canada they should vote for it, and if not they should vote against it. He also pointed out that if the measure passed, a prohibitory law would not go into force for some time.

The Imperial Male Quartet here rendered a temperance selection, which was warmly applauded. The chairman then extended an invitation to the opponents to come forward, and speak, if they choose, but he wished a time limit set. No antiprohibitionists loomed up, and the

meeting proceeded.

Rev. Ira Smith was called upon, and was warmly received. In his opinion the people of this country had been under the control of the liquor traffic long enough to know what it meant. The speaker dealt with the objection that a prohibitory law would fail of enforcement. He drew an analogy from the application of a protective tariff by Sir John A. Macdonald. It was urged that the higher tariff which he proposed could not be enforced, as it would encourage smuggling, and require an army of officials. But Sir John brought down his tariff policy, and it was enforced. The speaker said they all admired and honored such men as Principal Grant and Prof. Goldwin Smith for the largemindedness

portation of liquor; it could enter the state freely. But in Canada importa-tion as well as manufacture and sale would be forbidden. The speaker held that it was also unfair to judge the effects of a prohibitory law by those of the Scott act. It was easy for those living in Scott act counties to procure liquor in adjoining places where the act was not in force. This was the position of affairs in Middlesex county. Mr. Smith dilated eloquently on the evils of the liquor traffic, and concluded with a fervent appeal to

his hearers to vote "yea" on Sept. 29,

God. (Applause.)

and disappointment on reading the advertisement announcing that the meeting was "for men only." There were, perhaps, a dozen ladies present, and these he congratulated for exercising their rights as citizens. He always maintained that women, who raised the men who controlled the country, were entitled to go anywhere, where a decent and respectable man would go. Mr. Essery then took up ten reasons advanced by anti-prohibitionists for the stand they took. These arguments he analyzed in turn. Under prohibition liquor would be sold in practically the same manner as poison now. If it were found in possession of a man he would be responsible to law. Anti-prohibitionists spoke of the measure as one productive of per-jurers and thieves. Perhaps they knew best; but he assured his hearers that these men, not being in a position to speak for other people, spoke for themselves, and if a crop of perjurers and thieves were produced, the populace would know whence they came. He described the process by which the calfskin from the time it left the farmer's hands until it became the finished article in the form of a pair of shoes, of which the workmen were proud, and contrasted with it the case of the respectable and moderate drinking young man who, through the process of the saloon, had become a "drunken bum"—the finished article.
Who, he asked, would be proud of the
latter, or want him on the genealogical tree?" Referring to the revenue question, he said that was a matter for the legislators of the country to deal with. If prohibition were adopted, and the party in power could not get a finance minister to provide the revenue he (Mr. Essery) would undertake to produce one, "and," he added, "pointing to himself, "he stands upon the platform now." (Laughter and applause.) Prohibition, if inaugurated, would become law and the judiciary of this country would see that the law was carried out. Judges might be ever so much opposed to prohibition, but if it became law, he warned offenders who might come before that anti-prohibition judge, not to repeat

liquor traffic, unless they wanted to et a worse dose. Mr. Duncan Marshall was the last speaker. He went over the ground traversed in argument by the previous speakers, and emphasized some of the more important points.

The Imperial Male Quartet rendered several selections during the evning.

the judge's arguments in favor of the

At the Opera House.

Another mass meeting in the interests of prohibition was held at the Opera House yesterday afternoon, and the building was crowded to the doors. Mr. Newton W. Rowell, of Toronto.

was the chief speaker, and his ability as an orator is well known to Londoners, of whom he was formerly one. The large audience gave him their closest



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attention throughout his forceful arraignment of the liquor traffic, and ap-

plauded frequently. Mr. W. R. Hobbs presided, and associated with him on the platform were several prominent local prohibition workers. Mr. Edward Bath, of England, a commissioner for several British chambers of commerce, was first introduced, and briefly expressed his belief that prohibition would be ben-

eficial to Canada.

Mr. Rowell dwelt long on the fact, which he produced an array of statistics to support, that the liquor traffic was responsible for the greater part of the pauperism, crime and insanity of the country. Since the safety of life and great abilities, but they were illogical in citing prohibition in Maine as proof of the impossibility of enforcing a similar measure here. There was no law in Maine against the impossibility of enforcing a similar measure here. There was no law in Maine against the impossibility of enforcing a similar measure here. There was no law in Maine against the impossibility of enforcing a similar measure here. There was no law in Maine against the impossibility of enforcing a similar measure here. There was no law in Maine against the impossibility of enforcing a similar measure here. There was no law in Maine against the impossibility of enforcing a similar measure here. There was no law in Maine against the impossibility of enforcing a similar measure here. There was no law in Maine against the impossibility of enforcing a similar measure here. There was no law in Maine against the impossibility of enforcing a similar measure here. There was no law in Maine against the impossibility of enforcing a similar measure here. There was no law in Maine against the impossibility of enforcing a similar measure here. There was no law in Maine against the impossibility of enforcing a similar measure here. sure of self-protection, l has an equal right to abolish the sa-loon, which, he said, is an institution to undo the work of the school, and which degrades men morally, intellectually and physically. Moreover, the saloon in politics was the greatest cause of political corruption. pauperism and anarchy, disrupted the nome, debauched children, and cast them on the streets to become criminals and enemies of society. It was the most patent cause of impurity where

purity should exist. In dealing with the revenue phase of the argument, he took the bull by in the name of home, mother and "The liquor traffic is an the horns. unfair charge upon the revenues of the country," he said, and he quoted Mr. Essery, the next speaker, voiced' his disappointment on reading the Sir Oliver Mowat to the effect that 75 per cent of the crime, pauperism and insanity in the country was due directly or indirectly to drink. The country was taxed millions to mitigate the evils resulting from it. Moreover it was an unfair charge upon the resources of the country. The majority report of the royal commission estimated the value of the diminished capacity for labor as a result of the use of liquor at \$40,000,000. Besides which a vast amount of capital, which would otherwise have been used to develop the great natural resources of the country, was diverted into unproductive channels. He figured the total direct loss to Canada as a result of the liquor traffic for a period of fifteen years at The liquor dealers paid \$8,000,000 a year in revenue, and the people gave them \$40,000,000 a year to pay it with. Under prohibition that amount would go to increase the value of real and personal property, and the rate of taxation would be proportion-

ately diminished. Direct taxation could be avoided by means of a readjustment of the tariff. In any event it was an honest debt and should be paid honestly, and not by allowing the drunkard to pay the saloon a dollar so that ten cents might be added to the revenue. Touching the claim that the law could not be enforced, he declared it could be and would be enforced. The conditions in Canada were different to those in the United States, where trouble had been experienced in enforcing the liquor laws. There prosecuting attorneys and judges were elected by popular vote. Liquor cases could be taken to a jury. The saloon was a potent factor in politics. Here judges and crown attorneys were men of high character and free from political influence. Liquor cases were never tried by jury. Moreover he read a letter from the governor of Maine to the effect that after 30 years' trial of prohibition there was no evidence of a desire to change. It had been productive of great good. Liquor was still sold openly and secretly in the larger cities, in spite of prosecutions, but in

rural towns and small villages the saloon was a thing of the past. For the first time in the history of the world a free and enlightened nation was to be given an opportunity to pronounce the death-knell of the liquor traffic. Through the gates of the new century, towards the post dawn of which the peoples of earth were now looking, hopeful-eyed Canada would lead the nations, freed from the worst slavery mankind had ever been subjected to-a elavery of body and soul. Several selections by the Imperial Quartet were rendered in fine voice.

#### "Rally Day."

Yesterday was "Rally Day" at Dundas Street Center Methodist Sunday school, and 761 scholars attended the services, which were of a highly in- fidence.

teresting nature. Responsive readings concerning the plebiscite were given, and special hymns were sung. Greetings were given by Anna Shuff and H. Hooper from the primary department, and by Egbert Gardiner from the junior and intermediate departments; by T. B. Escott from the Bible class; from the superintendent, Mr. D. A. McDiarmid; from the official representative, Mr. Isaac Webster, and the pastoral greeting by Rev. Dr. Saunders. Mr. C. E. Cowley read the secretary's report, which showed in detail the work done during the year. The quartet of the school sang some choice selections.

#### **CASUALITIES**

Shot Dead While "Fooling" With a Gun.

Stole a Ride and Was Crushed Death-G. T. R. Truckman Killed.

KILLED IN SARNIA TUNNEL

YARD. Point Edward, Ont., Sept. 26 .- Peter Fountain, a G. T. R. truckman, while crossing the track in the Sarnia tunnet yard Saturday, was knocked down by a yard engine and sustained injuries, from which he died in the evening. He

was 50 years of age. FOOLED WITH A GUN. Toronto Junction, Ont., Sept. 26.-A shooting accident with a fatal termination occurred Saturday on "Bob" Davy's farm, just west of the town limits. Robert Kelly, aged 24, with a young companion named Willie Winkworch, were out hunting small game, and, according to the meager details received, began fooling with the gun, when it accidentally discharged,

bullet striking Kelly in the breast and

killing him almost instantly.

CRUSHED TO DEATH. Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 26. - Andro Fetsko, 18 years of age, who was stealing a ride in a box gar loaded with rails, was found crushed to death when the car was opened at Medicine Hat. The rails evidently had shifted during shunting while the man was asleep. CREMATED.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 26. - Fire destroyed Murdoch McKinnon's residence at Caledonia, C. B., Saturday morning, and Miss Mary Kildary, an elderly lady, was burned to death. She was dragged from her bed and removed from the house, but returned to secure some valuables and perished. CHILD KILLED BY A LIVE WIRE.

Montreal, Sept. 26 .- The other day a child, Napoleon Lezotte, was killed by a live wire, which was hanging down in the street. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of manslaughter against Edward McGarr, an employe of the Royal Electric Company, who had seen the wire hanging, but had failed to report the fact at headquarters.

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