

NO LIQUOR LICENSE WITHIN THREE MILES OF CITY OF LONDON

It Is Said That Provincial Government Is Contemplating Bringing in a Bill Which Will Cut Off Drinking Places Close to Cities of Over Twenty-Five Thousand.

It is understood in London that the Provincial Government at the next session of the Legislature will introduce a bill abolishing all liquor licenses within a radius of three miles of all cities having a population of 25,000 or over.

This demand has been made by the temperance people. The Advertiser is informed, and it will be granted.

The passing of this law would make some difference to London, as it would mean the cancellation of three, probably four, licenses in this vicinity.

It is certain that the Homister House, on the Hamilton road, the Barries House, and Evans House at Pottersburg would be cut off. It is possible that the Graham Hotel on the Hamilton road would be closed, even though local option should be defeated next year in London Township.

The temperance people of London and vicinity will back the proposal, it is stated, whether local option carries in London Township or not.

BRITISH CROPS RUINED

London, Aug. 23.—The wintry weather spoken of in last Saturday's dispatches continued this week with the most alarming results to agriculture. Some crops have been ruined and others greatly damaged.

The destruction is not general, but practically every river valley and low-lying area suffered tremendously. The hay crop in these districts has been almost completely spoiled, and nowhere is it good. The potato crop is in the same condition.

Peas, beans, oats and much fruit and vegetables are bad. The tomato crop outdoors has been ruined.

The disease which is spreading to crops under glass is threatening disaster. Root crops, such as turnips, are alone good. Wheat and barley are fair, and may be garnered in moderately good condition if the rain soon holds up.

Some districts have been exceptionally favored by the weather, and have been able to keep up the harvesting, but even in these the quality of the crops has been affected adversely.

GREAT ARMY OF WORKMEN PAY TRIBUTE TO BOOTH

Twenty-Seven Thousand Filed Past the Bier of the Dead Salvationist.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Aug. 23.—No fewer than 27,000 workmen filed past the bier of the late General William Booth between 6:30 and 9 o'clock this morning. The universal sorrow for the dead evangelist among the laboring classes is very keen and the scene was an intensely impressive one as the men marched

headed through Congress Hall, many of them carrying their tool bags. A long line of men was waiting some time before the opening of the doors of the hall, where the body was lying in state. A heavy cold rain was unheeded by the mourners. Officers of the Salvation Army marched in front of the doors and then they passed through the hall in silence. There was a moving scene when Mrs. Booth-Hellberg, the chief of the Salvation Army in Denmark, came into the hall with her family, who took places beside the bier and sang a consecration hymn.

"TAY PAY" TAKES A HOLIDAY

Owing to the fact that he is taking a vacation of several weeks on the continent, Mr. T. P. O'Connor's special Saturday cable to the Advertiser will be discontinued until his return to London. Mr. O'Connor's special weekly letter will appear as usual.

CAR WENT INTO DITCH BUT THE DRIVER ESCAPED

Accident in Which a Local Traveller Figured On the Wharnclyffe Road.

A motor car belonging to Mr. W. M. Seltzer, of 25 Beaconsfield avenue, a traveller for the D. S. Perrin Company, was accidentally ditched on the Wharnclyffe road south, between Glendale and Lambeth last evening, but Mr. Seltzer, the sole occupant, escaped injury.

Mr. Seltzer was returning from Windsor in his Studebaker-Flanders "20," and was running at a moderate rate, piloting a party of strangers following in another car, when a steering knuckle snapped under the strain of a slow on the heavy roads. The front end of the car went down on the axle on one side, turning the machine toward the ditch, but before the car turned turtle Mr. Seltzer jumped and braced himself against it to prevent its capsizing. The members of the party following hurriedly gave assistance, but it was decided to leave the disabled car until today, Mr. Seltzer returning to this city in the other machine.

THORNDAL LADY FELL FROM TRAIN

Mrs. H. Clark Injured on G. T. R. Friday Evening.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Thorndale, Aug. 24.—While alighting from a Grand Trunk train here last evening, Mrs. H. Clark, an aged lady living near here, lost her balance, and fell off the car steps. Her shoulder was dislocated, and her face and head were painfully cut. Dr. Hughes dressed her injuries. Unless complications set in, she will recover in a short time.

POCKET WAS PICKED

Local Traveller Reports Loss to the Police.

Frank Boyden, of 88 Horton street, a traveller employed by the D. S. Perrin Company, has reported to the police that last night while in the company of strangers his pocket was picked of a roll of bills amounting to \$300. The matter is being investigated by the detectives, who are looking for a well-known person, Mr. Boyden, who was "touched" by the thieves in a Richmond street cafe.

SURVEYORS ARE WORKING ON LINE

Grand Trunk Railway Men Are Now Engaged Near Aylmer.

LOOKS LIKE BUSINESS

It Appears Now That the Port Burwell Branch Will Have Its Terminal in London.

It is stated today that the Grand Trunk will continue their Port Burwell line to London, as originally announced. Construction work has been going on for some time on the section from Port Burwell to Aylmer, the line having been previously surveyed and staked out.

Some time ago rumors were afloat to the effect that Aylmer would be the terminus for the spur, and that it would not be extended to London.

However, a gang of surveyors have been engaged during the past few days in the vicinity of Belmont, and land has been bonded there for a depot and freight shed.

Today a dispatch from Aylmer to The Advertiser states that a gang of surveyors have arrived in that town and are laying out the line north of Aylmer towards London.

It is very evident from this that the company will at once go ahead and construct a line direct to this city to handle their coal and other freight business.

The road will all be completed within a year's time, it is stated. The new line will be brought in from the east end of the city, probably joining the main line east of Eglinton street.

"The company will extend their line to London undoubtedly," said a Grand Trunk official to The Advertiser. "The stretch of track is necessary long, and it will mean more efficient handling of coal. Surveyors are at work, and will soon have the preliminary work done."

PERKINS MUST FACE SENATORIAL QUIZ

Will Be Asked to Tell What He Knows of Contribution to Roosevelt's Fund.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, Aug. 24.—Spurred on by the testimony of John D. Archbold, alleging that the Standard Oil Company contributed \$100,000 to the Republican national committee in 1904, with the knowledge and consent of Col. Roosevelt, the Senate committee, investigating campaign funds, met early today to lay plans for pursuing its investigation.

It is practically decided that Geo. W. Perkins will testify on Tuesday. Some of the senators want to recall Geo. B. Cortelyou, chairman of the Republican national committee of 1904. He told the Senate committee recently that neither the Standard Oil Company nor anyone associated with it contributed to the Republican fund that year. Mr. Archbold yesterday declared the Standard Oil Company's contribution was known fully by both Mr. Cortelyou and Col. Roosevelt. The possibilities of calling Col. Roosevelt still are hazy.

LEFT LONDON THURSDAY; WAS KILLED IN TORONTO

Harry Mandel Crushed to Death at Rear of 46 Berkeley Street.

Members of the Russian colony here received word yesterday from Toronto of the accidental death in that city of Harry Mandel, of Mandorff, a Russian, who had lived in this city since March last, and who left for Toronto on Thursday. Mandel was killed by being crushed between an express wagon and a wall at the rear of 46 Berkeley street.

Mandel, since coming to London, had resided on Simcoe street, near Maitland street, and was a junk peddler, employed by Gootson Bros., of 30 Maitland street. He has a wife and four children, and these are now on their way from their home in Russia to join Mandel, he having sent them transportation from his earnings since coming to Canada.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—WARMER.

Forecast. Toronto, Aug. 24—8 a.m. Moderate to fresh southerly to westerly winds; fair today; showers tonight and on Sunday; higher temperature.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	63.5	52	Fair
Victoria	70	54	Rain
Winnipeg	65	48	Rain
Port Arthur	48	48	Cloudy
Perry Sound	48	48	Cloudy
Toronto	60	48	Cloudy
Ottawa	66	46	Clear
Montreal	70	48	Clear
Quebec	70	50	Fair
Father Point	72	50	Cloudy

Since yesterday morning rain has fallen heavily in many portions of the Western Provinces, while showers have been more or less general from Ontario to our Atlantic coast.

A depression centred in Minnesota promises more showers in Ontario.

WEDDED FOR SIXTY YEARS



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes, of Belton, Who Celebrated Their Diamond Wedding at Their Home Recently. Many Relatives and Friends From London Were Present.

Farmers Have Nothing to Worry About

The farmers of the northern portion of London Township are satisfied with the crops, and declare it to be one of the best years they have ever had. In the south part it is said conditions are not so good.

Mr. Geo. Mardlin stated to The Advertiser that his wheat had threshed 37 bushels to the acre, and he expected his oats to produce 60 bushels to the acre. Some oats which were cut during the wet spell are spoiling, and a few farmers will suffer a loss there, as the oats will be only good for coarse feeding, but on the whole, the crops are more than fair.

"The oats are heavy, and with fine weather, the larger amount of the crop will be harvested," Mr. Mardlin concluded. "The farmers of the north portion of London Township never had a better year, and we are satisfied. From the cattle standpoint, it could not be better. Dairying is the same way. There will be a little loss on oats, but nothing to worry much about."

WEST LONDON PEOPLE BELIEVE \$20,000 WILL BUILD NEW BRIDGE

Improvement Association Held a Meeting on Friday Night, When Prices of Other Structures Were Read—Deputation Named to See the Mayor.

West London was well represented at a meeting of the Improvement Association held Friday night in Collins' Hall, and which was presided over by the president, Mr. Wm. Nichols.

General dissatisfaction was expressed because tenders for the reconstruction of the proposed Wharnclyffe bridge had not been advertised for. Twenty thousand dollars was voted by the people last January for the construction of this bridge, and as yet not a step had been taken in this direction. The reason advanced for the delay now is that the sum voted was insufficient, and that more money was to be procured before a start could be made, so that the expenditure will warrant enough for repairs from time to time.

The feeling of the meeting was that \$20,000 is more than sufficient to erect a suitable structure, and still allow plenty for repairs. A list supplied by a bridge contractor was read to the meeting, containing a start can be made, and the price was considerably lower than the amount voted for the proposed structure. The bridges in question are as follows:

1. The Muncey bridge, which was built in 1902, and cost \$15,000. The superstructure consists of two piers, 40 feet high; one abutment, 25 feet high; one steel bent on a concrete pedestal, 7 feet high. The superstructure of this bridge has two spans, each 150 feet, centre to centre; two spans, each 75 feet, centre to centre, which makes the total length of 450 feet. There is a 16-foot roadway, which is designed to carry 80 pounds per square foot of floor surface, and capable of bearing a concentrated load of 12 tons.
2. The Walker bridge, built in 1908, cost \$15,000. The Kilworth bridge, built in 1911, and cost \$12,000. The Byron bridge was built at an expense of \$12,000, and the Wilby bridge, which was built in 1908, at an expense of \$15,000. All the foregoing bridges have concrete floors, except the Byron school in the old Colborne street school. Prices include filling and completing 100 feet of roadway each end of all the bridges.

Will interview the Mayor. Messrs. Wm. Nichols and James Wilkins were appointed a committee to interview Mayor Graham on Saturday and ascertain what plans the city council have about this proposed bridge.

MANY VACANCIES ON STAFF OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF LONDON

Board of Education Will Have to Secure New Teachers at Once.

Inspector Edwards is busy making arrangements for the school opening on Tuesday, Sept. 3. He will be very busy for the next week, as several changes will have to be made in the teaching staff. At the present time, there are many vacancies.

Mr. Claude Bluet, assistant principal of St. George's school, has been given a place in the Collegiate, and another teacher will have to be named to take his position.

Mr. J. G. Gordon and Mr. John Dunbar, assistant principals of Chesley avenue and Lorne avenue schools, have resigned, and have gone West.

Miss Winnett and Miss Sutton, teachers in the Normal training classes, have taken other positions. The opening of the day industrial school in the old Colborne street school will necessitate the appointment of a male assistant to teach the entrance classes, as Principal Beal will not be able to take this work, and supervise the work of both departments.

No Announcement as Yet. Inspector Edwards would not announce who would be given the various positions.

A successor to Dr. R. A. Little will have to be chosen shortly.

"We have some vacancies to fill," said Inspector Edwards, to The Advertiser. "We have lost several men by removal and promotions, and some of our women teachers have got married during the summer. I am dealing with the problem at the present time, and we expect to fill the places shortly. Everything else is in satisfactory condition."

"Lark" and had intended to return them. Drunks of various kinds were also dealt with in the usual manner. Indian lists, a plain Indian, and an habitual drunk, were assessed \$10 each, while another party who persisted in pestering an old gentleman, and who became peevish when a police officer, requested him to desist, was mulcted \$5.

N. Y. BUDGET. New York, Aug. 24.—Budget estimates of the various city departments for the year 1913 are now being received by the New York board of estimate, and most of these thus far in hand seem to indicate a large increase in the expense of running the city. Police Commissioner Waldo, for example, asks for \$19,350,000, as compared with \$16,000,000 this year, an increase of about twenty per cent.

YEGGMEN VOLLEY AT POLICE AND ESCAPE IN AUTOMOBILE

Desperate Midnight Battle Between Masked Men and Constables Near Montreal—Bandits Blow Safe of Big Concern But Secure only a Small Sum.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Aug. 24.—Expert yeggmens, who first bound and gagged the night watchman, and then emptied a fusillade of revolver shots at pursuing police, last night blew open the safe of the McLaurin Lumber Company on Twenty-first avenue, Lachine, and rifled the office desks. They got away in a seven-passenger touring automobile with about \$60.

The watchman, Joseph Plante, was on his rounds just after midnight and was passing through the yard, when a masked man stepped out from behind a pile of lumber, pushed a revolver into his face, and curtly ordered, "Stick up your hands." The watchman did so, and more men leaped upon him, trussed him up with ropes, and thrust a block of wood into his mouth. There were six men, and leaving the helpless man lying in the yard, they entered the office, and a few minutes later there was a crash as the safe yielded to a charge of explosives, which ripped the door completely off. Then they quickly ripped open the desks and drawers, scattering their contents about the floor and pocketing anything that looked valuable.

Volley at Police. They had just gotten clear of the yard, when Plante managed to wriggle himself free from his bonds, and alarm the police. Chief Roberts and several officers rushed to the scene, but found that the bandits had made good their escape among the stacks of lumber with which the big yard was heaped. As the officers searched among the stacks, a revolver cracked, and a bullet whistled past the head of one of the policemen. In the train of the report came a regular fusillade of bullets, and under cover of these the yeggmens dashed off and were quickly lost among the cars and sheds of the Grand Trunk freight yards near by.

An Organized Gang. The robbers made their getaway in a big seven passenger touring car, which had been left standing in the shadows of a stacked lumber pile, and dashed off in the direction of Montreal. The police believe they are the same gang or part of it, which recently made an organized tour of robbery in the eastern townships, terrorizing the small towns and villages. A valuable oil painting and a large quantity of merchandise, seized by the Montreal police last week when a cocaine dive in the city was raided, was later identified by merchants and residents of the townships as having been stolen by this gang. The watchman attacked had only one arm. Today is pay-day in the works of the McLaurin Company and \$1,000 is disbursed, but the money is never kept in the safe. A revolver dropped by one of the yeggmens in his flight is the only clue upon which the police can work, except a score of bullets imbedded in lumber piles in the yard.

DROVE RIG IN FRONT OF A MOVING STREET CAR

Prompt Action of a Motorman Prevented an Accident Today.

Prompt action on the part of Motorman George Colbert, of Belt Line car No. 90, averted an accident at the corner of Albert and Richmond streets shortly after one o'clock this afternoon, when the driver of a covered buggy suddenly turned in the path of the rapidly moving street car.

Colbert plugged his motors and halted with the fender rubbing against the buggy. Conductor Joseph Lawrence was with Colbert on the car.

NOT RESIGNING FROM CENTRAL VERMONT ROAD

G. T. R. Officials Deny Rumors That Fitzhugh Was About to Quit.

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, Aug. 24.—The rumors are current to the effect that Vice-President Fitzhugh, of the Central Vermont, which is a subsidiary line of the Grand Trunk, with other officials of the road, is going to resign, is denied here by G. T. R. officials.

Every one says they have heard nothing to substantiate the rumors.

LADY INJURED WHILE TRYING TO BOARD CAR

Mrs. J. H. Stewart, of No. 4 Deane St., Slightly Hurt This Morning.

While attempting to board an Ottawa avenue car at the corner of Richmond and Dundas streets shortly after 11 o'clock this morning, Mrs. J. H. Stewart, 4 Deane street, was thrown to the pavement, bruising her back and shoulder, and lacerating her head considerably. She was taken into a nearby drug store, and Dr. George H. Wilson was called. She recovered in a short time and was taken to her home.

Stewart had placed her foot on the bottom step of the car when it started, throwing her to the pavement.

CITY WILL BUILD FENCE TO BLOCK FIRE HALL LANE

Matter Will Likely Come Before the City Council Shortly.

The lane between the Central fire station and the Iroquois Hotel will not be closed, but the city will adopt a scheme to have the same effect. City Solicitor Meredith has been looking into the matter of late, and had reported that the property owners have a perfect right to use the lane, and that the corporation has not the power to close it. In fact, the city only owns three feet of the right of way. However, it is understood that No. 3 committee will fence off the city property at the rear of the hall. This will effectively prevent the lane being used for traffic. Teams would have to back out, as there would be no room for them to turn around when the fence is constructed. It is possible that the matter may come up before the city council shortly.

GRAND TRECK FROM N. Y. UNDERWORLD

Scores of Gamblers and Dive-Keepers Making Hurried Exodus.

TO ESCAPE SUBPOENAS

Process Servers Unable to Find Many Wanted for John Doe Inquiry.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Aug. 24.—Scores of gamblers and keepers of disorderly houses have suddenly found themselves suffering from ill-health and subpoenas served attached to the district attorney's office, said today that it was surprising how many persons of the underworld had found it so necessary to leave the city at this time.

Ten process servers under command of Assistant District Attorney Smith invaded Broadway in three automobiles to serve subpoenas to appear in the John Doe proceedings to inquire into police graft. Only four of the men for whom subpoenas had been issued were found. Scores of others for whom subpoenas were issued, it was learned, had left the city for various health resorts.

Emery R. Buckner, counsel for the aldermanic investigating committee into police corruption, today made it clear that no person would be permitted to testify before the committee who ought to be arraigned on a criminal charge. Mr. Buckner said:

"It will be the duty of counsel to find out in advance what a witness knows, and then have him testify. It will not be possible for a witness to get testimony into the record that will give him immunity from a criminal charge."

"I repeat with emphasis that the aldermanic committee does not purpose to lend aid and comfort or give immunity to any crook in New York."

District Attorney Whitman has received from Police Commissioner Waldo a list containing the addresses, names of supposed proprietors of alleged gambling and disorderly houses, and owners of the property. Police Commissioner Waldo said the state's attorney could make public the names of the owners of the property if he desired. So far as the police records show, it would be the first time that the names of owners of such properties had been even threatened with publication. Police Commissioner Waldo intimated that the names of many of the owners were socially and financially prominent.

F. R. DALE NAMED HARBOR MASTER

Succeeds the Late F. E. Shepard at Port Stanley.

F. R. Dale, general merchant of Port Stanley, has been appointed harbor master at that point, succeeding the late F. E. Shepard.

TWO POLICE WILL QUIT THE FORCE

P. C. Thomas Monteith and P. C. Ernest Garnett Are to Resign.

It is understood that two resignations will be handed to Chief of Police Williams, to take effect on Sept. 1. P. C. Thomas Monteith and P. C. Ernest Garnett having decided to return to England.