

STREET CAR SYSTEM TIED UP STORM WORST OF THE WINTER

**Big Broom Was Unable To Overcome the Drifts and
All Lines Were Put Out of Business—
Steam Roads Affected Also.**

The heaviest snowstorm of the season visited the city last night. It began early in the evening, coming from the northeast in a cloud. The heaviest part of the storm did not strike the city until near midnight, when it came with great force.

At 1 o'clock the sidewalks were covered a foot deep, and it was almost impossible to walk.

From that time on it snowed steadily, and this morning the voice of the snow-shovel is heard in the land. It is a real busy day for him, and no mistake.

SERVICE PARALYZED.

The street railway service was completely paralyzed. Early in the evening the company realized that it was up against a losing game and soon had its plows and sweepers for the streets being content to wait until morning.

Just as soon as the sweepers passed, the tracks would drift full of fine snow, making the battle a hopeless one.

The result was that many of the lines are tied up this morning. The Ottawa avenue line went to the bad early in the evening. The Wellington line in the north was also blocked, and there was a great deal of trouble with the Ridout street line.

INTERMITTENT SERVICE.

These lines were practically useless all morning. The Dundas street lines were kept open intermittently, anything approaching a regular schedule being completely out of the question.

It is doubtful, if a regular service will be instituted before evening, as the tracks are in very bad shape.

THE STEAM LINES.

So far the steam railways report that the storm has not inconvenienced the eastern and western lines to any very great degree, but it hit the northern lines hard.

This was particularly true of the Huron and Bruce.

The line is badly blocked in places, although the trains are reported to be coming through all right.

The Grand Trunk is sending its snowplows to Stratford, as it is reported that the lines north are badly blocked.

All the big plows are working on the cut between St. Marys and Stratford, which invariably fills up after a big storm. The officials are hopeful of getting the lines opened up satisfactorily this afternoon. All trains on the main lines are running some behind time, but nothing serious so far.

THE POOR PEDESTRIANS.

Belated pedestrians had an awful time last evening, especially those who resided in the outlying portions of the city.

Guests of the Templars' ball had a hard time getting home. There were hardly cabs enough to get them all home, when the dance broke up, and some had to wait quite a time before rigs could be secured to take them to their destination.

DIFFICULT DRIVING.

After the rigs started it was with great difficulty that they got through, owing to the deep snow.

The snow plows were out this morning, but not until it was too late to cover the city thoroughly.

There were a number of streets that were not touched until late and as a result, workmen and businessmen had a hard time getting down to work, especially as there were no cars running the early part of the morning.

The storm greatly affected business in this city, the snow keeping the farmers away from the market.

THE SOUTHWESTERN TRACTION COMPANY HAS BEEN DOING WELL.

Trains from the east are all running four or five hours late today, and report that the delay is due to the blizzard which is raging east of Toronto.

The C. P. R. express from Montreal, due here at noon, did not leave Toronto until half-past twelve, having been detained for about three hours in a snowbank at the village of Manvers, near Toronto.

Trains from Stratford and places north of there are simply arriving when they can, there being no attempt to run anywhere near the schedule time.

The work of keeping the lines open is particularly difficult owing to the high wind and the great quantity of loose snow, which blows in again as fast as it is swept out.

If No "T" Rail, No Extensions Street Railway People State Terms

**Met the Finance Committee of
the Council Yesterday
Afternoon.**

At the meeting of No. 1 committee yesterday afternoon, the Playgrounds Association was granted \$100 to fit up the Parke property in South London for a civic playground.

This is largely in the nature of an experiment, but it is expected to be the first of a number of playgrounds situated in different parts of the city.

The "T" Rail.

The street railway question came up, and Manager King and Mr. T. H.

Smallman appeared before the committee and asked that the company be allowed to use the "T" rail on Dundas street.

The matter was referred to City Solicitor Meredith, who will confer with the solicitor of the company in order to find out if some scheme agreeable to both parties can not be worked out.

The committee seemed to favor "T" rails.

North End Extension.

The matter of a north end extension was also discussed, and the street railway gave the committee to understand that under no circumstances would the loop be carried farther north than Cheapside street, and further, that the

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Postmaster-General Is Coming Will Address Board of Trade

**Annual Banquet Postponed To
Meet Hon. Mr. Lemieux's
Concurrence.**

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, postmaster-general for the Dominion of Canada, will be the speaker at the annual banquet of the London Board of Trade late this month.

That was the announcement made by Mayor Stevel, president of the board of trade, at the meeting last night.

It was the intention to hold the banquet earlier in the month, but it was postponed to make it possible for Mr. Lemieux to attend.

Mr. A. W. White, chairman of the banquet committee, announced that the arrangements for the banquet are well advanced.

Bills in the Legislature.

There was quite a lot of discussion regarding certain bills coming up at the session of the Legislature.

One was the bill to amend the act forbidding municipalities bonusing manufacturing.

The Guelph board of trade had written the local board asking its cooperation in having the act amended to prevent bonusing altogether.

It was pointed out that there had been a great deal of bonusing done during the past few years, and the ex-

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Daniel S. Perrin Has Passed Away One of City's Biggest Business Men

**Lived Seventy-three Years in
London and Built Up Tremendous
Manufacturing.**

Mr. D. S. Perrin, one of London's most prominent and respected citizens and manufacturers, died at his home yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Perrin had been one of London's successful businessmen for many years, and his name is a household word from one end of the Dominion to the other.

He was 74 years old, and had spent 33 years in London, coming here with his parents, from Brockville, when a year old.

When a young man of 20 years he started in business in a small way in East London, and by his keen business ability gradually became one of

the largest manufacturers of biscuits and confectionery in Canada.

In 1902 the firm was made a limited liability company, with a capital of a quarter of a million dollars, and built a large addition to their works. Mr. Perrin took a keen interest in local affairs, having been captain of the Third London volunteer fire department for a number of years.

He was a prominent member of the First Methodist Church, and one of the oldest members of the trustee board, besides contributing largely to charitable purposes.

For some time Mr. Perrin's health had been failing gradually, but his death was quite unexpected, and will be heard with general regret.

Besides his wife he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) Hadley Williams.

One brother, Mr. Finlay Perrin, of this city, also survives.

City Has Big Gang of Men at Work Clearing Snow From Main Streets

**The Storm of Last Night Made
a Great Amount of Work
for Engineer's Dep't.**

This is the day City Engineer Graydon has his troubles.

The very heavy snowfall of last night put the streets in bad condition, and as a result his temper is none too good.

The snowplows have been out all day, working as fast as they can to overcome the snow, and he has also a large gang of men shoveling snow from the downtown street, and cutting it away in order to make traffic possible.

All the men who have been breaking stones are shoveling snow, and at 3 o'clock today an impression had been made in the huge drifts.

The Street Railway.

Mr. Graydon was not in any too good humor with the London Street Railway Company, and wrote the company a letter to that effect.

He pointed out that there was not enough men downtown to take the snow away, and he ordered the company to increase the force at once.

Mr. Graydon does not like the scrapers used by the company.

They throw the snow into the gutter, and keep the city employees busy trying to maintain the roadway level enough for vehicular traffic.

All Right for Company.

"It is a splendid thing for them all right, but it is no good for us," said City Engineer Graydon this morning.

"I told them to put on more men, and try and get the snow away from the crossings. I guess they are going to do it. We have a large number of men at work, and I have sent out for all the teams I could get. We will have it all right in a short time."

Customs Returns Show Big Increase Imports of Drygoods Very Heavy

**Business in London in All Lines
Is Satisfactory—Figures
for January.**

The customs returns for the month just past indicate that trade in general is fully up to the standard in all lines, but especially so in drygoods,

which appear to be very active just now.

Large shipments of goods are arriving for the wholesale houses, who report that there is a big demand from the general trade.

The returns for the month of January amounted to \$39,143 43, an increase of \$5,657 55 over the same period last year, when the collections totaled \$33,485 88.

Found in House With the Door Open Died in Victoria Hospital Next Day

**William Pollock's Death Caused
By Alcoholism and
Exposure.**

William Pollock, a well-known character about the city, died very suddenly yesterday afternoon at Victoria Hospital.

Pollock was a man of intemperate habits, and had appeared very frequently in the police court. Thursday night he was found wandering helplessly around the streets in the vicinity of Clarence and Wellington streets, helplessly drunk.

P. C. Lucas took him to his home on Clarence street, and put him to bed.

Some hours later, the officer passed the place, and saw the door open. He looked in, and saw Pollock sitting in a chair, half-frozen.

It was about 3 below zero. The lights were out, and there had been no fire in the stove for hours.

Taken to Police Station.

Pollock was then placed under arrest and taken to the police station.

He was unable to appear in court yesterday, and at noon was taken so ill that it was necessary to remove him to Victoria Hospital, where he died, a few hours after entering the institution.

Death was directly due to alcoholism, and the result of acute pneumonia, the result of the exposure to which Pollock had subjected himself while under the influence of liquor.

Pollock is said to have been the heaviest man in the city, weighing nearly 500 pounds.

For a long time he had been drinking so heavily that it is said his wife left him, taking her two children, and is now living in Paris. She has been notified of her husband's death.

Travelers Want Election Date Changed Denied Voice in Municipal matters

**Would Like the Election in London
Held Same as in
Toronto.**

A movement is on foot to change the date of the municipal elections from the first Monday of January to Jan. 1.

Petitions will be circulated in a few days for that purpose, and they will be presented at the council probably at the meeting in two weeks.

The idea is to have the elections the same as in Toronto, where the nominations are held on Christmas Day, and the elections on New Year's Day.

Mr. Sam. R. Manness is getting the petitions in shape.

The request came primarily from the commercial travelers of this city.

They feel that they are practically disfranchised, and consequently have no voice in civic affairs.

Travelers Disfranchised.

"I shall get the petitions ready in a very short time," Mr. Manness said this morning, "and will have them distributed. There is a very large num-

ber of commercial travelers in London. They spend two weeks home during the holidays, but on the Monday of the election they have to go out on the road, and do not have the opportunity of voting.

"They think it is a hardship, and one can hardly understand their viewpoint. I expect the petitions to be largely signed."

Position of Workmen.

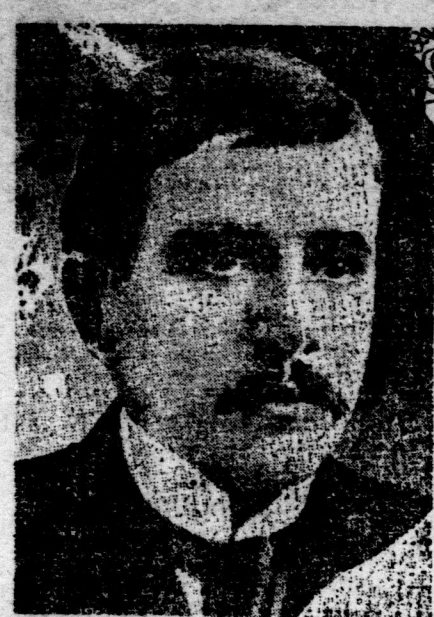
It was also pointed out that a large number of workmen do not vote on election day, because they cannot afford the time.

It is held that an hour is given them the ballot is heavy like it was this year, for example, and many get tired waiting and go home.

Special Legislation.

The council will have to apply for special legislation to change the date if the request is complied with.

Cities over 100,000 hold their elections on New Year's Day, but London is barred.



HARRY K. THAW,
Found Not Guilty on Ground of
Insanity.

HIGH PRAISE FOR MR. ROOSEVELT

**London Times Pleased at the
Way He Defies Wall Street's
Criticism.**

London, Feb. 1.—The Times, in an editorial this morning on President Roosevelt's message to Congress says: "Nobody expected President Roosevelt to be much frightened by the charges that the recent financial crisis was an outcome of his energetic actions, but few persons thought he would take up the challenge in the audacious spirit of his latest message. He, indeed, is so far from showing any signs of penitence that he flings back taunt for taunt into his opponents' faces, and further, takes occasion to read his countrymen such a lesson on their financial and political methods, as they never would stand from any foreigner and have rarely if ever heard from one of themselves."

"His pluck and persevering courage never have been so strikingly demonstrated as on this occasion. Roosevelt has been the first since Lincoln's day to see that the responsibilities of the United States on the American continent, and in the world demand greater earnestness in treatment."

FIVE PERSONS PERISH IN KANSAS CITY FIRE

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 1.—Five persons were burned to death and twelve others were injured in a fire in a three-story rooming-house at 1,116 West Second street, near the business section this morning.

The dead were three waitresses and two cooks.

DENIS O'SULLIVAN DEAD

**Irish Actor Passes Away After an
Operation for Appendicitis.**

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 1.—Denis O'Sullivan, the Irish actor and singer, died today at a Cleveland hospital, after an operation for appendicitis Thursday. His wife was with him. The body will probably be taken to San Francisco, his native city. Mr. O'Sullivan's greatest success was in "Peggy Macree."

A New Position.

Mr. John A. Woolverton, a popular London boy, for some time connected with a large retail drug firm in Chicago, has accepted a position with J. G. Shuff, the well-known druggist of this city. His many friends welcome him again to London, and Mr. Shuff is to be congratulated on his return.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Feb. 1.—8 a.m.
Today—Gales, shifting to west and northwest; snow today; clearing and turning very cold during the night.
Sunday—Fair and very cold.

Local Temperatures.

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory yesterday were: Highest, 7° below; lowest, 13.5° above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	5 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	40	2	Clear
Winnipeg	24	24	Snow
Perry Sound	16	10	Snow
Toronto	30	29	Snow
Ottawa	6	4	Snow
Montreal	4	8	Snow
Quebec	10	12	Snow
Father Point	6	10	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance mentioned yesterday is now centered in the lower lake region, attended by heavy snow east to Quebec, together with strong winds and gales.

The weather remains very cold in the Maritime Provinces, and decidedly colder conditions are again indicated for Ontario and Quebec.

Storm signals are displayed in the Maritime Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 23 below—12 below; Victoria, 23—24; Vancouver, 18—34; Kamloops, 4—14; Edmonton, 14 below—12; Calgary, 2 below—12; Prince Albert, 30 below—zero; Regina, 14 below—2 below; Winnipeg, 20 below—10 below; Port Arthur, 14 below—8; Perry Sound, 8 below—16; Toronto, 2 below—22; Ottawa, 22 below—2; Montreal, 16 below—4; Quebec, 22 below—4 below; St. John, 10 below—4; Halifax, 2 below—14.

THAW ESCAPES THE CHAIR BUT WILL GO TO MADHOUSE

**Jury After Balloting All Night Bring in Verdict of
Not Guilty On Ground of Insanity.**

New York, Feb. 1.—Thaw not guilty, on the ground of insanity.

New York, Feb. 1.—Harry Thaw has been declared not guilty on the ground of insanity at the time he killed Stanford White, and will probably be committed to an asylum.

New York, Feb. 1.—Thaw committed to Matteawan asylum.

New York, Feb. 1.—A great demonstration took place in the courtroom, and the verdict was cheered for several minutes.

New York, Feb. 1.—Justice Dowling has committed Harry Thaw to Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane, and ordered him taken there at once for an indefinite period. Justice Dowling said he deemed Thaw's discharge would be dangerous to the public safety.

New York, Feb. 1.—Attorney Littleton filed an exception to Justice Dowling's decision committing Thaw to the asylum.

New York, Feb. 1.—After having argued and balloted all night long in the stuffy little jury room adjoining the chamber of the criminal branch of the supreme court, the Thaw jurors this morning heartily welcomed their release from confinement, when shortly before 8 o'clock they were taken up-town to breakfast. Several of the jurymen are well along in years, and the all-night session seemed to have gone badly with them. Their faces were drawn and tense, and the good-natured companionship which had been so noticeable in this jury ever since the pact was completed during the first week of the trial, was gone. If there was wrangling or ill-feeling in

the jury room during the night, the blue-coated guards outside the courtroom heard nothing of it.

Thaw Hopeful.

One of the worse storms of the winter, with rain, snow and sleet alternately, swept before a stinging northwest gale, was raging as the jury went to breakfast, but the fresh, cold air seemed grateful to the men who had spent the night in hard-backed chairs.

No report with any degree of authenticity came from the jury-room this morning, and the opening of court at 10:30 a.m. was awaited with much anxiety, as it was believed that the jury might have some communication to make at that hour, or that Justice Dowling might send for them to ask if he could be of any service.

Thaw, although late to bed, was up with the gray of dawn this morning, and to his keepers in the Tombs expressed the hope that a verdict had been reached. He was thoroughly convinced before retiring last night that the rumor dividing the jury eight to four for acquittal on the ground of insanity was true, and he felt today that the minority must be won over.

Thaw at last seems absolutely reconciled to the fact that the best he can hope for is a term of confinement in an asylum. He is convinced, and so are his attorneys, that he will be able to win his way out of an asylum in a short while, as the tests he stood last year when arraigned before a commission in lunacy were quite convincing as to his soundness of reason. Cold baths, fresh air and breakfast worked a marked improvement in the condition of most of the jurors, and when they returned to the criminal courtroom from their hotel at 10 o'clock, all seemed physically fit to continue their deliberations for some

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County and City Discuss Education of County Pupils in the Collegiate

**County Does Not Take Kindly to
Proposal for Increased
Grant.**

A conference took place yesterday afternoon between the county council and No. 1 committee of the board of education regarding the collegiate agreement.

Chairman Westervelt, of No. 1 committee, laid before the council the reasons why the agreement was terminated by the board of education.

He pointed out that the expense of managing the school had increased a great deal during the past few years, and that the amount stipulated in the old agreement with the county council was not sufficient to pay an adequate share of the expense incurred in educating county pupils.

There was the further reason that the collegiate would have to be enlarged shortly, to meet the growing needs of the city, and if the county pupils were excluded there would be

sufficient room for the city pupils until such time as it is definitely known about a technical school for London.

The County's Agreement.

The county councilors listened to the deputation and then discussed the matter informally.

It was said that the collegiate reached only a small portion of the county in the immediate vicinity of the city, while the county had to give grants to five other high schools, including the Strathroy collegiate, Lucan high school, Parkhill high school, Glenora high school and Wardsville high school, in addition to making grants to high schools in adjoining counties. If the grant were made to London, the other institutions would also ask for an increase, and the difficulty would be increased.

Nothing Done.

Nothing definite was done, however, the matter being referred to the education committee of the county council, who will obtain all the information possible on the question and report at the June session of the county council.

McMahan & Granger Will Not Leave Will Build Warehouse on York St.

**The Rents Are Very High in
Toronto, Mr. McMahan
States.**

"It is unlikely that we will leave London," said Mr. Adam T. McMahan, of the firm of McMahan & Granger, to The Advertiser.

"After careful investigation, we find that the rents for such a building as we require are excessively high in Toronto."

"We have not yet bought property in this city, but will likely decide next week where we will build."

"The warehouse will be one of the handsomest in the city, five stories high and very large."

"It will cost \$35,000."

It is understood that the firm will build on York street, immediately east

Newfoundland Censures British Gov't For Renewing the Modus Vivendi

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 1.—The Legislature last night discussed at length resolution protesting against the action of the imperial cabinet in over-riding the constitutional rights of the colony by concluding the modus vivendi with the United States governing the fisheries of the west coast, in which American vessels are chiefly interested.

The action of the British Government in promulgating an order in council suspending certain constitutional rights respecting the fisheries, is also deplored in the resolutions.

It is thought that the resolutions will be adopted by a practically unanimous vote, as all the members who have spoken thus far favored them.

Two Years in the Central for Indian

Two years in the Central Prison was the sentence meted out to Joseph Henry, a Muncey Indian, yesterday by Judge Macbeth.

Henry pleaded guilty recently to several thefts from Delaware Township farmers.

There are a number of other charges which may be brought against him when his present sentence expires.

Recently a former prisoner named Borst confessed, it is alleged, to a series of crimes, and implicated Henry.

When Borst was brought up for trial he denied having made the incriminating admissions, and he was acquitted.

He alleged that Henry and another man not yet located made him rob farmers' houses at the point of a revolver.

Pleaded Guilty.

Frank Shaycroft, whose right name is said to be Chartrand, appeared also before Judge Macbeth this morning, and pleaded guilty to the theft of a suit of clothes, a revolver and a silver watch-case from an Adelaide farmer.

He was remanded, for one week for sentence.

Shaycroft comes from Montreal and is a French-Canadian.