

POPULATION LOSS IS RECORDED A SERIOUS SLUMP IN WARD TWO

Figures of Assessment Commissioner Grant Show That There Is No Chance of the City's Population Reaching 50,000 This Year—Assessment Increases Are Shown, However.

The population of Ward 2 is 219 less than a year ago. This ward takes in all the city north of Dundas and west of Wellington, including West London. The assessment has been completed by Assessment Commissioner Grant and his associates, and the figures show that at the present time there are 9,233 people residing in the ward when last year there were 9,452. The total gain in population for the three wards, 2, 3 and 4, completed to date is but 27. Wards 3 and 4 showed a gain of 246, but this has been practically wiped out by the slump in ward 2.

A Big Loss.

The greatest reduction occurred in the down-town or business section. West London and north of St. James street showed a good gain, but from St. James to Dundas street, there was a big loss. This is the boarding-house district, and the loss is caused largely by the young men going away or establishing homes in the suburbs of the city, as has been very frequently the case.

The population necessary to take a vote on Sunday cars must be 50,000, and it looks as if the city will not reach that total this year. The population last year was 49,463, and with 27 more in the three wards gone over it will require something over 500 more people to permit a vote being taken.

Ward 1.

The assessment of ward 1 has not been made ready yet, but the statistics will not be much different from

ward 2. South London will show a gain, but the business section will show a considerable loss. There should be an increase in the ward, but it will not reach 500.

Assessment Gains.

The assessment shows a good gain, \$217,128 being added during the year. The assessment on land shows the largest increase, \$28,958 being added by the commissioners.

The total gain in assessment for the three wards amounts to \$53,716, a very creditable showing indeed.

The figures given out by Mr. Grant are as follows:

Year.	Land.	Buildings.	Total.
1909	\$2,201,517	\$2,866,140	\$5,067,657
1908	2,222,659	2,849,155	5,071,814
Gains	\$28,958	\$166,585	\$195,543
Year.	Business.	Income.	Totals.
1909	\$848,055	\$456,168	\$1,304,223
1908	\$83,890	452,380	536,270
Gains	\$764,165	\$1,003,788	\$1,767,953

Assessment Is All Right.

"I am well pleased with the assessment returns," said Commissioner Grant. "There is healthy growth in property values, and the like. The falling off in population is disappointing. The boarding-house section showed a great falling off. Still, the outlying district must be supplied by the parent stem, and I presume, a large number of those removed from this section are living in the suburbs and in other parts of the city."

FIRE WIPES OUT A TORONTO RESORT

Celebrated Hanlan's Point Swept by Great Conflagration.

LADY EMPLOYEE KILLED

Eastern League Ball Park, Hanlan's Hotel and Many Other Buildings Completely Destroyed.

Toronto, Aug. 10. — Hanlan's Point amusement park and the Eastern League baseball grounds were swept by fire late this afternoon. The fire started through an explosion in the Gem Theatre, a moving picture concern, about 3:45 p.m., and by 6 o'clock there was not a building left standing on the grounds.

One Life Lost.

So rapidly did the flames spread that five minutes after the first outbreak, the park was a roaring mass of flames. Miss Carrie Andrews, cashier in the "figure eight," was burned to death, her charred body being found in the ruins. Miss English, in the "figure eight," was caught by the fire and cut off, but was gallantly rescued by Harry Robinson, a well-known young athlete, who rushed to her assistance, and dragged her to safety, just as the flames had reached her clothing. Both she and her rescuer were badly burned.

Hanlan's Hotel Burned.

At 4:15 the flames reached the famous Hanlan's Hotel, a five-story structure, which stands on the bank of the lagoon, separating the bay from the lake. The guests had hardly time to seize their clothing before the entire place was in a blaze. They were taken off in boats from the rear entrance. The baseball stands, which entirely surrounded the park, and which were the finest in the Eastern League, and had only been in use one year, are completely destroyed, along with the ferry buildings, the amusement concessions (Continued on Page Eight.)

FOREST LADY DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Forest, Aug. 11.—Mrs. Thos. Forbes, of this place, died last evening, after an illness of some weeks' duration.

She was one of the best-known residents of the town, and very highly regarded. She was a daughter of the late George Murray, of Westminster Township. She is survived by a husband and grown-up family.

The funeral will be held on Friday morning at 10:20 o'clock. The services will be held in the I. P. Church with the work.

CIRCUS CLOWN WAS BADLY INJURED

Sam Bennett Was Hurt by Fall, While People Applauded Vigorously.

THOUGHT IT GOOD JOKE

Unaware That the Man Who Was Making the Fun at Barnum & Bailey's Was in Great Agony.

Little do spectators know and appreciate the dangers and hard work incident to the life of a circus man. At the evening performance of Barnum & Bailey's circus yesterday, Sam Bennett, an old-time clown, was seriously injured while doing his "turn" in the ring.

Few of the onlookers were aware of what happened, except those in close proximity to the scene of the accident, and even they did not appreciate the full significance of it at the time. Sam Bennett, with other clowns, was amusing the crowd. After Jupiter, the balloon horse, had done his trick, Bennett, with the assistance of his mates, burlesqued the ascent.

The Rope Broke.

With the wooden framework used by the horse, he is drawn up to the top of the tent. He sets off some fireworks, and the umbrellas forming part of the balloon are cut away. He started on his descent, when the rope broke. Bennett came down twenty feet with a crash. He was picked up by his comrades, but he showed little emotion, and walked out of the arena. His tumble was funny to the spectators, and they laughed and cheered. Some (Continued on Page Eight.)

CHILDREN ARE WORKING WHO ARE UNDER AGE

Inspector Clark Says He Has Found a Great Number in London.

Factory Inspector Harry Clark stated to the Advertiser this afternoon that during the last few days he has found a great many local firms employing children who are under age, and has had to warn the firms to discontinue. Mr. Clark states that in one or two of the cases police court proceedings may result. The general impression among many employers, he says, is that during the holidays they can get children to work for them. This is not the case, as the law does not allow children under age to be employed in factories.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT MAY NOT RECOVER

Elma Township Farmer Injured by Discharge of Gun in Boy's Hand.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Stratford, Ont., Aug. 11. — A mysterious shooting affair in Elma Township yesterday has landed a 16-year-old boy named Wm. Young in jail here, pending an investigation. It appears that Young, who is a Barnardo boy, met James McClelland, a farmer, while returning from shooting in the woods. In some way the weapon, a shotgun, was discharged, some of the contents entering McClelland's head. He is now in a serious condition. It is generally thought the affair was an accident, as stated by Young.

SCHOOL DAYS AGAIN ON SEPT. 1 REOPENING BEFORE LABOR DAY

Plan Is to Have the Reorganization Effected First Week of the Next Month—All the Public School Buildings Have Been Remodelled.

London schools will open on Wednesday, Sept. 1.

It has been the custom for some years to continue the holidays until the day after Labor Day, but this will not be the case this year, and it was announced today that all schools would open on the first day of the month. The reasons given are that the extra week is not necessary, and that the youngsters will be ready for serious work by Labor Day. The work of organizing the schools will be completed within the first week.

The schools of the city are being thoroughly overhauled and made ready for occupancy.

Schools Gone Over.

Practically all the buildings have been repainted during the holidays, and will be in first-class condition when the holidays end.

A number of them needed many minor repairs, and that work has been attended to.

"We have gone over all the schools," said Trustee W. W. Gammage, "and have given them a thorough overhaul."

COOL WAVE APPEARS BAD FOR LEMONADE

But the People Enjoy the Change From Scorching Weather—Warm Enough Here.

The cool wave came just in time for the circus, with the disappointment of that elastic-jointed individual who vend the convivial-looking beverage, red lemonade. Yesterday, peanuts were up, lemonade was down. At that, it must have been warm enough inside those Roman helmets that are more picturesque than comfortable. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 79 degrees—the second highest in Canada—that was in the shade, however, but now and then the sun would come out to have a look at things, and then things would warm up somewhat till it began to feel like the real thing again. Monday night it dropped as low as 55 degrees. That looked fairly cool, but last night the mercury made an even more persistent descent, and the man who for the past week has been fanning himself to sleep to try and avoid heat apoplexy, was impelled to reach for the elder-down quilt and roll himself therein, before he could make himself believe that it was still August. This morning it was still cool. At 8 o'clock the thermometer registered only 57 degrees with no indication of going very much higher.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Aug. 10. At New York—Campania, from Liverpool—Mauretania, from New York. At Plymouth—Oceanic, from New York. At Bremen—Kron Prinz Wilhelm, from New York. At Antwerp—Zeeland, from New York. At Marseilles—Gallia, from New York. At Trieste—Alicia, from New York.

PLAYED TAG WITH IMAGINARY FAMILY

And Dodged Imaginary Bullets, While En Route to the Police Station.

Walter Colby, a young man employed as a cigarmaker, came to the police station last night, and told such strange tales that he was put in the cells at once, and on appearing before Magistrate Love this morning, was remanded for a week on a charge of insanity. He will undergo examination by the jail surgeon.

One of Mr. Colby's delusions is that he is a married man with a very, very large family. He appears to be continually talking to various imaginary boys and girls, and also to his imaginary wife. Last night Colby was under the delusion that somebody was chasing him with a revolver, and had fired four shots at him. While coming down the street to the police station he created considerable amusement by repeatedly dodging in and out of the telephone poles, escaping from imaginary bullets. In the police station he told the same story, but this morning in the court had evidently forgotten it all, and was busily engaged in playing tag with his imaginary family.

George Kemp, a drunk, who has been coming up too often, was placed on the Indian list. Three citizens who had not paid their dog tax came up and settled. McClarys Very Busy.

Col. Gairdner, of the McClary firm, stated to The Advertiser today that the firm is very busy, and have had an excellent season, with prospects for an exceedingly busy fall. At the present time McClarys have more than a thousand on their pay roll.

A WARM ROAST FOR FOREST CITY

"Plumber and Steamfitter" Says London Is Behind the Times.

NO PLUMBING RULES

Some System of Inspection Should Be Inaugurated—Large Property Owners Are Blamed.

The Plumber and Steamfitter, a trade journal published in Toronto, hands out a warm roast for London. It says: "A master plumbers' association is needed at London, Ont., about as bad as anywhere in Canada—the need being felt by the public generally as well as by the trade itself."

London is a city of about 50,000 people, but, as pointed out in the Plumber and Steamfitter of May 20, 1908, has no plumbing regulations in force, and no inspection is made of work done by master plumbers. In other words, anyone can do plumbing work in London in any way he pleases.

How does this work out? A reputable master plumber in London, interviewed by the Plumber and Steamfitter last week, stated that plumbing work was being done in London in a way degrading to the trade and dangerous to the health of the community. He admitted that in his daily practice he was doing jobs in a way which would not have been permitted by the employer under whom he served his apprenticeship.

A man wants a plumbing job done. Not knowing much about the relation of good sanitation to health, he wants it cheap and peddles the job from one plumbing shop to another. Acting independently and without any organization to uphold the standards of the trade, the master plumbers do as the customer asks and quote a low price. If they took pride in their work they would refuse to do a cheap job and would explain the danger of such work to the customer. Competition and lack of organization, however, encourages one to bid against the other and do work at a low price of scamping the work, doing away with necessary vents, etc. The customer gets a cheap job but it may cost him a heavy doctor's bill or his child's life in a year or so.

London enjoys an unenviable position in being one of very few cities of its size in America which has no plumbing regulations or inspection. Hamilton is in very much the same position, but a dozen or more smaller cities in Canada have inspection of plumbing work.

London seems to be controlled by large property owners who fear to spend money on their property and thus insure healthful conditions. Soon or later London will be compelled to do as Winnipeg has done—abolish the open privy vault and put modern plumbing in every house. Winnipeg learned its lesson as a result of an epidemic of disease. London has an opportunity to learn by the experience of Winnipeg and other cities.

If plumbing regulations and inspection are unnecessary in London, why are they necessary in practically every city of 10,000 or over in Canada and the United States?

London's mayor and London's newspapers have a duty to perform in awakening the people to the necessity of good sanitation as well as pure water. Good water is necessary but good sanitation is equally important.

London's master plumbers should organize an association if for no other purpose than to establish plumbing inspection and improve the standard of plumbing work being done in that city. Every master plumber who has the interests of the trade at heart will favor the appointment of a competent inspector. Why not, therefore, take the lead in bringing about such a needed improvement?

HUGH CLARK'S SON BURNED WITH MATCHES

Kincardine, Ont., Aug. 10. — Stewart Clark, young son of Col. Hugh Clark, M. P. P., was severely burned this morning.

He was lighting matches, when his clothing caught fire, and he was burned around the breast and shoulders. At noon he was resting easily.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Aug. 11—S. a.m. winds; light to moderate variable.

Thursday—Southeast winds; showery.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Low. High.

London 67 62 55 79

Victoria 62 52 50 68

Calgary 44 42 52 78

Winnipeg 62 52 62 78

Port Arthur 56 54 56 66

Perry Sound 60 48 52 76

Vancouver 66 54 65 76

Ottawa 69 58 56 74

Montreal 64 56 50 72

Quebec 58 48 56 66

Father Point 52 40 40 50

Dawson 48 34 34 50

Atlin 48 34 34 50

Port Simpson 48 34 34 50

New Westminster 50 36 36 50

Vancouver 66 54 65 76

Edmonton 52 40 40 50

Battleford 55 41 41 50

Medicine Hat 55 41 41 50

Qu'Appelle 56 42 42 50

St. John 54 40 40 50

Halifax 50 36 36 50

WEATHER NOTES.

The eastern disturbance has developed into quite an important storm, which is now centered near Sable Island, and moderate northeast gales are prevalent in the Maritime Provinces.

The high pressure over the Great Lakes is now likely to pass away southward in advance of a low area from the west. The weather is fine and warm throughout the Western Provinces.

PET COLLIE SAVED LITTLE CHILD FROM DROWNING IN BARREL

Narrow Escape From Death of 14-Months-Old Catharine Brash, of Victoria Street—Dog Brought Assistance in the Nick of Time.

The frantic efforts of her pet collie "Prince" was all that saved 14-months-old Catharine Brash from death by drowning, at her parents' home at the corner of Victoria and Colborne streets last night.

The baby girl was playing in the back yard by herself, her mother and the other children being in the front of the house, and it is supposed that in creeping about she came to a rain-barrel partly sunk in the earth.

Dog Gave the Alarm.

Mrs. Brash heard the collie barking, and as he continued to bark she went into the yard. He was tugging frantically at the chain which held him, and was trying in vain to get away.

Mrs. Brash thought it was another dog that "Prince" was barking at, and paid no attention, but went down into the yard to examine some cherry trees.

The dog, however, whined and barked so that in a moment she came back, and looking about was startled to see the baby's feet sticking out above the barrel.

She at once pulled the child out, and while she went for a doctor, her mother worked with the baby, which was unconscious and black in the face.

"I thought the baby was drowned for certain," Mrs. Brash told the Advertiser today. "She wasn't breathing and did not move for a long time."

Almost Gone.

Before the doctor arrived, however, the child began to show signs of reviving and in a little while came to. The doctor found that there was considerable water in its right lung, and has ordered the baby to be kept in bed and very quiet for some days, as it is feared that complications might develop. It is thought, however, that the child will be around again all right soon.

A Faithful Pet.

The dog and the little one are constant companions, and wherever one is the other is always somewhere near. When the baby was pulled out the dog was greatly pleased and barked and jumped about and showed its joy in every possible way.

ALL READY FOR THE IRISH PICNIC

Great Crowd Will Go to the Lakeside Tomorrow With the I. B. S.

IS UP TO THE WEATHER

If the Day Is Fine a Splendid Outing Will Be Afforded Thousands at Port Stanley.

Tomorrow is Irish Picnic Day. Preparations for this great event have been under way for some time, and are now complete.

If the weather is good, there will be a banner crowd at Port Stanley, perhaps the largest in the history of the I. B. S.

A number of distinguished visitors from all parts of Canada and the United States will be on hand, and they will add their quota to the pleasure of the occasion.

A Great Picnic.

"We will have a great picnic if the weather is all right," said President Ed. J. Ryan. "I have had a great number of inquiries regarding the affair from outside, and from all indications it will be the best ever."

A fine train service will be given by both the Pere Marquette and the Southwestern Traction Company to handle the crowds.

Trains will leave on the Pere Marquette at 6:10 a.m., 9 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:20 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:05 p.m., 6:50 p.m.

The Southwestern Traction Company will run cars every hour to the Port.

The Baby Show.

The baby show, as expected, is attracting a record entry list, and it is expected that the great showing of the Hyman picnic some years ago will be duplicated. If that is the case, there will be literally yards and yards of babies.

The other features will be worth seeing, and from all appearances Irishmen will have more fun than the man that invented it.

ATTENDANCE SMALLER AT SWIMMING BATHS

After-Effects of Circus and Cool Weather Militate Against Cleanliness.

The after-effects of the circus, together with cooler weather, operated to decrease the attendance at the swimming baths this forenoon. Only about 300 boys were present, and these were mostly old-timers, only a small fraction of the number being there for the first time. The list of prizes to be competed for was announced, and two weeks from today the contest will take place.

The announcement of the prize competition set the boys to work with an increased earnestness, and there was apparently a stronger determination to learn to swim and dive than had been noticed before. Professor Butterworth started a series of explanatory lectures on the art of swimming, and these were manifestly appreciated.

The prizes in the girls' section will be announced on Friday, and the contest will take place in two weeks. Sheriff Cameron yesterday announced a contribution of \$5 from Mr. J. B. Smallman. Such assistance is much needed by the association, and is greatly appreciated.

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Walkerville, Aug. 11.—Henry Powell, aged 19 years, is under arrest at police headquarters on the charge of stealing a gold watch valued at \$25 from the home of John Campbell, where he was a boarder until Monday evening. The police say he admitted taking the watch and pawning it in Detroit.

DETROIT.