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MANY PASSENGERS PERISH IN HIGHLAND COLLISION

Blizzard in the North of Scotland Cause of Railroad Wreck, in Which Nineteen Persons Meet Terrible Death.

Dundee, Scotland, Dec. 28.—In a collision caused indirectly by the heavy snowstorm of the last few days, 19 persons have been killed and over 20 injured.

The accident occurred near Arbroath, on the North British Railway, between Edinburgh and Aberdeen, and some distance north of here.

Among the persons injured is Alexander William Black, member of the House of Commons, from Banffshire, Scotland.

The accident is attributed to the heavy fall of snow, owing to which trains from London for Aberdeen were held up at Arbroath. The line was cleared, however, and one train proceeded for Dundee. It had stopped at Elliot Junction, but the danger signals which were thought to have been set failed to act through being clogged up with snow, or from some other cause. An express train dashed into the rear of the waiting train. Mr. Black had both legs broken.

A number of others sustained serious

injuries. It is feared that some of them will succumb.

Everything is being done to succor the wounded, but the rendering of assistance is attended with much difficulty.

Telegraphic communication between here and Arbroath is unsatisfactory, because of weather conditions.

Exposure Kills Three.

Dundee, Dec. 28.—The wrecks of the two trains which were in collision near Arbroath, resulting in the death of sixteen persons, and serious injury to over thirty, have been cleared away sufficiently to permit traffic being resumed. The fireman of the wrecked express died this morning in the hospital at Arbroath, where all the dead and injured were removed. His death was partly due to his lying in the snow, pinned down under his cab, for eight hours. Two of the injured passengers also succumbed today as the result of exposure, raising the total deaths to nineteen.

William Black, member of the House of Commons from Banffshire, Scotland, who was among the passengers severely wounded, is making fair progress towards recovery. The other injured persons include the editor of the Scottish Farmer.

LORD STRATHCONA RESIGNS OFFICE

Ottawa Hears the High Commissioner to England Is About to Step Out.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—It is understood in Ottawa that Lord Strathcona, high commissioner in London, has called his resignation to the Canadian Government.

London, Dec. 28.—Lord Strathcona, high commissioner for Canada, left here yesterday for Canada. Before his departure he said he was sure all Canadians were gratified at the satisfaction with which the appointment of James Bryce as ambassador at Washington had been received in the United States, and that there was no disposition in Canada to regard this appointment other than in a most favorable light. He thinks that some statements in the press alleged to have come from Canada should not be taken too seriously. He explained that although important affairs demanded his presence now in the Dominion, it has been his custom to go home every year. This year the progress of the last twelve months in Canada was more gratifying than ever before.

FERRY BOAT SUNK

Passengers and Crew Escape, But Eighteen Horses Are Drowned.

New York, Dec. 28.—The ferry boat Peterson, of the Erie Railroad Line, was sunk by collision with a freight lighter in the Hudson River, while on her way to the Twenty-third street, New York, slip, from Hoboken, early today. All the passengers and members of the crew were saved, but eighteen horses were drowned. They were owned by market men, who were on their way to the New York markets. There were only a few passengers on the ferry boat at the time of the accident. The collision occurred while the two boats were in midstream. The freight lighter struck the Peterson amidships, and the big ferry boat was slung overboard. The passengers and crew were taken on board the lighter, but there was not sufficient time to remove the horses before the Peterson went down.

RUN OVER BY SLEIGH

South End Resident Meets With Accident on Richmond Street.

A man named McNeil, who resides in the south end of the city, met with a painful accident at the corner of Richmond and Hyman streets yesterday, when he was run over by a sleigh and had his head and face badly bruised.

"OLD HUTCH'S" PARTNER DEAD

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Spokane, says: Once a millionaire wheat speculator, the partner of "Old Hutch," in the Chicago wheat pit, G. G. Leonard, died yesterday at the county poor farm at Spangle, unattended by friends or relatives.

JURY SAYS SPEED LIMIT EXCEEDED

Blame for Death of Mrs. (Rev.) James Argo Placed on the C. P. R.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The coroner's inquest in the case of Mrs. (Rev.) James Argo, the victim of the St. George street crossing accident, was concluded at the police station last evening, when the following verdict was returned:

"It is our opinion that the C. P. R. express was going at too high a rate of speed when entering the city."

"That the driver of the sleigh in which Mrs. Argo had been riding used proper judgment in hurrying across the track when he saw the train was so close."

"That we believe the crossing to be a very dangerous one, and ask the city council to urgently request the railway commission of Canada to see that every C. P. R. crossing in London is properly protected by gates and watchmen."

The first witness called was H. McClements, fireman on the express which killed Mrs. Argo. He said that the whistle had sounded twice before the engine reached the St. George street crossing, the first warning being given when the train was about 200 yards away. McClements saw the sleigh on the track, but thought that the train had just missed it. He thought that when the engine passed the crossing it was traveling at about seven miles an hour. The bell was ringing constantly after the train reached the city limits. Earl Wainwright, a lad who was riding on the sleigh, also testified. He said that he saw Mrs. Argo meet her death. The deceased was on the track fifteen feet in front of the engine when he first saw her. The occupants of the sleigh did not utter a sound so far as he could hear.

A THAW TO THE RESCUE

Milder Weather Brings Relief to Snow-bound England and Scotland.

London, Dec. 28.—A thaw has set in here, and the weather conditions in the provinces are ameliorating. The snow-bound trains are gradually being dug out, and the railroad companies hope that the usual traffic will be resumed in the course of the day. Several of the Scotch lines, after having been blocked for two days, were opened today.

WILL NOT PERSECUTE

But France Intends to Carry Out the Proposed Church Reforms.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The Senate has concluded the general debate on the new church measure, and the principle of the bill was voted yesterday by 187 ayes to 87 nays. Only discussion of the details of the various sections remain. It is expected that this will be completed tomorrow.

During the debate Minister of Education Briand called for repeated applause by assurances of the Government's determination not to sacrifice its dignity by abandoning the proposed reforms, and not to accede to the Vatican's evident desire for persecution.

The Senate has ordered that Mr. Briand's speech be placarded throughout France.

BELGIAN SHIP LOST

The Heidelberg Goes Down in Great Storm at Gibraltar.

Cadiz, Spain, Dec. 28.—A terrific storm is prevailing in the Straits of Gibraltar. Many ships have sought shelter in various ports along the coast. The Belgian steamer Heidelberg, bound for Havana, has been lost. Several of her crew were drowned.

PREMIER SCOTT IMPROVES

Crisis of Disease Has Passed and There Are Hopes of His Recovery.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Regina states that Hon. Walter Scott has passed the crisis of his illness; that his temperature was then normal, and strong hopes were entertained for his recovery.

WENT THROUGH THE ICE

Two Kingston Men Drowned While Crossing the Bay of Quinte.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Kingston, Dec. 28.—Ernest Instant and Charles Gibson were drowned late last night while crossing the Bay of Quinte from Amherst Island. They were driving to secure a doctor for a sick friend. The weight of the horse and cutter was too much for the soft ice. Two other occupants of the cutter escaped.

BRYCE ACCEPTABLE TO U. S.

Formal Acceptance of Durand's Successor Reaches the Foreign Office.

London, Dec. 28.—The formal acceptance by the United States of James Bryce as British ambassador, in succession to Sir Mortimer Durand, was received in a cable dispatch, which reached the foreign office here during the night, and thereupon it was determined that Mr. Bryce's appointment shall be officially gazetted on Monday.

PREMIER'S RELATIVE DEAD

Half Brother of Sir Wilfrid Laurier Passes Away After Long Illness.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The death took place at St. Lin last night of Charlemagne Laurier, M. P., half-brother of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, after an illness extending over several months. Mr. Laurier's death had been expected for some time and Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier had been at the bedside of the dying man for some days.

Mr. Laurier had been member for L'Assomption since 1897. He was a general merchant and took a leading part in the affairs of his district. He was 54 years of age. It is only a few months since Sir Wilfrid was bereaved by the death of another half-brother at Arthabaska.

TORONTO CONSPIRACY CASE

Magistrate Wearies of Remands and Discharges the Defendants.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—The charges of conspiracy against Asa Matthews, Joseph Wright, Alex. Wheeler, J. O. Thorn and T. Dolph, five of the contractors reported against in Judge Winchester's finding in the civic investigation, were dismissed by Col. Denison today.

IS FOY TO RETIRE?

Toronto Rumor Says Ontario Attorney-General Is to Step Out.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—When spoken to today in reference to the rumor that he would retire after the present session or present Parliament Hon. J. J. Foy said he did not care to discuss the matter.

The Attorney-General was busy today with the committee which is working on the codification of the statutes. The rumor is to the effect that after this important measure has been placed on the statutes Mr. Foy will step out.

In such an eventuality it is probable that Hon. W. J. Hanna will succeed the attorney-generalship, and a new member for South Wellington, be made provincial secretary.

BARONESS IS ILL

Aged Baroness Burdet-Coutts Suffering From Bronchitis.

New York, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from London says that Baroness Burdet-Coutts is suffering from acute bronchitis. Dr. Barclay says her condition is grave. She is 92 years old.

BOUGHT BY NEW YORK CENTRAL

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 28.—In the offices of the First National Bank here yesterday, a deal was closed, whereby the New York Central Railroad purchased the Chicago, Kalamazoo and Saginaw Railroad. The consideration is not made public, but it is known to be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. The name of the road will remain the same and it will be operated separately from all other holdings of the New York Central Company.

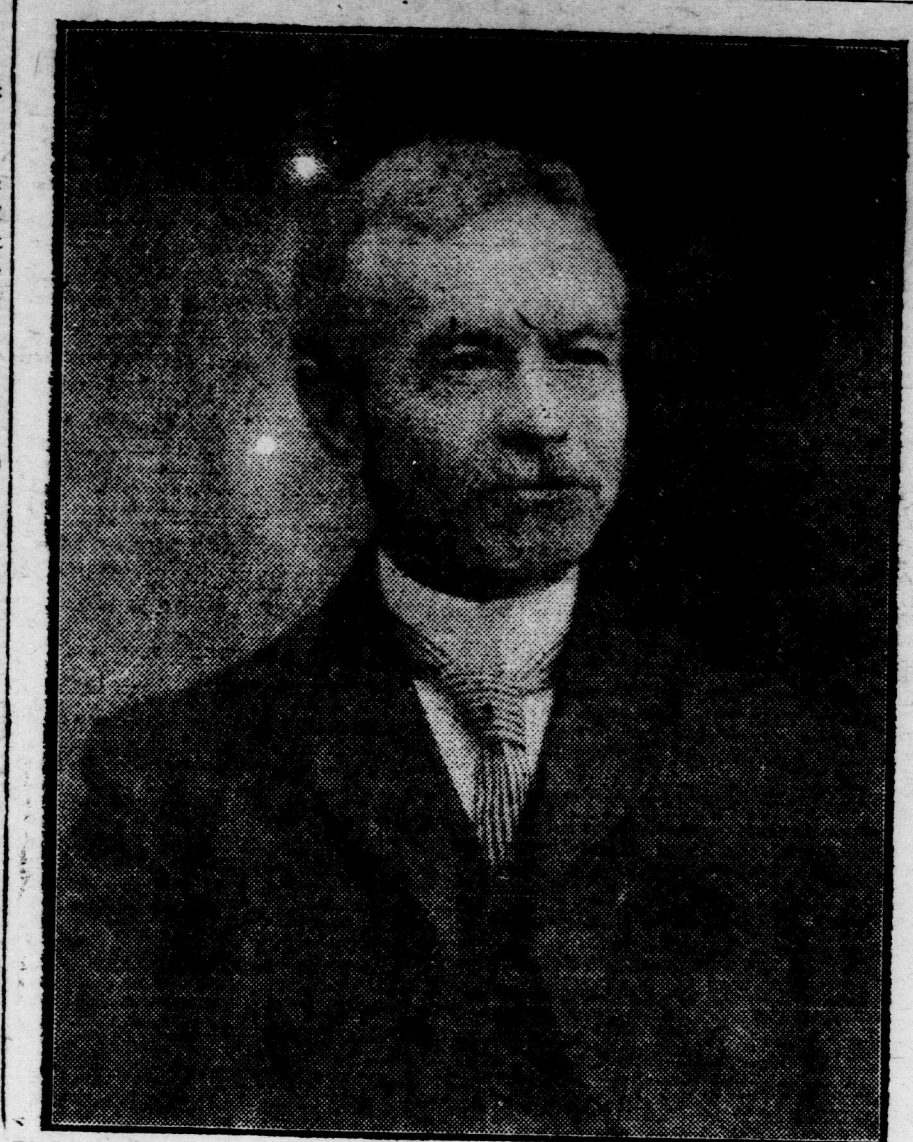


Photo by Frank Cooper.

ANDREW GREENLEES

Mr. Andrew Greenlees, candidate for the mayoralty, is one of the most upright, level-headed and respected citizens of London.

He has been a resident of this city since 1872, and has given eleven years of faithful and efficient service to the municipality, as a member of the school board and the city council.

Mr. Greenlees is not a bumptious man, or a self-seeking one. He has never aspired to municipal honors because he had an axe to grind. He has no connection, direct or indirect, with any franchise-holding corporation with which the city has to do.

Mr. Greenlees is a man of unusual independence of character. He is not a believer in the injection of party politics into municipal affairs, so as a member of the city council he eschewed partisanship, and insisted that the government of the city was a matter of business and not of party sentiment. As mayor of the city he will follow the same course.

The electors may rely upon it that Mr. Greenlees will under all circumstances do what he believes to be right. He has the courage of his convictions. He will not be the pliant tool of cliques or special interests. The one corporation he will serve will be the corporation of the city of London.

An honest and fearless man, of long civic experience, and proved ability, his candidature at this juncture is fortunate for the citizens of London.

BOYCOTT AGAINST FRENCH GOODS

Huron County Catholics Thus Hope to Aid Church in the Trouble With France.

Seaford, Dec. 28.—Indignation at the manner in which their church has been treated by the Government in France has induced members of the Roman Catholic faith in Huron County to pledge themselves not to purchase any goods of French manufacture until satisfactory redress has been made. This action was taken at a largely-attended meeting of Catholic congregations in the county on Christmas Day.

The voice from Huron County, it was explained at the meetings, is making itself heard in its own feeble way in the hope that French manufacturers and operatives may be taught that so long as they retain an atheistic and persecuting Government, their silks, wines, gloves and countless other articles will not be bought by Catholics of countries where freedom of worship exists. It was further pointed out that to Canada and the United States the French people shipped \$90,000,000 worth of goods each year, so that the boycott, were it taken up in these two countries, would strike home with force.

ORDERED TO TANGIER.
Cadiz, Dec. 28.—The Spanish armored cruiser Empedador Carlos V. and the battleship Pelayo have been ordered to sail for Tangier Jan. 2.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—RAIN OR SNOW.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—9 a.m. Fair. Showers have occurred today over the greater portion of the maritime provinces, and also in Southern British Columbia. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair and temperatures have been moderate in all districts. There are indications this evening that colder weather will again set in over the prairie provinces.

FORECASTS.
Minimum and maximum temperatures: Atlin, 14-14; Victoria, 36-46; Vancouver, 33-46; Kamloops, 26-30; Calgary, 14-44; Qu'Appelle, 12-23; Winnipeg, 2 below-20; Port Arthur, 12-32; Parry Sound, 6-28; Toronto, 20-33; Ottawa, 19-22; Montreal, 18-24; Quebec, 12-26; St. John, 34-40; Halifax, 30-42.

Sunday—Light, variable winds; cloudy and mild.
Monday—High easterly winds; rain or snow before evening.
Tuesday—Forecast: Lower Michigan—Cloudy Saturday and Sunday; possibly rain Sunday; light variable winds.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary. 28. 20. Fair.
Winnipeg. 20. 10. Cloudy.
Port Arthur. 26. 20. Cloudy.
Parry Sound. 30. 14. Cloudy.
Toronto. 32. 20. Fair.
Ottawa. 30. 16. Cloudy.
Bellingham. 30. 22. Cloudy.
Quebec. 22. 22. Cloudy.
Father Point. 28. 16. Cloudy.

WEATHER NOTES.
Cold weather is again setting in over the Western Provinces, and there are indications that a storm will develop west of the Mississippi. The weather is comparatively mild throughout Ontario and Quebec.

THE REAL ESTATERS MAY NAME CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL BOARD

John M. Parsons in Field for Water Commission—Some Aldermanic Possibilities.

The Real Estate Owners' Association met last night, and after considerable discussion decided to place a candidate for school trustee in the field.

The members declared that they are tired of party politics in school matters, and that it would be in the interests of all if an independent candidate was placed in the field.

The association appointed a committee to wait on a certain gentleman to ask him to run. Who the gentleman is the members will not say, but it is understood to be Mr. George Rowntree. Other matters of minor importance were dealt with.

The Free Press gives Mayor Judd the credit for running the city on a lower tax rate than any of his predecessors from ex-Mayor Little's time down to the present.

The Free Press does not state, however, that it was the consolidation of the city debt that resulted in the lowered tax rate, and that it was the late

Auditor Jewell who proposed this new plan of meeting the city's obligations. The mayor himself will scarcely seek to rob the late auditor of the credit of proposing the scheme, which certainly relieves the burdens of the taxpayers of today, though it spreads the city's debt charges over a period of forty years.

The Conservative organ goes one better than this, however, and gives the mayor credit for reducing the water rates this year. As a matter of fact, the mayor fought against the reduction until the very last vote was taken. Any credit or discredit for the reduction of the water rates belongs to the water commissioners.

The Free Press might also state that had it not been for the fact that the earnings of the waterworks this year have proven to be about \$4,000 greater than the estimate, the city council would have had an overdraft of not less than \$2,000.

And when speaking of the money the mayor had to spend this year, it should not be forgotten that the assessment this year was a cool million greater than the assessment of a year ago, so that with \$20,000 additional taxes to spend and the debt consolidated so

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NOMINATIONS AT CITY HALL MONDAY

Open at 10 a. m. and Continue Until 1 p. m.—Meetings Next Week.

Nominations for civic offices will be held in the city hall Monday.

Nominations for mayor and hospital trustee will be held from 10 until 11.

Nominations for aldermen, water commissioner and school trustee will be held from 12 until 1.

All persons nominated, save those for school trustee, must qualify before 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, Jan. 2, or their names will not be submitted to the people.

All persons nominated for school trustee must withdraw before 12 noon on Wednesday, or their names will go on the ballot.

No property qualification is demanded from school board candidates.

So far as known, there will be no public meeting on Monday night, which is New Year's eve, unless it is demanded by the members of the Real Estate Association, who some time ago secured the permission of the council to use both the city hall and the east end hall every night in the week, if they choose, to discuss the water and other questions.

MILITIA ORDERS

Changes in Western Ontario Corps Recently Gazetted.

The following militia changes are announced:

Western Ontario, Third Infantry Brigade—Lieut.-Col. P. L. Mason, Second Regiment Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, is permitted to vacate the appointment of brigade major.

Twenty-first Regiment, Essex Fusiliers—Provisional Lieut. J. McL. Kennedy is permitted to retire. Provisional Lieut. A. F. Healy is permitted to retire.

Twenty-third Regiment, the Northern Pioneers—The name of Provisional Lieut. J. Ferguson is removed from the list of officers of the active militia.

Twenty-eighth Regiment—To be provisional lieutenant (superannuated), Charles William Stuart, vice J. E. Weir, retired.

Twenty-ninth Regiment—Provisional Lieut. C. M. Steinbach is permitted to retire.

Thirty-first Grey Regiment—Provisional Lieut. S. C. Loughheed is permitted to retire.

To Get a Preference From the Commonwealth

Canadian Government Reopens Negotiations With That End in View.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The Dominion Government has reopened negotiations with Australia for a mutual tariff preference between the two countries, and with New Zealand for an enlargement of the scope of the preferential arrangement now in force between them. The Canadian ministers have made no secret of their desire for a preference in the Australian markets, and from the recent remarks of the leaders of both political parties in Australia there would seem to be no good reason why such an arrangement should not be obtained.

The Australian Parliament re-assembles in February, and the New Zealand Parliament in June, so whatever agreement they are desirous of making with us cannot, in any event

TWO CARDINALS DIE ON SAME DAY

Eminent Prelates Pass Away at Rome, Both Succumbing to Attacks of Apoplexy.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Cardinal Cavagna and Cardinal Tripepi died this morning. Both succumbed to strokes of apoplexy.

Cardinal Luigi Tripepi was the prefect of the congregation of indulgences and sacred relics. He was born in Italy in 1836 and was created a cardinal in 1901.

Cardinal Felice Cavagna was born in Italy in 1841 and was created a cardinal in 1901.

GOOD WORK APPRECIATED

Court of Revision Passes Resolution Complimenting Assessment Staff.

The court of revision, at its last meeting, passed the following resolution regarding Assessment Commissioner Grant and the work of his office:

"That this court desires to place on record its appreciation of the capable and efficient manner in which the operations of the assessment commissioner's office are conducted, and the satisfactory results from the year's assessment, when so few appeals were entered against their work, and that the commissioner, Mr. Grant, and his assistants, are to be congratulated on the very gratifying evidence thus afforded of the care exercised in the discharge of a very onerous and often exacting duty."

THE FUTURE OF COBALT

10,000 People There Now, and It Soon Will Be a Great City.

Windsor, Dec. 28.—Sol White, ex-mayor of Windsor, is here from Cobalt, where he is practicing law and is also interested in a number of mining ventures. He is very enthusiastic over the future of the town.

"We have about 10,000 inhabitants at present, and the population is growing all the time. We should have applied for incorporation as a city, but many thought incorporation as a town would do at present. But it will not be long before Cobalt is a full-fledged city and a large one at that. Money is plentiful in our town, and there are good openings for wide-awake business men."

Major Judd received a letter from Supt. Brownlee today stating that the men had been given orders to remove all piles, etc., from the river, so as to avoid trouble in case of a flood.

Assistant Engineer Kirkpatrick visited the Cove bridge today, and found that the Grand Trunk construction gang has begun the work of removing the curb and coffer dam from around the center pier of the bridge.

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BANDMASTERS ELECT

Head of the Seventh Musicians Elected to the Executive Board.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 28.—At today's session of the Provincial Association of Bandmasters, Geo. Robinson, Thirteenth, Hamilton, was elected president; Wm. Peel, Nineteenth Battalion, St. Catharines, vice-president; John Slater, Toronto, second vice-president; John Waldon, Grenadiers, treasurer. The executive board consists of Bowing, Thirty-Fifth; Lindsay, Zoller, Twenty-Ninth, Berlin, and Albert Slater, Seventh, London.

STORMY IN EUROPE

Paris, Dec. 28.—The continent is covered with the heaviest snow in years. Railroad traffic in France, Spain, Switzerland, and Belgium is seriously handicapped.