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FIRST CLAIM FOR DAMAGES PRESENTED BY MISS M. BOYD

Gives Notice That She Will Hold the City Responsible for Injuries She Sustained in Reid Wreck.

That the city of London is to be compelled to bear its share of the damages sustained by certain people of London in the Crystal Hall disaster, is shown by the fact that today notice was served upon the city clerk that Miss M. Boyd, 182 Wortley road, will hold the city responsible for the damages she has sustained as the result of the accident.

The notice came through a local legal firm, and it is plainly stated why Miss Boyd will seek damages.

Miss Boyd's Claim.

She claims that on the afternoon of Tuesday last she was walking along Dundas street, as she had a perfect right to do, and when in front of Reid's Crystal Hall the front of the building suddenly and without warning, fell out, and she was buried in the wreck.

Miss Boyd claims that the city, through its neglect to have all such buildings properly inspected, and from the fact that there is no building by-law in London, is liable, and must make good to her the damages she has sustained.

She does not state the amount of damages she wants, but merely serves notice on the city that an action will follow if her claims are not settled.

Was Buried in the Wreck.

Miss Boyd, it will be remembered, was pulled from beneath a pile of timbers, roofing, and bricks in front of Hamilton, Long & Co.'s store, and was carried into Cairncross & Lawrence's drug store.

She did not appear to be very badly hurt when examined by Dr. Roome, but it is understood that she has since developed injuries of a more severe nature.

Is This Only the Beginning?

The matter has been placed in the hands of City Solicitor Meredith, and his advice in this instance will mean very much to the city, as there were a number of other people in the wreck who were walking on the sidewalk at the time of the accident, and if they all enter claims against the city there may be a pretty bill of costs to pay.

City May Be Liable All Along the Line.

At the city hall today it was also said that it may yet be found that the city is liable to people injured in the several stores wrecked through the failure of the corporation to have a proper building bylaw in force, and to have a competent inspector appointed.

The mayor and aldermen are now working with feverish haste to find out where the city is at in the matter.

Today copies of the building bylaw which was given two readings a few years ago, and which was then allowed to be shelved, were sent to Mr. Meredith, and his worship told the solicitor to draft at once a bylaw which he thinks will cover all such cases in the future.

Mr. Mitchell May Be Appointed.

A building inspector will likely be appointed at the next meeting of the council, or at the latest a month hence, and already speculation is rife as to who the man will be.

Many people are mentioning Mr. Victor Mitchell, of the city engineer's office, who is a very reliable man, and is a competent architect and draftsman.

Death of Miss Russell Probed By Coroner and Jury Last Night

Sensational Evidence Adduced
—Three Witnesses Examined
—Another Adjournment.

Another session of the coroner's inquest, being conducted by Coroner MacLaren to inquire into the cause of the death of the late Miss Russell, was held last night at the police station, when several important witnesses gave rather sensational evidence.

The result of the analysis of the stomach and other parts of the body of the late Miss Russell had not been received from Toronto, however, and the inquest had to be further adjourned until Monday, the 29th inst., when three more important witnesses will be called.

The First Witness.

Mrs. Abena McCade was the first witness called. Mrs. McCade told of going to the Brown House on the morning after the death of Miss Russell at about 6:15. On the Tuesday evening prior to that she had taken supper with the late Miss Russell at the hotel, and then on Wednesday

morning she had a telephone conversation with her.

For ten days or two weeks prior to her death, Mrs. McCade had seen Miss Russell, often twice a day, and always once a day. She complained of being ill the week before her death.

Girl Was Ill.

One day that week Mrs. McCade had found Miss Russell lying on the lounge in the private parlor of the hotel, complaining of being ill and suffering great pain.

Mr. Brown, proprietor of the hotel, was requested to get some whisky with pepper sauce in it, which he did. Miss Russell did not go downstairs to supper that night, and after supper-time went to her own room.

Next morning she had recovered greatly and was at her work. She told Mrs. McCade that she had to undergo an operation, or her illness would sooner or later kill her.

Said She Was Worried.

From that time until her death she did not complain any more, except for a headache, and on this one occasion she claimed to be worrying a lot over the alleged trouble between Mr. Brown and his wife, for which she had been blamed, she said.

Mr. McKillop then questioned witness (Continued on page four.)

The Up-to-Date Painter Theme of Convention

Interesting Papers Read Before
the Decorators and
Painters.

This morning's session of the Master Painters' and Decorators' Association was brought to order at 9 o'clock. President Brooke called upon Mr. L. Graves, of this city, who read an excellent paper on "The Successful Painter of the Twentieth Century."

Mr. Graves pointed out that to make a success of the business one must have a natural aptitude for it. The painter must enjoy the work, for the work's sake, and not be in any way a time server. "This is the twentieth century," said Mr. Graves, "and we must use twentieth century methods and not those of the fourteenth or fifteenth centuries."

He pointed out that the only way one could make a true success of the business was by constant study to get ideas that would enable one to keep abreast of the times.

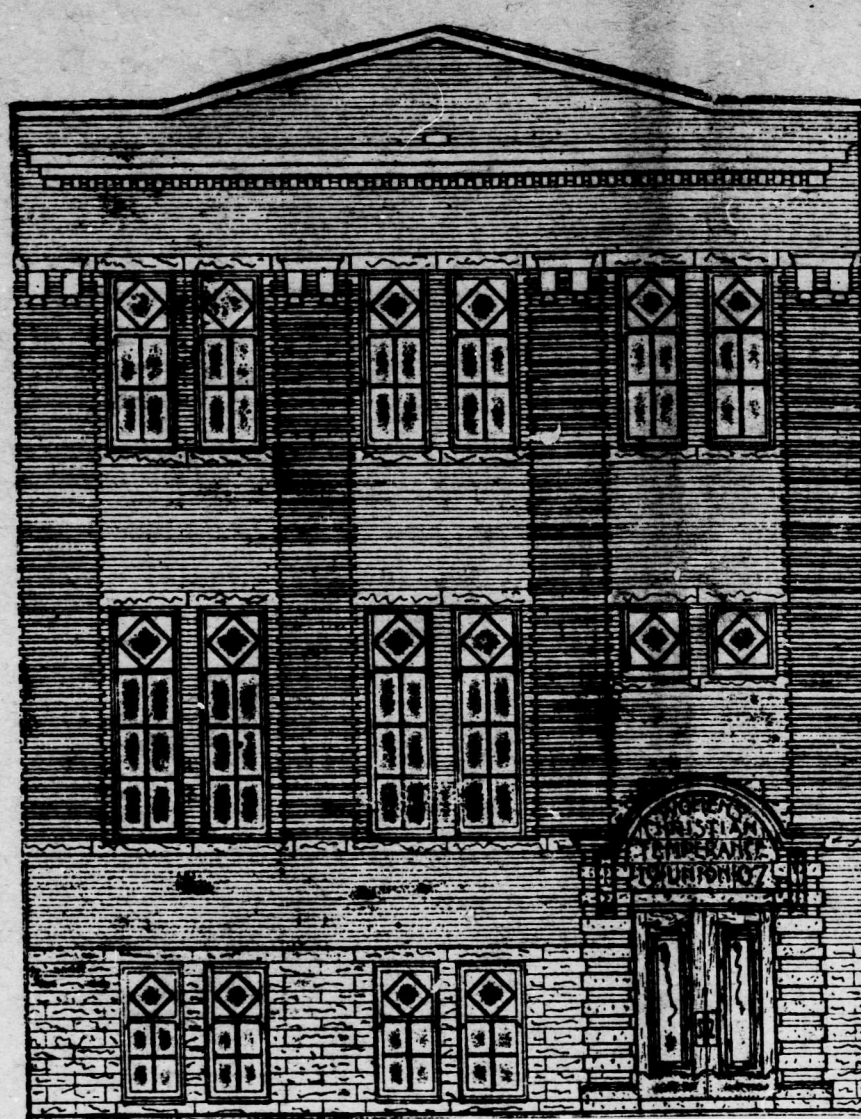
Mr. J. W. Knott, of Toronto, gave a paper on the subject, "The Master

Painter's Relation to the Architect." He said the architects are not explicit enough in their specifications for the painter, and suggested the appointment of a committee to confer with the Canadian Society of Architects, that a standard set of specifications to cover the different classes of work might be drawn up. He urged especially that the architects specify more exactly the size of glass in the building, as this had a most important bearing on the painting.

Shellac Lore.

The paper on "Shellacs" by E. J. Linington, of Toronto, was a very comprehensive effort. Besides tracing shellac from the raw product to the finished article, Mr. Linington gave several formulae for making shellacs suitable for different styles of work.

There will be no session this afternoon and evening, as the painters are going to take in Springbank. Berry Bros. have arranged to serve lunch to all delegates at the park this evening, after which they will be the guests of the Hogg Manufacturing Company at a theater party.



PROPOSED W. C. T. U. HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON.

At a meeting of the W. C. T. U. held in Somerset Hall yesterday afternoon, at which Mrs. May R. Thornley, the president, presided, plans for the proposed new headquarters for the union were submitted, by Mrs. Heaman, chairman of the building committee.

The plans were prepared by Mr. W. Fletcher Sheppard, the well-known local architect, and while they were not finally adopted, they were very much pleased the members of the union who were present.

Estimates are now to be asked for, based on the present plans, and if the figures are found to be such that the union can readily finance the proposition, the plans will be finally adopted by the association and the work of erecting the new home for the W. C. T. U. in London will be commenced forthwith on Park avenue, next to the Bell Telephone Company's office.

The above cut shows the front elevation of the proposed building, which will be a very handsome one, and a material addition to London's public buildings.

New Story Begins Today

The first installment of the new serial story, "My Lady Cinderella," appears on page 5 of this issue.

The author, Mrs. C. N. Williamson, is one of the most successful writers of high-class fiction. She is fertile in plot, and all her work shows the hand of a literary artist. "My Lady Cinderella" is recommended as one of the best novels of the present year.

MISS HARDINGHAM LEAVES HOSPITAL

All Other Persons Injured in
Reid Wreck Are
Recovering.

The condition of Mr. John Loney, who was injured in the wreck of the Crystal Hall, is somewhat improved today.

All the other persons injured are recovering rapidly.

Miss May Hardingham, of Ottawa avenue, who was hurt in Brewster's store, left the institution today.

From Grateful Parents.

The Advertiser today received the following letter:

"Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson, 12 Leslie street, West London, wish to express through the columns of The Advertiser their sincere and heartfelt gratitude to those brave men who assisted so ably in rescuing their son Percy from the ruins of the Reid accident on Tuesday of last week."

AMIABLY SETTLED

Some Assault Cases of Minor Importance Before Police Magistrate.

An assault case, in which Robert Lawson was charged with having assaulted William Jackson, a fellow-workman, and several other assault cases were before the police court, and were all, with the exception of one, amicably disposed of.

Florence Lawson appeared on a charge of being insane, and was remanded to jail for one week.

One first-time drunk was allowed to go.

MORE CONGO HORRORS

Brussels, July 24.—Major Lemaire, the Belgian officer, who was formerly in the services of the Congo Independent State, and who has lately published sensational statements regarding revolting conditions in the Congo, has issued another installment of his story. He produces statements from six native women who were subjected to ill-treatment, and then sold at Ntanga Post, and who then saw their children killed before their eyes.

AMERICAN FLAGS WERE REMOVED

Ottawa Citizens Object to Their
Being Floated From
City Hall.

Ottawa, July 24.—In connection with Home Comers' gathering in Ottawa one or two American flags were put out at the city hall along with the Union Jacks and other decorations. A committee of citizens met and objected to the stars and stripes being exposed, and consequently the American flags were removed by the committee in charge. The reception committee thought it best to do this rather than have any trouble over it.

Inquest Into Cause of Reid Wreck Will Be Held Tonight

Evidence to Establish Fact That
Wm. Tambling Was in Building
Is to Be Adduced.

Tonight at the police station the inquest into the Reid's Crystal Hall disaster will be opened under Dr. MacLaren.

The investigation promises to prove of exceptional interest, and it will probably throw a great deal of light on the cause of the accident, which so far remains a mystery, although many theories have been expressed.

The inquiry will probably be a long drawn-out affair and will require several sittings.

The Evidence.

The evidence of Mr. Brewster, proprietor of the Brewster store; that of the medical men, and other evidence to prove that the Tambling boy on whose remains a post-mortem was held was in the store, and in his usual health before the accident, will be adduced tonight.

The controversial part of the evidence will probably not be entered into until a later sitting, as the crown attorney and several of the lawyers for those interested are not ready to proceed.

It is considered wise to have all the lawyers representing the parties concerned present, so that no exception can be taken to the proceedings after the inquest.

SCOTCH PICNIC AT PORT STANLEY

Big Time Assured All Who
Go to the Lakeside
Thursday.

Tomorrow the Scotchmen of London and St. Thomas will picnic at Port and with good weather a very large crowd is looked for.

Such arrangements have been made by the committees as will guarantee that those who take in the outing will be furnished with one of the finest day's sport it is possible to imagine.

There will be an abundance of good old Scotch music, and there will be a prize list which will cause all who go to the picnic to sit up and take notice.

The Scotchmen extend to all other nationalities a hearty invitation to go with them to the lakeside, where they assure one and all they will have the time of their lives.

THE HALF HOLIDAY TAKES PEOPLE AWAY

Crowds Go to Port Stanley,
Springbank and Niagara
Falls to Picnic.

This being the usual Wednesday half-holiday, the down-town streets were practically deserted this afternoon, a very large number of the stores and offices being closed.

Large numbers of people went to Port Stanley today, and a number of the retail grocers went to Niagara Falls.

Amongst those picnicking at Port are the boys' and girls' societies of St. Mary's Church, who took a big crowd to the lakeside. Very many people also went to Springbank today.

STRIKERS GOING HOME.

Superior, Wis., July 24.—As a result of the strike at the iron mines, laborers are leaving the range in large numbers, many of them buying tickets for their old homes in Italy, Hungary, Finland, and other parts of Europe. Three hundred passed through here yesterday on their way east.

Proposed Closing of Waterloo Street Is Likely to Cause Legal Tangle

WATCH THE ECLIPSE

There will be a partial eclipse of the moon this evening, visible here and generally in North America, except the northwest portion. The following are the times of the phases at London, eastern standard time: Moon enters penumbra 8:59 p.m., enters shadow 10:04, middle of eclipse 11:22, leaves shadow July 25, 12:41 a.m.; leaves penumbra 1:46 a.m. Magnitude of eclipse, .62, the moon's diameter being 1.

Property Owners Will Object to
Street Being Reduced
to 66 Feet.

Chairman Screation, of the hospital trust, stated to The Advertiser today that the work of securing options on property required for the proposed isolation hospital is proceeding daily.

Some of the property-owners have proven very reasonable in regard to the prices asked for their properties, while others have practically placed such prices on their houses and lots as may compel the city to resort to expropriation proceedings to secure the real estate.

Mr. Screation states emphatically that it is not the intention of the city or the hospital trust to purchase any land on the west side of Waterloo street, from Ottawa avenue to the river.

Instead the street will be closed to 66 feet, which is a standard width, and then the trust will have all the property it needs upon which to erect the isolation hospital, and also the new hygienic institute on Ottawa avenue.

Trouble Ahead.

It is hinted that if the street is reduced in width to 66 feet the city will find itself with a big lawsuit on its hands, as the interested property-owners will suffer no lessening of the street width without putting up a legal fight, as they claim it will be injurious to their properties.

Thus it looks as though there are breakers ahead, but the members of the hospital trust do not appear to be worrying any.

Tomorrow afternoon a meeting of the medical and surgical staffs of Victoria Hospital will be held at the hospital, when the plans for the proposed isolation hospital will be gone over, and if satisfactory they will be approved.

They will then be sent on to the council, which has the final say in the matter, and that body will likely deal with them some time about the 1st of August.

When all the land that is required has been secured, tenders will be called for, and work on the hospital will be begun, under the supervision of the city council and its committees.

Good Music Tonight for Good Cause

Tonight the big band concert in Victoria Park, in aid of the Crystal Hall sufferers, will be held.

That it will be a good one, and that it is for a good cause, none will doubt.

The following is the programme which has been prepared by Bandmaster Peecock, of the Twenty-sixth Regiment Band:

March—"Royal Trumpeter".....Seltzer
Overture—"The Vanderbilt Cup".....Bowers
Duet for Two Piccolos—"The Thrush and Nightingale".....Messrs. O'Rourke and McBride.
Novellette—"A Cozy Corner".....Bratton
Medley Overture—"Arta Wanna".....Morse
Cornet Solo—"The Palms".....Faure
Mr. C. C. Irwin.

Selection—"Attila".....Verdi
Waltz—"Immortelle".....Gounod
March—"Regimental Pride".....Heed
God Save the King.

There will also be several solos rendered by some of London's most accomplished vocalists, and on the whole a splendid evening's programme may be looked for.

Chairman Philip Peecock, of the relief committee, announces that the relief committee, under Bandmaster Slater, has volunteered to play gratis in Victoria Park on Friday night, when another concert in aid of the sufferers of the Crystal Hall wreck is to be given.

GEORGE PLAYER HAD FOOT BADLY CUT

York Street Lad Was Taken to Hospital to Have Wound Dressed.

George Player, a young lad who resides at 334 York street, had his foot very badly cut while playing today, and it was necessary to take him to Victoria Hospital for treatment.

The boy lost a large quantity of blood before the wound was properly attended to but he is in no danger.

VICTORIA, B. C., SWEEP BY FIRE FIVE BLOCKS PREY TO FLAMES

Worst Conflagration in the
History of the Capital
City.

Victoria, B. C. July 23.—The greatest fire in Victoria's history occurred this afternoon, destroying five blocks and many detached buildings.

Starting in the unused boiler-room of the defunct Albion Works, the fire leaped out of the stacks of the Tenderloin bound by Herald and Chatham streets to Government street, and was carried in a swirl of flying embers from block to block, until five blocks had been wiped out, leaving nothing but some twisted iron, a desert of ashes and a wreck of broken chimneys.

From Store street to Quadra, four blocks eastward, and between Herald and Chatham and Pioneer streets, scarcely anything escaped beyond the flying embers, carried the fire far to other blocks, a number of scattered fires starting at a distance of several hundred yards from each other.

The poor pressure of water greatly handicapped the firemen, who aided by the soldiers of the garrison and a host of volunteers, fought desperately, pulling down many buildings in the path of the fire, which was eventually brought under control at seven o'clock.

Dynamite was brought in automobiles, but Chief Watson would not use it.

Meanwhile men, women and children were hurriedly carrying out their belongings in the houses in the threatened area, expresses, drays, automobiles, even buggies drawn by men and boys were utilized to cart piles of household furniture to places out of danger. In many instances the furniture brought to the street was burned before conveyances could be secured to carry it away.

Many pitiable scenes were witnessed, women and men wringing their hands as they were driven from the pile of their household effects to save their lives.

RELIEF FUND IS NEARLY \$300

Send in Subscriptions No Matter
How Small They
Are.

The relief fund for sufferers from the Crystal Hall disaster is growing apace, and now amounts to about \$300.

Today Senator Coffey handed The Advertiser a check for \$25.

The treasurer of the fund also received today a number of subscriptions, large and small, which are gratefully acknowledged.

All sums handed in at this office will be credited. Don't be deterred by the fact that you cannot contribute largely. Give according to your means, if it is only 10 or 25 cents. The relief movement should appeal to the whole body of citizens. Show your sympathy in a practical manner.

A CABINET MEETING

Five of the Ministers Meet in Conference Today.

Ottawa, July 24.—A cabinet meeting will be held this afternoon. There are only five ministers in the city. They are Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. R. W. Scott, Sir Frederick Borden, Hon. A. B. Aylesworth and Hon. Wm. T. Plummer. After today's meeting, which is for routine business, the members will separate for another week or two.