

WESTERN FAIR OPENS FRIDAY EXHIBITS ARE PILING IN TODAY

Scarcely a Vacant Space
Left in the Many
Buildings.

BOBBY KERR
IS COMING

Champion Runner Will Be One
of the Attractions of Great
Exhibition.

Tomorrow is opening day at the
Western Fair.

Today Superintendent Brown and
his staff of assistants are as busy as
a hive of bees locating exhibitors in
the various buildings at Queen's
Park, all of which have been thor-
oughly renovated, painted and other-
wise placed in the best possible shape.

Tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock
Secretary Hunt will begin moving his
effects to the park and by 8:30 he
expects to be ready for business in
his office.

Entries of every description are piling
in today, and the lists are averag-
ing far heavier all around this year
than last.

Many Exhibits.

Especially is this so of the cattle
exhibits, which are certain to be more
classy than ever before.

All the box stalls for the horses
have been taken, and horsemen enter-
ing today will be compelled to take
single stalls for their entries.

Extra Attractions.

Beginning on Monday a Seventh
Regiment squad of thirty-five men
will give daily drills on the platform
in connection with the other amuse-
ments.

This is expected to prove a most
popular innovation, and will give the
people of London and vicinity an op-
portunity of seeing what the Seventh
men can do in the way of executing
difficult drills.

Bobby Kerr Coming.

Mr. Hunt today received a letter
from Robert Kerr, world's champion
amateur 220-yard sprinter, stating
that the writer would appear at the
Western Fair athletic meet on Mon-
day, Sept. 14.

Kerr, since winning the world's
championship in England, has been
turning exhibitions at various places
throughout Canada, such as Halifax,
Ottawa, Toronto and Hamilton.

The champion will probably not ap-
pear in the open races here, but will
instead give an exhibition against the
local sprinters. Two local sprinters will
be invited to race Kerr.

Great Games.

Monday's games taken all around,
bid fair to be the best that London
has been in years, and not the least
interesting of the many events will
be the township relay race. Entries
for the races are pouring in rapidly
and the lists will be well filled when
the entries close.

GOES OVER NIAGARA

Hoboken Man Risks His Life To Save
Her—In Vain.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Sept. 9.—An
unidentified woman, probably 20 years
old, went to death over the American
falls about 5 o'clock this afternoon.
Hundreds saw her, but all were pow-
erless to aid her. She walked to Pros-
pect Point, where she stood viewing the
delightful scene for a few minutes,
but presently she climbed upon the
iron guard rail and once astride of it
she remained motionless, as though un-
certain what to do. Then turning to-
ward the stream, she threw herself in-
to the current, which hurled her over
the falls.

Among the crowd was Harry Schaf-
fer, of Hoboken, N. J., who heroically
risked his life by leaping over the
railing at that point. Placing one foot
on a rock and the other on a water
gauge he attempted to grab the woman
as she swept by, but he failed, and he
had the horrible experience of seeing
her sucked down to death. The wonder
is that Schaffer did not go over the
falls.

The woman wore a brown dress and
hat, gloves and shoes, and was of dark
complexion. Her purse was black. She
was 5 feet 3 inches tall. The body may
be recovered.

EXTENDING T. AND N. O.

Toronto, Sept. 9.—With steel 273
miles north of North Bay, the Tens-
kaming and Northern Ontario Railway
commission hope to reach Cochrane,
the point of intersection with the
Grand Trunk Pacific route, early in
October. It is not expected any spe-
cial demonstration will be made to
mark the junction.

While the road will not be properly
ballasted until next spring, it is in-
tended to run both passenger and
freight trains to the terminals this
fall.

OVATION FOR REDMOND

Demonstration for Irish Leader Upon
His Departure for America.

Queenstown, Sept. 10.—John E.
Redmond, chairman of the Irish Par-
liamentary party, and Joseph Devlin,
M. P., on their arrival here last night
to take passage on the steamer
Oceanic for New York, were recipients
of a remarkable ovation, at the hands
of a crowd of people. There was a
torchlight procession, with many
bands and banners, to the town hall,
where an address was presented to
thanking Mr. Redmond on behalf of
the people for his priceless services.

Mr. Redmond and Mr. Devlin are
on their way to attend the convention
of the United Irish League in Amer-
ica, which will be held the latter part
of the month in Boston.

THE NEXT CONGRESS
FOR MONTREAL

London, Sept. 10.—The Bishop of
Montreal announced at one of the
meetings of the Eucharistic Congress
today that the next congress would be
held in Montreal.

A LONDON MAN KILLED IN ILLINOIS

Joseph Robson Reported Run Down
By a Railway Train.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9.—A dispatch re-
ceived here tonight from Barrington,
Ill., says that Joseph Robson, of Lon-
don, Ont., was killed by a train there
this afternoon.

S. S. LAKE MICHIGAN STRANDED OFF MARGATE

Broad Stairs, England, Sept. 10.—
The British steamer Lake Michigan,
from Montreal for London, with pas-
sengers, has stranded near Margate. A
lifeline has gone out to her assis-
tance. The sea is smooth.

FOREMAN M'KERLIE SPEAKS OF CIVIC LABORERS' WAGES

Declares There Was Nothing Wrong in the Matter, But Condemns
the Method—Men Now at Work With Him Acknowl-
edge Having Received the Money.

The slipshod methods of paying the
city workmen, as revealed in The Ad-
vertiser yesterday, occasioned not a
little comment.

Mr. Charles McKelvie, the foreman
who paid his own men, was interviewed
by The Advertiser this morning, and
stoutly maintains that there was no
irregularity so far as he was con-
cerned. But he condemned the method
of paying the men.

"I read the article in The Adver-
tiser, and also Ald. Ferguson's state-
ment," he said. "To these I have no
objection. I do not want to pay the
men, nor have I ever wanted to do so.
I only paid them at the solicitation of
some of the men themselves, who
thought it a hardship that they should
have to pay money out of their own
pockets to go down town and get their
money. The method is not right, and
I suppose I must suffer a certain
amount of publicity in order that the
system might be corrected."

No Wrongdoing.

"I deny absolutely that there is any
wrongdoing. I court the fullest in-
vestigation if anything of that nature
is insinuated. If you go over the pay
sheet for the year, you will find that
there is not enough in the whole busi-
ness to make it worth while for me to
be crooked if I wanted to be. There
are too many loop holes.

"However, I think an injustice was
done me in the figures that were pub-
lished. They were correct, all of them,
but any person will see that the
amounts paid were more than the men
could earn on city work in a week. But
the extra money came from overtime

work done. We were building a coffee
dam, and it was necessary to pump out
a lot of water. We had to keep the
men at work on the pumps extra hours,
so that we could get the work done. I
divided the overtime among the men
as best I could.

"That is the whole explanation. The
full week's work would give each man
\$10.80. There are few weeks that their
wages amount to that, and very often
it runs less.

They Got the Money.

The following men were at work
with McKelvie this morning, and on
being shown the amount of the pay-
sheet of last week declared they had
received the amount set opposite
their names: B. Reeves, W. Evans, G.
Saunders, J. Clark, A. Kennedy, F. Da-
vid, D. Stannard and G. Sageman.

"We got the money all right," said
one of the men. "Some of us went
down and got it ourselves. The Abel
boys and some of the others did so, and
the rest was brought to us by Mr. Mc-
Kelvie. We object to the present way
of paying our wages. Some of us will
be wet on Friday night. We have to
go all the way down town and get the
money. It will cost us 10 cents to do
that, and we will be very late and un-
comfortable going home. Ten cents is
not much, you might say, but it is
something when you consider all the
men in the city. The money should be
given us by someone from the office."

It is understood that arrangements
will be made by sending one of the
suggested yesterday, by sending one of
the clerks out with the money.

DARING JEM THIEVES

Attempt to Carry Off Jewels of White-
law Reid's Daughter.

Guilford, England, Sept. 10.—A
daring attempt was made last night
to steal a number of valuable jewels
belonging to Mrs. John Ward, who was
Miss Jean Reid, daughter of Whitelaw
Reid, the United States ambassador in
London, and whose marriage at St.
James' Palace on June 23 of this year
was one of the social events of the
London season; but the attempt was
only partially successful. Mrs. Ward
was visiting at Worplesdon, a place
near here. Upon going up to her room
to retire she found her door locked on
the inside, and summoning help, forced
the door. Her jewels were found laid
out all ready to be taken away. The
only piece missing, however, was a
gold bracelet valued at \$500. The bur-
glars apparently escaped through a
window. No clue to them has been
found.

AGED MAN'S FALL.

Chatham, Ont., Sept. 10.—J. West-
more, who is 101 years old, and who
lives in Raleigh Township, met with
an accident that may prove fatal. He
fell down the stairs at his home, sus-
taining a fractured collarbone and se-
vere contusions.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Sept. 10—8 a.m.
Moderate variable winds; fine and warm
today and on Friday.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	46	28	Fair
Winnipeg	60	56	Clear
Port Arthur	62	50	Cloudy
Perry Sound	62	62	Clear
Toronto	62	58	Cloudy
Ottawa	66	62	Fair
Montreal	68	66	Clear
Quebec	64	60	Fair
Father Point	62	60	Rain

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

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather continues fine throughout
the Dominion.

The temperature ranged between 80° and
86° yesterday in nearly all parts of On-
tario, and was from 10° to 20° lower in
other provinces.

Britain Launches New Dreadnaught A Magnificent Fighting Machine

Eighth of the New Monster Class
Successfully Christened.

Portsmouth, Sept. 10.—The St. Vin-
cent, the largest and heaviest battle-
ship ever built for the British navy,
was launched successfully here today.
The weather was fine and the sea
smooth, and a great crowd saw the
vessel take the water. As the war-
ship slipped from her blocks, she was
christened by the Countess Beauchamp.
Counting the three cruising battle-
ships of the Invincible class, the St.
Vincent is the eighth vessel of the
Dreadnaught type to be launched in
this country. The admiralty has o-

served its usual reticence with regard
to the details of the design, and con-
struction of the St. Vincent, but from
certain figures that were given out it
is manifest that the experience gained
from the construction of the Dread-
naught has been utilized in this vessel.
It is believed that some of the addi-
tional weight of the St. Vincent is to
be accounted for by heavier armament
for protection against torpedoes, and
by improvements, giving great security
to those controlling the movements of
the ship while in action. A number of
foreign naval attaches attended the
launching on the invitation of the ad-
miralty.

The St. Vincent was laid down in
December of last year. She is sup-
posed to be of about 19,250 tons, and
her cost has been given at \$9,500,000.

Merchant's \$200 Up in Smoke Burned in Refuse From the Store

Here's Case of Too Much Effici-
ency on the Part of a
Drayman.

A local drygoods merchant is said to
be out about \$200 as the result of
the clean work done by a drayman
yesterday afternoon.

The merchant, according to the
story, ordered the man to clean out
all waste paper and other refuse from
his store and to dump it at the foot
of Rectory street.

The man proceeded to do his work

and when he was nearly completed
the merchant placed his roll of \$200
on the counter. It rolled off and was
blown into the rubbish barrel and car-
ried to the dump which is on the
property of Mr. Geo. Fox.

When he was leaving, Mr. Fox
asked him to set fire to it as it would
blow around. This the man did and
returned for his second load. He was
met by the merchant and told what
had happened. They secured forks and
together started back at a gallop.
When they reached the dump, how-
ever, there was nothing left but the
ashes.

They raked the stuff over until
nearly 6 o'clock, but were unable to
locate the missing roll.

Miss Rowed's Relatives Sue for \$5000 Nurse Was Killed at Egerton Street

Writ Has Been Issued Against
the Grand Trunk
Railway.

The Grand Trunk Railroad was to-
day made defendant in a suit for \$5-
000 damages by Mrs. Margaret A.
Rowed, mother of Miss Sarah Rowed,
who met her death at the Egerton
street crossing of the G. T. R. on the
night of May 15 last.

Miss Rowed was driving across the
crossing along with two friends when

she suddenly caught sight of a train
of freight cars approaching the rig.
Miss Rowed jumped from the rig in
her fright and was killed, while her
companions remained in the rig and
cleared the crossing safely.

The case is set down for trial at the
October assizes, and in the statement
of claim it is alleged that the train
which killed Miss Rowed carried no
lights on the rear end, that there was
no brakeman on the train, that no
bell was ringing, and that no warning
of any kind was given of the approach
of the train.

Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons, for the
plaintiff; W. H. Biggar, Toronto, for
defendants.

Court Supports Mayor of Galt Need Not Sign Power Contract

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Sept. 10.—Judge Anglin
has decided that the Mayor of Galt
need not sign the power contract with
the hydro-electric commission endor-
sed by the council. Application for

mandamus, compelling the mayor to
sign, is refused. Decision is con-
trary to judgment of Judge Latch-
ford in the case of Berlin and Judge
Falconbridge in the case of Hamilton.
Decision is considered a hard blow at
the whole cheap power movement.

Conservative Convention on Sept. 26

The convention of the local Conserv-
atives has been postponed from Fri-
day night next till Saturday, Sept. 26.
The Toronto Globe says:

The postponement of the convention
of the local Conservatives until Sept.
26 is a sign that all is not harmony
within their camp. It is a case of
putting off the evil day in the hope
that the rival factions who are con-
tending for the nomination may come

to terms. Notwithstanding the denials
of the friends of Major Beattie, Mr.
Gray's supporters insist that there was
an "understanding" at the by-election
that the major would, if given the
nominations, make way at the general
election for Mr. Gray. The present
member, however, is not disposed to
yield without a fight, and there is a
portentous shaking of heads among
Conservatives over the prospect.

Forest Fires About Fort William

Fort William, Sept. 10.—The entire
district is now a mass of forest fires,
which have approached right to the
city's limits. The far side of Mount
McKay has been burned over, while
the fires are raging at many points on
the Indian reserve near the Grand
Trunk Pacific property. From Hymers,
up the Canadian Northern, comes word
this morning that the settlers are very
uneasy. One settler is already burned
out. In the unsettled portions of Gil-
go, 40 cents; Yosemite to Mil-
waukee, 40 cents. No change in
the freight situation.

ing that will stop them except a heavy
rain.

The fire back of the mountain is in
the town of Fairport, but up to the
present it has not reached any
settlement. The firemen have had de-
tachments out fighting the fire where-
ever it appears likely to menace prop-
erty. Last night ashes from the fire
were falling all over the city, like a
miniature snowstorm. The Indian
houses on the mission were for a time
in danger of being destroyed, but the
fire in that locality was successfully
fought.

Delaware Lady Injured on Talbot St.

As a result of her horse tripping
yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock on
Talbot street in front of the market,
Miss Bella Johnson met with a pain-
ful injury, which may lay her up for
some time.

Mrs. Johnson had come in from Del-
aware Township with a load of prod-
uce earlier in the day, and at the time
of the accident was driving out on
Talbot street. The horse tripped on
the sidewalk, and Mrs. Johnson, who
is 52 years of age, was thrown vio-

lently forward out of the rig, alighting
on her side on the sidewalk.

Market Clerk Maker and other wit-
nesses of the accident carried the in-
jured woman into Taylor's drug store,
where Dr. Wagh was "phoned" for.
An examination proved that Mrs.
Johnson had not sustained any broken
bones, but was severely bruised, and
was suffering from shock.

Mrs. Johnson was later removed to
the home of her sister, 332 Ridout
street, in Stewart's ambulance.

SUES FOR REWARD.

Toronto, Sept. 9.—A writ has been
issued by Andrew George Cardwell
against the corporation of the town of
Blind River, Algoma, for \$500, the
amount offered as reward for evidence
leading to the arrest and conviction of
the party or parties guilty of incendi-

ary fires in that town previous to Oct.
1, 1907.

The plaintiff claims to have furnished
the information leading to the con-
viction of the guilty party. This was the
case where the fire chief was found
guilty of the incendiarism, and sen-
tenced to imprisonment for a long
term.

LONDON'S WATER PRESSURE INSUFFICIENT AND A DANGER SAYS CHIEF INSPECTOR HOWE

Report on the Fire at Westman's Is To Be Made
Public Within a Day or Two—A Good Word
For the Efficiency of Fire Brigade at the Fire
on Tuesday, August 18th.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Sept. 10.—The fatal fire at Westman's hardware store in Lon-
don has resulted in a thorough investigation into the fire-fighting ap-
pliances of the Fire City by officials of the Canadian Underwriters' Associa-
tion, and Inspector Howe, in his report to be submitted to the city
authorities in a few days, will hand out some rude jolts to the citizens of
London.

The Inspector, in his report, will point out that the water pressure in
London is insufficient, and recommends that steps be taken at once for an in-
crease of the supply. The report will, however, say a good word for the
London fire brigade and its efficiency at the fire, which resulted in the death
of Chief Clark.

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EXPRESS NEAR WHITE RIVER THROUGH BURNING BRIDGE

Engineer Nice Killed and His Fireman Badly Hurt—Passengers
Were All Chinamen and Miraculously Escaped—
Mail and Express Car Burned.

North Bay, Sept. 9.—At six o'clock
this morning six miles west of White
River, on the C. P. R., the first section
of the Atlantic express, eastbound, ran
into a ravine, the bridge spanning the
chasm being in flames. The passen-
gers were all Chinamen, passing
through in bond from the coast, and
they escaped injury.

Engineer Nice, of Schreiber, was
probably fatally injured, and his fire-
man suffered a broken leg.
The engine turned over on its side
and the mail and baggage cars were
burned.

How the passengers escaped injury
seems miraculous.

The bridge, which is 600 feet long,
is still burning fiercely, and no esti-
mate can be made of the duration of
the tie-up until the flames subside.

The origin of the fire gives rise to
suspicion, as no bush fires were raging
anywhere in the vicinity.

Supt. Brady left for the scene at
noon on a special train.
Toronto trains will take the Soo-
Minneapolis route until the bridge is
repaired, as will the Imperial Limited
and Pacific express.

Two or three days will be required
to replace the bridge.

Nissouri Farmer Was Badly Injured By a Fall While Working on Barn

Mr. Hamilton Reavely Is Now in
Victoria Hospital—Was Op-
erated on Yesterday.

Mr. Hamilton Reavely, one of the
best-known farmers of Nissouri, was
brought to Victoria Hospital yester-
day suffering from very serious in-
ternal injuries.

Mr. Reavely was out in his barn
and was making some repairs in the

left when in some manner he missed
his footing and fell.

In falling he struck several cross
beams and then struck heavily on the
barn floor.

Mr. Reavely was missed, and when
his family went out to search for
him they located him in a helpless
condition.

Dr. Babb was called and found, upon
examination, that Mr. Reavely had
sustained injuries to the abdomen
that will lay him up for many weeks.
He was brought to Victoria Hospi-
tal, and has been operated on, and
at present is progressing as well as
can be expected.

Historical Society Delegates Arrive Are Entertained by Local Members

Interesting Papers Were Read—
a Trip Around the City and
Springbank Enjoyed.

The annual meeting of the Ontario
Historical Society, which is being held
in this city, opened yesterday, when a
number of delegates were welcomed in
the rooms of the London and Midland
sex Historical Society, in the Public
Library building.

A number of other delegates arrived
this morning, and at 11 o'clock a recep-
tion was held in the rooms.

Mrs. Compton, of Toronto, secretary
of the Ontario Society, had the misfor-
tune yesterday to fall and sprain her
wrist badly, and has wired that she

will be unable to come. She has for-
warded her annual report, however,
which, together with the treasurer's
report, was read at this morning's
meeting.

Both reports indicate that the soci-
ety is in a most flourishing condition.
Regular meetings are being held
throughout the country, and a great
deal of valuable historical material is
being collected and preserved. The
membership shows a steady increase.

Delegates Entertained.

After the reports had been received
and adopted, the morning session con-
cluded, and the delegates were enter-
tained at luncheon at the Young Wom-
en's Christian Association rooms.

At 2 o'clock the members again
gathered in the Public Library, and
Ald. Armstrong, who is acting mayor,
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Tom Guthrie's Death in Toronto Ex-London Policeman Took Poison

Drink Is Blamed for Suicide of
One Time First Class
Officer.

The Toronto Star says:

Police Constable Thos. A. Guthrie,
attached to No. 1 division, was found
in a dying condition at his home, 127
Langley avenue, about 11:30 yesterday
morning, and although medical assist-
ance was summoned at once, nothing
could be done to save him and he died
at 12:15 o'clock.

The cause of his death is said by the
doctors to be poison, although when
administered by his own hand or

not is not yet known. It is supposed,
however, to be a case of suicide.

Drove Patrol Wagon.

The unfortunate man was on duty
as driver of the patrol wagon for his
division last night. About 8:30 he re-
turned home.

He did not eat any breakfast, but
after changing his clothes went out
without saying anything as to his in-
tentions.

About 11:30 his wife, coming into
the dining-room, found him lying on
the lounge. Not having heard him
come in, and wondering why he was so
quiet, she spoke to him.

Medical Aid in Vain.

Receiving no answer, she investigat-
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