

EXAMINE ALL MEETING PLACES NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT

The Collinwood Horror Has Set the People of London Thinking Seriously of Fire Escapes, Exits, Etc., for Public Buildings—The New Building Bylaw and Its Provisions.

The Collinwood school fire, with its horrible details, is still a topic of discussion on the streets.

Particular attention is being called to conditions prevailing in schools in this city, and in spite of the certain assurances given that the schools are safe, and that such an accident could not possibly happen here, the average citizen is not so certain.

It is absolutely sure that the schools are constructed of inflammable material, and far from being fireproof.

It is also certain to the average man that there are not enough exits.

THE BUILDING BYLAW.

The new city building bylaw is at present in the hands of the printer, and a copy of it could not be secured this morning, but it is said to have clauses referring to schools.

Ex-Ald. Gillen, who was chairman of the committee that drafted the bylaw, is sure that the new bylaw insists that no school to be erected in this city shall be more than two stories in height.

This will reduce the danger for fire to a considerable degree.

In addition, every story of the school must have exits of its own, depending on no other portion of the building.

In many of the city schools, in fact in all of them, the exits all lead to the ground floor. In case the ground floor is cut off, there are no other exits.

A PRECAUTION.

The new building bylaw, if the memory of those who had the work of framing it is correct, insists that in addition to the exit down the main hallway, other independent exits, such as fire escapes, or other means, must be in use on every story of the building.

If this is insisted on, it will make a radical difference in every school in this city, as practically every one of them open onto the ground floor through stairways.

There is no Provincial act governing these matters.

NOW IS THE TIME.

"This is the time for a thorough examination of every public building in this city," said a prominent citizen this morning.

"Every church, school, theater, hall, or other meeting place, should be thoroughly inspected, and fire escapes or other means of exit insisted on."

"There are several schools in this city that are fearfully dangerous, and should be examined immediately."

"Some of our churches are veritable fire traps."

MIDDLE AISLES.

"In every one of them, there should be middle aisles. In case of a fire it would take ten minutes to empty anyone of them, and there are so many turns to make in getting out of them that a fearful jam would result in case of a stampede, causing great loss of life."

"I am no calamity shouter, but the safe way is the only way. Let any man who sits in church figure out what chance he has of getting out in case of fire. Old people stampede just as quickly as children."

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

The charge is also made that certain school rooms and meeting places in this city have only two exits, one in front and one at the rear, and that at times there are from 500 to 1,000 people in them.

Cellars Flooded, Suits in Sight

Piles of Snow On Streets Remain

City and Street Railway May Once Again Have Some Trouble.

In spite of the repeated letters from City Engineer Graydon the London street railway has not taken the snow and ice off the streets, and the downtown districts especially have begun to feel the effects.

The telephone at the engineer's office this morning was ringing continuously, and the complaints were numerous.

Cellars are already flooded from water being backed into them, because the outlets are closed up.

Suits in Sight.

With the continuance of the mild weather the situation will be critical, and the city will be liable for many damage suits.

In the outlying sections, the danger is also great.

Some of the streets where the street railway has piled the snow up are miniature lakes, and if the water gets away many cellars will be badly flooded.

Nothing Doing.

"What are you going to do about it?" Mayor Stevely was asked.

"Nothing at all," he answered.

"The matter is in the hands of the city engineer, and if the street railway will not do it, he can put on men to do it, and make the street railway pay for it. I am not going to touch it myself."

Property Flooded.

Mr. H. Marshall Graydon informed the committee that several houses owned by him on Sackville street had been damaged by the recent flood, and he looked to the council for damages.

Assistant City Engineer Kirkpatrick did not think the city liable. The houses were situated on a low piece of land, and as a result would get all the water that came down from the elevation.

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Dr. Hutchinson Denies the Story

"I never said any such thing as was credited to me in the Free Press," said Medical Health Officer Hutchinson this morning, when he was asked regarding the report that he had criticized Mayor Stevely for appointing himself on deputations.

"I said that I would like to go to the convention, but that Mayor Stevely had refused to sign the checks for deputations, so I could not go. That is all the truth there was in the whole matter, and that bit of truth makes a far worse lie, than if there was no foundation for the story."

PRINCE WILL NOT COME EARL GREY MAY VISIT CITY

Mayor Stevely Had a Conversation With the Governor-General on the Subject During His Trip To Toronto—His Royal Highness Will Be in Canada But Short Time.

"Earl Grey informed me that there was no possibility whatever of the Prince of Wales coming to London," said Mayor Stevely this morning.

"I talked the matter over with him, and he said that the Prince would not likely visit any other city than Quebec."

"He might possibly come as far west as Montreal, but he thought even that highly improbable."

"The prince will be in Canada only a short time and would not make an extended tour."

"Will the earl himself come to the Old Boys' reunion?" was asked.

"It was suggested to him during the conversation," said the mayor.

"He seemed to like the idea, and I think there is a possibility that he will come."

"Of course, there is nothing definite as yet, but I think he will come."

President E. J. MacRobert, of the Old Boys, denies the story that he had invited the prince to come to London, or that he had taken any action in the matter.

East London Child May Lose One Eye

Struck On Optic Riding in Sleigh

Little Lizzie Byrnes the Victim of an Unfortunate Accident.

While sleigh-riding on her way home from school yesterday afternoon, Lizzie Byrnes, the little 12-year-old daughter of Mr. Thomas J. Byrnes, of 121 Oak street, met with a painful accident which threatens to destroy the sight of one of her eyes.

The little girl, along with several playmates, caught on to a bobsleigh on her way home from the Chesley Avenue School.

The driver was using a stick to whip up his horse, and not noticing that the girl was close behind him, swung the stick around, striking her in the right eye.

A nasty wound resulted. The injured child was removed to her home where Drs. H. and W. Stevenson attended her.

It is feared that the sight in the injured eye will be destroyed.

Grey Commends War On Consumption

Says Sanatorium Is Right Thing

Urged To Secure the Tuberculosis Test for Canadian Herds.

"Earl Grey commended us very highly on our sanatorium for consumptives," said Ald. Stewart this morning.

"He thinks it is a move in the right direction, and was enthusiastic over it. He is deeply interested in the war on tuberculosis, and approves of any and all efforts being made to combat it."

"We had a long conference regarding consumption, and some very plain talking was done," he pointed out to him that department of agriculture should take up the matter of tuberculosis in cattle. For instance, every animal coming into this country is made to take the tuberculin test, and no diseased animal is allowed to enter. Then every bit of meat and all cattle exported are subjected to a test, and as a result everything exported is perfectly correct. That is all right, but I think that all the herds in this country should be subjected to a test, and all tuberculous cattle or diseased cattle of any kind destroyed. He seemed to think that it was all right. I also told him that every immigrant should pass a rigid medical inspection, and none but the very healthiest be admitted."

"The question of an abattoir was discussed with Toronto officials," said Mayor Stevely. "Toronto has no city abattoir, but all abattoirs are under the department of public health, and Dr. Sheard, the medical health officer, is in complete control. It works all right."

London Delegates Had a Busy Time At the Tuberculosis Convention

Were Royally Entertained By Toronto Council—Earl Grey and Plains of Abraham.

Mayor Stevely, Ald. Booth and Ald. Stewart have returned from Toronto where they have been attending the convention to discuss the best method of dealing with tuberculosis.

"We certainly had a very busy time," said Mayor Stevely. "We were kept going from the time we got in to the city until we reached home. The convention was a great success, and will produce great results."

Royally Entertained.

"On the morning of our arrival we held a meeting, after which we were entertained by the council of Toronto to luncheon in McConkey's."

"We had a very pleasant time. Mayor Scott, of Ottawa, moved a vote of thanks to the Toronto Council, which I seconded."

"After this was over we went to the Royal Alexandra Theater, where the tuberculosis convention was held."

Hon. W. A. Charlton presided. Earl Grey being the honorary chairman. Among the speakers were Lieut.-Gov. Clark, Mayor Scott, Ottawa; Mrs. C. Hamilton, Hon. W. (Continued on Page Eight.)

London Tuberculosis Hospital Grant

Mr. Whitney "Kindly Disposed"

Dr. Niven, Who Was on Delegation, Appears Satisfied.

"At present we would receive \$150, which is totally inadequate."

"We may not get the sum asked, but if we get \$4 a patient or even \$3 a patient, it will be a considerable advance."

"You see it costs practically \$9.50 a week to keep a tuberculosis patient, but, of course, many in our hospital will be paying patients, and in that way, if the grant is increased we will run our hospital with little expense to the city. I think we will get a substantial increase."

"Mayor Stevely did exceedingly well in Toronto. He and Mayor Scott, of Ottawa, were the outstanding men in the convention, and Earl Grey was particularly interested in the mayor from London."

City Engineer and Askin St. Church

City Engineer Graydon yesterday made his inspection of Askin Street Methodist Sunday School, but his report is not yet ready. It is expected that he will have it ready in a day or two.

It is said that he is much more severe in his criticism than was City Architect Nutter, who was severely criticized by the trustees board of that church last week.

Mr. Graydon will go much farther in his condemnation of the building. It is asserted, than Mr. Nutter, and will be much more explicit.

The report is being awaited with interest.

MRS. MUIR DEAD AGED 88 YEARS

Remains Will Be Sent to Woodstock for Interment.

The death took place at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Stuart, 528 Talbot street, last night, of Mrs. Elizabeth Muir, relict of the late John Muir, of Woodstock.

Mrs. Muir was 88 years old, and for the last two years has been living with Mrs. Stuart.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. G. W. Stuart, of this city, and Miss Muir, of Woodstock.

The remains will be sent to Woodstock on Saturday morning, where interment will be made.

MASONIC BANQUET ON MARCH 17TH

Will Be Given By the Past Masters in the Masonic Temple.

The Past Masters' Association A. F. and A. M. will hold a banquet in the Masonic Temple, this city, on the evening of March 17.

The guest of honor will be Most Worshipful Grand Master A. T. Freed, of Hamilton. Other prominent Masons will be present and deliver addresses.

Invitations will be sent to all past masters in the city and district and a large attendance is anticipated.

DEATH OF EFTHEMED OXFORD ST. RESIDENT

Mr. William Shoebottom Passes Away After a Short Illness.

William Shoebottom, an old and esteemed resident of this city, died last night at his residence, 188 Oxford street, after a short illness.

The late Mr. Shoebottom had lived all his life in the vicinity of London, having been born in London Township 76 years ago. He moved to this city 25 years ago.

The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery.

FOUR HUNDRED HOUSES DESTROYED

Tokio, March 6.—A serious fire took place this morning at Noda City, a brewing town near Tokio. Four hundred out of one thousand houses in the town were destroyed. The damage is estimated at about \$2,500,000.

LONDONER ARRESTED IN ST. CATHARINES

Fred. Booth Charged With Stealing a Watch in This City.

A dispatch from St. Catharines says: Fred Booth, a young man, was arrested at his home here last night on the charge of stealing a gold watch from a lady he was boarding with in London.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, March 6—8 a.m. Today—Southeast winds; milder, with rain.

Saturday—Mild westerly winds; mostly fair and mild during the day; a little colder at night.

Local Temperatures.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 36.5°; lowest, 19° above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary. 14. 12. Clear.

Port Arthur. 0. -2. Clear.

Perry Sound. 28. 24. Cloudy.

Toronto. 32. 26. Snow.

Montreal. 10. 8. Clear.

Quebec. 8. 4. Clear.

Father Point. 10. 8. Fair.

Minus (-) means below zero.

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 5 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The low area which for two days remained almost stationary over the Southern States has since yesterday morning moved quickly eastward, and is now centered in Wisconsin as a severe storm.

The weather continues cold in the Western Provinces, but milder conditions are now indicated.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 10-20; Atlin, 6-25; Port Simpson, 22-38; Victoria, 30-45; Vancouver, 26-44; Kamloops, 10-24; Edmonton, 4 below-44; Battleford, 20 below-2; Prince Albert, 16 below-12; Calgary, 12 below-24; Regina, 14 below-22; Winnipeg, 18 below-14; Port Arthur, 20-32; Perry Sound, 14-38; Toronto, 32-38; Ottawa, 4-26; Montreal, 16-26; Quebec, 2-26; St. John, 6-22; Halifax, 16-24.

PATIENT FROM LOCAL ASYLUM NOW LOCATED IN TENNESSEE

Young Woman, After Terrible Experience, Was Brought To London Insane Asylum, But Was Later Deported—An Interesting Story of Her Troubles.

A dispatch from Memphis, Tennessee, states that Saphronia Lagode, a former inmate of the London Asylum for the Insane, is at present being held at Memphis on a charge of insanity.

The woman had been trying to make her way to Florida, under the delusion that she had a mission to perform there. Her history is a most interesting one.

RESIDES IN DETROIT.

Saphronia Lagode is a woman of perhaps 36 or 38 years of age, and was a resident of Detroit.

Some seven years ago her husband deserted her, and she became mentally unbalanced.

She then took up her residence with her mother, at 238 Abbott street, Detroit, and lived there until April 3, 1907, when she left home to go to work in a box factory.

SEIZED WITH DELUSION.

Suddenly she was seized with the delusion that it was too cold in Detroit and decided to walk to Florida. She walked down the old United States turnpike for eighteen miles and had entered Monroe County before she was taken into a buggy to ride with a man who gave her whisky to drink.

FOUND IN A SWAMP.

On April 5 the woman was found, half-naked, lying in a swamp near South Rockwood, Mich.

The discovery was made by a farmer who was led to the spot by the actions of his dog, and it caused a big sensation at the time.

WOMAN'S STORY.

When the woman was eventually resuscitated, her story was that she was taken to a shanty by the man who had given her whisky, where she had remained all night.

Next day they started out again and came to a farmhouse where they stayed for some little time, drinking more whisky. Next they drove into the swamp, and when the horse could go no further they got out and walked. In this place she was deserted at dark and not found until morning when the farmer and his dog arrived.

MAN ARRESTED.

William Charbeneau, reputed to be a respectable farmer, was arrested and he pleaded guilty to the charge, explaining that he was drunk and didn't know what he was doing. Judge Lockwood, of Monroe, sentenced Charbeneau to a term of from three to ten years in Jackson prison.

Later, however, the sentence was set aside and the man given a trial, which ended in his acquittal.

APPEARED RATIONAL.

For a time the Lagode woman seemed rational after her return to Detroit, but in October last she again became subject to the delusion that she should make her way to Florida, and sent out to make the long journey on foot.

Walking up the lake shore she eventually arrived at Glenheim, Ont., where her destitute condition attracted attention and she was arrested.

BROUGHT TO LONDON.

Later she was placed in the Chatham Jail, and from there she was removed to London asylum, where she remained from October 10 to December 11, 1907, when she was deported by the department of immigration.

APPEARED STUPID.

When first brought here the woman appeared stupid from hardships. Frequently the asylum authorities received letters of inquiry as to her daughter's condition from the mother, who is said to conduct a boarding-house in Detroit.

Some time ago Saphronia again disappeared from her mother's home, and it was not until yesterday that she was heard from.

WANTS HER DAUGHTER BACK.

When the woman's mother was apprised that her daughter had been located in Tennessee, she appeared at the United States immigration office, and asked the officers to compel the railroads to bring her daughter back from Memphis, Tenn.

She said that Saphronia had again been seized with the idea to go to a warmer country and had started for Florida. Whether she walked or rode is not known, but she has been gone for many weeks. The immigration officers told her that they could not render the desired assistance.

Municipal Power Plant for Toronto

Toronto, March 5.—"No matter what happens to the hydro-electric power scheme and regardless of the result of our negotiations with the Toronto Electric Light Company, the city of Toronto will have cheap power and by means of a municipal plant."

This statement was made by Mayor Oliver today, when asked regarding an alternative proposition which has been made to the city.

An absolutely independent power plant, with an independent transmission line, all owned by the city, is an

imminent possibility of the power situation.

An English company has made a definite offer to the city to lay a cable across the bed of the lake from the Falls, to Toronto for the purpose of transmitting electricity and the scheme as outlined by them looks so feasible and the price so favorable that the matter has been seriously considered.

"An English company has made us an offer," Mayor Oliver admitted today, "and it looks like a very good proposition."

The Selection of a Site Was Deferred

The board of works last night deferred the matter of the selection of a site for the monument to the South African veterans, to be erected by the Daughters of the Empire, until the snow is off the ground, when the committee will visit Victoria Park and make a choice.

The site most suitable to the Daughters of the Empire is directly east of the present bandstand.

The committee has expressed no choice in the matter so far, and could not be committed to a choice.

Many favor the location opposite Princess avenue, in a plot of ground which is admirably suited for that purpose.

Others think that it might be located at the entrance of the park on Park avenue and Dufferin avenue.

The site will probably not be chosen for a month yet.

ELLWOOD J. HANCE TAKES HIS LIFE

Detroit, March 6.—Ellwood J. Hance, first vice-president of the Union Trust Company, of this city, and former postmaster of Detroit, shot and killed himself early today in his home here. Friends say that he had been greatly depressed over his own financial affairs for some time.

Mr. Hance's health also had not been good and it is supposed that this aggravated the worry and impelled him to shoot himself. Mr. Hance was born in Wilmington, Del., 56 years ago and came to Detroit in 1878. He was admitted to the bar and in 1889 was appointed postmaster. When the Union Trust Company was organized he was made secretary and later vice-president.

Bishop of Huron.

The first of the series of services to be held during Lent in New St. Paul's Church, Woodstock, was conducted Wednesday evening by the Bishop of Huron. A good number attended the service, and listened attentively to the eloquent words of the preacher.