

SOVEREIGN BANK'S
PRUDENT MOVE

Appropriates Reserve to Cover Losses—Is in Sound Condition.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, June 11.—At a meeting of the Sovereign Bank board today the shareholders learned of conditions which warrant the new management in wiping out the bank's reserve fund, and in addition writing off one-quarter of the entire capitalization. A full and frank explanation was made by President Jarvis, and the shareholders were assured that at the present time the bank is in a thoroughly sound condition, with an established business and profitable connections. A dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. is to be continued.

Losses may be briefly summarized as follows:

Bad debts, \$700,655.
Depreciation in securities, \$150,603.
Depreciation in premises, \$48,109.
Doubtful debts, \$441,494.
Unsatisfactory advance, \$800,000.

To make good these amounts it was decided to appropriate the whole of the reserve account and to write off a quarter of the capital. The rest fund amounted to \$1,255,905, and the capital wiped out, \$1,600,000.

THREE DROWN
FROM A CANOE

Nova Scotians on Grand Trunk Pacific Meet With Tragic Death.

Ottawa, June 11.—The Transcontinental Railway commission received a report yesterday from Engineer W. D. Robertson, who is in charge of a party east of Abitibi Lake, stating that J. W. McDonald, Joseph McDonald and Rod McDonald, of Nova Scotia, who worked on the survey, were drowned on the 28th of May by the upsetting of a canoe. These three men, with P. R. Moore, of Ottawa, were crossing the River Bell, when the canoe was upset. Moore was thrown some distance out and started to swim for the shore. He was unable to make the shore and returned to the canoe, but the other three men had disappeared. He succeeded in reaching the shore with the canoe, but saw no more of the McDonald boys.

THE MEDICAL INSPECTION

The Director-General To Visit London Camp June 12.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, June 11.—It is officially announced that the director-general of the medical services will inspect the London camp on June 12.

DEATH OF REV. DR. GAETZ

Former Methodist Divine of This City Dead at Red Deer.

Red Deer, Alta., June 10.—Rev. Dr. Gaetz died here yesterday at the age of 66 years. He was born near Halifax, and occupied the leading Methodist pulpits at Fredericton, N. B., Yarmouth, N. S., Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Brandon and Winnipeg. Health failing, he settled at Red Deer, Alberta, in 1883, and had ever since been closely identified with the progress of the west. He was the Conservative candidate for the Provincial Legislature in 1895, supported the National Policy in 1878, and gave an address at the inauguration of Confederation at Halifax in 1867. The family all live in the west, Mayor Gaetz being his second son.

Dr. Gaetz will be remembered by very many Londoners. He was stationed in this city about 25 years ago, coming from Hamilton to assume the pastorate of the old Queen's Avenue Methodist Church. He remained only two years, however, being compelled to leave for the west owing to ill-health. Dr. Gaetz was recognized as one of the leading orators in the Methodist Church.

THREE BOYS AND A GUN

Accidentally Discharged, It Seriously Wounds Fenelon Falls Lads.

Fenelon Falls, Ont., June 11.—Three boys named Pyrell, two brothers and a cousin, went out hunting for crows yesterday. Tiring of that sport, they laid the gun on the ground while they engaged in a game of catch with a ball. A ball which one of them failed to stop is supposed to have struck the gun, which was charged with buckshot, causing it to go off, the charge striking the eldest of the three in the abdomen and legs. The boy, 17 years old, was the son of a widow, and is dangerously wounded. A cousin, named Pyrell, is also wounded in the wrist, two grains of shot having struck him there.

FIRE DESTROYS
SPLENDID CHURCH

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at Ottawa a Heap of Ruins.

Ottawa, June 11.—The Sacred Heart Church, considered the most magnificent Catholic edifice in Ottawa City, was totally destroyed by fire last evening, entailing a loss of \$155,000, with insurance of \$30,000.

The fire had gained considerable headway before it was noticed, and in spite of the fact that the whole brigade was called to the scene it was impossible for them to do anything to check the total destruction of the church.

Rev. Father P. De Chansols, of the Oblate Jurisdiction, near at hand, rushed into the church and saved the blessed sacrament, and Rev. Father F. Auclair rescued the vestments and sacred vessels.

Two firemen had narrow escapes from death by a falling stone wall. The church is the property of the Oblate Order of Priests, who, a few years ago, suffered considerably from fire, when Ottawa University, also their property, was destroyed.

It was considered the church of the high-class French-Canadians, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. L. P. Brodeur and Hon. J. L. Tarte were among its parishioners.

VACANCY FILLED
ON SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. James Granger Appointed to Take Place Vacated by Dr. English.

Mr. James Granger, of McMahon & Granger, was yesterday afternoon elected by the board of education to fill the vacancy created on the board by the resignation of Dr. English, who has gone to Hamilton as superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane.

Mr. Granger's was the only name proposed. He will fill all the positions in connection with the trusteeships held by his predecessor, save those of chairman of the sports committee and of the audit committee.

Trustee Graham was chosen chairman of the sports committee, but the audit committee will choose its own chairman.

Out of a large batch of applicants, William Wilson, of Hill street, was appointed janitor of Chesley avenue school.

The following were the unsuccessful candidates: J. Allen, 129 Rectory street; John Gillett, 271 Wellington street; James Harlow, Chesley avenue; H. G. Hardingham, 358 Ottawa avenue; Thomas H. L. Roberts, 566 Hackett street; Walter Smith, 327 Ottawa avenue; James Young, 76 Waterloo street.

Chairman Fitzgerald, Trustees Westervelt, Tillmann, MacRobert, Teasdale, Graham, McCormick and Secretary McElheran were present.

VICTIM OF AUTO SMASH

Californian Lawyer and Party in Fatal English Accident.

London, June 11.—The victim of the motor car accident at Banbury, it was learned today, is H. C. Johnson, an attorney, of Berkeley, Cal. Johnson's companion, Mr. Blake, of Philadelphia, who, with his wife, was seriously injured in the accident, is still alive today, but he passed a bad night. Mr. Blake's condition is reported as comfortable today.

SENT FOR TRIAL

Three Railwaymen Committed Over Fatal Accident at Beatty's Siding.

Parry Sound, June 10.—The preliminary inquiry into the fatal wreck at Beatty's Siding was made this morning, and as a result Conductor Graham and brakemen Looker and Higginbotham were sent for trial on a charge of manslaughter, and Fireman Gendreau acquitted.

Ball was accepted for all three.

KUROKI SAILS AWAY

Reception at Seattle Concludes Japanese U. S. Tour.

Seattle, Wash., June 11.—Gen. Baron Kuroki spent his last day yesterday in the United States today. He gave a luncheon in a local hotel to prominent members of the local Japanese colony, as well as several prominent citizens, James Dunsmyre, lieutenant-governor of British Columbia, with Mayor Morley of Victoria, were among the guests.

In the evening the baron and suite were given a reception by Judge Thos. Burke, of the Asiatic Society, a commercial organization. From this reception, the baron's party was taken in carriages direct to the steamship Kaga, which will sail today for the Orient.

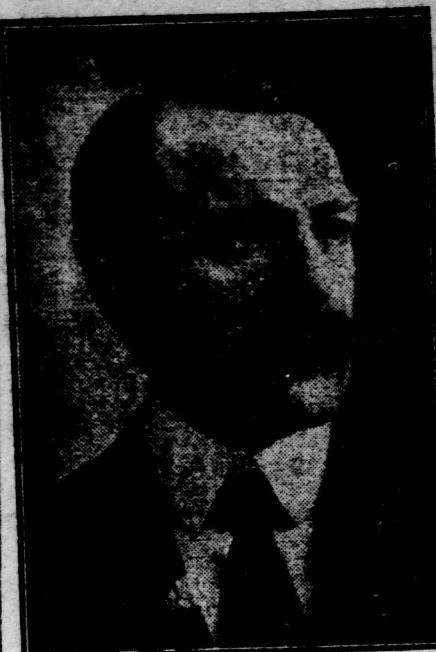


Photo by Frank Cooper.
MR. JAMES GRANGER,
Appointed to the Board of Education
to Succeed Dr. English.

WEARY WILLIES
CAN'T STAY AWAY

Here's a Pair That Refuses To Be Chased Out of London.

Two vagrants, Albert Aldershaw and James Barrett, have been causing quite a lot of amusement and worry for the police officers of this city during the past few days. They refuse to go to work, and what is still more perplexing, they refuse to stay away from the police station. Just what to do with these two gentlemen of leisure is a puzzle which every visitor to the police station is invited to take a hand in solving, but so far both behave peacefully in our midst, notwithstanding all the threats which have been made by those in power.

Several days ago the pair were arrested for hanging about. When they were arraigned before the police court next morning, both promised to go to work immediately and were released. Neither one of them kept the promise and in due time were in the toils again. Once again they made all manner of promises which procured for them their liberty. This time they were ordered to leave town, and for a couple of days they were thought to have gone. But not so, for just before midnight of the second day, both weary wanderers were gathered into the Carling street cage again.

Chief Williams was consulted this time, and he recommended that both men be taken to the city limits and chased away. Accordingly P. C. Kelly was allotted the task, and led them to a point far out amid the green fields, thinking that such congenial surroundings would surely entice these lovers of idleness away. "Now, don't you come back into the city, or we will certainly send you fellows to the workhouse in good shape," said the constable as he said good-bye to the men.

But there was no call of the wild, and dear old London had attractions for Albert and James, which could not be easily forgotten, and after they had been chased away, they returned to the city, and the constable said good-bye to the men.

Last evening, no sooner had the streets become quiet and deserted, than both men called at the police station and wanted to be locked up, which they were, with great reluctance. Aldershaw was first to arrive at the coop, but he was not much ahead of his pal. This morning both men were again ordered to leave town, but the police expect them to be with us about the time the evening shadows begin to fall, and sweethearts' walk becomes populous.

Inspector Sanders has been requested to look into their case and see if some arrangement cannot be arrived whereby they can be sent back to England, from whence they claim to have been brought by the Salvation Army.

A charge of non-support has been laid against Mr. Philip Fox by his wife. Fox was to have appeared in court this morning, but failed to materialize.

James Barrett was fined \$5 or 10 days for being drunk.

Joseph Smith paid \$3 for an over-indulgence in spirits.

Samuel Crockett was taxed \$2 for being drunk, and one first-timer was allowed to go.

NOT ASSASSINATED

President Cabrera Sends Word That He Is All Right.

New York, June 11.—Dr. Ramon Bengosche, consul-general for Guatemala, at New York, received a cable dispatch from President Cabrera of Guatemala today, reading that "the president is all right." The consul-general also received a private dispatch from Guatemala saying that there was no truth in the reports of President Cabrera's assassination.

SHOT AND BURNED.

Gibbs Landing, La., June 11.—James Wilson, a 22-year-old negro, was shot to death and his body burned near here Saturday night for attempted criminal assault upon the daughter of a planter.

HIGH COURT C.O.F.
MEET AT ST. THOMAS

Statistics Show the Order To Be in a Flourishing Condition.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
St. Thomas, June 11.—The 28th annual session of the high court of the Canadian Order of Foresters opened here this afternoon with a very large attendance, including high court officers, and delegates representing subordinate courts of every province of the Dominion. High Chief Ranger J. A. Stewart, Perth, stated that the membership on May 31, 1907, was 66,186, an increase of 335 over the previous year. The amount paid in death claims during the year was \$39,127.23.

The insurance reserve at the close of the year had reached \$2,147,872.45. For sick and funeral benefits \$117,220.72 was spent, covering \$5,161 claims. The amount of interest on investments was \$78,192.90. The invested funds of the order total \$2,353,851.55. The death rate for the year was 5.53 per 1,000. Addresses of welcome were given the high court by Mayor Lawrence and representatives from other fraternal societies.

BOY SOLDIERS
AT SUMMER CAMP

Good Wages and Emigration Westward Weeding Out Mature Militiamen.

Of the thousands of visitors to the London camp this year, scarcely one has come away from the grounds without being impressed with the youth of a very large percentage of the volunteers who have come for the ten-days' training.

In all of the regiments—not one expected—there are many in uniform who appear to be nothing more than mere youths. Some of them look to be far below the age of 21, while a much larger number do not look as though they had long since reached the age where father could not spank them.

The officers account for the lack of men of more mature years in several ways.

"Only the captain who has to recruit his company for the camp has any idea of how difficult it is to get men to come to camp," said one of them yesterday. "Try as we would, we found it impossible to get men such as we could use. The late spring has made it impossible for some of the farmers' sons to get away, and then another thing which counted against the regiments is the large emigration to the Canadian west. There is not a regiment in the district that is not lost many of its men from this source."

"With the good times continuing, and the continued rush to the west, it looks to me as though the camp will suffer next year to a greater extent than it has this year."

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ORTEGA GETS AWAY.

Punta Arenas, Chile, June 11.—The British royal mail steamer Ortega, which went aground on the Tretton bank, Straits of Magellan, yesterday, got off at the next tide unassisted, and proceeded, apparently without having sustained any damage.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY. FORECASTS.

Toronto, June 11—8 a.m. Strong easterly winds; showery tonight and on Wednesday.

TEMPERATURES.			
Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	42	38	Cloudy
Winnipeg	54	52	Rain
Port Arthur	48	46	Cloudy
Parry Sound	55	48	Clear
Toronto	54	46	Clear
Ottawa	55	44	Cloudy
Montreal	54	44	Fair
Quebec	50	40	Fair
Father Point	44	40	Clear

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

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Min.	Max.	
London	42	64	
Dawson	40	62	
Port Simpson	40	62	
Victoria	40	62	
Vancouver	40	62	
Calgary	40	62	
Edmonton	40	62	
Winnipeg	40	62	
Parry Sound	40	62	
Toronto	40	62	
Montreal	40	62	
Quebec	40	62	
St. John	40	62	
Halifax	40	62	

The weather continues cool, with east and northerly winds, from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, while in Alberta and Saskatchewan it is fine and warm. Heavy rain has fallen in Manitoba and Eastern Nova Scotia.

Brakeman Instantly Killed
In Grand Trunk Yards

Charles Watts Thrown Under Wheels While Boarding Freight and Ground to Pieces.

Charles Watts, a Grand Trunk brakeman, son of Mr. William Watts, of 472 Charlotte street, met a terrible death in the yards of the company a few feet east of Clarence street at 6:35 o'clock last night.

The young man—he was only twenty years of age—was terribly mangled, his remains being strewn along the tracks for a distance of one hundred feet or more.

It was not while in the discharge of his duty, but while attempting to ride home for his supper, that Watts was killed.

With his mate, Perry Sinclair, of 854 Dundas street, Watts arrived in London at eleven o'clock in the morning from Stratford, after having been away four days.

He had dinner at home, and then started down-town, telling the members of his family that he was going after his watch, which had been at a jeweler's, undergoing repairs.

Waited for Freight.

Watts spent the afternoon in company with Mr. Sinclair, who is also about twenty years of age, and at six o'clock the two men visited the office in the depot to see what was on "the book."

They then walked to the east end of the station platform, and waited for a freight which pulls through every evening from the west, and which stops at East London for coal and water.

"We sat a short time," Sinclair said to The Advertiser a few minutes after the accident, "and then Charlie pulled out his watch and looked at it."

"Let's go home," he said.

"I pulled my watch out, and we compared the time. Then we saw the freight coming, and we both ran for it. I caught the car two lengths ahead of him, and I thought he was beside and make it, and I thought he had climbed in between. The next thing I heard at East London was that a man was killed. I went back, and found it was my mate."

Eye-Witness' Story

Mr. Alfred Sheere, of the Canada News Company, was standing at the depot at the time of the accident and was perhaps the only person who witnessed the accident.

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LONDONER'S INTERESTING TRIP TO
NORTH ONTARIO MINING REGION

Some Strenuous Phases of the Journey—Paradise for the Huntsman.

Mr. W. C. Coe, having returned from a trip to the mining regions of Northern Ontario, in the vicinity of Otto Lake, was interviewed by an Advertiser reporter today and gave some very interesting news about the condition of affairs in the Far North.

Mr. Coe left London on May 21, arrived in Haliburton on Wednesday the 22nd and found that the contractor's train, which is called the "Muskeg Express," only left Engleheart for the Far North on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. He therefore had to reach Engleheart Wednesday evening. The men who were to accompany him on the trip not having turned up at Haliburton, Mr. Coe had to hire the first young Irishman, who, he afterwards found, had been employed as an undertaker's assistants in Toronto, but had given up the undertaking business to seek their fortunes in the mines, and had been working around Cobalt some time.

Engleheart's Progress.

The Government train arrives in Engleheart in the evening, and the contractors' train leaves at 9 the next morning. Engleheart is already showing much progress, there are two large hotels and a number of boarding houses. Real estate has made rapid advance, and the prospects seem bright for a good-sized town. Work is progressing on the branch which the Government is building to Charlton.

Mr. Coe regrets he had not a camera in order that he might have secured some photographs of the Muskeg Express, which consisted of a couple of flat cars which were loaded with canoes for the prospectors on their way to the Far North. The passenger car consisted of old box cars with benches around the sides, and a caboose. Every available seat was taken.

The Muskeg Flyer.

The trip from Engleheart to Boston and McDougall Chutes is very exciting; the train does not average more than ten miles an hour. It frequently runs off the track and is apt to slip over an embankment. One of the contractors who is building the road from Boston to Larder Lake for the Government had a number of men on the train, and commenced work on the new road on the 23rd of May. Mr. Coe and his party desired to get off the train about five miles north of Boston, and asked the engineer if he would slow up when he reached that point.

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CHARLES WATTS,
Grand Trunk Brakeman Who Met His
Death in the Local Yards
Last Evening.

DISASTER ON
PANAMA CANAL

A Premature Explosion Causes the Death of Seventeen Laborers.

Panama, June 11.—A premature explosion of dynamite yesterday at Pedro Miguel, on the line of the canal, resulted in the instant death of seventeen men and the wounding of several others.

Four men were killed a short time ago at this same spot by another premature explosion.

NO WAR SAYS TAFT

Milwaukee, Wis., June 11.—United States Secretary of War Taft, in an interview last night, said that there would be no war with Japan. He had faith that the United States and Japan would continue their way along most peacefully together. The secretary said:

"Never mind the news that keeps coming. It does not mean anything. We will have no war with Japan."

HARDSHIP ARISES
IN SEWER MATTER

City Engineer Is Endeavoring to Find a Way Out of It for Ratepayers.

A hardship in the matter of sewer construction, from which there appears to be no possible means of escape, is now agitating the mind of City Engineer Graydon. It arises out of the fact that the cost of the sewer work will be vastly increased. Owing to a big drop on Emory street, it will be absolutely necessary to lay the sewer on that street as well as the sewer on Ridout street to a depth of seven feet, making the cost so great that it will be a great burden to the property-owners, who will have to pay the shot.

The engineer has consulted the city solicitor to ascertain if the work can be done under the bylaw for the extension of the trunk sewer, but he has found that such a thing is out of the question, and that if the sewers on the thoroughfares named are to be laid it must be at the expense of the ratepayers.

Nevertheless, the city engineer has been attempting to solve the problem in another way, and he hopes to be successful. Mr. Graydon does not think under the circumstances that the owners interested in the two sewers named should be saddled with the entire expense.

He is buying the powder Orchard required to give his name. He does not remember what name it was, but he knows it was a powder. He is not sure of the name, but he knows it was a powder. He is not sure of the name, but he knows it was a powder.

RED CROSS CONGRESS.

London, June 11.—Field Marshal Lord Roberts, in behalf of Queen Alexandra, who is president of the British Red Cross Society, today welcomed the delegates to the eighth international Red Cross congress, which assembled in Examination Hall here today. The Marquis de Vogues, a Frenchman, president of the central committee of the French Red Cross Society, replied in behalf of the delegates.

The Empress of Russia and Florence Nightingale sent messages of congratulation.

WILL STEVE ADAMS
CONFESS AGAIN

Alleged Partner of Assassin Orchard to Take the Stand at Boise.

Boise, Idaho, June 11.—There is much speculation as to what Steve Adams will say when placed on the stand as a witness for the state against William D. Haywood. Orchard has said that Adams was his partner in many of his most desperate undertakings, such as the blowing up of the Independence depot. Adams, who came to Boise yesterday from Shoshone County, where he is awaiting trial for murder, is said to be in a sullen mood, and not likely to answer any of the questions. It is known that his repudiated confession is in the hands of counsel for the prosecution of Haywood, but it is doubtful if this confession can be brought within the cognizance of the jury unless Adams himself consents.

Mrs. Annie Adams, who has been in Boise since the trial began, and who is in daily attendance at the court room, saw her husband at the county jail last night. Mrs. Adams is credited with much influence over her husband. It was at her solicitation, it is said, that he repudiated the confession he made last year. He went so far after making the confession as to travel to Colorado with General Bulkley Wells, and report has it that under the direction of Adams, evidence was discovered that cleared up the mystery of the several disappearances. Skeletons of non-union miners who were believed to have been killed, but the proof of whose death has never been found, were discovered.

It is said that should Adams be acquitted of the murder for which he is yet to stand trial, the Colorado authorities will requisition the governor of Idaho, and will try him on the charge of the murder of Collins. There is some belief that Adams may yet repeat his alleged confession. Counsel for the prosecution say they are not depending upon Adams to confirm or deny, but they have a sufficient case of corroborative testimony.

Harry Orchard is on his fourth day of cross-examination. He shows not the slightest sign of fatigue. On the contrary, he grows apparently more clear and confident. Counsel for defense admit he is a hardy fellow.

Orchard's Strong Story.

Today he will complete his story of the attempt to kill Fred Bradley, formerly manager, and now president of the Bunker Hill mine, who was blown up by the striking miners in 1899. The prosecution attaches much importance to this part of Orchard's testimony. A number of witnesses here from San Francisco to testify in support of the attempt on Bradley's life. As in the cross-examination, Orchard, under the fire of questions, has only strengthened his direct testimony as to the San Francisco story. He is going into the minute detail, and has given names of a dozen people who can confirm or deny. For instance, he said where he bought the strychnine for the milk, where he bought the powder, how and where he got money from Pettibone, and the names of the servants. He took the coat of the theater, he said, in order to get out from the habits of the hold, and as the climax of his dramatic rehearsal of how he placed strychnine in the milk that, by his admission, might have poisoned a baby, the mother, three women victims, and Fred Bradley.

Orchard will be on the stand for cross-examination at least until the close of the afternoon session. It is possible that Mr. Richardson will not conclude until tomorrow. There is an idea that one of the poses of the close and exhaustive tails is to wear the witness out, unless all signs fail, Orchard will stand man to give way under strain.

Boise, June 11.—When the trial was resumed today at 9:30 a.m., Harry Orchard continued his testimony.

Attorney Richardson continued question the witness about the attempts he made upon the life of Fred Bradley in San Francisco. Orchard said he roomed near the Bradley room window. He had bought dynamite for a bomb before he attempted to poison Bradley with strychnine in the milk.

Orchard thought it was the J. Powder Company that he bought explosive from.

Asked the appearance of the man who waited on him, Orchard said he was youngish-looking.

In buying the powder Orchard required to give his name. He does not remember what name it was, but he knows it was a powder. He is not sure of the name, but he knows it was a powder.

"Don't you know there are stumps within 150 miles of San Francisco?" demanded Richardson. "I know that there are—I've been out there. I've seen the stumps. Orchard gave a nearly as full description of the various places he had lived while in San Francisco. He could not remember names of streets or the numbers of the houses. Next Orchard told of a place he had taken to Caliente Springs, waiting for Bradley to return from Alaska."

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