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Terrible Accident Reported This Morning From London Township.

WM. DICKENSON
MET HIS DEATH

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William Dickenson, con. 10, lot 8.

THE INJURED.

Norman Kimball, of con. 11, lot 9, Several had narrow escapes. Location—Jefferson Sinclair's farm, con. 14, London Township.

Time—10:30 a.m.

William Dickenson was killed, and Norman Kimball was perhaps fatally injured this morning, when a buzz-saw burst on the farm of Jefferson Sinclair, con. 14, London Township.

Kimball was the whole side of his head cut and smashed. Dickenson was killed instantly. Several others had narrow escapes from serious injury or death.

Mr. Sinclair had invited his neighbors to cut up his winter's wood. Several of them responded to the invitation, and this morning they commenced to work.

The traction engine was attached to the saw, and the work started. Dickenson was attending to the saw, while Kimball was assisting him, others were near at hand, helping with the timber.

The machinery was working well until about 10 o'clock, when the saw burst with a fearful report.

The big saw flew into a thousand bits, and Dickenson received the full force of the explosion. His head and body were fearfully mangled.

Terribly injured. Kimball was at the side, and the flying pieces of steel raked the side of his head, practically tearing away half the skull.

The broken pieces of steel flew in every direction, and the others about had narrow escapes from being badly injured by the flying missiles.

Some of them received slight cuts, but nothing serious. Mr. Dickenson was carried to the house. He was dead when picked up, his injuries being frightful.

Kimball was found to be badly hurt also. He was carried to the house, and messengers were dispatched for a physician. It was impossible to get one, and he was bundled on a sleigh and started for Victoria Hospital.

Dr. W. J. Stevenson was telephoned to, and made immediate preparations to operate on the injured man as soon as he arrived.

According to information received there are but slight hopes of his recovery.

An Aged Farmer. William Dickenson, the man who was killed, was an aged farmer, unmarried, who lived with his brother, Charles Dickenson, on con. 12, London Township, about one mile north of Bryanton.

LONDON ELECTRIC WILL MEET THE CITY'S RATES

Manager Hunt Claims the Company Set the Rates For the City.

"We will meet any rate set by the water commissioners," declared Manager C. B. Hunt of the London Electric to The Advertiser today. "We are not yet convinced that the rates announced are final. You know they have changed them rather often of late. They may do so again.

"As a matter of fact we are congratulating ourselves on the latest announcement in this matter. You know it was said that the city should not go to the London Electric for pointers on how to run the electrical business. You see, we have set their rates for them. They made various attempts to do so, but never succeeded, and they have simply adopted our rates. It looks now as if we did give them a few pointers.

"As I said before we will meet any rate set by the commissioners. We lead the way for a time, now we will follow along after them. We will protect our customers by giving them the best we can."

Mr. Hunt would not say that they would make a further reduction, but it was surmised that such might be done if the city made any further cut.

The new rates are simple, and can be understood by all our customers," said Manager Dark. "There was too much figuring on the schemes suggested before, but this latest rate should prove attractive. It is now up to the people to say what power they will use."

MINISTER OF MARINE FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Sir Louis Jette Retiring To Be Succeeded by Hon. L. P. Brodeur.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Dec. 19.—It is understood that Sir Louis Jette, chief of the superior court of Quebec, will retire on full superannuation within a few weeks.

His place at the head of the Quebec bench is likely to be taken by Hon. L. P. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries.

This will mean the opening of two constituencies in the Province of Quebec, as Dr. Beaudry, of Beauce, is likely to come into the Government on the retirement of Hon. Mr. Brodeur.

ELOPING WIFE WAS FOUND BY POLICE

Abrupt End to a Romantic Affair Which Began in Brantford.

COUPLE ARE RECONCILED

Left for Home This Morning—Man in the Case Made a Quick "Get Away."

An elopement, in which a Brantford couple, with their child, and a gentleman friend of the same place figured, was straightened out in this city Sunday evening, the husband and wife taking the train back home today, while the third party made a "Doc Cook get-away."

Some days ago James Sowers, of Brantford, reported that his wife had disappeared. For some time he was taking Ross to the station, and it was shown that Rogers called the police "cowards," and urged them to let Ross go.

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VICIOUS ASSAULT ON A POLICEMAN

Alex. Ross Fined \$25 and Costs in the Police Court By Mayor Beattie.

FIGHT ON DUNDAS ST.

Young Man Who Interfered Was Also Fined \$3 and Costs For His Trouble.

Acting Magistrate Mayor Beattie put a big crimp in the roll of bills that Alex. Ross, of 176 Richmond street, was saving up to buy Christmas presents with at the police court this morning, when he fined him \$25 for kicking P. C. John Green in the mouth on Saturday evening.

P. C. Green in the box stated that on Saturday evening he was on duty at the corner of Dundas and Clarence streets and was looking for a man who was kicking him. The latter used very bad language, and when witness tried to take him to the police station he showed fight, and in a mix-up which followed, the prisoner kicked the officer in the mouth and kicked him again in the chest with both feet.

A Bad Actor. Witness got Ross against a post, and was handcuffing him when the fighter struck the officer in the face with his fist and kicked him in the stomach. Two other constables came along when they saw the big crowd which had gathered, and they started with Ross to the station. He finally had to be dragged away from the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, and kicked P. C. Holden in the arm. He finally had to be dragged away from the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, and kicked P. C. Holden in the arm.

Carling street to the cells, as he lay down and refused to walk. "You ought to be very heartily ashamed of yourself," said the court. "You might be charged with inciting a riot and be sent to prison for a long term. However, to give you and others a good lesson I am going to fine you \$25 or 21 days in jail."

Had the Money. Ross was there with the money and pulled out several bills and counted out \$25.

Earl Rogers, of 99 Adelaide street, also figured in the case. A crowd of 200 or 300 followed the prisoner to the station, and were taking Ross to the station, and it was shown that Rogers called the police "cowards," and urged them to let Ross go.

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G. T. R. ENGINEER M'ATEER TERRIBLY HURT IN LOCAL YARDS

Head Struck by a Box Car as He Was Coming Down in His Engine—Rendered Unconscious and Thrown to Floor of Cab.

Grand Trunk Engineer Frank McAtteer was terribly injured in the yards this morning, when his head came in contact with a box car, as he was looking out of the cab.

Engineer McAtteer was bringing the fast way freight No. 71 down the yards at a lively clip when the accident happened.

The car which struck his head was an unusually wide one, and as the train was coming along at a good rate, he apparently misjudged the distance it was standing out.

The corner of the car struck him in the head and cut his forehead and eye terribly. He was hurled unconscious to the floor of the cab, and lay there until Fireman McLaughlin managed to stop the engine. A doctor was called, and Engineer McAtteer was hurried to his home on Green street, where the cuts were dressed. He will be laid up for some time.

Mr. McAtteer's brother Bernard was killed on the railway near St. Thomas a short time ago.

THREE SEATS CONTESTED TODAY WILL END BRITISH POLLING

The New Parliament Practically Complete and Government Will Probably Have a Majority Over Unionists of 126.

London, Dec. 19.—The new Parliament of Commons will be made up of 272 seats, which are being contested today. In only one of these constituencies, Wicksburgh, in Scotland, for which the sitting member, R. Munro, is a Liberal, is there any possibility of a change, and so the House of 126 over the Unionists.

TWELVE PERSONS MEET DEATH IN A NEW YORK EXPLOSION

Dynamite and Gas Wreck a Section of the Grand Central Railway Station Causing Serious Loss of Life.

New York, Dec. 19.—Twelve persons were killed, two of whom were women, and thirty persons were injured in a double explosion of gas and dynamite in the new electric powerhouse of the New York Central railroad at the Grand Central station shortly after 8 o'clock this morning.

The force of the explosion shattered the windows in the big hotels and apartment houses in the neighborhood of the great railroad terminal, causing a wave of alarm among the guests.

The dynamite blast picked up a north bound trolley car, lifted it in the air, and sent it crashing down upon an automobile which was passing along the other side of the street. Four of the passengers were killed, and hundreds of windows in the big hotels and apartment houses in the neighborhood of the great railroad terminal, causing a wave of alarm among the guests.

A BAD EXPLOSION OCCURS AT NIAGARA-POWER STATION

Attempt Was Made to Run Pump For the Artesian Wells Without the Proper Machinery—Engineer Glaubitz Had a Narrow Escape.

A serious accident was averted by the merest good fortune at the Horton street pumping plant on Friday evening last, and those in charge are extremely thankful that the transformers at the station were not reduced to ashes.

An attempt was made to run the pumps without the circuit break necessary for their operation. The current proved too strong for the apparatus used, and in a moment there was a terrific explosion.

Fortunately the cut-off at the transmission station was in good working order, so the current was shut off in an instant.

As a result the damage was not great. The power was shut off for some minutes while repairs were being made. The transformers were soon placed in commission again.

The force of the explosion was heard some distance, Engineer Glaubitz was working behind the board a moment before the accident, but was at a safe distance when it happened. Had he been caught in it he would have been badly burned, or perhaps killed.

The damage was repaired in a short time, and the switchboards are in working order again.

It was the explosion which resulted in the effort to postpone the Niagara power celebration.

OXFORD GRAFT PROBE OPENED THIS MORNING

Many Witnesses Subpoenaed and Court House Filled With Spectators.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Woodstock, Dec. 19.—The investigation into the Oxford graft charges was late in opening this morning, Judge Snider not taking his seat until after 11. All available seats in the county court hall were filled, and the sitting in held, were occupied, and standing room was at a premium. About sixteen witnesses are subpoenaed for this afternoon.

THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Cooler.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—A milder weather has set in since Saturday from the lake region of the Maritime Provinces, owing to the eastward movement of a depression from the Western Provinces.

Rain and snow are falling in many localities from Ontario to Nova Scotia. Cautionary signals are displayed at Atlantic ports.

WATER SURPLUS IS LARGE ONE

Over \$8,200 Greater Than Was Estimated The First of the Year.

OPERATION COSTS CUT

Good Work of the Year Is Shown by the Annual Statement Presented at Meeting on Saturday.

The water commissioners will show an excellent surplus from the water works department this year. In fact, they will have \$8,282.51 more than was estimated. This will give the council enough to prevent any overdraft this year.

The net cash surplus for the year is \$12,063.76. This is the amount of money actually turned into the city coffers after the sinking fund, interest debt charges, city water, and all expenses are deducted. It is about 10 per cent on the turnover in the department for the year.

The council estimated the receipts to be \$61,622, out of which was to be expended \$75,000 on capital account, making the net \$54,132.

The water commissioners turned over \$70,005.18, less \$7,580.67, expended on capital account, the net amount being thus \$62,414.51, or \$8,282.51 more than was estimated.

Cost of Operation. There was a reduction in the cost of operating the plant of over \$7,000. The actual reduction was but \$3,000, owing to the fact that the commissioners had to make up \$4,661 out of the current revenue for bonds sold below par.

Chairman Pocock called attention to this fact when the statement was presented.

"It seems very peculiar to me that we cannot sell our bonds at par," he declared. "Monetary institutions handle millions of these bonds, and they dispose of them all right, and I do not see why it is that we cannot do the same. We would have reduced the operating expenses of the year more than \$7,000 had it not been for the fact that we had to raise this money."

At least, it is fair to believe that citizens of London were given an opportunity to purchase these bonds at par.

The Receipts. The receipts from consumers during the year were \$107,468.70 charged to the city \$14,016.28, and there was something over \$1,000 received from other sources.

Among the chief items of expense were the following: Pump-house maintenance, \$11,492.64; Horton street temporary plant, \$11,602.93; grounds and dam maintenance, \$7,254.68, and discount on debentures, \$4,661.00. The sum of \$7,580.67 was provided on capital account, and \$3,950.84 was paid out for interest and sinking fund on debentures.

The estimated cost of the Horton street plant was fixed at \$10,000, but it cost over \$1,000 more than that owing to the fact that an extra boiler had to be secured during the dry spell. At that, the cost was less than last year, when the plant was run a but seven months. This year it was run a full year.

Report Satisfactory. "The report is very satisfactory," declared Chairman Pocock. "We have a surplus of \$11,000 more than we estimated. Good business care has been exercised all during the year, and I do not think the officials on the water works during the year have done very good, and we managed to keep down the expenses to a normal figure. We are well satisfied."

GRAND TRUNK PAY CAR MAKES MEN HAPPY

Over \$100,000 in Checks Was Handed Out to Local Employees.

Grand Trunk trainmen are going around today wearing the smile that won't come off. The reason is the pay car is in town today, and more than that the men are receiving their back pay, which includes the increase from May 1 to July 18. As a result of this extra pay, the total amount which was passed out in checks today will easily exceed \$100,000, and is perhaps the largest pay-sheet ever paid out in London.

POLICE WERE CALLED ON MURDER ALARM

All Was Quiet, However, When the Officers Reached Scene of Supposed Trouble.

About midnight on Saturday a hurry call came to the police station, and it was stated that a man was murdering his wife on Baturst street east.

The wagon, filled with officers, hurried out, but when they reached the place all was quiet.

It is stated that there was a big row going on in a house because a man accused his daughter of buying a sewing machine which he had told her not to buy. No information has been laid in the matter.

WINNIPEG CAR STRIKE.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—The strike situation here shows little change. The street cars are manned by college students, and are doing a good volume of business. So far no accidents have occurred, and there has been no rioting. The company announced that the old men will be taken back up to tomorrow.

A BOLD HOLD-UP.

Oshawa, Ont., Dec. 17.—Early this morning two men attempted to hold up the night operator at the Grand Trunk station here. The signalman in charge of the tower was walking along the platform, and the ruffians attacked him, thinking he was the operator. He was badly beaten, but his injuries are not of a serious nature. In the meantime the operator rang for the police, but the men escaped. The police chased them for about a mile and a half down the track.

Shanty Affre.

A Grand Trunk wagon at Egerton street was overturned last night from an accident. The fire brigade extinguished the blaze with little damage.

PATHETIC SCENE AT GODERICH HOME

Father of Dead Boy Arraigned in Wife's Presence.

IS VANSTONE INSANE?

He Does Not Seem To Have Any Idea of the enormity of His Crime—Funeral Held on Sunday.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Goderich, Dec. 18.—On Saturday George Vanstone, the murderer of his six-year-old son Freddie, was arraigned before Police Magistrate Butler at his residence, the scene of the murder. Owing to the delicate condition of Mrs. Vanstone the Magistrate had to go there. The sight of the handcuffed prisoner's reception as he entered his home was heartrending. His wife fell upon his neck, sobbing and crying as if her heart would break. The little children clung to his coat with blanched faces, yet too young to realize the awful position of their father.

Vanstone asked before being taken back to jail to see his dead boy, and was given the privilege. He does not seem to realize the enormity of his crime, and says continually in the jail, "Why don't they let me go home?"

His brother, Samuel Vanstone, a mechanic working in the Duty engine works, is reported to have said on Saturday that the doctor at Goderich has known for three years that George was not fit to be at large.

It is said that last summer, when working in the gravel pit loading wagons, he had to be placed in a different part of the pit, away from the other men, on account of his uncontrollable temper. Vanstone was confined to jail last winter for insanity, having severely beaten his wife. He was only kept in jail one week, as he was pronounced sane by the doctors, notwithstanding that the crown attorney wanted to have him sent to the asylum.

The little boy, Freddie, was buried Sunday afternoon, and a large crowd lined the street from this district to the funeral home, away to Colborne Cemetery. The inquest is to be continued on Tuesday afternoon.

DUNDAS ST. MERCHANTS ASK FOR MORE LIGHT

Petition Was Presented to Water Commissioners on Saturday.

At the meeting of the water commissioners on Saturday afternoon, there was a petition presented from the merchants on the north side of Dundas street, from Wellington to Waterloo, asking for light on that side of the street, similar to that downtown.

The commissioners could not discern whether or not they wanted the ornamental system, or a stretch of lights as at present; used on Dundas street. The matter was referred to Manager Dark to report.

Col. W. L. Hodgins asked that a hydrant be placed near the ordinance stores building, as there was no protection there in this matter also.

There was a petition presented for lights on Riverview avenue. Manager Dark will look into this matter also.

The latter reported that the conduit work was practically completed. The total cost to date was \$13,155.80 for Dundas street, and \$8,067.32 for Richmond street, and \$22,123.12. It would cost about \$6,000 to complete the work. As the estimated cost of this work was \$30,000, the expenditures for the work would be well within that figure.

Those present were Chairman Philip Pocock, Commissioner John H. Chapman, Mayor Beattie, Manager Dark, Head Engineer Van Cleave, and Secretary Ellwood.

WESTERN GRAIN MEN AFTER PLEDGED M. P.

Some Say They Will Not Support Either Government or Opposition.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Members of the Western Grain Association state that they do not propose to give their support to either the Government or the Opposition as the result of the meeting with the Government. What they propose to do is to influence contentions as much as possible in both parties to nominate men who will give a pledge to support the demands of the farmers as set forth in the resolutions presented to the Government on Friday last.

PRIESTS CELEBRATE THEIR FIRST MASS

Impressive Ceremony in St. Peter's Cathedral on Sunday.

Bishop Fallon yesterday morning continued his series of sermons on the Blessed Eucharist at St. Peter's Cathedral, explaining why the Catholic Church believes in the real presence, under the appearances of bread and wine, and dealing with the meaning of the sacrifice of the mass in its different prayers and actions.