

WILL ROBINSON LITTLE & CO. LEAVE LONDON? FIRM PURCHASES BIG BUSINESS IN WEST

Has Bought Out Green-shields Western—Col. Little at Winnipeg.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 8.—Arrangements were completed today for the purchase of the stock-in-trade and goodwill of the large wholesale dry-goods business of Green Shields Western, by Robinson, Little & Co., of London, Ont.

The transaction is one of the largest and most important in the history of the dry-goods trade in Canada.

Mr. Little in West.
Mr. J. W. Little is here representing his firm, but on being interviewed, refused to give any information.

It is not known whether the change means the removal of the whole of Robinson, Little & Co.'s business to this city or not.
It is understood the transaction involves about a half million of dollars. Green Shields & Co., of Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver, have the largest wholesale dry-goods business in Canada. The sale of Green Shields Western will probably place Robinson, Little & Co. in that position.

A Busy Year for the City Council Very Much Work Is in Sight

Mayor and Aldermen Will Have the Spending of Barrels of Money.

The council this year will have a very great deal of work to do, and a lot of money will have to be spent. This year is one of the most important for many years, and there will be many long and strenuous sessions before the aldermen.

The first important step will be the Niagara sewer by-law. That will mean the expenditure of a quarter of a million dollars, provided a civic lighting and distributing plant is built. A large portion of the work will have to be done this year.

Waterworks.
There will be additions made to the waterworks system. The Komoka scheme is out of the question, and the council will have to get money for some other scheme.

Isolation Hospital.
The isolation hospital will be built this year. A special building committee will be chosen from the council.

cell to superintend this work. The amount of money to be spent on this structure will be in the neighborhood of \$75,000.

The hygienic institute will also be built. This work will be done by the Ontario Government. It will cost \$50,000.

New Fire Halls.
Two new fire halls will be built, one in the north end, and one in the eastern section. This will entail an expenditure of \$15,000.

The Dundas street pavement will be constructed. The pavement will cost about \$45,000 when complete. In addition the London street railway will have to spend in the neighborhood of \$15,000 to fix up its allowance. New rails will have to be bought, and new pavement laid. This sum of money will make Dundas street one of the best in this country.

Much Work.
No. 2 committee will have a lot of work to do this year. The north end sewer is still to be completed; there will have to be sewers laid on Emerson street, and on High street. The sewer to be built to connect the White manufactory must be built in the spring, and any number of lateral sewers are under consideration, and must be constructed. There will be six miles of sidewalk built, and fully as much curb and gutter must be constructed.

It looks like a busy year for the board of works.

A Mysterious Midnight Epidemic Swoops Down On Lansing, Mich.

Thousands of All Ages Seized By Strange Malady—Business at a Standstill.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 9.—A special to the Free Press from Lansing, Mich., says: Whether from the flight of bacilli over the city, from matter in the city water, or from some other unknown cause, Lansing was seized by a strange malady some time during Tuesday night, thousands being stricken with extreme nausea, accompanied by acute intestinal troubles. From midnight until morning and all during the forenoon calls for physicians were incessant. Whole families were stricken. Two boys were found lying in the street too ill to make further progress. The disease, which most physicians attribute to atmospheric conditions, yielded readily to treatment.

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ESTIMABLE LADY HAS PASSED AWAY

Death of Mrs. Malott, Wife of Colborne Street Methodist Church Pastor.

Mrs. Malott, wife of Rev. F. E. Malott, B. A., B. D., pastor of the Colborne Street Methodist Church, died yesterday after a few days' illness.

For some time past Mrs. Malott had not been strong, but nothing serious was anticipated. On Friday last, she came down town, but on Saturday she complained of feeling unwell. On Monday she became much worse, and after a consultation of physicians, her case was diagnosed as diabetes, of apparently long standing. Mrs. Malott became gradually worse, and on Tuesday night her case was hopeless. She died yesterday afternoon.

Deceased was a daughter of Rev. James Hannon, D. D., at present living in this city.

She was born here when Dr. Hannon was pastor of the First Methodist Church, thirty-four years ago. She was married to Mr. Malott eight years since in Stratford. One child, a daughter, six years of age, survives.

In addition she leaves her father and mother and two brothers, Mr. Jas. W. Hannon, registrar at Battleford, Sask., and Mr. Robert N. Hannon, Government engineer at Calgary.

Rev. Mr. Malott and his wife have been in the city since July last, and during that time made many warm friends, who regret the untimely death of Mrs. Malott.

The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2:30 o'clock.

OFFICIAL MAKES INQUIRY

Ontario Government Looking Into Issue of Aspland Pamphlet.

A representative of the Ontario Government, Mr. Armstrong, of Toronto, is in the city in reference to the pamphlet which was written by Mr. Henry B. Aspland, of this city, but which was suppressed by the authorities.

It is said that someone secured a copy of the pamphlet out of the office of Allison & Highway, in which it was printed, but without knowledge of the printers, and had it reproduced. The pamphlet was then sent all through the west.

Mr. Aspland, it is said, admits that he wrote the first pamphlet, but denies absolutely that any were sent out through the authorities forbade them circulation.

Attended the Funeral.
Rev. James B. Freeman returned last night from Brownsville, Ont., where he attended the funeral of his father, Mr. James B. Freeman, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents of Oxford County.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—LIGHT SNOWFALLS.
Toronto, Jan. 9—5 a.m.
FORECASTS.
Today—Northwesterly winds; fair and colder.
Friday—Southwesterly winds; milder again, with light snowfalls.

Local Temperatures.
The temperatures recorded at the local observatory yesterday were: Highest, 34°; lowest, 22°; above zero.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary 26 18 Cloudy
Winnipeg 16 8 Clear
Port Arthur 2 0 Fair
Perry Sound 4 -4 Fair
Toronto 12 12 Fair
Ottawa 4 4 Fair
Montreal 20 20 Snow
Quebec 22 22 Cloudy
Father Point 14 18 Fair
Minus (-) means below zero.

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

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.
Dawson, 14 below zero; Atlin, 6-20; Victoria, 44-46; Vancouver, 41-47; Kamloops, 44-46; Edmonton, 24-34; Battleford, 8-32; Prince Albert, zero-23; Calgary, 30-46; Regina, zero-23; Winnipeg, 12 below-8; Port Arthur, 8-14; Perry Sound, 16-30; Toronto, 24-36; Ottawa, 16-32; Montreal, 28-32; Quebec, 30-34; St. John, 35-48; Halifax, 34-50.

WEATHER NOTES.
The storm which was centered in the State of Maine yesterday has passed away to the Atlantic.

An area of high pressure, accompanied by a moderate cold wave, is now moving across Ontario, while in the far west the barometer is again falling, with mild weather.

Popular Traveler Found Dead in Bed Death of Finlay Allison at Sarnia

Was in Usual Good Health When He Left London Last Monday.

Mr. Cyrus Finlay Allison, 139 Elmwood avenue, this city, traveler for the London Printing and Lithographing Company, was found dead in bed in the Hotel Vendome, Sarnia, this morning. No cause of death has been learned as yet.

Mr. Allison started out Monday for the firm. He was in his usual good health. Tuesday morning a letter was received from him by Mr. Ashton, manager of the firm, and he complained of

nothing. The first intimation any person had was the telegram this morning announcing his death.

Mr. Ashton left at noon for Sarnia to bring the body home.

The deceased was about 45 years of age and was well known in the city. He had been in the employ of the London Printing and Lithographing Company for some time. Formerly he was with the Advertiser in the job department. He is survived by a wife and five children. He was married twice. His first wife was a daughter of Conductor Main, of the G. T. R. Three children of this union survive. His second wife is a daughter of Mr. Peter Smith, the grocer. Two children by this union are left, besides the widow.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Great Interest in Election of Officers For the London Young Liberal Club

Balloting Will Take Place on Friday and Saturday of This Week.

The election of officers for the Young Liberal Club will take place tomorrow evening and on Saturday. There is a great deal of interest being taken in the contests, and the vote polled will be large.

President Sippl is making a good campaign. Harry Fowler also has a host of supporters.

The contest for the vice-presidency and the secretary-treasurership will be very close, and it will be hard to tell who will win.

There will be two members from each ward elected to the executive, and as the field is large, the race should be a keen one.

The polls will be opened Friday evening from 7 to 10 o'clock and on Saturday from 4 to 6 and from 7 to 10 o'clock.

The Nominees.
The full list of nominees is as follows:
President—Arthur Sippl, J. H. Fowler.
Vice-President—Frank A. Jones, Frank Milson.
Secretary-Treasurer—Arthur Beal, Claude Brown.
Executive / Committee—Two from each ward:
Ward One—John Doyle, Chas. Martin, Sam. K. Stewart.
Ward Two—A. A. Briggs, Roy Cooper, J. H. Curtis, Frank Smythe.
Ward Three—Vic. Brock, Chester Gunn, Jas. Murray, Alex. Furdum, Jun., Wm. Wheatcroft.
Ward Four—Sim. Delaney, F. Lind, Ed. Nelles, J. Ross, Percy Stone.
Ward Five—A. E. Cowley, William Gray, Dr. Lindsay, L. H. Martyn, John Wilkey, Bruce Wanless, C. Young.
Ward Six—Wm. Brazier, Chas. Ferguson, Earl Insley, H. E. Treblecock, R. H. Smith.

Gave Good Contract To a Grit Then Attempted To Get It Back

The contracts for the hygienic institute have been let, and a very interesting story has come to light.

It seems that some time ago the plans were given to Mr. W. G. Murray, the architect, to prepare. Shortly after he had them completed it became known that Mr. Murray was not one of the faithful, and that it was a shame to give a job belonging to them to one of the Liberals. At any rate, the work for the hygienic institute was taken out of the hands of Mr. Murray, and

Messrs. Moore & Henry proceeded with the work of calling for tenders, etc. Of course, the plans made by Mr. Murray were used.

In the meantime some of the Conservatives had become real angry at this turn of events, and began to make statements to the effect that Mr. Murray would get no pay for the plans, as the work was given to him by mistake. Several have made statements to that effect of late, and it became public property.

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Jones Chairman of Commission Council Chairmen Decided Upon

Ex-Ald. Gillean for the Public Library Board—Board of Health Members.

At the first meeting of the council on Monday, the committees will be struck and the chairmen elected. So far as can be learned, the line-up will be something like this:

No. 1 Committee.
Ald. Beattie, chairman; Ald. Armstrong, Ald. Greenlee, Ald. Parsons.

No. 2 Committee.
Ald. Gerry, chairman; Ald. Rose, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Stewart.

No. 3 Committee.
Ald. Ferguson, chairman; Ald. Booth, Ald. Moorhead, Ald. Stevenson.

Chairman Jones.
It is understood that Mr. Wm. Jones will be chairman of the water commission, as Chairman Darch will make way for him.

Ex-Ald. Gillean is mentioned for a place on the library board, to succeed Mr. R. R. Bland.

The new members of the board of health will be chosen also. It is not known who the new members will be. Ald. Stevenson will be reappointed.

and probably Mr. John Heaman. The board of education will reappoint ex-Ald. Winnett as member of the Public Library Board. Mr. Winnett was chosen last year to fill out the unexpired term of the late W. T. Hamilton, and has only been on the board for a few months.

Board of Education.
The inaugural address of Chairman Graham, of the board of education, will be read at the meeting of the board this evening.

It will probably mention a technical school for London, and will urge the board to bring pressure to bear upon the Legislature to secure such a school for this city.

Improved ventilation and sanitation for the schools will also be brought to the attention of the board.

Building Inspector.
The matter of a building inspector will be dealt with by the council shortly. It is not known what attitude the new council will take on the matter, but it is said that a number favor putting in a competent architect and draughtsman to assist City Engineer Graydon, and allow him to inspect the buildings.

Mayor-Elect Stevely is still busy answering letters of congratulation.

FIRE ENDS LIVES OF 300 PEOPLE

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 9.—Mall advertisements received today from South China tell of a terrible fire at Canton, where three hundred lives were lost in the burning of a restaurant.

A Chinaman recently returned to Canton from California with a moving picture machine, and, at a wedding feast at the Choi Chan restaurant, he gave an exhibition of moving pictures.

Several hundred Chinese were crowded into the place out of curiosity, watching it tightly. The film took fire. There was a panic, during which the burning building collapsed.

Col. McDougall Says It's a Dream

"I know nothing of the matter," replied Col. McDougall, commanding officer at Wolseley Barracks, this morning, when questioned in reference to the statement which appeared in a local paper to the effect that an order for removal of a large detachment of men from the Barracks to Victoria, B. C., would be received before long.

McDougall, "and the story may be a dream for all I know of the matter."

It was stated that the Barracks, while not overcrowded, is filled to capacity. However, there are none of the Barracks soldiers stopping around the city.

Those not quartered at the Barracks are soldiers from other places, who were here only temporarily for inspection.

NOAH'S LIFE IN THE BALANCE JURY OUT NINETEEN HOURS

Crown and the Defense Concluded Their Cases at Seven o'Clock Last Night—Judge's Charge Impartial.

IS RUMORED THAT THE JURY IS EQUALLY DIVIDED

Six Are for Manslaughter and Six for Acquittal—Mr. Edmund Meredith Made Eloquent Plea for the Indian's Life—Prosecution Said Deal Out Justice, Not Mercy.

After deliberating 19 hours, from 7 o'clock last night until 2 o'clock today, the jury in the Noah murder case is still out, and is apparently no nearer a verdict than when it began to deliberate.

It was rumored this morning that the jury stood 6 for acquittal and 6 for conviction for manslaughter.

The testimony of J. B. Wolfe, Noah's uncle, virtually proved an alibi for Noah, if it could be accepted in the face of the alleged circumstantial evidence and Dolson's evidence against Noah.

A BIG SURPRISE.
It has been learned that the prosecution was taken by surprise when Wolfe took the stand, and that no preparation had been made to meet his evidence.

The prosecution, of course, tried to cross-counter this blow by attempting to show that Wolfe had not been present at the dance.

Negative evidence, however, counts for little in a court of law, and while the defense only succeeded in producing a witness who "thought" that he had seen Wolfe at the dance on May 2, the evidence was more convincing, perhaps, in the eyes of the law than that of several crown witnesses who had not seen Wolfe present.

However, in the event of a disagreement, the crown would be in a position to prove, if it could, that Wolfe was not at hand the night of the crime.

The crime with which Noah was charged was seemingly an unpremeditated one, but was, nevertheless, cold-blooded.

No evidence was adduced at the trial or at the hearings to show that Fox or Noah had been caught but the best of friends previous to the night of the tragedy, and no apparent cause for the crime was brought out by the prosecution, beyond the fact that Fox had been drinking on the night of May 2.

GOOD-NATURED BANTERING.
Witnesses who were present just a few moments previous to the murder swore that the men were engaged in what appeared to be good-natured bantering.

Noah had always enjoyed the best of reputations previously, and was never known to have been quarrelsome.

HISTORY OF THE CRIME.
The history of the crime can be put forth in very few words. Thomas Noah and Absalom Fox, both Muncie Indians, had attended a dance held in an empty house owned by a Mrs. Delaney on the night of May 2.

Some time after 1:30 o'clock on the following morning, Noah and a woman named Annie Fisher left the place and seated themselves on a bench standing in the road opposite the house.

WANTED TO FIGHT.
Shortly afterward Fox and a boy named Willie Grosbeck came out and stood alongside of the buggy talking to the Fisher woman and Noah.

Noah asked Grosbeck a few questions in reference to the dance, and Fox, who was apparently intoxicated, said: "Let the boy alone."

Noah then said: "I can whip you."

Fox replied: "You can, eh?"

ALEX. DOLSON ON SCENE.
The Fisher girl and Grosbeck then left the scene. An Indian named Alex. Dolson came out of the house shortly before the couple left and stood in the pathway from the house listening to the conversation.

Suddenly he saw a man whom he swore was Noah, rise up in the buggy and make a downward motion as if striking.

Fox fell. The man in the buggy then made a motion as if throwing something across the road.

A TERRIBLE WOUND.
A knife blade three inches long was found embedded in Fox's forehead, and the next day the handle of the knife was found across the road from the Delaney house. But one witness was brought forward to swear that he had seen the knife in Noah's possession previous to the murder.

Another witness testified to having seen the knife in Fox's hands the night of the crime.

The case was to have been tried at the last assizes, but was postponed on account of the absence of some important witnesses for the defense.

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London Cats High Up in Catalogue Local Felines Win Prizes at Buffalo

Our Nocturnal Celebrants Show the Way To American Mice Catchers.

The London cat fanciers are doing exceedingly well at the Buffalo cat show, and are winning any number of prizes.

Miss A. L. Woods, of Talbot street, has four Persian cats in exhibition. She has won four first prizes, and one second prize, besides a number of specials, including several medals. One

of her cats, King Jet, won over the American champion in black cats.

Dr. Niven's King Edward, won first and a number of specials over all the American blue cats. Dr. Niven's cats won three firsts and a number of specials.

Mr. T. C. Knott's King Alphonso also won first prize in orange tabbies, in addition to a number of specials. This is the cat that won the silver medals at the Buffalo show last year, and also at the Toronto show for the best long-haired kitten on exhibition.

Dr. Tillmann's orange tabby kitten also won first prize, and was much admired.

All of the cats owned in London easily beat anything in their class.

Object To Removal of East End Hall

"If No. 3 committee attempts to move the fire hall from the corner of Dundas and Rectory streets, there will be the biggest row raised the council ever heard of."

This was the statement made to The Advertiser today by a well-known resident of the East End who read in last night's Advertiser that there had been some talk of removing the station.

"The committee has the money now to go ahead and provide two new halls, and it must do as the people